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CALVIN JOHNSON

HALL OF FAME CREDENTIALS

ALL-TIME FRANCHISE LEADER IN:

- Receptions (731)
- Receiving Yards (11,619)
- Receiving Touchdowns (83)
- Most Receiving Yards Per Game (86.1)
- 100-Yard Games (46)
- 200-Yard Games (5)
- Games with a Receiving Touchdown (64)
- Games with 2+ Receiving Touchdowns (17)
- Most Consecutive Games with a Reception (135)
- Most Seasons with 10+ Receiving Touchdowns (4)
- Most Seasons with 1,000+ Receiving Yards (7)

NFL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Most Receiving Yards in a Season (1,964)
- Most Receiving Yards per Game in a Season (122.8)
- Highest Receiving Avg. in a season with 100+ Receptions (16.1)
- Most Consecutive Games with 10+ Receptions (4)
- Most Receiving Yards Through Regulation of a Game (329)
- Most Receiving Yards in a two-year stretch (2011-12) in NFL history (3,645)
- Most Receiving Yards in a 5-game span (861)
- Most Receiving Yards in a 6-game span (962)
- Most Receiving Yards in a player's final season (1,214)

NFL ACCOLADES:

- NFL 2010s All-Decade Team
- 6-time Pro Bowl Selection
- 4-time All-Pro Selection
- 3-Time AP First-Team All-Pro
- 2-time NFL Receiving Yards Leader (2011, 2012)
- NFL Receptions Leader (2012)
- NFL Receiving Touchdowns Leader (2008)





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2010s NFL ALL-DECADE TEAM

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DECADE OF DOMINANCE

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** was one of four wide receivers selected to the 2010s NFL All-Decade Team, alongside WRs Antonio Brown, Larry Fitzgerald and Julio Jones.

In the 2010s decade, Johnson made six consecutive Pro Bowls (2010-15), four consecutive AP All-Pro selections (2010-13), three-straight AP First-Team All-Pro selections (2011-13), led the NFL in receiving yards in consecutive seasons (2011-12) and led the League in receptions in one season (2012).

Despite not playing the final four seasons of the decade, and 36 fewer games than the next-closest 2010s NFL All-Decade receiver, he finished the 2010s ranked first in 200-yard receiving games (five), third in 100-yard receiving games (37), tied for third in multi-touchdown reception games (15), fourth in games in double-digit reception games (13), eighth in receiving yards (8,548) and eighth in touchdown receptions (62).



2010s NFL ALL-DECADE TEAM (Stats Within Decade)

Name	Seasons	Games	Rec	Yds.	TDs
Antonio Brown	10	131	841	11,263	75
Larry Fitzgerald	10	158	855	10,016	61
Calvin Johnson	6	90	538	8,548	62
Julio Jones	9	126	797	12,125	57

BREAKING DOWN THE ALL-DECADE CLASSES

Of the 29 wide receivers enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, 19 have been named to at least one NFL All-Decade Team (65.5%).

Since the 1970 merger, 14 of the 16 receivers (88%) to be named to an NFL all-decades team have been enshrined in Canton, while the other two have been finalists.

2000s NFL ALL-DECADE TEAM (Stats Within Decade)

Name	Rec.	Yds.	TDs	HOF	Finalist
Marvin Harrison	791	10,439	95	Yes	—
Torry Holt	868	12,594	58	No	Yes
Randy Moss	777	11,739	120	Yes	—
Terrell Owens	784	11,644	114	Yes	—

1990s NFL ALL-DECADE TEAM (Stats Within Decade)

Name	Rec.	Yds.	TDs	HOF	Finalist
Tim Brown	726	10,211	70	Yes	—
Cris Carter	835	10,238	95	Yes	—
Michael Irvin	692	10,872	58	Yes	—
Jerry Rice	860	12,078	103	Yes	—

1980s NFL ALL-DECADE TEAM (Stats Within Decade)

Name	Rec.	Yds.	TDs	HOF	Finalist
Steve Largent	595	9,336	69	Yes	—
James Lofton	507	9,465	47	Yes	—
Art Monk	662	9,165	47	Yes	—
Jerry Rice	346	6,364	66	Yes	—

1970s NFL ALL-DECADE TEAM (Stats Within Decade)

