

**Table 1208. Selected Spectator Sports: 1990 to 2008**

[55,512 represents 55,512,000]

| Sport                                 | Unit        | 1990   | 1995   | 2000   | 2004   | 2005             | 2006   | 2007   | 2008   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Baseball, major leagues: <sup>1</sup> |             |        |        |        |        |                  |        |        |        |
| Attendance . . . . .                  | 1,000 . .   | 55,512 | 51,288 | 74,339 | 74,822 | 76,286           | 77,524 | 80,803 | 79,975 |
| Regular season . . . . .              | 1,000 . .   | 54,824 | 50,469 | 72,748 | 73,023 | 74,926           | 76,043 | 79,503 | 78,588 |
| Playoffs <sup>2</sup> . . . . .       | 1,000 . .   | 479    | 533    | 1,314  | 1,625  | 1,191            | 1,218  | 1,083  | 1,167  |
| World Series . . . . .                | 1,000 . .   | 209    | 286    | 277    | 174    | 168              | 225    | 173    | 219    |
| Players' salaries: <sup>3</sup>       |             |        |        |        |        |                  |        |        |        |
| Average . . . . .                     | \$1,000 . . | 598    | 1,111  | 1,896  | 2,313  | 2,476            | 2,699  | 2,825  | (NA)   |
| Basketball: <sup>4, 5</sup>           |             |        |        |        |        |                  |        |        |        |
| NCAA—Men's college:                   |             |        |        |        |        |                  |        |        |        |
| Teams . . . . .                       | Number.     | 767    | 868    | 932    | 981    | 983              | 984    | 982    | 1,017  |
| Attendance . . . . .                  | 1,000 . .   | 28,741 | 28,548 | 29,025 | 30,761 | 30,569           | 30,940 | 32,836 | 33,396 |
| NCAA—Women's college:                 |             |        |        |        |        |                  |        |        |        |
| Teams . . . . .                       | Number.     | 782    | 864    | 956    | 1,008  | 1,036            | 1,018  | 1,003  | 1,013  |
| Attendance <sup>6</sup> . . . . .     | 1,000 . .   | 2,777  | 4,962  | 8,698  | 10,016 | 9,940            | 9,903  | 10,878 | 11,121 |
| National Hockey League: <sup>7</sup>  |             |        |        |        |        |                  |        |        |        |
| Regular season attendance . .         | 1,000 . .   | 12,580 | 9,234  | 18,800 | 20,356 | ( <sup>8</sup> ) | 20,854 | 20,862 | 21,236 |
| Playoffs attendance . . . . .         | 1,000 . .   | 1,356  | 1,329  | 1,525  | 1,709  | ( <sup>8</sup> ) | 1,530  | 1,497  | 1,587  |
| Professional rodeo: <sup>9</sup>      |             |        |        |        |        |                  |        |        |        |
| Rodeos . . . . .                      | Number.     | 754    | 739    | 688    | 671    | 662              | 649    | 592    | 609    |
| Performances . . . . .                | Number.     | 2,159  | 2,217  | 2,081  | 1,982  | 1,940            | 1,884  | 1,733  | 1,861  |
| Members . . . . .                     | Number.     | 5,693  | 6,894  | 6,255  | 6,247  | 6,127            | 5,892  | 5,528  | 5,825  |
| Permit-holders (rookies) . . . .      | Number.     | 3,290  | 3,835  | 3,249  | 2,990  | 2,701            | 2,468  | 2,186  | 2,233  |
| Total prize money . . . . .           | Mil. dol..  | 18.2   | 24.5   | 32.3   | 35.5   | 36.6             | 36.2   | 40.5   | 39.1   |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Major League Baseball (previously, The National League of Professional Baseball Clubs), New York, NY, National League Green Book; and The American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, New York, NY, American League Red Book.

<sup>2</sup> Beginning 1997, two rounds of playoffs were played. Prior years had one round. <sup>3</sup> Source: Major League Baseball Players Association, New York, NY. <sup>4</sup> Season ending in year shown. <sup>5</sup> Source: National Collegiate Athletic Association, Indianapolis, IN (copyright).

<sup>6</sup> For women's attendance total, excludes double-headers with men's teams. <sup>7</sup> For season ending in year shown. Source: National Hockey League, Montreal, Quebec. <sup>8</sup> In September 2004, franchise owners locked out their players upon the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement. The entire season was cancelled in February 2005. <sup>9</sup> Source: Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Colorado Springs, CO., Official Professional Rodeo Media Guide, annual (copyright).

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