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2023 ATTENDANCE

SEASON-IN-REVIEW

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

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2023 MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE SEASON-IN-REVIEW

This report is a review of **2023 Minor League Baseball** attendance highlights. It includes league and team attendance figures in the pages that follow the notes sections. The **2023 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 2023 Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis should be posted on numbertamer.com by late February, 2024. The 2023 complete Major League Baseball Attendance Analysis should be ready by May, 2024. Full analyses for each season from 2009 through 2022, are available on the respective 'Major League Baseball' and 'Minor League Baseball' pages of numbertamer.com. An updated version of the 2022 Major League Attendance Analysis, showing updated 2022 and 2023 attendance data in sports besides baseball, was posted in November, 2023. It will be updated again, with 2023 attendance from numerous sports and leagues, in February, 2024.

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

ATTENDANCE AUDIT BY MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Figures in these reports for Major League Baseball, the MLB-affiliated Minor Leagues, and the Mexican 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 2023 Major League Baseball Attendance Analysis and the 2023 Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis, when those reports are issued.

HOW THE REPORTING AND ANALYSIS OF 2021 BASEBALL ATTENDANCE WAS DIFFERENT FROM ATTENDANCE REPORTS OF OTHER SEASONS

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 or 2023. Triple-A teams played 150 games, Double-A had 138 games, 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.

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

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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.

WHAT'S MISSING FROM THE 2023 MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE ANALYSIS

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

Attendance is still missing is from 10 home dates of the New Jersey Jackals of the Frontier League, from 2 dates of the Kansas City Monarchs of the American Association, and from the Mavericks and Empire Leagues. The United Shore Baseball League estimated that its 2023 attendance was the same as in 2022, with exact numbers to be issued in the future. For now, this report will list 2023 attendance for those leagues as the same as in 2022, until those leagues provide 2023 data. The Empire League has never reported attendance.

As for New Jersey and Kansas City, the average per date for games with reported attendance was applied to those dates with missing attendance. New Jersey had an average per date of 909 for 40 dates with listed attendance. That 909 figure was applied to the 10 games where attendance was not reported. For Kansas City, their reported average of 1,818 per date was applied to the 2 dates with missing attendance. It is not a perfect formula to determine total attendance for a team, but it is better than listing nothing for those dates.

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

“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 49 table, and is in the 2023 professional baseball attendance table on Page 40. 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 **2023**. The same leagues also operated in 2022. 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. Some leagues were unable to survive even one full season.

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

In 2023, 2022, and 2021, the 9 independent leagues that operated are the American Association, Atlantic League, Mexican League, Frontier League, Pioneer Baseball League, Pecos Baseball League, Empire Baseball League, United Shore Baseball League (all games in Utica, MI), and the Mavericks League (all games in 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. 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 from 2022 through 2024). 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 2021-2024 International League now includes some former PCL teams. Most former Triple-A Pacific Coast League teams remain there. In Double-A, nearly all Eastern, Southern, and Texas League teams are in the same leagues in 2021-2024 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 2023 Minor League Baseball leagues and teams that charge admission to their games. This listing also includes each team's 2023 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2022-2023 INDEPENDENT PRO LEAGUES – INCLUDES MLB PARTNER LEAGUES**MEXICAN LEAGUE – (90 games - April 21 – August 6 in 2023, 94 games April 12 – August 1 in 2024)**

Equipo (Team)	Equipo (Team)
Rieleros de Aguascalientes (Railroadmen)	Saraperos de Santillo (Sarape Makers)
Algodoneros de Union Laguna (Cotton Makers)	Olmecas de Tabasco (Olmecs)
Bravos de Leon (Braves)	Toros de Tijuana (Bulls)
Diablos Rojos de la Ciudad de Mexico (Red Devils)	Tecolotes de Dos Laredos (Owls of the Two Laredos)
Acereros de Monclova (Steelers)	Piratas de Campeche (Pirates)
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 –10 Teams 126 games (April 28 – Sept. 17) in 2023, April 25 – Sept. 15 in 2024.

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

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

2021-2023 INDEPENDENT PRO LEAGUES – INCLUDES MLB PARTNER LEAGUES

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

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

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

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

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

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
Alpine Cowboys	Pecos	North Platte (NE) 80's	New in 2024
Austin Weirdos (2022)	New team in 2022	Pecos, (TX) Bills	New in 2024
Bakersfield Train Robbers	Pecos	Roswell Invaders	Pecos
Blackwell, OK Flycatchers	New in 2023	San Rafael Pacifics	Pacific Assn.
Colorado Springs Snow Sox	Out in 2023	Santa Cruz Seaweed	New team in 2021
Garden City (KS) Wind	Pecos	Santa Fe Fuego	Pecos
Lancaster, CA Sound Breakers	New-2023,out-2024	Santa Rosa Scuba Divers	New team in 2022
Martinez Sturgeon	Pacific Assn. (2018)	Trinidad Triggers	Pecos
Marysville Drakes	New in 2023	Tucson Saguaros	Pecos
Monterey (CA) Amberjacks	Pecos-out in 2024	Wasco Reserve	Pecos–Out in 2023
		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 scheduled in 2023 (May 19 – Sept. 2),
56 dates scheduled in 2024 (May 17 – August 31)**

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

2021-2023 INDEPENDENT PRO LEAGUES – INCLUDES MLB PARTNER LEAGUES**PIONEER LEAGUE – 10 teams, 96 games (May 23 – Sept. 9 in 2023, and May 21 – Sept. 8 in 2024)**

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

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

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

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

Team	2019 League	Team	2019 League
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, (June 1 – Sept. 2) in 2023, (June 4 – July 31) in 2024**

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

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

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

2019 MLB AFFILIATED TEAMS NOT IN MLB AFFILIATED LEAGUES IN 2021-2023

2019 Team	2019 League	2023 League	2019 Team	2019 League	2023 League
Trenton Thunder	Eastern	MLB Draft	Jackson, TN Generals	Southern	Prospect
Mahoning Valley (OH) Scrappers	New York-Penn	MLB Draft	West Virginia Black Bears (Morgantown)	New York-Penn	MLB Draft
Williamsport Crosscutters	New York-Penn	MLB Draft	Staten Island Yankees	New York-Penn	None in 2021 Atlantic in 2022
Lancaster JetHawks	California	None	Kane County (IL) Cougars	Midwest	American Assn.
Frederick Keys	Carolina	MLB Draft	Bluefield Blue Jays	Appalachian	Appalachian
(Port) Charlotte Stone Crabs	Florida State	None	Bristol Pirates	Appalachian	Appalachian
Florida Fire Frogs	Florida State	None	Burlington (NC) Royals	Appalachian	Appalachian
Burlington (IA) Bees	Midwest	Prospect	Danville Braves	Appalachian	Appalachian
Clinton Lumberkings	Midwest	Prospect	Elizabethton Twins	Appalachian	Appalachian
Hagerstown Suns	South Atlantic	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
Southern Illinois Miners	Frontier	Prospect			

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

MINOR LEAGUE SCHEDULING IN RECENT SEASONS

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

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

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

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

The table below shows the number of Monday-Friday (excluding holidays) day games scheduled by the 120 U.S. full-season Major League-affiliated teams, each year from 2016 through 2023. 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
2023	120	106	409	47	35	154
2022	120	99	353	49	31	97
2021	120	46	122	40	18	44
2020	118	112	517	29	25	80
2019	120	111	548	36	32	105
2018	120	112	503	37	31	90
2017	120	113	517	38	31	98
2016	119	114	488	38	31	93

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

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

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

Other Schedule Notes

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

Among the 2021 independent leagues, the Mexican League played a shortened 66-game schedule in 2021, compared to 120 games in 2019, when they were an NAPBL League. The Atlantic League had a 120-game schedule in 2021, down from 140 games in 2019. The Frontier League had 96-game schedule in both 2021 and 2019. The Can-Am League, which merged into the Frontier League in 2020, played a 100-game schedule in 2019. American Association schedules were the same length, 100 games, in both 2021 and 2019. The Pioneer League had a 96-game 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.

2022 Attendance vs. 2021 Attendance – shown in the 2022 Number Tamer reports, but not in the 2023 reports

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.

The 2022 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 or 2023 Attendance vs. 2019 Attendance – noted occasionally in 2023 Minor League reports, commonly in 2022

Due to the 2021 reorganization of the Minor Leagues, **2022 or 2023 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 or 2023 vs. 2019 league comparisons in these reports are **2022 or 2023 attendance vs. what the league's 2022 or 2023 members drew in 2019, regardless of which league they played in for the 2019 season.** To be consistent, this same type of comparison was also made for the independent leagues. However, the overview of each league's attendance had a note mentioning what that league, **in the way it was made up in 2019**, drew that year.

2022 vs. 2019 individual team comparisons had more value, and were often noted in the 2022 reports. 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 are 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 played 150 games, from March 31 through September 24. Double-A teams played 138 games, from April 6 through September 17. High-A and Single-A teams played 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 the 2022 reports, there were 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. The 2022 reports can be found on the 'Major League' and 'Minor League' pages of numbertamer.com. A similar **2023 vs. 2019** table is not being published in the reports this year, but is available for free, upon request.

2023 MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**2023 Minor League Season MLB-affiliated League and Team Attendance**

-) **In 2023, 90 of the 120 MLB-affiliated Minor League teams had increases in total attendance vs. 2022, and 91 of those teams had growth in average per date. It was the largest percentage of 'same market' teams showing attendance increases in decades (certainly since at least 1970, and probably ever). The significance of this achievement is that it was done with a smaller group of teams. The last time at least 90 teams had gains was in 2007, when 114 of 171 NAPBL 'same market' teams, including Mexican League teams, did it. That year 104 of 158 (65.8%) U.S./Canadian MLB-affiliated teams (excludes the Mexican League) showed gains in total attendance. In 1991, 99 of the 148 (66.9%) U.S./Canadian MLB-affiliated teams posted increases, the highest percentage of teams achieving gains between 1970 and 2019.**
-) Since 1970, the other seasons with at least 90 'same market' U.S./Canadian MLB-affiliated teams with total attendance gains vs. the previous year were: 1993 – 90 of 140 teams (64.3%); 1991 – 99 of 148 teams (66.9%); 1990 – 96 of 148 teams (64.9%). In 1987, 66.7% (88 of 132) 'same market' teams achieved increases. The term 'same market' team only includes teams that played in the same market in the two seasons being compared. It does include teams that moved into a new ballpark in their same market.
-) The 120 Major League affiliated Minor League teams had a total **2023** attendance of 32,152,384. That total was up 1,231,662 (4.0%) from **2022**. There were 10 more dates in **2023** compared to 2022. 406 dates were lost in **2023**, vs. 408 lost dates in **2022**, 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 4,084 in **2023**, up 151 (3.8%) vs. **2022**. Average per team in **2023** was 267,937, up 10,264 (4.0%) vs. **2022**. All 2023 MLB-affiliated Minor League teams played in the same markets as in 2022 and 2021.
-) **The 4.0% increase in total attendance for 2023 vs. 2022 is good. But what makes it even more impressive is that it was accomplished without any team relocations or new ballparks. Teams moving to new markets or new ballparks have accounted for much of Minor League Baseball's yearly attendance growth over the past 4 decades. Since 2000, and until 2023, the largest yearly percentage increase in total attendance among MLB-affiliated teams playing in the same market and ballpark in the 2 years being compared, was 1.1% for 2007 vs. 2006. (These figures include the now independent Mexican and Pioneer Leagues, and the short-season leagues, through 2019.) The last time U.S./Canadian 'same market-same ballpark' teams had a combined gains of at least 4% was in 1991, when they had a 4.6% increase. In 1990, these types of teams had a 6.3% gain.**
-) **Each of the 11 leagues had a 2023 vs. 2022 increase in both total attendance and average per date.** The Midwest League posted the top total attendance growth, up 283,618 (10.3%). The Eastern League had the highest average per date gain, up 323 (7.3%). The Texas, Midwest, and South Atlantic Leagues, also were up at least 200 in average per date.
-) **Lehigh Valley (Allentown, PA) had the highest 2023 total attendance (567,322) and average per date (7,990) among the MLB-affiliates**, followed in total attendance by Columbus, OH (557,131), Nashville (556,962), and Indianapolis (556,775). 9 teams surpassed 500,000 in total attendance, and 22 teams drew over 400,000.
-) Following Lehigh Valley in average per date were High-A Dayton (7,885), Columbus (7,847), Indianapolis (7,842), Nashville (7,736), and Worcester (7,424). 8 teams averaged over 7,000 per date, 20 teams topped 6,000, and 36 teams reached 5,000 per date.
-) Wichita had the best numerical and percentage increases for **2023 vs. 2002** of any MLB-affiliated team, with total attendance up 102,109 (46.3%), and average per date up 1,335 (39.9%). Dayton, who sold out every game again, had the 2nd best numerical gain (76,087), followed by Binghamton (60,232), and Bowie (59,990). Best increases in average per date following Wichita were by Binghamton (817), Bowie (815), and Norfolk (791).
-) Besides Wichita, the highest percentage increases in **2023 vs. 2022** total attendance and average per date were posted by Binghamton (41.1%-total, 34.6%-average per date), and Bowie (34.4%-total, 30.4%-average per date).
-) 13 teams had total attendance increases of at least 30,000, and 14 teams had 400+ gains in average per date. On a percent basis, 24 teams were up at least 10% in total attendance, with 19 teams up 10%+ in average per date.

2023 Minor League Season MLB-affiliated League and Team Attendance

- J Only 30 MLB-affiliated teams had declines in **2023 vs. 2022** total attendance, and only 29 had average per date losses. New Hampshire had the largest dip, down 45,705, mainly due to 11 lost dates, and 7 fewer dates played than in 2022. Charlotte, down 32,649, had the only other loss of more than 30,000. Just 5 teams suffered declines of at least 16,000. Fayetteville, down 488, and Charlotte, down 447, were the only teams with average per date declines of more than 264.
- J On a percentage loss basis, New Hampshire (16.2%), and Jupiter (15.8%) had the highest declines in total attendance. Only 5 teams sustained total attendance losses of at least 10%. In average per date, Fayetteville, down 14.1%, and Modesto, down 11.9%, had the only declines greater than 10%.
- J The 120 Major League Baseball affiliated Minor League teams drew a total regular season attendance 30,920,722 in **2022**, averaging 3,933 per date, and 257,673 per team. They drew 22,089,014 in **2021**, with 6,814 dates with fans in attendance. Average per date with fans in attendance was 3,242. Average per team was 184,075. Many early season games were played with stadium capacity restrictions.
- J 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.
- J Comparing **2023** 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 2023 total attendance was down 1,587,726 (4.7%), and their average per date fell 312 (7.1%).
- J The **2019** U.S. MLB-affiliated, 120 full-season teams, **that year**, drew a total of 33,321,002 in 2019, averaging 4,201 per date. In **2023**, the 120 full-season MLB-affiliated teams (not all were full-season teams in 2019), had a decline of 1,168,618 (3.5%) in total attendance from the full-season 2019 teams, and average per date dipped 117 (2.8%).
- J 117 of the 120 teams of **2023** played in the same markets in **2023 as in 2019**. This includes Fredericksburg, who played at nearby Potomac (Woodbridge, VA) in 2019. 38 of these teams had increases in **2023 vs. 2019** total attendance, and 38 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).
- J Kannapolis, who moved into a new park in 2021, had the biggest numerical and percentage increases in total attendance for **2023 vs. 2019**, up 119,569 (157.5%), and average per date, up 1,922 (169.6%). The top numerical losses were by Round Rock, down 186,378 in total attendance, and 2,981 in average per date.
- J **The Dayton Dragons sold out every game again in 2023. Dayton has now sold out 1,507 straight regular season dates since the team began play in 2000. This streak, which excludes 2021, is the longest sellout streak ever for a North American sports team.**
- J The largest 2023 crowd among MLB-affiliated teams was 15,851 in Buffalo.

2023 Minor League Season Independent League and Team Attendance

- J As noted earlier, the United Shore League estimated that their 2023 attendance was the same as in 2022, and the Mavericks League did not provide data (despite numerous requests). The Empire League has never reported attendance. In addition, attendance was missing for 2 games from the Kansas City Monarchs, and for 10 games from the New Jersey Jackals. Each of those teams was credited with their average per date figure for games with reported attendance for their missing games. Not a perfect solution, but better than listing attendance for those games as zero, or not including those games in the number of dates played.
- J The 82 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, and Northern Colorado of the Pioneer League is excluded.) drew an estimated 10,157,323 in **2023**, up 566,703 (5.9%) from **2022**. Average per date was 2,761 in **2023**, up 148 (5.7%) from **2022**. There were 3,679 independent league dates played in 2023, 9 more than in 2022.
- J There were 134 lost dates among the 5 top independent leagues in **2023**, 149 in **2022**, 164 in **2021**, and 126 in **2019**.

2023 Minor League Season Independent League and Team Attendance

- J Each of the 6 independent leagues with reported attendance had a **2023 vs. 2022** gain in average per date. The Atlantic League had the only total attendance decline, but that was due to playing 24 fewer dates in 2023 than in 2022. **The Mexican League had the biggest increase in total attendance, up 476,779 (13.4%), and in average per date, up 563 (11.9%), to a league record-high (since at least 1992) 5,304.**
- J Among the 77 independent teams playing in the same market in **2023 and 2022**, 46 had gains in total attendance, 30 had declines, and for now, the United Shore League estimated the same attendance for both years. 46 teams were also up in average per date, 28 were down, and 3 (includes the United Shore and Mavericks Leagues, who hopefully, will provide updates in the near future), had the same average for both years.
- J **Los Leones (Lions) de Yucatan had the top 2023 total attendance among the independent teams (506,765), and their average per date of 10,558, was the best among all Minor League teams. Yucatan's total was the highest ever by a modern independent league team.** Other total attendance leaders were los Diablos Rojos de la Ciudad de Mexico (Mexico City Red Devils), who drew 451,884, and los Toros de Tijuana (Bulls), who drew 418,462. The Long Island Ducks had the top independent total (297,745) among U.S./Canadian teams. Mexican League teams had 11 of the 18 highest independent total attendance figures.
- J **Following Yucatan's 10,558 in average per date, were Mexico City (10,509), Tijuana (9,299), and los Sultanes (Sultans) de Monterrey (8,438). These 4 teams had a higher average per date than all MLB-affiliated teams.** 13 of the 18 independent teams with the highest 2023 average per date play in the Mexican League. Kane County (5,571) and Long Island (4,652), posted the top average per date figures among U.S./Canadian teams.
- J The largest numerical attendance increases were by Mexico City, up 207,039 (84.6%) in total attendance, and up 4,066 (63.1%) in average per date. Among U.S./Canadian teams, Quebec, up 36,502 (28.0%), had the best numerical total gain, and York, up 629 (23.7%) had the highest average per date increase. On a percentage basis, Tabasco had the best growth, up 130.5% in total attendance, and up 112.3% in average per date. Quebec's 28.0% gain in average per date was tops among U.S./Canadian teams. 9 of the 10 best total attendance percentage increases were by Mexican League teams, as were 8 of the top 10 average per date percentage gains.
- J Campeche, down 107,396 (61.7%) in total attendance, and down 2,796 (62.6%) in average per date, had the biggest decline among independent teams. The 57,586 decline in total attendance, and 840 average per date dip in average per date, by Lexington, KY, were the largest among U.S./Canadian teams.
- J **The largest crowd of the season in all of Minor League Baseball was 18,842 in Mexico City.**
- J 69 teams in independent leagues in **2023** played professional Minor League baseball in **2019**. 27 of those teams had **2023 vs. 2019** increases in total attendance, and 24 teams were up in average per date. The Mexican and Pioneer Leagues, which had been MLB-affiliated leagues in 2019, are included in this group.

