

Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators

March 2026 vs March 2025

Indicator	March 2026	March 2025	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$816,171,590	\$931,156,615	-12.35%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$99,001,686	\$98,654,702	+0.35%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$94,098,566	\$93,283,750	+0.87%
U.S. Race Days	262	263	-0.38%
U.S. Races	2,247	2,266	-0.84%
U.S. Starts	16,120	17,480	-7.78%
Average Field Size	7.17	7.71	-7.00%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$3,115,159	\$3,540,519	-12.01%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$377,869	\$375,113	+0.73%

* Includes worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.

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1st QTR 2026 vs. 1st QTR 2025

Indicator	1st QTR 2026	1st QTR 2025	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$2,326,916,248	\$2,505,048,057	-7.11%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$256,080,638	\$260,351,780	-1.64%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$242,254,646	\$246,044,504	-1.54%
U.S. Race Days	697	715	-2.52%
U.S. Races	5,972	6,171	-3.22%
U.S. Starts	45,352	48,952	-7.35%
Average Field Size	7.59	7.93	-4.27%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$3,338,474	\$3,503,564	-4.71%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$367,404	\$364,128	+0.90%

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