

2017 MAJOR LEAGUE AND MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

This is a brief summary of 2017 Major League and Minor League Baseball attendance. It includes league and team attendance totals in the pages that follow the notes below. The Minor League highlights summary, and their team and league attendance listings, can be found starting on Page 13, after the Major League notes and statistics.

The 2017 full Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis is expected to be posted on numbertamer.com by late December, 2017 or early January, 2018. The 2017 complete Major League Analysis should be ready by May, 2018. The full analyses for each season from 2009 through 2016 are available on the 'Baseball Reports' page of numbertamer.com. An updated version of the 2016 Major League Analysis, showing 2016 and 2017 attendance data in other sports besides baseball, has been posted, and it will be updated again in early December, 2017.

If you need any further information before the 2017 comprehensive reports are 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. In general, Major and Minor League attendance data is compiled from figures announced in box scores, includes tickets sold but not used, and may include tickets distributed for free. Attendance for the Pecos Baseball League was provided by the league, and only includes tickets sold and used. That league does not count 'no-shows' in its attendance.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL – 2017 Attendance Overview and Summary

These notes come from the regular season attendance figures, issued by MLB on October 2, 2017. They are subject to revision. The final official figures will be reported in the 2017 Major League Baseball Official Averages Book, which is usually issued in early December. If there are any changes at that time in reported attendance, revisions will be made to this document.

- J Major League Baseball's 2017 total attendance was 72,670,423. This is down 488,621 (0.7%) from 2016, and is the lowest total since 2003. Total MLB attendance had topped 73 million for 13 years in a row (2004-2016). Since 2010, there have been small yearly changes. Attendance fell 0.8% in 2016, rose less than 0.1% in 2015, fell 0.4% in 2014 and 1.1% in 2013, rose 2.0% in 2012 and 0.5% in 2011, and fell 0.4% in 2010, and 6.6% in 2009.
- J Home games played in American League parks had a combined 2017 loss of 681,880 (1.9%) to 34,363,609. But for games in National League parks, attendance rose 193,259 (0.5%) to 38,306,814. In 2016, the American League had a 0.5% total attendance increase, while the National League was down 2.0%. In 2015, the American League was up 1.1%, while National League total attendance fell 0.9%. In 2014, the A.L. was down 0.3%, and the N.L. fell 0.5%. Each league was down a combined 1.1% in 2013.
- J Average attendance per date was 30,042 in 2017, down 127 from the 2016 average of 30,169. It was the lowest average per date since 2003. American League teams averaged 28,470 per date (down 422 from 2016), while the National League teams averaged 31,606 (up 159). These league averages include interleague games. It was the 14th straight year that average per date exceeded 30,000. American League teams hosted 6 fewer dates in 2017 than in 2016. National League teams hosted the same number of dates in 2017 as in 2016.
- J 2017 post-season attendance was 1,746,109 for 38 games, an average of 45,950 per game. 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.
- J Hurricanes Harvey and Irma caused 3 teams to play 'home' games away from their regular home ballparks. Houston was the home team for a series played at Tampa Bay, with a 3-game combined total attendance of 12,993. Tampa Bay played a 'home' series with the Yankees at Citi Field in New York. (Yankee Stadium was not available due to a soccer game scheduled there.) Those 3 games drew a combined 49,510. A 3-game home series for Miami was played in Milwaukee, and drew a total of 68,983. Attendance from all these games is credited to the original home team. So for example, even though Tampa Bay's series with the Yankees was moved to New York, the attendance from that series is included the 2017 total attendance, and in the number of 'home' dates for the Rays, but not in the 2017 total or the number of home dates for the Yankees.

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-) The Los Angeles Dodgers had their 3rd best attendance ever, and led the Majors, drawing 3,765,856, an average of 46,492 per date. This was also the 10th highest attendance ever by a National League team. They had 8 sellouts, and topped 50,000 at 21 games.
-) Toronto drew 3,203,886, which was the highest 2017 total in the American League. The Blue Jays averaged 39,554 per date, which was the 2nd best average in the American League, and had 17 sellouts.
-) The New York Yankees topped the American League in average per date (39,835). A pair of rainouts, which were made up as part of single-admission doubleheaders, caused them to have only 79 home dates instead of 81. Had the Yankees not lost those 2 dates, they might have topped Toronto in total attendance.

The Yankees had led the American League in total attendance for a record-setting 13 years in a row through 2015. (Toronto led in 2016.) 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 2017, the Yankees drew 3,146,966, topping 3 million for 19th straight year, which is an extension of their Major League record.
-) Top 2017 road attendance went to the Cubs for the 2nd straight year. They drew 2,791,299 (34,460 per date) away from home. The Yankees led American League teams on the road, drawing 2,620,718 (32,355 per date).
-) The Dodgers had the highest combined Major League home/road attendance, drawing 6,485,777 (40,036 per date). The Yankees drew a combined 5,767,684 (36,048 per date) to lead the American League. From 1999 through 2015, the Yankees had the top combined home/road American League attendance each year. Toronto led the A.L. in combined home/road attendance 2016.
-) Tampa Bay had the lowest total attendance in the Major Leagues in 2017, drawing 1,253,619 (15,670 per date).
-) Oakland attracted 1,475,721 (18,447 per date), which was the 2nd lowest in the Majors. Miami had the National League's lowest attendance-1,651,997 (20,395 per date). The White Sox, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia were the other teams under 2 million.
-) St. Louis and San Francisco, in addition to the Dodgers, averaged over 40,000 per date. 11 other teams averaged over 30,000 per date in 2017. There were also 14 teams averaging at least 30,000 per date in 2016. 17 teams averaged 30,000+ per date in 2015, and 15 teams did it in 2014.
-) 5 American League teams, and 7 National League teams, had gains in total attendance in 2017. These 12 teams, plus Philadelphia, also had average per date increases. The Phillies had 2 fewer dates in 2017 than in 2016. 4 teams (Cleveland, Atlanta, Colorado, Milwaukee) had total increases of at least 200,000. Those same 4 teams also had percentage gains of at least 10%.
-) Atlanta moved into a new ballpark, and posted a Major League-best increase of 484,338 (24.0%) in total attendance. Cleveland, up 456,471 (28.7%) had the best percentage gain of any team, and the American League's best total and average per date increase. In average attendance per date, Atlanta had an MLB-best 5,979 increase, and Cleveland was up 5,636. Milwaukee, Colorado, and the Yankees also gained at least 2,000 per date.
-) Largest 2017 total attendance decrease was 337,342 by Kansas City, followed closely by Pittsburgh (down 329,754), and the Mets (down 328,980). Pittsburgh's 14.7% loss was the largest percentage decline.
-) Texas and San Diego were also down at least 200,000, with the Royals and Mets, also suffering percentage declines of more than 10%.
-) Pittsburgh had the worst average per date decline down 4,418. The Mets had a 4,112 drop in average per date, and Kansas City dipped 3,822. Detroit, Texas, Toronto, and San Diego were also down at least 2,000 per date.
-) No new season team attendance records were set in 2017. The Dodgers fell just 91,180 short of their all-time high in total attendance.

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-) The 300 interleague dates drew 9,040,019 in 2017, an average of 30,133 per date. Non-interleague games averaged 30,029 per date, so the interleague games averaged 0.3% higher than the non-interleague average. Interleague games average per date was 4.1% higher than non-interleague games in 2016, and 4.2% higher in 2015. The 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.
-) 11 single admission doubleheaders were played in 2017, with 10 of them making up rained-out games. Tampa Bay had the only originally scheduled doubleheader. It was played on Saturday, June 10, and drew 17,775.
-) Attendance didn't finish as strong in 2017, 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 2017 average per date was 3.8% lower, and the 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. September-October 2017 had 429 dates, with the season ending on October 1, compared to 386 dates in 2014, when the season ended on September 28.
-) A monthly comparison shows that 2017 vs. 2016 average per date was up 1.4% for April dates, down 2.4% in May, due in part to bad weather, up 0.7% in June, down 1.4% in July, up 0.1% in August, and down 0.7% for September-October. Combined average per date for April, May and June was 29,712 in 2017, down 0.2% from 2016. The combined July, August and September-October average per date was 30,363, down 0.6%. July dates had the best average in 2017 (32,805), 2016 (33,259), 2015 (33,007), 2014 (32,168) and 2013 (32,399). May had the lowest average per date in 2017 (28,715), September-October had the low average per date in 2016 (28,977), and in 2015 (28,989). April had the low average per date in 2014 (28,911), and in 2013 (28,822).
-) In 2017, there were 6 fewer dates played than in 2016, 2 more than in 2015, 2 less than in 2014, and 7 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.
-) 7 teams (Angels, Yankees, Dodgers, Cardinals, Giants, Blue Jays, Cubs) topped 3 million. Those same 7 teams also drew at least 3 million in 2016. 5 teams reached 3 million in 2015 and 2014. The season record for the most teams above 3 million is 10 teams. In 2017, 13 teams surpassed 2.5 million, and 23 teams reached 2 million. The White Sox, A's, Rays, Marlins, Reds, Pirates, and Phillies drew under 2 million.
-) 2013 and 2012 were the only seasons that every Major League team surpassed 1.5 million in attendance. Tampa Bay and Oakland fell below that figure in 2017.
-) The Chicago Cubs followed up their 2016 World Series win with a 32,858 decline in total attendance. The 2017 Cubs are just the 11th team since 1971 to have an attendance decline in the season following a World Championship. This excludes strike affected seasons.
-) 2015 World Champion Kansas City also had an attendance decrease the following year. In 2015, the Royals had the biggest gains in the Majors in total attendance (up 752,067), percentage gain (up 38.4%) and average per date (up 9,285). The Royals had ranked 25th in average per date in 2014. But they moved up to 10th best in the Majors in 2015. They ranked #12 in 2016, and 17th in 2017. 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.

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-) Philadelphia lost 2 home dates, and had a 9,790 decline in total attendance, but a 474 increase in average per date. In 2016, the Phillies 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.
-) San Francisco's National League record-high sellout streak ended in July. At the end of the streak, the Giants had 530 regular season, and 555 combined regular and post-season consecutive sellouts, going back to 2010. This was the 2nd longest sellout streak in Major League history. 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. The Minor League Baseball Dayton Dragons have an active sellout streak of 1,246 regular season games, going back to their first game in 2000. The Red Sox' streak, noted above, is the 2nd longest. NBA teams hold the 3rd through 6th longest streaks, which include playoff games: Portland – 814; Dallas – 704 (still active); Boston – 662; Chicago – 610. Montreal of the NHL had a 541 game streak coming into the 2017-18 season.
-) The largest crowd of the 2017 regular season was 53,701 at Dodger Stadium on Opening Day. The Blue Jays drew 48,856 on Opening Day, which was the year's highest attendance at an American League park. Highest 2017 post-season crowds were 54,707, and 54,726 at Dodger Stadium for Games 1 and 2 of the NLDS.
-) Tampa Bay had the smallest 2017 crowd for a regularly scheduled game in a Major League park when they drew 6,509 on September 5. (This excludes the Astros' home games that were played in Tampa Bay due to Hurricane Harvey. Those games drew 3,485, 6,123, and 3,385.) A Pittsburgh 'home game' was played at a Minor League park in Williamsport, PA, and drew a sellout crowd of 2,596.
-) In 2017, Cincinnati and St. Louis set new records for the highest regular season single game attendance in their current ballparks.
-) 2 of the 10 teams that made the 2017 post-season had slight declines in attendance. Cubs' attendance fell 32,858, and Boston dipped by 37,756.
-) The Dodgers surpassed 2 million for an MLB record 45th consecutive season. Atlanta with their new ballpark, reached 2 million for the 27th straight year. Boston achieved this mark for an American League record 23rd year in a row. The Yankees, Cubs, and Cardinals each have drawn over 2 million for 22 straight years through 2017.
-) The Yankees topped 2.5 million for the 24th time, the most ever for an American League team. The Dodgers have now reached 2.5 million for a Major League record 44 times. St. Louis has done it 28 times.
-) The 5 teams who have drawn over 3 million more often than anyone, did it again in 2017. The Dodgers reached this level for the 31st time. St. Louis (21 times), the Yankees (19), San Francisco (16), and the Angels (15) are next on this list. In 2017, the Cubs drew 3 million for the 10th time, and Toronto reached 3 million for the 7th time.
-) The Yankees topped 3 million for record-high 19th straight year. The Dodgers drew 3 million in 15 straight seasons from 1996 through 2010. The Angels had their 15th year in a row above 3 million. St. Louis did it for the 14th straight year, and the Giants achieved it for the 8th year in a row, and for the 16th time in the last 18 years.

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-) 47 of the 226 teams that were in the World Series from 1903 through 2017 led all of Major League Baseball in attendance that year. This includes the 2017 Dodgers. 47 additional World Series teams led their own league, but not all of the Major Leagues. From 1903 through 1978, 83 of the 150 World Series teams were league leaders in attendance. Starting in 1979, just 11 of the 76 World Series participants led their league in attendance. The labor dispute cancelled the 1994 World Series. Since 1995, the only league attendance leaders who played in the World Series were the 2003 and 2009 Yankees, the 2002 Giants, and the 2017 Dodgers. There have been 27 World Series with each league's attendance leader participating, but only one (1992-Toronto-Atlanta) since 1982.
-) 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.
-) 22 of the 30 teams played their full 81-date home schedules in 2017. The White Sox, Yankees, and Phillies each lost 2 home dates, and the Royals, Twins, A's, and Mets each had one lost date. Tampa Bay played one less date because they had a scheduled single-admission doubleheader.
-) 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 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010 and 2009 pushed average per date figures back below levels reached prior to the 1994 strike. 2017 average attendance per date of 30,042 is 1,295 below the 1993 average of 31,337. If 1998 expansion teams Tampa Bay and Arizona are excluded, the 2017 average for the 28 teams that operated in 1993 (including Montreal, who moved to Washington in 2005) rises to 30,683 per date, which is a loss of 654 from 1993. Only 9 of the 28 teams that played in 1993 were still in the same home ballpark in 2017 (Baltimore, Boston, Chicago White Sox, Kansas City, Los Angeles Angels, Oakland, Toronto, Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers).

