



STALLION STATISTICS SEEKING DURABILITY, SOUNDNESS

This special edition of equine research news, features the stallion durability statistics.

Accompanying is the 17th annual listing of stallions by two criteria as developed by the Durability Committee of the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summits underwritten by The Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. The aim is to highlight stallions which are commercially viable AND produce progeny statistics which would tend to indicate above average performance in two areas----average number of starts per starter and percentage of foals that race.



To qualify for the lists, a stallion must have ranked within the first 200 sires by progeny earnings for the calendar year 2024.

2024 Sires by Lifetime Starts per Starter

Rank	Stallion	YOB	Sire	Foals of RA	2024 Earnings	Starts/ Starter
1	Congrats	2000	A.P. Indy	1172	\$2,993,192	22.20
2	Weigelia	2001	Safely's Mark	241	\$2,611,672	21.42
3	Brethren	2008	Distorted Humor	309	\$2,177,764	19.78
4	Flat Out	2006	Flatter	598	\$3,527,746	19.37
5	Too Much Bling	2003	Rubiano	416	\$2,127,899	19.34
6	Friesan Fire	2006	A.P. Indy	312	\$1,377,245	19.05
7	Old Forester	2001	Forestry	588	\$1,501,641	18.81
8	Fiber Sonde	2005	Unbridled's Song	357	\$1,793,595	18.67
9	Vronsky	1999	Danzig	414	\$1,608,705	18.66
10	Flatter	1999	A.P. Indy	1254	\$5,334,990	18.58
11	English Channel	2002	Smart Strike	1024	\$7,163,489	18.46
12	Bustin Stones	2004	City Zip	335	\$1,795,134	18.42
13	Stay Thirsty	2008	Bernardini	698	\$4,232,070	18.04
14	First Samurai	2003	Giant's Causeway	890	\$3,267,654	18.04
15	Alternation	2008	Distorted Humor	313	\$1,853,979	17.73
16	Tale of Ekati	2005	Tale of the Cat	479	\$2,007,900	17.72
17	Keen Ice	2012	Curlin	255	\$2,921,976	17.46
18	Kitten's Joy	2001	El Prado (IRE)	1992	\$6,296,204	17.39
19	Lea	2009	First Samurai	252	\$2,077,174	17.35
20	The Factor	2008	War Front	766	\$5,580,753	17.17
21	Temple City	2005	Dynaformer	895	\$3,418,454	17.13
22	Attila's Storm	2002	Forest Wildcat	412	\$1,684,083	17.06
23	First Dude	2007	Stephen Got Even	527	\$1,592,442	17.00
24	Take Charge Indy	2009	A.P. Indy	542	\$3,139,400	16.85
25	Sir Prancealot (IRE)	2010	=Tamayuz (GB)	498	\$2,713,320	16.82
26	Atreides	2011	Medaglia d'Oro	155	\$1,681,570	16.74
27	Warrior's Reward	2006	Medaglia d'Oro	765	\$3,108,833	16.69
28	Malibu Moon	1997	A.P. Indy	2219	\$5,809,373	16.63
29	Kantharos	2008	Lion Heart	897	\$9,384,963	16.63
30	Silent Name (JPN)	2002	Sunday Silence	528	\$2,719,895	16.61
31	Mineshaft	1999	A.P. Indy	1233	\$15,646,423	16.60
32	Midshipman	2006	Unbridled's Song	838	\$7,274,142	16.59
33	Adios Charlie	2008	Indian Charlie	454	\$3,158,388	16.57
34	Creative Cause	2009	Giant's Causeway	629	\$3,997,263	16.47
35	Lookin At Lucky	2007	Smart Strike	838	\$6,624,317	16.31
36	Exaggerator	2013	Curlin	426	\$5,242,518	16.30
37	Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	1845	\$4,046,387	16.25
38	Great Notion	2000	Elusive Quality	583	\$6,128,141	16.20
39	Paynter	2009	Awesome Again	606	\$3,549,226	16.20
40	Oxbow	2010	Awesome Again	488	\$3,176,837	16.17
41	Lemon Drop Kid	1996	Kingmambo	1620	\$1,976,873	16.11
42	Fed Biz	2009	Giant's Causeway	494	\$1,841,978	16.08
43	Sky Kingdom	2009	Empire Maker	162	\$1,391,057	16.06
44	Wicked Strong	2011	Hard Spun	406	\$2,008,040	15.99
45	Point of Entry	2008	Dynaformer	416	\$2,476,586	15.90
46	Speightstown	1998	Gone West	1515	\$7,829,281	15.86
47	More Than Ready	1997	Southern Halo	2085	\$9,660,530	15.82
48	Star Guitar	2005	Quiet American	350	\$4,185,662	15.72
49	Sky Mesa	2000	Pulpit	1311	\$3,246,397	15.70
50	Hard Spun	2004	Danzig	1481	\$10,586,730	15.70

