

2016 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

This is a brief summary of 2016 Major League Baseball attendance. It includes league and team attendance totals in the pages that follow the notes below.

The 2016 full Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis has been posted on numbertamer.com. Go to the site's 'Baseball Reports' page and scroll down for the link to the 2016 Minor League Analysis. The 2016 Major League Analysis should be ready by May, 2017. The full analyses for each season from 2009 through 2015 can currently be found on the 'Baseball Reports' page of numbertamer.com. An updated version of the 2015 Major League Analysis, showing 2015 and 2016 attendance data in other sports besides baseball, has been posted.

If you need any further information before the 2016 full Major League report is published, please contact David Kronheim – d.kronheim@verizon.net, 718-591-2043. This data will be provided free-of-charge.

SOURCES:

Major League attendance data was obtained from the Major League Baseball Information System. The office of Minor League Baseball (formerly known as the NAPBL) provided figures for the Major League affiliated leagues. Independent leagues data came from each league's Website. Attendance for the Pecos Baseball League was estimated and provided by that league, and does not include tickets sold but not used.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL – 2016 Preliminary Attendance Notes

These notes come from the updated regular season attendance figures, issued by MLB on December 1, 2016. However, there is an error in this book. Attendance from the second game of a day-night double header in Minnesota on September 22 was not included. The Minnesota Twins 2016 Review, game notes, and the box scores, show these games as separate admission, with the night game drawing 21,599. This report includes that game.

-) Major League Baseball's 2016 total attendance was 73,159,044. This is down 600,076 (0.8%) from 2015, and is the 11th best total ever. Total MLB attendance has topped 73 million for 13 years in a row. Attendance rose less than 0.1% in 2015, fell 0.4% in 2014 and 1.1% in 2013, rose 2.0% in 2012 and 0.5% in 2011, and fell 0.4% in 2010, and 6.6% in 2009.
-) The American League had a combined 2016 gain of 188,506 (0.5%), but the National League dipped a combined 789,482 (2.0%). In 2015, the American League was up 1.1%, while National League total attendance fell 0.9%. In 2014, the A.L. was down 0.3%, and the N.L. fell 0.5%. Each league was down a combined 1.1% in 2013.
-) Average attendance per date was 30,169 in 2016, down 348 from the 2015 average of 30,517. American League teams averaged 28,892 per date (up 13 from 2015), while the National League teams averaged 31,447 (down 704). These averages include interleague games. It was the 13th straight year that average per date exceeded 30,000. American League teams hosted 6 more dates in 2016 than in 2015. National League teams hosted 2 more dates in 2016 than in 2015.
-) 2016 post-season attendance was 1,552,257 for 35 games, averaging 44,350 per game. Total 2015 post-season attendance was 1,634,763 for 36 games, an average of 45,410 per game.
-) The Los Angeles Dodgers had their 8th best attendance ever, and led the Majors, drawing 3,703,312, an average of 45,720 per date. They had 8 sellouts, and topped 50,000 at 12 games.
-) Toronto drew 3,392,099, averaging 41,878, to lead the American League. The Blue Jays had 39 sellouts.
-) The New York Yankees had led the American League in attendance for a record-setting 13 years in a row through 2015. The previous record for consecutive seasons leading a league was 11 by the Yankees from 1949 to 1959. Among National League teams, the Dodgers hold the record for the longest streak as league attendance champion – 10 straight years from 1977 through 1986. In 2016, the Yankees topped 3 million for 18th straight year, which is a new Major League record.
-) Top 2016 road attendance honors went to the Cubs, who drew 2,839,239 (35,052 per date) away from home. The Red Sox led American League teams on the road, drawing 2,615,524 (32,290 per date).

