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### **OPENING DAY ROSTERS FEATURE 247 INTERNATIONALLY BORN PLAYERS**

**26.1% of Players Born Outside the U.S., Spanning 16 Countries and Territories;**

**MLB Newcomers Tatsuya Imai, Munetaka Murakami, Kazuma Okamoto Give Japan 14 Players, Marking Most Since 2010; Canada's 17 Most Since 2013**

A total of 247 players represented 16 different countries and territories outside of the 50 United States on 2026 Opening Day rosters and inactive lists, Major League Baseball announced today. The 247 players born outside the U.S. (26.1%) come from a total pool of 948 players (780 active 26-man roster players and 168 Major League players on injured or restricted lists).

As it has each year since MLB began releasing this annual data in 1995, the Dominican Republic again leads the Major Leagues among countries and territories outside the United States with 93 players. The World Baseball Classic Champion Venezuela ranks second with 60 players, while Cuba places third with 20. Canada has 17 players on Opening Day rosters, matching its most since 2013 and marking the second-highest total since 1995 (19 in 2007). With the additions of Tatsuya Imai of the Houston Astros, Munetaka Murakami of the Chicago White Sox, and Kazuma Okamoto of the Toronto Blue Jays, Japan features 14 players on Opening Day rosters, matching 2010 for their second-most all-time behind only 2008 (16). Rounding out the totals are Puerto Rico (14); Mexico (7); Curaçao (4); Panama (4); Colombia (3); South Korea (3); Aruba (1); the Bahamas (1); Honduras (1); Nicaragua (1); and Taiwan (1).



The Atlanta Braves and the San Diego Padres have the most internationally born players with a total of 15 each on their respective rosters, snapping a five-year run in which the Astros led the Majors. The Astros have 14 internationally born players and are followed by the Arizona Diamondbacks and Miami Marlins (13 each); the

Seattle Mariners (12); and the Boston Red Sox, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Mets and San Francisco Giants (11 each). The Braves have players from eight different countries and territories outside the U.S., marking the most in the Majors among the 30 Clubs. They are followed by the Astros and Padres (7 each); and the Red Sox, Colorado Rockies, Mariners and Blue Jays (6 each).

Among the 780 players on active 26-Man Opening Day rosters, 145 players (18.6%) appeared in at least one game during the 2026 World Baseball Classic.

Available in over 203 countries and territories, Major League Baseball games will be broadcast by 162 media outlets in 16 different languages during the 2026 MLB season.

Please see below for the complete list of internationally born players on 2026 Opening Day rosters and inactive lists.

