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# **MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

## **2024 ATTENDANCE**

## **SEASON-IN-REVIEW**

**INCLUDES SUMMER COLLEGIATE LEAGUE NOTES**

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## 2024 MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE SEASON-IN-REVIEW

This report is a review of **2024 Minor League Baseball** attendance highlights. It includes league and team attendance figures in the pages that follow the notes sections. The **2024 Major League Baseball** Season-in-Review, with their team and league attendance listings, can be found on the 'Major League Baseball' page of [numbertamer.com](http://numbertamer.com).

The complete 2024 Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis should be posted on [numbertamer.com](http://numbertamer.com) by February, 2025. The 2024 complete Major League Baseball Attendance Analysis should be ready by May, 2025. Full analyses for each season from 2009 through 2023, are available on the respective 'Major League Baseball' and 'Minor League Baseball' pages of [numbertamer.com](http://numbertamer.com). An updated version of the 2023 Major League Attendance Analysis, showing updated 2023 and 2024 attendance data in sports besides baseball, was posted in November, 2024. It will be updated again, with 2024 attendance from numerous sports and leagues, in February, 2025.

If you need any further baseball attendance information before the 2024 comprehensive reports are published, or if you'd like to get any attendance database tables from baseball and other sports, please contact David Kronheim – [d.kronheim@verizon.net](mailto:d.kronheim@verizon.net), 718-591-2043 or 718-380-3851. All of this data is available to you for free.

**All team attendance listed in these reports is for home, regular season games, unless otherwise noted.**

### SOURCES:

Major League and affiliated Minor League attendance data was obtained from the Major League Baseball Stats Reporting Platform. Thanks to Jeff Lantz, Senior Manager of Communications of Major League Baseball for updated figures. Data from the independent Mexican and Atlantic Leagues, and the Summer Collegiate MLB Draft and Appalachian Leagues, also is from the MLB Stats Reporting Platform.

Figures from other independent Minor Leagues came from each league's Website or office. As always, this is announced attendance. In general, Major and Minor League attendance data is compiled from figures listed in box scores, includes tickets sold but not used, with one exception, and may include tickets distributed for free or at deep discounts. Pecos Baseball League attendance was provided by the league, and only includes tickets sold and used. That league does not count 'no-shows' in its attendance. So the number of tickets that the Pecos League sells is higher than their listed attendance numbers. The Empire Pro Baseball League did not provide any attendance data.

Most Collegiate Summer League attendance is from each league's Website, and from [Ballparkdigest.com](http://Ballparkdigest.com). The Appalachian and MLB Draft Leagues data is from the MLB Stats Reporting Platform. Not all of these leagues charge admission to their games, and from some leagues, attendance is not disclosed for every team.

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER DATE OR GAME GUIDELINES USED IN NUMBER TAMER REPORTS

**2020 through 2024 average attendance per date or per game figures in any of these Number Tamer reports, are only, as far as can be determined, for games played with fans in attendance. Games played with no fans in attendance are not counted, when figuring an average per date or game figure. Some leagues in various sports, have included all games, whether fans were in attendance or not, in their reported average attendance per date or game. This is why their 2020 through 2024 reported average attendance per date or game figures are sometimes lower than those shown in these Number Tamer reports. In 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 Palm Beach and Jupiter of the Florida State League played some games with no fans in attendance.**

### ATTENDANCE AUDIT BY MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Figures in these reports for Major League Baseball, the MLB-affiliated Minor Leagues, and the Mexican League, were released at the end of the regular season. They are subject to review by Major League Baseball. Some revisions were made to the affiliated Minor League figures in November, and those changes are reflected in these reports. Any later changes will be included in an updated version of this document, and in the 2024 Major League Baseball Attendance Analysis and the 2024 Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis, when those reports are issued.

**WHAT'S MISSING FROM THE 2024 MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE ANALYSIS**

Every attempt has been made to get full attendance data from each league and team. In certain cases, attendance data was missing from some games, and figures reported on league Websites were incorrect. This was a problem, particularly with the independent leagues. With the help from league and team officials, some of the missing data was found. To all those who provided the numbers: – Thank you so much.

Attendance is still missing from 2 dates of the Kansas City Monarchs of the American Association, and from the Empire League. The Empire League has never reported attendance.

As for Kansas City, their reported average of 1,774 per date was applied to the 2 dates in 2024 with missing attendance. It is not a perfect formula to determine total attendance for a team, but it is better than listing nothing for those dates. The same was done for 2 Kansas City games in 2023.

In the event these missing figures are released, the data in this report will be updated. The goal is to provide a complete and accurate listing of Minor League attendance, and any assistance given is much appreciated.

**NOTE TO LEAGUES, TEAMS, MEDIA, AND WEBSITES**

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## **PRE-GAME WARM UP” - AN OVERVIEW OF HOW BASEBALL’S MINOR LEAGUES ARE ORGANIZED**

There are two types of ‘leagues’ in Minor League Baseball. The majority of them are affiliated with Major League Baseball, as part of its player development program, or ‘farm system.’

### **MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES** (Formerly part of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues)

Until 2021, the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues (NAPBL), also known as “Minor League Baseball,” had been the governing body of those minor leagues which are affiliated with Major League Baseball. Starting in 2021, Major League Baseball has taken over the operation of its affiliated Minor Leagues.

These leagues are divided into 5 classifications: Triple-A (International and Pacific Coast); Double-A (Eastern, Southern, and Texas); High-A (South Atlantic, Midwest, Northwest); Single-A (Carolina, Florida State, California); Rookie Level Complex Leagues (Arizona and Gulf Coast Leagues) that play at Major League Spring Training sites in Florida and Arizona, and don’t charge admission to their games, and the Dominican Summer League. All Triple- A, Double-A, and A Leagues now play a full-season schedule, as noted in the next few pages. The short season MLB-affiliated leagues that operated through 2019, and charged admission, have been eliminated.

Admission is charged at games of the Arizona Fall League, which is a brief extra season for advanced Minor Leaguers. Each Major League team sends a few of their Minor League players to this league. Arizona Fall League attendance is noted in the Page 34-40 table, and is in the 2024 professional baseball attendance table on Page 50. Figures for this league are not part of other tables, and are not included in total Minor League attendance.

Every Major League team has a Triple-A, Double-A, High-A, and Single-A team, plus one or two Complex League teams. 25 Major League teams have at least one team in the Dominican Summer League.

### **INDEPENDENT LEAGUES**

9 independent leagues operated in **2024**. The same leagues also operated in 2023. Some are now considered to be MLB-Partner Leagues, and have been laboratories for rules experiments. The Mexican and Pioneer Leagues have gone from being MLB-affiliated leagues to being independent leagues, effective in 2021. Otherwise, the independent leagues are independent of Major League Baseball. Their players, managers, and coaches are under contract to their individual leagues or teams. (Uniformed personnel, such as players, managers, coaches, and trainers in MLB-affiliated leagues are under contract to their specific Major League parent teams.) Major League organizations can, and quite often do, sign independent league players to contracts. Independent leagues were once the rule in Minor League Baseball. But as the modern Major League farm systems developed in the 1920’s and 1930’s, Minor League teams began to affiliate with Major League teams, and independent leagues and teams pretty much disappeared.

The current generation of independent leagues began in 1993 with the start of the Northern and the Frontier Leagues. All independent leagues have been through major reorganizations, and in some cases, name changes. The Can-Am League first played in 1995, as the Northeast League. This league was merged into the Frontier League for 2021. The American Association is a combination of former Northern League and Central League teams. The Central League began as the Texas-Louisiana League in 1994. Some leagues were unable to survive even one full season.

A significant reorganization of independent leagues took place in 2011. The Northern, Continental, United Baseball, and Golden Baseball Leagues disbanded. Some teams from those leagues played in the new North American and Pecos Baseball Leagues. Others moved into the Frontier League or the American Association.

Since 2021, the 9 independent leagues that operated are the American Association, Atlantic League, Mexican League, Frontier League, Pioneer Baseball League, Pecos Baseball League, Empire Baseball League, United Shore Baseball League (all games in Utica, MI), and the Mavericks League (all games in Keizer, OR). The Empire and United Shore Leagues began play in 2016, and 2021 was the first season for the Mavericks League.

**In order to avoid confusion, this report will refer to leagues and teams affiliated with Major League Baseball as “MLB-affiliated” leagues or teams. In reports prior to 2020, these leagues and teams were often called “NAPBL” leagues or teams, and that term still may appear in this report. Attendance listings and individual league analyses for MLB-affiliated leagues and teams will be kept separate from the data of the independent leagues, unless otherwise noted.**

This report has attendance data for Summer Collegiate leagues that sell tickets. There is also data from teams that recently were in the pro Minor Leagues, but now play in Summer Collegiate leagues

## MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2021 REALIGNMENT

Significant changes were made to the structure of Minor League Baseball for the 2021 season, as Major League Baseball has taken over the operation of its affiliated Minor leagues.

The number of U.S./Canadian Minor League teams that charge admission to their games, and that are affiliated with Major League teams, was reduced by MLB from 160 in 2019, to 120 since 2021. They all now play a full-season schedule (132 games for High-A, and Single-A (formerly Low-A), 138 games for Double-A, and 150 games for Triple-A. Each of the 30 MLB teams still has a Triple-A, Double-A, High-A and Single-A team. Also, each MLB team has one or two short-season 'Complex' teams that play at their Spring Training facility, and don't charge admission to their games.

All MLB-affiliated short-season leagues operating through 2019, either no longer exist, or are now Independent or Summer Collegiate MLB-Partner Leagues. 9 teams from those short-season leagues now play in full-season MLB-affiliated leagues. The Mexican and Pioneer Leagues have become MLB-Partner independent pro leagues.

Traditional league names returned in 2022 for the MLB-affiliated leagues, but numerous teams have changed classification since 2019. 3 former independent league teams (St. Paul, Sugar Land, and Somerset) are now MLB farm clubs, while some former MLB-affiliated teams now play in pro independent leagues, or in Summer Collegiate leagues.

The International League now includes some former PCL teams. Most former Triple-A Pacific Coast League teams remain there. In Double-A, nearly all Eastern, Southern, and Texas League teams are in the same leagues as in 2019. All Midwest League teams played in that league in 2019. All current Northwest League teams played in the short-season league of that name in 2019. The South Atlantic League is made up of teams that had been in 4 different leagues in 2019. The Carolina League has former South Atlantic League and Carolina League teams. All Florida State League teams were in the league in 2019, and all but one California League team was in that league in 2019.

In **2025**, for the first time since 2021, there are changes to the roster of MLB-affiliated Minor League teams. In the Southern League, the Mississippi (Pearl) Braves become the Columbus (GA) Clingstones. The Carolina League Down East Wood Ducks (Kinston, NC) become the Hub City (Spartanburg, SC) Spartanburgers. Mississippi and Down East will have teams in the independent Frontier League in 2025.

The Pioneer League is now a professional independent MLB Partner League, and the Appalachian League is an MLB Partner Collegiate Summer League. Both of these leagues had been in the short-season Rookie league classification through 2019. Most of the teams from the short-season Class A Northwest League are now in the High-A Northwest League. Teams from the former short-season Class-A New York-Penn League are scattered among the South Atlantic League, independent leagues, Summer Collegiate Leagues, or are no longer playing. 6 former MLB-affiliated Minor League clubs are now part of the Summer Collegiate MLB Draft League.

Some of the other independent and Summer Collegiate leagues are also now 'MLB Partner' Leagues, with a closer association to Major League Baseball. All of the independent leagues, except for the United Shore League, had some changes in their roster of teams for 2021. Can-Am League teams were merged into the Frontier League. The Pacific Association did not play after 2019, but two of their former teams are now in the Pecos League. The Mavericks League, has all 4 of its teams playing in Keizer, OR, the location of a Short-A Northwest League club through 2019.

The tables on the next few pages list the 2024 Minor League Baseball leagues and teams that charge admission to their games. This listing also includes each team's 2024 MLB parent club, and what league the team played in 2019, the last 'normal' Minor League season until 2022. There is also a roster of teams from each of the independent leagues, including the Mexican and Pioneer Leagues, and from the Summer Collegiate Appalachian, and MLB Draft Leagues. Another table lists the 43 teams that had been MLB farm clubs in 2019, but no longer have that relationship.

Major League Baseball has stated that the main purpose of this realignment was to reduce the number of Minor League players they have under contract, and to save some money on team travel. There may be future changes in which places have Minor League teams, as MLB is instituting more standards regarding Minor League ballparks.

Whether all these changes will be successful in terms of attendance can't really be known now. Due to Covid-19, there was plenty of uncertainty going into the 2021 season. Teams couldn't do much of their normal off-season marketing and ticket selling. Quite a few teams began the 2021 season only being able to admit a reduced number of fans to their ballparks. Minor league teams based in Canada were forced to play much of their seasons in the United States.

2022 was close to being a normal season. But there were some Covid-related postponements. Uncertainty due to Covid outbreaks probably did have some negative effect on attendance. 2023 and 2024 were totally normal seasons.

## MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL – 2022, 2023, 2024 LEAGUES AND TEAMS

**MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES**–120-game schedule for A and Double-A, 130 for Triple-A in 2021

**TRIPLE-A INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE**–20 Teams (March 31-Sep. 24 in 2023, March 29-Sep. 22 in 2024–150 games)

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Buffalo Bisons	Blue Jays	International	Memphis Redbirds	Cardinals	Pacific Coast
Charlotte Knights	White Sox	International	Nashville Sounds	Brewers	Pacific Coast
Columbus Clippers	Indians	International	Norfolk Tides	Orioles	International
Durham Bulls	Rays	International	Omaha Storm Chasers	Royals	Pacific Coast
Gwinnett Stripers	Braves	International	Rochester Red Wings	Nationals	International
Indianapolis Indians	Pirates	International	St. Paul Saints	Twins	American Assn. (Independent)
Iowa Cubs	Cubs	Pacific Coast	Syracuse Mets	Mets	International
Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp	Marlins	Southern (AA)	Scranton/Wilkes Barre RailRiders	Yankees	International
Lehigh Valley IronPigs	Phillies	International	Toledo Mud Hens	Tigers	International
Louisville Bats	Reds	International	Worcester Red Sox (Pawtucket in 2019)	Red Sox	International

**TRIPLE-A PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE**–10 Teams (March 31-Sept. 24 in 2023, March 29-Sept. 22 in 2024–150 games)

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Albuquerque Isotopes	Rockies	Pacific Coast	Round Rock Express	Rangers	Pacific Coast
El Paso Chihuahuas	Padres	Pacific Coast	Sacramento River Cats	Giants	Pacific Coast
Las Vegas Aviators	Athletics	Pacific Coast	Salt Lake Bees	Angels	Pacific Coast
Oklahoma City Dodgers	Dodgers	Pacific Coast	Sugar Land Space Cowboys	Astros	Atlantic (Independent)
Reno Aces	Diamondbacks	Pacific Coast	Tacoma Rainiers	Mariners	Pacific Coast

**DOUBLE-A EASTERN LEAGUE**–12 Teams (April 6 - Sept. 17 in 2023, April 5 – Sept. 15 in 2024 - 138 games)

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Akron Rubber Ducks	Indians	Eastern	Hartford Yard Goats	Rockies	Eastern
Altoona Curve	Pirates	Eastern	Portland Sea Dogs	Red Sox	Eastern
Binghamton Rumble Ponies	Mets	Eastern	New Hampshire Fisher Cats	Blue Jays	
Bowie Baysox	Orioles	Eastern	Reading Fightin' Phils	Phillies	Eastern
Erie Seawolves	Tigers	Eastern	Richmond Flying Squirrels	Giants	Eastern
Harrisburg Senators	Nationals	Eastern	Somerset Patriots	Yankees	Atlantic (Independent)

**DOUBLE-A TEXAS LEAGUE** – 10 Teams (April 6 – Sept. 17 in 2023, April 5 – Sept. 15 in 2024 – 138 games)

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Amarillo Sod Poodles	Diamondbacks	Texas	Northwest Arkansas Naturals	Royals	Texas
Arkansas Travelers	Mariners	Texas	San Antonio Missions	Padres	Pacific Coast
Corpus Christi Hooks	Astros	Texas	Springfield Cardinals	Cardinals	Texas
Frisco Roughriders	Rangers	Texas	Tulsa Drillers	Dodgers	Texas
Midland Rock Hounds	Athletics	Texas	Wichita Wind Surge (New Orleans in 2019)	Twins	Pacific Coast

**MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES**—120-game schedule for A and Double-A, 130 for Triple-A in 2021**DOUBLE-A SOUTHERN LEAGUE – 8 Teams (April 7 – Sept. 17 in 2023, April 5 – Sept. 15 in 2024 – 138 games)**

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Biloxi Shuckers	Brewers	Southern	Montgomery Biscuits	Rays	Southern
Birmingham Barons	White Sox	Southern	Pensacola Blue Wahoos	Marlins	Southern
Chattanooga Lookouts	Reds	Southern	Rocket City (Madison, AL) Trash Pandas (Mobile in 2019)	Angels	Southern
Mississippi Braves	Braves	Southern	Tennessee Smokies	Cubs	Southern

Mississippi moves to Columbus, GA in 2025. The team will be named the Clingstones.

**HIGH-A SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE – 12 Teams (April 6–Sept. 10 in 2023, April 5–Sept. 8 in 2024 – 132 games)**

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Aberdeen Ironbirds	Orioles	New York-Penn	Hickory Crawdads	Rangers	South Atlantic
Asheville Tourists	Astros	South Atlantic	Hudson Valley Renegades	Yankees	New York-Penn
Bowling Green (KY) Hot Rods	Rays	Midwest	Jersey Shore (Lakewood) Blue Claws	Phillies	South Atlantic
Brooklyn Cyclones	Mets	New York-Penn	Rome Emperors	Braves	South Atlantic
Greensboro Grasshoppers	Pirates	South Atlantic	Wilmington (DE) Blue Rocks	Nationals	Carolina
Greenville (SC) Drive	Red Sox	South Atlantic	Winston-Salem Dash	White Sox	Carolina

**HIGH-A MIDWEST LEAGUE – 12 Teams (April 6 – Sept. 10 in 2023, April 5 – Sept, 8 in 2024 – 132 games)**

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Beloit Sky Carp	Marlins	Midwest	Lansing Lugnuts	Athletics	Midwest
Cedar Rapids Kernels	Twins	Midwest	Peoria Chiefs	Cardinals	Midwest
Dayton Dragons	Reds	Midwest	Quad Cities River Bandits	Royals	Midwest
Fort Wayne Tincaps	Padres	Midwest	South Bend Cubs	Cubs	Midwest
Great Lakes Loons	Dodgers	Midwest	West Michigan Whitecaps	Tigers	Midwest
Lake County Captains	Indians	Midwest	Wisconsin Timber Rattlers	Brewers	Midwest

**HIGH-A NORTHWEST LEAGUE – 6 Teams (April 7 – Sept. 10 in 2023, April 5 – Sept. 8 in 2024 – 132 games)**

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Eugene Emeralds	Giants	Northwest	Spokane Indians	Rockies	Northwest
Everett Aquasox	Mariners	Northwest	Tri-City (WA) Dust Devils	Angels	Northwest
Hillsboro Hops	Diamondbacks	Northwest	Vancouver Canadians	Blue Jays	Northwest

**SINGLE-A CALIFORNIA LEAGUE – 8 Teams (April 7 – Sept. 10 in 2023, April 5 – Sept. 8 in 2024 – 132 games)**

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Fresno Grizzlies	Rockies	Pacific Coast	San Jose Giants	Giants	California
Inland Empire 66ers of San Bernadino	Angels	California	Rancho Cucamonga Quakes	Dodgers	California
Lake Elsinore Storm	Padres	California	Stockton Ports	Athletics	California
Modesto Nuts	Mariners	California	Visalia Rawhide	Diamondbacks	California



**MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES**—120-game schedule for A and Double-A, 130 for Triple-A in 2021**SINGLE-A CAROLINA LEAGUE – 12 Teams (April 7 – Sept. 10 in 2023, April 5 – Sept. 8 in 2024 – 132 games)**

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Augusta Greenjackets	Braves	South Atlantic	Fayetteville (NC) Woodpeckers	Astros	Carolina
Carolina Mudcats	Brewers	Carolina	Fredericksburg Nationals (Potomac-2019)	Nationals	Carolina
Charleston (SC) Riverdogs	Rays	South Atlantic	Kannapolis Cannon Ballers (Intimidators-2019)	White Sox	South Atlantic
Columbia (SC) Fireflies	Royals	South Atlantic	Lynchburg Hillcats	Indians	Carolina
Delmarva Shorebirds	Orioles	South Atlantic	Myrtle Beach Pelicans	Cubs	Carolina
Down East (Kinston, NC) Wood Ducks	Rangers	Carolina	Salem (VA) Red Sox	Red Sox	Carolina

Down East moves to Spartanburg, SC in 2025. The team will be the Hub City Spartanburgers.

**SINGLE-A FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE—10 Teams (April 7 – Sept. 10 in 2023, April 5 – Sept. 8 in 2024 – 132 games)**

Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League	Team	MLB Affiliate	2019 League
Bradenton Marauders	Pirates	Florida State	Jupiter Hammerheads	Marlins	Florida State
Clearwater Threshers	Phillies	Florida State	Lakeland Flying Tigers	Tigers	Florida State
Daytona Tortugas	Reds	Florida State	Palm Beach Cardinals	Cardinals	Florida State
Dunedin Blue Jays	Blue Jays	Florida State	St. Lucie Mets	Mets	Florida State
Fort Myers Mighty Mussels (Miracle-2019)	Twins	Florida State	Tampa Tarpons	Yankees	Florida State

Source: Minor League Baseball Information Guide. Traditional league names returned in 2022.

**2021-2024 INDEPENDENT PRO LEAGUES – INCLUDES MLB PARTNER LEAGUES****MEXICAN LEAGUE – (90 games - April 21 – August 6 in 2023, 94 games April 12 – August 1 in 2024)**

Equipo (Team)	Equipo (Team)
Rieleros de Aguascalientes (Railroadmen)	Saraperos de Santillo (Sarape Makers)
Algodoneros de Union Laguna (Cotton Makers)	Olmecas de Tabasco (Olmecs)
Bravos de Leon (Braves)	Toros de Tijuana (Bulls)
Diablos Rojos de la Ciudad de Mexico (Red Devils)	Tecolotes de Dos Laredos (Owls of the Two Laredos)
Acereros de Monclova (Steelers)	Piratas de Campeche (Pirates)
Dorados de Chihuahua (new in 2024)	Conspiradores de Queretaro
Sultanes de Monterrey (Sultans)	Leones de Yucatan (Lions)
Guerreros de Oaxaca (Warriors)	Generales de Durango (Generals)
Pericos de Puebla (Parrots)	Charros de Jaliisco (Guadalajara).same in English)
Tigres de Quintana Roo – Cancun (Tigers)	El Aguila de Veracruz (Eagle)

Guadalajara and Veracruz were added for 2021. All other Mexican League teams also played in the league in 2019.

**ATLANTIC LEAGUE –10 Teams 126 games (April 28 – Sept. 17) in 2023, April 25 – Sept. 15 in 2024.**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Gastonia Honey Hunters	Expansion Team	Long Island Ducks	Atlantic
High Point Rockers	Atlantic	Southern Maryland Blue Crabs	Atlantic
Lancaster (PA) Barnstormers	Atlantic	Charleston (WV) Dirty Birds	South Atlantic
Lexington (KY) Counter Clocks	South Atlantic	York Revolution	Atlantic
Hagerstown Flying Boxcars (2024)	South Atlantic	Staten Island Ferry Hawks (2022)	New York-Penn

Spire City played in Frederick, MD in 2023, and in Lexington, KY in 2022.

**2021-2024 INDEPENDENT PRO LEAGUES – INCLUDES MLB PARTNER LEAGUES**

**FRONTIER LEAGUE – 16 Teams (one road team), 96 games (May 11–Sept. 3 in 2023)  
16 Teams. 96 games (May 9 – Sept. 1 in 2024)**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Tri-City (Troy, NY) Valley Cats	New York-Penn	Florence (KY) Y'all's	Frontier
Trois Rivieres Eagles	Can-Am	Evansville Otters	Frontier
Ottawa Titans	Can-Am	Quebec Capitales (2022)	Can-Am
New York Boulders	Can-Am	Windy City (IL)Thunderbolts	Frontier
Mississippi Mud Monsters (2025)	Southern	Down East (Kinston) Bird Dawgs	Carolina
New Jersey Jackals	Can-Am	Lake Erie (OH) Crushers	Frontier
Sussex County (NJ) Miners	Can-Am	Joliet Slammers	Frontier
Washington (PA) Wild Things	Frontier	Schaumburg Boomers	Frontier
Gateway (Sauget, IL) Grizzlies	Frontier	N.E. Knockouts (Brockton,MA)	New team – 2024

Down East (Kinston, NC) and Mississippi (Pearl) move from MLB-affiliates to the Frontier League in 2025.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION – 12 Teams, 100 games, (May 11 – Sept. 4 in 2023, May 9 – Sept. 2 in 2024)**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Chicago Dogs	American Assn.	Cleburne Railroaders	American Assn.
Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks	American Assn.	Kansas City (KS) Monarchs	American Assn.
Gary-Southshore RailCats	American Assn.	Lincoln Saltdogs	American Assn.
Kane County Cougars	Midwest	Sioux City (IA) Explorers	American Assn.
Milwaukee Milkmen	American Assn.	Sioux Falls (SD) Canaries	American Assn.
Winnipeg Goldeyes	American Assn.	Lake Country (WI) DockHounds	New Team in 2022

**PECOS BASEBALL LEAGUE – 16 teams in 2022 and 2023, number of games based on team location,  
(May 25 – July 31 in 2023, May 22 – July 28 in 2024)**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Alpine Cowboys	Pecos	North Platte (NE) 80's	New in 2024
Austin Weirdos (2022)	New 2022, out 2024	Pecos, (TX) Bills	New in 2024
Bakersfield Train Robbers	Pecos	Roswell Invaders	Pecos
Blackwell, OK Flycatchers	New in 2023	San Rafael Pacifics	Pacific Assn.
Colorado Springs Snow Sox	Out in 2023	Santa Cruz Seaweed	New team in 2021
Garden City (KS) Wind	Pecos	Santa Fe Fuego	Pecos
Lancaster, CA Sound Breakers	New-2023,out-2024	Santa Rosa Scuba Divers	New team in 2022
Martinez Sturgeon	Pacific Assn. (2018)	Trinidad Triggers	Pecos
Marysville Drakes	New in 2023	Tucson Saguaros	Pecos
Monterey (CA) Amberjacks	Pecos-out in 2024	Wasco Reserve	Pecos–Out in 2023

In 2025, Kansas City, MO will be added, and Monterey, CA returns. Marysville and Austin will be dropped.

