

List of England Test cricket records

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Test cricket is the oldest form of cricket played at international level.^[1] A Test match is scheduled to take place over a period of five days,^{[a][b]} and is played by teams representing full member nations of the International Cricket Council (ICC).^{[5][6]} England was a founding member of the ICC, having played the first Test match against Australia in March 1877 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.^[7] They have played a total of 1,010 matches, the most by any Test playing team.^[8] As of February 2019, England is the third most successful team in Test cricket with an overall winning percentage of 36.13, behind Australia on 47.07 and South Africa on 38.05.^[8]

Opening batsman and former captain Alastair Cook holds several England Test cricket records. Playing between 2006 and 2018, he scored 12,472 runs, making him the only England player to score 10,000 Test runs.^[9] He scored a record 57 half-centuries and 33 centuries.^{[10][11]} As a slip fielder, Cook has also taken the most catches for England with 175^[12] and holds the England record for the most catches taken in Test series with 13.^[13] Captaining his side from 2010 until he stood down in 2016, Cook holds the record for the most matches played as English skipper with 59, the Test record for the most consecutive matches played with 159 and the record for the most matches played for England with 161.^{[14][15][16]}

The most prolific Test wicket-taker for England is James Anderson.^[17] Making his debut in 2003, he has taken a total of 575 wickets throughout his 148-match career, as of February 2019 – the most by a fast bowler in Test cricket.^[18] He has also achieved 27 five-wicket hauls in an innings, equal best with Ian Botham.^[19] The record for the most ten-wicket hauls for England is held by Sydney Barnes with seven, who also holds the Test cricket record for the most wickets taken in a series with 49 during the English tour of South Africa in 1913–14.^{[20][21]} Alan Knott is England's most successful wicket-keeper having taken 269 dismissals.^[22] England claims two age records, James Southerton as the oldest player to make his Test debut at 49 and Wilfred Rhodes aged 52 as the oldest cricketer to ever play in a Test match.^{[23][24]}



Former captain Alastair Cook, pictured in 2016, holds several England Test cricket records.

Key

The top five records are listed for each category, except for the team wins, losses and draws and the partnership records. Tied records for fifth place are also included. Explanations of the general symbols and cricketing terms used in the list are given below. Specific details are provided in each category where appropriate. All records include matches played for England only, and are correct as of February 2019.










Key

Symbol	Meaning
†	Player or umpire is currently active in Test cricket
*	Player remained <u>not out</u> or partnership remained unbroken
♣	<u>Test cricket record</u>
d	Innings was <u>declared</u> (e.g. 903/7d)
Date	Starting date of the Test match
Innings	Number of <u>innings</u> played
Matches	Number of matches played
Opposition	The team England was playing against
Period	The time period when the player was active in Test cricket
Player	The player involved in the record
Venue	<u>Test cricket ground</u> where the match was played

Team records

Team wins, losses and draws


As of February 2019, England have played 1,010 Test matches resulting in 365 victories, 300 defeats and 345 draws for an overall winning percentage of 36.13, the third highest winning percentage of Test playing teams.^[8] England has played the highest number of Test matches, ahead of Australia who have competed in 820.^[8] England has been the most successful against Bangladesh, having won nine out of ten Tests against them.^[25] England played in the debut Test matches of Australia, India, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka and the West Indies – winning all of them except against Australia.^[26]

Opposition	First Test	Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn	Tied	% Won
 Australia	15 March 1877 ^[27]	346	108	144	94	0	31.21
 Bangladesh	21 October 2003 ^[28]	10	9	1	0	0	90.00
 India	25 June 1932 ^[29]	122	47	26	49	0	38.52
 New Zealand	10 January 1930 ^[30]	103	48	10	45	0	46.60
 Pakistan	10 June 1954 ^[31]	83	25	21	37	0	30.12
 South Africa	12 March 1889 ^[32]	149	61	33	55	0	40.93
 Sri Lanka	17 February 1982 ^[33]	34	15	8	11	0	44.11
 West Indies	23 June 1928 ^[34]	157	49	57	51	0	31.21
 Zimbabwe	18 December 1996 ^[35]	6	3	0	3	0	50.00
Total		1,010	365	300	345	0	36.13
Last updated: 13 February 2019 ^{[8][25]}							

Team scoring records

Most runs in an innings

The highest innings total scored in Test cricket came in the series between Sri Lanka and India in [August 1997](#). Playing in the first Test at the [R. Premadasa Stadium](#) in [Colombo](#), the hosts posted a first innings total of 952/6d. This broke the longstanding record of 903/7d which England set against Australia in the final Test of the [1938 Ashes series](#) at [The Oval](#). This in turn broke England's 849 all out against the West Indies in [1930](#).^[36]

Rank	Score	Opposition	Venue	Date
1	903/7d	 Australia	The Oval , London , England	20 August 1938
2	849	 West Indies	Sabina Park , Kingston , Jamaica	3 April 1930
3	710/7d	 India	Edgbaston , Birmingham , England	10 August 2011
4	658/8d	 Australia	Trent Bridge , Nottingham , England	10 June 1938
5	654/5	 South Africa	Kingsmead Cricket Ground , Durban , South Africa	3 March 1939
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[37]				

Fewest runs in an innings

The lowest innings total scored in Test cricket came in the second Test of England's tour of New Zealand in [March 1955](#). Trailing England by 46, New Zealand was bowled out in their second innings for 26 runs.^[38] The equal twelfth-lowest score in Test history is England's total of 45 scored in their first innings against Australia in the first Test of the [1886–87 Ashes series](#).^[39]

Rank	Score	Opposition ^[c]	Venue	Date
1	45	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Sydney Cricket Ground</u> , <u>Sydney</u> , <u>Australia</u>	28 January 1887
2	46	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Queen's Park Oval</u> , <u>Port of Spain</u> , <u>Trinidad and Tobago</u>	25 March 1994
3	51	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Sabina Park</u> , <u>Kingston</u> , <u>Jamaica</u>	4 February 2009
4	52	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>The Oval</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	14 August 1948
5	53	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Lord's</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	16 July 1888
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[41]				

Result records

A Test match is won when one side has scored more runs than the total runs scored by the opposing side during their two innings. If both sides have completed both their allocated innings and the side that fielded last has the higher aggregate of runs, it is known as a win by runs. This indicates the number of runs that they had scored more than the opposing side. If one side scores more runs in a single innings than the total runs scored by the other side in both their innings, it is known as a win by an innings and runs. If the side batting last wins the match, it is known as a win by wickets, indicating the number of wickets that were still to fall.^[44]

Greatest win margins (by innings)

The fifth Test of the 1938 Ashes series at The Oval saw England win by an innings and 579 runs, the largest victory by an innings in Test cricket history. The next largest victory was Australia's win against South Africa in the first Test of the 2001–02 tour at the Wanderers Stadium, where the tourists won by an innings and 360 runs.^[43]

Rank	Margin	Opposition	Venue	Date
1	Innings and 579 runs ♠	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>The Oval</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	20 August 1938
2	Innings and 285 runs	 <u>India</u>	<u>Lord's</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	20 June 1974
3	Innings and 283 runs	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Headingley</u> , <u>Leeds</u> , <u>England</u>	25 May 2007
4	Innings and 261 runs	 <u>Bangladesh</u>	<u>Lord's</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	26 May 2005
5	Innings and 244 runs	 <u>India</u>	<u>The Oval</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	15 August 2014

Last updated: 30 July 2018^[45]



In 1938, Wally Hammond led England to victory over Australia by an innings and 579 runs, the greatest winning margin by an innings in Test cricket.^{[42][43]}

