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2022 ATTENDANCE

SEASON-IN-REVIEW

**INCLUDES 2020 DATA, A SUMMARY OF
THE 2021 MINOR LEAGUE REALIGNMENT,
AND SUMMER COLLEGIATE LEAGUE NOTES**

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2022 MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE SEASON-IN-REVIEW

This report is a review of **2022 Minor League Baseball** attendance highlights. It includes league and team attendance figures in the pages that follow the notes sections. The **2022 Major League Baseball** Season-in-Review, with their team and league attendance listings, can be found on the 'Major League Baseball' page of numbertamer.com.

The complete 2022 Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis should be posted on numbertamer.com by sometime in February, 2023. The 2022 complete Major League Baseball Attendance Analysis should be ready by May, 2023. Full analyses for each season from 2009 through 2021, are available on the respective 'Major League Baseball' and 'Minor League Baseball' pages of numbertamer.com. An updated version of the 2021 Major League Attendance Analysis, showing 2021 and 2022 attendance data in sports besides baseball, was posted in June, 2022. It will be updated again, with 2022 attendance from numerous sports and leagues, in January, 2023.

If you need any further baseball attendance information before the 2022 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 of this data is available to you for free.

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

SOURCES:

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

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

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

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

2020, 2021, and 2022 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, 2021, and 2022 reported average attendance per date or game figures are sometimes lower than those shown in these Number Tamer reports. In 2021 and 2022 Palm Beach and Jupiter of the Florida State League played some games with no fans in attendance.

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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 were made to the affiliated Minor League figures in November, and those changes are reflected in these reports. Any later changes will be included in an updated version of this document, and in the 2022 Major League Baseball Attendance Analysis and the 2022 Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis, when those reports are issued.

HOW THE REPORTING AND ANALYSIS OF 2021 BASEBALL ATTENDANCE IN THIS REPORT DIFFERS FROM PAST NUMBER TAMER ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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.

These baseball attendance reports have always noted which teams had the biggest increases and declines in attendance from one year to the next. For each team, the current season vs. previous season gain or loss in both total attendance and average attendance per date was always mentioned.

In this year's reports, 2022 attendance will often make comparisons with 2021. But due to the unique circumstances of the 2021 season, such comparisons must be taken in context. Different teams faced different rules on how many tickets they could sell in 2021. Some Minor League teams, along with the Toronto Blue Jays, were displaced from their home ballparks. Others had to play some games with no fans allowed to attend.

So this year, there will be many attendance comparisons made with 2019, the last 'normal' season prior to 2022. There are separate 2022 vs. 2021 and 2022 vs. 2019 team-by-team attendance tables for both the Major and Minor Leagues. Year-to-year comparisons in average per date for each team have been added to the Minor League tables.

Due to a labor dispute, 2022 Major League Spring Training, and the 2022 Major League regular season, began later than originally planned. It is possible that this did have some negative affect on attendance.

NOTE TO LEAGUES, TEAMS, MEDIA, AND WEBSITES

You can download this report, and the 2009 through 2022 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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2020 BASEBALL ATTENDANCE

In 2020, Major League Baseball teams played a 60-game regular season, followed by expanded playoffs. No fans were in attendance for any regular season games, or for the first two playoff rounds. A limited number of fans were permitted to attend the 7 National League Championship Series games, and the 6 World Series games, all of which were played at Globe Life Field, the new home of the Texas Rangers. The NLCS games drew a total of 75,843, and the World Series games drew 68,622. Combined total attendance was 144,465, an average of 11,113, per game, which is slightly above 27% of Globe Life Field's normal seating capacity of 40,518.

The Major League affiliated Minor Leagues, including the Mexican League, did not play in 2020.

The American Association, Pecos, and United Shore Baseball Leagues, which are independent pro leagues, did play 2020 games, with a limited number of fans in attendance, as did 5 summer collegiate baseball leagues.

In the American Association, 6 teams played, using 5 ballparks, and limiting the number of available seats. The league drew a total of 176,439 in 163 dates, averaging 1,082 per date. Attendance by location was: Fargo – 39,936 in 44 dates (908 per date); Sioux Falls, SD – 34,254 in 39 dates (878 per date); Milwaukee – 38,780 in 33 dates (1,175 per date); Chicago – 32,468 in 26 dates (1,249 per date with 14 sellouts of 1,400); St. Paul – 31,001 in 21 dates (1,476 per date with 16 sellouts of 1,500). Winnipeg played its 'home' games in Fargo, and St. Paul played its early-season 'home' games in Sioux Falls, before fans were allowed to attend games in St. Paul. The 5 post-season games drew a total of 3,736.

The Pecos League games drew a total of 500 fans, even though the teams didn't try to sell any tickets. The United Shore League, which plays all of its games in Utica, MI, had 63 dates, with a very limited number of fans in attendance. In normal times, this league, on average, sells out around 80% of its games. They also streamed their 2020 games, and they averaged 16,000 viewers per game for the 2020 season.

Not all of the teams from the 5 summer collegiate leagues that played sold tickets. But among those teams that did, total attendance was 383,912 in 817 dates (470 per date). Capacity was limited in ballparks.

“PRE-GAME WARM UP” - AN OVERVIEW OF HOW BASEBALL'S MINOR LEAGUES ARE ORGANIZED

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

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

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

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

Admission is charged at games of the Arizona Fall League, which is a brief extra season for advanced Minor Leaguers. Each Major League team sends a few of their Minor League players to this league. Arizona Fall League attendance is noted in the Page 62 and Page 63 tables, and is in the 2022 professional baseball attendance table on Page 49. But figures for this league are not part of other tables, and are not included in total Minor League attendance.

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

INDEPENDENT LEAGUES

9 independent leagues operated in 2022. The same leagues also operated in 2021. Some are now considered to be MLB-Partner Leagues, and have been laboratories for rules experiments. The Mexican and Pioneer Leagues have gone from being MLB-affiliated leagues to being independent leagues, effective in 2021. Otherwise, the independent leagues are independent of Major League Baseball. Their players, managers, and coaches are under contract to their individual leagues or teams. (Uniformed personnel, such as players, managers, coaches, and trainers in MLB-affiliated leagues are under contract to their specific Major League parent teams.) Major League organizations can, and quite often do, sign independent league players to contracts. Independent leagues were once the rule in Minor League Baseball. But as the modern Major League farm systems developed, Minor League teams began to affiliate with Major League teams, and independent leagues and teams pretty much disappeared.

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

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

In 2023, 2022, and 2021, the 9 independent leagues that operate are the American Association, Atlantic League, Mexican League, Frontier League, Pioneer Baseball League, Pecos Baseball League, Empire Baseball League, United Shore Baseball League (all games in Utica, MI), and the Mavericks League (all games in Keiser, OR). The Empire and United Shore Leagues began play in 2016, and 2021 was the first season for the Mavericks League.

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

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

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2021 REALIGNMENT

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

The number of U.S./Canadian Minor League teams that charge admission to their games, and that are affiliated with Major League teams, was reduced by MLB from 160 in 2019, to 120 in 2021, 2022, and 2023. Now they all play a full-season schedule (120 games for Double-A, High-A, and Single-A (formerly Low-A), and 130 games for Triple-A in 2021, 132 games for High-A and Single-A, 138 games for Double-A, and 150 games for Triple-A in 2022 and 2023). Each of the 30 MLB teams still has a Triple-A, Double-A, High-A and Single-A team. Also, each MLB team has one or two short-season 'Complex' teams that play at their Spring Training facility, and don't charge admission to their games.

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

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

The 2021-2023 International League now includes some former PCL teams. Most former Class AAA Pacific Coast League teams remain there. In Class AA, nearly all Eastern, Southern, and Texas League teams are in the same leagues in 2021-2023 as in 2019.

All Midwest League teams played in that league in 2019. All current Northwest League teams played in the short-season league of that name in 2019. The South Atlantic League is made up of teams that had been in 4 different leagues in 2019. The Carolina League has former South Atlantic League and Carolina League teams. All Florida State League teams were 2019 members of that league, and all but one California League team was in that league in 2019.

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

6 former MLB-affiliated Minor League clubs are now part of the Summer Collegiate MLB Draft League.

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

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

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

Whether all these changes will be successful in terms of attendance can't really be known right now. Due to Covid-19, there was plenty of uncertainty going into the 2021 season. Teams couldn't do much of their normal off-season marketing and ticket selling. Quite a few teams began the 2021 season only being able to admit a reduced number of fans to their ballparks. Minor league teams based in Canada were forced to play much of their seasons in the United States. So comparing 2021 attendance figures with those of other seasons has limited value. Related to this, the 2022 vs. 2021 attendance comparisons show unusually-high attendance increases, which need to be kept in context.

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

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL – 2022, 2023 LEAGUES AND TEAMS

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

TRIPLE-A INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE–20 Teams (April 5–Sept. 28 in 2022, March 31–Sept. 24 in 2023 – 150 games)

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

TRIPLE-A PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE–20 Teams (April 5–Sept. 28 in 2022, March 31–Sept. 24 in 2023 – 150 games)

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

DOUBLE-A EASTERN LEAGUE–12 Teams (April 8 – Sept. 18 in 2022, April 6 - Sept. 17 in 2023 - 138 games)

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

DOUBLE-A TEXAS LEAGUE – 10 Teams (April 8 – Sept. 18 in 2022, April 6 – Sept. 17 in 2023 – 138 games)

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

MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES—120-game schedule for A and Double-A, 130 for Triple-A in 2021**DOUBLE-A SOUTHERN LEAGUE – 8 Teams (April 8 – Sept. 18 in 2022, April 7 – Sept. 17 in 2023 – 138 games)**

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

HIGH-A SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE – 12 Teams (April 8–Sept. 11 in 2022, April 6–Sept. 10 in 2023 – 132 games)

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

HIGH-A MIDWEST LEAGUE – 12 Teams (April 8 – Sept. 11 in 2022, April 6 – Sept, 10 in 2023 – 132 games)

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

HIGH-A NORTHWEST LEAGUE – 6 Teams (April 8 – Sept. 11 in 2022, April 7 – Sept. 10 in 2023 – 132 games)

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

SINGLE-A CALIFORNIA LEAGUE – 8 Teams (April 8 – Sept. 11 in 2022, April 7 – Sept. 10 in 2023 – 132 games)

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

MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES—120-game schedule for A and Double-A, 130 for Triple-A in 2021**SINGLE-A CAROLINA LEAGUE – 12 Teams (April 8 – Sept. 11 in 2022, April 6 – Sept. 10 in 2023 – 132 games)**

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

SINGLE-A FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE—10 Teams (April 8 – Sept. 11 in 2022, April 7 – Sept. 10 in 2023 – 132 games)

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

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

2022-2023 INDEPENDENT PRO LEAGUES – INCLUDES MLB PARTNER LEAGUES**MEXICAN LEAGUE – (90 games - April 21 – August 7 in 2022, 90 games April 21 – August 6 in 2023)**

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

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

ATLANTIC LEAGUE –8 Teams, 120 games in 2021, 10 teams, 132 games (April 21 – Sept. 18) in 2022, 10 Teams 126 games (April 28 – Sept. 17) in 2023.

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Gastonia Honey Hunters	Expansion Team	Long Island Ducks	Atlantic
High Point Rockers	Atlantic	Southern Maryland Blue Crabs	Atlantic
Lancaster (PA) Barnstormers	Atlantic	Charleston (WV) Dirty Birds	South Atlantic
Lexington (KY) Legends	South Atlantic	York Revolution	Atlantic
KY (Lex) Wild Health Genomes	New team in 2022	Staten Island Ferry Hawks (2022)	New York-Penn

Frederick replaces Kentucky in 2023

2021-2023 INDEPENDENT PRO LEAGUES – INCLUDES MLB PARTNER LEAGUES

**FRONTIER LEAGUE – 14 Teams, 96 games in 2021, 16 Teams (one road team), 96 games (May 12–Sept. 4 in 2022)
16 Teams (one road team), 96 games (May 11 – Sept. 3 in 2023)**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Province of Quebec (2021 only)	Can-Am	Florence (KY) Y'alls	Frontier
Tri-City (Troy, NY) Valley Cats	New York-Penn	Evansville Otters	Frontier
Trois Rivieres Aigles (2022)	Can-Am	Quebec Capitales (2022)	Can-Am
Ottawa Titans (2022)	Can-Am	Windy City (IL) Thunderbolts	Frontier
New York Boulders	Can-Am	So. Illinois Miners (2021 only)	Frontier
New Jersey Jackals	Can-Am	Lake Erie (OH) Crushers	Frontier
Sussex County (NJ) Miners	Can-Am	Joliet Slammers	Frontier
Washington (PA) Wild Things	Frontier	Schaumburg Boomers	Frontier
Gateway (Sauget, IL) Grizzlies	Frontier	Frontier Grays (2022 road team)	

Quebec started 2021 as a road team in the U.S., then split home games between Quebec City and Trois-Rivieres.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION – 12 Teams, 100 games, (May 13 – Sept. 5 in 2022, May 11 – Sept. 4 in 2023)

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

The Houston Apollos were a 2021 American Association road team, and also played Pecos Baseball League teams. Winnipeg played at Jackson, TN until allowed back into Canada later in the 2021 season.

PECOS BASEBALL LEAGUE – 16 teams in 2022 and 2023, number of games based on team location, (June 1 – July 31 in 2022, May 25 – July 31 in 2023)

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Alpine Cowboys	Pecos	Salina (KS) Stockade (2021 only)	Pecos
Austin Weirdos (2022)	New team in 2022	San Rafael Pacifics	Pacific Assn.
Bakersfield Train Robbers	Pecos	Santa Cruz Seaweed	New team in 2021
Colorado Springs Snow Sox	Out in 2023	Santa Fe Fuego	Pecos
Garden City (KS) Wind	Pecos	Santa Rosa Scuba Divers (2022)	New team in 2022
Houston Apollos (2021 only-Road)	Added in 2021	Trinidad Triggers	Pecos
Martinez Sturgeon	Pacific Assn. (2018)	Tucson Saguaros	Pecos
Monterey (CA) Amberjacks	Pecos	Wasco Reserve	Pecos–Out in 2023
Roswell Invaders	Pecos	Weimar, TX Hormigas (2022)	Out in 2023

In 2023, the Pecos League adds Lancaster and Marysville, CA, and Blackwell, OK. 3 teams, noted above, are dropped

UNITED SHORE BASEBALL LEAGUE – 4 Teams, all in Utica, MI, 56 dates, 67 games scheduled in 2022 (May 20 – Sept. 3), 56 dates scheduled in 2023 (May 19 – Sept. 2)

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

2021-2023 INDEPENDENT PRO LEAGUES – INCLUDES MLB PARTNER LEAGUES

PIONEER LEAGUE – 8 Teams, 96 games (May 22 – Sept. 10 in 2021), 10 teams, 96 games (May 23 – Sept. 10 in 2022, and May 23 – Sept. 9 in 2023)

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

**EMPIRE BASEBALL LEAGUE – 4 Teams, 88 games (June 12 – August 2 in 2021)
4 Teams, 80 games (June 8 – July 25 in 2022)**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
New Hampshire Wild (2021)	Empire	Saranac Lake Surge	Empire
Plattsburgh Thunderbirds	Empire	Tupper Lake Riverpigs	New team in 2021
Japan Islanders (2022)	Road Team		

**MAVERICKS LEAGUE – 4 Teams, all in Keiser, OR (May 13 – August 29 in 2021)
4 Teams – 96 games for the league (May 12 – August 28) in 2022**

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Campeños de Salem-Keiser	None	Salem Senators	None
Portland Mavericks	None	Salem-Keiser Volcanoes	Northwest

SUMMER COLLEGIATE LEAGUES WITH TEAMS THAT WERE ALL IN 2019 MINOR LEAGUES

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DRAFT LEAGUE – 6 Teams, 68 games (May 24 – August 13) in 2021
6 Teams, 80-games (June 2 – September 6) in 2022, and (June 1 – Sept. 2) in 2023**

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

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

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Bluefield Ridge Runners	Appalachian	Greeneville (TN) Flyboys	Appalachian
Bristol State Lines	Appalachian	Johnson City Doughboys	Appalachian
Burlington (NC) Sock Puppets	Appalachian	Kingsport Axmen	Appalachian
Danville Otterbots	Appalachian	Princeton Whistle Pigs	Appalachian
Elizabethton River Riders	Appalachian	Pulaski River Turtles	Appalachian

2019 MLB AFFILIATED TEAMS NOT IN MLB AFFILIATED LEAGUES IN 2021 OR 2022

2019 Team	2019 League	2021-22 League	2019 Team	2019 League	2021-22 League
Trenton Thunder	Eastern	MLB Draft + hosted Buffalo	Jackson, TN Generals	Southern	None – hosted Winnipeg–2021
Mahoning Valley (OH) Scrappers	New York-Penn	MLB Draft	West Virginia Black Bears (Morgantown)	New York-Penn	MLB Draft
Williamsport Crosscutters	New York-Penn	MLB Draft	Staten Island Yankees	New York-Penn	None in 2021 Atlantic in 2022
Lancaster JetHawks	California	None	Kane County (IL) Cougars	Midwest	American Assn.
Frederick Keys	Carolina	MLB Draft	Bluefield Blue Jays	Appalachian	Appalachian
(Port) Charlotte Stone Crabs	Florida State	None	Bristol Pirates	Appalachian	Appalachian
Florida Fire Frogs	Florida State	None	Burlington (NC) Royals	Appalachian	Appalachian
Burlington (IA) Bees	Midwest	Prospect	Danville Braves	Appalachian	Appalachian
Clinton Lumberkings	Midwest	Prospect	Elizabethton Twins	Appalachian	Appalachian
Hagerstown Suns	South Atlantic	None	Greeneville (TN) Reds	Appalachian	Appalachian
Lexington Legends	South Atlantic	Atlantic	Johnson City Cardinals	Appalachian	Appalachian
West Virginia Power (Charleston)	South Atlantic	Atlantic	Kingsport Mets	Appalachian	Appalachian
State College Spikes	New York-Penn	MLB Draft	Princeton Rays	Appalachian	Appalachian
Auburn Doubledays	New York-Penn	Perfect Game	Pulaski Yankees	Appalachian	Appalachian
Batavia Muckdogs	New York-Penn	Perfect Game	Billings Mustangs	Pioneer	Pioneer
Norwich Sea Unicorns	New York-Penn	Futures Colleg.	Grand Junction Rockies	Pioneer	Pioneer
Lowell Spinners	New York-Penn	None	Great Falls Voyagers	Pioneer	Pioneer
Tri-City (Troy, NY) ValleyCats	New York-Penn	Frontier	Idaho Falls Chukars	Pioneer	Pioneer
Vermont Lake Monsters	New York-Penn	Futures Collegiate	Missoula Paddleheads	Pioneer	Pioneer
Boise Hawks	Northwest	Pioneer	Ogden Raptors	Pioneer	Pioneer
Salem-Keiser Volcanoes	Northwest	Mavericks	Rocky Mountain Vibes (Colorado Springs)	Pioneer	Pioneer
Orem	Pioneer	None			

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE CHANGES SINCE 2019

2019 Team	2019 League	2021-23 League	Team	2019 League	2021 League
St. Paul Saints	American Assn.	International – MLB Affiliated	Ottawa Champions	Can-Am	None in 2021, Frontier in 2022
Sugar Land Skeeters	Atlantic	Pacific Coast – MLB Affiliated	O'Fallon (MO) Hoots – River City in 2019	Frontier	Prospect Summer Colleg.
Somerset (NJ) Patriots	Atlantic	Eastern–MLB Aff	High Desert Yardbirds	Pecos	None
New Britain Bees	Atlantic	Futures Colleg.	California City Whiptails	Pecos	None
Texas Airhogs	American Assn.	None	White Sands Pupfish	Pecos	None

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

2022 MINOR LEAGUE SEASON ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Normality, to a great extent, returned to Minor League Baseball in 2022, but the landscape was quite different, as noted in the tables on the previous pages, from what it was in 2019, the last 'normal' season.

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

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

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

The table below shows the number of Monday-Friday (excluding holidays) day games scheduled by the 120 U.S. full-season Major League-affiliated teams, each year from 2016 through 2022. It has the same data for the leading U.S./Canadian independent leagues. This table includes scheduled games that were postponed due to weather, and the 2020 scheduled games, which of course, were not played.

MINOR LEAGUE MONDAY-FRIDAY DAY GAMES SCHEDULED

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

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

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

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

Other Schedule Notes

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

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

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN LOOKING AT THE YEAR VS. YEAR ATTENDANCE COMPARISONS

2022 Attendance vs. 2021 Attendance

No changes were made in the lineup of Major League-affiliated teams and leagues from 2021 to 2022. But any comparison of **2022 vs. 2021** attendance can be somewhat distorted due to the reduced number of games played in 2021, and the number of games played with reduced capacity, or with no fans in attendance, in 2021.

The independent leagues also were affected by capacity restrictions in 2021, especially the Mexican League, whose teams played only a 66-game regular season schedule.

This Minor League report does not have 'full-capacity' 2021 average per date figures. It just lists each team's or league's average per date for all dates played with fans in attendance. We just don't know how many 2021 dates each team had with full-capacity permitted. But only dates played with fans in attendance are included in the 'number of dates' figure which is used to compile the average per date. Games played with no fans in attendance, for 2022 as well, are excluded when compiling average per date figures.

So the Number Tamer Major League Baseball reports compare 2022 average attendance per date for all dates, with 2021 average per date for full-capacity dates only. The Minor League reports compare 2022 average attendance per date for all dates with fans in attendance, with 2021 average per date for all dates when fans were admitted, regardless of whether full capacity was permitted.

2022 Attendance vs. 2019 Attendance

Due to the 2021 reorganization of the Minor Leagues, **2022 vs. 2019** total attendance and average per date comparisons **for leagues**, have limited value. The 2019 MLB-affiliated leagues no longer exist in their exact 2019 form. But most of the 2021-2023 leagues consist of teams which played together in a league in 2019. The 2022 vs. 2019 league comparisons in this report are **2022 attendance vs. what the league's 2022 members drew in 2019, regardless of which league they played in for the 2019 season**. To be consistent, this same type of comparison is also made for the independent leagues. However, the overview of each league's attendance will have a note mentioning what that league, **in the way it was made up in 2019**, drew that year.

2022 vs. 2019 individual team comparisons have much more value, and will be commonly noted. But scheduling changes since 2019, should be taken into account. The Triple-A teams have gone from a 140-game schedule in 2019, to a 150-game schedule in 2022-2023. Double-A clubs had a 140-game schedule in 2019, and a 138-game schedule in 2022-2023. High-A and Single-A clubs have gone from a 140-game schedule in 2019, to 132 games in 2022-2023. Within some of these leagues, are teams whose number of scheduled games changed significantly from 2019 to 2022-2023. In particular, major schedule changes occurred for teams that moved from MLB-affiliated leagues to independent leagues, and vice-versa, and for teams that were in short-season leagues in 2019. These changes will be mentioned in team and league notes. Among the independent leagues, the biggest change was a large reduction in scheduled games by the Mexican League from 120 games in 2019 to 66 games in 2021, and to 90 games in 2022.

2023 SCHEDULES

Triple-A teams will play 150 games, from March 31 through September 24. Double-A teams will play 138 games, from April 6 through September 17. High-A and Single-A teams will play 132 games, from April 6 through September 10.

All the schedule changes starting in 2021 hurt some teams, and helped others. Some of the teams that were in professional minor leagues prior to 2021, but are now in Summer Collegiate leagues, ended their 2021 season while schools in their area were still on summer vacation. But prior to 2021, some short-season teams didn't have any home games during the first 3-4 weeks of school vacation time. Now, the teams which moved into full-season leagues, or many of the teams in Summer Collegiate leagues, play home games for the entire school vacation period.

MLB-affiliated teams that played short-season schedules prior to 2021, now sometimes play in cold weather, as their seasons begin much earlier. They also have many more games when school is in session.

A NOTE OF CAUTION:

In this report, there are separate tables comparing 2022 vs. 2021, and 2022 vs. 2019 attendance for individual teams and leagues. Except for the previous season and changes figures, these tables have an identical appearance.