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-) The Dodgers had the highest combined home/road attendance, drawing 6,373,013 (39,340 per date). Toronto drew a combined 5,827,392 (35,972 per date) to lead the American League. For the previous 17 seasons, the Yankees had the highest combined home/road American League attendance.
-) Tampa Bay had the lowest total attendance in the Major Leagues in 2016, drawing 1,286,163 (15,879 per date).
-) Cleveland drew 1,591,667 (19,650 per date), and Oakland attracted 1,521,506 (18,784 per date). Miami had the National League's lowest attendance-1,712,417 (21,405 per date). The White Sox, Minnesota, Cincinnati and Philadelphia were the other teams under 2 million.
-) The 2016 Indians became just the 3rd team to play in the World Series in a year when they had the 3rd lowest attendance in the Major Leagues. 2003 Florida and 1974 Oakland are the others. No team with a year's lowest or 2nd lowest Major League attendance, or the lowest attendance in their league, ever played in the World Series.
-) 46 of the 224 teams that were in the World Series from 1903 through 2016 led all of Major League Baseball in attendance that year. 47 additional World Series teams led their own league, but not MLB. From 1903 through 1978, 83 of the 150 World Series teams were league leaders in attendance. Starting in 1979, just 10 of the 74 World Series participants led their league in attendance. Since 1995, the only league attendance leaders who played in the World Series were the 2003 and 2009 Yankees, and the 2002 Giants. There have been 27 World Series with each league's attendance leader participating, but only one (1992-Toronto-Atlanta) since 1982.
-) Toronto, St. Louis and San Francisco, in addition to the Dodgers, averaged over 40,000 per date. 10 other teams averaged over 30,000 per date in 2016. There were 17 teams who averaged 30,000+ per date in 2015, and 15 teams did it in 2014.
-) 8 American League teams, and 5 National League teams, had gains in total attendance in 2016. 5 teams (Cleveland, Texas, Toronto, the Cubs, and the Mets) had increases of at least 200,000. Cleveland and Toronto had percentage increases of at least 10%.
-) Detroit, Minnesota, Oakland, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and Pittsburgh were down at least 200,000, with the A's, Twins, Reds, and Pirates suffering percentage declines of more than 10%.
-) Atlanta was up in total attendance, but down in average per date, if all home dates are included. The Braves had one more home date in 2016 than in 2015. They also played a home game at a temporary park at Fort Bragg, NC. That game drew a sellout crowd of 12,582. Average per date for games at Turner Field was up 87.
-) No new season team attendance records were set in 2016. The Cubs fell just 67,780 short of their all-time high in total attendance.
-) The 300 interleague dates drew 9,374,030, an average of 31,247 per date. Non-interleague games averaged 30,016 per date, so the interleague games averaged 4.1% higher than the non-interleague average. In 2015, the interleague games drew an average of 4.2% higher than non-interleague games. Interleague games averaged just 1.4% more than non-interleague games in 2014, and 2.0% higher in 2013. But in 2012, interleague games averaged 34,693 per date, which was 13.9% above the average of 30,454 per date for non-interleague games.
-) In most seasons prior to 2013, interleague games averaged about 10-12% higher attendance than non-interleague games. But until 2013, nearly all interleague games were played from late May to early July when attendance is higher than at the start and end of the season. With each league having 15 teams due to the move of the Astros to the American League in 2013, there was at least one interleague game played nearly every day of the season.
-) Attendance didn't finish as strong in 2016 or 2015 as it did in 2014. There was a 2.2% increase in average attendance per date for games played in September 2014, compared to September 2013. Games on the final weekend of the 2014 season drew 1,648,624, the best final weekend total since 2008 (1,683,763). That 2008 weekend had the final games at Shea Stadium in New York, which drew huge crowds. But the September-October 2016 and 2015 average per date were both 3.1% lower than in 2014. The 2015 season began and ended 6 calendar days later than in 2014, and the 2016 season started and ended 4 days later than in 2014.

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- J A monthly comparison shows that 2016 vs. 2015 average per date was down 0.4% for April dates, down 0.2% in May, down 1.0% in June, up 0.8% in July, down 5.8% in August, down less than 0.1% for September-October. Combined average per date for April, May and June was 29,759 in 2016, down 0.6% from 2015. The combined July, August and September-October average per date was 30,559, down 1.6%. July dates had the best average in 2016 (33,259), 2015 (33,007), 2014 (32,168) and 2013 (32,399). September-October had the low average per date in 2016 (28,977), and in 2015 (28,989). April had the low average per date in 2014 (28,911), and in 2013 (28,822).
- J In 2016, there were 8 more dates played than in 2015, 4 more than in 2014, and one less than in 2013. The 2013 total number of dates includes a 'Tiebreaker' game at Texas to determine the second American League Wild Card team. Officially, that was an extra regular season game, so all statistics, including attendance, are included in the regular season stats.
- J 7 teams (Angels, Yankees, Dodgers, Cardinals, Giants, Blue Jays, Cubs) topped 3 million. The season record is 10 teams. 5 teams reached 3 million in 2015 and 2014. In 2016, 12 teams surpassed 2.5 million, and 22 teams reached 2 million. The White Sox, Indians, A's, Rays, Marlins, Reds, Twins, and Phillies drew under 2 million.
- J 2013 and 2012 were the only seasons that every Major League team surpassed 1.5 million in attendance. Tampa Bay fell below that figure in 2016.
- J Toronto had the biggest gains in the Majors in total attendance (up 597,208), total attendance % gain (up 21.4%), and average per date (up 7,373).
- J Kansas City followed up their 2015 World Series win with a 150,837 decline in total attendance. The 2016 Royals are just the 10th team since 1971 to have an attendance decline in the season following a World Championship. This excludes strike affected seasons. In 2015, the Royals had the biggest increases in the Majors in total attendance (up 752,067), percentage gain (up 38.4%) and average per date (up 9,285). The Royals had ranked 25th in average per date in 2014. But they moved up to 10th best in the Majors in 2015. They ranked #12 in 2016. Kansas City's 2015 total attendance gain was the best for any team not moving into a new ballpark since the Angels had a 755,525 gain in 2003. Despite the drop in 2016, Royals' total attendance is still up 806,980, and their average per date has increased by 9,963 since 2013. Their figures for 2016 are 2nd best in team history.
- J The Chicago Cubs had a 272,608 (9.2%) total increase, the best among National League teams. Texas was up 218,527 (8.8%), Cleveland had a 202,762 (14.6%) gain, and the Mets boosted attendance by 219,849 (8.6%).
- J Cincinnati had the worst declines in total attendance (down 525,421), percentage total attendance decline (21.7%), and average per date (down 6,486).
- J Other teams down at least 200,000 were Detroit (down 232,189), Minnesota (down 256,142), Oakland (down 246,669), Milwaukee (down 227,944), and Pittsburgh (down 249,395). Cincinnati, Minnesota, Oakland, and Pittsburgh had percentage dips of at least 10%.
- J Philadelphia had a 4.6% increase after 3 straight big declines. In 2013, 2014, and 2015, the Phillies became the first team in MLB history to suffer a 500,000+ decline in 3 consecutive seasons. The Phillies lost 3 home dates in 2015, but they still would have been down over 500,000 even if those dates were played. Their total 2015 attendance loss was a Major League worst 592,772, a 24.5% dip. Average per date was down 6,449. 2015 Phillies' attendance was down 1,734,638 from the Major League leading 3,565,718 they drew in 2012. Losing those 3 dates in 2015 caused the Phillies to have the worst 3-year decline in MLB history. Cleveland was down 1,726,377 from 2000 to 2003. But such big declines over a 3-year period would have been impossible back when attendance was much lower than it is now.
- J San Francisco sold out every game for the 6th straight year. Their sellout streak stood at a National League record 489 consecutive regular season dates, plus 25 post-season dates, through the end of 2016. It's the 2nd longest sellout streak in Major League history. Boston sold out 794 straight regular season dates, plus 26 post-season dates, from 2003 to 2013. The Giants' streak is the 7th longest in North American sports history.

