

# INSTANT DRAFT FACTS

Based on Draft Years 1991-2004 Except When Otherwise Noted

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## IMPORTANCE OF THE DRAFT

87% of games started in the NFL in the past 20 years were by drafted players. Over 90% of Pro Bowl selections and All Pros were drafted players

## NORMAL DRAFT YEAR FOR AN NFL TEAM

7 players will play for an NFL team for at least one year; 4.2 will play at least five years; 2.6 will start for at least three years; and 1.9 will start for at least five years

## FIRST ROUND TRADE-UPS

There are an average of 5.5 first round trade-ups every year. The most was 9 in 2004 and the fewest was 3 in both 1998 and 2002.

### PROBABILITIES BY DRAFT SELECTION NUMBER

Selection Numbers	Career Length			Years as Starter			Rookie Starters	Pro Bowl
	1+ yrs	3+ yrs	5+ yrs	1+ yrs	3+ yrs	5+ yrs		
1-13	100%	99%	92%	97%	85%	74%	65%	48%
14-28	100%	93%	83%	91%	70%	56%	44%	24%
29-48	99%	91%	78%	79%	63%	48%	35%	19%
49-74	97%	87%	73%	68%	49%	33%	21%	11%
75-114	94%	76%	56%	51%	29%	21%	10%	5%
115-200	83%	55%	37%	31%	17%	9%	5%	5%
201+	63%	34%	22%	18%	10%	6%	2%	2%
All	73%	64%	49%	46%	30%	22%	14%	9%

### PROBABILITIES OF DRAFTING 5-YR STARTERS BY POSITION AND SELECTION NUMBER

Playing Position	Selection Numbers						
	1-13	14-28	29-48	49-74	75-114	115-200	201+
QB	68%	13%	44%	14%	7%	16%	4%
RB	63%	29%	23%	20%	10%	8%	4%
WR	65%	50%	37%	19%	18%	3%	3%
TE	100%	64%	65%	30%	24%	7%	7%
OL	88%	67%	59%	42%	32%	12%	10%
DL	72%	59%	36%	45%	21%	11%	5%
LB	88%	74%	61%	30%	32%	12%	5%
DB	69%	63%	58%	38%	16%	8%	8%
All	74%	56%	48%	33%	21%	9%	6%

### AVERAGE NUMBER OF PLAYERS DRAFTED ANNUALLY BY ROUND (1991-2010)

Playing Position	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Total
QB	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.9	2.2	11.6
RB	3.2	2.8	3.3	3.9	2.7	3.8	4.0	23.7
WR	3.8	4.3	4.5	3.8	3.8	4.6	5.9	30.7
TE	1.2	1.7	2.0	1.7	2.6	2.4	3.2	14.8
OL	5.0	4.8	5.5	5.4	6.4	5.9	7.3	40.3
DL	7.0	5.5	4.7	5.9	4.5	5.6	7.2	40.4
LB	3.0	4.1	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.2	32.1
DB	5.4	7.0	6.4	6.8	7.3	6.4	7.0	46.3
ST	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.0	4.4
All	31.0	32	33	35	34	37	43	244

### GOOD AND BAD DRAFT YEARS

	Average Year	Worst Years		Best Years	
		#	Year	#	Year
Players with Careers Lasting 3+ Yrs	166	150	1998	177	2002
Players with Careers Lasting 5+ Yrs	126	112	1994	137	1993
Players who start for 3+ Yrs	79	66	1994	93	1993
Players who start for 5+ Yrs	56	48	1994	64	1993
Rookie Starters (1991-2010)	39	23	1992	51	2006
Pro Bowl Selections	24	17	2002	28	1993
All Pro Selections	12	8	1992	16	1996

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