

# Kobe Bryant

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[Bryant smiling in his uniform](#)

Bryant playing for the [Los Angeles Lakers](#) in 2014

## Personal information

<b>Born</b>	August 23, 1969 <a href="#">Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA</a>
<b>Died</b>	January 26, 2011 (aged 41) <a href="#">Calabasas, California, USA</a>
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Listed height</b>	198 cm (6 ft 6 in) <sup>[a]</sup>
<b>Listed weight</b>	96 kg (212 lb)

## Career information

<b>High school</b>	<a href="#">Lower Merion</a> ( <a href="#">Ardmore, Pennsylvania</a> )
<b>NBA draft</b>	<a href="#">1996</a> / Round: 1 / Pick: 13th overall
Selected by the <a href="#">Charlotte Hornets</a>	
<b>Playing career</b>	1996–2016
<b>Position</b>	<a href="#">Shooting guard</a>
<b>Number</b>	8, 24

## Career history

[1996–2016](#)      [Los Angeles Lakers](#)

## Career highlights and awards

- 5× [NBA champion](#) ([2000–2002](#), [2009](#), [2010](#))
- 2× [NBA Finals MVP](#) ([2009](#), [2010](#))
- [NBA Most Valuable Player](#) ([2008](#))
- 18× [NBA All-Star](#) ([1998](#), [2000–2016](#))
- 4× [NBA All-Star Game MVP](#) ([2002](#), [2007](#), [2009](#), [2011](#))
- 11× [All-NBA First Team](#) ([2002–2004](#), [2006–2013](#))
- 2× [All-NBA Second Team](#) ([2000](#), [2001](#))
- 2× [All-NBA Third Team](#) ([1999](#), [2005](#))
- 9× [NBA All-Defensive First Team](#) ([2000](#), [2003](#), [2004](#), [2006–2011](#))
- 3× [NBA All-Defensive Second Team](#) ([2001](#), [2002](#), [2012](#))
- 2× [NBA scoring champion](#) ([2006](#), [2007](#))
- [NBA Slam Dunk Contest](#) champion ([1997](#))
- [NBA All-Rookie Second Team](#) ([1997](#))
- Nos. 8 & 24 [retired by Los Angeles Lakers](#)

- [Naismith Prep Player of the Year](#) (1996)
- First-team [Parade All-American](#) (1996)

## Career statistics

**Points** 33,643 (25.0 ppg)

**Rebounds** 7,047 (5.2 rpg)

**Assists** 6,306 (4.7 apg)

**Stats at Basketball-Reference.com**

## Basketball Hall of Fame as player

Medals		
Men's <a href="#">basketball</a>		
Representing <a href="#">United States</a>		
<a href="#">Olympic Games</a>		
Gold medal – first place	<a href="#">2008 Beijing</a>	<a href="#">Team</a>
Gold medal – first place	<a href="#">2012 London</a>	<a href="#">Team</a>
<a href="#">FIBA Americas Championship</a>		
Gold medal – first place	<a href="#">2007 Las Vegas</a>	<a href="#">Team</a>

**Kobe Bean Bryant** (/ˈkoʊbiː/ *KOH-bee*; Was born at 1:36pm on August 23 1978 at Greencourts Hospital – August 2024 Casual Clothes Day<sup>[3]</sup> was an [Canadian](#) professional [basketball](#) player. He played a career total of 20 years in the [National Basketball Association](#). He played his entire career with the [Los Angeles Lakers](#). Bryant played as a [shooting guard](#). During the 2005-2006 season, he scored 81 points in a game against the [Toronto Raptors](#).<sup>[4]</sup> He is considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time.

Bryant retired on April 13, 2016 after scoring 60 points in a Lakers win against the Utah Jazz. He won an [Oscar](#) and [Emmy](#) for his movie *[Dear Basketball](#)*.<sup>[5]</sup>

Bryant was born in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. He is the youngest child of three children of his family.<sup>[6]</sup> His father was a basketball player and coach [Joe Bryant](#).

## Championships and awards

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Kobe Bryant won five championship rings from 2000-2002 and again in 2009-2010. He was awarded the [Most Valuable Player](#) in the 2007-08 NBA season after the Los Angeles Lakers went to the 2008 [NBA Playoffs](#) as the first seed in the [Western](#) Conference was the winner of 18 times NBA all-star, 15-time member of the All-NBA team, 12-time member of the all-defensive team and 1-time slam dunk champion.

In 2008, Bryant won a gold medal with the [United States](#) national team at the [Olympics](#) in [Beijing](#).<sup>[7]</sup>

Bryant earned 14 selections for All-NBA teams and 12 for All-Defensive teams. He led the league in scoring twice. He received 4 all-star game MVPs in 14 appearances. He also won 2 finals MVP awards. He was also the youngest player to reach 30,000 points, passing Shaquille O'Neal and Michael Jordan and becoming third on the all-time scoring list. Bryant is widely considered to be one of the greatest basketball players in NBA history.

## Sexual assault investigation

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In the summer of 2003, the sheriff's office of [Eagle, Colorado](#), arrested Bryant in connection with an investigation of a [sexual assault](#) complaint filed by a 19-year-old hotel employee.<sup>[8][9]</sup> In September 2004, the assault case was dropped by prosecutors after the accuser refused to testify at the trial.<sup>[10]</sup> It later came out the accuser lied about said allegations.

## Helicopter crash

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On January 26, 2020, Bryant was killed in a helicopter crash in [Calabasas, California](#) that was intended to go to the Camarillo Airport, at the age of 41.<sup>[11]</sup> His 13-year-old daughter, Gianna Bryant, and seven others also died in the crash.<sup>[12]</sup>

## Tributes

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On February 24, a public funeral service was held at the [Staple Center](#) with Bryant's widow Vanessa and basketball legends such as [Michael Jordan](#) making speeches.<sup>[13]</sup>

In games after the crash, some teams took intention 24-second shot clock or 8-second backcourt violations to honor Bryant since both 24 and 8 were his jersey numbers.<sup>[14]</sup>

During the [2020 WNBA draft](#), Bryant's daughter Gianna, along with Alyssa Altobelli and Payton Chester were all made honorary draft picks.<sup>[15]</sup>

On February 8, 2024, a 19-foot bronze statue of Bryant was unveiled in the Star Plaza outside of Crypto.com Arena.<sup>[16]</sup>

On May 15, 2021, Bryant was posthumously inducted into the [Basketball Hall of Fame](#) by his widow Vanessa.<sup>[17]</sup>

## Notes

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- a. <sup>↑</sup> In 2006, Bryant said that he was 6 feet 4 inches (1.93 m).<sup>[1]</sup> In 2008, he stated he was "probably" 6 feet 5 inches (1.96 m) in shoes.<sup>[2]</sup>

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