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USA TODAY SPORTS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES POLL – 3/16/2026

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

NOTE: This is the final regular-season poll. A postseason poll will be conducted on April 6.

Rank	School (record)	Points	Last week's rank	First-place votes
1	Connecticut (34-0)	774	1	30
2	UCLA (31-1)	743	2	1
3	Texas (31-3)	709	3	0
4	South Carolina (31-3)	688	4	0
5	LSU (27-5)	639	5	0
6	Vanderbilt (27-4)	601	6	0
7	Iowa (26-6)	574	7	0
8	Michigan (25-6)	541	8	0
9	Oklahoma (24-7)	522	9	0
10	Duke (24-8)	507	10	0
11	Ohio State (26-7)	452	11	0
12	TCU (29-5)	439	12	0
13	West Virginia (27-6)	420	13	0
14	Louisville (27-7)	403	14	0
15	North Carolina (26-7)	323	15	0
16	Maryland (23-8)	302	16	0
17	Kentucky (23-10)	273	17	0
18	Michigan State (22-8)	214	18	0
19	Minnesota (22-8)	212	19	0
20	Mississippi (23-11)	179	20	0

21	Baylor (24-8)	163	21	0
22	Texas Tech (25-7)	87	22	0
23	Princeton (26-3)	78	23	0
24	Georgia (22-9)	71	24	0
25	Notre Dame (22-10)	62	25	0

Dropped out: None.

Others receiving votes: Alabama (23-10) 35; Iowa State (22-9) 17; Rhode Island (28-4) 15; Fairfield (28-4) 11; Illinois (21-11) 10; Rice (28-5) 5; South Dakota State (27-6) 3; Colorado (22-11) 2; Villanova (25-7) 1.