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**ARUBA (1)**

Bogaerts, Xander, SD

**BAHAMAS (1)**

Chisholm Jr., Jazz, NYY

**CANADA (17)**

Brash, Matt, SEA

Caissie, Owen, MIA

Clarke, Denzel, ATH

Guerrero Jr., Vladimir, TOR

Hicks, Liam, MIA

Julien, Edouard, COL

Naylor, Bo, CLE

Naylor, Josh, SEA

O'Neill, Tyler, BAL

Peters, Tristan, CWS

Pivetta, Nick, SD

Pop, Zach, PHI

Romano, Jordan, LAA

Sabrowski, Erik, CLE

Smith, Cade, CLE

Soroka, Michael, AZ

Wick, Rowan, SF

**COLOMBIA (3)**

Fuentes, Didier, ATL

Quintana, Jose, COL

Sanmartin, Reiver, SF

**CUBA (20)**

Alvarez, Yordan, HOU

Arozarena, Randy, SEA

Cano, Yennier, BAL

Chapman, Aroldis, BOS

Díaz, Yandy, TB

García, Adolis, PHI

Gurriel Jr., Lourdes, AZ

Hernández, Daysbel, ATL

Ibáñez, Andy, ATH

Iglesias, Raisel, ATL

Moncada, Yoán, LAA

Morales, Luis, ATH

Morejon, Adrian, SD

Oviedo, Johan, BOS

Pages, Andy, LAD

Pérez, Cionel, WSH

Quero, Edgar, CWS

Robert Jr., Luis, NYM

Soler, Jorge, LAA

Vargas, Miguel, CWS

**CURAÇAO (4)**

Albies, Ozzie, ATL

Jansen, Kenley, DET

Profar, Jurickson, ATL

Rafaela, Ceddanne, BOS

**DOMINICAN  
REPUBLIC (93)**

Abreu, Bryan, HOU

Adames, Willy, SF

Alcantara, Sandy, MIA

Alvarado, Elvis, ATH

Andujar, Miguel, SD

Basallo, Samuel, BAL

Bautista, Félix, BAL

Bello, Brayán, BOS

Berroa, Prelander, CWS

Berroa, Steward, MIL

Bido, Osvaldo, ATL

Blanco, Ronel, HOU

Brazobán, Huascar, NYM

Brito, Jhony, SD

Cabrera, Edward, CHC

Caminero, Junior, TB

Castillo, Luis, SEA

Clase, Emmanuel, CLE

Cruz, Oneil, PIT

De La Cruz, Elly, CIN

De Los Santos, Enyel, HOU

Devers, Rafael, SF

Diaz, Yainer, HOU

Domínguez, Seranthony, CWS

Doval, Camilo, NYY

Duran, Ezequiel, TEX

Duran, Jhoan, PHI

Encarnacion, Jerar, SF

Espinal, Santiago, LAD

Estévez, Carlos, KC

Fermín, José, STL

Ferrer, Jose A., SEA

Franco, Wander, TB

García, Luis, NYM

García, Yimi, TOR

Henriquez, Ronny, MIA

Hernández, Heriberto, MIA

Hernández, Teoscar, LAD

Hiraldo, Yaramil, BAL

Javier, Cristian, HOU

Laureano, Ramón, SD

Lopez, Otto, MIA

López, Reynaldo, ATL

Marte, Ketel, AZ

Marte, Noelvi, CIN

Marte, Starling, KC

Martínez, Angel, CLE

Martinez, Justin, AZ

Mateo, Jorge, ATL

Medina, Luis, ATH

Mejia, Juan, COL

Mena, Cristian, AZ

Morel, Christopher, MIA

Muñoz, Roddery, HOU

Núñez, Dedniel, NYM

Ortiz, Luis, CLE

Ozuna, Marcell, PIT

Payamps, Joel, ATL

Peguero, Joel, SF

Peña, Jeremy, HOU

Peralta, Freddy, NYM

Peralta, Wandy, SD

Perdomo, Geraldo, AZ

Pérez, Eury, MIA

Polanco, Jorge, NYM

Ramírez, Agustín, MIA

Ramírez, José, CLE

Ramírez, Yohan, PIT

Robles, Victor, SEA

Rodríguez, Julio, SEA

Rodríguez, Randy, SF

Rojas, Johan, PHI

Rosario, Amed, NYY

Ruiz, Esteury, MIA

Sánchez, Cristopher, PHI

Sánchez, Gary, MIL

Sánchez, Jesús, TOR

Santana, Carlos, AZ

Santana, Dennis, PIT

Severino, Luis, ATH

Soriano, George, STL

Soriano, José, LAA

Soto, Gregory, PIT

Soto, Juan, NYM

Tatis Jr., Fernando, SD
Taveras, Leody, BAL
Tena, José, WSH
Uceta, Edwin, TB
Urena, Walbert, LAA
Uribe, Abner, MIL
Valdez, Framer, DET
Vargas, Carlos, SEA
Vásquez, Randy, SD

<b>HONDURAS (1)</b>
Dubón, Mauricio, ATL

<b>JAPAN (14)</b>
Darvish, Yu, SD
Imai, Tatsuya, HOU
Imanaga, Shota, CHC
Kikuchi, Yusei, LAA
Matsui, Yuki, SD
Murakami, Munetaka, CWS
Ohtani, Shohei, LAD
Okamoto, Kazuma, TOR
Sasaki, Roki, LAD
Senga, Kodai, NYM
Sugano, Tomoyuki, COL
Suzuki, Seiya, CHC
Yamamoto, Yoshinobu, LAD
Yoshida, Masataka, BOS

