

Single-Season Brewers Home Run Leaders: Top 26

There's some interesting symmetry going on when taking a peek at who is among the Brewers home run leaders for a single season. Since the organization's first season in 1969, they've watched nine 40-homer seasons happen. Within that, there have been three separate seasons of 41 homers and another three seasons of 45 home runs.

Also, the very top of the leaderboard is occupied by just three dudes. Let's get into it.

Brewers Home Run Leaders: Top 5

Prince Fielder: 50 Home Runs in 2007

Prince Fielder's 50-homer campaign was the start of a special run for him in a career that was cut way too short. This was the first of six straight years where he slugged at least 30 dingers, which he accomplished between his time with the Brewers and the Detroit Tigers. He won his first Silver Slugger award and was selected to his first All-Star Game in 2007, and this was also the first of two times he'd finish third in NL MVP voting.

Miller Park (sorry, that's what it's still to me in my heart) has typically been a haven for left-handed hitters. Fielder certainly took advantage of that, but it wasn't overly lopsided. The first baseman posted a 1.088 OPS with 27 homers at home, along with a .942 OPS and 23 dingers on the road. He enjoyed three months with an OPS above 1.000, but May and September were a little better than the rest. In May, Fielder slashed .321/.397/.655 with 13 homers and 28 RBI, and he eventually followed that with a .333/.478/.733 line with 11 homers and 22 RBI to finish out the year in September.

It's also worth noting that this was one of the seasons where Fielder collected an inside the park home run and currently ranks third on the Brewers' all-time home run list.

Prince Fielder: 46 Home Runs in 2009

After a "ho-hum" year in 2008, where he slugged 34 homers with 102 RBI (I'm kidding, obviously), Fielder came back in 2009 with the final 40-homer season of his career while challenging his own franchise single-season home run record. Although he didn't lead the league in dingers, his 141 RBI did as he posted his best single-season OPS (1.014) and finished fourth in MVP voting.

In this case, though, his power numbers were nearly identical at home and on the road. In Milwaukee, Fielder slugged 23 home runs with 70 RBI, and as a visiting player, he also slugged 23 home runs but accompanied it with 71 RBI. It was also unlikely that many expected him to finish with 40-plus homers after the month of April that Fielder experienced. Once the calendar turned to May, he had just three homers with a .825 OPS in 22 games. It helps when August and September included 21 total homers, though (11 in August, 10 in September).

Gorman Thomas: 45 Home Runs in 1979

As we'll see below, Gorman Thomas held on to the Brewers' single-season home run record for quite a while despite a few close calls. You should also take a second to Google him because he had an excellent mustache that just signified baseball in the 1970s if you ask me. He played parts of five seasons with Milwaukee before his record-setting year in 1979, and the foreshadowing was the year prior. In 1978, Thomas accumulated more than 280 plate appearances for the first time in his career and it led to 32 home runs, which was his first of five 30-homer campaigns.

He technically had more homers in the first half than the second half, but Thomas definitely upped his power following the All-Star break. Prior to the midsummer classic, he slugged 23 homers with a .510 slugging percentage in 384 plate appearances. He received 100 fewer trips to the plate following the All-Star Game, but his slugging percentage went up to .577 and he collected another 22 homers. His final two months were nearly identical, too.

Thomas slashed .278/.378/.673 with 12 homers and 32 RBI in August, followed by a .280/.385/.624 line, nine home runs, and 21 RBI in September.

Richie Sexson: 45 Home Runs in 2003

I don't know why, but I always forget how great of a power hitter Richie Sexson was during his MLB career. He spent 12 years in the big leagues and had six different 30-homer efforts. He surpassed the 40-homer plateau just twice, and we'll be talking about both here.

He earned his second and final trip to the All-Star Game in 2003 and also finished 12th in NL MVP voting. That was one of just two times he finished in the top-15. Those 45 homers obviously tied the Brewers' single-season record and it was a career-high mark for him, and his 124 RBI nearly matched what he did in 2001.

There really wasn't one area where Sexson busted out to make this performance possible — he was consistent in many aspects. He hit 25 homers before the All-Star break and another 20 afterward. The slugger also hit 23 homers at home and 22 on the road. He didn't hit more than nine dingers in a single month, but he started with that number in April and reached that number again in September. In between, Sexson hit seven homers on three different occasions, with June being the only month he didn't (he hit six).

