

Gunnar Henderson
Arbitration Level One
Baltimore Orioles Baseball Club
Shortstop



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Player Profile

Age: 23 years

DOB: 6/29/2001

Bats/Throws: L/R

Weight: 220

Position: Shortstop

MLB Draft: 2019 Rd. 2, Pick 1, 42nd overall



Henderson shaking hands with
Orioles General Manager, Mike Elias

Health History

2025

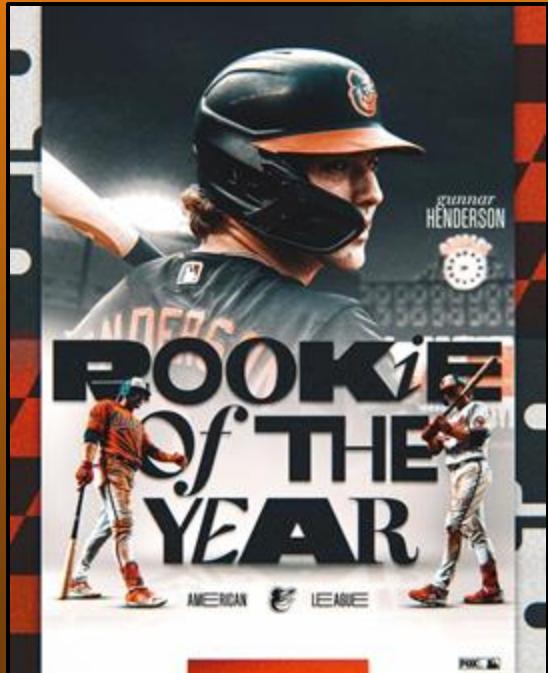
- March 27th - April 4th: 10-day IL, right intercostal strain



Season	Games
2025* PY	146
2024 PY-1	159 (4th most AL)
2023 PY-2	150 (25th most AL)
2022 PY-3	34 (August 31st, MLB Debut)

*2025 Statistics are extrapolated to a 162-game season

Gunnar Henderson
Baltimore Orioles Baseball Club
Shortstop
Arb Level 1 Salary: \$???



Recognition:

2023
American League Rookie of the Year
8th American League MVP
Silver Slugger (SS) Winner

2024
4th American League MVP
All-Star
Silver Slugger Finalist

Career Highs

Statistical Career

Season	HR	aWAR	fWAR	bWAR	WRC+	OPS+	OPS
2022 PY-3	4	0.9	0.8	1.0	128	126	.788
2023 PY-2	28	5.4	4.7	6.1	123	125	.814
2024 PY-1	37	8.55	8.0	9.1	155	156	.893
2025* PY	17	4.4	3.9	4.9	123	127	.792
Career:	86	19.25	17.4	21.1	136	138	.840

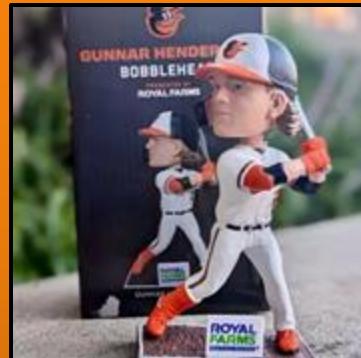
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Triple-Slash Line

Season	AVG	OBP	SLG
2025* PY	.259	.348	.440
2024 PY-1	.255	.325	.489
2023 PY-2	.281	.364	.529
2022 PY-3	.281	.354	.438
Career:	.270	.347	.493

*2025 Statistics are extrapolated to a 162-game season

Marketability



Year	Recognition
2023	Louis M. Hatter Most Valuable Oriole Award 20th Highest Selling MLB Jersey
2024	Louis M. Hatter Most Valuable Oriole Award 14th Highest Selling MLB Jersey Home Run Derby Participant



Player Comparisons



Javier Baez
Shortstop
Chicago Cubs



Trevor Story
Shortstop
Colorado Rockies



Carlos Correa
Shortstop
Houston Astros



Francisco Lindor
Shortstop
Cleveland Indians

Javier Báez
Chicago Cubs Baseball Club
Shortstop
Arb Level 1 Salary: \$5,200,000



Recognition:

2018 (PY)
National League MVP Runner-Up
x1 All-Star
x1 Silver Slugger Winner

2016 (PY-2)
World Series Champion



Henderson v. Báez - Career Statistics

Recognition:

2023
Won AL RoY
8th AL MVP
SS Winner

2024
4th AL MVP
All-Star
SS Finalist

Henderson	Statistics	Báez
489	G	527
86	HR	81
19.25	aWAR	11.5
136	WRC+	103
138	OPS+	103
.840	OPS	.779
.270	AVG	.267
.347	OBP	.309
.493	SLG	.470

Recognition:

2018
NL MVP Runner-Up
All-Star
SS Winner

Trevor Story
Colorado Rockies Baseball Club
Shortstop
Arb Level 1 Salary: \$5,000,000



