

RUSHING LEADERS

As we never tire of mentioning, any time you try comparing players' records from one era to another, you have to consider the number of games played and the type of football being played. We thought you might enjoy looking at the league rushing leaders on a per game basis.

Year	Player, Team	Gms	Season Totals				Per Game Averages			
			Att	Yards	Avg	TD	Att	Yards	Avg	TD
1932	Cliff Battles, Bos	8	148	576	3.9	3	18.5	72.0	3.9	0.4
1933	Jim Musick, Bos	12	173	809	4.7	5	14.4	67.4	4.7	0.4
1934	Beattie Feathers, ChiB	11	119	1,004	8.4	8	10.8	91.3	8.4	0.8
1935	Doug Russell, ChiC	12	140	499	3.6	0	11.7	41.6	3.6	0.0
1936	Tuffy Leemans, NYG	12	206	830	4.0	2	17.2	69.2	4.0	0.2
1937	Cliff Battles, Was	10	216	874	4.0	5	21.6	87.4	4.0	0.5
1938	Whizzer White, Pit	11	152	567	3.7	4	13.8	51.5	3.7	0.4
1939	Bill Osmanski, ChiB	10	121	699	5.8	7	12.1	69.9	5.8	0.7
1940	Whizzer White, Det	11	146	514	3.5	5	13.3	46.7	3.5	0.5
1941	Pug Manders, Bkn	11	111	486	4.4	5	10.1	43.8	4.4	0.5
1942	Bill Dudley, Pit	11	162	696	4.3	5	14.7	63.3	4.3	0.5
1943	Bill Paschal, NYG	9	147	572	3.9	10	16.3	63.6	3.9	1.1
1944	Bill Paschal, NYG	10	196	737	3.8	9	19.6	73.7	3.8	0.9
1945	Steve Van Buren, Phi	10	143	832	5.8	15	14.3	83.2	5.8	1.5
1946	Bill Dudley, Pit	11	146	604	4.1	3	13.2	54.9	4.1	0.3
	Spec Sanders, NY-AAFC	13	140	709	5.1	6	10.8	54.5	5.1	0.5
1947	Steve Van Buren, Phi	12	217	1,008	4.6	13	18.1	84.0	4.6	1.1
	Spec Sanders, NY-AAFC	14	231	1,432	6.2	18	16.5	102.3	6.2	1.3
1948	Steve Van Buren, Phi	11	201	945	4.7	10	18.3	85.9	4.7	0.9
	Marion Motley, CI-AAFC	14	157	964	6.1	5	11.2	68.9	6.1	0.6
1949	Steve Van Buren, Phi	12	263	1,146	4.4	11	21.9	95.5	4.4	0.9
	Joe Perry, SF-AAFC	11	115	783	6.8	8	10.5	71.2	6.8	0.7
1950	Marion Motley, Cle	12	140	810	5.8	3	11.7	67.5	5.8	0.3
1951	Eddie Price, NYG	12	271	971	3.6	7	22.5	80.9	3.8	0.6
1952	Dan Towler, LARm	12	156	894	5.7	10	13.0	57.8	5.7	0.8
1953	Joe Perry, SF	12	192	1,018	5.3	10	16.0	84.8	5.3	0.8
1954	Joe Perry, SF	12	173	1,049	6.1	8	14.4	87.4	6.1	0.7
1955	Alan Ameche, Bal	12	213	961	4.5	9	17.8	80.1	4.5	0.8
1956	Rick Casares, ChiB	12	234	1,126	4.8	12	19.5	93.8	4.8	1.0
1957	Jim Brown, Cle	12	202	942	4.7	9	16.8	78.5	4.7	0.8
1958	Jim Brown, Cle	12	257	1,527	5.9	17	21.4	127.3	5.9	1.4
1959	Jim Brown, Cle	12	290	1,329	4.6	14	24.2	110.8	4.6	1.2
1960	Jim Brown, Cle	12	215	1,257	5.8	9	17.9	104.8	5.8	0.8
	Abner Haynes, DalT-AFL	14	156	875	5.6	9	11.1	62.5	5.6	0.6
