100 Best Catcher CS% Seasons

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Retrosheet event files for 1922, 1956-2007 were analyzed for every stolen base (SB) and every caught stealing (CS) for every catcher. The Caught Stealing by Catcher Percentage (CS%) was computed by the formula CS / SBA [with SBA=CS+SB]. The criteria for inclusion was 50 or more Stolen Bases Attempted (SBA) per season. {Note. This criteria excludes Roy Campanella's five seasons (1948-52) with 60% or higher CS% when he had 40 SBA's or less. Additionally, the Retrosheet event files for the years 1922, 1956-1973 have several missing games which when added to the database would alter the numbers, especially for 1922.} Hall-Of-Fame catchers are denoted by ***.

Catcher	Year	Tm	SB	CS	SBA	CS%
Gus Triandos	1957	BAL	21	42	63	0.6667
Bob O'Farrell	1922	CHN	41	70	111	0.6306
Jason LaRue	2001	CIN	27	42	69	0.6087
Dick Bertell	1963	CHN	29	44	73	0.6027
Larry McLean	1911	CIN	37	55	92	0.5978
Thurman Munson	1971	NYA	23	34	57	0.5965
Earl Battey	1960	WS1	29	41	70	0.5857
Henry Blanco	2000	MIL	28	39	67	0.5821
Bob Boone	1982	CAL	46	64	110	0.5818
Ellie Rodriguez	1971	MIL	30	41	71	0.5775
Rick Dempsey	1977	BAL	30	41	71	0.5775
Clay Dalrymple	1967	PHI	22	30	52	0.5769
Mike Ryan	1968	PHI	25	34	59	0.5763
Ivan Rodriguez	2001	TEX	23	31	54	0.5741
Johnny Bench ***	1969	CIN	30	40	70	0.5714
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Jerry Grote	1969	NYN	31	40	71	0.5634
Ivan Rodriguez	1998	TEX	38	49	87	0.5632
Jim Sundberg	1977	TEX	43	55	98	0.5612
Clay Dalrymple	1961	PHI	36	45	81	0.5556
Yogi Berra ***	1957	NYA	29	36	65	0.5538
Tim McCarver	1967	SLN	30	37	67	0.5522
Jimmy Archer	1911	CHN	49	60	109	0.5505
Ray Fosse	1973	OAK	41	50	91	0.5495
Yogi Berra ***	1958	NYA	23	28	51	0.5490
Ray Fosse	1970	CLE	40	48	88	0.5455
Sherm Lollar	1960	CHA	26	31	57	0.5439
Mickey O'Neil	1922	BSN	23	27	50	0.5400
Rick Dempsey	1976	BAL	23	27	50	0.5400
Yadier Molina	2007	SLN	23	27	50	0.5400
Ron Karkovice	1993	CHA	48	56	104	0.5385
Sal Butera	1981	MIN	25	29	54	0.5370
Charlie O'Brien	1997	TOR	25	29	54	0.5370
George Mitterwald	1970	MIN	34	39	73	0.5342

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Del Crandall	1959	MLN	28	32	60	0.5333
Ivan Rodriguez	1997	TEX	37	42	79	0.5316
Gilberto Reyes	1991	MON	38	43	81	0.5309
Terry Humphrey	1972	MON	25	28	53	0.5283
Chris Cannizzaro	1965	NYN	28	31	59	0.5254
Buck Rodgers	1967	CAL	40	44	84	0.5238
Ellie Rodriguez	1973	MIL	30	33	63	0.5238
Mike Matheny	2000	SLN	44	48	92	0.5217
Sammy White	1956	BOS	24	26	50	0.5200
Rick Cerone	1980	NYA	53	57	110	0.5182
Ivan Rodriguez	1992	TEX	53	57	110	0.5182
Ivey Wingo	1922	CIN	27	29	56	0.5179
Jeff Newman	1977	OAK	27	29	56	0.5179
Dick Bertell	1964	CHN	29	31	60	0.5167
Thurman Munson	1970	NYA	31	33	64	0.5156
Hal Smith	1960	SLN	32	34	66	0.5152
Clay Dalrymple	1965	PHI	34	36	70	0.5143
Butch Wynegar	1979	MIN	57	60	117	0.5128
Bob Boone	1986	CAL	41	43	84	0.5119
Duffy Dyer	1972	NYN	39	40	79	0.5063
Kirt Manwaring	1992	SFN	46	47	93	0.5054
Ivan Rodriguez	1996	TEX	46	47	93	0.5054
Thurman Munson	1975	NYA	59	59	118	0.5000
Randy Hundley	1968	CHN	47	47	94	0.5000
Ed Herrmann	1972	CHA	42	42	84	0.5000
Jim Sundberg	1984	MIL	42	42	84	0.5000
Manny Sanguillen	1971	PIT	36	36	72	0.5000
Jim French	1969	WS2	31	31	62	0.5000
Choo Choo Coleman	1963	NYN	29	29	58	0.5000
Gary Carter ***	1976	MON	27	27	54	0.5000
Eddie Ainsmith	1922	SLN	25	25	50	0.5000
Tom Pagnozzi	1994	SLN	25	25	50	0.5000
Rich Gedman	1986	BOS	55	54	109	0.4954
Randy Hundley	1969	CHN	51	50	101	0.4950
Paul Casanova	1967	WS2	38	37	75	0.4933
Brian Schneider	2004	MON	36	35	71	0.4930
Alberto Castillo	1999	SLN	35	34	69	0.4928
Tim Laudner	1984	MIN	32	31	63	0.4921
Clay Dalrymple	1964	PHI	31	30	61	0.4918
Charlie Moore	1986	MIL	31	30	61	0.4918
Henry Blanco	2004	MIN	31	30	61	0.4918
Joe Torre	1961	MLN	29	28	57	0.4912
Elston Howard	1964	NYA	27	26	53	0.4906
Vance Wilson	2002	NYN	26	25	51	0.4902
Jim Essian	1980	OAK	40	38	78	0.4872
Jerry Grote	1967	NYN	38	36	74	0.4865
Ivan Rodriguez	1991	TEX	36	34	70	0.4857
Joe Torre	1966	ATL	35	33	68	0.4853
Rick Dempsey	1979	BAL	48	45	93	0.4839

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Mike Matheny	2001	SLN	30	28	58	0.4828
Earl Battey	1965	MIN	28	26	54	0.4815
Johnny Bench ***	1973	CIN	28	26	54	0.4815
Jim Sundberg	1981	TEX	41	38	79	0.4810
Steve Lake	1989	PHI	27	25	52	0.4808
Johnny Edwards	1969	HOU	53	49	102	0.4804
Rick Cerone	1986	MIL	39	36	75	0.4800
Yogi Berra ***	1956	NYA	26	24	50	0.4800
Ellie Hendricks	1970	BAL	26	24	50	0.4800
John Boccabella	1972	MON	26	24	50	0.4800
Rick Dempsey	1989	LAN	26	24	50	0.4800
Ron Karkovice	1989	CHA	26	24	50	0.4800
Alan Ashby	1977	TOR	64	59	123	0.4797
Jim Sundberg	1978	TEX	75	69	144	0.4792
Thurman Munson	1973	NYA	50	46	96	0.4792