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2024 ATTENDANCE

SEASON-IN-REVIEW

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This report is a review of **2024 Major League Baseball** attendance highlights. It includes league and team attendance figures in the pages that follow the notes sections. The **2024 Minor League Baseball** Season-in-Review, with their team and league attendance listings, will soon be found on the 'Minor Leagues' page of numbertamer.com.

The complete 2024 Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis should be posted on numbertamer.com by late January, or early February, 2025. The 2024 complete Major League Baseball Attendance Analysis should be ready by May, 2025. The full analyses for each season from 2009 through 2023, are available on the respective 'Major Leagues' and 'Minor Leagues' pages of numbertamer.com. An updated version of the 2023 Major League Attendance Analysis, showing 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 January, 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, 718-591-2043 or 718-380-3851. All this data is available to anyone 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 Minor League and Major League Baseball for updated figures. Data from the independent Mexican League, 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.

Other than the MLB Draft and Appalachian Leagues, Collegiate Summer League attendance is from each league's Website, and from Ballparkdigest.com. Not all of these leagues charge admission to their games, and from some leagues, attendance is not disclosed for every team.

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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 and 2021 reported average attendance per game figures are sometimes lower than those shown in these Number Tamer reports.

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Figures in these reports for Major League Baseball, the MLB-affiliated Minor Leagues, and the Mexican and Atlantic Leagues, were released at the end of the regular season. They are subject to review by Major League Baseball. Some revisions may be made, and those changes will be reflected in future versions of these reports. Other changes and additions will be included in the 2024 Major League Baseball Attendance Analysis and the 2024 Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis, when those reports are issued.

HOW THE REPORTING AND ANALYSIS OF 2021 BASEBALL ATTENDANCE DIFFERS FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTING OF OTHER YEARS

The 2021 Major League and Minor League Baseball season certainly was unique in terms of attendance.

Every Major League club, except for Texas, and many, if not most of, the Minor League teams, were only allowed to sell a limited number of tickets to their games at the start of the season. MLB tickets were sold only electronically, and the same was true for many Minor League teams. For many teams, tickets were not sold at a team's box office, and fans couldn't print tickets bought online. A Smartphone app was needed.

All teams went through the off-season prior to 2021 not knowing how the Covid-19 pandemic would affect their ability to host fans, in-person, in their ballparks. As a result, teams couldn't do their usual off-season marketing of tickets. On top of all this, the MLB-affiliated Minor Leagues underwent a comprehensive reorganization. The 4 short-season leagues that charged admission to their games were no longer MLB-affiliated leagues. Both the Pioneer and Mexican Leagues became independent leagues. The number of MLB-affiliated teams in the U.S. and Canada charging admission, declined from 160 in 2019 to 120 in 2021. The 11 remaining MLB-affiliated leagues played 120 (Single-A and Double-A) or 130-game schedules (Triple-A) in 2021, compared to a 140-game schedule that all full-season leagues had in 2019. Most teams could not even begin planning for the 2021 season until December or January. There were no changes in the lineup of MLB-affiliated Minor League teams in 2022. Triple-A teams played 150 games, Double-A had 138 games, and Single-A had 132.

Many of the teams that were dropped from the roster of MLB-affiliated professional minor leagues, joined professional Independent leagues, or Summer Collegiate wood-bat leagues. The entire former Rookie Appalachian League became a Summer Collegiate league. Much more detail about the Minor League reorganization can be found in the Minor League reports on numbertamer.com.

While all MLB teams, except for the Toronto Blue Jays, were eventually allowed to play to full stadium capacity in 2021, there was still a significant decline in 2021 attendance compared to 2019. Every Major League team, and nearly every Minor League team, had lower attendance in 2021 than in 2019.

The 2024 reports continue their normal format, with most of the attendance comparisons made with 2023. As always, some comparisons are made with years prior to 2023. When you see the term 'normal season,' it excludes 2020 and 2021.

WHAT'S MISSING?

Attendance from every Major League Spring Training, Regular Season, and Post-Season game is included in these reports. However, there are some missing figures from a few independent Minor League games. These missing game attendance figures will be noted in the Minor League reports. Attempts have been made to obtain this data, and hopefully, it can be found and included.

NOTE TO LEAGUES, TEAMS, MEDIA, AND WEBSITES

You can download this report, and the 2009 through 2023 Major and Minor League Baseball Attendance Analyses, at numbertamer.com. Go to the site's 'Major League' and 'Minor League' pages for the PDF links to each report.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL – 2024 ATTENDANCE SEASON-IN-REVIEW**2024 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**

- In 2024, Major League Baseball drew its highest attendance since 2017, and for the first time since 2011 and 2012, attendance increased for 2 years in a row.
- The 2024 total of 71,348,413 was up 601,048 (0.8%) from 2023.
- Total 2023 attendance was 70,747,365, up 6,190,707 (9.6%) from the 2022 total of 64,556,658. That was the 2nd largest numerical increase (to 1946) in Major League history, excluding expansion years, and years where the previous season was a shorter season, and excluding 2022, which followed the unique 2021 season.
- On a percentage basis, the 2023 gain in total attendance was the 6th highest, since 1946. Only 1946, 1966, 1954, 1959, and 1987, had higher percentage gains during this period. Again, this excludes the types of seasons noted above.
- Average per date in 2024 was 29,568, up 273 (0.9%). 2023 average per date was 29,295, up 2,452 (9.1%) vs. 2022. The average per date had been above 30,000 for 14 straight years until 2018.
- 1,202 home dates played by American League teams in 2024 drew 32,717,629, up 230,996 (0.7%) from 2023. Average per date was 27,219, up 237 (0.9%).
- 1,211 home dates were played by National League teams in 2024, and they drew 38,630,784, up 370,052 (1.0%). Average per date was 31,900, up 306 (1.0%).
- The 2024 figures include one L.A. Dodgers home game and one San Diego home game, each played in Seoul, South Korea, one N.Y. Mets home game and one Philadelphia home game, each played in London, 2 Colorado home games in Mexico City, a St. Louis home game in Birmingham, AL, and a Detroit home game at the Little League Classic in Williamsport, PA.
- For 2024 vs. 2023, 15 teams had gains in total attendance. The same 15 teams were up in average per date.
- 16 teams surpassed 2.5 million in total attendance in 2024. A record-tying 17 teams did it in 2023. The 30 teams averaged 2,378,280 in 2024
- 5 teams (Yankees, Atlanta, Dodgers, Philadelphia, San Diego) surpassed 3 million in 2024. A record-high 10 teams reached 3 million in 2000, 2007, and 2008.
- Although difficult to quantify, the new rules instituted in 2023 may have been a factor in the attendance increases of the last 2 seasons. Average time of game for 9-inning games was 2 hours and 36 minutes in 2024, 4 minutes less than in 2023, 28 minutes less than in 2022, 34 minutes less than in 2021, 29 minutes less than in 2019, and 25 minutes less than in 2018.
- In 2022, Major League Baseball had its lowest total attendance in a 'normal' season (so it excludes 2020 and 2021) since 1997, when there were two fewer teams than in 2022. The average per date was the lowest since the shorter and late-starting 1995 season, following the 1994 work stoppage. The last full and normal season, prior to 2022, with a lower MLB average per date was 1990, when the National League was not including 'no-shows' (tickets sold but not used) in its official attendance. The American League had its lowest normal and full-season total since 1988, and its lowest normal and full-season average per date since 1986. For the National League, it was their lowest 'normal' season total since 1997, and their lowest average per date since 2003.
- The labor dispute that delayed the start of Spring Training and the regular season, along with ongoing Covid concerns, may have been a factor in Major League attendance in 2022.
- There were 15 dates lost to rainouts in 2024. Except for the final game of the year in Cleveland, which was never made up, these rainouts were rescheduled as part of single-admission doubleheaders. Oakland and San Francisco had single-admission doubleheaders on their original schedules, so 2,428 dates were originally scheduled. 14 dates in 2023 were lost to rainouts, and there were 25 lost dates in 2022, 34 'lost dates' due to weather and Covid-19 in 2021, and 13 dates were 'lost' in 2019. Postponed games not listed as 'lost dates' were made up as part of separate-admission doubleheaders, or on originally scheduled off-days, and so did not become 'lost dates.'

2024 – ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- The largest gains in **total attendance** for **2024 vs. 2023** were by Arizona (up 380,694 – 19.4%), Kansas City (up 351,295 – 26.9%), Baltimore (up 344,331 – 17.8%), and Philadelphia (up 311,107 – 10.2%). Cleveland and Detroit achieved increases of at least 200,000.
- In **2023**, Philadelphia's gain of 775,869 was the best by any team not moving into a new ballpark since Cleveland had a 953,634 gain in 1993, their final year in Cleveland Stadium. Many fans bought 1993 ticket plans in Cleveland to get priority for good seat locations when Progressive Field opened in 1994. The most recent similar gains when playing in the same park were by the Angels (755,525 in 2003), and Kansas City (752,067 in 2015). All these big gains only compare full seasons in both years, and exclude 2021 for all teams, and 1993 for National League teams. The National League began to include tickets sold, but not used, in its official attendance starting in 1993, which led to inflated increases vs. 1992. The American League had been including 'no-shows' in its attendance before then.
- Largest **2024 vs. 2023 total attendance** declines were by St. Louis (down 362,976 - 11.2%), Toronto (down 340,668- 11.3%), the White Sox (down 288,895 - 17.3%), and the Mets (down 244,256 - 9.5%).
- Top increases in **2024 vs. 2023 average per date** were by Arizona (4,700 – 19.4%), Baltimore (4,603 – 19.3%), Kansas City (4,337 – 26.9%), and Philadelphia (3,370 – 8.8%). Detroit, Cleveland, and San Francisco also had increases of at least 2,000.
- The largest **2024 vs. 2023 average per date** declines were by St. Louis (4,481 – 11.2%), Toronto (4,206 – 11.3%), the Mets (3,509 – 10.6%), the White Sox (3,474 – 16.2%), and Houston (2,680 – 7.1%). No other team had an average per date decrease of at least 2,000.
- 80 dates played in Major League parks drew less than 10,000 in **2024**. Oakland had 47 of them, including 18 that drew under 5,000, with a Major League low of 2,895 on May 6. Miami had 27, Pittsburgh had 4, and Baltimore and Kansas City had one apiece.
- In **2023**, 91 dates played in Major League parks drew under 10,000. Oakland had 47 dates under 10,000, including 18 which drew less than 5,000, with a Major League low of 2,064 on May 15. Other teams with dates that failed to draw at least 10,000 were Miami (22), Pittsburgh (6), Tampa Bay (4), Cincinnati (4), Cleveland (3), Kansas City (2), Arizona (2), and Baltimore (1).
- In **2022**, there were 167 dates in Major League parks drawing under 10,000. Oakland with 49 under 10,000 dates, and Miami, with 42, accounted for a majority of the 2022 low-attendance dates. Tampa Bay had 22, and Pittsburgh had 20. 563 dates played in Major League ballparks drew under 10,000 in **2021**. This figure excludes games played in Dunedin, Buffalo, Dyersville, and Williamsport. Yet many of these games were reduced-capacity sellouts, or near sellouts. In **2019**, there were 99 dates in Major League parks that drew under 10,000, and in **2016**, there were just 3.
- The largest crowds of the **2024** regular season were 55,074 for a Phillies 'home' game in London, and 54,070 at the Los Angeles Dodgers. Largest crowd in an American League park was 48,760 at Yankee Stadium.
- **The Dodgers led the Major Leagues in attendance for a record-high 11th straight season in 2024, and for the 33rd time since moving to Los Angeles in 1958. They drew 3,941,251, the 2nd best total in their history, the 4th highest-ever National League total, and the 11th best-ever Major League total. Average per date was 48,657, including one game in Seoul, South Korea. The 80 dates at Dodger Stadium averaged 49,067 per date. 37 dates drew at least 50,000, including an MLB ballpark regular season high of 54,070. A National League Division Series game at Dodger Stadium drew 54,119. Dodger Stadium has the highest listed capacity of any Major League park (56,000), but actual seating capacity is slightly above 54,000.**
- In **2024**, the Yankees drew 3,309,838, averaging 41,897 per date. They were the American League's attendance leader for the 18th time in the last 21 seasons, and for the 59th time since 1920, which was Babe Ruth's first year with the team.
- **San Diego drew a team record-high total (3,330,545), and average per date (41,118). This includes their South Korea 'home' game. Games in San Diego averaged 41,432 per date. The Padres had an estimated 65 sellouts, the most of any team.**
- **Philadelphia had the MLB 3rd best 2024 attendance with a total of 3,363,712, and an average per date of 41,527. This included the London 'home' game which drew 55,074. Games in Philadelphia averaged 41,358. The Phillies had 48 sellouts, and 60 of the 80 dates in Philadelphia drew over 40,000.**

