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| Year | Bowling | | | Major league baseball attendance ² | | | Year | Bowling | | Major league baseball attendance ² | | |
|------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|------|-------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|
| | Number of bowlers | Number of teams ¹ | Number of alley beds | American League | National League | World Series | | Number of bowlers | Number of teams ¹ | American League | National League | World Series |
| | 862 | 863 | 864 | 868 | 869 | 870 | | 862 | 863 | 868 | 869 | 870 |
| | 1,000 | | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | | 1,000 | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 1930 | 219 | 43,000 | 10,796 | 4,686 | 5,447 | 213 | 1910 | 7 | 1,400 | 3,271 | 3,495 | 124 |
| 1929 | 147 | 27,000 | 9,366 | 4,662 | 4,926 | 190 | 1909 | 7 | 1,300 | 3,740 | 3,496 | 145 |
| 1928 | 116 | 22,000 | 8,426 | 4,221 | 4,881 | 199 | 1908 | 7 | 1,320 | 3,611 | 3,512 | 62 |
| 1927 | 99 | 18,000 | 7,419 | 4,613 | 5,310 | 202 | 1907 | 6 | 1,266 | 3,399 | 2,640 | 78 |
| 1926 | 81 | 15,000 | 6,818 | 4,913 | 4,920 | 328 | 1906 | 5 | 970 | 2,988 | 2,781 | 100 |
| 1925 | 68 | 12,000 | 6,299 | 5,187 | 4,354 | 283 | 1905 | 3 | 630 | 3,121 | 2,734 | 92 |
| 1924 | 54 | 10,000 | 5,776 | 5,255 | 4,341 | 284 | 1904 | 2 | 470 | 3,024 | 2,664 | (NA) |
| 1923 | 60 | 11,000 | | 4,603 | 4,070 | 301 | 1903 | 2 | 400 | 2,345 | 2,390 | 100 |
| 1922 | 32 | 7,500 | | 4,874 | 3,942 | 186 | 1902 | 1 | 220 | 2,206 | 1,683 | |
| 1921 | 26 | 4,800 | | 4,620 | 3,987 | 270 | 1901 | 1 | 200 | 1,684 | 1,920 | |
| 1920 | 27 | 5,100 | | 5,084 | 4,037 | 174 | 1900 | 1 | 150 | | | |
| 1919 | 14 | 2,700 | | 3,654 | 2,878 | 237 | 1899 | 1 | 120 | | | |
| 1918 | 16 | 3,100 | | 1,708 | 1,872 | 186 | 1898 | 1 | 100 | | | |
| 1917 | 17 | 3,800 | | 2,859 | 2,361 | 129 | 1897 | (Z) | 75 | | | |
| 1916 | 16 | 3,200 | | 3,452 | 3,052 | 163 | 1896 | (Z) | 60 | | | |
| 1915 | 11 | 2,100 | | 2,435 | 2,430 | 143 | | | | | | |
| 1914 | 9 | 1,500 | | 2,748 | 1,707 | 111 | | | | | | |
| 1913 | 8 | 1,703 | | 3,527 | 2,632 | 151 | | | | | | |
| 1912 | 6 | 1,700 | | 3,264 | 2,736 | 252 | | | | | | |
| 1911 | 7 | 1,200 | | 3,840 | 3,232 | 180 | | | | | | |

| Year | Motion pictures ² | | Paid hunting and fishing license holders ⁴ | | Outboard motors sold | Year | Motion pictures ² | | Paid hunting and fishing license holders ⁴ | | Outboard motors sold |
|------|------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------|----------------------|------|------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------|----------------------|
| | Average weekly attendance | Box office receipts | Hunting | Fishing | | | Average weekly attendance | Box office receipts | Hunting | Fishing | |
| | 873 | 874 | 875 | 876 | | | 877 | 873 | 874 | 875 | |