2023 Combined MLB-Affiliated and Independent League Attendance

- J Combined Major League-affiliated and independent leagues regular season attendance in **2023** was an estimated 42,309,707 in 11,551 dates, an average of 3,663 per date.
- J **2023** combined total attendance rose 1,798,365 (4.4%), and average per date increased by 150 (4.3%) **vs. 2022**, with 19 more dates. 136 teams had gains in total attendance, and 60 had declines, and one had the same total. 136 teams posted average per date increases, 58 had declines, and 3 teams had the same average per date in both seasons. 540 dates were lost in 2023 among the leagues that report daily attendance. There were 557 combined lost dates in 2022, and 667 combined lost dates in 2021, compared to 546 in 2019.
- J Teams that were in professional Minor Leagues in **2019**, but played in Summer Collegiate leagues in 2021, 2022, and 2023, played around 600 dates with fans in attendance in 2021, 713 dates in 2022, and 682 dates in 2023.

2023 MLB-affiliated and Independent League Post-Season Attendance

- J All leagues had playoffs in 2023. The MLB-affiliated leagues drew 227,582 for 70 playoff dates, an average of 3,251 per date. The largest playoff crowd was 8,556 at Las Vegas for the Triple-A Championship Game. Largest crowd at a home playoff game was 8,120 in Norfolk.
- J While the Mexican League continued to play a shorter regular season than prior to **2021**, they had their usual playoff format, and those games drew very well. The 73 Mexican League playoff dates drew 693,528, averaging 9,500 per date. 29 of these games drew over 10,000, with 3 of them topping 15,000. Mexico City had the largest crowd (20,062), and they averaged 16,457 for their 6 playoff dates.
- J The 125 independent league playoff games (from the Mexican, Atlantic, Pioneer, and Frontier Leagues, and the American Association) drew 807,397, averaging 6,459 per date. The 4 U.S./Canadian Independent Leagues drew 113,869 in 52 dates, an average of 2,190 per date. Lancaster (4,956) had the largest crowd among this group of leagues. Combined MLB-affiliated and independent league **2023 playoff attendance** was 1,034,979 in 195 dates, averaging 5,308 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, and None in 2023

- J Worcester replaced Pawtucket in 2021. Most games at new Polar Park drew near-capacity, or sellout crowds. In **2022**, the Woosox drew a City of Worcester record-high of 532,152 in total attendance, and 7,290 in average per date. This was the 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**. In **2023**, Worcester drew 519,651 in total attendance, which ranked 7th among MLB-affiliated teams, and 7,424 per date, which was 6th best.
- 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. The Cannon Ballers set new record-highs in both total attendance (195,500), and average per date (3,055) in 2023.**
- 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**. Attendance rose in **2023** to a total of 267,400, and an average per date of 4,178.
- 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. **Wichita drew 322,637, averaging 4,676, in 2023, and had the biggest increase in both total attendance and average per date for 2023 vs. 2022 among MLB-affiliated teams.**
- 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. In **2023**, Rocket City drew 314,306, and averaged 4,911 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. The Sky Carp set another total attendance record-high in **2023** (104,411), and they averaged 1,606 per date.
- J Gastonia got a new Atlantic League independent team in 2021, and a new park. But attendance fell in **2023**.
- J Glacier (Kalispell, Montana), a 2022 Pioneer League expansion team, had the only park that opened in **2022**. The Range Riders had a 21.0% increase in total attendance and average per date. The average per date percentage gain was the 3rd best among U.S./Canadian independent teams.
- J According to Ballparkdigest.com, new ballparks are expected to be completed for the Northern Colorado Owlz of the Pioneer League, and Hagerstown, a new Atlantic League team, in **2024**. New ballparks may open in **2025** for Tennessee (Knoxville), Hillsboro, Salt Lake, Richmond, and in Spartanburg, SC for a relocated Carolina League team.

2023 League and Team Attendance Leaders

- J The Triple-A International League had the most teams (20), the most dates played (1,420), the highest total attendance (8,609,245) and average per team (430,462), and the top average per date (6,063) of any league. The 10-team Pacific Coast League averaged 423,538 per team and 5,762 per date.
- J In Double-A the Eastern League posted the best total (3,706,509), average per team (308,876), and average per date (4,722). The Texas League was close behind averaging 301,607 per team, and 4,468 per date.
- J The Midwest League had the top High-A total (3,039,726), average per team (253,311), and average per date (3,984).
- J Best drawing Single-A league was the Carolina (2,378,278 total, 198,190 average per team, 3,171 average per date).
- J In the independent leagues, the Mexican League (18 teams), had the top total (4,041,303), best average per team (224,517), and highest average per date (a league record-high since at least 1991- 5,304). The American Association drew 1,555,057, averaging 129,588, and 2,667 per date, to lead the U.S./Canadian independent leagues.
- J Among MLB-affiliated teams, Lehigh Valley – Allentown, PA had the **2023** highest total attendance (567,322), followed by Columbus, OH (557,131), Nashville (556,962), Indianapolis (556,775), Albuquerque (521,521), and High-A Dayton (520,433). 9 teams drew over 500,000, with 22 teams topping 400,000, and 44 teams above 300,000.
- J In **2023** average per date, Lehigh Valley was the top draw (7,990), followed by Dayton (7,885), Columbus (7,847), Indianapolis (7,842), Nashville (7,736), and Worcester (7,424). 8 teams averaged over 7,000 per date, 20 teams topped 6,000, and 36 teams drew an average of better than 5,000 per date.
- J In **2022**, High-A Dayton led the MLB-affiliated leagues in average per date (7,935). (The last Class A team to lead Minor League Baseball in total attendance was Denver in 1952, but Toronto had a higher average per date that year.) Average per date for 1952 Denver is not available.
- J For the independent teams, Yucatan had the highest **2023** total attendance (506,765), followed by Mexico City (451,884), Tijuana (418,462), and Monterrey (371,262). Long Island (297,745) had the highest total among U.S./Canadian independent teams. Yucatan had the top average per date (10,558), which was the best in all of Minor League Baseball in **2023**, followed in the independent leagues by Mexico City (10,509), Tijuana (9,299), and Monterrey (8,438). Kane County, IL (5,571) had the highest average per date among U.S./Canadian teams.

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

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

Largest 2023 Crowds

-) The largest Triple-A and MLB-affiliated league **2023** single game attendance was 15,851 in Buffalo, followed closely by a crowd of 15,817 in Albuquerque. Frisco had the biggest crowd in Double-A (12,045), Lansing's 11,521 crowd was tops in High-A, and Fresno drew a Single-A best crowd of 11,076. Among the independent leagues, Mexico City of the Mexican League, drew the largest crowd for any regular season game in 2023 (18,842), and for a playoff game (20,062). The biggest crowds in each of the other independent leagues that reported daily attendance were: Kane County (American Association-10,181); Southern Maryland (Atlantic-8,176); Schaumburg (Frontier-7,914); and Rocky Mountain-Colorado Springs (Pioneer-6,134).

Record Highs for Total Attendance, Average per Date, and Single Game Attendance, set in 2023

-) 16 teams, and the Pioneer and Pecos Leagues, set new record-highs in total attendance in **2023**. 24 teams and the Pecos and Mexican Leagues had all-time highs in average per date. At least 18 teams had their biggest-ever single game crowds.
-) **In their 3rd 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 960,775, breaking a mark set in 2022.** This total does not include 27,581 drawn by Northern Colorado, whose new park was not ready, and so had to play in a small park. The Pioneer League is not counting Northern Colorado's attendance in their official 2023 attendance.
-) **The Pecos Baseball League drew an estimated league record-high total of 130,635, and a league record-high average per date of 324.** Most of this league's teams play in very small ballparks. The Pecos League has operated for 13 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.
-) Wichita, Myrtle Beach, Fredericksburg, and Kannapolis set new record-highs in both total attendance and average per date in 2023. Independent teams with the same accomplishment were Glacier, Northern Colorado, and Chicago, and Bakersfield and Lancaster, CA had their highest totals and average as independent teams. Lancaster had the highest total and average ever by a Pecos League team. (Bakersfield and Lancaster drew higher figures when they were in the MLB-affiliated California League.)
-) Single game record-highs were set by Wichita, Myrtle Beach, Charlotte, Hartford, Altoona, Erie, Amarillo, and Winston-Salem, plus independent league teams Glacier, Northern Colorado, Schaumburg, Sugar Land, and Lincoln, in 2023. 5 other teams tied their record-high, sellout, single-game attendance. It is possible that some other independent teams also drew single-game record-high crowds.

ATTENTION INDEPENDENT LEAGUE TEAMS:

The Number Tamer Minor League Attendance Analysis is missing single game record high attendance figures for 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 2023

The following MLB-affiliated teams set or tied their team attendance records in **2023** in season total attendance, average per date, or for a single game. Some teams set a single-game record in 2023, 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	
Wichita	322,637	Wichita	4,676	Wichita	10,442
Myrtle Beach	268,600	Myrtle Beach	4,197	Myrtle Beach	6,600
Tacoma	384,498	Asheville	3,001	Charlotte	10,990
Beloit	104,411	Augusta, GA	4,195	Lehigh Valley, PA	10,100-T
Hillsboro	158,723	Worcester	7,424	Worcester	9,508-T
Spokane	249,012	Hartford	6,293	Hartford	7,587
Tri-City, WA	120,444	Visalia	1,913	Altoona	10,164
Fredericksburg	267,400	Fredericksburg	4,178	Erie	7,070
Kannapolis	195,500	Kannapolis	3,055	Portland, ME	7,368-T
Everett	140,937			Pensacola	5,038-T
				Rocket City, AL	7,500-T
				Amarillo	7,588
		Winston Salem	4,686	Winston-Salem	10,200
Glacier	100,661	Glacier	2,097	Glacier	3,079
Northern Colorado	27,581	Northern Colorado	641	Northern Colorado	1,657
Quebec	166,916	Lake Country, WI	1,936	Schaumburg	7,914
Chicago Dogs	206,258	Chicago Dogs	4,125	Sugar Land, TX	9,814
Bakersfield	11,022	Bakersfield	334	Lincoln	8,298
Lancaster, CA	32,580	Lancaster, CA	1,810		
		Milwaukee	1,741		
		Leon	4,605		
		Mexico City	10,509		
		Quintana Roo	4,836		
		Tabasco	4,953		
		Veracruz	4,858		
		Yucatan	10,558		
		Santa Fe	448		
Pioneer League	960,775	Mexican League	5,304		
Pecos League	130,635	Pecos League	324		

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

Largest Single-Game Crowds (based on available data)

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

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

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

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

NOTE TO MINOR LEAGUE TEAM PERSONNEL: If your team set a single-game record high in 2023, 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.

Numerical Attendance Increases - 2023 vs. 2022

- J These MLB-affiliated teams had the biggest numerical gains in total attendance: Wichita (102,109); Dayton (76,087); Binghamton, NY (60,232); Bowie (59,900); Norfolk (46,137); Wilmington, DE (37,446); Corpus Christi (36,995).
- J The MLB-affiliated teams with the best numerical gains in average attendance per date: Wichita (1,335); Binghamton (817); Bowie (815); Norfolk (791); Delmarva (666); Lake County, OH (643); Harrisburg (617); Wilmington, DE (573).
- J Among the independent leagues, the highest total attendance numerical gains were by: Mexico City (207,039); Tabasco (106,552); Yucatan (66,600); Union Laguna (59,435); Saltillo (50,508); Quebec (36,502); Charleston, WV (26,738). Mexican League teams had 11 of the 14 biggest gains in total attendance among the independent league teams, including the 5 biggest.
- J Top independent league average per date numerical growth: Mexico City (4,066); Tabasco (2,620); Saltillo (1,515); Puebla (1,188); Veracruz (1,172); Union Laguna (1,133); Yucatan (776); York (629); Leon (596); Lancaster, PA (565); Oaxaca (522); Kane County (503). Mexican League teams had 10 of the 14 biggest gains, including the top 7.

Percentage Attendance Increases – 2023 vs. 2022

Percentage gains and losses rankings exclude Pecos League teams, since relatively minor changes in their total attendance and average per date figures, result in distortedly high percentage changes. Most of their teams play in very small ballparks.

- J MLB-affiliated teams with the top percentage gains in total attendance: Wichita (46.3%); Binghamton (41.1%); Bowie (34.4%); Wilmington, DE (31.5%); Dunedin (27.9%); Fort Myers (25.2%); Tampa (24.7%); Delmarva (22.6%).
- J MLB-affiliated top percentage gains in average per date: Wichita (39.9%); Binghamton (34.6%); Bowie (30.4%); Wilmington, DE (29.4%); Dunedin (27.9%); Delmarva (26.7%); Bradenton (23.7%); Lake County (22.4%).
- J Independent best total attendance percentage gains: Tabasco (130.5%); Mexico City (84.6%); Guadalajara (34.8%); Oaxaca (33.6%); Union Laguna (29.6%); Quebec (28.0%). U.S. teams with the best gains were Charleston, WV (22.4%) and Sioux Falls, SD (21.1%). Mexican League teams had 9 of the top 17 increases.
- J Best independent average per date percentage growth: Tabasco (112.3%); Mexico City (63.1%); Puebla (36.3%); Veracruz (31.8%); Oaxaca (30.5%); Ottawa (26.6%). Best among U.S. teams were York (23.7%) and Glacier-Kalispell, MT (21.0%). Mexican League teams had 7 of the top 9 gains.

Numerical Attendance Declines – 2023 vs. 2022

- J The MLB-affiliated teams with biggest numerical total attendance declines were: New Hampshire (45,705); Charlotte (32,469); Fayetteville, NC (27,275); Louisville (27,195); Amarillo (23,589); Vancouver (15,819).
- J MLB-affiliated teams with the largest average per date decreases were: Fayetteville (488); Charlotte (447); New Hampshire (263); Tulsa (260); Vancouver (259); Louisville (219).
- J For the independent leagues, the largest total attendance decreases were by: Campeche (107,386); Lexington (57,586); Tijuana (35,499); Joliet (23,087); Evansville (19,955); del Norte-Monclova (19,428).
- J The biggest independent average per date declines were by: Campeche (2,796); Lexington (840); Tijuana (789); Joliet (453); Evansville (449); Dos Laredos (423).

Percentage Attendance Declines - 2023 vs. 2022

- J MLB-affiliated teams with the largest percentage declines in total attendance were: New Hampshire (16.2%); Jupiter (15.8%); Fayetteville, NC (12.7%); Modesto (11.9%); Palm Beach (10.3%); Lake Elsinore (8.3%).
- J MLB-affiliated teams with the worst percentage losses in average per date were: Fayetteville (14.1%); Modesto (11.9%); Palm Beach (8.0%); Jupiter (7.1%); Charlotte (6.1%); New Hampshire (6.1%).
- J Independent 'same market' teams with the biggest total attendance percentage decreases were: Campeche (61.7%); Lexington, KY (38.3%); Kansas City, KS (17.1%); Joliet (16.7%); Evansville (16.3%); Gastonia (14.8%).
- J 'Same market' independent teams with the worst percentage losses in average per date were: Campeche (62.6%); Lexington (35.2%); Evansville (18.0%); Gastonia (17.5%); Joliet (16.7%); Kansas City, KS (13.7%).

An Excel worksheet with complete top to bottom rankings of MLB-affiliated teams, and independent teams, in the categories of total attendance, average per date is available. It includes **2023 vs. 2022** changes ranked by team from the highest increase to the largest decline in total attendance and average per date, by both numerical and percentage change. If you'd like a copy, please contact David Kronheim (d.kronheim@verizon.net or at 718-380-3851 or 718-591-2043) and it will be e-mailed to you, of course, for free.

2023 Lost Dates due to Weather

- 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.' Almost never in the MLB-affiliated leagues, and rarely in the independent leagues, are postponed games made up as part of a separate-admission doubleheader. There were many Covid postponements in 2021, but only a handful in 2022, and likely none in 2023.
- J There were 406 lost dates among the 120 MLB-affiliated teams in 2023, 2 fewer than in 2022. Independent league teams from the American Association, and the Frontier, Atlantic, Pioneer, and Mexican Leagues, had a combined 134 lost dates, 15 fewer than in 2022. The combined 11 MLB-affiliated leagues, and the 5 independent leagues noted, had a combined 540 lost dates in 2023, 17 fewer than 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, 2022, and 2023 with no fans in the park. They will do that again in 2024. In this report, these games count as 'lost dates.' In 2023, Jupiter had 26 lost dates, and 8 were weather postponements. The rest were played without fans. Palm Beach had 28 lost dates, 5 of which were weather postponements. Due to construction at Roger Dean Stadium, many Jupiter and Palm Beach home games in the latter weeks of the 2023 season were played in West Palm Beach.
- J Eugene of the Northwest League had to play a 6-game homestand at Tri-Cities (Pasco, WA) because the University of Oregon, who they share their ballpark with, needed the park for NCAA College Baseball post-season games
- J Other MLB-affiliated teams with a high number of **2023** postponements include: New Hampshire and Lake County, OH (11 each), Syracuse (8), Buffalo and Jacksonville (7 each), Jersey Shore, Scranton-Wilkes Barre, Carolina, Delmarva, Tampa (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 and Puebla (7 each); Aguascalientes (6), Campeche, Spire City-Frederick, MD, Lancaster, PA, Trois Rivieres (5 each).
- J Blessed with good weather and no **2023** postponements, were 15 teams from the MLB-affiliated leagues (El Paso, Sacramento, Midland, Wichita, Pensacola, Dayton (they had 10 postponements in 2022), Quad Cities, Hillsboro, Fresno, Tri-Cities WA, Modesto, San Jose, Rancho Cucamonga, Stockton, Visalia), and 11 independent teams from the 5 best drawing leagues (Yucatan, Tijuana, Chicago, Cleburne, Sioux Falls SD, Florence KY, Schaumburg, Windy City, Quebec, Glacier, Grand Junction).
- J 14 MLB-affiliated teams, and 20 independent teams from the 5 best drawing leagues, had only one lost date each.