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- Atlanta (3,011,755 total, 37,647 average) was 5th in **2024** attendance. The Braves had 26 sellouts.
- 21 teams surpassed 2 million in total attendance, and 16 teams drew over 30,000 per date.
- On August 21, 2024, the St. Louis Cardinals' record streak of 30,000+ attendance ended at 1,471 consecutive dates (1,422 regular season, 49 post-season). The streak does not include 2021, when early season capacity restrictions did not allow crowds so large. This excludes their 2024 'home' game at historic Rickwood Field in Birmingham, AL. It also excludes 2 games in 2023 played in London. Both of those games drew over 54,000 each.
- An estimated 334 dates were sold out in **2024**. This figure may be slightly adjusted if more teams list their actual number of sellouts. But 2023 may have had the most sellouts (375) in at least 10 years. There were an estimated 220 sellouts in 2022, 279 in 2019, 295 in 2018, 302 in 2017, 352 in 2016, 364 in 2015, and 366 in 2014.
- On the other end of the **2024** attendance leader board, Oakland, in their final season in the Bay Area, had the lowest total (922,286), and average per date (11,529) in the Major Leagues. They did have a strong finish at the gate, and their total was up 89,934 vs. 2023, and their average per date rose 1,253 (12.2%).
- Miami, which does not count free or sharply reduced priced tickets in its official attendance, drew a National League low 1,087,455, averaging 13,425 per date. Tampa Bay and the Chicago White Sox also failed to reach 1.5 million in total attendance, and 20,000 in average per date.
- The Dodgers led the Major Leagues in **road attendance** in **2024**, with a total of 2,900,251, averaging 36,253 per date. The Yankees were the American League's biggest road draw (2,638,122 – 32,569 per date).
- Major League Baseball's **2019** total attendance was 68,493,093. That was the 4th straight year with a decline, the 6th decrease in the 7 previous years, and the 9th drop in attendance in the previous 12 seasons. Total MLB attendance had topped 73 million for 13 years in a row (2004-2016). From 2010, until 2018, the yearly changes were small. Attendance fell 1.6% in 2019, 4.2% in 2018, 0.7% in 2017, 0.8% in 2016, rose less than 0.1% in 2015, fell 0.4% in 2014 and 1.1% in 2013, rose 2.0% in 2012 and 0.5% in 2011, and fell 0.4% in 2010, 6.6% in 2009, and 1.2% in 2008. It was up 4.6% in 2007, and up 1.5% in 2006.
- Home games played in American League parks had a combined **2019 vs. 2018** loss of 1,783,597 (5.5%) to 30,591,020. Attendance for games in National League parks rose 651,446 (1.7%) to 37,902,073. In **2018**, the American League had a 5.8% total attendance decline, while the National League was down 2.8%. The National League was up 0.5% in **2017** total attendance, but the American League had a 1.9% dip. In **2016**, the American League had a 0.5% total attendance increase, while the National League was down 2.0%. In **2015**, the American League was up 1.1%, while National League total attendance fell 0.9%. In **2014**, the A.L. was down 0.3%, and the N.L. fell 0.5%. Each league was down a combined 1.1% in **2013**.
- **2024** total attendance was 8,154,762 (10.3%) lower than the record-high of 79,503,175, set in **2007**. Average attendance per team was 2,378,280 in **2024**, down 271,826 (10.3%) from all-time high of 2,650,106 in **2007**. The **2024** average per date of 29,568 was down 3,217 (9.8%) from the **2007** record-high of 32,785.
- There were 37 postponed games because of weather in **2024**. 15 were made up as part of single-admission doubleheaders, while 21 were made up on off days, or as part of separate-admission doubleheaders. The rained out season finale at Cleveland was not made up. The Braves, with 7 postponements (but only one lost date), had the most of any team, followed by the White Sox, Guardians, Mets, and Cardinals, who each had 4.
- 42 games were postponed in **2023**. 28 of them were rescheduled on off-days or as a part of a separate-admission, day-night doubleheader. The other 14 games were played as part of single-admission doubleheaders. The Mets and Tigers had the most postponements, with 6 each. The Red Sox, White Sox, and Phillies each had 4 rainouts. A West Coast rarity – Hurricane Hilary affected Southern California in August, and caused the Angels, Dodgers, and Padres to postpone or reschedule games. The Angels had to reschedule 2 games, which were their first rainouts since 2015. For the Padres, it was the first rainout since 2017. The Dodgers ended a streak of 1,872 consecutive regular season games, (1,925 games including the post-season,) without a rainout. Prior to this, the last postponed regular season game at Dodger Stadium was on April 17, 2000. All the 2023 California postponements were rescheduled as part of separate-admission doubleheaders, so no dates were lost.

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- There were 45 weather postponements in **2022**. Cleveland had 10 of them, the Yankees had 6, and Baltimore had 5. 74 games were postponed in **2021** due to weather or Covid-19. The Mets had 9 home postponements, all due to weather. Cleveland had 7. Washington also had 7 postponements, including their first 4 home dates, which were due to Covid. In **2019**, there were 37 postponements, 17 fewer than in 2018, a year with cold early-season weather.
- The 43 post-season games played in **2024** drew a total of 1,920,165, averaging 44,655 per game. Top crowd was 54,119 at Dodger Stadium for Game 2 of the National League Division Series.
- The Dodgers and Yankees drew a combined 7,251,089 in the 2024 regular season. This is the 2nd highest combined total for the 2 World Series teams of any year. The 2009 Yankees and Phillies drew a record-high combined 7,275,188. The 1992 Blue Jays and Braves, and the 1993 Blue Jays and Phillies also drew a combined total of more than 7 million. Both World Series teams reached 3 million in attendance in 1992, 1993, 1999, 2009, 2012, and 2024.
- 2024 was the 28th time that the teams with the highest attendance in each league played each other in the World Series. Before 2024, it last happened in 1992. It was the 8th time this occurred in a Yankees-Dodgers World Series.
- 41 post-season games were played in **2023**, and they drew 1,774,366, an average of 43,277. The largest crowd was 51,653 for Game 1 of a National League Division Series at Dodger Stadium. Tampa Bay drew only 19,704 and 20,198 to the Wild Card games they hosted. Attendance at Game 1 was the lowest for a post-season game since Game 7 of the 1919 World Series in Cincinnati drew just 13,923. It was not a Series deciding game. That year, the World Series was a best of 9, and the Reds won Game 8 and the Series, in Chicago, beating the White Sox. 17 World Series games between 1903 and 1909 drew less than 13,923, with a low of 6,210 in Detroit in 1909.
- The 40 post-season dates in **2022** drew 1,766,263, averaging 44,157 per game. In **2021**, the 37 post-season games drew 1,571,603, an average of 42,476 per game. The only games with fans in attendance in **2020** were played at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. Those 13 NLCS and World Series games drew a limited capacity total of 144,465, averaging 11,113 per game. **2019** post-season attendance was 1,650,223 for 37 games, averaging 44,601 per game. **2018** post-season attendance was 1,497,352 for 33 games, an average of 45,374 per game. In **2017**, it was 1,746,109 for 38 games, an average of 45,950 per game. The **2016** post-season drew 1,552,257 for 35 games, averaging 44,350 per game. **2015** post-season drew 1,634,763 for 36 games, averaging 45,410 per game.
- In **2024, 2023, 2022** and **2021**, no games had to be relocated to other ballparks due to storms, though Tampa Bay did have a 2021 postponement due to a hurricane. But there were games scheduled for non-Major League ballparks. In **2023**, San Diego hosted 2 games in Mexico City, and St. Louis had 2 home games in London. Cincinnati (2022) and the Chicago White Sox (2021) were the home teams at games played at the Field of Dreams site in Dyersville, Iowa. Washington (2023), Baltimore (2022) and Cleveland (2021) were the home teams at the annual Little League Classic in Williamsport, PA. Toronto had to play some of their 2021 home games in Dunedin, FL and Buffalo, NY.
- **In 2024, the New York Yankees topped the American League in total attendance for the 59th time. They extended their Major League record streak of reaching 3 million to 24 straight years** (excludes 2021).
- The Yankees had led the American League in total attendance for a record-setting 13 years in a row through 2015. (Toronto led in 2016 and 2017, Texas led in 2021.) The previous record for consecutive seasons leading a league was 11 by the Yankees from 1949 to 1959. Among National League teams, the Dodgers hold the record for the longest streak as league attendance champion – 11 straight years from 2013 through 2024 (no attendance in 2020).
- **2019** was the first full season since 1964 that both teams in the World Series had a decline in attendance in their pennant-winning season. It also occurred in 1963, 1958, 1952, 1943, 1942, 1923, 1922, 1910, and in the short seasons of 1918 and 1981. From the first World Series in 1903, **through 2024**, 39 of 117 teams, had an attendance decline in the year of their World Series win. It excludes short seasons in 1918 and 1981, and of course **2020 and 2021**, due to the special nature of those seasons. There was no World Series in 1904 and 1994. Houston and Philadelphia, the 2022 World Series teams, both had increases in attendance vs. 2021, but had declines vs. 2019.
- In **2024**, for the 9th time in MLB history, the gap between the team with the highest attendance, and the team with the lowest attendance, topped 3 million. The Dodgers outdrew Oakland by 3,018,965 in 2024, 3,004,727 in 2023, and by 3,073,506 in 2022. Other occurrences of a 3 million+ gap were in: 2019 (Dodgers outdrew the Miami Marlins by 3,163,007, the largest margin ever between the highest and lowest team total attendance in a season); 1991 (Toronto over Montreal by 3,066,785); 1993 (Colorado over San Diego by 3,107,918); 2004 (Yankees over Montreal by 3,026,742); 2006 (Yankees over Marlins by 3,079,646); and 2018 (Dodgers outdrew the Marlins by 3,046,396).

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- The Dodgers had the best MLB combined home/road attendance, by a good margin, in **2024**. They drew 6,841,502, an average of 42,494 per date. For the 24th time in the last 25 seasons with attendance, the Yankees led the American League in combined home/road attendance, with a total of 5,947,960, which averaged 37,175 per date. Philadelphia was 3rd in combined home/road average in 2024, (36,719) and had the 2nd ranked total (5,948,541).
- The Dodgers also had the best MLB combined home/road attendance in **2023**, drawing 6,420,414, averaging 39,878 per date. The Yankees led the American League in combined home/road attendance (5,907,448 - 36,692 per date). San Diego was 3rd in combined home/road 2023 attendance attracting 5,827,298, and averaging 35,971 per date.
- Honors for the top **2022** combined home/road attendance also went to the Dodgers, who drew 6,390,902, an average of 39,450 per date. The Yankees had the American League's top combined home/road attendance, drawing 5,600,088, averaging 35,221 per date. St. Louis was 3rd in combined home/road 2022 attendance with a total of 5,552,187, and a 34,486 average per date.
- In **2021**, the Dodgers led MLB in combined home/road attendance, and the Yankees were the AL leaders. The Dodgers had the highest combined **2019** Major League home/road attendance, drawing 6,681,929 (41,246 per date). The Yankees drew a home/road combined 5,765,148 (36,259 per date) to lead the American League. From 1999 through 2015, the Yankees had the top combined home/road American League attendance each year. Toronto led the A.L. in combined home/road attendance 2016, and the Yankees led in 2017 and 2018.
- Miami had the lowest total attendance in the Major Leagues in **2019**, drawing just 811,302 (10,016 per date). The 2018 Marlins had the lowest attendance in the Majors since the Montreal Expos drew 748,550 in 2004, and the lowest attendance ever for a team whose ballpark opened after 1990. The Expos split their 2004 home games between Montreal and San Juan, and became the Washington Nationals in 2005. Note that the Marlins stopped including free and deeply-discounted tickets in their official attendance in 2018, which resulted in that sharp decline, and that policy has continued since then.
- Despite winning 96 games in **2019**, Tampa Bay had the lowest American League attendance in 2019, drawing 1,178,735, an average of 14,734 per date. The 2013 and 2019 Rays are the only teams in MLB history to make the playoffs while having their league's lowest attendance. The 2019 Rays had the most wins ever for a team that finished last in its league in attendance. Just 4 teams (2012, 2013, 2018, and 2019 Tampa Bay) have been last in league attendance while winning at least 90 games. The 1978 Baltimore Orioles, who drew 1,051,724 in 73 dates, were the last team to win at least 90 games, and have a lower total attendance than both 2018 and 2019 Tampa Bay.
- The Rays' 2018 average per date of 14,259, was the lowest for a team with at least 90 wins since the 1976 Pirates, who averaged 14,054 per date. 1975 Oakland, which drew 1,075,518, was the last team, in a normal season, that won at least 96 games, and drew worse than the Rays did in 2019. The 2019 Rays had the smallest attendance for a playoff team since that 1975 Oakland club. In **2023**, the Rays won 99 games, but they had the 3rd lowest attendance (to Oakland and Kansas City) in the American League. It was the 9th time in the last 15 full seasons that Tampa Bay won at least 90 games. The Rays won 86 games in 2022, and were a Wild Card playoff team.
- In **2018**, the Marlins had a 50.9% decline, due to their change of method in reporting attendance. It was the only time a team had its attendance cut in half since 1950. **This excludes 2021**. According to data in 'Total Baseball,' the 1950 Philadelphia A's had a 62.1% decline in total attendance from 1949. Retrosheet.org data shows a 59.9% drop for the 1950 A's, who shared Shibe Park with the National League champion Phillies.
- San Diego was the only team to set a new team total attendance and average per date record in **2024**. The **2023** Padres, and **2019** Dodgers were the previous teams that set a new total attendance and/or average per date record.
- Interleague play increased significantly in **2023**, with 690 scheduled games, compared to 300 scheduled interleague games in recent previous seasons. Every team now plays at least one series with every team in the other league. The American League had 328 interleague wins in **2023**, and the National League won 362. In **2024**, National League teams had a combined 369 interleague game victories, while American League teams won 321 games.
- Due to such a large increase in interleague games, their affect on attendance in minimized. But some interleague games still draw particularly large crowds, especially those where a team plays its same-market rival. These series had 2 games in each team's park in **2024**. The 4 Yankees-Mets games drew 182,041 (45,510 average), White Sox-Cubs games drew 154,938 (38,735 average), Dodgers-Angels games drew 194,667 (48,667 average), and Giants-A's games drew 146,831 (36,708 average). These 16 'same-market' games drew 678,477 (42,405 average). In **2023**, the 16 'same-market' games attracted 672,504, averaging 42,032 per date.