2022 Minor League Season MLB-affiliated and Independent League Attendance

-) In **2022**, the 120 Major League affiliated Minor League teams had a total attendance of 30,920,722. That total was up 8,831,708 (40.0%) from **2021**. There were 1,048 more dates with fans in attendance in **2022** compared to 2021. 408 dates were lost in **2022**, vs. 503 lost dates in **2021**, and 402 lost dates (for these same 120 teams) in **2019**. Lost dates include games that were played with no fans in attendance. Average per date was 3,933 in **2022**, up 691 (21.3%) **vs. 2021**. Average per team in **2022** was 257,673, up 73,598 (40.0%) **vs. 2021**. All 2022 MLB-affiliated Minor League teams played in the same markets as in 2021.
-) As a result of many more dates played in **2022**, and with no capacity restrictions, 118 of the 120 teams had increases in total attendance **vs. 2021**, with Wichita and Lake Elsinore, having the only declines. 112 teams had gains in average per date. Rochester had the biggest numerical increases in total attendance, up 212,639 (96.7%), and average per date, up 2,452 (65.8%). Modesto, up 123.3% in total attendance, and Beloit, up 102.4% in average per date, had the best percentage gains. These comparisons exclude Buffalo, Vancouver, and Dunedin, who played few or no games in their home parks in 2021, and thus had huge 2022 vs. 2021 percentage attendance increases.
-) 29 teams had total attendance increases of at least 100,000, and 22 teams had 1,000+ gains in average per date. On a percent basis, 29 teams were up at least 50% in total attendance, with 8 teams up 50%+ in average per date.
-) The 120 Major League Baseball affiliated Minor League teams drew a total regular season attendance of 22,089,014 in **2021**. They played 6,814 dates with fans in attendance. Average per date with fans in attendance was 3,242. Average per team was 184,075. Many early season games were played with stadium capacity restrictions.
-) In **2019**, these same 120 teams, regardless of what league, or what market, they were in that year, drew a total of 33,740,110 in 7,675 dates, an average of 4,396 per date. They played a combined 861 fewer dates with fans in attendance in **2021**, compared to **2019**. But there were 187 more dates played in **2022 vs. 2019**, mainly due to 9 teams moving from short-season leagues in **2019** to full season leagues in **2021**, and longer schedules in **2022**.
-) Comparing **2022** attendance with **2019** attendance for the same 120 MLB-affiliated teams, regardless of what league, or what market they played in for 2019, shows that their 2022 total attendance was down 2,819,388 (8.4%), and their average per date fell 463 (10.5%).
-) 117 of these 120 teams played in the same markets in **2022 as in 2019**. This includes Fredericksburg, who played at nearby Potomac (Woodbridge, VA) in 2019. 28 of these teams had increases in **2022 vs. 2019** total attendance, and 18 teams had gains in average per date. The 117 teams exclude Worcester (Pawtucket in 2019), Wichita (New Orleans in 2019), and Rocket City – Madison, AL (Mobile in 2019).
-) 106 teams played in the same markets, and **had relatively similar length schedules in 2022 and 2019**. This list includes St. Paul, who played a shorter schedule as an independent league team in 2019. It excludes Worcester, Wichita, and Rocket City, plus 9 teams that had been in short-season leagues in 2019. Also excluded are Jupiter and Palm Beach of the Florida State League, who played numerous 2022 home games with no fans in their ballpark. The 106 teams had a combined total attendance decline of 3,440,085 (10.9%). They drew an average of 4,023 per date, down 479 (10.6%). 20 of the 106 teams had total attendance gains vs. 2019. 18 were up in average per date.
-) Kannapolis, who moved into a new park in 2021, had the biggest numerical and percentage increases in total attendance for **2022 vs. 2019**, up 116,230 (153.1%), and average per date, up 1,778 (156.9%). St. Paul, playing 23 more dates than in 2019, had a 78,941 gain. Fredericksburg, in a new ballpark, had increases of 68,072 in total attendance, and 873 in average per date. Myrtle Beach was up 564 in average per date. The top numerical losses were by Round Rock, down 184,940 in total, and 3,035 in average per date, followed by Sacramento and Las Vegas. Wilmington, DE had the biggest percentage declines in both total attendance and average per date.
-) The Southern League was the only league whose teams' combined **2022** total attendance and average per date was higher than their combined **2019** figures. The teams in the Carolina League combined for an increase in average per date. The 10 teams of the Pacific Coast League had a combined decline of 580,009 (12.3%) in total attendance, and a 1,241 (18.0%) dip in average per date, which were the biggest losses of any league. **All this compares 2022 vs. 2019 for the league's 2022 members, regardless of where they played in 2019.**
-) The 81 independent league teams (United Shore Baseball League, and Mavericks League, each count as one team because all of each of those league's teams play in the same ballpark.) drew a total of 9,690,620 in **2022**, up 3,543,273 (58.6%) from 6,047,347 in **2021**. Average per date was 2,603 in **2022**, up 579 (28.6%) from the **2021** average of 2,024. There were 3,684 independent league dates played in 2022, 696 more than in 2021.

2022 Minor League Season MLB-affiliated and Independent League Attendance

-) The **2022** independent leagues teams drew 10,689,857 in 3,374 dates in **2019**, in whatever league they were in for **2019**, averaging 3,168 per date. The **2022 vs. 2019** total was down 1,099,237 (10.3%), and the average per date fell 565 (17.8%). There were 135 lost dates in **2022**, 164 in **2021**, and 126 in **2019**. 310 more dates were played by these teams in 2022 compared to 2019. The Mexican League had far fewer dates in 2021 and 2022, than in 2019. But expansion and longer schedules in some of the other independent leagues resulted in an increase in the number of dates played. The Mexican and Pioneer Leagues, which had been MLB-affiliated leagues in 2019, are included in this group. Empire League attendance is not yet available, and may never be, because the league never reports it.
-) For **2022 vs. 2021**, 58 independent teams had increases in total attendance, and 13 had declines. 54 of these teams had increases in average per date, 16 had losses, and one averaged the same figure in both years. The Mexican League was hit very hard by Covid in 2021, and only played a 66-game schedule. As a result of a 90-game schedule in 2022, the league had the 7 largest total attendance increases, and 6 best average per date gains, among all independent teams. Yucatan, up 330,270 in total attendance, and 6,347 in average per date, had the biggest growth. Winnipeg, who played most of their 2021 season in the U.S., had the largest increase among U.S./Canadian teams. Kane County had the largest total attendance (70,649) and average per date (1,514) gains among U.S./Canadian teams that played the 2021 season in their normal park. The United Shore Baseball League, whose 4 teams all play in Utica, MI, had an estimated 101,100 increase in total attendance. Largest declines were by Rocky Mountain (Colorado Springs) in both total attendance and average per date.
-) For **2022 vs. 2019**, 28 independent teams had increases in total attendance and 41 were down. 26 teams achieved gains in average per date, while 43 teams suffered losses. The Pioneer League, with a longer 2022 schedule than in 2019, was the independent league with the biggest total attendance increase. Frontier League total attendance also rose. The Pecos League was the only independent League with an increase in average per date. They also had a gain in total attendance. The Mexican League, with a shorter 2022 schedule than in 2019, had the worst total attendance decline. The Atlantic League had the worst average per date decrease, but that was in large part because two of their best drawing teams, Sugar Land and Somerset, joined MLB-affiliated leagues in 2021.
-) Individual independent league teams with the best **2022 vs. 2019** growth were Campeche, overall, up 87,025 in total attendance and 2,723 in average per date, and among U.S./Canadian teams, Schaumburg, with gains of 53,732 in total attendance, and 850 in average per date. Tijuana had the largest total attendance decline, while Rocky Mountain sustained the worst average per date loss. On a percentage basis, Garden City, KS had the highest gain in total attendance, and Campeche had the top average per date increase. Monterey, CA, Durango, and Sioux Falls, SD had the worst percentage declines.
-) Combined Major League-affiliated and independent leagues regular season attendance in **2022** was 40,511,342 in 11,546 dates, an average of 3,509 per date. In 2021, these same teams drew 28,136,361 in 9,802 dates, averaging 2,870 per date. In **2019**, these same teams drew a total of 44,429,967 in 11,049 dates, averaging 4,021 per date.
-) **2022** combined total attendance rose 12,374,981 (44.0%), and average per date increased by 638 (22.3%) **vs. 2021**, with 1,744 more dates. 176 teams had gains in total attendance, and 15 had declines. 166 teams posted average per date increases, 24 had declines, and one team had the same average per date in both seasons. Compared to **2019**, the **2022** figures were down 3,918,625 (8.8%) in total attendance, and down 512 (12.8%) in average per date, with 497 more dates. 56 teams increased their total attendance **vs. 2019**, and 130 were down. Average per date was up for 44 teams, and 142 teams had losses. There were 543 combined lost dates in 2022, and 667 combined lost dates in 2021, compared to 546 in 2019.
-) The 11 full-season **2019** MLB-affiliated leagues (120 teams), **as they were that year**, drew 33,321,002 in **2019**. They played 7,931 dates, and averaged 4,201 per date. The now eliminated 4 short-season 2019 MLB affiliated leagues (40 teams) drew 3,564,944 in **2019** in 1,418 dates, an average of 2,514 per date. Independent leagues, including the Mexican League, drew 10,308,644 in 3,344 dates, an average of 3,083 per date. Combined total attendance for all MLB-affiliated and independent teams was 47,194,590 in **2019**. These leagues played 12,693 dates, averaging 3,718 per date.
-) Teams that were in professional Minor Leagues in 2019, but played in Summer Collegiate leagues in 2021 and in 2022, played around 600 dates with fans in attendance in 2021, and 713 dates in 2022.

2022 Minor League Season MLB-affiliated and Independent League Attendance

- J There was more post-season play among the MLB-affiliated leagues in **2022**, as all leagues had playoffs. The MLB-affiliated leagues drew 194,438 for 66 playoff dates, an average of 2,946 per date. The largest playoff crowd was 9,159 at Fresno.
- J While the Mexican League played a shorter regular season than normal in **2022**, they had their usual playoff format, and those games drew very well. The 67 Mexican League playoff dates drew 762,112, averaging 11,375 per date. 37 of these games drew over 10,000, with 15 of them topping 20,000. Monterrey had the 3 largest crowds (all were 21,909). The 120 independent league playoff games (from the Mexican, Atlantic, Pioneer, and Frontier Leagues, and the American Association) drew 871,321, averaging 7,261 per date. The 4 U.S./Canadian Independent Leagues drew 109,209 in 53 dates, an average of 2,061 per date. Southern Maryland (6,259) had the largest crowd among this group of leagues. Combined MLB-affiliated and independent league **2022 playoff attendance** was 1,065,759 in 186 dates, averaging 5,730 per date. United Shore, Pecos, Mavericks, and Empire Leagues playoff data was not available.

7 New Minor League Ballparks in 2021, but Just One in 2022

- J Worcester replaced Pawtucket. Most games at new Polar Park drew near-capacity, or sellout crowds. In **2022**, the Woosox drew a City of Worcester record-high of 532,152 in total attendance, and 7,290 in average per date. This was the 5th best total attendance, and the 6th best average per date among MLB-affiliated teams. Total attendance was 201,142 (60.8%) higher, and average per date was 2,036 (38.7%) higher than it was in Pawtucket in **2019**.
- J Kannapolis, NC more than doubled its 2019 attendance, and set team records in 2022 for total attendance and average per date in their new downtown park. **The 2022 vs. 2019 total attendance growth of 116,230, and the average per date gain of 1,778, along with the percentage increases in these categories, were best among all teams that played in the same market in 2022 and 2019.**
- J Fredericksburg, VA replaced relatively nearby Woodbridge VA (Potomac). In **2022**, their total attendance (260,546), and average per date (4,136), was higher than it ever was in Woodbridge. The total was up a same market 3rd best 68,072, and average per date rose 873, which was 2nd best among teams in the same market in **2022 and 2019**.
- J Wichita's new park (replacing New Orleans) was a big attendance and marketing success in 2021. While their attendance was lower in 2022 than in 2021, the **2022** Wind Surge still drew 32,436 (402 per date) above their **2019** attendance in larger market of New Orleans.
- J Rocket City (Madison, AL) more than tripled what they drew in Mobile in 2019. The Trash Pandas posted a **2022 vs, 2019** increase of 231,930 (243.9%) in total attendance, and a 3,446 (217.4%) gain in average per date.
- J Beloit's new park wasn't ready until August, 2021, so they didn't get all the attendance benefits from it in 2021. But in **2022**, they set new team record-highs in both total attendance and average per date. Total attendance was up a 5th best 29,594 **vs. 2019**, and average per date rose a 4th best 451, among same market teams.
- J Gastonia got a new Atlantic League independent team in 2021, and a new park.
- J Glacier (Kalispell, Montana), a 2022 Pioneer League expansion team, had the only park that opened in 2022.
- J According to Ballparkdigest.com, new ballparks are expected to be completed for the Northern Colorado Owlz of the Pioneer League in 2023, Hagerstown, a new Atlantic League team in 2024, and Tennessee (Knoxville) in 2025.

2022 League and Team Attendance Leaders

- J The Triple-A International League had the most teams (20), the most dates played (1,438), the highest total attendance (8,491,388) and average per team (424,569), and the top average per date (5,905) of any league.
- J In Double-A the Eastern League posted the best total (3,470,478), average per team (289,207), and average per date (4,399). The Texas League was close behind averaging 285,409 per team, and 4,266 per date.
- J The Midwest League had the top High-A total (2,756,108), average per team (229,676), and average per date (3,724).
- J Best drawing Single-A league was the Carolina (2,314,460 total, 192,872 average per team, 3,041 average per date).
- J In the independent leagues, the Mexican League (18 teams), had the top total (3,564,524), average per team (198,029), and average per date (4,653).
- J Among MLB-affiliated teams, Nashville had the 2022 highest total attendance (555,576), followed by Lehigh Valley – Allentown, PA (544,220), Indianapolis (534,610), Columbus (534,393), and Worcester (532,152). 8 teams drew over 500,000, with 22 teams topping 400,000, and 41 teams above 300,000.
- J In 2022 average per date, High-A Dayton led with 7,935 per date. **This may have been the first time a Class A team had the highest average per date in the MLB-affiliated leagues since Denver in 1952.** Average per date for 1952 Denver is not available. But that team was the last Class A team to lead Minor League Baseball in total attendance. Next in 2022 average per date were Lehigh Valley (7,665), Columbus (7,634), Nashville (7,611), and Indianapolis (7,425). 8 teams averaged over 7,000 per date, 16 teams topped 6,000, and 34 teams drew an average of better than 5,000 per date.
- J For the independent teams, Tijuana had the highest **2022** total attendance (453,961), followed by Yucatan (440,165), Monterrey Mexico (382,048), and Long Island (285,888). Tijuana again had the top average per date (10,888), which was the best in all of Minor League Baseball in **2022**, followed in the independent leagues by Yucatan (9,781), Monterrey, Mexico (8,490), Mexico City (6,443), Saltillo (5,676) and Kane County, IL (5,068).

Largest 2022 Crowds

- J The largest Triple-A and MLB-affiliated league **2022** single game attendance was 15,619 in Albuquerque, followed closely by a crowd of 15,490 in Buffalo. Richmond had the biggest crowd in Double-A (9,810), Lansing's 10,055 crowd was tops in High-A, and Fresno drew a Single-A best crowd of 11,302. Tijuana, of the Mexican League, drew the largest crowd for any regular season game in 2022 (17,986). Kane County had the highest single game attendance in the American Association (9,421). Long Island had the highest single game attendance in the Atlantic League (7,149).

Record Highs for Total Attendance, Average per Date, and Single Game Attendance, set in 2022

-) 18 teams, and the Pioneer and Pecos Leagues, set new record-highs in total attendance in 2022. 16 teams and the Pecos League had all-time highs in average per date. At least 11 teams had their biggest-ever single game crowds.
-) **In their second season as an independent, the Pioneer League, playing a longer schedule than they did as an MLB-affiliated short-season league, drew a league record-high 923,363, breaking a mark set in 2021.**
-) **The Pecos Baseball League drew an estimated league record-high total of 116,871, and a league record-high average per date of 307.** Most of this league's teams play in very small ballparks. The Pecos League has operated for 12 seasons, which is longer than any 'small-market' independent league since independent leagues were re-established in 1993. This is the only league that does not count 'no-shows' in their attendance. So the number of tickets they sell is higher than their announced attendance.
-) **Kannapolis moved into a new park in 2021 and more than doubled its 2019 attendance. The Cannon Ballers drew team record-highs in total attendance (192,161) and average per date (2,912) in 2022.**
-) **In 2021 the Worcester Red Sox relocated from Pawtucket. The Woosox drew 532,152, averaging 7,290 per date in 2022.** These figures are higher than any past team in Worcester ever drew. St. Paul drew a record-high total in their 2nd year playing a longer schedule than they had in the independent American Association.
-) **The Rocket City Trash Pandas moved from Mobile to Madison, AL (next to Huntsville) in 2021. They drew a record-high 327,007 in 2022. Beloit played its first full season in a new park, and drew record-highs in total attendance and average per date. Fredericksburg and Myrtle Beach also set both total attendance and average per date record-highs. Everett, Hillsboro, Hudson Valley, Spokane, Tri-City WA, and Vancouver all had new highs in total attendance, due in part, to playing longer schedules. Augusta had a new record-high in average per date.**
-) **Among the independent league teams, Milwaukee, Chicago, Garden City KS, and Martinez each set new total attendance and average per date highs in 2022. Garden City's figures were the best ever for any team in the Pecos League. Leon, Yucatan, Campeche, Dos Laredos, Quintana Roo (Cancun), Roswell, and Bakersfield (Pecos League high for that city) had a record-high average per date. Ogden of the Pioneer League set a new total attendance record.**
-) Single game record-highs were set by Hartford, Amarillo, Binghamton, Greenville SC, Fredericksburg, Myrtle Beach, and Fayetteville in 2022. 3 other teams tied their record-high, sellout, single-game attendance. It is possible that some independent teams also drew single-game record-high crowds.

ATTENTION INDEPENDENT LEAGUE TEAMS:

The Number Tamer Minor League Attendance Analysis is missing single game record high attendance figures for many independent teams. If you know what's the largest crowd your team has ever drawn, and in what season this record was set, please inform David Kronheim (d.kronheim@verizon.net), and your team's record will be included in the section listing team record-highs. Thank you for your assistance.

RECORD-HIGHS IN TOTAL ATTENDANCE, AVERAGE PER DATE, OR SINGLE GAMES, SET OR TIED IN 2022

The following MLB-affiliated teams set or tied their team attendance records in 2022 in season total attendance, average per date, or for a single game. Some teams, such as Charlotte, set a single-game record in 2021, for their current park, but have drawn bigger crowds in a larger, former park, in the same market. Attendance records set by Rocket City (Madison, AL) broke records set by the Huntsville Stars. Records set by Worcester are for any team in that market.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE		AVERAGE PER DATE		SINGLE GAME RECORD	
Worcester	532,152	Worcester	7,290	Lehigh Valley	10,100-T
Rocket City	327,007	Beloit	1,632	Hartford	7,512
Hudson Valley	184,055	Fredericksburg	4,136	Binghamton	7,491
Beloit	102,794	Kannapolis	2,912	Rocket City	7,500-T
Everett	128,836	Augusta, GA	4,096	Pensacola	5,038-T
Hillsboro	150,792	Myrtle Beach	3,940	Amarillo	7,481
St. Paul	473,911				
Spokane	231,081	Leon	4,008	Greenville, SC	7,839
Tri-City, WA	108,136	Yucatan	9,781	Fredericksburg	5,802
Vancouver (current)	313,256	Campeche	4,466	Myrtle Beach	6,600
Fredericksburg	260,546	Dos Laredos	4,062	Fayetteville, NC	6,700
Kannapolis	192,161	Quintana Roo	4,292	Portland, ME	7,368-T
Myrtle Beach	252,183	Roswell	231		
Chicago Dogs	191,984	Chicago Dogs	4,000		
Milwaukee Milkmen	86,028	Milwaukee Milkmen	1,721		
Ogden	167,484	Garden City, KS	631		
Martinez	17,723	Bakersfield (Pecos)	331		
Garden City, KS	24,609				
Pecos League	116,871	Pecos League	307		
Pioneer League	923,363				

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

Largest Single-Game Crowds in **2022** (based on available data)

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

Largest Single-Game Crowds in **2021** (based on available data):

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

Largest Single-Game Crowds in **2019** (based on available data):

Overall – Monterrey, Mexico (20,533); Class AAA – Buffalo (16,409); Class AA – Frisco (12,023);
Full-season High Class A – Clearwater (10,055); Full-season Low Class A - Lansing (10,824);
Short-season Class A – Brooklyn (8,031); Rookie – Rocky Mountain (7,048).
Independent leagues and teams – United Shore League (4,926), St. Paul (10,631), others unavailable.

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

NOTE TO MINOR LEAGUE TEAM PERSONNEL: If your team set a single-game record high in 2022, and it does not appear not on this list, please contact David Kronheim (d.kronheim@verizon.net) with the data, and your team will be added. Thank you for your assistance.

Attendance Increases - 2022 vs. 2021

- J This listing of teams with the biggest numerical increases in attendance for **2022 vs. 2021** must be kept in context. Due to Covid restrictions, most teams played shorter schedules in 2021, and had games with reduced capacity, or even with no fans allowed in ballparks. The **2022 vs. 2019** comparisons listed further down on this page have more value, but even here, many teams played very different schedules in 2022 compared to 2019.
- J For what it's worth, these were the MLB-affiliated teams with the biggest **2022 vs. 2021** gains in total attendance: Rochester (221,639); Lehigh Valley (187,865); Albuquerque (186,203); Charlotte (186,160); Indianapolis (180,881). Buffalo, who played most of their 2021 home schedule in Trenton, was up 251,107 in total attendance and up 3,608 in average per date. Vancouver, who played all their 2021 home games in Hillsboro, OR, had a 297,434 increase in total attendance, and were up 4,867 in average per date.
- J Of slightly more value, these MLB-affiliated teams had the best **2022 vs. 2021** increases in average attendance per date: Rochester (2,452); Albuquerque (1,916); Lehigh Valley (1,823); Charlotte (1,711); Dayton (1,677).
- J Among the independent leagues, the highest **2022 vs. 2021** total attendance gains were: Yucatan (330,270); Tijuana (257,490); Monterrey (233,037). The increase in number of dates played by the Mexican League resulted in that league having 13 of the 15 biggest gains in total attendance, including the 7 biggest increases. Winnipeg, who played most of their 2022 schedule in the U.S., had the biggest gain among U.S./Canadian teams (111,879), followed by Kane County (70,649), Long Island (61,768), and York (60,891).
- J Top independent league **2022 vs. 2021** average per date growth: Yucatan (6,347); Monterrey (3,833); Campeche (3,401). Mexican League teams had 12 of the 14 biggest gains, including the top 6. For U.S./Canadian independent teams, the best average per date gains were by Winnipeg (2,308), Kane County, IL (1,514), and Chicago (949).

Attendance Declines – 2022 vs. 2021

- J **2022 vs. 2021** declines in attendance were relatively few, for the reasons noted above.
- J The MLB-affiliated teams with the only **2022 vs. 2021** total attendance declines were: Wichita (20,702); Lake Elsinore (808). The smallest increases were by: Quad Cities (up 7,468); Palm Beach (up 8,440), Lakeland (up 8,961).
- J MLB-affiliated teams with the largest average per date decreases were: Rocket City (695); Wichita (679); Birmingham (206); Quad Cities (147); Lake Elsinore (145).
- J For the independent leagues, the largest **2022 vs. 2021** total attendance decreases were by: Rocky Mountain - Colorado Springs (30,212); Sioux Falls, SD (23,507); Billings (16,708); Lexington, KY (13,406). A second team played in Lexington in 2022, which accounted for the declines by the Legends.
- J The same 4 teams accounted for the largest independent average per date declines: Rocky Mountain (734); Lexington (591); Billings (324); Sioux Falls (323).