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-) **Baltimore** – Attendance was 2,028,424, down 143,920 (6.6%). Average per date fell 1,777 to 25,042. There were 3 sellouts. The Orioles have drawn at least 2 million in all but 4 seasons since 1989.
-) **Boston** – Drew 2,917,678, down 37,756 (1.3%). Average per date fell 466 to 36,021. But this is still 95.8% of Fenway Park's seating capacity, which was the best % of capacity among all A.L. teams, and only trailed the Giants (97.3%). Total attendance has topped 2 million in 31 of the last 32 seasons (shorter 1994 season is the exception). The 23 consecutive years above 2 million through 2017 is an American League record. Attendance has been above 2.5 million for 18 straight seasons. Average per date has topped 30,000 for 19 years in a row.

There were 47 sellouts at Fenway Park in 2017. 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 is 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 1,246 regular season dates in their history from 2000 through the end of the 2017 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 in 2016. The White Sox were down 116,823 (6.7%) in 2017 to 1,629,470, their lowest total since 1999. There were 2 lost dates. Average per date was 20,626, down 1,203.
-) **Cleveland** – **Had the best % gain in attendance in the Majors in 2017, and the top total attendance and average per date increases in the American League.** Indians' total attendance was up 456,471 (28.7%) to 2,048,138, their best since 2008, and ending a streak of 8 straight years under 2 million. Average per date was 25,286, up 5,636. There were 13 sellouts, the most since 2001.

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. Progressive Field renovations have resulted in seating capacity being reduced from 42,487 to 36,675 in 2015, to 35,225 in 2016, and 35,051 in 2017.

-) **Detroit** – Total attendance dipped 172,260 (6.9%) to 2,321,599, the lowest total since 2005. The Tigers have reached 3 million 4 times in the last 11 years, and have topped 2 million in 13 consecutive seasons. Average per date decreased by 2,511 to 28,662. This ended a streak of 11 straight seasons above 30,000 per date. Prior to 2006, the Tigers averaged at least 30,000 per date just twice in their history. Opening Day was the only sellout.
-) **Houston** – An improved record from 51-111 in 2013 to 70-92 in 2014, 86-76 in 2015, 84-78 in 2016, and 101-61 in 2017 has led to big attendance increases. Attendance grew by 97,048 (4.2%) to 2,403,671 in 2017, the best total since 2009. The gain would have been better had it not been for Hurricane Harvey, which caused 3 home games to be moved to Tampa Bay. Those 3 games drew a combined total of just 12,993. Average per date was up 1,198 to 29,675, with 7 sellouts. This includes the Tampa Bay 'home' games. Games actually played in Houston averaged 30,650 per date in 2017, up 2,173. Since 2012, Astros' attendance is up 795,938.

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 337,342 (13.2%) to 2,220,370. This was the worst total decrease in the Majors in 2017. Average per date dipped an American League worst 3,822 to 27,755. Total attendance is still up 605,044 (37.5%) since 2010, and average per date is up 7,563. The total has increased 469,638 (26.8%) since 2013, with average per date up 6,141.

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 15th straight year. Had a total gain of 3,441 (0.1%) to 3,019,583. All but 3 dates drew over 30,000, and there were 7 sellouts. The Angels have drawn at least 2 million for 20 straight years, and in all but 2 non-strike seasons since 1979.
-) **Minnesota** – The Twins went from 59 wins to 85 wins, and attendance went back over 2 million. A streak of 11 consecutive seasons above 2 million had ended in 2016. Total 2017 attendance rose 87,367 (4.4%) to 2,051,279. Average per date was 25,641, up 1,395. This was the first gain since 2010. But since 2010, their first year at Target Field, Twins' attendance is down 1,172,361 (36.4%), and average per date has declined by 14,157. 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** – **Despite 2 lost dates, the Yankees drew 3,146,966, up 83,561 (2.7%), topping 3 million for a Major League record-high 19th consecutive season.** The Dodgers, who topped 3 million in 15 straight years from 1996 through 2010, hold the N.L. record. **The Yanks led the American League with a 39,835 average per date, up 2,015.** 2017 was the 22nd year in a row above 2 million for the Yankees, the 2nd longest American League streak in that category (Boston-1995-2017 holds the A.L. record). It was also their 24th time above 2.5 million, which is an A.L. record. Average per date was above 35,000 for the 20th straight year. There were 13 home and 18 road sellouts in 2017.
- Through 2015, the Yankees led the American League in total 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 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. They did it again in 2017. Toronto had the highest A.L. home, and combined home/road totals in 2016. The Yankees drew under 30,000 for one date in 2016, ending an MLB record streak of 990 straight home dates (957 regular season and 33 post-season) with attendance of at least 30,000. The Cardinals surpassed this streak a few days later. There were only 2 Yankee home crowds of under 30,000 in 2017.
-) **Oakland** – For the 3rd straight year, the A's had an attendance decline. This followed 5 straight seasons with increases. Total 2017 attendance fell 45,785 (3.0%) to 1,475,721, and average per date slipped 337 to 18,447, with 4 sellouts. 32 dates drew less than 15,000. But progress is being made to build a new ballpark in Oakland.
-) **Seattle** – Drew 2,135,445, down 132,483 (5.8%). Average per date was 26,364, down 1,635 with 5 sellouts. The Mariners have topped 2 million in all but 3 years since 1996, after doing it just twice from 1977 through 1995.
-) **Tampa Bay** – Had the lowest total attendance (1,253,619, down 32,544) and the lowest average per date (15,670, down 209) in the Majors for 2017. It was the 12th time in the team's 20 years that it drew under 1.5 million. Attendance was under 15,000 at 39 dates, and below 10,000 at 12 dates. These figures include the 3 'home' games played in New York due to Hurricane Irma, but exclude the 3 Houston 'home' games at Tampa Bay. The Rays have posted the A.L.'s worst attendance in 12 of the last 17 years, and reached 2 million only in 1998, their first year. Their 2013 total was the lowest for any team in 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** – The total attendance fell 202,642 (7.5%) to 2,507,760, and average per date was 30,960, down 2,502. Total attendance is down 952,520 (27.5%) from the 2012 total of 3,460,280. Despite this decline, the Rangers have topped 2 million in 27 of the last 29 years, and reached 2.5 million for the 16th time. Construction began on their new ballpark, next to their current one, with an expected opening in 2020.
-) **Toronto** – **Led the American League again in total attendance, drawing 3,203,886, down 188,213 (5.5%).** Average per date fell 2,324 to 39,554. There were 17 sellouts. In 2016, the Blue Jays 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. That was the best total for the Blue Jays since they drew 4,057,947 in 1993. Average per date was 41,878, up 7,373, with 39 sellouts. This followed an A.L.-best increase of 419,366 (5,178 per date) in 2015. Average per date topped 40,000 in 2016 for the 7th time in team history, but for the first time since 1989 through 1994. Toronto's attendance has nearly than doubled from 2010 to 2017, up 97.1%.

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-) **Arizona** – The Diamondbacks have topped 2 million in all 20 years of operation. In 2017, they drew 2,134,375, up 98,159 (4.8%), and average per date rose 1,212 to 26,350. The 2016 figures were the lowest in team history.
-) **Atlanta – Opened SunTrust Park in suburban Atlanta, and had the best total and average per date increases in the Major Leagues. The total was 2,505,252, up 484,338 (24.0%), and the average per date rose 5,979 to 30,929.** That average per date gain is 5,825 if the 2016 home game in a temporary ballpark at Fort Bragg, NC, is excluded. The Braves have reached 2 million for 27 straight years, after doing it just once (1983) from 1966, their first year in Atlanta, through 1990. There were 10 sellouts in 2017.
-) **Chicago Cubs** – The defending 2016 World Champions had a 32,858 (1.0%) decrease in total attendance to 3,199,562. That was still the 4th best total in team history. Average per date was down 405 to 39,501, which is 95.0% of Wrigley Field's seating capacity. It was the 10th time in the last 14 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 20 straight years. The Cubs didn't list sellouts in their Game Notes or Media Guide, but based on listed attendance, around 44 games were sold out. They led the Major Leagues in road attendance again, drawing 2,791,299, an average of 34,460 per date.
-) **Cincinnati** – A small decline in 2017 followed a year when the Reds suffered the worst declines in the Majors in total attendance, percentage change, and average per date. Total 2017 attendance fell 57,168 (3.0%) to 1,836,917, the lowest total since 2009. Average per date was 22,678, down 706. The Reds finished in last place in 2017, 2016 and 2015, for the only times since 1983. It was the longest a team in the 4 major sports (MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL) had gone without being last in their division. San Antonio of the NBA now has the longest 'non-cellar' streak. The Spurs haven't finished last since 1986-87.
-) **Colorado** – The Rockies had their best attendance since 2001. The total was 2,953,650, up 351,126 (13.5%). Average per date rose 4,335 to 36,465, with 14 sellouts. It was the 10th straight year above 2.5 million, and also the 10th year in a row with average per date above 30,000. The Rockies have topped the 2 million mark in 24 of the team's 25 seasons, and they hold the all-time Major League attendance record (4,483,350) set in 1993.
-) **Los Angeles Dodgers – Drew 3,765,856, the 3rd highest total in team history, and 10th best N.L. total ever. Led MLB in attendance for the 5th straight year, and for the 27th time since moving to Los Angeles in 1958.** It was also the 33rd year the Dodgers have led the N.L. since then. Also led the Majors in combined home/road attendance, drawing 6,485,777 (40,436 per date). Have surpassed 3 million in 21 of the last 22 years, and an MLB-best 31 times overall, and reached 3.5 million for the 13th time. Attendance has topped 2 million for 45 seasons in a row. 2017 had a gain of 62,544 (1.7%). Dodger average per date was 46,492, up 772, also 3rd best ever for this team, and has now reached 40,000 for the 13th time in the last 14 years. There were 8 sellouts, 21 crowds topped 50,000, and 75 were above 40,000. The Dodgers had a Major League best 104 wins in 2017. Among teams winning at least 100 games, only the 1993 Braves, and the 2004 Yankees, had higher attendance.
-) **Miami** – Had lowest attendance in the National League (1,651,997) for the 11th time in the last 12 seasons. The total fell 60,420 (3.5%). Average per date dipped 1,010 to 20,395, topping 20,000 for only the 7th time since 1998.
-) **Milwaukee** – Attendance rose 244,108 (10.5%) to 2,558,722, with 11 sellouts. Average per date was up 3,014 to 31,589. The Brewers have topped 2 million for 14 straight years. Their average per date has been above 30,000 for 10 of the last 11 seasons. That's quite a feat for the next-to-smallest market (to Cincinnati) in the Majors.
-) **New York Mets** – Drew 2,460,622, down 328,980 (11.8%). Average per date dipped 4,112 to 30,758, with 4 sellouts. Had the top N.L. increase of 2015, and the 2nd best N.L. gain in 2016, in both total and average per date.
-) **Philadelphia** – Lost 2 dates, and total attendance declined 9,790 (0.5%) to 1,905,354. Average per date rose by 474 to 24,118. Prior to a gain in 2016, attendance had fallen 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 before 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.

2017 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW -- SUMMARY**TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – NATIONAL LEAGUE**

-) **Pittsburgh** – After 5 years in a row above 2 million, the Pirates drew 1,919,447, down 329,754 (14.7%) in 2017. Average per date dipped a Major League worst 4,418 to 23,697, with 2 sellouts. Prior to 2012, the Pirates reached 2 million just 3 times.
-) **St. Louis** – The Cardinals drew 3,447,937, up 3,447 (0.1%). They averaged 42,567 per date, up 42, with 14 sellouts. This was the 5th highest total and 6th best average per date in team history, and the 2nd best figures in the Majors for 2017. It was their 14th straight year above 3 million, and the 21st time they've reached that mark. Cardinals' attendance has been over 2 million in all full seasons since 1982. The Cards have averaged over 30,000 per date for 22 straight seasons, topped 35,000 per date in each of the last 20 years, and have drawn better than 40,000 per date in 12 of the last 13 seasons. Attendance topped 40,000 at 68 of 81 dates. **St. Louis has drawn at least 30,000 for a Major League record-high 1,082 straight dates (1,039 regular season, 43 post season) from May 5, 2005 through the end of 2017.** (A Yankees' streak of 990 straight dates of 30,000+ ended in 2016.) For the 41 dates in 2017 that were played on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, the Cards had 11 sellouts, and averaged 44,378 per date. This is 97.5% of Busch Stadium's 2017 seating capacity.
-) **San Diego** – Attracted 2,138,491, down 212,931 (9.1%). Average per date fell 2,629 to 26,401. The Padres have reached 2 million in 21 of the last 22 years.
-) **San Francisco** – Their sellout streak of 530 regular season dates, plus 25 post-season dates, ended in July. It was 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) – 1,246 regular season dates and still active going into 2018; Boston Red Sox (820); and from the NBA, Portland (814); Dallas (a current streak of 704 going into the 2017-18 season); Boston Celtics (662); Chicago (610). Since AT&T Park opened in 2000, through the end of the 2017 season, 986 of 1,458 (67.6%) regular season dates there have been sellouts, and 1,441 (98.8%) of those dates have had crowds of at least 30,000. There were 50 sellouts in 2017.

Average per date has been above 35,000 in all 18 seasons in this park, and has surpassed 40,000 for 12 seasons during this period. Total attendance has topped 3 million in 16 of these years, including the last 8 in a row. The Giants have averaged 39,877 per date in their 18 years (2000-2017) at AT&T Park, which is 95.1% of capacity. Total attendance in 2017 was 3,303,652, down 61,604 (1.8%). Average per date was 40,786, down 760. 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 increased 43,042 (1.7%) to 2,524,980, and average per date was up 532 to 31,173. This was the 6th straight year that the Nationals have averaged 30,000+ per date.

TEAM-BY-TEAM ATTENDANCE TABLES

The table on Page 10 shows each Major League team's 2017 and 2016 total attendance, the change in 2017 vs. 2016 total attendance, both on a number and percentage basis, and the 2017 average per date for each team.

The Page 11 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 2017 and 2016. Seating capacity is for 2017, and was obtained from 2017 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 was estimated for the Washington Nationals and the Chicago Cubs.