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- The 298 interleague dates in **2022** drew 8,564,908, an average of 28,741 per date. The 2,107 non-interleague dates drew 55,991,750, an average of 26,574 per date. The interleague games drew an average of 2,167 (8.2%) higher than non-interleague dates.
- There were 300 interleague dates played in **2021**, and they drew a total of 6,028,198, an average of 20,094. Many were played under reduced capacity guidelines. Non-interleague games averaged 18,739 per date. Interleague games drew an average of 1,355 (7.2%) higher than non-interleague games.
- The 299 interleague dates drew 8,774,747 in **2019**, an average of 29,347 per date. Non-interleague games averaged 28,196 per date, so the interleague games averaged 4.1% higher than the non-interleague average. Interleague games average per date was 8.8% higher than non-interleague games in 2018, 0.3% higher in 2017, 4.1% higher in 2016, and 4.2% higher in 2015. The interleague games averaged only 1.4% more than non-interleague games in 2014, and 2.0% higher in 2013. But in 2012, interleague games averaged 34,693 per date. This was 13.9% above the average of 30,454 per date for non-interleague games.
- From the start of interleague play in 1997, through 2012, interleague games averaged 7.3% to 20.5% higher attendance per year than non-interleague games. But until 2013, nearly all interleague games were played from late May to early July when attendance is higher than at the start and at the end of the season. With each league having 15 teams due to the move of the Astros to the American League in 2013, there is now at least one interleague game played nearly every day of the season.
- 17 single-admission doubleheaders were played in **2024**, and 14 were played in **2023**. In **2022**, there were 25 single-admission doubleheaders. They were make-ups of weather postponements, and of some games originally scheduled for the first week of the delayed regular season. 33 single admission doubleheaders were played in **2021**, all of them making up rained-out or Covid-postponed games. A rainout in Atlanta was not made up. There were 12 single admission doubleheaders in **2019**. Prior to 2024, the last doubleheader on a team's original schedule was in Tampa Bay. In 2024, both the Giants and the A's had doubleheaders on their original schedules.
- **2024 vs. 2023** average per date was up in March-April, May, June, and September. May had the biggest gain, up 5.1%. July had the largest loss, down 3.4%. Combined March through June was up 2.5%. July through September fell 0.3%. The overall season increase was 0.9%. See the tables on Pages 24-25 for more 2024 by month details.
- July dates had the best average of any month in **2024** (31,437), **2023** (32,559), **2022** (28,919), 2021 (24,718), 2019 (30,360), 2018 (31,131), 2017 (32,805), 2016 (33,259), 2015 (33,007), 2014 (32,168) and 2013 (32,399). March-April had the lowest average per date in **2024** (26,927), **2023** (26,879), 2019 (26,722), and 2018 (26,867), May had the lowest average in **2022** (24,936), 2017 (28,715), September-October had the low average per date in 2016 (28,977), and in 2015 (28,989). April had the low average per date in 2014 (28,911), and in 2013 (28,822), and of course in 2021 (10,008), as all teams except Texas had restricted capacity.
- There were 2,413 dates played in **2024**. 2,416 dates were played in **2023**. There were 2,405 dates played in **2022**. 2,397 dates were played in **2021**. That was the lowest number of dates played in a full season since Major League Baseball expanded to 30 teams in 1998.
- The number of dates played was 2,417 in 2019, 2,415 in 2018, 2,419 in 2017, 2,425 in 2016, 2,417 in 2015, 2,421 in 2014, and a record-high 2,426 in 2013. The 2018 and 2013 total number of dates included 'Tiebreaker' games to determine Division Champions or who made the post-season as a Wild Card team. Officially, those are extra regular season games, so all statistics, including attendance, are included in the regular season stats.
- The Dodgers, Braves, Phillies, Padres, and Yankees all drew over 3 million in **2024**. 8 teams topped 3 million in **2023**. 4 teams surpassed 3 million in **2022**. No team reached 3 million in **2021**. 5 teams (Angels, Yankees, Dodgers, Cardinals, Cubs) topped 3 million in **2019**. 7 teams drew at least 3 million in 2018, 2017, and 2016. 5 teams reached 3 million in 2015 and 2014. The season record for the most teams above 3 million is 10 teams, in 2000, 2007, and 2008.
- 16 teams drew over 2.5 million in **2024**, with 5 more topping 2 million. A record-tying 17 teams topped 2.5 million in **2023**, and one other team reached 2 million. 11 teams drew better than 2.5 million in **2022**. Due to reduced-capacity rules, just 6 teams topped 2 million in **2021**, and only the Dodgers reached 2.5 million. In 2019, 12 teams surpassed 2.5 million, and 18 teams reached 2 million.
- 2013 and 2012 were the only seasons that every Major League team surpassed 1.5 million in attendance. Miami, Tampa Bay, Kansas City, the White Sox, and Oakland fell below that figure in **2024**.

2024 ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Both 2023 World Series teams had attendance gains in **2024**. Texas had a 118,509 gain to its highest total since 2016. Arizona's 380,694 gain vs. 2023, resulted in their highest attendance since 2008. In **2023**, Houston was up 363,349, and Philadelphia gained an MLB-best 775,869. 2021 World Series teams Houston and Atlanta both had attendance increases in **2022 vs. 2021**. **2022** Atlanta was up 474,831 **vs. 2019**, but **2022** Houston was down 168,369 **vs. 2019**. As is usually the case following a World Series win, the Red Sox had a gain (29,052) in **2019**. But the Chicago Cubs followed up their 2016 World Series win with a 32,858 decline in total attendance. The 2017 Cubs were just the 11th team since 1971 to have an attendance decline in the season following a World Championship. This excludes strike affected seasons, plus 2021 and 2022. Prior to 1971, 42 of 67 defending World Champions saw attendance fall in the year after their World Series win.
- 2015 World Champion Kansas City also had an attendance dip the following year. In 2015, the Royals had the biggest gains in the Majors in total attendance (up 752,067), percentage gain (up 38.4%) and average per date (up 9,285). The Royals had ranked 25th in average per date in 2014. But they moved up to 10th best in the Majors in 2015. They ranked #12 in 2016, but fell to 17th in 2017, 23rd in 2018, 26th in both 2019 and 2022, and 28th in 2023. This excludes 2022 vs. 2021. Toronto was up 903,686 for 2022 vs. 2019.
- Around 334 dates were sellouts in **2024**. Some teams don't list sellouts in their Game Notes, so an estimated figure, based on attendance and ballpark capacity had to be made. This will be adjusted if teams show different figures in their 2025 Media Guides. San Diego had an estimated 65 sellouts, Philadelphia listed 48, Atlanta listed 26, the Dodgers had an estimated 21, the Cubs had an estimated 20, the Yankees listed 17, Cleveland listed 14, and San Francisco listed 13. Miami didn't have any, and Kansas City, Oakland, and Tampa Bay had only one each.
- An estimated 375 dates were sold out in 2023, the most sellouts since at least 2013.
- 220 dates were estimated to be sellouts in **2022**. Atlanta had 42 sellouts, St. Louis had 29, San Diego had a team record-high of 26, the Yankees had 16, and Boston had 14. All these teams did list their sellouts.
- The number of sellouts is difficult to note for **2021**. When reduced capacity restrictions were in place, some teams listed games where all tickets were sold, as sellouts, while other teams didn't do so. All available tickets were sold for many of the early season games where only a low percentage of ballpark capacity was allowed.
- The Chicago Cubs had an estimated 42 sellouts in **2019**, while Boston had 30, and the Dodgers had 28. The Cubs don't list sellouts in their Game Notes, so an estimate was made that crowds above 39,000 were sellouts.
- San Francisco's National League record-high sellout streak ended in July, 2017. At the end of the streak, the Giants had 530 regular season, and 555 combined regular and post-season consecutive sellouts, going back to 2010. This was the 2nd longest sellout streak in Major League history, and is currently the 10th longest in North American sports history. Boston sold out 794 straight regular season dates, plus 26 post-season dates, from 2003 to 2013.
- The Minor League Baseball Dayton Dragons have an active sellout streak of 1,573 regular season dates through the end of the **2024** season, and 1,385 dates through **2019**, going back to their first game in 2000. They didn't sell out every game in **2021**. Considering the unique situation of 2021, it really wouldn't be fair to end the streak on that note. In 2022, the Dragons drew above seating capacity, and therefore a sellout, at all 56 dates. They had 10 lost dates. They sold out all games in 2023 and 2024, but in both years, they didn't have any lost dates, which made their achievement even greater.
- The Red Sox' streak, noted above, is now the 3rd longest. NBA teams hold 3 of the 5 longest streaks, which include playoff games: Dallas – 961 through the end of the 2023-24 playoffs (excludes 2020-21); Portland – 814; Boston – 662. The NBA Chicago Bulls had a 610-game sellout streak. Current long NBA streaks, through 2023-24, are 598 by Miami, and 518 by Golden State. The NHL Pittsburgh Penguins had a streak of 633 sold-out games, starting on February 14, 2007, and ending on **October 19, 2021**. The NHL's Chicago Black Hawks' 535-game sellout streak ended on **October 24, 2021**. Montreal of the NHL had a 583-game sellout streak that ended on October 15, 2018. The Toronto Maple Leafs may have once had a longer sellout streak, but they don't report it.
- The biggest **2024** crowd was 55,074 for a game in London. At Major League parks, Dodger Stadium, with the highest seating capacity of any MLB ballpark, hosted the largest regular season crowd of **2024** (54,070), and the top post-season crowd (54,119), **2023** (53,057), **2022** (53,432), and of **2021** (53,114). The Yankees had the top American League crowds in **2024** (48,760), **2023** (47,295), and **2022** (49,217). Seattle had the highest **2021** single game crowd in the American League (44,414).

2024 – ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- The largest crowd of the **2019** regular season was 59,659 in London, for a Boston ‘home’ game vs. the Yankees. The Dodgers drew 54,307 on May 31, which was the year’s highest attendance at a National League park. Oakland’s 53,367 crowd on August 24 was the largest in an American League park. Highest 2019 post-season crowd was 54,159 at Dodger Stadium for Game 5 of the National League Division Series.
- **Texas (42,130), Minnesota (41,079), and San Diego (47,559) set new records in 2024 for the highest regular season, single game attendance in their current ballpark.** Detroit (44,923), and San Diego (47,773) drew current park highs for the post-season. In **2023**, St. Louis and Texas set new records for the highest regular season single game attendance in their current ballparks, and Atlanta and Texas each drew a record-high post-season crowd to their current parks.
- In **2024**, the Dodgers surpassed 2 million for an MLB record 51st consecutive season, including 1994, 1995, and 2021. Atlanta reached 2 million for the 33rd straight year, and St. Louis topped 2 million for the 28th year in row. **Through 2024, but not including 2021**, Boston has topped 2 million for 28 straight seasons, and the Yankees and Cubs achieved this mark for 27 straight years.
- The Dodgers have now reached 2.5 million for a Major League record 50 times, **including 2021**. St. Louis has done it 33 times. The Yankees have topped 2.5 million in 29 seasons, the most for an American League team.
- Through **2024**, the Dodgers reached 3 million in attendance 36 times. St. Louis (25 times), the Yankees (24), San Francisco (17), and the Angels (17), are next on the list. In **2019**, the Cubs drew 3 million for the 12th time.
- The Yankees topped 3 million for a record 24th straight ‘normal’ year in **2024**. St. Louis did it for the 18 ‘normal’ years in a row through 2023, but came up short in 2024. The Angels had been above 3 million for the 17 years in a row through 2019. **Until 2019**, the Giants had topped 3 million for 9 years in a row, and 17 times in 19 years. The Dodgers drew 3 million in 15 straight seasons from 1996 through 2010, and in 11 ‘normal’ years in a row through 2024.
- **Another milestone was achieved by the Yankees in 2019 as they became the first U.S. or Canadian sports team to reach 200 million in attendance in one market.** This covers 1903 through 2024. In 1901 and 1902, the Yankees were the Baltimore Orioles. The Dodgers have also surpassed 200 million in attendance since 1900, but some of that was during their years in Brooklyn. Since moving to Los Angeles in 1958, the Dodgers have drawn 196,161,116, by far the most of any team during this period.
- 49 of the 238 teams in the World Series from 1903 through **2024** (excluding 2020, which had no fans in attendance) led Major League Baseball in attendance that year. This includes the 2024, 2018, and 2017 Dodgers. (The 2021 Braves finished 2nd to the Dodgers.) 48 additional World Series teams, including the 2024 Yankees, led their own league, but did not lead the Majors. From 1903 through 1978, 83 of the 150 World Series teams were league leaders in attendance. The **2022** Astros ranked 7th in average per date, and the Phillies ranked 16th. 2023 Texas ranked 16th, and Arizona ranked 20th.
- Starting in 1979, through 2024, just 14 of the 88 World Series participants led their league in attendance. The labor dispute cancelled the 1994 World Series. Since 1995, the only league attendance leaders who played in the World Series were the 2003, 2009, and 2024 Yankees, the 2002 Giants, and the 2017, 2018, and 2024 Dodgers. **There have been 28 World Series with each league’s attendance leader participating, but only 2 (1992-Toronto-Atlanta and 2024-Yankees-Dodgers) since 1982.**
- The 2016 Cleveland Indians (now named the Guardians) became just the 3rd team to play in the World Series in a year when they had the 3rd lowest attendance in the Major Leagues. 2003 Florida and 1974 Oakland were the others. No team with a year’s lowest or 2nd lowest Major League attendance, or with the lowest attendance in their league, has ever played in the World Series.
- The term ‘lost dates’ in this report refers to games postponed and either not made up, or made up as part of a single-admission doubleheader. Postponed games made up as part of a separate-admission doubleheader, or on what was originally an off-day, are not considered to be lost dates.
- 21 of the 30 MLB teams played the maximum 81 home dates in **2024**. Both San Francisco and Oakland played their maximum 80 dates, as each of them had an original schedule single-admission doubleheader. The White Sox had the most lost dates (4), Detroit had 3, Cleveland, the Yankees, and the Mets had 2 each, and Baltimore and Atlanta had one apiece.