Greatest win margins (by runs)


The greatest winning margin by runs in Test cricket was England's victory over Australia by 675 runs in the first Test of the 1928–29 Ashes series. The next two largest victories were recorded by Australia including defeat over England in the final Test of the 1934 Ashes series by 562 runs.^[46]

Rank	Margin	Opposition	Venue	Date
1	675 runs ♠	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Brisbane Exhibition Ground</u> , <u>Brisbane</u> , <u>Australia</u>	30 November 1928
2	354 runs	 <u>Pakistan</u>	<u>Trent Bridge</u> , <u>Nottingham</u> , <u>England</u>	29 July 2010
3	347 runs	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Lord's</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	18 July 2013
4	338 runs	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Adelaide Oval</u> , <u>Adelaide</u> , <u>Australia</u>	13 January 1933
5	330 runs	 <u>Pakistan</u>	<u>Old Trafford Cricket Ground</u> , <u>Manchester</u> , <u>England</u>	22 July 2016

Last updated: 30 July 2018^[45]

Greatest win margins (by 10 wickets)

England have won a Test match by a margin of 10 wickets on 20 occasions, the third highest behind Australia on 29 and the West Indies on 26.^{[45][47][48][d]}

Rank	Victories	Opposition	Most recent venue	Date
1	6	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Lord's</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	21 June 1951
=2	4	 <u>India</u>	<u>Wankhede Stadium</u> , <u>Mumbai</u> , <u>India</u>	23 November 2012
		 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Lord's</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	6 May 2009
4	3	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Sydney Cricket Ground</u> , <u>Sydney</u> , <u>Australia</u>	2 December 1932
5	2	 <u>Pakistan</u>	<u>Trent Bridge</u> , <u>Nottingham</u> , <u>England</u>	10 August 1967
6	1	 <u>Sri Lanka</u>	<u>Old Trafford Cricket Ground</u> , <u>Manchester</u> , <u>England</u>	13 June 2002

Last updated: 30 July 2018^[45]

Narrowest win margins (by runs)

England's narrowest win by runs was against Australia in the second Test of the 2005 Ashes series at Edgbaston. Set 282 runs for victory in the final innings, Australia were bowled all out for 279 to give victory to the hosts by two runs.^[54] This was the second-narrowest win in Test cricket, with the narrowest being the West Indies' one-run win over Australia in 1993.^[56]

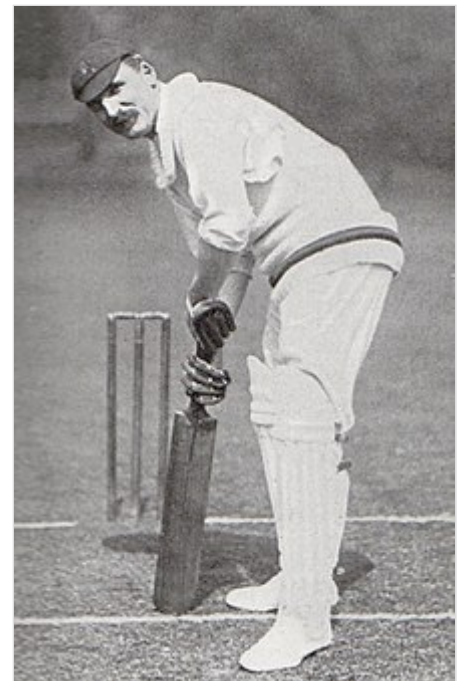
Rank	Margin	Opposition ^[c]	Venue	Date
1	2 runs	 <u>Australia</u>	Edgbaston, Birmingham, England	4 August 2005
2	3 runs	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Melbourne Cricket Ground,</u> <u>Melbourne,</u> <u>Australia</u>	26 December 1982
3	10 runs	<u>Australia</u>	<u>Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney,</u> <u>Australia</u>	14 December 1894
=4	12 runs	 <u>Australia</u>	Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, Australia	1 February 1929
			<u>Melbourne Cricket Ground,</u> <u>Melbourne,</u> <u>Australia</u>	26 December 1998
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[57]				



[Michael Vaughan](#) led England to victory over Australia in the second Test of the [2005 Ashes series](#) by a margin of two runs.^{[54][55]}

Narrowest win margins (by wickets)

England have won by a margin of one wicket on three occasions, the most recent being in the second Test [against South Africa in 1923 at Newlands Cricket Ground](#), one of only twelve one-wicket victories in Test cricket.^[61]



[Archie MacLaren](#) led the English team that lost the fourth Test of the [1902 Ashes series](#) by a margin of three runs and won the fifth Test by a margin of one wicket.^{[58][59]} Both records still stand over a century later as England's narrowest win by wickets and narrowest loss by runs, respectively.^{[57][60]}

Rank	Margin	Opposition ^[c]	Venue	Date
=1	1 wicket	 Australia	The Oval , London , England	11 August 1902
		 Australia	Melbourne Cricket Ground , Melbourne , Australia	1 January 1908
		 South Africa	Newlands Cricket Ground , Cape Town , South Africa	1 January 1923
=4	2 wickets	Australia	The Oval , London , England	11 August 1890
		 South Africa	Kingsmead Cricket Ground , Durban , South Africa	16 December 1948
		 South Africa	SuperSport Park , Centurion , South Africa	14 January 2000
		 West Indies	Lord's , London , England	29 June 2000
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[57]				

Greatest loss margins (by innings)

England suffered their greatest defeat by an innings at [The Gabba](#) in the first Test of the [1946–47 Ashes series](#), the first Test match to be played in Australia after the [Second World War](#).^{[62][63]} Going down to the hosts by an innings and 332 runs, this is the fourth-heaviest defeat in Test cricket history.^[43]

Rank	Margin	Opposition	Venue	Date
1	Innings and 332 runs	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>The Gabba</u> , <u>Brisbane</u> , Australia	29 November 1946
2	Innings and 226 runs	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Lord's</u> , <u>London</u> , England	23 August 1973
3	Innings and 215 runs	 <u>Sri Lanka</u>	<u>Sinhalese Sports Club Ground</u> , <u>Colombo</u> , Sri Lanka	18 December 2003
4	Innings and 200 runs	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Melbourne Cricket Ground</u> , <u>Melbourne</u> , Australia	26 February 1937
=5	Innings and 180 runs	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Edgbaston</u> , <u>Birmingham</u> , England	14 June 1984
		 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Trent Bridge</u> , <u>Nottingham</u> , England	10 August 1989
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[64]				

Greatest loss margins (by runs)

The first Test of the [1928–29 Ashes series](#) saw Australia defeated by England by 675 runs, the greatest losing margin by runs in Test cricket. The results were reversed in the fifth and final Test of the [1934 Ashes series](#) at [The Oval](#) where the tourists defeated the hosts by 562 runs, England's greatest defeat by runs.^[46]

Rank	Margin	Opposition	Venue	Date
1	562 runs	 Australia	The Oval , London , England	18 August 1934
2	425 runs	 West Indies	Old Trafford Cricket Ground , Manchester , England	8 July 1976
3	409 runs	 Australia	Lord's , London , England	24 June 1948
4	405 runs	 Australia	Lord's , London , England	16 July 2015
5	384 runs	 Australia	The Gabba , Brisbane , Australia	7 November 2002
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[64]				

Greatest loss margins (by 10 wickets)

England have lost a Test match by a margin of 10 wickets on 23 occasions, more than any other Test playing team.^{[64][e]}

