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Leading Lifetime Passers (At the start of the 2001 season)

Courtesy of Pro Football Hall of Fame - Minimum 1500 attempts

RNK		Player	League	Yrs	ATT	COM	Yards	TD	IN	RATE
1	(1)	Steve Young	NFL	15	4,149	2,667	33,124	232	107	96.8
2	(2)	Joe Montana*	NFL	15	5,391	3,409	40,551	273	139	92.3
3	(4)	Otto Graham*	AAFC-NFL	10	2,626	1,464	23,584	174	135	86.6
4	(5)	Dan Marino	NFL	17	8,358	4,967	61,361	420	252	86.4
5	(3)	BRETT FAVRE	NFL	10	4,932	2,997	34,706	255	157	86.0
6	(--)	PEYTON MANNING	NFL	3	1,679	1,014	12,287	85	58	85.4
7	(6)	MARK BRUNELL	NFL	7	2,672	1,608	19,212	106	66	85.1
8	(--)	BRAD JOHNSON	NFL	9	1,821	1,126	12,973	79	57	84.7
9	(7)	Jim Kelly	NFL	11	4,779	2,874	35,467	237	175	84.4
10	(8)	Roger Staubach*	NFL	11	2,958	1,685	22,700	153	109	83.4
11	(9)	Neil Lomax	NFL	8	3,153	1,817	22,771	136	90	82.7
12	(11)	Sonny Jurgensen*	NFL	18	4,262	2,433	32,224	255	189	82.63
13	(12)	Len Dawson*	NFL-AFL	19	3,741	2,136	28,711	239	183	82.56
14	(13)	NEIL O'DONNELL	NFL	10	3,121	1,802	20,938	116	65	81.863
15	(14)	Ken Anderson	NFL	16	4,475	2,654	32,838	197	160	81.858
16	(15)	Bernie Kosar	NFL	12	3,365	1,994	23,301	124	87	81.8
17	(16)	Danny White	NFL	13	2,950	1,761	21,959	155	132	81.72
18	(--)	ELVIS GRBAC	NFL	7	1,978	1,181	13,741	84	63	81.67
19	(10)	TROY AIKMAN	NFL	12	4,715	2,898	32,942	165	141	81.6
20	(17)	Dave Krieg	NFL	19	5,311	3,105	38,147	261	199	81.5

2000 Notes: Brad Johnson, Peyton Manning, and Elvis Grbac entered the Top 20 during the season. Chris Chandler, Steve Beuerlein, and Randall Cunningham were displaced from the Top 20.

Next in Line: Players active in 2000 who have the 1500 attempts needed to qualify for the Top Twenty and rank the closest to a Top 20 ranking: Randall Cunningham (81.47), Steve Beuerlein (80.9), Jeff George (80.9), Rich Gannon (80.6), Chris Chandler (80.4), Jeff Blake (79.5), and Steve McNair (79.2). Warren Moon (80.9) was active in 2000 but retired following the season.

Leading Lifetime Rushers (At the start of the 2001 season)

Courtesy Pro Football Hall of Fame

Rnk		Player	League	Yrs	ATT	Yards	Avg	TD
1	(1)	Walter Payton*	NFL	13	3,838	16,726	4.4	110
2	(2)	Barry Sanders	NFL	10	3,062	15,269	5.0	99
3	(3)	EMMITT SMITH	NFL	11	3,537	15,166	4.3	145
4	(4)	Eric Dickerson*	NFL	11	2,996	13,259	4.4	90
5	(5)	Tony Dorsett*	NFL	12	2,936	12,739	4.3	77
6	(6)	Jim Brown*	NFL	9	2,359	12,312	5.2	106
7	(7)	Marcus Allen	NFL	16	3,022	12,243	4.1	123
8	(8)	Franco Harris*	NFL	13	2,949	12,120	4.1	91
9	(9)	THURMAN THOMAS	NFL	13	2,877	12,074	4.2	65
10	(10)	John Riggins*	NFL	14	2,916	11,352	3.9	104
11	(11)	O.J. Simpson*	AFL-NFL	11	2,404	11,236	4.7	61
12	(15)	RICKY WATTERS	NFL	9	2,550	10,325	4.0	77
13	(12)	O.J. Anderson	NFL	14	2,562	10,273	4.0	81
14	(17)	JEROME BETTIS	NFL	8	2,461	9,804	4.0	49
15	(13)	Joe Perry*	AAFC-NFL	16	1,929	9,723	5.0	71
16	(14)	Earl Campbell*	NFL	8	2,187	9,407	4.3	74
17	(16)	Jim Taylor*	NFL	10	1,941	8,597	4.4	83
18	(18)	Earnest Byner	NFL	14	2,095	8,261	3.9	56
19	(19)	Herschel Walker	NFL	12	1,954	8,225	4.2	61
20	(20)	Roger Craig	NFL	11	1,991	8,189	4.1	56

Next in Line:

Players active in 2000 who rank closest to a Top Twenty ranking: Marshall Faulk (8,060), Terry Allen (7,956), Curtis Martin (7,754), Chris Warren (7,696), Terrell Davis (6,906), Eddie George (6,874), Robert Smith (6,818).

* — Indicates Pro Football Hall of Fame member

() — Indicates rank at the start of the 2000 Season

CAPS — Indicates active in the 2000 season