

# Single-Season Dodgers Home Run Leaders: Top 24

The Los Angeles Dodgers have a long and storied history. While some of the first thoughts people have are likely about the pitchers who have donned the team's colors, the hitters have provided a number of powerful seasons along the way. There have been 14 different instances of a Dodgers hitter slugging at least 40 home runs in a season, but nobody has reached the 50-homer plateau yet. Also, the franchise's [single-season home run record](#) has changed hands very few times since 1951. Let's see who's among the Dodgers home run leaders for a single season.

We'll first dive into the details on the top five before listing out the remainder of the top 24.

## Dodgers Home Run Leaders: Top 5

### Shawn Green: 49 Home Runs in 2001

Shawn Green posted three seasons of 40-plus homers during his career, and they all came within a four-year span. His last two 40-homer efforts came for the Dodgers, with this 49-homer output not only being a franchise record but also a career-high mark. The outfielder finished sixth in NL MVP voting while slashing .297/.372/.598 with those 49 bombs, 125 RBI (also a career-high), and 121 runs scored. He added 20 stolen bases to this performance, which was the fourth and final time he did that as a big leaguer.

Like many of these record-breaking seasons, there were a couple of scenarios where Green raked the most. He hit 22 of his 49 dingers between July and August, and 30 of them came as a visiting player. His encore in 2002 was also great, as he slugged another 42 for LA. And, of course, he hit [4 home runs in a game](#) against the [Brewers](#) in May of that season.

### Adrián Beltré: 48 Home Runs in 2004

[Adrián Beltré](#) had 12 different seasons of 20-plus homers during his 21-year MLB career, with five of those going for 30-plus dingers. However, the 48 he hit for Los Angeles as a 25-year-old was a number he never surpassed. In fact, the only time he got close was in 2012 when he finished with 36 home runs.

Leading up to this monstrous 2004 campaign, Beltré had already enjoyed three seasons with at least 20 homers, but his average per year was 16 and he hadn't hit more than 23 in a single season. This will help put his power surge in perspective: from 2002-03, he slugged 44 homers with 155 RBI in 1,243 plate appearances. In 2004, he hit those 48 homers with 121 RBI in just 657 plate appearances. Phew.

Similar to Green, 23 of Beltré's 48 homers came in July and August, but when we look at his first half/second half and home/road splits, they're pretty even. Where he did skew to one side was his platoon splits. The third baseman slashed .347/.390/.672 with 42 homers and 104 RBI against righties. Those numbers dropped to .291/.381/.478, six, and 17, respectively, against lefties. He had 330 more plate appearances against righties than lefties, but still, it's interesting to see the

right-handed hitter perform head-and-shoulders better when the matchup didn't favor him (historically speaking).

### **Cody Bellinger: 47 Home Runs in 2019**

It's hard to start one's career better than [Cody Bellinger](#) did between 2017 and 2019. During that span of time, he accumulated three straight years of 25-plus home runs, 15.3 total fWAR, the 2017 NL Rookie of the Year award, and the 2019 NL MVP award. And, until [Pete Alonso](#) came along, Belli also owned the NL rookie home run record.

The outfielder did a little bit of everything for the Dodgers during his MVP campaign. He won a Silver Slugger for his efforts at the plate, which also included a .305/.406/.629 line, 34 doubles, 115 RBI, 121 runs scored, and 15 stolen bases. Not to be outdone, he also won his first (and for now, only) Gold Glove for his defense.

Bellinger was consistently elite on offense throughout the year. The only time he posted a monthly OPS below .900 in 2019 came in September, and it was still .891. However, what really set him off was what he did in April. In 132 plate appearances, he slashed an insane .431/.508/.890 (!) with 21 extra-base hits (14 homers, six doubles, one triple), 37 RBI, and 32 runs scored, which was all good for a 247 wRC+.

### **Duke Snider: 43 Home Runs in 1956**

As we'll see toward the bottom of this article, [Duke Snider](#) was the premier power threat for the Brooklyn Dodgers, with he and [Gil Hodges](#) forming quite the powerful duo. This 43-homer effort was Snider's fourth (!) straight year of eclipsing 40. He'd do it again the following year to make it five consecutive seasons. What he did in 1956 was his single-season career-high mark, though, because every other 40-homer season he recorded either ended with 40 on the dot (twice) or 42 (twice).

