

## 2019 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

This is a brief summary of 2019 Major League Baseball attendance. It includes league and team attendance totals in the pages that follow the notes below. The complete 2019 Minor League Baseball Attendance Analysis is now available at [numbertamer.com](http://numbertamer.com). Just go to the 'Baseball Reports' page, and scroll down for the report.

The 2019 complete Major League Attendance Analysis should be ready by May, 2020. The full analyses for each season from 2009 through 2018 are available on the 'Baseball Reports' page of [numbertamer.com](http://numbertamer.com). An updated version of the 2018 Major League Attendance Analysis, showing 2018 and 2019 attendance data in other sports besides baseball, was posted on February 13, 2020.

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### SOURCES:

Major League attendance data was obtained from the Major League Baseball Information System, and the new MLB Stats Reporting Platform. The office of Minor League Baseball (formerly known as the NAPBL) provided figures for the Major League affiliated minor leagues. Independent minor leagues data came from each league's Website or office. 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 or at deep discounts. Note the box below for at least one team's decision to exclude free, or deeply-discounted tickets, in their official crowd numbers. 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.

### **A NOTE ON HOW MIAMI AND TORONTO CHANGED THE WAY THEY COMPILED THEIR OFFICIAL 2018 ATTENDANCE, AND WHY DECLINES BY THESE TEAMS MAY BE LESS THAN THE FIGURES INDICATE**

In 2018, both the Miami Marlins and Toronto Blue Jays revised their methods of compiling their official attendance. These changes resulted in both teams, particularly the Marlins, reporting huge attendance declines in 2018, compared to 2017. While both of these decreases were among the largest in Major League history, some context is needed in reporting them.

In 2017, the Marlins included tickets sold at deep discounts, or distributed for free, in their official reported attendance of 1,651,997. Their new ownership group decided to change this policy in 2018, and only include tickets actually sold at, or close to, the regular price, in their official attendance. As a result of this change, 2018 official Marlins' attendance was listed as 811,104, a decline of 840,893 (50.9%). It was the first time, at least officially, that a team had its attendance cut in half from one year to the next since 1950.

According to a March 29, 2018 article in the Miami Herald, if the Marlins had used the same method of calculating attendance in 2017, as they were planning to do in 2018, their 2017 attendance would have been around 820,000. So virtually their entire 2018 listed attendance decline was due to them no longer reporting free, or deeply-discounted tickets, in the official attendance figures announced by the team, and compiled by the Major League Baseball Information System. This policy continued in 2019.

As for Toronto, according to an article by Maury Brown in the October 3, 2018 issue of Forbes, the Blue Jays released far fewer tickets to resellers in 2018, compared to previous years. Toronto's attendance fell 878,605 (27.4%) in 2018. Much, or perhaps even most of, this decrease could be attributed to the Blue Jays finishing 35 games out of first place in the American League East. But the change in ticket distribution policy was certainly a factor in the decline, and may have been a factor again in 2019, when Toronto was 36 games out of first place.

This report, and probably all other news media reports about Major League Baseball attendance, use the official figures provided by Major League Baseball. So the 2018 attendance declines listed for Miami and Toronto are official. But wherever they are noted in this report, and in future editions of the Number Tamer Major League Baseball Attendance Analysis, the change in how these teams compiled their attendance in 2018 and in 2019 will be mentioned.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL – 2019 Attendance Overview and Summary**

These notes come from revised regular season attendance figures issued by MLB on October 25, 2019. Final official attendance figures will be reported in the 2019 Major League Baseball Official Averages Book, to be issued in early December. Any revisions made by MLB to its attendance data at that time, will be made in this report as well.

- ) The weather was significantly better for baseball in 2019 than it was in 2018, but Major League Baseball still had a decline in attendance, to its lowest levels since 2003.
- ) Major League Baseball's 2019 total attendance was 68,493,093. This is down 1,132,151 (1.6%) from 2018, and is the lowest total since 2003. It was the 4<sup>th</sup> straight year with a decline, the 6<sup>th</sup> decrease in the last 7 years, and the 9<sup>th</sup> drop in attendance in the last 12 seasons. Total MLB attendance had topped 73 million for 13 years in a row (2004-2016). From 2010, until 2018, the yearly changes were small. Attendance fell 4.2% in 2018, 0.7% in 2017, 0.8% in 2016, rose less than 0.1% in 2015, fell 0.4% in 2014 and 1.1% in 2013, rose 2.0% in 2012 and 0.5% in 2011, and fell 0.4% in 2010, 6.6% in 2009, and 1.2% in 2008. It was up 4.6% in 2007, and up 1.5% in 2006.
- ) Home games played in American League parks had a combined 2019 loss of 1,783,597 (5.5%) to 30,591,020. Attendance for games in National League parks rose 651,446 (1.7%) to 37,902,073. In 2018, the American League had a 5.8% total attendance decline, while the National League was down 2.8%. The National league was up 0.5% in 2017 total attendance, but the American League had a 1.9% dip. In 2016, the American League had a 0.5% total attendance increase, while the National League was down 2.0%. In 2015, the American League was up 1.1%, while National League total attendance fell 0.9%. In 2014, the A.L. was down 0.3%, and the N.L. fell 0.5%. Each league was down a combined 1.1% in 2013.
- ) Average attendance per date was 28,338 in 2019, down 492 from the 2018 average of 28,830. It was the lowest MLB average per date since 2003. The average per date had been above 30,000 for 14 straight years until 2018. American League teams averaged 25,429 per date, down 1,416 from 2018, and the lowest for the A.L. since shorter-season 1995 (25,359), and lowest in a full season since 1987 (24,420). National League teams averaged 31,221, up 410. These league averages include interleague games. American League teams hosted 3 fewer dates in 2019 than in 2018. National League teams hosted 5 more dates in 2019 than in 2018.
- ) 2019 total attendance was 11,010,082 (13.8%) lower than the record-high of 79,503,175, set in 2007. Average attendance per team was 2,283,103 in 2019, down 367,003 from all-time high of 2,650,106 in 2007. The 2019 average per date was down 4,447 (13.6%) from the 2007 record-high of 32,785.
- ) There were 17 fewer postponements in 2019 than in 2018, and the early season weather was much warmer. There were 336 games scheduled for outdoor, non-retractable roof ballparks in March-April, 2019. 15 were postponed, which was 12 fewer than during the same months in 2018. 9 of these early season games began in under 40-degree temperatures, compared to 28 in 2018. There were 41 March-April, 2019 games with gametime temperatures of less than 50 degrees, compared to 98 such games in 2018. On the warmer side, 203 games started with temperatures of at least 60 degrees in March-April, 2019, compared to just 146 games in 2018.
- ) Mother Nature was not kind to Major League, and especially to Minor League, Baseball in 2018. In the Major Leagues, there were 54 postponements in 2018, tying 1997 for the most since 1989. Early season games that were played often took place in terrible conditions. Of the 351 games scheduled for outdoor stadiums in March or April, 2018 (excludes retractable-roof parks), 27 were postponed due to rain, snow, or cold. 98 games began with temperatures under 50 degrees, including 28 games under 40 degrees, and one game each in Minnesota and Colorado with a gametime temperature of 27 degrees. In April 2018, 10 of 15 games played in Cleveland, and 10 of 14 games in Detroit, started with temperatures under 50. 5 of the games in Detroit had gametime temperatures of less than 40 degrees.
- ) The bad weather in 2018 caused a decline in the official announced attendance, which includes tickets sold, but not used. But perhaps more significantly, it likely caused declines in short-term advance and day-of-game ticket sales, and in the number of people who actually did attend the games. Many of those early-season bad-weather games were played in front of very sparse crowds. With more and more ballpark revenue generated from sources other than ticket sales, such as parking, concessions, ballpark dining and bar facilities, and merchandise sales, bad weather may be costlier to teams now, than it's ever been. On the other hand, day-of-game sales account for a smaller percentage of ticket sales now, than they did more than 40 years ago. In March-April, 2018, the Major League average attendance per date was 9.4% lower than it was for those months in 2017. Despite better weather in 2019, there still was a decline comparing March-April, 2019 vs. March-April, 2018, but it was just 0.5%.