Attendance Increases – 2021 vs. 2019, and 2022 vs. 2019

- J Due to conditions mentioned earlier, few teams, and only one MLB-affiliated league, had **2021 vs. 2019** attendance increases. Excluding teams that relocated to new markets, 3 MLB-affiliated teams achieved **2021 vs. 2019** gains in total attendance, and 6 teams were up in average per date.
- J For **2022 vs. 2019**, the number of teams with increases in attendance was still considerably lower than the number of teams with declines. Only 28 of the 117 'same market' MLB-affiliated teams had an increase in total attendance, and just 18 of these teams had average per date gains.
- J MLB-affiliated 'same market' teams with the largest **2022 vs. 2019** gains in total attendance were: Kannapolis (116,230); St. Paul – with a much longer schedule in 2022 (78,941); Fredericksburg (68,072); Jacksonville (30,706); Beloit (29,594); Myrtle Beach (25,936). Kannapolis, Fredericksburg, and Beloit moved into new ballparks in 2021.
- J MLB-affiliated 'same market' teams with the top **2022 vs. 2019** gains in average per date were: Kannapolis (1,778); Fredericksburg (873); Myrtle Beach (564); Beloit (451); Salem, VA (312).

Attendance Increases – 2021 vs. 2019, and 2022 vs. 2019 - continued

- J Independent 'same market' teams with the top **2022 vs. 2019** gains total attendance were: Campeche (87,025); Schaumburg (53,732); Boise (30,777); Milwaukee (26,569); Missoula (26,543).
- J 'Same market' independent teams with the largest **2022 vs. 2019** average per date gains were: Campeche (2,723); Union Laguna (1,110); Yucatan (1,108); Schaumburg (850); Leon (671).

Attendance Declines - 2021 vs. 2019 and 2022 vs. 2019

- J Any comparison of **2021 attendance declines vs. 2019** would totally lack context. Some teams were much more affected by Covid-19 restrictions than others. In general, the teams that usually draw best, had the most to lose from the unique circumstances of **2021**, and mostly, they did suffer the worst attendance losses. For example, take two teams whose early-season ballpark capacity was limited to 3,000. One team normally averages around 8,000 per date, while the other team averages around 2,500. You can see how the better-drawing team would suffer a much larger decline in attendance due to capacity restrictions and other circumstances.
- J MLB-affiliated 'same market' teams with the largest declines in **2022 vs. 2019** total attendance were: Round Rock (184,940); Sacramento (176,671); Las Vegas (132,713); Fresno (118,438); Frisco (114,522).
- J 'Same market' MLB-affiliated teams with the worst declines in average per date for **2022 vs. 2019** were: Round Rock (3,035); Sacramento (2,879); Las Vegas (2,389); Wilmington, DE and Frisco (both 1,784).
- J Independent 'same market' teams with the biggest decreases in **2022 vs. 2019** total attendance were: Tijuana (223,503); Monterrey, Mexico (174,821); Mexico City (144,796); del Norte – Monclova (143,523); Saltillo (127,767). Due to a shorter schedule, these 5 Mexican League teams played a combined 72 fewer dates in **2022 than in 2019**. The biggest independent loss by a U.S. team was by Lexington, who shared their ballpark with another Atlantic League team in 2022, and were down 119,829. Kane County had a 101,951 decrease.
- J 'Same market' independent teams with the worst losses in **2022 vs. 2019** average per date were: Rocky Mountain – Colorado Springs (1,822); Lexington, KY (1,707); Durango (1,534); Puebla (1,422); Kansas City, KS (1,362).

2022 Lost Dates due to Weather and Covid

- J Postponed games in the Minor Leagues are almost always made up as part of a single-admission doubleheader. Sometimes these postponed games are never made up. In both these cases, they are listed as 'lost dates.' Rarely, in the Minors, are postponed games made up as part of a separate-admission doubleheader. There were many Covid postponements in 2021, but only a handful in 2022.
- J Jupiter and Palm Beach (Florida State League) share Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium in Jupiter. These two teams played some home games in 2021 and 2022 with no fans in the park. They will do that again in 2023. In this report, these games count as 'lost dates.' In 2022, Jupiter had 22 lost dates, but only 3 were weather postponements. The rest were played without fans. Palm Beach had 27 lost dates, 5 of which were weather postponements.
- J Other MLB-affiliated teams with a high number of 2022 postponements include: Tampa (14); Fort Myers (11); Dayton (10); Buffalo and Lakeland (9 each); Daytona (8); Binghamton and Montgomery (7 each); Fort Wayne, Mississippi, Lake County, OH, Jersey Shore – Lakewood (6 each). The independent teams from the 5 best drawing leagues (Atlantic, Mexican, Frontier, Pioneer, and the American Association) with the most postponements were: Tabasco (9); Southern Maryland and Tri-City, NY (7 each); Campeche, Charleston, WV, and Gastonia (6 each).
- J Blessed with good weather and no 2022 postponements, were 13 teams from the MLB-affiliated leagues (Durham, Las Vegas, Round Rock, Sacramento, Amarillo, Springfield MO, Kannapolis, Inland Empire, Modesto, San Jose, Rancho Cucamonga, Stockton, Visalia), and 19 independent teams from the 5 best drawing leagues (Yucatan, Monterrey (Mexico), Tijuana, High Point, Lexington Legends, Chicago, Cleburne, Kansas City KS, Lake Country WI, Milwaukee, Gateway, Joliet, Schaumburg, Idaho Falls, Missoula, Washington, Boise, Glacier, Grand Junction).
- J 14 MLB-affiliated teams, and 10 independent teams from the 5 best drawing leagues, had only one lost date each.

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- J) **Triple-A** – The 30 Triple-A teams drew a combined 12,641,390 in **2022**, averaging 421,380 per team and 5,820 per date, with 78 lost dates. They had 329 more dates in **2022 than in 2021**. These same teams drew 8,839,499 in **2021**, averaging 294,650 per team, and 4,796 per date, with 101 lost dates. In **2019**, these same 30 teams, regardless of what league they played in, drew 13,621,821, an average of 6,808 per date, also with 78 lost dates. Due to a longer schedule in 2022, they had 171 more dates in **2022 than in 2019**. **The 30 teams that played in Class AAA in 2019** drew 13,500,376, averaging 6,697 per date that year.
- J) **2022 vs. 2021** Triple-A total attendance was up 3,801,891 (43.0%), and average per date rose 1,024 (21.4%). All 30 teams had increases in both total attendance, average per date, and in the number of dates played.
- J) For **2022 vs. 2019**, total attendance fell 980,431 (7.2%), and average per date was down 987 (14.5%). All teams played more dates in 2022 than in 2019. 7 of the 29 ‘same market’ teams had increases in total attendance (excludes Worcester, who played in Pawtucket in 2019). Jacksonville, which was in the Double-A Southern League in 2019, was the only team with a gain in average per date.
- J) **International League (Triple-A East in 2021)** – 20 teams. The league consists of all 14 teams from the 2019 International League, plus Iowa, Memphis, Nashville, and Omaha, from the Pacific Coast League, Jacksonville, from the Class AA Southern League, and St. Paul, who played in the independent American Association in 2019.
- J) This league has the most teams of any league, and it drew the highest attendance of any league in 2022. Total **2022** attendance was 8,491,388, averaging 424,569 per team, and 5,905 per date. The league had 62 lost dates, and played 222 more dates than in **2021**. 6 teams (Nashville, Lehigh Valley, Indianapolis, Columbus, Worcester, Charlotte) drew over 500,000, and 7 other teams from this league topped 400,000. The league had the top 6, and 13 of the top 18, MLB-affiliated teams in total attendance, and 13 of the 21 MLB-affiliated teams with the highest average per date. 6 teams averaged at least 7,000 per date, and 4 other teams averaged better than 6,000.
- J) **Nashville drew 555,576, the best total of any Minor League team in 2022**, and averaged 7,611 per date, the 4th best average among all MLB-affiliated teams. The Sounds drew over 10,000 at 13 of their home dates. Lehigh Valley had the league’s best average per date (7,665).
- J) For **2022 vs. 2021**, total attendance was up 2,675,644 (46.0%), and average per date rose 1,122 (23.5%). All teams had gains in total attendance and average per date. Buffalo had the largest gains (251,107 in total, 3,608 in average per date). But these gains are a bit unusual. In 2021, the Bisons had to play their first 39 home dates in Trenton, since the Toronto Blue Jays were using their park in Buffalo. They did play their last 23 dates of 2021 in Buffalo.
- J) Excluding Buffalo, Rochester had the biggest **2022 vs. 2021** increases of any MLB-affiliated team, with the total up 212,639, and average per date rising 2,452. Lehigh Valley, was up a 2nd-best 187,865 in total attendance, and a 3rd-best 1,823 in average per date. Charlotte, Indianapolis, and Worcester had the 4th, 5th, and 6th-best total increases among MLB-affiliates. The league’s teams had 14 of the 21 biggest gains in total attendance among MLB-affiliates. 15 teams had total attendance growth of at least 100,000, and 10 teams were up over 1,000 in average per date. The league’s smallest increases were by Omaha in total attendance, and Gwinnett in average per date.
- J) The **2022 vs. 2019** comparison shows that the 2022 International League teams, regardless of what league or city they played in during 2019, had a combined total attendance decline of 400,332 (4.5%) in total attendance, and an 857 (12.7%) decrease in average per date. Exclude Worcester, who played in Pawtucket in 2019, and the 19 remaining ‘same market’ teams had a 601,474 (7.0%) decline in total attendance, and a 1,007 (14.7%) decrease in average per date. **In 2019, the 14-team International League** drew 6,445,838, and averaged 6,887 per date.
- J) 5 ‘same market’ teams (excludes Worcester) had gains in total attendance for **2022 vs. 2019**, while 14 were down. St. Paul had the biggest gain, up 78,941, mainly due to playing 23 more dates in 2022 than the Saints played in 2019, when they were in the independent American Association. Jacksonville, who played in the Double-A Southern League in 2019, had the only average per date increase in this league, up 13. The biggest declines were by Memphis in total attendance, down 88,148, and by Scranton-Wilkes Barre in average per date, down 1,717.
- J) Worcester’s **2022** total attendance was 201,142 higher, and their average per date was up 2,036, from what they drew in Pawtucket in **2019**.

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-) **Pacific Coast League (Triple-A West in 2021)** – 10 teams. 9 of the teams in this league played in the Class AAA Pacific Coast League in 2019. Sugar Land was in the independent Atlantic League.
-) Total **2022** attendance was 4,152,002, up 1,126,247 (37.2%) from **2021**. Average per team was 415,200. Average per date rose 831 (17.2%) to 5,654. There were 107 more dates in **2022 than in 2021**, and 16 dates were lost. All teams had gains in total attendance, average per date, and in the number of dates played, **vs. 2021**. Albuquerque, up 186,203 in total attendance, and 1,916 in average per date, had the league's biggest increases. The gains by the Isotopes were the 3rd best in total attendance, and 2nd best in average per date, among 'same market' MLB-affiliated teams. The rankings exclude Buffalo, which played most of its 2021 home games in Trenton. Sugar Land had the smallest total attendance increase, and El Paso had the lowest average per date growth.
-) Las Vegas led the league with 518,221 in total attendance, which was the 7th highest among MLB-affiliated teams in **2022**, followed closely by Albuquerque (515,498). Albuquerque had the best average per date in the league (7,062, which ranked 8th), and Las Vegas achieved the 9th best average per date (6,910). El Paso drew an MLB-affiliated 9th best total of 496,805, and averaged 6,714 per date, which ranked 11th best.
-) Round Rock, Oklahoma City, and Salt Lake City also topped 400,000 in total attendance. The 6 teams already noted here, plus Tacoma, also surpassed 5,000 in average per date
-) Compared to **2019**, when this league's **2022** teams drew 4,730,101, averaging 6,895 per date, total **2022** attendance was down 580,099 (12.3%) and average per date dipped 1,241 (18.0%), with 48 more dates in 2022, as Triple-A had a longer schedule. 2 teams (Tacoma and Salt Lake) had **2022 vs. 2019** gains in total attendance, but none had increases in average per date. Round Rock had the largest declines in total attendance (184,940) and average per date (3,035) among all MLB-affiliated teams. Sacramento and Las Vegas had the 2nd and 3rd worst declines among MLB-affiliates in each of these categories. Reno, down 2, and Tacoma, had the smallest losses in average per date.
-) Total **2019** attendance in the 16-team Pacific Coast League was 7,054,538, with a 6,532 average per date.
-) **Double-A** – The 30 teams drew 8,164,194 in **2022**, averaging 272,140 per team, and 4,121 per date, with 85 lost dates. These teams drew a combined 6,097,985 in **2021**, averaging 203,266 per team, and 3,694 per date, with 137 lost dates. In **2019**, these same 30 teams, no matter what league they played in that year, drew 8,877,600 averaging 4,459 per date, with 107 lost dates. **The 30 teams playing in Class AA in 2019** drew 8,782,607, an average of 4,429 per date.
-) **2022** Double-A total attendance was up 2,066,209 (33.9%) **from 2021**, average per date grew by 428 (11.6%), with 330 more dates. All teams played more dates in **2022 than in 2021**. 29 teams had increases in total attendance, with Wichita of the Texas League posting the only decline. 26 teams had gains in average per date.
-) For **2022 vs. 2019**, total attendance fell 713,406 (8.0%), and average per date declined 338 (7.6%), with 10 fewer dates. 5 'same market' teams had gains in total attendance, with 23 down, while 3 of these teams had average per date increases. 'Same market' teams exclude Rocket City (Mobile in 2019), and Wichita (New Orleans in 2019).
-) **Texas League (Double-A Central in 2021)** – 10 teams. All 8 2019 Texas League teams, plus San Antonio, who played in the Pacific Coast League in 2019, and Wichita, also from the PCL, but who played in New Orleans in 2019.
-) The league drew a **2022** total of 2,854,085, with just 18 lost dates, averaging 285,409 per team, and 4,266 per date. The total was up 606,323 (27.0%) from **2021**, average per date rose 384 (9.9%), with 90 more dates. Wichita had the only attendance declines. Northwest Arkansas had the best total attendance growth **vs. 2021** (up 90,142), and San Antonio had the best average per date gain (956). Amarillo had the top total (379,029), with Arkansas, Frisco, and Tulsa also topping 300,000. Tulsa led in average per date (5,495). Amarillo and Frisco also averaged 5,000+.
-) For **2022 vs. 2019**, total attendance fell 462,671 (13.9%), and average per date was down 633 (12.9%), with 8 fewer dates. All 9 'same market' teams had declines in total attendance and average per date, combining for a 495,107 (15.8%) dip in total attendance, and a 737 (14.4%) loss in average per date. The smallest losses were by Arkansas in total attendance (10,979), and Tulsa in average per date (12). Largest decreases were by Frisco (total down 114,522 - an MLB-affiliated 5th worst loss, average down 1,784 – tied for 4th worst drop). Wichita was up 32,436 in total attendance, and 402 in average per date, **from what New Orleans drew in 2019**. **The 8 teams that played in the Texas League in 2019, drew 2,791,180 that year, averaging 5,131 per date.**

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-) **Eastern League (Double-A Northeast in 2021)** – 12 teams. 11 of the teams were in the Eastern League in 2019. Somerset played in the independent Atlantic League.
-) The league drew 3,470,478 in **2022**, averaging 289,207 per team, and 4,399 per date. These figures are the highest among the Double-A leagues. There were 38 lost dates. Richmond had the top total attendance (406,560) and average per date (6,160) among all Double-A teams. Hartford (402,123 total, 6,002 average, with 40 sellouts) was close behind. Portland, Reading, and Somerset also topped 350,000 in total attendance and 5,200 per date.
-) In **2021**, the league drew 2,360,148 with 68 lost dates, averaging 196,679 per team, and 3,653 per date. These same 12 teams had a **2019** attendance of 3,753,060, averaging 4,757 per date, with 51 lost dates. Teams in the **2019 Eastern League** drew 3,749,124, and averaged 4,764 per date.
-) Looking at **2022 vs. 2021**, total attendance was up an MLB-affiliated league best 1,110,330 (47.0%), and average per date rose 745 (20.4%), with 143 more dates. Every team had a total attendance increase of at least 30,000, and a gain in average per date of at least 112. Portland achieved the league's highest increases, up an MLB-affiliated 7th best 168,889 in total attendance, and up an 8th best 1,540 average per date. Erie had the smallest increases.
-) **2022 vs. 2019** figures show a 282,582 (7.5%) dip in total attendance, and a 358 (also 7.5%) decrease in average per date, with the same number of dates played in both years. 3 of the 12 teams had gains in total attendance, and 2 were up in average per date. Portland, up 21,543, had the best total gain, and Somerset, up 97, had the best average per date increase. Akron, down 86,452 in total, and 1,174 in average per date, had the worst losses.
-) **Southern League (Double-A South in 2021)** – 8 teams, all of whom played in the Southern League in 2019.
-) **2022** total attendance was 1,839,631, averaging 229,954 per team, and 3,517 per date, with 29 lost dates. Rocket City (Madison, AL) had the league's best attendance, with a 327,007 total and a 5,031 average per date. The Trash Pandas were the only team in this league to draw above 300,000, and average over 5,000 per date.
-) Compared to **2021**, the **2022** total was up 349,556 (23.5%), average per date rose by 20 (0.5%), with 97 more dates. All 8 teams were up in total attendance, with 5 teams having an average per date gain. Chattanooga had the league's top gains, up 82,363 in total attendance and 611 in average per date. Montgomery had the smallest total gain. Rocket City had the biggest decline in average per date (695) of any MLB-affiliated team.
-) The Southern League drew 1,490,075 in **2021**, averaging 186,259 per team, and 3,498 per date, with 49 lost dates. **The average per date rose by 55 vs. 2019, the only increase in either total attendance or average per date by an MLB-affiliated league for 2021 vs. 2019. The same 8 teams** in the league in 2022 had a total attendance of 1,807,784 and a 3,443 average per date with 34 lost dates, in **2019**. The 10-team **2019 Southern League** drew 2,242,303, and averaged 3,439 per date.
-) In **2021**, the Rocket City (Madison, AL) Trash Pandas, who moved from Mobile, and had a great first season, in both marketing and attendance. They led the league in total attendance (274,858), and led all of Class AA in average per date (5,726), despite 12 lost dates. Their **2021** total was up 179,771, and the average per date rose 4,141, **from 2019 in Mobile**. According to Ballparkdigest.com, the Trash Pandas had \$1.4 million in merchandise sales before ever playing a game in Madison.
-) For **2022 vs. 2019**, Southern League total attendance rose 31,847 (1.8%), average per date was up 74 (2.1%), with 2 fewer dates. But this increase was due to the relocation of the Mobile team to Rocket City. The **2022** Trash Pandas had a 231,920 increase in total attendance, and a 3,446 average per date gain, **vs. 2019 Mobile**. Exclude Rocket City, and **the 7 'same market' teams** drew 1,512,624 in **2022**, down 200,073 (11.7%), with a 3,303 average per date, down 380 (10.3%), **from 2019**. The independent Pecos League was the only other league to have **2022 vs. 2019** increases in both total attendance and average per date.
-) 2 'same market' teams had **2022 vs. 2019** growth in total attendance. Among this group of teams, Tennessee had the top total gain, up 13,626, and the only average per date increase, up 10. Birmingham suffered an MLB-affiliated 6th worst total attendance loss (112,786), and an average per date decline of 1,499.

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-) **High-A** – The 30 teams in this group drew a total of 6,067,158 in **2022**, averaging 202,239 per team, and 3,251 per date, with 110 lost dates. These same teams drew a combined total of 4,179,131 in **2021**, an average of 139,304 per team, and 2,461 per date, with 94 lost dates. In **2019**, these same 30 teams, regardless of what league they played in, drew 6,550,350, an average of 3,797 per date. High-A consisted of the Florida State, California, and Carolina Leagues in **2019**. Those 3 leagues drew a combined total of 4,234,494 in **2019**, and averaged 2,188 per date.
-) All Class A leagues now play 132-game schedules, as opposed to the 140-game schedules that the full-season Class A teams played through 2019. This accounts for some of the 2022 vs. 2019 total attendance declines.
-) **2022** High-A total attendance was up 1,888,027 (45.2%) **from 2021**. Average per date rose 790 (32.1%), with 168 more dates. All teams played more dates in **2022 than in 2021**. Every team in this group had an increase in total attendance **vs. 2021**, and Quad Cities and Rome had the only average per date declines.
-) For **2022 vs. 2019**, the 30 High-A teams had a combined decline of 483,192 (7.4%) in total attendance, and a 546 (14.4%) dip in average per date. There were 141 more dates played by these teams in **2022 than in 2019**. 9 teams were in short-season leagues in 2019. 11 teams had gains in total attendance and 8 were up in average per date.
-) **Midwest League (High- A Central in 2021)** – 12 teams. All of these teams played in the Midwest League in 2019.
-) Drew 2,756,108 in **2022**, averaging 229,676 per team, and 3,724 per date, which were the highest figures by any Class A league. There were 51 lost dates. As noted below, Dayton led the league in total attendance and average per date, despite suffering 10 postponements, the most of any non-Florida State League team.
-) **2022 vs. 2021** total attendance rose 761,254 (38.2%), and average per date was up 825 (28.5%), with 52 more dates. All 12 teams had gains in total attendance, and the only average per date decline was by Quad Cities, down 147. West Michigan had the best total increase (109,096), and Dayton had the league's best, and the MLB-affiliate 5th best, average per date gain (1,677). **Beloit set new team record-highs in total attendance and average per date, in their first full season in a new ballpark. Their total attendance rose 119.9%, and average per date was up 102.4%, which were the best percentage increases of any MLB-affiliated team.**
-) **As usual, Dayton had the highest attendance of any team below Class Triple-A, with a 2022 total of 444,346. But even better, the Dragons led all MLB-affiliated teams with a 7,935 average per date. This may have been the first time a Class A team led the Minor Leagues in average per date since Denver may have done it in 1952.** Through 2019, Dayton had 20 of the 21 top season attendance totals by a Class A team. West Michigan had the other Top 21 total.
-) **Dayton holds the record for the longest consecutive sellout streak in North American sports** – 1,385 regular season dates from the team's inception in 2000 **through the 2019 season**. The Dragons started the **2021** season with a greatly reduced allowable capacity in their ballpark. They did draw at least 6,000 to 33 dates. Their final **2021** Game Notes didn't mention sellouts, so it can be assumed that they didn't sell out every game in **2021**. But it really wouldn't be fair to end such a great streak under circumstances mostly beyond the team's control. In **2022**, all 56 Dayton home dates drew above their park's seating capacity of 6,830. **So the sellout streak is at 1,441, again, excluding 2021.** Only one date in Dayton drew under 7,000 in **2022**, and 23 dates had crowds of more than 8,000.
-) Fort Wayne, Lansing, South Bend, and West Michigan, also averaged above 4,000 per date.
-) Total **2021** Midwest League attendance was 1,994,854, with an average per team of 166,238, and an average per date of 2,899, all of which were best among High-A leagues for that year. There were 30 lost dates. **The same 12 teams drew 3,094,931 in 2019**, averaging 3,883 per date. **The 16-team Midwest League drew 3,824,807 in 2019**, averaging 3,612 per date.
-) For **2022 vs. 2019**, total attendance fell 338,823 (10.9%), and average per date was down 159 (4.1%), with 57 fewer dates. 2 teams were up in total attendance, and 6 had average per date gains. Beloit, up 29,594 in total attendance, and up 451 in average per date, had the league's best gains. Dayton, due to 13 fewer dates in **2022** than in 2019, had the league's biggest total attendance decline (100,762). But their average per date rose 35. Peoria had the worst average per date decline (831).
-) Quad Cities also had increases for **2022 vs. 2019**, up 19,826 in total attendance, and up 194 in average per date. In 2019 the River Bandits were displaced from their ballpark for a while due to Mississippi River flooding.

