

# GLOBAL SPORTS \$ALARIES SURV£Y 2014

AVERAGE FIRST-TEAM PAY, TEAM-BY-TEAM,  
IN THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR SPORTS LEAGUES

294 TEAMS  
15 LEAGUES  
12 COUNTRIES  
7 SPORTS  
8,663 SPORTSMEN  
\$16.15 BILLION IN WAGES  
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# INTRODUCTION

Sporting Intelligence's global sports salaries survey was conceived in 2009 with several aims, one of them being to produce a substantial piece of original research to help promote the full launch of [www.sportingintelligence.com](http://www.sportingintelligence.com) in early 2010.

The idea was to compare, on a like-for-like basis as closely as possible, how much 'average' sportsmen earned at hundreds of different clubs and teams around the world in hugely contrasting professional sports. This would also allow us to examine the relationship between money and success in each sport.

The research needed to look beyond one or two major 'hotspots' like European football and major North American sport to reflect global and not just western patterns. So we used the most popular professional sports leagues - measured by average ticket-buying attendance per game - as a starting point and included not only the NFL, the Premier League and other 'major' leagues but also Indian Premier League cricket and Japanese baseball.

Subsequent reports have expanded to add Aussie Rules football and Canadian CFL, and, this year, Chinese Super League football.

The key metric is 'average first-team pay'. It sounds simple but to stay true to our like-for-like target requires a range of decisions about what to include. What does 'first team' constitute at a football club? In the NBA? In Japanese baseball? The answer in all cases is the 'first-team squad' or the closest equivalent possible, sometimes but not always the 'active roster'.

Hence, typically, a first-team squad in football will be 25 players although it may be as few as 20 and it may be more than 30. It depends on the team. Similar

numbers of players per 'first-team squad' are used for the two baseball leagues included - MLB and NPB - and for the ice hockey league, the NHL. In NBA basketball, the salaries of between 13 and 15 players on each roster are considered. In Canadian and Australian football the wages of some 40-plus players are counted per team and in the NFL it is more than 50 per team.

By 'average', we mean 'arithmetic mean'. All the salaries are added up (and by salaries, we include money for playing sport for that team, not for endorsements or sponsorship or anything else extra-curricular) and divided by the number of players. That's it. A simple list that provokes complicated arguments but does, at the very least, provide a 'ball park' reckoner of what different sports teams pay.

Average pay is important - as opposed to total wage outlay - because two teams spending the same totals on salaries will have starkly different averages if they are paying a significantly different number of players. It happens, and it matters. You can employ a higher number of lower quality players for the same price as a smaller number of higher quality players, and we think it's worth exploring which is most effective for performance.

In the first survey in 2010, the New York Yankees had the highest per capita pay packets in global sport, with their stars earning £4.7m per year on average. (That's around \$7.8m at 2014 exchange rates). By the 2011 report the Spanish giants of Barcelona were on top, paying £4.9m per year per player on average, and Barca stayed on top in 2012. By last year's report Manchester City had risen to the top. And this year they remain there, although there has been plenty of significant movement beneath them.



The average first-team salary at City in the period under review was £5,337,944 per player per year (\$8,109,912) or £102,653 per week (\$155,960).

Rising three places to No2 in this report are the Yankees of Major League Baseball (average salary just over \$8m in 2014) and at No3, down one place from last year, are the LA Dodgers (almost \$7.8m).

The Dodgers had the bigger total payroll of the pair, indeed the biggest anywhere in any sport, a massive \$241,128,402 spread across 31 players on the opening day of the 2014 season, whereas the Yankees payroll was \$208,830,659, spread across 26 players to give them a higher average.

Real Madrid and Barcelona of La Liga in Spain, respective employers of Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi, are at No4 and No5 in our 2014 list, with the top 10 filled out by the Brooklyn Nets (NBA), Bayern Munich (Bundesliga, resigning European football champions at the time of writing), Manchester United (Premier League), the Chicago Bulls (NBA) and Chelsea (Premier League).

The average earnings, annually and per week, in dollars and pounds, are listed in full in this report for all 294 teams considered.

The rise of the Brooklyn Nets to No6 is notable not just for their average salary of \$6.8m but a total payroll of \$102m. The biggest one-year payroll in the NBA will land team owner Mikhail Prokhorov, a Russian billionaire, a luxury tax bill of something like \$70m on top.

The biggest fallers from last year's top 10 were Milan of Serie A, down from No6 to No27 as cost-cutting in Serie A starts to show.

The biggest pay increase year-on-year in percentage terms (average salary) is at Toronto FC of MLS, where a 256 per cent increase in average salary to around \$600,000 per player per year is largely down to signing marquee names who were playing in Europe, notably England international star Jermain Defoe, midfielder Michael Bradley and Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar.

Houston Astros salaries in MLB are up 97 per cent from a low base and then the third biggest percentage increase is at another MLS team, Seattle Sounders, up 90 per cent.

Until recently there were two 'big spending' MLS franchises in LA Galaxy and New York Red Bulls, and now there are four. 'Big spending' is a relative term, of course, but this looks to be a trend, luring major names from Europe while still at their peaks. When New York City FC get started in the coming seasons, expect more big names and big salaries funded by Sheikh Mansour, owner too, of course, of the world's best paying sports team, Manchester City.

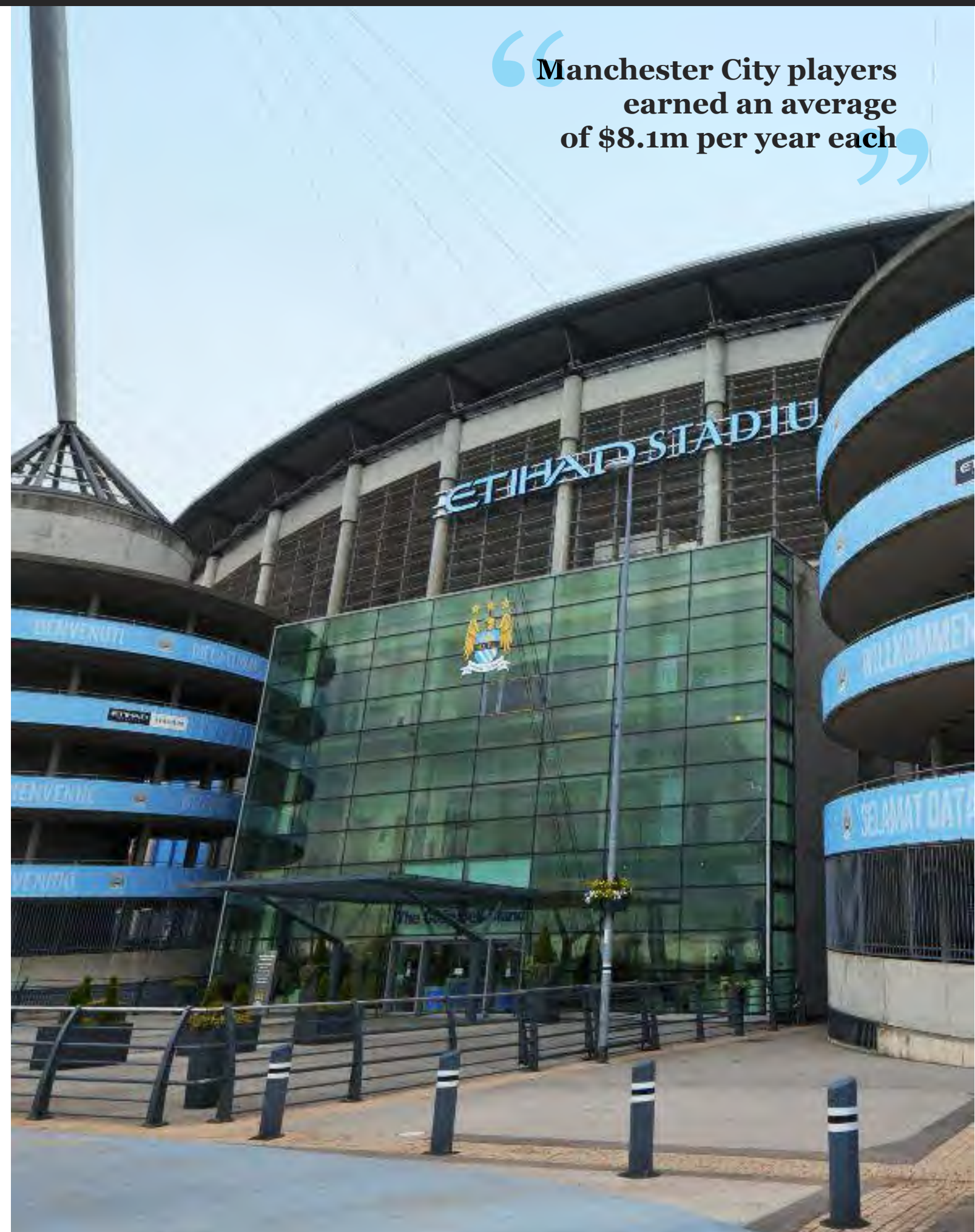
The NBA remains comfortably the top paying league as a whole in world sport, by average salary. The 441 players considered for this report across the 30 NBA teams in 2013-14 earn \$2 billion between them at an average of \$4,522,283 per year (£2.9m). The best paying football (soccer) league, the Premier League, had an average salary of \$3,468,364 (£2.3m), while the NFL has actually taken a small dip this time, with the average income now \$1,955,966 per player (£1.3m).