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-) The largest crowd of the 2016 regular season was 53,621 at Dodger Stadium on September 20. The Rangers drew 49,289 on Opening Day, which was the year's highest attendance at an American League park. Highest 2016 post-season crowds were 54,449 at Dodger Stadium for both Game 4 and Game 5 of the NLCS.
-) Cleveland had the smallest Major League crowd of 2016, when they drew 8,766 on May 4.
-) In 2016, Seattle, Cincinnati, and the New York Mets all set new records for the highest regular season single game attendance in their current ballparks.
-) 4 of the 10 teams that made the 2016 post-season had declines in attendance. Dodgers attendance fell 61,503, the Nationals were down 137,905, the Orioles had a 148,244 decline, and the Giants dipped by 10,626.
-) The Dodgers surpassed 2 million for the 44th consecutive season. Atlanta had a sellout crowd of 51,220 for the final game at Turner Field, and reached 2 million for the 26th straight year. Boston achieved this mark for an American League record 22nd year in a row. The Yankees, Cubs, and Cardinals each have drawn more than 2 million for 21 straight seasons through 2016.
-) The Yankees topped 2.5 million for the 23rd time, most ever for an American League team. The Dodgers have now reached 2.5 million 43 times. St. Louis has done it 27 times.
-) The 5 teams who have drawn over 3 million more than anyone, all did it again in 2016. The Dodgers reached this level for the 30th time. St. Louis (20 times), the Yankees (18), San Francisco (15), and the Angels (14) are next on this list. In 2016, the Cubs drew 3 million for the 9th time, and Toronto reached 3 million for the 6th time.
-) The Yankees topped 3 million for record-high 18th straight year. The Dodgers drew 3 million in 15 straight seasons from 1996 through 2010. The Angels had their 14th year in a row above 3 million. St. Louis did it for the 13th straight year, and the Giants achieved it for the 7th year in a row, and for the 15th time in the last 17 years.
-) 25 of the 30 teams played their full 81-date home schedules. The White Sox, Tigers, Pirates, and Mets each lost one date to rain, and the Marlins cancelled a game after the death of their outstanding pitcher, Jose Fernandez.
-) Until 2014, Pittsburgh had been the only recent non-expansion team whose current all-time attendance record was set in a year when they had a losing record. The Pirates reached their old high mark in 2001, the year PNC Park opened. But in 2014, the Pirates had a winning season, and a new attendance record-high, and they broke that mark in 2015, another winning year. Miami, Colorado, Tampa Bay, Washington, and Arizona, each set their records in their first season.
-) Attendance declines in 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010 and 2009 pushed average per date figures back below levels reached prior to the 1994 strike. 2016 average attendance per date of 30,169 is 1,168 below the 1993 average of 31,337. If 1998 expansion teams Tampa Bay and Arizona are excluded, the 2016 average for the 28 teams that operated in 1993 (including Montreal, who moved to Washington in 2005) rises to 30,860 per date, which is a loss of 477 from 1993.

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) **Baltimore** – Attendance was 2,172,344, down 148,244 (6.4%), which was the largest decline by a team that made the 2016 post-season. Average per date fell 2,932 to 26,819. In 2015, civil unrest in Baltimore early in the season caused 2 games to be rescheduled as part of a single-admission double-header, and one game to be played with no fans in attendance. That game was not included in the number of dates. 3 other games were moved from Baltimore to Tampa Bay, and attendance from those games, which drew a total of 39,386, were included in the Orioles total. The 75 dates actually played in Baltimore in 2015 drew 2,281,202 (30,416 per date). So in 2016, just counting games played in Baltimore, average per date was down 3,597.

) **Boston** – Drew their 8th best total -- 2,955,434, up 74,740. Average per date rose 923 to 36,487. This is 96.5% of Fenway Park's seating capacity, and is best among all A.L. teams. Total attendance has topped 2 million in 30 of the last 31 seasons (shorter 1994 season is the exception). The 22 consecutive years above 2 million through 2016 is an American League record. Attendance has been above 2.5 million for 17 straight seasons. Average per date has topped 30,000 for 18 years in a row.