Richie Sexson: 45 Home Runs in 2001

Sexson joined the Brewers midway through the 2000 season and posted a .559 slugging percentage with 14 home runs in 257 plate appearances. Turns out it was just foreshadowing for the following year. He slashed .271/.342/.547 with those 45 homers and 125 RBI, both of which are single-season career-high marks. Unlike 2003, Sexson's 2001 performance was a little more lopsided in some instances.

He posted a .923 OPS with 28 homers at home, while his OPS dropped to .857 with 18 homers on the road. It's crazy to think he didn't appear in the All-Star Game, but it's because his first half wasn't the best part of his season. He went into the midsummer respite with a .792 OPS and 18 home runs through 348 plate appearances. Over his final 319 trips to the plate, his OPS jumped up to .995 while hitting 27 home runs. He finished with a flourish, too — in September, Sexson hit 12 homers (his only double-digit month) and collected 32 RBI while slashing .324/.397/.694.

Brewers Home Run Leaders: The Rest

Here's what the rest of the top-26 most powerful seasons in Brewers history looks like at the moment:

- Christian Yelich, 2019: 44 home runs
- Ryan Braun, 2012: 41
- Ben Oglivie, 1980: 41
- Chris Carter, 2016: 41
- Gorman Thomas, 1982: 39
- Prince Fielder, 2011: 38
- Jeromy Burnitz, 1998: 38
- Gorman Thomas, 1980: 38
- Ryan Braun, 2008: 37
- Christian Yelich, 2018: 36
- George Scott, 1975: 36

- Rowdy Tellez, 2022: 35
- Bill Hall, 2006: 35
- Jesus Aguilar, 2018: 35
- Mike Moustakas, 2019: 35
- Larry Hisle, 1978: 34
- Geoff Jenkins, 2000: 34
- John Jaha, 1996: 34
- Ben Oglivie, 1982: 34
- Jeromy Burnitz, 2001: 34
- Prince Fielder, 2008: 34

Brewers All-Time Home Run Leaders: Top 23

When it comes to Brewers all-time home run leaders, a few names immediately come to mind. Their mark had already been made on the franchise single-season leaderboard but doesn't stop there. They show up below in the top five, as well.

Let's get into some of the details for Brewers home run loyalty, shall we? We'll first talk about the very top of the leaderboard before listing out the remainder of the top 23.

Brewers All Time Home Run Leaders: Top 5

Ryan Braun: 352 Home Runs

We already knew that [Ryan Braun](#) is the Brewers' [all-time home run leader](#). But what escaped me at the time was how comfortable his lead currently is. Being in first place by just a shade over 100 home runs will keep him safely on top for a while.

Braun debuted for the Brewers in 2007 and immediately hit the ground running. He took home NL Rookie of the Year honors thanks to a 34-homer, 97-RBI campaign. That performance included a .324/.370/.634 line and a 24th-place finish in NL MVP voting. The majority of his power production came between 2007 and 2012. The outfielder never hit fewer than 25 homers in a season, and he racked up five years of 30-plus.

He also won the 2011 NL MVP and enjoyed consecutive 30-30 performances in 2011 and 2012. Then, of course, Braun got dinged for performance-enhancing drugs. That led to him playing in just 61 games during 2013. He did enjoy four more seasons of 20-plus homers but never hit more than 30 again (which happened in 2016).

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Robin Yount: 251 Home Runs

[Robin Yount](#) accomplished plenty during his Hall of Fame career. He racked up two MVPs, three All-Star appearances, a Gold Glove, three Silver Sluggers, and 3,142 hits. Slugging 251 home runs while playing 20 years in the big leagues is a clear indicator that it wasn't a huge part of his game. It's not that he couldn't take pitchers deep -- he did have four 20-plus homer seasons. However, Yount's career .430 slugging percentage was buoyed by 583 doubles and 126 triples.

The best overall season of his career came in 1982. Yount won the MVP award, his only Gold Glove, and one of those three Silver Sluggers. He slashed a healthy .331/.379/.578 with career-high marks in home runs (29) and RBI (114). The right-handed hitter also led the league with 210 hits.