Rank	Defeats	Opposition	Most recent venue	Date
=1	7	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>The Gabba</u> , <u>Brisbane</u> , <u>Australia</u>	23 November 2017
		 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Sir Vivian Richards Stadium</u> , <u>North Sound</u> , <u>Antigua and Barbuda</u>	31 January 2019
3	4	 <u>Pakistan</u>	<u>The Oval</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	11 August 2016
4	3	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Headingley</u> , <u>Leeds</u> , <u>England</u>	18 July 2008
=5	1	 <u>Sri Lanka</u>	<u>The Oval</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	27 August 1998
		 <u>India</u>	<u>Punjab Cricket Association IS Bindra Stadium</u> , <u>Mohali</u> , <u>India</u>	3 December 2001
Last updated: 3 February 2019 ^[64]				

Narrowest loss margins (by runs)

Only one match in over 140 years of Test cricket has been decided by a margin of one run, the fourth Test of the West Indian tour of Australia in 1992–93 where the visitors secured victory. The equal third narrowest defeat was England's loss in the fourth Test of the 1902 Ashes series at [Old Trafford](#). Requiring 32 runs to win with six wickets in hand, England lost the match by a margin of three runs.^{[56][75][76]}

Rank	Margin	Opposition ^[c]	Venue	Date
1	3 runs	 Australia	Old Trafford Cricket Ground , Manchester , England	24 July 1902
2	6 runs	Australia	Sydney Cricket Ground , Sydney , Australia	20 February 1885
3	7 runs	Australia	The Oval , London , England	28 August 1882
4	11 runs	 Australia	Adelaide Oval , Adelaide , Australia	16 January 1925
5	17 runs	 South Africa	Wanderers Stadium , Johannesburg , South Africa	15 February 1957
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[60]				

Narrowest loss margins (by wickets)

Test cricket has seen twelve matches decided by a margin of one wicket, with England being defeated in one of them.^[61] The first Test of the [1905–06 series](#) against [South Africa](#) at [Old Wanderers](#) saw the home side chase down the target of 284 runs in the final innings.^[77]



[Pelham Warner](#) was the captain of the English team that lost the first Test against [South Africa](#) in [January 1906](#) by a margin of one wicket, the narrowest loss for England by wickets.^{[60][74]}

Rank	Margin	Opposition ^{[c][f]}	Venue	Date
1	1 wicket	 		

Individual records

Batting records

Most career runs

A run is the basic means of scoring in cricket. A run is scored when the batsman hits the ball with his bat and with his partner runs the length of 22 yards (20 m) of the pitch.^[80]

India's Sachin Tendulkar has scored the most runs in Test cricket with 15,921. Second is Ricky Ponting of Australia with 13,378 ahead of Jacques Kallis from South Africa in third with 13,289. Alastair Cook, the only England batsman who has scored more than 10,000 runs in Test cricket, is in fifth with 12,472.^[9]

Rank	Runs	Player	Matches	Innings	Period
1	12,472	<u>Alastair Cook</u>	161	291	2006–2018
2	8,900	<u>Graham Gooch</u>	118	215	1975–1995
3	8,463	<u>Alec Stewart</u>	133	235	1990–2003
4	8,231	<u>David Gower</u>	117	204	1978–1992
5	8,181	<u>Kevin Pietersen</u>	104	181	2005–2014
Last updated: 13 October 2018 ^[79]					



Len Hutton has scored the highest individual Test score (364) for England.^[79]

Highest individual score

The first Test of the 2003–04 series of the Southern Cross Trophy, contested between Australia and Zimbabwe, at the WACA Ground saw Matthew Hayden of Australia set the highest Test score with 380, surpassing the West Indies' Brian Lara's 375 scored against England in April 1994 at the Antigua Recreation Ground.^[81] Six months after Hayden set the record, the West Indian claimed it back scoring 400 not out against the same opposition and on the same ground.^[82] Len Hutton's 364 against Australia during the final Test of the 1938 Ashes series at The Oval is the sixth highest individual score in Test cricket. Wally Hammond's 336, scored against New Zealand in 1933, is the third highest not out Test innings and the ninth highest overall.^[83] Hutton's, Hammond's and Andy Sandham's 325 against the West Indies in 1930 were Test record scores at the time of posting.^[84]

Rank	Runs	Player	Opposition	Venue	Date
1	364	<u>Len Hutton</u>	 Australia	<u>The Oval</u> , <u>London</u> , England	20 August 1938
2	336*	<u>Wally Hammond</u>	 New Zealand	<u>Eden Park</u> , <u>Auckland</u> , New Zealand	31 March 1933
3	333	<u>Graham Gooch</u>	 India	<u>Lord's</u> , <u>London</u> , England	26 July 1990
4	325	<u>Andy Sandham</u>	 West Indies	<u>Sabina Park</u> , <u>Kingston</u> , Jamaica	3 April 1930
5	310*	<u>John Edrich</u>	 New Zealand	<u>Headingley</u> , <u>Leeds</u> , England	8 July 1965
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[85]					

Highest career average

A batsman's batting average is the total number of runs they have scored divided by the number of times they have been dismissed.^[87]

Australia's Don Bradman, widely acknowledged as the greatest batsman of all time, finished his Test career with an average of 99.94.^[88] With 60.73, Herbert Sutcliffe is one of only five batsmen to finish his international career with an average above 60.^{[g][89]}

Rank	Average	Player	Runs	Innings	Period
1	60.73	<u>Herbert Sutcliffe</u>	4,555	84	1924–1935
2	59.23	<u>Eddie Paynter</u>	1,540	31	1931–1939
3	58.67	<u>Ken Barrington</u>	6,806	131	1955–1968
4	58.45	<u>Wally Hammond</u>	7,249	140	1927–1947
5	56.94	<u>Jack Hobbs</u>	5,410	102	1908–1930
Qualification: 20 innings Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[86]					



Herbert Sutcliffe has the highest career batting average for England with 60.73.^[86]

Most half-centuries

A half-century is a score of between 50 and 99 runs. Statistically, once a batsman's score reaches 100, it is no longer considered a half-century but a century.

Sachin Tendulkar of India has scored the most half-centuries in Test cricket with 68. He is followed by the West Indies' Shivnarine Chanderpaul on 66, India's Rahul Dravid and Allan Border of Australia are third on 63 and in seventh with 57 fifties to his name, England's Alastair Cook.^[90]

Rank	Half centuries	Player	Runs	Period
1	57	<u>Alastair Cook</u>	12,472	2006–2018
=2	46	<u>Ian Bell</u>	7,727	2004–2015
		<u>Graham Gooch</u>	8,900	1975–1995
		<u>Michael Atherton</u>	7,728	1989–2001
5	45	<u>Alec Stewart</u>	8,463	1990–2003
Last updated: 13 October 2018 ^[10]				

Most centuries

A century is a score of 100 or more runs in a single innings.

Tendulkar has also scored the most centuries in Test cricket with 51. South Africa's Jacques Kallis is next on 45 and Ricky Ponting with 41 hundreds is in third. The highest ranked England players are Alastair Cook in tenth with 33 centuries and Kevin Pietersen who finished his international career with 23 centuries is in equal twenty-fifth.^[91]

Rank	Centuries	Player	Runs	Period
1	33	<u>Alastair Cook</u>	12,472	2006–2018
2	23	<u>Kevin Pietersen</u>	8,181	2005–2014
=3	22	<u>Wally Hammond</u>	7,249	1927–1947
		<u>Colin Cowdrey</u>	7,624	1954–1975
		<u>Geoffrey Boycott</u>	8,114	1964–1982
		<u>Ian Bell</u>	7,727	2004–2015
Last updated: 13 October 2018 ^[11]				

Most double centuries

A double century is a score of 200 or more runs in a single innings.