MLB-Affiliated League 2023 Attendance Summaries

-) **Triple-A** – The 30 Triple-A teams drew a combined 12,844,626 in **2023**, averaging 428,154 per team and 5,960 per date, with 95 lost dates. They had 17 fewer dates in **2023 than in 2022**. These same teams drew 12,641,390 in **2022**, averaging 421,380 per team, and 5,820 per date, with 78 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, with 78 lost dates. Due to a longer schedule in 2023, they had 154 more dates in **2023 than in 2019**. **The 30 teams that played in Triple-A in 2019** drew 13,500,376, averaging 6,697 per date that year.
-) **2023 vs. 2022** Triple-A total attendance was up 203,236 (1.6%), and average per date rose 140 (2.4%). 20 teams had gains in total attendance, and 23 were up in average per date. 9 teams had more dates in 2023 than in 2022.
-) For **2023 vs. 2019**, total attendance for the 30 teams in Triple-A in 2023, fell 777,195 (5.7%), and average per date was down 848 (12.5%). 8 of the 29 'same market' teams had increases in total attendance (excludes Worcester, who played in Pawtucket in 2019), and 6 teams had gains in average per date.
-) **International League** – 20 teams. The league consists of all 14 teams from the 2019 International League, plus Iowa, Memphis, Nashville, and Omaha, from the Pacific Coast League, Jacksonville, from the Double-A Southern League, and St. Paul, who played in the independent American Association in 2019.
-) This league has the most teams of any league, and it drew the highest attendance of any league in **2023**. Total **2023** attendance was 8,609,245, averaging 430,462 per team, and 6,063 per date. The league had 80 lost dates, and played 18 fewer dates than in **2022**. 5 teams (Nashville, Lehigh Valley, Indianapolis, Columbus, Worcester) drew over 500,000, and 8 other teams from this league topped 400,000. The league had the top 4, and 12 of the top 17, MLB-affiliated teams in total attendance, and 13 of the 22 MLB-affiliated teams with the highest average per date. 6 teams averaged at least 7,000 per date, and 6 other teams averaged better than 6,000.
-) **Lehigh Valley drew 567,322, the best total of any Minor League team in 2023, and averaged 7,990 per date, the best average per date among all MLB-affiliated teams.**
-) For **2023 vs. 2022**, total attendance was up 117,857 (1.4%), and average per date rose 158 (2.7%). 13 teams had gains in total attendance, and 15 teams were up in average per date. Norfolk had the largest gains (46,137 in total, 791 in average per date). Buffalo, Columbus, Indianapolis, Lehigh Valley, and Toledo also had 20,000+ increases in total attendance. Both Durham and Indianapolis had average per date growth of better than 400.
-) Charlotte had the league's largest declines, with total attendance down 32,649, and average per date dipping by 447. Louisville was down 27,195 in total attendance and down 219 in average per date.
-) Buffalo had the largest crowd (15,851) of 2023 among all MLB-affiliated teams.
-) **In 2019, the 14-team International League** drew 6,445,838, and averaged 6,887 per date.
-) For **2023 vs. 2019**, no matter where each of the 2023 International League teams played in 2019, total attendance fell 282,475 (3.2%), and average per date was down 699 (10.3%). There were 105 more dates played in 2023.
-) 5 'same market' teams (excludes Worcester) had gains in total attendance for **2023 vs. 2019**, while 14 were down. St. Paul had the biggest gain, up 65,948, mainly due to playing 22 more dates in 2023 than the Saints played in 2019, when they were in the independent American Association. Norfolk's total was up 61,343, and they had the top average per date gain (491). The biggest decline was by Memphis in total attendance, down 96,055, and in average per date, down 1,792.
-) Worcester's **2023** total attendance was 188,641 higher, and their average per date was up 2,170, from what they drew in Pawtucket in **2019**. **They drew a team-record-high average per date of 7,424 in 2023.**

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-) **Pacific Coast League** – 10 teams. 9 of the teams in this league played in the Triple-A Pacific Coast League in 2019. Sugar Land was in the independent Atlantic League.
-) Total **2023** attendance was 4,235,152, up 85,150 (2.1%) from **2022**. Average per team was 423,515. Average per date rose 108 (1.9%) to 5,762. There was one more date in **2023 than in 2022**, and 15 dates were lost. 7 teams had gains in total attendance, led by Reno, up 36,847. 8 teams had average per date gains, topped by Salt Lake, up 286. The declines were small. Las Vegas dipped 12,174 in total attendance and 71 in average per date.
-) Albuquerque led the league with 521,521 in total attendance, which was the 5th highest among MLB-affiliated teams in **2023**, followed closely by El Paso and Las Vegas, who also topped 500,000. Albuquerque had the best average per date in the league (7,048), and the largest crowd of the year (15,817). **Tacoma drew a team record-high 384,498**.
-) Round Rock and Salt Lake City also topped 400,000 in total attendance, and El Paso, Las Vegas, and Salt Lake also averaged better than 6,000 per date. Sugar Land was the only team that didn't average at least 5,000 per date.
-) Compared to **2019**, when this league's **2022** teams drew 4,730,101, averaging 6,895 per date, total **2023** attendance was down 494,720 (10.5%) and average per date dipped 1,133 (16.4%), with 49 more dates in 2023, as Triple-A had a longer schedule. Reno and Tacoma had **2023 vs. 2019** gains in total attendance and average per date, and Salt Lake had an increase in total attendance. Round Rock had the largest **2023 vs. 2019** declines in total attendance (186,378) and average per date (2,981) among all MLB-affiliated teams. Sacramento and Las Vegas had the 2nd and 3rd worst declines among MLB-affiliates in each of these categories.
-) 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 8,598,442 in **2023**, averaging 286,615 per team, and 4,330 per date, with 84 lost dates, and 5 more dates played. 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 Double-A in 2019** drew 8,782,607, an average of 4,429 per date.
-) **2023** Double-A total attendance was up 434,248 (5.3%) **from 2022**, and average per date grew by 208 (5.1%). 24 teams had increases in total attendance, and 22 teams had gains in average per date.
-) For **2023 vs. 2019**, for these same 30 teams, total attendance fell 279,158 (3.1%), and average per date declined 129 (2.9%), with 5 fewer dates. 9 'same market' teams had gains in total attendance, with 19 down, while 11 teams rose in average per date. 'Same market' teams exclude Rocket City (Mobile in 2019), and Wichita (New Orleans in 2019).
-) **Texas League** – 10 teams. Made up of all 8 of the 2019 Texas League teams, plus San Antonio, who played in the Pacific Coast League in 2019, and Wichita, also from the PCL, but who played in New Orleans in 2019.
-) The league drew a **2023** total of 3,016,072, with just 15 lost dates, averaging 301,607 per team, and 4,468 per date. The total was up 161,987 (5.7%) from **2022**, and average per date rose 202 (4.7%), with 6 more dates. The largest crowd of 2023 was 12,045 in Frisco.
-) **Wichita had the best numerical and percentage gains among all MLB-affiliated teams, up 102,109 (46.3%) in total attendance, and up 1,335 (39.9%) in average per date. They also drew team record-highs in total attendance (322,637) and average per date (4,676).** Biggest loss was by Amarillo in total attendance, down 23,589, with 3 fewer dates than in 2022. Tulsa, down 260, had the largest average per date decline. Tulsa had the top total (356,002), just ahead of Amarillo (355,440) and Frisco (347,758). Amarillo led in average per date (5,385), followed by Tulsa (5,235), and Frisco (5,190).
-) For **2023 vs. 2019**, same team total attendance fell 300,684 (9.1%), and average per date was down 431 (8.8%), with 2 fewer dates. All 9 'same market' teams had declines in total attendance and only Arkansas had an average per date gain. Largest decreases were by Frisco (total down 108,007, and average per date down 1,612). Wichita was up 134,545 in total attendance, and up 1,737 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** – 12 teams. 11 of the teams were in the Eastern League in 2019. Somerset played in the independent Atlantic League that year.
-) The league drew 3,706,509 in **2023**, averaging 308,876 per team, and 4,722 per date. These figures are the highest among the Double-A leagues. There were 43 lost dates, and 4 fewer dates played than in **2022**. Richmond had the top total attendance (428,541) and average per date (6,396) among all Double-A teams. **Hartford set a record high in average per date (6,293)**, and topped 400,000. Portland, ME also drew over 400,000 in total attendance, and 6,000 in average per date. Reading, and Somerset drew over 350,000 in total attendance and above 5,100 per date. The league's largest crowd of 2023 was 10,164 in Altoona.
-) Teams in the **2019 Eastern League** drew 3,749,124, and averaged 4,764 per date.
-) Looking at **2023 vs. 2022**, total attendance was up an MLB-affiliated league 2nd best 236,031 (6.8%), and average per date rose an MLB-affiliated league best 323 (7.3%). 11 teams were up in total attendance, and 10 achieved average per date gains. Binghamton had the league's top increases, up an MLB-affiliated 3rd best 60,232 (41.1%) in total attendance, and up an MLB-affiliated 2nd best 817 (34.6%) in average per date. Bowie's total attendance growth of 59,990 (34.4%) in total ranked 4th best, and their average per date gain of 815 ranked 3rd among MLB-affiliated teams. New Hampshire, down 45,705 (16.2%), had the top total attendance decline of any MLB-affiliated team. That was mainly due to 11 lost dates, and 7 fewer dates played than in 2022. Their average per date fell 263 (6.1%).
-) **2023 vs. 2019** figures show a 46,551 (1.2%) dip in total attendance, and a 35 (0.7%) decrease in average per date, with 4 fewer dates in 2023. 6 of the 12 teams had gains **vs. 2019** in total attendance, and 7 were up in average per date. Portland, up 46,310 in total attendance and up 444 in average per date, had the best growth. Akron, down 74,249 in total attendance, and 1,048 in average per date, had the worst losses.
-) **Southern League** – 8 teams, all of whom played in the Southern League in 2019.
-) **2023** total attendance was 1,875,861, averaging 234,483 per team, and 3,566 per date, with 26 lost dates. Rocket City (Madison, AL) had the league's best attendance, with a 314,306 total and a 4,911 average per date. Pensacola and Tennessee also topped 290,000 in total attendance, and averaged above 4,200 per date. Largest crowd of the season was 8,038 in Birmingham.
-) Compared to **2022**, the **2023** total was up 36,230 (2.0%), and average per date rose by 49 (1.4%), with 3 more dates. 6 teams were up in both total attendance and average per date. Chattanooga had the league's top total attendance increase, up 15,255. Tennessee's 219 gain was the league's best in average per date. Birmingham had the worst total loss (13,689 with 2 fewer dates), and Rocket City had the biggest decline in average per date (120).
-) The 10-team **2019 Southern League** drew 2,242,303, and averaged 3,439 per date.
-) In **2021**, the Rocket City (Madison, AL) Trash Pandas, who moved from Mobile, and had a great first season, in both marketing and attendance. They led the league in total attendance (274,858), and led all of Double-A in average per date (5,726), despite 12 lost dates. Their **2021** total was up 179,771, and the average per date rose 4,141, **from 2019 in Mobile**. According to Ballparkdigest.com, the Trash Pandas had \$1.4 million in merchandise sales before ever playing a game in Madison.
-) For **2023 vs. 2019**, Southern League total attendance rose 68,077 (3.8%), average per date was up 123 (3.6%), with one more date. But this increase was due to the relocation of the Mobile team to Rocket City. The **2023** Trash Pandas had a 219,219 increase in total attendance, and a 3,326 average per date gain, **vs. 2019 Mobile**. Exclude Rocket City, and **the 7 'same market' teams** drew 1,561,555 in **2023**, down 151,142 (8.8%) **from 2019**, with a 3,380 average per date in **2023**, down 303 (8.2%), **from 2019**.
-) 3 'same market' teams had **2023 vs. 2019** growth in total attendance and average per date. Among this group of teams, Tennessee had the top total gain, up 14,895, and the best average per date increase, up 229. Birmingham suffered a league-high total attendance loss of 126,475, and an average per date decline of 1,587.

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-) **High-A** – The 30 teams in this group drew a total of 6,522,330 in **2023**, averaging 217,411 per team, and 3,458 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 **2023 vs. 2019** total attendance declines.
-) **2023** High-A total attendance was up 455,172 (7.5%) **from 2022**. Average per date rose 207 (6.4%), with 20 more dates. 26 teams were up in total attendance **vs. 2022**, with Dayton, up 76,087, playing 10 more dates, having the best gain. 25 teams had average per date increases, led by a 643 gain by Lake County, OH. Vancouver had the largest declines, down 15,819 in total attendance, and 259 in average per date. Top crowd was 11,521 in Lansing.
-) For **2023 vs. 2019**, the 30 teams in High-A in 2023 had a combined decline of 28,020 (0.4%) in total attendance, and a 339 (8.9%) dip in average per date, with 161 more dates played by these teams in **2023 than in 2019**. 9 teams were in short-season leagues in 2019. 15 teams had total attendance gains and 13 were up in average per date.
-) **Midwest League** – 12 teams. All of these teams played in the Midwest League in 2019.
-) Drew 3,039,726 in **2023**, averaging 253,311 per team, and 3,984 per date, which were the highest figures by any Class A league. There were 29 lost dates. Lansing had the highest single game attendance – 11,521.
-) **2023 vs. 2022** total attendance rose an MLB-affiliated league best 283,618 (10.3%), and average per date was up 259 (7.0%), with 23 more dates. All 12 teams had gains in total attendance, led by Dayton, up an MLB-affiliated 2nd best 76,087, as they had 10 more dates than in 2022. 9 teams were up in average per date, led by Lake County, whose 643 increase was 6th highest among MLB-affiliated teams. Cedar Rapids, Peoria, and South Bend also had 300+ average per date gains. Dayton had the largest average per date loss, but it was only (a rounded off) 49. **Beloit set a new team record-high in total attendance (104,411).**
-) For the 17th straight year, Dayton had the highest attendance of any team below Triple-A, drawing an MLB-affiliated 6th best 2023 total of 520,433. They averaged 7,885 per date, 2nd highest among the MLB-affiliates. In 2022, the Dragons led all MLB-affiliated teams with a 7,935 average per date. This may have been the first time a Class A team led the Minor Leagues in average per date. Class-A Denver had the highest Minor League total attendance in 1952, but Triple-A Toronto had a higher average per date. Through 2019, Dayton had 20 of the 21 top season attendance totals by a Class A team. West Michigan had the other Top 21 total.
-) **Dayton holds the record for the longest consecutive sellout streak in North American sports.** It was 1,385 regular season dates from the team's inception in 2000 **through the 2019 season**. The Dragons started the **2021** season with a greatly reduced allowable capacity in their ballpark. They did draw at least 6,000 to 33 dates. Their final **2021** Game Notes didn't mention sellouts, so it can be assumed that they didn't sell out every game in **2021**. But it really wouldn't be fair to end such a great streak under circumstances mostly beyond the team's control. They sold out all 2022 dates. **In 2023, all 66 Dayton home dates drew above their park's seating capacity, an amazing feat, especially considering they had no rainouts, and thus didn't have any redeemed rainchecks to add to their daily attendance. The sellout streak through 2023 is at 1,507, again excluding 2021.** Every date in Dayton drew over 7,000 in **2023**, with 20 dates attracting more than 8,000.
-) Dayton, Fort Wayne, South Bend, and West Michigan drew over 300,000. Lansing missed that mark by just 551. West Michigan and Fort Wayne, along with Dayton, topped 5,000 per date.
-) The same 12 teams that played in this league in both **2023 and 2019** 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 **2023 vs. 2019**, total attendance fell 55,205 (1.8%). But average per date rose 101 (2.6%), with 34 fewer dates. 5 teams were up in total attendance, and 9 had average per date growth. The best gains were by Beloit, up 31,211 in total attendance, and by Lake County, up 428, and Beloit, up 425, in average per date. Peoria had the largest declines vs. 2019, with a 40,336 decrease in total attendance, and a 448 dip in average per date.