This assures some success and relevance to the commercial breeding and sales market. For purposes of this presentation, we have rearranged that population by the two criteria stated and for each list have included the top one-half (100 stallions) of the original population of 200 by earnings.



Although stallions qualify for these lists based on 2024 progeny earnings alone, other statistics given here are lifetime through Dec. 31, 2024.

(All Northern Hemisphere earnings, except from Japan, are included in these statistics, which were provided by The Jockey Club Information Systems.)

The average of the breed in recent crops has been a career of around 15.9 starts per starter. Thus, we see that roughly only 23% of the top 200 stallions in earnings reach this average.

2024 Sires by Lifetime Starts per Starter						
Rank	Stallion	YOB	Sire	Foals of RA	2024 Earnings	Starts/ Starter
51	Mr Speaker	2011	Pulpit	198	\$1,653,743	15.65
52	Street Sense	2004	Street Cry (IRE)	1250	\$9,417,000	15.63
53	Orb	2010	Malibu Moon	447	\$1,412,868	15.60
54	Midnight Lute	2003	Real Quiet	946	\$3,702,630	15.49
55	Dominus	2008	Smart Strike	318	\$2,398,026	15.44
56	Mosler	2011	War Front	187	\$2,092,359	15.42
57	Ghostzapper	2000	Awesome Again	1337	\$8,490,026	15.38
58	Tapiture	2011	Tapit	668	\$8,718,425	15.19
59	Bal a Bali (BRZ)	2010	Put It Back	171	\$1,529,064	15.19
60	Tonalist	2011	Tapit	433	\$4,860,942	15.09
61	Blofeld	2012	Quality Road	94	\$2,512,501	14.99
62	Munnings	2006	Speightstown	1222	\$13,920,579	14.90
63	Pioneerof the Nile	2006	Empire Maker	837	\$3,999,610	14.87
64	Cross Traffic	2009	Unbridled's Song	439	\$4,709,263	14.82
65	Cajun Breeze	2008	Congrats	156	\$1,920,772	14.79
66	Uptowncharlybrown	2007	Limehouse	215	\$2,770,052	14.76
67	Half Ours	2003	Unbridled's Song	665	\$1,439,934	14.75
68	Juba	2011	Tapit	136	\$2,088,253	14.72
69	Twirling Candy	2007	Candy Ride (ARG)	1027	\$14,872,673	14.66
70	Summer Front	2009	War Front	390	\$5,437,719	14.60
71	Curlin	2004	Smart Strike	1327	\$13,364,114	14.57
72	Imagining	2008	Giant's Causeway	196	\$1,595,792	14.54
73	Fast Anna	2011	Medaglia d'Oro	278	\$5,689,027	14.49
74	Khozan	2012	Distorted Humor	442	\$5,500,877	14.49
75	Tourist	2011	Tiznow	266	\$2,327,965	14.48
76	Divining Rod	2012	Tapit	154	\$2,052,855	14.46
77	Mucho Macho Man	2008	Macho Uno	363	\$2,883,095	14.46
78	Grazen	2006	Benchmark	386	\$4,394,584	14.40
79	Candy Ride (ARG)	1999	Ride the Rails	1890	\$7,531,444	14.32
80	Upstart	2012	Flatter	300	\$4,635,247	14.26
81	Jess's Dream	2012	Curlin	239	\$2,867,379	14.23
82	Tapit	2001	Pulpit	1697	\$8,807,107	14.19
83	Mshawish	2010	Medaglia d'Oro	228	\$3,130,525	14.16
84	Mohaymen	2013	Tapit	164	\$2,681,563	14.11
85	Clubhouse Ride	2008	Candy Ride (ARG)	254	\$3,399,688	14.09
86	Anchor Down	2011	Tapit	154	\$1,927,438	14.05
87	Peace and Justice	2010	War Front	140	\$2,182,826	14.04
88	Goldencents	2010	Into Mischief	980	\$13,575,555	14.01
89	Social Inclusion	2011	Pioneerof the Nile	140	\$2,239,352	13.86
90	Reload	2009	Hard Spun	207	\$2,737,251	13.79
91	Get Stormy	2006	Stormy Atlantic	451	\$3,021,992	13.76
92	Quality Road	2006	Elusive Quality	1071	\$14,747,587	13.71
93	Tiznow	1997	Cee's Tizzy	1754	\$1,823,690	13.69
94	Speightster	2012	Speightstown	473	\$7,996,134	13.62
95	Souper Speedy	2009	Indian Charlie	294	\$3,492,726	13.61
96	Tamarkuz	2010	Speightstown	149	\$2,066,965	13.56
97	Violence	2010	Medaglia d'Oro	846	\$7,278,552	13.53
98	Shaman Ghost	2012	Ghostzapper	167	\$2,279,677	13.53
99	American Freedom	2013	Pulpit	295	\$3,079,128	13.51
100	Golden Lad	2010	Medaglia d'Oro	342	\$3,835,431	13.49
101	Cairo Prince	2011	Pioneerof the Nile	721	\$7,986,934	13.49
102	Mark Valeski	2009	Proud Citizen	152	\$1,799,961	13.49