1961	Jim Brown, Cle	14	305	1,408	4.6	8	21.8	100.5	4.6	0.6
	Billy Cannon, Hou-AFL	14	200	948	4.7	6	14.3	67.7	4.7	0.4
1962	Jim Taylor, GB	14	272	1,474	5.4	19	19.4	105.3	5.4	1.4
	Cookie Gilchrist, Buf-AFL	14	214	1,096	5.1	13	15.3	78.3	5.1	0.9
1963	Jim Brown, Cle	14	291	1,863	6.4	12	20.8	133.1	6.4	0.9
	Clem Daniels, Oak-AFL	14	215	1,099	5.1	3	15.4	78.5	5.1	0.2
1964	Jim Brown, Cle	14	280	1,446	5.2	7	20.0	103.3	5.2	0.5
	Cookie Gilchrist, Buf-AFL	14	230	981	4.3	6	16.4	70.1	4.3	0.4
1965	Jim Brown, Cle	14	289	1,544	5.3	17	20.6	110.3	5.3	1.2
	Paul Lowe, SD-AFL	14	222	1,121	5.0	7	15.9	80.1	5.0	0.4
1966	Gale Sayers, ChiB	14	229	1,231	5.4	8	16.3	87.9	5.4	0.6
	Jim Nance, Bos-AFL	14	299	1,458	4.9	11	21.3	104.1	4.9	0.8
1967	Leroy Kelly, Cle	14	235	1,205	5.1	11	16.8	86.1	5.1	0.8
	Jim Nance, Bos-AFL	13	269	1,216	4.5	7	19.2	86.8	4.5	0.5
1968	Leroy Kelly, Cle	14	248	1,239	5.0	16	17.7	88.5	4.3	1.1
	Paul Robinson, Cin-AFL	14	238	1,023	4.3	8	17.0	73.1	4.3	0.6
1969	Gale Sayers, ChiB	14	236	1,032	4.4	8	16.9	88.5	4.4	0.6
	Dickie Post, SD-AFL	14	182	873	4.8	6	13.0	62.4	4.8	0.4

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			Att	Yards	Avg	TD	Att	Yards	Avg	TD
1970	Larry Brown, Was-NFC	13	237	1,125	4.7	5	18.2	86.5	4.7	0.4
	Floyd Little, Den-AFC	14	209	901	4.3	3	14.9	64.4	4.3	0.2
1971	Floyd Little, Den-AFC	14	284	1,133	4.0	6	20.3	80.9	4.0	0.4
	John Brockington, GB-NFC	14	216	1,105	5.1	4	15.4	78.9	5.1	0.3
1972	O.J. Simpson, Buf-AFC	14	292	1,251	4.3	6	20.9	89.4	4.3	0.4
	Larry Brown, Was-NFC	12	285	1,216	4.3	8	23.8	101.3	4.3	0.7
1973	O.J. Simpson, Buf-AFC	14	332	2,003	6.0	12	23.7	143.1	6.0	0.9
	John Brockington, GB-NFC	14	265	1,144	4.3	3	18.9	81.7	4.3	0.2
1974	Otis Armstrong, Den-AFC	14	263	1,407	5.3	9	18.8	100.5	5.3	0.6
	Law. McCutcheon, LARm-NFC	14	236	1,109	4.7	3	16.9	79.2	4.7	0.2
1975	O.J. Simpson, Buf-AFC	14	329	1,817	5.5	16	23.5	129.8	5.5	1.1
	Jim Otis, StL-NFC	14	269	1,076	4.0	5	19.2	76.9	4.0	0.4
1976	O.J. Simpson, Buf-AFC	14	290	1,503	5.2	8	20.7	107.4	5.2	0.6
	Walter Payton, ChiB-NFC	14	311	1,390	4.5	13	22.2	99.3	4.5	0.9
1977	Walter Payton, ChiB-NFC	14	339	1,852	5.5	14	24.2	132.3	5.5	1.0
	Mark van Eeghen, Oak-AFC	14	324	1,273	3.9	7	23.1	90.9	3.9	0.5
1978	Earl Campbell, Hou-AFC	15	302	1,450	4.8	13	20.1	96.7	4.8	0.9
	Walter Payton, ChiB-NFC	16	333	1,395	4.2	11	20.8	87.2	4.2	0.7
1979	Earl Campbell, Hou-AFC	16	368	1,697	4.6	19	23.0	106.1	4.6	1.2
	Walter Payton, ChiB-NFC	16	369	1,610	4.4	14	23.1	100.6	4.4	0.9
