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2021 BASEBALL PREVIEW

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NL EAST

Atlanta Braves 91½

2020	35-25	+\$208
2019	97-65	+\$1,362
2018	90-72	+\$1,803
2017	72-80	-\$411
2016	68-93	+\$388
2015	67-95	-\$1,643

L Max Fried	7-0	2.25	56.0
R Charlie Morton	2-2	4.74	38.0
R Mike Soroka	0-1	3.95	13.2
R Ian Anderson	3-2	1.95	32.1
L Drew Smyly	0-1	3.42	26.1

New York Mets 90½

2020	26-34	-\$1,247
2019	86-76	-\$299
2018	77-85	-\$589
2017	70-92	-\$3,004
2016	87-75	-\$755
2015	90-72	+\$589

R Jacob deGrom	4-2	2.38	68.0
R Carlos Carrasco	3-4	2.91	68.0
R Marcus Stroman	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		
R Taijuan Walker	4-3	2.70	53.1
L David Peterson	6-2	3.44	49.2

Washington Nationals 84½

2020	26-34	-\$338
2019	93-69	+\$403
2018	82-80	-\$2,489
2017	97-65	+\$573
2016	95-67	+\$26
2015	83-79	-\$1,887

R Max Scherzer	5-4	3.74	67.1
R Stephen Strasburg	0-1	10.80	5.0
L Patrick Corbin	2-7	4.66	65.2
L Jon Lester	3-3	5.16	61.0
R Joe Ross	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		

Philadelphia Phillies 81½

2020	28-32	-\$859
2019	81-81	-\$677
2018	80-82	-\$785
2017	66-96	-\$1,179
2016	71-91	-\$201
2015	63-99	-\$842

R Aaron Nola	5-5	3.28	71.1
R Zack Wheeler	4-2	2.92	71.0
R Zach Eflin	4-2	3.97	59.0
L Matt Moore	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		
R Chase Anderson	1-2	7.22	33.2

Miami Marlins 70½

2020	31-29	+\$1,186
2019	57-105	-\$1,468
2018	63-98	-\$477
2017	77-85	-\$644
2016	79-82	-\$611
2015	71-91	-\$1,413

R Sandy Alcantara	3-2	3.00	42.0
R Pablo Lopez	6-4	3.61	57.1
R Sixto Sanchez	3-2	3.46	39.0
R Elieser Hernandez	1-0	3.16	25.2
L Trevor Rodgers	1-2	6.11	28.0

NL CENTRAL

St. Louis Cardinals 86½

2020	30-28	+\$132
2019	91-71	+\$868
2018	88-74	+\$309
2017	83-79	-\$874
2016	86-76	-\$649
2015	100-62	+\$2,247

R Jack Flaherty	4-3	4.91	40.1
L Kwang Hyun Kim	3-0	1.62	39.0
R Miles Mikolas	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		
R Adam Wainwright	5-3	3.15	65.2
R Carlos Martinez	0-3	9.90	20.0

Milwaukee Brewers 83½

2020	29-31	-\$555
2019	89-73	+\$403
2018	96-67	+\$2,313
2017	86-76	+\$1,801
2016	73-89	-\$24
2015	68-94	-\$2,081

R Brandon Woodruff	3-5	3.05	73.2
R Corbin Burnes	4-1	2.11	59.2
R Josh Lindblom	2-4	5.16	45.1
R Brett Anderson	4-4	4.21	47.0
R Freddy Peralta	3-1	3.99	29.1

Cincinnati Reds 82½

2020	31-29	-\$365
2019	75-87	-\$1,174
2018	67-95	-\$1,705
2017	68-94	-\$1,592
2016	68-94	-\$726
2015	64-98	-\$3,110

R Luis Castillo	4-6	3.21	70.0
R Sonny Gray	5-3	3.70	56.0
R Tyler Mahle	2-2	3.59	47.2
L Wade Miley	0-3	5.65	14.1
R Jeff Hoffman	2-1	9.28	21.1

Chicago Cubs 79½

2020	34-26	+\$179
2019	84-78	-\$936
2018	95-68	+\$55
2017	92-70	-\$1,198
2016	103-58	+\$299
2015	97-65	+\$1,751

