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- 43 Eastern Egypt
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- 45 Ave. crossers
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- 25 Being in Latin
- 26 Sags
- 27 Put into office
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- 30 Massachusetts cape
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- 33 Sailing
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**MLB average salaries highest ever**

NEW YORK (AP) — These days, a \$2 million baseball player is just average.

Just eight years after the average salary broke the million-dollar mark, it nearly reached \$2 million on opening day, falling just short at \$1,988,034, according to a study of all major league contracts by the Associated Press.

"I don't know if it is negative or positive for the game," New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza said. "It rewards guys with talent who have worked hard all their lives, rode the buses in the minors and now are getting paid very well for what they do."

When Piazza first came up to the major leagues in 1993, he made \$126,000. This year, he's making \$12,071,429, and that only puts him sixth.

Dodgers pitcher Kevin Brown is No. 1 at \$15,714,286, only slightly less than the \$16,519,500 the Minnesota Twins are paying their entire roster.

Arizona pitcher Randy Johnson is second at \$13.35 million, followed by Baltimore outfielder Albert Belle (\$12,868,670), New York Yankees outfielder Bernie Williams (\$12,357,143) and Colorado outfielder Larry Walker (\$12,142,857).

Belle had been No. 1 the previous three seasons.

Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. is only 19th at \$9,329,700, which includes \$7 million in salary, \$625,000 as the remaining share of the signing bonus from his Seattle contract and \$1,704,700, which represents the 2000 value of \$5.5 million in deferred payments. While Cincinnati gave Griffey a \$116.5 million, nine-year contract, \$57.5 million is deferred and won't even start earning interest until 2009.

"If the salaries continue to escalate and you don't have revenues that come close to staying even, then

you're in trouble, and that's where we are," said Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo, who pays Johnson every two weeks. "I don't think anyone could say it's a healthy sign. There needs to be a change in the economic system. That's just clear and distinct."

The average went up 15.6 percent from \$1,720,050, nearly as much as the 19.3 percent increase last season. Salaries have increased 85.6 percent from the end of the 1994-95, when the average was \$1,071,029 on opening day. The NBA average is \$3.5 million this season, and the NHL average was \$1,297,000 in 1998-99, the last season for which figures are available. In the recently completed season, NFL players averaged \$1,043,000.

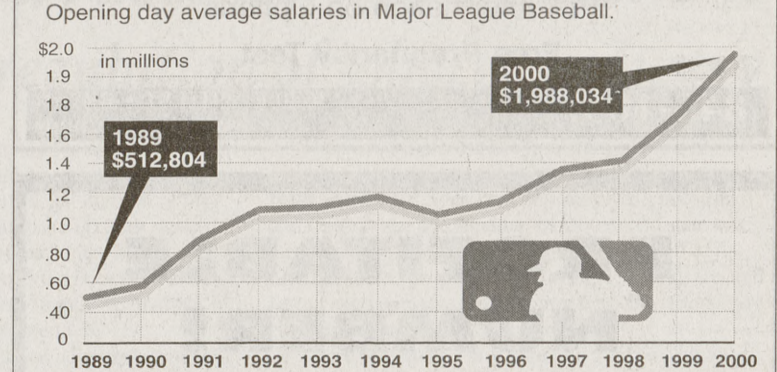
"It's just part of revenue," Texas shortstop Royce Clayton said. "When they're selling organizations for more than \$300 million, that's a lot of money and a lot of wealth to be spread around. It's not greed; we are not trying to take more than what's in the pot. It's in the pot, so we just distribute it however they feel each player's worth is."

The New York Yankees, at \$92,538,260, have the highest payroll for the second straight year, followed by Los Angeles (\$88.1 million), Atlanta (\$84.5 million), Baltimore (\$81.4 million) and Arizona (\$81 million).

Last year, all eight playoff teams were among the top 10 spenders. If that holds this year, the cutoff would be Tampa Bay, 10th at \$62.7 million. However, trades and other roster moves and performance bonuses change payrolls during the season, and St. Louis, Colorado, the Chicago Cubs, Seattle and Detroit all have payrolls between \$58 million and \$62 million.

The Yankees' payroll is nearly six times the size of Minnesota's. Also

The rising cost of baseball talent  
Opening day average salaries in Major League Baseball.



