

BASEBALL '08

Best home batting average, 2003-'07

1

Colorado Rockies
.298

2

Boston Red Sox
.297

3

Texas Rangers
.282

4

New York Yankees
.282

5

Los Angeles Angels
.280

6

St. Louis Cardinals
.280

7

Baltimore Orioles
.278

8

Atlanta Braves
.276

9

Toronto Blue Jays
.275

A New Attitude

In recent years, moving into a new ballpark has usually meant a higher payroll, the acquisition of players and better attendance. That said, it doesn't always guarantee more wins.

	ON THE MOVE	THE NEW PARK	PAYROLL	MAJOR PICKUPS	PER GAME ATTENDANCE	HOME STATISTICS	WINNING PERCENTAGE															
1992	Baltimore Orioles Old: Memorial Stadium New: Oriole Park at Camden Yards		+43.8% 1991: \$14.6 million 1992: \$21.0 million	 Rick Sutcliffe Storm Davis (trade)	+39.8% 1991: 31,515 1992: 44,047	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>1991</td><td>1992</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>33-48</td><td>43-38</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.244</td><td>.254</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>80</td><td>75</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>4.32</td><td>3.75</td></tr> </table>		1991	1992	W-L	33-48	43-38	BA	.244	.254	HR	80	75	ERA	4.32	3.75	+.135 1991: 67-95 (.414) 1992: 89-73 (.549)
		1991	1992																			
W-L	33-48	43-38																				
BA	.244	.254																				
HR	80	75																				
ERA	4.32	3.75																				
1994	Cleveland Indians* Old: Cleveland Stadium New: Jacobs Field (now Progressive Field)		+81.5% 1993: \$15.7 million 1994: \$28.5 million	 Dennis Martinez Eddie Murray Omar Vizquel (trade)	+45.5% 1993: 26,888 1994: 39,121	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>1993</td><td>1994</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>46-35</td><td>35-16</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.272</td><td>.300</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>69</td><td>87</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>3.83</td><td>4.07</td></tr> </table>		1993	1994	W-L	46-35	35-16	BA	.272	.300	HR	69	87	ERA	3.83	4.07	+.115 1993: 76-86 (.469) 1994: 66-47 (.584)
		1993	1994																			
W-L	46-35	35-16																				
BA	.272	.300																				
HR	69	87																				
ERA	3.83	4.07																				
1994	Texas Rangers* Old: Arlington Stadium New: The Ballpark at Arlington (now Rangers Ballpark in Arlington)		-9.0% 1993: \$35.6 million 1994: \$32.4 million	 Will Clark Rick Honeycutt	+43.3% 1993: 27,711 1994: 39,733	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>1993</td><td>1994</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>50-31</td><td>31-32</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.273</td><td>.281</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>90</td><td>63</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>3.73</td><td>4.73</td></tr> </table>		1993	1994	W-L	50-31	31-32	BA	.273	.281	HR	90	63	ERA	3.73	4.73	-.075 1993: 86-76 (.531) 1994: 52-62 (.456)
		1993	1994																			
W-L	50-31	31-32																				
BA	.273	.281																				
HR	90	63																				
ERA	3.73	4.73																				
1997	Atlanta Braves Old: Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium New: Turner Field		+5.4% 1996: \$47.9 million 1997: \$50.5 million	 Kenny Lofton (trade)	+19.4% 1996: 35,818 1997: 42,771	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>1996</td><td>1997</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>56-25</td><td>50-31</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.281</td><td>.273</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>106</td><td>76</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>3.15</td><td>3.20</td></tr> </table>		1996	1997	W-L	56-25	50-31	BA	.281	.273	HR	106	76	ERA	3.15	3.20	+.030 1996: 96-66 (.593) 1997: 101-61 (.623)
		1996	1997																			
W-L	56-25	50-31																				
BA	.281	.273																				
HR	106	76																				
ERA	3.15	3.20																				