<b>MEXICO (7)</b>
Aranda, Jonathan, TB
Kirk, Alejandro, TOR
Muñoz, Andrés, SEA
Paredes, Isaac, HOU
Rodríguez, Manuel, TB
Urías, Ramón, STL
Urquidy, José, PIT

<b>NICARAGUA (1)</b>
Loáisiga, Jonathan, AZ

<b>PANAMA (4)</b>
Amaya, Miguel, CHC
Caballero, José, NYY
Herrera, Iván, STL
Sosa, Edmundo, PHI

<b>PUERTO RICO (14)</b>
Báez, Javier, DET
Berríos, José, TOR
Caratini, Victor, MIN
Castro, Willi, COL
Correa, Carlos, HOU
Cruz, Fernando, NYY
Díaz, Edwin, LAD
Hernaiz, Darell, ATH
Hernández, Kiké, LAD
Jiménez, Joe, ATL
Lindor, Francisco, NYM
Morán, Jovani, BOS
Ramos, Heliot, SF
Vázquez, Christian, HOU

<b>SOUTH KOREA (3)</b>
Kim, Ha-Seong, ATL
Refsnyder, Rob, SEA
Song, Sung-Mun, SD

<b>TAIWAN (1)</b>
Teng, Kai-Wei, HOU

<b>VENEZUELA (60)</b>
Abreu, Willyer, BOS
Acosta, Maximo, MIA
Acuña Jr., Ronald, ATL
Acuña, Luisangel, CWS
Altuve, Jose, HOU
Alvarado, José, PHI
Alvarez, Francisco, NYM
Arias, Gabriel, CLE
Arraez, Luis, SF
Ballesteros, Moisés, CHC
Barrosa, Jorge, AZ
Bazardo, Eduard, SEA
Buttó, José, SF
Chaparro, Andrés, WSH
Chourio, Jackson, MIL
Contreras, William, MIL
Contreras, Willson, BOS
De Jesus, Enmanuel, DET
Fermin, Freddy, SD
Franco, Jose, CIN
Garcia, Maikel, KC
Giménez, Andrés, TOR
Gómez, Yoendrys, TB

Graterol, Brusdar, LAD
Henriquez, Edgardo, LAD
López, Pablo, MIN
Marchán, Rafael, PHI
Márquez, Germán, SD
Monasterio, Andruw, BOS
Moreno, Gabriel, AZ
Morillo, Juan, AZ
Narváez, Carlos, BOS
Paez, Jedixson, CWS
Pagés, Pedro, STL
Palencia, Daniel, CHC
Peraza, Oswald, LAA
Pereira, Everson, CWS
Perez, Salvador, KC
Pozo, Yohel, STL
Rengifo, Luis, MIL
Rivas, Leo, SEA
Rocchio, Brayan, CLE
Rodriguez, Bradgley, SD
Rodriguez, Eduardo, AZ
Rojas, Miguel, LAD
Ruiz, Keibert, WSH
Sanoja, Javier, MIA
Santander, Anthony, TOR
Senzatela, Antonio, COL
Sosa, Lenyn, CWS
Suárez, Eugenio, CIN
Suarez, José, ATL
Suarez, Ranger, BOS
Suarez, Robert, ATL
Torrens, Luis, NYM
Torres, Gleyber, DET
Tovar, Ezequiel, COL
Vargas, Ildemaro, AZ
Vivas, Jorbit, WSH
Zerpa, Angel, MIL

<b>MISCELLANEOUS (3)</b>
Lee, Jung Hoo, SF <sup>^</sup>
Luzardo, Jesús, PHI*
Petersen, Michael, MIA#

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\* Venezuelan descent (born in Lima, Peru)

# American/Nigerian descent (born in Middlesex, UK)