| | Millions | Mil. dol. | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | | Millions | Mil. dol. | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 1970 | | 1,162 | 22,184 | 31,136 | 430 | 1940 | 80 | 735 | 7,646 | 7,931 | 130 |
| 1969 | | 1,099 | 21,622 | 29,855 | 510 | 1939 | 85 | 659 | 7,511 | 7,858 | 120 |
| 1968 | | 1,045 | 20,559 | 28,787 | 500 | 1938 | 85 | 663 | 6,903 | 7,436 | 100 |
| 1967 | | 989 | 20,225 | 27,072 | 444 | 1937 | 88 | 676 | 6,860 | 6,902 | 100 |
| 1966 | | 964 | 19,587 | 26,302 | 440 | 1936 | 88 | 626 | 6,658 | 5,332 | 50 |
| 1965 | 44 | 927 | 19,372 | 24,976 | 393 | 1935 | 80 | 556 | 5,988 | 5,121 | 41 |
| 1964 | 44 | 913 | 19,059 | 24,472 | 390 | 1934 | 70 | 518 | 5,918 | 4,856 | 23 |
| 1963 | 42 | 904 | 18,679 | 23,976 | 362 | 1933 | 60 | 482 | 5,742 | 4,858 | 15 |
| 1962 | 43 | 903 | 18,175 | 23,084 | 360 | 1932 | 60 | 527 | 5,777 | | 12 |
| 1961 | 42 | 921 | 18,202 | 23,186 | 343 | 1931 | 75 | 719 | 6,368 | | 14 |
| 1960 | 40 | 951 | *18,440 | *23,323 | *468 | 1930 | 80 | 732 | 6,901 | | 44 |
| 1959 | 42 | 958 | *11,924 | 19,914 | 540 | 1929 | 80 | 720 | 6,429 | | 59 |
| 1958 | 40 | 992 | 14,764 | 20,178 | 504 | 1928 | 65 | | 6,463 | | 54 |
| 1957 | 45 | 1,126 | 14,918 | 19,277 | 550 | 1927 | 57 | | 5,998 | | 42 |
| 1956 | 47 | 1,394 | 14,462 | 18,702 | 647 | 1926 | 50 | | 5,332 | | 33 |
| 1955 | 46 | 1,326 | 14,192 | 18,855 | 515 | 1925 | | | 4,905 | | 27 |
| 1954 | 49 | 1,223 | 14,073 | 18,581 | 479 | 1924 | 46 | | 4,395 | | 21 |
| 1953 | 46 | 1,187 | 14,803 | 17,652 | 463 | 1923 | 43 | | 4,341 | | 21 |
| 1952 | 51 | 1,246 | 18,902 | 17,128 | 337 | 1922 | 40 | | | | 16 |
| 1951 | 54 | 1,310 | 12,651 | 16,027 | 284 | 1921 | | | | | 12 |
| 1950 | 60 | 1,376 | 12,638 | 15,338 | 367 | 1920 | | | | | 17 |
| 1949 | 70 | 1,451 | 12,759 | 15,479 | 329 | 1919 | | | | | 12 |
| 1948 | 90 | 1,506 | 11,392 | 14,078 | 499 | | | | | | |
| 1947 | 90 | 1,594 | 12,067 | 12,620 | 584 | | | | | | |
| 1946 | 90 | 1,692 | 9,854 | 11,069 | 398 | | | | | | |
| 1945 | 85 | 1,450 | 8,191 | 8,280 | (NA) | | | | | | |
| 1944 | 85 | 1,341 | 7,491 | 7,830 | (NA) | | | | | | |
| 1943 | 85 | 1,275 | 8,081 | 8,029 | (NA) | | | | | | |
| 1942 | 85 | 1,022 | 8,521 | 8,423 | (NA) | | | | | | |
| 1941 | 85 | 809 | 7,918 | 8,004 | 170 | | | | | | |

* Denotes first year for which figures include Alaska and Hawaii.
 NA Not available. Z Less than 500.
¹ Covers only men's bowling teams in leagues sanctioned by American Bowling Congress.
² Excludes Alaska and Hawaii for all years.
³ Includes Hawaii for all years. Beginning 1963, includes Alaska and Guam. Excludes closed circuit TV receipts.
⁴ Beginning 1960, includes multiple counting of license holders who bought 1 or more non-resident licenses as well as a license for their own home State.
⁵ Excludes Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.
⁶ Production disrupted due to labor arbitration.
⁷ Production disrupted due to material allocation under the Controlled Material Plan.