A table on Page 12 lists all Major League and Minor League 2017 attendance, including Spring Training, All-Star Games and events, and Wild Card, Division Series, Championship Series, and World Series games. Attendance for the 2017 Arizona Fall League is also included.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HOME ATTENDANCE - 2017 vs. 2016

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM	# DATES	2017 ATTENDANCE	2017 AVG/DATE	2016 ATTENDANCE	2017 vs. 2016	
					# DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
Baltimore	81	2,028,424	25,042	2,172,344	(143,920)	(6.6)
Boston	81	2,917,678	36,021	2,955,434	(37,756)	(1.3)
Chicago White Sox	79	1,629,470	20,626	1,746,293	(116,823)	(6.7)
Cleveland	81	2,048,138	25,286	1,591,667	456,471	28.7
Detroit	81	2,321,599	28,662	2,493,859	(172,260)	(6.9)
Houston	81	2,403,671	29,675	2,306,623	97,048	4.2
Kansas City	80	2,220,370	27,755	2,557,712	(337,342)	(13.2)
L.A. Angels - Anaheim	81	3,019,583	37,279	3,016,142	3,441	0.1
Minnesota	80	2,051,279	25,641	1,963,912	87,367	4.4
New York Yankees	79	3,146,966	39,835	3,063,405	83,561	2.7
Oakland	80	1,475,721	18,447	1,521,506	(45,785)	(3.0)
Seattle	81	2,135,445	26,364	2,267,928	(132,483)	(5.8)
Tampa Bay	80	1,253,619	15,670	1,286,163	(32,544)	(2.5)
Texas	81	2,507,760	30,960	2,710,402	(202,642)	(7.5)
Toronto	<u>81</u>	<u>3,203,886</u>	<u>39,554</u>	<u>3,392,099</u>	<u>(188,213)</u>	<u>(5.5)</u>
American Lea. Total	1,207	34,363,609	28,470	35,045,489	(681,880)	(1.9)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona	81	2,134,375	26,350	2,036,216	98,159	4.8
Atlanta	81	2,505,252	30,929	2,020,914	484,338	24.0
Chicago Cubs	81	3,199,562	39,501	3,232,420	(32,858)	(1.0)
Cincinnati	81	1,836,917	22,678	1,894,085	(57,168)	(3.0)
Colorado	81	2,953,650	36,465	2,602,524	351,126	13.5
Los Angeles Dodgers	81	3,765,856	46,492	3,703,312	62,544	1.7
Miami	81	1,651,997	20,395	1,712,417	(60,420)	(3.5)
Milwaukee	81	2,558,722	31,589	2,314,614	244,108	10.5
New York Mets	80	2,460,622	30,758	2,789,602	(328,980)	(11.8)
Philadelphia	79	1,905,354	24,118	1,915,144	(9,790)	(0.5)
Pittsburgh	81	1,919,447	23,697	2,249,201	(329,754)	(14.7)
St. Louis	81	3,447,937	42,567	3,444,490	3,447	0.1
San Diego	81	2,138,491	26,401	2,351,422	(212,931)	(9.1)
San Francisco	81	3,303,652	40,786	3,365,256	(61,604)	(1.8)
Washington	<u>81</u>	<u>2,524,980</u>	<u>31,173</u>	<u>2,481,938</u>	<u>43,042</u>	<u>1.7</u>
National Lea. Total	1,212	38,306,814	31,606	38,113,555	193,259	0.5
Major League Total	2,419	72,670,423	30,042	73,159,044	(488,621)	(0.7)

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

In 2017, Pittsburgh played a home game in Williamsport, PA that drew a sellout of 2,596. Games in Pittsburgh averaged 23,961 per date.

In 2017, Houston had 3 games moved to Tampa Bay due to Hurricane Harvey. The games drew a total of 12,993.

Astros' games in Houston averaged 30,650 per date.

In 2017, Hurricane Irma forced Tampa Bay to play 3 home games at Citi Field in New York. Those games drew a total of 49,510.

Rays' games in Tampa Bay averaged 15,638 per date. Irma also moved 3 Marlins' home games to Milwaukee. They drew 68,983.

Marlins' games in Miami averaged 20,295 per date. Houston, Tampa Bay, and Miami get home game attendance credit for these games.

Attendance comparison for 2017 vs. 2016 is based on total home attendance for each year, regardless of the number of home dates.

SOURCES: MLB Information System; Team Game Notes

2017 MLB AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER DATE - Rankings, vs. 2016, Sellouts

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM	2017 AVG. per DATE	2016 AVG. per DATE	2017 v. 2016 # CHANGE	2017 MLB Rank	2016 MLB Rank	2017 SEATING CAPACITY	2017 Avg. as a % of Capacity	# of 2017 SELLOUTS
Baltimore	25,042	26,819	(1,777)	23	20	45,971	54.47	3
Boston	36,021	36,487	(466)	9	8	37,603	95.79	47
Chicago W. Sox	20,626	21,829	(1,203)	27	26	40,615	50.78	4
Cleveland	25,286	19,650	5,636	22	28	35,051	72.14	13
Detroit	28,662	31,173	(2,511)	16	13	41,299	69.40	1
Houston	29,675	28,477	1,198	15	17	41,168	72.08	7
Kansas City	27,755	31,577	(3,822)	17	12	37,903	73.23	5
L.A. Angels	37,279	37,236	43	7	7	45,477	81.97	7
Minnesota	25,641	24,246	1,395	21	23	38,885	65.94	1
N.Y. Yankees	39,835	37,820	2,015	4	6	47,222	84.36	13
Oakland	18,447	18,784	(337)	27	29	35,067	52.61	4
Seattle	26,364	27,999	(1,635)	19	19	47,943	54.99	5
Tampa Bay	15,670	15,879	(209)	30	30	31,042	50.48	1
Texas	30,960	33,462	(2,502)	12	10	48,114	64.35	2
Toronto	<u>39,554</u>	<u>41,878</u>	(2,324)	5	3	<u>49,286</u>	80.25	<u>17</u>
A.L. Avg./Date	28,470	28,892	(422)			41,510	68.59	130

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona	26,350	25,138	1,212	20	21	48,686	54.12	2
Atlanta	30,929	24,950	5,979	13	22	41,149	75.16	10
Chicago Cubs	39,501	39,906	(405)	6	5	41,577	95.01	44
Cincinnati	22,678	23,384	(706)	26	25	42,271	53.65	2
Colorado	36,465	32,130	4,335	8	11	50,398	72.35	14
L.A. Dodgers	46,492	45,720	772	1	1	56,000	83.02	8
Miami	20,395	21,405	(1,010)	28	27	36,742	55.51	1
Milwaukee	31,589	28,575	3,014	10	16	41,900	75.39	11
N.Y. Mets	30,758	34,870	(4,112)	14	9	41,922	73.37	4
Philadelphia	24,118	23,644	474	24	24	43,651	55.25	1
Pittsburgh	23,697	28,115	(4,418)	25	18	38,362	61.77	2
St. Louis	42,567	42,525	42	2	2	45,529	93.49	14
San Diego	26,401	29,030	(2,629)	18	15	40,209	65.66	7
San Francisco	40,786	41,546	(760)	3	4	41,915	97.31	50
Washington	<u>31,173</u>	<u>30,641</u>	532	11	14	<u>41,339</u>	75.41	<u>3</u>
N.L. Avg./Date	31,606	31,447	159			43,443	72.75	173
MLB Avg./Date	30,042	30,169	(127)			42,477	70.73	303

"MLB Rank" column shows each team's rank in 2017 and 2016 average attendance per date, from highest (rank #1) to lowest (rank #30).

* - Fenway Park-Boston capacity is 37,281 (day), and 37,731 (night). Listing above is pro-rated for 23 day and 58 night games in 2017.

Atlanta's 2016 attendance includes one game played in a temporary park at Fort Bragg, NC that drew a capacity crowd of 12,582. Games at Turner Field drew an average of 25,104, up 87 from 2015.

In 2017, Pittsburgh played a home game in Williamsport, PA that drew a sellout of 2,596. Games in Pittsburgh averaged 23,961 per date. In 2017, Houston had 3 games moved to Tampa Bay due to Hurricane Harvey. The games drew a total of 12,993. Astros' games in Houston averaged 30,650 per date.

In 2017, Hurricane Irma forced Tampa Bay to play 3 home games at Citi Field in New York. Those games drew a total of 49,510. Rays' games in Tampa Bay averaged 15,638 per date. Irma also moved 3 Marlins' home games to Milwaukee. They drew 68,983. Marlins' games in Miami averaged 20,295 per date. Houston, Tampa Bay, and Miami get home game attendance credit for these games.

2017 sellouts are estimated for a few teams. These figures will be updated upon publication of 2018 media guides.

SOURCES: MLB Information System, 2016, 2017 Team Media Guides, Team Game Notes

2017 MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TOTAL ATTENDANCE

	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u># of Dates</u>	<u>Average per Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
MAJOR LEAGUES				
Spring Training	3,954,970	516	7,665	
Regular Season	72,670,423	2,419	30,042	
Wild Card Games	98,083	2	49,042	at Arizona, New York Yankees
Division Series	745,242	17	43,838	at Wash., Arizona, Cubs, Dodgers Boston, Houston, Cleveland, Yankees
Championship Ser.	556,082	12	46,340	at Yankees, Houston, Dodgers, Cubs
World Series	346,702	7	49,529	at Dodgers, Houston
Post-Season Total	1,746,109	38	45,950	
Futures Game	37,000	1		at Miami, attendance estimated
Home Run Derby	37,027	1		at Miami
All-Star Game	37,188	1		at Miami
Major League Total	78,482,717	2,976	26,372	
MINOR LEAGUES				
NAPBL Regular Sea.	41,832,364	10,216	4,095	
NAPBL Post-Season	763,791	169	4,519	
NAPBL All-Star	64,044	11	5,822	
Indy Regular Season	6,220,288	2,516	2,472	
Indy Post-Season	110,997	46	2,413	
Indy All-Star Games	15,335	3	5,112	
Arizona Fall League	56,443	91	620	
Minor League Total	49,063,262	13,052	3,759	
Majors/Minors Total	127,545,979	16,028	7,958	

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

Combined – Major League Affiliated Leagues and Independent Leagues

-) Baseball's Major League affiliated (NAPBL) and independent Minor Leagues had a combined 0.9% increase in total attendance for the 2017 season. This was despite a slight decrease in the number of scheduled games by 4 NAPBL leagues, and a significant increase in the number of games rained out.
-) Combined regular season attendance for NAPBL – also known as 'Minor League Baseball' (Major League affiliated) leagues, and from those independent league teams who reported regular season attendance, was 48,052,652 in 2017, up 449,240 (0.9%) from 2016. Combined attendance fell 2.6% in 2016, had gains of 0.6% in 2015, and 0.7% in 2014, fell 0.3% in 2013, rose 0.7% in 2012, and had declines of 2.9% in 2011, 0.1% in 2010, and 3.8% in 2009.
-) 16 NAPBL teams and one independent team established new team record-highs in total attendance in 2017, along with the Northwest and Pecos Baseball Leagues. Average per date records were set by 17 NAPBL teams, the Northwest League, and an independent team. The Mexican League had its best average per date since at least 1991, but it is unknown if this was a record-high. Single game records were set by 22 NAPBL teams.
-) Hurricane Irma caused the Florida State, Southern, and Carolina Leagues to each cancel their league's Championship Series. This resulted in a decline in post-season attendance as 20 fewer playoff games were played by NAPBL teams in 2017 than in 2016.
-) The 169 post-season NAPBL games in 2017, including the Mexican League, drew 763,791, an average of 4,519 per game. Mexican League teams averaged 12,180 per game in the playoffs, the 2nd straight year that their playoff per game average has exceeded 12,000. In the regular season, the Mexican League averaged 4,906 per date. Attendance figures were available for 46 independent league post-season games in 5 leagues, and they drew 110,997, an average of 2,413 per game. 11 NAPBL All-Star games drew a combined 64,044. There were 3 independent All-Star games, and they drew 15,335. These figures are not included in totals listed anywhere else in this report. Grand total combined NAPBL and independent 2017 Minor League attendance including All-Star and playoff games was 49,006,819. It was 48,658,372 in 2016, and 49,901,030 in 2015.
-) In 2017, there were 176 NAPBL teams that charged admission to their games, the same number as in 2016. Attendance was reported by 57 independent teams, up from 55 in 2016, 52 in 2015, 50 in 2014, 53 teams in 2013, and 55 teams in 2012. The 4-team Empire Professional Baseball League didn't report attendance. The 4-team United Shore Baseball League played all of its games in the same park in Utica, Michigan.
-) There was team movement among NAPBL teams. Durango and Leon replaced Reynosa and Carmen in the Mexican League. Brevard County of the Florida State League moved to Kissimmee. 2 California League teams, Bakersfield and High Desert, were moved to the Carolina League. They are Buies Creek (Fayetteville in 2019), and Down East (Kinston). Hartford moved into its ballpark in that city, after having to play its 2016 'home' games in various locations. Lakeland returned to Joker Marchant Stadium after a one-year absence for renovation.
-) For the independent leagues, the American Association was loaned a team from the Pecos League (Salina, KS) which played all of its games on the road, as did one team from the Empire League. The Can-Am League played extra home games that counted in the standings, with teams from Cuba and the Dominican Republic.
-) 4 leagues (International, Pacific Coast, Eastern, Mexican) reduced each team's schedules by 2 games apiece. In addition, NAPBL teams lost 99 more dates to weather in 2017 than in 2016. Attendance was listed for 116 fewer combined NAPBL/independent playing dates in 2017 compared to 2016. The NAPBL leagues had a combined 134 fewer dates in 2017 than in 2016. 5 of the 15 NAPBL leagues that charge admission to their games had more dates in 2017 than in 2016. The Pioneer League played 9 more dates than in 2016, and the Northwest League had 4 more dates. Top decline was by the International League, with 27 fewer dates. The Eastern and Mexican Leagues each had 24 fewer dates. Exclude Hartford, which finally moved into its new ballpark in 2017, after playing a reduced 'home' schedule in other cities in 2016, and the Eastern League had 40 fewer dates. The Florida State League had 19 fewer dates, and the Southern League played 15 less.
-) Independent leagues combined for 18 more dates than in 2016, mainly due to expansion in the Pecos League. The American Association replaced Joplin with Cleburne, and had one less team that compiled attendance as Laredo was replaced by a road team. The Pecos League lent Salina (the road team) to the American Association, dropped 2 other teams, and added 5, for a net gain of 2 teams. The United Shore League added one more team. The Frontier, Pecos, Can-Am, and United Shore Leagues all played more dates in 2017 than in 2016.

