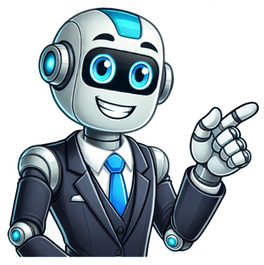
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Average masters winning score

Jon Rahm celebrates winning the 2023 Masters The Masters golf tournament was the co-creation of golfing legend Bobby Jones and Clifford Roberts. It is held every year at Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia. The Masters is part of golf's Grand Slam, and the opportunity to slip on the winner's green jacket is considered the high point of any pro's career. Over the years, the course has been the site of streaks, broken records, and shocking surprises. Masters winners have been seasoned veterans and fresh-faced rookies alike. Looking for Masters winning scores for specific years? Find every year's winners, winning score, and winner's prize payout below. The list of Masters tournament winners is sprinkled with some of the most famous names in golf. Over the past nine decades, top golfers like Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Tiger Woods and Gary Player have claimed the famed Masters title. Woods famously set the scoring record in 1997 at 270 (-18), which Jordan Spieth matched in 2015. Dustin Johnson, however, bested that mark by posting 20-under par 268 in the 2020 Masters, which is the only Masters in history to be contested in November, due to COVID-19. Today, the Masters winner takes home more than $4 million, one of the largest payouts on the PGA Tour, along with the green jacket. However, the payouts haven't been so handsome throughout Masters history. Horton Smith took home just $1,500 for winning the inaugural Masters in 1934, and the winner's share remained the same until 1945. Early Masters champions also left without a green jacket, as that Masters tradition was not introduced to winners until 1949. Year Champion Score (To Par) Winner's Prize 2025 Rory McIlroy 277 (-11) $4,200,000 2024 Scottie Scheffler 277 (-11) $3,600,000 2023 Jon Rahm 276 (-12) $3,240,000 2022 Scottie Scheffler 278 (-10) $2,700,000 2021 Hideki Matsuyama 278 (-10) $2,070,000 2020 Dustin Johnson 268 (-20) $2,070,000 2019 Tiger Woods 275 (-13) $2,070,000 2018 Patrick Reed 273 (-15) $1,980,000 2017 Sergio Garcia 279 (-9) $1,980,000 2016 Danny Willett 283 (-5) $1,800,000 2015 Jordan Spieth 270 (-18) $1,800,000 2014 Bubba Watson 280 (-8) $1,620,000 2013 Adam Scott 279 (-9) $1,440,000 2012 Bubba Watson 278 (-10) $1,440,000 2011 Charl Schwartzel 274 (-14) $1,440,000 2010 Phil Mickelson 272 (-16) $1,350,000 2009 Angel Cabrera 276 (-12) $1,350,000 2008 Trevor Immelman 280 (-8) $1,350,000 2007 Zach Johnson 289 (+1) $1,305,000 2006 Phil Mickelson 281 (-7) $1,260,000 2005 Tiger Woods 276 (-12) $1,260,000 2004 Phil Mickelson 279 (-9) $1,117,000 2003 Mike Weir 281 (-7) $1,080,000 2002 Tiger Woods 276 (-12) $1,008,000 2001 Tiger Woods 272 (-16) $1,008,000 2000 Vijay Singh 278 (-10) $828,000 1999 Jose M. Olazabal 280 (-8) $720,000 1998 Mark O'Meara 279 (-9) $576,000 1997 Tiger Woods 270 (-18) $486,000 1996 Nick Faldo 276 (-12) $450,000 1995 Ben Crenshaw 274 (-14) $396,000 1994 Jose M. Olazabal 279 (-9) $360,000 1993 Bernhard Langer 277 (-11) $306,000 1992 Fred Couples 275 (-13) $270,000 1991 Ian Woosnam 277 (-11) $243,000 1990 Nick Faldo 278 (-10) $225,000 1989 Nick Faldo 283 (-15) $200,000 1988 Sandy Lyle 281 (-7) $183,800 1987 Larry Mize 285 (-3) $162,000 1986 Jack Nicklaus 279 (-9) $144,000 1985 Bernhard Langer 282 (-6) $126,000 1984 Ben Crenshaw 277 (-11) $108,000 1983 Severiano Ballesteros 280 (-8) $90,000 1982 Craig Stadler 284 (-4) $64,000 1981 Tom