

Table 1217. College and Professional Football Summary: 1990 to 2006

[35,330 represents 35,330,000. For definition of median, see Guide to Tabular Presentation]

Sport	Unit	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Football:									
NCAA college: ¹									
Teams	Number.	533	565	606	617	617	612	615	615
Attendance	1,000 . .	35,330	35,638	39,059	44,556	46,145	43,106	43,487	47,909
National Football League: ²									
Teams	Number.	28	30	31	32	32	32	32	32
Attendance, total	1,000 . .	17,666	19,203	20,954	21,505	21,639	21,709	21,792	22,200
Regular season	1,000 . .	13,960	15,044	16,387	16,833	16,914	17,001	17,012	17,341
Average per game	Number.	62,321	62,682	66,078	65,755	66,328	66,409	66,455	67,738
Postseason games ³	1,000 . .	848	(NA)	809	782	806	789	802	776
Players' salaries: ⁴									
Average	\$1,000 . .	354	584	787	1,180	1,259	1,331	1,400	1,700
Median base salary	\$1,000 . .	275	301	441	525	534	537	569	722

NA Not available. ¹ Source: National Collegiate Athletic Assn., Indianapolis, IN; <www.ncaasports.com> (copyright).
² Source: National Football League, New York, NY; <<http://www.nfl.com/>>. ³ Includes Pro Bowl (a nonchampionship game) and Super Bowl. ⁴ Source: National Football League Players Association, Washington, DC.; <<http://www.nflpa.org/>>.