Combined – Major League Affiliated Leagues and Independent Leagues

-) Weather can also affect attendance significantly even if games are played. Cold weather early in the season, brutal summer heat, and storm threats, can result in lower attendance, even if it does not postpone games. Forecasts of bad weather, or if it rains shortly before gametime, can cut down on short-term advance, and day-of-game ticket sales. So just looking at how many more or fewer dates were played by a team or league from one year to the next, doesn't always provide a full picture on how weather influenced attendance.
-) Combined NAPBL/independent average attendance per date was 3,774, up 69 from 2016.
-) The 15 NAPBL Leagues that charge admission to their games drew 41,832,364, which is a gain of 455,162 (1.1%) from 2016. These 15 leagues averaged 4,095 per date, up 97 from 2016.
-) The 57 teams, in the 7 independent leagues that reported attendance, drew 6,220,288, down 5,922 (0.1%) from 2016. Their average per date fell by 20 to 2,472.
-) Combined NAPBL/independent regular season attendance surpassed 40 million for the 19th straight year. It has been above 47 million in each of the last 13 seasons. The record combined high is 51,576,409 in 2008.
-) Among the 218 combined NAPBL/Independent teams that played in the same markets in both 2017 and 2016, there were 104 teams that posted increases in total attendance, while 114 were down. 112 teams had gains in average per date, 105 had declines, and one team (White Sands of the Pecos Baseball League) had the exact same average per date in both 2017 and 2016.
-) The 11 full-season NAPBL leagues averaged 3,986 per date in April 2017, up 201 from April 2016, 4,019 in May, up 22, 4,507 in June, up 197, 4,614 in July, up 37, 4,622 in August/September, up 180, and 4,362 overall for the season, up 120.
-) The 4 short-season NAPBL leagues, who begin play in June, averaged 2,634 per date in June 2017, down 122 from June 2016, 2,471 in July, down 33, 2,339, in August/September, up 34, and 2,438 over their entire seasons, down 21.
-) The independent Atlantic, Can-Am, and Frontier Leagues, and the American Association averaged a combined 2,863 per date in April/May 2017, down 96 from April/May 2016, 2,893 in June, up 78, 3,191 in July, up 104, 3,132 in August/September, down 41, and 3,037 overall, up 17. The Atlantic League season started on April 20, and ended on September 17. The other 3 leagues began their seasons on May 12 (Frontier) or May 18 (American Association and Can-Am), and ended on September 3 or 4. Tables showing monthly average per date for each NAPBL league, and for the 4 independent leagues listed here, can be found at the end of this report.
-) With the attendance increases of 2017, Minor League Baseball attendance remains near its all-time record-high level. 2017 NAPBL total attendance was 3.7% below its all-time high, and the average per date was down only 79 (1.9%) from its record-high. Attendance has been relatively flat, with small increases and decreases since around 2005. This is in part, due to fewer new ballparks being built, and especially for the NAPBL leagues, fewer team relocations, and no expansion in the number of teams. If Major League Baseball adds teams, there will be a related expansion of teams in the NAPBL Minor Leagues.
-) There are plans for a new independent league, the Southwest League of Professional Baseball, which now expects to begin play in 2019. Some of its proposed teams will be in Texas.

'MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL' (Major League Affiliated Leagues – Formerly NAPBL)

-) The total 2017 attendance of 41,832,364, up 455,162 (1.1%) was the 5th best in NAPBL history. It was the 13th straight year above 40 million. The average per date of 4,095, up 97, was also the 5th best ever. The record high average per date is 4,174 in 2008. Record total attendance is 43,263,740 in 2008.
-) The 2017 increase was quite an accomplishment considering that the NAPBL leagues had a combined 134 fewer playing dates in 2017 compared to 2016. This was because the Eastern, International, Pacific Coast, and Mexican Leagues reduced their schedules by 2 games each, and there were 99 more lost dates due to weather.
-) The Hartford Yard Goats were a big factor in a decline in 2016, and were also a big factor in the increase of 2017. This team had played in New Britain, in a park that is 12 miles from Hartford. Their new ballpark, scheduled to open in 2016, was not ready, so the team played all of its 2016 'home' games away from Hartford, and drew just 41,569 (799 per date). The new park in Hartford opened in 2017, and the Yard Goats attracted a franchise record-high 395,196, an average of 5,812 per date. What makes their 2017 attendance even more impressive is that there is now an Atlantic League team playing in the Yard Goats' former ballpark in New Britain.
-) Bakersfield and High Desert of the California League were relocated to the Carolina League in 2017. One team, renamed Down East, played in Kinston, while the other, renamed Buies Creek, played in a very small park on the campus of Campbell University. That team moves to a new park in Fayetteville, NC in 2019. These 2 teams drew a combined 176,298 in 2017, compared to 138,973 in the California League in 2016.
-) In the Mexican League, Durango and Leon replaced Reynosa and Carmen. These teams drew a combined 288,788 in 2017, vs. a combined 233,554 in 2016. The Brevard County Manatees of the Florida State League moved to Kissimmee in 2017, and were renamed the Florida Fire Frogs. They drew 57,324 in 2017, compared to 85,032 in 2016. Lakeland's (Florida State) ballpark underwent renovation in 2016. They played mostly day games in 2016, in an old Spring Training park in Lakeland, and drew just 20,387. The Flying Tigers were back in Joker Marchant Stadium in 2017, and attracted 52,191.
-) The total number of dates played in 2017 was the lowest since 2004 for all NAPBL leagues combined, and for the 14 leagues with teams in the U.S. and Canada. There were 134 fewer dates played by NAPBL teams in 2017 than in 2016. The 2017 figure of 10,216 dates is 189 less than in 2012. U.S./Canadian-based teams had 9,392 dates in 2017, which is down 110 from 2016, 131 from 2015, 108 from 2014, 45 from 2013, and 164 from 2012. U.S./Canadian teams had 9,556 dates in 2012 and 9,591 dates in 2010.
-) 11 of the 15 leagues had an increase in total attendance in 2017. Only the Mexican League had a gain in 2016.
-) The Eastern League, due to Hartford, had the best increase in total attendance, up 298,497 (8.7%). The Carolina League added 2 teams and had a 201,145 (11.1%) gain. The 8 teams that played in the Carolina League in both 2017 and 2016 had a combined 1.4% increase. The Florida State League was up 103,628 (9.8%), helped in part, by Tim Lincecum, who played part of the season for the St. Lucie Mets. Other leagues with increases were the Pacific Coast (up 1.2%), Mexican (0.3%), Southern (0.6%), Texas (1.0%), South Atlantic, where Lincecum also played, (0.9%), Appalachian (6.2%), Northwest (3.8%), and Pioneer (0.2%).
-) **The Northwest League drew a league record-high total of 1,088,981, with an average per date of 3,594, which was also a new league record. The Carolina League had a new record total due to 2 new teams.**
-) Besides the Northwest League, 10 other leagues had gains in average per date in 2017. Only the Northwest and Mexican Leagues were up in 2016. In 2017, the Eastern League was up 514. The California League, which lost 2 teams that didn't draw well in 2016, had a 292 average per date increase in 2017. Also posting increases of at least 100 per date were the International, Pacific Coast, Southern, and Florida State Leagues. The Mexican League, up 151 per date, had its highest average per date since at least 1991. It is not known if this is a league record-high since average per date figures prior to 1992 are not available.
-) By classification, combined Class AAA attendance topped 13 million for the 18th straight year, and it was also 18 years in a row with combined attendance of better than 8 million for the Class AA leagues. Full-season Class A leagues drew a combined 11 million plus for the 13th year in a row. Short-season leagues topped 3 million for the 22nd year in row, and were above 3.4 million for the 16th straight season.

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-) Most leagues posted attendance figures near their all-time highs in the categories of total attendance, average attendance per team, and average attendance per date.
-) The International League had its 5th best average per date. For the 20th year in a row, the I.L. topped 6 million, and averaged over 450,000 per team. Pacific Coast League attendance topped 7 million for the 10th time in the last 13 years. P.C.L. average per date was above 6,000, and the average total per team topped 400,000, each for the 18th consecutive season. The P.C.L. drew its 6th best total and 4th best average per date.
-) Appalachian League total attendance and average per date reached the highest levels since 1997. The Florida State League drew over one million for the 12th year in a row. The Midwest League average per date surpassed 3,700 for the 11th year in a row.
-) Carolina League average per date topped 3,000 for the 12th consecutive season, and 2 new teams resulted in a record-high total. The Texas League has drawn over 2 million for 18 straight years. Southern League attendance reached 2 million for the 27th year in a row. In the last 15 years, the South Atlantic League has been above 3 million 13 times, including 2017. Pioneer League total attendance was above 600,000, and average per date reached 2,000 for the 15th straight year.
-) The Mexican League had its best total since 1979. They also had their highest average per team since 1967, and their best average per date since at least 1991. (Average per date for seasons prior to 1992 is not available.) California League average per date was the highest since 2009, and the Eastern League's had its best average per date since 2010.
-) On the down side, the International League had a total attendance decline of 94,239 (1.4%) due to 27 fewer dates. The Midwest League was down 65,694 (1.6%), and the New York-Penn League had a 79,284 (5.4%) decline. The total and average per date for the New York-Penn League was their lowest since 2000. Total attendance for the now-8 team California League was 135,478 (9.0%) lower than what the 10-team league drew in 2016. But the 8 teams that were in the league in both years had a combined 3,495 (0.3%) gain.
-) The 4 leagues down in average per date were the Carolina League, down 391 due mostly to the under 1,500 capacity park that Buies Creek played in, the Midwest League, down 64, the New York Penn League, with an 83 per date decline, and the Pioneer League, down 59.
-) Class AAA leagues had a combined total attendance decline of less than 0.1%. But their average per date was up by 118. The Class AA leagues had a combined 4.0% increase in total attendance and a 256 gain in average per date. Combined total attendance for the 5 full-season Class A leagues rose 1.1%, and their average per date was up 61. The 4 short-season leagues had declines of 0.5% in total attendance, and 21 in average per date.
-) **All teams in the Northwest League averaged at least 2,130 per date for the 5th year in a row. These are the only times that every team in a short-season league has averaged at least 2,000 per date.**
-) Of the 170 teams playing in the same markets in 2017 as in the previous year, 82 NAPBL teams achieved attendance increases, while 88 had losses. Just 55 of these 170 teams had more home dates in 2017 than in 2016, while 84 teams had fewer home dates, and 31 teams had the same number as in 2016. In 2016, there were only 61 NAPBL teams with increases and 117 had declines. In 2015, 81 NAPBL teams had increases in total attendance, and 93 had losses. In 2014, 87 teams saw gains in total attendance, while also 87 teams were down. 85 teams had gains and 89 suffered declines in 2013. Total attendance rose for 67 teams in 2012, and fell for 104 teams. 87 teams had increases in total attendance in 2011, while 86 teams had declines. 83 teams had gains in 2010, with 90 teams showing a decline. In 2009, just 57 teams had gains while 114 were down.
-) In average attendance per date for 2017, 90 'same market' teams did better than in 2016, while 80 teams had a lower average. In 2016, 57 teams had increases, and 117 teams suffered declines. In both 2015 and 2014, 81 teams were up, while 93 were down. There were 91 teams with average per date increases in 2013, and 83 had declines. In 2012, 65 teams achieved increases, and 106 teams had declines. 96 teams had increases in 2011, while 77 were down. 64 teams had average per date increases in 2010, while 109 were down. 63 teams had gains in 2009. These figures only include teams that played in the same city for both years compared, so for 2017 it excludes Hartford of the Eastern League, who played in New Britain in 2015, and played all its 2016 games away from New Britain or Hartford. It also excludes Durango, Leon, Down East, Buies Creek, and Florida.

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-) There were 8 leagues where a majority of teams had increases in total attendance. The Appalachian, California, Carolina, Florida State, International, Northwest, South Atlantic, and Texas Leagues each had more teams that drew a higher total in 2017 than in 2016. This included 6 of the 8 teams in the Northwest League. The number of teams with a gain was the same as the number with a loss in the Pacific Coast and Pioneer Leagues. The Eastern, Mexican, Midwest, New York-Penn, and Southern Leagues had more teams with declines than teams with gains, including 12 of 16 teams down in the Midwest League, and 12 of 14 with losses in the New York-Penn.
-) In average per date, the Eastern, Florida State, International, Mexican, Northwest, Pacific Coast, Texas, and California Leagues all had a majority of teams post gains. There were 4 Eastern League teams that had declines in total attendance, but had increases in average per date, due to playing fewer dates. The New York-Penn (11 of 14 teams down), Midwest, and Pioneer Leagues were the only leagues where a majority of teams had declines in average per date. The Appalachian, Carolina, Southern, and South Atlantic Leagues each had the same number of teams with increases and decreases.
-) **The NAPBL teams that achieved their highest total attendance ever in 2017 were South Bend, Visalia, Charleston SC, Pulaski, Johnson City, Tennessee, Columbia SC, Nashville, Hartford (which includes all teams that ever played either in Hartford or New Britain), Clearwater, Kissimmee (Florida), Asheville, Tijuana, and St. Lucie. Vancouver and Spokane set records for short-season teams in those markets.**
-) **Average per date highs were set in 2017 by Johnson City, Pulaski, Visalia, Yucatan (since 1992), South Bend, Vancouver, Charleston SC, Nashville, Potomac, Monclova, Hartford (excludes teams in New Britain), Clearwater, Kissimmee (Florida), St. Lucie, Spokane, Tennessee, and Columbia SC.**
-) Single game attendance highs for current teams or ballparks were set in 2017 by Akron, Augusta GA, Durham, Port Charlotte FL, Columbia SC, Connecticut, Fort Myers, Fort Wayne, Great Lakes, Hartford, Jacksonville FL, Johnson City, Lehigh Valley, Memphis, Missoula, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Pulaski, Scranton-Wilkes Barre, Tacoma, Tennessee, and Toledo. (Information courtesy of Minor League Baseball)
-) **The Monterrey Sultanes had the highest total attendance and average per date in all of Minor League Baseball in 2017. They drew 659,701 in just 57 home dates, averaging 11,575 per date. Attendance topped 10,000 at 32 dates, reached 15,000 at 18 dates, topped by an Opening Day crowd of 29,734. Average per date was down 1,208, the largest 2017 vs. 2016 decline of any team. The 5 playoff games in Monterrey each drew at least 17,000, with a high of 23,176. In 2016, the Sultanes led the Minors in total attendance, average per date, increase in total attendance, and increase in average per date. They drew 690,305 (12,783 per date), in just 54 dates. Attendance topped 10,000 at 36 dates, was over 15,000 at 16 dates, and 8 dates drew over 20,000. Sultanes' total attendance rose by 173,070, and average per date was up 3,379. Monterrey had the largest total attendance decline in 2015. They led all of Minor League Baseball in attendance in 2012, when they drew 645,302, and in 2006, with an incredible 989,454.**
-) **For the 2nd straight year, Indianapolis finished 2nd in total attendance, but led all U.S. teams (641,141). The Indians averaged 9,159 per date, which was also tops among U.S. teams, and 4th best overall. They had 26 dates that drew at least 10,000. In 2013, the Indians led the Minors in total attendance. In 2014, they set a new attendance high, and had the highest average per date (9,433) of any U.S. team that played in the same ballpark in both 2014 and 2013. They also finished 3rd in total attendance and in average per date. Their 2015 total attendance of 662,536 was another team record-high, and 3rd best in the Minor Leagues, and the average per date of 9,331 was the 4th highest in that category. They've topped 535,000 for 22 straight years, and have reached 600,000 in 11 of these seasons.**
-) Charlotte was 3rd in total attendance (628,526), and had the 5th best average per date (9,109). The Knights had the top average per date among U.S. teams in 2014, 2015, and 2016. There were 23 sellouts in 2017. In 2014, Charlotte's gain of 432,881 was the 3rd best gain ever for a team moving to a new park in their same market.
-) Columbus, OH was 4th in total attendance (616,059) and 6th in average per date (9,060) in 2017, continuing their record of attendance excellence. The Clippers have led Minor League Baseball in total attendance in 1977, 1979, 1987, and 2009. Since 1979, they've topped 500,000 for a record-tying-high of 31 seasons (tied with Louisville).
-) Round Rock drew 610,681, which was the 5th highest total, and their average of 8,724 was 8th best.