**UNITED SHORE BASEBALL LEAGUE – 4 Teams, all in Utica, MI, 56 scheduled in 2023 (May 19 – Sept. 2),  
56 dates scheduled in 2024 (May 17 – August 31)**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers	United Shore	Utica Unicorns	United Shore
Eastside Diamond Hoppers	United Shore	West Side Wooley Mammoths	United Shore

**2021-2024 INDEPENDENT PRO LEAGUES – INCLUDES MLB PARTNER LEAGUES****PIONEER LEAGUE – 12 teams, 96 games (May 23 – Sept. 9 in 2023, and May 21 – Sept. 8 in 2024)**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Billings Mustangs	Pioneer	Idaho Falls Chukars	Pioneer
Boise Hawks	Northwest	Missoula Paddleheads	Pioneer
Grand Junction Jackalopes	Pioneer	Ogden Raptors	Pioneer
Great Falls Voyagers	Pioneer	Rocky Mountain (Colorado Springs) Vibe	Pioneer
Glacier Range Riders (Kalispell, MT)	New team in 2022	Northern Colorado Owlz	New team in 2022
Oakland Ballers	New team in 2024	Yolo (Davis) High Wheelers	New team in 2024

**EMPIRE BASEBALL LEAGUE – 4 Teams, 80 games (June 8 – July 26 2022)  
4 Teams, 80 games (June 9 – July 19 in 2023)**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Malone Border Hounds	New in 2023	Saranac Lake Surge	Empire
N. Ctry.(Plattsburgh) Thunderbirds	Empire	Tupper Lake River Pigs	New team in 2021
Japan Islanders (2022)	Road Team		

**MAVERICKS LEAGUE – 4 Teams, all in Keizer, OR (May 12 – August 28 in 2022)  
4 Teams – 96 games for the league (May 10 – August 27) in 2023**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Campesinos de Salem-Keizer	None	Salem Senators	None
Portland Mavericks	None	Salem-Keizer Volcanoes	Northwest

**SUMMER COLLEGIATE LEAGUES WITH TEAMS THAT WERE ALL IN 2019 MINOR LEAGUES****MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DRAFT LEAGUE – 6 Teams, 68 games (May 24 – August 13) in 2021  
6 Teams, 80-games (June 2 – September 6) in 2022, (June 1 – Sept. 2) in 2023, (June 4 – July 31) in 2024**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Frederick Keys	Carolina	Trenton Thunder	Eastern
Mahoning Valley (OH) Scrappers	New York-Penn	West Virginia Black Bears	New York-Penn
State College Spikes	New York-Penn	Williamsport Crosscutters	New York-Penn

**APPALACHIAN LEAGUE – 10 Teams, 54 games (June 3 – August 7 in 2021), 10 Teams 58 games (June 2 – August 6 in 2022), 10 teams, 48 games (June 6 – July 31 in 2023), (June 4 – July 31) in 2024**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Bluefield Ridge Runners	Appalachian	Greeneville (TN) Flyboys	Appalachian
Bristol State Lines	Appalachian	Johnson City Doughboys	Appalachian
Burlington (NC) Sock Puppets	Appalachian	Kingsport Axmen	Appalachian
Danville Otterbots	Appalachian	Princeton Whistle Pigs (out 2024)	Appalachian
Elizabethton River Riders	Appalachian	Pulaski River Turtles	Appalachian
Tri-State (Hunting, WV) Coal Cats	New in 2024		

**2019 MLB AFFILIATED TEAMS NOT IN MLB AFFILIATED LEAGUES IN 2021-2024**

2019 Team	2019 League	2024 League	2019 Team	2019 League	2024 League
Trenton Thunder	Eastern	MLB Draft	Jackson, TN Generals	Southern	Prospect
Mahoning Valley (OH) Scrappers	New York-Penn	MLB Draft	West Virginia Black Bears (Morgantown)	New York-Penn	MLB Draft
Williamsport Crosscutters	New York-Penn	MLB Draft	Staten Island Yankees	New York-Penn	None in 2021 Atlantic in 2022
Lancaster JetHawks	California	None	Kane County (IL) Cougars	Midwest	American Assn.
Frederick Keys	Carolina	MLB Draft	Bluefield Blue Jays	Appalachian	Appalachian
(Port) Charlotte Stone Crabs	Florida State	None	Bristol Pirates	Appalachian	Appalachian
Florida Fire Frogs	Florida State	None	Burlington (NC) Royals	Appalachian	Appalachian
Burlington (IA) Bees	Midwest	Prospect	Danville Braves	Appalachian	Appalachian
Clinton Lumberkings	Midwest	Prospect	Elizabethton Twins	Appalachian	Appalachian
Hagerstown Suns	South Atlantic	Atlantic	Greeneville (TN) Reds	Appalachian	Appalachian
Lexington Legends	South Atlantic	Atlantic	Johnson City Cardinals	Appalachian	Appalachian
West Virginia Power (Charleston)	South Atlantic	Atlantic	Kingsport Mets	Appalachian	Appalachian
State College Spikes	New York-Penn	MLB Draft	Princeton Rays	Appalachian	Appalachian
Auburn Doubledays	New York-Penn	Perfect Game	Pulaski Yankees	Appalachian	Appalachian
Batavia Muckdogs	New York-Penn	Perfect Game	Billings Mustangs	Pioneer	Pioneer
Norwich Sea Unicorns	New York-Penn	Futures Colleg.	Grand Junction Rockies	Pioneer	Pioneer
Lowell Spinners	New York-Penn	None	Great Falls Voyagers	Pioneer	Pioneer
Tri-City (Troy, NY) ValleyCats	New York-Penn	Frontier	Idaho Falls Chukars	Pioneer	Pioneer
Vermont Lake Monsters	New York-Penn	Futures Collegiate	Missoula Paddleheads	Pioneer	Pioneer
Boise Hawks	Northwest	Pioneer	Ogden Raptors	Pioneer	Pioneer
Salem-Keiser Volcanoes	Northwest	Mavericks	Rocky Mountain Vibes (Colorado Springs)	Pioneer	Pioneer
Orem	Pioneer	None			

**INDEPENDENT LEAGUE CHANGES SINCE 2019**

2019 Team	2019 League	2021-24 League	Team	2019 League	2021-24 League
St. Paul Saints	American Assn.	International – MLB Affiliated	Ottawa Champions	Can-Am	None in 2021, Frontier in 2022
Sugar Land Skeeters	Atlantic	Pacific Coast – MLB Affiliated	O'Fallon (MO) Hoots – River City in 2019	Frontier	Prospect Summer Colleg.
Somerset (NJ) Patriots	Atlantic	Eastern–MLB Aff	High Desert Yardbirds	Pecos	None
New Britain Bees	Atlantic	Futures Colleg.	California City Whiptails	Pecos	None
Texas Airhogs	American Assn.	None	White Sands Pupfish	Pecos	None
Southern Illinois Miners	Frontier	Prospect			

The Appalachian League has gone from a professional Minor League to an MLB-Partner Summer Collegiate league. The MLB Draft, Prospect, Perfect Game, Futures Collegiate, and Appalachian Leagues are Summer Collegiate. The Atlantic, American Association, Frontier, Pecos, Mexican, Empire, Pioneer, United Shore, and Mavericks Leagues are pro independent leagues.

## **MINOR LEAGUE SCHEDULING IN RECENT SEASONS**

Close to normality returned to Minor League Baseball in 2022, and fully in 2023. But the landscape was quite different, as noted in the tables on the previous pages, from what it was in 2019, the last 'normal' season before 2022.

The 2021 season was unlike any other in Minor League history. The Major League affiliated leagues underwent a large realignment, with leagues getting reorganized, and the number of teams and leagues were reduced. This reorganization was planned before the Covid-19 outbreak. Teams often didn't know if they would be part of Minor League Baseball until December, 2020, so their usual off-season marketing, ticket sales, and promotional planning was delayed. There were changes to the independent leagues as well.

Then there was the Covid-19 pandemic. Would games be played? Would fans be admitted, and if so, how many? The 4 Canadian Minor League teams had to be relocated to the United States for much of the season since the U.S./Canadian border was closed. As it turned out, a few teams played some home games without fans in attendance, and other games were cancelled due to Covid breakouts. The 2021-22 off-season was closer to normal, but there were still some uncertainties due to Covid, and those concerns probably influenced 2022 attendance.

All this uncertainty, especially going into 2021, led to reductions in planned ticket sales campaigns, promotions, and group sales, all of which had a significant impact on Minor League attendance. A particular example of this, was the very sharp decline in the number of Monday through Friday day games in the Minor Leagues in 2021. These games, which usually draw very well, attract many school and summer-camp groups. Many more Monday-Friday day games were back on the schedule in 2022, and 2023 had a significant increase in the number of such games.

The table below shows the number of Monday-Friday (excluding holidays) day games scheduled by the 120 U.S. full-season Major League-affiliated teams, each year from 2016 through 2024. It has the same data for the leading U.S./Canadian independent leagues. This table includes scheduled games that were postponed due to weather, and the 2020 scheduled games, which of course, were not played.

### MINOR LEAGUE MONDAY-FRIDAY DAY GAMES SCHEDULED

Year	MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES			INDEPENDENT LEAGUES		
	# of Full - Season Teams	# Teams with Mon-Fri Day Games	# of Mon-Fri Day Games Scheduled	# of Full - Season Teams	# Teams with Mon-Fri Day Games	# of Mon-Fri Day Games Scheduled
2024	120	108	430	50	36	153
2023	120	106	409	47	35	154
2022	120	99	353	49	31	97
2021	120	46	122	40	18	44
2020	118	112	517	29	25	80
2019	120	111	548	36	32	105
2018	120	112	503	37	31	90
2017	120	113	517	38	31	98
2016	119	114	488	38	31	93

In 2016, Hartford played all its games on the road, and is not included in the number of teams.

The number of 2020 teams in this table only includes those who listed game times in their 2020 schedules.

All Jupiter and Palm Beach 2021 day games were closed to the public, and are not included in this table.

### **Other Schedule Notes**

110 of the 120 MLB-affiliated 2021 teams had a shorter schedule in 2021 (120 or 130 games each) than in 2019 (140 games each). The St. Paul Saints, now in the International League, had a 100-game schedule in the independent American Association in 2019. 9 other teams played the 2019 season in now-eliminated short-season leagues with 76-game schedules. The 120 MLB-affiliated teams had 1,050 fewer scheduled dates in 2021 than the 120 full-season MLB-affiliated teams had scheduled in 2019. The 2021 season started in early May. The 2022 season began on April 5.

Among the 2021 independent leagues, the Mexican League played a shortened 66-game schedule in 2021, compared to 120 games in 2019, when they were an NAPBL League. The Atlantic League had a 120-game schedule in 2021, down from 140 games in 2019. The Frontier League had 96-game schedule in both 2021 and 2019. The Can-Am League, which merged into the Frontier League in 2020, played a 100-game schedule in 2019. American Association schedules were the same length, 100 games, in both 2021 and 2019. The Pioneer League had a 96-game schedule starting in 2021, compared to a 76-game schedule in 2019, when it was an MLB-affiliated Rookie League. The United Shore League, with all its teams based in Utica, Michigan, played a slightly shorter schedule in 2021, than in 2019.

## 2024 MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

### 2024 Minor League Regular Season MLB-affiliated League and Team Attendance

- The 120 Major League affiliated Minor League teams couldn't follow-up their impressive 2023 attendance increases in 2024. Total **2024** attendance was 31,346,469. That total was down 805,915 (2.5%) from **2023**. There were 5 fewer dates in **2024** compared to 2023. 412 dates were lost in **2024**, vs. 406 lost dates in **2023**, 408 lost dates in **2022**, 503 lost dates in **2021**, and 402 lost dates (for these same 120 teams) in **2019**. Lost dates each year include games in Jupiter for Jupiter and Palm Beach, that were played with no fans in attendance. Average per date was 3,985 in **2024**, down 99 (2.4%) vs. **2023**. Average per team in **2024** was 261,221, down 6,716 (2.5%) vs. **2023**. All 2024 MLB-affiliated Minor League teams played in the same markets as in 2023, 2022, and 2021. Changes are coming in 2025, as Mississippi moves to Columbus, GA, and Down East (Kinston, NC) moves to Spartanburg, SC.
- Of the 11 MLB-affiliated leagues, only 2 leagues had **2024 vs. 2023** increases. Midwest League total attendance rose 2,788 (0.1%), and average per date was up 57 (1.4%). The Florida State League was up 32,322 (4.6%) in total attendance, and up 50 (4.1%) in average per date. Biggest declines were by the International League, whose total declined 263,364 (3.1%), with an average per date dip of 181 (3.0%), and by the Carolina League, with declines of 131,980 (5.5%) in total attendance, and 172 (5.4%) in average per date.
- 48 of the 120 teams had increases in total attendance for **2024 vs. 2023**, and 41 were up in average per date.
- Triple-A teams drew 12,492,947 in **2024**, down 351,679 (2.7%), with a 5,792 average per date, down 169 (2.8%). Double-A drew 8,389,769, down 208,673 (2.4%). Average per date fell 94 (2.2%), to 4,235. In High-A, the total was 6,406,158, down 116,172 (1.8%), and average per date dipped 63 (1.8%) to 3,395. Single-A teams had a 4,057,595 total, down 129,391 (3.1%), with a 2,203 average per date, down 67 (2.9%).
- **Lehigh Valley (Allentown, PA) had the highest 2024 total attendance (588,788) among the MLB-affiliates**, followed in total attendance by Indianapolis (588,363), Columbus (530,992), High-A Dayton (528,778), Albuquerque (503,525), and Nashville (500,241). 23 teams drew over 400,000, and 43 teams topped 300,000.
- **Indianapolis had the best 2024 average per date (8,405)**, followed by Lehigh Valley (8,066), Dayton (8,012), Columbus (7,586), and Nashville (7,046). 21 teams topped 6,000, and 33 teams reached 5,000 per date.
- Indianapolis had the top numerical increases for **2024 vs. 2023** of any MLB-affiliated team, with total attendance up 31,588 (5.7%), and average per date up 563 (7.2%). Reading had the 2<sup>nd</sup> best numerical gain (28,784), followed by Salt Lake (25,984), Frisco (23,391), and Dunedin (23,156). 7 teams were up at least 20,000. Best average per date gains following Indianapolis were by Rochester (377), Arkansas and Dunedin (each 368), and Sacramento (357). 12 teams had increases of at least 200.
- The best total attendance percentage gains were by Dunedin (74.2%), Palm Beach (39.0%), Jupiter (19.8%), Lake Elsinore (9.0%), and Lake County, OH (8.4%). 15 teams were up at least 5%. Palm Beach and Jupiter play most Tuesday and Sunday games with no fans in their park. Top average per date percentage growth was by Dunedin (74.2%), Palm Beach (17.4%), Jupiter (11.2%), Lakeland (9.3%), and Arkansas (8.0%). 16 teams had 5%+ gains.
- Largest 2024 numerical declines in total attendance were by Binghamton, NY (60,850), Charlotte (59,729), Nashville (56,721), Round Rock (45,525), and Mississippi (44,241). 12 teams declined 30,000+ Biggest average per date declines were by Binghamton (865), Nashville (690), Gwinnett (634), Winston-Salem (615), and Worcester (572). There were 9 teams down at least 500 per date.
- The worst percentage losses in total attendance were by Binghamton (29.4%), Mississippi (27.2%), Fort Myers (23.4%), Down East-Kinston (22.1%), and Gwinnett (18.3%). 18 teams fell at least 10%. For average per date, they were by Binghamton (27.2%), Gwinnett (19.5%), Mississippi (18.2%), Carolina (16.1%), and Delmarva (15.9%). 12 teams declined at least 10% in average per date.
- The largest crowd of the year among MLB-affiliated teams was 14,524 at Triple-A Buffalo. Frisco had the top crowd in Double-A (12,051). Biggest High-A attendance was 9,917 at Lansing, and Fresno (9,939) had the Single-A high.

### 2024 Minor League Regular Season MLB-affiliated League and Team Attendance

- **2023 was a very special attendance year for the MLB-affiliated Minor Leagues.**
- **In 2023, 90 of the 120 MLB-affiliated Minor League teams had increases in total attendance vs. 2022, and 91 of those teams had growth in average per date. It was the largest percentage of ‘same market’ teams showing attendance increases in decades (certainly since at least 1970, and probably ever). The significance of this achievement is that it was done with a smaller group of teams. The last time at least 90 teams had gains was in 2007, when 114 of 171 NAPBL ‘same market’ teams, including Mexican League teams, did it. That year 104 of 158 (65.8%) U.S./Canadian MLB-affiliated teams (excludes the Mexican League) showed gains in total attendance. In 1991, 99 of the 148 (66.9%) U.S./Canadian MLB-affiliated teams posted increases, the highest percentage of teams achieving gains between 1970 and 2019.**
- Since 1970, the other seasons with at least 90 ‘same market’ U.S./Canadian MLB-affiliated teams with total attendance gains vs. the previous year were: 1993 – 90 of 140 teams (64.3%); 1991 – 99 of 148 teams (66.9%); 1990 – 96 of 148 teams (64.9%). In 1987, 66.7% (88 of 132) ‘same market’ teams achieved increases. The term ‘same market’ team only includes teams that played in the same market in the two seasons being compared. It does include teams that moved into a new ballpark in their same market.
- **The 4.0% increase in total attendance for 2023 vs. 2022 was very impressive because it was accomplished without any team relocations or new ballparks. Teams moving to new markets or new ballparks have accounted for much of Minor League Baseball’s yearly attendance growth over the past 4 decades. Since 2000, and until 2023, the largest yearly percentage increase in total attendance among the U.S./Canadian MLB-affiliated teams playing in the same market and ballpark in the 2 years being compared, was 1.5% for 2007 vs. 2006. (If the now independent Mexican League is included, the 2007 vs. 2006 gain was 1.1%).**
- **The last time U.S./Canadian ‘same market-same ballpark’ teams had a combined gains of at least 4% was in 1991, when they had a 4.6% increase. In 1990, these types of teams had a 6.3% gain. Figures through 2019 include the short-season MLB-affiliated leagues that were in operation during that period. The numerical 2023 ‘same market, same ballpark’ attendance increase of 1,231,662 was the highest since 1990.**
- **Each of the 11 leagues had a 2023 vs. 2022 increase in both total attendance and average per date. The Midwest League posted the top total attendance growth, up 283,618 (10.3%). The Eastern League had the highest average per date gain, up 323 (7.3%). The Texas, Midwest, and South Atlantic Leagues, also were up at least 200 in average per date.**
- Only 30 MLB-affiliated teams had declines in **2023 vs. 2022** total attendance, and only 29 had average per date losses.
- The 120 Major League Baseball affiliated Minor League teams drew a total regular season attendance of 32,152,384 in **2023**, with an average per date of 4,084, and an average per team of 267,937. It was 30,920,722 in **2022**, averaging 3,933 per date, and 257,673 per team. They drew 22,089,014 in **2021**, with 6,814 dates with fans in attendance. Average per date with fans in attendance was 3,242. Average per team was 184,075. Many 2021 early season games were played with stadium capacity restrictions.
- In **2019**, these same 120 teams, regardless of what league, or what market, they were in that year, drew a total of 33,740,110 in 7,675 dates, an average of 4,396 per date.
- **The Dayton Dragons sold out every game again in 2024. Dayton has now sold out 1,573 straight regular season dates since the team began play in 2000. This streak, which excludes 2021, is the longest sellout streak ever for a North American sports team.**

### 2024 vs. 2019 MLB-Affiliated Minor League Attendance

- This report has eliminated most comparisons with attendance in 2019, which was the last year prior to the Minor League reorganization. But here are a few notes comparing 2024 attendance for the 120 MLB-affiliated teams, with what those same teams drew in 2019, regardless of what league or market they played in that year. The 2024 total was down 2,393,641 (7.1%) from 2019, and average per date was down 411 (9.3%). 37 of the 117 MLB-affiliated teams that played in the same market in 2024 and 2019 had higher total attendance in 2024 than in 2019. 32 of these teams were up for 2024 vs. 2019 in average per date.

**2024 Minor League Regular Season Independent League and Team Attendance**

- As noted earlier, the Empire League has never reported attendance. Attendance was missing for 2 games in both 2023 and 2024 from the Kansas City Monarchs. The Monarchs' missing attendance games were credited with their same average per date figure for the games with reported attendance. Not a perfect solution, but better than listing attendance for those games as zero, or not including those games in the number of dates played.
- The 85 independent league teams with reported attendance, (United Shore League, and Mavericks League, each count as one team because all of each of those league's teams play in the same ballpark. Northern Colorado and Yolo of the Pioneer League did not report.) drew an estimated 10,539,200 in **2024**, up 378,665 (3.7%) from **2023**. Average per date was 2,750 in **2024**, down 11 (0.4%). There were 3,833 independent league dates played in 2024, up 153 from 2023. **All figures include playoff games from the United Shore, Pecos, and Mavericks Leagues.** 170 dates were lost among the 5 top indy leagues in **2024**, 134 in **2023**, 149 in **2022**, 164 in **2021**, and 126 in **2019**.
- **The Frontier, Pioneer, and Mavericks Leagues set new record-highs in total attendance in 2024.**
- Among the 8 leagues with reported attendance, 6 were up in total attendance for **2024 vs. 2023**, and 2 were down. 5 leagues had growth in average per date. **The Atlantic League had the biggest increase in total attendance, up 107,602 (7.2%), and the United Shore League, up 306 (11.0%) had the top growth in average per date, and the best total attendance percent gain (13.7%).** The Mexican League, with 2 more teams in 2024, had the largest decrease in total attendance, down 8,433 (0.2%), and in average per date, down 553 (10.4%).
- **14 of the 15 teams playing in 2024 and 2023 in the Frontier League had average per date gains in 2024. The only team with a decline dipped just 4 per date. 11 teams in the league had increases of at least 160 per date.**
- Among the 78 independent teams playing in the same market in **2024 and 2023**, 47 had gains in total attendance, and 31 had declines. 54 teams were up in average per date, 23 were down, and one team (Trinidad of the Pecos League), had the same average per date for both years.
- **Los Diablos Rojos (Red Devils) of Mexico City had the top 2024 total attendance among independent teams (505,761), and their average per date of 11,761, was the best among all Minor League teams.** This total was just below the best-ever by a modern independent league team (506,785 by 2023 Yucatan). Other 2024 leaders were Tijuana (419,200), Monterrey (354,094), Union Laguna (332,273), Saltillo (292,105), Long Island (290,073), and Kane County, IL (274,694). Mexican League teams had 12 of the 21 highest independent total attendance figures.
- **Following Mexico City's 11,761 in average per date, were Tijuana (9,527), and Monterrey (8,431). These 3 teams had a higher average per date than all MLB-affiliated teams.** Union Laguna (7,070), and Saltillo (6,491) were next. 15 of the 24 independent teams with the highest 2024 average per date play in the Mexican League. Kane County (5,606), Schaumburg (4,721), Long Island (4,679), and Chicago (4,467), posted the top average per date figures among U.S./Canadian independent teams.
- The largest numerical total attendance gains were by Union Laguna, (72,073), Aguascalientes (71,619), Jalisco (60,163), and Mexico City (53,842). Among U.S./Canadian teams, New Jersey, whose 2023 attendance was estimated, had the best numerical total gain (40,051), the United Shore League rose a tentative 30,990, and Cleburne was up 22,317. On a percentage basis, only counting teams with at least 20,000 in attendance, top gains were by Bakersfield (112.8%), Aguascalientes (95.5%), New Jersey (88.1%), Jalisco (56.5%), and Cleburne (37.3%).
- Jalisco (1,491), Aguascalientes (1,487), Mexico City (1,252), Union Laguna (1,155), New Jersey (991), and Puebla (676), had the biggest gains in average per date among all Minor League teams. Other large increases by U.S. or Canadian teams were by Sussex (463), Cleburne (446), and Quebec (401). New Jersey had the highest percentage gain in average per date (109.0%), followed by Bakersfield (89.8%), Aguascalientes (77.3%), and Jalisco (60.3%).
- Yucatan, down 371,984 (73.4%) in total attendance, and down 7,270 (68.9%) in average per date, had the biggest numerical and percentage declines among all Minor League teams. Other top total attendance losses were by Veracruz (43,735), Leon (24,871), Tabasco (22,298), Southern Maryland (20,176), and Gastonia (19,628).
- Yucatan (7,270), Veracruz (1,436), and Tabasco (1,182), had the biggest average per date declines among all Minor League teams. Saltillo fell 832, and Leon was down 592. Among U.S./Canadian teams, the biggest independent average per date declines were by Ogden (373), and Boise (256). Gastonia, down 14.9%, had the biggest percentage decline among U.S. teams.
- **The largest crowd of the 2024 season at any Minor League Baseball game was 19,989 in Mexico City.**



**2024 Combined MLB-Affiliated and Independent League Regular Season Attendance**

- Combined Major League-affiliated and independent leagues regular season attendance in **2024** was an estimated 41,885,669 in 11,700 dates, an average of 3,580 per date. **These figures include playoff games from the United Shore, Pecos, and Mavericks Leagues, but do not include playoff attendance from any other leagues.**
- **2024** combined total attendance dipped 427,250 (1.0%), and average per date fell 83 (2.3%) **vs. 2023**, with 148 more dates. 94 teams had gains in total attendance, and 104 had declines. 95 teams posted average per date increases, 102 had declines, and one team had the same average per date in both seasons. 582 dates were lost in 2024 among the leagues that report daily attendance. There were 540 combined lost dates in 2023, 557 in 2022, and 667 in 2021, compared to 546 in 2019.
- Teams that were in professional Minor Leagues in **2019**, but played in Summer Collegiate leagues in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, played around 600 dates with fans in attendance in 2021, 713 dates in 2022, 682 dates in 2023, and 698 dates (excludes Auburn, which did not report their attendance) in 2024.