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-) **South Atlantic League** – 12 teams. Asheville, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Jersey Shore (Lakewood), and Rome, were in the South Atlantic League in 2019. Wilmington, DE and Winston-Salem played in the Carolina League in 2019. Bowling Green, KY was in the Midwest League, and Aberdeen, Brooklyn, and Hudson Valley played in the short-season New York-Penn League in 2019.
-) This league drew 2,370,155 in **2023**, averaging 197,513 per team, and 3,181 per date, with 47 lost dates. Greenville SC led the league in both total attendance (303,328) and average per date (4,973). Jersey Shore (Lakewood, NJ), and Greensboro also topped 4,000 in average per date, **as did Winston-Salem, who set a new team-record high for average per date (4,686)**. Top crowd was 10,822 at Jersey Shore.
-) Comparing **2023 with 2022**, total attendance increased 127,566 (5.7%), and average per date was up 203 (6.8%), with 8 fewer dates. 9 teams had gains in total attendance, and 11 were up in average per date, led by Wilmington, DE, up 37,446 in total and up 573 in average. Jersey Shore rose 524 in average per date. Greenville had the largest total decline (13,822), due to 4 fewer dates played in 2023. All other declines were tiny. Bowling Green was down 528 in total attendance, and Hudson Valley's total dipped 406, and their average per date fell by 6.
-) The same 12 teams drew 2,550,443 in **2019**, and averaged 3,643 per date. Aberdeen, Brooklyn, Hudson Valley played short-season schedules in 2019, and those 3 teams played a combined 83 more dates in **2023 than in 2019**.
-) For **2023 vs. 2019**, total attendance was down 180,288 (7.1%), and average per date fell 462 (12.7%), with 45 more dates. 4 teams had gains in total attendance, and 4 had average per date increases. Hudson Valley had the top total attendance increase (35,491), playing 28 more dates in **2023 than in 2019**. Winston-Salem had the only gain (29,167) among the S.A.L. teams that played a full-season schedule in 2019, and the Dash had the largest increase in average per date, up 471. Wilmington DE had the worst total attendance decrease (75,125) in the league, and Brooklyn's average per date decline of 1,991 was the largest. 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** – 6 teams, all played in the short-season Northwest League in 2019.
-) **2023** total attendance was 1,112,449, **averaging a league record-high 185,408 per team**, and 2,943 per date. There were 18 lost dates. **Record-highs in total attendance were achieved by Hillsboro, Spokane, Tri-City, and Everett**. The short-season Northwest League record for average per team occurred in 2019, when the 8-team league averaged 139,452 per team.
-) Vancouver led the league, drawing 297,437, with a 4,876 average per date, and 21 sellouts. But the Canadians had the only **2023 vs. 2022** declines in the league, down 15,819 in total attendance, and down 259 in average per date. As usual, Spokane drew well, with a 249,012 total, and a 3,953 average per date.
-) **2023 vs. 2022** total attendance rose 43,988 (2.1%), and average per date was up 78 (2.7%), with 5 more dates. Spokane posted the top gains in total attendance (17,931), and average per date (285), and also had the league's largest crowd (6,946). Eugene had to relocate one 2023 series to Tri-City (Pasco, WA) because the University of Oregon had use of the ballpark they share for NCAA Baseball post-season play.
-) 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.
-) The Northwest League played a short-season schedule (76 games) in **2019**, as opposed to a 132-game schedule in **2023**. Total **2023 vs. 2019** attendance for the 6 teams in the league in both years, was up 207,473 (22.9%), but average per date fell 1,026 (25.9%), with 150 more dates played in 2023. All 6 teams had gains in total attendance, but all 6 had losses in average per date. Vancouver, up 61,457, had the biggest total attendance increase, but also had the largest average per date dip (1,334). Tri-City had the smallest average per date decline, down 465.
-) 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 (formerly Low-A)** – Combined total attendance for the 30 teams in **2023** was 4,186,986. Average per team was 137,566, and average per date was 2,269. There were 133 lost dates, which include games played by Jupiter and Palm Beach when fans were not allowed to attend. Top crowd was 11,076 at Fresno.
- J 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 **2023 vs. 2022** Single-A total attendance was up 139,006 (3.4%). Average per date rose 73 (3.3%), with 2 more dates with fans in attendance. 20 teams had gains in total attendance, and 21 were up in average per date. Delmarva had the largest gains in total attendance (34,963) and average per date (666). Fayetteville, NC suffered the biggest declines, down 27,275 in total attendance, and 488 in average per date.
- J For **2023 vs. 2019**, the Single-A total declined 503,353 (10.7%), and average per date fell 126 (5.3%), with 113 fewer dates. 6 teams had increases in total attendance, and 8 achieved gains in average per date.
- J **Carolina League** – 12 teams, 7 were in the Carolina League, and 5 had been in the South Atlantic League, in 2019.
- J **2023** total attendance was a Single-A best 2,378,278, averaging 198,190 per team, and 3,171 per date, with 42 lost dates. The largest crowd was 8,024 at Columbia.
- J It was a very close race for the total attendance lead with Charleston, SC drawing 270,170, followed by Myrtle Beach (268,600), Fredericksburg, VA (267,400), and Augusta, GA (260,060). Charleston also had the best average per date (4,288), with Myrtle Beach (4,197), Augusta (4,195), and Fredericksburg (4,178), close behind.
- J **Fredericksburg, Kannapolis, and Myrtle Beach, all set new team record-highs in total attendance in 2023. Asheville, Augusta, Fredericksburg, Myrtle Beach, and Kannapolis, achieved team record-highs in average per date.**
- J **2023 vs. 2022** total attendance rose 63,818 (2.7%). Average per date was up 130 (4.3%), with 11 fewer dates. 7 teams had increases in total attendance and 10 were up in average per date. Delmarva, MD had the biggest gains (34,963 in total attendance, 666 in average per date). Fayetteville had the largest declines (27,275 in total, 488 in average per date). None of the other 4 teams in the league with total attendance declines were down more than 4,200, and the only other decrease in average per date was 10, by Down East (Kinston, NC).
- J 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 **2023 vs. 2019**, total attendance rose 11,468 (0.5%), and average per date was up 198 (6.7%), with 46 fewer dates. 4 teams had gains in total attendance, and 5 rose in average per date. The Southern and Midwest Leagues were the only other MLB-affiliated leagues whose 2023 teams had a higher combined average 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 2022 vs. 2019 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. The Cannon Ballers surpassed those 2022 record-high total attendance and average per date figures in 2023.**
- J Fredericksburg was relocated from Woodbridge, VA (Potomac) in 2021. Their **2023** total attendance was 74,926 higher vs. **2019**, and their average per date rose by 916.
- J Largest **2023 vs. 2019** increase was by Kannapolis, up 119,569 in total attendance, and up 1,922 in average per date. Biggest declines were by Fayetteville, down 59,766 in total attendance and 661 in average per date.

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-) **Florida State League** – 10 teams, all played in the 2019 Florida State League.
-) The league drew 695,800 in **2023**, an average of 69,580 per team, and 1,214 per date. There were a Minor League high 85 lost dates, which include 41 dates played by Jupiter and Palm Beach with no fans allowed to attend.
-) Clearwater led the league in **2023** total attendance (157,072), and average per date (2,493), and had the largest crowd (8,847). The Threshers have led the Florida State League in attendance in each of the last 12 seasons, and in 18 of 19 years since 2004. Fort Myers was the only other team in the league topping 100,000 in total attendance or 1,600 in average per date.
-) Both Jupiter and Palm Beach share Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter. In 2021, local Covid-19 restrictions forced both teams to play many home games with no fans permitted to attend. This policy continued in 2022, 2023 and 2024. In **2023**, Palm Beach had 28 lost dates, which included 5 rainouts. Jupiter lost 26 dates, including 8 that were rained out. Only dates with fans in attendance are counted in this report for compiling average per date. These teams also played home games at the Ballpark of the Palm Beaches in West Palm Beach due to ballpark construction in Jupiter.
-) **2023 vs. 2022** total attendance was up 52,020 (8.1%). Average per date rose 56 (4.8%), with 17 more dates. 8 teams had total attendance gains, led by Fort Myers, up 21,892. 6 teams had average per date increases, led by Bradenton, up 206. Jupiter had the biggest total decline (6,641), and Palm Beach had the top average loss (75).
-) 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 **2023 vs. 2019**, the total fell 128,423 (15.6%), and average per date was down 120 (9.0%), with 45 fewer dates. 2 teams were up in total and 2 were up in average per date. Dunedin had the best growth, up 19,453 in total, and up 292 in average per date, **from 2019**, when ballpark renovations forced them to play in the old ballpark in Clearwater. Daytona had the biggest declines **vs. 2019**, down 43,676 in total attendance, and 577 in average per date.
-) **California League** – 8 teams. 7 of these teams were in the 2019 California League. Fresno came from the Triple-A Pacific Coast League, replacing Lancaster. In 2023, Lancaster played in the independent Pecos League, and set all-time highs for any team in that league in total attendance and average per date.
-) Total attendance was 1,112,908 in **2023**, averaging 139,114 per team, and 2,132 per date. Just 6 dates were lost. Fresno, which had been in the Triple-A Pacific Coast League through 2019, was the league attendance leader by a wide margin, with a 277,089 total, a 4,198 average per date, and drew the league's top crowd of the year (11,076). Rancho Cucamonga came in 2nd, drawing 151,082, and averaging 2,289 per date. **Visalia drew a team record-high average per date.**
-) The **2023 vs. 2022** comparison shows a 23,168 (2.1%) increase in total attendance, and a 60 (2.9%) gain in average per date, with 4 fewer dates played. 5 of the 8 teams had increases in both categories. Fresno had the biggest increase in total attendance (15,437), and Rancho Cucamonga had the best average per date gain (190). Modesto had the largest declines, down 11,176 in total attendance and down 169 in average per date.
-) The league's 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 **2023 vs. 2019**, total attendance decreased 386,398 (25.8%). Average per date was down 624 (22.6%), with 22 fewer dates. All 8 teams had declines in total attendance, and 7 teams were down in average per date. Fresno had the biggest declines, down 103,001 in total attendance, and down 1,561 in average per date. Visalia had the only average per date increase, up 14.
-) Weather, other than heat, is rarely an issue in the California League. There were 6 postponements in 2023, and only 2 dates were postponed in 2022, one in Fresno, and the other in Lake Elsinore. Weather was a slight issue in 2021 and 2019, with 12 lost dates each year. Only one game in 2018 was postponed. 3 dates were lost in 2017, and there were 4 in 2016. There were 8 lost dates in 2015, including one due to high winds. There were 2 lost dates in 2014, 4 in 2013, 10 in 2012, 8 in 2011, 9 in 2010, and 6 in 2009. The most rainouts over the last 25 years of this league were 23 in 1998 and 22 in 2003.

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-) The same 9 independent leagues played in **2023, 2022, and 2021**. Attendance was available for the American Association, and the Mexican, Atlantic, Frontier, Pioneer, and Pecos Baseball Leagues. The United Shore League estimated that attendance was the same as in 2022, and so the 2022 figures were used for 2023. If that league issues an official 2023 figure, this report will be updated. The Mavericks League did not announce any attendance, and efforts to obtain that information, thus far, have been unsuccessful. So for now, their 2022 average per date was applied to 2023 data. Attendance was not reported by the 4-team Empire Baseball League, and it never has been.
-) Also missing is attendance from 10 dates played by New Jersey of the Frontier League, and from 2 dates played by Kansas City of the American Association. Here again, numerous attempts to get this data were not successful. So the average per date that each of these teams drew for those dates with reported attendance was applied to those dates with missing attendance. It's not a perfect solution, but is still better than not listing any attendance for those dates. If the missing attendance is reported in the future, figures in this report will be updated.
-) 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.
-) 95 teams played in these 9 independent leagues in **2023**, and 94 teams played in those leagues in **2022**. Attendance was found for 83 individual teams in **2023**, and for 79 individual teams in **2022**. In addition, there are league totals for both years for the 4-team United Shore Baseball League, which plays all 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 Frontier League had a road team in **2023 and 2022**. The Pecos League had a road team in 2022. Also in **2023 and 2022**, the planned new park for the Pioneer League's Northern Colorado Owlz wasn't open. They played home games in several locations, that drew 27,581 in 43 dates in 2023, and 3,004 in 40 dates in 2022. The Pioneer League does not officially count Northern Colorado's attendance in their official figures, so this report will not include them in any league totals either. But their attendance will be noted in the Pioneer League summary.
-) The 82 teams with attendance (counting the United Shore and Mavericks Leagues as one team each, but excluding Northern Colorado of the Pioneer League) drew an estimated total of 10,157,323 in **2023**. **This is the highest combined total independent league attendance since the return of such leagues in 1993**. This total is up 566,703 (5.9%) vs. **2022**, but down 526,584 (4.9%) from what these same teams drew in **2019**, regardless of what league they played in that year. Average per date was 2,761 in **2023**, up 148 (5.7%) vs. **2022**, but down 407 (12.8%) vs. **2019**.
-) For **2023 vs. 2022**, 46 teams in the same markets in both years had increases in total attendance and 30 were down, with one team, for now, having the same total for both years. 46 of these teams posted gains in average per date, while 28 had declines, and 3 teams (for now) are listed as having the same average in both years. Comparing **2023 vs. 2019** same market teams, 27 were up in total attendance, with 42 down, and 25 teams had gains in average per date, while 43 teams had declines, and one team had the same average in both years.
-) In **2023**, these independent teams played 9 more dates than in **2022**, and 305 more dates than in **2019**. Teams in the Mexican, Atlantic, Frontier, and Pioneer Leagues, and the American Association, had a combined 134 lost dates in **2023**. Their **2023** teams had 149 lost dates in 2022, 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 2023, 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 replaced its second team in Lexington, KY with a team in Frederick, MD. The MLB Draft League team in Frederick also played there in 2023. Hagerstown replaces Gastonia in 2024 in the Atlantic League.

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-) **Mexican League** – The same 18 teams played in 2023 and 2022. 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 for 2022 and 2023. **Total attendance was 4,041,303 in 2023, an average of 224,517 per team, with a post-1991 league record-high, 5,304 average per date.** This was the highest total attendance and average per date of any independent league. There were 48 lost dates in 2023. Total attendance rose 476,779 (13.4%), and average per date was up 563 (11.9%) **vs. 2022**, with 10 more dates. 13 teams had a higher total in 2023 than in 2022, and 13 teams were up in average per date. Numerically, Mexican League teams had 9 of the top 10 independent team total attendance **2023 vs. 2022** increases, including the top 5. They had 8 of the 9 best gains in average per date, including the top 7.
-) **Yucatan led the league, and all independent teams, in 2023 attendance, with a total of 506,765, the highest total ever by an independent team. Their average per date of 10,558 was the best in Minor League Baseball.** Other teams with high average per date were Mexico City (10,509), Tijuana (9,299), and Monterrey (8,438). **These 4 teams had the 4 highest 2023 average per date figures among all Minor League teams, including those in the MLB-affiliated leagues.** Among independent league teams, Mexican League teams had 11 of the 18 highest total attendance figures of **2023**, including the top 5, and 13 of the top 18 average per date figures, including the top 6.
-) **Leon, Mexico City, Quintana Roo, Tabasco, Veracruz, and Yucatan, all drew team record-high average per date figures in 2023.** This is based on data going back to 1992, so it is possible that they may have had a higher average per date in a year prior to 1992.
-) 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 3,505, and the 22 dates in Mexico averaged 3,778 per date.
-) **Mexico City's increases of 207,039 in total attendance, and 4,066 in average per date vs. 2022, were the best of any Minor League team in 2023.** They also had the largest Minor League crowds for a regular season game (18,842), and for a post-season game (20,062). Also with increases of at least 1,000 per date were Tabasco (2,620), Saltillo (1,515), Puebla (1,188), Veracruz (1,172), and Union Laguna (1,133). On the down side, Campeche had the largest declines of any Minor League team, down 107,386 in total attendance, and down 2,796 in average per date.
-) In **2019**, the 16-team Mexican League drew 4,618,131, an average of 5,058 per date. The **2023** total is down 576,828 (12.5%), but the average per date is up 246 (4.9%) **vs. 2019**. There were 151 fewer dates in **2023 vs. 2019**.
-) If the expansion teams are excluded, **the 16 teams that also played in 2019** drew 3,740,578 in **2023**, averaging 5,509 per date. The **2023 vs. 2019** total attendance loss for these 16 teams is 877,553 (19.0%), but the average per date gain is 451 (8.9%). These 16 teams played 234 fewer dates in 2023 than in 2019. 4 teams had higher total attendance in **2023 vs. 2019**, and 7 teams were up in average per date. Mexico City (up 62,243), Tabasco (61,760), and Union Laguna (60,873), had the biggest increases, keeping in mind the shorter schedules in 2023 vs. 2019. Tijuana had the largest 2023 vs. 2019 declines, down 259,002 in total attendance, and 1,992 in average 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. The **2023** playoffs drew 693,528 for 73 games, averaging 9,500 per game. 29 games drew over 10,000, with 3 of them topping 15,000. Mexico City averaged 16,457 for its 6 playoff games.
-) In **2022**, the post-season drew 762,112, averaging 11,375 per date, as the teams with the biggest ballparks made it deep into the playoffs. **37 of the 67 games drew over 10,000, with 15 of them topping 15,000. Monterrey averaged 17,030 in the playoffs, with 4 games topping 21,000.** Despite the short season in **2021**, the full playoffs did occur, and they drew 412,739 in 74 dates, an average of 5,578 per date. Tijuana's 13 playoff dates drew an of 12,595, with a high of 17,687. The **2019** Mexican League playoffs drew 519,686, averaging 12,086 per date.
-) **United Shore Baseball League** – 4 teams, all based in Utica, MI. – League is counted as one team in this report.
-) No official figures are available for **2023**. But the league reported that 2023 attendance was about the same as in 2022, so those are the figures that are being used for now. 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. 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.