There were 53 sellouts at Fenway Park in 2016, including the last 35 dates of the year. For more than 9 full seasons, starting on May 15, 2003, and ending on April 10, 2013, the Red Sox sold out 794 consecutive regular season games, and 820 in a row if post-season games are included. This was the longest sellout streak in North American Major League sports history, breaking the record of 814 held by the Portland Trail Blazers of the NBA. The Dayton Dragons of the Minor League Baseball Midwest League, now have the longest sellout streak in American sports, having sold out all 1,188 dates in their history from 2000 through the end of the 2016 season.

) **Chicago White Sox** – After a Major League record 8 straight attendance declines, the White Sox saw attendance rise in 2015. But it fell back very slightly (9,517 and 119 per date) in 2016 to 1,746,293 (21,829 per date), with one date lost to rain.

) **Cleveland** – Had 24 more wins in 2013 than in 2012, posted winning records in 2014 and 2015, and were American League Champions in 2016. Indians' 2016 attendance rose 202,762 (14.6%) to 1,591,667. The percentage gain was the 2nd best in the Majors. But the total was the lowest for a division winner since Pittsburgh in 1979, and for a pennant winner since the Wild-Card Florida Marlins in 2003. The Indians have drawn less than 2 million in 8 straight years. Cleveland averaged 19,650 per date, with 4 sellouts. Only 34 of their 81 dates drew at least 20,000. Progressive Field renovations have resulted in seating capacity being reduced from 42,487 to 36,675 in 2015, and to 35,225 in 2016.

) **Detroit** – Had a decline of 232,189 (8.5%) to 2,493,859 (31,173 per date). But this was still the 12th best total in team history. The Tigers have reached 3 million 4 times in the last 10 years, have topped 2 million in 12 consecutive seasons, and have averaged 30,000+ per date for 11 years in a row. Prior to 2006, the Tigers averaged at least 30,000 per date just twice in their history. 2 dates were sold out at Comerica Park in 2016.

) **Houston** – An improved record from 51-111 in 2013 to 70-92 in 2014, 86-76 with a Wild Card Game win in 2015, and 84-78 in 2016, has led to big attendance increases. Attendance grew by 153,038 (7.1%) to 2,306,623 in 2016. Average per date was up 1,890 to 28,477, with 2 sellouts. Since 2012, Astros' attendance is up 698,890. In 2013, the Astros became the 16th team in MLB history to lose at least 110 games in a season, and the 17th team to suffer 100 losses in 3 straight years. The Astros drew 1,651,911, which isn't even close to the record attendance for a team with 110+ losses. In 2004, 111 loss Arizona drew 2,519,560. The 1965 Mets, who drew 1,768,389, hold the record for a team with at least 3 straight 100 loss seasons.

) **Kansas City** – Total attendance fell 150,837 (5.6%) to 2,557,712, and average per date dipped 1,862 to 31,577. This was just the 10th time since 1971, excluding strike-affected seasons, that a defending World Champion had an attendance decline. However, the 2016 figures are still the 2nd best in team history. Total attendance is up 942,386 (58.3%) since 2010, and average per date is up 11,385. The total has increased 806,980 since 2013, with average per date up 9,963.