There is a full breakdown of average salaries across the different leagues as a whole later in this report. There is also a new section that details the 100 teams who have paid the most money to their average players over five years, cumulatively.

At the top of that list is Barcelona, where an average player has earned \$37,975,600 over five seasons. Real Madrid are No2 (\$37m) followed by the Yankees (\$35.8m), Manchester City (\$31.7m) and Chelsea (\$31m).

Manchester City jump out of that top five for growth in salaries over the five years, during which their fortunes have been transformed on and off the pitch by Sheikh Mansour's fortune. In the first survey, City players earned an average of \$2.2m per year each; in the most recent year under review that was \$8.1m. US sports fans will learn more about the multi-billionaire Mansour when City's sister team, NYCFC, begin competing in MLS.

“Manchester City players earned an average of \$8.1m per year each”







Of the 100 teams on our ‘five-year’ list, at 49 of them the average player has earned \$20m or more in the period. Yet that list also highlights how poorly, relatively, NFL players are paid. The operative word is relatively. The highest placed NFL team on that five-year is the Dallas Cowboys in 93rd place. Their average players have earned ‘only’ \$11.8m each over five years. The Cowboys are one place lower than Everton of the Premier League, who are in a perennial battle to be the fifth or sixth best team in England. The Cowboys are 20 places lower on that list than the Chicago Blackhawks of the NHL, where the average player has earned \$13.9m over the past five seasons.

In most leagues, money matters when it comes to performance; the more you pay, the better you do, all other things being equal. That is particularly true in elite football leagues but also true in the NBA and in MLB. The reason is fairly straightforward - better players cost more, and if you’re spending more it’s generally because you have better players.

Sporting Intelligence is delighted that key findings from this year’s report are again featuring in the special ‘Money Issue’ project by one of the world’s most popular sports titles, ESPN The Magazine. Coverage of this report as well as associated sports money lists can be found in a special edition of the magazine on sale in April 2014, and on the ESPN website. Chinese sport is a major theme of this year’s ‘Money Issue’ and this survey expanded from 14 leagues to 15 leagues this year to include Chinese football.

Those 15 leagues and 294 teams from seven sports across 12 countries that we consider in this report start with the ‘big four’ from American sports, which are the NFL (gridiron, American football), the NBA (basketball), MLB (baseball) and NHL (ice hockey), continue with the ‘big four’ football (soccer) leagues of Europe, which are the English Premier League (EPL), the Bundesliga of Germany, La Liga of Spain and Serie A of Italy, and include the AFL from Australia, CFL football (gridiron) from Canada, NPB baseball from Japan and IPL from India. Those 12 leagues have led the way in attracting

the biggest crowds in world sport over the past few years, as measured by average attendance within domestic professional sports leagues. Details are at the back of this report.

Our final three leagues are the SPL from Scotland, MLS from North America and China’s CSL as examples of smaller-scale leagues from the world’s most popular sport, football.

Details about our general methodology can be found at [www.sportingintelligence.com](http://www.sportingintelligence.com). All figures were sourced directly or indirectly via unions, player associations or agents, via leagues, clubs and other reliable administrative bodies, or extracted from official club accounts.

Different unions, leagues and indeed different clubs operate with wholly different levels of transparency in regard to pay; some publish everything for public consumption, and some don’t.

We thank everyone who assisted with helping us to find the most reliable data possible. The uniqueness of this study lies in looking beyond total payrolls or club wage bills to what the players make per head.

The seasons considered vary from league to league but are always the current or most recently finished seasons for which we could access reliable data.

For the NBA, the NHL and the NFL, the numbers in this report pertain to the 2013-14 seasons. For MLB and MLS, the numbers are as they stood at the start of the 2014 seasons. For the IPL, NPB, AFL, CFL and CSL they come from the end of the 2013 seasons. And for the Premier League, Bundesliga, La Liga, Serie A and SPL, the salaries reflect summer 2013, in effect the end of the 2012-13 season. In some cases this is already, by definition, historic information but all the numbers are as recent as they can reliably be.

The pages of league summaries show the ratios between the best paid and lowest paid teams in each league. Generally, but not always, leagues with massive discrepancies between the best paid and worst paid teams will be less “fair” and therefore more predictable.



Across the 15 leagues, the biggest ratio between the best paid team and the worst paid is in China’s CSL, where average pay at the best-paid team was almost 34 times as much as at the worst-paid team. The AFL and CFL have the smallest differentials, of around 1.2 to 1, in leagues where there are salary caps, lower pay overall, and a much better level of genuine competition.

One final note on currencies and exchange rates: any payment that was made in \$US is reported in that currency and has been converted to £ Sterling at June 2013 rates. This applies to all North American league wages, as well as IPL pay. European salaries have been converted from euros or pounds to \$US, while payments made in Japanese Yen, Australian dollars, Canadian dollars and Chinese yuan have been converted into \$US (and then £ Sterling).

Thank you for reading.

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## TOP 12

	RANK & TEAM (2013 RANK)	LEAGUE	AVE ANNUAL PAY £ (AVE WEEK PAY)	AVE ANNUAL PAY \$ (AVE WEEK PAY)
 	1 (1) Manchester City	EPL	£5,337,944 (£102,653)	\$8,109,912 (\$155,960)
 	2 (5) New York Yankees	MLB	£5,286,628 (£101,666)	\$8,031,948 (\$154,461)
 	3 (2) Los Angeles Dodgers	MLB	£5,119,701 (£98,456)	\$7,778,336 (\$149,583)
 	4 (3) Real Madrid	La Liga	£4,993,393 (£96,027)	\$7,586,438 (\$145,893)
 	5 (4) Barcelona	La Liga	£4,901,327 (£94,256)	\$7,446,562 (\$143,203)
 	6 (16) Brooklyn Nets	NBA	£4,485,019 (£86,250)	\$6,814,067 (\$131,040)
 	7 (9) Bayern Munich	Bundesliga	£4,402,905 (£84,671)	\$6,689,311 (\$128,641)
 	8 (12) Manchester United	EPL	£4,322,251 (£83,120)	\$6,566,775 (\$126,284)
 	9 (19) Chicago Bulls	NBA	£3,985,706 (£76,648)	\$6,055,463 (\$116,451)
 	10 (8) Chelsea	EPL	£3,984,536 (£76,626)	\$6,053,686 (\$116,417)
 	11 (15) Arsenal	EPL	£3,901,923 (£75,037)	\$5,928,172 (\$114,003)
 	12 (20) NY Knicks	NBA	£3,862,191 (£74,273)	\$5,867,808 (\$112,842)