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-) **South Atlantic League (High-A East in 2021)** – 12 teams. Asheville, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Jersey Shore (Lakewood), and Rome, were in the South Atlantic League in 2019. Wilmington, DE and Winston-Salem played in the Carolina League in 2019. Bowling Green, KY was in the Midwest League, and Aberdeen, Brooklyn, and Hudson Valley played in the short-season New York-Penn League in 2019.
-) This league drew 2,242,589 in **2022**, averaging 186,882 per team, and 2,978 per date, with 38 lost dates. Greenville SC led the league in both total attendance (317,150) and average per date (4,879). Jersey Shore (Lakewood, NJ), Greensboro, and Winston-Salem, also topped 4,000 in average per date.
-) Comparing **2022 with 2021**, total attendance increased 580,124 (34.9%), average per date was up 497 (20.0%), with 83 more dates. All teams had gains in total attendance, led by Jersey Shore, up 105,268. Jersey Shore's 1,526 increase in average per date also led this league, and was 9th best among all MLB-affiliated 'same market' teams. Rome, down 124, had the league's only average per date decline.
-) Drew 1,662,465 in **2021**, averaging 138,539 per team, and 2,481 per date. 49 dates were lost. The same 12 teams drew 2,550,443 in **2019**, and averaged 3,643 per date. 3 teams (Aberdeen, Brooklyn, Hudson Valley) in this league played short-season schedules in 2019, and those 3 teams played a combined 79 more dates in **2022 than in 2019**.
-) For **2022 vs. 2019**, total attendance was down 307,854 (12.1%), and average per date fell 665 (18.3%), with 53 more dates. 3 teams had gains in total attendance, and 2 had average per date increases. Hudson Valley had the top total attendance increase (35,897) as a result of playing 28 more dates in **2022 than in 2019**. Winston-Salem had gains of 22,650 in total attendance, and 220 in average per date. Those were the 6th best increases among MLB-affiliated teams who played roughly the same length schedules in **2022 and 2019**. Wilmington DE had the worst total attendance decrease (112,571) in the league. Brooklyn's average per date decline of 2,141 was the 4th worst among MLB-affiliated 'same market' teams, regardless of length of schedule. It should be noted that as a short-season team until 2021, Brooklyn wasn't playing any cold-weather games, and yearly, had very few, or no games, on school nights.
-) The 14-team South Atlantic League drew 2,978,718 in **2019**, averaging 3,176 per date. The Carolina League, with 10 teams, had a **2019** total attendance of 2,018,496, and had an average of 3,139 per date. The now-defunct short-season New York-Penn League's **2019** total was 1,316,873, and that league averaged 2,644 per date.
-) **Northwest League (High-A West in 2021)** – 6 teams, all played in the short-season Northwest League in 2019.
-) **2022** total attendance was 1,068,461, averaging 178,077 per team, and 2,865 per date. There were 21 lost dates. Vancouver led the league, drawing 313,256, with a 5,135 average per date.
-) **2022 vs. 2021** total attendance rose 546,649 (104.8%), and average per date was up 1,330 (86.6%), with 33 more dates. The numerical average per date gain, and the percentage total and average increases, were the best of any MLB-affiliated league. All teams had increases in both total and average. Due to the border restrictions in 2021, Vancouver had to play its home games in Hillsboro, where they drew just 15,822, averaging 268 per date. **Exclude Vancouver from the 2022 vs. 2021 comparison**, and the league total was up 249,215 (49.3%), and average per date rose by 620 (34.4%). Excluding Vancouver, Spokane had the league's best increases, up 90,458 in total attendance, and up 1,157 in average per date. Eugene played one 2021 home date in Hillsboro, and 5 home dates at Tri-City (Pasco, WA).
-) This league drew 521,812 in **2021**, averaging 86,969 per team, and 1,535 per date. There were 15 lost dates. In **2019**, the same 6 teams drew 904,976, and averaged 3,969 per date. The **2019 Northwest League**, with 8 teams, drew league record-highs of 1,115,614 in total attendance, and 3,670 in average per date.
-) In **2019**, the Northwest League played a short-season schedule (76 games) as opposed to a 132-game schedule in 2022. Total **2022 vs. 2019** total attendance was up 163,485 (18.1%), but average per date fell 1,105 (27.8%) with 145 more dates played. All teams had gains in total attendance, and losses in average per date. Vancouver, up 77,276, had the biggest total attendance increase. Tri-City WA was the only team whose average per date decline (546) was under 1,000. Spokane had the biggest average per date loss (1,602).
-) With the longer schedule starting in 2021, the Northwest League now has more lost dates than in the past. There were 21 lost dates in 2022. The 6 teams in the league had no lost dates in 2019, 1 each in 2018 and 2017, 4 in 2016 and 2013, 2 in 2015, and 3 in 2014 and 2012. The teams also play more games now on school days and nights.

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- J **Single-A (called Low-A in 2021)** – Combined total attendance for the 30 teams in **2022** was 4,047,980. Average per team was 134,933, and average per date was 2,196. 135 dates were lost.
- J These same teams drew a combined 2,972,399 in **2021**, averaging 99,080 per team, and 1,833 per date, with 171 lost dates. In **2019**, these same 30 teams, in whatever league they played in, drew 4,690,339, averaging 2,395 per date. The Midwest and South Atlantic Leagues were the Low-A leagues in 2019, and they drew a combined 6,803,525, averaging 3,407 per date.
- J **2022 vs. 2021** Single-A total attendance was up 1,075,581 (36.2%). Average per date rose 364 (19.8%), with 221 more dates with fans in attendance. Some Florida State League teams played games in 2022 and 2021 with no fans attending. 29 teams had gains in total attendance, and 28 were up in average per date.
- J For **2022 vs. 2019**, the Single-A total declined 642,359 (13.7%), and average per date fell 199 (8.3%), with 115 fewer dates. 5 teams had increases in total attendance, and 6 achieved gains in average per date.

- J **Carolina League (Low-A East in 2021)** – 12 teams, 7 were in the Carolina League, and 5 had been in the South Atlantic League, in 2019.
- J **2022** total attendance was 2,314,460, averaging 192,872 per team, and 3,041 per date, with 31 lost dates. Augusta had the league's top total (262,172). Fredericksburg drew 260,546 in total attendance, and a league-high 4,136 average per date. Myrtle Beach and Charleston, SC also topped 250,000.
- J **Fredericksburg, Kannapolis, and Myrtle Beach, all set new team record-highs in total attendance. Augusta, Fredericksburg, Myrtle Beach, and Kannapolis, achieved team record-highs in average per date.**
- J **2022 vs. 2021** total attendance rose 515,018 (28.6%). Average per date was up 395 (14.8%), with 81 more dates. All 12 teams had increases in both total attendance and average per date. Columbia SC had the biggest gains (63,678 in total, 652 in average). Down East (Kinston, NC) had the smallest increases (12,742 in total, 8 in average).
- J **2021** attendance was 1,799,442, an average of 149,954 per team, and an average of 2,646 per date. These were the highest figures among the **2021** Single-A leagues. There were 37 lost dates. In **2019**, the same 12 teams, no matter what league they were in, drew 2,366,810, averaging 2,973 per date, with 43 lost dates. The **2019 Carolina League** drew 2,018,496, averaging 3,139 per date.
- J For **2022 vs. 2019**, total attendance declined 52,350 (2.2%), but average per date rose 68 (2.3%), with 35 fewer dates. 4 teams had gains in total attendance, and 5 were up in average per date. The Southern League was the only other MLB-affiliated league whose 2022 teams had a higher combined averaged per date than they had in 2019.
- J Kannapolis moved into a new downtown ballpark in **2021**. Their **2022** total attendance was up 116,230 (153.1%) **from 2019**, with average per date increasing by 1,778 (156.9%). **The numerical increase in total attendance was the best of any 'same market' Minor League team, which includes the independent teams, and the average per date gain topped all 'same market' MLB-affiliated teams. Kannapolis had the best total attendance percentage growth among all MLB-affiliated teams, and the highest average per date percentage increase among all Minor League teams.**
- J Fredericksburg was relocated from Woodbridge, VA (Potomac). Their **2022** total attendance was 68,072 higher than in **2019**, and average per date rose by 873.
- J Largest **2022 vs. 2019** decline was by Delmarva, down 63,918 in total attendance and 768 in average per date.

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-) **Florida State League (Low-A Southeast in 2021)** – 10 teams, all played in the 2019 Florida State League.
-) The league drew 643,780 in 2022, an average of 64,378 per team, and 1,158 per date. There were a Minor League high 102 lost dates, which include 41 dates played by Jupiter and Palm Beach with no fans allowed to attend.
-) Clearwater led the league in 2022 total attendance (151,982), and average per date (2,412). The Threshers have been the Florida State League's attendance leader in each of the last 11 seasons, and in 17 of 18 years since 2004. No other team in this league topped 100,000 in total attendance or 1,600 in average per date in 2022.
-) Both Jupiter and Palm Beach share Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter. In 2021, local Covid-19 restrictions forced both teams to play many home games with no fans permitted to attend. This policy continued in 2022, and will again be in effect in 2023. In **2022**, Palm Beach had 27 lost dates, which included 5 rainouts. Jupiter lost 22 dates, including 3 that were rained out. Only dates with fans in attendance are counted in this report for compiling average per date.
-) **2022 vs. 2021** total attendance was up 175,860 (37.6%). Average per date rose 171 (17.3%), with 82 more dates. All 10 teams had total attendance increases, led by Clearwater, up 43,871. 9 teams had average per date increases, led by St. Lucie, up 307. Palm Beach had the smallest total attendance gain, and the only average loss, down 35.
-) The league drew 467,920, an average of 46,792 per team, and an average of 987 per date in **2021**. 122 dates were lost, the most of any league in 2021. The lost dates figure includes games played with no fans in attendance. In **2019**, the same 10 teams drew 824,223, an average of 1,334 per date. The **2019 Florida State League** drew 935,187, an average of 1,255 per date.
-) For **2022 vs. 2019**, the total fell 180,443 (21.9%), and average per date was down 176 (13.2%), with 62 fewer dates. Dunedin had the only gain, up 12,645 in total, and up 185 in average per date, **from 2019**, when ballpark renovations forced them to play in the old ballpark in Clearwater. Dunedin had the lowest attendance of any MLB-affiliated team in **2022**, with a 24,402 total, and a 387 average per date. Only 3 of their dates drew at least 1,000. In **2021**, Dunedin home games for the Toronto Blue Jays forced the Dunedin Blue Jays to play 11 dates in Clearwater and Tampa, with no fans in attendance. Daytona had the biggest declines **vs. 2019**, down 46,414 in total attendance, and 545 in average per date. St. Lucie had the smallest total decline, and Palm Beach had the lowest average per date loss.
-) **California League (Low-A West in 2021)** – 8 teams. 7 of these teams were in the 2019 California League. Fresno came from the Pacific Coast League, replacing Lancaster.
-) Total attendance was 1,089,740 in **2022**, averaging 136,218 per team, and 2,072 per date. Just 2 dates were lost. Fresno, which had been in Triple-A through 2019, was the league leader, by a wide margin, with a 261,652 total, and a 4,025 average per date. Inland Empire of San Bernadino came in 2nd, drawing 141,792, and averaging 2,148.
-) The **2022 vs. 2021** comparison shows a 384,703 (54.6%) increase in total attendance, and a 565 (37.6%) gain in average per date, with 58 more dates played. 7 of the 8 team had increases in both categories. Fresno had the biggest increases in total attendance (85,257), and average per date (1,085). Lake Elsinore was the only team with declines, and they were small, down just 808 in total attendance, and down 145 in average per date.
-) The league's total **2021** attendance was 705,037, averaging 88,130 per team, and 1,506 per date, with 12 lost dates. The same 8 teams drew 1,499,306 in **2019**, an average of 2,756 per date. The **2019 California League's 8 teams drew 1,280,811**, averaging 2,342 per date.
-) For **2022 vs. 2019**, total attendance decreased 409,566 (27.3%). Average per date was down 684 (24.8%), with 18 fewer dates. All 8 teams had declines in both total attendance and average per date. Fresno, had a 118,438 total attendance dip, the 4th worst such decline among MLB-affiliated teams. Their 1,734 average per date decrease was the 5th largest loss among the MLB-affiliates. Visalia had the smallest declines, down 8,112 in total and 65 in average per date. California League teams had 4 of the 9 largest percentage declines in both categories.
-) Weather, other than heat, is rarely an issue in the California League. Only 2 dates were postponed in 2022, one in Fresno, and the other in Lake Elsinore. Weather was a slight issue in 2021 and 2019, with 12 lost dates each year. Only one game in 2018 was postponed. 3 dates were lost in 2017, and there were 4 in 2016. There were 8 lost dates in 2015, including one due to high winds. There were 2 lost dates in 2014, 4 in 2013, 10 in 2012, 8 in 2011, 9 in 2010, and 6 in 2009. The most rainouts over the last 24 years of this league were 23 in 1998 and 22 in 2003.

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-) The same 9 independent leagues played in both **2022 and 2021**. Attendance was available for the American Association, and the Mexican, Atlantic, Frontier, Pioneer, Pecos Baseball, United Shore, and Mavericks Leagues. Thus far, attendance has not been announced by the 4-team Empire Baseball League. The Mexican League was a Major League-affiliated 'Minor League Baseball' member league through 2019. The league was not considered to be an independent league, even though none of its teams were MLB 'farm' teams. The Pioneer League was an MLB-affiliated short-season Rookie league through 2019, and became an MLB-Partner independent pro league in 2021.
-) 94 teams played in these 9 independent leagues in **2022**, and 86 teams played in those leagues in **2021**. Attendance was found for 79 individual teams in **2022**, and for 73 individual teams in **2021**. In addition, there are league totals for both years for the 4-team United Shore Baseball League, which plays all of its games in Utica, MI, and the Mavericks League, whose 4 teams all play in Keiser, OR. **The United Shore and Mavericks Leagues are each counted as one 'team' in this attendance report.** The Houston Apollos, a road team, was shared by the American Association and the Pecos League in **2021**, but did not play in **2022**.
-) The Frontier and Pecos Leagues each had a road team in **2022**. Also in **2022**, the planned new park for the Pioneer League's Northern Colorado Owlz wasn't opened. They played home games in several locations, that drew 3,004 in 40 dates. But these figures are not included in the Pioneer League's 2022 attendance.
-) The 81 teams with attendance (counting the United Shore and Mavericks Leagues as one team each) drew a total of 9,590,620 in **2022**. This total is up 3,543,273 (58.6%) **vs. 2021**, but down 1,099,237 (10.3%) from what these teams drew in **2019**. Average per date was 2,603 in **2022**, up 579 (28.6%) **vs. 2021**, but down 565 (17.8%) **vs. 2019**.
-) For **2022 vs. 2021**, 58 teams in the same markets in both years had increases in total attendance and 13 were down. 54 of these teams posted gains in average per date, while 16 had declines, and one team has the same average in both years. Comparing **2022 vs. 2019** same market teams, 28 were up in total attendance, with 41 down, and 26 teams had gains in average per date, while 43 teams had declines.
-) In **2022**, these independent teams played 696 more dates than in **2021**, and 310 more dates than in **2019**. Teams in the Mexican, Atlantic, Frontier, and Pioneer Leagues, and the American Association, had a combined 135 lost dates in **2022**. Their **2022** teams had 164 lost dates in **2021**, and 126 lost dates in **2019**.
-) Teams that played in independent leagues in **2019 (regardless of where they played in 2022 and 2021)** drew a total of 5,690,513 that year, and averaged 2,341 per date. Add the Mexican League and Pioneer League attendance to the **2019** independent league figures, and total attendance was 11,029,912, and the average per date was 3,037.
-) In 2023, the Atlantic League will replace its second team in Lexington, KY with a team in Frederick, MD. The MLB Draft League team in Frederick will also play there in 2023.

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-) **Mexican League** – 18 teams in 2022 and 2021. 16 of these teams played in the Mexican League in 2019, with los Mariachis de Guadalajara and El Aguila de Veracruz added in 2021.
-) Covid-19 forced changes hit this league very hard in **2021**. The schedule was reduced from 120 games to 66 games. It was raised to 90 games in 2022. Total attendance was 3,564,524 in **2022**, an average of 198,029 per team, and 4,653 per date. This was the highest total attendance and average per date of any independent league. There were 44 lost dates in 2022. Total attendance rose 2,117,595 (146.4%), and average per date was up 1,827 (64.6%) **vs. 2021**, with 254 more dates. All 18 teams had a higher total in 2022 than in 2021, and all but one team had a higher average per date. Mexican League teams had 13 of the top 15 independent team total attendance **2022 vs. 2021** increases, including the top 7. They had 12 of the 14 best gains in average per date, including the top 6.
-) In **2019**, the 16-team Mexican League drew 4,618,131, an average of 5,058 per date. The **2022** total is down 1,053,607 (22.8%), and the average per date fell 405 (8.0%) **vs. 2019**. There were 147 fewer dates in **2022 vs. 2019**. If the expansion teams are excluded, **the 16 teams that also played in 2019** drew 3,323,423 in **2022**, averaging 4,895 per date. The **2022 vs. 2019** total attendance loss for these 16 teams is 1,294,708 (28.0%), and the average per date dip is 163 (3.2%). These 16 teams played 234 fewer dates in 2022 than in 2019. 2 teams had higher total attendance in **2022 vs. 2019**, with 14 down. 7 teams posted **2022 vs. 2019** gains in average per date, with 9 down.
-) **Campeche, Quintana Roo, Leon, Dos Laredos, and Yucatan each drew record-high average per date in 2022.**
-) Los Toros (Bulls) de Tijuana led the league, and all independent teams, in **2022** attendance, with a total of 453,961. **Their average per date of 10,088 was the best in all of Minor League Baseball, including the MLB-affiliated leagues, for the 2nd straight year.** Yucatan drew 440,165 and averaged 9,781 per date, and Monterrey averaged 8,490 per date. **These 3 teams had the 3 highest 2022 average per date figures among all Minor League teams, including those in the MLB-affiliated leagues.** Among independent league teams, Mexican League teams had 9 of the 15 highest total attendance figures, and 12 of the top 16 average per date figures, including the top 5, in **2022**. Among independent league teams, Campeche had the biggest **2022 vs. 2019** percentage increase in average per date (156.2%), and the best numerical increases in both total attendance (87,025) and average per date (2,723).
-) Los Tecolotes de Los Dos Laredos (Owls of the Two Laredos) split their season, between Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. 22 dates in Texas drew an average of 3,763, and the 22 dates in Mexico averaged 4,365 per date.
-) The Mexican League annually has the longest, most intense, and best attended playoffs in the Minor Leagues, with 4 full rounds of best-of-7 series. In **2022**, the playoffs drew 762,112, an average of 11.375 per date, as the teams with the biggest ballparks made, and advanced, deep into the playoffs. **37 of the 67 playoff games drew at least 10,000, with 15 of them topping 15,000. Monterrey drew 204,365, an average of 17,030 in the playoffs, with 4 games topping 21,000.** Despite the short season in **2021**, the full playoffs did occur that year, and they drew 412,739 in 74 dates, an average of 5,578 per date. Tijuana's 13 playoff dates drew an average crowd of 12,595, with a top attendance of 17,687. The **2019** Mexican League playoffs drew 519,686, averaging 12,086 per date.
-) **United Shore Baseball League** – 4 teams, all based in Utica, MI. – League is counted as one team in this report.
-) The league drew an estimated 251,100 in **2022**, averaging an estimated 3,100 per date. The total was up 101,100 (67.4%), and average per date rose by 827 (36.4%) **vs. 2021**, with 15 more dates. Among U.S./Canadian independent league teams, this was the 2nd best total attendance gain, the 5th best average per date increase, and the 4th best total attendance percentage gain. Compared to **2019**, total attendance fell 7,620 (2.9%), and average per date decline by 350 (10.1%), with 6 more dates. In 'normal' times, this league sells out around 80% of its games.
-) **Mavericks League** – 4 teams, all based in Keiser, Oregon. – League is counted as one team in this report.
-) The Salem-Keiser Volcanoes had played in the MLB-affiliated Northwest League in 2019. In 2021, they formed a 4-team independent league which played all of its games in their park in Keiser, OR. This is the same type of arrangement used by the United Shore Baseball League.
-) The league drew 86,202 in **2022**, averaging 898 per date. The total rose 5,837 (7.3%), and the average per date fell 48 (5.0%) **vs. 2021**, with 11 more dates. Compared to what Salem-Keiser drew in **2019**, the 2022 total is up 5,369 (6.6%), and the average per date is down 1,229 (57.8%), with 58 more dates. In 2019, the Salem-Keiser Volcanoes, playing 38 home dates in the Northwest League, drew 80,833, averaging 2,127 per date.

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-) **Atlantic League** – 8 teams in 2021, 10 teams in 2022. 5 of the 2022 teams played in this league in 2019. Gastonia was added as an expansion team in 2021, and Lexington, KY, and Charleston, WV, came in from the South Atlantic League. In 2022, the league added a second team (Kentucky) in Lexington, and added Staten Island, who last played in the New York-Penn League in 2019. Teams played a 120-game schedule in 2021, instead of the usual 140 games, and they had 132 games in 2022. Each year, these were the longest schedules in the independent leagues.
-) The league drew 1,535,031, with 2 more teams, in **2022**. Average per team was 153,503, and average per date was 2,476, with 37 lost dates. The **2022 vs. 2021** total was up 396,357 (34.8%). Average per date was down 77 (3.0%), with 174 more dates. 6 of the 8 teams in the league in both years had gains in total attendance, led by Long Island, and 5 were up in average per date led by York. Lexington had the largest declines, but that was due to a second team in that city in 2022. For the 8 teams that were in the league in **both 2022 and 2021**, the total attendance gain for **2022 vs. 2021** was 217,096 (19.1%), and the average per date was up 142 (5.6%), with 57 more dates.
-) Compared to **2019**, regardless of what league they played in that year, the **2022** Atlantic League teams had combined declines of 78,209 (4.8%) in total attendance, and 731 (22.8%) in average per date, with 117 more dates. Exclude the expansion teams Gastonia and Kentucky, and the other 8 teams combined for a 287,614 (17.8%) decrease in total attendance, and a 566 (17.6%) dip in average per date vs. **2019**, with one less date. Charleston was the only team with a gain in both total attendance and average per date vs. **2019**.
-) In **2019**, the 8 teams that played in the Atlantic League **that year** drew 1,940,590, an average of 3,648 per date. The league lost two of its best-drawing teams in 2021, as Somerset joined the Eastern League, and Sugar Land joined the Pacific Coast League. In **2019**, Somerset and Sugar Land drew a combined 649,394, averaging 4,775 per date. Exclude those 2 teams, and the **2019** Atlantic League average per date would have been 3,261.
-) **Among all U.S./Canadian independent teams in 2022, Long Island led in total attendance (285,888) and their 4,538 average per date was second to Kane County.** The Ducks had the best U.S./Canadian independent total and average per date in 2021, and were 3rd best in these categories in 2019. Lancaster, PA had the 3rd best total (222,167) among U.S./Canadian independent teams in 2022.
-) **American Association** – In **2021**, there were 11 teams with home games, plus one road team. There were 12 teams in **2022**, with the addition of Lake Country (not county) of Oconomowoc, WI, and the elimination of the road team. 10 of the league's 2022 teams were also in this league in 2019. Kane County, IL came in from the MLB-affiliated Midwest League in 2021. St. Paul, who had the top attendance among all independent teams in 2019 (394,970 total, 8,061 average per date), moved to the MLB-affiliated International League in 2021.
-) The A.A. drew 1,510,341 in **2022**, up 312,256 (26.1%), averaging 125,862 per team, and 2,591 per date, up 485 (23.0%), with 14 lost **2022** dates, but 14 more dates played than in **2021**. 8 of the 11 teams that played in both **2022 and 2021** had total attendance gains, and 9 teams were up in average per date. Winnipeg had the biggest gains vs. 2021, but this is misleading. The Goldeyes had to play their first 29 dates of **2021** in Jackson, TN, due to Canadian border Covid restrictions. They were able to return home later in the season, and played 18 dates in Winnipeg. Kane County had the next highest increases, which were the 3rd best total, and 2nd best average per date gains among U.S./Canadian independent teams. Sioux Falls had the league's largest declines in both total attendance and average per date. **Chicago and Milwaukee each had their best-ever total attendance and average per date.**
-) Kane County led the league in **2022** total attendance (248,354 – 3rd best U.S./Canadian independent total), and average per date (5,068 – the best U.S./Canadian independent average).
-) If expansion Lake Country is excluded from the **2022** figures, the 11 returning teams had a combined 218,545 (18.2%) gain in total attendance, and were up 552 (26.2%) in average per date, **vs. 2021**.
-) Comparing **2022 with 2019** for the league's 2022 teams, regardless of their 2019 league: Total attendance fell 160,772 (9.6%), and average per date dipped 470 (15.4%), with 37 more dates. 3 teams had **2022 vs. 2019** gains in total attendance and average per date, and 8 were down. Milwaukee had the top gains, in part because they had to begin the 2019 season in Kokomo, IN, as their new park in Wisconsin was not yet ready. Kane County had the largest total loss, but they had 18 fewer dates for **2022 vs. 2019**. Next biggest total decline was by Sioux Falls, and Kansas City had the worst average per date drop. If Lake Country is excluded from the **2022 vs. 2019** comparisons, the 11 other teams combined for a 254,483 (15.2%) total decline, and a 403 (13.2%) loss in average per date.
-) The 12-team American Association drew 1,775,249 in 2019, an average of 3,082 per date, with 7 fewer dates in 2019 than in 2022. Remove St. Paul's figures from the 2019 season, and the average per date was 2,619.

