The **2016 Formula One season** was the 70th season of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile ([FIA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/F%C3%A9d%C3%A9ration_Internationale_de_l%27Automobile))'s [Formula One](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Formula_One) motor racing. It featured the 67th [Formula One](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Formula_One) World Championship, a motor racing championship for Formula One cars which is recognised by the sport's governing body, the FIA, as the highest class of competition for open-wheel racing cars. Teams and drivers took part in twenty-one [Grands Prix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Formula_One_Grands_Prix)—making for the longest season in the sport's history—starting in [Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_Grand_Prix) on 20 March and finishing in [Abu Dhabi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Dhabi_Grand_Prix) on 27 November as they competed for the [World Drivers'](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Formula_One_World_Drivers%27_Champions) and [World Constructors'](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Formula_One_World_Constructors%27_Champions) championships.

The 2016 season saw the grid expand to twenty-two cars with the addition of the [Haas F1 Team](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haas_F1_Team) entry. [Renault](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renault_in_Formula_One) returned to the sport as a constructor after a four-year absence following their takeover of [Lotus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lotus_F1) prior to the start of the season. The calendar has similarly expanded, with the return of the [German Grand Prix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Grand_Prix). The [European Grand Prix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Grand_Prix) was also revived, with the event visiting a new circuit in [Azerbaijan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Azerbaijan)'s capital city, [Baku](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baku).

[Nico Rosberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nico_Rosberg) won his only World Drivers' Championship title in the [final race](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_Abu_Dhabi_Grand_Prix) of the season. With nine wins and seven podiums, Rosberg beat teammate and defending World Champion [Lewis Hamilton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_Hamilton) by five points. In doing so, Rosberg followed the success of [his father](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keke_Rosberg) in [1982](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1982_Formula_One_season) and became the second son of a champion to become champion himself, a feat previously achieved by [Graham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graham_Hill) and [Damon Hill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Damon_Hill). This would later prove to be Rosberg's last season, as he announced his retirement from the sport shortly after winning the title.

In the World Constructors' Championship, [Mercedes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercedes-Benz_in_Formula_One) successfully defended their title for the second consecutive year, beating [Red Bull Racing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Bull_Racing) by two hundred and ninety-seven points. [Ferrari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scuderia_Ferrari) finished third overall, a further seventy points behind.