Team payrolls

Highest	Salary	Lowest	Salary
N.Y. Yankees	\$92,538,260	Minnesota	\$16,519,500
Los Angeles	88,124,286	Florida	20,072,000
Atlanta	84,537,836	Kansas City	23,433,000
Baltimore	81,447,435	Pittsburgh	28,928,333
Arizona	81,027,833	Chicago White Sox	31,133,500

Note: Figures were obtained from management and player sources and include salaries and prorated shares of signing bonuses. In some cases, parts of salaries deferred without interest are discounted to reflect present-day values.

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports. Ed De Gasero/AP

near the bottom are Florida (\$20.1 million), Kansas City (\$23.4 million) and Pittsburgh (\$28.9 million).

The number of players at \$1 million or more rose from 348 to 377, 44.8 percent of the 840 players on opening-day rosters and disabled lists. Those at \$2 million rose from 254 to 277.

At the top of the scale, the number of players making \$9 million or more doubled to 20.

The median salary — the point at which an equal number of players are above and below — was \$750,000, up from \$700,000 last year and \$275,000 at the end of the strike.

Those at the \$200,000 minimum, which is higher than the average prior

to 1982, dropped from 68 to 46.

"Sure it's a lot of money," Texas first baseman David Segui said. "But look, the stadiums are full and look at the money they are making off television. The industry generates that kind of revenue and without the players, who's going to watch? Joe Blow can't play at this level."

Contract figures were obtained by the AP from various player and management sources and include a player's 1999 salary plus a prorated share of any signing bonus or guaranteed income not attributed to a specific year. Portions of salaries deferred without interest are discounted to present-day value.

**Lee Petty, racing family patriarch, dies at 86**

LEVEL CROSS, N.C. (AP) — Lee Petty, winner of the first Daytona 500 and patriarch of one of stock car racing's royal families, died Wednesday at 86.

He died at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro several weeks after surgery for a stomach aneurysm. Petty was the father of Winston Cup great Richard Petty, grandfather of Kyle Petty and great-grandfather of Adam Petty, who made his Winston Cup debut last weekend in Texas.

Lee Petty was one of the princes of racing during the stock car circuit's infancy in the 1940s and 1950s. "There wasn't any better driver than Lee Petty in his day," Junior Johnson, another early stock car star, said Wednesday. "There might have been more colorful drivers, but when it came down to winning the race, he had as much as anyone I've ever seen."

Beginning with an eight-race schedule in 1949 — the same year he founded what became Petty Enterprises — he went on to win 55 races. He was a three-time champion on what now is the Winston Cup circuit. He won the inaugural Daytona 500 in 1959, driving a 1959 Oldsmobile '88 bearing his trademark No. 42.

In Level Cross, home of Petty Enterprises, the No. 42 flag flew at half staff Wednesday.

"He was a great guy. You never would know he

was who he was," said Jean Handy, a service station assistant manager.

Petty and his wife lived in the same simple white frame home at Petty Enterprises, next to the race shop and museum, where they raised sons Richard and Maurice.

"They are tight, a real family," said Doris Gammons, who works at the Richard Petty Museum. "They are just plain, simple country people."

Richard Petty began racing under his father's tutelage in 1958 and eventually surpassed his father's Grand National championships. Along the way, he inherited his father's fierce competitive streak.

During Richard Petty's first race at a North Carolina dirt track in 1959, when it initially appeared he had beaten his father, the elder Petty protested loudly. Race officials later changed their ruling and declared Lee Petty the winner.

"I would have protested even if it was my mother," Lee Petty said.

Petty's best season was 1959, when he beat Johnny Beauchamp at Daytona in a photo finish that wasn't decided for three days.

His 55 wins placed him seventh on the list of the winningest drivers in NASCAR Winston Cup

history. Richard Petty ranks first with 200.

Johnson said Lee Petty adopted a businesslike approach to racing when the sport was rougher than it is now.

"We never had anything vicious on the track," Johnson said. "If he could get in a hole, he got in it. ... When the race was over, he hooked up and went home."

While serious about racing, Petty could also be a gentleman, Ned Jarrett said.

"He was a hero of mine," said Jarrett, a former Grand National champion who recalled a 1959 race in Columbia, S.C., when he was filling in for the ailing Johnson in a No. 11 Ford.

After getting a feel for the car, Jarrett began moving up in the pack, and soon found himself behind Petty on the one-groove dirt track.

"I bothered him for 10 or so laps," Jarrett recalled. "I tried everything in the world to get past him, and I finally bumped him."

Jarrett finished second, but found Petty waiting for him at the pay window.

"He said, 'Boy, were you driving that car Number 11?' I said, 'Yes, sir.' He said, 'You need to learn your manners on the race track; you don't run over people to pass them.'"

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