2024 – ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- 24 clubs played all 81 home dates in **2023**. Detroit had the most lost dates (4), the White Sox and Cleveland lost 3 each, the Mets lost 2, and Philadelphia and the Yankees each had one lost date.
- 17 teams played all 81 home dates in **2022**. Cleveland had the most lost dates (5), followed by the Mets (4), Baltimore and the Yankees (3 each). Two Oakland home dates from the originally scheduled first week of the season were made up as parts of single-admission doubleheaders.
- 16 of the 30 teams played their full 81-date home schedules in **2021**. The Mets lost 8 dates, all due to weather. They only played 73 home dates, the fewest for them in any full season since 1979. In those days, teams would have doubleheaders on their original schedules, and not just to make-up postponed games. 1980 Minnesota was the last team with as few as 73 dates in a season, and 1979 Cleveland, Baltimore, and Montreal each had just 72 home dates that year. Also in **2021**, Cleveland had 4 lost dates, while Baltimore, the White Sox, Atlanta, and Colorado each had 3. Even though Tampa Bay has an indoor ballpark, they lost a date due to a hurricane threat.
- Until 2014, Pittsburgh had been the only recent non-expansion team whose current all-time attendance record was set in a year with a losing record. The Pirates reached their old high in 2001, the year PNC Park opened. But in 2014, the Pirates had a winning year, and a new attendance record-high, and they broke that in 2015, another winning year. Miami, Colorado, Tampa Bay, Washington, and Arizona, each set their records in their first season.
- Attendance declines in 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010 and 2009 pushed average per date figures back below levels reached prior to the 1994 strike. **2024** average attendance per date of 29,568 is 1,769 (5.6%) below the **1993** average of 31,337. If 1998 expansion teams Tampa Bay and Arizona are excluded, the **2024** average for the 28 teams that operated in 1993 (including Montreal, who moved to Washington in 2005) rises to 30,062 per date, which is a loss of 1,275 (4.1%) from 1993. Only 9 of the 28 teams that played in 1993 were still in the same home ballpark in 2024 (Baltimore, Boston, Chicago White Sox, Kansas City, Los Angeles Angels, Oakland, Toronto, Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers). Since 1993, Atlanta and Texas have each opened two new parks. In 2025, Oakland starts a 3-year relocation to Sacramento, before moving to Las Vegas for the 2028 season.
- In **April 2022**, the Cardinals reached 50 million in regular season attendance at Busch Stadium III, in their 1,221st date there. This is the fewest number of dates needed for a ballpark to achieve this attendance level. The Giants had the old record of 1,261 dates to reach 50 million (some sources list it as 1,259 dates).
- In **2024**, Major League attendance was 70.62% of listed stadium capacity. It was 69.91% in 2023. In 2022, it was 63.7%. A 2021 figure would be very difficult to determine due to the early-season reduced capacity, and it would be rather meaningless anyway. Total attendance as an average of stadium capacity was 66.68% in 2019, 67.41% in 2018, 70.73% in 2017, 70.40% in 2016, 71.01% in 2015, 70.57% in 2014, and 70.60% in 2013. The probable highest percentage of capacity ever drawn is 73.28% in 2007. All figures are for stadium capacity in the season noted. Stadium capacity was obtained from the team media guides of the season that is noted.
- The 2024 teams drawing at least 85% percent of their ballpark's listed seating capacity were San Diego (103.2%), Philadelphia (96.8%), Atlanta (91.6%), the Yankees (90.0%), Boston (87.8%), the Cubs (87.0%), and the Dodgers (86.9%, but probably higher since the actual seating capacity of Dodger Stadium is less than the listed 56,000).
- For post season, 9-inning games, average time of game was 3:02 in 2024. It was also 3:02 in 2023, 3:23 in 2022, 3:37 in 2021, 3:32 in 2020, 3:34 in 2019, 3:35 in 2018, 3:29 in 2017, 3:28 in 2016, 3:14 in 2015, and 3:26 in 2014. The 3:02 post-season average time of game in 2024 and 2023 was the quickest since 2005, when it also was 3:02.

2024 - ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – AMERICAN LEAGUE**

- **Baltimore** – Over the last 3 years, the Orioles have accomplished one of greatest turnarounds in Major League history. They won just 52 games in 2021, improved to 83 wins in 2022, won an American League-best 101 games in 2023, and were a 2024 Wild Card team. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, they were the first team since 1900 to win 77 or more games in a year following a season with at least 110 losses. Baltimore also became the first team to win at least 70 games following 3 straight full seasons with 100 or more defeats. Their attendance boomed as well.

Total **2024** attendance was 2,281,129, averaging 28,514 per date, the Orioles' best since 2015. The total was up 344,331 (17.8%) vs. **2023**, which was the 2nd best A.L. gain, and up 912,762 (66.7%) vs. **2022**. Baltimore's average per date rose 4,603 (19.3%) vs. **2023**, and 10,971 per date (62.5%) vs. **2022**. The **2024 vs. 2023** average per date gain was the best numerically among American League teams, and 2nd best to Arizona in the Majors. There were 8 sellouts in 2024, and one date was lost. Baltimore has drawn over 2 million in all but 9 'normal' seasons since 1989.

- **Boston** – **2024** total attendance was 2,659,949, an average of 32,839 per date. The total was down 12,181 (0.5%) vs. **2023**. Average per date was 150 (0.5%) lower than in **2023**. The Red Sox filled Fenway Park to 87.79% of capacity, the 2nd highest such figure in the American League, and 5th best in the Majors. There were 7 sellouts.

Total attendance has topped 2 million in 36 of the last 38 seasons (shorter 1994 season, and reduced capacity 2021, are the exceptions). The 36 consecutive 'normal' years above 2 million through 2024 for the Red Sox is an American League record. Attendance has been above 2.5 million for 23 straight 'normal' seasons through 2024. Average per date has topped 30,000 for 24 years in a row, excluding 2021, and had been above 35,000 in 15 of 16 years until 2021. **Through the end of 2019**, 1,588 of the last 1,602 regular season dates (99.1%) at Fenway Park had topped 30,000, including all games from 2014 through 2019. 61 of the 81 dates in **2022** drew over 30,000, as did 70 of the 81 dates in **2023**, and 73 of 81 dates in **2024**. **So through 2024, but excluding 2021**, 1,792 of the last 1,845 (97.1%) regular season dates at Fenway Park have drawn at least 30,000.

For over 9 full seasons, starting on May 15, 2003, and ending on April 10, 2013, the Red Sox sold out 794 straight regular season games, and 820 in a row if post-season games are included. This had been the longest sellout streak in North American Major League sports history, breaking the record of 814 held by Portland of the NBA. The Dallas Mavericks of the NBA now have a current sellout streak of 961 games through the 2024 playoffs (excludes 2020-21). The Dayton Dragons of the Minor League Baseball Midwest League, have the longest sellout streak ever in North American sports, having sold out all 1,573 regular season dates in their history from 2000 through the end the 2019 season, plus 2022, 2023, and 2024. They did not sell out all their 2021 games due to so much uncertainty that year.

- **Chicago White Sox** – In **2022**, the White Sox had their best total attendance and highest **full season** average per date since 2010. But in **2024**, they lost an American League record-high 121 games, and had the largest percentage attendance decline in the Major Leagues. (In 1899, the National League Cleveland Spiders were 20-134.) The White Sox drew 1,380,733, down 288,895 (17.3%) from **2023**. **2024** average per date was 17,932, down 3,474 (16.2%). There were 3 sellouts, and 4 lost dates. The 41 full capacity dates in **2021** averaged 27,866, up 6,440 from 2019. **The White Sox and Padres were the only teams whose full capacity average per date was higher in 2021 than in 2019.**

The White Sox posted an attendance increase in 2019, despite 4 lost dates. That was just their second gain in the previous 13 seasons. After a Major League record 8 straight attendance declines, the White Sox saw attendance rise in 2015.

- **Cleveland** – **2024 was the 2nd straight year with a big gain for the Guardians, resulting in their highest attendance since 2008.** The total rose 222,196 (12.1%) to 2,056,264, and average per date was up 2,515 (10.7%) to 26,029. In **2023**, the total was up 538,198 (41.5%) from **2022**, and average per date rose an American League best 6,463 (37.9%). 14 dates in 2024 were sellouts, up from 5 sellouts in 2023. There were 2 lost dates and 4 rainouts. In **2022**, Cleveland had Major League highs in lost dates (5) and rainouts (10). Until 2024, 2017 had been Cleveland's only year above 2 million since 2008.

Cleveland had a big attendance increase (202,762) in 2016. But their total of 1,591,667 was the lowest for a division winner since Pittsburgh in 1979, and for a pennant winner since the Wild-Card Florida Marlins in 2003. Progressive Field renovations have resulted in seating capacity being reduced from 42,487 to 36,675 in 2015, 35,225 in 2016, 35,051 in 2017, 35,041 in 2018, 34,788 in 2019, and 34,830 from 2021 through 2023, and 34,631 in 2024

2024 - ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – AMERICAN LEAGUE**

- **Detroit** – **2024** total attendance was 1,858,295, up 245,419 (15.2%). Average per date was 23,824, up 2,878 (13.7%). The **2024** total attendance and average per date were Detroit's best since 2017. Detroit had 3 lost dates, and 6 dates were sold out. The Tigers reached 3 million 4 times in the 7 years from 2007 through 2013, and had topped 2 million in 13 straight years until 2018. A streak of 11 seasons in a row with average per date above 30,000 ended in 2017. Until 2006, the Tigers reached 30,000 per date just twice in their history.
- **Houston** – The Astros drew 2,835,234 in **2024**, averaging 35,003 per date. The total was down 217,113 (7.1%). Average per date fell 2,680 (7.1%). 8 dates were sold out. Followed up their 2017 World Series win with baseball's best attendance growth in 2018. The Astros had the best record in the Majors in **2019**, and made it to Game 7 of the World Series, but total attendance fell 123,182. Astros' **2024** total attendance is up 1,227,501 (76.3%) from **2012**.

In 2013, the Astros became the 16th team in MLB history to lose at least 110 games in a season, and the 17th team to suffer 100 losses in 3 straight years. The Astros drew 1,651,911, which isn't even close to the record attendance for a team with 110+ losses. In 2004, 111-loss Arizona drew 2,519,560. The 1965 Mets, who drew 1,768,389, hold the record for a team with at least 3 straight 100-loss seasons.

- **Kansas City** – In **2022**, they had their lowest total attendance and average per date in a full and 'normal' season since 1975. **2023** had a slight gain. **In 2024, the Royals had the best total and average per date numerical gains in the American League, and the best percentage growth in the Major Leagues.** Total **2024** attendance was 1,658,347, with an average of 20,473 per date. The total was up 351,295 (26.9%). Average per date rose 4,337 (26.9%). There was one sellout, and no lost dates.

After total attendance declined 337,342 (13.2%) in 2017, it fell 555,263 (25.0%) in 2018, and 185,448 (11.1%) in **2019**. Compared to the record-highs of 2015, when the Royals won the World Series, total attendance by **2023** had fallen 1,401,497 (51.7%), and the average per date was down 17,303 (51.7%).

In **2015**, the Royals drew a team record-high 2,708,549, (33,439 per date) breaking the old marks of 2,477,700 (30,971 per date) set in 1989. It was the first time since 1991 that they topped 2 million. The Royals led the Majors in total attendance gain (up 752,067), percentage gain (up 38.4%), and average per date gain (up 9,285). The gain in total attendance was the best for any team that didn't move into new park since the Angels rose 755,525 in 2003.

