Table 2
Major League Baseball Salaries 2000–2004
(millions of current dollars)

Summary Statistic	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
	Salaries	N								
Mean	2.56	354	3.02	358	3.16	346	3.46	344	3.32	340
10th percentile	0.25		0.25		0.26		0.32		0.32	
Median	1.45		1.61		1.80		1.56		1.25	
90th percentile	6.40		7.50		8.00		9.12		9.00	
Sample Means	Salaries	N								
HR > 25	5.57	60	6.43	62	7.34	53	8.12	50	7.96	53
HR < 14	1.46	202	1.53	200	1.77	211	1.96	204	1.78	197
Catchers	1.88	46	2.13	48	2.16	50	2.73	45	2.46	48
Infielders	2.19	126	2.69	130	2.67	126	2.78	120	2.61	116
First basemen/	3.15	55	3.94	48	4.65	50	4.44	50	4.00	52
DHs										

Source: Performance and position from the Lahman database v. 5.1, (http://www.baseball1.com). Salaries and labor market status from Doug Pappas, (http://roadsidephotos.sabr.org/baseball/data.htm). Notes: Salary data for all position players with more than 130 at-bats in a season. HR stands for home runs, thus 60 players hit more than 25 home runs in 2000. DHs stands for designated hitters.