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-) **Frontier League** – 14 teams in **2021**, 16 teams, including a road team, in **2022**. 8 of these teams played in the Frontier League in **2019**. 6 played in the Can-Am League, and joined the Frontier League in a merger. Tri-City (Troy, NY) came from the New York-Penn League. Southern Illinois ended play as a pro team after the 2021 season.
-) **2022** attendance was 1,603,188 for the 15 teams who had home games, with an average per team of 106,879, and an average per date of 2,181. 31 dates were lost. Total attendance was up 496,894 (44.9%) **vs. 2021**, and average per date rose 362 (19.8%). There were 127 more dates played in **2022** compared to 2021. 11 of the 12 teams that played a full season in **2021** had increases in both total attendance and average per date. Schaumburg had the best total increase, and Joliet posted the top gain in average per date. Sussex County had the league's only decline.
-) The 12 teams in the league that played all their home games in both **2022 and 2021** had combined **2022 vs. 2021** increases of 347,252 (34.9%) in total attendance, and 435 (23.7%) in average per date, with 49 more dates in 2022.
-) Schaumburg had the league's best **2022** total attendance (210,115, up 53,009), and the top average per date (4,041, up 625). The total was 5th best, and the average per date was 3rd best, among U.S./Canadian independent teams. Joliet's average per date increase of 874 **vs. 2021** was 4th best among this same group of teams.
-) Quebec and Trois Rivieres were combined into one team (Province of Quebec) in **2021**. Due to U.S./Canadian border restrictions, that team played as a road team, in the U.S., for much of the season. They returned to Canada on July 30, and played 10 dates in Quebec City, and 11 dates in Trois Rivieres. Quebec, Trois Rivieres, and Ottawa returned as separate teams in **2022**, as did the Frontier Grays, a road team. Ottawa did not play in 2021.
-) The **2022 vs. 2019** comparison shows that the 15 teams in the league had a combined 45,275 (2.9%) gain in total attendance, and a drop of 77 (3.4%) in average per date, with 45 more dates in **2022**. All **2022** teams played in professional leagues in **2019**. 10 of them had higher total attendance in **2022 vs. 2019**, and 7 were up in average per date. Schaumburg had the 2nd best **2022 vs. 2019** total increase among all independent teams, and the best average per date increase among the U.S./Canadian teams. Gateway had the worst declines **vs. 2019** in this league.
-) The 10-team **2019 Frontier League** drew 1,028,721, and averaged 2,266 per date. The 6-team **2019 Can-Am League** drew 565,936, and averaged 1,986 per date. **Combined total 2019** attendance for the 2 leagues was 1,594,657, with a 2,158 average per date. The **2022** Frontier League played 4 fewer dates than the combined 2019 Frontier and Can-Am Leagues did. These leagues officially merged after the 2019 season.
-) **Pioneer Baseball League** – 8 teams in 2021, 10 teams in 2022. 7 of these teams played in the MLB-affiliated Rookie Class Pioneer League in 2019. Boise joined from the Short-A Northwest League in 2021. 2022 was the Pioneer League's 2nd season as an independent league. In **2022**, the league added teams in Kalispell, Montana (Glacier Range Riders), and Windsor, Colorado (Northern Colorado Owlz). However Northern Colorado's park was not ready for the 2022 season, so the team played on various fields, and listed their attendance as 3,004 in 40 dates. Northern Colorado's very limited 2022 attendance is excluded from the league's, and this report's, listed attendance.
-) **The league played a 96-game schedule in 2022, and drew a league record-high total of 923,363**, averaging 2,188 per date. The total was up 83,989 (10.0%), and average per date was down 118 (5.1%), with 58 more dates than in 2021. 9 dates were lost. The league averaged 102,596 per team. 4 of the 8 teams that also played in this league in 2021 had gains in total attendance, and 3 teams were up in average per date. Boise had the league's largest increases, and Rocky Mountain had the worst declines.
-) If 2022 expansion team Glacier is excluded, the 8 teams in the league in both **2022 and 2021** had a 772 (0.1%) increase in total attendance **vs. 2021**, and a decline of 60 (2.6%) in average per date, with 10 more dates in 2022.
-) The **pre-2021** league record-high was 802,682 in 1948, when this league played a full-season schedule. The 2019 Pioneer League had a 76-game schedule, and drew 721,268, averaging a league record-high 2,504 per date.
-) Comparing **2022 vs. 2019**, for the teams playing in this league in 2022, the total was up 117,851 (14.6%), and the average per date fell 599 (21.5%), with 133 more dates. Excluding Glacier, the total rose 34,634 (4.3%), but the average fell 541 (19.4%) with 85 more dates. Best gains were by Boise (total) and Missoula (average). Rocky Mountain had the biggest losses. 4 teams were up in total attendance, but only one had an average per date gain.
-) **Ogden drew a team record-high total of 167,484, and averaged 3,641 per date, to lead this league for the 22nd year in a row.** Boise had its best total attendance (160,582) since 1996.

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- J **Pecos Baseball League** – 15 teams, plus Wasco, a 2022 road team that did have home games in 2021. Austin, Santa Rosa, and Weimar were added in 2022, and Salina was dropped.
- J The Pecos League played a limited schedule with very few fans in attendance in 2020. The league has now been in operation for 12 seasons, the longest tenure of any ‘small-market’ independent Minor League, since the rebirth of independent leagues in 1993. Most of the league’s ballparks are tiny.
- J **The Pecos League was the only North American professional baseball league, on any level, to have higher attendance in 2021 than it did in 2019, playing a roughly similar-length or shorter, schedule.**
- J **2022 total attendance was a league record-high estimated 116,871, and average per date was a league record-high 307.** The total was up 29,245 (33.4%) vs. 2021, and average per date increased by 47 (18.5%). 43 more dates were played. 9 teams had increases in total attendance, and 8 were up in average per date, with one team having the same average as in 2021. Martinez had the league’s best increase in total attendance. Tucson had the biggest average per date increase in this league, along with the 2nd best total attendance percentage increase, and the best average per date percentage increase, among all U.S./Canadian independent teams.
- J The same teams that played home games in this league in both **2022 and 2021** had a combined total attendance increase of 26,307 (30.9%), and an average per date gain of 72 (26.0%), with 12 more dates.
- J **Garden City led the league with a team and all-time league record-high total of 24,609, and a team and all-time league record-high 631 average per date. Team record highs were also achieved by Martinez in total attendance, and by Roswell, Bakersfield (as a Pecos League team), and Martinez, in average per date.** Santa Fe came within one, of its average per date record-high.
- J Compared to **2019**, the league’s 2022 teams, no matter what 2019 league they were in, had a 32,476 (38.5%) increase in total attendance, and an average per date gain of 43 (16.3%), with 61 more dates. 6 teams had gains in total attendance, while 3 had declines. 7 teams were up in average per date. Teams that were active in both **2022 and 2019** had a total attendance increase of 13,332 (17.0%), and an average per date gain of 82 (29.9%) with 28 fewer dates.
- J The Pecos League is the only professional baseball league that does not include ‘no-shows’ (tickets sold but not used) in its attendance. So the number of tickets sold by this league is higher than its announced attendance.
- J In 2023, the league will add teams in Marysville CA (Drakes), Lancaster CA (Sound Breakers), and Blackwell OK (Flycatchers). Colorado Springs, Weimar, and Wasco will not return.
- J **Empire Baseball League** – 4 teams in **2022**, 3 located in upstate New York, plus Japan (a road team). A new team in Malone, NY will be added in **2023**. This league has never provided any attendance data in its history, despite multiple requests. They had 65 dates in 2022, 75 in 2021, and 55 in 2019.

What's Ahead in this Report

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CAUTION – The 2022 vs. 2021 team-by-team tables and the 2022 vs. 2019 team-by-team tables are virtually identical in appearance. Of course, the figures and comparisons differ.

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2022 vs. 2021 MLB-AFFILIATED MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2022 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2022 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2021 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2021 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2022 v. 2021</u>	<u># CHG. AVG. '22 v. '21</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
<u>INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE</u>								
Buffalo Bisons	451,859	66	6,846	200,752	3,238	251,107	3,608	1988
Charlotte Knights	531,465	73	7,280	345,305	5,569	186,160	1,711	2014
Columbus Clippers	534,393	70	7,634	393,879	6,457	140,514	1,177	2009
Durham Bulls	472,090	75	6,295	320,873	5,093	151,217	1,202	1995
Gwinnett (GA) Stripers	216,177	73	2,961	162,494	2,754	53,683	207	2009
Indianapolis Indians	534,610	72	7,425	353,729	5,799	180,881	1,626	1996
Iowa (Des Moines) Cubs	437,543	74	5,913	314,749	5,246	122,794	667	1992
Jacksonville (FL) Jumbo Shrimp	358,094	72	4,974	242,667	4,184	115,427	790	2003
Lehigh Valley (PA) IronPigs	544,220	71	7,665	356,355	5,842	187,865	1,823	2008
Louisville Bats	424,035	74	5,730	269,338	4,565	154,697	1,165	2000
Memphis Redbirds	239,605	72	3,328	183,217	3,054	56,388	274	2000
Nashville Sounds	555,576	73	7,611	436,868	6,721	118,708	890	2015
Norfolk Tides	365,292	73	5,004	262,496	4,303	102,796	701	1993
Omaha Storm Chasers	294,511	71	4,148	245,170	3,831	49,341	317	2011
Rochester Red Wings	432,580	70	6,180	219,941	3,728	212,639	2,452	1997
St. Paul Saints	473,911	72	6,582	393,394	6,052	80,517	530	2015
Scranton-Wilkes Barre RailRiders	331,286	71	4,666	236,559	4,079	94,727	587	2013
Syracuse Mets	335,490	70	4,793	215,336	3,845	120,154	948	1997
Toledo Mud Hens	426,499	73	5,842	300,063	4,763	126,436	1,079	2002
Worcester Red Sox	532,152	73	7,290	362,559	6,145	169,593	1,145	2021
LEAGUE TOTAL	8,491,388	1,438	5,905	5,815,744	4,783	2,675,644	1,122	
<i>In 2021, Buffalo played its first 39 home dates in Trenton (112,471/2,884/date), and its last 23 dates in Buffalo (88,281/3,834/date).</i>								
<u>PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE</u>								
Albuquerque Isotopes	515,498	73	7,062	329,295	5,145	186,203	1,917	2003
El Paso Chihuahuas	496,805	74	6,714	403,657	6,407	93,148	307	2014
Las Vegas Aviators	518,221	75	6,910	428,369	6,590	89,852	320	2019
Oklahoma (City) Dodgers	410,730	73	5,626	305,290	4,846	105,440	780	1998
Reno Aces	336,079	70	4,801	233,961	4,178	102,118	623	2009
Round Rock (TX) Express	412,988	75	5,507	305,742	4,777	107,246	730	2000
Sacramento River Cats	372,769	75	4,970	259,640	3,994	113,129	976	2000
Salt Lake (City) Bees	434,616	74	5,873	300,535	4,847	134,081	1,026	1994
Sugar Land (TX) Space Cowboys	285,827	72	3,970	211,560	3,412	74,267	558	2012
Tacoma Rainiers	366,469	73	5,020	245,706	3,900	120,763	1,120	1960
LEAGUE TOTAL	4,150,002	734	5,654	3,023,755	4,823	1,126,247	831	
TOTAL - TRIPLE-A	12,641,390	2,172	5,820	8,839,499	4,796	3,801,891	1,024	
<u>EASTERN LEAGUE</u>								
Akron RubberDucks	253,735	65	3,904	208,162	3,652	45,573	252	1997
Altoona Curve	285,777	66	4,330	213,686	4,032	72,091	298	1999
Binghamton Rumble Ponies	146,679	62	2,366	107,803	2,246	38,876	120	1992
Bowie Baysox	174,537	65	2,685	128,467	2,336	46,070	349	1994
Erie Seawolves	175,810	66	2,664	145,445	2,552	30,365	112	1995
Harrisburg Senators	244,433	68	3,595	167,810	2,893	76,623	702	2010
Hartford Yard Goats	402,123	67	6,002	287,752	5,138	114,371	864	2017
New Hampshire Fisher Cats	282,514	65	4,346	183,730	3,402	98,784	944	2005
Portland (ME) Sea Dogs	379,100	66	5,744	210,211	4,204	168,889	1,540	1994
Reading Fightin' Phils	368,068	66	5,577	226,667	4,626	141,401	951	1951
Richmond Flying Squirrels	406,560	66	6,160	275,169	4,828	131,391	1,332	1985
Somerset (NJ) Patriots	351,142	67	5,241	205,246	3,947	145,896	1,294	1999
LEAGUE TOTAL	3,470,478	789	4,399	2,360,148	3,653	1,110,330	746	

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<u>SOUTHERN LEAGUE</u>								
Biloxi Shuckers	148,865	64	2,326	114,276	2,241	34,589	85	2015
Birmingham Barons	266,921	68	3,925	231,365	4,132	35,556	(207)	2013
Chattanooga Lookouts	213,685	66	3,238	131,322	2,626	82,363	612	2000
Mississippi (Pearl) Braves	150,491	63	2,389	118,776	2,241	31,715	148	2005
Montgomery (AL) Biscuits	156,356	62	2,522	137,709	2,598	18,647	(76)	2004
Pensacola Blue Wahoos	281,972	67	4,209	235,948	4,068	46,024	141	2012
Rocket City, (AL) Trash Pandas	327,007	65	5,031	274,858	5,726	52,149	(695)	2021
Tennessee (Kodak) Smokies	294,334	68	4,328	245,821	4,313	48,513	15	2000
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,839,631	523	3,517	1,490,075	3,498	349,556	190	
<u>TEXAS LEAGUE</u>								
Amarillo Sod Poodles	379,029	69	5,493	316,288	5,453	62,741	40	2019
Arkansas (Little Rock) Travelers	300,042	67	4,478	215,050	3,645	84,992	833	2007
Corpus Christi Hooks	257,991	66	3,909	206,847	3,694	51,144	215	2005
Frisco RoughRiders	341,243	68	5,018	275,169	4,828	66,074	190	2003
Midland (TX) RockHounds	226,249	66	3,428	186,134	3,155	40,115	273	2002
NW Arkansas Naturals	240,615	68	3,538	150,473	2,736	90,142	802	2008
San Antonio Missions	272,144	65	4,187	184,167	3,231	87,977	956	1994
Springfield (MO) Cardinals	259,044	69	3,754	172,134	2,918	86,910	836	2003
Tulsa Drillers	357,200	65	5,495	300,270	5,089	56,930	406	2010
Wichita Wind Surge	220,528	66	3,341	241,230	4,021	(20,702)	(680)	2021
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,854,085	669	4,266	2,247,762	3,882	606,323	384	
TOTAL - DOUBLE-A	8,164,194	1,981	4,121	6,097,985	3,694	2,066,209	427	
<u>MIDWEST LEAGUE</u>								
Beloit Sky Carp	102,794	63	1,632	46,746	806	56,048	826	2021
Cedar Rapids (IA) Kernels	136,360	63	2,164	100,161	1,757	36,199	407	2002
Dayton Dragons	444,346	56	7,935	344,167	6,258	100,179	1,677	2000
Fort Wayne Tin Caps	303,680	60	5,061	219,044	3,777	84,636	1,284	2009
Great Lakes (Midland, MI) Loons	174,050	62	2,807	124,896	2,153	49,154	654	2007
Lake County (OH) Captains	169,574	59	2,874	126,191	2,253	43,383	621	2003
Lansing Lugnuts	288,840	62	4,659	198,878	3,429	89,962	1,230	1996
Peoria Chiefs	135,784	65	2,089	69,725	1,223	66,059	866	2002
Quad Cities River Bandits	170,731	64	2,668	163,263	2,815	7,468	(147)	2004
South Bend Cubs	285,977	64	4,468	217,066	3,679	68,911	789	1988
West Michigan Whitecaps	337,167	61	5,527	228,071	3,932	109,096	1,595	1994
Wisconsin Timber Rattlers	206,805	61	3,390	156,646	2,797	50,159	593	1995
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,756,108	740	3,724	1,994,854	2,899	761,254	825	
<u>SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE</u>								
Aberdeen IronBirds	121,916	62	1,966	104,665	1,869	17,251	97	2002
Asheville Tourists	172,726	63	2,742	130,435	2,329	42,291	413	1992
Bowling Green (KY) Hot Rods	155,975	64	2,437	125,738	2,245	30,237	192	2009
Brooklyn Cyclones	167,846	62	2,707	103,874	1,889	63,972	818	2001
Greensboro Grasshoppers	265,943	63	4,221	225,905	3,895	40,038	326	2005
Greenville (SC) Drive	317,150	65	4,879	243,362	4,125	73,788	754	2006
Hickory Crawdads	105,378	62	1,700	88,453	1,638	16,925	62	1993
Hudson Valley (NY) Renegades	184,055	64	2,876	125,599	2,243	58,456	633	1994
Jersey Shore BlueClaws	256,141	60	4,269	150,873	2,743	105,268	1,526	2001
Rome (GA) Braves	89,176	63	1,415	78,538	1,540	10,638	(125)	2003
Wilmington (DE) Blue Rocks	118,754	61	1,947	78,690	1,381	40,064	566	1993
Winston-Salem Dash	287,529	64	4,493	206,333	3,620	81,196	873	2010
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,242,589	753	2,978	1,662,465	2,481	580,124	497	

2022 vs. 2021 MLB-AFFILIATED MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2022 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2022 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2021 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2021 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2022 v. 2021</u>	<u># CHG. AVG. '22 v. '21</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
<u>NORTHWEST LEAGUE</u>								
Eugene Emeralds	136,360	59	2,311	91,315	1,631	45,045	680	2010
Everett AquaSox	128,836	64	2,013	102,423	1,829	26,413	184	1984
Hillsboro (OR) Hops	150,792	64	2,356	110,384	1,871	40,408	485	2013
Spokane Indians	231,081	63	3,668	140,623	2,511	90,458	1,157	1958
Tri-City (Pasco, WA) Dust Devils	108,136	62	1,744	61,245	1,134	46,891	610	1995
Vancouver (BC) Canadians	313,256	61	5,135	15,822	268	297,434	4,867	1951
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,068,461	373	2,865	521,812	1,535	546,649	1,330	
<i>In 2021, Vancouver played its home dates in Hillsboro. Eugene played one home date at Hillsboro, and 5 home dates at Tri-City.</i>								
TOTAL - HIGH-A	6,067,158	1,866	3,251	4,179,131	2,461	1,888,027	790	
<u>CAROLINA LEAGUE</u>								
Augusta (GA) GreenJackets	262,172	64	4,096	211,561	3,712	50,611	384	2018
Carolina Mudcats	138,579	64	2,165	98,976	1,867	39,603	298	1991
Charleston (SC) RiverDogs	251,491	63	3,992	208,641	3,660	42,850	332	1997
Columbia (SC) Fireflies	217,225	64	3,394	153,547	2,742	63,678	652	2016
Delmarva (Salisbury) Shorebirds	154,786	62	2,497	110,281	1,969	44,505	528	1996
Down East (Kinston) Wood Ducks	98,328	64	1,536	85,586	1,528	12,742	8	1949
Fayetteville Woodpeckers	214,470	62	3,459	173,243	3,039	41,227	420	2019
Fredericksburg Nationals	260,546	63	4,136	199,071	3,492	61,475	644	2021
Kannapolis Cannon Ballers	192,161	66	2,912	162,031	2,701	30,130	211	2021
Lynchburg Hillcats	91,232	62	1,471	68,032	1,173	23,200	298	2004
Myrtle Beach Pelicans	252,183	64	3,940	199,704	3,504	52,479	436	1999
Salem Red Sox	181,287	63	2,878	128,769	2,299	52,518	579	1995
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,314,460	761	3,041	1,799,442	2,646	515,018	395	
<u>FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE</u>								
Bradenton Marauders	56,522	65	870	38,207	708	18,315	162	1923
Clearwater Threshers	151,982	63	2,412	108,111	2,120	43,871	292	2004
Daytona Tortugas	91,156	58	1,572	79,361	1,345	11,795	227	1930
Dunedin Blue Jays	24,402	63	387	10,043	258	14,359	129	1977
Fort Myers Mighty Missiles	86,987	55	1,582	76,216	1,438	10,771	144	1991
Jupiter Hammerheads	42,156	43	980	20,197	696	21,959	284	1998
Lakeland Flying Tigers	35,855	57	629	26,894	498	8,961	131	1966
Palm Beach Cardinals	36,880	39	946	28,440	981	8,440	(35)	1998
St. Lucie Mets	71,213	61	1,167	45,609	861	25,604	306	1988
Tampa Tarpons	46,627	52	897	34,842	657	11,785	240	1996
LEAGUE TOTAL	643,780	556	1,158	467,920	987	175,860	171	
<u>CALIFORNIA LEAGUE</u>								
Fresno Grizzlies	261,652	65	4,025	176,395	2,940	85,257	1,085	2002
Inland Empire (S. Bernardi.) 66ers	141,792	66	2,148	90,587	1,535	51,205	613	1996
Lake Elsinore Storm	102,950	65	1,584	103,758	1,729	(808)	(145)	1994
Modesto Nuts	94,253	66	1,428	42,200	781	52,053	647	1952
Rancho Cucamonga Quakes	138,533	66	2,099	76,493	1,296	62,040	803	1993
San Jose Giants	115,074	66	1,744	62,569	1,043	52,505	701	1942
Stockton Ports	114,480	66	1,735	73,410	1,311	41,070	424	2005
Visalia Rawhide	121,006	66	1,833	79,625	1,327	41,381	506	1946
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,089,740	526	2,072	705,037	1,506	384,703	566	
TOTAL - SINGLE-A	4,047,980	1,843	2,196	2,972,399	1,833	1,075,581	363	
TOTAL - 2022 MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES	30,920,722	7,862	3,933	22,089,014	3,242	8,831,708	691	

2022 vs. 2021 INDEPENDENT AND MLB PARTNER LEAGUE ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2022 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2022 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2021 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2021 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2022 v. 2021</u>	<u># CHG. AVG. '22 v. '21</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
<u>MEXICAN LEAGUE</u>								
Aguascalientes Railroadmen	74,606	43	1,735	29,860	1,298	44,746	437	1938
Campeche Pirates	174,171	39	4,466	23,419	1,065	150,752	3,401	2001
Cancun (Quintana Roo) Tigers	184,564	43	4,292	53,146	1,833	131,418	2,459	2006
Dos Laredos Owls	178,813	44	4,064	85,437	3,051	93,376	1,013	2008, '12
Durango Generals	70,771	42	1,685	27,587	1,254	43,184	431	1986
Guadalajara Mariachis	78,910	43	1,835	61,652	2,126	17,258	(291)	2011
(Union) Laguna Cotton Makers	200,815	43	4,670	107,319	3,462	93,496	1,208	1932
Leon Braves	172,365	43	4,008	70,869	2,215	101,496	1,793	1973
Mexico City Red Devils	244,845	38	6,443	111,188	3,706	133,657	2,737	2019
Monclova (del Norte) Steelers	205,603	45	4,569	109,447	3,420	96,156	1,149	1975
Monterrey Sultans	382,048	45	8,490	149,011	4,657	233,037	3,833	1990
Oaxaca Warriors	71,916	42	1,712	27,451	947	44,465	765	1950
Puebla Parrots	137,392	42	3,271	58,175	2,424	79,217	847	1972
Saltillo Sarape Makers	249,732	44	5,676	108,913	4,034	140,819	1,642	1963
Tabasco Olmecas	81,656	36	2,268	51,189	1,651	30,467	617	1964
Tijuana Toros	453,961	45	10,088	196,471	7,557	257,490	2,531	1976
Veracruz Eagles	162,191	44	3,686	65,900	1,997	96,291	1,689	1992
Yucatan Lions	440,165	45	9,781	109,895	3,434	330,270	6,347	1982
LEAGUE TOTAL	3,564,524	766	4,653	1,446,929	2,826	2,117,595	1,827	

In 2022, Dos Laredos split its home schedule between Laredo, TX (82,791 (22) 3,763) and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico (96,022 (22) 4,365). In 2021, the Dos Laredos split was: Laredo, TX (56,799 (17) 3,341) and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico (28,638 (11) 2,603).