## Nos 13-50

Rank-Team (2013 rank)	League	Ave annual pay £ (Ave week pay)	Ave annual pay \$ (Ave week pay)
13 (14) Detroit Tigers	MLB	£3,833,510 (£73,721)	\$5,824,233 (\$112,004)
14 (11) Philadelphia Phillies	MLB	£3,811,638 (£73,301)	\$5,791,002 (\$111,365)
15 (22) Boston Red Sox	MLB	£3,763,451 (£72,374)	\$5,717,792 (\$109,958)
16 (17) Miami Heat	NBA	£3,665,215 (£70,485)	\$5,568,543 (\$107,087)
17 (23) San Francisco Giants	MLB	£3,613,741 (£69,495)	\$5,490,339 (\$105,583)
18 (35) Juventus	Serie A	£3,512,696 (£67,552)	\$5,336,821 (\$102,631)
19 (7) LA Lakers	NBA	£3,411,402 (£65,604)	\$5,182,926 (\$99,672)
20 (21) Liverpool	EPL	£3,403,783 (£65,457)	\$5,171,351 (\$99,449)
21 (18) Boston Celtics	NBA	£3,348,348 (£64,391)	\$5,087,128 (\$97,829)
22 (26) Oklahoma City Thunder	NBA	£3,307,159 (£63,599)	\$5,024,550 (\$96,626)
23 (38) Indiana Pacers	NBA	£3,287,299 (£63,217)	\$4,994,377 (\$96,046)
24 (33) Mumbai Indians	IPL	£3,267,552 (£62,838)	\$4,964,375 (\$95,469)
25 (58) Roma	Serie A	£3,250,007 (£62,500)	\$4,937,720 (\$94,956)
26 (24) LA Clippers	NBA	£3,244,767 (£62,399)	\$4,929,758 (\$94,803)
27 (6) Milan	Serie A	£3,207,244 (£61,678)	\$4,872,750 (\$93,707)
28 (30) Golden State Warriors	NBA	£3,161,913 (£60,806)	\$4,803,879 (\$92,382)
29 (41) Washington Nationals	MLB	£3,158,578 (£60,742)	\$4,798,812 (\$92,285)
30 (55) Toronto Blue Jays	MLB	£3,155,160 (£60,676)	\$4,793,619 (\$92,185)
31 (10) Internazionale	Serie A	£3,054,518 (£58,741)	\$4,640,714 (\$89,245)
32 (66) New Orleans Pelicans	NBA	£3,031,185 (£58,292)	\$4,605,265 (\$88,563)
33 (13) Memphis Grizzlies	NBA	£3,015,272 (£57,986)	\$4,581,088 (\$88,098)
34 (54) Minnesota Timberwolves	NBA	£2,970,320 (£57,122)	\$4,512,792 (\$86,784)
35 (42) Denver Nuggets	NBA	£2,954,194 (£56,811)	\$4,488,293 (\$86,313)
36 (43) Dallas Mavericks	NBA	£2,952,245 (£56,774)	\$4,485,331 (\$86,256)
37 (45) Sacramento Kings	NBA	£2,920,780 (£56,169)	\$4,437,526 (\$85,337)
38 (31) LA Angels	MLB	£2,906,214 (£55,889)	\$4,415,397 (\$84,911)
39 (32) Kolkata Knight Riders	IPL	£2,889,992 (£55,577)	\$4,390,750 (\$84,438)
40 (28) Royal Challengers Bangalore	IPL	£2,887,853 (£55,536)	\$4,387,500 (\$84,375)
41 (29) Delhi Daredevils	IPL	£2,827,689 (£54,379)	\$4,296,094 (\$82,617)
42 (25) San Antonio Spurs	NBA	£2,824,479 (£54,317)	\$4,291,217 (\$82,523)
43 (50) Washington Wizards	NBA	£2,808,674 (£54,013)	\$4,267,204 (\$82,062)
44 (48) Chennai Super Kings	IPL	£2,776,138 (£53,387)	\$4,217,772 (\$81,111)
45 (40) Toronto Raptors	NBA	£2,750,893 (£52,902)	\$4,179,418 (\$80,373)
46 (60) Portland Trail Blazers	NBA	£2,746,860 (£52,824)	\$4,173,291 (\$80,256)
47 (56) Borussia Dortmund	Bundesliga	£2,736,848 (£52,632)	\$4,158,080 (\$79,963)
48 (49) Texas Rangers	MLB	£2,725,186 (£52,407)	\$4,140,362 (\$79,622)
49 (36) Detroit Pistons	NBA	£2,716,183 (£52,234)	\$4,126,684 (\$79,359)
50 (81) Houston Rockets	NBA	£2,715,438 (£52,220)	\$4,125,552 (\$79,338)

NB: IPL annual figures extrapolated, pro rata, from weekly figures

Nos 51-90

Rank-Team (2013 rank)	League	Ave annual pay £ (Ave week pay)	Ave annual pay \$ (Ave week pay)
51 (61) Schalke	Bundesliga	£2,682,111 (£51,579)	\$4,074,918 (\$78,364)
52 (65) Cleveland Cavaliers	NBA	£2,680,605 (£51,550)	\$4,072,630 (\$78,320)
53 (47) Charlotte Bobcats	NBA	£2,668,840 (£51,324)	\$4,054,756 (\$77,976)
54 (51) Tottenham	EPL	£2,657,609 (£51,108)	\$4,037,692 (\$77,648)
55 (57) Pune Warriors	IPL	£2,552,273 (£49,082)	\$3,877,656 (\$74,570)
56 (53) St Louis Cardinals	MLB	£2,539,250 (£48,832)	\$3,857,870 (\$74,190)
57 (34) Atlanta Hawks	NBA	£2,506,249 (£48,197)	\$3,807,731 (\$73,226)
58 (79) Milwaukee Brewers	MLB	£2,504,191 (£48,158)	\$3,804,605 (\$73,165)
59 (44) Milwaukee Bucks	NBA	£2,493,423 (£47,950)	\$3,788,245 (\$72,851)
60 (37) Utah Jazz	NBA	£2,482,959 (£47,749)	\$3,772,348 (\$72,545)
61 (71) Arizona Diamondbacks	MLB	£2,452,867 (£47,171)	\$3,726,628 (\$71,666)
62 (78) Colorado Rockies	MLB	£2,427,517 (£46,683)	\$3,688,114 (\$70,925)
63 (52) Orlando Magic	NBA	£2,320,709 (£44,629)	\$3,525,842 (\$67,805)
64 (62) Phoenix Suns	NBA	£2,261,280 (£43,486)	\$3,435,551 (\$66,068)
65 (46) Cincinnati Reds	MLB	£2,241,445 (£43,105)	\$3,405,417 (\$65,489)
66 (82) Minnesota Twins	MLB	£2,235,576 (£42,992)	\$3,396,500 (\$65,317)
67 (67) Baltimore Orioles	MLB	£2,231,173 (£42,907)	\$3,389,810 (\$65,189)
68 (69) Kansas City Royals	MLB	£2,205,738 (£42,418)	\$3,351,167 (\$64,446)
69 (39) Chicago White Sox	MLB	£2,183,078 (£41,982)	\$3,316,740 (\$63,783)
70 (91) Queens Park Rangers	EPL	£2,142,611 (£41,204)	\$3,255,259 (\$62,601)
71 (68) Atlanta Braves	MLB	£2,077,697 (£39,956)	\$3,156,635 (\$60,705)
72 (95) New York Mets	MLB	£2,054,584 (£39,511)	\$3,121,519 (\$60,029)
73 (77) Seattle Mariners	MLB	£2,032,241 (£39,082)	\$3,087,574 (\$59,376)
74 (92) Cleveland Indians	MLB	£2,011,186 (£38,677)	\$3,055,585 (\$58,761)
75 (64) Aston Villa	EPL	£2,004,087 (£38,540)	\$3,044,799 (\$58,554)
76 (83) Chicago Blackhawks	NHL	£1,973,846 (£37,959)	\$2,998,854 (\$57,670)
77 (129) San Diego Padres	MLB	£1,908,392 (£36,700)	\$2,899,410 (\$55,758)
78 (86) Pittsburgh Pirates	MLB	£1,897,712 (£36,494)	\$2,883,185 (\$55,446)
79 (100) Philadelphia Flyers	NHL	£1,885,426 (£36,258)	\$2,864,519 (\$55,087)
80 (27) Philadelphia 76ers	NBA	£1,884,072 (£36,232)	\$2,862,461 (\$55,047)
81 (96) LA Kings	NHL	£1,882,452 (£36,201)	\$2,860,000 (\$55,000)
82 (76) Minnesota Wild	NHL	£1,868,000 (£35,923)	\$2,838,043 (\$54,578)
83 (133) Tampa Bay Rays	MLB	£1,861,923 (£35,806)	\$2,828,810 (\$54,400)
84 (121) Nashville Predators	NHL	£1,780,574 (£34,242)	\$2,705,217 (\$52,023)
85 (84) Vancouver Canucks	NHL	£1,777,114 (£34,175)	\$2,699,960 (\$51,922)
86 (104) Fulham	EPL	£1,762,806 (£33,900)	\$2,678,222 (\$51,504)
87 (85) New York Rangers	NHL	£1,760,959 (£33,865)	\$2,675,417 (\$51,450)
88 (75) Newcastle	EPL	£1,753,926 (£33,729)	\$2,664,731 (\$51,245)
89 (59) Chicago Cubs	MLB	£1,752,372 (£33,699)	\$2,662,370 (\$51,199)
90 (155) Napoli	Serie A	£1,750,004 (£33,654)	\$2,658,772 (\$51,130)