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- J Tijuana achieved a team record-high total of 608,819, which ranked #6. Los Toros (Bulls) had the 2nd best average per date of any team (10,872).
- J Nashville's total attendance of 593,679 broke their team record set in 1980 while a member of the Southern League. The Sounds averaged an NAPBL 7th best 8,861 per date.
- J Sacramento had the 8th best total (562,237). It was just the 2nd time in their 18-year history that the River Cats didn't reach 600,000. They've led the Minors in total attendance in 10 different seasons.
- J Lehigh Valley (Allentown, PA) finished 9th in total attendance (555,146) and 9th in average per date (8,541). The IronPigs drew above their ballpark's seating capacity for 40 of 65 dates, and sold out all seats, lawn seating, and standing room for 13 dates. Lehigh Valley had been the only team to draw more than 600,000 in all 9 seasons from 2008 through 2016. But 6 rainouts in 2017 really hurt attendance. They've averaged 8,937 per date in an 8,089 seat park in their 10-year history, with an above-seating capacity sellout at 523 of 688 dates, and a total sellout, including all lawn seating and standing room, at 177 dates.
- J Besides the 9 teams noted above, topping 500,000 were: Class AAA Buffalo (for the 30th straight year), Iowa, Toledo, Albuquerque, Durham, El Paso, and Class A Dayton.
- J Yucatan averaged 9,228 per date, which was 3rd highest average.
- J Lowest average per date by classification were AAA: Gwinnett (3,135), AA: Mobile (1,498), full-season A: Buies Creek, in a 1,500 capacity park (517), short-season: Princeton (536), Mexican: Tabasco (1,437).
- J Highest average per date by classification were AAA: Indianapolis (9,159), AA: Frisco (6,812), full-season A: Dayton (8,038), short-season: Vancouver (6,303), Mexican: Monterrey (11,575).
- J There were 29 teams, from all levels combined, that averaged at least 6,000 per date in 2017. 30 teams did it in 2016. In 2015 and 2014, 28 teams, and in 2013, 25 teams, reached that level.
- J 60 teams, including 27 of 30 in Class AAA drew more than 300,000 in 2017. Colorado Springs, Syracuse, and Gwinnett were the Class AAA clubs under 300,000. 56 teams topped 300,000 in 2016, 58 teams reached 300,000 in 2015 and in 2014, 54 teams did it in 2013, and 55 teams achieved that level in 2012.
- J 25 of the 30 Class AA teams drew at least 200,000. Frisco (470,003) led Class AA for the 13th consecutive season. But 2017 was just the 6th time in team history that the RoughRiders failed to reach 500,000. 24 Class AA teams drew 200,000+ in 2016, and 26 teams did it in 2015.
- J 26 of 60 full-season Class A teams drew at least 200,000 in 2017. 23 teams did it in 2016, and 26 teams reached this level in 2015 and 2014.
- J **Dayton drew 554,638, to lead Class A for the 18th year in a row. The Dragons have sold out all 1,246 regular season games in their 18-year history. This is the longest sellout streak in North American sports history. In 2011, the Dragons broke the old consecutive sellouts record of 814 (including playoff games) by the NBA Portland Trail Blazers, set from 1977 to 1995. The Boston Red Sox exceeded Portland's sellout total in 2012, reaching a combined 820 straight sellouts.**
- J In 2016, Vancouver ended Brooklyn's 15-year run as the short-season leader in total attendance and average per date. The Canadians did it again in 2017, drawing 239,527, the highest short-season total ever for that market. Vancouver sold out 24 of 38 dates, and averaged 6,303 per date, which is 98.3% of their ballpark's capacity. No other short-season team reached 200,000 in 2017, but 15 short-season teams drew at least 100,000.
- J 3 teams had a major rebranding including new names, partly to increase merchandise sales. But these teams also had success at the gate in 2017. The Binghamton Mets were renamed the Rumble Ponies. Despite an incredible 11 lost dates, their total attendance still rose 17,906, and their average per date was up an NAPBL 9th best 670. The New Orleans Zephyrs became the Baby Cakes. Their total rose 10,483, in 3 fewer dates than in 2016, and their average per date was up 412. The Jacksonville Suns were renamed the Jumbo Shrimp. Their total was up an NAPBL 3rd best 61,342, and their average per date increase of 974 was the 4th highest of 2017.

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-) Tijuana, up 92,318, had the largest increase in total attendance in 2017. This was followed by Class AAA Nashville's gain of 89,619, which was best among U.S./Canadian teams. Class AA Jacksonville, renamed the Jumbo Shrimp, had a 61,342 increase. Full-season Class A Columbia SC, with Tim Tebow, gained 53,900. Oaxaca had a 53,011 increase. Among short-season teams, Pulaski had the best growth, up 19,885. Hartford had a 353,627 increase from 2016, when they didn't play any home games in their home ballpark.
-) In average per date, Nashville (up 1,762), Tijuana (up 1,481), Columbia (up 988), Jacksonville (up 974), and Potomac (up 815), had the largest increases. Pulaski (up 489) had the best increase among short-season teams. Oaxaca, del Norte, Aguascalientes, Binghamton, Tennessee, St. Lucie, Lakeland, Syracuse, and New Orleans also saw average per date rise by over 400. Hartford averaged 5,013 more per date in 2017 than they did in their nomadic journey of 2016.
-) Puebla, playing 5 fewer dates than in 2016, had the largest NAPBL decline in total attendance in 2017, down 75,721. 6 lost dates caused Lehigh Valley to decline 55,869, for the top loss among Class AAA and all U.S. teams. Bad weather resulted in 10 lost dates for New Hampshire, and they were down a Class AA worst 54,279. Wilmington DE of the Carolina League also had 10 lost dates, and their total fell by 45,522, the worst loss among full-season Class A teams. Brooklyn, down 20,849, had the largest decrease among short-season teams.
-) Mexican League teams had the 4 worst declines in average per date. Monterrey, despite having the Minors' highest total and average per date in 2017, had the top average per-date decline – 1,208. Puebla fell 1,128, Laguna was down 999, and Tabasco dipped 846. Among U.S. teams, Sacramento had the worst loss, down 555 per date. In Class AA, the top loss was by Jackson TN, down 227. Wilmington had the worst full-season Class A decrease in average per date (471). Burlington NC of the Appalachian League suffered the largest short-season team decline, down 447. Other than the 5 teams noted above, no one else had a decline of at least 500 per date.
-) Gwinnett's total of 210,075 was the lowest among Class AAA teams in 2017. Mobile had the lowest Class AA total (92,898). Buies Creek, in a tiny ballpark, drew 30,518, the lowest among full-season Class A teams. Also in full-season Class A, Lakeland, despite a newly-rebuilt ballpark, drew just 52,191. Princeton again had the lowest total (17,690) among short-season teams.
-) On a percentage basis, best gains in total attendance were by full-season Class A Lakeland (156.0%), Oaxaca (60.1%), St. Lucie (37.1%), and short-season Pulaski (34.3%). Nashville (17.8%) had the top Class AAA gain, and Jacksonville's 23.2% increase was highest in Class AA.
-) Top percentage average per date increases were by Lakeland (144.0%), Oaxaca (43.6%), and St. Lucie (41.2%). Nashville (24.8%) had the top Class AAA gain, Binghamton (25.6%) was Class AA best, and Bristol (26.6%) had the top percentage increase among short-season teams.
-) In total attendance, the biggest percentage losers were Tabasco (40.6%), Puebla (33.1%), short-season Burlington NC (30.0%), and full-season Class A Kannapolis (27.8%). New Hampshire (16.0%) had the worst Class AA percentage loss, and Lehigh Valley's 9.1% drop was the worst in Class AA.
-) The largest percentage losses in average per date were by Tabasco (37.1%), Burlington (30.0%), Kannapolis (26.7%), and Puebla (26.1%). For Class AAA, it was Sacramento (6.5%), and in Class AA it was Jackson TN (11.3%).

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-) The same 8 independent leagues operated in 2017 as in 2016. 60 teams played home games, and 57 of them reported attendance. Attendance for the 3 teams in the Empire Professional League that had home games was not provided, but most likely, it was very low.
-) The United Shore Baseball League played its 2nd season. All 4 teams in this league played their games in the same ballpark in Utica, Michigan. A team attendance breakdown was not available, but a league average was.
-) Changes in the independent leagues included the American Association's Texas Airhogs playing all home games in Grand Prairie, after splitting them with Amarillo in 2016. Also in that league, Cleburne replaced Joplin, and Laredo was replaced by Salina KS, a road team, lent by the Pecos League. The Pecos League also added California City, Hollywood, Bakersfield, High Desert, and Monterey, and dropped Topeka and Great Bend. The Empire League replaced Watertown with Plattsburgh, and replaced New Hampshire with a road team.
-) Attendance was compiled by 57 teams in 2017, up from 55 teams in 2016, 52 teams in 2015, and 50 in 2014. 53 independent teams reported attendance in 2013. 55 teams listed attendance in 2012. The figures for the 12 Pecos League teams were provided by the league office. Figures for the other independent leagues came from their Websites.
-) 22 of the 48 independent league teams playing in the same market as in 2016 had gains in total attendance in 2017. 22 of those teams posted gains in average per date, 25 were down, and one team had the same average per date as in 2016. 16 of these teams had more home dates in 2017 than in 2016, 18 had fewer dates, and 14 played the same number as in 2016. (The United Shore League is counted as one team.) 14 of 46 'same market' teams had total attendance gains in 2016, and 20 of them were up in average per date. In 2015, 23 of 45 'same market' teams had total attendance gains, and 15 of them were up in average per date. In 2014, 14 of 47 teams had total gains, with 13 gaining in average per date. 15 of 48 teams showed growth in total attendance in 2013, with 15 up in average per date. 20 of 46 'same market' independent teams had gains in total attendance in 2012, with 17 posting increases in average per date. Just 12 'same market' independent teams had increases in total attendance in 2011, while 37 were down. 9 of those teams had gains in average per date and 40 had declines.
-) Total independent leagues reported attendance was 6,220,288 in 2017, down 5,922 (0.1%). Combined average per date fell by 20 to 2,472, which is the lowest independent combined average since 1998. There were 18 more dates with recorded or estimated attendance among independent teams in 2017 than in 2016.
-) 4 of the 7 leagues that compiled attendance had gains in total attendance. The American Association had a total gain of 33,407 (1.8%). Teams that were in that league in both 2017 and 2016 were up a combined 0.2%. The United Shore League was up 14,300 (6.1%). Frontier League attendance topped one million for the 15th straight year, drawing 1,288,542, up 2,657 (0.2%).
-) Figures for the Pecos League were provided by the league office. Pecos League attendance rose 10,451 (15.6%) with 2 additional teams in 2017. Their 7 returning teams had a combined 16.5% loss. **Total attendance was a league record-high 77,613 in 2017.** Their ballparks are quite small, and their attendance figures are for tickets actually used, and do not include 'no-shows.' So their ticket sales are higher than announced attendance. All other minor leagues, and the Major Leagues, do include 'no-shows' in official attendance.
-) The Can-Am League had the largest decline in total attendance among independent leagues, down 36,572 (5.5%) to 631,144. The Pacific Association was down 1,861 (4.8%).
-) Atlantic League total attendance declined 28,304 (1.4%) with 8 fewer dates than in 2016. But it was their 9th time in the last 10 years above 2 million. This league had the best total and average per date (3,945) of any independent league. However, it was the 2nd time since 2005 that average per date was under 4,000. In 2012, this league drew 2,367,578, the highest total attendance by any modern-day independent league. The all-time high average per date for a modern-day independent league is 4,621 by the Northern League in 2008. This league will have a road team in 2018, but other teams will still have 70 home dates. Bridgeport will not operate.
-) In average per date, the American Association was up 160. The United Shore League had a 150 gain, with 60 of their 75 dates, including the Championship Game, selling out. The Pecos League was up 8, and the Atlantic League had a gain of 6. On the down side, the Can-am League had a 137 loss, the Frontier League was down 17, and the Pacific Association dropped by 11.