R Kyle Hendricks	6-5	2.88	81.1
R Jake Arrieta	4-4	5.08	44.1
R Zach Davies	7-4	2.73	69.1
R Trevor Williams	2-8	6.18	55.1
R Alec Mills	5-5	4.48	62.1

Pittsburgh Pirates 58½

2020	19-41	-\$1,096
2019	69-93	-\$1,153
2018	82-79	+\$480
2017	75-87	-\$830
2016	78-83	-\$1,378
2015	98-64	+\$2,135

R Mitch Keller	1-1	2.91	21.2
L Steven Brault	1-3	3.38	42.2
R Chad Kuhl	2-3	4.27	46.1
L Tyler Anderson	4-3	4.37	59.2
R Trevor Cahill	1-2	3.24	25.0

NL WEST

Los Angeles Dodgers 103½

2020	43-17	+\$569
2019	106-56	+\$646
2018	92-71	-\$2,283
2017	104-58	+\$698
2016	91-71	-\$637
2015	92-70	-\$1,122

L Clayton Kershaw	6-2	2.16	58.1
R Trevor Bauer	5-4	1.73	73.0
R Walker Buehler	1-0	3.44	36.2
L David Price	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		
L Julio Urias	3-0	3.27	55.0

San Diego Padres 94½

2020	37-23	+\$666
2019	70-92	-\$2,079
2018	66-96	-\$1,141
2017	71-81	+\$348
2016	68-94	-\$30
2015	74-88	-\$1,924

R Yu Darvish	8-3	2.01	76.0
L Blake Snell	4-2	3.24	50.0
R Dinelson Lamet	3-1	2.09	69.0
R Joe Musgrove	1-5	3.86	39.2
R Chris Paddack	4-5	4.73	59.0

Arizona Diamondbacks 75½

2020	25-25	-\$690
2019	85-77	+\$1,024
2018	82-80	-\$1,016
2017	93-69	+\$1,656
2016	69-93	-\$2,041
2015	79-83	+\$154

R Zac Gallen	3-2	2.75	72.0
R Merrill Kelly	3-2	2.59	31.1
L Madison Bumgarner	1-4	6.48	41.2
L Caleb Smith	0-0	2.57	14.0
R Luke Weaver	1-9	6.58	52.0

San Francisco Giants 74½

2020	29-31	+\$605
2019	77-85	+\$993
2018	94-68	-\$856
2017	64-98	-\$3,778
2016	87-75	-\$754
2015	84-78	-\$70

R Kevin Gausman	3-3	3.62	59.2
R Johnny Cueto	2-3	5.40	63.1
R Anthony DeSclafani	1-2	7.22	33.2
R Aaron Sanchez	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		
R Logan Webb	3-4	5.47	54.1

Colorado Rockies 64½

2020	26-34	-\$369
2019	71-91	-\$1,122
2018	91-72	+\$1,940
2017	87-75	+\$1,244
2016	75-87	-\$842
2015	68-94	-\$1,289

R German Marquez	4-6	3.75	81.2
R Antonio Senzatela	5-3	3.44	73.1
L Kyle Freeland	2-3	4.33	70.2
R Jon Gray	2-4	6.69	39.0
L Austin Gomber	1-1	1.86	29.0

Listed above are the records for each team with the profit/loss if wagering \$100 on every regular season game of that season for that team. The early projected rotations are listed with the 2020 W/L record, ERA, and Innings Pitched. Starters projected to open the season on the Disabled List are not listed in these rotations. The large number next to each team is the future Over/Under total wins as of late March. Obviously these totals and the rotations are subject to change.