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- ) 2019 post-season attendance was 1,650,223 for 37 games, averaging 44,601 per game. 2018 post-season attendance was 1,497,352 for 33 games, an average of 45,374 per game. In 2017, it was 1,746,109 for 38 games, an average of 45,950 per game. The 2016 post-season drew 1,552,257 for 35 games, averaging 44,350 per game. Total 2015 post-season attendance was 1,634,763 for 36 games, an average of 45,410 per game.
- ) In 2019, no games had to be rescheduled in other ballparks due to storms, even though Tampa Bay had a postponement due to Hurricane Dorian. But there were games scheduled for non-Major League ballparks. Oakland began the season in Tokyo, with 2 'home' games that drew a total of 92,238. Monterrey, Mexico hosted 2 Cincinnati home games, which drew a total of 33,289, and also hosted the Angels (2 games – 35,791). Kansas City played a game at the College World Series stadium in Omaha which drew 25,454. Boston had 2 'home' games in London, and they drew a total of 118,718. Williamsport, PA hosted a Pirates' home date that drew a sellout crowd of 2,503 to its Minor League park, in a salute to Little League Baseball.
- ) In 2018, the A's celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their first game in Oakland by offering free admission to their April 17<sup>th</sup> game. 46,028 fans took them up on that offer. Attendance from that game is not included in the A's total for 2018, and the game is also not included in the number of dates played for that season.
- ) **The Los Angeles Dodgers led the Major Leagues in attendance for the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year in 2019. They drew team record-highs in total attendance (3,974,309 – up 116,809) and average per date (49,066 – up 2,023), despite playing one less home game than in 2018. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest total attendance ever by a National League team (1993 Colorado and the 2008 New York Mets drew higher), and the 10<sup>th</sup> best total in Major League history. It was the top total and average per date since both the Yankees and Mets surpassed 4 million, and 50,000 per date, in 2008. This was also the highest attendance ever for a team with at least 100 wins. The Dodgers had 28 sellouts in 2019, and topped 50,000 at 39 games.**
- ) **The New York Yankees topped the American League in total attendance for the 56<sup>th</sup> time, drawing 3,304,404, down 178,451 (5.1%). Average per date was an American League-high 41,828, down 1,170. They extended their Major League record streak, reaching 3 million for the 21<sup>th</sup> consecutive season.**
- ) The Yankees had led the American League in total attendance for a record-setting 13 years in a row through 2015. (Toronto led in 2016 and 2017.) 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.
- ) Top 2019 road attendance honors went to the Cubs. They drew 2,709,810 (33,454 per date) away from Wrigley Field. The Yankees led American League teams on the road, drawing 2,460,744 (30,759 per date).
- ) 2019 was the first full season since 1964 that both teams in the World Series had a decline in attendance in their pennant-winning season. This also occurred in 1963, 1958, 1952, 1943, 1942, 1923, 1922, 1910, and in the short seasons of 1918 and 1981. Since the first World Series in 1903, 39 World Series winning teams, out of 113, had an attendance loss. It excludes short seasons in 1918 and 1981. There was no World Series in 1904 and 1994.
- ) For the 6<sup>th</sup> time in MLB history, the gap between the team with the highest and lowest attendance topped 3 million. The Dodgers outdrew the Marlins in 2019 by 3,163,007, the largest margin ever between the highest and lowest team total attendance in a season. The other occurrences of a 3 million+ gap were in: 1991 (Toronto over Montreal by 3,066,785); 1993 (Colorado over San Diego by 3,107,918); 2004 (Yankees over Montreal by 3,026,742); 2006 (Yankees over Marlins by 3,079,646); and 2018 (Dodgers over Marlins by 3,046,396).
- ) The Dodgers had the highest combined 2019 Major League home/road attendance, drawing 6,681,929 (41,246 per date). The Yankees drew a home/road combined 5,765,148 (36,259 per date) to lead the American League. From 1999 through 2015, the Yankees had the top combined home/road American League attendance each year. Toronto led the A.L. in combined home/road attendance 2016, and the Yankees led in 2017 and 2018.
- ) Miami had the lowest total attendance in the Major Leagues in 2019, drawing just 811,302 (10,016 per date). This was up a total of 198 (2 per date). The 2018 Marlins had the lowest attendance in the Majors since the Montreal Expos drew 748,550 in 2004, and the lowest attendance ever for a team whose ballpark opened after 1990. The Expos split their 2004 home games between Montreal and San Juan, and became the Washington Nationals in 2005. Note again, that the Marlins stopped including free and deeply-discounted tickets in their official attendance in 2018, which resulted in that sharp decline, and that policy continued in 2019.

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- J Despite winning 96 games in 2019, and reaching at least 90 wins for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in the last 12 years, Tampa Bay had the lowest American League attendance, drawing 1,178,735, an average of 14,734 per date. The 2013 and 2019 Rays are the only teams in MLB history to make the playoffs while having their league's lowest attendance. The Rays had the most wins ever for a team that finished last in its league in attendance. Just 4 teams (2012, 2013, 2018, and 2019 Tampa Bay) have been last in league attendance while winning at least 90 games. The 1978 Baltimore Orioles, who drew 1,051,724 in 73 dates, were the last team to win at least 90 games, and have a lower total attendance than both 2018 and 2019 Tampa Bay. The Rays' 2018 average per date of 14,259, was the lowest for a team with at least 90 wins since the 1976 Pirates, who averaged 14,054 per date. 1975 Oakland, which drew 1,075,518, was the last team that won at least 96 games, and drew worse than the Rays did in 2019. The 2019 Rays had the smallest attendance for a playoff team since that 1975 Oakland club.
- J Cleveland, the White Sox, Detroit, Kansas City, Baltimore, Oakland, Seattle, Toronto, Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati were the other teams under 2 million.
- J In addition to the Yankees and Dodgers, St. Louis averaged over 40,000 per date in 2019. 10 other teams averaged over 30,000 per date. 12 teams topped 30,000 per date in 2018. 14 teams averaged at least 30,000 per date in both 2017 and 2016. 17 teams averaged 30,000+ per date in 2015, and 15 teams did it in 2014.
- J 6 American League teams, and 10 National League teams, had gains in total attendance in 2019. Except for Pittsburgh, these teams also had average per date growth. 4 teams (Minnesota, Mets, Philadelphia, San Diego) achieved total increases of at least 200,000. Minnesota, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, and San Diego had percentage gains of at least 10%.
- J Philadelphia posted a Major League-best increase of 569,297 in total attendance. The Phillies also had the best percentage (26.4%), and average per date (6,354) gains in Majors. Minnesota, up 334,955 (17.1%) in total attendance and up 3,833 per date, had the best American League gains in those categories. Also increasing at least 2,000 in average per date were the Cincinnati, the Mets, the Dodgers, and San Diego.
- J Largest 2019 total attendance decrease was 575,137 by Toronto, followed closely by Seattle (down 509,428). Other big losses were by San Francisco (448,425), Detroit (355,540), Washington (269,823), and Baltimore (256,385). Cleveland, Kansas City, and the Yankees were down more than 150,000.
- J Toronto, down 24.7%, had the worst total percentage loss, followed by Seattle, down 22.2%. Baltimore, Detroit, Kansas City, San Francisco, and Washington were down at least 10%.
- J In 2018, the Marlins had a 50.9% decline in 2018, due to their change of method in reporting attendance. It was the first time a team had its attendance cut in half since 1950. According to data in 'Total Baseball,' the 1950 Philadelphia A's had a 62.1% decline in total attendance from 1949. Retrosheet.org data shows a 59.9% drop for the 1950 A's, who shared Shibe Park with the N.L. Champion Phillies.
- J Toronto had the worst 2019 average per date decline down 7,459. Seattle was down 6,289, San Francisco dipped 5,536, Detroit fell 4,444, Washington was down 3,721, and Baltimore fell 3,706. Cleveland and Kansas City exceeded 2,000 in average per date decline.
- J The Dodgers were the only team to set a new total attendance and/or average per date record in 2019.
- J The 299 interleague dates drew 8,774,747 in 2019, an average of 29,347 per date. Non-interleague games averaged 28,196 per date, so the interleague games averaged 4.1% higher than the non-interleague average. Interleague games average per date was 8.8% higher than non-interleague games in 2018, 0.3% higher in 2017, 4.1% higher in 2016, and 4.2% higher in 2015. The interleague games averaged only 1.4% more than non-interleague games in 2014, and 2.0% higher in 2013. But in 2012, interleague games averaged 34,693 per date. This was 13.9% above the average of 30,454 per date for non-interleague games.
- J From the start of interleague play in 1997, through 2012, interleague games averaged 7.3% to 20.5% higher attendance per year than non-interleague games. But until 2013, nearly all interleague games were played from late May to early July when attendance is higher than at the start and end of the season. With each league having 15 teams due to the move of the Astros to the American League in 2013, there is now at least one interleague game played nearly every day of the season.