Nos 91-130

Rank-Team (2013 rank)	League	Ave annual pay £ (Ave week pay)	Ave annual pay \$ (Ave week pay)
91 (147) Atletico Madrid	La Liga	£1,734,067 (£33,347)	\$2,634,559 (\$50,665)
92 (80) Boston Bruins	NHL	£1,729,800 (£33,265)	\$2,628,077 (\$50,540)
93 (98) Everton	EPL	£1,725,989 (£33,192)	\$2,622,287 (\$50,429)
94 (90) Montreal Canadiens	NHL	£1,721,056 (£33,097)	\$2,614,792 (\$50,284)
95 (87) San Jose Sharks	NHL	£1,679,655 (£32,301)	\$2,551,891 (\$49,075)
96 (115) Lazio	Serie A	£1,665,251 (£32,024)	\$2,530,008 (\$48,654)
97 (122) Detroit Red Wings	NHL	£1,663,722 (£31,995)	\$2,527,685 (\$48,609)
98 (-) Sunrisers Hyderabad	IPL	£1,661,585 (£31,954)	\$2,524,438 (\$48,547)
99 (112) Carolina Hurricanes	NHL	£1,651,161 (£31,753)	\$2,508,600 (\$48,242)
100 (139) Oakland Athletics	MLB	£1,639,574 (£31,530)	\$2,490,997 (\$47,904)
101 (99) Washington Capitals	NHL	£1,637,997 (£31,500)	\$2,488,600 (\$47,858)
102 (88) Valencia	La Liga	£1,635,267 (£31,447)	\$2,484,453 (\$47,778)
103 (63) Kings XI Punjab	IPL	£1,631,102 (£31,367)	\$2,478,125 (\$47,656)
104 (111) St Louis Blues	NHL	£1,624,214 (£31,235)	\$2,467,660 (\$47,455)
105 (93) Pittsburgh Penguins	NHL	£1,616,837 (£31,093)	\$2,456,452 (\$47,239)
106 (117) Dallas Stars	NHL	£1,611,219 (£30,985)	\$2,447,917 (\$47,075)
107 (135) Bayer Leverkusen	Bundesliga	£1,606,129 (£30,887)	\$2,440,184 (\$46,927)
108 (72) Werder Bremen	Bundesliga	£1,603,787 (£30,842)	\$2,436,625 (\$46,858)
109 (73) Sunderland	EPL	£1,600,086 (£30,771)	\$2,431,002 (\$46,750)
110 (125) Toronto Maples Leafs	NHL	£1,597,978 (£30,730)	\$2,427,800 (\$46,688)
111 (101) Wolfsburg	Bundesliga	£1,573,688 (£30,263)	\$2,390,896 (\$45,979)
112 (118) Stoke	EPL	£1,553,384 (£29,873)	\$2,360,048 (\$45,386)
113 (149) Stuttgart	Bundesliga	£1,542,109 (£29,656)	\$2,342,918 (\$45,056)
114 (131) Phoenix Coyotes	NHL	£1,539,914 (£29,614)	\$2,339,583 (\$44,992)
115 (153) Minnesota Vikings	NFL	£1,523,768 (£29,303)	\$2,315,053 (\$44,520)
116 (162) Seattle Seahawks	NFL	£1,516,043 (£29,155)	\$2,303,317 (\$44,295)
117 (127) West Bromwich Albion	EPL	£1,515,005 (£29,135)	\$2,301,740 (\$44,264)
118 (113) Winnipeg Jets	NHL	£1,511,733 (£29,072)	\$2,296,769 (\$44,169)
119 (97) Anaheim Ducks	NHL	£1,510,252 (£29,043)	\$2,294,519 (\$44,125)
120 (103) Tampa Bay Lightning	NHL	£1,490,685 (£28,667)	\$2,264,790 (\$43,554)
121 (107) Chicago Bears	NFL	£1,471,618 (£28,300)	\$2,235,822 (\$42,997)
122 (89) Buffalo Sabres	NHL	£1,471,009 (£28,289)	\$2,234,896 (\$42,979)
123 (124) Colorado Avalanche	NHL	£1,464,495 (£28,163)	\$2,225,000 (\$42,788)
124 (102) Edmonton Oilers	NHL	£1,462,652 (£28,128)	\$2,222,200 (\$42,735)
125 (110) Denver Broncos	NFL	£1,457,178 (£28,023)	\$2,213,884 (\$42,575)
126 (128) New Jersey Devils	NHL	£1,456,146 (£28,003)	\$2,212,315 (\$42,545)
127 (137) Ottawa Senators	NHL	£1,455,788 (£27,996)	\$2,211,771 (\$42,534)
128 (164) Hamburg	Bundesliga	£1,447,338 (£27,833)	\$2,198,933 (\$42,287)
129 (130) Columbus Blue Jackets	NHL	£1,445,413 (£27,796)	\$2,196,009 (\$42,231)
130 (145) New Orleans Saints	NFL	£1,445,172 (£27,792)	\$2,195,643 (\$42,224)



Nos 131-170

Rank-Team (2013 rank)	League	Ave annual pay £ (Ave week pay)	Ave annual pay \$ (Ave week pay)
131 (-) West Ham	EPL	£1,438,923 (£27,672)	\$2,186,148 (\$42,041)
132 (105) Kansas City Chiefs	NFL	£1,429,508 (£27,491)	\$2,171,845 (\$41,766)
133 (152) Tennessee Titans	NFL	£1,418,489 (£27,279)	\$2,155,103 (\$41,444)
134 (132) Green Bay Packers	NFL	£1,417,169 (£27,253)	\$2,153,098 (\$41,406)
135 (134) Philadelphia Eagles	NFL	£1,407,519 (£27,068)	\$2,138,436 (\$41,124)
136 (141) Sevilla	La Liga	£1,390,866 (£26,747)	\$2,113,136 (\$40,637)
137 (142) Pittsburgh Steelers	NFL	£1,379,078 (£26,521)	\$2,095,226 (\$40,293)
138 (157) Cincinnati Bengals	NFL	£1,375,917 (£26,460)	\$2,090,424 (\$40,200)
139 (116) New York Giants	NFL	£1,375,538 (£26,453)	\$2,089,848 (\$40,189)
140 (106) San Francisco 49ers	NFL	£1,371,481 (£26,375)	\$2,083,685 (\$40,071)
141 (175) Norwich	EPL	£1,357,963 (£26,115)	\$2,063,147 (\$39,676)
142 (154) Houston Texans	NFL	£1,353,349 (£26,026)	\$2,056,137 (\$39,541)
143 (176) Indianapolis Colts	NFL	£1,345,028 (£25,866)	\$2,043,495 (\$39,298)
144 (74) Calgary Flames	NHL	£1,338,121 (£25,733)	\$2,033,000 (\$39,096)
145 (119) Tampa Bay Bucs	NFL	£1,337,719 (£25,725)	\$2,032,390 (\$39,084)
146 (158) St Louis Rams	NFL	£1,335,691 (£25,686)	\$2,029,308 (\$39,025)
147 (-) Reading	EPL	£1,330,834 (£25,593)	\$2,021,930 (\$38,883)
148 (150) San Diego Chargers	NFL	£1,308,448 (£25,162)	\$1,987,919 (\$38,229)
149 (161) New England Patriots	NFL	£1,281,478 (£24,644)	\$1,946,943 (\$37,441)
150 (109) Detroit Lions	NFL	£1,276,410 (£24,546)	\$1,939,243 (\$37,293)
151 (165) Fiorentina	Serie A	£1,276,319 (£24,545)	\$1,939,105 (\$37,290)
152 (138) Baltimore Ravens	NFL	£1,272,216 (£24,466)	\$1,932,871 (\$37,171)
153 (174) Swansea	EPL	£1,270,437 (£24,431)	\$1,930,169 (\$37,119)
154 (114) Atlanta Falcons	NFL	£1,269,520 (£24,414)	\$1,928,775 (\$37,092)
155 (-) Southampton	EPL	£1,246,404 (£23,969)	\$1,893,656 (\$36,416)
156 (156) Dallas Cowboys	NFL	£1,234,540 (£23,741)	\$1,875,631 (\$36,070)
157 (123) Florida Panthers	NHL	£1,217,806 (£23,419)	\$1,850,206 (\$35,581)
158 (140) Washington Redskins	NFL	£1,212,999 (£23,327)	\$1,842,903 (\$35,440)
159 (108) New York Jets	NFL	£1,191,588 (£22,915)	\$1,810,373 (\$34,815)
160 (151) Buffalo Bills	NFL	£1,186,037 (£22,808)	\$1,801,940 (\$34,653)
161 (-) Eintracht Frankfurt	Bundesliga	£1,176,844 (£22,632)	\$1,787,974 (\$34,384)
162 (144) Cleveland Browns	NFL	£1,174,380 (£22,584)	\$1,784,230 (\$34,312)
163 (146) Miami Dolphins	NFL	£1,163,901 (£22,383)	\$1,768,309 (\$34,006)
164 (163) Athletic Bilbao	La Liga	£1,159,055 (£22,290)	\$1,760,947 (\$33,864)
165 (160) New York Islanders	NHL	£1,155,470 (£22,221)	\$1,755,500 (\$33,760)
166 (168) Wigan	EPL	£1,155,042 (£22,212)	\$1,754,850 (\$33,747)
167 (169) Celtic	SPL	£1,149,348 (£22,103)	\$1,746,198 (\$33,581)
168 (148) Borussia Monchengladbach	Bundesliga	£1,146,055 (£22,040)	\$1,741,196 (\$33,485)
169 (179) Hannover 96	Bundesliga	£1,134,871 (£21,824)	\$1,724,204 (\$33,158)
170 (94) Rajasthan Royals	IPL	£1,129,738 (£21,726)	\$1,716,406 (\$33,008)