AL EAST

New York Yankees **96½**

2020	33-27	-\$729
2019	103-59	+\$1,171
2018	100-62	-\$950
2017	91-71	-\$100
2016	84-78	+\$354
2015	87-75	-\$339

R Gerrit Cole	7-3	2.84	73.0
R Corey Kluber	0-0	0.00	1.0
R Jameson Taillon	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		
L Jordan Montgomery	2-3	5.11	44.0
R Domingo German	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		

Toronto Blue Jays **86½**

2020	32-28	+\$490
2019	67-95	-\$1,042
2018	73-89	-\$972
2017	76-86	-\$1,775
2016	89-73	-\$919
2015	93-69	+\$1,045

L Hyun-Jin Ryu	5-2	2.69	67.0
L Robbie Ray	2-5	6.62	51.2
R Tanner Roark	2-3	6.80	47.2
L Steven Matz	0-5	9.68	30.2
R Nate Pearson	1-0	6.00	18.0

Tampa Bay Rays **85½**

2020	40-20	+\$1,284
2019	96-66	+\$253
2018	90-72	+\$2,350
2017	80-82	-\$650
2016	68-94	-\$3,012
2015	80-82	-\$542

R Tyler Glasnow	5-1	4.08	57.1
L Ryan Yarbrough	1-4	3.56	55.2
R Michael Wacha	1-4	6.62	34.0
R Chris Archer	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		
L Rich Hill	2-2	3.03	38.2

Boston Red Sox **80½**

2020	24-36	-\$756
2019	84-78	-\$2,077
2018	108-54	+\$3,111
2017	93-69	+\$413
2016	93-69	+\$246
2015	78-84	-\$651

L Eduardo Rodriguez	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		
R Nathan Eovaldi	4-2	3.72	48.1
R Garrett Richards	2-2	4.03	51.1
L Martin Perez	3-5	4.50	62.0
R Nick Pivetta	2-0	6.89	15.2

Baltimore Orioles **63½**

2020	25-35	+\$548
2019	54-108	-\$1,847
2018	47-115	-\$5,372
2017	75-87	-\$1,271
2016	89-73	+\$1,611
2015	81-81	-\$352

L John Means	2-4	4.53	43.2
L Keegan Akin	1-2	4.56	25.2
R Dean Kramer	1-1	4.82	18.2
R Jorge Lopez	2-2	6.69	39.0
R Bruce Zimmermann	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		

AL CENTRAL

Chicago White Sox **91½**

2020	35-25	+\$285
2019	72-89	+\$1,049
2018	62-100	-\$1,721
2017	67-95	+\$125
2016	78-84	-\$630
2015	76-86	-\$1,266

R Lucas Giolito	4-3	3.48	72.1
L Dallas Keuchel	6-2	1.99	63.1
R Lance Lynn	6-3	3.32	84.0
R Dylan Cease	5-4	4.01	58.1
L Carlos Rodon	0-2	8.22	7.2

Minnesota Twins **88½**

2020	36-24	+\$301
2019	101-61	+\$1,762
2018	78-84	-\$776
2017	85-77	+\$1,148
2016	59-103	-\$3,129
2015	83-79	+\$2,209

R Kenta Maeda	6-1	2.70	66.2
R Jose Berrios	5-4	4.00	63.0
R Michael Pineda	2-0	3.38	26.2
L J.A. Happ	2-2	3.47	49.1
R Randy Dobnak	6-4	4.05	46.2

Cleveland Indians **81½**

2020	35-25	-\$201
2019	93-69	-\$412
2018	91-71	-\$2,487
2017	102-60	+\$695
2016	94-67	+\$892
2015	81-80	-\$1,320

R Shane Bieber	8-1	1.63	77.1
R Zach Plesac	4-2	2.28	55.1
R Aaron Civale	4-6	4.74	74.0
R Triston McKenzie	2-1	3.24	33.1
R Cal Quantrill	2-0	2.25	32.0

Kansas City Royals **72½**

2020	26-34	+\$26
2019	59-103	-\$2,202
2018	58-104	-\$2,337
2017	80-82	+\$260
2016	81-81	-\$206
2015	95-67	+\$1,944

R Brad Keller	5-3	2.47	54.2
R Brady Singer	4-5	4.06	64.1
L Mike Minor	1-6	5.56	56.2
L Danny Duffy	4-4	4.95	56.1
R Jakob Junis	0-2	6.39	25.1

Detroit Tigers **68½**

2020	23-35	-\$175
2019	47-114	-\$4,116
2018	64-98	-\$1,045
2017	64-98	-\$3,128
2016	86-75	+\$1,087
2015	74-87	-\$1,030