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- ) 12 single admission doubleheaders were played in 2019, all of them making up rained-out games. The last doubleheader on a team's original schedule was in Tampa Bay on Saturday, June 10, 2017. It drew 17,775.
- ) A monthly comparison shows that 2019 vs. 2018 average per date was down 0.5% for March-April dates, down 2.1% in May, down 1.3% in June, down 2.5% in July, down 0.2% in August, and down 3.5% for September-October. Combined average per date for March, April, May, and June was 27,799 in 2019, down 1.3% from those same months in 2018. The combined July, August and September-October average per date was 28,917, down 2.0%. July dates had the best average in 2019 (30,360), 2018 (31,131), 2017 (32,805), 2016 (33,259), 2015 (33,007), 2014 (32,168) and 2013 (32,399). March-April had the lowest average per date in 2019 (26,722), and 2018 (26,867), May had the lowest average 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 2019, there were 2 more dates than in 2018, 2 fewer than in 2017, 8 less than in 2016, the same as in 2015, 4 less than in 2014, and 9 less than in 2013. The 2018 and 2013 total number of dates included 'Tiebreaker' games to determine Division Champions or who made the post-season as a Wild Card team. Officially, those are extra regular season games, so all statistics, including attendance, are included in the regular season stats.
- ) 5 teams (Angels, Yankees, Dodgers, Cardinals, Cubs) topped 3 million. 7 teams drew at least 3 million in 2018, 2017, and 2016. 5 teams reached 3 million in 2015 and 2014. The season record for the most teams above 3 million is 10 teams. In 2019, 12 teams surpassed 2.5 million, and 18 teams reached 2 million. The White Sox, A's, Rays, Marlins, Reds, Pirates, Orioles, Indians, Tigers, Mariners, Blue Jays, and Royals drew under 2 million.
- ) 2013 and 2012 were the only seasons that every Major League team surpassed 1.5 million in attendance. Miami, Tampa Bay, Kansas City, Baltimore, and Pittsburgh fell below that figure in 2019.
- ) As is usually the case following a World Series win, the Red Sox had a gain (29,052) in 2019. This was mainly due to them playing 2 home games in London, which drew a total of 118,718. But the Chicago Cubs followed up their 2016 World Series win with a 32,858 decline in total attendance. The 2017 Cubs were just the 11<sup>th</sup> team since 1971 to have an attendance decline in the season following a World Championship. This excludes strike affected seasons. Prior to 1971, 42 of 67 defending World Champions saw attendance fall.
- ) 2015 World Champion Kansas City also had an attendance dip the following year. In 2015, the Royals had the biggest gains in the Majors in total attendance (up 752,067), percentage gain (up 38.4%) and average per date (up 9,285). The Royals had ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in average per date in 2014. But they moved up to 10<sup>th</sup> best in the Majors in 2015. They ranked #12 in 2016, but fell to 17<sup>th</sup> in 2017, 23<sup>rd</sup> in 2018, and 26<sup>th</sup> in 2019. Kansas City's 2015 total attendance gain was the best for any team that didn't move into a new ballpark since the Angels had a 755,525 gain in 2003.
- ) The Chicago Cubs had an estimated 42 sellouts in 2019, while Boston had 29, and the Dodgers had 28. The Cubs don't list sellouts in their Game Notes, so an estimate was made that crowds above 39,000 were sellouts. San Francisco's National League record-high sellout streak ended in July, 2017. At the end of the streak, the Giants had 530 regular season, and 555 combined regular and post-season consecutive sellouts, going back to 2010. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> longest in North American sports history. The Minor League Baseball Dayton Dragons have an active sellout streak of 1,385 regular season games through the end of 2019, going back to their first game in 2000. The Red Sox' streak, noted above, is the 2<sup>nd</sup> longest. NBA teams hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> longest streaks, which include playoff games: Portland – 814; Dallas – 786 (still active after the 2018-19 season); Boston – 662; Chicago – 610. Montreal of the NHL had the 7<sup>th</sup> longest streak -- 583 games, a streak that ended on October 15, 2018.
- ) In 2019, there were 99 dates in MLB parks that failed to draw at least 10,000. This was the highest number since 2002. Miami drew under 10,000 at 53 dates, including 3 dates that drew less than 6,000. Other 'under-10' figures were by Oakland (2 times), Tampa Bay (19), Baltimore (13), Pittsburgh (11), and Cincinnati (1). In 2016, just 3 dates, all in Cleveland, drew under 10,000. Miami had the smallest 2019 crowd in a Major League park when they drew 5,297 on August 26. Tampa Bay drew 5,786 on May 28, the smallest A.L. crowd. A Pittsburgh 'home game' was played at a Minor League park in Williamsport, PA, and drew a sellout crowd of 2,503. That game is not included in the 99 dates noted above.

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- ) The largest crowd of the 2019 regular season was 59,659 in London, for a Boston 'home' game vs. the Yankees. The Dodgers drew 54,307 on May 31, which was the year's highest attendance at a National League park. Oakland's 53,367 crowd on August 24 was the largest in an American League park. Highest 2019 post-season crowd was 54,159 at Dodger Stadium for Game 5 of the National League Division Series.
- ) In 2019, Cincinnati, Atlanta, Arizona, and St. Louis set new records for the highest regular season single game attendance in their current ballparks. The Angels set a record-high for the current configuration of their park.
- ) 3 of the 10 teams that made the 2019 post-season had declines in attendance. Yankees' attendance fell 178,451, Houston was down 123,182, and Washington dipped by 269,823.
- ) The Dodgers surpassed 2 million for an MLB record 47<sup>th</sup> consecutive season. Atlanta reached 2 million for the 29<sup>th</sup> straight year. Boston achieved this mark for an American League record 25<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The Yankees, Cubs, and Cardinals each have drawn over 2 million for 24 straight years through 2019.
- ) The Dodgers have now reached 2.5 million for a Major League record 46 times. St. Louis has done it 30 times. The Yankees topped 2.5 million for the 26<sup>th</sup> time, the most ever for an American League team.
- ) The Dodgers reached 3 million in attendance for the 33<sup>rd</sup> time. St. Louis (23 times), the Yankees (21), San Francisco (17), and the Angels (17) are next on the list. In 2019, the Cubs drew 3 million for the 12<sup>th</sup> time.
- ) The Yankees topped 3 million for record 21<sup>st</sup> straight year in 2019. The Angels were above 3 million for the 17<sup>th</sup> year in a row, and St. Louis did it for the 16<sup>th</sup> straight year. Until 2019, the Giants had done it for 9 years in a row, and 17 times in 19 years. The Dodgers drew 3 million in 15 straight seasons from 1996 through 2010.
- ) **Another milestone was achieved by the Yankees in 2019 as they became the first U.S. or Canadian sports team to reach 200 million in attendance in one market.** This covers 1903 through 2019. In 1901 and 1902, the Yankees were the Baltimore Orioles. The Dodgers have also surpassed 200 million in attendance since 1900, but some of that was during their years in Brooklyn. Since moving to Los Angeles in 1958, the Dodgers have drawn 181.7 million, by far the most of any team during this period.
- ) 48 of the 230 teams in the World Series from 1903 through 2019 led all of Major League Baseball in attendance that year. This includes the 2018 and 2017 Dodgers. 47 additional World Series teams led their league, but not all of the Majors. From 1903 through 1978, 83 of the 150 World Series teams were league leaders in attendance. Starting in 1979, just 12 of the 80 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 and 2018 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 3<sup>rd</sup> team to play in the World Series in a year when they had the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest attendance in the Major Leagues. 2003 Florida and 1974 Oakland are the others. No team with a year's lowest or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2019. The White Sox lost 4 dates, the Yankees and Indians lost 2 dates each, and the Orioles, Tigers, Royals, Rays, and Mets each lost one date. Even though Tampa Bay has an indoor ballpark, they played one game as part of a double-header due to Hurricane Dorian.
- ) Until 2014, Pittsburgh had been the only recent non-expansion team whose current all-time attendance record was set in a year with a losing record. The Pirates reached their old high in 2001, the year PNC Park opened. But in 2014, the Pirates had a winning year, and a new attendance record-high, and they broke that in 2015, another winning year. Miami, Colorado, Tampa Bay, Washington, and Arizona, each set their records in their first season.
- ) Attendance declines in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010 and 2009 pushed average per date figures back below levels reached prior to the 1994 strike. 2019 average attendance per date of 28,338 is 2,999 below the 1993 average of 31,337. If 1998 expansion teams Tampa Bay and Arizona are excluded, the 2019 average for the 28 teams that operated in 1993 (including Montreal, who moved to Washington in 2005) rises to 28,891 per date, which is a loss of 2,446 from 1993. Only 9 of the 28 teams that played in 1993 were still in the same home ballpark in 2019 (Baltimore, Boston, Chicago White Sox, Kansas City, Los Angeles Angels, Oakland, Toronto, Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers). By 2020, Atlanta and Texas will have opened new parks twice each.