Name	Rec.	Yds.	TDs	HOF	Finalist
Harold Carmichael	407	6,080	57	Yes	—
Drew Pearson	335	5,713	31	No	Yes (2x)
Paul Warfield	212	4,219	41	Yes	—
Lynn Swan	240	3,982	39	Yes	—





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QUOTES FROM THE DBs WHO COVERED HIM

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What Calvin did in only nine years showcased his total preeminence at the position. He was one of the most challenging players to guard in the entire history of the game. He was all you could handle - the rare combination of a big, physical player who was so smooth and effortless. He was simply unstoppable at times, not to mention a major pain in my butt. I will always remember him as one of the only receivers for whom we had to tweak our game plans because none of us realistically could manage him alone. Calvin changed the way teams drafted defensive backs, and his play helped revolutionize the style of play and demands expected of wide receivers forever.”

RONDE BARBER



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To be 6'7" or whatever that he is - have a catch wingspan of an ostrich - the guy is just an unbelievable athlete and can run like a gazelle. Calvin was a very, very special specimen. You don't see those types of guys coming around this League very often.

“The guy has just been an unstoppable force year-in and year-out. Every time he was on the field, you had to know where he was. Calvin is a transcending player and did a lot of great things for this League. To end it all off, I definitely believe Calvin 'Megatron' Johnson belongs in Canton.”

PATRICK PETERSON



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“Calvin Johnson deserves to be in the Pro Football Hall of Fame because he's a once in a lifetime, generational talent. The things that he's done on the football field, the way people had to game-plan, the way people had to vice like he was a punt gunner to cover him and still not get him stopped, the way he could jump over triple coverage and still make the play - some of the most unbelievable things that I've seen on a football field he was able to do in such a short amount of time. It's just unfortunate that he wasn't able to get a team around him that was able to compete for Super Bowls, but he's one of the best players to ever play this game. That's why he deserves to get in.”

RICHARD SHERMAN



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“He had the total package. No one has the total package and he did. Size, speed, quickness, ball skills, physical, great hands, and he was great mentally. I remember knowing what he was going to do and still not being able to stop it because of his attributes.”

“Calvin definitely deserves to be in the Hall. He was the best receiver of his time and also the best receiver I’ve played against. I’ve played against some greats, but Megatron trumps them all.”

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“He was built like a tight end, but he could run routes just like a little guy. For a guy to be that big, it’s kind of rare. In the Madden games, you can create a player, and I’ve said this many times; he is, in my opinion, the LeBron James of football. LeBron is 6’8”, 6’9”, 6’10”, somewhere around there, but LeBron can play the 1, the 2, the 3, the 4 and the 5. You look at Calvin, he could be a tight end, he played slot, he played the outside, the No. 1 receiver. You could move a big guy like that around. I think that’s rare. He’s definitely a one of a kind receiver.”

“In my opinion, he was the best to ever high point the ball, in and at its highest point. That’s what made him so good. He was coordinated.”

CHARLES TILLMAN



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“Calvin was rare in the fact that he was one of a few guys that had his size, length, height, speed and body control to be able to put it all together and make it work. That’s how you get the name Megatron.”

“Calvin is a Hall of Famer. The picture I have in my mind is that Calvin Johnson had two starting defensive backs lined up over him like a gunner on the punt team to keep him from scoring. If anyone disagrees, just show them that clip.”

CHARLES WOODSON



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A SEASON LIKE NO OTHER

With 72 receiving yards against the Bears on Dec. 30, 2012, Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** became the first player in NFL history to top 1,900 receiving yards in a season. His 1,964 receiving yards and 122.8 receiving yards per game average that season are both NFL records.

MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A SEASON

Rank	Player	Team	Season	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1	Calvin Johnson	DET	2012	122	1,964	16.1	5
2	Julio Jones	ATL	2015	136	1,871	13.8	8
3	Jerry Rice*	SF	1995	122	1,848	15.2	15
4	Antonio Brown	PIT	2015	136	1,834	13.5	10
5	Isaac Bruce*	STL	1995	119	1,781	15.0	13

MOST RECEIVING YARDS/GAME IN A SEASON

Rk	Player	Tm	Season	Games	Yds.	Yds/Game
1	Calvin Johnson	DET	2012	16	1,964	122.8
2	Julio Jones	ATL	2015	16	1,871	116.9
3	Jerry Rice*	SF	1995	16	1,848	115.5
4	Antonio Brown	PIT	2015	16	1,834	114.6
5	Isaac Bruce*	STL	1995	16	1,781	111.3

* = Pro Football Hall of Fame member

HIGHEST REC. AVG. IN A SEASON WITH 100+ REC.

