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# SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL OF FORT LAUDERDALE HAS MOST NFL PLAYERS; FLORIDA LEADS ALL STATES; MIAMI TOPS HOMETOWNS

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School (Fort Lauderdale, Florida), with 15 players, tops the list of high schools with the most players on 2015 NFL Kickoff Weekend rosters, USA Football announced today.

“My time at St. Thomas was great. St. Thomas gave me the opportunity to be able to chase my dreams like I always wanted to,” says Indianapolis rookie wide receiver **PHILLIP DORSETT**, who played collegiately at Miami and was selected 29th overall in the 2015 NFL Draft. “Transferring there after my freshman year, I knew I could become what I wanted to be with that school.”

NFL players hail from 1,387 high schools in 47 states and the District of Columbia, eight countries and two U.S. territories (American Samoa and U.S. Virgin Islands).

The totals are based on the 1,695 men on Kickoff Weekend rosters.

### HIGH SCHOOLS WITH MOST NFL PLAYERS

High School, City, State	Number	NFL Players
<b>Saint Thomas Aquinas, Ft. Lauderdale, FL</b>	15	Geno Atkins, CIN; Giovani Bernard, CIN; Phillip Dorsett, IND; Marcus Gilbert, PIT; Rashad Greene, JAX; Leonard Hankerson, ATL; Bobby Hart, NYG; Gabe Holmes, OAK; Brandon Linder, JAX; Cody Riggs, TEN; Marcus Roberson, STL; Dezmen Southward, ATL; James White, NE; Major Wright, TB; Sam Young, JAX
<b>Glenville High School, Cleveland, OH</b>	6	Frank Clark, SEA; Davon Coleman, DAL; Jayrone Elliott, GB; Ted Ginn, Jr., CAR; Jonathan Newsome, IND; Donte Whitner, CLE
<b>Miami Norland Senior High School, Miami, FL</b>	6	Dwayne Bowe, CLE; Antonio Brown, PIT; Ereck Flowers, NYG; Duke Johnson, CLE; Xavier Rhodes, MIN; Tourek Williams, SD
<b>DeMatha Catholic High School, Hyattsville, MD</b>	5	Arie Kouandjio, WAS; Cyrus Kouandjio, BUF; Rodney McLeod, STL; Cameron Wake, MIA; Josh Wilson, DET

Fifteen high schools have four players each in the NFL this year. Thirty-nine schools boast three NFLers, while 157 have two players apiece:

High School, City, State	NFL Players	High School, City, State	NFL Players
Atlantic Community, Delray Beach, FL	4	Notre Dame, Los Angeles, CA	4
Centerville, Centerville, OH	4	Oaks Christian, Westlake Village, CA	4
DeSoto, DeSoto, TX	4	Robert E. Lee, Tyler, TX	4
Elder, Cincinnati, OH	4	Servite, Anaheim, CA	4
Helix, La Mesa, CA	4	Skyline, Dallas, TX	4

Junipero Serra, San Mateo, CA	4	Stephenson, Stone Mountain, GA	4
Long Beach Polytechnic, Long Beach, CA	4	Tucker, Tucker, GA	4
Miami Central, Miami, FL	4		

Number of high schools with 3 NFL players: 39
Number of high schools with 2 NFL players: 157
Number of high schools with 1 NFL player: 1,172

**HOME STATES:** Florida tops the list of states with the most NFL players (204), followed by California (203) and Texas (181):

### **STATES WITH MOST NFL PLAYERS**

State	NFL Players	State	NFL Players
Florida	204	North Carolina	55
California	203	Pennsylvania	55
Texas	181	New Jersey	52
Georgia	114	Michigan	49
Ohio	78	South Carolina	47
Alabama	63	Virginia	46
Louisiana	58	Maryland	35

**HOMETOWNS:** Miami heads the list of hometowns with the most players (31), followed by Fort Lauderdale (20), Atlanta (16) and Houston (14):

### **HOMETOWNS WITH MOST NFL PLAYERS**

Hometown	NFL Players	Hometown	NFL Players
Miami	31	Mobile	12
Fort Lauderdale	20	Columbus	11
Atlanta	16	Detroit	11
Houston	14	Cleveland	10
New Orleans	13	Jacksonville	10
Dallas	13	Los Angeles	10
Cincinnati	12	Philadelphia	10

**NFL PLAYERS PER CAPITA:** Alabama, with one NFL player for every 75,869 residents, leads the list of NFL players per capita. Louisiana (one in 78,162) and Georgia (one in 84,979) round out the top three. The national average is one NFL player per 185,099 U.S. residents.

### **STATES WITH MOST NFL PLAYERS PER CAPITA**

State	Population *	NFL Players	NFL Players Per Capita
Alabama	4,779,736	63	1 NFL player per 75,869 people
Louisiana	4,533,372	58	1 NFL player per 78,162 people
Georgia	9,687,653	114	1 NFL player per 84,979 people
Florida	18,801,310	204	1 NFL player per 92,163 people
Mississippi	2,967,297	32	1 NFL player per 92,728 people
South Carolina	4,625,364	47	1 NFL player per 98,412 people
Montana	989,415	9	1 NFL player per 109,935 people
District of Columbia	601,723	5	1 NFL player per 120,345 people
Texas	25,145,561	181	1 NFL player per 138,926 people
Ohio	11,536,504	78	1 NFL player per 147,904 people
<b>United States</b>	<b>308,745,538</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>1 NFL player per 185,099 people</b>

\* Based on most recent published U.S. Census Data (2010).

**NOTE:** To obtain a complete list of NFL players' high schools, states and hometowns, log on to [www.nflmedia.com](http://www.nflmedia.com).

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