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- ) **Baltimore** – Followed up a 115-loss season in 2018 by losing 108 games in 2019, and attendance fell further. Total attendance was 1,307,807, down 256,385 (16.4%), with one lost date. Average per date fell 3,706 to 16,348. The total and average per date were the lowest in a full season for the Orioles since 1978. But the Orioles have drawn at least 2 million in all but 6 seasons since 1989. 13 dates drew less than 10,000 in 2019.
- ) **Boston** – Drew 2,924,627, up 29,052 (1.0%). Average per date rose 359 to 36,107. This includes 2 home games played in London, which drew a total of 118,718. The 79 dates at Fenway Park averaged 35,518, down 230 from 2018. But this was 94.5% of Fenway Park's seating capacity, which was the best % of capacity of any A.L. team. Only St. Louis (96.6%) did better. Total attendance has topped 2 million in 33 of the last 34 seasons (shorter 1994 season is the exception). The 25 consecutive years above 2 million through 2019 is an American League record. Attendance has been above 2.5 million for 20 straight seasons. Average per date has topped 30,000 for 21 years in a row, and has been above 35,000 in 15 of the last 16 years. For the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year, all home games drew at least 30,000. 1,588 of the last 1,602 regular season games (99.1%) at Fenway Park have topped 30,000.

There were 27 sellouts at Fenway Park in 2019, plus the 2 games in London. 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 1,385 regular season dates in their history from 2000 through the end the 2019 season.

- ) **Chicago White Sox** – Lost 4 dates due to weather, and had the fewest dates of any team in 2019. But total attendance rose 40,958 (2.5%) to 1,649,775. This was just their second gain in the last 13 seasons. After a Major League record 8 straight attendance declines, the White Sox saw attendance rise in 2015. 2019 average per date was 21,426, up 1,316, with 5 sellouts.
- ) **Cleveland** – Total 2019 attendance was down 188,059 (9.8%) to 1,738,642. Average per date was 22,008, down 2,076. There were 3 sellouts. 2017 is the only year above 2 million for the Tribe since 2008.
- The Indians had a big attendance increase (202,762) in 2016. But their total of 1,591,667 was the lowest for a division winner since Pittsburgh in 1979, and for a pennant winner since the Wild-Card Florida Marlins in 2003. Progressive Field renovations have resulted in seating capacity being reduced from 42,487 to 36,675 in 2015, 35,225 in 2016, 35,051 in 2017, 35,041 in 2018, and 34,788 in 2019.
- ) **Detroit** – Had the worst record in the Majors (47-114) in 2019. Total attendance fell 355,540 (19.1%) to 1,501,430, and average per date dropped 4,444 to 18,768. The total and average per date are Detroit's lowest figures since 2003. The Tigers have reached 3 million 4 times in the last 13 years, and had topped 2 million in 13 straight years until 2018. A streak of 11 seasons in a row with average above 30,000 per date ended in 2017. Until 2006, the Tigers reached 30,000 per date just twice in their history.
- ) **Houston** – Followed up their 2017 World Series win with baseball's best attendance growth in 2018. The Astros had the best record in the Majors in 2019, and made it to Game 7 of the World Series, but total attendance fell 123,182 (4.1%) to 2,857,367. Average per date was 35,276, down 1,521, with 15 sellouts. Despite the decline in 2019, Astros' attendance is up 1,249,634 (77.7%) since 2012.

In 2013, the Astros became the 16<sup>th</sup> team in MLB history to lose at least 110 games in a season, and the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2019 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW -- SUMMARY****TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – AMERICAN LEAGUE**

) **Kansas City** – After total attendance declined 337,342 (13.2%) in 2017, it fell 555,263 (25.0%) in 2018, and 185,448 (11.1%) in 2019, to 1,479,659. Average per date was 18,496, down 2,061. This includes one game at Omaha which drew 25,454. The games in Kansas City averaged 18,408 per date, down 2,149. This was the smallest total and average per date since 2006. Compared to the record-highs of 2015, when the Royals won the World Series, total attendance has fallen 1,228,890 (45.4%), and the average per date is down 14,943.

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 that didn't move into new park since the Angels were up 755,525 in 2003.

) **Los Angeles Angels** – Reached 3 million in total attendance, and 37,000 in average per date, for the 17<sup>th</sup> straight year. Had a total loss of 1,204 (less than 0.1%) to 3,019,012. Average per date was 37,272, down 15. But this included 2 home dates at Monterrey, Mexico, which drew a total of 35,791. Games in Anaheim averaged 37,762, up 475. All but 2 dates in Anaheim drew over 30,000, and there were 3 sellouts. The Angels have drawn at least 2 million for 22 straight years, and in all but 2 non-strike seasons since 1979.

) **Minnesota** – A streak of 11 consecutive seasons above 2 million had ended in 2016. The Twins topped 2 million in 2017, and did it again in 2019 as they had a 101-win season. Total attendance was 2,294,152, up 334,955 (17.1%). Average per date was 28,323, up 3,833. **These increases were the best in the American League in 2019, and second-best in the Majors to the Phillies.** It was the Twins' best total and average per date since 2013. In 2014, Minnesota set a record for best attendance by a team with at least 4 straight seasons with 90+ losses, when they drew 2,250,606. The previous record-highs for such teams were 2,062,382 by Milwaukee in 2004, and in the A.L., by Detroit (2,024,485) in 2005.

) **New York Yankees** – **Led the American League in attendance for the 56<sup>th</sup> time. The Yankees drew 3,304,404, down 178,451 (5.1%), topping 3 million for a Major League record-high 21<sup>st</sup> 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 41,828 average per date, down 1,170.** Every home game drew at least 32,000, and attendance surpassed 40,000 at 61 dates, with 12 sellouts. 2019 was the 24<sup>th</sup> year in a row above 2 million for the Yankees, the 2<sup>nd</sup> longest American League streak in that category (Boston-1995-2019 holds the A.L. record). It was also their 26<sup>th</sup> time above 2.5 million, which is an A.L. record. Average per date was above 35,000 for the 22<sup>nd</sup> straight year.

Through 2015, the Yankees led the American League in total attendance for the 13<sup>th</sup> straight years, the longest streak of leading a league in Major League history. 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, 2018, and 2019. 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 after the Yankee streak ended, and that 30,000+ streak in St. Louis is still active through the 2019 playoffs.

**In 2019, the Yankees, who began to play in New York (as the Highlanders) in 1903, became the first United States or Canadian sports team to reach 200 million in home attendance in one market.**

) **Oakland** – Won 97 games in 2019, and total attendance rose 134,623 (8.8%) to 1,662,211, and average per date was up 1,426 to 20,521. Played their first 2 'home' games in Tokyo, which drew a total of 92,238. Games in Oakland averaged 19,873 per date, up 778. 26 dates drew less than 15,000, and at 2 of those dates, attendance was below 10,000. The A's drew 53,367 on August 24, the largest American League crowd of the year. A site at Howard Terminal in Oakland has been chosen for a new ballpark for the A's, and funding approval is likely.

) **Seattle** – Suffered the 2<sup>nd</sup> worst attendance decline in the Major Leagues in 2019. Drew 1,790,061, down 509,428 (22.2%). Average per date was 22,100, down 6,289. This was Seattle's lowest attendance since 2013. The Mariners have topped 2 million in all but 4 years since 1996, after doing it just twice from 1977 through 1995.



**2019 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW -- SUMMARY****TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – AMERICAN LEAGUE**

- ) **Tampa Bay** – The Rays seem to do everything right on both the business and the baseball sides. The 2019 team won 96 games, and took Houston to a deciding game in the American League Division Series. They reached 90 wins for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in the last 12 seasons. Only the Dodgers, with 8, have more 90-win seasons during this period. Tampa Bay has the 5<sup>th</sup> best won-loss record in the Majors since 2008. Ticket prices are low, and the Rays have a very fan-friendly reputation. Yet, attendance remains low.