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- J **St. Paul of the American Association drew 406,501, and averaged 8,296 per date. Both of those figures were once again, the best among all independent teams. 46 of their 49 dates drew above their ballpark's seating capacity of 7,210, with attendance topping 8,000 at 36 dates. There were 10 dates that drew at least 9,000, with a high of 10,143.**
- J In 2016, St. Paul drew the highest total ever (413,482) for any independent team not in the Atlantic League, which plays a longer schedule than the other indy leagues. The Saints averaged 8,438 per date, which is a record-high for any independent team. The previous records (404,528, averaging 8,091) were set by St. Paul in 2015, their first year at CHS Field. Prior to 2015, the independent average per date record was 7,161 by Winnipeg in 2003. In 2016, 47 of the 49 dates in St. Paul above CHS Field's seating capacity, topped by a crowd of 10,443. In 2015, 46 of the 50 dates topped seating capacity, and 18 dates had crowds of at least 1,000 above seating capacity.
- J Long Island had the top independent attendance for 12 straight years from 2000 through 2011. Long Island, Sugar Land, and Somerset were the other independent teams, in addition to St. Paul, that topped 300,000 in 2017. Except for St. Paul, all the teams that topped 300,000 play in the longer-schedule Atlantic League. Southern Maryland, York, Lancaster PA, Winnipeg, and Kansas City also drew more than 200,000 in 2017.
- J After St. Paul, Somerset had the next best average per date (5,185). Long Island averaged 5,102, and Sugar Land had a 4,672 average per date. Winnipeg, who had the highest independent average per date 12 times in 15 years through 2014, averaged 4,391. Kansas City (4,069) was the other independent team topping 4,000 in 2017.
- J Lowest total attendance among American Association, and Atlantic, Can-Am, and Frontier League teams was 58,407 by Sioux City IA of the American Association. This team's average per date of 1,243 was also the 2nd lowest in these 4 leagues. The Texas (Grand Prairie) Airhogs had the lowest average per date (1,152). No other team in these leagues averaged under 1,500 per date. Biggest total attendance declines in these leagues were by Ottawa, down 34,964, with 5 fewer dates than in 2016, York, down 24,809, with 4 fewer dates, and New Britain, down 19,891, with 2 fewer dates, and the Hartford Yard Goats opening their new ballpark just 12 miles away.
- J All 16 of the teams in the Pecos League and Pacific Association averaged below 1,000 per date, and for 14 of these teams, average per date was under 400. Tucson of the Pecos League drew an average of 500 per date, and San Rafael of the Pacific Association averaged 480. Most of these teams play in tiny ballparks, some with only a few hundred seats.
- J Sugar Land (near Houston) of the Atlantic League drew 465,511 in 2012, the highest total ever by a modern independent league team. The previous record was 443,142 by Long Island in 2001.
- J Texas, which split its 2016 season between Grand Prairie and Amarillo, had the best total increase (21,390) among independent teams. Gary-Southshore had an 18,093 gain, Evansville was up 17,925, and the New Jersey Jackals rose by 17,557.
- J Evansville had the best increase in average per date, up 268. Lake Erie had a gain of 260, Southern Maryland was up 239, Gary-Southshore rose by 225, and Joliet had a 216 increase.
- J Ottawa had the worst 2017 decline in average per date, down 483. Winnipeg's average fell by 426, Normal was down 342, and Laredo had a loss of 323. 4 other teams had losses of at least 200 per date.
- J By percentage change in the Atlantic, Can-Am, and Frontier Leagues, and the American Association, Texas had the best total attendance gain, up 48.3%, New Jersey gained 23.6%, and Evansville was up 21.8%. On the down side, Ottawa fell by 27.4%, Normal was down 16.9%, and Sioux City's total attendance declined 14.5%.
- J Best percentage growth in average per date in the 4 leagues noted above was by Texas (up 17.1%), Lake Erie (up 14.9%), and Evansville (up 13.7%). Worst percentage average per date losses were by Ottawa (down 19.7%), Normal (down 16.9%), and Sussex County NJ (down 12.6%).
- J **The Gary-Southshore RailCats set new team highs in total attendance and average per date.**

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TEAM	2017 TOTAL ATTENDANCE	HOME DATES	AVERAGE PER DATE	2016 TOTAL ATTENDANCE	# CHANGE 2017 vs. 2016	BALLPARK OPENED:
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE (AAA)						
Buffalo Bisons	526,574	65	8,101	562,755	(36,181)	1988
Charlotte Knights	628,526	69	9,109	628,173	353	2014
Columbus (OH) Clippers	616,059	68	9,060	602,171	13,888	2009
Durham Bulls	547,841	71	7,716	547,156	685	1995
Gwinnett (GA) Braves	210,075	67	3,135	225,259	(15,184)	2009
Indianapolis Indians	641,141	70	9,159	636,888	4,253	1996
Lehigh Valley (PA) IronPigs	555,146	65	8,541	611,015	(55,869)	2008
Louisville Bats	467,024	68	6,868	506,030	(39,006)	2000
Norfolk Tides	359,263	66	5,443	373,042	(13,779)	1993
Pawtucket Red Sox	409,960	64	6,406	407,097	2,863	1942
Rochester Red Wings	445,581	68	6,553	434,897	10,684	1997
Scranton-Wilkes Barre RailRiders	439,412	68	6,462	424,991	14,421	2013
Syracuse Chiefs	292,054	63	4,636	274,427	17,627	1997
Toledo Mud Hens	533,014	70	7,614	532,008	1,006	2002
LEAGUE TOTAL	6,671,670	942	7,082	6,765,909	(94,239)	
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE (AAA)						
Albuquerque Isotopes	542,502	68	7,978	522,266	20,236	2003
Colorado Springs Sky Sox	265,095	63	4,208	270,100	(5,005)	1988
El Paso Chihuahuas	544,668	69	7,894	564,259	(19,591)	2014
Fresno Grizzlies	428,341	69	6,208	439,389	(11,048)	2002
Iowa (Des Moines) Cubs	535,660	69	7,763	504,160	31,500	1992
Las Vegas 51s	359,059	71	5,057	331,999	27,060	1983
Memphis Redbirds	350,007	69	5,073	324,581	25,426	2000
Nashville Sounds	593,679	67	8,861	504,060	89,619	2015
New Orleans Zephyrs	349,883	63	5,554	339,400	10,483	1997
Oklahoma (City) Dodgers	444,224	68	6,533	437,905	6,319	1998
Omaha Storm Chasers	358,777	67	5,355	356,135	2,642	2011
Reno Aces	347,502	71	4,894	365,883	(18,381)	2009
Round Rock (TX) Express	610,681	70	8,724	613,226	(2,545)	2000
Sacramento River Cats	562,237	70	8,032	609,666	(47,429)	2000
Salt Lake (City) Bees	483,202	70	6,903	503,659	(20,457)	1994
Tacoma Rainiers	374,951	69	5,434	377,164	(2,213)	1960
LEAGUE TOTAL	7,150,468	1,093	6,542	7,063,852	86,616	
TOTAL -- CLASS AAA	13,822,138	2,035	6,792	13,829,761	(7,623)	
EASTERN LEAGUE (AA)						
Akron Rubber Ducks	343,351	66	5,202	350,077	(6,726)	1997
Altoona Curve	294,486	67	4,395	272,640	21,846	1999
Binghamton Mets	190,765	58	3,289	172,859	17,906	1992
Bowie Baysox	234,789	68	3,453	236,349	(1,560)	1994
Erie SeaWolves	214,394	64	3,350	210,040	4,354	1995
Harrisburg Senators	262,872	66	3,983	269,172	(6,300)	2010
Hartford Yard Goats	395,196	68	5,812	41,569	353,627	2017
New Hampshire Fisher Cats	284,108	60	4,735	338,387	(54,279)	2005
Portland (ME) Sea Dogs	356,153	63	5,653	374,746	(18,593)	1994
Reading Fightin' Phils	411,698	68	6,054	420,320	(8,622)	1951
Richmond Flying Squirrels	386,185	64	6,034	390,693	(4,508)	1985
Trenton Thunder	349,013	68	5,133	347,661	1,352	1994
LEAGUE TOTAL	3,723,010	780	4,773	3,424,513	298,497	

Hartford played all of its games on the road in 2016. They played in New Britain in 2015.

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<u>SOUTHERN LEAGUE</u> (AA)						
Biloxi Shuckers	167,151	65	2,572	180,384	(13,233)	2015
Birmingham Barons	391,725	66	5,935	418,361	(26,636)	2013
Chattanooga Lookouts	209,948	66	3,181	223,517	(13,569)	2000
Jackson (West Tenn) Generals	120,695	68	1,775	126,116	(5,421)	1998
Jacksonville (FL) Suns	325,743	63	5,171	264,401	61,342	2003
Mississippi (Pearl) Braves	190,645	66	2,889	190,130	515	2005
Mobile BayBears	92,898	62	1,498	96,185	(3,287)	1997
Montgomery (AL) Biscuits	228,376	67	3,409	230,742	(2,366)	2004
Pensacola Blue Wahoos	298,108	69	4,320	302,340	(4,232)	2012
Tennessee (Kodak) Smokies	313,796	63	4,981	293,694	20,102	2000
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,339,085	655	3,571	2,325,870	13,215	
<u>TEXAS LEAGUE</u> (AA)						
Arkansas (Little Rock) Travelers	328,347	66	4,975	306,570	21,777	2007
Corpus Christi Hooks	331,242	67	4,944	350,964	(19,722)	2005
Frisco RoughRiders	470,003	69	6,812	463,564	6,439	2003
Midland (TX) RockHounds	282,146	67	4,211	265,193	16,953	2002
NW Arkansas Naturals	304,026	68	4,471	312,001	(7,975)	2008
San Antonio Missions	305,351	67	4,557	317,607	(12,256)	1994
Springfield (MO) Cardinals	331,259	69	4,801	316,990	14,269	2003
Tulsa Drillers	374,976	67	5,597	366,734	8,242	2010
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,727,350	540	5,051	2,699,623	27,727	
TOTAL CLASS AA	8,789,445	1,975	4,450	8,450,006	339,439	
<u>CALIFORNIA LEAGUE</u> (A)						
<i>Bakersfield Blaze</i>	-	-	-	62,922	(62,922)	1941
<i>High Desert (Adelanto) Mavericks</i>	-	-	-	76,051	(76,051)	1991
Inland Empire (S. Bernadi.) 66ers	202,336	70	2,891	190,933	11,403	1996
Lake Elsinore Storm	199,661	69	2,894	196,684	2,977	1994
Lancaster JetHawks	169,237	70	2,418	165,947	3,290	1996
Modesto Nuts	147,562	70	2,108	157,239	(9,677)	1952
Rancho Cucamonga Quakes	171,622	70	2,452	171,509	113	1993
San Jose Giants	163,373	69	2,368	166,756	(3,383)	1942
Stockton Ports	184,164	69	2,669	188,732	(4,568)	2005
Visalia Rawhide	126,419	70	1,806	123,079	3,340	1946
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,364,374	557	2,450	1,499,852	(135,478)	
<u>CAROLINA LEAGUE</u> (A)						
<i>Buies Creek Astros</i>	30,518	59	517	-	-	2013
Carolina Mudcats	190,420	68	2,800	194,334	(3,914)	1991
<i>Down East (Kinston) Wood Ducks</i>	145,780	72	2,025	-	-	1949
Frederick Keys	303,930	63	4,824	314,443	(10,513)	1990
Lynchburg Hillcats	137,566	66	2,084	122,929	14,637	2004
Myrtle Beach Pelicans	233,126	65	3,587	227,491	5,635	1999
Potomac Nationals	236,010	61	3,869	195,448	40,562	1984
Salem Red Sox	215,244	65	3,311	200,478	14,766	1995
Wilmington (DE) Blue Rocks	230,677	60	3,845	276,199	(45,522)	1993
Winston-Salem Dash	304,607	69	4,415	295,411	9,196	2010
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,027,878	648	3,129	1,826,733	201,145	

Buies Creek played at Bakersfield, and Kinston played at High Desert, both in the California League in 2016.

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<u>FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE (A)</u>						
Bradenton Marauders	79,331	61	1,301	87,149	(7,818)	1923
(Port) Charlotte Stone Crabs	120,685	63	1,916	95,588	25,097	1987
Clearwater Threshers	200,201	67	2,988	181,594	18,607	2004
Daytona Tortugas	136,224	66	2,064	112,053	24,171	1930
Dunedin Blue Jays	38,956	68	573	50,593	(11,637)	1977
Florida (Kissimmee) Fire Frogs	57,324	53	1,082	85,032	(27,708)	1984
Fort Myers Miracle	121,438	60	2,024	124,273	(2,835)	1991
Jupiter Hammerheads	69,064	66	1,046	59,306	9,758	1998
Lakeland Flying Tigers	52,191	64	815	20,387	31,804	1966
Palm Beach Cardinals	58,832	63	934	70,991	(11,159)	1998
St. Lucie Mets	132,359	66	2,005	96,556	35,803	1988
Tampa Yankees	93,823	66	1,422	73,278	20,545	1996
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,160,428	763	1,521	1,056,800	103,628	
<i>Florida played in Brevard County in 2016.</i>						
<u>MIDWEST LEAGUE (A)</u>						
Beloit Snappers	64,236	67	959	67,975	(3,739)	1982
Bowling Green (KY) Hot Rods	179,839	63	2,855	174,722	5,117	2009
Burlington (IA) Bees	67,044	64	1,048	75,429	(8,385)	1947
Cedar Rapids (IA) Kernels	166,427	70	2,378	166,413	14	2002
Clinton LumberKings	121,302	66	1,838	124,154	(2,852)	1937
Dayton Dragons	554,638	69	8,038	548,574	6,064	2000
Fort Wayne Tin Caps	409,253	69	5,931	413,701	(4,448)	2009
Great Lakes (Midland, MI) Loons	202,433	67	3,021	210,054	(7,621)	2007
Kane County (IL) Cougars	394,567	67	5,889	400,931	(6,364)	1991
Lake County (OH) Captains	212,747	66	3,223	213,738	(991)	2003
Lansing Lugnuts	303,843	68	4,468	311,190	(7,347)	1996
Peoria Chiefs	212,659	67	3,174	230,277	(17,618)	2002
Quad Cities River Bandits	230,006	70	3,286	234,923	(4,917)	2004
South Bend Cubs	354,070	67	5,285	350,803	3,267	1988
West Michigan Whitecaps	383,983	69	5,565	386,416	(2,433)	1994
Wisconsin Timber Rattlers	230,326	67	3,438	243,767	(13,441)	1995
LEAGUE TOTAL	4,087,373	1,076	3,799	4,153,067	(65,694)	
<u>SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE (A)</u>						
Asheville Tourists	184,019	68	2,706	183,058	961	1992
Augusta (GA) GreenJackets	178,269	65	2,743	169,421	8,848	1995
Charleston (SC) RiverDogs	305,622	68	4,494	293,161	12,461	1997
Columbia (SC) Fireflies	315,034	66	4,773	261,134	53,900	2016
Delmarva (Salisbury) Shorebirds	207,131	64	3,236	209,120	(1,989)	1996
Greensboro Grasshoppers	350,743	67	5,235	336,121	14,622	2005
Greenville (SC) Drive	328,222	67	4,899	331,911	(3,689)	2006
Hagerstown Suns	84,181	61	1,380	82,526	1,655	1931
Hickory Crawdads	136,225	64	2,129	150,110	(13,885)	1993
Kannapolis Intimidators	69,112	64	1,080	95,757	(26,645)	1995
Lakewood (NJ) BlueClaws	338,544	65	5,208	353,080	(14,536)	2001
Lexington (KY) Legends	281,210	65	4,326	276,062	5,148	2001
Rome (GA) Braves	161,444	68	2,374	161,121	323	2003
West Virginia (Charleston) Power	133,679	65	2,057	143,755	(10,076)	2005
LEAGUE TOTAL	3,073,435	917	3,352	3,046,337	27,098	
TOTAL FULL SEASON A	11,713,488	3,961	2,957	11,582,789	130,699	