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The average of the breed insofar as percentage of horses that reach the races is around 75.01 percent, so we see 41% of the top 200 stallions reach that mark. The underlying premise of these statistics, and of the Durability Committee, is that the national reduction in average starts per starter might be seen as an indication of a decrease in durability of the breed.



The average starts per year for North American starters have decreased, from about 11 in 1960 to under around 6 since 2021. It has been under 7 since the year 2001. It is understood that the average number of starts can be a function of many elements, some management based. For example, the salvage value of highly fashionably bred runners as breeding animals often

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2	Congrats	2000	A.P. Indy	1172	\$2,993,192	85.49%
3	Marking	2012	Bernardini	122	\$2,745,856	85.25%
4	The Factor	2008	War Front	766	\$5,580,753	83.42%
5	Weigelia	2001	Safely's Mark	241	\$2,611,672	83.40%
6	National Flag	2015	Speightstown	47	\$1,726,041	82.98%
7	Too Much Bling	2003	Rubiano	416	\$2,127,899	82.69%
8	Cairo Prince	2011	Pioneerof the Nile	721	\$7,986,934	82.25%
9	Tapiture	2011	Tapit	668	\$8,718,425	81.74%
10	Mohaymen	2013	Tapit	164	\$2,681,563	81.71%
11	Tapit	2001	Pulpit	1697	\$8,807,107	81.67%
12	Hard Spun	2004	Danzig	1481	\$10,586,730	80.89%
13	Creative Cause	2009	Giant's Causeway	629	\$3,997,263	80.76%
14	Lemon Drop Kid	1996	Kingmambo	1620	\$1,976,873	80.68%
15	Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	1845	\$4,046,387	80.60%
16	Midshipman	2006	Unbridled's Song	838	\$7,274,142	80.55%
17	Cross Traffic	2009	Unbridled's Song	439	\$4,709,263	80.41%
18	Brethren	2008	Distorted Humor	309	\$2,177,764	80.26%
19	Malibu Moon	1997	A.P. Indy	2219	\$5,809,373	80.17%
20	Street Sense	2004	Street Cry (IRE)	1250	\$9,417,000	80.16%
21	Get Stormy	2006	Stormy Atlantic	451	\$3,021,992	80.04%
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27	Into Mischief	2005	Harlan's Holiday	1724	\$33,920,269	79.47%
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47	Mshawish	2010	Medaglia d'Oro	228	\$3,130,525	77.63%
48	Blame	2006	Arch	782	\$5,235,114	77.62%
49	Temple City	2005	Dynaformer	895	\$3,418,454	77.54%
50	Mendelssohn	2015	Scat Daddy	463	\$9,859,320	77.54%



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discourages continuing to race a young horse once any problem develops.