1980	Earl Campbell, Hou-AFC	15	373	1,934	5.2	13	24.9	128.9	5.2	0.9
	Walter Payton, ChiB-NFC	16	317	1,460	4.6	6	19.8	91.3	4.6	0.4
1981	George Rogers, NO-NFC	16	378	1,674	4.4	13	23.6	104.6	4.4	0.8
	Earl Campbell, Hou-AFC	16	361	1,376	3.8	10	22.6	86.0	3.8	0.6
1982	Freeman McNeil, NYJ-AFC	9	151	786	5.2	6	16.8	87.3	5.2	0.7
	Tony Dorsett, Dal-NFC	9	177	745	4.2	5	19.7	82.8	4.2	0.6
1983	Eric Dickerson, LARm-NFC	16	390	1,808	4.6	18	24.4	113.0	4.6	1.1
	Curt Warner, Sea-AFC	16	335	1,449	4.3	13	20.9	90.6	4.3	0.8
1984	Eric Dickerson, LARm-NFC	16	379	2,105	5.6	14	23.7	131.6	5.6	0.9
	Earnest Jackson, SD-AFC	16	296	1,179	4.0	8	18.5	73.7	4.0	0.5
1985	Marcus Allen, LARd-AFC	16	380	1,759	4.6	11	23.8	109.9	4.6	0.7
	Gerald Riggs, Atl-NFC	16	397	1,719	4.3	10	24.8	107.4	4.3	0.6
1986	Eric Dickerson, LARm-NFC	16	404	1,821	4.5	11	25.3	113.8	4.5	0.7
	Curt Warner, Sea-AFC	16	319	1,481	4.6	13	19.9	92.6	4.6	0.8
1987	Charles White, LARm-NFC	15	324	1,374	4.2	11	21.6	91.6	4.2	0.7
	Eric Dickerson, Ind-AFC	9	223	1,011	4.5	5	24.8	112.3	4.5	0.6
1988	Eric Dickerson, Ind-AFC	16	388	1,659	4.3	14	24.3	103.7	4.3	0.9
	Herschel Walker, Dal-NFC	16	361	1,514	4.2	5	22.6	94.6	4.2	0.3
1989	Christian Okoye, KC-AFC	15	370	1,480	4.0	12	24.7	98.7	4.0	0.8
	Barry Sanders, Det-NFC	15	280	1,470	5.3	14	18.7	98.0	5.3	0.9
1990	Barry Sanders, Det-NFC	16	255	1,304	5.1	13	15.9	81.5	5.1	0.8
	Thurman Thomas, Buf-AFC	16	271	1,297	4.8	11	16.9	81.1	4.8	0.7
1991	Emmitt Smith, Dal-NFC	16	365	1,563	4.3	12	22.8	97.7	4.3	0.8
	Thurman Thomas, Buf-AFC	15	288	1,407	4.9	7	19.2	93.8	4.9	0.5
1992	Emmitt Smith, Dal-NFC	16	373	1,713	4.6	18	23.3	107.1	4.6	1.1
	Barry Foster, Pit-AFC	16	390	1,690	4.3	11	24.4	105.6	4.3	0.7
1993	Emmitt Smith, Dal-NFC	14	283	1,486	5.3	9	20.2	106.1	5.3	0.6
	Thurman Thomas, Buf-AFC	16	355	1,315	3.7	6	22.2	82.2	3.7	0.4
1994	Barry Sanders, Det-NFC	16	331	1,883	5.7	7	20.7	117.7	5.7	0.4
	Chris Warren, Sea-AFC	16	333	1,545	4.6	9	20.8	96.6	4.6	0.6
1995	Emmitt Smith, Dal-NFC	16	377	1,773	4.7	25	23.6	110.8	4.7	1.6
	Curtis Martin, NE-AFC	16	368	1,487	4.0	14	23.0	92.9	4.0	0.9
1996	Barry Sanders, Det-NFC	16	307	1,553	5.1	11	19.2	97.1	5.1	0.7
	Terrell Davis, Den-AFC	16	345	1,538	4.5	13	21.6	96.1	4.5	0.8
1997	Barry Sanders, Det-NFC	16	335	2,053	6.1	11	20.9	128.3	6.1	0.7
	Terrell Davis, Den-AFC	15	369	1,750	4.7	15	24.6	116.7	4.7	1.0
1998	Terrell Davis, Den-AFC	16	392	2,008	5.1	21	24.5	125.5	5.1	1.3
	Jamal Anderson, Atl-NFC	16	410	1,846	4.5	14	25.6	115.4	4.5	0.9