

Monday, Feb. 23, 2026

Michigan State No. 1 in Week 21 of USA Hockey Men's College Hockey Poll

Michigan, North Dakota, Western Michigan, and Penn State Round Out Top Five

| Rank | School | Last Week's Rank | 2025-26 Record | Weeks in Top 20 |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Michigan State University, 676 (30) | 1 | 24-6-0 | 21 |
| 2 | University of Michigan, 630 (4) | 2 | 25-6-1 | 21 |
| 3 | University of North Dakota, 623 | 3 | 24-7-1 | 21 |
| 4 | Western Michigan University, 577 | 4 | 23-8-1 | 21 |
| 5 | Penn State University, 541 | 6 | 20-9-1 | 21 |
| 6 | Providence College, 497 | 7 | 21-8-2 | 21 |
| 7 | Quinnipiac University, 472 | 5 | 25-6-3 | 21 |
| 8 | University of Denver, 439 | 8 | 19-11-3 | 21 |
| 9 | University of Minnesota Duluth, 421 | 9 | 20-12-0 | 18 |
| 10 | Cornell University, 356 | 10 | 18-8-1 | 21 |
| 11 | Boston College, 336 | 13 | 19-10-1 | 21 |
| 12 | Dartmouth College, 292 | 12 | 18-7-3 | 15 |
| 13 | University of Wisconsin, 274 | 14 | 19-11-2 | 21 |
| 14 | University of Connecticut, 270 | 11 | 17-9-4 | 21 |
| 15 | Augustana University, 152 | 18 | 20-10-4 | 9 |
| 16 | University of St. Thomas, 147 | 15 | 18-10-4 | 9 |
| 17 | Michigan Tech University, 146 | 16 | 21-10-3 | 6 |
| 18 | Minnesota State University, 141 | 17 | 17-9-6 | 21 |
| 19 | University of Massachusetts, 62 | 19 | 18-12-0 | 13 |
| 20 | Union College, 30 | NR | 19-10-3 | 2 |

Others Receiving Votes: University of Maine, 26; Bentley University, 10; Princeton University, 9; Miami University, 6; St. Cloud State University, 4; Bowling Green University, 2.

Top 20 Matchups: Friday, Feb. 27; No. 19 UMass at No. 14 UConn, No. 7 Quinnipiac at No. 12 Dartmouth, No. 3 North Dakota at No. 4 Western Michigan. **Saturday, Feb 28;** No. 14 UConn at No. 19 UMass, No. 3 North Dakota at No. 4 Western Michigan.

Notes: The Big Ten, the CCHA, ECAC Hockey, NCHC and Hockey East each have four ranked teams ... Team records are listed as W-L-T.

About the Poll: The 31st annual [USA Hockey Men's College Hockey Poll](#) is conducted each week in conjunction with the [American Hockey Coaches Association](#). The poll includes input from coaches and journalists representing each of the six NCAA Division I ice hockey conferences, as well as composite votes from officers of the AHCA and USA Hockey.