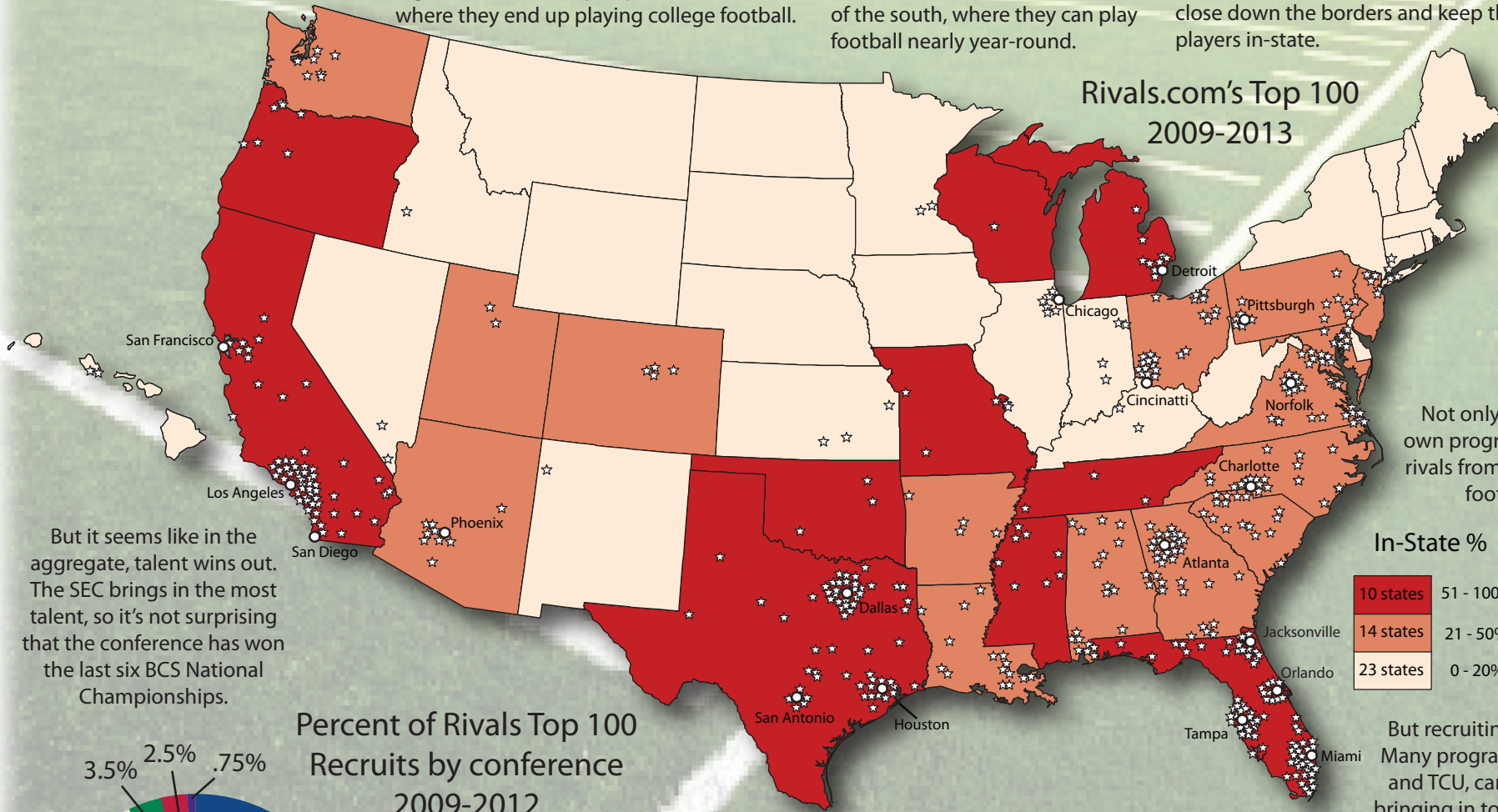


Recruiting Is Half The Battle

Every year, Rivals.com ranks the top 100 high school football prospects, and tracks where they end up playing college football.

The predominant trend is for the best football players to come out of the south, where they can play football nearly year-round.

Those schools who reside in a "pipeline" state have an extra goal in front of them: close down the borders and keep their players in-state.



Rivals.com's Top 100
2009-2013

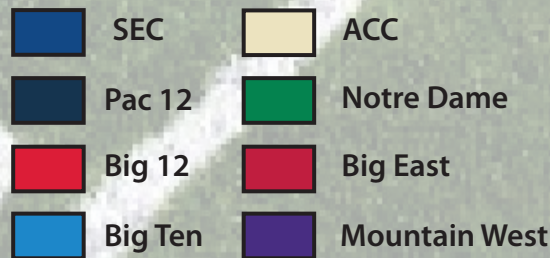
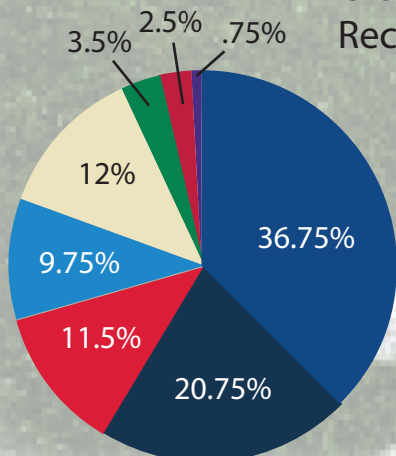
Not only does it help their own program, but it prevents rivals from stealing their best football players.

In-State %

10 states	51 - 100%	★ = 1 Rivals Top 100 Recruit
14 states	21 - 50%	
23 states	0 - 20%	

But it seems like in the aggregate, talent wins out. The SEC brings in the most talent, so it's not surprising that the conference has won the last six BCS National Championships.

Percent of Rivals Top 100 Recruits by conference
2009-2012



But recruiting isn't everything. Many programs, like Boise State and TCU, can succeed without bringing in top recruiting classes, but it certainly helps a team's chances at success.

Top 5 Programs by Wins
2007-2011