When looking at Snider's season splits, two things jump out, and they both make me shake my head in disbelief. One is that the left-handed hitter racked up just 69 plate appearances against southpaws and hit exactly one homer in that situation. The other is he played just 10 games in April and hit no home runs while slashing .162/.244/.189.

While it wasn't his best month by way of OPS, his best overall performance came in August when he hit .327/.405/.738 with 12 homers, 30 RBI, and 28 runs scored. Those counting stats were all the most he produced in a single month that season.

### **Gary Sheffield: 43 Home Runs in 2000**

[Gary Sheffield](#) spent just three-and-a-half years with the Dodgers, but my goodness did he make that short period of time count at the plate. He posted a cumulative OPS of .998 during his tenure in Los Angeles, which included 129 home runs (his most with any team he played for), and 367 RBI (his second-most with any team). In the three full years he suited up for LA, Sheffield never finished with fewer than 30 homers and 100 RBI.

Obviously, his 2000 performance [was the most powerful of the bunch](#). He slashed .325/.408/.643 with those 43 homers, 109 RBI, and 105 runs scored while getting selected to the All-Star Game and finishing ninth in NL MVP voting. He only appeared in 141 games, so who knows where he would've finished on this list had he played in another 10 or 15.

Sheffield was equally as dominant in the first half (1.093 OPS) as he was in the second half (1.063 OPS), but there were two specific months that were the most incredible. One was April when he slashed .349/.460/.795 with 10 homers and 22 RBI. The other was June when he slashed .384/.472/.798 with 12 homers and 30 RBI.

## Dodgers Home Run Leaders: The Rest

Here's what the rest of the Dodgers' top-24 most powerful seasons in franchise history looks like right now:

- Duke Snider, 1953 and 1955: 42 home runs
- [Gil Hodges](#), 1954: 42
- Shawn Green, 2002: 42
- [Roy Campanella](#), 1953: 41
- [Mike Piazza](#), 1997: 40
- Duke Snider, 1954 and 1957: 40
- [Matt Kemp](#), 2011: 39
- Cody Bellinger, 2017: 39
- Mike Piazza, 1996: 36
- [Max Muncy](#), 2021: 36
- Gary Sheffield, 2001: 36
- [Joc Pederson](#), 2019: 36
- [Babe Herman](#), 1930: 35
- Mike Piazza, 1993: 35
- [Mookie Betts](#), 2022: 35
- Max Muncy, 2019: 35

## The Top 25 Dodgers All-Time Home Run Leaders

The Los Angeles Dodgers have a long and storied history with a multitude of legendary players who have donned their uniform over the years. But similar to the franchise's [single-season home run leaders](#), there hasn't been a whole lot of movement in recent years regarding the Dodgers all time home run leaders list.

We'll first look at each of the Dodger sluggers who have found their way into the top five. After that, we'll see who is lingering within the top 25.

## Dodgers All Time Home Run Leaders: Top 5

**Duke Snider: 389 Home Runs**

[Duke Snider](#) spent 16 of his 18 big-league seasons as a member of the Dodgers (both Brooklyn and Los Angeles), with all but 18 of his career homers coming for the franchise. And, as we can see, his efforts have made him the [Dodgers' all-time home run leader](#). After hitting just five dingers through his first 93 MLB games in 1947 and 1948, Snider found his footing when it came to slugging balls over the fence.

He went on to enjoy 10 different seasons of 20-plus homers, including nine in a row from 1949 to 1957. This streak of power included yet another streak within it, as Snider hit 40-plus in each season from 1953 to 1957. This also included him setting the [franchise's single-season record](#) for center fielders in '56.

The outfielder never won an MVP award, but he sure came close a number of times. The closest calls came between 1953 and 1955 when he finished third, fourth, and third, respectively. This span of time included 2,012 plate appearances, and Snider slashed .329/.420/.634 while averaging 41 home runs, 131 RBI, and 126 runs scored. He actually finished second in MVP voting to teammate [Roy Campanella](#) by only five points, but I bet he didn't care as much after Brooklyn finally won the World Series that year.

### **Gil Hodges: 361 Home Runs**

[Gil Hodges](#) has been a legend for quite a while -- both for his playing days with the Dodgers and also for his time as manager of the New York Mets. Thankfully, we can finally say he's a Hall of Famer because he's deserved it for years despite having to wait so long to officially get the honor.