Rank	Player	Team	Season	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1	Calvin Johnson	DET	2012	122	1,964	16.1	5
2	Rod Smith	DEN	2000	100	1,602	16.0	8
3	Andre Johnson	HOU	2009	101	1,569	15.5	9
4	Julio Jones	ATL	2014	104	1,593	15.3	6
5	Charley Hennigan	HOU	1964	101	1,546	15.3	8

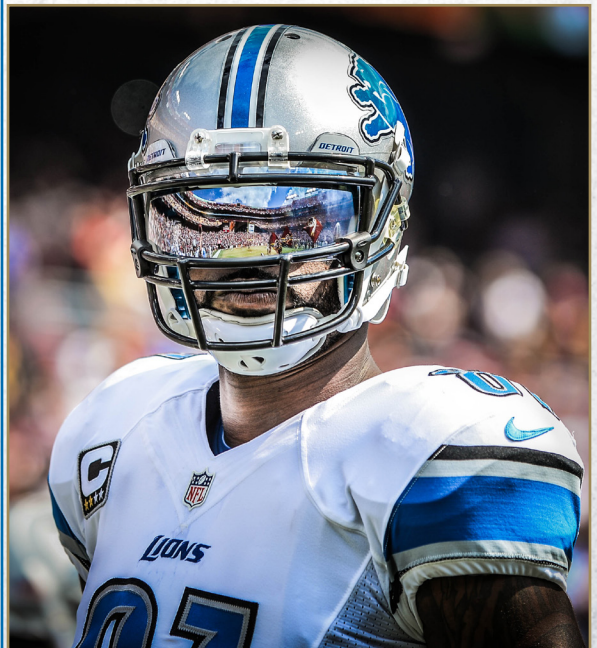
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 10+ RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player	Team	Season	Count
1	Calvin Johnson	DET	2012	4
2t	Eight Occurrences	N/A	N/A	3

MOST REC. YARDS THRU REGULATION (NO O.T.)

Rk	Player	Tm	Year	Wk	Opp.	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
1	Calvin Johnson	DET	2013	8	DAL	14	329	1
2	Stephone Paige	KC	1985	16	SD	8	309	1
3	Cloyce Box	DET	1950	12	@BAL	12	302	1
4	Julio Jones	ARL	2016	4	CAR	12	300	1
5	Flipper Anderson^	LAR	1989	12	@NO	15	296	1

^ = Anderson finished the game with an NFL-record 336 receiving yards, with 40 yards coming in overtime. His 296 receiving yards through regulation rank as the fifth-most any player has produced through four quarters.





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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2012, Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** logged an NFL-record 1,964 receiving yards. The Lions' second-leading receiver was TE Brandon Pettigrew, who tallied 567 receiving yards.

Johnson had 1,397 more yards than the team's next-leading player in 2012, which is the largest difference between the team's leading and second-leading receiver in NFL history. The Lions' next-leading wide receiver was WR Titus Young, who totaled 383 receiving yards.



MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 100+ REC. YARDS

Rank	Player	Team	Season	Count
1 st	Calvin Johnson	DET	2012	8
1 st	Adam Thielen	MIN	2018	8

MOST 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES IN A SEASON

Rank	Player	Team	Season	Count
1 st	Calvin Johnson	DET	2012	11
1 st	Michael Irvin*	DAL	1995	11

MOST 200+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES IN A CAREER

Rank	Player	Team	Seasons	Count
1 st	Calvin Johnson	DET	2007-15	5
1 st	Lance Alworth*	SD/DAL	1962-72	5

MOST SEASONS WITH 1,600+ RECEIVING YARDS

Rank	Player	Team	Seasons	Count
1 st	Calvin Johnson	DET	2011, 2012	2
1 st	Antonio Brown	PIT	2014, 2015	2
1 st	Marvin Harrison*	IND	1999, 2002	2
1 st	Torry Holt	STL	2000, 2003	2
1 st	Julio Jones	ATL	2015, 2018	2



MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A PLAYER'S FINAL SEASON
1,214 (2015)



MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A 5-GAME SPAN
861 (WEEKS 7-12; 2013)



MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A 6-GAME SPAN
962 (WEEKS 7-13; 2013)



MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A POSTSEASON DEBUT
211 (at NEW ORLEANS; JAN. 7, 2012)



MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A 2-YEAR SPAN
3,645 (2011-12 SEASONS)



ONLY WIDE RECEIVER TO FINISH HIS CAREER WITH 6-STRAIGHT PRO BOWL BERTHS



TIED – RECEPTIONS IN A POSTSEASON DEBUT
12 (AT NEW ORLEANS; JAN. 7, 2012)



TIED – MOST CONS. SEASONS AVERAGING 105+ REC. YDs./GM
3 (2011-13)





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TROPHY CASE

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** played in the NFL from 2007-15, and stacked up numerous honors and awards in that span.