2000	Detroit Tigers Old: Tiger Stadium New: Comerica Park		+76.3% 1999: \$35.0 million 2000: \$61.7 million	 Juan González (trade) Hideo Nomo	+20.3% 1999: 25,018 2000: 30,106	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>1999</td><td>2000</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>38-43</td><td>43-38</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.264</td><td>.283</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>118</td><td>69</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>5.09</td><td>4.37</td></tr> </table>		1999	2000	W-L	38-43	43-38	BA	.264	.283	HR	118	69	ERA	5.09	4.37	+.062 1999: 69-92 (.426) 2000: 79-83 (.488)
		1999	2000																			
W-L	38-43	43-38																				
BA	.264	.283																				
HR	118	69																				
ERA	5.09	4.37																				
2000	Houston Astros Old: Astrodome New: Enron Field (now Minute Maid Park)		-5.8% 1999: \$55.3 million 2000: \$52.1 million		+14.3% 1999: 33,000 2000: 37,730	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>1999</td><td>2000</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>50-32</td><td>39-42</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.261</td><td>.280</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>65</td><td>135</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>3.43</td><td>5.55</td></tr> </table>		1999	2000	W-L	50-32	39-42	BA	.261	.280	HR	65	135	ERA	3.43	5.55	-.155 1999: 97-65 (.599) 2000: 72-90 (.444)
		1999	2000																			
W-L	50-32	39-42																				
BA	.261	.280																				
HR	65	135																				
ERA	3.43	5.55																				
2000	San Francisco Giants Old: 3Com Park New: PacBell Park (now AT&T Park)		+16.1% 1999: \$46.1 million 2000: \$53.5 million		+59.7% 1999: 25,659 2000: 40,973	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>1999</td><td>2000</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>49-32</td><td>55-26</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.262</td><td>.283</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>87</td><td>110</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>3.89</td><td>3.45</td></tr> </table>		1999	2000	W-L	49-32	55-26	BA	.262	.283	HR	87	110	ERA	3.89	3.45	+.068 1999: 86-76 (.531) 2000: 97-65 (.599)
		1999	2000																			
W-L	49-32	55-26																				
BA	.262	.283																				
HR	87	110																				
ERA	3.89	3.45																				
2000	Seattle Mariners** Old: Kingdome New: Safeco Field		+33.3% 1999: \$44.4 million 2000: \$59.2 million	 John Olerud Arthur Rhodes Kazuhiro Sasaki Aaron Sele	— 1999: 36,004 2000: 35,983	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>1999</td><td>2000</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>43-38</td><td>47-34</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.273</td><td>.248</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>122</td><td>92</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>5.28</td><td>3.84</td></tr> </table>		1999	2000	W-L	43-38	47-34	BA	.273	.248	HR	122	92	ERA	5.28	3.84	+.074 1999: 79-83 (.488) 2000: 91-71 (.562)
		1999	2000																			
W-L	43-38	47-34																				
BA	.273	.248																				
HR	122	92																				
ERA	5.28	3.84																				
2001	Milwaukee Brewers Old: County Stadium New: Miller Park		+26.0% 2000: \$35.8 million 2001: \$45.1 million	 Jeffrey Hammonds Devon White (trade)	+78.6% 2000: 19,427 2001: 34,704	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>2000</td><td>2001</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>42-39</td><td>36-45</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.233</td><td>.254</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>78</td><td>107</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>4.13</td><td>4.58</td></tr> </table>		2000	2001	W-L	42-39	36-45	BA	.233	.254	HR	78	107	ERA	4.13	4.58	-.031 2000: 73-89 (.451) 2001: 68-94 (.420)
		2000	2001																			
W-L	42-39	36-45																				
BA	.233	.254																				
HR	78	107																				
ERA	4.13	4.58																				