Hodges registered just one game and three plate appearances in 1943 as a 19-year-old rookie before missing the next two seasons due to military service. It took him a couple of years to get acclimated to life in the big leagues in '47 and '48, but once he did, he was off to the races. Hodges proceeded to rattle off 11 straight seasons with 20-plus homers, and the first seven were accompanied by 100-plus RBI. He added his name to the shortlist of hitters who have slugged [four home runs in a game](#), as well.

When using OPS as the barometer, 1953 and 1954 were Hodges' two best overall offensive seasons (.943 in '53, .952 in '54). Each campaign included a triple slash of at least .300/.370/.550 along with 30-plus homers and 120-plus RBI. That 1953 season was his fourth straight year of 30-plus dingers, and he did the majority of his work over two months. Hodges had three homers through the end of May before hitting a combined 21 homers in June and July.

### **Eric Karros: 270 Home Runs**

It's hard to believe that with all the players who have played and excelled with the Dodgers -- especially in recent years -- that [Eric Karros](#) is the most recent player taking a spot in the top five. This will likely change in due time, but it's still quite crazy to think about.

Of Karros' 14 years in the majors, 12 of them came with the Dodgers. His power peak lasted from his age-27 season to his age-32 campaign. During this six-year stretch, the first baseman

notched at least 30 homers on five different occasions. He had two separate consecutive streaks here, too. The first time he did it was in three straight years between 1995 and 1997 before taking a break in 1998 (he hit 23 that year) and going above 30 again in 1999 and 2000.

Karros hit 34 in a season twice (1996 and 1999), but the second time around was the better overall performance. His .912 OPS (powered by a .304/.362/.550 triple slash) was a career-high mark, as were the 112 RBI and 40 doubles he collected.

## **Roy Campanella: 242 Home Runs**

Roy Campanella was one of those dudes that came in and proved a catcher didn't have to just be a game manager behind the plate. Once he landed with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1948, he spent the last 10 years of his big-league career there, slashing .276/.360/.500. The 1955 World Series champion appeared in 11 All-Star Games and won three MVP awards.

The backstop enjoyed seven seasons of 20-plus homers, with four of those surpassing the 30-homer plateau. Campy was a force at the plate throughout his career, but his 1953 MVP performance was a tier above the rest. His 1.006 OPS was a career-high mark as he slashed .312/.395/.611. He also set new career-high marks in home runs (42), RBI (142, which also led the league), and runs scored (103).

Campanella had 19 homers once the calendar flipped to July, but 12 of his first 19 came during the month of May. Over the final three months, his power production was spread more evenly. He hit seven in July, eight in August, and another seven in September.

## **Ron Cey: 228 Home Runs**

[Ron Cey](#) put together some productive seasons for the Chicago Cubs at the end of his career, but the majority of what he accomplished came during his 12 years in a Dodger uniform. Cey enjoyed 10 seasons with double-digit home runs, and while he surpassed 20 on seven different occasions, he reached 30 just once.

The third baseman hit exactly 30 and drove in a career-high 110 RBI in 1977 for L.A. He appeared in the All-Star Game for his efforts and finished eighth in MVP voting. While he had more plate appearances in the first half (407) than the second half (262), the solid impression Cey made during this season happened prior to the midsummer classic. He hit 18 of his 30 homers before the break while slashing .272/.397/.502, and then came back after the respite to slash just .197/.269/.378.

His month of April is what put him on this trajectory, though. After one month of play, Cey already had nine homers and 29 RBI to go along with a 1.433 OPS.

## **Dodgers All Time Home Run Leaders: The Rest**

Here's what the remainder of the top-25 Dodgers career home run leaders looks like at the moment:

- [Steve Garvey](#): 211 home runs
- [Matt Kemp](#): 203
- [Carl Furillo](#): 192
- [Mike Piazza](#): 177
- [Pedro Guerrero](#): 171
- [Raul Mondesi](#): 163
- [Andre Ethier](#): 162
- [Shawn Green](#): 162
- [Justin Turner](#): 156
- [Willie Davis](#): 154
- [Cody Bellinger](#): 152
- [Adrian Beltre](#): 147
- [Dusty Baker](#): 144
- [Max Muncy](#): 139 (...and counting)
- [Dolph Camilli](#): 139
- [Jackie Robinson](#): 137
- [Mike Marshall](#): 137
- [Zack Wheat](#): 131
- [Joc Pederson](#): 130
- [Gary Sheffield](#): 129