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In the NBA, due in large part to lack of certain in-game statistics, it is difficult to quantify individual defensive ability without making certain key assumptions. Using data from 2007 to 2012, we developed a regression model for measuring the points an individual defensive player allows per possession as compared to the average player. We refer to the resulting metric as Individual Defensive Efficiency. (Received September 17, 2013)