- **Los Angeles Angels** – Shohei Ohtani was a World Series winner in his first season with the rival Dodgers, but despite his departure, attendance for the Angels fell only slightly in **2024**. They drew 2,577,597, down 62,978 (2.4%). Average per date dipped 778 (2.4%) to 31,822, which was the 20th straight 'normal' season above 30,000. There were 5 sellouts. The Angels have drawn at least 2 million for 25 straight 'normal' years, and in all but 2 non-strike and 'normal' seasons since 1979. They topped 3 million for 17 straight years from 2003 through 2019.
- **Minnesota** – **2024** total attendance was down 22,508 (1.1%) to 1,951,616. **2024** average per date was 24,094, down 278 (1.1%). There were 2 sellouts, 2 postponements, but no lost dates.

A streak of 11 straight seasons above 2 million had ended in 2016. The Twins topped 2 million in 2017, and again in **2019** as they had a 101-win season. Total attendance was up 334,955 (17.1%). Average per date rose 3,833. These increases were the best in the American League in 2019, and second-best in the Majors to the Phillies. It was the Twins' best total and average per date since 2013. In 2014, Minnesota set a record for best attendance by a team with at least 4 straight seasons with 90+ losses, when they drew 2,250,606. The previous record-highs for such teams were 2,062,382 by Milwaukee in 2004, and in the A.L., by Detroit (2,024,485) in 2005.

2024 - ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – AMERICAN LEAGUE**

- **New York Yankees – Won their 41st American League Championship, and led the A.L. in attendance for the 59th time, in 2024. The Yankees drew 3,309,838, up 40,822 (1.2%) vs. 2023. They topped 3 million for a Major League record-high 24th consecutive ‘normal’ season. The Dodgers, who topped 3 million in 15 straight years from 1996 through 2010, hold the N.L. record. The Yanks had an A.L.-best and MLB-2nd best average per date of 41,897, up 1,034 (2.5%).** Their top crowd of 2024 (48,760) was the best of the regular season in an American League park.

Attendance surpassed 40,000 at 60 dates in **2024**, including 32 straight dates from June 5 through August 21. Their last longer streak of 40,000+ was 53 dates in 2018. 17 home dates, and an estimated 22 road dates, were sellouts. **2024** was the 27th ‘normal’ year in a row above 2 million for the Yankees, the 2nd longest American League streak in that category. Boston, with 36 ‘normal’ 2 million+ years in a row (excludes 1994 and 2021), from 1986-2024, holds the A.L. record. It was also the Yankees’ 29th time above 2.5 million, which is an A.L. record. Average per date was above 35,000 for the 25th straight ‘normal’ year. There were 2 lost dates, and 2 games were postponed

Through 2015, the Yankees led the American League in total home attendance for 13 straight years, the longest streak of leading a league in Major League history. From **1999 through 2024, including 2021**, the Yankees have had the best A.L. combined home/road attendance every year except 2016. It was 5,947,960 and 37,175 per date in **2024**. Toronto had the top A.L. home, and combined home/road totals in **2016**. The Yankees also posted the highest road attendance (2,638,122, 32,569 per date) of any American League team in **2024**.

The Yankees drew under 30,000 for one date in 2016, ending an MLB record streak of 990 straight home dates (957 regular season and 33 post-season) with crowds of more than 30,000. St. Louis topped this streak a few days after the Yankee streak ended. That 30,000+ streak in **St. Louis** ended in 2024 at 1,471 dates (excludes 2021). Covid regulations prohibited the Cardinals from selling 30,000 tickets to many of their **2021** games.

In 2019, the Yankees, who began to play in New York (as the Highlanders) in 1903, became the first United States or Canadian sports team to reach 200 million in home attendance in one market. Their total regular season attendance from 1903 through 2024 is 213,282,179.

- **Oakland** – The A’s are heading to Las Vegas. Attempts to fund a ballpark in Oakland failed, and the team will move to Las Vegas in 2028 when a new park opens. For 2025-2027, they will play in a Minor League park in Sacramento.

2024 A’s attendance in the final year in Oakland was a Major League low 922,286, up 89,934 (10.8%). Average per date was 11,529, up 1,253 (12.2%). 47 dates drew under 10,000, and 18 of those dates attracted less than 5,000, with a low of 2,895. 11 dates drew over 20,000. The final 6-game homestand drew 193,848 (32,308 average). The last game played in Oakland was the only sellout of the year, with a crowd of 46,889.

In **2022**, the Athletics drew just 787,902, averaging 9,973 per date. That was lowest attendance for any Major League team in a ‘normal’ year since Montreal’s final season in 2004. In the American League, it was the first ‘normal’ season below one million, and the lowest attendance, since Cleveland drew 655,181 in 1985. This was the lowest attendance in Oakland since the A’s drew a total of just 306,763, and an average of 3,984 per date, in 1979.

Las Vegas is currently the home of the Aviators, one of the most successful teams, in terms of attendance, in Minor League Baseball. Their ballpark opened in **2019**, and the Aviators led Minor League Baseball in attendance that year, drawing 650,934, an average of 9,299 per date, with 47 sellouts. In **2023**, the Aviators drew 506,047, an average of 6,838 per date, with 17 sellouts, and a top crowd of 11,268. **2024** attendance was 481,802 (6,511 average), with a high of 10,646. In the 5 seasons in their new park, the Aviators have drawn a total of 2,585,373.

- **Seattle** – In **2023**, the Mariners had their best attendance since 2005. Their **2024** total was down 134,605 (5.0%) to 2,555,813. Average per date decreased 1,662 (5.0%) to 31,553. It was the 13th time (all since 1996) that the Mariners reached 2.5 million, and the first time since 2004-2005 that they reached this level in consecutive seasons. Seattle has topped 2 million in all but 4 ‘normal’ years since 1996, after doing it just twice from 1977 through 1995. They had 4 sellouts in 2024, and 10 dates drew over 40,000.

2024 - ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – AMERICAN LEAGUE**

- **Tampa Bay** – The Rays continue to do everything right on both the business and the baseball sides. Ticket prices are low, and the Rays have a very fan-friendly reputation. They won 101 games in 2021, and 99 games in **2023**. Tampa Bay has reached at least 90 wins 9 times in the last 16 full seasons. Only the Dodgers (12), and Yankees (10), have more 90-win seasons during this period. **Tampa Bay has the 3rd best won-loss record in the Majors since 2008, with 1,446 regular season wins.** The Dodgers have 1,557 wins during this period, the Yankees have 1,513, St. Louis has 1,443, and Atlanta has 1,418. A hurricane blew the roof off Tropicana Field in October, 2024. The Rays may have to begin the 2025 season in another location while their ballpark is repaired.
- In **2024**, the Rays drew 1,337,739, averaging 16,515 per date. The total was down 102,562 (7.1%). Average per date fell 1,266 (7.1%). Opening Day was the only sellout, and 17 dates reached 20,000. Better days are coming. In January 2025, ground will be broken for a new ballpark in St. Petersburg, with a planned opening in 2028. It will have a capacity of 30,000, with a roof that lets in much natural light.

The 2019 Rays had more wins than any team in MLB history that finished last in its league in attendance. They were also just the second team (2013 Tampa Bay was the other) to reach the post-season in a year when they ended up in their league's attendance basement. Tampa Bay's 2012, 2013, 2018, and 2019 teams are the only 90-win teams ever in the Major Leagues to finish last in their league in attendance. The previous team with at least 96 wins, and a lower attendance than the 2019 Rays were the 1975 Oakland A's. That 1975 Oakland club was also the most recent team that made the post-season with a lower attendance figure than the 2019 Rays.

2024 was the 17th time in the team's 25 'normal' years, that the Rays drew under 1.5 million. They posted the A.L.'s worst attendance in 14 of the last 23 years, but not from 2022-2024, reaching 2 million only in 1998, their first year.

- **Texas** – The **2023 World Champions** drew 2,651,553, their best figure since 2016, up 118,509 (4.7%). Average per date was 32,735, up 1,463 (7.1%). There were 8 sellouts. 28 dates topped 35,000, with a Globe Life Field all time regular season high of 42,130. The Rangers have topped 2 million in 33 of the last 35 years, **including 2021**, and reached 2.5 million 18 times. Globe Life Field, which opened in 2020, is next to AT&T Stadium, home of the NFL Cowboys. The park has a smaller capacity than Globe Life Park, their home from 1994 through 2019, but it has a retractable roof, and air conditioning.
- **Toronto** – The Rogers Centre underwent a major renovation before the 2023 season, resulting in the seating capacity being reduced from 49,286 to 39,150. The Blue Jays had the worst 2024 attendance decline among American League teams. **2024** total attendance was 2,681,236, down 340,668 (11.3%). Average per date was 33,102, down 4,206 (11.3%). An estimated 11 dates sold out, and 33 dates topped 35,000. 2023 was the 8th time above 3 million for Toronto. **For 2023 vs. 2019, the Blue Jays had the biggest increases of any team, up 1,271,760 (72.7%) in total attendance, and up 15,700 (72.7%) in average per date.**

After leading the A.L. in total attendance in 2016 and 2017, the Blue Jays suffered one of the worst attendance losses in MLB history in **2018**. Toronto had the biggest 2018 declines in total attendance, down 878,605 (27.4%) to 2,325,281, and in average per date, down 10,488 to 29,066. This was the 4th worst total attendance loss, and 10th worst average per date decline, in Major League history. Giving fewer tickets to resellers was a factor in the decline. History repeated itself in **2019**, as Jays' attendance fell an MLB worst 575,137 (24.7%) to 1,750,144. Average per date was down 7,459 to 21,607.

In **2016**, the Blue Jays had the best MLB gains in total attendance, average per date, and percentage gain. The total rose 597,208 (21.4%) to 3,392,099. That was the best total for the Blue Jays since they drew 4,057,947 in 1993. Average per date was 41,878, up 7,373, with 39 sellouts. This followed an A.L.-best gain of 419,366 (5,178 per date) in 2015. Average per date topped 40,000 in 2016 for the 7th time in team history, but for the first time since 1989 through 1994. Toronto's attendance nearly doubled from 2010 to 2017, up 97.1%.

No Major League team suffered more from Covid restrictions than Toronto. The closure of the U.S./Canadian border forced the Blue Jays to play all **2020** home games in Buffalo. In **2021**, the Blue Jays finally returned to Toronto on July 30, after playing 21 April and May home dates at their Spring Training park in Dunedin, FL. Allowed capacity there was under 1,700. They moved to Buffalo for 22 dates in June and July. In Toronto, the Jays had 36 dates. Toronto capacity was limited to 15,000 until the final homestand, when it was raised to 30,000. They were the only team to not have full-capacity allowed at any of their home games in their normal home ballpark.

2024 - ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – NATIONAL LEAGUE**

- **Arizona** – In 2024, the D-Backs followed up their 2023 National League Championship with their best attendance since 2008, and the biggest numerical attendance increase in the Major Leagues, and the best percentage gain in the National League.
- The 2024 total was 2,341,876, up 380,694 (19.4%) from 2023, and up 736,677 (45.9%) from 2022. The 2024 average per date of 28,912 was 4,700 (19.4%) higher than in 2023, and it was 9,095 (45.9%) higher than in 2022. There were 2 sellouts, 30 dates topped 30,000, and 10 dates drew at least 40,000, with a high of 50,041. Arizona's attendance had been very steady from 2009 through 2019, with the total ranging from 2,036,216 to 2,242,695, and the average per date ranging from 25,138 to 27,688. They drew 3,600,412, averaging 44,450 per date, in 1998.
- **Atlanta** – Total attendance was 3,011,755 in 2024, down 179,750 (5.6%), with one lost date. Average per date was 37,647, which is 91.58% of Truist Park's seating capacity. That was down 1,754 (4.5%) from 2023. Atlanta had a Major League high 42 sellouts in 2022, 54 sellouts in 2023, and 26 sellouts in 2024. A game that drew 29,935 was the only one below 30,000 in 2024. In 2017, the first year at Truist Park in suburban Atlanta, the Braves had the best total and average per date gains in the Majors. The Braves have now reached 2 million for 33 straight years, (1991-2024 including 2021), after doing it just once (in 1983) from 1966, their first year in Atlanta, through 1990. 2024 was the 9th time above 3 million.
- **Chicago Cubs** – Drew a total of 2,909,794 in 2024, up 134,645 (4.9%). Average per date was 35,923, up 1,662 (4.9%). Attendance reached at least 35,000 at 55 dates. The Cubs topped 3 million 12 times in 16 years through 2019. Since 1984, the Cubs have drawn over 2 million in all full 'normal seasons,' except 1986. Through 2024, they've averaged at least 30,000 per date for 25 straight 'normal' years, and have topped 35,000 per date in 16 of the last 20 'normal' seasons through 2024. The Cubs didn't list sellouts in their Game Notes or Media Guide. Based on listed attendance, and assuming that 39,000+ is a sellout, there were 21 estimated sellouts in 2024. An estimated 42 games were sold out in 2019, which was the most by a Major League team that year.
- **Cincinnati** – 2024 had a slight decline in attendance for the Reds, but it was still their 2nd best since 2015. The 2024 total was 2,024,186, down 14,116 (0.7%). The average per date dipped 174 (0.7%). There were 5 sellouts, and no lost dates. 13 dates drew at least 35,000.

The Reds finished in last place in the National League Central Division in 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015, for the only times since 1983. It was the longest a team in the 4 major sports (MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL) had gone without being last in their division. San Antonio of the NBA then had the longest 'non-cellar' streak. The Spurs hadn't finished last since 1986-87, and were in the playoffs in 22 straight years (1998-2019), all with Head Coach Gregg Popovich. The Spurs' playoff streak ended in 2020, but their streak of avoiding last place continued through 2021-22. They finished in a tie for last place in their division in 2022-23, and were in last place in 2023-24.

