

From the 2011 Winter Meetings: Avg Salary in MLB for 2011 \$3,095,183

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POSITION (100 or more games unless noted)	2011		2010			
	AL #	AL MEAN	NL #	NL MEAN	MAJOR LEAGUE MEAN	MAJOR LEAGUE MEAN
FIRST BASE	9	7,749,371	12	9,702,073	8,899,486	8,098,893
SECOND BASE	8	4,734,321	11	5,575,007	5,216,358	4,434,300
THIRD BASE	8	4,700,008	10	5,514,814	5,179,927	4,542,500
SHORTSTOP	12	3,744,639	11	4,090,401	3,895,714	3,726,379
CATCHER	8	1,894,383	10	3,030,486	2,888,038	4,138,728
OUTFIELDER	32	6,826,489	42	4,855,750	5,818,063	4,127,703
DESIGNATED HITTER (50 or more games)	10	8,324,807	-	-	8,324,807	7,409,246
STARTING PITCHER (19 or more starts)	53	4,504,030	59	5,277,891	4,882,296	4,578,916
RELIEF PITCHER (10 or less starts, 25 or more relief appearances)	80	2,182,664	100	1,720,580	1,843,774	1,932,040

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Based on an annual report released by the MLB Players Association, the average salary in MLB for the 2011 season was \$3,095,183, up \$80,611 or 3 percent from 2010. The Yankees lead all clubs with the highest player payroll by mean at \$6,538,959 for 32 players followed by the Phillies (mean of \$6,436,684 for 28 players), and Red Sox (mean of \$5,207,725) as the same 1,2,3 ranking by average payroll as last year.

The Angels jump from an end of year ranking of 13 to 4 this year, presumably due to the Vernon Wells trade posting an average salary by mean at \$4,584,746 for 28 players.

At the bottom end, the Royals posted the lowest mean of \$1,335,672 for 26 players).

Twenty-one players with 100 or more games at first base led all positions with the highest average salary of \$8,899,486.

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**2011 AVERAGE SALARY
YEARS OF SERVICE**

Service through 2010

<u>AT LEAST</u>	<u>BUT LESS THAN</u>	<u># OF PLAYERS</u>	<u>MEAN SALARY</u>
15		13	8,085,302
14	15	8	5,670,720
13	14	12	7,308,670
12	13	19	7,496,906
11	12	17	9,509,377
10	11	22	9,177,228
9	10	25	7,665,199
8	9	30	7,056,840
7	8	43	6,831,121
6	7	43	5,370,760
5	6	69	5,633,480
4	5	78	3,723,499
3	4	85	2,675,885
2	3	17	1,455,263
2	3	74	571,046
1	2	112	536,170
0	1	<u>246</u>	<u>488,076</u>
		913	3,095,183

Source: MLBPA