It's safe to assume not many thought he'd hit that many homers when the calendar flipped to June. Through his first 39 games in April and May, Yount hit just four homers. He went on to hit 15 in June and July. He then finished strong with another 10 over the season's final two months.

Prince Fielder: 230 Home Runs

[Prince Fielder](#) posted six seasons of 30-plus homers over his 12-year MLB career. Two of them went for 40-plus, landing him among the Brewers' top five when looking at the franchise's single-season home run leaders. His 2007 campaign stands above the rest, as [he hit the century mark on the button](#). Surprisingly enough, he's also an [inside-the-park home run](#) aficionado.

When using OPS as the barometer, Fielder's third-best season with Milwaukee was his last one before hitting free agency. In 2011, he won a Silver Slugger while posting a .981 OPS with 38 homers and 120 RBI. His .415 on-base percentage was the third straight year he eclipsed .400 (he did it again in 2012).

Fielder's two best months in this campaign were June and September. His .337/.491/.747 line with 10 homers and 27 RBI in June were the best of any month. He then finished strong with a similar line (.330/.459/.705) and power numbers (nine homers, 18 RBI) in September. He ended up placing third in MVP voting behind his teammate, Braun, and [Matt Kemp](#).

Geoff Jenkins: 212 Home Runs

[Geoff Jenkins](#) spent the first 10 years of his big-league career with the Brewers. He wasn't ready to hang it up following the 2007 season, so he spent one year in Philadelphia with the Phillies to finish things off. Jenkins produced 20-plus homers in seven of the 10 seasons he suited up for Milwaukee. His best two-year span came in 1999 and 2000, which were his second and third seasons in the majors.

The latter season included the lone 30-plus homer campaign of his career (he hit 34 dingers). This two-year span is important to point out because it was the only time he produced a .900 OPS in consecutive seasons. He averaged 28 homers, 40 doubles, 88 RBI, and 85 runs scored while slashing .308/.365/.577 during this time.

The one time he made an All-Star Game? That'd be 2003, the only other season he finished with a .900-plus OPS (it was .913). Jenkins had slugged 20 homers with 68 RBI prior to the midsummer respite. He slashed .342/.427/.591 after the break but appeared in just 39 games.

Gorman Thomas: 208 Home Runs

[Gorman Thomas](#) is the guy who held the Brewers' single-season home run record for nearly three decades. He held that post until Fielder passed him twice in the span of three seasons. It was a good run regardless, though.

Between 1979 and 1982, Thomas racked up three seasons of 30-plus homers and 100-plus RBI. On two occasions, he led the league in homers (45 in 1979 and 39 in 1982). Those instances were accompanied by top-10 finishes in MVP voting (seventh in '79, eighth in '82). He accomplished that despite failing to post an OPS above .895.

It certainly feels like Thomas' style on offense would've fit a little better in the more recent version of baseball. He slugged plenty of homers and got on base a decent amount, but he slashed just .225/.324/.448 during his 13-year career. He also appeared in the playoffs in consecutive years for Milwaukee in '81 and '82. Thomas compiled 65 postseason plate appearances, and it wasn't pretty. The outfielder slashed .102/.169/.203 with two homers and seven RBI in October.

Brewers All Time Home Run Leaders: The Rest

Here's what the rest of the top-23 Brewers all-time home run leaders looks like at the moment:

- [Cecil Cooper](#): 201 home runs
- [Ben Oglivie](#): 176
- [Greg Vaughn](#): 169
- [Jeromy Burnitz](#): 165
- [Paul Molitor](#): 160
- [Corey Hart](#): 154
- [Rickie Weeks Jr.](#): 148
- [Rob Deer](#): 137
- [Don Money](#): 134
- [Richie Sexson](#): 133
- [George Scott](#): 115
- [Christian Yelich](#): 115 (...and counting)
- [Dave Nilsson](#): 105
- [John Jaha](#): 105
- [Sixto Lezcano](#): 102
- [Bill Hall](#): 102
- [Jose Valentin](#): 90
- [Carlos Gomez](#): 87