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-) **Atlantic League** – 10 teams in 2023 and 2022. 5 of the 2023 teams played in this league in 2019. Gastonia was added as an expansion team in 2021, and Lexington, KY, and Charleston, WV, came in from the South Atlantic League. In 2022, the league added a second team (Kentucky) in Lexington, which moved to Frederick, MD in 2023. Also added in 2022 was Staten Island, who last played in the New York-Penn League in 2019. Teams played a 120-game schedule in 2021, instead of the usual 140 games. They had 132 games in 2022, and 126 games in 2023. Each year, these were the longest schedules in the independent leagues. Hagerstown replaces Gastonia in 2024.
-) The league drew 1,492,896 in **2023**. Average per team was 149,290, and average per date was 2,505, with 30 lost dates. Due to 24 fewer dates, the **2023 vs. 2022** total was down 42,135 (2.7%). Average per date rose 29 (1.2%). 5 of the 9 teams in the league in both years had gains in total attendance, and 6 were up in average per date. These 9 returning teams had a combined total attendance increase of 2,531 (0.2%), and an average per date gain of 55 (2.2%), with 11 fewer dates in **2023**. Charleston, WV had the top total attendance gain, up 26,738. **York's 629 increase in average per date was the best among U.S./Canadian independent teams.** Top crowd was 8,176 at Southern Maryland.
-) Compared to **2019**, regardless of what league they played in that year, the **2023** Atlantic League teams had combined declines of 120,344 (7.5%) in total attendance, and 702 (21.9%) in average per date, with 93 more dates. Exclude the expansion teams Gastonia and Squire City (Frederick), and the other 8 teams combined for a 269,270 (16.7%) decrease in total attendance, and a 459 (14.3%) dip in average per date vs. **2019**, with 14 fewer dates. Charleston had the top gains vs. 2019, up 27,892 in total attendance, and up 618 in average per date. Lexington was down 177,415 in total attendance, and 2,547 in average per date, from what their South Atlantic League team drew in **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 2023, Long Island led in total attendance (297,745) and their 4,652 average per date was 2nd to Kane County.** The Ducks had the best U.S./Canadian independent total, and 2nd best average per date in **2022**. They were best in both categories in **2021**, and were 3rd best in **2019**. York, Lancaster PA, and Southern Maryland, also averaged above 3,000 per date in **2023**.
-) **American Association** – In **2023 and 2022**, there were 12 teams. 10 of the 2023 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. 2023 attendance from 2 dates at Kansas City, KS was missing. So it was estimated, using their average per date from their other 46 dates.
-) The A.A. drew an estimated 1,555,057 in **2023**, up 44,716 (3.0%), averaging 129,588 per team, and 2,667 per date, up 77 (2.9%), with 15 lost dates, and the same number of dates played as in **2022**. 8 teams had total attendance gains, led by Winnipeg (14,500), and Chicago (14,274). 8 teams were up in average per date, led by Kane County, up 503. One team had the same average per date as in 2022. Kansas City had the largest losses vs. **2022**, down an estimated 18,058 in total attendance and 288 in average per date. **Chicago had its best-ever total (206,258) and average per date (4,125). Lake Country (not county) and Milwaukee had average per date record-highs.**
-) Kane County led the league in **2023** total attendance (261,836 – 2nd best U.S./Canadian independent total). The Cougars had the best U.S./Canadian independent average per date (5,571), and the year's largest crowd (10,181).
-) Comparing **2023 with 2019** for the league's 2023 teams, regardless of their 2019 league: Total attendance fell 116,056 (6.9%), and average per date dipped 394 (12.9%), with 37 more dates. The 11 teams that played in **2023 and in 2019** (excludes Lake Country) had a combined total decline of 207,895 (12.4%), and were down 321 (10.5%) in average per date. 3 teams had **2023 vs. 2019** gains in total attendance, led by Chicago, up 39,586, and 4 were up in average per date, led by Milwaukee (554). Kane County had the largest total loss (88,469), but they had 20 fewer dates than in **2019**, when they played in the MLB-affiliated Midwest League. Next biggest total decline was by Kansas City (an estimated 68,814), and the Monarchs also had the worst average per date drop (1,650).
-) The 12-team American Association drew 1,775,249 in 2019, an average of 3,082 per date. Remove St. Paul's figures from the 2019 season, and the average per date was 2,619.

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-) **Frontier League** – 16 teams, including a road team, in **2023**. 8 of the teams played in the Frontier League in **2019**. 6 played in the Can-Am League, and joined the Frontier League in a merger. Tri-City (Troy, NY) came from the New York-Penn League. The road team will be replaced by the New England Knockouts (Brockton, MA) in 2024. 2023 attendance was estimated for New Jersey, since they did not report attendance for 10 dates.
-) **2023** attendance was an estimated 1,637,559 for the 15 teams who had home games, with an average per team of 109,171, and an average per date of 2,213. 25 dates were lost, with 5 more played than in 2022. Total attendance was up 34,371 (2.1%) **vs. 2022**, and average per date rose 32 (1.5%). 9 teams had increases in total attendance and 8 were up in average per date. **Quebec had the best increase in total attendance, up 36,502, and drew a team record-high of 166,916.** Schaumburg had the top gain in average per date (470). Joliet had the league's top declines, down 23,087 in total attendance, and 453 in average per date. Evansville had a 449 average per date dip.
-) Schaumburg had the league's best **2023** total attendance (230,023), and the top average per date (4,510). The total was 5th best, and the average per date was 3rd best, among U.S./Canadian independent teams. The Boomers also had the league's biggest crowd of the year – 7,914.
-) The **2023 vs. 2019** comparison shows that the 15 teams in the league had a combined 79,646 (5.1%) gain in total attendance, and a drop of 45 (2.0%) in average per date, with 50 more dates in **2023**. All **2023** teams played in professional leagues in **2019**. 8 of them had higher total attendance in **2023 vs. 2019**, and 4 were up in average per date. Schaumburg had the best **2023 vs. 2019** increases, up 73,640 in total attendance, and up 1,319 in average per date. Gateway (31,799), and New Jersey (estimated 31,191) had the worst total attendance declines **vs. 2019**, and Tri-City (Troy, NY) had the largest average per date decline (1,031).
-) The 10-team **2019 Frontier League** drew 1,028,721, and averaged 2,266 per date. The 6-team **2019 Can-Am League** drew 565,936, and averaged 1,986 per date. **Combined total 2019** attendance for the 2 leagues was 1,594,657, with a 2,158 average per date. These leagues officially merged after the 2019 season.
-) **Pioneer Baseball League** – 10 teams in 2022 and 2023. 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. 2023 was the Pioneer League's 3rd 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 or 2023 seasons, so the team played on various fields. They listed their attendance as 3,004 in 40 dates in 2022, and 27,581 in 43 dates in 2023. Northern Colorado's 2022 and 2023 attendance is excluded from the league's official attendance figures, and from this report's listed attendance totals and average per date.
-) **The league played a 96-game schedule in 2023, and drew a league record-high total of 960,775**, averaging 2,310 per date. The total was up 37,412 (4.1%), and average per date rose 121 (5.6%), with 6 fewer dates than in 2022. 16 dates were lost. **The league averaged its record-high per team - 106,753.** 5 teams had gains in total attendance, and 6 teams were up in average per date.
-) **Ogden drew 164,561, averaging 3,501 per date, to lead this league for the 23rd straight year.** Boise had its best total (162,561) since 1996, and averaged 3,466 per date. Rocky Mountain had the largest crowd (6,134). Glacier set new record-highs in total attendance and average per date, but it was only their 2nd season.
-) Rocky Mountain (Colorado Springs) had the league's largest total attendance increase, up 19,491. Best increases in average per date were by Glacier (363), Billings (353), and Rocky Mountain (325). Idaho Falls had the biggest total attendance decline, down 11,936 with 4 fewer dates. Grand Junction had the top average per date decline (120).
-) 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 **2023 vs. 2019**, for the teams playing in this league in 2023, the total was up 155,263 (19.3%), and the average per date fell 477 (17.1%), with 127 more dates. Excluding Glacier, which did not have a team in 2019, the total rose 54,602 (6.8%), but the average fell 450 (16.1%) with 79 more dates. 5 teams were up in total attendance, and 3 had average per date gains. Best total gain was by Boise, up 33,117. Missoula, up 214, had the best average per date increase. Rocky Mountain had the biggest losses, down 23,253 in total attendance, and 1,497 in average per date.

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- J) **Pecos Baseball League** – 16 teams in 2023. Blackwell OK, and Dublin, Lancaster, and Marysville, all in California, were added in 2023. Colorado Springs, Santa Rosa, Weimar, and a road team were dropped.
- J) The Pecos League has now been in operation for 13 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) **2023 total attendance was a league record-high estimated 130,635, and average per date was a league record-high 324.** The total was up 13,764 (11.8%) **vs. 2022**, and average per date rose by 17 (5.5%). 22 more dates were played. 5 teams had gains in total attendance, and 5 were up in average per date. Vallejo had the league’s best increase in total attendance (2,484), and in average per date (100). Martinez played 10 fewer home dates, resulting in a league-high total attendance decline of 10,028. Tucson, down 200, had the largest average per date dip.
- J) The same teams that played home games in this league in both **2023 and 2022** had a combined total attendance decline of 23,035 (20.2%), and an average per date loss of 54 (16.0%), with 55 fewer dates.
- J) **Lancaster, CA, in its only season in the league, drew an all-time league record-high total of 32,580, and a league record-shattering 1,810 average per date. The previous league record-high average was 631 by Garden City, KS in 2022. Lancaster’s average per date was higher than the reported average per date of 17 MLB-affiliated teams, and 17 teams from the larger-capacity independent leagues. Considering that the Pecos League does not include ‘no-shows’ in its reported attendance, and all other Minor leagues do include them, Lancaster almost certainly outdrew even more teams if only tickets sold and used are compared.**
- J) **Bakersfield (as a Pecos League team), drew record-highs in total attendance and in average per date.**
- J) Since Lancaster played in the MLB-affiliated California League in 2019, with 51 more home dates than in 2023, comparing Pecos League same team 2023 attendance with 2019, would lead to very distorted figures. In **2019**, the Pecos League, as it was then, drew 76,058, averaging 217 per date. Their **2023** total attendance is up 54,577 (71.8%) from 2019, and average per date is up 107 (49.3%), with 53 more dates in 2023 than in 2019.
- 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 2024, the league will add teams in Pecos, TX (Bills), and North Platte, NE (80’s). Lancaster CA, due to ballpark changes, and Monterey, CA, will not return.
- J) **Mavericks League** – 4 teams, all based in Keiser, Oregon. – League is counted as one team in this report.
- J) 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.
- J) The many attempts to get this league’s 2023 attendance were all unsuccessful. So the same average per date as in 2022 was applied to 2023. The league played 2 more dates in 2023, and so was credited with a total attendance of 87,998, up 1,796. If actual 2023 attendance is made available, the league’s figures in this report will be updated.
- J) 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 was up 5,369 (6.6%), and the average per date was 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.
- J) **Empire Baseball League** – 5 teams in **2023**, 4 located in upstate New York, plus Japan (a road team). A new team in Malone, NY was added in **2023**. This league has never provided any attendance data in its history, despite multiple requests. They had 61 dates in 2023, 65 in 2022, 75 in 2021, and 55 in 2019.

2023 vs. 2022 MLB-AFFILIATED MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2023 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2023 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2022 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2022 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2023 v. 2022</u>	<u># CHG. AVG. '23 v. '22</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
<u>INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE</u>								
Buffalo Bisons	487,205	68	7,165	451,859	6,846	35,346	319	1988
Charlotte Knights	498,816	73	6,833	531,465	7,280	(32,649)	(447)	2014
Columbus Clippers	557,131	71	7,847	534,393	7,634	22,738	213	2009
Durham Bulls	491,757	73	6,736	472,090	6,295	19,667	441	1995
Gwinnett (GA) Stripers	231,044	71	3,254	216,177	2,961	14,867	293	2009
Indianapolis Indians	556,775	71	7,842	534,610	7,425	22,165	417	1996
Iowa (Des Moines) Cubs	432,246	72	6,003	437,543	5,913	(5,297)	90	1992
Jacksonville (FL) Jumbo Shrimp	347,723	68	5,114	358,094	4,974	(10,371)	140	2003
Lehigh Valley (PA) IronPigs	567,322	71	7,990	544,220	7,665	23,102	325	2008
Louisville Bats	396,840	72	5,512	424,035	5,730	(27,195)	(218)	2000
Memphis Redbirds	231,698	73	3,174	239,605	3,328	(7,907)	(154)	2000
Nashville Sounds	556,962	72	7,736	555,576	7,611	1,386	125	2015
Norfolk Tides	411,429	71	5,795	365,292	5,004	46,137	791	1993
Omaha Storm Chasers	304,129	73	4,166	294,511	4,148	9,618	18	2011
Rochester Red Wings	437,561	72	6,077	432,580	6,180	4,981	(103)	1997
St. Paul Saints	460,918	71	6,492	473,911	6,582	(12,993)	(90)	2015
Scranton-Wilkes Barre RailRiders	336,162	69	4,872	331,286	4,666	4,876	206	2013
Syracuse Mets	336,492	67	5,022	335,490	4,793	1,002	229	1997
Toledo Mud Hens	447,384	72	6,214	426,499	5,842	20,885	372	2002
Worcester Red Sox	519,651	70	7,424	532,152	7,290	(12,501)	134	2021
LEAGUE TOTAL	8,609,245	1,420	6,063	8,491,388	5,905	117,857	158	
<u>PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE</u>								
Albuquerque Isotopes	521,521	74	7,048	515,498	7,062	6,023	(14)	2003
El Paso Chihuahuas	507,907	75	6,772	496,805	6,714	11,102	58	2014
Las Vegas Aviators	506,047	74	6,838	518,221	6,910	(12,174)	(72)	2019
Oklahoma (City) Dodgers	399,908	71	5,633	410,730	5,626	(10,822)	7	1998
Reno Aces	372,926	74	5,040	336,079	4,801	36,847	239	2009
Round Rock (TX) Express	411,550	74	5,561	412,988	5,507	(1,438)	54	2000
Sacramento River Cats	388,475	75	5,180	372,769	4,970	15,706	210	2000
Salt Lake (City) Bees	443,494	72	6,160	434,616	5,873	8,878	287	1994
Sugar Land (TX) Space Cowboys	299,055	73	4,097	285,827	3,970	13,228	127	2012
Tacoma Rainiers	384,498	73	5,267	366,469	5,020	18,029	247	1960
LEAGUE TOTAL	4,235,381	735	5,762	4,150,002	5,654	85,379	108	
TOTAL - TRIPLE-A	12,844,626	2,155	5,960	12,641,390	5,820	203,236	140	
<u>EASTERN LEAGUE</u>								
Akron RubberDucks	265,936	66	4,029	253,735	3,904	12,201	125	1997
Altoona Curve	308,003	67	4,597	285,777	4,330	22,226	267	1999
Binghamton Rumble Ponies	206,911	65	3,183	146,679	2,366	60,232	817	1992
Bowie Baysox	234,527	67	3,500	174,537	2,685	59,990	815	1994
Erie Seawolves	207,555	67	3,098	175,810	2,664	31,745	434	1995
Harrisburg Senators	273,768	65	4,212	244,433	3,595	29,335	617	2010
Hartford Yard Goats	402,731	64	6,293	402,123	6,002	608	291	2017
New Hampshire Fisher Cats	236,809	58	4,083	282,514	4,346	(45,705)	(263)	2005
Portland (ME) Sea Dogs	403,957	66	6,121	379,100	5,744	24,857	377	1994
Reading Fightin' Phils	385,478	65	5,930	368,068	5,577	17,410	353	1951
Richmond Flying Squirrels	428,541	67	6,396	406,560	6,160	21,981	236	1985
Somerset (NJ) Patriots	352,293	68	5,181	351,142	5,241	1,151	(60)	1999
LEAGUE TOTAL	3,706,509	785	4,722	3,470,478	4,399	236,031	323	

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<u>SOUTHERN LEAGUE</u>								
Biloxi Shuckers	158,586	65	2,440	148,865	2,326	9,721	114	2015
Birmingham Barons	253,232	66	3,837	266,921	3,925	(13,689)	(88)	2013
Chattanooga Lookouts	228,940	67	3,417	213,685	3,238	15,255	179	2000
Mississippi (Pearl) Braves	162,862	64	2,545	150,491	2,389	12,371	156	2005
Montgomery (AL) Biscuits	168,751	66	2,557	156,356	2,522	12,395	35	2004
Pensacola Blue Wahoos	293,581	69	4,255	281,972	4,209	11,609	46	2012
Rocket City, (AL) Trash Pandas	314,306	64	4,911	327,007	5,031	(12,701)	(120)	2021
Tennessee (Kodak) Smokies	295,603	65	4,548	294,334	4,328	1,269	220	2000
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,875,861	526	3,566	1,839,631	3,517	36,230	49	
<u>TEXAS LEAGUE</u>								
Amarillo Sod Poodles	355,440	66	5,385	379,029	5,493	(23,589)	(108)	2019
Arkansas (Little Rock) Travelers	307,607	67	4,591	300,042	4,478	7,565	113	2007
Corpus Christi Hooks	294,986	67	4,403	257,991	3,909	36,995	494	2005
Frisco RoughRiders	347,758	67	5,190	341,243	5,018	6,515	172	2003
Midland (TX) RockHounds	233,724	69	3,387	226,249	3,428	7,475	(41)	2002
NW Arkansas Naturals	256,552	68	3,773	240,615	3,538	15,937	235	2008
San Antonio Missions	284,419	68	4,183	272,144	4,187	12,275	(4)	1994
Springfield (MO) Cardinals	256,947	66	3,893	259,044	3,754	(2,097)	139	2003
Tulsa Drillers	356,002	68	5,235	357,200	5,495	(1,198)	(260)	2010
Wichita Wind Surge	322,637	69	4,676	220,528	3,341	102,109	1,335	2021
LEAGUE TOTAL	3,016,072	675	4,468	2,854,085	4,266	161,987	202	
TOTAL - DOUBLE-A	8,598,442	1,986	4,330	8,164,194	4,121	434,248	209	
<u>MIDWEST LEAGUE</u>								
Beloit Sky Carp	104,411	65	1,606	102,794	1,632	1,617	(26)	2021
Cedar Rapids (IA) Kernels	161,205	65	2,480	136,360	2,164	24,845	316	2002
Dayton Dragons	520,433	66	7,885	444,346	7,935	76,087	(50)	2000
Fort Wayne Tin Caps	340,038	64	5,313	303,680	5,061	36,358	252	2009
Great Lakes (Midland, MI) Loons	186,112	62	3,002	174,050	2,807	12,062	195	2007
Lake County (OH) Captains	193,436	55	3,517	169,574	2,874	23,862	643	2003
Lansing Lugnuts	299,449	64	4,679	288,840	4,659	10,609	20	1996
Peoria Chiefs	158,209	64	2,472	135,784	2,089	22,425	383	2002
Quad Cities River Bandits	173,724	66	2,632	170,731	2,668	2,993	(36)	2004
South Bend Cubs	314,591	64	4,915	285,977	4,468	28,614	447	1988
West Michigan Whitecaps	360,999	63	5,730	337,167	5,527	23,832	203	1994
Wisconsin Timber Rattlers	227,119	65	3,494	206,805	3,390	20,314	104	1995
LEAGUE TOTAL	3,039,726	763	3,984	2,756,108	3,724	283,618	260	
<u>SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE</u>								
Aberdeen IronBirds	141,019	64	2,203	121,916	1,966	19,103	237	2002
Asheville Tourists	183,034	61	3,001	172,726	2,742	10,308	259	1992
Bowling Green (KY) Hot Rods	155,447	62	2,507	155,975	2,437	(528)	70	2009
Brooklyn Cyclones	182,875	64	2,857	167,846	2,707	15,029	150	2001
Greensboro Grasshoppers	279,060	62	4,501	265,943	4,221	13,117	280	2005
Greenville (SC) Drive	303,328	61	4,973	317,150	4,879	(13,822)	94	2006
Hickory Crawdads	108,775	61	1,783	105,378	1,700	3,397	83	1993
Hudson Valley (NY) Renegades	183,649	64	2,870	184,055	2,876	(406)	(6)	1994
Jersey Shore BlueClaws	287,602	60	4,793	256,141	4,269	31,461	524	2001
Rome (GA) Braves	95,120	62	1,534	89,176	1,415	5,944	119	2003
Wilmington (DE) Blue Rocks	156,200	62	2,519	118,754	1,947	37,446	572	1993
Winston-Salem Dash	294,046	62	4,743	287,529	4,493	6,517	250	2010
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,370,155	745	3,181	2,242,589	2,978	127,566	203	