Watson 280 (-8) $60,000 1980 Severiano Ballesteros 275 (-13) $55,000 1979 Fuzzy Zoeller 280 (-8) $50,000 1978 Gary Player 277 (-11) $45,000 1977 Tom Watson 276 (-12) $40,000 1976 Ray Floyd 271 (-17) $40,000 1975 Jack Nicklaus 276 (-12) $40,000 1974 Gary Player 278 (-10) $35,000 1973 Tommy Aaron 283 (-5) $30,000 1972 Jack Nicklaus 286 (-2) $25,000 1971 Chales Coody 279 (-9) $25,000 1970 Billy Casper 279 (-9) $25,000 1969 George Archer 281 (-7) $20,000 1968 Bob Goalby 277 (-11) $20,000 1967 Gay Brewer Jr. 280 (-8) $20,000 1966 Jack Nicklaus 288 (E) $20,000 1965 Jack Nicklaus 271 (-17) $20,000 1964 Arnold Palmer 276 (-12) $20,000 1963 Jack Nicklaus 286 (-2) $20,000 1962 Arnold Palmer 280 (-8) $20,000 1961 Gary Player 280 (-8) $20,000 1960 Arnold Palmer 282 (-6) $17,500 1959 Art Wall Jr. 284 (-4) $15,000 1958 Arnold Palmer 284 (-4) $11,250 1957 Doug Ford 283 (-5) $8,750 1956 Jack Burke 289 (+1) $6,000 1955 Cary Middlecoff 279 (-9) $5,000 1954 Sam Snead 289 (+1) $5,000 1953 Ben Hogan 274 (-14) $4,000 1952 Sam Snead 286 (-2) $4,000 1951 Ben Hogan 280 (-8) $3,000 1950 Jimmy Demaret 283 (-5) $2,400 1949 Sam Snead 282 (-6) $2,750 1948 Claude Harmon 279 (-9) $2,500 1947 Jimmy Demaret 281 (-7) $2,500 1946 Herman Keiser 282 (-6) $2,500 1945 No Championship (World War II) 1944 No Championship (World War II) 1943 No Championship (World War II) 1942 Byron Nelson 280 (-8) $1,500 1941 Craig Wood 280 (-8) $1,500 1940 Jimmy Demaret 280 (-8) $1,500 1939 Ralph Guldahl 279 (-9) $1,500 1938 Henry Picard 285 (-3) $1,500 1937 Byron Nelson 283 (-5) $1,500 1936 Horton Smith 285 (-3) $1,500 1935 Gene Sarazen 285 (-3) $1,500 1934 Horton Smith 284 (-4) $1,500 READ MORE 50 Masters Traditions Unlike Any Other The long-held maxim is that the Masters Tournament winning score is whatever the course demands that week, with the Augusta National Golf Club not looking for any particular winning score in their tradition unlike any other. However, the Masters Tournament winning score has been at a common figure. The most common Masters Tournament winning score has been 8 under par, which has happened 13 times since the tournament began in 1934. The next most common score is 9-under 279, which has happened 11 times. A winning score equal to or lower than 10 under par has been recorded 33 times. The record 72-hole Masters Tournament total when played in April is 18-under 270, first shot by Tiger Woods in 1997 and matched by Jordan Spieth in 2015. The overall tournament record is 20-under 268, shot by Dustin Johnson in the unprecedented November 2020 Masters. Of course, being the only men's major contested on the same course each year, the Masters home course, Augusta National Golf Club has always been a par-72 course. FOLLOW GOLF NEWS NET RADIO: iHEART | TUNEIN Masters Tournament winning scores against par Click header to sort YEAR WINNER TOTAL TO PAR 2020 Dustin Johnson (November) 268 -20 1997 Tiger Woods 270 -18 2015 Jordan Spieth 270 -18 1965 Jack Nicklaus 271 -17 1976 Raymond Floyd 271 -17 2001 Tiger Woods 272 -16 2010 Phil Mickelson 272 -16 2018 Patrick Reed 273 -15 1953 Ben Hogan 274 -14 1995 Ben Crenshaw 274 -14 2011 Charl Schwartzel 274 -14 1980 Seve Ballesteros 275 -13 1992 Fred Couples 275 -13 2019 Tiger Woods 275 -13 1964 Arnold Palmer 276 -12 1975 Jack Nicklaus 276 -12 1977 Tom Watson 276 -12 1996 Nick Faldo 276 -12 2002 Tiger Woods 276 -12 2005 Tiger Woods 276 -12 2009 Ángel Cabrera 276 -12 2023 Jon Rahm 276 -12 ">2024 Scottie Scheffler 277 -11 1968 Bob Goalby 277 -11 1978 Gary Player 277 -11 1984 Ben