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Year	Bowling			Major league baseball attendance <sup>2</sup>			Year	Bowling		Major league baseball attendance <sup>2</sup>		
	Number of bowlers	Number of teams <sup>1</sup>	Number of alley beds	American League	National League	World Series		Number of bowlers	Number of teams <sup>1</sup>	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	2,938	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	1,372	186	1898	1	100			
1917	17	3,300		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	2,832	151						
1912	6	1,700		3,264	2,736	252						
1911	7	1,200		3,340	3,232	180						

Year	Motion pictures <sup>2</sup>		Paid hunting and fishing license holders <sup>4</sup>		Outboard motors sold	Year	Motion pictures <sup>2</sup>		Paid hunting and fishing license holders <sup>4</sup>		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	20,859	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	5,832	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	23,136	343	1931	75	719	6,368		14
1960	40	951	*18,440	*23,323	*468	1930	90	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	46		4,905		27
1954	49	1,228	14,073	18,681	515	1924	46		4,395		21
1953	46	1,187	14,803	17,652	463	1923	43		4,341		21
1952	51	1,246	13,902	17,128	337	1922	40				16
1951	54	1,310	12,661	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	7,913	8,004	170						

\* Denotes first year for which figures include Alaska and Hawaii.  
 NA Not available. Z Less than 500.  
<sup>1</sup> Covers only men's bowling teams in leagues sanctioned by American Bowling Congress.  
<sup>2</sup> Excludes Alaska and Hawaii for all years.  
<sup>3</sup> Includes Hawaii for all years. Beginning 1963, includes Alaska and Guam. Excludes closed circuit TV receipts.

<sup>4</sup> 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.  
<sup>5</sup> Excludes Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.  
<sup>6</sup> Production disrupted due to labor arbitration.  
<sup>7</sup> Production disrupted due to material allocation under the Controlled Material Plan.