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<u>NORTHWEST LEAGUE</u>								
Eugene Emeralds	145,896	59	2,473	136,360	2,311	9,536	162	2010
Everett AquaSox	140,937	63	2,237	128,836	2,013	12,101	224	1984
Hillsboro (OR) Hops	158,723	66	2,405	150,792	2,356	7,931	49	2013
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Spokane Indians	249,012	63	3,953	231,081	3,668	17,931	285	1958
Tri-City (Pasco, WA) Dust Devils	120,444	66	1,825	108,136	1,744	12,308	81	1995
Vancouver (BC) Canadians	297,437	61	4,876	313,256	5,135	(15,819)	(259)	1951
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,112,449	378	2,943	1,068,461	2,865	43,988	78	
TOTAL - HIGH-A	6,522,330	1,886	3,458	6,067,158	3,251	455,172	207	
<u>CAROLINA LEAGUE</u>								
Augusta (GA) GreenJackets	260,060	62	4,195	262,172	4,096	(2,112)	99	2018
Carolina Mudcats	138,299	60	2,305	138,579	2,165	(280)	140	1991
Charleston (SC) RiverDogs	270,170	63	4,288	251,491	3,992	18,679	296	1997
Columbia (SC) Fireflies	219,277	61	3,595	217,225	3,394	2,052	201	2016
Delmarva (Salisbury) Shorebirds	189,749	60	3,162	154,786	2,497	34,963	665	1996
Down East (Kinston) Wood Ducks	96,220	63	1,527	98,328	1,536	(2,108)	(9)	1949
Fayetteville Woodpeckers	187,195	63	2,971	214,470	3,459	(27,275)	(488)	2019
Fredericksburg Nationals	267,400	64	4,178	260,546	4,136	6,854	42	2021
Kannapolis Cannon Ballers	195,500	64	3,055	192,161	2,912	3,339	143	2021
Lynchburg Hillcats	108,725	65	1,673	91,232	1,471	17,493	202	2004
Myrtle Beach Pelicans	268,600	64	4,197	252,183	3,940	16,417	257	1999
Salem Red Sox	177,083	61	2,903	181,287	2,878	(4,204)	25	1995
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,378,278	750	3,171	2,314,460	3,041	63,818	130	
<u>FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE</u>								
Bradenton Marauders	65,598	61	1,075	56,522	870	9,076	205	1923
Clearwater Threshers	157,072	63	2,493	151,982	2,412	5,090	81	2004
Daytona Tortugas	93,894	61	1,539	91,156	1,572	2,738	(33)	1930
Dunedin Blue Jays	31,210	63	495	24,402	387	6,808	108	1977
Fort Myers Mighty Mussels	108,879	65	1,675	86,987	1,582	21,892	93	1991
Jupiter Hammerheads	35,515	39	911	42,156	980	(6,641)	(69)	1998
Lakeland Flying Tigers	38,202	62	616	35,855	629	2,347	(13)	1966
Palm Beach Cardinals	33,067	38	870	36,880	946	(3,813)	(76)	1998
St. Lucie Mets	74,213	62	1,197	71,213	1,167	3,000	30	1988
Tampa Tarpons	58,150	59	986	46,627	897	11,523	89	1996
LEAGUE TOTAL	695,800	573	1,214	643,780	1,158	52,020	56	
<u>CALIFORNIA LEAGUE</u>								
Fresno Grizzlies	277,089	66	4,198	261,652	4,025	15,437	173	2002
Inland Empire (S. Bernardi.) 66ers	139,534	65	2,147	141,792	2,148	(2,258)	(1)	1996
Lake Elsinore Storm	94,385	61	1,547	102,950	1,584	(8,565)	(37)	1994
Modesto Nuts	83,077	66	1,259	94,253	1,428	(11,176)	(169)	1952
Rancho Cucamonga Quakes	151,082	66	2,289	138,533	2,099	12,549	190	1993
San Jose Giants	124,129	66	1,881	115,074	1,744	9,055	137	1942
Stockton Ports	117,377	66	1,778	114,480	1,735	2,897	43	2005
Visalia Rawhide	126,235	66	1,913	121,006	1,833	5,229	80	1946
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,112,908	522	2,132	1,089,740	2,072	23,168	60	
TOTAL - SINGLE-A	4,186,986	1,845	2,269	4,047,980	2,196	139,006	73	
TOTAL - 2022 MAJOR LEAGUE AFFILIATED LEAGUES	32,152,384	7,872	4,084	30,920,722	3,933	1,231,662	151	

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<u>MEXICAN LEAGUE</u>								
Aguascalientes Railroadmen	75,000	39	1,923	74,606	1,735	394	188	1938
Campeche Pirates	66,785	40	1,670	174,171	4,466	(107,386)	(2,796)	2001
Cancun (Quintana Roo) Tigers	212,804	44	4,836	184,564	4,394	28,240	442	2006
Dos Laredos Owls	160,218	44	3,641	178,813	4,064	(18,595)	(423)	2008, '12
Durango Generals	83,570	42	1,990	70,771	1,726	12,799	264	1986
Guadalajara Mariachis	106,405	43	2,475	78,910	2,321	27,495	154	2011
(Union) Laguna Cotton Makers	260,250	44	5,915	200,815	4,781	59,435	1,134	1932
Leon Braves	193,402	42	4,605	172,365	4,008	21,037	597	1973
Mexico City Red Devils	451,884	43	10,509	244,845	6,443	207,039	4,066	2019
Monclova (del Norte) Steelers	186,175	44	4,231	205,603	4,569	(19,428)	(338)	1975
Monterrey Sultans	371,262	44	8,438	382,048	8,490	(10,786)	(52)	1990
Oaxaca Warriors	96,090	43	2,235	71,916	1,712	24,174	523	1950
Puebla Parrots	169,463	38	4,460	137,392	3,271	32,071	1,189	1972
Saltillo Sarape Makers	300,240	41	7,323	249,732	5,808	50,508	1,515	1963
Tabasco Olmecas	188,208	38	4,953	81,656	2,333	106,552	2,620	1964
Tijuana Toros	418,462	45	9,299	453,961	10,088	(35,499)	(789)	1976
Veracruz Eagles	194,320	40	4,858	162,191	3,686	32,129	1,172	1992
Yucatan Lions	506,765	48	10,558	440,165	9,781	66,600	777	1982
LEAGUE TOTAL	4,041,303	762	5,304	3,564,524	4,740	476,779	564	

In 2023, Dos Laredos split its home schedule between Laredo, TX (77,105 (22) 3,505) and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico (83,113 (22) 3,778). In 2022, the Dos Laredos split was: Laredo, TX (82,791 (22) 3,763) and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico (96,022 (22) 4,365).

ATLANTIC LEAGUE

Charleston (WV) Dirty Birds	146,336	62	2,360	119,598	1,961	26,738	399	2005
Gastonia Honey Hunters	91,090	64	1,423	106,903	1,724	(15,813)	(301)	2021
High Point (NC) Rockers	116,925	62	1,886	124,010	1,879	(7,085)	7	2019
Spire City (Fred. MD) Ghost Hounds	57,836	43	1,345	102,502	1,830	(44,666)	(485)	1990
Lancaster Barnstormers	242,961	61	3,983	222,167	3,418	20,794	565	2005
Lexington (KY) Counter Clocks	92,806	60	1,547	150,392	2,387	(57,586)	(840)	2001
Long Island (Central Islip) Ducks	297,745	64	4,652	285,888	4,538	11,857	114	2000
S. Maryland (Waldorf) Blue Crabs	181,291	60	3,022	174,293	3,005	6,998	17	2008
Staten Island Ferry Hawks	68,938	60	1,149	76,759	1,258	(7,821)	(109)	2001
York Revolution	196,968	60	3,283	172,519	2,654	24,449	629	2007
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,492,896	596	2,505	1,535,031	2,476	(42,135)	29	

Spire City (Frederick, MD) played in Lexington, KY in 2022.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Chicago Dogs	206,258	50	4,125	191,984	4,000	14,274	125	2018
Cleburne (TX) Railroaders	59,817	50	1,196	65,062	1,328	(5,245)	(132)	2017
Fargo - Moorhead RedHawks	155,331	49	3,170	147,073	3,064	8,258	106	1996
Gary Southshore RailCats	148,354	47	3,156	152,894	3,185	(4,540)	(29)	2003
Kane County (IL) Cougars	261,836	47	5,571	248,354	5,068	13,482	503	1991
Kansas City (KS) Monarchs	87,244	48	1,818	105,302	2,106	(18,058)	(288)	2003
Lake Country (WI) Dockhounds	91,839	49	1,874	93,711	1,874	(1,872)	0	2022
Lincoln Saltdogs	151,265	49	3,087	144,494	3,074	6,771	13	2001
Milwaukee Milkmen	87,849	49	1,793	86,028	1,721	1,821	72	2019
Sioux City (IA) Explorers	54,899	46	1,193	52,121	1,109	2,778	84	1993
Sioux Falls (SD) Canaries	71,972	50	1,439	59,425	1,213	12,547	226	1964
Winnipeg Goldeyes	178,393	49	3,641	163,893	3,414	14,500	227	1999
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,555,057	583	2,667	1,510,341	2,591	44,716	76	

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<u>FRONTIER LEAGUE</u>								
Evansville Otters	102,561	50	2,051	122,516	2,500	(19,955)	(449)	1915
Florence (KY) Y'alls	111,742	51	2,191	105,981	2,163	5,761	28	2004
Gateway (Sauget, IL) Grizzlies	80,453	49	1,642	76,864	1,537	3,589	105	2002
Joliet Slammers	114,901	51	2,253	137,988	2,706	(23,087)	(453)	2002
Lake Erie (Avon, OH) Crushers	91,501	50	1,830	99,656	2,076	(8,155)	(246)	2009
New Jersey Jackals	45,467	50	909	52,086	1,042	(6,619)	(133)	1998
New York (Rockland) Boulders	151,290	49	3,088	138,531	2,771	12,759	317	2011
Ottawa Titans	76,505	47	1,628	61,727	1,286	14,778	342	1993
Quebec (City) Capitales	166,916	55	3,035	130,414	2,717	36,502	318	1938
Schaumburg Boomers	230,023	51	4,510	210,115	4,041	19,908	469	1999
Sussex (NJ) Miners	68,251	43	1,587	76,742	1,599	(8,491)	(12)	1994
Tri-City (Troy, NY) ValleyCats	136,231	48	2,838	134,617	2,991	1,614	(153)	2002
Trois Rivières Aigles	68,814	46	1,496	67,419	1,434	1,395	62	1938
Washington (PA) Wild Things	94,899	50	1,898	103,968	2,039	(9,069)	(141)	2002
Windy City ThunderBolts	98,005	50	1,960	84,564	1,726	13,441	234	1999
Empire State Greys (Road Team)	0	0		0	0			
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,637,559	740	2,213	1,603,188	2,181	34,371	32	
<u>PIONEER LEAGUE</u>								
Billings Mustangs	110,113	44	2,503	94,563	2,149	15,550	354	2008
Boise Hawks	162,922	47	3,466	160,582	3,345	2,340	121	1989
Glacier (MT) Range Riders	100,661	48	2,097	83,217	1,734	17,444	363	2022
Grand Junction Jackalopes	67,500	48	1,406	73,277	1,527	(5,777)	(121)	1958
Great Falls (MT) Voyagers	62,640	44	1,424	64,786	1,378	(2,146)	46	1956
Idaho Falls Chukars	89,349	44	2,031	101,285	2,110	(11,936)	(79)	2007
Missoula Paddleheads	88,988	47	1,893	83,619	1,742	5,369	151	2004
Northern Colorado Owlz						-----	-----	2024
Ogden Raptors	164,561	47	3,501	167,484	3,641	(2,923)	(140)	1997
Rocky Mtn. Vibes (Colorado Spr.)	114,041	47	2,426	94,550	2,101	19,491	325	1988
LEAGUE TOTAL	960,775	416	2,310	923,363	2,188	37,412	122	
<i>Northern Colorado's attendance for 2022 (3,004, 75 per date), and 2023 (27,581, 641 per date), is not included in official league figures.</i>								
<u>PECOS BASEBALL LEAGUE - Attendance is estimated by the league, and does not include 'no-shows'</u>								
Alpine Cowboys	10,560	30	352	8,964	332	1,596	20	1947
Austin Weirdos	240	6	40	2,912	112	(2,672)	(72)	
Bakersfield Train Robbers	11,022	33	334	9,599	331	1,423	3	1941
Blackwell (OK) FlyCatchers	2,783	23	121	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Dublin Leprechauns	1,072	8	134	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Garden City (KS) Wind	15,262	26	587	24,609	631	(9,347)	(44)	1936
Lancaster (CA) Sound Breakers	32,580	18	1,810	-----	-----	-----	-----	1996
Martinez Sturgeon	7,695	27	285	17,723	479	(10,028)	(194)	
Marysville (CA) Drakes	3,201	33	97	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Monterey (CA) Amerjacks	3,844	31	124	3,075	123	769	1	
Roswell Invaders	3,535	35	101	6,468	231	(2,933)	(130)	1939
San Rafael Pacifics	12,348	36	343	14,256	396	(1,908)	(53)	1950
Santa Fe Fuego	12,992	29	448	11,637	431	1,355	17	1947
Trinidad Triggers	4,725	27	175	5,365	185	(640)	(10)	1960
Tucson Saguaros	4,660	20	233	7,794	433	(3,134)	(200)	
Vallejo Seaweed (S. Cruz in 2022)	4,116	21	196	1,632	96	2,484	100	
Santa Rosa Scuba Divers	-----	-----	-----	1,580	79	-----	-----	
Weimar Hormigas	-----	-----	-----	1,040	65	-----	-----	
Colorado Springs Snow Sox	-----	-----	-----	217	31	-----	-----	
LEAGUE TOTAL	130,635	403	324	116,871	307	13,764	17	

2023 vs. 2022 INDEPENDENT AND MLB PARTNER LEAGUE ATTENDANCE

<u>LEAGUE AND TEAM</u>	<u>2023 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u># OF HOME DATES</u>	<u>2023 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u>2022 TOTAL ATTEND.</u>	<u>2022 AVG./ DATE</u>	<u># CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2023 v. 2022</u>	<u># CHG. AVG. '23 v. '22</u>	<u>YEAR PARK OPENED</u>
<u>UNITED SHORE BASEBALL LEAGUE</u> - League Estimated Attendance (same as in 2022) 2022). All games in Utica, MI								
Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers								
East Side Diamond Hoppers								
Utica Unicorns								
Westside Wooly Mammoths								
LEAGUE TOTAL	251,100	81	3,100	251,100	3,100	0	0	2016
<u>EMPIRE PRO LEAGUE</u>								
Saranac Lake (NY) Surge	N/A	12		N/A		-----		1984
Malone Border Hounds	N/A	20		N/A		-----		
Plattsburgh (NY) Thunderbirds	N/A	11		N/A		-----		2003
Tupper Lake Riverpigs	N/A	18		N/A		-----		
Japan Islanders (Road Team)		0						
LEAGUE TOTAL	N/A	61		N/A				
Empire League number of dates are not included in the totals below. The league does not report attendance.								
<u>MAVERICKS LEAGUE</u> - All games in Keiser, OR. The league did not report 2023 attendance, so the 2022 average was used again.								
Campeños de Salem-Keiser								
Portland Mavericks								
Salem Senators								
Salem-Keizer (OR) Volcanoes								
LEAGUE TOTAL	87,998	98	898	86,202	898	1,796	(0)	1997
INDEPENDENT TOTAL	10,157,323	3,679	2,761	9,590,620	2,629	566,703	132	
ALL MINOR LEAGUES	42,309,707	11,551	3,663	40,511,342	3,520	1,798,365	143	

2023 vs. 2022 ATTENDANCE

LEAGUE AND TEAM	2023 TOTAL ATTEND.	# OF HOME DATES	2023 AVG./ DATE	2022 TOTAL ATTEND.	2022 AVG./ DATE	# CHG. - TOTAL ATT. 2023 v. 2022	# CHG. AVG. '23 v. '22	YEAR PARK OPENED
MLB DRAFT LEAGUE								
Frederick Keys	92,349	36	2,565	154,771	4,422	(62,422)	(1,857)	1990
Mahoning Valley Scrappers	85,215	37	2,303	87,441	2,186	(2,226)	117	1999
State College Spikes	112,209	39	2,877	111,617	2,862	592	15	2006
Trenton Thunder	196,669	36	5,463	195,610	5,016	1,059	447	1994
West Virginia Black Bears	44,236	38	1,164	39,232	1,032	5,004	132	2015
Williamsport Croisscutters	59,137	35	1,690	58,438	1,579	699	111	1923
LEAGUE TOTAL	589,815	221	2,669	647,109	2,838	(57,294)	(169)	
APPALACHIAN LEAGUE								
Bluefield (WV) Ridge Runners	16,728	22	760	15,228	662	1,500	98	1939
Bristol (VA) State Lines	25,674	19	1,351	12,440	541	13,234	810	1969
Burlington (NC) Sock Puppets	46,760	23	2,033	50,765	1,751	(4,005)	282	1960
Danville (VA) Otterbots	35,339	23	1,536	32,450	1,202	2,889	334	1993
Elizabethton (TN) River Riders	22,222	22	1,010	24,760	917	(2,538)	93	1974
Greeneville (TN) Flyboys	45,251	20	2,263	43,656	1,559	1,595	704	2004
Johnson City (TN) Doughboys	87,719	24	3,655	56,866	2,106	30,853	1,549	1956
Kingsport (TN) Axmen	43,956	21	2,093	43,109	1,724	847	369	1995
Princeton (WV) Whistle Pigs	10,427	19	549	16,446	685	(6,019)	(136)	1988
Pulaski River Turtles	26,150	18	1,453	40,197	1,546	(14,047)	(93)	1935
LEAGUE TOTAL	360,226	211	1,707	335,917	1,297	24,309	410	
PROSPECT LEAGUE								
Burlington (IA) Bees	26,689	29	920	29,320	1,011	(2,631)	(91)	1947
Clinton Lumberkings	80,904	29	2,790	76,402	2,635	4,502	155	1937
O'Fallon, MO (River City) - Indy	28,370	29	978	28,146	1,126	224	(148)	1999
Jackson (TN) Rockabillys	46,949	28	1,677	-----	-----	-----	-----	1998
Thrillville (Marion, IL) Thrillbillies	63,070	26	2,426	-----	-----	-----	-----	2007
PERFECT GAME LEAGUE								
Auburn (NY) Doubledays	N/A			32,429	1,351			1995
Batavia Muckdogs	45,178	20	2,259	41,357	1,798	3,821	461	1996
FUTURES COLLEGIATE LEAGUE								
Norwich (CT) Sea Unicorns	52,739	32	1,648	43,737	1,367	9,002	281	1995
Vermont Lake Monsters	72,067	29	2,485	72,635	2,075	(568)	410	1922
New Britain Bees	47,680	28	1,703	51,053	1,702	(3,373)	1	1996

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE - FOR MLB-AFFILIATED PRO MINOR LEAGUERS

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

Glendale Desert Dogs	3,786	15	252	3,400	227	386	25	2009
Mesa Solar Sox	6,517	14	466	4,423	295	2,094	171	2014
Peoria Javelinas	5,754	14	411	4,817	321	937	90	1994
Salt River Rafter	7,134	15	476	7,262	484	(128)	(8)	2011
Scottsdale Scorpions	5,960	15	397	7,358	491	(1,398)	(94)	1992
Surprise Saguros	4,564	15	304	6,273	448	(1,709)	(144)	2011
LEAGUE TOTAL	33,715	88	383	33,533	377	182	6	

LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

This section lists 2023 monthly attendance for each of the 11 affiliated leagues, and for 5 independent leagues (American Association, Atlantic, Frontier, Pioneer, and Mexican Leagues.) Since the number of dates played varies by month, the most vital figure is the average per date. There are also monthly combined totals for the 11 MLB-affiliated leagues, and the 5 listed independent leagues. Monthly attendance from the other independent leagues is not available. Comparisons are made with monthly data from 2022.