Nos 171-210

Rank-Team (2013 rank)	League	Ave annual pay £ (Ave week pay)	Ave annual pay \$ (Ave week pay)
171 (170) Hoffenheim	Bundesliga	£1,128,950 (£21,711)	\$1,715,208 (\$32,985)
172 (181) Malaga	La Liga	£1,122,108 (£21,579)	\$1,704,813 (\$32,785)
173 (143) Carolina Panthers	NFL	£1,112,531 (£21,395)	\$1,690,263 (\$32,505)
174 (205) Houston Astros	MLB	£1,057,488 (£20,336)	\$1,606,636 (\$30,897)
175 (120) Jacksonville Jaguars	NFL	£1,037,915 (£19,960)	\$1,576,899 (\$30,325)
176 (185) Miami Marlins	MLB	£1,019,891 (£19,613)	\$1,549,515 (\$29,798)
177 (-) Sampdoria	Serie A	£943,960 (£18,153)	\$1,434,153 (\$27,580)
178 (-) Guangzhou Evergrande	CSL	£942,775 (£18,130)	\$1,432,353 (\$27,545)
179 (167) Genoa	Serie A	£882,755 (£16,976)	\$1,341,166 (\$25,792)
180 (187) Mainz	Bundesliga	£821,054 (£15,790)	\$1,247,424 (\$23,989)
181 (180) Nuremberg	Bundesliga	£814,512 (£15,664)	\$1,237,484 (\$23,798)
182 (173) Oakland Raiders	NFL	£775,792 (£14,919)	\$1,178,657 (\$22,666)
183 (183) Yomiuri Giants	NPB	£775,383 (£14,911)	\$1,178,036 (\$22,655)
185 (204) Real Sociedad	La Liga	£761,665 (£14,647)	\$1,157,194 (\$22,254)
184 (182) Getafe	La Liga	£761,665 (£14,647)	\$1,157,194 (\$22,254)
186 (184) Palermo	Serie A	£741,230 (£14,254)	\$1,126,147 (\$21,657)
187 (159) Arizona Cardinals	NFL	£739,322 (£14,218)	\$1,123,249 (\$21,601)
188 (188) Bologna	Serie A	£736,047 (£14,155)	\$1,118,272 (\$21,505)
189 (198) Mallorca	La Liga	£728,549 (£14,011)	\$1,106,881 (\$21,286)
190 (196) Atalanta	Serie A	£723,921 (£13,922)	\$1,099,849 (\$21,151)
191 (194) Udinese	Serie A	£697,370 (£13,411)	\$1,059,511 (\$20,375)
192 (189) Espanyol	La Liga	£695,433 (£13,374)	\$1,056,568 (\$20,319)
193 (200) Granada	La Liga	£662,317 (£12,737)	\$1,006,255 (\$19,351)
194 (192) Parma	Serie A	£647,558 (£12,453)	\$983,831 (\$18,920)
195 (-) Torino	Serie A	£627,194 (£12,061)	\$952,893 (\$18,325)
196 (201) Freiburg	Bundesliga	£615,791 (£11,842)	\$935,568 (\$17,992)
197 (203) Augsburg	Bundesliga	£581,580 (£11,184)	\$883,592 (\$16,992)
198 (208) Osasuna	La Liga	£576,216 (£11,081)	\$875,442 (\$16,835)
199 (-) SpVgg Greuther Furth	Bundesliga	£559,590 (£10,761)	\$850,182 (\$16,350)
200 (195) Chunichi Dragons	NPB	£539,854 (£10,382)	\$820,198 (\$15,773)
201 (193) Siena	Serie A	£538,817 (£10,362)	\$818,622 (\$15,743)
202 (202) Catania	Serie A	£530,854 (£10,209)	\$806,524 (\$15,510)
203 (-) Fortuna Dusseldorf	Bundesliga	£530,264 (£10,197)	\$805,628 (\$15,493)
204 (191) Cagliari	Serie A	£523,027 (£10,058)	\$794,633 (\$15,281)
205 (-) Shandong Luneng	CSL	£507,201 (£9,754)	\$770,588 (\$14,819)
206 (207) Real Betis	La Liga	£496,738 (£9,553)	\$754,692 (\$14,513)
207 (212) Chievo	Serie A	£485,669 (£9,340)	\$737,874 (\$14,190)
208 (197) Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks	NPB	£482,397 (£9,277)	\$732,903 (\$14,094)
209 (217) Deportivo La Coruna	La Liga	£480,842 (£9,247)	\$730,541 (\$14,049)
210 (166) Valladolid	La Liga	£456,999 (£8,788)	\$694,316 (\$13,352)



Nos 211-250

Rank-Team (2013 rank)	League	Ave annual pay £ (Ave week pay)	Ave annual pay \$ (Ave week pay)
211 (172) Zaragoza	La Liga	£430,506 (£8,279)	\$654,066 (\$12,578)
212 (210) Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters	NPB	£411,162 (£7,907)	\$624,677 (\$12,013)
213 (213) Celta Vigo	La Liga	£397,390 (£7,642)	\$603,753 (\$11,611)
214 (252) Toronto FC	MLS	£394,625 (£7,589)	\$599,552 (\$11,530)
215 (-) Guizhou Renhe	CSL	£393,371 (£7,565)	\$597,647 (\$11,493)
216 (-) Pescara	Serie A	£369,475 (£7,105)	\$561,341 (\$10,795)
217 (222) Levante	La Liga	£364,274 (£7,005)	\$553,440 (\$10,643)
218 (219) Rayo Vallecano	La Liga	£364,274 (£7,005)	\$553,440 (\$10,643)
219 (211) Tokyo Yakult Swallows	NPB	£361,755 (£6,957)	\$549,612 (\$10,569)
220 (209) Chiba Lotte Marines	NPB	£336,711 (£6,475)	\$511,563 (\$9,838)
221 (214) Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles	NPB	£335,903 (£6,460)	\$510,336 (\$9,814)
222 (206) Saitama Seibu Lions	NPB	£335,024 (£6,443)	\$509,001 (\$9,788)
223 (216) Orix Buffaloes	NPB	£322,155 (£6,195)	\$489,449 (\$9,412)
224 (190) Hanshin Tigers	NPB	£321,560 (£6,184)	\$488,544 (\$9,395)
225 (-) Guangzhou R&F	CSL	£313,613 (£6,031)	\$476,471 (\$9,163)
226 (220) Hiroshima Toyo Carp	NPB	£296,502 (£5,702)	\$450,474 (\$8,663)
227 (224) Yokohama DeNA Bay Stars	NPB	£259,652 (£4,993)	\$394,488 (\$7,586)
228 (225) New York Red Bulls	MLS	£253,831 (£4,881)	\$385,644 (\$7,416)
229 (-) Dalian Aerbin	CSL	£251,665 (£4,840)	\$382,353 (\$7,353)
230 (248) Seattle Sounders	MLS	£247,843 (£4,766)	\$376,546 (\$7,241)
231 (226) LA Galaxy	MLS	£224,345 (£4,314)	\$340,847 (\$6,555)
232 (223) Heart of Midlothian	SPL	£166,686 (£3,206)	\$253,245 (\$4,870)
233 (237) Sydney Swans	AFL	£164,659 (£3,167)	\$250,166 (\$4,811)
234 (232) Collingwood	AFL	£158,374 (£3,046)	\$240,617 (\$4,627)
235 (228) Aberdeen	SPL	£157,721 (£3,033)	\$239,624 (\$4,608)
236 (227) Greater Western Sydney	AFL	£157,270 (£3,024)	\$238,939 (\$4,595)
237 (229) Gold Coast	AFL	£151,648 (£2,916)	\$230,398 (\$4,431)
238 (239) West Coast Eagles	AFL	£151,179 (£2,907)	\$229,685 (\$4,417)
239 (234) Carlton	AFL	£151,039 (£2,905)	\$229,473 (\$4,413)
240 (233) Hawthorn	AFL	£150,695 (£2,898)	\$228,950 (\$4,403)
241 (242) St Kilda	AFL	£150,399 (£2,892)	\$228,500 (\$4,394)
242 (235) Essendon	AFL	£150,085 (£2,886)	\$228,024 (\$4,385)
243 (236) Geelong	AFL	£150,078 (£2,886)	\$228,013 (\$4,385)
244 (238) Richmond	AFL	£150,066 (£2,886)	\$227,995 (\$4,385)
245 (231) Adelaide Crows	AFL	£149,837 (£2,881)	\$227,646 (\$4,378)
246 (241) Melbourne	AFL	£149,764 (£2,880)	\$227,535 (\$4,376)
247 (240) Fremantle	AFL	£148,880 (£2,863)	\$226,193 (\$4,350)
248 (244) Brisbane Lions	AFL	£147,507 (£2,837)	\$224,107 (\$4,310)
249 (246) Western Bulldogs	AFL	£141,578 (£2,723)	\$215,098 (\$4,137)
250 (243) Port Adelaide	AFL	£139,975 (£2,692)	\$212,663 (\$4,090)