We also understand that no statistical presentation can serve as a single indicator of success. The trade media for years have published sire statistics based on earnings, but also have provided a plethora of other measures, indices, percentages of stakes winners, etc. In that vein, it is hoped that the accompanying statistics provide yet another kind of insight into contemporary stallions' progeny, whether an individual stallion is seen as a candidate to breed to or as the sire of weanlings, yearlings, 2-year-olds, or broodmares.

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51	Mineshaft	1999	A.P. Indy	1233	\$15,646,423	77.53%
52	Classic Empire	2014	Pioneerof the Nile	338	\$5,300,135	77.51%
53	Divining Rod	2012	Tapit	154	\$2,052,855	77.27%
54	Mr Speaker	2011	Pulpit	198	\$1,653,743	77.27%
55	Constitution	2011	Tapit	679	\$15,239,937	77.17%
56	Competitive Edge	2012	Super Saver	286	\$2,832,640	76.92%
57	First Samurai	2003	Giant's Causeway	890	\$3,267,654	76.85%
58	Frosted	2012	Tapit	584	\$9,019,336	76.71%
59	Half Ours	2003	Unbridled's Song	665	\$1,439,934	76.69%
60	Shaman Ghost	2012	Ghostzapper	167	\$2,279,677	76.65%
61	Bal a Bali (BRZ)	2010	Put It Back	171	\$1,529,064	76.61%
62	Quality Road	2006	Elusive Quality	1071	\$14,747,587	76.47%
63	Carpe Diem	2012	Giant's Causeway	444	\$2,439,948	76.35%
64	Goldencents	2010	Into Mischief	980	\$13,575,555	76.22%
65	Union Rags	2009	Dixie Union	990	\$6,687,114	76.16%
66	Tale of Ekati	2005	Tale of the Cat	479	\$2,007,900	75.99%
67	Paynter	2009	Awesome Again	606	\$3,549,226	75.91%
68	Good Magic	2015	Curlin	298	\$11,230,377	75.84%
69	Orb	2010	Malibu Moon	447	\$1,412,868	75.84%
70	Tiznow	1997	Cee's Tizzy	1754	\$1,823,690	75.77%
71	Air Force Blue	2013	War Front	341	\$4,285,782	75.66%
72	Lookin At Lucky	2007	Smart Strike	838	\$6,624,317	75.66%
73	Ghostzapper	2000	Awesome Again	1337	\$8,490,026	75.54%
74	Connect	2013	Curlin	343	\$5,288,060	75.51%
75	Stay Thirsty	2008	Bernardini	698	\$4,232,070	75.50%
76	Atreides	2011	Medaglia d'Oro	155	\$1,681,570	75.48%
77	Mucho Macho Man	2008	Macho Uno	363	\$2,883,095	75.21%
78	The Big Beast	2011	Yes It's True	282	\$3,052,284	75.18%
79	Fed Biz	2009	Giant's Causeway	494	\$1,841,978	75.10%
80	Runhappy	2012	Super Saver	417	\$6,939,607	75.06%
81	Upstart	2012	Flatter	300	\$4,635,247	75.00%
82	Cajun Breeze	2008	Congrats	156	\$1,920,772	75.00%
83	Kitten's Joy	2001	El Prado (IRE)	1992	\$6,296,204	74.60%
84	Mor Spirit	2013	Eskendereya	255	\$5,162,826	74.51%
85	Coal Front	2014	Stay Thirsty	82	\$2,437,631	74.39%
86	Empire Maker	2000	Unbridled	1043	\$2,444,642	74.21%
87	Practical Joke	2014	Into Mischief	556	\$13,762,269	74.10%
88	Twirling Candy	2007	Candy Ride (ARG)	1027	\$14,872,673	74.10%
89	Curlin	2004	Smart Strike	1327	\$13,364,114	74.08%
90	Fiber Sonde	2005	Unbridled's Song	357	\$1,793,595	73.95%
91	Flat Out	2006	Flatter	598	\$3,527,746	73.91%
92	Midnight Lute	2003	Real Quiet	946	\$3,702,630	73.78%
93	Maximus Mischief	2016	Into Mischief	232	\$6,079,762	73.71%
94	Tourist	2011	Tiznow	266	\$2,327,965	73.68%
95	Attila's Storm	2002	Forest Wildcat	412	\$1,684,083	73.54%
96	El Deal	2012	Munnings	102	\$2,462,243	73.53%
97	Mastery	2014	Candy Ride (ARG)	400	\$4,841,617	73.50%
98	Tonalist	2011	Tapit	433	\$4,860,942	73.44%
99	Anchor Down	2011	Tapit	154	\$1,927,438	73.38%
100	Dialed In	2008	Mineshaft	844	\$7,061,659	73.10%