ATLANTIC LEAGUE

Charleston (WV) Dirty Birds	119,598	61	1,961	85,398	1,581	34,200	380	2005
Gastonia Honey Hunters	106,903	62	1,724	114,416	1,973	(7,513)	(249)	2021
High Point (NC) Rockers	124,010	66	1,879	108,200	1,898	15,810	(19)	2019
Kentucky (Lex.) Wild Health Gen.	102,502	56	1,830					
Lancaster Barnstormers	222,167	65	3,418	182,132	3,087	40,035	331	2005
Lexington (KY) Legends	150,392	63	2,387	163,798	2,978	(13,406)	(591)	2001
Long Island (Central Islip) Ducks	285,888	63	4,538	224,120	4,002	61,768	536	2000
S. Maryland (Waldorf) Blue Crabs	174,293	58	3,005	148,982	2,811	25,311	194	2008
Staten Island Ferry Hawks	76,759	61	1,258					2001
York Revolution	172,519	65	2,654	111,628	2,067	60,891	587	2007
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,535,031	620	2,476	1,138,674	2,553	396,357	(77)	

Staten Island played in the Short-Season New York-Penn League in 2019

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Chicago Dogs	191,984	48	4,000	155,582	3,051	36,402	949	2018
Cleburne (TX) Railroaders	65,062	49	1,328	56,201	1,022	8,861	306	2017
Fargo - Moorhead RedHawks	147,073	48	3,064	145,553	2,746	1,520	318	1996
Gary Southshore RailCats	152,894	48	3,185	137,094	2,636	15,800	549	2003
Kane County (IL) Cougars	248,354	49	5,068	177,705	3,554	70,649	1,514	1991
Kansas City (KS) Monarchs	105,302	50	2,106	102,257	2,087	3,045	19	2003
Lake Country (WI) Dockhounds	93,711	50	1,874					2022
Lincoln Saltdogs	144,494	47	3,074	149,204	2,763	(4,710)	311	2001
Milwaukee Milkmen	86,028	50	1,721	79,741	1,564	6,287	157	2019
Sioux City (IA) Explorers	52,121	47	1,109	59,802	1,128	(7,681)	(19)	1993
Sioux Falls (SD) Canaries	59,425	49	1,213	82,932	1,536	(23,507)	(323)	1964
Winnipeg Goldeyes	163,893	48	3,414	52,014	1,107	111,879	2,307	1999
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,510,341	583	2,591	1,198,085	2,106	312,256	485	

In 2021, Winnipeg played 29 dates at Jackson, TN (16,785 total, 579/date), and 18 dates at Winnipeg (35,229 total, 1,957/date.)

2022 vs. 2021 INDEPENDENT AND MLB PARTNER LEAGUE ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2022 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2022 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2021 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2021 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2022 v. 2021</u>	<u># CHG. AVG. '22 v. '21</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
FRONTIER LEAGUE								
Evansville Otters	122,516	49	2,500	76,482	1,700	46,034	800	1915
Florence (KY) Y'alls	105,981	49	2,163	73,099	1,555	32,882	608	2004
Gateway (Sauget, IL) Grizzlies	76,864	50	1,537	62,416	1,419	14,448	118	2002
Joliet Slammers	137,988	51	2,706	86,067	1,831	51,921	875	2002
Lake Erie (Avon, OH) Crushers	99,656	48	2,076	70,062	1,592	29,594	484	2009
New Jersey Jackals	52,086	50	1,042	43,722	1,041	8,364	1	1998
New York (Rockland) Boulders	138,531	50	2,771	99,693	2,266	38,838	505	2011
Ottawa Titans	61,727	48	1,286	-----	-----	-----	-----	1993
Quebec (City) Capitales	130,414	48	2,717	-----	-----	-----	-----	1938
Schaumburg Boomers	210,115	52	4,041	157,112	3,415	53,003	626	1999
Sussex (NJ) Miners	76,742	48	1,599	79,762	1,662	(3,020)	(63)	1994
Tri-City (Troy, NY) ValleyCats	134,617	45	2,991	100,519	2,393	34,098	598	2002
Trois Rivieres Aigles	67,419	47	1,434	-----	-----	-----	-----	1938
Washington (PA) Wild Things	103,968	51	2,039	82,420	1,717	21,548	322	2002
Windy City ThunderBolts	84,564	49	1,726	65,022	1,414	19,542	312	1999
Province of Quebec (2021 only)	-----	-----	-----	43,819	2,087	-----	-----	-----
Southern IL (Marion) Miners	-----	-----	-----	66,099	1,502	-----	-----	2007
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,603,188	735	2,181	1,106,294	1,835	496,894	346	

In 2021, Province of Quebec was a road team until July 30. They then had 10 dates in Quebec City (22,882 total, 2,288/date, and 11 dates in Trois Rivieres (20,937 total, 1,903/date.)

PIONEER LEAGUE								
Billings Mustangs	94,563	44	2,149	111,271	2,473	(16,708)	(324)	2008
Boise Hawks	160,582	48	3,345	128,292	2,673	32,290	672	1989
Glacier (MT) Range Riders	83,217	48	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2022
Grand Junction Rockies	73,277	48	1,527	73,518	1,634	(241)	(107)	1958
Great Falls (MT) Voyagers	64,786	47	1,378	62,976	1,431	1,810	(53)	1956
Idaho Falls Chukars	101,285	48	2,110	109,647	2,333	(8,362)	(223)	2007
Missoula Paddleheads	83,619	48	1,742	72,174	1,604	11,445	138	2004
Northern Colorado Owlz	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2023
Ogden Raptors	167,484	46	3,641	156,734	3,407	10,750	234	1997
Rocky Mtn. Vibes (Colorado Spr.)	94,550	45	2,101	124,762	2,836	(30,212)	(735)	1988
LEAGUE TOTAL	923,363	422	2,188	839,374	2,306	83,989	(118)	

The Northern Colorado ballpark was not ready for 2022. The team played at the University of Northern Colorado, and at a local ballfield. Their announced attendance of 3,004 in 40 dates, an average of 75 per date, is not included in the league's totals.

PECOS BASEBALL LEAGUE - Attendance is estimated by the league, and does not include 'no-shows'								
Alpine Cowboys	8,964	27	332	8,208	304	756	28	1947
Austin Weirdos	2,912	26	112	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bakersfield Train Robbers	9,599	29	331	6,923	301	2,676	30	1941
Colorado Springs Snow Sox	217	7	31	1,281	61	(1,064)	(30)	-----
Garden City (KS) Wind	24,609	39	631	18,540	412	6,069	219	1936
Martinez Sturgeon	17,723	37	479	8,275	331	9,448	148	-----
Monterey (CA) Amerjacks	3,075	25	123	5,301	279	(2,226)	(156)	-----
Roswell Invaders	6,468	28	231	5,724	212	744	19	1939
San Rafael Pacifics	14,256	36	396	9,576	342	4,680	54	1950
Santa Cruz Seaweed	1,632	17	96	1,056	132	576	(36)	-----
Santa Rosa Scuba Divers	1,580	20	79	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Santa Fe Fuego	11,637	27	431	11,940	398	(303)	33	1947
Trinidad Triggers	5,365	29	185	4,995	185	370	0	1960
Tucson Saguaro	7,794	18	433	3,213	119	4,581	314	-----
Wasco Reserve (Road team)	0	0	-----	1,992	83	(1,992)	(83)	-----
Weimar Hormigas	1,040	16	65	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Salina (2021 road in El Dorado)	-----	-----	-----	602	86	(602)	(86)	1991
LEAGUE TOTAL	116,871	381	307	87,626	259	29,245	48	

2022 vs. 2021 INDEPENDENT AND MLB PARTNER LEAGUE ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2022 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2022 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2021 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2021 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2022 v. 2021</u>	<u># CHG. AVG. '22 v. '21</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
<u>UNITED SHORE BASEBALL LEAGUE</u> - League Estimated Attendance				<i>All games in Utica, Michigan</i>				
Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers								
East Side Diamond Hoppers								
Utica Unicorns								
Westside Woolly Mammoths								
LEAGUE TOTAL	251,100	81	3,100	150,000	2,273	101,100	827	2016
<u>EMPIRE PRO LEAGUE</u>								
Saranac Lake (NY) Surge	N/A	15		N/A		-----		1984
Plattsburgh (NY) Thunderbirds	N/A	17		N/A		-----		2003
Tupper Lake Riverpigs	N/A	28		N/A		-----		
Japan Islanders (Road Team)		5						
LEAGUE TOTAL	N/A	65		N/A				
Empire League number of dates are not included in the totals below.								
<u>MAVERICKS LEAGUE</u> - All games in Keiser, OR								
Campeños de Salem-Keiser								
Portland Mavericks								
Salem Senators								
Salem-Keiser (OR) Volcanoes								
LEAGUE TOTAL	86,202	96	898	80,365	945	5,837	(47)	1997
INDEPENDENT TOTAL	9,590,620	3,684	2,603	6,047,347	2,024	3,543,273	579	
ALL MINOR LEAGUES	40,511,342	11,546	3,509	28,136,361	3,017	12,374,981	492	

LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

This section lists 2022 monthly attendance for each of the 11 affiliated leagues, and for 5 independent leagues (American Association, Atlantic, Frontier, Pioneer, and Mexican Leagues.) Since the number of dates played varies by month, the most vital figure is the average per date. There are also monthly combined totals for the 11 MLB-affiliated leagues, and the 5 listed independent leagues. Monthly attendance from the other independent leagues is not available. Due to the unique nature of the 2021 season, and the 2021 Minors reorganization, no 2022 vs. other years comparisons are made for individual leagues. But 2022 vs. 2019 comparisons are made for Class-AAA, Class-AA, and Full-Season Class-A MLB-affiliated leagues.

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Note that the combined MLB-affiliated leagues average attendance per date for September, 2022 is affected by the schedules described in the paragraph below. For April through August, 25.9% of dates played were in Triple-A, 25.0% were in Double-A, and 49.1% were in combined High-A and Single A. In September, due to longer AAA seasons, 41.9% of dates were in Triple-A, 26.8% were in Double A, and 31.3% were combined-A. This is why the average per date is higher than in other months.

In 2022, the AAA leagues played 150-game schedules, running from April 5 through Sept. 28. Class AA leagues had 138 games from April 8 through Sept. 18. Class A leagues played 132 games from April 8 through Sept. 11. Among independent leagues in these tables, the Mexican League had 90 games from April 21 through August 5, the Atlantic League played 132 games from April 21 through Sept. 18, the Frontier League had 96 games from May 12 through Sept. 4, the Pioneer League played 96 games from May 23 through Sept. 10, and the American Association played a 100 games from May 13 through September 5.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	214	1,024,978	4,790
May	245	1,364,070	5,568
June	253	1,605,923	6,348
July	236	1,649,238	6,988
August-Sept.	250	1,531,622	6,126
September	240	1,315,557	5,481
League Total	1,438	8,491,388	5,905

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	113	600,466	5,314
May	127	713,836	5,621
June	129	725,643	5,625
July	120	733,015	6,108
August-Sept.	127	712,596	5,611
September	118	664,446	5,631
League Total	734	4,150,002	5,654

EASTERN LEAGUE

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	111	393,080	3,541
May	147	622,144	4,232
June	149	673,818	4,522
July	137	660,613	4,822
August	152	707,013	4,651
September	93	413,810	4,450
League Total	789	3,470,478	4,399

TEXAS LEAGUE

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	97	424,267	4,374
May	123	542,554	4,411
June	126	527,184	4,184
July	120	517,892	4,316
August	128	499,574	3,903
September	75	342,614	4,568
League Total	669	2,854,085	4,266

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	79	287,870	3,644
May	95	353,555	3,722
June	101	345,894	3,425
July	94	356,195	3,789
August	93	297,599	3,200
September	61	198,518	3,254
League Total	523	1,839,631	3,517

MIDWEST LEAGUE

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	104	231,743	2,228
May	146	471,699	3,231
June	153	617,226	4,034
July	134	571,427	4,264
August	151	647,132	4,286
September	52	216,881	4,171
League Total	740	2,756,108	3,724

LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH**SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE**

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	116	278,297	2,399
May	142	377,422	2,658
June	154	481,428	3,126
July	137	454,041	3,314
August	151	460,261	3,048
September	53	191,140	3,606
League Total	753	2,242,589	2,978

CAROLINA LEAGUE

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	115	351,238	3,054
May	150	423,342	2,822
June	150	457,446	3,050
July	138	444,829	3,223
August	152	457,538	3,010
September	56	180,067	3,215
League Total	761	2,314,460	3,041

CALIFORNIA LEAGUE

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	79	162,347	2,055
May	103	252,327	2,450
June	104	181,767	1,748
July	96	209,821	2,186
August	104	196,856	1,893
September	40	86,622	2,166
League Total	526	1,089,740	2,072

TRIPLE-A TOTALS

	2022		2022	2019	22 vs. '19
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	327	1,625,444	4,971	5,497	(9.6)
May	372	2,077,906	5,586	6,219	(10.2)
June	382	2,331,566	6,104	6,924	(11.8)
July	356	2,382,253	6,692	7,143	(6.3)
August	377	2,244,218	5,953	7,461	(20.2)
September	358	1,980,003	5,531		
*August % change includes September, 2019 games					
Triple-A Total	2,172	12,641,390	5,820	6,698	(13.1)

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	53	80,889	1,526
May	66	145,224	2,200
June	75	210,065	2,801
July	71	258,824	3,645
August	78	266,830	3,421
September	30	106,629	3,554
League Total	373	1,068,461	2,865

FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

	2022		2022
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	90	112,362	1,248
May	113	119,426	1,057
June	105	116,496	1,109
July	100	140,435	1,404
August	111	111,979	1,009
September	37	43,082	1,164
League Total	556	643,780	1,158

FULL SEASON MLB-AFFILIATED LEAGUES TOTAL

	2022		2022	2019	22 vs. '19
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	1,171	3,947,537	3,371	3,760	(10.3)
May	1,457	5,385,599	3,696	4,037	(8.4)
June	1,499	5,942,890	3,965	4,364	(9.2)
July	1,383	5,996,330	4,336	4,313	0.5
August	1,497	5,889,000	3,934	4,475	(12.1)
September	855	3,759,366	4,397		
*August % change includes September, 2019 games					
Full-Sea. Total	7,862	30,920,722	3,933	4,203	(6.4)

DOUBLE-A TOTALS

	2022		2022	2019	22 vs. '19
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	287	1,105,217	3,851	3,810	1.1
May	365	1,518,253	4,160	4,351	(4.4)
June	376	1,546,896	4,114	4,637	(11.3)
July	351	1,534,700	4,372	4,541	(3.7)
August	373	1,504,186	4,033	4,687	(14.0)
September	229	954,942	4,170		
*August % change includes September, 2019 games					
Double-A Total	1,981	8,164,194	4,121	4,429	(6.9)

LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

HIGH-A AND SINGLE-A COMBINED TOTALS

	2022	2022	2019	22 vs. '19
	# of	Total	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	557	1,216,876	2,185	2,369 (7.8)
May	720	1,789,440	2,485	2,663 (6.7)
June	741	2,064,428	2,786	2,876 (3.1)
July	676	2,079,377	3,076	2,969 3.6
August	747	2,140,596	2,866	3,088 (7.2)
September	268	824,421	3,076	
*August % change includes September, 2019 games				
Class A Total	3,709	10,115,138	2,727	2,807 (2.8)

ATLANTIC LEAGUE

	2022	2022	
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	43	115,074	2,676
May	119	287,550	2,416
June	125	299,828	2,399
July	133	341,208	2,565
August	122	306,744	2,514
September	78	184,627	2,367
League Total	620	1,535,031	2,476

MEXICAN LEAGUE

	2022	2022	
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	68	380,835	5,601
May	231	1,012,415	4,383
June	196	883,123	4,506
July	222	998,806	4,499
August	49	289,345	5,905
League Total	766	3,564,524	4,653

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

	2022	2022	
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
May	95	208,629	2,196
June	154	368,312	2,392
July	149	424,386	2,848
August	157	420,734	2,680
September	28	88,280	3,153
League Total	583	1,510,341	2,591

FRONTIER LEAGUE

	2022	2022	
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
May	122	224,529	1,840
June	193	393,768	2,040
July	192	443,690	2,311
August	198	452,770	2,287
September	30	88,431	2,948
League Total	735	1,603,188	2,181

5 INDEPENDENT LEAGUES TOTAL

	2022	2022	
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
April	111	495,909	4,468
May	596	1,791,895	3,007
June	776	2,177,157	2,806
July	820	2,485,555	3,031
August	647	1,730,082	2,674
September	176	455,849	2,590
League Total	3,126	9,136,447	2,923

PIONEER LEAGUE

	2022	2022	
	# of	Total	Average
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>
May	29	58,772	2,027
June	108	232,126	2,149
July	124	277,465	2,238
August	121	260,489	2,153
September	40	94,511	2,363
League Total	422	923,363	2,188

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2022 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE - INDEPENDENT LEAGUES BY TEAM

League and Teams	Total Attendance	# Games	Avg./Game
MEXICAN			
Del Norte	42,500	5	8,500
Union Laguna	20,922	3	6,974
Mexico City	108,796	8	13,600
Veracruz	13,500	2	6,750
Yucatan	146,305	11	13,300
Tabasco	8,809	2	4,405
Puebla	34,828	5	6,966
Aguascalientes	5,930	2	2,965
Monterrey	204,365	12	17,030
Dos Laredos	19,229	4	4,807
Qunitana Roo	52,392	6	8,732
Tijuana	104,536	7	14,934
Total – Mexican League	762,112	67	11,375
ATLANTIC			
Gastonia	6,136	2	3,068
Hi Point	9,202	5	1,840
Lancaster, PA	12,788	3	4,263
Southern Maryland (Waldorf)	10,495	3	3,498
Total – Atlantic League	38,621	13	2,971
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION			
Chicago	5,315	2	2,658
Winnipeg	2,116	1	2,116
Cleburne, TX	2,547	2	1,274
Kane County, IL	2,430	2	1,215
Kansas City, KS	3,216	3	1,072
Fargo-Moorhead	7,442	6	1,240
Milwaukee	3,210	4	803
Lincoln	704	1	704
Total – American Association	26,980	21	1,285
FRONTIER			
Evansville	0	0	0
Schaumburg	11,792	4	2,948
Ottawa	3,252	1	3,252
New York (Rockland County)	1,097	1	1,097
Quebec	15,283	4	3,821
Washington, PA	2,075	1	2,075
Total – Frontier League	33,499	11	3,045
PIONEER			
Grand Junction	2,436	2	1,218
Missoula	3,643	3	1,214
Ogden	2,711	2	1,356
Billings	1,319	1	1,319
Total – Pioneer League	10,109	8	1,264
Grand Total – 5 Leagues	871,321	120	7,261

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

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2022 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE – MLB-AFFILIATED LEAGUES BY TEAM

League and Teams	Total Attendance	# Games	Avg./Game
Durham – IL and Triple-A Champion	6,497	1	6,497
Nashville	5,280	1	5,280
El Paso			
Reno – PCL Champion	6,542	1	6,542
TRIPLE-A All Games in Las Vegas	18,319	3	6,106
DOUBLE-A EASTERN			
Erie	9,799	2	4,890
Portland, ME	4,447	1	4,447
Richmond	9,159	1	9,159
Somerset, NJ	12,443	3	4,148
Total – Eastern League	35,828	7	5,118
DOUBLE-A SOUTHERN			
Montgomery	3,984	1	3,984
Pensacola	7,056	3	2,352
Rocket City (Madison, AL)	8,179	2	4,090
Tennessee	12,198	3	4,066
Total – Southern League	31,417	9	3,491
DOUBLE-A TEXAS			
Frisco	11,226	2	5,613
San Antonio	2,740	1	2,740
Tulsa	2,184	1	2,184
Wichita, KS	5,612	2	2,806
Total – Texas League	21,762	6	3,627
DOUBLE-A TOTAL	89,007	22	4,046
HIGH-A SOUTH ATLANTIC			
Aberdeen	5,763	4	1,441
Bowling Green, KY	3,378	3	1,126
Brooklyn	1,353	1	1,353
Rome, GA	955	1	955
Total – South Atlantic League	11,449	9	1,272
HIGH-A MIDWEST			
Cedar Rapids	3,011	2	1,506
Great Lakes (Midland, MI)	5,721	2	2,861
Lake County (Eastlake, OH)	5,217	3	1,739
South Bend	5,149	2	2,575
Total – Midwest League	19,098	9	2,122
HIGH-A NORTHWEST			
Eugene	3,953	2	1,977
Vancouver, BC	5,991	1	5,991
Total – Northwest League	9,944	3	3,315
HIGH-A TOTAL	40,491	21	1,928

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2022 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE – MLB-AFFILIATED LEAGUES BY TEAM

League and Teams	Total Attendance	# Games	Avg./Game
SINGLE-A CAROLINA			
Charleston, SC	10,096	2	5,048
Fredericksburg, VA	3,803	1	3,803
Lynchburg	4,045	3	1,348
Myrtle Beach	4,005	1	4,005
Total – Carolina League	21,949	7	3,136
SINGLE-A FLORIDA STATE			
Dunedin	932	2	466
Fort Myers	1,969	2	985
Palm Beach	395	1	395
St. Lucie	1,248	2	624
Total – Florida State League	4,544	7	649
SINGLE-A CALIFORNIA			
Fresno	10,690	2	5,345
Inland Empire (San Bernadino)	2,624	1	2,624
Lake Elsinore	5,250	2	2,625
San Jose	1,564	1	1,564
Total – California League	20,128	6	3,355
SINGLE-A TOTAL	46,621	20	2,331
MLB AFFILIATED LEAGUES TOTAL	194,438	66	2,946

League champions shown in bold

MINOR LEAGUE 2022 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE BY LEAGUE, AVERAGE PER GAME, BIG AND SMALL CROWDS

League	Total Attendance	# of Playoff Games	Average Attend. per Game	Crowds under 1,000	# of Crowds 5,000+	Largest Crowd	Site of Largest Crowd
NAPBL-Affiliated							
International	5,280	1					
Pacific Coast	6,542	1					
Triple-A Championship	6,497	1					All games played in Las Vegas
Total – Triple-A	18,319	3	6,106	0	3	6,542	
Eastern	35,828	7	5,118	0	2	9,159	Richmond
Southern	31,417	9	3,491	0	0	4,974	Tennessee
Texas	21,762	6	3,627	0	2	6,203	Frisco
Total – Double-A	89,007	22	4,046	0	4	9,159	Richmond
South Atlantic	11,449	9	1,272	2	0	1,588	Aberdeen
Midwest	19,098	9	2,122	0	0	3,899	Great Lakes
Northwest	9,944	3	3,315	0	1	5,991	Vancouver
Total – High-A	40,491	21	1,928	2	1	5,991	Vancouver
Carolina	21,949	7	3,136	1	1	6,092	Charleston, SC
Florida State	4,544	7	649	6	0	1,345	Fort Myers
California	20,128	6	3,355	0	1	5,718	Fresno
Total – Single-A	46,621	20	2,331	7	2	6,092	Charleston, SC
Total – Affiliated	194,438	66	2,946	9	10	9,159	Richmond
INDEPENDENT							
Mexican	762,112	67	11,375	0	61	21,909	Monterrey (3 games)
Atlantic	38,621	13	2,971	0	2	6,259	Southern Maryland
American Association	26,980	21	1,285	7	0	3,046	Chicago
Frontier	33,499	11	3,045	0	0	4,428	Quebec
Pioneer	10,109	8	1,264	0	0	1,463	Ogden
Total – Independent	871,321	120	7,261	7	63	21,909	Monterrey (3 games)
Total – All Leagues	1,065,759	186	5,730	16	73	21,909	Monterrey (3 games)

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

All Triple-A playoff games were played in Las Vegas.