Nos 251-294

Rank-Team (2013 rank)	League	Ave annual pay £ (Ave week pay)	Ave annual pay \$ (Ave week pay)
251 (245) North Melbourne	AFL	£138,373 (£2,661)	\$210,229 (\$4,043)
252 (230) Hibernian	SPL	£133,397 (£2,565)	\$202,669 (\$3,897)
253 (249) Montreal Impact	MLS	£131,126 (£2,522)	\$199,219 (\$3,831)
254 (-) Beijing Guoan	CSL	£125,832 (£2,420)	\$191,176 (\$3,676)
255 (254) Vancouver Whitecaps	MLS	£119,689 (£2,302)	\$181,843 (\$3,497)
256 (-) Tianjin Taida	CSL	£112,281 (£2,159)	\$170,588 (\$3,281)
257 (247) Dundee United	SPL	£110,474 (£2,125)	\$167,842 (\$3,228)
258 (-) Shanghai Shenhua	CSL	£110,345 (£2,122)	\$167,647 (\$3,224)
259 (-) Changchun Yatai	CSL	£108,022 (£2,077)	\$164,118 (\$3,156)
260 (262) Portland Timbers	MLS	£107,457 (£2,066)	\$163,259 (\$3,140)
261 (-) Shanghai Shenxin	CSL	£105,002 (£2,019)	\$159,529 (\$3,068)
262 (256) Chicago Fire	MLS	£103,424 (£1,989)	\$157,131 (\$3,022)
263 (251) Kilmarnock	SPL	£98,660 (£1,897)	\$149,893 (\$2,883)
264 (-) Qingdao Zhongneng	CSL	£93,697 (£1,802)	\$142,353 (\$2,738)
265 (268) San Jose Earthquakes	MLS	£92,534 (£1,780)	\$140,586 (\$2,704)
266 (260) Philadelphia Union	MLS	£88,438 (£1,701)	\$134,364 (\$2,584)
267 (263) Real Salt Lake	MLS	£87,613 (£1,685)	\$133,110 (\$2,560)
268 (259) Houston Dynamo	MLS	£84,383 (£1,623)	\$128,203 (\$2,465)
269 (258) DC United	MLS	£83,533 (£1,606)	\$126,912 (\$2,441)
270 (257) FC Dallas	MLS	£81,052 (£1,559)	\$123,142 (\$2,368)
271 (-) Liaoning Hongyun	CSL	£80,533 (£1,549)	\$122,353 (\$2,353)
272 (255) St Johnstone	SPL	£79,704 (£1,533)	\$121,094 (\$2,329)
273 (250) Motherwell	SPL	£79,201 (£1,523)	\$120,329 (\$2,314)
274 (253) St Mirren	SPL	£79,045 (£1,520)	\$120,092 (\$2,309)
275 (273) Saskatchewan Roughriders	CFL	£78,471 (£1,509)	\$119,221 (\$2,293)
276 (267) Colorado Rapids	MLS	£76,133 (£1,464)	\$115,669 (\$2,224)
277 (261) Sporting Kansas City	MLS	£75,819 (£1,458)	\$115,191 (\$2,215)
278 (269) Hamilton Tiger-Cats	CFL	£74,681 (£1,436)	\$113,462 (\$2,182)
279 (275) Montreal Alouettes	CFL	£72,759 (£1,399)	\$110,543 (\$2,126)
280 (271) Calgary Stampeders	CFL	£71,416 (£1,373)	\$108,502 (\$2,087)
281 (265) New England Revolution	MLS	£71,328 (£1,372)	\$108,369 (\$2,084)
282 (276) Chivas USA	MLS	£70,106 (£1,348)	\$106,512 (\$2,048)
283 (-) Jiangsu Shuntian	CSL	£67,756 (£1,303)	\$102,941 (\$1,980)
284 (266) Toronto Argonauts	CFL	£67,729 (£1,302)	\$102,900 (\$1,979)
285 (270) BC Lions	CFL	£66,491 (£1,279)	\$101,019 (\$1,943)
286 (274) Edmonton Eskimos	CFL	£66,466 (£1,278)	\$100,981 (\$1,942)
287 (272) Winnipeg Blue Bombers	CFL	£65,359 (£1,257)	\$99,300 (\$1,910)
288 (-) Wuhan Zhuoer	CSL	£63,497 (£1,221)	\$96,471 (\$1,855)
289 (264) Columbus Crew	MLS	£61,502 (£1,183)	\$93,440 (\$1,797)
290 (-) Hangzhou Greentown	CSL	£54,979 (£1,057)	\$83,529 (\$1,606)
291 (278) Inverness Caledonian Thistle	SPL	£53,213 (£1,023)	\$80,847 (\$1,555)
292 (-) Dundee	SPL	£47,109 (£906)	\$71,572 (\$1,376)
293 (-) Ross County	SPL	£38,909 (£748)	\$59,114 (\$1,137)
294 (-) Shanghai Dongya	CSL	£27,877 (£536)	\$42,353 (\$814)



SUMMARY OF AVERAGE PAY PER LEAGUE

RANK	LEAGUE	TEAMS	PLAYERS	AVE PAY / YEAR £ first (\$ in brackets)	AVE PAY / WEEK £ first (\$ in brackets)
1	NBA	30	441	£2,976,567 (\$4,522,283) £4,485,019 (\$6,814,067) £1,884,072 (\$2,862,461)	£57,242 (\$86,967) £86,250 (\$131,040) £36,232 (\$55,047)
Top payers: Brooklyn Nets Bottom payers: Philadelphia 76ers Ratio between top and bottom teams				2.38 to 1	
2	IPL	9	147	£2,755,475 (\$4,186,379) £3,267,552 (\$4,964,375) £1,129,738 (\$1,716,406)	£52,990 (\$80,507) £62,838 (\$95,469) £21,726 (\$33,008)
Top payers: Mumbai Indians Bottom payers: Rajasthan Royals Ratio between top and bottom teams				2.89 to 1	
3	MLB	30	856	£2,588,643 (\$3,932,912) £5,286,628 (\$8,031,948) £1,019,891 (\$1,549,515)	£49,782 (\$75,633) £101,666 (\$154,461) £19,613 (\$29,798)
Top payers: New York Yankees Bottom payers: Miami Marlins Ratio between top and bottom teams				5.18 to 1	
4	EPL	20	500	£2,273,277 (\$3,453,779) £5,337,944 (\$8,109,912) £1,155,042 (\$1,754,850)	£43,717 (\$66,419) £102,653 (\$155,960) £22,212 (\$33,747)
Top payers: Manchester City Bottom payers: Wigan Ratio between top and bottom teams				4.62 to 1	
5	NHL	30	763	£1,595,529 (\$2,424,080) £1,973,846 (\$2,998,854) £1,155,470 (\$1,755,500)	£30,683 (\$46,617) £37,959 (\$57,670) £22,221 (\$33,760)
Top payers: Chicago Blackhawks Bottom payers: New York Islanders Ratio between top and bottom teams				1.71 to 1	
6	Bundesliga	18	456	£1,456,565 (\$2,212,952) £4,402,905 (\$6,689,311) £530,264 (\$805,628)	£28,011 (\$42,557) £84,671 (\$128,641) £10,197 (\$15,493)
Top payers: Bayern Munich Bottom payers: Fortuna Dusseldorf Ratio between top and bottom teams				8.3 to 1	
7	Serie A	20	564	£1,313,681 (\$1,995,869) £3,512,696 (\$5,336,821) £369,475 (\$561,341)	£25,263 (\$38,382) £67,552 (\$102,631) £7,105 (\$10,795)
Top payers: Juventus Bottom payers: Pescara Ratio between top and bottom teams				9.51 to 1	