6-TIME PRO BOWL SELECTION (2010-15)

Calvin Johnson earned six Pro Bowl berths in his career, the same as players such as Raymond Berry, Randy Moss and Terrell Owens, and more than 11 other Hall of Fame WRs.

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4-TIME AP ALL-PRO SELECTION (2010-13)

Calvin Johnson was named Second-Team AP All-Pro in 2010 before earning three-straight First-Team AP All-Pro honors from 2011-13.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** is one of only 15 wide receivers to make three-straight AP First-Team All-Pro honors. Since the 1970 merger, he is only one-of-seven receivers to do so.



2-TIME

NFC PLAYER OF THE MONTH

2013 – October

2012 – November

4-TIME

NFC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

2015 – Week 6

2013 – Week 8

2011 – Week 15

2010 – Week 8



2013 NFL PLAY OF THE YEAR

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** earned the 2013 NFL Play of the Year Award, presented at NFL Honors as the Bridgestone Performance Play of the Year, for a leaping catch in triple coverage against the Cincinnati Bengals.

In Week 7 of the 2013 season, the Lions were trailing the Bengals 24-17 with roughly 12 minutes left in the game. Facing a third-and-18 from the 50-yard line, Lions QB Matthew Stafford barely avoided a strip-sack from a Cincinnati defender and launched a pass downfield. Johnson hauled in the 50-yard touchdown reception over three Cincinnati defenders with 11:59 left in the game to tie the score at 24-24. He finished the game with nine receptions for 155 yards (17.2 avg.) and two touchdowns.



BURSTING ONTO THE SCENE IN 2011

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** led all wide receivers in both receiving yards (1,681) and receiving touchdowns (16) in 2011 (Patriots TE Rob Gronkowski led the NFL with 17 receiving touchdowns on the year). Johnson became only the seventh wide receiver in NFL history to lead the position in yards and touchdowns in the same season, joining Panthers WR Steve Smith (2005), Panthers WR Muhsin Muhammad (2004), 49ers WR Jerry Rice (1993, 1990, 1989, 1986), Packers WR Sterling Sharpe (1992), Chargers WR Wes Chandler (1982) and Chargers WR John Jefferson (1980).



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RECEIVING CHAMPION

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** twice led the NFL in receiving yards, doing so in both the 2011 and 2012 seasons. In the process, he became only the fifth player in NFL history to lead the NFL in receiving yards in consecutive seasons. It also marked only the seventh occurrence.

PLAYERS TO LEAD THE NFL IN REC. YDS. IN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Player	Team	From	To
Calvin Johnson	Detroit Lions	2011	2012
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	2008	2009
Jerry Rice*	San Francisco 49ers	1993	1995
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Raymond Berry*	Baltimore Colts	1959	1960
Don Hutson*	Green Bay Packers	1941	1944
Don Hutson*	Green Bay Packers	1938	1939

2011	2012
	
1,681	1,964

DID YOU KNOW?

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** became the first player in NFL history to post at least 1,600 receiving yards in consecutive seasons when he did so from 2011-12 (Steelers WR Antonio Brown matched the record from 2014-15). Johnson's 3,645 receiving yards over the 2011-12 seasons are the most any player has posted in a two-year stretch in NFL history. All wide receivers who have led the NFL in receiving yards for consecutive seasons and are eligible for Hall of Fame induction have been enshrined.

RECEPTION CHAMPION

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** led the NFL with 122 receptions in 2012. This mark ties for the 10th-most in a single season in NFL history and only one away from tying WR Herman Moore (123) for the franchise's single-season record. Moore led the NFL in receptions in 1995 and 1997.