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<u>NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE</u> (Short A)						
Aberdeen IronBirds	130,823	33	3,964	141,070	(10,247)	2002
Auburn Doubledays	46,132	36	1,281	52,811	(6,679)	1995
Batavia Muckdogs	27,389	34	806	30,007	(2,618)	1996
Brooklyn Cyclones	186,853	36	5,190	207,702	(20,849)	2001
Connecticut (Norwich) Tigers	73,439	33	2,225	82,488	(9,049)	1995
Hudson Valley (NY) Renegades	147,936	37	3,998	152,328	(4,392)	1994
Lowell Spinners	126,565	36	3,516	139,943	(13,378)	2000
Mahoning Valley (OH) Scrappers	107,894	36	2,997	92,117	15,777	1999
State College Spikes	123,401	38	3,247	125,875	(2,474)	2006
Staten Island Yankees	71,401	35	2,040	85,513	(14,112)	2001
Tri-City (Troy, NY) ValleyCats	142,922	35	4,083	149,847	(6,925)	2002
Vermont Lake Monsters	82,674	35	2,362	83,955	(1,281)	1922
West Virginia Black Bears	75,064	37	2,029	78,774	(3,710)	2015
Williamsport Crosscutters	61,082	34	1,797	60,429	653	1923
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,403,575	495	2,836	1,482,859	(79,284)	
<u>NORTHWEST LEAGUE</u> (Short A)						
Boise Hawks	121,455	38	3,196	114,476	6,979	1989
Eugene Emeralds	125,297	38	3,297	121,587	3,710	2010
Everett AquaSox	110,161	38	2,899	104,162	5,999	1984
Hillsboro (OR) Hops	128,416	38	3,379	131,851	(3,435)	2013
Salem-Keizer (OR) Volcanoes	81,011	38	2,132	80,469	542	1997
Spokane Indians	196,653	37	5,315	187,848	8,805	1958
Tri-City (Pasco, WA) Dust Devils	86,461	38	2,275	86,886	(425)	1995
Vancouver (BC) Canadians	239,527	38	6,303	222,363	17,164	1951
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,088,981	303	3,594	1,049,642	39,339	
<u>APPALACHIAN LEAGUE</u> (Rookie)						
Bluefield (WV) Blue Jays	21,595	31	697	22,651	(1,056)	1939
Bristol (VA) Pirates	20,813	31	671	16,441	4,372	1969
Burlington (NC) Royals	34,483	33	1,045	49,227	(14,744)	1960
Danville (VA) Braves	32,634	31	1,053	31,540	1,094	1993
Elizabethton (TN) Twins	18,746	32	586	19,427	(681)	1974
Greeneville (TN) Astros	35,305	31	1,139	41,651	(6,346)	2004
Johnson City (TN) Cardinals	65,202	33	1,976	51,855	13,347	1956
Kingsport (TN) Mets	29,742	33	901	27,990	1,752	1995
Princeton (WV) Rays	17,690	33	536	14,635	3,055	1988
Pulaski Yankees	77,880	33	2,360	57,995	19,885	1935
LEAGUE TOTAL	354,090	321	1,103	333,412	20,678	

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<u>PIONEER LEAGUE</u> (Rookie)						
Billings Mustangs	110,311	38	2,903	104,315	5,996	2008
Grand Junction Rockies	79,547	37	2,150	79,470	77	1958
Great Falls (MT) Voyagers	47,260	38	1,244	43,500	3,760	1956
Helena Brewers	33,843	38	891	37,624	(3,781)	1939
Idaho Falls Chukars	90,816	38	2,390	96,866	(6,050)	2007
Missoula Osprey	71,936	38	1,893	73,207	(1,271)	2004
Ogden Raptors	128,348	38	3,378	124,200	4,148	1997
Orem (UT) Owlz	55,981	37	1,513	57,504	(1,523)	2005
LEAGUE TOTAL	618,042	302	2,046	616,686	1,356	
TOTAL SHORT A & ROOKIE	3,464,688	1,421	2,438	3,482,599	(17,911)	
<u>MEXICAN LEAGUE</u>						
Aguascalientes Railroadmen	196,439	55	3,572	153,058	43,381	1938
Campeche Pirates	133,641	46	2,905	138,245	(4,604)	2001
Cancun (Quintana Roo) Tigers	147,416	49	3,008	189,918	(42,502)	2006
<i>Durango Generals</i>	<i>180,118</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>4,094</i>	<i>102,823</i>	<i>77,295</i>	<i>1986</i>
Laguna Cowboys	250,596	57	4,396	285,952	(35,356)	1932
<i>Leon Braves</i>	<i>108,670</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>2,717</i>	<i>130,731</i>	<i>(22,061)</i>	<i>1973</i>
Mexico City Red Devils	127,671	51	2,503	138,096	(10,425)	1993
Monclova (del Norte) Steelers	392,795	55	7,142	353,252	39,543	1975
Monterrey Sultans	659,791	57	11,575	690,305	(30,514)	1990
Oaxaca Warriors	141,217	58	2,435	88,206	53,011	1950
Puebla Parrots	152,923	48	3,186	228,644	(75,721)	1972
Saltillo Sarape Makers	266,847	52	5,132	264,863	1,984	1963
Tabasco Cattlemen	71,829	50	1,437	121,012	(49,183)	1964
Tijuana Toros	608,819	56	10,872	516,501	92,318	1976
Veracruz Aguila Reds	151,671	57	2,661	129,602	22,069	1992
Yucatan Lions	452,162	49	9,228	500,839	(48,677)	1982
LEAGUE TOTAL	4,042,605	824	4,906	4,032,047	10,558	
<i>Durango and Leon played in Reynosa and Carmen in 2016.</i>						
TOTAL- ALL NAPBL LEAGUES	41,832,364	10,216	4,095	41,377,202	455,162	
<u>ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE - Figures from this league are not included in any 'all leagues' totals</u>						
Glendale Desert Dogs	5,083	15	339	5,869	(786)	2009
Mesa Solar Sox	10,620	15	708	12,426	(1,806)	2014
Peoria Javelinas	7,533	15	502	8,116	(583)	1994
Salt River Rafter	10,657	15	710	14,559	(3,902)	2011
Scottsdale Scorpions	11,424	15	762	15,001	(3,577)	1992
Surprise Saguros	7,871	15	525	6,934	937	2011
LEAGUE TOTAL	53,188	90	591	62,905	(9,717)	

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<u>AMERICAN ASSOCIATION</u>						
<i>Cleburne (TX) Railroaders</i>	103,264	58	1,780	31,001	72,263	2017
Fargo - Moorhead RedHawks	176,086	49	3,594	180,345	(4,259)	1996
Gary Southshore RailCats	181,612	50	3,632	163,519	18,093	2003
Kansas City (KS) T-Bones	211,599	52	4,069	213,165	(1,566)	2003
Lincoln Saltdogs	172,712	51	3,387	169,750	2,962	2001
St. Paul Saints	406,501	49	8,296	413,482	(6,981)	2015
Sioux City (IA) Explorers	58,407	47	1,243	68,278	(9,871)	1993
Sioux Falls (SD) Canaries	113,506	49	2,316	125,591	(12,085)	1964
Texas (Grand Prairie) Airhogs	65,672	57	1,152	44,282	21,390	2008
Wichita (KS) Wingnuts	157,995	51	3,098	150,929	7,066	1934
Winnipeg Goldeyes	219,556	50	4,391	231,206	(11,650)	1999
<i>Salina (KS) Stockade (road team)</i>	0	0		41,955	(41,955)	1991
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,866,910	563	3,316	1,833,503	33,407	
<i>The Texas Airhogs played 20 dates in Amarillo and 25 dates in Grand Prairie in 2016. All 2017 dates were in Grand Prairie. In 2017, Cleburne replaced Joplin, and Salina, KS, a road team, replaced Laredo.</i>						
<u>ATLANTIC LEAGUE</u>						
Bridgeport Bluefish	196,917	66	2,984	183,921	12,996	1998
Lancaster Barnstormers	255,251	68	3,754	247,943	7,308	2005
Long Island (Central Islip) Ducks	341,830	67	5,102	352,728	(10,898)	2000
New Britain Bees	194,744	63	3,091	214,635	(19,891)	1996
Somerset (NJ) Patriots	342,231	66	5,185	360,755	(18,524)	1999
S. Maryland (Waldorf) Blue Crabs	210,007	61	3,443	201,883	8,124	2008
Sugar Land (TX) Skeeters	317,721	68	4,672	300,331	17,390	2012
York Revolution	212,624	66	3,222	237,433	(24,809)	2007
LEAGUE TOTAL	2,071,325	525	3,945	2,099,629	(28,304)	
<u>FRONTIER LEAGUE</u>						
Evansville Otters	100,337	45	2,230	82,412	17,925	1915
Florence (KY) Freedom	87,545	42	2,084	88,438	(893)	2004
Gateway (Sauget, IL) Grizzlies	148,176	48	3,087	163,679	(15,503)	2002
Joliet Slammers	100,160	45	2,226	90,458	9,702	2002
Lake Erie (Avon, OH) Crushers	94,035	47	2,001	81,835	12,200	2009
Normal (IL) CornBelters	75,804	45	1,685	91,193	(15,389)	2010
River City (O'Fallon, MO) Rascals	94,958	46	2,064	82,061	12,897	1999
Schaumburg Boomers	160,644	47	3,418	172,996	(12,352)	1999
Southern IL (Marion) Miners	151,521	46	3,294	153,940	(2,419)	2007
Traverse City Beach Bums	119,544	44	2,717	121,500	(1,956)	2006
Washington (PA) Wild Things	77,233	41	1,884	80,503	(3,270)	2002
Windy City ThunderBolts	78,585	47	1,672	76,870	1,715	1999
LEAGUE TOTAL	1,288,542	543	2,373	1,285,885	2,657	
<u>EMPIRE PRO LEAGUE</u>						
Puerto Rico Islanders (Road)				N/A	-----	
Old Orchard Beach (ME) Surge	N/A			N/A	-----	1984
Plattsburgh (NY) Redbirds	N/A			N/A	-----	2003
Sullivan (NY) Explorers	N/A			N/A	-----	
LEAGUE TOTAL	N/A			N/A		

Plattsburgh replaced Watertown, and Puerto Rico replaced New Hampshire in 2017.

2017 INDEPENDENT MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>2017 TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>HOME DATES</u>	<u>AVERAGE PER DATE</u>	<u>2016 TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># CHANGE 2017 vs. 2016</u>	<u>BALLPARK OPENED:</u>
<u>CAN-AM LEAGUE</u>						
New Jersey Jackals	91,892	52	1,767	74,335	17,557	1998
Ottawa Champions	92,654	47	1,971	127,618	(34,964)	1993
Quebec (City) Capitales	141,923	50	2,838	146,946	(5,023)	1938
Rockland Boulders	145,005	51	2,843	149,632	(4,627)	2011
Sussex (NJ) Miners	80,442	50	1,609	90,237	(9,795)	1994
Trois Rivieres Aigles	79,228	49	1,617	78,948	280	1938
LEAGUE TOTAL	631,144	299	2,111	667,716	(36,572)	
<u>PECOS BASEBALL LEAGUE - Attendance is estimated by the league</u>						
Alpine Cowboys	6,912	32	216	7,068	(156)	1947
Bakersfield Train Robbers	10,058	47	214	-----	-----	1941
Garden City Wind	2,400	32	75	11,748	(9,348)	1936
California City Whiptails	3,584	32	112	-----	-----	
Roswell Invaders	7,564	36	210	3,052	4,512	1939
High Desert Yardbirds	8,246	38	217	-----	-----	1991
Monterrey Amerjacks	3,598	20	180	-----	-----	
Santa Fe Fuego	10,842	39	278	7,192	3,650	1947
Hollywood Stars	101	1	101	-----	-----	
Trinidad Triggers	5,518	31	178	3,842	1,676	1960
Tucson Saguaros	15,010	30	500	23,141	(8,131)	1998
White Sands Pupfish	3,780	20	189	6,237	(2,457)	2003
Dropped Teams				4,882		
LEAGUE TOTAL	77,613	358	217	67,162	10,451	
Tucson played 20 dates at Tucson (14,020 total, 701 per date), and 10 dates at Bisbee (990 total, 99 per date).						
Monterrey played 14 dates at Monterey (2,968 total, 212 per date, and 7 dates at Hollister (630 total, 90 per date).						
<i>Bakersfield, High Desert, California City, Hollywood, and Monterrey were added in 2017.</i>						
<i>Salina was an American Assn. road team. Great Bend and Topeka were dropped. These teams drew a combined 4,882 in 2016.</i>						
<u>UNITED SHORE BASEBALL LEAGUE - League Estimated Attendance</u>						
Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers						
East Side Diamond Hoppers						
Utica Unicorns						
Westside Woolly Mammoths						
LEAGUE TOTAL	247,900	74	3,350	233,600	14,300	2016
<i>All of this league's games were played in Utica, MI.</i>						
<u>PACIFIC ASSOCIATION</u>						
Pittsburg (CA) Diamonds	2,678	38	70	2,608	70	
San Rafael Pacifics	18,236	38	480	17,025	1,211	1950
Sonoma Stompers	10,031	39	257	13,370	(3,339)	
Vallejo Admirals	5,909	39	152	5,712	197	
LEAGUE TOTAL	36,854	154	239	38,715	(1,861)	
GRAND TOTAL						
8 Independent Leagues in 2017	6,220,288	2,516	2,472	6,226,210	(5,922)	