- **Colorado** – Despite a 2nd straight 100+-loss season, the Rockies drew a total of 2,540,195 in 2024, down 67,740 (2.6%). 2024 average per date was 31,360, down 836 (2.6%). This included 2 home games played in Mexico City. Games in Denver averaged 31,651 per date, down 546 (1.7%) from 2023. There were 9 sellouts, 17 dates topped 40,000, and the top crowd was 48,750.

2024 was the 15th straight 'normal' year above 2.5 million, and the 15th 'normal' year in a row with average per date over 30,000. The Rockies have topped 35,000 in average per date 14 times. Colorado has surpassed the 2 million mark in 29 of their 31 seasons with attendance, through 2024. The only seasons under 2 million, including the shorter seasons of 1994 and 1995, were 2005, and capacity-limited 2021. In both of those years, Colorado drew over 1.9 million. The Rockies hold the all-time Major League total attendance record (4,483,350) set in 1993, and the record-high average per date (58,598), set in the shorter 1994 season.

2024 – ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – NATIONAL LEAGUE**

- **Los Angeles Dodgers** – The 2024 World Champions led the Major Leagues in attendance for the 11th straight year, and for the 33rd time since moving to Los Angeles in 1958. It was the 39th year the Dodgers have led the National League in attendance since then. Drew 3,941,251, averaging 48,657 per date. This was the 2nd best total in team history, the 4th best total ever in the National League, and the 11th top season total in the Majors. It was the best attendance for a National League World Series winner, topped only by 1992 and 1993 Toronto. 2024 total attendance was up 104,172 (2.7%). 2024 average per date rose 1,286 (2.7%). The 2024 figure includes a home game played in Seoul, South Korea. Games in Los Angeles averaged 49,067 per date, up 1,696 (3.6%).

Every game but one (37,634), in 2024 at Dodger Stadium, drew over 40,000. 37 dates topped 50,000, with an estimated 21 sellouts. Dodger Stadium hosted the largest regular season (54,070), and post-season (54,119) crowds of the year in a Major League park. The Dodgers led MLB in road attendance (2,900,251 – 36,253 per date), and in combined home-road attendance (6,841,502 total – 42,494 per date).

Drew a team record-high 3,974,309 in 2019, which was the 3rd best total ever by a National League team, topped only by the 1993 Rockies and 2008 Mets. It was the highest by any team since the 2008 Mets and Yankees. This was also the 10th best Major League total in history.

The Dodgers have surpassed 3 million in 26 of the last 27 'normal' years, and an MLB-best 36 times overall, and reached 3.5 million for the 18th time in 2024. Attendance has topped 2 million for 51 seasons in a row, **including 2021. The Dodgers reached an average per date of at least 40,000 for the 19th time in the last 20 years (includes 2021 full-capacity dates).** The 2019 Dodgers had the highest attendance ever for a team that won at least 100 games, surpassing the totals of the 1993 Braves, 2004 Yankees, and 2017 Dodgers.

- **Miami** – Though the Marlins had the lowest 2024 National League attendance for the 16th time in the last 17 years – 1,087,455 total, 13,425 average per date, it was the first time since 2016 and 2017 that they topped one million for at least 2 years in a row. The Marlins likely again only included tickets sold at full or near-full price in their reported attendance figures in 2024. Their total fell 75,364 (6.5%) from 2023, and average per date was down 930 (6.5%). 27 dates drew less than 10,000, and 11 dates topped 20,000. There were no sellouts. Opening Day had the largest crowd (32,564).

In 2018, Miami drew a team record-low 811,104, which was also the lowest attendance by any team since the 2004, lame-duck, Montreal Expos, who moved Washington the following year. The Expos also played many home games in San Juan in 2004. 2018 Marlins' attendance was the smallest ever for any team playing in a park built after 1989.

2018 Marlins' total attendance, at least officially, plunged 840,893 (50.9%). According to data in Total Baseball, the last time any team had their attendance cut by more than half was in 1950, when the Philadelphia Athletics had a 62.1% decline. (Attendance data in retrosheet.org shows a 59.9% decrease for the 1950 A's.) 13 teams in Major League history have seen attendance reduced by at least 50% from one season to the next. The numerical decline in total attendance was the 6th worst ever. Average per date fell 10,381 to 10,014. That is the 12th worst drop in average per date in MLB history. All of this excludes 2021.

It is important to note nearly all of the 2018 decline was due the Marlins changing the guidelines of how they report attendance. Their 2018 official attendance, unlike in 2017, only included tickets sold at, or close to, full price. It did not include tickets distributed for free or at very large discounts. According to an article in the Miami Herald, had the Marlins reported 2017 attendance using the same method as in 2018, their 2017 attendance would have been around 820,000, which is very similar to the 2018 total. They have likely used the same guidelines since 2018.

- **Milwaukee** – Made the post-season for the 6th time in the last 7 seasons. The Brew Crew drew a total of 2,537,202 in 2024, down 14,145 (0.6%). Average per date in 2024 was 31,323, down 175 (0.6%). There were 8 sellouts, and 27 dates topped 35,000. 2019 attendance was 2,923,333, with 20 sellouts, the 4th best total in team history. The Brewers have topped 2 million for 19 straight 'normal' years through 2024, and have reached 2.5 million 14 times. Milwaukee's average per date has been above 30,000 for 16 of 17 seasons since 2007, **including the full-capacity 2021 average**, and it has reached 35,000 in 6 of those seasons. That's quite a feat for the smallest TV market (A.C. Nielsen data) in the Majors.

2024 - ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – NATIONAL LEAGUE**

- **New York Mets** – They got off to a 24-35 start in **2024**, and then went 65-38. Total **2024** attendance was 2,323,299, down 244,256 (9.5%), with 2 lost dates, and 3 rainouts. Average per date was 29,485, down 3,509 (10.6%). One home game was played in London. Games at Citi Field averaged 29,172, down 3,822 (11.6%). There were 8 estimated sellouts. In **2021**, the Mets played only 73 dates, their fewest number of dates in a full season since 1979. The last team to have so few dates in a full year was 1980 Minnesota. **2024** was the 25th straight 'normal' year above 2 million for the Mets. Until 2024, average per date had topped 30,000 17 times in the previous 23 'normal' seasons.
- **Philadelphia** – Had their best record since 2011, and highest attendance since 2012. **Drew a Major League 2nd best 3,363,712 in 2024, up 311,107 (10.2%), and averaged an MLB 3rd best 41,527 per date, up 3,370 (8.8%).** One home game played in London drew a Major League 2024 season high 55,074. Games at Citizens Bank Park averaged 41,358, up 3,200 (8.4%). It was their 11th time reaching 3 million. There were 48 sellouts. 61 dates topped 40,000, and all but 2 games surpassed 30,000. Vs. **2022**, the **2024** total attendance rose 1,086,976 (47.7%), and average per date was up 13,068 (45.9%). From 2007 through 2013, the Phillies topped 3 million for 7 straight years, with a high of 3,680,718 in 2011, and their average per date reached 42,000 in 5 of those years. Since 2015, the Phillies' total attendance is up 1,532,632 (83.7%), with an average per date gain of 18,052 (76.9%).
- **Pittsburgh** –The **2024** total was 1,720,361, the best since 2017, and up 89,737 (5.5%). Average per date was 21,239, up 1,108 (5.5%). There were 6 sellouts, and 14 dates had crowds above 30,000, but 4 dates drew under 10,000. One game was postponed. Yet this was the 5th straight full season that the Pirates played 81 home dates. In **2022**, the Pirates had their lowest total attendance and average per date in a full and 'normal' season since 1987. The Bucs drew over 2 million in 5 straight years (2012-2016). Prior to 2012, the Pirates reached 2 million just 3 times.
- **St. Louis** – Despite a winning record, the Cardinals had the biggest numerical attendance decline of any team in **2024**. In 2023, they had their first losing record since 2007, and their first 90+ loss season since 1990. The **2024** total was 2,878,115, down 362,976 (11.2%). Average per date was 35,532, down 4,481 (11.2%). One home game was played at historic Rickwood Field in Birmingham, AL. Games in St. Louis averaged 35,872 per date, down 3,759 (9.5%) vs. games played in St. Louis in **2023**. 2 home games in 2023 were played in London. 4 dates sold out in 2024, including the Birmingham game, 41 dates drew over 35,000, with 19 of them topping 40,000.

2023 was the Cards' 18th straight 'normal' year, and the 25th time, above 3 million. Cardinals' attendance has been over 2 million in all full seasons since 1982, **including 2021**. Through **2024**, the Cards have averaged over 30,000 per date for 28 straight seasons, counting full capacity 2021 dates. They have topped 35,000 per date in each of the last 25 'normal' years, and have drawn better than 40,000 per date in 16 of the last 18 'normal' seasons.

Games in St. Louis drew at least 30,000 for a Major League record-high 1,471 straight dates (1,422 regular season, 49 post season) from May 5, 2005 through August 20, 2024. This excludes 2021, when early season Covid restrictions prohibited crowds of 30,000, the 2 London games in 2023, and the 2024 Birmingham game. (A Yankees' streak of 990 straight dates of 30,000+ ended in 2016.) St. Louis reached 50 million in attendance at Busch Stadium III in April, 2022, in the 1,221st regular season date there. This was the fewest number of regular season dates any ballpark has ever needed to surpass 50 million.

- **San Diego** – **2024 was another record-setting attendance year!** The Padres broke their high, set in 2023, and had the 3rd best total MLB attendance, and the 4th highest average per date. **The 2024 total was 3,330,545, up 58,991 (1.8%). Average per date was 41,118, up 728 (1.8%).** These figures include a home game played in Seoul, South Korea, which drew 15,952. Games in San Diego averaged 41,432 per date, up 517 (1.3%) vs. 2023 games in San Diego. (The Padres played 2 home games in Mexico City in 2023.) **An MLB-high estimated 65 dates sold out.** 56 dates topped 40,000, and only 6 dates in San Diego drew under 35,000. **The top regular season crowd (47,559), and the top post-season crowd (47,773), of 2024, were all-time Petco Park record-highs.** **The Padres drew an MLB-best 103.16% of listed seating capacity (103.94 excluding the Seoul game).** In **2021**, San Diego's full capacity average per date was up 7,072 vs. 2019. The White Sox were the only other team to have a 2021 full capacity vs. 2019 increase. The Padres have reached a total attendance of 2 million in 27 of the last 28 years, **including 2021**. They hit 2 million only twice in their first 27 seasons (1969-1996). A 2023 postponement due to Hurricane Hilary was the first in San Diego since 2017.

2024 - ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – NATIONAL LEAGUE**

- **San Francisco** – Total **2024** attendance was 2,647,736, up 147,583 (5.9%). Average per date was 33,097, up 2,231 (7.2%). There were 13 sellouts, and 28 dates topped 35,000. On July 27, the Giants played the first ever single-admission doubleheader in Oracle Park history. Since Oracle (formerly AT&T) Park opened in 2000, through the end of the **2019** season, 1,009 of 1,620 (62.3%) regular season dates there were sellouts, and 1,589 (98.1%) of those dates have had crowds of at least 30,000. Through **2024, but excluding 2021**, 1,034 of 1,862 (55.5%) dates were sellouts, and 1,740 (93.4%) of those dates topped 30,000. 1993, when they drew 2,606,354 (32,177 per date), was the Giants' only season in Candlestick Park (1960-1999) with higher attendance than any season has had in Oracle Park, excluding 2021 through 2023. The Giants again surpassed Candlestick Park's all-time high in 2024.

The Giants had a sellout streak of 530 regular season dates, plus 25 post-season dates, for a total of 555, that ended in July, 2017. It was the 2nd longest regular-season sellout streak in MLB history behind Boston (794), and the 10th longest sellout streak, including post-season games, in North American sports history. Longer streaks are: Dayton (Minor League Baseball) – 1,573 regular season dates through 2024, but excluding 2021; Boston Red Sox (820); from the NBA: Dallas (a streak of 961 games through the 2024 playoffs, excluding 2020-21); Portland (814); Boston Celtics (662); Chicago Bulls (610); Miami (598-active) and from the NHL: Pittsburgh (633), which ended in **October, 2021**; Montreal (583). The Chicago Black Hawks had a 535-game sellout streak, which also ended in **October, 2021**.

Until 2019, average per date had been above 35,000 in the first 19 seasons of Oracle Park, and had surpassed 40,000 for 12 seasons during this period. Total attendance has topped 3 million in 17 of these years, including 2010 through 2018. The Giants averaged 39,509 per date in their first 20 years (2000-2019) at Oracle Park, which is 94.3% of capacity. In 2023, total regular season attendance at Oracle Park hit 70 million in its 23rd year, needing fewer seasons, and the fewest number of dates, to reach this total, of any ballpark in Major League history.

San Francisco had drawn at least 35,000 at 659 straight regular season dates (plus 25 post-season dates), starting in September, 2010, through Opening Day 2019, after which the streak ended. The Yankees had 655 straight regular season dates (plus 32 post-season dates) of at least 35,000 from late in the 2004 season until April, 2013. The record for consecutive regular season dates above 35,000 is 666 (plus 2 post-season) by Colorado from their first-ever game in 1993, through July, 31, 2001. The Giants had a regular season streak of 708 straight dates topping 30,000 which ended on April 8, 2019.