Crenshaw 277 -11 1991 Ian Woosnam 277 -11 1993 Bernhard Langer 277 -11 2022 Scottie Scheffler 278 -10 2021 Hideki Matsuyama 278 -10 1974 Gary Player 278 -10 1990 Nick Faldo 278 -10 2000 Vijay Singh 278 -10 2012 Bubba Watson 278 -10 1939 Ralph Guldahl 279 -9 1948 Claude Harmon 279 -9 1955 Cary Middlecoff 279 -9 1970 Billy Casper 279 -9 1971 Charles Coody 279 -9 1986 Jack Nicklaus 279 -9 1994 José María Olazábal 279 -9 1998 Mark O'Meara 279 -9 2004 Phil Mickelson 279 -9 2013 Adam Scott 279 -9 2017 Sergio García 279 -9 1940 Jimmy Demaret 280 -8 1941 Craig Wood 280 -8 1942 Byron Nelson 280 -8 1951 Ben Hogan 280 -8 1961 Gary Player 280 -8 1962 Arnold Palmer 280 -8 1967 Gay Brewer 280 -8 1979 Fuzzy Zoeller 280 -8 1981 Tom Watson 280 -8 1983 Seve Ballesteros 280 -8 1999 José María Olazábal 280 -8 2008 Trevor Immelman 280 -8 2014 Bubba Watson 280 -8 1947 Jimmy Demaret 281 -7 1969 George Archer 281 -7 1988 Sandy Lyle 281 -7 2003 Mike Weir 281 -7 2006 Phil Mickelson 281 -7 1935 Gene Sarazen 282 -6 1946 Herman Keiser 282 -6 1949 Sam Snead 282 -6 1960 Arnold Palmer 282 -6 1985 Bernhard Langer 282 -6 1937 Byron Nelson 283 -5 1950 Jimmy Demaret 283 -5 1957 Doug Ford 283 -5 1973 Tommy Aaron 283 -5 1989 Nick Faldo 283 -5 2016 Danny Willett 283 -5 1934 Horton Smith 284 -4 1958 Arnold Palmer 284 -4 1959 Art Wall, Jr. 284 -4 1982 Craig Stadler 284 -4 1936 Horton Smith 285 -3 1938 Henry Picard 285 -3 1987 Larry Mize 285 -3 1952 Sam Snead 286 -2 1963 Jack Nicklaus 286 -2 1972 Jack Nicklaus 286 -2 1966 Jack Nicklaus 288 E 1954 Sam Snead 289 1 1956 Jack Burke, Jr. 289 1 2007 Zach Johnson 289 1 The Masters is filled with iconic moments and dramatic Sunday charges on the back nine, and that might make you think that in order to win at Augusta National, golfers need to make a ton of birdies and shoot low scores every day to win. The reality, however, is that's not typically the case.The most common winning score at the Masters is 8-under 280, having been shot by the winner 13 times since Jimmy Demaret won with it in 1940. That same score won the Masters for Craig Wood and Byron Nelson the following to years as well. More recently, Jose Maria Olazabal in 1999, Trevor Immelman in 2008 and Bubba Watson in 2014 won at 8 under.Other common winning scores at the Masters include 12-under 276, which has won nine tournaments, and 9-under 279 which has won eight times.Par at Augusta National is 72, so a golfer can shoot 70 each day and achieve a final score of 8-under 280. The chart below shows the winning score at every Masters Tournament since it started in 1934.While 8 under is the most-popular winning score at Augusta National, the trend since the 2000 Masters when Vijay Singh won with a score of 10-under 278 has been for lower scores to be needed to win. The average winning score of Masters winners from 2000 through 2024 is -10.96, which includes Zach Johnson's winning score of 1-over 289 in 2007, just the third winning score at Augusta National that was over par. The beauty of The Masters is that everyone watching (and playing) knows that to win it, players really have to be as close to perfect as possible. It requires total concentration, commitment, and belief in one's golf game - and, of course, a little bit of luck.Much like how a US Open offers up firm conditions, thick rough, and nasty pin positions, The Masters is often brutally difficult to triumph in as the glass-like greens, sloping fairways, and looming pine trees try their very best to run you out of town.As a result, historically, the winning