**2024 MLB-affiliated and Independent League Post-Season Attendance**

- All leagues had playoffs in 2024. The MLB-affiliated leagues drew 221,857 for 70 playoff dates, averaging 3,169 per date. The largest playoff crowd was 8,052 in Dayton. The Triple-A Championship Game at Las Vegas drew 8,007.
- While the Mexican League continued to play a shorter regular season than prior to **2021**, they had their usual playoff format, and those games drew very well. The 70 Mexican League playoff dates drew 608,241, averaging 8,689 per date. 18 of these games drew over 10,000, with 13 of them topping 15,000. Monterrey had the largest crowd (21,909), and they averaged 13,712 for their 10 playoff dates. **The 11 playoff dates in Mexico City drew an average of 17,253 per date.**
- The 117 independent league playoff games (from the Mexican, Atlantic, Pioneer, and Frontier Leagues, and the American Association) drew 726,020, averaging 6,205 per date. The 4 U.S./Canadian Independent Leagues drew 117,779 in 47 dates, an average of 2,506 per date. Winnipeg (5,828) had the largest playoff crowd among the U.S./Canadian group of independent leagues. Combined MLB-affiliated and independent league **2024 playoff attendance** was 947,877 in 187 dates, averaging 5,069 per date. United Shore, Pecos, Mavericks, and Empire Leagues playoff data was not available.

### **7 New Minor League Ballparks in 2021, Just One in 2022, None in 2023, but 3 in 2024, and More in 2025**

- In **2024**, 3 new parks opened for independent league teams at Queretaro of the Mexican League, Hagerstown of the Atlantic League, and Oakland of the Pioneer League. For Hagerstown, it was a return to pro ball, and that city had its best total attendance (175,079) since 1991, and the highest average per date (2,824) since at least 1991.
- Worcester replaced Pawtucket in 2021. Most games at new Polar Park drew near-capacity, or sellout crowds. In **2022**, the Woosox drew a City of Worcester record-high of 532,152 in total attendance, and 7,290 in average per date. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> best total attendance, and the 6<sup>th</sup> best average per date among MLB-affiliated teams. Total attendance was 201,142 (60.8%) higher, and average per date was 2,036 (38.7%) higher than it was in Pawtucket in **2019**. In **2023**, Worcester drew 519,651 in total attendance, which ranked 7<sup>th</sup> among MLB-affiliated teams, and a team-record-high 7,424 per date, which was 6<sup>th</sup> best.
- Kannapolis, NC more than doubled its 2019 attendance, and set team records in 2022 for total attendance and average per date in their new downtown park. **The 2022 vs. 2019 total attendance growth of 116,230, and the average per date gain of 1,778, along with the percentage increases in these categories, were best among all teams that played in the same market in 2022 and 2019. The Cannon Ballers set new record-highs in both total attendance (195,500), and average per date (3,055) in 2023, and drew a new record-high 195,795 in 2024.**
- Fredericksburg, VA replaced relatively nearby Woodbridge VA (Potomac). In **2022**, their total attendance (260,546), and average per date (4,136), was higher than it ever was in Woodbridge. The total was up a same market 3<sup>rd</sup> best 68,072, and average per date rose 873, which was 2<sup>nd</sup> best among teams in the same market in **2022 and 2019**. Attendance rose in **2023** to new record-highs, with a total of 267,400, and an average per date of 4,178.
- Wichita's new park (replacing New Orleans) was a big attendance and marketing success in 2021. While their attendance was lower in 2022 than in 2021, the **2022** Wind Surge still drew 32,436 (402 per date) above their **2019** attendance in larger market of New Orleans. **Wichita drew 322,637, averaging 4,676, in 2023, and had the biggest increase in both total attendance and average per date for 2023 vs. 2022 among MLB-affiliated teams.**
- Rocket City (Madison, AL) more than tripled what they drew in Mobile in 2019. The Trash Pandas posted a **2022 vs. 2019** increase of 231,930 (243.9%) in total attendance, and a 3,446 (217.4%) gain in average per date. In **2024**, Rocket City drew 319,417, and averaged 4,563 per date.
- Beloit's new park wasn't ready until August, 2021, so they didn't get all the attendance benefits from it in 2021. But in **2022**, they set new team record-highs in both total attendance and average per date. Total attendance was up a 5<sup>th</sup> best 29,594 **vs. 2019**, and average per date rose a 4<sup>th</sup> best 451, among same market teams. The Sky Carp set another total attendance record-high in **2023** (104,411), and they averaged a record-high 1,654 per date in **2024**.
- Gastonia got a new Atlantic League team in 2021, and a new park. But attendance fell in **2023 and 2024**.
- Glacier (Kalispell, Montana), a 2022 Pioneer League expansion team, had the only park that opened in **2022**. The Range Riders had a 21.0% increase in total attendance and average per date in **2023**, and a 10.1% gain in **2024**, **with new highs in total attendance, average per date, and for a single game.**
- According to Ballparkdigest.com, new ballparks are expected to be completed in **2025** for the Northern Colorado Owlz of the Pioneer League, in Spartanburg, SC for the new Hub City Spartanburgers, in Knoxville for the Knoxville (formerly Tennessee) Smokies, and for the Salt Lake Bees. Sports Business Journal reported that ground has been broken for a new park near Portland, OR for the Hillsboro Hops. It will open in 2026. The Mississippi Braves are relocating to Columbus, GA in 2025, where the ballpark, originally opened in 1926, has undergone a major renovation.
- New parks are hoped for soon in Richmond and Chattanooga. Construction has begun on a new park in Ontario, CA, opening in 2026, that will likely host the Dodgers' California League team currently in Rancho Cucamonga. Reports indicate that an Angels' farm club will then move to Rancho Cucamonga. No official announcements have been made about these moves.

**2024 League and Team Attendance Leaders**

- The Triple-A International League had the most teams (20), the most dates played (1,419), the highest total attendance (8,345,881) and average per team (417,294), and the top average per date (5,882) of any league. The 10-team Pacific Coast League averaged 414,707 per team and 5,619 per date.
- In Double-A, the Eastern League posted the best total (3,659,775), average per team (304,981), and average per date (4,621). The Texas League was close behind, averaging 294,610 per team with a 2,946,097 total, and a 4,391 average per date.
- The Midwest League had the top High-A total (3,042,514), average per team (253,543), and average per date (4,041).
- Best drawing Single-A league was the Carolina (2,246,298 total, 187,192 average per team, 2,999 average per date).
- In the independent leagues, the Mexican League (20 teams), had the top total (4,032,870), best average per team (201,644), and highest average per date (4,750). The American Association drew 1,615,340, averaging 134,612, and 2,804 per date, to lead the U.S./Canadian independent leagues with teams in multiple sites. The United Shore League, with all teams in Utica, MI, drew an estimated 257,300, averaging an estimated 3,100 per date. The Atlantic League had the highest U.S./Canadian independent average per team (160,050). **The Frontier, Pioneer, and Mavericks Leagues all set record-highs in total attendance, and the Mavericks League had a record-high average per date.**
- Among MLB-affiliated teams, Lehigh Valley (Allentown, PA) had the **2024** highest total attendance (588,788), followed by Indianapolis (588,363), Columbus, OH (530,992), High-A Dayton (528,778), Albuquerque (503,525), and Nashville (500,241). 23 teams topped 400,000, and 43 teams drew above 300,000.
- In **2024** average per date, Indianapolis was the top draw (8,405), followed by Lehigh Valley (8,066), Dayton (8,012), Columbus, OH (7,586), Nashville (7,046), and Worcester (6,852). 21 teams topped 6,000, and 33 teams drew an average of better than 5,000 per date.
- In **2022**, High-A Dayton led the MLB-affiliated leagues in average per date (7,935). (The last Class A team to lead Minor League Baseball in total attendance was Denver in 1952, but Toronto had a higher average per date that year.) Average per date for 1952 Denver is not available.
- For the independent teams, Mexico City had the highest **2024** total attendance (505,761), followed by Tijuana (419,200), Monterrey (354,094), Laguna (332,273) and Saltillo (292,105). Long Island (290,073) had the highest total among U.S./Canadian independent teams, followed by Kane County (274,694).
- Mexico City had the top average per date (11,761), which was the best in all Minor League Baseball in **2024**, followed in the independent leagues by Tijuana (9,527), Monterrey (8,431), Union Laguna (7,070) and Saltillo (6,481). Among U.S./Canadian independent teams, Kane County, IL (5,606) had the highest average per date, followed by Schaumburg (4,721), Long Island (4,679), and Chicago (4,467).

**July 3 and July 4 Crowds in Full-Season MLB-Affiliated Leagues, plus the pre-2021 Northwest League**

- July 3 and July 4 are often the best attendance days of the Minor League season, with most teams having Fireworks shows after their games on at least one of these days.
- The 60 dates played by MLB-affiliated teams on **July 3, 2024** drew 380,773, averaging 6,346 per date. Buffalo (12,529), Toledo (10,700), and Round Rock (10,219), all in Triple-A, reached 10,000. (Triple-A teams tend to have bigger parks that can host such large crowds.) Bowie (8,975) had the largest Double-A crowd, Lansing (9,917) drew the best High-A figure, and Clearwater (8,703) topped Single-A.
- Attendance for the 59 dates on **July 4, 2024** was 427,045, an average of 7,238. Triple-A teams reaching 10,000 were Salt Lake (14,455), Indianapolis (13,323), Charlotte (11,211), Durham (11,183), Nashville (10,997), Rochester (10,566), and Scranton-Wilkes Barre (10,000). Frisco (12,051) had the Double-A high, Fort Wayne (9,337) topped High-A, and Fresno (9,939) led Single-A.
- On **July 3, 2023**, 52 MLB-affiliated teams had home games, which drew a total of 320,382, an average of 6,161 per game. 7 Triple-A teams, drew at least 10,000. The biggest crowd was 15,192 at Buffalo. Also drawing at least 10,000 were Albuquerque (11,601), Las Vegas (10,554), Jacksonville (10,280), Lehigh Valley (10,100), Sacramento (10,267), and Syracuse (10,058).
- 59 MLB-affiliated teams hosted games on **July 4, 2023**, drawing 457,919, averaging 7,761 per game. 15 teams drew at least 10,000. Salt Lake (14,354) had the largest crowd. Other 10,000+ crowds were in Triple-A Charlotte (10,990), Durham (11,090), Gwinnett (10,067), Indianapolis (14,130), Nashville (10,704), Reno (10,275), Rochester (10,507), Round Rock (11,639), Scranton-Wilkes Barre (10,000), and Toledo (10,374), at Double-A Frisco (12,045), and at Class-A Fresno (11,076), Lansing (11,521), and Winston-Salem (10,200).
- In **2022**, 58 MLB-affiliated games drew 359,268 on July 3, an average of 6,194 per game, with 7 crowds of at least 10,000. On July 4, 58 games drew 413,258, an average of 7,125 per game, also with 7 crowds of at least 10,000.
- In **2021**, the 59 July 3 games drew 333,120, an average of 5,646 per game, with 5 crowds above 10,000. On July 4, 2021, 60 teams drew 362,632, an average of 6,044 per game, with 8 crowds of 10,000+. In **2019**, the 64 games on July 3 in full-season or Northwest League parks, drew 437,811, averaging 6,841, with 14 above 10,000, and 60 July 4 games drew 444,947, (7,416 average), with 12 games drawing at least 10,000.
- The 64 July 3, **2018** games drew 443,697, averaging 6,933, with 9 10,000+ crowds. The next day, 62 games drew 459,594 (7,413 average), with 13 games reaching 10,000. In **2017**, July 3 attendance for 64 games was 469,814, averaging 7,341, and on July 4, 482,776 attended 64 games (average-7,543). On each of these days in 2017, 14 games drew at least 10,000.

**Largest 2024 Crowds**

- The largest Triple-A and MLB-affiliated league **2024** single game attendance was 14,524 in Buffalo (International), followed closely by a crowd of 14,455 in Salt Lake City (Pacific Coast). Frisco (Texas) had the biggest crowd in Double-A (12,051). Other Double-A league highs were at Richmond (Eastern- 9,810), and Birmingham (Southern – 8,026). Lansing's (Midwest) 9,917 crowd was tops in High-A, with Jersey Shore (South Atlantic – 9,462), and Spokane (Northwest – 6,813) topping the other High-A leagues. Fresno (California) drew a Single-A best crowd of 9,939. Also in Single-A, top crowds were at Columbia (Carolina – 8,134), and Clearwater (Florida State – 8,703).
- Among the independent leagues, Mexico City of the Mexican League, drew the largest crowd for any regular season game in **2024** (19,989). Monterrey drew 21,909 for a playoff game. The biggest crowds in each of the other independent leagues that reported daily attendance were: Kane County (American Association - 9,307); Lancaster (Atlantic - 8,636); Schaumburg (Frontier - 8,066); and Rocky Mountain-Colorado Springs (Pioneer - 8,427).

**Record Highs for Total Attendance, Average per Date, and Single Game Attendance, set in 2024**

- 11 teams, and the Mavericks, Pioneer and Frontier Leagues, set new record-highs in total attendance in **2024**. The Mavericks League, and 13 teams, had all-time highs in average per date. At least 18 teams had or tied their biggest-ever single game attendance. (Mexican League data for single game highs is available only since 2005.)
- **In their 4<sup>th</sup> season as an independent, the Pioneer League, playing a longer schedule than they did as an MLB-affiliated short-season league, drew a league record-high 1,052,267, breaking a mark set in 2023.** This total does not include any attendance by Northern Colorado or Yolo. The Pioneer League is not counting any Northern Colorado or Yolo attendance in their official 2024 attendance figures.
- **The Frontier League added New England (Brockton) in 2024, and drew a league record-high 1,736,211. 14 of the 15 teams that played in both 2024 and 2023 had 2024 increases in average per date.**
- **The Mavericks League, with all 4 teams based in Keizer, OR, had the highest total attendance (119,480) and average per date (1,219) in its 4-year history.**
- Tacoma of the MLB-affiliated Pacific Coast League, and independent teams Chicago, Glacier, Bakersfield, Dublin, and Blackwell, set new record-highs in both total attendance and average per date in 2024. (Bakersfield drew higher figures when it was in the MLB-affiliated California League, playing a much longer schedule.)
- Single game record-highs were set by Charlotte, Rochester, Worcester, Amarillo, Chattanooga, South Bend, Hudson Valley, plus independent league teams Glacier, Schaumburg, Quintana Roo (Cancun), Jalisco (Guadalajara), and Lancaster, PA in 2024. There were 6 other teams that tied their record-high, sellout, single-game attendance. It is possible that some other independent teams also drew single-game record-high crowds.

**ATTENTION INDEPENDENT LEAGUE TEAMS:**

The Number Tamer Minor League Attendance Analysis is missing single game record high attendance figures for the following independent teams: Florence; Joliet; Lake Erie; Brockton (New England); New Jersey; Quebec; Sussex; Trois Rivieres; Washington PA; Windy City, all in the Frontier League. Also missing are game-high records for Bristol and Bluefield of the Appalachian League. If you know the largest crowd your team, or a previous team in the same market, has ever drawn, and in what year this record was set, please contact David Kronheim ([d.kronheim@verizon.net](mailto:d.kronheim@verizon.net)), and your team's record will be included in the section listing team record-highs. Thank you for your assistance.

**RECORD-HIGHS IN TOTAL ATTENDANCE, AVERAGE PER DATE, OR SINGLE GAMES, SET OR TIED IN 2024**

The following MLB-affiliated leagues and teams set or tied their team attendance records in **2024** in season total attendance, average per date, or for a single game. Some teams set a single-game record in 2024, for their current park, but have drawn bigger crowds in a larger, former park, in the same market. Attendance records set by Rocket City (Madison, AL) broke records set by the Huntsville Stars. Records set by Worcester are for any team in that market.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE		AVERAGE PER DATE		SINGLE GAME RECORD	
Tacoma	401,027	Tacoma	5,494	Rochester	13,605
Hudson Valley	195,791	Visalia	1,934	Myrtle Beach	6,600-T
Eugene	153,067	Beloit	1,654	Charlotte	11,211
Spokane	254,807			Lehigh Valley, PA	10,100-T
Tri-City, WA	121,949			Worcester	9,700
Kannapolis	195,795			Portland, ME	7,368-T
Chicago	218,897	Union Laguna	7,070	Amarillo	7,704
Glacier	110,858	Mexico City	11,761	Chattanooga	6,477
Bakersfield	23,458	Quintana Roo	5,214	Pensacola	5,038-T
Dublin	2,484	Hagerstown	2,824	Rocket City	7,500-T
Blackwell	4,959	Chicago	4,467	South Bend	8,169
		Glacier	2,310	Hudson Valley	6,176
		Bakersfield	634	Myrtle Beach	6,600-T
		Dublin	138	Lancaster, PA	8,636
		Blackwell	171	Glacier	5,365
		Santa Fe	501	Schaumburg	8,066
				Quintana Roo	10,285
Mavericks League	119,480	Mavericks League	1,219	Jalisco (Guadalajara)	9,513
Frontier League	1,736,211				
Pioneer League	1,052,267				

T – Tied single game record-high, and may be for multiple games. This is usually the ballpark's full sellout figure.

Largest Single-Game Crowds (based on available data)

**2024** – Overall – Mexico City (19,989); Triple-A – Buffalo (14,524); Double-A – Frisco (12,051);  
High-A – Lansing (9,917); Single-A – Fresno (9,939); U.S. Independent (Kane County (9,307)

**2023** - Overall – Mexico City (18,842); Triple-A – Buffalo (15,851); Double-A – Frisco (12,045)  
High-A – Lansing (11,521); Single-A – Fresno (11,076); U.S. Independent - Kane County (10,181)

**2022** - Overall – Tijuana – Mexican League (17,986); Triple-A – Albuquerque (15,619); Double-A – Richmond (9,810)  
High-A – Lansing (10,055); Single-A – Fresno (11,302); U.S. Independent - Kane County (9,421)

**2021** - Overall – Tijuana - Mexican League (15,240); Triple-A – Albuquerque (13,035); Double-A – Richmond (9,560);  
High-A – Lansing (10,109); Single-A – Fresno (10,877); U.S. Independent - Atlantic – Kane County (8,415).

SOURCES: Office of Minor League Baseball, MLB Stats Reporting Platform, Independent leagues, Brennan Mense, Director of Broadcasting and Media Relations of the Daytona Tortugas.

**NOTE TO MINOR LEAGUE TEAM PERSONNEL:** If your team set a single-game record high in 2024, and it does not appear not on this list, please contact David Kronheim ([d.kronheim@verizon.net](mailto:d.kronheim@verizon.net)) with the data, and your team will be added. Thank you for your assistance.

**Numerical Attendance Increases - 2024 vs. 2023**

- These MLB-affiliated teams had the biggest numerical gains in **total attendance**: Indianapolis (31,588); Reading (28,784); Salt Lake (25,984); Frisco (23,391); Dunedin (23,156); Lehigh Valley (21,466); Sacramento (21,225).
- The MLB-affiliated teams with the best numerical gains in **average attendance per date**: Indianapolis (563); Rochester (377); Arkansas (368); Dunedin (368); Sacramento (357); Frisco (349); Reading (346); Norfolk (344).
- Among the independent leagues, the highest **total attendance** numerical gains were by: Union Laguna (72,073); Aguascalientes (71,619); Jalisco (60,163); Mexico City (53,842); Puebla (41,107); New Jersey (40,051); United Shore League (est-30,990); Cleburne (22,317). Mexican League teams had 5 top gains in total attendance in this group.
- Top independent league **average per date** numerical growth: Jalisco (1,491); Aguascalientes (1,487); Mexico City (1,252); Union Laguna (1,155); New Jersey (991); Puebla (676); Oaxaca (489); Sussex (463); Cleburne (446); Quebec (401); Quintana Roo (377). Mexican League teams had the 4 biggest gains in this group.

**Percentage Attendance Increases – 2024 vs. 2023**

Percentage gains and losses rankings excludes those Pecos Baseball League teams which drew under 20,000, since relatively minor changes in their total attendance and average per date figures, result in distortedly high percentage changes. Most of their teams play in very small ballparks.

- MLB-affiliated teams with the top percentage gains in **total attendance**: Dunedin (74.2%); Palm Beach (39.0%); Jupiter (19.8%); Lake Elsinore (9.0%); Lake County, OH (8.4%); Great Lakes, MI (7.9%); Reading (7.5%).
- MLB-affiliated top percentage gains in **average per date**: Dunedin (74.2%); Palm Beach (17.4%); Jupiter (11.2%); Lakeland (9.3%); Arkansas (8.0%); Indianapolis (7.2%); Sacramento (6.9%); Frisco (6.7%); Great Lakes, MI (6.2%).
- Independent best **total attendance** percentage gains: Bakersfield (112.8%); Aguascalientes (95.5%); New Jersey (88.1%); Jalisco (56.5%); Cleburne (37.3%); Sussex (29.2%); Union Laguna (27.7%); Puebla (24.3%).
- Best independent **average per date** percentage growth: New Jersey (109.0%); Bakersfield (89.8%); Aguascalientes (77.3%); Jalisco (60.3%); Cleburne (37.3%); Sussex (29.2%); Sioux Falls, SD (23.7%); Staten Island (22.2%).

**Numerical Attendance Declines – 2024 vs. 2023**

- The MLB-affiliated teams with biggest numerical **total attendance** declines were: Binghamton, NY (60,850); Charlotte (59,729); Nashville (56,721); Round Rock (45,525); Mississippi (44,241); Gwinnett (42,375); Worcester (40,015).
- MLB-affiliated teams with the largest **average per date** decreases were: Binghamton, NY (865); Nashville (690); Gwinnett (634); Winston-Salem (615); Worcester (572); Charlotte (560); Greensboro (547); Buffalo (510).
- For the independent leagues, the largest **total attendance** declines were by: Yucatan (371,984); Veracruz (43,735); Leon (24,871); Tabasco (22,298), Southern Maryland (20,176); Gastonia (19,628); Ogden (17,552). Monterrey, MEX (17,168)
- The biggest independent **average per date** declines were by: Yucatan (7,270); Veracruz (1,436); Tabasco (1,182); Saltillo (832); Leon (592); Ogden (373); Boise (256); Billings (238).

**Percentage Attendance Declines - 2024 vs. 2023**

- MLB-affiliated teams with the largest percentage declines in **total attendance** were: Binghamton, NY (29.4%); Mississippi (27.2%); Fort Myers (23.4%); Down East (22.1%); Gwinnett (18.3%); Rome (17.6%); Memphis (13.7%).
- MLB-affiliated teams with the worst percentage losses in **average per date** were: Binghamton, NY (27.2%); Gwinnett (19.5%); Mississippi (18.2%); Carolina (16.1%); Delmarva (15.9%); Memphis (13.7%); Winston-Salem (13.0%).
- Independent 'same market' teams with the biggest **total attendance** percentage decreases were: Yucatan (73.4%); Veracruz (22.5%); Gastonia (21.5%); Leon (12.9%); Kansas City (12.6%); High Point (11.9%); Tabasco (11.8%).
- 'Same market' independent teams with the worst percentage losses in **average per date** were: Yucatan (68.9%); Veracruz (29.6%); Tabasco (23.9%); Gastonia (14.9%); Leon (12.9%); High Point (11.9%); Saltillo (11.4%).

An Excel worksheet with complete top to bottom rankings of MLB-affiliated teams, and independent teams, in the categories of total attendance and average per date, is available. It includes **2024 vs. 2023** changes ranked by team from the highest increase to the largest decline in total attendance and average per date, by both numerical and percentage change. If you'd like a free copy of this worksheet, please contact David Kronheim ([d.kronheim@verizon.net](mailto:d.kronheim@verizon.net) or at 718-380-3851 or 718-591-2043, and it will be e-mailed to you.