In each of their first 20 'normal' seasons (2000-2019) at Oracle Park, Giants' attendance was higher than it ever was in any of their 40 seasons at Candlestick Park. They were the only MLB team whose attendance had been higher in every season, now excluding 2021, 2022 and 2023, but including 2024, in their current park, than it ever was in their former park, among teams that moved to a new park after 1973. Kansas City has had higher attendance in all 51 seasons at Kaufman Stadium (excludes 2020, which had no attendance), than they had in any of their 4 seasons at Municipal Stadium (1969-1972).

- **Washington** – Drew 1,967,302, and averaged 24,288 per date in **2024**. This total was up 101,470 (5.4%). The average rose 1,253 (5.4%). There were 2 sellouts, and no lost dates. One 2023 home game was the Little League Classic at Williamsport, PA, and it drew 2,473. The 80 dates in Washington in 2023 averaged 23,292 per date. So, just counting games in Washington, 2024 average per date was up 996 (4.3%).

In **2019**, the Nationals played in, and won, the World Series for the first time in franchise history, including the 1969 through 2004 seasons as the Montreal Expos. Attendance fell 269,823 (10.7%). The total attendance decline was the largest for a team that made the post-season since 2011 Tampa Bay, and the worst decrease by a league champion since the 2009 Yankees. That Yankee team played its first season in the new, and smaller-capacity, Yankee Stadium, and matching their better than 4.25 million 2008 attendance would have been impossible. Prior to 2009, the 2005 Astros were the previous pennant winner whose attendance fell more than Washington's did in 2019. The Nats were the 39th team, in a full season, to suffer an attendance decline in a year they won the World Series. This excludes 2021.

Oh, and Teddy Roosevelt finished on top of the **2019** Presidents race standings, and by a very wide margin. Thomas Jefferson won the most races in 2021. The Presidents race standings from 2022 through 2024 are not yet available. (Source: Letteddywin.com). As a matter of national security, it is vital that these results need to be reported.

2024 - ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**YEARLY PRO BASEBALL ATTENDANCE**

- In **2024**, combined reported Major League and Minor League attendance was 119,565,750, in 14,889 dates. That is up 337,197 (0.3%) from the 2023 total. This includes Major League Spring Training, regular season games, the All-Star Home Run Derby and Game, and the post-season. Minor League figures include regular season and playoffs for all MLB-affiliated leagues, the Arizona Fall League, and for all but one of the independent leagues.
- In **2023**, combined reported Major League and Minor League attendance was 119,228,553, in 14,753 dates, up 9,723,657 (8.9%) from the 2022 total. Combined total attendance for all Major League and Minor League games in **2022** was 109,504,896. In **2021**, the combined total was 76,543,688.
- Total attendance for all Major League and Minor League games was 122,179,236 in **2019**, down 562,923 (0.5%) from 2018. The figures include Major League Spring Training, regular season and post-season games, plus all 3 days of All-Star Game events. The Minor League figures include regular-season, playoff, and All-Star Games for the MLB-affiliated leagues, and the independent leagues, along with the Arizona Fall League.
- In **2018**, the grand total Major League/Minor League attendance figure was 122,742,159. It was 127,461,645 in 2017, 127,585,535 in 2016, and 129,519,817 in 2015. The all-time high may have been reached in 2007, when the total was 136,466,114. This excludes the Major League Home Run Derby, and independent league All-Star Games and playoffs, so the actual total may have been over 100,000 higher. Based on the available figures, the total professional baseball attendance was 10.5% lower in 2019 than in 2007, 19.8% lower in 2022 than in 2007, 12.6% lower in **2023** than in 2007, and 12.4% lower in **2024** than in 2007.

TEAM-BY-TEAM ATTENDANCE TABLES

The table on Page 21 shows each Major League team's **2024 and 2023** total attendance and average per date. 2024 vs. 2023 numerical changes are shown for total attendance and average per date, along with the percentage change in average per date.

A table on Page 22 lists all Major League and Minor League **2024** attendance, including Spring Training, Home Run Derby, All-Star Game, and Wild Card, Division Series, Championship Series, and World Series games. Attendance for the 2024 Arizona Fall League will be included. The MLB-Affiliated Minor League figures are subject to updating.

The table on Page 23 compares **2024 vs. 2023 average per date**, and shows how each team ranked in average per date in both of those years. Also listed, for each team, is 2024 ballpark seating capacity, attendance as a percentage of capacity in 2024, and the number of sellouts in 2024.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HOME ATTENDANCE - 2024 vs. 2023

10/28/2024 MLB Data

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>2024 # OF DATES</u>	<u>2024 TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>2024 AVERAGE PER DATE</u>	<u>2023 TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>2024 vs. 2023 # CHANGE TOTAL ATT.</u>	<u>2023 AVERAGE PER DATE</u>	<u>'24 vs. '23 # CHANGE AVG./DATE</u>	<u>'24 vs. '23 % CHANGE AVG./DATE</u>
AMERICAN LEAGUE								
Baltimore	80	2,281,129	28,514	1,936,798	344,331	23,911	4,603	19.3
Boston	81	2,659,949	32,839	2,672,130	(12,181)	32,989	(150)	(0.5)
Chicago White Sox	77	1,380,733	17,932	1,669,628	(288,895)	21,405	(3,474)	(16.2)
Cleveland	79	2,056,264	26,029	1,834,068	222,196	23,514	2,515	10.7
Detroit	78	1,858,295	23,824	1,612,876	245,419	20,946	2,878	13.7
Houston	81	2,835,234	35,003	3,052,347	(217,113)	37,683	(2,680)	(7.1)
Kansas City	81	1,658,347	20,473	1,307,052	351,295	16,136	4,337	26.9
Los Angeles Angels	81	2,577,597	31,822	2,640,575	(62,978)	32,600	(778)	(2.4)
Minnesota	81	1,951,616	24,094	1,974,124	(22,508)	24,372	(278)	(1.1)
New York Yankees	79	3,309,838	41,897	3,269,016	40,822	40,863	1,034	2.5
Oakland	80	922,286	11,529	832,352	89,934	10,276	1,253	12.2
Seattle	81	2,555,813	31,553	2,690,418	(134,605)	33,215	(1,662)	(5.0)
Tampa Bay	81	1,337,739	16,515	1,440,301	(102,562)	17,781	(1,266)	(7.1)
Texas	81	2,651,553	32,735	2,533,044	118,509	31,272	1,463	4.7
Toronto	81	2,681,236	33,102	3,021,904	(340,668)	37,307	(4,206)	(11.3)
American Lea. Total	1,202	32,717,629	27,219	32,486,633	230,996	26,982	237	0.9
NATIONAL LEAGUE								
Arizona	81	2,341,876	28,912	1,961,182	380,694	24,212	4,700	19.4
Atlanta	80	3,011,755	37,647	3,191,505	(179,750)	39,401	(1,754)	(4.5)
Chicago Cubs	81	2,909,794	35,923	2,775,149	134,645	34,261	1,662	4.9
Cincinnati	81	2,024,186	24,990	2,038,302	(14,116)	25,164	(174)	(0.7)
Colorado	81	2,540,195	31,360	2,607,935	(67,740)	32,197	(836)	(2.6)
Los Angeles Dodgers	81	3,941,251	48,657	3,837,079	104,172	47,371	1,286	2.7
Miami	81	1,087,455	13,425	1,162,819	(75,364)	14,356	(930)	(6.5)
Milwaukee	81	2,537,202	31,323	2,551,347	(14,145)	31,498	(175)	(0.6)
New York Mets	79	2,329,299	29,485	2,573,555	(244,256)	32,994	(3,509)	(10.6)
Philadelphia	81	3,363,712	41,527	3,052,605	311,107	38,158	3,370	8.8
Pittsburgh	81	1,720,361	21,239	1,630,624	89,737	20,131	1,108	5.5
St. Louis	81	2,878,115	35,532	3,241,091	(362,976)	40,013	(4,481)	(11.2)
San Diego	81	3,330,545	41,118	3,271,554	58,991	40,390	728	1.8
San Francisco	80	2,647,736	33,097	2,500,153	147,583	30,866	2,231	7.2
Washington	81	1,967,302	24,288	1,865,832	101,470	23,035	1,253	5.4
National Lea. Total	1,211	38,630,784	31,900	38,260,732	370,052	31,594	306	1.0
Major League Total	2,413	71,348,413	29,568	70,747,365	601,048	29,295	273	0.9

In 2024, the Dodgers had a home game in Seoul, South Korea, that drew 15,928. Games at Dodger Stadium averaged 49,067 per date.

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All of these non-MLB Park games were sellouts, and are included in the home team's sellout total.

SOURCES: MLB Information System, MLB Stats Reporting Platform; Team Game Notes

2024 MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TOTAL ATTENDANCE

	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u># of Dates</u>	<u>Average 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.

2024 MLB AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER DATE, '24 & '23 Rankings, 2024 Sellouts

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM	2024 AVG. per DATE	2023 AVG. per DATE	2024 v. 2023 # CHANGE	2024 MLB Rank	2023 MLB Rank	2024 SEATING CAPACITY	2024 Attend. as a % of Capacity	Estimated # of 2024 SELLOUTS
Baltimore	28,514	23,911	4,603	19	21	44,487	64.10	8
Boston	32,839	32,989	(150)	11	11	37,405	87.79	7
Chicago W. Sox	17,932	21,405	(3,473)	27	24	40,126	44.69	3
Cleveland	26,029	23,514	2,515	20	22	34,631	75.16	14
Detroit	23,824	20,946	2,878	24	25	40,988	58.12	6
Houston	35,003	37,683	(2,680)	8	7	41,592	84.16	8
Kansas City	20,473	16,136	4,337	26	28	37,903	54.01	1
L.A. Angels	31,822	32,600	(778)	13	12	45,603	69.78	5
Minnesota	24,094	24,372	(278)	23	19	38,544	62.51	2
N.Y. Yankees	41,897	40,863	1,034	2	2	46,543	90.02	17
Oakland	11,529	10,276	1,253	30	30	46,847	24.61	1
Seattle	31,553	33,215	(1,662)	14	10	47,376	66.60	4
Tampa Bay	16,515	17,781	(1,266)	28	27	25,025	65.99	1
Texas	32,735	31,272	1,463	12	16	40,518	80.79	8
Toronto	<u>33,102</u>	<u>37,307</u>	<u>(4,205)</u>	9	8	<u>39,150</u>	<u>84.55</u>	<u>11</u>
A.L. Avg./Date	27,219	26,982	237			40,449	67.29	96

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona	28,912	24,212	4,700	18	20	48,330	59.82	2
Atlanta	37,647	39,401	(1,754)	5	5	41,108	91.58	26
Chicago Cubs	35,923	34,261	1,662	6	9	41,298	86.98	21
Cincinnati	24,990	25,164	(174)	21	18	45,814	54.55	5
Colorado	31,360	32,197	(837)	15	14	46,896	66.87	9
L.A. Dodgers	48,657	47,371	1,286	1	1	56,000	86.89	21
Miami	13,425	14,356	(931)	29	29	37,446	35.85	0
Milwaukee	31,323	31,498	(175)	16	15	41,700	75.12	8
N.Y. Mets	29,485	32,994	(3,509)	17	13	41,922	70.33	8
Philadelphia	41,527	38,158	3,369	3	6	42,901	96.80	48
Pittsburgh	21,239	20,131	1,108	25	26	38,048	55.82	6
St. Louis	35,532	40,013	(4,481)	7	4	44,309	80.19	4
San Diego	41,118	40,390	728	4	3	39,860	103.16	65
San Francisco	33,097	30,866	2,231	10	17	42,300	78.24	13
Washington	<u>24,288</u>	<u>23,035</u>	1,253	22	23	<u>41,373</u>	<u>58.70</u>	<u>2</u>
N.L. Avg./Date	31,900	31,594	306			43,287	73.69	238
MLB Avg./Date	29,568	29,295	273			41,868	70.62	334

"MLB Rank" column shows each team's rank in 2024 and 2023 average attendance per date, from highest (rank #1) to lowest (rank #30).

* - Fenway Park-Boston capacity is 37,105 (day), and 37,555 (night). Listing above is pro-rated for 27 day and 54 night games in 2024.

Home games played at neutral sites are counted in each team's home attendance, and are not factored into % capacity figures.

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Attendance comparison for 2024 vs. 2023 is based on total home attendance for each year, regardless of the number of home dates.

2024 sellouts are estimated for a few teams. These figures will be updated upon publication of 2025 media guides.

SOURCES: MLB Information System, MLB Stats Reporting Platform, Team Media Guides, Team Game Notes

2024 ATTENDANCE SEASON-IN-REVIEW**MAJOR LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH**

The next 3 tables show **2024** Major League Baseball attendance by month. They also have **2023** monthly average attendance per date.

A monthly breakdown of American League and National League attendance is on the next page.

The rate of **2024 vs. 2023** growth slowed in July and August, but picked up again in September.