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Note that in both years, the combined MLB-affiliated leagues average attendance per date for September is affected by the schedules described in the paragraph below. For April through August 2023, 26.1% of dates were in Triple-A, 24.9% were in Double-A, and 49.0% were in combined High-A and Single A. In September, due to longer AAA seasons, 39.1% of dates were in Triple-A, 27.8% were in Double A, and 33.1% were combined-A. This is why the average per date is higher than in other months.

In 2023, the AAA leagues played 150-game schedules, running from March 31 through Sept. 24. AA leagues had 138 games from April 6 through Sept. 17. Class A leagues played 132 games from April 6 through Sept. 10. Among independent leagues in these tables, the Mexican League had 90 games from April 21 through August 5, the Atlantic League played 126 games from April 28 through Sept. 17, the Frontier League had 96 games from May 11 through Sept. 3, the Pioneer League played 96 games from May 23 through Sept. 9, and the American Association played a 100 games from May 11 through September 4.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

	2023 # of Dates	2023 Total Attendance	2023 Average per Date	2022 Average per Date	23 vs. '22 % Change Avg./Date
April	243	1,186,825	4,884	4,790	2.0
May	252	1,440,098	5,715	5,568	2.6
June	233	1,601,820	6,875	6,348	8.3
July	230	1,612,237	7,010	6,988	0.3
August	258	1,542,650	5,979	6,126	(2.4)
September	204	1,225,615	6,008	5,481	9.6
League Total	1,420	8,609,245	6,063	5,905	2.7

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	2023 # of Dates	2023 Total Attendance	2023 Average per Date	2022 Average per Date	23 vs. '22 % Change Avg./Date
April	127	699,867	5,511	5,314	3.7
May	128	731,395	5,714	5,621	1.7
June	122	721,474	5,914	5,625	5.1
July	119	737,024	6,193	6,108	1.4
August	135	702,429	5,203	5,611	(7.3)
September	104	643,192	6,185	5,631	9.8
League Total	735	4,235,381	5,762	5,654	1.9

EASTERN LEAGUE

	2023 # of Dates	2023 Total Attendance	2023 Average per Date	2022 Average per Date	23 vs. '22 % Change Avg./Date
April	112	400,264	3,574	3,541	0.9
May	151	718,882	4,761	4,232	12.5
June	141	716,325	5,080	4,522	12.3
July	138	716,823	5,194	4,822	7.7
August	158	762,928	4,829	4,651	3.8
September	85	391,287	4,603	4,450	3.4
League Total	785	3,706,509	4,722	4,399	7.3

TEXAS LEAGUE

	2023 # of Dates	2023 Total Attendance	2023 Average per Date	2022 Average per Date	23 vs. '22 % Change Avg./Date
April	101	482,519	4,777	4,374	9.2
May	124	578,019	4,661	4,411	5.7
June	124	582,576	4,698	4,184	12.3
July	117	524,671	4,484	4,316	3.9
August	134	492,321	3,674	3,903	(5.9)
September	75	355,966	4,746	4,568	3.9
League Total	675	3,016,072	4,468	4,266	4.7

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

	2023 # of Dates	2023 Total Attendance	2023 Average per Date	2022 Average per Date	23 vs. '22 % Change Avg./Date
April	78	287,137	3,681	3,644	1.0
May	101	375,897	3,722	3,722	(0.0)
June	93	348,699	3,749	3,425	9.5
July	92	355,871	3,868	3,789	2.1
August	103	316,264	3,071	3,200	(4.0)
September	59	191,993	3,254	3,254	0.0
League Total	526	1,875,861	3,566	3,517	1.4

MIDWEST LEAGUE

	2023 # of Dates	2023 Total Attendance	2023 Average per Date	2022 Average per Date	23 vs. '22 % Change Avg./Date
April	118	321,285	2,723	2,228	22.2
May	153	511,837	3,345	3,231	3.5
June	141	612,640	4,345	4,034	7.7
July	142	655,366	4,615	4,264	8.2
August	155	690,094	4,452	4,286	3.9
September	54	248,504	4,602	4,171	10.3
League Total	763	3,039,726	3,984	3,724	7.0

LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	108	310,722	2,877	2,399	19.9
May	149	436,589	2,930	2,658	10.2
June	147	483,832	3,291	3,126	5.3
July	134	474,842	3,544	3,314	6.9
August	155	504,425	3,254	3,048	6.8
September	52	159,745	3,072	3,606	(14.8)
League Total	745	2,370,155	3,181	2,978	6.8

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	57	108,022	1,895	1,526	24.2
May	77	172,712	2,243	2,200	2.0
June	69	225,614	3,270	2,801	16.7
July	71	249,028	3,507	3,645	(3.8)
August	77	266,712	3,464	3,421	1.3
September	27	90,361	3,347	3,554	(5.8)
League Total	378	1,112,449	2,943	2,865	2.7

CAROLINA LEAGUE

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	112	358,982	3,205	3,054	5.0
May	148	462,065	3,122	2,822	10.6
June	144	459,757	3,193	3,050	4.7
July	140	455,718	3,255	3,223	1.0
August	155	479,930	3,096	3,010	2.9
September	51	161,826	3,173	3,215	(1.3)
League Total	750	2,378,278	3,171	3,041	4.3

FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	96	120,233	1,252	1,248	0.4
May	112	143,106	1,278	1,057	20.9
June	112	128,791	1,150	1,109	3.7
July	101	145,540	1,441	1,404	2.6
August	111	113,486	1,022	1,009	1.3
September	41	44,644	1,089	1,164	(6.5)
League Total	573	695,800	1,214	1,158	4.9

CALIFORNIA LEAGUE

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	83	212,047	2,555	2,055	24.3
May	100	217,809	2,178	2,450	(11.1)
June	101	200,229	1,982	1,748	13.4
July	95	201,693	2,123	2,186	(2.9)
August	107	185,457	1,733	1,893	(8.4)
September	36	95,673	2,658	2,166	22.7
League Total	522	1,112,908	2,132	2,072	2.9

FULL SEASON MLB-AFFILIATED LEAGUES TOTAL

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	1,235	4,487,903	3,634	3,371	7.8
May	1,495	5,788,409	3,872	3,696	4.8
June	1,427	6,081,757	4,262	3,965	7.5
July	1,379	6,128,813	4,444	4,336	2.5
August	1,548	6,056,696	3,913	3,934	(0.5)
September	788	3,608,806	4,580	4,397	4.2
Full-Sea. Total	7,872	32,152,384	4,084	3,933	3.8

TRIPLE-A TOTALS

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	370	1,886,692	5,099	4,971	2.6
May	380	2,171,493	5,714	5,586	2.3
June	355	2,323,294	6,544	6,104	7.2
July	349	2,349,261	6,731	6,692	0.6
August	393	2,245,079	5,713	5,953	(4.0)
September	308	1,868,807	6,068	5,531	9.7
Triple-A Total	2,155	12,844,626	5,960	5,820	2.4

DOUBLE-A TOTALS

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	291	1,169,920	4,020	3,851	4.4
May	376	1,672,798	4,449	4,160	6.9
June	358	1,647,600	4,602	4,114	11.9
July	347	1,597,365	4,603	4,372	5.3
August	395	1,571,513	3,979	4,033	(1.4)
September	219	939,246	4,289	4,170	2.8
Double-A Total	1,986	8,598,442	4,330	4,121	5.1

LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

HIGH-A AND SINGLE-A COMBINED TOTALS

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	574	1,431,291	2,494	2,185	14.1
May	739	1,944,118	2,631	2,485	5.9
June	714	2,110,863	2,956	2,786	6.1
July	683	2,182,187	3,195	3,076	3.9
August	760	2,240,104	2,948	2,866	2.8
September	261	800,753	3,068	3,076	(0.3)
Class A Total	3,731	10,709,316	2,870	2,727	5.3

ATLANTIC LEAGUE

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	12	28,892	2,408	2,676	(10.0)
May	130	330,709	2,544	2,416	5.3
June	121	295,982	2,446	2,399	2.0
July	130	324,697	2,498	2,565	(2.6)
August	130	328,768	2,529	2,514	0.6
September	73	183,848	2,518	2,367	6.4
League Total	596	1,492,896	2,505	2,476	1.2

MEXICAN LEAGUE

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	79	497,849	6,302	5,601	12.5
May	222	1,100,048	4,955	4,383	13.1
June	198	1,038,165	5,243	4,506	16.4
July	217	1,114,849	5,138	4,499	14.2
August	46	290,392	6,313	5,905	6.9
League Total	762	4,041,303	5,304	4,653	14.0

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
May	102	252,278	2,473	2,196	12.6
June	156	414,308	2,656	2,392	11.0
July	141	389,082	2,759	2,848	(3.1)
August	160	430,785	2,692	2,680	0.5
September	24	68,604	2,859	3,153	(9.3)
League Total	583	1,555,057	2,667	2,591	2.9

FRONTIER LEAGUE

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
May	132	252,980	1,917	1,840	4.2
June	195	409,512	2,100	2,040	2.9
July	177	422,792	2,389	2,311	3.4
August	211	473,505	2,244	2,287	(1.9)
September	25	78,770	3,151	2,948	6.9
League Total	740	1,637,559	2,213	2,181	1.5

5 INDEPENDENT LEAGUES TOTAL

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# 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	91	526,741	5,788	4,468	29.6
May	614	2,005,174	3,266	3,007	8.6
June	785	2,425,936	3,090	2,806	10.1
July	781	2,532,191	3,242	3,031	7.0
August	668	1,781,217	2,666	2,674	(0.3)
September	158	416,331	2,635	2,590	1.7
League Total	3,097	9,687,590	3,128	2,923	7.0

PIONEER LEAGUE

	2023	2023	2023	2022	23 vs. '22
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Change
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
May	28	69,159	2,470	2,027	21.9
June	115	267,969	2,330	2,149	8.4
July	116	280,771	2,420	2,238	8.2
August	121	257,767	2,130	2,153	(1.1)
September	36	85,109	2,364	2,363	0.0
League Total	416	960,775	2,310	2,188	5.6

Pioneer League figures exclude Northern Colorado, which drew 27,581 (641 per date).

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2023 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE - INDEPENDENT LEAGUES BY TEAM

League and Teams	Total Attendance	# Games	Avg./Game
MEXICAN			
Del Norte	13,132	2	6,566
Union Laguna	91,603	12	7,634
Mexico City	98,741	6	16,457
Veracruz	39,458	6	6,576
Yucatan	101,563	8	12,695
Tabasco	14,157	2	7,079
Puebla	108,760	12	9,063
Saltillo	28,609	3	9,536
Monterrey	85,121	7	12,160
Dos Laredos	44,489	8	5,561
Qunitana Roo	20,792	3	6,931
Tijuana	47,103	4	11,776
Total – Mexican League	693,528	73	9,500
ATLANTIC			
Gastonia	12,412	5	2,482
Hi Point	5,860	3	1,953
Lancaster, PA	15,608	4	3,902
Long Island	4,499	1	4,479
Total – Atlantic League	38,379	13	2,952
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION			
Chicago	14,240	6	2,373
Sioux Falls, SD	936	1	936
Cleburne, TX	586	1	586
Kane County, IL	1,714	2	857
Kansas City, KS	6,588	5	1,318
Fargo-Moorhead	1,296	1	1,296
Milwaukee	1,004	2	502
Sioux City, IA	953	2	477
Total – American Association	27,317	20	1,366
FRONTIER			
Evansville	12,409	4	3,102
Schaumburg	2,605	1	2,605
Sussex	N/A	0	0
Gateway	2,174	2	1,087
Quebec	14,632	4	3,658
New Jersey	N/A	0	0
Total – Frontier League	31,820	11	2,893
PIONEER			
Rocky Mountain	3,120	1	3,120
Missoula	2,316	2	1,158
Ogden	6,089	3	2,030
Billings	4,828	2	2,414
Total – Pioneer League	16,353	8	2,044
Grand Total – 5 Leagues	807,397	125	6,459

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

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2023 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE – MLB-AFFILIATED LEAGUES BY TEAM

League and Teams	Total Attendance	# Games	Avg./Game
Norfolk – IL and Triple-A Champion	21,844	3	7,281
Durham	0	0	0
Oklahoma City – PCL Champion	12,046	2	6,023
Round Rock	0	0	0
Triple-A Championship at Las Vegas	8,556	1	8,556
TRIPLE-A TOTAL	42,446	6	7,074
DOUBLE-A EASTERN			
Erie	10,440	2	5,220
Binghamton, NY	9,958	2	4,979
Richmond	7,074	1	7,074
Somerset, NJ	6,205	1	6,205
Total – Eastern League	33,677	6	5,613
DOUBLE-A SOUTHERN			
Montgomery	2,817	1	2,817
Pensacola	6,127	2	3,064
Chattanooga	2,352	1	2,352
Tennessee	6,747	2	3,374
Total – Southern League	18,043	6	3,007
DOUBLE-A TEXAS			
Springfield, MO	2,798	1	2,798
Arkansas	10,976	3	3,659
Amarillo	13,960	3	4,653
San Antonio	5,748	2	2,874
Total – Texas League	33,482	9	3,720
DOUBLE-A TOTAL	85,202	21	4,057
HIGH-A SOUTH ATLANTIC			
Jersey Shore (Lakewood)	2,183	1	2,183
Huson Valley (Fishkill, NY)	9,087	3	3,029
Hickory	1,207	1	1,207
Greenville, SC	9,495	2	4,748
Total – South Atlantic League	21,972	7	3,139
HIGH-A MIDWEST			
Cedar Rapids	7,674	4	1,919
Great Lakes (Midland, MI)	6,200	3	2,067
Fort Wayne	3,657	1	3,657
Peoria	1,252	1	1,252
Total – Midwest League	18,783	9	2,087
HIGH-A NORTHWEST			
Everett	2,482	2	1,241
Vancouver, BC	12,826	2	6,413
Total – Northwest League	15,308	4	3,827
HIGH-A TOTAL	56,063	20	2,803

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 2023 PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE – MLB-AFFILIATED LEAGUES BY TEAM

League and Teams	Total Attendance	# Games	Avg./Game
SINGLE-A CAROLINA			
Charleston, SC	9,927	2	4,964
Down East (Kinston, NC)	2,262	3	754
Carolina	1,815	1	1,815
Myrtle Beach	8,365	2	4,183
Total – Carolina League	22,369	8	2,796
SINGLE-A FLORIDA STATE			
Jupiter	437	2	219
Lakeland	673	1	673
Palm Beach	249	1	249
Clearwater	5,020	4	1,255
Total – Florida State League	6,379	8	797
SINGLE-A CALIFORNIA			
Modesto	5,311	2	2,656
Inland Empire (San Bernadino)	3,005	1	3,005
Rancho Cucamonga	5,296	3	1,765
San Jose	1,511	1	1,511
Total – California League	15,123	7	2,160
SINGLE-A TOTAL	43,871	23	1,907
MLB AFFILIATED LEAGUES TOTAL	227,582	70	3,251

League champions shown in bold

MINOR LEAGUE 2023 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	21,844	3	7,281	0	3	8,120	Norfolk
Pacific Coast	12,046	2	6,023	0	2	6,123	Oklahoma City
Triple-A Championship	8,556	1			1		Las Vegas
Total – Triple-A	42,446	6	7,074	0	6	8,556	Las Vegas
Eastern	33,677	6	5,613	0	3	7,074	Richmond
Southern	18,043	6	3,007	0	0	3,382	Tennessee
Texas	33,482	9	3,720	0	2	5,403	Amarillo
Total – Double-A	85,202	21	4,057	0	5	7,074	Richmond
South Atlantic	21,972	7	3,139	0	1	5,102	Greenville, SC
Midwest	18,783	9	2,087	0	0	3,657	Fort Wayne
Northwest	15,308	4	3,827	0	2	6,413	Vancouver (2 games)
Total – High-A	56,063	20	2,803	0	3	6,413	Vancouver (2)
Carolina	22,369	8	2,796	3	1	5,314	Charleston, SC
Florida State	6,379	8	797	5	0	1,753	Clearwater
California	15,123	7	2,160	0	0	3,573	Modesto
Total – Single-A	43,871	23	1,907	8	1	5,314	Charleston, SC
Total – Affiliated	227,582	70	3,251	8	15	8,556	Las Vegas
INDEPENDENT							
Mexican	693,528	73	9,500	0	70	20,062	Mexico City
Atlantic	38,379	13	2,952	0	0	4,956	Lancaster, PA
American Association	27,317	20	1,366	10	0	2,978	Chicago
Frontier	31,820	11	2,893	0	0	4,632	Evansville
Pioneer	16,353	8	2,044	1	0	3,184	Billings
Total – Independent	807,397	125	6,459	11	70	20,062	Mexico City
Total – All Leagues	1,034,979	195	5,308	19	85	20,062	Mexico City