**2024 Lost Dates Due to Weather, Played Without Fans, or Didn't Have Reported Attendance**

- Postponed games in the Minor Leagues are almost always made up as part of a single-admission doubleheader. Some postponed games are never made up. In both these cases, they are listed as 'lost dates.' Almost never in the MLB-affiliated leagues, and rarely in the independent leagues, are postponed games made up as part of a separate-admission doubleheader. There were many Covid postponements in 2021, but only a handful in 2022, and likely none in 2023 and 2024.
- There were 412 lost dates among the 120 MLB-affiliated teams in 2024, 6 more than in 2023. Independent league teams from the American Association, and the Frontier, Atlantic, Pioneer, and Mexican Leagues, had a combined 170 lost dates, 36 more than in 2023, due in part to 14 Mexican League games that didn't have any reported attendance. The combined 11 MLB-affiliated leagues, and the 5 independent leagues noted, had a combined 582 lost dates in 2024, 42 more than in 2023.
- Jupiter and Palm Beach (Florida State League) share Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium in Jupiter. Since 2021, these two teams have played some home games with no fans in the park. In this report, these games count as 'lost dates.' In 2024, Jupiter had 24 lost dates, but only one was a rainout. The rest were played without fans. Palm Beach had 21 lost dates, but none were weather postponements.
- Other MLB-affiliated teams with a high number of **2024** postponements include: Rome, Down East, Tampa, and Fort Myers (10 each), Scranton-Wilkes Barre, Mississippi, and Vancouver (7 each), Norfolk, Rochester, Binghamton, Chattanooga, Beloit, Bowling Green, Charleston, SC, and Lakeland (6 each). The independent teams from the 5 best drawing leagues (Atlantic, Mexican, Frontier, Pioneer, and the American Association) with the most postponements were: Kansas City, Puebla, and Yucatan, (7 each); Quintana Roo and Campeche (6 each), Oaxaca, Aguascalientes, Ottawa, Sussex (5 each). Chihuahua is listed with 13 lost dates, but 10 were played with no attendance listed. 4 of Queretaro's 7 lost dates were played, but with no reported attendance. It is unknown if fans were in attendance for those Chihuahua and Queretaro games.
- Blessed with good weather and no **2024** postponements, were 8 teams from the MLB-affiliated leagues (El Paso, Wichita, Dayton (they had 10 postponements in 2022 and none in 2023), Stockton, Durham, Albuquerque, St. Lucie, Lake Elsinore), and 9 independent teams from the 5 best drawing leagues (Clebune, Schaumburg, Quebec, Glacier, Grand Junction, Gateway, Billings, Oakland, Rocky Mountain).
- 26 MLB-affiliated teams, and 19 independent teams from the 5 best drawing leagues, had only one lost date each.



**MLB-Affiliated League 2024 Attendance Summaries**

- **Triple-A** – The 30 Triple-A teams drew a combined 12,492,947 in **2024**, averaging 416,432 per team and 5,792 per date, with 93 lost dates. They had 2 more dates in **2024 than in 2023**. These same teams drew 12,844,626 in **2023**, averaging 428,154 per team, and 5,960 per date, with 95 lost dates.
- **2024 vs. 2023** Triple-A total attendance was down 351,679 (2.7%), and average per date fell 169 (2.8%). 11 teams had gains in total attendance, and 8 were up in average per date. 9 teams had more dates in 2024 than in 2023.
- **International League** – 20 teams. The league consists of all 14 teams from the 2019 International League, plus Iowa, Memphis, Nashville, and Omaha, from the Pacific Coast League, Jacksonville, from the Double-A Southern League, and St. Paul, who played in the independent American Association in 2019.
- This league has the most teams of any league, and it drew the highest attendance of any league in **2024**. But it had the largest numerical declines of any MLB-affiliated league. Total **2024** attendance was 8,345,881, averaging 417,294 per team, and 5,882 per date. There were 81 lost dates, and one less date than in **2023**. 4 teams (Nashville, Lehigh Valley, Indianapolis, Columbus) drew over 500,000, and 9 other teams topped 400,000. The league had the top 3, and 12 of the top 18, MLB-affiliated teams in total attendance, and 10 of the 15 MLB-affiliated teams with the highest average per date. 4 teams averaged at least 7,000 per date, and 8 other teams averaged better than 6,000.
- **Lehigh Valley drew 588,788, the best total of any Minor League team in 2024, and averaged 8,066 per date, the 2<sup>nd</sup> best average per date among all MLB-affiliated teams. Indianapolis was a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> in total attendance (588,363), and led all MLB-affiliated teams with an 8,405 average per date.**
- For **2024 vs. 2023**, total attendance was down 263,364 (3.1%), and average per date fell 181 (3.0%). 8 teams had gains in total attendance, and 5 teams were up in average per date.
- **Indianapolis had the largest numerical gains (31,588 in total attendance, 563 in average per date) of any MLB-affiliated team.** Lehigh Valley also had a 20,000+ increase in total attendance. Norfolk, Rochester, and Toledo also had average per date growth of better than 200.
- Charlotte had 3 fewer dates than in 2023, and had the league's top total attendance decline (59,729), which was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest loss among MLB-affiliates. Nashville's 690 dip in average per date was the worst in the league, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest among the MLB-affiliated teams. Charlotte, Gwinnett, Nashville, and Worcester all had total attendance declines of at least 40,000. Those same 4 teams, plus Buffalo, had average per date declines of at least 500.
- Buffalo had the largest crowd (14,524) of 2024 among all MLB-affiliated teams.
- **In 2019, the 14-team International League** drew 6,445,838, and averaged 6,887 per date.
- **Pacific Coast League** – 10 teams. 9 of the teams in this league played in the Triple-A Pacific Coast League in 2019. Sugar Land was in the independent Atlantic League.
- Total **2024** attendance was 4,147,066, down 88,315 (2.1%) from **2023**. Average per team was 414,707. Average per date fell 143 (2.5%) to 5,619. There were 3 more dates in **2024 than in 2023**, and 12 dates were lost. 3 teams had gains in total attendance, led by Salt Lake, up 25,984. 3 teams had average per date increases, topped by Sacramento, up 357. Round Rock had the largest declines in the league, down 45,525 in total, and 478 in average.
- Albuquerque led the league with 503,525 in total attendance, which was the 5<sup>th</sup> highest among MLB-affiliated teams in **2024**, and in average per date (6,714). Salt Lake, which moves to a new park in 2025, had the league's largest crowd of 2024 (14,455). El Paso, Las Vegas, Sacramento, Tacoma, and Salt Lake also topped 400,000 in total attendance, and El Paso, Las Vegas, and Salt Lake also averaged better than 6,000 per date. Sugar Land was the only team that didn't average at least 4,800 per date.
- **Tacoma set new team record-highs in total attendance (401,027) and average per date (5,494).**
- Total **2019** attendance in the 16-team Pacific Coast League was 7,054,538, with a 6,532 average per date.

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- **Double-A** – The 30 teams drew 8,389,769 in **2024**, averaging 279,659 per team, and 4,235 per date, with 88 lost dates, and 5 fewer dates played than in 2023.
- **2024** Double-A total attendance fell 208,673 (2.4%) **from 2023**, and average per date declined by 94 (2.2%). 10 teams had increases in total attendance, and 8 teams had gains in average per date.
- **Texas League** – 10 teams. Made up of all 8 of the 2019 Texas League teams, plus San Antonio, who played in the Pacific Coast League in 2019, and Wichita, also from the PCL, but who played in New Orleans in 2019.
- The league drew a **2024** total of 2,946,097, with just 19 lost dates, averaging 294,610 per team, and 4,391 per date. The total was down 69,975 (2.3%) from **2023**, and average per date fell 78 (1.7%), with 4 fewer dates. Arkansas, Frisco, and Springfield, MO had total attendance increases, and Arkansas and Frisco were up in average per date.
- Frisco had the Texas League top total (371,149), top average per date (5,540), best total attendance increase (23,391), and largest crowd (12,051). Arkansas posted the highest average per date gain, up 368. Amarillo, Arkansas, Tulsa, and Wichita also surpassed 300,000 in total attendance, and Amarillo and Tulsa also averaged better than 5,000 per date. Biggest losses were by Northwest Arkansas in total attendance, down 25,953, with 2 fewer dates than in 2023, and by Wichita, down 301, in average per date.
- The 8 teams that played in the Texas League in 2019, drew 2,791,180 that year, averaging 5,131 per date.
- **Eastern League** – 12 teams. 11 of the teams were in the Eastern League in 2019. Somerset played in the independent Atlantic League that year.
- The league drew 3,659,775 in **2024**, averaging 304,981 per team, and 4,621 per date. These figures are the highest among the Double-A leagues. There were 36 lost dates, and 7 more dates played than in **2023**. The total was down 46,734 (1.3%), and average per date declined 101 (2.1%). 6 teams had increases in total attendance, and 5 were up in average per date. The top crowd was 9,810 in Richmond.
- Richmond had the top total attendance (435,295) and average per date (6,595) among all Double-A teams. Hartford and Reading also topped 400,000 in total attendance and 6,000 in average per date. Portland's average per date was also above 6,000. Altoona, Portland ME, and Somerset drew over 300,000 in total attendance.
- In **2023**, Binghamton had the 3<sup>rd</sup> best total attendance gain, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest average per date increase, among all MLB-affiliated teams. But **2024**, was not so good for the Rumble Ponies. The declines of 60,850 (29.4%) in total attendance, and 865 (27.2%) in average per date, were the highest numerical and percentage decreases among the 120 MLB-affiliated teams. The weather didn't help as Binghamton had 6 lost dates, the most of any Eastern League team.
- Reading had the top increases in the league, with total attendance up 28,784, and average per date up 346.
- Teams in the **2019 Eastern League** drew 3,749,124, and averaged 4,764 per date.

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- **Southern League** – 8 teams, all of whom played in the Southern League in 2019.
- **2024** total attendance was 1,783,897, averaging 222,987 per team, and 3,444 per date, with 33 lost dates. Rocket City (Madison, AL) had the league's best attendance, with a 319,417 total and a 4,563 average per date. Their home total included 11,150 for 4 dates originally scheduled in Mississippi. (One more Mississippi 'home' date at Rocket City was rained out.) Pensacola and Tennessee also topped 285,000 in total attendance, and averaged above 4,200 per date. Largest crowd of the season was 8,026 in Birmingham.
- Compared to **2023**, the **2024** total was down 91,964 (4.9%), and average per date dropped by 122 (3.4%), with 8 fewer dates. Rocket City had the league's only increase in total attendance, up 5,111. Montgomery, up 5, had the only average per date gain. Biggest losses were by Mississippi, down 44,241 in total attendance, and down 464 in average per date. As a result of those 5 scheduled dates moved to Rocket City, and 7 home rainouts, Mississippi only played 57 home dates. This team moves to Columbus, GA in 2025, and will be named the Clingstones.
- The 10-team **2019 Southern League** drew 2,242,303, and averaged 3,439 per date.
- In **2021**, the Rocket City (Madison, AL) Trash Pandas, who moved from Mobile, and had a great first season, in both marketing and attendance. They led the league in total attendance (274,858), and led all of Double-A in average per date (5,726), despite 12 lost dates. Their **2021** total was up 179,771, and the average per date rose 4,141, **from 2019 in Mobile**. According to Ballparkdigest.com, the Trash Pandas had \$1.4 million in merchandise sales before ever playing a game in Madison.
- **High-A** – The 30 teams in this group drew a total of 6,406,158 in **2024**, averaging 213,539 per team, and 3,395 per date, with 93 lost dates. There was one more date played than in 2023.
- **2024** High-A total attendance was down 116,172 (1.8%) **from 2023**. Average per date fell 63 (1.8%). 15 teams were up in total attendance **vs. 2023**, with Lake County (OH), up 16,322, having the best gain. 12 teams had average per date increases, led by a 277 gain by Fort Wayne. Winston-Salem had the largest declines, down 38,151 in total attendance, and 615 in average per date. Top crowd was 9,917 in Lansing.
- **South Atlantic League** – 12 teams. Asheville, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Jersey Shore (Lakewood), and Rome, were in the South Atlantic League in 2019. Wilmington, DE and Winston-Salem played in the Carolina League in 2019. Bowling Green, KY was in the Midwest League, and Aberdeen, Brooklyn, and Hudson Valley played in the short-season New York-Penn League in 2019.
- This league drew 2,269,663 in **2024**, averaging 189,139 per team, and 3,022 per date, with 41 lost dates, and 6 more dates than in 2023. Greenville SC led the league in both total attendance (304,653) and average per date (4,687). Greensboro, Jersey Shore (Lakewood, NJ), and Winston-Salem also topped 250,000 in total attendance, and Jersey and Winston-Salem also drew above 4,000 in average per date. Top crowd was 9,462 at Jersey Shore.
- Comparing **2024 with 2023**, total attendance decreased 100,492 (4.2%), and average per date was down 159 (5.0%). 5 teams had gains in total attendance, and 3 were up in average per date.
- **Hudson Valley drew a team record-high total of 195,791**. The Renegades also had the league's best increases in total attendance (up 12,142) and average per date (up 143). As noted above, Winston-Salem had the biggest declines among High-A teams.

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- **Midwest League** – 12 teams. All these teams played in the Midwest League in 2019.
- Drew 3,042,514 in **2024**, averaging 253,543 per team, and 4,041 per date, which were the highest figures by any Class A league. There were 39 lost dates. Lansing had the highest single game attendance – 9,917.
- **2024 vs. 2023** total attendance rose 2,788 (0.1%), despite 10 fewer dates than in 2023. Average per date was up 57 (1.4%). 7 teams had gains in total attendance, led by Lake County, up 16,322. 8 teams were up in average per date, led by Fort Wayne, up 277. Wisconsin had a 201 average per date increase. Lansing, down 33,060 in total attendance, and down 382 in average per date, had the biggest declines.
- **Beloit set a new team record-high in average per date (1,654).**
- **For the 18<sup>th</sup> straight year, Dayton had the highest attendance of any team below Triple-A, drawing an MLB-affiliated 4<sup>th</sup> best 2024 total of 528,778. They averaged 8,012 per date, 3<sup>rd</sup> highest among the MLB-affiliates. In 2022, the Dragons led all MLB-affiliated teams with a 7,935 average per date. This may have been the first time a Class A team led the Minor Leagues in average per date.** Class-A Denver had the highest Minor League total attendance in 1952, but Triple-A Toronto had a higher average per date. Through 2019, Dayton had 20 of the 21 top season attendance totals by a Class A team. West Michigan had the other Top 21 total.
- **Dayton holds the record for the longest consecutive sellout streak in North American sports.** It was 1,385 regular season dates from the team's inception in 2000 **through the 2019 season.** The Dragons started the **2021** season with a greatly reduced allowable capacity in their ballpark. They did draw at least 6,000 to 33 dates. Their final **2021** Game Notes didn't mention sellouts, so it can be assumed that they didn't sell out every game in **2021.** But it really wouldn't be fair to end such a great streak under circumstances mostly beyond the team's control. They sold out all 2022 dates. **In both 2023 and 2024, all 66 Dayton home dates drew above their park's seating capacity, an amazing feat, especially considering they had no rainouts, and thus didn't have any redeemed rainchecks to add to their daily attendance. The sellout streak through 2024 is at 1,573, again excluding 2021.** Every date in Dayton drew over 7,300 in **2024**, with 29 dates attracting more than 8,000.
- Dayton, Fort Wayne, South Bend, and West Michigan drew over 300,000. Lansing, South Bend, West Michigan and Fort Wayne, along with Dayton, topped 4,000 per date.
- **Northwest League** – 6 teams, all played in the short-season Northwest League in 2019.
- **2024** total attendance was 1,093,981, averaging 182,330 per team, and 2,856 per date. There were 5 more dates played than in 2023. **Record-highs in total attendance were achieved by Spokane (254,807 as a Northwest League team), Tri-City (121,949), and Eugene (153,067 also as a Northwest League team).** Eugene and Spokane had higher totals when they played in the Triple-A Pacific Coast League. The short-season Northwest League record for average attendance per team occurred in 2019, when the 8-team league averaged 139,452 per team. 3 teams had **2024** total attendance gains, but only one club had an average per date increase.
- Vancouver led the league, drawing 274,892, with a 4,659 average per date, and 19 sellouts. But the Canadians had the biggest **2024 vs. 2023** declines in the league, down 22,245 in total attendance, and down 217 in average per date. As usual, Spokane drew well, with their Northwest League record-high total noted above, and a 3,920 average per date, along with the league's biggest crowd of the year (6,813).
- **2024 vs. 2023** total attendance fell 18,468 (1.7%), and average per date was down 87 (2.9%). Eugene posted the top gain in total attendance (7,171). Tri-City had the league's only average per date gain, up 51.
- With the longer schedule starting in 2021, the Northwest League now has more lost dates than in the past. There were 13 lost dates in 2024, 18 lost dates in 2023, and 21 lost dates in 2022. The 6 teams in the league had no lost dates in 2019, 1 each in 2018 and 2017, 4 in 2016 and 2013, 2 in 2015, and 3 in 2014 and 2012. The teams also play more games now on school days and nights, which tends to lead to a lower average per date, compared to when the league had a mid-June to Labor Day (Labour Day in Vancouver) schedule.

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- **Single-A (formerly Low-A)** – Combined total attendance for the 30 teams in **2024** was 4,057,595. Average per team was 135,253, and average per date was 2,203. There were 138 lost dates, which include games played by Jupiter and Palm Beach when fans were not allowed to attend. Top crowd was 9,939 at Fresno.
- **2024 vs. 2023** Single-A total attendance was down 129,391 (3.1%). Average per date fell 67 (2.9%), with 3 fewer dates with fans in attendance. 12 teams had gains in total attendance, and 13 were up in average per date. Dunedin had the largest gains in total attendance (23,156) and average per date (368). Fredericksburg suffered the biggest total attendance decline, down 34,710. Delmarva, down 504, had the biggest average per date decline.
- **Carolina League** – 12 teams, 7 were in the Carolina League, and 5 had been in the South Atlantic League, in 2019.
- **2024** total attendance was a Single-A best 2,246,298, averaging 187,192 per team, and 2,999 per date, with 43 lost dates. The largest crowd was 8,134 at Columbia.
- It was a very close race for the total attendance lead with Charleston, SC drawing 256,695, followed by Augusta, GA (254,054), Myrtle Beach (249,349), and Fredericksburg (232,690). Charleston also had the best average per date (4,278), with Augusta (3,970), Myrtle Beach (3,958), and Fredericksburg (3,693), close behind.
- **Kannapolis set a new team record-high in total attendance in 2024, with a 195,795 total.**
- **2024 vs. 2023** total attendance fell 131,980 (5.5%). Average per date was down 172 (5.4%), with 1 less date. The percentage declines were the highest of any MLB-affiliated leagues. 3 teams had increases in total attendance and one was up in average per date. Salem, up 8,701, had the top total increase, and Fayetteville, had the league's only average per date gain, up 79. As noted above, Fredericksburg and Delmarva had the largest declines.
- Kannapolis moved into a new downtown ballpark in **2021**. Their **2024** total attendance was up 119,864 (157.9%) **from 2019**, their last year in the old park, with average per date increasing by 1,879 (165.8%).
- **Florida State League** – 10 teams, all played in the 2019 Florida State League.
- The league drew 728,122 in **2024**, an average of 72,812 per team, and 1,264 per date. There were a Minor League high 84 lost dates, which include 44 home dates played by Jupiter and Palm Beach with no fans allowed to attend.
- **2024 vs. 2023** total attendance was up 32,322 (4.6%). Average per date rose 50 (4.1%). **These were the best increases among the 11 MLB-affiliated leagues.** 3 more dates were played in 2024 than in 2023. 7 teams had total attendance gains, led by Dunedin, whose 23,156 increase was 5<sup>th</sup> best among MLB-affiliates. 7 teams had average per date growth, again led by Dunedin, with a 368 gain, which tied Arkansas for 3<sup>rd</sup> best among MLB-affiliates. Fort Myers had the league's top losses in total attendance (25,470), and in average per date (186).
- **Dunedin, Palm Beach, and Jupiter finished 1-2-3 in 2024 vs. 2023 percentage increase for both total attendance and average per date among all MLB-affiliated teams.**
- Clearwater led the league in **2024** total attendance (164,074), and average per date (2,646), and had the largest crowd (8,703). The Threshers have led the Florida State League in attendance in each of the last 13 seasons, and in 19 of 20 years since 2004.
- Both Jupiter and Palm Beach share Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter. In 2021, local Covid-19 restrictions forced both teams to play many home games with no fans permitted to attend. This policy continued in 2022, 2023 and 2024. In **2024**, Palm Beach had 21 lost dates, but no rainouts. Jupiter lost 24 dates, but only one was rained out. Only dates with fans in attendance are counted in this report for compiling average per date. St. Lucie achieved a Florida State League rarity. They played all 66 home dates in 2024 with no postponements.

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- **California League** – 8 teams. 7 of these teams were in the 2019 California League. Fresno came from the Triple-A Pacific Coast League, replacing Lancaster. In 2023, Lancaster played in the independent Pecos League, and set all-time highs for any team in that league in total attendance and average per date. But that team didn't play in 2024 because their ballpark was converted to a soccer facility.
- Total attendance was 1,083,175 in **2024**, averaging 135,397 per team, and 2,095 per date. 11 dates were lost. Fresno, which had been in the Triple-A Pacific Coast League through 2019, was the league attendance leader by a wide margin, with a 256,446 total, a 4,007 average per date, and they drew the top crowd of the year among Class-A teams (9,939). Rancho Cucamonga came in 2<sup>nd</sup>, drawing 152,895, and averaging 2,389 per date. **Visalia again drew a team record-high average per date (1,934).**
- The **2024 vs. 2023** comparison shows a 29,733 (2.7%) decline in total attendance, and a 37 (1.7%) loss in average per date, with 5 fewer dates played. 2 teams were up in total attendance, and 5 teams had gains in average per date. Lake Elsinore had the biggest increase in total attendance (8,535), and Rancho Cucamonga had the best average per date gain (100). Fresno had the largest declines, down 20,643 in total attendance and down 191 in average per date.
- Weather, other than heat, is rarely an issue in the California League. There were 11 postponements in 2024, 6 in 2023, and only 2 dates were postponed in 2022, one in Fresno, and the other in Lake Elsinore. Weather was a slight issue in 2021 and 2019, with 12 lost dates each year. Only one game in 2018 was postponed. 3 dates were lost in 2017, and there were 4 in 2016. There were 8 lost dates in 2015, including one due to high winds. There were 2 lost dates in 2014, 4 in 2013, 10 in 2012, 8 in 2011, 9 in 2010, and 6 in 2009. The most rainouts over the last 25 years of this league were 23 in 1998 and 22 in 2003.
- Changes may be coming to the California League team lineup in **2026**. Ground has been broken for a new park in Ontario, CA. It is thought that the Dodgers' team in nearby Rancho Cucamonga might move there, and that an Angels' team will then go to Rancho Cucamonga. No official announcement has been made.

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- The same 9 independent leagues played in **2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021**. Attendance was available for the American Association, and the Mexican, Atlantic, Frontier, Pioneer, United Shore, Mavericks, and Pecos Baseball Leagues. Attendance has never been reported by the 4-team Empire Baseball League.
- Also missing is attendance from 2 dates played by Kansas City of the American Association. Attempts to get this data were not successful. So the average per date that Kansas City drew for those dates with reported attendance was applied to those dates with missing attendance. Not a perfect solution, but better than not listing any attendance for those dates.
- The Mexican League was a Major League-affiliated 'Minor League Baseball' member league through 2019. The league was not considered to be an independent league, even though none of its teams were MLB 'farm' teams. The Pioneer League was an MLB-affiliated short-season Rookie league through 2019, and became an MLB-Partner independent pro league in 2021.
- 98 teams played in these 9 independent leagues in **2024**, 95 in **2023**, and 94 teams played in those leagues in **2022**. Attendance was found for 83 individual teams in **2024**, 80 in **2023**, and for 79 individual teams in **2022**. In addition, there are league totals for both years for the 4-team United Shore Baseball League, which plays all its games in Utica, MI, and the Mavericks League, whose 4 teams all play in Keizer, OR. **The United Shore and Mavericks Leagues are each counted as one 'team' in this attendance report.**
- The Frontier League had a road team in **2023 but not in 2024**. The Pecos League had a road team in 2024. The new park for the Pioneer League's Northern Colorado Owlz has not opened. They played home games in several locations. The Pioneer League does not officially count attendance for Northern Colorado, or for the 2024 expansion team in Yolo, in their official figures, so this report will not include them in any league totals either.
- The 85 teams with attendance (counting the United Shore and Mavericks Leagues as one team each), drew an estimated total of 10,539,200 in **2024**. **This is the highest combined total independent league attendance since the return of such leagues in 1993.** This total is up 378,665 (3.7%) vs. **2023**. Average per date was 2,750 in **2024**, down 11 (0.4%) vs. **2023**.
- **Mexico City led all independent teams with a total attendance of 505,726, just a bit below the all-time independent record of 506,765, set by Yucatan in 2023. Mexico City (11,761), Tijuana (9,527), and Monterrey (8,431), all in the Mexican League, had the 3 highest average per date figures in all of Minor League Baseball.** Tijuana (419,200), Monterrey (354,094), and Union Laguna (332,273) also topped 300,000. Union Laguna (7,070), and Saltillo (6,491), also averaged better than 6,000 per date. Leading the U.S./Canadian teams was Long Island in total attendance (290,073), and Kane County in average per date (5,606).
- Union Laguna had the top **2024 vs. 2023** gain in total attendance (72,023), and Jalisco (Guadalajara) had the best average per date gain (1,491). Aguascalientes had a 71,619 gain in total attendance, and was up 1,487 in average per date. New Jersey, whose **2023** attendance was estimated, posted the highest gains in total (40,051) and average (991) among U.S./Canadian independent teams. Yucatan had the largest declines in both total attendance (371,984), and average per date (7,270). Among U.S. and Canadian independent teams, Southern Maryland, down 20,176 had the top loss in total attendance, and Ogden, down 373, had the highest decline in average per date.
- For **2024 vs. 2023**, 47 teams in the same markets in both years had increases in total attendance and 31 were down. 54 of these teams posted gains in average per date, while 23 had declines, and Trinidad of the Pecos League had the same average per date in both years.
- In **2024**, these independent teams played 153 more dates than in **2023**. Teams in the Mexican, Atlantic, Frontier, and Pioneer Leagues, and the American Association, had a combined 170 lost dates in **2024**. Their **2024** teams had 134 lost dates in 2023, 149 in 2022, 164 in **2021**, and 126 lost dates in **2019**.
- Teams that played in independent leagues in **2019 (regardless of where they played in 2021-2024)**, drew a total of 5,690,513 that year, and averaged 2,341 per date. Add the Mexican League and Pioneer League attendance to the **2019** independent league figures, and total attendance was 11,029,912, and the average per date was 3,037.
- In 2024, the Atlantic League replaced its team in Frederick, MD with a team in Hagerstown. The Frontier League added New England (Brockton, MA). The Pioneer League added Oakland and Yolo. The Mexican League added Chihuahua and Queretaro, and the Pecos League added North Platte, NE and Pecos, TX. In 2025, the Frontier League adds Pearl, MS and Kinston, NC. Both of those markets had MLB-affiliated teams through 2024.

