



# INDY 500: BY THE NUMBERS

**200+** The number of countries that tune in to watch the race

**3.2 MILLION BRICKS**

Each weighing 9.5 pounds, were laid on top of the original surface of crushed rock and tar to upgrade the Speedway, creating the nickname "The Brickyard"

A 36-inch strip of the original bricks was kept intact at the start/finish line, where it remains today

**.043 SEC**

Closest finish between first and second place set by Al Unser, Jr. (over Scott Goodyear) in 1992

**37.895 SEC / 236.986 MPH**

Fastest official single lap time set by Arie Luyendyk during qualifying in 1996

**700+ MILLION**

The number of times #INDY500 or #INDY500ORBUST were tweeted in 2013

**2.5 MILES**

The distance of one lap around the oval

The front and back straightaways are 5/8th of a mile each and the "short chute" straightaways are 1/8th of a mile each

Each of the four turns is 1/4th of a mile

**45 LBS / 27.5 IN**

The back tires weigh 45 lbs and measure up to 27.5 inches in diameter

**105°**

The average temperature inside the cockpit during the race

**40 LBS**

Equivalent weight lifted when steering through each turn

**8 SEC**

Average time it takes for a pit crew to change four tires and put in 18.5 gallons of E85 fuel during a pit stop

**30 LBS / 26 IN**

The front tires weigh 30 lbs and measure up to 26 inches in diameter

**1/10TH SEC**

Time lost during a pit stop can equate to losing five places in the race



A long-standing tradition of the Indianapolis 500 is for the victor to drink a bottle of milk immediately after the race

This practice first began in 1936 with Victor Louis Meyer

**6-8 LBS**

The average amount of weight lost through sweat during a race

**1,800°**

The temperature protection provided by each driver's fire suit

**10**

The number of female drivers who have competed in the race

In 2009, Danica Patrick finished third, the best finish ever for a woman

**6**

The number of father-son combinations who have led the Indy 500:

Al and Al Unser, Jr.  
Tony and Gary Bettenhausen  
Bill and Bill Vukovich, Jr.  
Mario and Michael Andretti  
Michael and Marco Andretti  
Bobby and Graham Rahal

**4 Gs**

The peak amount of force withstood by drivers during turns

**\$3,048,005**

The highest purse for an Indy 500 winner  
Won by Helio Castroneves in 2009

**\$690,000** **\$359,000**

The cost to lease an engine for the season

The cost of a new Dallara chassis

With tires and miscellaneous items, the total amount to go racing is just above \$1 million



**THE RIGHT SIDE**  
The tires on the right side are slightly bigger than the left because the cars turn left the whole race