

Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators May 2026 vs. May 2025			
Indicator	May 2026	May 2025	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$1,387,522,075	\$1,445,426,617	-4.01%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$122,931,100	\$122,787,561	+0.12%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$118,287,055	\$118,182,031	+0.09%
U.S. Race Days	345	365	-5.48%
U.S. Races	2,779	2,933	-5.25%
U.S. Starts	19,243	20,790	-7.44%
Average Field Size	6.92	7.09	-2.31%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$4,021,803	\$3,960,073	+1.56%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$356,322	\$336,404	+5.92%
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Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators YTD 2026 vs. YTD 2025			
Indicator	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$4,612,696,658	\$4,829,128,607	-4.48%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$478,956,315	\$474,878,319	+0.86%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$456,166,360	\$451,852,471	+0.95%
U.S. Race Days	1,301	1,332	-2.33%
U.S. Races	10,921	11,211	-2.59%
U.S. Starts	80,432	85,993	-6.47%
Average Field Size	7.36	7.67	-3.98%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$3,545,501	\$3,625,472	-2.21%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$368,145	\$356,515	+3.26%
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