The Rays had the lowest total attendance (1,178,735, up 23,762 – 2.1%) and the lowest average per date (14,734, up 475) in the American League for 2019. 19 dates drew less than 10,000, and just 18 dates topped 20,000. The 2019 Rays had more wins than any team in MLB history that finished last in its league in attendance. They were also just the second team (2013 Tampa Bay was the other) to reach the post-season in a year when they ended up in their league's attendance basement. Tampa Bay's 2012, 2013, 2018, and 2019 teams are the only 90-win teams ever in the Major Leagues to finish last in their league in attendance. The previous team with at least 96 wins, and a lower attendance than the 2019 Rays were the 1975 Oakland A's. That 1975 Oakland club was also the most recent team that made the post-season with a lower attendance figure than the 2019 Rays.

2019 was the 14<sup>th</sup> time in this team's 22 years that it drew under 1.5 million. The Rays have posted the A.L.'s worst attendance in 14 of the last 19 years, and reached 2 million only in 1998, their first year.

- ) **Texas** – The Rangers drew 2,132,994, up 25,887 (1.2%) in their final year at Globe Life Park. Average per date was 26,333, up 319, with 4 sellouts. Total attendance is down 1,327,286 (38.4%) from the 2012 total of 3,460,280. Despite this decline, the Rangers have topped 2 million in 29 of the last 31 years, and reached 2.5 million 16 times. Construction continues on their new ballpark, which opens in 2020, and is next to the current park in Arlington. It is also next to AT&T Stadium, home of the NFL Dallas Cowboys. The new ballpark will have a smaller capacity than Globe Life Park, but will have a retractable roof, and air conditioning.

- ) **Toronto** – After leading the American League in total attendance in both 2016 and 2017, the Blue Jays suffered one of the worst attendance losses in Major League history in 2018. Toronto had the biggest 2018 declines in total attendance, down 878,605 (27.4%) to 2,325,281, and in average per date, down 10,488 to 29,066. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> worst total attendance loss, and 10<sup>th</sup> worst average per date decline, in Major League history. Releasing fewer tickets to resellers was a factor in the decline.

History repeated itself in 2019, as Toronto's attendance fell a Major League worst 575,137 (24.7%) to 1,750,144. Average per date was down 7,459 to 21,607. Since 2016, total attendance is down 1,641,995 (48.4%), and average per date has fallen by 20,271.

In 2016, the Blue Jays had the best 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 gain of 419,366 (5,178 per date) in 2015. Average per date topped 40,000 in 2016 for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in team history, but for the first time since 1989 through 1994. Toronto's attendance nearly doubled from 2010 to 2017, up 97.1%.

**2019 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW -- SUMMARY****TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – NATIONAL LEAGUE**

- ) **Arizona** – The Diamondbacks have topped 2 million in all 22 years of operation. In 2019, they drew 2,135,510, down 107,185 (4.8%), and average per date fell 1,324 to 26,364. Arizona's attendance has been steady since 2009, with the total ranging from 2,036,216 to 2,242,695, and the average per date ranging from 25,138 to 27,688.
- ) **Atlanta** – The 2019 N.L. East champions drew their best total and average per date since 2007. Total attendance was up 99,319 (3.9%) to 2,655,100, and average per date grew by 1,226 to 32,779. There were 17 sellouts. In 2017, the first year at SunTrust Park in suburban Atlanta, the Braves had the best total and average per date increases in the Major Leagues. The Braves have now reached 2 million for 29 straight years, after doing it just once (1983) from 1966, their first year in Atlanta, through 1990.
- ) **Chicago Cubs** – Total attendance declined 86,224 (2.7%) to 3,094,865. Average per date was down 586 to 38,208, which is 91.7% of Wrigley Field's seating capacity. It was the 12<sup>th</sup> time in the last 16 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 22 straight years, and have topped 35,000 per date in 15 of the last 17 seasons. The Cubs didn't list sellouts in their Game Notes or Media Guide. Based on listed attendance, and assuming that 39,000+ is a sellout, around 42 games were sold out, which was the most by a Major League team in 2019. Every game drew at least 30,000, with 23 of them topping 40,000.
- ) **Cincinnati** – After 4 straight last place finishes in the N.L. Central, the Reds rose to 4<sup>th</sup> place in 2019. Total attendance was 1,808,685, up 179,329 (11.0%). Average per date was 22,329, up 2,213. These figures include a total of 33,289 for 2 games in Monterrey, Mexico. Games in Cincinnati averaged 22,473 per date, up 2,357. The Reds finished in last place in 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015, for the only times since 1983. It was the longest a team in the 4 major sports (MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL) had gone without being last in their division. San Antonio of the NBA now has the longest 'non-cellar' streak. The Spurs haven't finished last since 1986-87, and have been in the playoffs in 22 straight years (1998-2019), all with Head Coach Gregg Popovich.
- ) **Colorado** – The Rockies drew 2,993,244, down 22,636 (0.8%). Average per date fell 279 to 36,954, with 12 sellouts. It was the 12<sup>th</sup> straight year above 2.5 million, the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row with average per date over 30,000, and the 14<sup>th</sup> season that the average per date topped 35,000. The Rockies have surpassed the 2 million mark in 26 of their 27 seasons, and they hold the all-time Major League attendance record (4,483,350) set in 1993.
- ) **Los Angeles Dodgers** – **Drew a team record-high 3,974,309, which was the 3<sup>rd</sup> best total ever by a National League team, topped only by the 1993 Rockies and 2008 Mets. It was the highest by any team since the 2008 Mets and Yankees. This was also the 10<sup>th</sup> best Major League total in history. There was one less home date than in 2018. Led MLB in attendance for the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year, and for the 29<sup>th</sup> time since moving to Los Angeles in 1958. It was the 35<sup>th</sup> year the Dodgers have led the N.L. since then. Also led the Majors in combined home/road attendance, drawing 6,681,929 (41,246 per date).**

The Dodgers have surpassed 3 million in 23 of the last 24 years, and an MLB-best 33 times overall, and reached 3.5 million for the 15<sup>th</sup> time in 2019. Attendance has topped 2 million for 47 seasons in a row. 2019 had a gain of 116,809 (3.0%). **Dodger 2019 average per date was a team record-high 49,066, up 2,023. The Dodgers reached an average per date of at least 40,000 for the 15<sup>th</sup> time in the last 16 years. There were 28 sellouts, 39 crowds topped 50,000, and 62 were above 45,000. Every game drew at least 40,000. L.A. had the biggest regular season (54,307), and post-season (54,159) crowds in 2019. The 2019 Dodgers achieved the highest attendance ever for a team that won at least 100 games, surpassing the totals of the 1993 Braves, 2004 Yankees, and 2017 Dodgers.**

**2019 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW -- SUMMARY****TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – NATIONAL LEAGUE**

) **Miami** – The Marlins again only included tickets sold at full or near-full price in their reported attendance figures in 2019. Their total rose all of 198, to a Major League low of 811,302. It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time the Marlins have failed to draw one million in a season. Average per date was 10,016, up 2. Miami had the lowest attendance in the National League for the 13<sup>th</sup> time in the last 14 years. 53 games drew less than 10,000, with a Major League smallest crowd of 5,297. Only 3 games topped 20,000.

In 2018, Miami drew a team record-low 811,104 in 2018, which was also the lowest attendance by any team since the 2004, lame-duck, Montreal Expos, who moved Washington the following year. The Expos also played many home games in San Juan in 2004. 2018 Marlins' attendance was the smallest ever for any team playing in a ballpark built after 1989. The Marlins also failed to reach one million in 2002.

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

It is important to note nearly all of the 2018 decline was due the Marlins changing the guidelines of how they report attendance. Their 2018 official attendance, unlike in 2017, only included tickets sold at or close to full price. It did not include tickets distributed for free or at very large discounts. According to an article in the Miami Herald, had the Marlins reported 2017 attendance using the same method as in 2018, their 2017 attendance would have been around 820,000, which is very similar to the 2018 total. They used the same guidelines in 2019.