NFL RECEPTIONS LEADERS, 2012 SEASON

Rank	Player	Team	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1	Calvin Johnson	DET	122	1,964	16.10	5
2t	Brandon Marshall	CHI	118	1,508	12.78	11
2t	Wes Welker	NE	118	1,354	11.47	6
4	Andre Johnson	HOU	112	1,598	14.27	4
5	Jason Witten	DAL	110	1,039	9.45	3

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN CHAMPION

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** and Cardinals WR Larry Fitzgerald tied for the NFL lead with 12 receiving touchdowns in 2008. Johnson tying for the NFL-lead in receiving touchdowns was all the more impressive coming on a winless team that started three different quarterbacks. Meanwhile, Hall of Fame QB Kurt Warner made all 16 starts for Arizona that year, guiding them to an NFC West division title and finishing the season with an appearance in Super Bowl XLIII.

NFL RECEPTIONS TDs LEADERS, 2008 SEASON

Rank	Player	Team	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1t	Calvin Johnson	DET	96	1,431	14.91	12
1t	Larry Fitzgerald	ARI	78	1,331	17.06	12
3t	Anquan Boldin	ARI	89	1,038	11.66	11
3t	Randy Moss*	NE	69	1,008	14.61	10
5t	Tony Gonzalez*	KC	96	1,058	11.02	10
5t	Lance Moore	NO	79	928	11.75	10
5t	Terrell Owens*	DAL	69	1,052	15.25	10





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AMONG THE BEST OF ANY ERA

While Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** did not have the longevity of some other wide receivers cemented in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, it's hard to argue he dominated his era and left a legacy that exceeds any preconceived notion of how long a career should be. No wide receiver was better in the NFL from 2007-15, and his production transcends any particular era of football.



MOST RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME (100 GAME MIN.)

Rk	Player	Tm	Seasons	Gms	Yds.	Yds./Game
1	Julio Jones	ATL	2011-	135	12,896	95.5
2	Calvin Johnson	DET	2007-15	135	11,619	86.1
3	Antonio Brown	PIT/NE/TB	2010-	139	11,746	84.5
4	DeAndre Hopkins	HOU/ARI	2013-	126	10,009	79.4
5	Mike Evans	TB	2014-	106	8,266	78.0

MOST REC. YDS./GAME AGAINST OWN DIVISION (42 GAME MIN.)

Rk	Player	Tm	Seasons	Games	Yds.	Yds./Game
1	Julio Jones	ATL	2011-	50	4,983	99.7
2	Calvin Johnson	DET	2007-15	48	3,984	83.0
3	Antonio Brown	PIT/NE/TB	2010-	52	4,300	82.7
4	DeAndre Hopkins	HOU/ARI	2013-	46	3,736	81.2
5	T.Y. Hilton	IND	2012-	52	4,015	77.2

HIGHEST CAREER RECEIVING AVERAGE (700 REC. MIN.)

Rank	Player	Seasons	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1	James Lofton*	1978-93	764	14,004	18.33	75
2	Henry Ellard	1983-98	814	13,777	16.93	65
3	Charlie Joiner*	1969-86	750	12,146	16.19	65
4	Steve Largent*	1976-89	819	13,089	15.98	100
5	Calvin Johnson	2007-15	731	11,619	15.89	83

MOST GAMES WITH 150+ RECEIVING YARDS

Rank	Player	Count
1	Jerry Rice*	30
2t	Lance Alworth*	17
2t	Terrell Owens*	17
4	Julio Jones	16
5t	Calvin Johnson	15
5t	Don Maynard*	15

MOST SEASONS WITH 12+ RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Rank	Player	Count
1	Jerry Rice*	8
2	Terrell Owens*	7
3t	Marvin Harrison*	6
3t	Randy Moss*	6
5t	Calvin Johnson	4
5t	Cris Carter*	4

MOST 1,000-YARD SEASONS IN A PLAYER'S 1ST 9 YEARS

Rank	Player	Team	Count
1t	Torry Holt	STL	8
1t	Jerry Rice*	SF	8
3t	Calvin Johnson	DET	7
3t	Lance Alworth*	SD	7
3t	Antonio Brown	PIT	7
3t	Chad Johnson	CIN	7
3t	Julio Jones	ATL	7
3t	Brandon Marshall	DEN/MIA/CHI	7
3t	Randy Moss*	MIN/OAK	7
3t	Jimmy Smith	JAX	7
3t	Mike Evans	TB	7





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FEWEST GAMES TO 10,000 RECEIVING YARDS