Bradman holds the Test record for the most double centuries scored with twelve, one ahead of Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara who finished his career with eleven. In third place is Brian Lara of the West Indies with nine. England's Wally Hammond and Mahela Jayawardene of Sri Lanka have both reached the mark on seven occasions.^[92]



Wally Hammond has scored the most double centuries for England with seven and holds the England record for the most runs scored in a series with 905 runs during the 1928–29 Ashes series.^{[92][93]}

Rank	Double centuries	Player	Runs	Period	Ref
1	7	<u>Wally Hammond</u>	7,249	1927–1947	
2	5	<u>Alastair Cook</u>	12,472	2006–2018	
3	4	<u>Len Hutton</u>	6,971	1937–1955	
4	3	<u>Kevin Pietersen</u>	8,181	2005–2014	
=5	2	<u>Dennis Amiss</u>	3,612	1966–1977	^[94]
		<u>Denis Compton</u>	5,807	1937–1957	^[95]
		<u>Graham Gooch</u>	8,900	1975–1995	^[96]
		<u>David Gower</u>	8,231	1978–1992	^[97]
		<u>Eddie Paynter</u>	1,540	1931–1939	^[98]
		<u>Joe Root</u> †	6,685	2012–2019	^[99]
		<u>Jonathan Trott</u>	3,835	2009–2015	^[100]
Last updated: 13 February 2019 ^[92] ^[101]					

Most triple centuries

A triple century is a score of 300 or more runs in a single innings.

Four cricketers hold the Test record for the most triple centuries scored with two – Don Bradman, India's Virender Sehwag and West Indians Chris Gayle and Brian Lara. Five England players have scored a single Test triple century with former captain Graham Gooch the most recent to do so in 1990.^{[102][103]}

Rank	Triple centuries	Player	Runs	Period
=1	1	<u>Andy Sandham</u>	879	1921–1930
		<u>John Edrich</u>	5,138	1963–1976
		<u>Len Hutton</u>	6,971	1937–1955
		<u>Wally Hammond</u>	7,249	1927–1947
		<u>Graham Gooch</u>	8,900	1975–1995
Last updated: 30 December 2018 ^[102]				

Most runs in a series

The 1930 Ashes series in England saw Bradman set the record for the most runs scored in a single series, falling just 26 short of 1,000 runs. He is followed by Wally Hammond with 905 runs scored in the 1928–29 Ashes series. Alastair Cook's 766 runs scored during the 2010–11 Ashes series ranks in 14th.^[93]

Rank	Runs	Player	Matches	Innings	Series
1	905	<u>Wally Hammond</u>	5	9	<u>1928–29 Ashes series</u>
2	766	<u>Alastair Cook</u>	5	7	<u>2010–11 Ashes series</u>
3	753	<u>Denis Compton</u>	5	8	<u>South African cricket team in England in 1947</u>
4	752	<u>Graham Gooch</u>	3	6	<u>Indian cricket team in England in 1990</u>
5	734	<u>Herbert Sutcliffe</u>	5	9	<u>1924–25 Ashes series</u>
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[104]					

Most ducks

A duck refers to a batsman being dismissed without scoring a run.^[105] Former West Indian fast bowler Courtney Walsh has scored the highest number of ducks in Test cricket with 43 followed by New Zealand's Chris Martin with 36. Stuart Broad, with 31 scoreless innings, and James Anderson, with 26, are sixth and equal ninth on the list respectively.^[106]

Rank	Ducks	Player	Matches	Innings	Period
1	31	<u>Stuart Broad</u> †	126	183	2007–2019
2	26	<u>James Anderson</u> †	148	207	2003–2019
=3	20	<u>Monty Panesar</u>	50	68	2006–2013
		<u>Steve Harmison</u>	62	84	2002–2009
		<u>Michael Atherton</u>	115	212	1989–2001
Last updated: 3 February 2019 ^[107]					

Bowling records

Most career wickets

A bowler takes the wicket of a batsman when the form of dismissal is bowled, caught, leg before wicket, stumped or hit wicket. If the batsman is dismissed by run out, obstructing the field, handling the ball, hitting the ball twice or timed out the bowler does not receive credit.

Sri Lankan bowler Muttiah Muralitharan holds the record for taking the most wickets in Test cricket with 800, followed by Australia's Shane Warne who previously held the record with 708.^{[108][109]} James Anderson of England is fourth on the list with 575 Test wickets to his name as of February 2019 and in September 2018 he passed Australia's Glenn McGrath to become the fast bowler with the most Test wickets.^[110] Stuart Broad, with 437, is the second highest England Test wicket-taker and seventh overall.^{[18][108]}



James Anderson holds the record for the most wickets taken by a fast bowler in Test cricket with 575.^[18]

Rank	Wickets	Player	Matches	Innings	Period
1	575	<u>James Anderson</u> †	148	273	2003–2019
2	437	<u>Stuart Broad</u> †	126	231	2007–2019
3	383	<u>Ian Botham</u>	102	168	1977–1992
4	325	<u>Bob Willis</u>	90	165	1971–1984
5	307	<u>Fred Trueman</u>	67	127	1952–1965
Last updated: 13 February 2019 ^[17]					

Best figures in an innings

Bowling figures refers to the number of the wickets a bowler has taken and the number of runs conceded.^[111]

There have been two occasions in Test cricket where a bowler has taken all ten wickets in a single innings – Jim Laker of England took 10/53 against Australia in 1956 and India's Anil Kumble in 1999 returned figures of 10/74 against Pakistan. George Lohmann, one of fifteen bowlers who have taken nine wickets in a Test match innings, sits third on the list taking figures of 9/28 against South Africa in 1896.^[112]

Rank	Figures	Player	Opposition ^[f]	Venue	Date
1	10/53 ♠	<u>Jim Laker</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester, England</u>	26 July 1956
2	9/28	<u>George Lohmann</u>	<u>South Africa</u>	<u>Old Wanderers, Johannesburg, South Africa</u>	2 March 1896
3	9/37	<u>Jim Laker</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester, England</u>	26 July 1956
4	9/57	<u>Devon Malcolm</u>	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>The Oval, London, England</u>	18 August 1994
5	9/103	<u>Sydney Barnes</u>	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Old Wanderers, Johannesburg, South Africa</u>	26 December 1913
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[113]					

Best figures in a match

A bowler's bowling figures in a match is the sum of the wickets taken and the runs conceded over both innings.

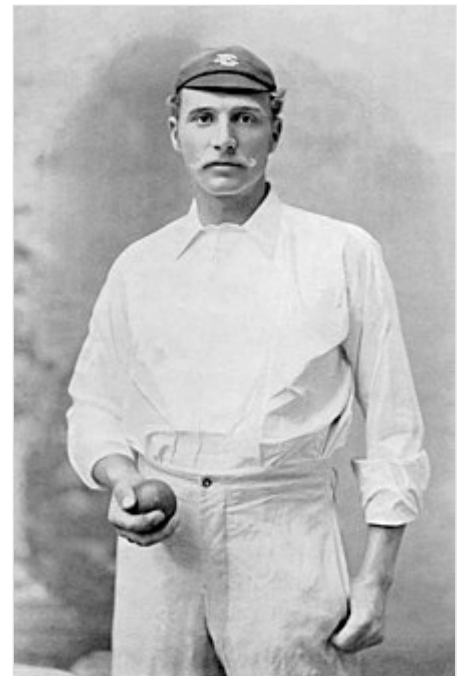
No bowler in the history of Test cricket has taken all 20 wickets in a match. The closest to do so was English spin bowler Jim Laker. During the fourth Test of the 1956 Ashes series, Laker took 9/37 in the first innings and 10/53 in the second to finish with match figures of 19/90.^[114] Sydney Barnes's figures of 17/159, taken in the second Test of the 1913–14 South African tour, is the second-best in Test cricket history.^[115]

Rank	Figures	Player	Opposition ^[f]	Venue	Date
1	19/90 ♠	<u>Jim Laker</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester, England</u>	26 July 1956
2	17/159	<u>Sydney Barnes</u>	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Old Wanderers, Johannesburg, South Africa</u>	26 December 1913
3	15/28	<u>Johnny Briggs</u>	<u>South Africa</u>	<u>Newlands Cricket Ground, Cape Town, South Africa</u>	25 March 1889
4	15/45	<u>George Lohmann</u>	<u>South Africa</u>	<u>St George's Park Cricket Ground, Port Elizabeth, South Africa</u>	13 February 1896
5	15/99	<u>Colin Blythe</u>	<u>South Africa</u>	<u>Headingley, Leeds, England</u>	29 July 1907
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[116]					

Best career average

A bowler's bowling average is the total number of runs they have conceded divided by the number of wickets they have taken.