) **Milwaukee** – Attendance rose 72,458 (2.5%) to 2,923,333, with 20 sellouts. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> best total in team history. Average per date was up 895 to 36,091. 28 crowds topped 40,000, and every game drew over 21,000. The Brewers have topped 2 million for 16 straight years. Their average per date has been above 30,000 for 12 of the last 13 seasons, and has reached 35,000 in 6 seasons since 2007. That's quite a feat for the smallest TV market (A.C. Nielsen data) in the Majors.

) **New York Mets** – Drew 2,442,532, up 217,537 (9.8%), and had the only lost date among National League teams. Average per date rose 2,368 to 30,532. There were 4 sellouts. Had the top National League increase of 2015, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> best N.L. gain in 2016, in both total and average per date.

) **Philadelphia** – The Phillies posted their best attendance since 2013, and had the best gains in the Major Leagues in 2019. Total attendance was 2,727,421, up 569,297 (26.4%). This followed a gain of 252,770 in 2018. Average per date increased by 6,354 to 33,672. There were 13 sellouts, and 17 games drew better than 40,000. 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.

) **Pittsburgh** – After 5 years in a row (2012-2016) above 2 million, the Pirates drew 1,919,447 in 2017. Prior to 2012, the Pirates reached 2 million just 3 times. There was a huge (454,131) loss in 2018, partly due to some brutal early-season weather. In 2019, total attendance rose 26,123 (1.8%) to 1,491,439, with 3 more dates played than in 2018. Average per date was 18,413, down 373. This includes the Little League Classic game, which drew a sellout crowd of 2,503 in Williamsport, PA. Games in Pittsburgh averaged 18,612 per date, down 174. Attendance was less than 10,000 at 11 games in Pittsburgh.

**2019 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW -- SUMMARY****TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARY – NATIONAL LEAGUE**

- ) **St. Louis** – The Cardinals drew 3,480,393, up 76,806 (2.3%), the 5<sup>th</sup> best total in team history. They averaged 42,968 per date, up 948, with 22 sellouts. These were the 2<sup>nd</sup> best figures in the Majors for 2019. It was their 16<sup>th</sup> straight year above 3 million, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24 straight seasons, topped 35,000 per date in each of the last 22 years, and have drawn better than 40,000 per date in 14 of the last 15 seasons. Attendance topped 40,000 at 65 of 81 dates, and was above 35,000 at every game. **St. Louis has drawn at least 30,000 for a Major League record-high 1,248 straight dates (1,201 regular season, 47 post season) from May 5, 2005 through the end of their 2019 playoff run.** (A Yankees' streak of 990 straight dates of 30,000+ ended in 2016.) For the 44 dates in 2019 that were played on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, the Cards had 19 sellouts, and averaged 44,919 per date. This is 101.0% of Busch Stadium's 2019 seating capacity.
- ) **San Diego** – Attracted 2,396,399, up 227,863 (10.5%). Average per date rose 2,813 to 29,585, with 11 sellouts. The Padres have reached 2 million in 23 of the last 24 years. They hit 2 million only twice in their first 27 seasons.
- ) **San Francisco** – The Giants had what would be for most teams, a good year at the gate in 2019. But it was the lowest attendance in the 20-year history of Oracle Park. Total attendance was 2,707,760, down 448,425 (14.2%), which was the biggest dip in the National League. The previous low at Oracle Park was 2,862,111 in 2009. Average per date fell 5,536 to 33,429, with 2 sellouts. 14 dates drew under 30,000, but all topped 26,000. Since Oracle (formerly AT&T) Park opened in 2000, through the end of the 2019 season, 1,009 of 1,620 (62.3%) regular season dates there have been sellouts, and 1,589 (98.1%) of those dates have had crowds of at least 30,000.

The Giants had a sellout streak of 530 regular season dates, plus 25 post-season dates, that ended in July, 2017. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> longest regular-season sellout streak in MLB history behind Boston (794), and the 8<sup>th</sup> longest sellout streak, including post-season games, in North American sports history. Longer streaks are: Dayton (Minor League Baseball) – 1,385 regular season dates and still active going into 2020; Boston Red Sox (820); from the NBA, Portland (814); Dallas (a current streak of 786 going into the 2019-20 season); Boston Celtics (662); Chicago (610); and Montreal of the NHL – 583 games, ending on October 15, 2018.

Until 2019, average per date had been above 35,000 in the first 19 seasons in this park, and has surpassed 40,000 for 12 seasons during this period. Total attendance has topped 3 million in 17 of these years, including 2010 through 2018. The Giants have averaged 39,509 per date in their 20 years (2000-2019) at Oracle Park, which is 94.3% of capacity. In 2018, total regular season attendance at Oracle Park hit 60 million in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, needing fewer seasons, and the fewest number of dates, to reach this total, of any ballpark in Major League history.

San Francisco had drawn at least 35,000 at 659 straight regular season dates (plus 25 post-season dates), starting in September, 2010, through Opening Day 2019, after which the streak ended. The Yankees had 655 straight regular season dates (plus 32 post-season dates) of at least 35,000 from late in the 2004 season until April, 2013. The record for consecutive regular season dates above 35,000 is 666 (plus 2 post-season) by Colorado from their first-ever game in 1993, through July, 31, 2001. The Giants had a regular season streak of 708 straight dates topping 30,000 which ended on April 8, 2019. **Despite the 2019 decline, the Giants still have drawn more fans in each of their 20 seasons at Oracle Park, than they ever drew in any one season, in the 40 years they played at Candlestick Park.**

- ) **Washington** – Played in, and won, the World Series for the first time in franchise history, including the 1969 through 2004 seasons as the Montreal Expos. Attendance fell 269,823 (10.7%) to 2,259,781, and average per date was down 3,721 to 27,899, with 5 sellouts. The total attendance decline was the largest for a team that made the post-season since 2011 Tampa Bay, and the worst decrease by a league champion since the 2009 Yankees. That Yankee team played its first season in the new, and smaller-capacity, Yankee Stadium, and matching their 2008 attendance would have been impossible. Prior to 2009, the 2005 Astros were the previous pennant winner whose attendance fell more than Washington's did in 2019. The Nats were the 39<sup>th</sup> team, in a full season, to suffer an attendance decline in a year they won the World Series. This still was the 8<sup>th</sup> straight year that the Nationals topped 2.2 million in total attendance. But a streak of 7 years in a row averaging at least 30,000+ per date ended. Oh, and Teddy Roosevelt finished on top of the 2019 Presidents race standings, and by a very wide margin. (Source: Letteddywin.com)

**2019 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW -- SUMMARY****TOTAL MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE YEARLY ATTENDANCE**

- ) Total attendance for all Major League and Minor League games was 122,178,636 in 2019, down 563,523 (0.5%) from 2018. The figures include Major League Spring Training, regular season and post-season games, plus all 3 days of All-Star Game events. The Minor League figures include regular-season, playoff, and All-Star Games for the MLB-affiliated leagues, and the independent leagues, along with the Arizona Fall League.
- ) In 2018, the grand total Major League/Minor League attendance figure was 122,742,159. It was 127,461,645 in 2017, 127,585,535 in 2016, and 129,519,817 in 2015. The all-time high may have been reached in 2007, when the total was 136,466,114. This excludes the Major League Home Run Derby, and independent league All-Star Games and playoffs, so the actual total may have been over 100,000 higher. Based on the available figures, the total professional baseball attendance was 10.5% lower in 2019 than in 2007.

**TEAM-BY-TEAM ATTENDANCE TABLES**

The table on Page 14 shows each Major League team's 2019 and 2018 total attendance, the change in 2019 vs. 2018 total attendance, both on a number and percentage basis, and the 2019 average per date for each team.

The Page 15 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 2019 and 2018. Seating capacity is for 2019, and was obtained from 2019 team media guides. The Cubs don't list the number of games sold out in either their game notes or media guides. So their number of sellouts was estimated.

A table on Page 16 lists all Major League and Minor League 2019 attendance, including Spring Training, All-Star Games and events, and Wild Card, Division Series, Championship Series, and World Series games, plus the 2019 Arizona Fall League.

The tables on Pages 17 and 18 show month-by-month 2019 attendance for the American and National League, plus the Major League total, and compares monthly average per date in 2019 with the monthly average per date in 2018.

# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HOME ATTENDANCE - 2019 vs. 2018

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## AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM	# DATES	2019 ATTENDANCE	2019 AVG/DATE	2018 ATTENDANCE	2019 vs. 2018	
					# DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
Baltimore	80	1,307,807	16,348	1,564,192	(256,385)	(16.4)
Boston	81	2,924,627	36,107	2,895,575	29,052	1.0
Chicago White Sox	77	1,649,775	21,426	1,608,817	40,958	2.5
Cleveland	79	1,738,642	22,008	1,926,701	(188,059)	(9.8)
Detroit	80	1,501,430	18,768	1,856,970	(355,540)	(19.1)
Houston	81	2,857,367	35,276	2,980,549	(123,182)	(4.1)
Kansas City	80	1,479,659	18,496	1,665,107	(185,448)	(11.1)
Los Angeles Angels	81	3,019,012	37,272	3,020,216	(1,204)	(0.0)
Minnesota	81	2,294,152	28,323	1,959,197	334,955	17.1
New York Yankees	79	3,304,404	41,828	3,482,855	(178,451)	(5.1)
Oakland	81	1,662,211	20,521	1,527,588	134,623	8.8
Seattle	81	1,790,061	22,100	2,299,489	(509,428)	(22.2)
Tampa Bay	80	1,178,735	14,734	1,154,973	23,762	2.1
Texas	81	2,132,994	26,333	2,107,107	25,887	1.2
Toronto	<u>81</u>	<u>1,750,144</u>	<u>21,607</u>	<u>2,325,281</u>	<u>(575,137)</u>	<u>(24.7)</u>
American Lea. Total	1,203	30,591,020	25,429	32,374,617	(1,783,597)	(5.5)

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona	81	2,135,510	26,364	2,242,695	(107,185)	(4.8)
Atlanta	81	2,655,100	32,779	2,555,781	99,319	3.9
Chicago Cubs	81	3,094,865	38,208	3,181,089	(86,224)	(2.7)
Cincinnati	81	1,808,685	22,329	1,629,356	179,329	11.0
Colorado	81	2,993,244	36,954	3,015,880	(22,636)	(0.8)
Los Angeles Dodgers	81	3,974,309	49,066	3,857,500	116,809	3.0
Miami	81	811,302	10,016	811,104	198	0.0
Milwaukee	81	2,923,333	36,091	2,850,875	72,458	2.5
New York Mets	80	2,442,532	30,532	2,224,995	217,537	9.8
Philadelphia	81	2,727,421	33,672	2,158,124	569,297	26.4
Pittsburgh	81	1,491,439	18,413	1,465,316	26,123	1.8
St. Louis	81	3,480,393	42,968	3,403,587	76,806	2.3
San Diego	81	2,396,399	29,585	2,168,536	227,863	10.5
San Francisco	81	2,707,760	33,429	3,156,185	(448,425)	(14.2)
Washington	<u>81</u>	<u>2,259,781</u>	<u>27,899</u>	<u>2,529,604</u>	<u>(269,823)</u>	<u>(10.7)</u>
National Lea. Total	1,214	37,902,073	31,221	37,250,627	651,446	1.7
Major League Total	2,417	68,493,093	28,338	69,625,244	(1,132,151)	(1.6)

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Attendance comparison for 2019 vs. 2018 is based on total home attendance for each year, regardless of the number of home dates.

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

## 2019 MLB AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER DATE - Rankings, vs. 2018, Sellouts

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM	2019 AVG. per DATE	2018 AVG. per DATE	2019 v. 2018 # CHANGE	2019 MLB Rank	2018 MLB Rank	2019 SEATING CAPACITY	2019 as a % of Capacity	# of 2019 SELLOUTS
Baltimore	16,348	20,054	(3,706)	28	26	45,971	35.56	1
Boston	36,107	35,748	359	7	9	37,605	96.02	29
Chicago W. Sox	21,426	20,110	1,316	23	25	40,615	52.75	5
Cleveland	22,008	24,084	(2,076)	21	21	34,788	63.26	3
Detroit	18,768	23,212	(4,444)	25	22	41,083	45.68	1
Houston	35,276	36,797	(1,521)	9	8	41,168	85.69	15
Kansas City	18,496	20,557	(2,061)	26	23	37,903	48.80	0
L.A. Angels	37,272	37,287	(15)	5	6	45,517	81.89	3
Minnesota	28,323	24,490	3,833	15	20	38,544	73.48	12
N.Y. Yankees	41,828	42,998	(1,170)	3	2	47,309	88.41	12
Oakland	20,521	19,095	1,426	24	27	46,847	43.80	4
Seattle	22,100	28,389	(6,289)	20	14	47,929	46.11	1
Tampa Bay	14,734	14,259	475	29	29	25,025	58.88	3
Texas	26,333	26,014	319	18	19	48,114	54.73	4
Toronto	<u>21,607</u>	<u>29,066</u>	(7,459)	22	13	<u>49,286</u>	43.84	<u>1</u>
A.L. Avg./Date	25,429	26,845	(1,416)			41,847	60.77	94

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona	26,364	27,688	(1,324)	17	16	48,418	54.45	3
Atlanta	32,779	31,553	1,226	12	12	41,084	79.79	17
Chicago Cubs	38,208	38,794	(586)	4	5	41,649	91.74	42
Cincinnati	22,329	20,116	2,213	19	24	42,319	52.76	2
Colorado	36,954	37,233	(279)	6	7	46,897	78.80	12
L.A. Dodgers	49,066	47,043	2,023	1	1	56,000	87.62	28
Miami	10,016	10,014	2	30	30	37,446	26.75	0
Milwaukee	36,091	35,196	895	8	10	41,900	86.14	20
N.Y. Mets	30,532	28,164	2,368	13	15	41,922	72.83	4
Philadelphia	33,672	27,318	6,354	10	17	42,792	78.69	13
Pittsburgh	18,413	18,786	(373)	27	28	38,747	47.52	3
St. Louis	42,968	42,020	948	2	3	44,494	96.57	22
San Diego	29,585	26,772	2,813	14	18	40,204	73.59	11
San Francisco	33,429	38,965	(5,536)	11	4	41,915	79.75	1
Washington	<u>27,899</u>	<u>31,620</u>	(3,721)	16	11	<u>41,376</u>	67.43	<u>5</u>
N.L. Avg./Date	31,221	30,811	410			43,144	72.36	183
MLB Avg./Date	28,338	28,830	(492)			42,496	66.68	277

"MLB Rank" column shows each team's rank in 2019 and 2018 average attendance per date, from highest (rank #1) to lowest (rank #30).

\* - Fenway Park-Boston capacity is 37,305 (day), and 37,755 (night). Listing above is pro-rated for 27 day and 54 night games in 2019.

Home games played at neutral sites are counted in each team's home attendance.

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2019 sellouts are estimated for a few teams. These figures will be updated upon publication of 2020 media guides.

SOURCES: MLB Information System, MLB Stats Reporting Platform, 2018, 2019 Team Media Guides, Team Game Notes

## 2019 MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TOTAL ATTENDANCE

	Total <u>Attendance</u>	<u># of Dates</u>	Average <u>per Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<b>MAJOR LEAGUES</b>				
Spring Training	3,582,893	470	7,623	
Regular Season	68,493,093	2,417	28,338	
Wild Card Games	96,998	2	48,499	at Washington, Oakland
Division Series	792,394	18	44,022	at Houston, Minnesota, Tampa Bay, Yankees, Dodgers, Atlanta, St. Louis, Washington
Championship Ser.	455,759	10	45,576	at Houston, Yankees, St. Louis, Wash.
World Series	305,072	7	43,582	at Washington, Houston
Post-Season Total	1,650,223	37	44,601	
Futures Game	34,386	1		at Cleveland
Home Run Derby	36,119	1		at Cleveland
All-Star Game	36,747	1		at Cleveland
Major League Total	73,833,461	2,927	25,225	
<b>MINOR LEAGUES</b>				
NAPBL Regular Sea.	41,504,077	10,262	4,044	
NAPBL Post-Season	901,503	193	4,671	
NAPBL All-Star	81,906	12	6,826	
Indy Regular Season	5,690,513	2,431	2,341	
Indy Post-Season	97,440	51	1,911	
Indy All-Star Games	18,741	3	6,247	
Arizona Fall League	50,995	91	560	
Minor League Total	48,345,175	13,043	3,707	
Majors/Minors Total	122,178,636	15,970	7,651	

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 519,686 for 43 games, an average of 12,086.