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

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE - By League and Classification - 2022 vs. 2021

	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>CHANGE-2022 vs. 2021</u>		<u>AVERAGE PER DATE</u>		<u>CHANGE-2022 vs. 2021</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u># Change</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u># Change</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>
<u>MLB AFFILIATED LEAGUES</u>								
International	8,491,388	5,815,744	2,675,644	46.0	5,905	4,783	1,122	23.5
Pacific Coast	4,150,002	3,023,755	1,126,247	37.2	5,654	4,823	831	17.2
Triple-A Total	12,641,390	8,839,499	3,801,891	43.0	5,820	4,796	1,024	21.4
Texas	2,854,085	2,247,762	606,323	27.0	4,266	3,882	384	9.9
Eastern	3,470,478	2,360,148	1,110,330	47.0	4,399	3,653	746	20.4
Southern	1,839,631	1,490,075	349,556	23.5	3,517	3,498	19	0.5
Double-A Total	8,164,194	6,097,985	2,066,209	33.9	4,121	3,694	427	11.6
Midwest	2,756,108	1,994,854	761,254	38.2	3,724	2,899	825	28.5
South Atlantic	2,242,589	1,662,465	580,124	34.9	2,978	2,481	497	20.0
Northwest	1,068,461	521,812	546,649	104.8	2,865	1,535	1,330	86.6
High-A Total	6,067,158	4,179,131	1,888,027	45.2	3,251	2,461	790	32.1
Carolina	2,314,460	1,799,442	515,018	28.6	3,041	2,646	395	14.9
Florida State	643,780	467,920	175,860	37.6	1,158	987	171	17.3
California	1,089,740	705,037	384,703	54.6	2,072	1,506	566	37.6
Single-A Total	4,047,980	2,972,399	1,075,581	36.2	2,196	1,833	363	19.8
All Full-Season-A	10,115,138	7,151,530	2,963,608	41.4	2,726	2,154	572	26.6
MLB Affiliated Total	30,920,722	22,089,014	8,831,708	40.0	3,933	3,242	691	21.3
<u>MLB PARTNER AND INDEPENDENT LEAGUES</u>								
American Association	1,510,341	1,198,085	312,256	26.1	2,591	2,106	485	23.0
Atlantic	1,535,031	1,138,674	396,357	34.8	2,476	2,553	(77)	(3.0)
Frontier	1,603,188	1,106,294	496,894	44.9	2,181	1,820	361	19.8
Mexican	3,564,524	1,446,929	2,117,595	146.4	4,653	2,826	1,827	64.6
Pioneer	923,363	839,374	83,989	10.0	2,188	2,306	(118)	(5.1)
United Shore	251,100	150,000	101,100	67.4	3,100	2,273	827	36.4
Pecos Baseball	116,871	87,626	29,245	33.4	307	259	48	18.5
Mavericks	86,202	80,365	5,837	7.3	898	945	(47)	(5.0)
Empire Professional	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A		
Independent Total *	9,590,620	6,047,347	3,543,273	58.6	2,603	2,024	579	28.6
All Minor Leagues Total	40,511,342	28,136,361	12,374,981	44.0	3,509	2,870	639	22.3

The Can-Am League merged into the Frontier League in 2021. The Pacific Association did not play in 2022. The Mexican and Pioneer Leagues were MLB-affiliated (NAPBL) leagues through 2019. There were no MLB-affiliated Short-Season leagues with attendance in 2022.

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

2022 MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TOTAL ATTENDANCE

	Total Attendance	# of Dates	Average per Date	Notes
<u>MAJOR LEAGUES</u>				
Spring Training	1,400,966	268	5,227	
Regular Season	64,556,658	2,405	26,843	
Wild Card Games	377,714	9	41,968	at Toronto, Cleveland, N.Y. Mets, St. Louis,
Division Series	719,699	16	44,981	N.Y. Yankees, Houston, Seattle Cleveland, Atlanta, San Diego, L.A. Dodgers, Philadelphia
Championship Ser.	402,965	9	44,774	Houston, N.Y. Yankees Philadelphia, San Diego
World Series	265,885	6	44,314	Houston, Philadelphia
MLB Post-Season Total	1,766,263	40	44,157	
Futures Game	49,565	1		at L.A. Dodgers
Home Run Derby	50,099	1		at L.A. Dodgers
All-Star Game	52,518	1		at L.A. Dodgers
Major League Total	67,876,069	2,716	24,991	
<u>MINOR LEAGUES</u>				
MLB Affiliated Regular Sea.	30,920,722	7,862	3,933	Preliminary figure - Subject to audit
MLB Affiliated Post-Season	194,438	66	2,946	
MLB Affiliated All-Star	0	0		
Independent Regular Sea.	9,590,620	3,684	2,603	
Independent Post-Season	871,321	120	7,261	
Independent All-Star	16,391	3	5,464	
Arizona Fall League	35,335	90	393	
Minor League Total	41,628,827	11,825	3,520	Preliminary figure - Subject to audit
Majors/Minors Total	109,504,896	14,541	7,531	

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 762,112 for 67 games, an average of 11,375+A22. Arizona Fall League Total Includes the league championship game, which drew 1,802.

2022 vs. 2019 MLB-AFFILIATED MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE

Excludes 2019 Short-Season Leagues, but does include 2019 short-season teams still active in 2022.

2019 League totals listed are the 2019 totals for the teams in the league in 2022, regardless of what league they played in for 2019.

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2022 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2022 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2019 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2019 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2022 v. 2019</u>	<u># CHG. - AVG. '22 v. '19</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
<u>INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE</u>								
Buffalo Bisons	451,859	66	6,846	518,741	7,981	(66,882)	(1,135)	1988
Charlotte Knights	531,465	73	7,280	581,006	8,544	(49,541)	(1,264)	2014
Columbus (OH) Clippers	534,393	70	7,634	590,504	8,684	(56,111)	(1,050)	2009
Durham Bulls	472,090	75	6,295	529,105	7,668	(57,015)	(1,373)	1995
Gwinnett (GA) Stripers	216,177	73	2,961	212,342	3,169	3,835	(208)	2009
Indianapolis Indians	534,610	72	7,425	586,860	8,630	(52,250)	(1,205)	1996
Iowa (Des Moines) Cubs	437,543	74	5,913	489,173	7,526	(51,630)	(1,613)	1992
Jacksonville (FL) Jumbo Shrimp	358,094	72	4,974	327,388	4,960	30,706	14	2003
Lehigh Valley (PA) IronPigs	544,220	71	7,665	585,110	8,605	(40,890)	(940)	2008
Louisville Bats	424,035	74	5,730	485,356	6,934	(61,321)	(1,204)	2000
Memphis Redbirds	239,605	72	3,328	327,753	4,966	(88,148)	(1,638)	2000
Nashville Sounds	555,576	73	7,611	578,291	8,631	(22,715)	(1,020)	2015
Norfolk Tides	365,292	73	5,004	350,086	5,304	15,206	(300)	1993
Omaha Storm Chasers	294,511	71	4,148	328,307	4,974	(33,796)	(826)	2011
Rochester Red Wings	432,580	70	6,180	451,853	6,846	(19,273)	(666)	1997
St. Paul Saints	473,911	72	6,582	394,970	8,061	78,941	(1,479)	2015
Scranton-Wilkes Barre RailRiders	331,286	71	4,666	414,891	6,383	(83,605)	(1,717)	2013
Syracuse Mets	335,490	70	4,793	327,478	4,962	8,012	(169)	1997
Toledo Mud Hens	426,499	73	5,842	481,496	7,187	(54,997)	(1,345)	2002
Worcester Red Sox *	532,152	73	7,290	331,010	5,254	201,142	2,036	2021
LEAGUE TOTAL	8,491,388	1,438	5,905	8,891,720	6,762	(400,332)	(857)	
<i>Worcester played in Pawtucket in 2019. St. Paul played a shorter season in the independent American Association in 2019.</i>								
<u>PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE</u>								
Albuquerque Isotopes	515,498	73	7,062	542,832	7,983	(27,334)	(921)	2003
El Paso Chihuahuas	496,805	74	6,714	522,894	7,578	(26,089)	(864)	2014
Las Vegas Aviators	518,221	75	6,910	650,934	9,299	(132,713)	(2,389)	2019
Oklahoma (City) Dodgers	410,730	73	5,626	444,131	6,629	(33,401)	(1,003)	1998
Reno Aces	336,079	70	4,801	336,215	4,803	(136)	(2)	2009
Round Rock (TX) Express	412,988	75	5,507	597,928	8,542	(184,940)	(3,035)	2000
Sacramento River Cats	372,769	75	4,970	549,440	7,849	(176,671)	(2,879)	2000
Salt Lake (City) Bees	434,616	74	5,873	433,596	6,671	1,020	(798)	1994
Sugar Land (TX) Space Cowboys	285,827	72	3,970	304,753	4,417	(18,926)	(447)	2012
Tacoma Rainiers	366,469	73	5,020	347,378	5,109	19,091	(89)	1960
LEAGUE TOTAL	4,150,002	734	5,654	4,730,101	6,895	(580,099)	(1,241)	
TOTAL -- TRIPLE A	12,641,390	2,172	5,820	13,621,821	6,808	(980,431)	(988)	
<u>EASTERN LEAGUE</u>								
Akron Rubber Ducks	253,735	65	3,904	340,187	5,077	(86,452)	(1,173)	1997
Altoona Curve	285,777	66	4,330	308,464	4,604	(22,687)	(274)	1999
Binghamton Rumble Ponies	146,679	62	2,366	182,990	3,000	(36,311)	(634)	1992
Bowie Baysox	174,537	65	2,685	224,686	3,256	(50,149)	(571)	1994
Erie SeaWolves	175,810	66	2,664	215,444	3,315	(39,634)	(651)	1995
Harrisburg Senators	244,433	68	3,595	258,909	3,864	(14,476)	(269)	2010
Hartford Yard Goats	402,123	67	6,002	414,946	6,193	(12,823)	(191)	2017
New Hampshire Fisher Cats	282,514	65	4,346	306,511	4,716	(23,997)	(370)	2005
Portland (ME) Sea Dogs	379,100	66	5,744	357,647	5,677	21,453	67	1994
Reading Fightin' Phils	368,068	66	5,577	398,314	5,945	(30,246)	(368)	1951
Richmond Flying Squirrels	406,560	66	6,160	400,321	6,255	6,239	(95)	1985
Somerset (NJ) Patriots	351,142	67	5,241	344,641	5,144	6,501	97	1999
LEAGUE TOTAL	3,470,478	789	4,399	3,753,060	4,757	(282,582)	(358)	

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE								
Biloxi Shuckers	148,865	64	2,326	146,845	2,331	2,020	(5)	2015
Birmingham Barons	266,921	68	3,925	379,707	5,424	(112,786)	(1,499)	2013
Chattanooga Lookouts	213,685	66	3,238	228,662	3,518	(14,977)	(280)	2000
Mississippi (Pearl) Braves	150,491	63	2,389	163,841	2,482	(13,350)	(93)	2005
Montgomery (AL) Biscuits	156,356	62	2,522	216,839	3,189	(60,483)	(667)	2004
Pensacola Blue Wahoos	281,972	67	4,209	296,095	4,354	(14,123)	(145)	2012
Rocket City, (AL) Trash Pandas	327,007	65	5,031	95,087	1,585	231,920	3,446	2021
Tennessee (Kodak) Smokies	294,334	68	4,328	280,708	4,319	13,626	9	2000
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,839,631	523	3,517	1,807,784	3,443	31,847	74	
<i>Rocket City (Madison, AL) played in Mobile in 2019</i>								
TEXAS LEAGUE								
Amarillo Sod Poodles	379,029	69	5,493	427,791	6,291	(48,762)	(798)	2019
Arkansas (Little Rock) Travelers	300,042	67	4,478	311,021	4,574	(10,979)	(96)	2007
Corpus Christi Hooks	257,991	66	3,909	323,688	4,624	(65,697)	(715)	2005
Frisco RoughRiders	341,243	68	5,018	455,765	6,802	(114,522)	(1,784)	2003
Midland (TX) RockHounds	226,249	66	3,428	285,368	4,197	(59,119)	(769)	2002
NW Arkansas Naturals	240,615	68	3,538	284,829	4,316	(44,214)	(778)	2008
San Antonio Missions	272,144	65	4,187	337,484	4,891	(65,340)	(704)	1994
Springfield (MO) Cardinals	259,044	69	3,754	328,217	4,757	(69,173)	(1,003)	2003
Tulsa Drillers	357,200	65	5,495	374,501	5,507	(17,301)	(12)	2010
Wichita Wind Surge *	220,528	66	3,341	188,092	2,939	32,436	402	2021
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,854,085	669	4,266	3,316,756	4,899	(462,671)	(633)	
<i>* Wichita played in New Orleans (P.C.L.) in 2019</i>								
TOTAL -- DOUBLE A	8,164,194	1,981	4,121	8,877,600	4,459	(713,406)	(338)	
MIDWEST LEAGUE								
Beloit Sky Carp	102,794	63	1,632	73,200	1,181	29,594	451	2021
Cedar Rapids (IA)ernels	136,360	63	2,164	150,278	2,243	(13,918)	(79)	2002
Dayton Dragons	444,346	56	7,935	545,108	7,900	(100,762)	35	2000
Fort Wayne Tin Caps	303,680	60	5,061	371,259	5,541	(67,579)	(480)	2009
Great Lakes (Midland, MI) Loons	174,050	62	2,807	195,904	2,839	(21,854)	(32)	2007
Lake County (OH) Captains	169,574	59	2,874	200,756	3,089	(31,182)	(215)	2003
Lansing Lugnuts	288,840	62	4,659	311,028	4,443	(22,188)	216	1996
Peoria Chiefs	135,784	65	2,089	198,545	2,920	(62,761)	(831)	2002
Quad Cities River Bandits	170,731	64	2,668	150,905	2,474	19,826	194	2004
South Bend Cubs	285,977	64	4,468	319,616	4,770	(33,639)	(302)	1988
West Michigan Whitecaps	337,167	61	5,527	360,295	5,378	(23,128)	149	1994
Wisconsin Timber Rattlers	206,805	61	3,390	218,037	3,354	(11,232)	36	1995
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,756,108	740	3,724	3,094,931	3,883	(338,823)	(159)	
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE								
Aberdeen IronBirds	121,916	62	1,966	118,357	3,199	3,559	(1,233)	2002
Asheville Tourists	172,726	63	2,742	187,718	2,761	(14,992)	(19)	1992
Bowling Green (KY) Hot Rods	155,975	64	2,437	190,877	2,937	(34,902)	(500)	2009
Brooklyn Cyclones	167,846	62	2,707	174,522	4,848	(6,676)	(2,141)	2001
Greensboro Grasshoppers	265,943	63	4,221	306,136	4,710	(40,193)	(489)	2005
Greenville (SC) Drive	317,150	65	4,879	329,733	4,849	(12,583)	30	2006
Hickory Crawdads	105,378	62	1,700	137,546	2,084	(32,168)	(384)	1993
Hudson Valley (NY) Renegades	184,055	64	2,876	148,158	4,116	35,897	(1,240)	1994
Jersey Shore BlueClaws	256,141	60	4,269	308,318	4,671	(52,177)	(402)	2001
Rome (GA) Braves	89,176	63	1,415	152,874	2,216	(63,698)	(801)	2003
Wilmington (DE) Blue Rocks	118,754	61	1,947	231,325	3,731	(112,571)	(1,784)	1993
Winston-Salem Dash	287,529	64	4,493	264,879	4,272	22,650	221	2010
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,242,589	753	2,978	2,550,443	3,643	(307,854)	(665)	
<i>In 2019, Aberdeen, Brooklyn, and Hudson Valley played short-season schedules (38 home dates).</i>								

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<u>NORTHWEST LEAGUE</u>								
Eugene Emeralds	136,360	59	2,311	131,467	3,460	4,893	(1,149)	2010
Everett AquaSox	128,836	64	2,013	116,630	3,069	12,206	(1,056)	1984
Hillsboro (OR) Hops	150,792	64	2,356	133,605	3,516	17,187	(1,160)	2013
Spokane Indians	231,081	63	3,668	200,273	5,270	30,808	(1,602)	1958
Tri-City (Pasco, WA) Dust Devils	108,136	62	1,744	87,021	2,290	21,115	(546)	1995
Vancouver (BC) Canadians	313,256	61	5,135	235,980	6,210	77,276	(1,075)	1951
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,068,461	373	2,865	904,976	3,969	163,485	(1,104)	
<i>In 2019, all Northwest League played a short-season schedule (38 home games).</i>								
TOTAL - CLASS HIGH-A	6,067,158	1,866	3,251	6,550,350	3,797	(483,192)	(546)	
<u>CAROLINA LEAGUE</u>								
Augusta (GA) GreenJackets	262,172	64	4,096	266,569	3,920	(4,397)	176	2018
Carolina Mudcats	138,579	64	2,165	193,568	2,847	(54,989)	(682)	1991
Charleston (SC) RiverDogs	251,491	63	3,992	301,320	4,367	(49,829)	(375)	1997
Columbia (SC) Fireflies	217,225	64	3,394	245,522	3,720	(28,297)	(326)	2016
Delmarva (Salisbury) Shorebirds	154,786	62	2,497	218,704	3,264	(63,918)	(767)	1996
Down East (Kinston) Wood Ducks	98,328	64	1,536	110,619	1,651	(12,291)	(115)	1949
Fayetteville Woodpeckers	214,470	62	3,459	246,961	3,632	(32,491)	(173)	2019
Fredericksburg Nationals	260,546	63	4,136	192,474	3,262	68,072	874	2021
Kannapolis Cannon Ballers	192,161	66	2,912	75,931	1,133	116,230	1,779	2021
Lynchburg Hillcats	91,232	62	1,471	117,029	1,858	(25,797)	(387)	2004
Myrtle Beach Pelicans	252,183	64	3,940	226,247	3,377	25,936	563	1999
Salem Red Sox	181,287	63	2,878	171,866	2,565	9,421	313	1995
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,314,460	761	3,041	2,366,810	2,973	(52,350)	68	
<i>Fredericksburg played at Potomac in 2019.</i>								
<u>FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE</u>								
Bradenton Marauders	56,522	65	870	71,284	1,131	(14,762)	(261)	1923
Clearwater Threshers	151,982	63	2,412	180,069	2,688	(28,087)	(276)	2004
Daytona Tortugas	91,156	58	1,572	137,570	2,116	(46,414)	(544)	1930
Dunedin Blue Jays	24,402	63	387	11,757	203	12,645	184	1977
Fort Myers Mighty Mussels	86,987	55	1,582	108,800	1,909	(21,813)	(327)	1991
Jupiter Hammerheads	42,156	43	980	62,684	1,045	(20,528)	(65)	1998
Lakeland Flying Tigers	35,855	57	629	50,770	819	(14,915)	(190)	1966
Palm Beach Cardinals	36,880	39	946	57,418	973	(20,538)	(27)	1998
St. Lucie Mets	71,213	61	1,167	82,581	1,290	(11,368)	(123)	1988
Tampa Tarpons	46,627	52	897	61,290	973	(14,663)	(76)	1996
LEAGUE TOTAL	643,780	556	1,158	824,223	1,334	(180,443)	(176)	
<u>CALIFORNIA LEAGUE</u>								
Fresno Grizzlies	261,652	65	4,025	380,090	5,759	(118,438)	(1,734)	2002
Inland Empire (S. Bernardi.) 66ers	141,792	66	2,148	181,253	2,627	(39,461)	(479)	1996
Lake Elsinore Storm	102,950	65	1,584	172,280	2,534	(69,330)	(950)	1994
Modesto Nuts	94,253	66	1,428	139,762	2,026	(45,509)	(598)	1952
Rancho Cucamonga Quakes	138,533	66	2,099	162,085	2,384	(23,552)	(285)	1993
San Jose Giants	115,074	66	1,744	155,253	2,317	(40,179)	(573)	1942
Stockton Ports	114,480	66	1,735	179,465	2,601	(64,985)	(866)	2005
Visalia Rawhide	121,006	66	1,833	129,118	1,899	(8,112)	(66)	1946
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,089,740	526	2,072	1,499,306	2,756	(409,566)	(684)	
TOTAL - CLASS SINGLE - A	4,047,980	1,843	2,196	4,690,339	2,395	(642,359)	(199)	
TOTAL - 2022 MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES	30,920,722	7,862	3,933	33,740,110	4,396	(2,819,388)	(463)	

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FRONTIER LEAGUE								
Evansville Otters	122,516	49	2,500	100,051	2,175	22,465	325	1915
Florence (KY) Y'alls	105,981	49	2,163	99,308	2,309	6,673	(146)	2004
Gateway (Sauget, IL) Grizzlies	76,864	50	1,537	112,252	2,494	(35,388)	(957)	2002
Joliet Slammers	137,988	51	2,706	121,730	2,536	16,258	170	2002
Lake Erie (Avon, OH) Crushers	99,656	48	2,076	100,915	2,194	(1,259)	(118)	2009
New Jersey Jackals	52,086	50	1,042	76,658	1,742	(24,572)	(700)	1998
New York (Rockland) Boulders	138,531	50	2,771	123,999	2,583	14,532	188	2011
Ottawa Titans	61,727	48	1,286	88,119	1,798	(26,392)	(512)	1993
Quebec (City) Capitales	130,414	48	2,717	119,060	2,381	11,354	336	1938
Schaumburg Boomers	210,115	52	4,041	156,383	3,191	53,732	850	1999
Sussex (NJ) Miners	76,742	48	1,599	72,594	1,688	4,148	(89)	1994
Tri-City (Troy, NY) ValleyCats	134,617	45	2,991	131,529	3,869	3,088	(878)	2002
Trois Rivieres Eagles	67,419	47	1,434	85,506	1,677	(18,087)	(243)	1938
Washington (PA) Wild Things	103,968	51	2,039	90,638	1,928	13,330	111	2002
Windy City ThunderBolts	84,564	49	1,726	79,171	1,684	5,393	42	1999
Empire State Grays (Road Team)	0	0		-----	-----	-----	-----	
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,603,188	735	2,181	1,557,913	2,258	45,275	(77)	
PIONEER LEAGUE								
Billings Mustangs	94,563	44	2,149	96,594	2,611	(2,031)	(462)	2008
Boise Hawks	160,582	48	3,345	129,805	3,416	30,777	(71)	1989
Glacier (MT) Range Riders	83,217	48	1,734	-----	-----	-----	-----	2022
Grand Junction Rockies	73,277	48	1,527	88,476	2,391	(15,199)	(864)	1958
Great Falls (MT) Voyagers	64,786	47	1,378	47,207	1,388	17,579	(10)	1956
Idaho Falls Chukars	101,285	48	2,110	102,859	2,780	(1,574)	(670)	2007
Missoula Paddleheads	83,619	48	1,742	57,076	1,679	26,543	63	2004
Northern Colorado Owlz				-----	-----	-----	-----	2022
Ogden Raptors	167,484	46	3,641	146,201	3,951	21,283	(310)	1997
Rocky Mtn. Vibes (Colorado Spr.)	94,550	45	2,101	137,294	3,923	(42,744)	(1,822)	1988
LEAGUE TOTAL	923,363	422	2,188	805,512	2,787	117,851	(599)	
<i>The Northern Colorado ballpark was not ready for 2022. The team played at the University of Northern Colorado, and at a local ballfield. Their announced attendance of 3,004 in 40 dates, an average of 75 per date, is not included in the league's totals.</i>								
PECOS BASEBALL LEAGUE - Attendance is estimated by the league, and does not include 'no-shows'								
Alpine Cowboys	8,964	27	332	7,420	265	1,544	67	1947
Austin Weirdos	2,912	26	112	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Bakersfield Train Robbers	9,599	29	331	9,000	250	599	81	1941
Colorado Springs Snow Sox	217	7	31	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Garden City (KS) Wind	24,609	39	631	8,800	275	15,809	356	1936
Martinez Sturgeon	17,723	37	479	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Monterey (CA) Amerjacks	3,075	25	123	8,896	278	(5,821)	(155)	
Roswell Invaders	6,468	28	231	5,000	200	1,468	31	1939
San Rafael Pacifics	14,256	36	396	17,334	433	(3,078)	(37)	1950
Santa Cruz Seaweed	1,632	17	96	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Santa Rosa Scuba Divers	1,580	20	79	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Santa Fe Fuego	11,637	27	431	11,730	345	(93)	86	1947
Trinidad Triggers	5,365	29	185	5,075	175	290	10	1960
Tucson Saguaros	7,794	18	433	5,190	173	2,604	260	
Wasco Reserve (Road Team)				5,950	175	(5,950)	(175)	
Weimar Hormigas	1,040	16	65	-----	-----	-----	-----	
LEAGUE TOTAL	116,871	381	307	84,395	264	32,476	43	
<i>Wasco played its home games (no attendance) in Bakersfield.</i>								