# 2016 DRIVER STANDINGS

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| POS | DRIVER | NATIONALITY | CAR | | PTS |
| 1 | [Nico Rosberg](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/NICROS01/nico-rosberg.html) | GER | [MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mercedes.html) | Mercedes car | 385 |
| 2 | [Lewis Hamilton](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/LEWHAM01/lewis-hamilton.html) | GBR | [MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mercedes.html) | Mercedes car | 380 |
| 3 | [Daniel Ricciardo](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/DANRIC01/daniel-ricciardo.html) | AUS | [RED BULL RACING TAG HEUER](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/red_bull_racing_tag_heuer.html) | Red Bull Racing car | 256 |
| 4 | [Sebastian Vettel](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/SEBVET01/sebastian-vettel.html) | GER | [FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/ferrari.html) | Ferrari car | 212 |
| 5 | [Max Verstappen](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/MAXVER01/max-verstappen.html) | NED | [RED BULL RACING TAG HEUER](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/red_bull_racing_tag_heuer.html) | Red Bull Racing car | 204 |
| 6 | [Kimi Räikkönen](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/KIMRAI01/kimi-raikkonen.html) | FIN | [FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/ferrari.html) | Ferrari car | 186 |
| 7 | [Sergio Perez](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/SERPER01/sergio-perez.html) | MEX | [FORCE INDIA MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/force_india_mercedes.html) | Force India car | 101 |
| 8 | [Valtteri Bottas](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/VALBOT01/valtteri-bottas.html) | FIN | [WILLIAMS MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/williams_mercedes.html) | Williams car | 85 |
| 9 | [Nico Hulkenberg](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/NICHUL01/nico-hulkenberg.html) | GER | [FORCE INDIA MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/force_india_mercedes.html) | Force India car | 72 |
| 10 | [Fernando Alonso](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/FERALO01/fernando-alonso.html) | ESP | [MCLAREN HONDA](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mclaren_honda.html) | McLaren car | 54 |
| 11 | [Felipe Massa](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/FELMAS01/felipe-massa.html) | BRA | [WILLIAMS MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/williams_mercedes.html) |  | 53 |
| 12 | [Carlos Sainz](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/CARSAI01/carlos-sainz.html) | ESP | [TORO ROSSO FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/toro_rosso_ferrari.html) |  | 46 |
| 13 | [Romain Grosjean](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/ROMGRO01/romain-grosjean.html) | FRA | [HAAS FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/haas_ferrari.html) |  | 29 |
| 14 | [Daniil Kvyat](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/DANKVY01/daniil-kvyat.html) | RUS | [TORO ROSSO FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/toro_rosso_ferrari.html) |  | 25 |
| 15 | [Jenson Button](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/JENBUT01/jenson-button.html) | GBR | [MCLAREN HONDA](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mclaren_honda.html) |  | 21 |
| 16 | [Kevin Magnussen](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/KEVMAG01/kevin-magnussen.html) | DEN | [RENAULT](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/renault.html) |  | 7 |
| 17 | [Felipe Nasr](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/FELNAS01/felipe-nasr.html) | BRA | [SAUBER FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/sauber_ferrari.html) |  | 2 |
| 18 | [Jolyon Palmer](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/JOLPAL02/jolyon-palmer.html) | GBR | [RENAULT](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/renault.html) |  | 1 |
| 19 | [Pascal Wehrlein](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/PASWEH01/pascal-wehrlein.html) | GER | [MRT MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mrt_mercedes.html) |  | 1 |
| 20 | [Stoffel Vandoorne](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/STOVAN01/stoffel-vandoorne.html) | BEL | [MCLAREN HONDA](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mclaren_honda.html) |  | 1 |
| 21 | [Esteban Gutierrez](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/ESTGUT01/esteban-gutierrez.html) | MEX | [HAAS FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/haas_ferrari.html) |  | 0 |
| 22 | [Marcus Ericsson](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/MARERI01/marcus-ericsson.html) | SWE | [SAUBER FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/sauber_ferrari.html) |  | 0 |
| 23 | [Esteban Ocon](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/ESTOCO01/esteban-ocon.html) | FRA | [MRT MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mrt_mercedes.html) |  | 0 |
| 24 | [Rio Haryanto](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/drivers/RIOHAR01/rio-haryanto.html) | INA | [MRT MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mrt_mercedes.html) |  | 0 |

# 2016 CONSTRUCTOR STANDINGS

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| POS | TEAM | PTS |
| 1 | [MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mercedes.html) | 765 |
| 2 | [RED BULL RACING TAG HEUER](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/red_bull_racing_tag_heuer.html) | 468 |
| 3 | [FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/ferrari.html) | 398 |
| 4 | [FORCE INDIA MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/force_india_mercedes.html) | 173 |
| 5 | [WILLIAMS MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/williams_mercedes.html) | 138 |
| 6 | [MCLAREN HONDA](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mclaren_honda.html) | 76 |
| 7 | [TORO ROSSO FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/toro_rosso_ferrari.html) | 63 |
| 8 | [HAAS FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/haas_ferrari.html) | 29 |
| 9 | [RENAULT](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/renault.html) | 8 |
| 10 | [SAUBER FERRARI](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/sauber_ferrari.html) | 2 |
| 11 | [MRT MERCEDES](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/team/mrt_mercedes.html) | 1 |