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

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-) **Los Angeles Angels** – Reached 3 million in total attendance and 37,000 in average per date, for the 14th straight year. Had a total gain of 3,377 (0.1%) to 3,016,142. All but 3 dates drew over 30,000.
-) **Minnesota** – A streak of 11 consecutive seasons above 2 million ended. Total attendance declined 256,142 (11.5%) to 1,963,912. Average per date was 24,246, down 3,162. That total and the average per date were the lowest for the Twins since 2004. Since 2010, their first year at Target Field, Twins' attendance is down 1,259,728 (39.1%), and average per date has declined by 15,552. In 2014, Minnesota set a record for the best attendance for a team with at least 4 straight seasons losing 90 or more games, when they drew 2,250,606. The previous record-highs for such teams were 2,062,382 by Milwaukee in 2004, and in the A.L., by Detroit (2,024,485) in 2005.
-) **New York Yankees** – Some streaks ended, and some continued in 2016. The Yankees drew 3,063,405, down 130,390 (4.1%), their smallest total since 1998. Average per date was down 2,102 to 37,820. But the Yankees did top 3 million for a Major League record 18th consecutive season. The old record had been held by the Dodgers, who topped 3 million in 15 straight years from 1996 through 2010. 2016 was the 21st year in a row above 2 million for the Yankees, the 2nd longest American League streak in that category (Boston-1995-2016 holds the A.L. record). It was also their 23rd time above 2.5 million, which is an A.L. record. Average per date was above 35,000 for the 19th straight year. There were 8 home and 19 road sellouts in 2016.
- Through 2015, the Yankees led the American League in attendance for the 13th straight years, the longest streak of leading a league in Major League history. 2015 was the 54th time that the Yankees have led the American League in attendance. Also through 2015, the Yankees had the best A.L. combined home/road attendance for the 17 years in a row. Toronto had the highest A.L. home and combined home/road totals in 2016. The Yankees drew under 30,000 for only one date in 2016 (September 6), and for the first time since September 23, 2004. It ended an MLB record streak of 990 straight home dates (957 regular season and 33 post-season) with attendance of at least 30,000. The Cardinals surpassed this streak a few days later.
-) **Oakland** – For the 2nd straight year, the A's had a significant attendance decline. This followed 5 straight seasons with increases. Total 2016 attendance fell 246,669 (14.0%) to 1,521,506, and average per date slipped 3,045 to 18,784, with 3 sellouts. 33 dates drew less than 15,000.
-) **Seattle** – Followed-up the top MLB attendance increase of 2014 with gains of 129,247 in 2015, and 74,347 in 2016. The 2016 total of 2,267,928 was their best since 2008. Average per date rose 918, which followed gains of 1,595 in 2015, and 3,737 in 2014.
-) **Tampa Bay** – Had the lowest total attendance (1,286,163, up 38,495) and the lowest average per date (15,879, up 476) in the Majors for 2016. It was the 11th time in the team's 19 years that it drew under 1.5 million. Attendance was under 15,000 at 50 dates. 2015 attendance excludes 3 Orioles 'home' games played at Tropicana Field due to civil unrest in Baltimore. Attendance at those games is credited to the Orioles. The Rays have posted the American League's worst attendance in 11 of the last 16 years, and reached 2 million only in 1998, their first year. Their 2013 total was the lowest for any team making the playoffs since Florida in 2003, and the lowest for an A.L. playoff team since the 1975 Oakland A's. The 2013 Rays were the first team to ever make the post-season in a year in which they had the lowest attendance either in their own league or in the Majors overall. They had the best record ever (92-71, including a Wild Card Tiebreaker game) for a team that finished last in MLB attendance.
-) **Texas** – Total attendance rose 218,527 (8.8%) to 2,710,402, and average per date was 33,462, up 2,698. This followed declines of 226,858 in 2015, 459,540 in 2014, and 282,007 in 2013. Overall, total attendance is down 749,878 (21.7%) from the 2012 total of 3,460,280. Despite these declines, the Rangers have topped 2 million in 26 of the last 28 years.
-) **Toronto** – Led the American League in attendance, and had the biggest MLB increases in total attendance, average per date, and percentage gain. Total attendance rose 597,208 (21.4%) to 3,392,099. This was the best total for the Blue Jays since they drew 4,057,947 in 1993. Average per date was 41,878, up 7,373, with 39 sellouts. This followed an A.L.-best increase of 419,366 (5,178 per date) in 2015. Average per date topped 40,000 for the 7th time in team history, but for the first time since 1989 through 1994. Toronto's attendance has more than doubled, up 108.7%, since 2010.

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-) **Arizona** – The Diamondbacks have topped 2 million in all 19 years of operation. But the 2016 total of 2,036,216, down 43,929 (2.1%), and the average per date of 25,138, were the smallest in team history.
-) **Atlanta** – In their final season at Turner Field, the Braves drew 2,020,914, up 19,522 (1.0%). This attendance includes one home game that was played in a temporary ballpark at Fort Bragg, NC, and drew a sellout crowd of 12,582. Average attendance per date for games at Turner Field was 25,104, up 87. The Braves have reached 2 million for 26 straight years. In their 20 seasons at Turner Field, they drew a total of 52,435,326 in 1,610 regular season dates, averaging 32,569 per date. Highest attendance was 3,464,488 (42,771 per date) in 1997, and the low was 2,001,392 (25,017 per date) in 2015. The Braves move to Sun Trust Park in suburban Atlanta, in 2017.
-) **Chicago Cubs – Won their first National League pennant since 1945, and were World Champions for the first time since 1908!** Had the 3rd best total and average per date in team history. The Cubs had an N.L.-best gain of 272,608 (9.2%) to 3,232,420. Average per date was up 3,365 to 39,906, which is 96.7% of Wrigley Field's seating capacity. It was the 9th time in the last 13 years that the Cubs topped 3 million. Since 1984, the Cubs have drawn 2 million in all full seasons, except 1986. They've averaged at least 30,000 per date for 19 straight years. The Cubs didn't list sellouts in their Game Notes, but based on listed attendance, around 58 games were sold out. Also led the Major Leagues in road attendance, drawing 2,839,239, an average of 35,052 per date.
-) **Cincinnati** – Suffered the worst declines in the Majors in total attendance, percentage change, and average per date. Total attendance fell 525,421 (21.7%) to 1,894,085, the lowest total since 2009. Average per date was 23,384, down 6,486. The Reds finished in last place in 2016 and in 2015, for the only times since 1983. It was the longest a team in the 4 major sports (MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL) had gone without being last in their division. San Antonio of the NBA now has the longest 'non-cellar' streak. The Spurs haven't finished last since 1986-87.
-) **Colorado** – Total attendance was 2,602,524, up 95,735 (3.8%). Average per date rose 795 to 32,130. It was the 9th straight year above 2.5 million, and also the 9th year in a row with average per date above 30,000. The Rockies have topped the 2 million mark in 23 of the team's 24 seasons, and they hold the all-time Major League attendance record (4,483,350) set in 1993.
-) **Los Angeles Dodgers** – Drew 3,703,312, the 8th highest total in team history, and 15th best N.L. total ever. Led MLB in attendance for the 4th straight year, and for the 26th time since moving to Los Angeles in 1958. It was also the 32nd year the Dodgers have led the N.L. since then. Also led the Majors in combined home/road attendance, drawing 6,373,013 (39,340 per date). Have surpassed 3 million in 20 of the last 21 years, and an MLB-best 30 times overall, and reached 3.5 million for the 12th time. Attendance has topped 2 million for 44 seasons in a row. 2016 had a dip of 61,503 (1.6%). Dodger average per date was 45,720, also 8th best ever for this team, and has now reached 40,000 for the 12th time in the last 13 years. There were 8 sellouts, 12 crowds topped 50,000, and 77 were above 40,000, and they all cheered Vin Scully, who retired after 67 seasons as a Dodgers broadcaster.
-) **Miami** – Had the lowest attendance in the National League (1,712,417) for the 10th time in the last 11 seasons. The total fell 39,818 (2.3%), with one home date cancelled after the tragic boating death of pitcher Jose Fernandez. Average per date was 21,405, topping 20,000 for only the 6th time since 1998.
-) **Milwaukee** – Attendance fell 227,944 (9.0%) to 2,314,614, the lowest since 2005. There were 6 sellouts. Average per date was down 2,815 to 28,575. The Brewers have now topped 2 million for 13 straight seasons. Their average per date had been above 30,000 for 9 years in a row through 2015. That's still quite a feat for the next-to-smallest market (to Cincinnati) in the Majors.
-) **New York Mets** – Posted the National League's highest increase of 2015, and the 2nd best gain for 2016, in both total and average per date. Total attendance was up 219,849 (8.6%) to 2,789,602. This was the best total since 2009, Citi Field's first season. Average per date was up 3,145 to 34,870. There were 8 sellouts.
-) **Philadelphia** – After 3 straight seasons with huge decreases, Phillies' attendance was up 84,064 (4.6%) to 1,915,144. Average per date rose by 169. Attendance fell 592,772 (24.5%) in 2015, 588,551 (19.5%) in 2014, and 553,315 (15.5%) in 2013. It was the first time that a team has suffered declines of at least 500,000 in 3 straight years. The combined 3-year decline of 1,734,638 was the worst in MLB history. Cleveland was down 1,726,377 from 2000 through 2003. But prior to 2014, the Phillies had topped 3 million for 7 straight years, with a high of 3,680,718 in 2011, and their average per date reached 30,000 for 10 years in a row.