L Matthew Boyd	3-7	6.71	60.1
R Spencer Turnbull	4-4	3.97	56.2
R Casey Mize	0-3	6.99	28.1
R Jose Urena	0-3	5.40	23.1
L Tarik Skubal	1-4	5.63	32.0

AL WEST

Oakland Athletics **87½**

2020	36-24	+\$251
2019	97-65	+1,762
2018	97-65	+\$3,663
2017	75-87	-\$268
2016	69-93	-\$1,544
2015	68-94	-\$2,942

R Frankie Montas	3-5	5.60	53.0
L Jesus Luzardo	3-2	4.12	59.0
R Chris Bassitt	5-2	2.29	63.0
L Sean Manaea	4-3	4.50	54.0
R Mike Fiers	6-3	4.58	59.0

Houston Astros **86½**

2020	29-31	-\$1,238
2019	107-55	+\$54
2018	103-59	-\$181
2017	101-61	+\$1,172
2016	84-78	-\$935
2015	86-76	-\$278

R Zack Greinke	3-3	4.03	67.0
R Lance McCullers	3-3	3.93	55.0
R Jake Odorizzi	0-2	6.59	13.2
R Christian Javier	5-2	3.48	54.1
R Jose Urquidy	1-1	2.73	29.2

Los Angeles Angels **83½**

2020	26-34	-\$995
2019	72-90	-\$1,484
2018	80-82	-\$876
2017	80-82	+\$148
2016	74-88	-\$876
2015	85-77	+\$230

R Dylan Bundy	6-3	3.29	65.2
R Shohei Ohtani	0-1	37.80	1.2
L Andrew Heaney	4-3	4.46	66.2
R Griffin Canning	2-3	3.99	56.1
L Jose Quintana	0-0	4.50	10.0

Seattle Mariners **72½**

2020	27-33	+\$625
2019	68-94	-\$1,601
2018	89-73	+1,017
2017	78-84	-\$1,137
2016	86-76	+\$69
2015	76-86	-\$2,056

L Marco Gonzales	7-2	3.10	69.2
L James Paxton	1-1	6.64	20.1
L Yusei Kikuchi	2-4	5.17	47.0
L Justus Sheffield	4-3	3.58	55.1
R Chris Flexen	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		

Texas Rangers **66½**

2020	22-38	-\$888
2019	78-84	+\$831
2018	67-95	-\$1,082
2017	78-84	-\$127
2016	95-67	+\$2,932
2015	88-74	+\$2,955

R Kyle Gibson	2-6	5.35	67.1
R Kohei Aihara	NO MLB INNINGS IN 2020		
R Mike Foltyniewicz	0-1	16.20	3.1
R Jordan Lyles	1-6	7.02	57.2
R Dane Dunning	2-0	3.97	34.0

On the following page we have selected our favorite season proposition win totals bet for each division:

2021 MLB Season Win Total Opinions

NL EAST

BEST BET: UNDER 91½ – Atlanta Braves: The Braves won 97 games in 2019 and won at a clip that would have produced 94 wins last season. There is a lot of talent in this lineup but there are valid concerns about the starting rotation. Max Fried was a massive overachiever the past two seasons, posting a 4.05 xFIP last season against a 2.25 ERA. 2019 standout Mike Soroka is going to the start the season on the IL while veterans Charlie Morton and Drew Smyly are certainly question marks at this point in their careers. Ian Anderson's rise to quick MLB success last year was a surprise and a second season filled with regression is possible. The Braves will be a good team but the NL East as a whole looks formidable as the case for improvement is there for New York, Washington, and Philadelphia after all three finished below .500 in the division-heavy schedule of the abbreviated 2020 season.

NL CENTRAL

BEST BET: OVER 79½ Wins – Chicago Cubs: The Cubs won 34 games last season and haven't finished below .500 since 2014. Several Chicago hitters never really got going in last season's small sample while the bullpen was a disappointment. Chicago wasn't aggressive in the off-season and won't be better without Yu Darvish leading the rotation but Kyle Hendricks remains and elite front-of-the-rotation starter and adding Jake Arrieta and Zach Davies gives Chicago competent options to fill out the rotation. This projection boils down to bounce-back campaigns from several former All Stars and proven performers while the division as a whole looks like perhaps the weakest in all of baseball. The Pirates have the lowest win total in MLB while Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and St. Louis have win totals in the low to mid-80s as there isn't likely to be a dominant team in this division and the starting pitching across the board isn't as strong as in the NL West or NL East. The Cubs also land interleague games against the AL Central with a couple of those teams featuring weak projections as well.