Independent leagues are not affiliated with Major League Baseball, or with the National Association. Attendance for independent leagues was obtained from league Web sites, or from the league directly (Pecos League). Number of Independent league dates in the 'Grand Total' line above excludes 98 dates from the Empire League.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE - By League - 2017 vs. 2016

NAPBL AFFILIATED LEAGUES	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>				<u>AVERAGE PER DATE</u>		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	Change-2017 vs. 2016		<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u># Change 2017 vs. 2016</u>
			<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>			
International	6,671,670	6,765,909	(94,239)	(1.39)	7,082	6,982	100
Pacific Coast	7,150,468	7,063,852	86,616	1.23	6,542	6,404	138
AAA Total	13,822,138	13,829,761	(7,623)	(0.06)	6,792	6,674	118
Mexican	4,042,605	4,032,047	10,558	0.26	4,906	4,755	151
Eastern	3,723,010	3,424,513	298,497	8.72	4,773	4,259	514
Southern	2,339,085	2,325,870	13,215	0.57	3,571	3,471	100
Texas	2,727,350	2,699,623	27,727	1.03	5,051	4,990	61
AA Total	8,789,445	8,450,006	339,439	4.02	4,450	4,194	256
California	1,364,374	1,499,852	(135,478)	(9.03)	2,450	2,158	292
Carolina	2,027,878	1,826,733	201,145	11.01	3,129	3,520	(391)
Florida State	1,160,428	1,056,800	103,628	9.81	1,521	1,351	170
Midwest	4,087,373	4,153,067	(65,694)	(1.58)	3,799	3,863	(64)
South Atlantic	3,073,435	3,046,337	27,098	0.89	3,352	3,283	69
Full Season A Total	11,713,488	11,582,789	130,699	1.13	2,957	2,896	61
New York - Penn	1,403,575	1,482,859	(79,284)	(5.35)	2,836	2,919	(83)
Northwest	1,088,981	1,049,642	39,339	3.75	3,594	3,522	72
Appalachian	354,090	333,412	20,678	6.20	1,103	1,052	51
Pioneer	618,042	616,686	1,356	0.22	2,046	2,105	(59)
Short Season Total	3,464,688	3,482,599	(17,911)	(0.51)	2,438	2,459	(21)
NAPBL TOTAL	41,832,364	41,377,202	455,162	1.10	4,095	3,998	97
<u>INDEPENDENT LEAGUES</u>							
American Association	1,866,910	1,833,503	33,407	1.82	3,316	3,156	160
Atlantic	2,071,325	2,099,629	(28,304)	(1.35)	3,945	3,939	6
Can-Am	631,144	667,716	(36,572)	(5.48)	2,111	2,248	(137)
Frontier	1,288,542	1,285,885	2,657	0.21	2,373	2,390	(17)
United Shore	247,900	233,600	14,300	6.12	3,350	3,200	150
Pecos Baseball	77,613	67,162	10,451	15.56	217	209	8
Pacific Association	36,854	38,715	(1,861)	(4.81)	239	250	(11)
Empire Professional			-----	-----			-----
Independent Total	6,220,288	6,226,210	(5,922)	(0.10)	2,472	2,492	(20)
GRAND TOTAL	48,052,652	47,603,412	449,240	0.94	3,774	3,705	69

Sources: Minor League Baseball (NAPBL), Independent Leagues

LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

This section lists 2017 monthly attendance for each of the 15 NAPBL leagues, and for 4 independent leagues (American Association, Atlantic, Frontier, and Can-Am Leagues.) Since the number of dates played varies by month, the most important figure is the average per date. There are also monthly combined totals for the 11 full-season NAPBL leagues, the 4 NAPBL short-season leagues, and the 4 listed independent leagues. Monthly attendance from the other independent leagues is not available. The 2017 monthly average per date for each league is compared with 2016 monthly data.

The 2017 data was compiled by Major League Baseball Advanced Media. Special thanks to Jeff Lantz, Senior Director of Communications for Minor League Baseball, for his help. 2016 data was compiled from data published on the Website of Minor League Baseball. August and September are combined, since, except for the Atlantic League, far fewer regular season games are played by these leagues in September.

Note that monthly average attendance per date for a league can be affected by how many dates are played in that month by teams that draw well or poorly. For example, if teams that draw very well played a higher number of home dates in a certain month in 2017 than they did in 2016, it increases the chance that the league will show an increase in 2017 average per date vs. the same month in 2016. More dates in a month by poorly-drawing teams vs. the same month a year earlier, increases the chances that the league will show a decrease in average per date vs. a year earlier.

The 2017 regular season opened on March 31 and closed on August 10 for the Mexican League. All full-season U.S. NAPBL leagues opened on April 6. The Florida State League closed on September 3, and all others closed on September 4. Short-season schedules were: New York-Penn - June 19-September 7; Northwest - June 15-September 3; Appalachian - June 22-August 31; Pioneer - June 19-September 9. Independent leagues: Atlantic - April 20 - September 17; American Association and Can-Am League - both May 18-September 4; Frontier - May 12 - September 3.

<u>INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE</u>						<u>PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE</u>					
2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16			2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16		
# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.		# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	144	834,726	5,797	5,479	5.8	April	178	1,036,022	5,820	5,263	10.6
May	187	1,159,614	6,201	6,281	(1.3)	May	226	1,406,431	6,223	6,053	2.8
June	191	1,399,646	7,328	7,178	2.1	June	222	1,463,406	6,592	6,346	3.9
July	188	1,498,906	7,973	7,986	(0.2)	July	219	1,536,561	7,016	7,195	(2.5)
August-Sept.	232	1,778,778	7,667	7,537	1.7	August-Sept.	248	1,708,048	6,887	6,681	3.1
League Total	942	6,671,670	7,082	6,982	1.4	League Total	1,093	7,150,468	6,542	6,404	2.2
<u>MEXICAN LEAGUE</u>						<u>EASTERN LEAGUE</u>					
2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16			2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16		
# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.		# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	208	1,176,916	5,658	5,128	10.3	April	119	447,479	3,760	3,534	6.4
May	200	876,882	4,384	4,613	(5.0)	May	161	683,915	4,248	3,929	8.1
June	163	762,232	4,676	4,150	12.7	June	151	724,467	4,798	4,276	12.2
July	186	851,181	4,576	4,769	(4.0)	July	158	843,201	5,337	4,640	15.0
August	67	375,394	5,603	5,389	4.0	August-Sept.	191	1,023,948	5,361	4,698	14.1
League Total	824	4,042,605	4,906	4,755	3.2	League Total	780	3,723,010	4,773	4,259	12.1
<u>SOUTHERN LEAGUE</u>						<u>TEXAS LEAGUE</u>					
2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16			2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16		
# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.		# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	114	433,878	3,806	3,627	4.9	April	87	437,441	5,028	5,070	(0.8)
May	131	471,252	3,597	3,566	0.9	May	112	543,924	4,856	5,039	(3.6)
June	118	428,294	3,630	3,556	2.1	June	100	535,524	5,355	5,148	4.0
July	140	504,716	3,605	3,534	2.0	July	119	592,882	4,982	4,990	(0.2)
August-Sept.	152	500,945	3,296	3,170	4.0	August-Sept.	122	617,579	5,062	4,774	6.0
League Total	655	2,339,085	3,571	3,471	2.9	League Total	540	2,727,350	5,051	4,990	1.2

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LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

CALIFORNIA LEAGUE

	2017 # of Dates	2017 Total Attendance	2017 Average per Date	2016 Average per Date	17 vs. '16 % Chg. Avg./Date
Month					
April	94	245,398	2,611	2,287	14.2
May	116	268,420	2,314	2,158	7.2
June	104	243,437	2,341	1,946	20.3
July	116	290,787	2,507	2,240	11.9
August-Sept.	127	316,332	2,491	2,169	14.8
League Total	557	1,364,374	2,450	2,158	13.5

CAROLINA LEAGUE

	2017 # of Dates	2017 Total Attendance	2017 Average per Date	2016 Average per Date	17 vs. '16 % Chg. Avg./Date
Month					
April	108	289,574	2,681	2,973	(9.8)
May	130	383,822	2,952	2,970	(0.6)
June	125	390,913	3,127	3,882	(19.4)
July	136	443,774	3,263	3,955	(17.5)
August-Sept.	149	519,795	3,489	3,681	(5.2)
League Total	648	2,027,878	3,129	3,520	(11.1)

FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

	2017 # of Dates	2017 Total Attendance	2017 Average per Date	2016 Average per Date	17 vs. '16 % Chg. Avg./Date
Month					
April	140	226,858	1,620	1,662	(2.5)
May	165	215,160	1,304	1,327	(1.7)
June	126	168,939	1,341	1,229	9.1
July	166	304,219	1,833	1,463	25.3
August-Sept.	166	245,252	1,477	1,119	32.0
League Total	763	1,160,428	1,521	1,351	12.6

MIDWEST LEAGUE

	2017 # of Dates	2017 Total Attendance	2017 Average per Date	2016 Average per Date	17 vs. '16 % Chg. Avg./Date
Month					
April	173	422,751	2,444	2,606	(6.2)
May	225	750,340	3,335	3,461	(3.6)
June	199	810,856	4,075	4,177	(2.5)
July	218	961,924	4,412	4,440	(0.6)
August-Sept.	261	1,141,502	4,374	4,292	1.9
League Total	1,076	4,087,373	3,799	3,863	(1.7)

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE

	2017 # of Dates	2017 Total Attendance	2017 Average per Date	2016 Average per Date	17 vs. '16 % Chg. Avg./Date
Month					
April	163	539,325	3,309	3,170	4.4
May	178	599,292	3,367	3,089	9.0
June	173	607,968	3,514	3,306	6.3
July	185	620,276	3,353	3,489	(3.9)
August-Sept.	218	706,574	3,241	3,335	(2.8)
League Total	917	3,073,435	3,352	3,283	2.1

NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE

	2017 # of Dates	2017 Total Attendance	2017 Average per Date	2016 Average per Date	17 vs. '16 % Chg. Avg./Date
Month					
June	72	220,629	3,064	3,087	(0.7)
July	194	553,708	2,854	2,922	(2.3)
August-Sept.	229	629,238	2,748	2,846	(3.5)
League Total	495	1,403,575	2,836	2,919	(2.9)

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

	2017 # of Dates	2017 Total Attendance	2017 Average per Date	2016 Average per Date	17 vs. '16 % Chg. Avg./Date
Month					
June	63	217,398	3,451	3,645	(5.3)
July	116	426,057	3,673	3,617	1.5
August-Sept.	124	445,526	3,593	3,379	6.3
League Total	303	1,088,981	3,594	3,522	2.0

APPALACHIAN LEAGUE

	2017 # of Dates	2017 Total Attendance	2017 Average per Date	2016 Average per Date	17 vs. '16 % Chg. Avg./Date
Month					
June	43	53,363	1,241	1,160	7.0
July	141	160,202	1,136	1,122	1.3
August-Sept.	137	140,525	1,026	953	7.6
League Total	321	354,090	1,103	1,052	4.9

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LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

<u>PIONEER LEAGUE</u>					
	2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16	
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
June	48	103,960	2,166	2,353	(8.0)
July	109	244,041	2,239	2,366	(5.4)
August-Sept.	145	270,041	1,862	1,791	4.0
League Total	302	618,042	2,046	2,105	(2.8)

<u>NAPBL FULL-SEASON LEAGUES TOTAL</u>					
	2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16	
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April	1,528	6,090,368	3,986	3,785	5.3
May	1,831	7,359,052	4,019	3,997	0.6
June	1,672	7,535,682	4,507	4,310	4.6
July	1,831	8,448,427	4,614	4,577	0.8
August-Sept.	1,933	8,934,147	4,622	4,442	4.1
Full-Sea. Total	8,795	38,367,676	4,362	4,242	2.8

<u>NAPBL SHORT-SEASON LEAGUES TOTAL</u>					
	2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16	
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
June	226	595,350	2,634	2,756	(4.4)
July	560	1,384,008	2,471	2,504	(1.3)
August-Sept.	635	1,485,330	2,339	2,305	1.5
Short Sea. Tot.	1,421	3,464,688	2,438	2,459	(0.8)

<u>ATLANTIC LEAGUE</u>					
	2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16	
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April-May	147	542,496	3,690	3,670	0.6
June	106	411,365	3,881	3,753	3.4
July	101	411,017	4,069	4,298	(5.3)
August	111	458,359	4,129	4,035	2.3
September	60	248,088	4,135	4,121	0.3
League Total	525	2,071,325	3,945	3,939	0.2

<u>AMERICAN ASSOCIATION</u>					
	2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16	
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
May	68	204,615	3,009	3,031	(0.7)
June	150	498,685	3,325	2,904	14.5
July	152	526,471	3,464	3,186	8.7
August-Sept.	192	637,139	3,318	3,401	(2.4)
League Total	562	1,866,910	3,322	3,156	5.3

<u>CAN-AM LEAGUE</u>					
	2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16	
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
May	36	59,505	1,653	2,251	(26.6)
June	93	181,922	1,956	2,299	(14.9)
July	76	180,869	2,380	2,120	12.3
August-Sept.	94	208,848	2,222	2,305	(3.6)
League Total	299	631,144	2,111	2,248	(6.1)

<u>FRONTIER LEAGUE</u>					
	2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16	
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
May	92	175,495	1,908	2,029	(6.0)
June	147	343,082	2,334	2,340	(0.3)
July	134	358,888	2,678	2,612	2.5
August-Sept.	170	411,077	2,418	2,443	(1.0)
League Total	543	1,288,542	2,373	2,390	(0.7)

<u>4 INDEPENDENT LEAGUES TOTAL</u>					
	2017	2017	2016	17 vs. '16	
	# of	Total	Average	Average	% Chg.
<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>per Date</u>	<u>Avg./Date</u>
April-May	343	982,111	2,863	2,959	(3.2)
June	496	1,435,054	2,893	2,815	2.8
July	463	1,477,245	3,191	3,087	3.4
August-Sept.	627	1,963,511	3,132	3,173	(1.3)
League Total	1,929	5,857,921	3,037	3,020	0.6