RANK	LEAGUE	TEAMS	PLAYERS	AVE PAY / YEAR £ first (\$ in brackets)	AVE PAY / WEEK £ first (\$ in brackets)
8	NFL	32	1,696	£1,287,417 (\$1,955,966) £1,523,768 (\$2,315,053) £739,322 (\$1,123,249)	£24,758 (\$37,615) £29,303 (\$44,520) £14,218 (\$21,601)
Top payers: Minnesota Vikings Bottom payers: Arizona Cardinals Ratio between top and bottom teams				2.06 to 1	
9	La Liga	20	501	£1,213,024 (\$1,842,942) £4,993,393 (\$7,586,438) £364,274 (\$553,440)	£23,327 (\$35,441) £96,027 (\$145,893) £7,005 (\$10,643)
Top payers: Real Madrid Bottom payers: Rayo Vallecano Ratio between top and bottom teams				13.71 to 1	
10	NPB	12	324	£398,172 (\$604,940) £775,383 (\$1,178,036) £259,652 (\$394,488)	£7,657 (\$11,633) £14,911 (\$22,655) £4,993 (\$7,586)
Top payers: Yomiuri Giants Bottom payers: Yokohama DeNA Bay Stars Ratio between top and bottom teams				2.99 to 1	
11	CSL	16	544	£209,903 (\$318,904) £942,775 (\$1,432,353) £27,877 (\$42,353)	£4,037 (\$6,133) £18,130 (\$27,545) £536 (\$814)
Top payers: Guangzhou Evergrande Bottom payers: Shanghai Dongya Ratio between top and bottom teams				33.82 to 1	
12	SPL	12	300	£182,789 (\$277,710) £1,149,348 (\$1,746,198) £38,909 (\$59,114)	£3,515 (\$5,341) £22,103 (\$33,581) £748 (\$1,137)
Top payers: Celtic Bottom payers: Ross County Ratio between top and bottom teams				29.54 to 1	
13	AFL	18	716	£150,014 (\$227,916) £164,659 (\$250,166) £138,373 (\$210,229)	£2,885 (\$4,383) £3,167 (\$4,811) £2,661 (\$4,043)
Top payers: Sydney Swans Bottom payers: North Melbourne Ratio between top and bottom teams				1.19 to 1	
14	MLS	19	519	£129,080 (\$196,110) £394,625 (\$599,552) £61,502 (\$93,440)	£2,482 (\$3,771) £7,589 (\$11,530) £1,183 (\$1,797)
Top payers: Toronto FC Bottom payers: Columbus Crew Ratio between top and bottom teams				6.42 to 1	
15	CFL	8	336	£70,421 (\$106,991) £78,471 (\$119,221) £65,359 (\$99,300)	£1,355 (\$2,058) £1,509 (\$2,293) £1,257 (\$1,910)
Top payers: Saskatchewan Roughriders Bottom payers: Winnipeg Blue Bombers Ratio between top and bottom teams				1.2 to 1	





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PAYING SPORTS TEAMS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

Rank	TEAM	League	Avg salary 2010 survey \$m	Avg salary 2011 survey \$m	Avg salary 2012 survey \$m	Avg salary 2013 survey \$m	Avg salary 2014 survey \$m	AVG Player 5-yr earnings \$ million	% difference annual pay 2014 v 2010
1	Barcelona	La Liga	6.67	7.91	8.68	7.27	7.45	37,975,600	12
2	Real Madrid	La Liga	6.94	7.36	7.80	7.31	7.59	36,995,660	9
3	New York Yankees	MLB	7.66	6.76	6.19	7.15	8.03	35,789,052	5
4	Manchester City	EPL	2.22	5.86	7.40	8.06	8.11	31,660,772	265
5	Chelsea	EPL	5.88	6.02	6.80	6.24	6.05	30,990,544	3
6	Bayern Munich	Bundesliga	5.12	5.78	5.91	6.15	6.96	29,919,552	36
7	LA Lakers	NBA	5.59	6.54	6.28	6.29	5.18	29,883,100	-7
8	Manchester United	EPL	4.76	5.11	5.52	6.03	6.57	27,985,256	38
9	Philadelphia Phillies	MLB	4.06	5.77	5.82	6.13	5.79	27,555,684	43
10	Milan	Serie A	3.32	5.65	6.10	6.59	4.87	26,529,984	47
11	Boston Celtics	NBA	5.35	5.24	5.32	5.42	5.09	26,422,812	-5
12	Boston Red Sox	MLB	4.58	5.99	5.09	5.02	5.72	26,406,068	25
13	Los Angeles Dodgers	MLB	4.33	3.47	3.17	7.47	7.78	26,226,200	79
14	Arsenal	EPL	4.29	4.76	5.28	5.64	5.93	25,892,620	38
15	Internazionale	Serie A	3.12	6.00	5.70	6.20	4.64	25,662,988	49
16	Chicago Bulls	NBA	4.02	4.02	5.32	5.29	6.06	24,709,880	51
17	Liverpool	EPL	4.15	4.94	5.23	5.16	5.17	24,648,884	25
18	Detroit Tigers	MLB	4.43	3.91	4.56	5.71	5.82	24,444,264	31
19	NY Knicks	NBA	5.35	3.87	4.17	5.17	5.87	24,425,648	10
20	Dallas Mavericks	NBA	5.83	4.88	4.93	4.19	4.49	24,320,660	-23

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21	Brooklyn Nets	NBA	4.13	3.66	3.99	5.52	6.81	24,108,812	65
22	Denver Nuggets	NBA	4.64	5.99	4.06	4.26	4.49	23,446,072	-3
23	Miami Heat	NBA	3.62	3.44	5.26	5.49	5.57	23,380,396	54
24	LA Angels	MLB	4.22	4.47	5.33	4.74	4.42	23,172,448	5
25	Orlando Magic	NBA	4.65	6.37	4.55	3.99	3.53	23,079,108	-24
26	Memphis Grizzlies	NBA	2.91	4.48	5.02	5.72	4.58	22,709,544	57
27	Detroit Pistons	NBA	5.48	4.39	4.17	4.50	4.13	22,668,620	-25
28	Utah Jazz	NBA	4.42	5.83	4.15	4.46	3.77	22,630,712	-15
29	Kolkata Knight Riders	IPL	4.81	4.45	4.17	4.73	4.39	22,543,976	-9
30	Atlanta Hawks	NBA	4.54	4.67	4.84	4.62	3.81	22,474,920	-16
31	Royal Challengers Bangalore	IPL	4.93	4.51	3.73	4.84	4.39	22,398,168	-11
32	Philadelphia 76ers	NBA	4.60	4.95	4.80	4.90	2.86	22,120,280	-38
33	San Antonio Spurs	NBA	3.26	4.00	5.45	4.94	4.29	21,936,512	32
34	LA Clippers	NBA	3.44	3.76	4.74	4.94	4.93	21,818,264	43
35	Mumbai Indians	IPL	3.93	4.00	4.14	4.66	4.96	21,698,248	26
36	San Francisco Giants	MLB	2.90	4.38	3.92	5.01	5.49	21,697,572	89
37	Golden State Warriors	NBA	3.51	4.37	4.08	4.74	4.80	21,512,296	37
38	Indiana Pacers	NBA	4.35	4.02	3.38	4.42	4.99	21,167,692	15
39	Portland Trail Blazers	NBA	4.65	4.28	4.36	3.56	4.17	21,026,460	-10
40	Juventus	Serie A	2.24	4.13	4.70	4.59	5.34	20,990,372	139