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- **Mexican League** – 20 teams played in **2024**, and 18 teams played in **2023**. 16 of these teams played in the Mexican League in 2019, with los Mariachis de Guadalajara (renamed Jalisco in 2024) and El Aguila de Veracruz added in 2021, and los Dorados de Chihuahua and los Conspiradores de Queretaro added in 2024.
- Covid-19-forced changes hit this league very hard in **2021**. The schedule was reduced from 120 games to 66 games. It was raised to 90 games for 2022 and 2023, and 94 games in 2024. Total attendance was 4,032,870 in **2024**, an average of 201,644 per team, and a 4,750 average per date. This was the highest total attendance and average per date of any independent league. There were 81 lost dates in 2024, which includes 10 games in Chihuahua, and 4 games at Queretaro, with no listed attendance.
- Total attendance fell 8,433 (0.2%) in **2024**, and average per date was down 553 (10.4%) **vs. the record-high of 5,304 in 2023**, with 87 more dates. 10 teams had a higher total in 2024 than in 2023, and 10 teams were up in average per date. The 18 teams that played in the league in **both 2024 and 2023**, had a combined total decrease of 165,571 (4.1%), and an average per date decline of 309 (5.8%). **Mexico City had the largest regular season crowd of 2024 (19,989), and Monterrey had the biggest post-season crowd (21,909), in the Minors.**
- Numerically, Mexican League teams had 12 of the top 21 independent team total attendance figures in **2024**, including the top 5. They had 12 of the 18 highest independent in average per date figures, including the top 5.
- **Mexico City led all independent teams, in 2024 attendance, with a total of 505,726, the 2<sup>nd</sup> best total ever by an independent team (Yucatan – 506,765 in 2023). Their average per date of 11,761 was the best in Minor League Baseball in 2024, and an all-time independent team high.** Other teams with high totals were Tijuana (419,200), Monterrey (354,094), Union Laguna (332,273), and Saltillo (292,105). Besides Mexico City, leading teams in average per date were Tijuana (9,527), Monterrey (8,431), Union Laguna (7,070), and Saltillo (6,491).
- **Mexico City, Quintana Roo, and Union Laguna, all drew team record-high average per date figures in 2024. Quintana Roo and Jalisco set single-game records.** This is based on data going back to 1992 for average per date, and 2005 for single-game records, so these teams may have had higher average per date and single-game highs, in prior years.
- Los Tecolotes de Los Dos Laredos (Owls of the Two Laredos) split their season, between Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. 24 dates in Texas drew an average of 3,608, and the 23 dates in Mexico averaged 3,753 per date.
- **Union Laguna's increase of 72,073 in total attendance, was the best of any Minor League team in 2024.** Other big increases were by Aguascalientes (71,619), Jalisco (60,163), Mexico City (53,842), and Puebla (41,107). These were the 5 best gains in all of Minor League Baseball. Mexican League teams also had the 4 best average per date increases among all Minor League teams. Jalisco was up 1,491, followed by Aguascalientes (1,487), Mexico City (1,252), and Union Laguna (1,155).
- On the down side, Yucatan had the largest declines of any Minor League team, down 371,984 in total attendance, and down 7,270 in average per date. Veracruz had decreases of 43,735 in total attendance, and 1,436 in average per date. Tabasco was down 1,182 per date. These were the 3 worst average per date declines in the Minors.
- The Mexican League annually has the longest, most intense, and best attended playoffs in the Minor Leagues, with 4 full rounds of best-of-7 series. In **2024**, the 70 Mexican League playoff dates drew 608,241, averaging 8,689 per date. 18 of these games drew over 10,000, with 13 of them topping 15,000. Monterrey had the largest crowd (21,909), and they averaged 13,712 for their 10 playoff dates. **The 11 playoff dates in Mexico City drew an average of 17,253 per date.**
- The **2023** Mexican League playoffs drew 693,528 for 73 games, averaging 9,500 per game. 29 games drew over 10,000, with 3 of them topping 15,000. Mexico City averaged 16,457 for its 6 playoff games.
- In **2022**, the post-season drew 762,112, averaging 11,375 per date, as the teams with the biggest ballparks made it deep into the playoffs. **37 of the 67 games drew over 10,000, with 15 of them topping 15,000. Monterrey averaged 17,030 in the playoffs, with 4 games topping 21,000.** Despite the short season in **2021**, the full playoffs did occur, and they drew 412,739 in 74 dates, an average of 5,578 per date. Tijuana's 13 playoff dates drew an of 12,595, with a high of 17,687. The **2019** Mexican League playoffs drew 519,686, averaging 12,086 per date.



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- **Atlantic League** – 10 teams in 2024 and 2023. 5 of the 2024 teams played in this league in 2019. Gastonia was added as an expansion team in 2021, and Lexington, KY, and Charleston, WV, came in from the South Atlantic League. In 2022, the league added a second team (Kentucky) in Lexington, which moved to Frederick, MD in 2023. Also added in 2022 was Staten Island, who last played in the New York-Penn League in 2019. In 2024, the Frederick team relocated to Hagerstown MD, whose last team was in the MLB-affiliated South Atlantic League in 2019. Teams played a 120-game schedule in 2021, instead of the usual 140 games. They had 132 games in 2022, and 126 games in 2023 and 2024. Each year, these were the longest schedules in the independent leagues.
- The league drew 1,600,498 in **2024**. Average per team was 160,050, and average per date was 2,663, with 22 lost dates. The **2024 vs. 2023** total was up 107,602 (7.2%). **This was the largest total attendance increase of any Minor League in 2024.** Average per date rose 158 (6.3%) with 5 more dates. 5 of the 9 teams in the league in both years had gains in total attendance, and 6 were up in average per date. These 9 returning teams had a combined total attendance decline of 9,641 (0.7%), and an average per date gain of 49 (1.9%), with 14 fewer dates in **2024**. Lexington KY had the top total attendance gain, up 19,731, and average per date increase, up 329. Both Lexington and Staten Island achieved average per date growth of better than 20%. **Top crowd was a team record-high of 8,636 at Lancaster, PA.** Gastonia, down 19,628 had the top total decline, and High Point, down 225, had the largest average per date dip.
- In **2019**, the 8 teams that played in the Atlantic League **that year** drew 1,940,590, an average of 3,648 per date. The league lost two of its best-drawing teams in 2021, as Somerset joined the Eastern League, and Sugar Land joined the Pacific Coast League. In **2019**, Somerset and Sugar Land drew a combined 649,394, averaging 4,775 per date. Exclude those 2 teams, and the **2019** Atlantic League average per date would have been 3,261.
- **Long Island led all U.S./Canadian independent teams in 2024 total attendance (290,073), which was 6<sup>th</sup> best among all independent teams. Their 4,679 average per date was 3<sup>rd</sup> best to Kane County and Schaumburg among U.S./Canadian indy teams.** The Ducks had the best U.S./Canadian independent total, and 2<sup>nd</sup> best average per date in **2023, and 2022**. They were best in both categories in **2021**, and were 3<sup>rd</sup> best in **2019**. York and Lancaster also topped 200,000 in total attendance, and Lancaster averaged above 4,000 per date, in **2024**.
- **Hagerstown's average per date of 2,824 was the highest in that market since at least 1991.**
- Gastonia's team will be renamed the Ghost Peppers in 2025.
- **American Association** – In **2024 and 2023**, there were 12 teams. 10 of the 2024 teams were also in this league in 2019. Kane County, IL came in from the MLB-affiliated Midwest League in 2021, and Lake Country (not county), WI joined in 2022. St. Paul, who had the top attendance among all independent teams in 2019 (394,970 total, 8,061 average per date), moved to the MLB-affiliated International League in 2021. Attendance from 2 dates at Kansas City, KS was missing in both 2024 and 2023. So it was estimated, using their average per date from their other 41 dates in 2024, and their other 46 dates in 2023. Kansas City also had to play a few home games elsewhere in 2024 due to damage to their field.
- The American Association drew an estimated 1,615,340 in **2024**, up 60,283 (3.9%), averaging 134,612 per team, and 2,804 per date, up 137 (5.1%), with 24 lost dates, and 7 fewer dates played than in **2023**. 8 teams had total attendance gains, led by Cleburne (22,317). 8 teams were up in average per date, also led by Cleburne, up 446. These were the 3<sup>rd</sup> best increases among U.S./Canadian independent teams. Chicago, Lincoln, and Sioux Falls all have average per date growth of better than 340. Kansas City had the largest loss in total attendance **vs. 2023**, down an estimated 10,965. This was due in part to 5 fewer dates played than in 2023, and those relocated games. Milwaukee, down 143, had the highest average per date decline.
- **Chicago had its best-ever total (218,897) and average per date (4,467).**
- Kane County led the league in **2024** total attendance (274,694 – 2<sup>nd</sup> best U.S./Canadian independent total). **Among U.S./Canadian independent teams, the Cougars had the best average per date (5,606), and the year's top crowd (9,307).**
- The 12-team American Association drew 1,775,249 in 2019, an average of 3,082 per date. Remove St. Paul's figures from the 2019 season, and the average per date was 2,619.

**Independent Leagues 2024 Attendance Summaries**

- **Frontier League** – 16 teams in **2024**. The 2023 road team was replaced by the New England Knockouts (Brockton, MA) in 2024. Brockton last had a pro team in 2011 in the Can-Am League. 8 of the teams played in the Frontier League in **2019**. 6 played in the Can-Am League, and joined the Frontier League in a merger. Tri-City (Troy, NY) came from the New York-Penn League. **2023** attendance was estimated for New Jersey, since they did not report attendance for 10 dates. New Jersey's 2023 average per date for games with listed attendance was assigned to the 10 dates with unreported attendance figures.
- **2024 attendance was a league record-high 1,736,211**, with an average per team of 108,513, and an average per date of 2,372. 37 dates were lost, with 8 fewer played than in 2023. Total attendance was up 98,652 (6.0%) **vs. 2023**, and average per date rose 159 (7.2%). The 15 teams that played in this league in both 2024 and 2023 had a combined 47,357 (2.9%) gain in total attendance, and were up 243 (11.0%) in average per date.
- **8 teams had increases in total attendance and 14 of 15 returning teams were up in average per date. New Jersey had the best 2024 numerical and percentage increases among all U.S./Canadian Minor League teams. Their total attendance was up an estimated 40,051 (88.1%), and average per date rose an estimated 991 (109.0%).** New York had the biggest total attendance loss, down 15,061, mainly due to playing 5 fewer dates than in 2023. Florence had the Frontier League's only average per date decline in 2024, but they were down just 4 per date.
- Schaumburg had the league's best **2024** total attendance (231,322), and the top average per date (4,721). The total was 5<sup>th</sup> best, and the average per date was 2<sup>nd</sup> best, among U.S./Canadian independent teams. **The Boomers also had the league's biggest crowd of the year – an all-time team record-high 8,066.**
- The 10-team **2019 Frontier League** drew 1,028,721, and averaged 2,266 per date. The 6-team **2019 Can-Am League** drew 565,936, and averaged 1,986 per date. **Combined total 2019** attendance for the 2 leagues was 1,594,657, with a 2,158 average per date. These leagues officially merged after the 2019 season.
- The league adds the Down East (Kinston, NC) Bird Dogs and the Mississippi (Pearl) Mud Monsters in 2025. Both these locations had MLB-affiliated teams through 2024.
- **Pioneer Baseball League** – 10 teams in 2022 and 2023, 12 in 2024. 7 of these teams played in the MLB-affiliated Rookie Class Pioneer League in 2019. Boise joined from the Short-A Northwest League in 2021. 2024 was the Pioneer League's 4<sup>th</sup> season as an independent pro league. In **2022**, the league added teams in Kalispell, Montana (Glacier Range Riders), and Windsor, Colorado (Northern Colorado Owlz). However Northern Colorado's park has not been ready since 2022, so the team has played on various fields. They listed attendance as 27,581 in 43 dates in 2023, and no attendance was listed in 2024. Northern Colorado's 2023 attendance is excluded from the league's official attendance figures, and from this report's listed attendance totals and average per date.
- In 2024, the league added teams in Oakland and Yolo, CA. Yolo did not have reported attendance. Top crowd in the league in 2024 was 8,427 at Rocky Mountain.
- **The league continued to play a 96-game schedule in 2024, and drew a league record-high total of 1,052,267**, averaging 2,220 per date. The total was up 91,492 (9.5%), but average per date fell 90 (3.9%), with 58 more dates than in 2023. 6 dates were lost. 5 teams had no lost dates. The league averaged 105,227 per team. The 9 teams with attendance in both 2024 and 2023 had combined declines of 554 (0.1%) in total attendance, and 56 (2.4%) in average per date. 5 of the 9 teams had gains in total attendance vs. 2023, and 4 teams were up in average per date.
- Boise drew 150,906, averaging 3,211 per date, to lead this league, ending Ogden's 23-year streak as league leaders. Ogden finished a close 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 147,009 total and 3,128 average per date. **Glacier set new team record-highs in total attendance (110,858), average per date (2,310), and for a single game (5,365), in their 3<sup>rd</sup> season.**
- Grand Junction had the league's largest attendance increases, with the total up 11,917, and average per date rising by 248. Ogden had the biggest declines, down 17,552 in total attendance, and down 373 in average per date.
- The **pre-2021** league record-high was 802,682 in 1948, when this league played a full-season schedule. The **2019** Pioneer League had a 76-game schedule, and drew 721,268, averaging a league record-high 2,504 per date.

**Independent Leagues 2024 Attendance Summaries**

- **Pecos Baseball League** – 16 teams in 2024. North Platte, NE and Pecos, TX were added in 2024, and Austin became a road team. Monterey, CA and Lancaster did not return.
- **The Pecos League has operating for 14 seasons, the longest tenure of any ‘small-market’ independent Minor League since the rebirth of independent leagues in 1993.** Most of the league’s parks are tiny.
- **The Pecos League was the only North American professional baseball league, on any level, to have higher attendance in 2021 than it did in 2019, playing a roughly similar-length or shorter, schedule.**
- **2024** total attendance was an estimated 125,234, and average per date was 298. The total was down 5,401 (4.1%) **vs. 2023**, and average per date dipped by 26 (8.0%). 17 more dates were played. Of the 13 teams that played in 2024 and 2023, 9 had gains in total attendance, and 10 were up in average per date, with Trinidad posting the same average in both years. Bakersfield led the league in total attendance (23,458), average per date (634), and had the highest gains, up 12,436 in total, and up 300 in average per date. Garden City and San Fe also topped 500 per date. The declines were very small, with Vallejo, down 716 in total and 60 in average per date, having the top losses.
- The same teams that played home games in this league in both **2024 and 2023** had a combined total attendance increase of 27,590 (29.4%), and an average per date gain of 56 (20.7%), with 25 more dates.
- Lancaster, CA, in **2023**, drew an all-time league record-high total of 32,580, and a league record-shattering 1,810 average per date. The prior league record-high average was 631 by Garden City, KS in 2022. Lancaster’s average per date in 2023 was higher than the reported average of 17 MLB-affiliated teams, and 17 teams from the larger-capacity independent leagues. Considering that the Pecos League does not include ‘no-shows’ in its reported attendance, and all other Minor leagues do include them, Lancaster almost certainly outdrew even more teams if only tickets sold and used are compared. Their park became a soccer facility in 2024, so the team could not return.
- **Bakersfield (as a Pecos League team), Dublin, and Blackwell drew record-highs in total attendance in 2024. These same teams, plus Santa Fe, set new team record-highs in average per date.**
- The Pecos League is the only professional baseball league that does not include ‘no-shows’ (tickets sold but not used) in its attendance. So the number of tickets sold by this league is higher than its announced attendance.
- In 2025, Monterey, CA will return to the league, and Kansas City, MO will be added. Road team Austin and Marysville will not return.
- **United Shore Baseball League** – 4 teams, all based in Utica, MI. – League is counted as one team in this report.
- In **2024** the league drew an estimated 257,300, averaging 3,100 per date. The total was up 30,990 (13.7%), and average per date rose 306 (11.0%) **vs. 2023**, with 2 more dates. Official figures may be released at a later date. This league often sells out around 80% of its games.
- **Mavericks League** – 4 teams, all based in Keizer, Oregon. – League is counted as one team in this report.
- The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes had played in the MLB-affiliated Northwest League in 2019. In 2021, they formed a 4-team independent league which played all its games in their park in Keizer, OR. This is the same type of arrangement used by the United Shore Baseball League.
- **2024 total attendance was a record-high 119,480, up 3,480 (3.0%), with a record-high average per date of 1,219, up 47 (4.1%).** These figures include playoff games. There was one less date in 2024 than in 2023.
- In 2019, the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes, playing 38 home dates in the Northwest League, drew 80,833, averaging 2,127 per date.
- **Empire Baseball League** – 4 teams in **2024**, all located in upstate New York. This league has never provided any attendance data in its history, despite multiple requests. They had 67 dates in 2024, 61 in 2023, 65 in 2022, 75 in 2021, and 55 in 2019.

## 2024 vs. 2023 MLB-AFFILIATED MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2024 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2024 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2023 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2023 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2024 v. 2023</u>	<u># CHG. AVG. '24 v. '23</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
<b><u>INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE</u></b>								
Buffalo Bisons	472,463	71	6,654	487,205	7,165	(14,742)	(510)	1988
Charlotte Knights	439,087	70	6,273	498,816	6,833	(59,729)	(560)	2014
Columbus Clippers	530,992	70	7,586	557,131	7,847	(26,139)	(261)	2009
Durham Bulls	496,715	75	6,623	491,757	6,736	4,958	(114)	1995
Gwinnett (GA) Stripers	188,669	72	2,620	231,044	3,254	(42,375)	(634)	2009
Indianapolis Indians	588,363	70	8,405	556,775	7,842	31,588	563	1996
Iowa (Des Moines) Cubs	409,712	71	5,771	432,246	6,003	(22,534)	(233)	1992
Jacksonville (FL) Jumbo Shrimp	354,445	72	4,923	347,723	5,114	6,722	(191)	2003
Lehigh Valley (PA) IronPigs	588,788	73	8,066	567,322	7,990	21,466	75	2008
Louisville Bats	361,825	71	5,096	396,840	5,512	(35,015)	(416)	2000
Memphis Redbirds	199,992	73	2,740	231,698	3,174	(31,706)	(434)	2000
Nashville Sounds	500,241	71	7,046	556,962	7,736	(56,721)	(690)	2015
Norfolk Tides	423,552	69	6,138	411,429	5,795	12,123	344	1993
Omaha Storm Chasers	285,679	71	4,024	304,129	4,166	(18,450)	(143)	2011
Rochester Red Wings	445,338	69	6,454	437,561	6,077	7,777	377	1997
St. Paul Saints	457,012	71	6,437	460,918	6,492	(3,906)	(55)	2015
Scranton-Wilkes Barre RailRiders	314,145	68	4,620	336,162	4,872	(22,017)	(252)	2013
Syracuse Mets	350,777	71	4,941	336,492	5,022	14,285	(82)	1997
Toledo Mud Hens	458,450	71	6,457	447,384	6,214	11,066	243	2002
Worcester Red Sox	479,636	70	6,852	519,651	7,424	(40,015)	(572)	2021
<b>LEAGUE TOTAL</b>	<b>8,345,881</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>5,882</b>	<b>8,609,245</b>	<b>6,063</b>	<b>(263,364)</b>	<b>(181)</b>	
<b><u>PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE</u></b>								
Albuquerque Isotopes	503,525	75	6,714	521,521	7,048	(17,996)	(334)	2003
El Paso Chihuahuas	491,296	75	6,551	507,907	6,772	(16,611)	(221)	2014
Las Vegas Aviators	481,802	74	6,511	506,047	6,838	(24,245)	(328)	2019
Oklahoma (City) Dodgers	387,988	74	5,243	399,908	5,633	(11,920)	(389)	1998
Reno Aces	355,269	74	4,801	372,926	5,040	(17,657)	(239)	2009
Round Rock (TX) Express	366,025	72	5,084	411,550	5,561	(45,525)	(478)	2000
Sacramento River Cats	409,700	74	5,536	388,475	5,180	21,225	357	2000
Salt Lake (City) Bees	469,478	74	6,344	443,494	6,160	25,984	185	1994
Sugar Land (TX) Space Cowboys	280,956	73	3,849	299,055	4,097	(18,099)	(248)	2012
Tacoma Rainiers	401,027	73	5,494	384,498	5,267	16,529	226	1960
<b>LEAGUE TOTAL</b>	<b>4,147,066</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>5,619</b>	<b>4,235,381</b>	<b>5,762</b>	<b>(88,315)</b>	<b>(143)</b>	
<b>TOTAL - TRIPLE-A</b>	<b>12,492,947</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>5,792</b>	<b>12,844,626</b>	<b>5,960</b>	<b>(351,679)</b>	<b>(169)</b>	
<b><u>EASTERN LEAGUE</u></b>								
Akron RubberDucks	265,008	68	3,897	265,936	4,029	(928)	(132)	1997
Altoona Curve	305,598	66	4,630	308,003	4,597	(2,405)	33	1999
Binghamton Rumble Ponies	146,061	63	2,318	206,911	3,183	(60,850)	(865)	1992
Bowie Baysox	234,807	67	3,505	234,527	3,500	280	4	1994
Erie Seawolves	190,780	66	2,891	207,555	3,098	(16,775)	(207)	1995
Harrisburg Senators	275,733	68	4,055	273,768	4,212	1,965	(157)	2010
Hartford Yard Goats	411,351	67	6,140	402,731	6,293	8,620	(153)	2017
New Hampshire Fisher Cats	237,029	64	3,704	236,809	4,083	220	(379)	2005
Portland (ME) Sea Dogs	395,461	65	6,084	403,957	6,121	(8,496)	(37)	1994
Reading Fightin' Phils	414,262	66	6,277	385,478	5,930	28,784	346	1951
Richmond Flying Squirrels	435,295	66	6,595	428,541	6,396	6,754	199	1985
Somerset (NJ) Patriots	348,390	66	5,279	352,293	5,181	(3,903)	98	1999
<b>LEAGUE TOTAL</b>	<b>3,659,775</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>3,706,509</b>	<b>4,722</b>	<b>(46,734)</b>	<b>(101)</b>	