2016 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW -- SUMMARY**TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – NATIONAL LEAGUE**

-) **Pittsburgh** – After 6 straight attendance increases, and record-highs in 2014 and 2015, attendance declined 249,395 (10.0%) to 2,249,201. This was the 5th best total in Pirates' history, and 4 of the 5 top totals have occurred in the last 5 seasons. Average per date dipped 2,732 to 28,115, with 6 sellouts. 2015 was just the 3rd time in Pirates history that the average per date topped 30,000 (2001, 2014). 2016 was the 5th year in a row above 2 million. Prior to 2012, the Pirates reached 2 million in just 3 seasons.
-) **St. Louis** – The Cardinals drew 3,444,490, down 76,399 (2.2%). They averaged 42,525 per date. This was the 5th highest total and average per date in team history, and the 2nd best figures in the Majors for 2016. It was their 13th straight year above 3 million, and the 20th time they've reached that mark. Cardinals' attendance has been over 2 million in all full seasons since 1982. There were 19 sellouts at Busch Stadium in 2016. The Cards have averaged over 30,000 per date for 21 straight seasons, topped 35,000 per date in each of the last 19 years, and have drawn better than 40,000 per date in 11 of the last 12 seasons. Attendance topped 40,000 at 78 of 81 dates. But a streak of 255 consecutive dates (240 regular season, 15 post-season) above 40,000 ended. **St. Louis has drawn at least 30,000 for a Major League record-high 1,001 straight dates (958 regular season, 43 post season) from May 5, 2005 through the end of 2016.** (A Yankees' streak of 990 straight dates of 30,000+ ended in 2016.) For the 40 dates that were played on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, the Cards had 13 sellouts, and averaged 43,449 per date. This is 95.4% of Busch Stadium's 2016 seating capacity.
-) **San Diego** – Attracted 2,351,422, down 108,320 (4.4%). Average per date fell 1,337 to 29,030. The Padres have reached 2 million in 20 of the last 21 years.
-) **San Francisco** – **Sold out every game for the 6th year in a row, and for the 7th time since 2000. Their sellout streak stood at 489 regular season dates, plus 25 post-season dates, through the end of 2016.** This is the 2nd longest regular-season sellout streak in MLB history behind Boston (794), and the 7th longest sellout streak, including post-season games, in North American sports history. Longer streaks are: Dayton (Minor League Baseball) – 1,188 dates; Boston Red Sox (820); and from the NBA, Portland (814); Dallas (a current streak of 663 at the start of the 2016-17 season); Boston (662); Chicago (610). Since AT&T Park opened in 2000, through 2016, 936 of 1,377 (68.0%) regular season dates there have been sellouts, and 1,360 (98.8%) of those dates have had crowds of at least 30,000.
- Average per date has been above 35,000 in all 17 seasons in this park, and has been above 40,000 for 11 seasons during this period. Total attendance has topped 3 million in 15 of these years, including the last 7 in a row. The Giants have averaged 39,824 per date in their 17 years (2000-2016) at AT&T Park, which is 95.0% of capacity. Total attendance in 2016 was 3,365,256, down 10,626. Average per date was 41,546. In 2015, total regular season attendance at AT&T Park hit 50 million in its 16th season, reaching this level in fewer seasons, and in the fewest number of dates, of any ballpark in Major League history.
-) **Washington** – Attendance declined 137,905 to 2,481,938, and average per date was down 1,703 to 30,641. This was the 5th straight year that the Nationals have averaged 30,000+ per date.