Nineteenth century English medium pacer George Lohmann holds the record for the best career average in Test cricket with 10.75. J. J. Ferris, one of fifteen cricketers to have played Test cricket for more than one team,^[119] is second behind Lohmann with an overall career average of 12.70 runs per wicket. Billy Barnes is third on the list, finishing his Test career with an average of 15.54.^[117]



George Lohmann holds the record for the best Test career bowling average and strike rate, with figures of 10.75 and 34.1, respectively.^{[117][118]}

Rank	Average	Player	Wickets	Runs	Balls	Period
1	10.75 ♠	<u>George Lohmann</u>	112	1,205	3,830	1886–1896
2	15.54	<u>Billy Barnes</u>	51	793	2,289	1880–1890
3	16.42	<u>Billy Bates</u>	50	821	2,364	1881–1887
4	16.43	<u>Sydney Barnes</u>	189	3,106	7,873	1901–1914
5	16.98	<u>Bobby Peel</u>	101	1,715	5,216	1884–1896
Qualification: 2,000 balls Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[120]						

Best career strike rate

A bowler's strike rate is the total number of balls they have bowled divided by the number of wickets they have taken.^[105]

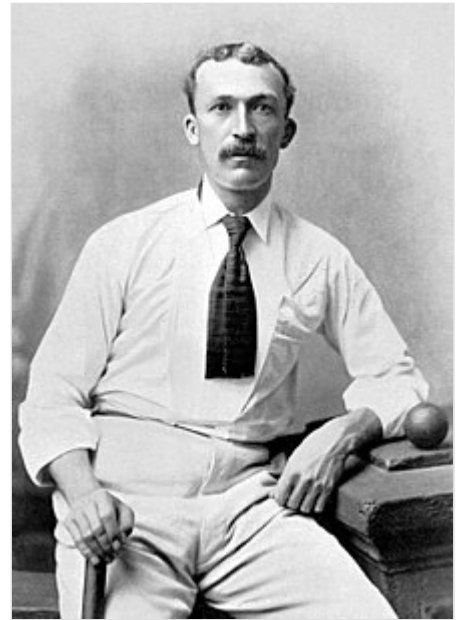
As with the career average above, the top two bowlers with the best Test career strike rate are George Lohmann and J. J. Ferris, with Lohmann on 34.1 and Ferris with an overall career strike rate of 37.7 balls per wicket.^[118]

Rank	Strike rate	Player	Wickets	Balls	Runs	Period
1	34.1 ♠	<u>George Lohmann</u>	112	3,830	1,205	1886–1896
2	41.6	<u>Sydney Barnes</u>	189	7,873	3,106	1901–1914
3	44.8	<u>Billy Barnes</u>	51	2,289	793	1880–1890
4	45.1	<u>Johnny Briggs</u>	118	5,332	2,095	1884–1899
5	45.4	<u>Frank Tyson</u>	76	3,452	1,411	1954–1959
Qualification: 2,000 balls Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[121]						

Best career economy rate

A bowler's economy rate is the total number of runs they have conceded divided by the number of overs they have bowled.^[105]

English bowler William Attewell, who played 10 Tests between 1884 and 1892, holds the Test record for the best career economy rate with 1.31. Cliff Gladwin, with a rate of 1.60 runs per over conceded over his 8-match Test career, is second on the list.^[122]



William Attewell finished his career with an economy rate of 1.31, a Test cricket record.^[122]

Rank	Economy rate	Player	Runs	Balls	Wickets	Period
1	1.31 ♠	<u>William Attewell</u>	626	2,850	28	1884–1892
2	1.60	<u>Cliff Gladwin</u>	571	2,129	15	1947–1949
3	1.85	<u>Roy Kilner</u>	734	2,368	24	1924–1926
4	1.87	<u>Dick Barlow</u>	767	2,456	34	1881–1887
5	1.88	<u>Hedley Verity</u>	3,510	11,173	144	1931–1939
Qualification: 2,000 balls Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[123]						

Most five-wicket hauls in an innings

A five-wicket haul refers to a bowler taking five wickets in a single innings.^[124]

Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan has taken the most five-wicket hauls in Test cricket with 67 throughout his career followed by Shane Warne achieving 37. Ian Botham and James Anderson are the highest ranked England players in equal seventh, with both taking 27.^[125]

Rank	Five-wicket hauls	Player	Wickets	Period
=1	27	<u>Ian Botham</u>	383	1977–1992
		<u>James Anderson</u> [†]	575	2003–2019
3	24	<u>Sydney Barnes</u>	189	1901–1914
=4	17	<u>Fred Trueman</u>	307	1952–1965
		<u>Graeme Swann</u>	255	2008–2013
		<u>Derek Underwood</u>	297	1966–1982
Last updated: 13 February 2019 ^[19]				



Ian Botham took 27 five-wicket hauls during his Test career, a joint England record with James Anderson.^[19]

Most ten-wicket hauls in a match






A ten-wicket haul refers to a bowler taking ten or more wickets in a match over two innings.

As with the five-wicket hauls above, Muttiah Muralitharan leads Shane Warne in taking the most ten-wicket hauls in Test cricket with Muralitharan having taken 22 to Warne's 10. Sydney Barnes of England is in equal sixth with three other bowlers, each achieving the feat on seven occasions.^[126]

Rank	Ten-wicket hauls	Player	Wickets	Period
1	7	<u>Sydney Barnes</u>	189	1901–1914
2	6	<u>Derek Underwood</u>	297	1966–1982
=3	5	<u>George Lohmann</u>	112	1886–1896
		<u>Alec Bedser</u>	236	1946–1955
=5	4	<u>Tom Richardson</u>	88	1893–1898
		<u>Colin Blythe</u>	100	1901–1910
		<u>Johnny Briggs</u>	118	1884–1899
		<u>Ian Botham</u>	383	1977–1992
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[20]				

Worst figures in an innings






The worst figures in a single innings in Test cricket came in the third Test between the West Indies at home to Pakistan in 1958. Pakistan's Khan Mohammad returned figures of 0/259 from his 54 overs in the second innings of the match.^{[127][128]} The worst figures by an England player are 0/169 that came off the bowling of Tich Freeman in his final Test appearance.^{[129][130]}