29 Mexican League playoff games drew at least 10,000, and 3 games topped 15,000.

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

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE - By League and Classification - 2023 vs. 2022

MLB AFFILIATED LEAGUES	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>CHANGE 2023 vs. 2022</u>		<u>AVERAGE PER DATE</u>		<u>CHANGE 2023 vs. 2022</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u># Change</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u># Change</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>
International	8,609,245	8,491,388	117,857	1.4	6,063	5,905	158	2.7
Pacific Coast	4,235,381	4,150,002	85,379	2.1	5,762	5,654	108	1.9
Triple-A Total	12,844,626	12,641,390	203,236	1.6	5,960	5,820	140	2.4
Texas	3,016,072	2,854,085	161,987	5.7	4,468	4,266	202	4.7
Eastern	3,706,509	3,470,478	236,031	6.8	4,722	4,399	323	7.3
Southern	1,875,861	1,839,631	36,230	2.0	3,566	3,517	49	1.4
Double-A Total	8,598,442	8,164,194	434,248	5.3	4,330	4,121	209	5.1
Midwest	3,039,726	2,756,108	283,618	10.3	3,984	3,724	260	7.0
South Atlantic	2,370,155	2,242,589	127,566	5.7	3,181	2,978	203	6.8
Northwest	1,112,449	1,068,461	43,988	4.1	2,943	2,865	78	2.7
High-A Total	6,522,330	6,067,158	455,172	7.5	3,458	3,251	207	6.4
Carolina	2,378,278	2,314,460	63,818	2.8	3,171	3,041	130	4.3
Florida State	695,800	643,780	52,020	8.1	1,214	1,158	56	4.8
California	1,112,908	1,089,740	23,168	2.1	2,132	2,072	60	2.9
Single-A Total	4,186,986	4,047,980	139,006	3.4	2,269	2,196	73	3.3
All Full-Season-A	10,709,316	10,115,138	594,178	5.9	2,870	2,727	143	5.2
Full-Season MLB Affiliated Total	32,152,384	30,920,722	1,231,662	4.0	4,084	3,933	151	3.8
MLB PARTNER AND INDEPENDENT LEAGUES								
American Association	1,555,057	1,510,341	44,716	3.0	2,667	2,591	76	2.9
Atlantic	1,492,896	1,535,031	(42,135)	(2.7)	2,505	2,476	29	1.2
Frontier	1,637,559	1,603,188	34,371	2.1	2,213	2,181	32	1.5
Mexican	4,041,303	3,564,524	476,779	13.4	5,304	4,740	564	11.9
Pioneer	960,775	923,363	37,412	4.1	2,310	2,188	122	5.6
United Shore	251,100	251,100	0	0.0	3,100	3,100	0	0.0
Pecos Baseball	130,635	116,871	13,764	11.8	324	307	17	5.5
Mavericks	87,998	86,202			898	898	0	0.0
Empire	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A		
Independent Total *	10,157,323	9,590,620	566,703	5.9	2,761	2,613	148	5.7
All Minor Leagues Total	42,309,707	40,511,342	1,798,365	4.4	3,663	3,513	150	4.3

The United Shore Baseball League estimated same attendance in 2023 and 2022. It will be updated if the league issues a figure.
The Mavericks League did not report 2023 attendance. So the 2022 average per date was applied to 2023.
Attendance for the Empire Pro League was not available.

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

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

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

2023 MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TOTAL ATTENDANCE

	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u># of Dates</u>	<u>Average per Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<u>MAJOR LEAGUES</u>				
Spring Training	3,175,704	452	7,026	
Regular Season	70,747,365	2,416	29,283	
Wild Card Games	290,328	8	36,291	Tampa Bay, Minnesota Philadelphia, Milwaukee
Division Series	632,314	14	45,165	Baltimore, Texas, Houston, Minnesota, Atlanta, L.A. Dodgers, Philadelphia, Arizona
Championship Series	621,336	14	44,381	Texas, Houston Philadelphia, Arizona
World Series	230,388	5	46,078	Arizona, Texas
MLB Post-Season Total	1,774,366	41	43,277	
Futures Game	42,755	1		at Seattle
Home Run Derby	46,952	1		at Seattle
All-Star Game	47,159	1		at Seattle
Major League Total	75,834,301	2,912	26,042	
<u>MINOR LEAGUES</u>				
MLB Affiliated Regular Sea.	32,152,384	7,873	4,084	
MLB Affiliated Post-Season	227,582	70	3,251	
MLB Affiliated All-Star	0	0	0	None played
Independent Regular Sea.	10,157,275	3,679	2,761	
Independent Post-Season	807,397	125	6,459	
Independent All-Star	14,738	3	4,913	Mexican, Frontier, American Assoc.
Arizona Fall League	37,796	91	415	
Minor League Total	43,397,172	11,841	3,665	
Majors/Minors Total	119,231,473	14,753	8,082	

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

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

Arizona Fall League Total Includes the Fall Stars Game and 2 playoff games, which drew a total of 4,081.

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

Year	Total MLB-Affiliated Attendance	# of Teams	Average Att. per Team	Year	Total MLB-Affiliated Attendance	# of Teams	Average Att. per Team
				1985	18,380,000	154	119,351
1946	32,704,315	314	104,154	1986	18,456,808	154	119,849
1947	37,184,167	388	95,835	1987	20,215,564	158	127,947
1948	38,415,716	438	87,707	1988	21,659,873	160	135,374
1949	39,640,443	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	2023	32,152,384	120	267,937
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, 2022, and 2023 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
				2023	32,152,384	120	267,937	4,084

WHAT IF?

The tables on Page 51 show a much lower attendance total for MLB-affiliated teams from 2021 through 2023, compared to seasons prior to 2020, due to a reduction in the number of teams from 176 to 120. But average attendance per team has increased. This is because no current MLB-affiliated teams, that charge admission, play a short-season schedule anymore. Prior to 2020, there were 40 MLB-affiliated short-season teams that compiled attendance.

But what would 2023 and 2022 attendance be, if the figures from 2019 NAPBL or MLB-affiliated teams that now play in Independent Pro, or in Summer Collegiate leagues, were added to the 2023 MLB-affiliated total? Let's find out.

Keep in mind when comparing these figures is that numerous teams have had significant changes in the number of 2021, 2022, and 2023 scheduled games, compared to the number of games they had scheduled through 2019. The Triple-A teams now have 75 home dates, compared to 70 in 2019. Double-A has gone to 69 home dates, from 70 in 2019. Class-A teams are scheduled for 66 dates, also instead of 70 in 2019. There are 9 teams, now in MLB-affiliated full-season leagues that had only 38 home dates in their pre-2021 schedules, but now have 66 home dates. Mexican League teams have a considerably shorter schedule than in 2019, while Pioneer League teams have a somewhat longer one. Some of the teams that were in MLB-affiliated leagues in 2019, but that now play in independent leagues, or in Summer Collegiate leagues, have more home dates scheduled than they had in 2019, and some have fewer dates.

The table below includes attendance from the 120 MLB-affiliated teams of 2023, even if they had played in independent leagues prior to 2021 (Sugar Land, St. Paul, and Somerset). Added, are figures from teams that played in NAPBL MLB-affiliated leagues in 2019, but who now play in Independent Pro, or Summer Collegiate leagues. This includes the 16 Mexican League franchises that were active in 2019. That league now has 18 teams.

It also includes the 8 Pioneer League teams that were in MLB-affiliated leagues in 2019, plus Kane County of the American Association, Charleston WV, Lexington KY, Staten Island, and Spire City (Frederick MD) of the Atlantic League, Lancaster CA of the Pecos League, and the entire Mavericks League – which is counted as one team. The Mavericks League plays all its games in Keiser, OR, which had a short-season Northwest League team through the 2019 season.

2019 MLB-affiliated teams now in the Summer Collegiate Leagues, and included in the table, are all 10 Appalachian League and all 6 MLB Draft League, teams, along with Burlington IA, Clinton, Batavia, Auburn, Vermont, and Jackson TN. Jackson and Lancaster didn't have teams in 2022, and Auburn listed attendance in 2022 but not in 2023.

Overall, these teams combined for a nice increase in total attendance and average per date for 2023 vs. 2022, especially considering that none of them moved into a new ballpark in 2023. But for 2023 vs. 2019, even taking the reduced number of dates played into account, there was still a slight decline in average per date.

YEAR	# OF TEAMS	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF DATES	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER DATE	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER TEAM
2023	173	38,859,465	9,922	3,916	224,621
2022	172	37,234,052	9,954	3,741	216,477
2019	176	41,504,077	10,262	4,044	235,819
Changes:					
2023 vs. 2022	Up 1	Up 1,625,413 (4.4%)	Down 32	Up 174 (4.7%)	Up 8,144
2023 vs. 2019	Down 3	Down 2,644,612 (6.4%)	Down 340	Down 128 (3.2%)	Down 11,198

Much of the 2023 vs. 2019 decline in total attendance is due to fewer teams and fewer dates played.

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

In 2024, Hagerstown, which had an MLB-affiliated team in 2019, will have a new team in the independent Atlantic League.

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
2023	8	82	10,157,323	Yucatan	506,765	Yucatan	10,558

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**

-) 195 Collegiate Summer League teams listed attendance in **2023**, and they drew a total of 5,592,207, averaging 1,196 per date. As usual, the Northwoods League had the top total attendance (**a league, and likely all-time Summer Collegiate League, record-high 1,297,864**). The MLB Draft League had the highest average per date (2,669). Madison, WI led all teams in total attendance (228,692), and average per date (6,353). If Madison was in a pro Minor League, that average per date would have ranked as 15th best among MLB-affiliated teams, and highest among U.S./Canadian independent teams. Trenton of the MLB Draft League finished second in total attendance (196,669) and average per date (5,463). Savannah continued to be very successful as an exhibition team, but no longer plays in any Collegiate Summer League.
-) The 178 Collegiate Summer League teams with **2022** reported attendance drew 5,402,435, an average of 1,178 per date. The Northwoods League had the highest announced league total (1,160,821). The 6-team MLB-Draft League, made up of former MLB-affiliated pro Minor League teams, had the highest average per date (2,839). Madison, WI of the Northwoods League, had the **2022** top total (199,785), and the best average per date (5,550), 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.

2023 SUMMER COLLEGIATE TEAMS THAT PLAYED IN THE MINOR LEAGUES IN 2019

26 teams that played in professional Minor Leagues in 2019 played in Summer Collegiate leagues in 2023. 6 of these teams have played in the MLB Draft League since 2021. The Appalachian League became an MLB-Partner Summer Collegiate League in 2021, and all its 2019 teams continued to play there in 2023. In 2019, 22 of these teams were in MLB-affiliated leagues, and 4 were independent league teams.

-) **MLB Draft League** – 6 teams. This was the 3rd year for this league. It is sort of a combination of Summer Collegiate League for the first part of the season, and pro Minor League in the latter part of the year. Frederick came from the Class A Carolina League, Trenton played in the Class AA Eastern League, and State College, Mahoning Valley OH, West Virginia (Morgantown), and Williamsport, had all been in the New York-Penn League in **2019**.
-) In **2023**, the league drew 589,815, averaging 2,669 per date, with 19 lost dates. Total attendance fell 57,294 (8.9%), and average per date was down 169 (6.0%). 7 fewer dates played than in 2022. Top crowd was 8,440 in Frederick.
-) 4 teams had increases in total attendance, and 5 teams were up in average per date. West Virginia posted the best total attendance gain (5,004), and Trenton had the highest average per date increase (447). Frederick had the biggest declines, with total attendance down 62,422, and average per date down 1,857. Those big losses were caused, in great part, due to an Atlantic League team sharing Frederick's ballpark in 2023.
-) Trenton led the league in **2023**, drawing 196,669, averaging 5,463 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 2023 average per date would have ranked 27th among the 120 teams there. If the Thunder were an independent pro team, their 2023 total would have been 15th best among the 82 teams, and 8th best among the 64 U.S./Canadian teams. Trenton would have had the 8th best average per date among all independent teams, and the 2nd best among those teams in the U.S. and Canada.
-) For **2023 vs. 2019**, the 6 MLB Draft League teams had a total attendance loss of 359,365 (37.9%), and an average per date decline of 873 (24.6%), with 47 fewer dates. All teams had lower total attendance in 2023 than in 2019. Frederick had the largest total declines (171,179 in total attendance and 1,827 in average per date), as expected, since they were in a full-season league in 2019, playing a much longer schedule. Trenton, also in a full-season league in 2019, had the league's only **2023 vs. 2019** average per date gain, up 221.
-) 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.

2023 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, 2022, and 2023, but all were given new team names.
-) **The league drew 360,226 in 2023, averaging a league record-high 1,707 per date, with 29 lost dates.** The former league record-high average per date was 1,404 in 1994. Total attendance was up 28,141 (8.5%) from 2022, despite a shorter schedule in 2023. Average per date rose by 352 (26.0%). There were 34 fewer dates played than in 2022. 8 teams had gains in total attendance, and in average per date. Johnson City posted the largest increases, up 28,519 in total attendance, and up 1,378 in average per date. Pulaski had the biggest declines, down 38,358 in total attendance, and down 936 in average per date, with 9 fewer dates in 2023.
-) **Johnson City led the league in total attendance, drawing a team record-high 87,719. Their record-high average per date of 3,655 may have been the highest average per date ever in this league's long history. It is certainly the highest average per date since at least 1991. Johnson City also had the largest crowd of the year – 5,261.**
-) **Also setting team record-highs in average per date in 2023 were: Bristol (1,351); Elizabethton (1,010); Greeneville, TN (2,263); Kingsport (2,093).**
-) The **2023** total attendance was down 50,963 (12.4%) **vs. 2019**, but average per date was up 453 (36.1%), with 117 fewer dates, as the league now has a shorter schedule. 6 teams had gains in total attendance **vs. 2019**, and 8 were up in average per date. Kingsport had the highest increases, up 14,403 in total attendance and up 1,197 in average per date. Johnson City had a 1,136 average per date gain. Pulaski suffered the worst declines, down 69,747 in total attendance, and down 1,368 in average per date.
-) In **2019**, Pulaski drew 95,897, with a 2,821 average per date. That was the highest total attendance for any team in this league since it began playing a short-season schedule in 1957.
-) Huntington, WV will replace Princeton in 2024. This team will be run by Marshall University, and will share a ballpark with that school's baseball team.
-) **Other 2019 Professional Teams Now in Collegiate Summer Leagues** – 10 teams. Burlington, IA and Clinton went from the Midwest League to the Prospect League, as did O'Fallon from the Frontier League. Jackson, TN, formerly in the Southern League, and Marion, IL, formerly the Southern Illinois Miners of the Frontier League (now named the Thrillville Thrillabillies), joined the Prospect League in 2023. Auburn and Batavia of the New York-Penn League moved to the Perfect Game League. The Futures Collegiate League took Norwich and Burlington, VT from the New York Penn League, and New Britain from the Atlantic League.
-) No attendance was available from Auburn in 2023. The other 9 teams drew a combined announced 463,646 in **2023**, averaging 1,855 per date. **For the 7 teams with reported attendance in both 2023 and 2022**, total attendance was 353,627, up 10,977 (3.2%), and average per date rose 108 (6.4%), to 1,804, with 6 fewer dates. 4 teams had gains **vs. 2022** in total attendance and 5 were up average per date.
-) Clinton, IA had the top attendance in this group of teams drawing 80,904, with a 2,790 average per date.
-) Compared to **2019**, when these teams played much longer schedules in professional Minor Leagues, the **2023** total was down 326,365 (excluding Auburn). But the average per date rose by 84 (4.7%). There were 196 fewer dates in 2023 than in 2019. Batavia had increases in both total attendance and average per date. Vermont, Clinton, and Thrillville posted gains in average per date.

2023 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	0							
Appalachian	10	10	360,226	211	1,707	Johnson City	87,719	24	3,655
Atlantic Collegiate	16	1	1,690	13	130	Jersey	1,690	13	130
Cal Ripken Collegiate	8	8	28,185	135	209	Bethesda	12,978	19	683
California Collegiate									
Cape Cod	10	10	318,401	218	1,461	Orleans	43,942	21	2,092
Coastal Plain	14	14	454,113	362	1,254	Macon	58,808	23	2,557
Florida Collegiate	6	2	11,297	31	364	Leesburg	10,700	17	629
Futures Collegiate	8	8	332,259	222	1,497	Vermont	72,067	29	2,485
Golden State									
Great Lakes Summer	13	10	32,341	173	187	Hamilton	8,639	18	480
Great West									
Independence									
M.I.N.K.	9	5	92,192	111	831	St. Joseph	75,783	28	2,707
MLB Draft *	6	6	589,815	222	2,657	Trenton	196,669	36	5,463
New England Collegiate	13	13	264,365	267	990	Martha's Vineyard	61,607	22	2,800
New York Collegiate	10	4	11,891	68	175	Genesee	4,102	18	228
Northern	6	6	29,436	152	194	Northwest Indiana	12,390	30	413
Northwoods	24	23	1,297,864	820	1,583	Madison	228,692	36	6,353
Ohio Valley	11	10	35,191	94	374	DuBois County	16,098	13	1,238
Perfect Game	16	7	145,257	137	1,060	Elmira	62,214	19	3,274
Prospect	17	17	575,294	484	1,189	Clinton	80,904	29	2,790
Southern California									
Sunbelt	8	8	37,788	110	344	Columbus, GA	19,812	16	1,238
Texas Collegiate	5	0							
Valley Baseball	12	7	43,006	145	297	Purcellville	20,158	22	916
West Coast Collegiate	16	16	626,171	425	1,473	Edmonton	104,748	27	3,880
Western Canadian	10	10	305,425	275	1,111	Okotoks	127,622	28	4,558
TOTAL	253	195	5,592,207	4,675	1,196	Madison	228,692	36	6,353

Sources: League Websites, Ballpark Digest