NL WEST

BEST BET: UNDER 64½ – Colorado Rockies: The starting rotation for the Rockies isn't that different from in 2018 when the team broke through with a 91-win campaign and made the playoffs but given that the Dodgers and Padres are absolutely loaded this season the other West teams are going to pile up losses. The pitching potential for the Giants and Diamondbacks looks stronger than for the Rockies while dealing away superstar Nolan Arenado was a puzzling move that should hurt the team on many levels. Charlie Blackmon and Trevor Story can both still produce but this team is showing all signs of tanking for the future and it won't be a surprise if the NL West lead becomes insurmountable rather early in the season with two top NL contenders leading the way. That could mean any and all moveable assets will be sent out of Denver and this franchise could head to a rock-bottom campaign.

AL EAST

BEST BET: UNDER 80½ – Boston Red Sox: Projected over 162 games Boston would have won just 65 games last season, falling off a cliff from the 108-win 2019 championship season. The rotation features a patchwork often-injured underachievers with Nick Pivetta and Garrett Richards joining the team while Martin Perez and Nathan Eovaldi shouldn't be counted on to repeat the capable performances from last season's small sample given their historical track records. Eduardo Rodriguez didn't pitch at all last season and there is no timetable on Chris Sale's return at this point. The lineup can no longer be feared and in this division with three serious playoff contenders and perhaps a rising Orioles team, Boston could wind up at the bottom. The Red Sox also figure to be sellers at the trade deadline, as even if the team is on pace to be a .500 squad, they aren't likely going to be in playoff contention in this division and a rough final two months seems possible.

AL CENTRAL

BEST BET: OVER 72½ – Kansas City Royals: The White Sox had a breakthrough season last year but may be overrated heading into 2021 as Dallas Keuchel and Lance Lynn will have a hard time repeating last season's great numbers. The back of the rotation for Chicago is still a shaky situation and this still figures to be a competitive division with three teams featuring at least 35 wins in 60 games last season. The Twins and Indians both project to slide downward to some degree in 2021 while Detroit doesn't offer great promise for a big leap forward. That leaves the Royals as a team that can pick up some wins. Last season's 26-34 campaign was a competitive effort and the rotation looks promising with Brad Keller and Brady Singer successful last season and the potential for rebound campaigns for Danny Duffy and Jakob Junis. Kansas City's offense climbed to a league-average level last season and a small step forward could bring the Royals to flirting with a .500 campaign. It seems possible that one of the team's ahead of Kansas City in the projected standings will fall off the pace at some point and Minnesota or Cleveland could emerge as a seller if things don't go as planned. Like the rest of the division, the Royals will draw NL Central teams in interleague action for a boost to the schedule as well.

AL WEST

BEST BET: OVER 83½ – Los Angeles Angels: Given the star power on the Angels this outfit has often been overrated and hasn't won more than 80 games since 2015. This price might be elevated as well but this division is expected to feature two of the AL's worst teams in Seattle and Texas. The Angels get a lot of attention on offense but the starting rotation really could be impressive with Dylan Bundy thriving in Anaheim last season while Andrew Heaney and Griffin Canning both have All Star potential. Jose Quintana is also a low-risk high-reward veteran that could have some success reunited with Joe Maddon. The well traveled and unconventional manager has had only two losing seasons since his second season in Tampa Bay in 2007 and his transition really didn't get a fair chance last season with the delayed season challenges. Houston and Oakland both seem like candidates to slide towards the MLB average to some degree as there appears to be a good opportunity for the Angels in 2021. Los Angeles ownership has also been known to be aggressive if the team is in the mix and with some big contracts and a major shadow being cast across town by the Dodgers, don't be shocked if the Angels go all-in at the deadline should they still be in the postseason race.