Rank	Figures	Player	Overs	Opposition	Venue	Date
1	0/169	<u>Tich Freeman</u>	49	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>The Oval, London, England</u>	17 August 1929
2	0/163	<u>Adil Rashid</u>	34	 <u>Pakistan</u>	<u>Zayed Sports City Stadium, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates</u>	13 October 2015
3	0/155	<u>Moeen Ali</u> †	52	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Newlands Cricket Ground, Cape Town, South Africa</u>	2 January 2016
4	0/152	<u>Pat Pocock</u>	57	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Sabina Park, Kingston, Jamaica</u>	16 February 1974
5	0/151	<u>Graeme Swann</u>	52	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>The Oval, London, England</u>	19 July 2012
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[131]						

Worst figures in a match

The worst figures in a match in Test cricket were taken by South Africa's Imran Tahir in the second Test against Australia at the Adelaide Oval in November 2012. He returned figures of 0/180 from his 23 overs in the first innings and 0/80 off 14 in the third innings for a total of 0/260 from 37 overs.^[132] He claimed the record in his final over when two runs came from it – enough for him to pass the previous record of 0/259, set 54 years prior.^{[133][134][135]}

The worst figures by an England player came in the fourth Test of the 1989–90 tour of the West Indies when Devon Malcolm returned figures of 0/142 and 0/46 for a total of 0/188 off 43 overs.^[136]

Rank	Figures	Player	Overs	Opposition	Venue	Date
1	0/188	<u>Devon Malcolm</u>	43	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, Barbados</u>	5 April 1990
2	0/184	<u>Ian Salisbury</u>	33	 <u>Pakistan</u>	<u>Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester, England</u>	2 July 1992
3	0/184	<u>Maurice Tate</u>	100	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Australia</u>	8 March 1929
4	0/169	<u>Tich Freeman</u>	49	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>The Oval, London, England</u>	17 August 1929
5	0/166	<u>Hedley Verity</u>	57	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>The Oval, London, England</u>	18 August 1934
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[137]						

Most wickets in a series

England's seventh Test tour of South Africa in 1913–14 saw the record set for the most wickets taken by a bowler in a Test series. English paceman Sydney Barnes played in four of the five matches and achieved a total of 49 wickets to his name. Jim Laker sits second on the list with 46 wickets taken during the 1956 Ashes series.^[21]

Rank	Wickets	Player	Matches	Series
1	49 ♠	<u>Sydney Barnes</u>	4	<u>English cricket team in South Africa in 1913–14</u>
2	46	<u>Jim Laker</u>	5	<u>1956 Ashes series</u>
=3	39	<u>Sydney Barnes</u>	6	<u>1912 Triangular Tournament</u>
		<u>Alec Bedser</u>	5	<u>1953 Ashes series</u>
5	38	<u>Maurice Tate</u>	5	<u>1924–25 Ashes series</u>
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[138]				

Wicket-keeping records

The wicket-keeper is a specialist fielder who stands behind the stumps being guarded by the batsman on strike and is the only member of the fielding side allowed to wear gloves and leg pads.^[139]

Most career dismissals

A wicket-keeper can be credited with the dismissal of a batsman in two ways, caught or stumped. A fair catch is taken when the ball is caught fully within the field of play without it bouncing after the ball has touched the striker's bat or glove holding the bat,^{[140][141]} while a stumping occurs when the wicket-keeper puts down the wicket while the batsman is out of his ground and not attempting a run.^[142]

South Africa's Mark Boucher has taken the most dismissals in Test cricket as a designated wicket-keeper with 555, followed by Adam Gilchrist of Australia on 416. England's Alan Knott, who took 269 dismissals during his 95-Test match career, is eighth on the list. He is followed by his compatriots Matt Prior and Alec Stewart in ninth and tenth with 256 and 241 dismissals respectively.^[143]

Rank	Dismissals	Player	Matches	Period
1	269	<u>Alan Knott</u>	95	1967–1981
2	256	<u>Matt Prior</u>	79	2007–2014
3	241	<u>Alec Stewart</u>	133	1990–2003
4	219	<u>Godfrey Evans</u>	91	1946–1959
5	174	<u>Bob Taylor</u>	57	1971–1984
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[22]				

Most career catches



Sydney Barnes took 49 wickets in the 1913–14 series against South Africa, the most by any cricketer in a Test series.^[21]

Boucher also leads Gilchrist in the number of catches taken as a designated wicket-keeper in Test cricket, 532 to 379. Alan Knott, with 250 catches to his name is eighth on this list. He is again followed by Prior and Stewart in ninth and tenth with 243 and 227 catches respectively.^[144]

Rank	Catches	Player	Matches	Period
1	250	<u>Alan Knott</u>	95	1967–1981
2	243	<u>Matt Prior</u>	79	2007–2014
3	227	<u>Alec Stewart</u>	133	1990–2003
4	173	<u>Godfrey Evans</u>	91	1946–1959
5	167	<u>Bob Taylor</u>	57	1971–1984

Last updated: 30 July 2018^[22]

Most career stumpings

Australia's Bert Oldfield holds the record for the most stumpings in Test cricket with 52. He is followed by Godfrey Evans of England with 46 to his name.^[145]

Rank	Stumpings	Player	Matches	Period
1	46	<u>Godfrey Evans</u>	91	1946–1955
2	23	<u>Les Ames</u>	44	1929–1939
3	22	<u>Dick Lilley</u>	35	1896–1909
4	19	<u>Alan Knott</u>	95	1967–1981
5	15	<u>George Duckworth</u>	24	1924–1936

Last updated: 30 July 2018^[146]

Most dismissals in an innings

Four wicket-keepers have taken seven wickets in a single innings in a Test match—Wasim Bari of Pakistan in 1979, Englishman Bob Taylor in 1980, New Zealand's Ian Smith in 1991 and most recently West Indian gloveman Ridley Jacobs against Australia in 2000.^[147]

The feat of taking 6 wickets in an innings has been achieved by 23 wicket-keepers on 31 occasions including 7 Englishmen on 11 occasions.^[148]



Matt Prior sits second behind Alan Knott for the most Test dismissals and catches taken by an England wicket-keeper.^[22]

Rank	Dismissals	Player	Opposition	Venue	Date
1	7 ♠	<u>Bob Taylor</u>	 <u>India</u>	<u>Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, India</u>	15 February 1980
=2	6	<u>John Murray</u>	 <u>India</u>	<u>Lord's, London, England</u>	22 June 1967
		<u>Jack Russell</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Australia</u>	26 December 1990
			 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg, South Africa</u>	30 November 1995
		<u>Alec Stewart</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester, England</u>	3 July 1997
		<u>Chris Read</u>	 <u>New Zealand</u>	<u>Edgbaston, Birmingham, England</u>	1 July 1999
		<u>Geraint Jones</u>	 <u>Bangladesh</u>	<u>Riverside Ground, Chester-le-Street, England</u>	3 June 2005
		<u>Chris Read</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Australia</u>	26 December 2006
			 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney, Australia</u>	2 January 2007
		<u>Matt Prior</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Australia</u>	26 December 2010
			 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Lord's, London, England</u>	16 August 2012
		<u>Jonny Bairstow</u> †	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg, South Africa</u>	14 January 2016
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[149]					

Most dismissals in a series

Brad Haddin holds the Test cricket record for the most dismissals taken by a wicket-keeper in a series. He took 29 catches during the 2013 Ashes series which broke the previous record held by fellow Australian Rod Marsh when he took 28 catches in the 1982–83 Ashes series. Jack Russell of England is equal third with 27 dismissals taken during the 1995–96 tour of South Africa.^[150]