# 2016 DHL FASTEST LAP AWARD

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| GRAND PRIX | DRIVER | CAR | TIME |
| Australia | Daniel Ricciardo | RED BULL RACING TAG HEUER | 1:28.997 |
| Bahrain | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 1:34.482 |
| China | Nico Hulkenberg | FORCE INDIA MERCEDES | 1:39.824 |
| Russia | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 1:39.094 |
| Spain | Daniil Kvyat | TORO ROSSO FERRARI | 1:26.948 |
| Monaco | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 1:17.939 |
| Canada | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 1:15.599 |
| Europe | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 1:46.485 |
| Austria | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 1:08.411 |
| Great Britain | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 1:35.548 |
| Hungary | Kimi Räikkönen | FERRARI | 1:23.086 |
| Germany | Daniel Ricciardo | RED BULL RACING TAG HEUER | 1:18.442 |
| Belgium | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 1:51.583 |
| Italy | Fernando Alonso | MCLAREN HONDA | 1:25.340 |
| Singapore | Daniel Ricciardo | RED BULL RACING TAG HEUER | 1:47.187 |
| Malaysia | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 1:36.424 |
| Japan | Sebastian Vettel | FERRARI | 1:35.118 |
| United States | Sebastian Vettel | FERRARI | 1:39.877 |
| Mexico | Daniel Ricciardo | RED BULL RACING TAG HEUER | 1:21.134 |
| Brazil | Max Verstappen | RED BULL RACING TAG HEUER | 1:25.305 |
| Abu Dhabi | Sebastian Vettel | FERRARI | 1:43.729 |

# 2016 RACE RESULTS

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| GRAND PRIX | DATE | WINNER | CAR | LAPS | TIME |
| [Australia](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/938/australia/race-result.html) | 20 Mar 2016 | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 57 | 1:48:15.565 |
| [Bahrain](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/939/bahrain/race-result.html) | 03 Apr 2016 | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 57 | 1:33:34.696 |
| [China](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/940/china/race-result.html) | 17 Apr 2016 | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 56 | 1:38:53.891 |
| [Russia](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/941/russia/race-result.html) | 01 May 2016 | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 53 | 1:32:41.997 |
| [Spain](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/942/spain/race-result.html) | 15 May 2016 | Max Verstappen | RED BULL RACING TAG HEUER | 66 | 1:41:40.017 |
| [Monaco](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/943/monaco/race-result.html) | 29 May 2016 | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 78 | 1:59:29.133 |
| [Canada](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/944/canada/race-result.html) | 12 Jun 2016 | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 70 | 1:31:05.296 |
| [Europe](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/958/europe/race-result.html) | 19 Jun 2016 | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 51 | 1:32:52.366 |
| [Austria](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/945/austria/race-result.html) | 03 Jul 2016 | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 71 | 1:27:38.107 |
| [Great Britain](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/946/great-britain/race-result.html) | 10 Jul 2016 | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 52 | 1:34:55.831 |
| [Hungary](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/947/hungary/race-result.html) | 24 Jul 2016 | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 70 | 1:40:30.115 |
| [Germany](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/948/germany/race-result.html) | 31 Jul 2016 | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 67 | 1:30:44.200 |
| [Belgium](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/949/belgium/race-result.html) | 28 Aug 2016 | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 44 | 1:44:51.058 |
| [Italy](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/950/italy/race-result.html) | 04 Sep 2016 | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 53 | 1:17:28.089 |
| [Singapore](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/951/singapore/race-result.html) | 18 Sep 2016 | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 61 | 1:55:48.950 |
| [Malaysia](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/952/malaysia/race-result.html) | 02 Oct 2016 | Daniel Ricciardo | RED BULL RACING TAG HEUER | 56 | 1:37:12.776 |
| [Japan](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/953/japan/race-result.html) | 09 Oct 2016 | Nico Rosberg | MERCEDES | 53 | 1:26:43.333 |
| [United States](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/954/united-states/race-result.html) | 23 Oct 2016 | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 56 | 1:38:12.618 |
| [Mexico](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/955/mexico/race-result.html) | 30 Oct 2016 | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 71 | 1:40:31.402 |
| [Brazil](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/956/brazil/race-result.html) | 13 Nov 2016 | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 71 | 3:01:01.335 |
| [Abu Dhabi](https://www.formula1.com/en/results.html/2016/races/957/abu-dhabi/race-result.html) | 27 Nov 2016 | Lewis Hamilton | MERCEDES | 55 | 1:38:04.013 |