## 2024 vs. 2023 MLB-AFFILIATED MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2024 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2024 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2023 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2023 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2024 v. 2023</u>	<u># CHG. AVG. '24 v. '23</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
<b><u>SOUTHERN LEAGUE</u></b>								
Biloxi Shuckers	155,256	64	2,426	158,586	2,440	(3,330)	(14)	2015
Birmingham Barons	234,488	65	3,608	253,232	3,837	(18,744)	(229)	2013
Chattanooga Lookouts	213,890	63	3,395	228,940	3,417	(15,050)	(22)	2000
Mississippi (Pearl) Braves	118,621	57	2,081	162,862	2,545	(44,241)	(464)	2005
Montgomery (AL) Biscuits	163,959	64	2,562	168,751	2,557	(4,792)	5	2004
Pensacola Blue Wahoos	285,821	68	4,203	293,581	4,255	(7,760)	(52)	2012
Rocket City, (AL) Trash Pandas	319,417	70	4,563	314,306	4,911	5,111	(348)	2021
Tennessee (Kodak) Smokies	292,445	67	4,365	295,603	4,548	(3,158)	(183)	2000
<b>LEAGUE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,783,897</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>3,444</b>	<b>1,875,861</b>	<b>3,566</b>	<b>(91,964)</b>	<b>(122)</b>	
Mississippi played 4 'home' games at Rocket City. Attendance from those games (11,150) is included in Rocket City's figures.								
<b><u>TEXAS LEAGUE</u></b>								
Amarillo Sod Poodles	340,033	66	5,152	355,440	5,385	(15,407)	(233)	2019
Arkansas (Little Rock) Travelers	327,279	66	4,959	307,607	4,591	19,672	368	2007
Corpus Christi Hooks	279,467	68	4,110	294,986	4,403	(15,519)	(293)	2005
Frisco RoughRiders	371,149	67	5,540	347,758	5,190	23,391	349	2003
Midland (TX) RockHounds	225,274	67	3,362	233,724	3,387	(8,450)	(25)	2002
NW Arkansas Naturals	230,599	66	3,494	256,552	3,773	(25,953)	(279)	2008
San Antonio Missions	265,011	68	3,897	284,419	4,183	(19,408)	(285)	1994
Springfield (MO) Cardinals	263,648	68	3,877	256,947	3,893	6,701	(16)	2003
Tulsa Drillers	341,751	66	5,178	356,002	5,235	(14,251)	(57)	2010
Wichita Wind Surge	301,886	69	4,375	322,637	4,676	(20,751)	(301)	2021
<b>LEAGUE TOTAL</b>	<b>2,946,097</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>4,391</b>	<b>3,016,072</b>	<b>4,468</b>	<b>(69,975)</b>	<b>(78)</b>	
<b>TOTAL - DOUBLE-A</b>	<b>8,389,769</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>4,235</b>	<b>8,598,442</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>(208,673)</b>	<b>(94)</b>	
<b><u>MIDWEST LEAGUE</u></b>								
Beloit Sky Carp	99,224	60	1,654	104,411	1,606	(5,187)	47	2021
Cedar Rapids (IA)ernels	150,102	63	2,383	161,205	2,480	(11,103)	(98)	2002
Dayton Dragons	528,778	66	8,012	520,433	7,885	8,345	126	2000
Fort Wayne Tin Caps	341,015	61	5,590	340,038	5,313	977	277	2009
Great Lakes (Midland, MI) Loons	200,892	63	3,189	186,112	3,002	14,780	187	2007
Lake County (OH) Captains	209,758	60	3,496	193,436	3,517	16,322	(21)	2003
Lansing Lugnuts	266,389	62	4,297	299,449	4,679	(33,060)	(382)	1996
Peoria Chiefs	164,658	65	2,533	158,209	2,472	6,449	61	2002
Quad Cities River Bandits	169,603	62	2,736	173,724	2,632	(4,121)	103	2004
South Bend Cubs	310,023	65	4,770	314,591	4,915	(4,568)	(146)	1988
West Michigan Whitecaps	372,943	64	5,827	360,999	5,730	11,944	97	1994
Wisconsin Timber Rattlers	229,129	62	3,696	227,119	3,494	2,010	201	1995
<b>LEAGUE TOTAL</b>	<b>3,042,514</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>4,041</b>	<b>3,039,726</b>	<b>3,984</b>	<b>2,788</b>	<b>57</b>	
<b><u>SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE</u></b>								
Aberdeen IronBirds	125,115	64	1,955	141,019	2,203	(15,904)	(249)	2002
Asheville Tourists	183,987	63	2,920	183,034	3,001	953	(80)	1992
Bowling Green (KY) Hot Rods	137,683	60	2,295	155,447	2,507	(17,764)	(212)	2009
Brooklyn Cyclones	173,405	63	2,752	182,875	2,857	(9,470)	(105)	2001
Greensboro Grasshoppers	253,050	64	3,954	279,060	4,501	(26,010)	(547)	2005
Greenville (SC) Drive	304,653	65	4,687	303,328	4,973	1,325	(286)	2006
Hickory Crawdads	114,548	62	1,848	108,775	1,783	5,773	64	1993
Hudson Valley (NY) Renegades	195,791	65	3,012	183,649	2,870	12,142	143	1994
Jersey Shore BlueClaws	284,136	65	4,371	287,602	4,793	(3,466)	(422)	2001
Rome (GA) Emperors	78,369	56	1,399	95,120	1,534	(16,751)	(135)	2003
Wilmington (DE) Blue Rocks	163,031	62	2,630	156,200	2,519	6,831	110	1993
Winston-Salem Dash	255,895	62	4,127	294,046	4,743	(38,151)	(615)	2010
<b>LEAGUE TOTAL</b>	<b>2,269,663</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>2,370,155</b>	<b>3,181</b>	<b>(100,492)</b>	<b>(159)</b>	

**2024 vs. 2023 MLB-AFFILIATED MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE**

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2024 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2024 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2023 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2023 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2024 v. 2023</u>	<u># CHG. AVG. '24 v. '23</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
<b><u>NORTHWEST LEAGUE</u></b>								
Eugene Emeralds	153,067	65	2,355	145,896	2,473	7,171	(118)	2010
Everett AquaSox	135,695	64	2,120	140,937	2,237	(5,242)	(117)	1984
Hillsboro (OR) Hops	153,571	65	2,363	158,723	2,405	(5,152)	(42)	2013
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Spokane Indians	254,807	65	3,920	249,012	3,953	5,795	(32)	1958
Tri-City (Pasco, WA) Dust Devils	121,949	65	1,876	120,444	1,825	1,505	51	1995
Vancouver (BC) Canadians	274,892	59	4,659	297,437	4,876	(22,545)	(217)	1951
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,093,981	383	2,856	1,112,449	2,943	(18,468)	(87)	
TOTAL - HIGH-A	6,406,158	1,887	3,395	6,522,330	3,458	(116,172)	(63)	
<b><u>CAROLINA LEAGUE</u></b>								
Augusta (GA) GreenJackets	254,054	64	3,970	260,060	4,195	(6,006)	(225)	2018
Carolina Mudcats	119,954	62	1,935	138,299	2,305	(18,345)	(370)	1991
Charleston (SC) RiverDogs	256,695	60	4,278	270,170	4,288	(13,475)	(10)	1997
Columbia (SC) Fireflies	217,809	63	3,457	219,277	3,595	(1,468)	(137)	2016
Delmarva (Salisbury) Shorebirds	172,786	65	2,658	189,749	3,162	(16,963)	(504)	1996
Down East (Kinston) Wood Ducks	74,996	56	1,339	96,220	1,527	(21,224)	(188)	1949
Fayetteville Woodpeckers	189,104	62	3,050	187,195	2,971	1,909	79	2019
Fredericksburg Nationals	232,690	63	3,693	267,400	4,178	(34,710)	(485)	2021
Kannapolis Cannon Ballers	195,795	65	3,012	195,500	3,055	295	(42)	2021
Lynchburg Hillcats	97,282	61	1,595	108,725	1,673	(11,443)	(78)	2004
Myrtle Beach Pelicans	249,349	63	3,958	268,600	4,197	(19,251)	(239)	1999
Salem Red Sox	185,784	65	2,858	177,083	2,903	8,701	(45)	1995
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,246,298	749	2,999	2,378,278	3,171	(131,980)	(172)	
<b><u>FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE</u></b>								
Bradenton Marauders	68,539	65	1,054	65,598	1,075	2,941	(21)	1923
Clearwater Threshers	164,074	62	2,646	157,072	2,493	7,002	153	2004
Daytona Tortugas	98,541	61	1,615	93,894	1,539	4,647	76	1930
Dunedin Blue Jays	54,366	63	863	31,210	495	23,156	368	1977
Fort Myers Mighty Mussels	83,409	56	1,489	108,879	1,675	(25,470)	(186)	1991
Jupiter Hammerheads	42,543	42	1,013	35,515	911	7,028	102	1998
Lakeland Flying Tigers	40,392	60	673	38,202	616	2,190	57	1966
Palm Beach Cardinals	45,968	45	1,022	33,067	870	12,901	151	1998
St. Lucie Mets	72,568	66	1,100	74,213	1,197	(1,645)	(97)	1988
Tampa Tarpons	57,722	56	1,031	58,150	986	(428)	45	1996
LEAGUE TOTAL	728,122	576	1,264	695,800	1,214	32,322	50	
<b><u>CALIFORNIA LEAGUE</u></b>								
Fresno Grizzlies	256,446	64	4,007	277,089	4,198	(20,643)	(191)	2002
Inland Empire (S. Bernardi.) 66ers	137,068	65	2,109	139,534	2,147	(2,466)	(38)	1996
Lake Elsinore Storm	102,920	66	1,559	94,385	1,547	8,535	12	1994
Modesto Nuts	81,310	63	1,291	83,077	1,259	(1,767)	32	1952
Rancho Cucamonga Quakes	152,895	64	2,389	151,082	2,289	1,813	100	1993
San Jose Giants	122,824	65	1,890	124,129	1,881	(1,305)	9	1942
Stockton Ports	105,952	66	1,605	117,377	1,778	(11,425)	(173)	2005
Visalia Rawhide	123,760	64	1,934	126,235	1,913	(2,475)	21	1946
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,083,175	517	2,095	1,112,908	2,132	(29,733)	(37)	
TOTAL - SINGLE-A	4,057,595	1,842	2,203	4,186,986	2,269	(129,391)	(67)	
TOTAL - 2023 MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES	31,346,469	7,867	3,985	32,152,384	4,084	(805,915)	(100)	

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<b><u>MEXICAN LEAGUE</u></b>								
Aguascalientes Railroadmen	146,619	43	3,410	75,000	1,923	71,619	1,487	1938
Campeche Pirates	62,272	42	1,483	66,785	1,670	(4,513)	(187)	2001
Cancun (Quintana Roo) Tigers	218,978	42	5,214	212,804	4,836	6,174	377	2006
<i>Chihuahua Dorados</i>	<i>72,193</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>2,063</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----	2005
Dos Laredos Owls	172,917	47	3,679	160,218	3,641	12,699	38	2008, '12
Durango Generals	76,206	43	1,772	83,570	1,990	(7,364)	(218)	1986
Jalisco (Guadalajara) Charros	166,568	42	3,966	106,405	2,475	60,163	1,491	2011
(Union) Laguna Cotton Makers	332,273	47	7,070	260,250	5,915	72,023	1,155	1932
Leon Braves	168,531	42	4,013	193,402	4,605	(24,871)	(592)	1973
Mexico City Red Devils	505,726	43	11,761	451,884	10,509	53,842	1,252	2019
Monclova (del Norte) Steelers	189,443	44	4,306	186,175	4,231	3,268	74	1975
Monterrey Sultans	354,094	42	8,431	371,262	8,438	(17,168)	(7)	1990
Oaxaca Warriors	108,954	40	2,724	96,090	2,235	12,864	489	1950
Puebla Parrots	210,570	41	5,136	169,463	4,460	41,107	676	1972
<i>Queretaro Conspirators</i>	<i>84,945</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>2,235</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----	2024
Saltillo Sarape Makers	292,105	45	6,491	300,240	7,323	(8,135)	(832)	1963
Tabasco Olmecas	165,910	44	3,771	188,208	4,953	(22,298)	(1,182)	1964
Tijuana Toros	419,200	44	9,527	418,462	9,299	738	228	1976
Veracruz Eagles	150,585	44	3,422	194,320	4,858	(43,735)	(1,436)	1992
Yucatan Lions	134,781	41	3,287	506,765	10,558	(371,984)	(7,270)	1982
<b>LEAGUE TOTAL</b>	<b>4,032,870</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>4,041,303</b>	<b>5,304</b>	<b>(8,433)</b>	<b>(553)</b>	

*In 2024, Dos Laredos split its home schedule between Laredo, TX (86,600 (24) 3,608) and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico (86,317 (23) 3,753). In 2023, the Dos Laredos split was: Laredo, TX (77,105 (22) 3,505) and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico (83,113 (22) 3,778).*

<b><u>ATLANTIC LEAGUE</u></b>								
Charleston (WV) Dirty Birds	156,510	60	2,609	146,336	2,360	10,174	248	2005
Gastonia Honey Hunters	71,462	59	1,211	91,090	1,423	(19,628)	(212)	2021
<i>Hagerstown Flying Boxcars</i>	<i>175,079</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>2,824</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----	2024
High Point (NC) Rockers	102,994	62	1,661	116,925	1,886	(13,931)	(225)	2019
Lancaster Barnstormers	246,807	60	4,113	242,961	3,983	3,846	130	2005
Lexington (KY) Counter Clocks	112,537	60	1,876	92,806	1,547	19,731	329	2001
Long Island (Central Islip) Ducks	290,073	62	4,679	297,745	4,652	(7,672)	26	2000
S. Maryland (Waldorf) Blue Crabs	161,115	57	2,827	181,291	3,022	(20,176)	(195)	2008
Staten Island Ferry Hawks	81,419	58	1,404	68,938	1,149	12,481	255	2001
York Revolution	202,502	61	3,320	196,968	3,283	5,534	37	2007
<i>Spire City(Fred. MD)Ghost Hounds</i>	-----	-----	-----	57,836	1,345	-----	-----	1990
<b>LEAGUE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,600,498</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>2,663</b>	<b>1,492,896</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>107,602</b>	<b>158</b>	

<b><u>AMERICAN ASSOCIATION</u></b>								
Chicago Dogs	218,897	49	4,467	206,258	4,125	12,639	342	2018
Cleburne (TX) Railroaders	82,134	50	1,643	59,817	1,196	22,317	446	2017
Fargo - Moorhead RedHawks	150,965	48	3,145	155,331	3,170	(4,366)	(25)	1996
Gary Southshore RailCats	152,985	48	3,187	148,354	3,156	4,631	31	2003
Kane County (IL) Cougars	274,694	49	5,606	261,836	5,571	12,858	35	1991
Kansas City (KS) Monarchs	76,279	43	1,774	87,244	1,818	(10,965)	(44)	2003
Lake Country (WI) Dockhounds	87,440	49	1,784	91,839	1,874	(4,399)	(90)	2022
Lincoln Saltdogs	162,132	47	3,450	151,265	3,087	10,867	363	2001
Milwaukee Milkmen	80,844	49	1,650	87,849	1,793	(7,005)	(143)	2019
Sioux City (IA) Explorers	60,449	48	1,259	54,899	1,193	5,550	66	1993
Sioux Falls (SD) Canaries	85,475	48	1,781	71,972	1,439	13,503	341	1964
Winnipeg Goldeyes	183,046	48	3,813	178,393	3,641	4,653	173	1999
<b>LEAGUE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,615,340</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>1,555,057</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>60,283</b>	<b>137</b>	

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<b><u>FRONTIER LEAGUE</u></b>								
Evansville Otters	95,474	44	2,170	102,561	2,051	(7,087)	119	1915
Florence (KY) Y'Alls	100,587	46	2,187	111,742	2,191	(11,155)	(4)	2004
Gateway (Sauget, IL) Grizzlies	87,388	48	1,821	80,453	1,642	6,935	179	2002
Joliet Slammers	104,428	46	2,270	114,901	2,253	(10,473)	17	2002
Lake Erie (Avon, OH) Crushers	97,296	47	2,070	91,501	1,830	5,795	240	2009
<i>New Eng. (Brockton) Knockouts</i>	<i>51,295</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>1,115</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>2002</i>
New Jersey Jackals	85,518	45	1,900	45,467	909	40,051	991	2023
New York (Rockland) Boulders	136,229	44	3,096	151,290	3,088	(15,061)	9	2011
Ottawa Titans	85,214	43	1,982	76,505	1,628	8,709	354	1993
Quebec (City) Capitales	164,925	48	3,436	166,916	3,035	(1,991)	401	1938
Schaumburg Boomers	231,322	49	4,721	230,023	4,510	1,299	211	1999
Sussex (NJ) Miners	88,180	43	2,051	68,251	1,587	19,929	463	1994
Tri-City (Troy, NY) ValleyCats	135,036	45	3,001	136,231	2,838	(1,195)	163	2002
Trois Rivieres Aigles	76,548	45	1,701	68,814	1,496	7,734	205	1938
Washington (PA) Wild Things	99,150	47	2,110	94,899	1,898	4,251	212	2002
Windy City ThunderBolts	97,621	46	2,122	98,005	1,960	(384)	162	1999
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,736,211	732	2,372	1,637,559	2,213	98,652	159	
<b><u>PIONEER LEAGUE</u></b>								
Billings Mustangs	108,693	48	2,264	110,113	2,503	(1,420)	(238)	2008
Boise Hawks	150,906	47	3,211	162,922	3,466	(12,016)	(256)	1989
Glacier (MT) Range Riders	110,858	48	2,310	100,661	2,097	10,197	212	2022
Grand Junction Jackalopes	79,417	48	1,655	67,500	1,406	11,917	248	1958
Great Falls (MT) Voyagers	67,280	47	1,431	62,640	1,424	4,640	8	1956
Idaho Falls Chukars	92,551	47	1,969	89,349	2,031	3,202	(61)	2007
Missoula Paddleheads	82,088	46	1,785	88,988	1,893	(6,900)	(109)	2004
Northern Colorado Owlz				27,581	641	(27,581)	(641)	2024
<i>Oakland Ballers</i>	<i>92,046</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>1,918</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>2024</i>
Ogden Raptors	147,009	47	3,128	164,561	3,501	(17,552)	(373)	1997
Rocky Mtn. Vibes (Colorado Spr.)	121,419	48	2,530	114,041	2,426	7,378	103	1988
<i>Yolo (Davis, CA) High Wheelers</i>				<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>1986</i>
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,052,267	474	2,220	988,356	2,310	63,911	(90)	
<i>The league did not include limited attendance by Yolo and Northern Colorado.</i>								
<b><u>PECOS BASEBALL LEAGUE - Attendance is estimated by the league, and does not include 'no-shows'</u></b>								
Alpine Cowboys	13,328	34	392	10,560	352	2,768	40	1947
Bakersfield Train Robbers	23,458	37	634	11,022	334	12,436	300	1941
Blackwell (OK) FlyCatchers	4,959	29	171	2,783	121	2,176	50	
Dublin Leprechauns	2,484	18	138	1,072	134	1,412	4	
Garden City (KS) Wind	19,136	32	598	15,262	587	3,874	11	1936
Martinez Sturgeon	7,134	29	246	7,695	285	(561)	(39)	
Marysville (CA) Drakes	5,516	28	197	3,201	97	2,315	100	
North Platte (NE) 80's	2,620	20	131	-----	-----	-----	-----	1956
Pecos (TX) Bills	1,053	27	39	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Roswell Invaders	3,248	29	112	3,535	101	(287)	11	1939
San Rafael Pacifics	11,936	32	373	12,348	343	(412)	30	1950
Santa Fe Fuego	15,531	31	501	12,992	448	2,539	53	1947
Trinidad Triggers	5,600	32	175	4,725	175	875	0	1960
Tucson Saguaros	5,831	17	343	4,660	233	1,171	110	
Vallejo Seaweed (S. Cruz in 2022)	3,400	25	136	4,116	196	(716)	(60)	
Austin Weirdos (2024 Road Team)	-----	-----	-----	240	40	-----	-----	
Lancaster (CA) Sound Breakers	-----	-----	-----	32,580	1,810	-----	-----	
Monterey (CA) Amerjacks	-----	-----	-----	3,844	124	-----	-----	
LEAGUE TOTAL	125,234	420	298	130,635	324	(5,401)	(26)	



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<b><u>UNITED SHORE BASEBALL LEAGUE - All games in Utica, MI</u></b>								
Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers								
East Side Diamond Hoppers								
Utica Unicorns								
Westside Woolly Mammoths								
LEAGUE TOTAL	257,300	83	3,100	226,310	2,794	30,990	306	2016
<b><u>EMPIRE PRO LEAGUE</u></b>								
Saranac Lake (NY) Surge	N/A	11		N/A		-----		1984
Malone Border Hounds	N/A	23						
Plattsburgh (NY) Thunderbirds	N/A	9		N/A		-----		2003
Tupper Lake Riverpigs	N/A	24		N/A		-----		
LEAGUE TOTAL	N/A	61		N/A				
Empire League number of dates are not included in the totals below. The league does not report attendance.								
<b><u>MAVERICKS LEAGUE - All games in Keizer, OR.</u></b>								
Campeños de Salem-Keizer								
Portland Mavericks								
Salem Senators								
Salem-Keizer (OR) Volcanoes								
LEAGUE TOTAL	119,480	98	1,219	116,000	1,172	3,480	47	1997
INDEPENDENT TOTAL	10,539,200	3,833	2,750	10,188,116	2,761	351,084	(11)	
ALL MINOR LEAGUES	41,885,669	11,700	3,580	42,340,500	3,663	(454,831)	(83)	

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<b>MLB DRAFT LEAGUE</b>								
Frederick Keys	96,706	36	2,686	92,349	2,565	4,357	121	1990
Mahoning Valley Scrappers	98,856	39	2,535	85,215	2,303	13,641	232	1999
State College Spikes	103,754	38	2,730	112,209	2,877	(8,455)	(147)	2006
Trenton Thunder	196,837	37	5,320	196,669	5,463	168	(143)	1994
West Virginia Black Bears	39,897	39	1,023	44,236	1,164	(4,339)	(141)	2015
Williamsport Croisscutters	57,213	34	1,683	59,137	1,690	(1,924)	(7)	1923
LEAGUE TOTAL	593,263	223	2,660	589,815	2,669	3,448	(8)	
<b>APPALACHIAN LEAGUE</b>								
Bluefield (WV) Ridge Runners	19,250	22	875	16,728	760	2,522	115	1939
Bristol (VA) State Lines	26,740	22	1,215	25,674	1,351	1,066	(136)	1969
Burlington (NC) Sock Puppets	39,947	23	1,737	46,760	2,033	(6,813)	(296)	1960
Danville (VA) Otterbots	33,748	24	1,406	35,339	1,536	(1,591)	(130)	1993
Elizabethton (TN) River Riders	20,489	22	931	22,222	1,010	(1,733)	(79)	1974
Greeneville (TN) Flyboys	54,796	22	2,491	45,251	2,263	9,545	228	2004
Johnson City (TN) Doughboys	78,009	22	3,546	87,719	3,655	(9,710)	(109)	1956
Kingsport (TN) Axmen	43,631	23	1,897	43,956	2,093	(325)	(196)	1995
Pulaski River Turtles	34,172	24	1,424	26,150	1,453	8,022	(29)	1935
Tri-State (Hunting.WV) Coal Cats	23,185	24	966	-----	-----	-----	-----	2024
Princeton (WV) Whistle Pigs	-----	-----	-----	10,427	549	-----	-----	1988
LEAGUE TOTAL	373,967	228	1,640	360,226	1,707	13,741	(67)	
<b>PROSPECT LEAGUE</b>								
Burlington (IA) Bees	24,946	29	860	26,689	920	(1,743)	(60)	1947
Clinton Lumberkings	75,372	28	2,692	80,904	2,790	(5,532)	(98)	1937
O'Fallon, MO (River City) - Indy	28,544	25	1,142	28,370	978	174	163	1999
Jackson (TN) Rockabillys	51,564	28	1,842	46,949	1,677	4,615	165	1998
Thrillville (Marion, IL) Thrillbillies	90,927	25	3,637	63,070	2,426	27,857	1,211	2007
<b>PERFECT GAME LEAGUE</b>								
Auburn (NY) Doubledays	N/A			N/A				1995
Batavia Muckdogs	46,813	20	2,341	45,178	2,259	1,635	82	1996
<b>FUTURES COLLEGIATE LEAGUE</b>								
Norwich (CT) Sea Unicorns	45,606	31	1,471	52,739	1,648	(7,133)	(177)	1995
Vermont Lake Monsters	83,993	34	2,470	72,067	2,485	11,926	(15)	1922
New Britain Bees	40,119	27	1,486	47,680	1,703	(7,561)	(217)	1996

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ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE - Figures from this league are not included in any 'all leagues' totals

Glendale Desert Dogs	4,192	14	299	3,786	252	406	47	2009
Mesa Solar Sox	5,301	15	353	6,517	466	(1,216)	(112)	2014
Peoria Javelinas	6,342	15	423	5,754	411	588	12	1994
Salt River Rafter	8,668	15	578	7,134	476	1,534	102	2011
Scottsdale Scorpions	6,257	14	447	5,960	397	297	50	1992
Surprise Saguros	5,097	13	392	4,564	304	533	88	2011
LEAGUE TOTAL	35,857	86	417	33,715	383	2,142	34	

**LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH**

This section lists 2024 monthly attendance for each of the 11 affiliated leagues, and for 5 independent leagues (American Association, Atlantic, Frontier, Pioneer, and Mexican Leagues.) Since the number of dates played varies by month, the most vital figure is the average per date. There are also monthly combined totals for the 11 MLB-affiliated leagues, and the 5 listed independent leagues. Monthly attendance from the other independent leagues is not available. Comparisons are made with monthly data from 2023.

The data is from Minor League Baseball and the MLB Stats Reporting Platform. Special thanks to Jeff Lantz, Senior Manager of Communications of Major League and Minor League Baseball, for his help.

Note that in both years, the combined MLB-affiliated leagues average attendance per date for September is affected by the schedules described in the paragraph below. For March through August 2024, 26.1% of dates were in Triple-A, 24.9% were in Double-A, and 49.0% were in combined High-A and Single A. In September, due to longer AAA seasons, 42.0% of dates were in Triple-A, 28.3% were in Double A, and 29.8% were combined-A. This is why the average per date is higher than in other months.

In 2024, the AAA leagues played 150-game schedules, running from March 29 through Sept. 22. AA leagues had 138 games from April 5 through Sept. 15. Class A leagues played 132 games from April 5 through Sept. 8. Among independent leagues in these tables, the Mexican League had 90 games from April 12 through August 1, the Atlantic League played 126 games from April 25 through Sept. 15, the Frontier League had 96 games from May 9 through Sept. 1, the Pioneer League played 96 games from May 21 through Sept. 8, and the American Association played a 100 games from May 9 through September 2.

**INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE**

	2024 # of Dates	2024 Total Attendance	2024 Average per Date	2023 Average per Date	24 vs. '23 % Change Avg./Date
March-April	250	1,187,891	4,752	4,884	(2.7)
May	258	1,410,622	5,468	5,715	(4.3)
June	250	1,659,344	6,637	6,875	(3.5)
July	218	1,460,142	6,698	7,010	(4.5)
August	258	1,541,313	5,974	5,979	(0.1)
September	184	1,086,569	5,905	6,008	(1.7)
League Total	1,418	8,345,881	5,886	6,063	(2.9)

**PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE**

	2024 # of Dates	2024 Total Attendance	2024 Average per Date	2023 Average per Date	24 vs. '23 % Change Avg./Date
March-April	134	677,136	5,053	5,511	(8.3)
May	133	775,134	5,828	5,714	2.0
June	129	728,935	5,651	5,914	(4.5)
July	112	655,701	5,854	6,193	(5.5)
August	135	731,337	5,417	5,203	4.1
September	95	568,823	5,988	6,185	(3.2)
League Total	738	4,137,066	5,606	5,762	(2.7)

**EASTERN LEAGUE**

	2024 # of Dates	2024 Total Attendance	2024 Average per Date	2023 Average per Date	24 vs. '23 % Change Avg./Date
April	120	477,704	3,981	3,574	11.4
May	154	682,357	4,431	4,761	(6.9)
June	151	755,892	5,006	5,080	(1.5)
July	136	695,399	5,113	5,194	(1.6)
August	155	698,163	4,504	4,829	(6.7)
September	78	350,260	4,491	4,603	(2.4)
League Total	794	3,659,775	4,609	4,722	(2.4)

**TEXAS LEAGUE**

	2024 # of Dates	2024 Total Attendance	2024 Average per Date	2023 Average per Date	24 vs. '23 % Change Avg./Date
April	108	476,971	4,416	4,777	(7.5)
May	124	597,837	4,821	4,661	3.4
June	128	570,254	4,455	4,698	(5.2)
July	113	487,650	4,315	4,484	(3.8)
August	134	516,310	3,853	3,674	4.9
September	64	297,075	4,642	4,746	(2.2)
League Total	671	2,946,097	4,391	4,468	(1.7)

**SOUTHERN LEAGUE**

	2024 # of Dates	2024 Total Attendance	2024 Average per Date	2023 Average per Date	24 vs. '23 % Change Avg./Date
April	81	294,796	3,639	3,681	(1.1)
May	102	370,858	3,636	3,722	(2.3)
June	98	346,171	3,532	3,749	(5.8)
July	85	297,428	3,499	3,868	(9.5)
August	106	319,148	3,011	3,071	(2.0)
September	46	155,496	3,380	3,254	3.9
League Total	518	1,783,897	3,444	3,566	(3.4)

**MIDWEST LEAGUE**

	2024 # of Dates	2024 Total Attendance	2024 Average per Date	2023 Average per Date	24 vs. '23 % Change Avg./Date
April	119	309,283	2,599	2,723	(4.6)
May	158	552,510	3,497	3,345	4.5
June	145	624,659	4,308	4,345	(0.9)
July	133	631,240	4,746	4,615	2.8
August	156	752,301	4,822	4,452	8.3
September	42	172,501	4,107	4,602	(10.8)
League Total	753	3,042,494	4,040	3,984	1.4

**LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH**

**SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	125	337,265	2,698	2,877	(6.2)
May	154	452,653	2,939	2,930	0.3
June	151	479,227	3,174	3,291	(3.6)
July	130	417,612	3,212	3,544	(9.4)
August	149	452,492	3,037	3,254	(6.7)
September	42	130,414	3,105	3,072	1.1
League Total	751	2,269,663	3,022	3,181	(5.0)

**NORTHWEST LEAGUE**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	60	102,526	1,709	1,895	(9.8)
May	76	172,895	2,275	2,243	1.4
June	76	237,798	3,129	3,270	(4.3)
July	69	218,501	3,167	3,507	(9.7)
August	81	290,302	3,584	3,464	3.5
September	21	71,959	3,427	3,347	2.4
League Total	383	1,093,981	2,856	2,943	(2.9)

**CAROLINA LEAGUE**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	127	385,894	3,039	3,205	(5.2)
May	155	454,880	2,935	3,122	(6.0)
June	155	461,470	2,977	3,193	(6.8)
July	124	385,011	3,105	3,255	(4.6)
August	148	439,503	2,970	3,096	(4.1)
September	40	119,540	2,989	3,173	(5.8)
League Total	749	2,246,298	2,999	3,171	(5.4)

**FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	102	156,728	1,537	1,252	22.7
May	124	141,482	1,141	1,278	(10.7)
June	109	129,677	1,190	1,150	3.5
July	101	149,129	1,477	1,441	2.5
August	114	120,296	1,055	1,022	3.3
September	26	30,810	1,185	1,089	8.8
League Total	576	728,122	1,264	1,214	4.1

**CALIFORNIA LEAGUE**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	80	203,338	2,542	2,555	(0.5)
May	106	234,289	2,210	2,178	1.5
June	104	198,127	1,905	1,982	(3.9)
July	92	183,442	1,994	2,123	(6.1)
August	108	202,136	1,872	1,733	8.0
September	27	61,843	2,290	2,658	(13.8)
League Total	517	1,083,175	2,095	2,132	(1.7)

**FULL SEASON MLB-AFFILIATED LEAGUES TOTAL**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
March-April	1,306	4,609,532	3,530	3,634	(2.9)
May	1,544	5,845,517	3,786	3,872	(2.2)
June	1,496	6,191,554	4,139	4,262	(2.9)
July	1,313	5,581,255	4,251	4,444	(4.3)
August	1,544	6,063,301	3,927	3,913	0.4
September	665	3,045,290	4,579	4,580	(0.0)
Full-Sea. Total	7,868	31,336,449	3,983	4,084	(2.5)

**TRIPLE-A TOTALS**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
March-April	384	1,865,027	4,857	5,099	(4.7)
May	391	2,185,756	5,590	5,714	(2.2)
June	379	2,388,279	6,302	6,544	(3.7)
July	330	2,115,843	6,412	6,731	(4.7)
August	393	2,272,650	5,783	5,713	1.2
September	279	1,655,392	5,933	6,068	(2.2)
Triple-A Total	2,156	12,482,947	5,790	5,960	(2.9)

**DOUBLE-A TOTALS**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	309	1,249,471	4,044	4,020	0.6
May	380	1,651,052	4,345	4,449	(2.3)
June	377	1,672,317	4,436	4,602	(3.6)
July	334	1,480,477	4,433	4,603	(3.7)
August	395	1,533,621	3,883	3,979	(2.4)
September	188	802,831	4,270	4,289	(0.4)
Double-A Total	1,983	8,389,769	4,231	4,330	(2.3)

**LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH**

**HIGH-A AND SINGLE-A COMBINED TOTALS**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	613	1,495,034	2,439	2,494	(2.2)
May	773	2,008,709	2,599	2,631	(1.2)
June	740	2,130,958	2,880	2,956	(2.6)
July	649	1,984,935	3,058	3,195	(4.3)
August	756	2,257,030	2,985	2,948	1.3
September	198	587,067	2,965	3,068	(3.4)
<b>Class A Total</b>	<b>3,729</b>	<b>10,463,733</b>	<b>2,806</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>(2.2)</b>

**ATLANTIC LEAGUE**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	27	81,309	3,011	2,408	25.1
May	129	322,915	2,503	2,544	(1.6)
June	127	350,861	2,763	2,446	12.9
July	127	335,316	2,640	2,498	5.7
August	124	304,326	2,454	2,529	(3.0)
September	67	205,771	3,071	2,518	22.0
<b>League Total</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>1,600,498</b>	<b>2,663</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>6.3</b>

**MEXICAN LEAGUE**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	156	876,130	5,616	6,302	(10.9)
May	233	1,077,993	4,627	4,955	(6.6)
June	222	944,458	4,254	5,243	(18.9)
July	228	1,069,598	4,691	5,138	(8.7)
August	10	64,691	6,469	6,313	2.5
<b>League Total</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>4,032,870</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>5,304</b>	<b>(10.4)</b>

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
May	115	291,729	2,537	2,473	2.6
June	148	402,976	2,723	2,656	2.5
July	141	406,687	2,884	2,759	4.5
August	160	471,431	2,946	2,692	9.5
September	12	42,517	3,543	2,859	23.9
<b>League Total</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>1,615,340</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>5.2</b>

**FRONTIER LEAGUE**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
May	144	315,284	2,189	1,917	14.2
June	200	455,313	2,277	2,100	8.4
July	177	446,791	2,524	2,389	5.7
August	204	493,165	2,417	2,244	7.7
September	7	25,658	3,665	3,151	16.3
<b>League Total</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>1,736,211</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>7.2</b>

**5 INDEPENDENT LEAGUES TOTAL**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	183	957,439	5,232	5,788	(9.6)
May	665	2,098,634	3,156	3,266	(3.4)
June	831	2,444,162	2,941	3,090	(4.8)
July	797	2,541,665	3,189	3,242	(1.6)
August	637	1,651,162	2,592	2,666	(2.8)
September	119	344,124	2,892	2,635	9.7
<b>League Total</b>	<b>3,232</b>	<b>10,037,186</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>(0.7)</b>

**PIONEER LEAGUE**

	2024	2024	2024	2023	24 vs. '23
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
May	44	90,713	2,062	2,470	(16.5)
June	134	290,554	2,168	2,330	(6.9)
July	124	283,273	2,284	2,420	(5.6)
August	139	317,549	2,285	2,130	7.3
September	33	70,178	2,127	2,364	(10.0)
<b>League Total</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>1,052,267</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>(3.9)</b>

**2024 ATTENDANCE SEASON-IN-REVIEW****MLB-AFFILIATED MINOR LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY DAY OF THE WEEK**

This table only covers the 120 MLB-affiliated teams, so it excludes all independent teams. Triple-A teams start and end their seasons later than Double-A and Class-A (High-A and Single-A combined) teams. Double-A and Class-A start on the same date, but Double-A ends a week after Class-A

As would be expected, Saturday was the day with the highest Minor League attendance in **2024**, followed by Friday and Sunday. Monday is almost always an off-day for teams, so it has, by far, the lowest total attendance of any day. The Minor Leagues draw a higher percentage of their attendance on weekends than the Major Leagues do. The MLB-affiliated Minor Leagues drew 41.41% of their 2024 attendance from Monday through Thursday. They drew 58.59% from Friday through Sunday. For the Major Leagues in 2024, Monday through Thursday dates accounted for 45.13% of the yearly total attendance, while Friday through Sunday games drew 54.87% of yearly figures.

The highest total attendance for any day in **2024** was, as expected, 427,045 (7,238 average per game) on Thursday, July 4. 59 dates were played that day. 8 of those games drew over 10,000, topped by a crowd of 14,455 at Salt Lake City. July 3 drew 380,773, averaging 6,454, with 59 dates. 3 games drew at least 10,000, led by a crowd of 12,529 at Buffalo. Almost all teams that have a home game scheduled on July 3 or 4 have a fireworks show. 53 MLB-affiliated teams, and 9 independent teams from 4 U.S./Canadian leagues, had their top crowd of 2024 on July 3 or 4.

The 175 dates of the June 14-16, 2024 weekend drew 885,564, an average of 5,060 per date.

In the table below, the column 'Date with the Highest Total Attendance' is for which Monday had the top total attendance of all Mondays, which Tuesday had the top attendance, and so forth. **The 'Average per Date on 'That Day' is for the date shown in the table.** It is possible that another day **actually had** had a higher average per date.

Friday through Sunday dates drew an average of 1,087 (31.8%) higher per date than Monday through Thursday dates.

**2024 MLB-AFFILIATED MINOR LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY DAY OF THE WEEK**

Day	# of Dates	Total Attendance	Average per Date	% of Yearly Attendance	Date with Highest Total Attendance	Total Attendance on That Top Date	Average per Date on That Day
Monday	78	259,291	3,324	0.83	July 1	169,156	3,021
Tuesday	1,213	4,036,416	3,328	12.88	June 18	215,245	3,648
Wednesday	1,260	4,151,430	3,295	13.24	July 3	380,773	6,454
Thursday	1,244	4,531,964	3,643	14.46	July 4	427,045	7,238
Friday	1,385	6,522,436	4,709	20.81	June 7	312,017	5,200
Saturday	1,390	6,890,777	4,957	21.98	June 15	325,046	5,509
Sunday	1,301	4,954,145	3,808	15.80	June 16	263,985	4,631
Mon.-Thurs. Total	3,795	12,979,101	3,420	41.41	July 4	427,045	7,238
Fri.-Sunday Total	4,076	18,367,358	4,506	58.59	June 15	325,046	5,509
Season Total	7,871	31,346,459	3,982	100.00	July 4	427,045	7,238

Sources: Daily figures are from the Major League Baseball Stats Reporting Platform, MLB Press Release

## MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2024 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE - INDEPENDENT LEAGUES BY TEAM

League and Teams	Total Attendance	# Games	Avg./Game
<b>MEXICAN</b>			
<b>Mexico City</b>	189,779	11	17,253
Monterrey	137,116	10	13,712
Oaxaca	41,114	8	5,139
Dos Laredos	34,263	8	4,283
Del Norte	46,799	6	7,800
Union Laguna	37,861	5	7,572
Queretaro	15,792	4	3,948
Yucatan	23,312	6	3,885
Veracruz	17,330	3	5,777
Puebla	23,525	3	7,842
Aguascalientes	14,668	3	4,889
Tijuana	26,682	3	8,894
<b>Total – Mexican League</b>	<b>608,241</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>8,689</b>
<b>ATLANTIC</b>			
Lancaster, PA	7,701	2	3,851
Charleston, WV	9,568	4	2,392
<b>York</b>	9,626	3	3,209
Gastonia	3,522	2	1,761
<b>Total – Atlantic League</b>	<b>30,417</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,765</b>
<b>AMERICAN ASSOCIATION</b>			
<b>Kane County</b>	4,951	4	1,238
Chicago	4,931	2	2,466
Fargo-Moorhead	4,706	3	1,569
Winnipeg	20,681	5	4,136
Sioux Falls, SD	1,153	1	1,153
Lake County, WI	791	1	791
Sioux City, IA	344	1	344
Cleburne	1,541	2	771
<b>Total – American Association</b>	<b>39,098</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2,058</b>
<b>FRONTIER</b>			
Tri-City, NY	1,949	1	1,949
Ottawa	3,340	1	3,340
Lake Erie	2,311	1	2,311
Gateway	505	1	505
<b>Quebec</b>	16,299	4	4,075
Washington, PA	7,544	3	2,515
<b>Total – Frontier League</b>	<b>31,948</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,904</b>
<b>PIONEER</b>			
<b>Yolo</b>	0	0	0
Oakland	5,939	2	2,970
Missoula	1,795	1	1,795
Glacier	8,582	3	2,861
<b>Total – Pioneer League</b>	<b>16,316</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,719</b>
<b>Grand Total – 5 Leagues</b>	<b>726,020</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>6,205</b>

Playoff Attendance for the United Shore, Pecos, Mavericks, and Empire Leagues was not available.

## MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2024 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE – MLB-AFFILIATED LEAGUES BY TEAM

League and Teams	Total Attendance	# Games	Avg./Game
<b>Omaha-International Champion</b>	9,835	3	3,278
Columbus	0	0	0
<b>Sugar Land-Triple-A/PCL Champion</b>	8,322	2	4,161
Reno	0	0	0
Triple-A Championship at Las Vegas	8,007	1	8,007
<b>TRIPLE-A TOTAL</b>	<b>26,164</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4,361</b>
<b>DOUBLE-A EASTERN</b>			
Akron	3,411	1	3,411
<b>Erie</b>	12,550	3	4,183
Hartford	5,703	1	5,703
Somerset	8,545	2	4,273
<b>Total – Eastern League</b>	<b>30,209</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4,316</b>
<b>DOUBLE-A SOUTHERN</b>			
Biloxi	1,578	1	1,578
<b>Birmingham</b>	10,776	3	3,592
Montgomery	9,621	3	3,207
Tennessee	3,129	1	3,129
<b>Total – Southern League</b>	<b>25,104</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3,138</b>
<b>DOUBLE-A TEXAS</b>			
Springfield, MO	4,845	2	2,423
<b>Arkansas</b>	14,680	3	4,893
Frisco	10,383	2	5,192
Midland	4,187	2	2,094
<b>Total – Texas League</b>	<b>34,095</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3,788</b>
<b>DOUBLE-A TOTAL</b>	<b>89,408</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3,725</b>
<b>HIGH-A SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>			
<b>Bowling Green</b>	2,684	2	1,342
Hudson Valley (Fishkill, NY)	11,774	3	3,925
Greensboro	6,464	2	3,232
Rome	3,715	1	3,715
<b>Total – South Atlantic League</b>	<b>24,637</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3,079</b>
<b>HIGH-A MIDWEST</b>			
Dayton	8,052	1	8,052
<b>Lake County, OH</b>	11,335	3	3,778
Quad Cities	1,260	1	1,260
Wisconsin	8,611	2	4,306
<b>Total – Midwest League</b>	<b>29,258</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4,180</b>
<b>HIGH-A NORTHWEST</b>			
<b>Spokane</b>	2,171	2	1,086
Vancouver, BC	6,919	2	3,460
<b>Total – Northwest League</b>	<b>9,094</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,273</b>
<b>HIGH-A TOTAL</b>	<b>62,989</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3,315</b>



## MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2024 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE – MLB-AFFILIATED LEAGUES BY TEAM

League and Teams	Total Attendance	# Games	Avg./Game
<b>SINGLE-A CAROLINA</b>			
Charleston, SC	4,012	1	4,012
<b>Fredericksburg, VA</b>	5,520	2	2,760
Carolina	2,971	1	2,971
Kannapolis	11,836	3	3,945
<b>Total – Carolina League</b>	<b>24,339</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3,477</b>
<b>SINGLE-A FLORIDA STATE</b>			
<b>Palm Beach</b>	1,603	3	534
Lakeland	830	2	415
Daytona Beach	1,264	1	1,264
Clearwater	1,076	1	1,076
<b>Total – Florida State League</b>	<b>4,773</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>682</b>
<b>SINGLE-A CALIFORNIA</b>			
<b>Modesto</b>	8,555	3	2,852
Lake Elsinore	2,437	2	1,219
Visalia	1,416	1	1,416
San Jose	1,766	1	1,766
<b>Total – California League</b>	<b>14,174</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2,025</b>
<b>SINGLE-A TOTAL</b>	<b>43,286</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2,061</b>
<b>MLB AFFILIATED LEAGUES TOTAL</b>	<b>221,857</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3,169</b>

League champions shown in bold

**MINOR LEAGUE 2024 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE BY LEAGUE, AVERAGE PER GAME, BIG AND SMALL CROWDS**

League	Total Attendance	# of Playoff Games	Average Attend. per Game	Crowds under 1,000	# of Crowds 5,000+	Largest Crowd	Site of Largest Crowd
<b>NAPBL-Affiliated</b>							
International	9,835	3	3,278	0	0	3,524	Omaha
Pacific Coast	8,322	2	4,161	0	0	4,312	Sugar Land
Triple-A Championship	8,007	1	8,007	0	1	8,007	Las Vegas
<b>Total – Triple-A</b>	<b>26,164</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4,361</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8,007</b>	<b>Las Vegas</b>
Eastern	30,209	7	4,316	0	1	5,703	Hartford
Southern	25,104	8	3,138	0	1	5,645	Montgomery
Texas	34,095	9	3,788	0	3	6,331	Frisco
<b>Total – Double-A</b>	<b>89,418</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3,725</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6,331</b>	<b>Frisco</b>
South Atlantic	24,637	8	3,079	0	0	4,269	Hudson Valley
Midwest	29,258	7	4,180	0	1	8,052	Dayton
Northwest	9,094	4	2,273	1	0	3,844	Vancouver
<b>Total – High-A</b>	<b>62,989</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8,052</b>	<b>Dayton</b>
Carolina	24,339	7	3,477	0	0	4,595	Kannapolis
Florida State	4,773	7	682	5	0	1,264	Daytona Beach
California	14,174	7	2,025	0	0	3,613	Modesto
<b>Total – Single-A</b>	<b>43,286</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,595</b>	<b>Kannapolis</b>
<b>Total – Affiliated</b>	<b>221,857</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8,052</b>	<b>Dayton</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT</b>							
Mexican	608,241	70	8,689	0	51	21,909	Monterrey
Atlantic	30,417	11	2,765	0	0	4,920	York
American Association	39,098	19	2,058	5	1	5,828	Winnipeg
Frontier	31,948	11	2,904	1	0	4,297	Quebec (3 games)
Pioneer	16,316	6	2,719	0	0	3,454	Glacier
<b>Total – Independent</b>	<b>726,020</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>6,205</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>21,909</b>	<b>Monterrey</b>
<b>Total – All Leagues</b>	<b>947,877</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>5,069</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>21,909</b>	<b>Monterrey</b>

18 Mexican League playoff games drew at least 10,000, and 13 games topped 15,000.

Excluding the Mexican League, the other 4 independent leagues drew 117,779 in 47 dates, averaging 2,506 per date.

Sources: MLB Stats Reporting Platform, Minor League Baseball (Affiliated Leagues); Individual League Websites and MLB Stats Reporting Platform (Independent Leagues); Bob Wirz of Wirz & Associates, publisher of the Indybaseballchatter.com. Separate playoff attendance for Pecos, United Shore, Mavericks, and Empire Pro Leagues, was not available. Data for Frontier League games at New Jersey was not reported.

## MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE - By League and Classification - 2024 vs. 2023

	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>CHANGE</u> <u>2024 vs. 2023</u>		<u>AVERAGE PER DATE</u>		<u>CHANGE</u> <u>2024 vs. 2023</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u># Change</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u># Change</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>
<b>MLB AFFILIATED LEAGUES</b>								
International	8,345,881	8,609,245	(263,364)	(3.1)	5,882	6,063	(181)	(3.0)
Pacific Coast	4,147,066	4,235,381	(88,315)	(2.1)	5,619	5,762	(143)	(2.5)
Triple-A Total	12,492,947	12,844,626	(351,679)	(2.7)	5,792	5,960	(168)	(2.8)
Texas	2,946,097	3,016,072	(69,975)	(2.3)	4,391	4,468	(77)	(1.7)
Eastern	3,659,775	3,706,509	(46,734)	(1.3)	4,621	4,722	(101)	(2.1)
Southern	1,783,897	1,875,861	(91,964)	(4.9)	3,444	3,566	(122)	(3.4)
Double-A Total	8,389,769	8,598,442	(208,673)	(2.4)	4,235	4,330	(95)	(2.2)
Midwest	3,042,514	3,039,726	2,788	0.1	4,041	3,984	57	1.4
South Atlantic	2,269,663	2,370,155	(100,492)	(4.2)	3,022	3,181	(159)	(5.0)
Northwest	1,093,981	1,112,449	(18,468)	(1.7)	2,856	2,943	(87)	(3.0)
High-A Total	6,406,158	6,522,330	(116,172)	(1.8)	3,395	3,458	(63)	(1.8)
Carolina	2,246,298	2,378,278	(131,980)	(5.5)	2,999	3,171	(172)	(5.4)
Florida State	728,122	695,800	32,322	4.6	1,264	1,214	50	4.1
California	1,083,175	1,112,908	(29,733)	(2.7)	2,095	2,132	(37)	(1.7)
Single-A Total	4,057,595	4,186,986	(129,391)	(3.1)	2,203	2,269	(66)	(2.9)
All Full-Season-A	10,463,753	10,709,316	(245,563)	(2.3)	2,806	2,870	(64)	(2.2)
Full-Season MLB Affiliated Total	31,346,469	32,152,384	(805,915)	(2.5)	3,985	4,084	(99)	(2.4)
<b>MLB PARTNER AND INDEPENDENT LEAGUES</b>								
American Association	1,615,340	1,555,057	60,283	3.9	2,804	2,667	137	5.1
Atlantic	1,600,498	1,492,896	107,602	7.2	2,663	2,505	158	6.3
Frontier	1,736,211	1,637,559	98,652	6.0	2,372	2,213	159	7.2
Mexican	4,032,870	4,041,303	(8,433)	(0.2)	4,750	5,304	(554)	(10.4)
Pioneer	1,052,267	960,775	91,492	9.5	2,220	2,310	(90)	(3.9)
United Shore	257,300	226,310	30,990	13.7	3,100	2,794	306	11.0
Pecos Baseball	125,234	130,635	(5,401)	(4.1)	298	324	(26)	(8.0)
Mavericks	119,480	116,000	3,480	3.0	1,219	1,172	47	4.0
Empire	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A		
Independent Total *	10,539,200	10,160,535	378,665	3.7	2,750	2,761	(11)	(0.4)
All Minor Leagues Total	41,885,669	42,312,919	(427,250)	(1.0)	3,580	3,663	(83)	(2.3)

Attendance for the Empire Pro League was not available.

2024 attendance for 2 Kansas City Monarchs (American Association) was missing.

2023 attendance for 2 Kansas City Monarchs (American Association) and 10 New Jersey Jackals (Frontier) games was missing. The average per date for the other games of these teams was applied to the missing games.

In 2023, Northern Colorado (Pioneer) drew 27,581 in 43 dates. The league is not counting this figure in their official total for 2023. They had to play in a temporary facility. Their total and average are not included in the Pioneer League figures in this table.