The table on page 9 shows each Major League team's 2016 and 2015 total attendance, the change in 2016 vs. 2015 total attendance, both on a number and percentage basis, and the 2016 average per date for each team.

The page 10 table shows changes in average per date, and also ranks the teams from 1-30, from the highest to the lowest average per date for both 2016 and 2015. Seating capacity is for 2016, and was obtained from 2016 team media guides. Not all teams listed the number of games sold out in either their game notes or media guides. So the number of sellouts for Baltimore is not available, and is estimated for Washington and the Chicago Cubs.

A table on page 11 lists all Major League and Minor League 2016 attendance, including Spring Training, All-Star Games and events, Post-Season games, and the Arizona Fall League.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HOME ATTENDANCE - 2016 vs. 2015

Final, Adjusted - Issued December 1, 2016

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM	# DATES	2016 ATTENDANCE	2016 AVG/DATE	2015 ATTENDANCE	2016 vs. 2015	
					# DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
Baltimore	81	2,172,344	26,819	2,320,588	(148,244)	(6.4)
Boston	81	2,955,434	36,487	2,880,694	74,740	2.6
Chicago White Sox	80	1,746,293	21,829	1,755,810	(9,517)	(0.5)
Cleveland	81	1,591,667	19,650	1,388,905	202,762	14.6
Detroit	80	2,493,859	31,173	2,726,048	(232,189)	(8.5)
Houston	81	2,306,623	28,477	2,153,585	153,038	7.1
Kansas City	81	2,557,712	31,577	2,708,549	(150,837)	(5.6)
L.A. Angels - Anaheim	81	3,016,142	37,236	3,012,765	3,377	0.1
Minnesota	81	1,963,912	24,246	2,220,054	(256,142)	(11.5)
New York Yankees	81	3,063,405	37,820	3,193,795	(130,390)	(4.1)
Oakland	81	1,521,506	18,784	1,768,175	(246,669)	(14.0)
Seattle	81	2,267,928	27,999	2,193,581	74,347	3.4
Tampa Bay	81	1,286,163	15,879	1,247,668	38,495	3.1
Texas	81	2,710,402	33,462	2,491,875	218,527	8.8
Toronto	<u>81</u>	<u>3,392,099</u>	<u>41,878</u>	<u>2,794,891</u>	<u>597,208</u>	<u>21.4</u>
American Lea. Total	1,213	35,045,489	28,892	34,856,983	188,506	0.5

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Arizona	81	2,036,216	25,138	2,080,145	(43,929)	(2.1)
Atlanta	81	2,020,914	24,950	2,001,392	19,522	1.0
Chicago Cubs	81	3,232,420	39,906	2,959,812	272,608	9.2
Cincinnati	81	1,894,085	23,384	2,419,506	(525,421)	(21.7)
Colorado	81	2,602,524	32,130	2,506,789	95,735	3.8
Los Angeles Dodgers	81	3,703,312	45,720	3,764,815	(61,503)	(1.6)
Miami	80	1,712,417	21,405	1,752,235	(39,818)	(2.3)
Milwaukee	81	2,314,614	28,575	2,542,558	(227,944)	(9.0)
New York Mets	80	2,789,602	34,870	2,569,753	219,849	8.6
Philadelphia	81	1,915,144	23,644	1,831,080	84,064	4.6
Pittsburgh	80	2,249,201	28,115	2,498,596	(249,395)	(10.0)
St. Louis	81	3,444,490	42,525	3,520,889	(76,399)	(2.2)
San Diego	81	2,351,422	29,030	2,459,742	(108,320)	(4.4)
San Francisco	81	3,365,256	41,546	3,375,882	(10,626)	(0.3)
Washington	<u>81</u>	<u>2,481,938</u>	<u>30,641</u>	<u>2,619,843</u>	<u>(137,905)</u>	<u>(5.3)</u>
National Lea. Total	1,212	38,113,555	31,447	38,903,037	(789,482)	(2.0)
Major League Total	2,425	73,159,044	30,169	73,760,020	(600,976)	(0.8)

Atlanta's 2016 attendance includes one game played in a temporary park at Fort Bragg, NC that drew a capacity crowd of 12,582.

Baltimore's 2015 attendance includes 3 games played at Tampa Bay due to civil unrest in Baltimore. These games drew 9,945, 12,789, and 16,652, for a total of 39,386. The number of dates played in Baltimore excludes the April 29 game, when no fans were admitted. Tampa Bay's home attendance excludes these 3 games. Baltimore batted as the home team in those games. The 75 dates in Baltimore with attendance drew 2,281,202, an average of 30,416 per date.

Attendance comparison for 2016 vs. 2015 is based on total home attendance for each year, regardless of the number of home dates.