Rank	Dismissals	Player	Matches	Innings	Series
1	27	<u>Jack Russell</u>	5	7	<u>English cricket team in South Africa in 1995–96</u>
2	24	<u>Alan Knott</u>	6	12	<u>1970–71 Ashes series</u>
=3	23	<u>Alec Stewart</u>	5	8	<u>South African cricket team in England in 1998</u>
		<u>Matt Prior</u>	5	10	<u>2010–11 Ashes series</u>
		<u>Alec Stewart</u>	6	10	<u>1997 Ashes series</u>
		<u>Alan Knott</u>	6	12	<u>1974–75 Ashes series</u>
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[151]					

Fielding records

Most career catches

Caught is one of the nine methods a batsman can be dismissed in cricket.^[h] A fair catch is defined as a fielder catching the ball, from a legal delivery, fully within the field of play without it bouncing when the ball has touched the striker's bat or glove holding the bat.^{[140][141]} The majority of catches are caught in the slips, located behind the batsman, next to the wicket-keeper, on the off side of the field. Most slip fielders are top order batsmen.^{[153][154]}

India's Rahul Dravid holds the record for the most catches in Test cricket by a non-wicket-keeper with 210, followed by Mahela Jayawardene of Sri Lanka on 205 and South African Jacques Kallis with 200. Former captain Alastair Cook is the highest ranked England player in sixth, securing 175 catches in his Test career.^[155]

Rank	Catches	Player	Matches	Period
1	175	<u>Alastair Cook</u>	161	2006–2018
2	121	<u>Andrew Strauss</u>	100	2004–2012
=3	120	<u>Ian Botham</u>	102	1977–1992
		<u>Colin Cowdrey</u>	114	1954–1975
5	110	<u>Wally Hammond</u>	85	1927–1947
Last updated: 13 October 2018 ^[12]				

Most catches in a series

The 1920–21 Ashes series, in which Australia whitewashed England 5–0 for the first time,^[156] saw the record set for the most catches taken by a non-wicket-keeper in a Test series. Australian all-rounder Jack Gregory took 15 catches in the series as well as 23 wickets.^[157] Greg Chappell and K. L. Rahul are joint second behind Gregory with 14 catches taken during the 1974–75 Ashes series and the 2018 India tour of England respectively. The same series saw Alastair Cook become the highest placed England player in equal fourth with 13 catches taken alongside Bob Simpson, Brian Lara and Rahul Dravid.^[158]

Rank	Catches	Player	Matches	Innings	Series
1	13	<u>Alastair Cook</u>	5	10	<u>Indian cricket team in England in 2018</u>
2	12	<u>Jack Ikin</u>	3	6	<u>South African cricket team in England in 1951</u>
3	12	<u>Wally Hammond</u>	5	9	<u>1934 Ashes series</u>
4	12	<u>Len Braund</u>		10	<u>1901–02 Ashes series</u>
=5	12	<u>Ian Botham</u>	6	12	<u>1981 Ashes series</u>
		<u>Tony Greig</u>			<u>1974–75 Ashes series</u>
Last updated: 13 October 2018 ^[13]					

Other records

Most career matches

India's Sachin Tendulkar holds the record for the most Test matches played with 200, with former captains Ricky Ponting and Steve Waugh being joint second with each having represented Australia on 168 occasions. Alastair Cook, is seventh and the most capped England Test cricketer having played 161 matches.^[159]

Rank	Matches	Player	Period
1	161	<u>Alastair Cook</u>	2006–2018
2	148	<u>James Anderson</u> †	2003–2019
3	133	<u>Alec Stewart</u>	1990–2003
4	126	<u>Stuart Broad</u> †	2007–2019
=5	118	<u>Ian Bell</u>	2004–2015
		<u>Graham Gooch</u>	1975–1995
Last updated: 13 February 2019 ^[16]			

Most consecutive career matches

Former English captain Alastair Cook holds the record for the most consecutive Test matches played with 159.^[15] Cook equalled the previous record of 153, set by Australia's Allan Border, during the first Test of the two match series against Pakistan in May 2018^[160] and broke it by playing in the second Test of the same series.^[161]

Rank	Matches	Player	Period
1	159 ♠	<u>Alastair Cook</u>	2006–2018
=2	65	<u>Alan Knott</u>	1971–1977
		<u>Ian Botham</u>	1978–1984
		<u>Joe Root</u> †	2014–2019
5	63	<u>Michael Atherton</u>	1993–1998
Last updated: 13 February 2019 ^[15]			

Most matches as captain

Graeme Smith, who led the South African cricket team from 2003 to 2014, holds the record for the most matches played as captain in Test cricket with 109. Allan Border, who skippered Australia from 1984 to 1994 is second with 93 matches. England's captain from 2010 to 2016, Alastair Cook, is seventh on the list with 59 matches.^[162]

Rank	Matches	Player	Period
1	59	<u>Alastair Cook</u>	2010–2016
2	54	<u>Michael Atherton</u>	1993–2001
3	51	<u>Michael Vaughan</u>	2003–2008
4	50	<u>Andrew Strauss</u>	2006–2012
5	45	<u>Nasser Hussain</u>	1999–2003
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[14]			

Youngest players

The youngest player to play in a Test match is claimed to be Hasan Raza at the age of 14 years and 227 days. Making his debut for Pakistan against Zimbabwe on 24 October 1996, there is some doubt as to the validity of Raza's age at the time.^[163] The youngest cricketer to play Test cricket for England was Brian Close who at the age of 18 years and 149 days debuted in the third Test of the series against New Zealand in July 1949.^[164]







Alastair Cook, pictured in 2006, holds the record for the most matches as English captain, the most consecutive career matches in Test cricket and the most matches played for England with 59, 159 and 161 respectively.^{[14][15][16]}

Rank	Age	Player	Opposition ^[f]	Venue	Date
1	18 years and 149 days	<u>Brian Close</u>	 <u>New Zealand</u>	<u>Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester, England</u>	23 July 1949
2	19 years and 32 days	<u>Jack Crawford</u>	<u>South Africa</u>	<u>Old Wanderers, Johannesburg, South Africa</u>	2 January 1906
3	19 years and 83 days	<u>Denis Compton</u>	 <u>New Zealand</u>	<u>The Oval, London, England</u>	14 August 1937
4	19 years and 269 days	<u>Ben Hollioake</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Trent Bridge, Nottingham, England</u>	7 August 1997
5	19 years and 297 days	<u>Haseeb Hameed</u>	 <u>India</u>	<u>Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium, Rajkot, India</u>	9 November 2016
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[165]					

Oldest players on debut

At 49 years and 119 days, James Southerton of England, playing in the very first Test match in March 1877, is the oldest player to make his debut in Test cricket. Second on the list is Miran Bakhsh of Pakistan who at 47 years and 284 days made his debut against India in 1955.^[23]

Rank	Age	Player	Opposition ^[c]	Venue	Date
1	49 years and 119 days ♠	<u>James Southerton</u>	<u>Australia</u>	<u>Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Australia</u>	15 March 1877
2	41 years and 337 days	<u>Rockley Wilson</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney, Australia</u>	25 February 1921
3	40 years and 216 days	<u>Septimus Kinneir</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney, Australia</u>	15 December 1911
4	40 years and 110 days	<u>Harry Lee</u>	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Old Wanderers, Johannesburg, South Africa</u>	13 February 1931
5	39 years and 360 days	<u>Arthur Wood</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>The Oval, London, England</u>	20 August 1938
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[23]					



James Southerton is the fifth oldest cricketer to play in a Test match and was the oldest to make his debut.^{[23][24]}

Oldest players

England all-rounder Wilfred Rhodes is the oldest player to appear in a Test match. Playing in the fourth Test against the West Indies in 1930 at Sabina Park, in Kingston, Jamaica, he was aged 52 years and 165 days on the final day's play. The second-oldest Test player is Bert Ironmonger who was aged 50 years and 327 days when he represented Australia for the final time in the fifth Test of the 1932–33 Ashes series at the Sydney Cricket Ground.^[24]