**2019 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW -- SUMMARY****MAJOR LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH**

2019 Major League average attendance per date was down vs. 2018 in every month. There were games in October 2018, but not in October 2019. The American League was down 5.3% for the year, but National League average per date was up 1.3%. 2019 MLB average attendance per date was down 1.3% vs. 2018 for the combined months of March, April, May, and June (A.L. down 4.6%, N.L. up 1.5%), and fell 2.0% for the combined months of July, August, September, and October (A.L. down 5.8%, N.L. up 1.2%). The biggest year-to-year change in 2018 was a 9.4% decline in April, when many teams were hit with brutal weather.

## 2019 MAJOR LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

Month	2019 # of Dates	2019 Total Attendance	2019 Average per Date	2018 Average per Date	% Change in Avg. per date- 2019 vs. 2018
March - April	435	11,623,763	26,722	26,867	(0.5)
May	411	11,097,753	27,003	27,585	(2.1)
June	404	12,027,120	29,772	30,162	(1.3)
July	365	11,081,296	30,360	31,131	(2.5)
August	413	12,028,444	29,125	29,183	(0.2)
September-October	389	10,636,519	27,343	28,342	(3.5)
March - June Total	1,250	34,748,636	27,799	28,179	(1.3)
July - October Total	1,167	33,746,259	28,917	29,504	(2.0)
Season Total	2,417	68,494,895	28,339	28,830	(1.7)

The figures in this table were compiled month-by-month during the 2019 and 2018 seasons from the MLB Stats Reporting Platform. There is a difference of 1,802 in the season total in the table above, and in the American League table on the next page, compared to the Major League and American League totals and average per date (down by one) elsewhere in this report. This is due to a downward revision, by 1,802, of 2019 attendance for Seattle. If the MLB Stats Reporting Platform also shows these changes, these tables will be updated. In any case, the changes would be tiny.

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

**2019 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW****ATTENDANCE BY MONTH**

2019 average per date attendance vs. 2018 fell in every month for games played at American League parks, and was down most significantly for games in April. No American League games were played in October, 2018.

## 2019 AMERICAN LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

Month	2019 # of Dates	2019 Total Attendance	2019 Average per Date	2018 Average per Date	% Change in Avg. per date-2019 vs. 2018
March – April	214	5,017,249	23,445	24,812	(5.5)
May	211	5,040,690	23,890	25,835	(7.5)
June	202	5,468,384	27,071	27,277	(0.8)
July	186	5,135,689	27,611	30,499	(9.5)
August	202	5,383,190	26,649	27,438	(2.9)
September	188	4,547,620	24,189	25,652	(5.7)
March - June Total	627	15,526,323	24,763	25,950	(4.6)
July-September Total	576	15,066,499	26,157	27,769	(5.8)
Season Total	1,203	30,592,822	25,430	26,845	(5.3)

In National League parks, average per date attendance was higher in 2019 than in 2018 in 4 months. National League home games had a higher average per date than American League home games every month. There were two extra, 'play-in' games, which counted as regular season games, played in October, 2018.

## 2019 NATIONAL LEAGUE ATTENDANCE BY MONTH

Month	2019 # of Dates	2019 Total Attendance	2019 Average per Date	2018 Average per Date	% Change in Avg. per date-2019 vs. 2018
March - April	221	6,606,514	29,894	28,962	3.2
May	200	6,057,063	30,285	29,310	3.3
June	202	6,558,736	32,469	33,005	(1.6)
July	179	5,945,607	33,216	31,743	4.6
August	211	6,645,254	31,494	30,970	1.7
September-October	201	6,088,899	30,293	31,032	(2.4)
March - June Total	623	19,222,313	30,854	30,401	1.5
July - October Total	591	18,679,760	31,607	31,236	1.2
Season Total	1,214	37,902,073	30,221	30,811	1.3

**2019 ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW****COMPARING THE MOST RECENT YEAR'S ATTENDANCE WITH A LEAGUE'S RECORD-HIGH ATTENDANCE**

The table on the next page compares 2019, 2018, or 2018-19 attendance with each league's record-high attendance for Major League Baseball, NAPBL Minor League Baseball, all of Minor League Baseball, including the independent leagues, the National Football League, National Basketball Association, National Hockey League, Major League Soccer, the WNBA (women's pro basketball), Minor League Hockey, the American Hockey League, NCAA Football Bowl Sub-division (formerly Division 1-A), NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball, and Division 1 Women's Basketball.

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

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

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

2019 Major League Baseball total attendance is down 11,010,082 (13.8%) for its record-high of 79,503,175. MLB average per date is down 4,447 (13.6%) from the 2007 record-high of 32,785.

The WNBA has suffered a significantly bigger decline from its peak attendance than MLB has, while the NFL, NHL, NBA, and Minor League Baseball have had small decreases in average per game/date from their record-highs. The NHL, Major League Soccer, and NCAA Women's Basketball each had their record-high total attendance in their most recent seasons.

It must be noted that Major League Baseball has, by far, the highest number of tickets available, with 81 games per team, with an average ballpark capacity of 42,496 in 2019. NFL stadiums have an average stadium capacity of just above 69,000, but teams only have 8 regular season home games. Both the NBA and NHL have 41 home games per team, with an average arena capacity of 18,776 for the NBA, and 18,211 for the NHL. These 2 leagues played to better than 95% of arena capacity in 2018-19. If MLB drew that percentage of capacity, attendance would top 98 million. But with its long season, and high number of available tickets, reaching such a level of capacity for MLB would be nearly impossible.

Average per game for NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball reached its record-high in 1990-91, and is down 19.9% since then. But this decline is a bit misleading. There were 295 Division 1 teams in 1990-91, compared with 351 teams in 2018-19. Nearly all, in not all, of the schools joining Division 1 since 1990-91, play in small facilities, and that is a factor in the average attendance per game decline.

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

League or Group of Leagues	<u>MOST RECENT SEASON</u>				<u>RECORD-HIGH TOTAL</u>					<u>RECORD HIGH AVG. PER DATE OR GAME</u>				
	Year	# of Teams	Total Attendance	Average per Game	Year	# of Teams	Total Attendance	Change-Most Recent Yr. vs. Record-High Year		Year	# of Teams	Average per Game	Change-Most Recent Yr. vs. Record-High Year	
								# Change	% Chg.				# Change	% Chg.
Major League Baseball	2019	30	68,493,093	28,338	2007	30	79,503,175	(11,010,082)	(13.8)	2007	30	32,785	(4,447)	(13.6)
Baseball-Minor Lg. (NAPBL)	2019	176	41,504,077	4,044	2008	176	43,263,740	(1,759,663)	(4.1)	2008	176	4,174	(130)	(3.1)
Baseball-Minor Lg. (all Lgs.)	2019	232	47,194,590	3,718	2008	237	51,576,409	(4,381,819)	(8.5)	2008	237	3,892	(174)	(4.5)
National Football League	2018	32	16,428,195	64,173	2007	32	17,345,205	(917,010)	(5.3)	2007	32	67,755	(3,582)	(5.3)
National Basketball Assn.	2018-19	30	21,964,447	17,857	2017-18	30	22,128,921	(164,474)	(0.7)	2017-18	30	17,991	(134)	(0.7)
National Hockey League	2018-19	31	22,186,851	17,456	2018-19	31	22,186,851	0	0.0	2012-13	30	17,768	(312)	(1.8)
Major League Soccer	2019	24	8,702,674	21,330	2019	24	8,702,674	0	0.0	2017	22	22,106	(776)	(3.5)
Women's Basket (WNBA)	2019	12	1,333,093	6,528	2002	16	2,391,972	(1,058,879)	(44.3)	1998	10	10,864	(4,336)	(39.9)
Minor League Hockey (all)	2018-19	80	12,259,292	4,566	1999-00	109	19,736,526	(7,477,234)	(37.9)	1994-95	71	5,543	(977)	(17.6)
American Hockey League	2018-19	31	6,668,914	5,799	2015-16	30	6,693,526	(24,612)	(0.4)	2015-16	30	5,981	(182)	(3.0)
NCAA Football-FBS D1-A	2018	129	36,707,511	41,856	2013	123	38,135,118	(1,427,607)	(3.7)	2008	119	46,971	(5,115)	(10.9)
NCAA Men's Basket - D-1	2018-19	351	27,001,383	4,593	2007-08	328	28,135,901	(1,134,518)	(4.0)	1990-91	295	5,735	(1,142)	(19.9)
NCAA Women's Bask.D-1	2018-19	349	8,634,112	1,625	2018-19	349	8,634,112	0	0.0	2007-08	326	1,694	(69)	(4.1)

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

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

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