2001	Pittsburgh Pirates Old: Three Rivers Stadium New: PNC Park		+117.3% 2000: \$26.6 million 2001: \$57.8 million	 Omar Olivares (trade) Derek Bell Terry Mulholland	+40.9% 2000: 21,591 2001: 30,430	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>2000</td><td>2001</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>37-44</td><td>38-43</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.261</td><td>.256</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>86</td><td>75</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>4.60</td><td>4.63</td></tr> </table>		2000	2001	W-L	37-44	38-43	BA	.261	.256	HR	86	75	ERA	4.60	4.63	-.043 2000: 69-93 (.426) 2001: 62-100 (.383)
		2000	2001																			
W-L	37-44	38-43																				
BA	.261	.256																				
HR	86	75																				
ERA	4.60	4.63																				
2003	Cincinnati Reds Old: Cinergy Field New: Great American Ball Park		+31.7% 2002: \$45.1 million 2003: \$59.4 million		+26.9% 2002: 22,911 2003: 29,077	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>2002</td><td>2003</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>38-43</td><td>35-46</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.261</td><td>.249</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>85</td><td>97</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>4.55</td><td>4.97</td></tr> </table>		2002	2003	W-L	38-43	35-46	BA	.261	.249	HR	85	97	ERA	4.55	4.97	-.055 2002: 78-84 (.481) 2003: 69-93 (.426)
		2002	2003																			
W-L	38-43	35-46																				
BA	.261	.249																				
HR	85	97																				
ERA	4.55	4.97																				
2004	Philadelphia Phillies Old: Veterans Stadium New: Citizens Bank Park		+31.6% 2003: \$70.8 million 2004: \$93.2 million	 Billy Wagner (trade) Eric Milton (trade)	+43.8% 2003: 27,901 2004: 40,125	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>2003</td><td>2004</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>49-32</td><td>42-39</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.264</td><td>.266</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>83</td><td>113</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>3.46</td><td>4.31</td></tr> </table>		2003	2004	W-L	49-32	42-39	BA	.264	.266	HR	83	113	ERA	3.46	4.31	— 2003: 86-76 (.531) 2004: 86-76 (.531)
		2003	2004																			
W-L	49-32	42-39																				
BA	.264	.266																				
HR	83	113																				
ERA	3.46	4.31																				
2004	San Diego Padres Old: Qualcomm Stadium New: Petco Park		+22.6% 2003: \$45.2 million 2004: \$55.4 million	 Ramón Hernández (trade) Jeff Cirillo (trade) David Wells	+48.6% 2003: 25,063 2004: 37,244	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>2003</td><td>2004</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>35-46</td><td>42-39</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.258</td><td>.256</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>55</td><td>57</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>4.28</td><td>3.85</td></tr> </table>		2003	2004	W-L	35-46	42-39	BA	.258	.256	HR	55	57	ERA	4.28	3.85	+.142 2003: 64-98 (.395) 2004: 87-75 (.537)
		2003	2004																			
W-L	35-46	42-39																				
BA	.258	.256																				
HR	55	57																				
ERA	4.28	3.85																				
2006	St. Louis Cardinals Old: Busch Stadium II New: Busch Stadium III		-2.4% 2005: \$92.1 million 2006: \$88.9 million	 Juan Encarnación Braden Looper Scott Spiezio	-2.6% 2005: 43,691 2006: 42,589	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>2005</td><td>2006</td></tr> <tr><td>W-L</td><td>50-31</td><td>49-31</td></tr> <tr><td>BA</td><td>.271</td><td>.273</td></tr> <tr><td>HR</td><td>92</td><td>85</td></tr> <tr><td>ERA</td><td>3.44</td><td>3.93</td></tr> </table>		2005	2006	W-L	50-31	49-31	BA	.271	.273	HR	92	85	ERA	3.44	3.93	-.101 2005: 100-62 (.617) 2006: 83-78 (.516)
		2005	2006																			
W-L	50-31	49-31																				
BA	.271	.273																				
HR	92	85																				
ERA	3.44	3.93																				

* Season shortened by player strike; ** The Mariners played the second half of 1999 at Safeco Field, but 2000 was their first full season in the park. Sources: Stats, Inc., baseballreference.com, ballparksofbaseball.com, USA Today salary database. Photos by the Associated Press, Getty Images, the San Diego Union-Tribune, the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel and the Seattle Times.