

2011 Draft: Who Should Get the Most Help by Tony Villiotti

Now that the list of compensatory 2011 NFL draft choices has been released, we know that there will be 253 draft selections and also the order of selection for the entire draft. This information is available at Mike Sando's NFL Nation Blog on the ESPN website. (At least that's where **DRAFTMETRICS** got the information.) The order will change, of course, as trades are made before and during the draft.

With the draft order in hand and using historical averages, **DRAFTMETRICS** was able to calculate how much help (hereinafter called the Expected Draft Value, or EDV) each NFL team **SHOULD** receive from the 2011 draft. That calculation gives consideration to both the number of 2011 selections a team has and where in the draft the selections occur.

Following are the historical averages for the period from 1991 through 2004 by Value Group that were used in the calculations. Draft classes after 2004 were excluded in order to allow a relatively complete evaluation of the included draft classes.

Probabilities by Value Group 1991-2004

	Value Groups						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Draft Positions	1-13	14-28	29-48	49-74	75-114	115-200	201+
Number Drafted	180	210	280	364	560	1204	831
Length of Career:							
At least 1 season	100.0%	100.0%	99.3%	97.3%	94.5%	80.5%	62.9%
At least 3 seasons	99.5%	92.9%	90.7%	86.5%	76.1%	55.5%	34.2%
At least 5 seasons	91.8%	82.9%	77.5%	72.5%	56.4%	37.2%	22.0%
Years as a Starter:							
At least 1 season	96.7%	91.0%	79.3%	68.1%	50.9%	31.4%	18.4%
At least 3 seasons	85.2%	69.5%	62.5%	49.2%	29.5%	16.8%	9.9%
At least 5 seasons	73.6%	56.2%	47.9%	33.2%	20.5%	9.1%	5.9%
Starter as a rookie	65.4%	44.3%	34.6%	20.9%	10.2%	4.8%	1.9%
Post-Season Honors:							
Pro Bowl 1 or more times	47.8%	24.3%	18.9%	11.3%	4.6%	4.7%	1.8%
All Pro 1 or more times	24.2%	14.8%	10.4%	6.3%	2.5%	2.3%	0.5%

The table on the next page ranks the NFL teams in the order of their 2011 Expected Draft Value. In determining the order, a number of factors were considered and each is shown in the table. Prime consideration was given to the number of five year starters but all factors were given some weight. The ranking process is subjective, though, and we encourage the reader to express his/her opinion.

The table includes:

- Each team's rank, based on its EDV
- The number of picks for each team
- The number of players expected to have one year or longer, three years or longer and five years or longer careers
- The number of players expected to start eight games or more for one year or more, three years or more and five years or more
- The number of players expected to be selected to the Pro Bowl or as an All Pro at least once.

Rank	Team	# of Picks	Number of Players								
			Career Length			Starter Years			Rookie Starters	Pro Bowl	All Pros
			1+	3+	5+	1+	3+	5+			
1	Patriots	9	8.3	6.9	5.6	5.4	3.8	2.7	1.9	1.1	0.6
2	Broncos	7	6.2	5.1	4.2	4.0	3.0	2.3	1.7	1.1	0.6
3	49ers	12	9.6	7.0	5.2	4.8	3.1	2.2	1.5	1.0	0.5
4	Bills	9	7.6	5.9	4.5	4.3	3.0	2.1	1.5	1.0	0.5
5	Browns	8	7.0	5.5	4.3	4.1	2.9	2.1	1.5	1.0	0.5
5	Cardinals	8	7.0	5.5	4.3	4.1	2.9	2.1	1.5	1.0	0.5
7	Bengals	8	6.8	5.3	4.2	3.9	2.8	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.5
7	Cowboys	8	6.8	5.3	4.2	3.9	2.8	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.5
7	Texans	8	6.8	5.3	4.2	3.9	2.8	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.5
10	Titans	9	7.6	5.8	4.4	4.1	2.8	2.0	1.4	0.9	0.5
11	Vikings	9	7.4	5.6	4.2	3.9	2.6	1.9	1.3	0.9	0.5
12	Eagles	10	8.2	6.0	4.5	4.1	2.6	1.8	1.1	0.6	0.3
13	Chargers	8	6.9	5.4	4.2	4.0	2.6	1.8	1.2	0.6	0.4
14	Panthers	8	6.7	5.2	4.0	3.7	2.5	1.8	1.2	0.8	0.4
15	Redskins	8	6.3	4.6	3.5	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.4
16	Lions	5	4.7	4.0	3.2	3.1	2.2	1.7	1.3	0.8	0.4
17	Rams	7	5.9	4.6	3.5	3.4	2.3	1.7	1.1	0.6	0.3
18	Ravens	9	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.9	2.4	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.4
19	Jaguars	7	6.3	5.0	3.8	3.6	2.3	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.3
20	Falcons	9	7.2	5.2	3.9	3.6	2.3	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.3
21	Packers	9	7.4	5.4	4.0	3.6	2.3	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
22	Chiefs	8	6.8	5.1	3.8	3.5	2.3	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.3
23	Bucs	8	6.6	4.9	3.7	3.4	2.2	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
23	Giants	8	6.6	4.9	3.7	3.4	2.2	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
23	Seahawks	8	6.6	4.9	3.7	3.4	2.2	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
26	Saints	6	5.1	4.1	3.3	3.1	2.2	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.3
27	Colts	6	5.3	4.2	3.2	3.0	2.0	1.4	0.9	0.5	0.3
28	Steelers	7	6.0	4.5	3.4	3.1	2.0	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.3
29	Dolphins	8	6.4	4.6	3.4	3.1	1.9	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.3
30	Bears	6	5.3	4.2	3.2	2.9	1.9	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.3
31	Raiders	7	5.8	4.2	3.1	2.8	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.2
32	Jets	6	5.0	3.7	2.7	2.4	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.2

In addition to the number of draft selections and the location of those selections, the ultimate expectation for each team will also depend on the playing positions selected in the draft. As has been pointed out in earlier articles there are different probabilities of success depending on the playing position. After the draft, **DRAFTMETRICS** will recalculate and publish the final expected results.