2023 Major League average attendance per date was up **vs. 2022** in every month, and was up in every month but May **vs. 2019**. There were games in October 2023, but not in October 2024. The largest percentage gain was 13.1% in June. The rate of growth was higher in the second half of the 2023 season (10.8%) than in the first half (7.9%).

In **2019**, the American League was down 5.3% **vs. 2018**, for the year, but National League average per date was up 1.3%. **2022** MLB average attendance per date was down 6.7% **vs. 2019** for the combined months of March, April, May, and June (A.L. down 6.3%, N.L. down 7.1%), and fell 4.4% **vs. 2019** for the combined months of July, August, September, and October (A.L. down 3.5%, N.L. down 5.1%). The biggest year-to-year change in **2019 vs. 2018** was a 3.5% decline in September-October.

The figures in these tables were compiled from data in the MLB Stats Reporting Platform.

One factor to note in these tables is that teams that draw well may have played more games in certain months than in others. For example, if a month has a higher than usual number of home games for teams like the Dodgers, Yankees, Rockies, Giants, Cubs, Cardinals, or Angels, the month's average per date will tend to be higher.

2024 vs. 2023 MAJOR LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

Month	2024 # of Dates	2024 Total Attendance	2024 Average per Date	2023 Average per Date	# Change in Average per Date - 2024 vs. 2023	% Change in Average per Date - 2024 vs. 2023
March – April	448	12,063,231	26,927	26,879	48	0.2
May	405	11,440,648	28,249	26,883	1,366	5.1
June	401	12,461,413	31,076	30,379	697	2.3
July	366	11,505,864	31,437	32,559	(1,122)	(3.4)
August	409	12,236,202	29,917	30,247	(330)	(1.1)
September-October	384	11,641,055	30,315	29,336	979	3.3
March - June Total	1,254	35,965,292	28,680	27,990	690	2.5
July - October Total	1,159	35,383,121	30,529	30,636	(107)	(0.3)
Season Total	2,413	71,348,413	29,568	29,295	273	0.9

2024 ATTENDANCE SEASON-IN-REVIEW**MAJOR LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH**

2023 vs. 2022 average per date was up in all months in both leagues, with the biggest gain in the American League coming in July. The best increase in the National League was in June. **2023** average per date attendance **vs. 2019** rose in every month for games played at American League parks, but was down in April and May at games in National League parks. No games were played in March, 2022.

2024 vs. 2023 AMERICAN LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

Month	2024 # of Dates	2024 Total Attendance	2024 Average per Date	2023 Average per Date	# Change in Average per Date - 2024 vs. 2023	% Change in Average per Date - 2024 vs. 2023
March – April	223	5,301,624	23,774	24,893	(1,119)	(4.5)
May	204	5,087,469	24,939	24,267	672	2.8
June	199	5,719,228	28,740	27,731	1,009	3.6
July	181	5,373,442	29,688	30,442	(754)	(2.5)
August	206	5,861,305	28,453	28,265	188	0.7
September-October	189	5,374,561	28,437	26,967	1,470	5.5
March - June Total	626	16,108,321	25,732	25,562	170	0.7
July - October Total	576	16,609,308	28,836	28,470	366	1.3
Season Total	1,212	32,717,629	27,219	26,982	237	0.9

National League home games had a higher average per date than American League home games in every month in **2019, 2022, 2023, and 2024**.

2024 vs. 2023 NATIONAL LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

Month	2024 # of Dates	2024 Total Attendance	2024 Average per Date	2023 Average per Date	# Change in Average per Date - 2024 vs. 2023	% Change in Average per Date - 2024 vs. 2023
March – April	225	6,761,607	30,052	28,884	1,168	4.0
May	201	6,353,179	31,608	29,629	1,979	6.7
June	202	6,742,185	33,377	32,974	403	1.2
July	185	6,132,422	33,148	34,620	(1,472)	(4.3)
August	203	6,374,897	31,403	32,135	(732)	(2.3)
September-October	195	6,266,494	32,136	31,705	431	1.4
March - June Total	628	19,856,971	31,619	30,450	1,169	3.8
July - October Total	583	18,773,813	32,202	32,748	(546)	(1.7)
Season Total	1,211	38,630,784	31,900	31,594	306	1.0

2024 ATTENDANCE SEASON-IN-REVIEW**MAJOR LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY DAY OF THE WEEK**

As would be expected, Saturday was the day with the highest Major League attendance in **2024**, followed by Friday and Sunday. Thursday had the lowest total attendance and Monday had the lowest average per date of any day. Mondays and Thursdays have the fewest number of dates, since those are the most common off-days in the Major Leagues. However, the 2024 season began on Thursday, March 28, and the 13 games that day drew 509,105, an average of 39,162. Games on the final day of the regular season (Sept. 28), drew 580,167, an average of 38,768 per game. (The game in Cleveland that day was rained out.)

The highest total attendance for any day in 2024 was 612,066 (38,254 average per game) on Sunday, June 16. 16 games were played that day as Minnesota had a separate-admission doubleheader. 8 of those games drew over 40,000, topped by a crowd of 52,789 at Dodger Stadium.

The 45 games of the July 14-16, 2024 weekend drew 1,688,731, an average of 37,527 per game, the highest total attendance of any Friday through Sunday weekend since August, 2008 (August 22-24, 2008 – 1,706,799, an average of 37,929 per game, and August 8-10, 2008 – 1,715,724, an average of 38,127 per game).

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 6,124 (23.1%) higher per date than Monday through Thursday dates.

2024 MAJOR 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	255	6,606,763	25,909	9.26	April 1	361,529	25,824
Tuesday	361	9,494,671	26,301	13.31	July 30	441,945	29,463
Wednesday	370	9,753,189	26,360	13.67	July 3	482,963	32,198
Thursday	228	6,347,308	27,839	8.89	March 28	509,105	39,162
Friday	389	12,443,043	31,987	17.44	Sept. 27	553,696	36,913
Saturday	407	13,914,396	34,188	19.50	July 20	584,328	36,521
Sunday	403	12,789,043	31,735	17.92	June 16	612,066	38,254
Mon.-Thurs. Total	1,214	32,201,931	26,525	45.13			
Fri.-Sunday Total	1,199	39,146,482	32,649	54.87			
Season Total	2,413	71,348,413	29,568	100.00	June 16	612,066	38,254

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

COMPARING THE MOST RECENT YEAR'S ATTENDANCE WITH A LEAGUE'S RECORD-HIGH ATTENDANCE

The table on the next page compares **2024, or 2023-24**, attendance with each league's record-high attendance for Major League Baseball, MLB-affiliated Minor League Baseball, all of Minor League Baseball, including the independent leagues, the National Football League, National Basketball Association, National Hockey League, Major League Soccer, the WNBA (women's pro basketball), Minor League Hockey, the American Hockey League, NCAA Football Bowl Sub-division (formerly Division 1-A), NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball, and Division 1 Women's Basketball.

The NCAA hasn't released a full football attendance report since 2019, so the comparison with 2019 is still there.

Comparisons with the record-highs are made for total attendance for all the leagues and sports, and for average per date for Major and Minor League Baseball, and average per game for all other leagues and sports. Baseball uses average per date, or average per opening, since single-admission doubleheaders count as one date or opening.

Figures for the professional leagues and sports are for regular season games only. The NCAA sports include neutral-site games, and post-season events such as football bowl games, and the Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments.

The Minor League comparison is made first for the MLB affiliated (NAPBL or Minor League Baseball) leagues only, and then on a separate line, for the combined affiliated and independent leagues. This is because the number of independent teams and leagues change frequently, and then this often becomes an 'apples to oranges' comparison, and loses some validity. The Minor League Hockey figures are also distorted for the same reason, as there has been a significant reduction in the number of teams since the late 1990's, and some leagues have merged. The record-high attendance for Minor League Hockey, set in 1994-95, may not have included every single league. So to provide at least some sort of even comparison, there is a separate line for the American Hockey League. That is the top hockey minor league, and its attendance is included in the Minor League Hockey line as well.

2024 Major League Baseball total attendance is down 8,154,770 (10.3%) from its record-high of 79,503,175 in 2007. MLB average per date is down 3,217 (9.8%) from the 2007 record-high of 32,785.

The WNBA's average per game percentage decline (2024 vs. its record-high) is about the same as what MLB has, while the NFL, NHL, and Minor League Baseball have had small decreases in average per game/date from their record-highs. Record highs in both total attendance and average per game were set in 2023-24 or 2023 or 2024 by the NBA, Major League Soccer, and the National Women's Soccer League. The NFL, NHL, and Women's NCAA Basketball, had record-high total attendance in 2023 or 2023-24.

It must be noted that Major League Baseball has, by far, the highest number of tickets available, with 81 games per team, with an average ballpark capacity of 41,868 in **2024**. NFL stadiums have an average stadium capacity of 70,076 in **2024**, but teams only have 8 or 9 regular season home games. Both the NBA and NHL have 41 home games per team, with a **2023-24** average arena capacity of 18,731 for the NBA, and 17,858 for the NHL. In 2023-24, the NHL played to 97.6% of arena listed capacity, and the NBA drew 97.8% of listed capacity. If MLB drew that percentage of capacity, their total attendance would be around 98.7 million. But with its long season, and high number of available tickets, reaching such a level of capacity for MLB would be nearly impossible.

Average per game for NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball reached its record-high in 1990-91, and is down 19.3% since then. But this decline is a bit misleading. There were 295 Division 1 teams in 1990-91, compared with 351 teams in 2023-24. Nearly all, if not all, of the schools joining Division 1 since 1990-91, play in small facilities, and that is a factor in the average attendance per game decline.

SPORTS ATTENDANCE - MOST RECENT SEASON vs. THE LEAGUE OR GROUP RECORD-HIGH ATTENDANCE SEASON

League or Group of Leagues	<u>MOST RECENT SEASON</u>				<u>RECORD-HIGH TOTAL</u>					<u>RECORD HIGH AVG. PER DATE OR GAME</u>				
	Year	# of Teams	Total Attendance	Average per Game	Year	# of Teams	Total Attendance	Change-Most Recent Yr. vs. Record-High Year		Year	# of Teams	Average per Game	Change-Most Recent Yr. vs. Record-High Year	
								# Change	% Chg.				# Change	% Chg.
Major League Baseball	2024	30	71,348,405	29,568	2007	30	79,503,175	(8,154,770)	(10.3)	2007	30	32,785	(3,217)	(9.8)
MLB-Affiliated Minor Leagues	2019	176	41,504,077	4,044	2008	176	43,263,740	(1,759,663)	(4.1)	2008	176	4,174	(130)	(3.1)
MLB-Affiliated Minor Leagues	2024	120	31,346,439	3,985	2023	120	32,149,464	(803,025)	(2.5)	2023	120	4,083	(98)	(2.4)
Baseball-Minor Lg. (all Lgs.)	2024	204	41,882,159	3,662	2008	237	51,576,409	(9,694,250)	(18.8)	2008	237	3,892	(230)	(5.9)
National Football League	2023	32	18,206,594	66,936	2022	32	18,096,245	110,349	0.6	2007	32	67,755	(819)	(1.2)
National Basketball Assn.	2023-24	30	22,538,436	18,324	2023-24	30	22,538,436	0	0.0	2023-24	30	18,324	0	0.0
National Hockey League	2023-24	32	22,873,142	17,434	2023-24	32	22,873,142	0	0.0	2012-13	30	17,768	(334)	(1.9)
Major League Soccer	2024	29	11,294,907	22,911	2024	29	11,294,907	0	0.0	2024	29	22,911	0	0.0
Women's Soccer (NWSL)	2024	14	2,044,848	11,235	2024	14	2,044,848	0	0.0	2024	14	11,235	0	0.0
Women's Basket (WNBA)	2024	12	2,353,755	9,807	2002	16	2,391,972	(38,217)	(1.6)	1998	10	10,864	(1,057)	(9.7)
Minor League Hockey (all)	2023-24	87	13,664,932	4,847	1999-00	109	19,736,526	(6,071,594)	(30.8)	1994-95	71	5,543	(696)	(12.6)
American Hockey League	2023-24	32	6,819,875	5,920	2015-16	30	6,693,526	126,349	1.9	2015-16	30	5,981	(61)	(1.0)
NCAA Football-FBS D1-A	2019	130	36,831,692	41,477	2013	123	38,135,118	(1,303,426)	(3.4)	2008	119	46,971	(5,494)	(11.7)
NCAA Men's Basket - D-1	2023=24	351	26,636,195	4,627	2007-08	328	28,135,901	(1,499,706)	(5.3)	1990-91	295	5,735	(1,108)	(19.3)
NCAA Women's Bask.D-1	2023-24	349	10,412,141	1,921	2023-24	349	10,412,141	0	0.0	2023-24	349	1,921	0	0.0

NOTES: Average attendance for Major and Minor League Baseball is for average per DATE (Single-admission doubleheader counts as one date).

NCAA Football, and NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball figures include neutral site and post-season games. Figures for all other leagues are for regular season games only.

The listed National Hockey League average per game record-high is for a shorter season due to work stoppage. Record-high average for a full season is 17,690 in 2013-14.

2019-20 seasons were shorter than usual and are not listed here. Also excluded is any data from 2021, due to the Covid-19 situation.

There are separate listings for the MLB-Affiliated Minor Leagues. One covers years through 2019. The other covers years after the 2021 reorganization.

The NCAA Football Attendance Report has not been issued since 2019.