total has been slightly lower than a regular tour event. Nothing like a US Open, mind, which often sees the victor just about breaking even par. But Augusta National regularly proves to hide a wicked test behind its flawlessly-presented exterior. You may like The par score around Augusta National over the course of a four-round event is 288. Only three times in 88 editions has the winner ever carded a higher number. Sam Snead (1954), Jack Burke Jr (1956), and Zach Johnson (2007) all slipped on the Green Jacket despite shooting one-over par scores of 289.At the other end of the scale, Dustin Johnson's 2020 tally was the lowest score ever seen around Augusta National during The Masters. The American shot an outstanding 268 (-20) to claim a first Green Jacket ahead of Cameron Smith and Sungjae Im (-15).Dustin Johnson receives the Green Jacket from Tiger WoodsThere was one significantly helpful factor behind Johnson's ultra-low number, excluding his extraordinary talent, though - the tournament was shifted from April to November as a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic.Given the switch in date, Augusta was playing far softer than it usually would and greens were extremely receptive, in turn aiding the lower scoring.Subscribe to the Golf Monthly newsletter to stay up to date with all the latest tour news, equipment news, reviews, head-to-heads and buyer's guides from our team of experienced experts.But in terms of the average winning score at The Masters, 279 (-9) is the magic number through 88 editions so far. 43 winning scores have been higher and just 34 have been lower while 11 Masters champions have hit the average score of nine-under par on the nose.Technically, the exact average winning score so far is 279.29, with winners of The Masters having made a total of 24,578 strokes on their path to victory.Spaniard, Sergio Garcia was the most recent winner whose score added up to exactly 279, beating England's Justin Rose in a playoff during 2017 to land a maiden Major. Before that, the likes of Adam Scott (2013), Phil Mickelson (2004), and Jack Nicklaus (1986) had done the same.Throughout the decades, the average winning score has - unsurprisingly - generally come down ever so slightly. But not by much. During the first 10 Masters tournaments (1934-46), the average winning score was 282.0. The second (1947-56) was 282.2.Sergio Garcia celebrates his winning putt at The MastersFrom there, the following five batches of 10 Masters tournaments maintained the pattern of marginally reduced average winning totals. Third 10 Masters - 281.4 (1957-1966), fourth 10 Masters - 279.0 (1967-1976), fifth 10 Masters - 279.0 (1977-1986), sixth 10 Masters - 278.5 (1987-1996), and seventh 10 Masters - 277.2 (1997-2006).In a strange anomaly to the sequence, helped by Zach Johnson's 289 and Danny Willett's 2016 effort of five-under (283), the eighth block of 10 Masters tournaments saw the average score bounce back up to 278.1 (2007-2016). Yet, since 2017, the winner's average total has been just 275.5 - although Dustin Johnson's November success has plenty to do with that figure.Average Winning Score At The Masters Through The DecadesFirst 10 Masters 282.0 (1934-1946)Second 10 Masters 282.2 (1947-1956)Third 10 Masters 281.4 (1957-1966)Fourth 10 Masters 279.0 (1967-1976)Fifth 10 Masters 279.0 (1977-1986)Sixth 10 Masters 278.5 (1987-1996)Seventh 10 Masters 277.2 (1997-2006)Eighth 10 Masters 278.1 (2007-2016)Ninth 10 Masters 275.5 (2017-2024)TOTAL: 279.29 (43 higher, 34 lower, 11 at 279)