Wilfred Rhodes bowling c.
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Wilfred Rhodes, pictured here aged 25, is the oldest cricketer to ever in play in a Test match at the age of 52.^[24]

Rank	Age	Player	Opposition ^[c]	Venue	Date
1	52 years and 165 days ♠	<u>Wilfred Rhodes</u>	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Sabina Park</u> , <u>Kingston</u> , <u>Jamaica</u>	3 April 1930
2	50 years and 320 days	<u>W. G. Grace</u>	<u>Australia</u>	<u>Trent Bridge</u> , <u>Nottingham</u> , <u>England</u>	1 June 1899
3	50 years and 303 days	<u>George Gunn</u>	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Sabina Park</u> , <u>Kingston</u> , <u>Jamaica</u>	3 April 1930
4	49 years and 139 days	<u>James Southerton</u>	<u>Australia</u>	<u>Melbourne Cricket Ground</u> , <u>Melbourne</u> , <u>Australia</u>	31 March 1877
5	47 years and 249 days	<u>Jack Hobbs</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>The Oval</u> , <u>London</u> , <u>England</u>	16 August 1930
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[24]					











Partnership records

In cricket, two batsmen are always present at the crease batting together in a partnership. This partnership will continue until one of them is dismissed, retires or the innings comes to a close.

Highest partnerships by wicket

A wicket partnership describes the number of runs scored before each wicket falls. The first wicket partnership is between the opening batsmen and continues until the first wicket falls. The second wicket partnership then commences between the not out batsman and the number three batsman. This partnership continues until the second wicket falls. The third wicket partnership then commences between the not out batsman and the new batsman. This continues down to the tenth wicket partnership. When the tenth wicket has fallen, there is no batsman left to partner so the innings is closed.

English batsmen hold three Test wicket partnerships records, all set since 2010. Ben Stokes and Jonny Bairstow came together in the second Test of the 2015–16 series against South Africa at Newlands Cricket Ground and put together a sixth wicket partnership of 399 runs.^{[166][167]} The recently retired Jonathan Trott and the still active Stuart Broad set the highest eighth wicket partnership of 332 runs at Lord's in August 2010 against Pakistan.^[168] The final record is the tenth wicket partnership of 198 which was set by Joe Root and James Anderson. This came in the first Test against India at Trent Bridge in July 2014.^{[169][170]}

Wicket	Runs	First batsman	Second batsman	Opposition	Venue	Date
1st wicket	359	<u>Len Hutton</u>	<u>Cyril Washbrook</u>	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Ellis Park Stadium, Johannesburg, South Africa</u>	27 December 1948
2nd wicket	382	<u>Len Hutton</u>	<u>Maurice Leyland</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	<u>The Oval, London, England</u>	20 August 1938
3rd wicket	370	<u>Bill Edrich</u>	<u>Denis Compton</u>	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Lord's, London, England</u>	21 June 1947
4th wicket	411	<u>Peter May</u>	<u>Colin Cowdrey</u>	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Edgbaston, Birmingham, England</u>	30 May 1957
5th wicket	254	<u>Keith Fletcher</u>	<u>Tony Greig</u>	 <u>India</u>	<u>Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai, India</u>	6 February 1973
6th wicket	399 ♠	<u>Ben Stokes</u> †	<u>Jonny Bairstow</u> †	 <u>South Africa</u>	<u>Newlands Cricket Ground, Cape Town, South Africa</u>	2 January 2016
7th wicket	197	<u>M. J. K. Smith</u>	<u>Jim Parks</u>	 <u>West Indies</u>	<u>Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago</u>	25 March 1960
8th wicket	332 ♠	<u>Jonathan Trott</u>	<u>Stuart Broad</u> †	 <u>Pakistan</u>	<u>Lord's, London, England</u>	26 August 2010
9th wicket	163*	<u>Colin Cowdrey</u>	<u>Alan Smith</u>	 <u>New Zealand</u>	<u>Basin Reserve, Wellington, New Zealand</u>	1 March 1963
10th wicket	198 ♠	<u>Joe Root</u> †	<u>James Anderson</u> †	 <u>India</u>	<u>Trent Bridge, Nottingham, England</u>	9 July 2014
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[171]						

Highest partnerships by runs

The highest Test partnership by runs for any wicket is held by the Sri Lankan pairing of Kumar Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene who put together a third wicket partnership of 624 runs during the first Test against South Africa in July 2006. This broke the record of 576 runs set by their compatriots Sanath Jayasuriya and Roshan Mahanama against India in 1997. New Zealand's Andrew Jones and Martin Crowe hold the third-highest Test partnership with 467 made in 1991 against Sri Lanka. The English pairing of Peter May and Colin Cowdrey together scored 411 for the fourth wicket against the West Indies in 1957 to place themselves thirteenth on the list.^[172]

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2nd wicket	369	<u>John Edrich</u>	<u>Ken Barrington</u>	 <u>New Zealand</u>	<u>Headingley, Leeds, England</u>	8 July 1965
Last updated: 30 July 2018 ^[173]						

Umpiring records

Most matches umpired

An umpire in cricket is a person who officiates the match according to the *Laws of Cricket*. Two umpires adjudicate the match on the field, whilst a third umpire has access to video replays, and a fourth umpire looks after the match balls and other duties. The records below are only for on-field umpires.

Steve Bucknor of the West Indies holds the record for the most Test matches umpired with 128. He is followed by the currently active Aleem Dar from Pakistan who has stood in 123 Test matches as of February 2019 and South Africa's Rudi Koertzen who officiated in 108. The most experienced Englishman is David Shepherd who is fifth on the list with 92 Test matches umpired. Dickie Bird, who previously held the record with 66 Tests, is currently equal eleventh as of February 2019.^{[174][175]}



Dickie Bird stood as an umpire in 66 matches, a former Test record, and is now the third most experienced English umpire behind David Shepherd and Ian Gould.^{[174][175]}

Rank	Matches	Umpire	Period
1	92	<u>David Shepherd</u>	1985–2005
2	73	<u>Ian Gould</u> †	2008–2019
3	66	<u>Dickie Bird</u>	1973–1996
4	58	<u>Richard Kettleborough</u> †	2010–2019
5	55	<u>Nigel Llong</u> †	2008–2018
Last updated: 13 February 2019 ^[175]			

Notes

- For the first 50 years of Test cricket matches were played over three or four days^[2] and until the 1930s some timeless Tests were played.^[3]
- In October 2017, the ICC Board approved a trial of four-day Test cricket to run through until the 2019 Cricket World Cup.^[4]
- Prior to Australian federation in 1901, there was no national flag of Australia.^[40]
- The other teams to have won a Test match by a margin of 10 wickets are Pakistan (13),^[49] India (8),^[50] South Africa (8),^[51] Sri Lanka (8),^[52] and New Zealand (4).^[53]
- The other teams to have lost a Test match by a margin of 10 wickets are Bangladesh (4),^[65] Sri Lanka (5),^[66] Zimbabwe (7),^[67] Pakistan (9),^[68] Australia (10).^[69] South Africa (12),^[70] New Zealand (13),^[71] the West Indies (16)^[72] and India (17)^[73]
- Prior to the unification of the South African colonies in 1910, there was no national flag of South Africa.^[78]
- As of February 2019, a sixth batsman – Steve Smith – also averages over 60 in Test cricket and is still active.
- In 2017, *The Laws of Cricket* were amended, reducing the methods of dismissals from ten to nine, with handled the ball now covered as part of obstructing the field.^[152]

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