Sources: MLB Stats Reporting Platform, Minor League Baseball, Independent Leagues and their Websites

## 2024 MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TOTAL ATTENDANCE

	Total <u>Attendance</u>	<u># of Dates</u>	Average <u>per Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<u>MAJOR LEAGUES</u>				
Spring Training	3,334,536	453	7,361	
Regular Season	71,348,413	2,413	29,568	
Wild Card Games	378,963	9	42,107	Milwaukee, San Diego, Houston, Baltimore
Division Series	802,732	18	44,596	N.Y. Yankees, L.A. Dodgers Cleveland, Philadelphia
Championship Series	485,366	11	44,124	Cleveland, N.Y. Yankees, N.Y. Mets, L.A. Dodgers
World Series	253,104	5	50,621	N.Y. Yankees, L.A. Dodgers
MLB Post-Season Total	1,920,165	43	44,655	
Futures Game			#DIV/0!	Arlington, TX
Home Run Derby	38,578	1	38,578	Arlington, TX
All-Star Game	39,343	1	39,343	Arlington, TX
Major League Total	76,681,035	2,911	26,342	
<u>MINOR LEAGUES</u>				
MLB Affiliated Regular Sea.	31,346,469	7,867	3,985	
MLB Affiliated Post-Season	221,857	70	3,169	
MLB Affiliated All-Star	0	0		No All-Star Games
Independent Regular Sea.	10,539,200	3,833	2,750	
Independent Post-Season	726,020	117	6,205	
Independent All-Star	11,797	2	5,899	Frontier League, Mexican League
Arizona Fall League	39,372	89	442	
Minor League Total	42,884,715	11,978	3,580	
Majors/Minors Total	119,565,750	14,889	8,030	

Post-season independent attendance is for Atlantic, Mexican, Frontier, and Pioneer Leagues, and the American Association.

Mexican League post-season games (included in Indys) drew 693,528 for 73 games, an average of 9,500.

Arizona Fall League Total Includes the Fall Stars Game and playoff games, which drew a total of 3,785.

**NAPBL MINOR LEAGUES ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS****MLB-AFFILIATED TOTAL ATTENDANCE, # OF TEAMS, AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER TEAM – SINCE 1946**

Year	Total MLB-Affiliated Attendance	# of Teams	Average Att. per Team	Year	Total MLB-Affiliated Attendance	# of Teams	Average Att. per Team
				1985	18,380,000	154	119,351
1946	32,704,315	314	104,154	1986	18,456,808	154	119,849
1947	37,184,167	388	95,835	1987	20,215,564	158	127,947
1948	38,415,716	438	87,707	1988	21,659,873	160	135,374
1949	39,640,443	<b>448</b>	88,483	1989	23,103,593	164	140,876
1950	32,960,733	442	74,572	1990	25,244,569	164	153,930
1951	26,135,174	365	71,603	1991	26,590,096	168	158,274
1952	24,024,373	334	71,929	1992	27,180,170	168	161,787
1953	21,109,565	288	73,297	1993	30,022,761	169	177,649
1954	18,674,503	264	70,737	1994	33,347,931	172	193,883
1955	18,203,889	243	74,913	1995	33,126,934	172	192,598
1956	16,402,953	217	75,590	1996	33,293,383	171	194,698
1957	14,875,346	200	74,377	1997	34,721,716	172	201,870
1958	12,744,883	171	74,531	1998	35,427,618	174	203,607
1959	11,622,581	152	76,464	1999	35,179,471	176	199,883
1960	10,660,811	152	70,137	2000	37,647,819	176	215,126
1961	9,766,505	147	66,439	2001	38,808,339	176	220,502
1962	9,732,582	134	72,631	2002	38,639,142	176	219,541
1963	9,749,381	130	74,995	2003	39,069,707	176	221,987
1964	10,102,310	128	78,924	2004	39,887,755	176	226,635
1965	10,029,518	130	77,150	2005	41,333,279	176	234,848
1966	9,826,124	133	73,881	2006	41,710,357	176	236,991
1967	9,940,660	135	73,635	2007	42,812,812	175	244,645
1968	9,887,328	135	73,239	2008	<b>43,263,740</b>	176	<b>245,817</b>
1969	9,984,263 \$	148	67,461	2009	41,644,518	176	236,617
1970	10,726,470	145	73,976	2010	41,432,456	176	235,412
1971	11,134,084	148	75,230	2011	41,252,053	174	237,081
1972	10,986,628	136	80,734	2012	41,280,382	176	234,548
1973	10,828,828	138	78,470	2013	41,553,781	176	236,101
1974	10,562,452	136	77,665	2014	42,411,194	176	240,973
1975	11,021,848	130	84,783	2015	42,561,445	176	241,826
1976	11,324,947	141	80,319	2016	41,377,202	176	235,098
1977	13,004,297	142	91,580	2017	41,832,364	176	237,684
1978	13,049,475	150	86,997	2018	40,450,337	176	229,831
1979	15,304,724 @	150	107,504	2019	41,504,077	176	235,819
1980	15,541,674 *	145	107,184	2020	0	176	0
1981	16,178,790	140	115,563	2021	22,089,014	120	184,075
1982	17,637,244	150	117,582	2022	30,920,722	120	257,673
1983	18,559,190	153	121,302	2023	32,152,384	120	267,937
1984	17,580,299	154	114,158	2024	31,346,469	120	261,221

\$ - Does not include season attendance of 8,817 by one Gulf Coast League team that charged admission.

@ - Includes estimated attendance for Inter-American League which folded during the season.

\* - Figure listed in the 1981 Sporting News Baseball Guide. Mexican League season ended early due to a strike. 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 figures exclude the Mexican League, and the Major League Partner Leagues

**MLB-AFFILIATED U.S./CANADIAN FULL-SEASON TEAMS - TOTAL ATTENDANCE, # OF TEAMS, AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER TEAM – SINCE 1963. AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER DATE – SINCE 1992**

This table shows attendance by full-season, U.S. or Canadian Major League-affiliated Minor League teams, since the last reorganization of the Minor Leagues in 1963. Effective in 2021, all MLB-affiliated teams that charge admission play a full-season schedule, so this table provides a fairer yearly comparison from 2021 forward. Combined average attendance per date is shown starting with 1992, the first year these figures were included in the Minor League issued attendance reports. The table does not include Mexican League teams, or teams that played in short-season leagues.

Year	MLB Affiliated Full-Season Teams Attend.	Number Full-Sea. Teams	Average Attendance per Team	Year	MLB Affiliated Full-Season Teams Attend.	Number Full Sea. Teams	Average Attendance per Team	Average Att. Per Date
1963	7,612,882	112	67,972	1994	27,646,782	116	238,334	3,645
1964	7,184,010	102	70,431	1995	27,738,500	116	239,125	3,627
1965	6,902,424	96	71,900	1996	27,876,672	116	240,316	3,635
1966	6,496,849	93	69,859	1997	28,567,929	116	246,275	3,745
1967	6,311,765	86	73,393	1998	29,121,131	118	246,789	3,663
1968	6,500,445	86	75,587	1999	29,126,859	120	242,724	3,630
1969	6,426,154	87	73,864	2000	30,945,391	120	257,878	3,883
1970	7,677,106	90	85,301	2001	31,977,682	120	266,481	3,982
1971	7,858,990	90	87,322	2002	31,868,349	120	265,570	3,958
1972	7,695,543	90	85,506	2003	32,466,417	120	270,553	4,126
1973	7,092,134	88	80,592	2004	33,131,201	120	276,093	4,149
1974	6,683,283	86	77,713	2005	34,414,112	120	286,784	4,260
1975	6,629,819	82	80,851	2006	34,277,338	120	285,644	4,256
1976	6,751,187	80	84,390	2007	35,150,730	120	292,923	4,355
1977	7,957,753	82	97,046	2008	<b>35,447,963</b>	120	<b>295,400</b>	<b>4,368</b>
1978	8,417,169	89	94,575	2009	34,838,849	120	290,324	4,342
1979	9,761,330	90	108,459	2010	35,062,403	120	292,187	4,298
1980	11,331,714	95	119,281	2011	34,299,698	120	285,831	4,237
1981	12,316,024	96	128,292	2012	33,894,415	120	282,453	4,168
1982	13,729,020	102	134,598	2013	34,205,705	120	285,048	4,260
1983	14,381,025	100	143,810	2014	34,928,570	120	291,071	4,323
1984	13,614,779	102	133,478	2015	35,067,534	120	292,229	4,328
1985	14,270,558	103	139,907	2016	33,862,556	120	282,188	4,188
1986	14,751,291	104	141,839	2017	34,325,071	120	286,042	4,306
1987	15,948,128	108	147,668	2018	33,203,392	120	276,695	4,184
1988	17,444,104	110	158,583	2019	33,321,002	120	277,675	4,201
1989	18,982,379	110	172,567	2020	0	120	0	0
1990	20,148,150	110	183,165	2021	22,089,014	120	184,075	3,242
1991	21,716,617	112	193,898	2022	30,920,722	120	257,673	3,933
1992	22,265,115	112	198,796	2023	32,152,384	120	267,937	4,084
1993	25,000,168	115	217,393	2024	31,346,469	120	261,221	3,985

**WHAT IF?**

The table on Page 51 shows a much lower attendance total for MLB-affiliated teams from 2021 through 2024, compared to seasons prior to 2020, due to a reduction in the number of teams from 176 to 120. But average attendance per team has increased. This is because no current MLB-affiliated teams, that charge admission, play a short-season schedule anymore. Prior to 2020, there were 40 MLB-affiliated short-season teams that compiled attendance.

But what would 2024 and 2023 attendance be, if the 2024 figures from 2019 NAPBL or MLB-affiliated teams that now play in Independent Pro, or in Summer Collegiate leagues, were added to the MLB-affiliated totals? Let's find out.

Keep in mind when comparing these figures is that numerous teams have had significant changes in the number of 2021 through 2024 scheduled games, compared to the number of games they had scheduled through 2019. Triple-A teams now have 75 home dates, compared to 70 in 2019. Double-A has gone to 69 home dates, from 70 in 2019. Class-A teams are scheduled for 66 dates, also instead of 70 in 2019. There are 9 teams, now in MLB-affiliated full-season leagues that had only 38 home dates in their pre-2021 schedules, but now have 66 home dates. Mexican League teams have a considerably shorter schedule than in 2019, while Pioneer League teams have a somewhat longer one. Some of the teams that were in MLB-affiliated leagues in 2019, but that now play in independent leagues, or in Summer Collegiate leagues, have more home dates scheduled than they had in 2019, and some have fewer dates.

The table below includes attendance from the 120 MLB-affiliated teams of 2024, even if they had played in independent leagues prior to 2021 (Sugar Land, St. Paul, and Somerset). Added, are figures from teams that played in NAPBL MLB-affiliated leagues in 2019, but who now play in Independent Pro, or Summer Collegiate leagues. This includes the 16 Mexican League franchises that were active in 2019. That league now has 20 teams.

For 2024, it also includes the 8 Pioneer League teams that were in MLB-affiliated leagues in 2019, plus Tri-City, NY of the Frontier League, Kane County of the American Association, Charleston WV, Lexington KY, Staten Island, and Hagerstown of the Atlantic League, and the entire Mavericks League – which is counted as one team. The Mavericks League plays all its games in Keizer, OR, which had a short-season Northwest League team through the 2019 season.

2019 MLB-affiliated teams now in the Summer Collegiate Leagues, and included in the table, are all 10 Appalachian League and all 6 MLB Draft League, teams, along with Burlington IA, Clinton, Batavia, Vermont, and Jackson TN. Auburn did not list attendance in 2024.

Overall, these teams combined for a decrease in total attendance and average per date for 2024 vs. 2023. Only one team (Hagerstown) moved into a new ballpark in 2023 or 2024. But for 2024 vs. 2019, even taking the reduced number of dates played into account, there was still a decline in average per date.

YEAR	# OF TEAMS	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF DATES	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER DATE	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER TEAM
2024	171	38,041,899	9,933	3,830	222,467
2023	172	38,844,460	9,905	3,922	225,840
2022	172	37,234,052	9,954	3,741	216,477
2019	176	41,504,077	10,262	4,044	235,819
Changes:					
2024 vs. 2023	Down 1	Down 802,561 (2.1%)	Up 28	Down 92 (2.3%)	Down 3,373
2024 vs. 2019	Down 5	Down 3,462,178 (8.3%)	Down 329	Down 214 (5.3%)	Down 13,352

Much of the 2024 vs. 2019 decline in total attendance is due to fewer teams and fewer dates played.

2021 - 2024 expansion teams Guadalajara, Veracruz, Chihuahua, and Queretaro of the Mexican League, and Glacier of the Pioneer League, whose figures are not included in the table, drew a combined 585,149 in 2024, 401,386 in 2023, and 324,318 in 2022.

In 2024, Hagerstown, which had an MLB-affiliated team in 2019, was a new team in the independent Atlantic League. In 2025, the Frontier League adds teams in Pearl MS, and Spartanburg, SC. Both of these markets had MLB-affiliated teams through 2024.

**INDEPENDENT LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS****INDEPENDENT LEAGUES LISTING ATTENDANCE – COMBINED YEARLY ATTENDANCE AND TEAM LEADERS**

<b>Year</b>	<b># of Leagues</b>	<b># of Teams</b>	<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>Team Leader Total Attendance</b>	<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>Team Leader Avg. per Date</b>	<b>Avg. Attend.</b>
1993	2	12	734,067	St. Paul	167,956	St. Paul	4,799
1994	5	30	1,931,353	St. Paul	241,069	St. Paul	6,344
1995	11	65	3,081,866	St. Paul	258,297	St. Paul	6,300
1996	9	63	3,454,557	St. Paul	267,009	St. Paul	6,212
1997	8	58	3,507,126	St. Paul	240,514	St. Paul	6,329
1998	7	49	3,866,809	Bridgeport	296,145	St. Paul	6,330
1999	6	44	4,871,797	Bridgeport	342,857	St. Paul	6,329
2000	6	50	5,581,633	Long Island	436,361	Winnipeg	6,465
2001	7	52	6,003,875	Long Island	443,142	Winnipeg	6,491
2002	6	50	6,410,954	Long Island	437,212	St. Paul	6,263
2003	8	63	6,558,199	Long Island	421,359	Winnipeg	7,161
2004	5	45	6,558,445	Long Island	440,540	Winnipeg	7,027
2005	6	54	7,524,690	Long Island	429,218	Winnipeg	6,867
2006	7	55	7,558,436	Long Island	419,150	Winnipeg	6,504
2007	9	67	8,485,921	Long Island	427,536	Winnipeg	6,542
2008	8	61	8,312,669	Long Island	416,752	Winnipeg	6,464
2009	8	61	7,965,235	Long Island	414,973	Winnipeg	6,180
2010	7	60	8,105,046	Long Island	410,619	Long Island	6,039
2011	6	55	6,810,403	Long Island	382,027	Winnipeg	5,740
2012	6	55	7,125,597	Sugar Land	465,511	Sugar Land	6,650
2013	7	53	6,708,293	Sugar Land	382,059	Winnipeg	5,880
2014	7	50	6,165,961	Sugar Land	383,465	Winnipeg	5,618
2015	7	52	6,315,482	St. Paul	404,528	St. Paul	8,091
2016	7	55	6,226,210	St. Paul	413,482	St. Paul	8,438
2017	7	57	6,219,838	St. Paul	406,501	St. Paul	8,296
2018	7	59	5,917,553	St. Paul	408,921	St. Paul	8,178
2019	7	56	5,690,513	St. Paul	394,970	St. Paul	8,061
2021	8	75	6,047,347	Long Island	224,120	Tijuana	7,557
2022	8	81	9,590,620	Tijuana	453,961	Tijuana	10,088
2023	8	82	10,157,323	<b>Yucatan</b>	<b>506,765</b>	Yucatan	10,558
2024	8	85	<b>10,539,200</b>	Mexico City	505,726	<b>Mexico City</b>	<b>11,761</b>

Number of leagues and teams only includes those that had attendance recorded. It includes leagues and teams that compiled attendance but disbanded prior to the end of their seasons. In 1995, there were 13 teams that folded before completing their seasons. 11 teams, including all 8 in the Canadian League, didn't finish their seasons in 2003.

Bridgeport, Long Island, and Sugar Land play, or played, in the Atlantic League, which has the longest season of any independent league. In most years, teams in the Atlantic League were scheduled for 70 home games. Other independent leagues have in recent years had 48-53 home games per team each season. In some cases, leagues had a team that only played road games, so the rest of the teams in the league played a few extra home dates.

The Mexican and Pioneer Leagues became independent in 2021. The United Shore Baseball League plays all its games in Utica, MI. The Mavericks League plays all its games in Keizer, OR. The United Shore and Mavericks Leagues each count as one team in this table, even though each of these leagues has 4 teams. St. Paul and Sugar Land became MLB-affiliated Triple-A teams in 2021.



**COLLEGIATE SUMMER BASEBALL LEAGUES****Summer Collegiate Leagues Reported Attendance**

- In **2024**, 189 Summer Collegiate teams listed attendance. They drew a total of 5,773,701, averaging 1,220 per date. As usual, the Northwoods League had the top total attendance (**a league, and likely all-time Summer Collegiate League, record-high 1,339,157**). The MLB Draft League's 2,660 average per date was the highest among these leagues. Madison, WI of the Northwoods League had the highest total (217,070), and average per date (6,202). If Madison, a former MLB-affiliated Midwest League team, was still in a pro Minor League, that average per date would have ranked as 19<sup>th</sup> best among MLB-affiliated teams, and highest among U.S./Canadian independent teams. Trenton of the MLB Draft League, drew 196,837, averaging 5,320 per date.
- 195 Collegiate Summer League teams listed attendance in **2023**, and they drew a total of 5,592,207, averaging 1,203 per date. The Northwoods League had the top total attendance (1,297,864). The MLB Draft League had the highest average per date (2,669). Madison, WI led all teams in total attendance (228,692), and average per date (6,353). Trenton finished second in total attendance (196,669) and average per date (5,463).
- The 178 Collegiate Summer League teams with **2022** reported attendance drew 5,402,435, an average of 1,178 per date. The Northwoods League had the highest announced league total (1,160,821). The 6-team MLB-Draft League, made up of former MLB-affiliated pro Minor League teams, had the highest average per date (2,839). Madison, WI of the Northwoods League, had the **2022** top total (199,785), and the best average per date (5,550).
- In **2021**, the 173 teams that reported attendance drew 3,981,808, an average of 959 per date. Frederick of the MLB Draft League had the top total (125,378), and average per date (4,179). In **2019**, 164 teams reported attendance and drew 3,998,646, an average of 1,003 per date. Madison (218,866 / 6,080 per date) was the leader.

**2024 SUMMER COLLEGIATE TEAMS THAT PLAYED IN THE MINOR LEAGUES IN 2019**

25 teams that played in professional Minor Leagues in 2019 played in Summer Collegiate leagues in 2024. 6 of these teams have played in the MLB Draft League since 2021. The Appalachian League became an MLB-Partner Summer Collegiate League in 2021, and all its 2019 teams, except Princeton, continued to play there in 2024. In 2019, 21 of these teams were in MLB-affiliated leagues, and 4 were independent league teams.

- **MLB Draft League** – 6 teams. **2024** was the 4<sup>th</sup> year for this league. It is sort of a combination of Summer Collegiate League for the first part of the season, and pro Minor League in the latter part of the year. Frederick came from the Class A Carolina League, Trenton played in the Class AA Eastern League, and State College, Mahoning Valley OH, West Virginia (Morgantown), and Williamsport, had all been in the New York-Penn League in **2019**.
- In **2024**, the league drew 593,263, averaging 2,660 per date, with 17 lost dates. Total attendance rose 3,448 (0.6%), and average per date was down 8 (0.3%). 2 more dates played than in 2023. Top crowd was 8,246 in Frederick. The league averaged 98,877 per team.
- 3 teams had increases in total attendance, and 2 teams were up in average per date. Mahoning Valley posted the best gains in total attendance (13,641), and in average per date (232). State College had the biggest declines, with total attendance down 8,455, and average per date down 147.
- Trenton led the league in **2024**, drawing 196,837, averaging 5,320 per date. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> best total and average per date figure among all Summer Collegiate teams. If Trenton were in an MLB-affiliated league, its 2024 average per date would have ranked 28<sup>th</sup> among the 120 teams there. If the Thunder were an independent pro team, their 2024 total would have been 15<sup>th</sup> best among the 85 teams, and 8<sup>th</sup> best among the 65 U.S./Canadian teams. Trenton would have had the 7<sup>th</sup> best average per date among all independent teams, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> best among those teams in the U.S. and Canada, trailing only Kane County.
- Frederick had led the 30 MLB-affiliated High-A teams in attendance in 7 of 8 years from 2012 through 2019. Since 1991, they topped 300,000 in attendance in 16 seasons, and drew over 250,000 each year from 1990 through 2019.

**2024 SUMMER COLLEGIATE TEAMS THAT PLAYED IN THE MINOR LEAGUES IN 2019**

- **Appalachian League** – 10 teams, all of whom, except Tri-State (Huntington, WV), played in the Rookie class Appalachian League in 2019. All the 2019 teams played in their same markets in 2021, 2022, and 2023, but all were given new team names. Princeton was relocated to Huntington in 2024.
- The league drew 373,967 in **2024**, averaging 1,640 per date, with 12 lost dates. Total attendance was up 13,741 (3.8%) from 2023. Average per date fell by 67 (3.9%). There were 17 more dates played than in 2023. 4 of the 9 returning teams had gains in total attendance, with 2 up in average per date. The returning teams had a 983 (0.3%) gain in total attendance, and a 102 (5.6%) decline in average per date, with 17 more dates.
- Greeneville, TN posted the largest increases, up 9,545 in total attendance, and up 228 in average per date. Johnson City had the highest total attendance decline (9,710), and Burlington, NC had the largest average per date loss (296). The largest crowd was 5,169 at Johnson City.
- Johnson City led the league in **2024** total attendance (78,009), and in average per date (3,546). Their record-high average per date of 3,655 in **2023** may have been the highest average per date ever in this league's long history. It is certainly the highest average per date in this league since at least 1991.
- **Greeneville, TN set team record-highs in total attendance (54,796), average per date (2,491), and for a single game (5,077).** These figures are higher than this team ever drew when the Appalachian League was a pro league.
- In **2019**, Pulaski drew 95,897, with a 2,821 average per date. That was the highest total attendance for any team in this league since it began playing a short-season schedule in 1957.
- Huntington, WV replaced Princeton in 2024, with a team named the Tri-State Coal Cats. This team is run by Marshall University, and shares a ballpark with that school's baseball team.
- **Other 2019 Professional Teams Now in Collegiate Summer Leagues** – 10 teams. Burlington, IA and Clinton went from the Midwest League to the Prospect League, as did O'Fallon from the Frontier League. Jackson, TN, formerly in the Southern League, and Marion, IL, formerly the Southern Illinois Miners of the Frontier League (now named the Thrillville Thrillabillies), joined the Prospect League in 2023. Auburn and Batavia of the New York-Penn League moved to the Perfect Game League. The Futures Collegiate League took Norwich and Burlington, VT from the New York Penn League, and New Britain from the Atlantic League.
- No attendance was available from Auburn in 2023 or 2024. The other 9 teams drew a combined announced 487,884 in **2024**, averaging 1,975 per date. The total attendance was up 24,238 (5.2%), and average per date rose 128 (6.9%), with 4 fewer dates. 5 teams had gains **vs. 2023** in total attendance and 4 were up average per date.
- Thrillville had the top attendance in this group of teams drawing 90,927, with a 3,637 average per date. They also had the best increases, up 27,857 in total attendance, and up 1,301 in average per date. New Britain had the highest declines, down 7,561 in total attendance, and down 217 in average per date.

## 2024 SUMMER COLLEGIATE LEAGUES WITH LISTED ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>TOTAL # TEAMS</u>	<u># TEAMS LISTING ATTEND.</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>TEAMS W. ATT. # DATES</u>	<u>AVERAGE ATTEND. PER DATE</u>	<u>LEAGUE ATTEND. LEADER</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># DATES</u>	<u>AVERAGE ATTEND. PER DATE</u>
Alaska	5	1	6,179	21	294	Peninsula	6,179	21	294
Appalachian	10	10	373,967	228	1,640	Johnson City	78,009	22	3,546
Cal Ripken Collegiate	8	7	20,967	126	166	Bethesda	11,505	20	575
Cape Cod	10	10	311,592	200	1,558	Chatham	44,862	20	2,243
Coastal Plain	15	15	443,630	400	1,109	Macon	62,677	25	2,507
Florida Collegiate	6	3	10,380	47	221	Leesburg	9,506	15	634
Futures Collegiate	7	7	288,977	198	1,459	Vermont	83,993	34	2,470
Great Lakes Summer	7	5	17,403	85	205	Lima	7,319	16	457
Independence	5	5	72,204	165	438	Casper	18,978	33	575
M.I.N.K.	8	5	86,884	109	797	St. Joseph	77,046	27	2,854
<b>MLB Draft *</b>	6	6	<b>593,263</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2,660</b>	Trenton	196,837	37	5,320
New England Collegiate	13	13	276,607	267	1,036	Martha's Vineyard	67,232	22	3,056
New York Collegiate	11	7	20,958	121	173	Olean	9,167	17	539
<b>Northwoods</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,339,157</b>	<b>887</b>	1,510	<b>Madison</b>	<b>217,070</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6,202</b>
Perfect Game	16	10	188,224	193	975	Elmira	57,822	18	3,212
Prospect	18	18	649,743	479	1,356	Thrillville	90,927	25	3,637
Sunbelt	8	7	17,086	95	180	Gainesville, GA	4,784	13	368
Valley Baseball	12	7	33,889	138	246	Purcellville	15,775	20	789
West Coast Collegiate	16	16	653,331	425	1,537	Edmonton	116,871	25	4,675
Western Canadian	12	12	369,260	326	1,133	Okotoks	127,622	28	4,558
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>5,773,701</b>	<b>4,733</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>Madison</b>	<b>217,070</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6,202</b>

Sources: League Websites, Ballpark Digest