Recognition:

2018 (PY)
8th National League MVP
x1 All-Star
x1 Silver Slugger Winner

2016 (PY-2)
4th National League RoY



Henderson v. Story - Career Statistics

Recognition:

2023
Won AL RoY
8th AL MVP
SS Winner

2024
4th AL MVP
All-Star
SS Finalist

Recognition:

2016
4th NL RoY

2018
8th NL MVP
All-Star
SS Winner

Henderson	Statistics	Story
489	G	399
86	HR	88
19.25	aWAR	11.65
136	WRC+	111
138	OPS+	111
.840	OPS	.862
.270	AVG	.268
.347	OBP	.333
.493	SLG	.530

Carlos Correa
Houston Astros Baseball Club
Shortstop
Arb Level 1 Salary: \$5,000,000



Recognition:
2019 (PY)
American League Rookie of the Year
x1 All-Star

2017 (PY-2)
World Series Champion



Henderson v. Correa - Career Statistics

Recognition:

2023
Won AL RoY
8th AL MVP
SS Winner

2024
4th AL MVP
All-Star
SS Finalist

Henderson	Statistics	Correa
489	G	471
86	HR	81
19.25	aWAR	18.70
136	WRC+	128
138	OPS+	128
.840	OPS	.833
.270	AVG	.277
.347	OBP	.356
.493	SLG	.477

Recognition:

2015
Won AL RoY
24th AL MVP

2017
All-Star
17th AL MVP
WS Champion

Francisco Lindor
Cleveland Indians Baseball Club
Shortstop
Arb Level 1 Salary: \$10,550,000



Recognition:

2018 (PY)

6th AL MVP
All-Star
Silver Slugger Winner
Gold Glove Finalist

2017 (PY-1)

5th AL MVP
All-Star
Silver Slugger Winner
Gold Glove Finalist

2016 (PY-2)

9th AL MVP
All-Star
Gold Glove Winner

2015 (PY-3)

2nd American League Rookie of the Year



Henderson v. Lindor - Career Statistics

Recognition:

2024
4th AL MVP
All-Star
SS Finalist

2023
Won AL RoY
8th AL MVP
SS Winner

Henderson	Statistics	Lindor
489	G	574
86	HR	98
19.25	aWAR	22.45
136	WRC+	120
138	OPS+	119
.840	OPS	.837
.270	AVG	.288
.347	OBP	.350
.493	SLG	.487

Recognition:

2018
6th AL MVP
All-Star
SS Winner
GG Finalist

2017
5th AL MVP
All-Star
SS Winner
GG Finalist

2016
9th AL MVP
All-Star
GG Winner

2015
2nd AL RoY

Summary

Henderson v. Báez (2019) (\$5,200,000):

- Henderson had superior statistics compared to Báez throughout career. But, Báez's MVP runner-up finish entering arbitration suggests a higher peak than Henderson.

Henderson v. Story (2019) (\$5,000,000):

- Similar power profile to each other with a Silver Slugger award in common. Henderson shows more consistency throughout career.

Henderson v. Correa (2019) (\$5,000,000):

- Both RoYs with similar career numbers. Henderson displayed a higher peak than Correa. But, Correa displayed more consistency entering arbitration compared to Henderson.

Henderson v. Lindor (2019) (\$10,550,000):

- Lindor provided the ceiling for shortstops with three straight top-10 MVP finishes, hardware offensively and defensively, and had superior statistics compared to Henderson.

Verdict:

Based on Henderson's statistics through June 23, 2025, he should be **fairly compensated between \$5-5.3 million**. Henderson showed regression entering arbitration, but has displayed high-level production in his PY-1 and PY-2 years.

Statistical Glossary ([MLB.com](https://www.mlb.com))

Home Run (HR): A batter hits a fair ball and scores on the play without being put out or has the benefit of an error.

Wins Above Replacement (aWAR): Measures a player's value in all facets of the game by deciphering how many more wins he is worth compared to an average replacement at their position. Averaged out from fWAR and bWAR.

Fangraphs WAR (fWAR): Fangraphs's calculation of WAR.

Baseball Reference WAR (bWAR): Baseball Reference's calculation of WAR.

Weighted Runs Created (WRC+): Adjusts to ballpark factors for all MLB players. 100 is league average. 150 would be 50% better than league average.

Batting Average (AVG): Measure's a hitter's success. Dividing the player's hits by number of at-bats.

On-Base-Percentage (OBP): How frequently a batter gets on base per plate appearance.

Slugging (SLG): Represents the total number of bases a player records per at-bat. Excludes walks and hit-by-pitches.

On-Base-Plus-Slugging (OPS): Combines on-base percentage and slugging percentage.

OPS averaged across league (OPS+): OPS adjusted for all ballparks. 100 is league average. 150 would be 50%

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