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41	Oklahoma City Thunder	NBA	3.42	3.86	3.66	4.91	5.02	20,886,632	47
42	Toronto Raptors	NBA	4.55	3.92	3.67	4.40	4.18	20,714,200	-8
43	New Orleans Pelicans	NBA	4.47	4.13	4.20	3.30	4.61	20,708,116	3
44	Milwaukee Bucks	NBA	3.90	4.35	4.28	4.17	3.79	20,483,424	-3
45	Delhi Daredevils	IPL	4.14	3.39	3.61	4.84	4.30	20,270,952	4
46	Phoenix Suns	NBA	5.04	4.09	4.30	3.38	3.44	20,251,556	-32
47	Washington Wizards	NBA	4.42	3.53	3.94	4.06	4.27	20,217,132	-3
48	Chennai Super Kings	IPL	4.73	3.58	3.56	4.12	4.22	20,206,524	-11
49	St Louis Cardinals	MLB	4.42	3.90	3.94	3.97	3.86	20,092,228	-13
50	Charlotte Bobcats	NBA	3.36	4.39	3.86	4.13	4.05	19,799,676	21
51	Chicago White Sox	MLB	3.46	4.73	3.88	4.41	3.32	19,794,944	-4
52	Houston Rockets	NBA	4.13	4.97	3.78	2.74	4.13	19,751,680	-0
53	Cleveland Cavaliers	NBA	5.42	3.44	3.39	3.33	4.07	19,654,596	-25
54	Chicago Cubs	MLB	4.63	5.00	3.39	3.60	2.66	19,283,888	-43
55	Sacramento Kings	NBA	3.97	2.92	3.50	4.14	4.44	18,964,192	12
56	Minnesota Timberwolves	NBA	4.05	2.64	3.79	3.82	4.51	18,810,272	12
57	Texas Rangers	MLB	2.40	3.18	4.64	4.07	4.14	18,435,248	72
58	Roma	Serie A	1.47	3.38	3.90	3.65	4.94	17,336,800	236
59	New York Mets	MLB	3.76	4.40	3.46	2.53	3.12	17,276,324	-17
60	Aston Villa	EPL	2.92	3.85	4.07	3.34	3.04	17,219,644	4

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61	Minnesota Twins	MLB	2.66	4.51	3.48	2.71	3.40	16,762,720	27
62	Kings XI Punjab	IPL	3.87	4.07	2.95	3.36	2.48	16,717,584	-36
63	Tottenham	EPL	2.07	2.36	3.81	4.04	4.04	16,327,740	95
64	Milwaukee Brewers	MLB	2.94	2.85	3.76	2.77	3.80	16,113,760	30
65	Atlanta Braves	MLB	3.68	3.35	2.78	3.10	3.16	16,055,936	-14
66	Washington Nationals	MLB	1.69	2.20	2.62	4.39	4.80	15,697,292	185
67	Colorado Rockies	MLB	2.93	3.39	2.69	2.77	3.69	15,463,448	26
68	Cincinnati Reds	MLB	2.15	2.53	2.94	4.13	3.41	15,160,184	58
69	Toronto Blue Jays	MLB	1.83	2.02	2.70	3.79	4.79	15,125,188	163
70	Seattle Mariners	MLB	3.38	2.88	2.93	2.77	3.09	15,047,656	-9
71	Newcastle	EPL	3.50	3.37	2.24	2.78	2.66	14,557,140	-24
72	Baltimore Orioles	MLB	1.68	3.28	2.81	3.14	3.39	14,300,520	101
73	Chicago Blackhawks	NHL	2.43	2.73	3.01	2.70	3.00	13,872,716	23
74	Arizona Diamondbacks	MLB	2.17	1.99	2.65	2.97	3.73	13,505,232	72
75	New York Rangers	NHL	2.78	2.45	2.67	2.66	2.68	13,233,844	-4
76	Philadelphia Flyers	NHL	2.53	2.68	2.52	2.46	2.86	13,069,212	13
77	Vancouver Canucks	NHL	2.28	2.64	2.65	2.70	2.70	12,965,368	18
78	Boston Bruins	NHL	2.12	2.74	2.66	2.76	2.63	12,907,856	24
79	Buffalo Sabres	NHL	2.41	2.37	3.03	2.63	2.23	12,668,292	-7
80	San Jose Sharks	NHL	2.42	2.67	2.36	2.64	2.55	12,648,376	5

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81	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	2.38	2.96	2.53	2.21	2.53	12,600,744	6
82	Minnesota Wild	NHL	2.33	2.32	2.17	2.78	2.84	12,431,432	22
83	Washington Capitals	NHL	2.32	2.45	2.68	2.47	2.49	12,400,596	7
84	Kansas City Royals	MLB	2.62	1.34	2.03	3.02	3.35	12,359,256	28
85	Montreal Canadiens	NHL	2.10	2.52	2.40	2.62	2.61	12,261,392	24
86	Pittsburgh Penguins	NHL	2.36	2.45	2.40	2.57	2.46	12,233,624	4
87	Calgary Flames	NHL	2.46	2.48	2.33	2.82	2.03	12,128,740	-18
88	Toronto Maple Leafs	NHL	2.71	2.27	2.48	2.20	2.43	12,086,932	-10
89	Rajasthan Royals	IPL	2.39	2.15	3.25	2.57	1.72	12,071,384	-28
90	LA Kings	NHL	2.01	2.06	2.59	2.51	2.86	12,023,648	42
91	Cleveland Indians	MLB	2.01	1.64	2.70	2.59	3.06	11,999,520	52
92	Everton	EPL	2.24	2.22	2.37	2.49	2.62	11,953,188	17
93	Dallas Cowboys	NFL	2.76	2.68	2.53	1.94	1.88	11,786,164	-32
94	Minnesota Vikings	NFL	2.26	2.83	2.27	2.00	2.32	11,679,668	2
95	Pittsburgh Steelers	NFL	2.08	2.39	2.94	2.07	2.10	11,575,980	1
96	Tampa Bay Lightning	NHL	1.99	2.30	2.54	2.45	2.26	11,542,232	14
97	New Orleans Saints	NFL	2.23	2.85	2.22	2.04	2.20	11,529,544	-2
98	Chicago Bears	NFL	2.18	2.72	2.00	2.39	2.24	11,523,876	2
99	Ottawa Senators	NHL	2.51	2.63	1.94	2.12	2.21	11,403,080	-12
100	Carolina Hurricanes	NHL	2.07	2.13	2.23	2.33	2.51	11,270,896	21

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# THE WORLD’S BEST ATTENDED DOMESTIC PROFESSIONAL SPORTS LEAGUES

(By average crowd most recently completed season)

RANK	SPORT	LEAGUE	SEASON	AVE	TOTAL
OUTDOOR					
No1	Am Football	NFL	2013-14	68,401	17,510,569
			2012-13	67,591	17,252,949
No2	Football	Bundesliga	2012-13	41,914	12,825,684
			2011-12	45,116	13,805,496
No3	Football	Premier League	2012-13	35,931	13,653,780
			2011-12	34,602	13,149,095
No4	Aussie Rules	AFL	2013	32,163	6,368,346
			2012	31,512	6,239,346
No5	Baseball	MLB	2013	30,514	74,026,895
			2012	30,895	74,859,268
No6	Football	La Liga	2012-13	29,330	11,145,277
			2011-12	28,462	10,815,670
No7	Canadian football	CFL	2013	27,005	1,944,360
			2012	28,193	2,029,896
No8	Baseball	NPB (Japan)	2013	25,518	22,047,941
			2012	24,751	21,385,006
No9	Football	Serie A	2012-13	23,300	8,854,000
			2011-12	23,214	8,821,320
No10	Cricket	IPL	Since 2009	Figures too unreliable to continue	
			2009	23,763	1,402,000
INDOOR					
No1	Basketball	NBA	2012-13 1	17,721	12,758,849*
			2011-12	17,274	17,100,861*
No2	Ice hockey	NHL	2012-13	17,348	21,320,299
			2011-12	17,455	21,470,155

\*Season curtailed by strike  
NB: The MLS in 2013 averaged 18,608 fans per match, putting it No3 in USA sports by average per game, behind the NFL and MLB but ahead of NHL and NBA.

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