SOURCES: MLB Information System; Team Game Notes

2016 MLB AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER DATE - Rankings, vs. 2015, Sellouts

Revised by M.L.B. on December 1, 2016

AMERICAN LEAGUE

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>2016 AVG. per DATE</u>	<u>2015 AVG. per DATE</u>	<u>2016 v. 2015 # CHANGE</u>	<u>2016 MLB Rank</u>	<u>2015 MLB Rank</u>	<u>2016 SEATING CAPACITY</u>	<u>2016 Avg. as a % of Capacity</u>	<u># of 2016 SELLOUTS</u>
Baltimore	26,819	29,751	(2,932)	20	19	45,971	58.34	
Boston	36,487	35,564	923	8	7	37,815	96.49	53
Chicago W. Sox	21,829	21,948	(119)	26	26	40,615	53.75	3
Cleveland	19,650	17,806	1,844	28	29	35,225	55.78	4
Detroit	31,173	33,655	(2,482)	13	9	41,297	75.48	2
Houston	28,477	26,587	1,890	17	22	41,676	68.33	2
Kansas City	31,577	33,439	(1,862)	12	10	37,903	83.31	7
L.A. Angels	37,236	37,195	41	7	5	45,493	81.85	3
Minnesota	24,246	27,408	(3,162)	23	20	38,871	62.38	1
N.Y. Yankees	37,820	39,922	(2,102)	6	4	49,469	76.45	8
Oakland	18,784	21,829	(3,045)	29	27	35,067	53.57	3
Seattle	27,999	27,081	918	19	21	47,943	58.40	2
Tampa Bay	15,879	15,403	476	30	30	31,042	51.15	2
Texas	33,462	30,764	2,698	10	16	48,114	69.55	7
Toronto	<u>41,878</u>	<u>34,505</u>	7,373	3	8	<u>49,282</u>	84.98	<u>39</u>
A.L. Avg./Date	28,892	28,879	13			41,719	69.25	136

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Arizona	25,138	25,681	(543)	21	23	48,725	51.59	1
Atlanta	24,950	25,017	(67)	22	24	49,586	50.32	4
Chicago Cubs	39,906	36,541	3,365	5	6	41,268	96.70	58
Cincinnati	23,384	29,870	(6,486)	25	18	42,319	55.26	5
Colorado	32,130	31,335	795	11	14	50,398	63.75	3
L.A. Dodgers	45,720	46,479	(759)	1	1	56,000	81.64	8
Miami	21,405	21,633	(228)	27	28	36,742	58.26	1
Milwaukee	28,575	31,390	(2,815)	16	13	41,900	68.20	6
N.Y. Mets	34,870	31,725	3,145	9	12	41,922	83.18	8
Philadelphia	23,644	23,475	169	24	25	43,651	54.17	1
Pittsburgh	28,115	30,847	(2,732)	18	15	38,362	73.29	6
St. Louis	42,525	43,468	(943)	2	2	45,538	93.38	19
San Diego	29,030	30,367	(1,337)	15	17	40,162	72.28	8
San Francisco	41,546	41,678	(132)	4	3	41,915	99.12	81
Washington	<u>30,641</u>	<u>32,344</u>	(1,703)	14	11	<u>41,313</u>	74.17	<u>5</u>
N.L. Avg./Date	31,447	32,151	(704)			43,987	71.49	214
MLB Avg./Date	30,169	30,517	(348)			42,853	70.40	350

"MLB Rank" column shows each team's rank in 2016 and 2015 average attendance per date, from highest (rank #1) to lowest (rank #30).

* - Fenway Park-Boston capacity is 37,497 (day), and 37,949 (night). Listing above is pro-rated for 24 day and 57 night games in 2016.

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2016 sellouts not available for Baltimore, and estimated for Washington and the Chicago Cubs

SOURCES: MLB Information System, 2016 Team Media Guides

2016 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	4,025,874	470	8,566	Record-high average per date
Regular Season	73,159,044	2,425	30,169	
Wild Card Games	94,681	2	47,341	at Toronto, New York Mets
Division Series	666,614	15	44,441	at Wash., San Fran., Cubs, Dodgers Boston, Texas, Cleveland, Toronto
Championship Ser.	513,359	11	46,669	at Dodgers, Cubs, Cleveland, Toronto
World Series	277,603	7	39,658	at Cleveland, Chicago Cubs
Post-Season Total	1,552,257	35	44,350	
Futures Game	40,238	1		at San Diego
Home Run Derby	41,940	1		at San Diego
All-Star Game	42,386	1		at San Diego
Major League Total	78,861,739	2,933	26,888	
<u>MINOR LEAGUES</u>				
NAPBL Regular Sea.	41,377,202	10,350	3,998	
NAPBL Post-Season	831,954	189	4,402	
NAPBL All-Star	63,620	10	6,362	
Indy Regular Season	6,225,885	2,492	2,498	
Indy Post-Season	112,171	51	2,199	
Indy All-Star Games	19,943	3	6,648	
Arizona Fall League	65,424	96	682	Includes 2,519 at Championship game
Minor League Total	48,696,199	13,191	3,692	
Majors/Minors Total	127,557,938	16,124	7,911	

Post-season independent attendance is for Can-Am, Atlantic, Frontier Leagues, American Association.
 Mexican League post-season games (included in NAPBL) drew 469,242 for 37 games, an average of 12,682.