Rank	Player	Team	Seasons	Games Needed
1	Julio Jones	ATL	2011-18	104
2	Calvin Johnson	DET	2007-14	115
3t	Torry Holt	STL	1999-2006	116
3t	Antonio Brown	PIT	2010-18	116

MOST TARGETS IN A SINGLE SEASON (SINCE 1992)

Rank	Player	Team	Season	Targets	Rec.	Catch %
1	Rob Moore	ARI	1997	208	97	46.6
2	Herman Moore	DET	1995	206	123	59.7
3	Marvin Harrison	IND	2002	205	143	69.8
4	Calvin Johnson	DET	2012	204	122	59.8



MOST RECEPTIONS IN A PLAYER'S FINAL SEASON

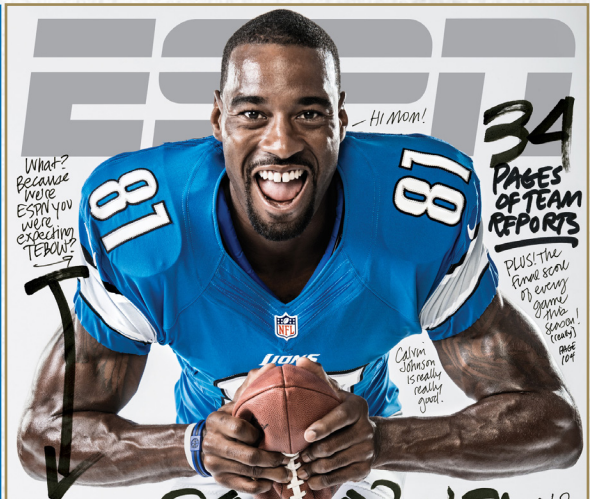
Rank	Player	Team	Season	Count
1	Sterling Sharpe	GB	1994	94
2	Calvin Johnson	DET	2015	88
3	Dennis Pitta	BAL	2016	86

MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A PLAYER'S FINAL GAME

Rk	Player	Tm	Year	Wk	Opp.	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
1	Mike Montgomery	HOU	1974	6	STL	9	179	1
2	Paul Salata	BAL	1950	13	NYK	10	155	0
3	Calvin Johnson	DET	2015	17	@CHI	10	137	1

MOST RECEPTIONS IN A PLAYER'S FINAL GAME

Rk	Player	Tm	Year	Wk	Opp.	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
1t	Pete Pihos*	PHI	1955	12	@CHI	11	114	0
1t	Dennis Pitta	BAL	2016	17	@CIN	11	91	0
3t	Calvin Johnson	DET	2015	17	@CHI	10	137	1
3t	Paul Salata	BAL	1950	13	NYK	10	155	0



BEST OF HIS ERA

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** played in the NFL from 2007-15. In that span, he ranked as follows:

1st	RECEIVING YARDS 11,619	
1st	RECEIVING TDs 83	
1st	RECEIVING YARDS/GAME 86.1	
1st	25-YARD RECEPTIONS 105	
1st	100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES 46	
1st	200-YARD RECEIVING GAMES 5	
1st	MULTI-RECEIVING TD GAMES 17	
4th	RECEIVING AVERAGE 15.89	



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CAREER RECORDS

Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** holds numerous career records for the Detroit Lions. With their history dating back to 1930, when they formed as the Portsmouth Spartans, the Lions are the fifth-oldest team in the NFL.

MOST CAREER RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player	Seasons	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1	Calvin Johnson	2007-15	731	11,619	15.89	83
2	Herman Moore	1991-2001	670	9,174	13.69	62
3	Johnnie Morton	1994-2001	469	6,499	13.86	35
4	Brett Perriman	1991-96	428	5,244	12.25	25
5	Golden Tate	2014-18	416	4,741	11.40	22

MOST CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

Rank	Player	Seasons	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
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2	Herman Moore	1991-2001	670	9,174	13.69	62
3	Johnnie Morton	1994-2001	469	6,499	13.86	35
4	Brett Perriman	1991-96	428	5,244	12.25	25
5	Gail Cogdill	1960-68	325	5,221	16.06	28

MOST CAREER RECEIVING TDs

Rank	Player	Seasons	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1	Calvin Johnson	2007-15	731	11,619	15.89	83
2	Herman Moore	1991-2001	670	9,174	13.69	62
3	Marvin Jones Jr.	2016-20	289	4,296	14.87	36



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MOST CAREER REC. YARDS PER GAME (50 GAME MIN.)

