

## CAREER STRIKEOUTS PER 9 INNINGS PITCHED LEADERS

<u>PITCHER</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
<b>Billy Wagner</b>	<b>11.84</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>1995-2007</b>
<b>Armando Benitez</b>	<b>10.91</b>	<b>772.2</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>1994-2007</b>
<b>Octavio Dotel</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>1999-2007</b>
<b>Randy Johnson</b>	<b>10.78</b>	<b>3,855.1</b>	<b>4,616</b>	<b>1988-2007</b>
Ugueth Urbina	10.51	697.1	814	1995-2005
<b>Mark Prior</b>	<b>10.37</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>2002-06</b>
<b>Kerry Wood</b>	<b>10.33</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>1998,2000-07</b>
<b>Pedro Martinez</b>	<b>10.20</b>	<b>2,673.2</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>1992-2007</b>
<b>Troy Percival</b>	<b>10.16</b>	<b>651.2</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>1995-2005,07</b>
Robb Nen	9.98	715	793	1993-2002
Tom Henke	9.81	789.2	861	1982-95
Dick Radatz	9.67	693.2	745	1962-67,69
<b>Trevor Hoffman</b>	<b>9.63</b>	<b>942.2</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>1993-2007</b>
NOLAN RYAN	9.55	5,386	5,714	1966,68-93
Jeff Nelson	9.51	784.2	829	1992-2006
<b>Johan Santana</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>1,308.2</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>2000-07</b>
<b>Oliver Perez</b>	<b>9.47</b>	<b>805.1</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>2002-07</b>
John Wetteland	9.46	765	804	1989-2000
SANDY KOUFAX	9.28	2,324.1	2,396	1955-66
<b>Jake Peavy</b>	<b>9.02</b>	<b>1,087.1</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>2002-07</b>
Mark Clear	9.00	804.1	804	1979-88,90
Randy Myers	8.99	884.2	884	1985-98
Sam McDowell	8.86	2,492.1	2,453	1961-75
<b>Arthur Rhodes</b>	<b>8.84</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1991-2006</b>
Herb Score	8.78	858.1	837	1955-62
Mike Remlinger	8.74	879	854	1991,94-2006
<b>Hideo Nomo</b>	<b>8.74</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>1995-2005</b>
Dan Plesac	8.74	1,072	1,041	1986-2003
Lee Smith	8.73	1,289.1	1,251	1980-97
<b>Byung-Hyun Kim</b>	<b>8.63</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>1999-2007</b>
<b>Curt Schilling</b>	<b>8.60</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>1988-2007</b>
<b>Roger Clemens</b>	<b>8.55</b>	<b>4,916.2</b>	<b>4,672</b>	<b>1984-2007</b>
<b>Josh Beckett</b>	<b>8.51</b>	<b>1,014.1</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>2001-07</b>
Paul Assenmacher	8.49	855.2	807	1986-99
Eric Plunk	8.45	1,151	1,081	1986-99
Tom Hall	8.41	852.2	797	1968-77
Sid Fernandez	8.40	1,866.2	1,743	1983-97
J.R. Richard	8.37	1,606	1,493	1971-80
David Cone	8.28	2,898.2	2,668	1986-2001,03
Darren Dreifort	8.27	872.2	802	1994,96-2001,03-04
<b>Tom Gordon</b>	<b>8.24</b>	<b>2,076.2</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>1988-99,2001-07</b>

Jesse Orosco	8.19	1,295	1,179	1979,81-2003
<b>A.J. Burnett</b>	<b>8.16</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>1999-2007</b>
<b>Mariano Rivera</b>	<b>8.09</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>1995-2007</b>
Norm Charlton	8.09	899.1	808	1988-93,95-2001
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<b>Jason Schmidt</b>	<b>7.96</b>	<b>1,978.2</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1995-2007</b>
Bob Veale	7.96	1,926	1,703	1962-74
<b>John Smoltz</b>	<b>7.95</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>1988-99,2001-07</b>

This list requires a minimum of 700 strikeouts and an average of 8.00 strikeouts per 9 innings pitched or greater. Players with an average of 7.95 to 7.99 have been added since they can be rounded up to 8.0 if you drop one decimal place.

Players in ALL CAPS are members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.  
 Players in **Bold** are considered still active.

AVG = Strikeouts per Nine Innings Pitched IP = Innings Pitched SO = Strikeouts  
 YEARS = Years Played

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