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**OREM, Utah** - The Utah Valley University wrestling team boasted the 23rd-best home attendance for the 2018-19 season with an average of 1,130 fans per home dual.

This season marks the second consecutive year that UVU has ranked in the top 25 in the country in attendance figures after coming in at No. 19 for the 2017-18 season with an average of 1,148 per home meet.

A total of 24 NCAA Division I programs recorded more than 1,000 fans per home meet in 2018-19. UVU was one of six Big 12 Conference institutions to make the cut.

The Iowa Hawkeyes topped the attendance charts for the 13th straight season despite a home slate that saw them host just one team that finished in the top 10 at the 2019 NCAA Division I Championships - ninth-ranked Rutgers, Penn State, Ohio State, and Rutgers, which first averaged greater than 2,000 fans in 2014-15, were second, third, and fourth, the same spots they occupied last season. Oklahoma State returned to the top five after finishing seventh in 2017-18.

The 24 teams averaging at least 1,000 fans per home dual date tops last year's 23 to set a new standard. Fresno State remained in the top 10, continuing to draw excellent support as the program completed its second season since being reinstated.

Of particular note this season was the number of programs reporting attendance figures. Of the 76 Division I programs with active teams in 2018-19, 53 were able to supply this information and three more tracked attendance for at least one event. Even transitioning California Baptist, which is reclassifying from Division II, tracked and reported its numbers for the three duals held at the Riverside, California, campus.

Penn State boasted the highest single crowd of the season, attracting 15,703 to their dual against Michigan in the Bryce Jordan Center. This was the eighth-largest crowd ever to see a Division I wrestling dual. Two other matches boasted crowds in excess of 13,000 -- Oklahoma State hosting Iowa (13,811) and Ohio State hosting Penn State (13,276).

**The NCAA Division I Wrestling Attendance Top 25 for 2018-19**

Rank	School	Home Dates	Total	Avg
1	Iowa	7	59,684	8526.3
2	Penn State	7	55,222	7888.9
3	Ohio State	6	34,900	5816.7
4	Rutgers	8	40,306	5038.3
5	Oklahoma State	7	29,513	4216.1
6	Iowa State	7	24,988	3569.7
7	Minnesota	7	21,143	3020.4
8	Virginia Tech	5	12,347	2469.4
9	Fresno State	7	16,818	2402.6
10	Michigan	6	13,414	2235.7
11	Lock Haven	5	9,925	1985.0
12	Nebraska	7	13,429	1918.4
13	Wisconsin	7	12,120	1731.4
14	Arizona State	6	10,202	1700.3
15	Lehigh	7	11,778	1682.6
16	Northern Iowa	5	8,309	1661.8
17	Missouri	6	9,061	1510.2
18	Cal Baptist	3	4,043	1347.7
19	Illinois	5	6,556	1311.2
20	NC State	8	10,455	1306.9
21	Indiana	7	9,005	1286.4
22	South Dakota State	5	5,853	1170.6
23	Utah Valley	4	4,520	1130.0
24	Purdue	6	6,617	1102.8
25	Michigan State	9	8,325	925.0

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