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<u>UNITED SHORE BASEBALL LEAGUE</u> - League Estimated Attendance				<i>All games in Utica, MI</i>				
Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers								
East Side Diamond Hoppers								
Utica Unicorns								
Westside Woolly Mammoths								
LEAGUE TOTAL	251,100	81	3,100	258,720	3,450	(7,620)	(350)	2016
<u>EMPIRE PRO LEAGUE</u>								
Saranac Lake (NY) Surge	N/A	15		N/A		-----		1984
Plattsburgh (NY) Thunderbirds	N/A	17		N/A		-----		2003
Tupper Lake Riverpigs	N/A	28		N/A		-----		
Japan Islanders (Road Team)	N/A	5						
LEAGUE TOTAL	N/A	65		N/A				
<u>MAVERICKS LEAGUE</u> - All games in Keiser, OR								
Campeños de Salem-Keiser								
Portland Mavericks								
Salem Senators								
Salem-Keiser (OR) Volcanoes								
LEAGUE TOTAL	86,202	96	898	80,833	2,127	5,369	(1,229)	1997
2021 INDEPENDENT TOTAL	9,590,620	3,684	2,603	10,689,857	3,168	(1,099,237)	(565)	
2021 ALL MINOR LEAGUES	40,511,342	11,546	3,509	44,429,967	4,021	(3,918,625)		

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE - By League - 2019 vs. 2018

NAPBL AFFILIATED LEAGUES	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>				<u>AVERAGE PER DATE</u>		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	Change-2019 <u>#</u>	vs. 2018 <u>%</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u># Change</u> <u>2019 vs. 2018</u>
International	6,445,838	6,460,116	(14,278)	(0.22)	6,887	6,902	(15)
Pacific Coast	7,054,538	6,921,810	132,728	1.92	6,532	6,368	164
AAA Total	13,500,376	13,381,926	118,450	0.89	6,697	6,615	82
Mexican	4,618,131	3,771,803	846,328	22.44	5,058	4,376	682
Eastern	3,749,124	3,767,671	(18,547)	(0.49)	4,764	4,793	(29)
Southern	2,242,303	2,261,834	(19,531)	(0.86)	3,439	3,401	38
Texas	2,791,180	2,677,297	113,883	4.25	5,131	4,949	182
AA Total	8,782,607	8,706,802	75,805	0.87	4,429	4,371	58
California	1,280,811	1,341,157	(60,346)	(4.50)	2,342	2,399	(57)
Carolina	2,018,496	1,901,228	117,268	6.17	3,139	2,916	223
Florida State	935,187	1,027,261	(92,074)	(8.96)	1,255	1,346	(91)
Midwest	3,824,807	3,937,721	(112,914)	(2.87)	3,612	3,711	(99)
South Atlantic	2,978,718	2,907,297	71,421	2.46	3,176	3,285	(109)
Full Season A Total	11,038,019	11,114,664	(76,645)	(0.69)	2,807	2,835	(28)
New York - Penn	1,316,873	1,391,016	(74,143)	(5.33)	2,644	2,733	(89)
Northwest	1,115,614	1,089,930	25,684	2.36	3,670	3,597	73
Appalachian	411,189	389,859	21,330	5.47	1,254	1,242	12
Pioneer	721,268	604,337	116,931	19.35	2,504	2,070	434
Short Season Total	3,564,944	3,475,142	89,802	2.58	2,514	2,451	63
NAPBL TOTAL	41,504,077	40,450,337	1,053,740	2.61	4,044	3,960	84
<u>INDEPENDENT LEAGUES</u>							
American Association	1,775,249	1,891,794	(116,545)	(6.16)	3,082	3,251	(169)
Atlantic	1,940,590	1,849,845	90,745	4.91	3,648	3,894	(246)
Can-Am	565,936	599,519	(33,583)	(5.60)	1,986	2,019	(33)
Frontier	1,028,721	1,194,851	(166,130)	(13.90)	2,266	2,233	33
United Shore	258,720	255,000	3,720	1.46	3,450	3,400	50
Pecos Baseball	76,058	66,344	9,714	14.64	217	197	20
Pacific Association	45,239	62,000	(16,761)	(27.03)	285	259	26
Empire Professional			-----	-----			-----
Independent Total	5,690,513	5,919,353	(228,840)	(3.87)	2,341	2,330	11
GRAND TOTAL	47,194,590	46,369,690	824,900	1.78	3,718	3,635	83

Sources: Minor League Baseball (NAPBL), Independent Leagues

MLB-AFFILIATED TOTAL ATTENDANCE, # OF TEAMS, AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER TEAM – SINCE 1946

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

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

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

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

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

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

Year	MLB Affiliated Full-Season Teams Attend.	Number Full-Sea. Teams	Average Attendance per Team	Year	MLB Affiliated Full-Season Teams Attend.	Number Full Sea. Teams	Average Attendance per Team	Average Att. Per Date
1963	7,612,882	112	67,972	1993	25,000,168	115	217,393	3,387
1964	7,184,010	102	70,431	1994	27,646,782	116	238,334	3,645
1965	6,902,424	96	71,900	1995	27,738,500	116	239,125	3,627
1966	6,496,849	93	69,859	1996	27,876,672	116	240,316	3,635
1967	6,311,765	86	73,393	1997	28,567,929	116	246,275	3,745
1968	6,500,445	86	75,587	1998	29,121,131	118	246,789	3,663
1969	6,426,154	87	73,864	1999	29,126,859	120	242,724	3,630
1970	7,677,106	90	85,301	2000	30,945,391	120	257,878	3,883
1971	7,858,990	90	87,322	2001	31,977,682	120	266,481	3,982
1972	7,695,543	90	85,506	2002	31,868,349	120	265,570	3,958
1973	7,092,134	88	80,592	2003	32,466,417	120	270,553	4,126
1974	6,683,283	86	77,713	2004	33,131,201	120	276,093	4,149
1975	6,629,819	82	80,851	2005	34,414,112	120	286,784	4,260
1976	6,751,187	80	84,390	2006	34,277,338	120	285,644	4,256
1977	7,957,753	82	97,046	2007	35,150,730	120	292,923	4,355
1978	8,417,169	89	94,575	2008	35,447,963	120	295,400	4,368
1979	9,761,330	90	108,459	2009	34,838,849	120	290,324	4,342
1980	11,331,714	95	119,281	2010	35,062,403	120	292,187	4,298
1981	12,316,024	96	128,292	2011	34,299,698	120	285,831	4,237
1982	13,729,020	102	134,598	2012	33,894,415	120	282,453	4,168
1983	14,381,025	100	143,810	2013	34,205,705	120	285,048	4,260
1984	13,614,779	102	133,478	2014	34,928,570	120	291,071	4,323
1985	14,270,558	103	139,907	2015	35,067,534	120	292,229	4,328
1986	14,751,291	104	141,839	2016	33,862,556	120	282,188	4,188
1987	15,948,128	108	147,668	2017	34,325,071	120	286,042	4,306
1988	17,444,104	110	158,583	2018	33,203,392	120	276,695	4,184
1989	18,982,379	110	172,567	2019	33,321,002	120	277,675	4,201
1990	20,148,150	110	183,165	2020	0	120	0	0
1991	21,716,617	112	193,898	2021	22,089,014	120	184,075	3,242
1992	22,265,115	112	198,796	2022	30,920,722	120	257,673	3,933

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

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

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

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

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

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

- J The 178 Collegiate Summer League teams with **2022** reported attendance drew 5,402,435, an average of 1,178 per date. The Northwoods League had the highest announced league total (1,160,821). The 6-team MLB-Draft League, made up of former MLB-affiliated pro Minor League teams, had the highest average per date (2,839).
- J Madison, WI of the Northwoods League, had the **2022** top total (199,785), and the best average per date (5,550), among all Summer Collegiate teams. Trenton of the MLB-Draft League drew 195,610, averaging 5,016 per date. Savannah, which has a very unique and entertaining way of presenting its games, sold out every game as usual, averaging 4,256 per date. In **2021**, the 173 teams that reported attendance drew 3,981,808, an average of 959 per date. Frederick of the MLB Draft League had the top total (125,378), and average per date (4,179). In **2019**, 164 teams reported attendance and drew 3,998,646, an average of 1,003 per date. Madison (218,866 / 6,080 per date) was the leader.

2022 SUMMER COLLEGIATE TEAMS THAT PLAYED IN THE MINOR LEAGUES IN 2019

24 teams that played in professional Minor Leagues in 2019 joined Summer Collegiate leagues in 2021. All these teams also played in these leagues in 2022. 6 teams played in the MLB Draft League in 2021 and 2022. The Appalachian League became an MLB-Partner Summer Collegiate League in 2021, and all its 2019 teams continued to play there in 2021 and 2022. In 2019, 22 of these teams were in MLB-affiliated leagues, and 2 were independent teams.

- J **MLB Draft League** – 6 teams. This was the 2nd year for this league. It is sort of a combination of Summer Collegiate League for the first part of the season, and pro Minor League in the latter part of the year. Frederick came from the Class A Carolina League, Trenton played in the Class AA Eastern League, and State College, Mahoning Valley OH, West Virginia (Morgantown), and Williamsport, had all been in the New York-Penn League in **2019**.
- J Attendance was only available from 4 teams in **2021**. Trenton played most of their season at a local college field, with no admission charged, because the Buffalo Bisons were playing at the park in Trenton. The Thunder did play the 2021 season's final week in Trenton.
- J In **2022**, the league drew 647,109, averaging 2,838 per date, with 12 lost dates. The 4 teams that reported attendance in both **2022 and 2021** drew a combined 412,267, up 87,678 (27.0%). Average per date for these 4 teams was 2,730 in **2022**, up 25 (0.9%). All 4 teams had increases in total attendance, and 2 teams were up in average per date. Frederick posted the best total attendance gain, and Williamsport had the highest average per date increase. Mahoning Valley had the biggest average per date decline. The league played a longer schedule in 2022 than in 2021, and the 4 teams with reported attendance in both years played an additional 31 dates in 2022.
- J Trenton led the league in **2022**, drawing 195,610, averaging 5,016 per date. This was the 2nd best total and average per date figure among all Summer Collegiate teams. If Trenton were in an MLB-affiliated league, its 2022 average per date would have ranked 34th among the 120 teams there. If the Thunder were an independent pro team, their 2022 total would have been 13th best among the 81 teams, and 6th best among the 63 U.S./Canadian teams. Trenton would have had the 7th best average per date among all independent teams, and the 2nd best among those teams in the U.S. and Canada.
- J In **2021**, the Frederick Keys led all Summer Collegiate teams in total attendance (125,378), and in average per date (4,179), based on data from Ballparkdigest.com. This average per date would have ranked as the 30th best in average per date among the 120 MLB-affiliated teams, 2nd best (to Dayton) among the 60 Class A teams, and 3rd best (behind Tijuana and Monterrey, Mexico) among the 67 independent teams with reported attendance.
- J For **2022 vs. 2019**, the 6 MLB Draft League teams had a total attendance loss of 302,071 (31.8%), and an average per date decline of 704 (19.9%), with 40 fewer dates. All teams had lower total attendance in 2022 than in 2019. Trenton and Frederick had the largest total declines, as expected, since those teams were in full-season leagues in 2019, playing a much longer schedule. Frederick had the league's only **2022 vs. 2019** average per date gain, and West Virginia had the biggest average per date loss.
- J Frederick had led the 30 MLB-affiliated High-A teams in attendance in 7 of 8 years from 2012 through 2019. Since 1991, they topped 300,000 in attendance in 16 seasons, and drew over 250,000 each year from 1990 through 2019.

2022 SUMMER COLLEGIATE TEAMS THAT PLAYED IN THE MINOR LEAGUES IN 2019

-) **Appalachian League** – 10 teams, all of whom played in the Rookie class Appalachian League in 2019. All of the 2019 teams played in their same markets in 2021 and 2022, but all were given new team names.
-) The league drew 335,917 in **2022**, averaging 1,297 per date, with 30 lost dates. The total was up 3,832 (1.2%) from 2021. Average per date declined by 58 (4.3%). There were 14 more dates in 2022. 5 teams had gains in total attendance and average per date, with Kingsport posting the largest increases. Pulaski had the biggest declines. Johnson City led the league in both total attendance and average per date.
-) The **2022** total attendance was down 75,272 (18.3%) **vs. 2019**, but average per date was up 43 (3.4%), with 69 fewer dates, as the league now has a shorter schedule. 4 teams had gains in total attendance **vs. 2019**, and 5 were up in average per date. Kingsport had the highest increases, and Pulaski suffered the worst declines.
-) In **2021**, the league's average per date was 1,355, the highest Appalachian League average per date since 1994. That **2021** average per date was up 101 from the **2019** season. In **2019**, the Appalachian League drew 411,189, with a 1,254 average per date, the league's best attendance since 1994.
-) In **2019**, Pulaski drew 95,897, with a 2,821 average per date. That was the highest attendance for any team in this league since it began playing a short-season schedule in 1957.
-) **Other 2019 Professional Teams Now in Collegiate Summer Leagues** – 8 teams. Burlington, IA and Clinton went from the Midwest League to the Prospect League, as did O'Fallon from the Frontier League. Auburn and Batavia of the New York-Penn League moved to the Perfect Game League. The Futures Collegiate League took Norwich and Burlington, VT from The New York Penn League, and New Britain from the Atlantic League.
-) These 8 teams drew an announced 375,079 in **2022**, averaging 1,660 per date. Total attendance was up 92,923 (32.9%), and average per date rose 290 (21.2%), with 20 more dates. 7 teams had gains **vs. 2021** in both total attendance and average per date, led by Clinton, IA. Auburn is excluded from the 7 teams just noted because they only listed 3 dates with attendance in **2021**, though they probably had more.
-) Compared to **2019**, when these 8 teams played much longer schedules in professional Minor Leagues, the **2022** total was down 245,741 (39.6%), and the average per date fell 39 (2.4%). There were 143 fewer dates in 2022 than in 2019. As a result of having a shorter season in 2022, all 8 teams had declines in total attendance. But 3 of them had increases in average per date, led by Clinton.
-) Jackson, TN, a former Southern League city, joins the Prospect League in 2023.

2022 COLLEGIATE SUMMER TEAMS THAT WERE MLB-AFFILIATED IN 2019

2022 vs. 2021 ATTENDANCE

LEAGUE AND TEAM	2022 TOTAL ATTEND.	# OF HOME DATES	2022 AVG./ DATE	2021 TOTAL ATTEND.	2021 AVG./ DATE	# CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2022 v. 2021	# CHG. AVG. '22 v. '21	YEAR PARK OPENED
MLB DRAFT LEAGUE								
Frederick Keys	154,771	35	4,422	125,378	4,179	29,393	243	1990
Mahoning Valley Scrappers	87,441	40	2,186	68,440	2,360	19,001	(174)	1999
State College Spikes	111,617	39	2,862	92,447	2,982	19,170	(120)	2006
Trenton Thunder	195,610	39	5,016	N.A.				1994
West Virginia Black Bears	39,232	38	1,032	N.A.				2015
Williamsport Croisscutters	58,438	37	1,579	38,324	1,277	20,114	302	1923
LEAGUE TOTAL	647,109	228	2,838	324,589	2,705	322,520	133	
APPALACHIAN LEAGUE								
Bluefield (WV) Ridge Runners	15,228	23	662	16,484	717	(1,256)	(55)	1939
Bristol (VA) State Lines	12,440	23	541	22,561	1,187	(10,121)	(646)	1969
Burlington (NC) Sock Puppets	50,765	29	1,751	44,911	1,663	5,854	88	1960
Danville (VA) Otterbots	32,450	27	1,202	25,737	990	6,713	212	1993
Elizabethton (TN) River Riders	24,760	27	917	22,070	849	2,690	68	1974
Greeneville (TN) Flyboys	43,656	28	1,559	33,611	1,344	10,045	215	2004
Johnson City (TN) Doughboys	56,866	27	2,106	59,200	2,277	(2,334)	(171)	1956
Kingsport (TN) Axmen	43,109	25	1,724	25,819	1,229	17,290	495	1995
Princeton (WV) Whistle Pigs	16,446	24	685	17,184	687	(738)	(2)	1988
Pulaski River Turtles	40,197	26	1,546	64,508	2,389	(24,311)	(843)	1935
LEAGUE TOTAL	335,917	259	1,297	332,085	1,355	3,832	(58)	
PROSPECT LEAGUE								
Burlington (IA) Bees	29,320	29	1,011	25,080	896	4,240	115	1947
Clinton Lumberkings	76,402	29	2,635	62,872	2,329	13,530	306	1937
O'Fallon, MO (River City) - Indy	28,146	25	1,126	24,925	997	3,221	129	1999
PERFECT GAME LEAGUE								
Auburn (NY) Doubledays	32,429	24	1,351	N.A.				1995
Batavia Muckdogs	41,357	23	1,798	40,888	1,778	469	20	1996
FUTURES COLLEGIATE LEAGUE								
Norwich (CT) Sea Unicorns	43,737	32	1,367	28,507	838	15,230	529	1995
Vermont Lake Monsters	72,635	35	2,075	63,104	1,706	9,531	369	1922
New Britain Bees	51,053	30	1,702	31,509	1,087	19,544	615	1996

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE - FOR MLB-AFFILIATED PRO MINOR LEAGUERS

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Glendale Desert Dogs	3,400	15	227	4,850	323	(1,450)	(96)	2009
Mesa Solar Sox	4,423	15	295	8,010	534	(3,587)	(239)	2014
Peoria Javelinas	4,817	15	321	5,394	360	(577)	(39)	1994
Salt River Rafter	7,262	15	484	13,728	915	(6,466)	(431)	2011
Scottsdale Scorpions	7,358	15	491	7,114	474	244	17	1992
Surprise Saguros	6,273	14	448	6,562	437	(289)	11	2011
LEAGUE TOTAL	33,533	89	377	45,658	507	(12,125)	(130)	

2022 COLLEGIATE SUMMER TEAMS THAT WERE MLB-AFFILIATED IN 2019

2022 vs. 2019 ATTENDANCE

LEAGUE AND TEAM	2022 TOTAL ATTEND.	# OF HOME DATES	2022 AVG./ DATE	2019 TOTAL ATTEND.	2019 AVG./ DATE	# CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2022 v. 2019	# CHG. AVG. '22 v. '19	YEAR PARK OPENED
MLB DRAFT LEAGUE								
Frederick Keys	154,771	35	4,422	263,528	4,392	(108,757)	30	1990
Mahoning Valley Scrappers	87,441	40	2,186	98,833	2,745	(11,392)	(559)	1999
State College Spikes	111,617	39	2,862	119,120	3,219	(7,503)	(357)	2006
Trenton Thunder	195,610	39	5,016	340,705	5,242	(145,095)	(226)	1994
West Virginia Black Bears	39,232	38	1,032	62,846	1,699	(23,614)	(667)	2015
Williamsport Croisscutters	58,438	37	1,579	64,148	1,944	(5,710)	(365)	1923
LEAGUE TOTAL	647,109	228	2,838	949,180	3,542	(302,071)	(704)	
APPALACHIAN LEAGUE								
Bluefield (WV) Ridge Runners	15,228	23	662	20,909	674	(5,681)	(12)	1939
Bristol (VA) State Lines	12,440	23	541	18,750	586	(6,310)	(45)	1969
Burlington (NC) Sock Puppets	50,765	29	1,751	40,142	1,216	10,623	535	1960
Danville (VA) Otterbots	32,450	27	1,202	30,007	909	2,443	293	1993
Elizabethton (TN) River Riders	24,760	27	917	27,569	811	(2,809)	106	1974
Greeneville (TN) Flyboys	43,656	28	1,559	43,617	1,322	39	237	2004
Johnson City (TN) Doughboys	56,866	27	2,106	80,612	2,519	(23,746)	(413)	1956
Kingsport (TN) Axmen	43,109	25	1,724	29,553	896	13,556	828	1995
Princeton (WV) Whistle Pigs	16,446	24	685	24,133	731	(7,687)	(46)	1988
Pulaski River Turtles	40,197	26	1,546	95,897	2,821	(55,700)	(1,275)	1935
LEAGUE TOTAL	335,917	259	1,297	411,189	1,254	(75,272)	43	
PROSPECT LEAGUE								
Burlington (IA) Bees	29,320	29	1,011	67,369	1,053	(38,049)	(42)	1947
Clinton Lumberkings	76,402	29	2,635	121,325	1,838	(44,923)	797	1937
O'Fallon, MO (River City) - Indy	28,146	25	1,126	66,832	1,714	(38,686)	(588)	1999
PERFECT GAME LEAGUE								
Auburn (NY) Doubledays	32,429	24	1,351	39,381	1,158	(6,952)	193	1995
Batavia Muckdogs	41,357	23	1,798	43,118	1,166	(1,761)	632	1996
FUTURES COLLEGIATE LEAGUE								
Norwich (CT) Sea Unicorns	43,737	32	1,367	66,532	1,901	(22,795)	(534)	1995
Vermont Lake Monsters	72,635	35	2,075	83,122	2,247	(10,487)	(172)	1922
New Britain Bees	51,053	30	1,702	133,141	2,113	(82,088)	(411)	1996

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Mesa Solar Sox	4,423	15	295	11,468	675	(7,045)	(380)	2014
Peoria Javelinas	4,817	15	321	4,768	397	49	(76)	1994
Salt River Rafter	7,262	15	484	10,029	627	(2,767)	(143)	2011
Scottsdale Scorpions	7,358	15	491	8,405	600	(1,047)	(109)	1992
Surprise Saguros	6,273	14	448	5,717	381	556	67	2011
LEAGUE TOTAL	33,533	89	377	45,158	507	(11,625)	(130)	

2022 SUMMER COLLEGIATE LEAGUES WITH LISTED ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>TOTAL # TEAMS</u>	<u># TEAMS LISTING ATTEND.</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>TEAMS W. ATT. # DATES</u>	<u>AVERAGE ATTEND. PER DATE</u>	<u>LEAGUE ATTEND. LEADER</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># DATES</u>	<u>AVERAGE ATTEND. PER DATE</u>
Alaska	5	1	5,205	19	274	Matsu	5,205	19	274
Appalachian	10	10	335,917	259	1,297	Johnson City	56,866	27	2,106
Atlantic Collegiate	15	1	1,070	13	82	Jersey	1,070	13	82
Cal Ripken Collegiate	7	7	45,985	118	390	Takoma	21,852	15	1,457
California Collegiate	11	1	15,745	32	492	Lincoln	15,745	32	492
Cape Cod	10	10	329,209	210	1,568	Chatham	53,725	21	2,558
Coastal Plain	14	14	513,393	372	1,380	Savannah	102,133	24	4,256
Florida Collegiate	6	1	8,062	16	504	Leesburg	8,062	16	504
Futures Collegiate	8	8	339,251	245	1,385	Vermont	72,635	35	2,075
Golden State	7	0							
Great Lakes Summer	13	9	48,421	159	305	Southern Ohio	13,796	18	766
Great West									
Independence	10	9	128,363	254	505	Western Nebraska	26,762	30	892
M.I.N.K.	9	5	82,911	113	734	St. Joseph	69,586	29	2,400
MLB Draft *	6	6	647,247	228	2,839	Trenton	195,610	39	5,016
New England Collegiate	14	14	257,952	295	874	Newport	51,608	22	2,346
New York Collegiate	10	4	15,642	70	223	Olean	6,800	17	400
Northern	6	1	2,975	25	119	Northwest Indiana	2,975	25	119
Northwoods	22	21	1,160,821	753	1,542	Madison	199,785	36	5,550
Perfect Game	16	7	162,869	148	1,100	Elmira	62,578	22	2,844
Prospect	16	16	465,947	441	1,057	Clinton	76,402	29	2,546
Southern California									
Texas Collegiate	5	0							
Valley Baseball	11	6	27,860	109	256	Charlottesville	11,757	18	653
West Coast Collegiate	16	16	543,459	415	1,310	Portland	72,273	24	3,011
Western Canadian	11	11	264,131	294	898	Okotoks	113,825	27	4,216
TOTAL	258	178	5,402,435	4,588	1,178	Madison	199,785	36	5,550

Sources: League Websites, Ballpark Digest