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The USA TODAY Sports preseason 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 year's final ranking	First-place votes
1	South Carolina (38-0)	770	1	27
2	Connecticut (33-6)	734	3	3
3	Southern California (29-6)	716	6	1
4	Texas (33-5)	670	5	0
5	Notre Dame (28-7)	629	11	0
6	UCLA (27-7)	612	9	0
7	LSU (31-6)	567	7	0
8	North Carolina State (31-7)	533	4	0
9	Iowa State (21-12)	487	NR	0
10	Oklahoma (23-10)	457	20	0
11	Duke (22-12)	449	21	0
12	Baylor (26-8)	434	15	0
13	Kansas State (26-8)	407	18	0
14	Ohio State (26-6)	405	14	0
15	West Virginia (25-8)	285	25	0
16	North Carolina (20-13)	263	NR	0
17	Louisville (24-10)	261	NR	0
18	Maryland (19-14)	254	NR	0
19	Florida State (23-11)	177	NR	0
20	Creighton (26-6)	150	19	0
21	Mississippi (24-9)	135	NR	0

22	Kentucky (12-20)	106	NR	0
23	Nebraska (23-12)	92	NR	0
24	Indiana (26-6)	75	12	0
25	Alabama (24-10)	57	NR	0

Dropped out: No. 2 Iowa (34-5); No. 8 Stanford (30-6); No. 10 Oregon State (27-8); No. 13 Gonzaga (32-4); No. 16 Colorado (24-10); No. 17 Virginia Tech (25-8); No. 22 Utah (23-11); No. 23 Syracuse (24-8); No. 24 UNLV (30-3).

Others receiving votes: Gonzaga (32-4) 49; TCU (21-12) 37; Stanford (30-6) 32; Tennessee (20-13) 32; Iowa (34-5) 28; Utah (23-11) 25; South Dakota State (27-6) 22; Oregon State (27-8) 21; Princeton (25-5) 18; Colorado (24-10) 15; Virginia Tech (25-8) 10; Illinois (19-15) 9; Middle Tennessee (30-5) 8; Fairfield (31-2) 7; California (19-15) 6; Richmond (29-6) 6; Auburn (20-12) 5; Florida Gulf Coast (29-5) 4; Miami (Fla.) (19-12) 4; UNLV (30-3) 4; South Florida (19-14) 3; George Mason (23-8) 2; Cleveland State (29-6) 1; Michigan (20-14) 1; Saint Joseph's (28-6) 1.

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