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USA TODAY SPORTS PRESEASON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES POLL - 11/19/2020

The USA TODAY Sports Top 25 women's basketball poll, with team's RECORDS FROM LAST YEAR in parentheses, total points based on 25 for first place through one point for 25th, ranking in last year's final poll and first-place votes received.

Rank	School (record)	Points	Last season's final rank	First-place votes
1	South Carolina (32-1)	799	1	31
2	Stanford (27-6)	740	7	1
3	Connecticut (29-3)	732	4	0
4	Baylor (28-2)	702	3	0
5	Louisville (28-4)	663	6	0
6	North Carolina State (28-4)	601	8	0
7	Mississippi State (27-6)	567	10	0
8	Arizona (24-7)	548	12	0
9	Oregon (31-2)	539	2	0
10	UCLA (26-5)	535	9	0
11	Maryland (28-4)	456	5	0
12	Kentucky (22-8)	451	18	0
13	Texas A&M (22-8)	377	21	0
14	Arkansas (24-8)	360	25	0
15	Indiana (24-8)	347	22	0
16	Northwestern (26-4)	287	15	0
17	Oregon State (23-9)	281	16	0
18	Iowa State (18-11)	253	NR	0
19	DePaul (28-5)	219	14	0
20	Gonzaga (28-3)	192	13	0
21	Syracuse (16-15)	149	NR	0

22	Ohio State (21-12)	135	NR	0
23	Notre Dame (13-18)	104	NR	0
24	Michigan (21-11)	84	NR	0
25	Missouri State (26-4)	76	19	0

Dropped out: No. 11 South Dakota (30-2); No. 17 Princeton (26-1); No. 20 Florida State (24-8); No. 23 Iowa (23-7); No. 24 Florida Gulf Coast (30-3).

Others receiving votes: Texas (19-11) 72; South Dakota (30-2) 25; Florida State (24-8) 23; Iowa (23-7) 13; Arizona State (20-11) 11; North Carolina (16-14) 11; South Florida (19-13) 9; Middle Tennessee (21-9) 7; Rutgers (22-9) 7; Virginia Tech (21-9) 6; Tennessee (21-10) 4; Brigham Young (18-11) 3; Florida Gulf Coast (30-3) 3; Princeton (26-1) 3; James Madison (25-4) 2; South Dakota State (23-10) 2; LSU (20-10) 1; Tennessee-Martin (22-10) 1.

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