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In 1978, the NCAA split Division I football into two classifications. Listed below are all the schools that have been members of the FBS (I-A) level; college football's premier classification.

The FBS (I-A) members list below differs from the one listed in the NCAA Division I Record Book. I found newspaper articles that conflicted with the classification data provided by the NCAA. Any data on classification that is different than the NCAA's is marked and cited.

Current FBS (I-A) Members

School	From	To	School	From	To
Air Force (CO)	1978	-	Michigan St.	1978	-
Akron (OH)	1987	-	Middle Tennessee	1999	-
Alabama	1978	-	Minnesota	1978	-
Alabama-Birmingham	1996	-	Mississippi	1978	-
Arizona	1978	-	Mississippi St.	1978	-
Arizona St.	1978	-	Missouri	1978	-
Arkansas	1978	-	Navy (MD)	1978	-
Arkansas St.	1978	1981	Nebraska	1978	-
	1992	-	Nevada	1992	-
Army (NY)	1978	-	Nevada-Las Vegas	1978	-
Auburn (AL)	1978	-	New Mexico	1978	-
Ball State (IN)	1978	1981	New Mexico St.	1978	-
	1983	-	North Carolina	1978	-
Baylor (TX)	1978	-	North Carolina St.	1978	-
Boise St. (ID)	1996	-	North Texas	1978	1981
Boston College (MA)	1978	-		1995	-
Bowling Green (OH)	1978	1981	Northern Illinois	1978	1981
	1983	-		1983	-
Brigham Young (UT)	1978	-	Notre Dame (IN)	1978	-
Buffalo (NY)	1999	-	Ohio	1978	1981
California	1978	-		1983	-
Central Florida	1996	-	Ohio St.	1978	-
Central Michigan	1978	-	Oklahoma	1978	-
Cincinnati (OH) ₁	1978	1982	Oklahoma St.	1978	-
	1984	-	Oregon	1978	-
Clemson (SC)	1978	-	Oregon St.	1978	-
Colorado	1978	-	Penn St.	1978	-
Colorado St.	1978	-	Pittsburgh (PA)	1978	-
Connecticut	2000	-	Purdue (IN)	1978	-
Duke (NC)	1978	-	Rice (TX)	1978	-
East Carolina (NC)	1978	-	Rutgers (NJ)	1978	-
Eastern Michigan	1978	1981	San Diego St. (CA)	1978	-
	1983	-	San Jose St. (CA)	1978	-

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Florida	1978	-	South Alabama	2012	-
Florida Atlantic ⁵	2004	-	South Carolina	1978	-
Florida International ⁵	2004	-	South Florida ⁴	2000	-
Florida St.	1978	-	Southern California	1978	-
Fresno St. (CA)	1978	-	Southern Methodist (TX)	1978	1986
Georgia	1978	-		1989	-
Georgia Tech	1978	-	Southern Mississippi	1978	-
Hawaii	1978	-	Stanford (CA)	1978	-
Houston (TX)	1978	-	Syracuse (NY)	1978	-
Idaho ²	1996	-	Temple (PA)	1978	-
Illinois	1978	-	Tennessee	1978	-
Indiana	1978	-	Texas	1978	-
Iowa	1978	-	Texas A&M	1978	-
Iowa St.	1978	-	Texas Christian	1978	-
Kansas	1978	-	Texas St.	2012	-
Kansas St.	1978	-	Texas Tech	1978	-
Kent St. (OH)	1978	1981	Texas-El Paso	1978	-
	1983	-	Texas-San Antonio	2012	-
Kentucky	1978	-	Toledo (OH)	1978	-
Louisiana St.	1978	-	Troy (AL) ⁸	2001	-
Louisiana Tech	1978	1981	Tulane (LA)	1978	-
	1989	-	Tulsa (OK)	1978	-
Louisiana-Lafayette	1978	-	UCLA	1978	-
Louisiana-Monroe	1978	1981	Utah	1978	-
	1994	-	Utah St.	1978	-
Louisville (KY)	1978	-	Vanderbilt (TN)	1978	-
Marshall (WV) ³	1978	1981	Virginia	1978	-
	1997	-	Virginia Tech	1978	-
Maryland	1978	-	Wake Forest (NC)	1978	-
Massachusetts	2012	-	Washington	1978	-
Memphis (TN)	1978	-	Washington St.	1978	-
Miami (FL)	1978	-	West Virginia	1978	-
Miami (OH)	1978	1981	Western Kentucky ⁶	2007	-
	1983	-	Western Michigan	1978	1981
Michigan	1978	-		1983	-
			Wisconsin	1978	-
			Wyoming	1978	-

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Former FBS (I-A) Members

School	From	To	School	From	To
Appalachian St. (NC)	1978	1981	McNeese St. (LA)	1978	1981
Brown (RI)	1978	1981	Pacific (CA)	1978	1995
Cal St.-Fullerton	1978	1992	Pennsylvania	1978	1981
Cal St.-Long Beach	1978	1991	Princeton (NJ)	1978	1981
Chattanooga (TN)	1978	1981	Richmond (VA)	1978	1981
Citadel (SC)	1978	1981	Southern Illinois	1978	1981
Colgate (NY)	1978	1981	Tennessee St.	1978	1980
Columbia (NY)	1978	1981	Texas-Arlington	1978	1981
Dartmouth (NH)	1978	1981	Villanova (PA)	1978	1980
Drake (IA) ⁷	1978	1981	Virginia Military Institute	1978	1981
East Tennessee St.	1978	1981	West Texas A&M ⁷	1978	1981
Furman (SC)	1978	1981	Western Carolina (NC)	1978	1981
Harvard (MA)	1978	1981	Wichita State (KS) ⁹	1978	1982
Holy Cross (MA)	1978	1981		1984	1986
Illinois St.	1978	1981	William & Mary (VA)	1978	1981
Indiana St.	1978	1981	Yale (CT)	1978	1981
Lamar (TX)	1978	1981			

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