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Top 2024 Sires of Stakes Winners 4 Years Old & Up

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Following is a simple ranking of sires of 2024 by their number of stakes winners 4 years old and upward, with additional recognition of their graded stakes winners of those ages last year. For this list, there was no requirement concerning progeny earnings, but it does include those with more than three stakes winners that were 4 years old or older in 2024. It should be noted, however, that the leaders on this list are also familiar names from various trade media lists arranged by more fashion-driven criteria.

Rank Sire	Stakes Winners 4YO & up	Graded Stakes Winners 4YO & up
1 Into Mischief	18	8
2 Curlin	10	10
3 Not This Time	8	4
Gun Runner	8	6
5 Pioneerof the Nile	7	3
Cairo Prince	7	1
7 War Front	6	3
Quality Road	6	5
9 Uncle Mo	5	4
Arrogate	5	4
Creative Cause	5	2
Great Notion	5	2
Lope de Vega (IRE)	5	3
Practical Joke	5	4
Medaglia d'Oro	5	4
Constitution	5	2
Hard Spun	5	3
More Than Ready	5	2
Frosted	5	1
Liam's Map	5	2
Munnings	5	1
22 Distorted Humor	4	1
California Chrome	4	
American Pharoah	4	1
Oscar Performance	4	3
Violence	4	2
Tapit	4	3
Mr. Big	4	1
Grazen	4	
Upstart	4	
English Channel	4	3
Street Sense	4	3
Competitive Edge	4	
Kantharos	4	1
Nyquist	4	2
Dubawi (IRE)	4	4
Bolt d'Oro	4	2
Maclean's Music	4	
Runhappy	4	

Rank Sire	Stakes Winners 4YO & up	Graded Stakes Winners 4YO & up
40 Mo Tom	3	
Street Boss	3	
Twirling Candy	3	2
Noble Mission (GB)	3	1
Flatter	3	
Temple City	3	2
Connect	3	3
Midshipman	3	
Central Banker	3	
Star Guitar	3	1
Jess's Dream	3	
Mr Speaker	3	1
Dominus	3	
Cupid	3	1
Ghostzapper	3	3
Too Much Bling	3	
Silent Name (JPN)	3	1
Cross Traffic	3	1
Candy Ride (ARG)	3	2
Sea The Stars (IRE)	3	1
Good Magic	3	1
Palace	3	1



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2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009

Breed Averages

Average Type	All Foals	Top Sires
2012-2021	All foals	Foals by top 1% of sires
Starters / foals %	75.01	80.68
Winners / foals (starters) %	50.50 (67.33)	55.81 (69.17)
Repeat winners / foals (starters) %	36.71 (48.94)	41.47 (51.40)
Stakes placed / foals (starters) %	6.90 (9.20)	9.42 (11.68)
Stakes winners / foals (starters) %	3.18 (4.24)	5.91 (7.33)
Graded SW / foals (starters) %	0.96 (1.28)	2.73 (3.39)
Grade 1 SW / foals (starters) %	0.24 (0.32)	0.77 (0.95)
Two-year-old starters / foals %	39.22	43.20
Two-year-old winners / foals (2yo starters) %	12.00 (30.60)	13.98 (32.36)
Two-year-old SW / foals (2yo starters) %	1.03 (2.63)	1.56 (3.60)
Three-year-old starters / foals %	64.51	69.44
Four-year-old starters / foals %	48.01	50.07
Five-year-old and up starters / foals %	28.57	29.59
Average career starts / foals	11.9	12.1
Average career starts / starter	15.9	15.0
Average winning distance in furlongs	6.74	7.16
Average winning turf distance in furlongs	7.44	7.64
Average earnings / starter	\$66420	\$104904
Average earnings / starter male (female)	\$74737 (\$58010)	\$125958 (\$84283)
Average earnings / start	\$4182	\$6991
Average earnings / start male (female)	\$4251 (\$4094)	\$6950 (\$7053)
Average CPI	0.94	1.60

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