Rank	Player	Games	Rec.	Yds.	Yds./Game
1	Calvin Johnson	135	731	11,619	86.1
2	Golden Tate	71	416	4,741	66.8
3	Roy Williams	60	262	3,884	64.7
4	Herman Moore	145	670	9,174	63.3
5	Marvin Jones Jr.	69	289	4,296	62.3



MOST SEASONS WITH 10+ RECEIVING TDs

Rank	Player	Seasons Played	Count
1	Calvin Johnson	9	4
2t	Cloyce Box	5	2
2t	Herman Moore	11	2

MOST SEASONS WITH 1,000+ RECEIVING YARDS

Rank	Player	Seasons Played	Count
1	Calvin Johnson	9	7
2t	Herman Moore	11	4
2t	Johnnie Morton	8	4
4	Golden Tate	5	3
5t	Terry Barr	9	2
5t	Kenny Golladay	4	2
5t	Brett Perriman	6	2



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LIONS RECORDS

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SEASON RECORDS

MOST SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING YARDS

Rank	Player	Season	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1	Calvin Johnson	2012	122	1,964	16.10	5
2	Herman Moore	1995	123	1,686	13.71	14
3	Calvin Johnson	2011	96	1,681	17.51	16
4	Calvin Johnson	2013	84	1,492	17.76	12
5	Brett Perriman	1995	108	1,488	13.78	9

MOST SINGLE-SEASON RECEIVING TDs

Rank	Player	Season	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1	Calvin Johnson	2011	96	1,681	17.51	16
2	Herman Moore	1995	123	1,686	13.71	14
3	Terry Barr	1963	66	1,086	16.45	13
4t	Calvin Johnson	2008	78	1,331	17.06	12
4t	Calvin Johnson	2010	77	1,120	14.55	12
4t	Calvin Johnson	2013	84	1,492	17.76	12

MOST SINGLE-SEASON REC. YARDS PER GAME

Rank	Player	Season	Rec.	Yds.	Yds./Game
1	Calvin Johnson	2012	122	1,964	122.8
2	Calvin Johnson	2013	84	1,492	106.6
3	Herman Moore	1995	123	1,686	105.4
4	Calvin Johnson	2011	96	1,681	105.1
5	Brett Perriman	1995	108	1,488	93.0



SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

MOST SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING YARDS

Rk	Player	Season	Wk	Opp.	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1	Calvin Johnson	2013	8	DAL	14	329	23.50	1
2	Cloyce Box	1950	12	@BAL	12	302	25.17	4
3	Calvin Johnson	2011	17	@GB	11	244	22.18	1
4	Calvin Johnson	2012	16	ATL	11	225	20.45	0
5	Calvin Johnson	2011	15	@OAK	9	214	23.78	2

MOST SINGLE-GAME RECEPTIONS

Rk	Player	Season	Wk	Opp.	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1t	Calvin Johnson	2013	8	DAL	14	329	23.50	1
1t	Herman Moore	1995	14	CHI	14	183	13.07	1
3	Calvin Johnson	2012	13	IND	13	171	13.15	1

1st

MOST 100-YARD GAMES

46



1st

MOST GAMES WITH A REC. TD

64



1st

MOST GAMES WITH 2+ REC. TD

17



1st

MOST GAMES WITH 5+ REC.

80



1st

MOST GAMES WITH 10+ REC.

13





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RECEIVING YARDS



Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** totaled 11,619 receiving yards through nine NFL seasons (2007-15). This ranked as the most by any player in that span and the fourth-most through nine seasons in NFL history. Jerry Rice is the only Hall of Famer to have produced more.

12,125



Julio Jones
2011-19

11,864



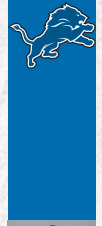
Torry Holt
1999-2007

11,776



Jerry Rice
1985-93

11,619



Calvin Johnson
2007-15

RECEIVING TDs



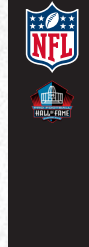
Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** logged 83 receiving touchdowns through his nine NFL seasons (2007-15), the most by any player in that span and the fifth-most through nine seasons in NFL history. The four players above Johnson are all Hall of Fame members.

118



Jerry Rice
1985-93

101



Randy Moss
1998-2006

98



Marvin Harrison
1996-2004

95



Terrell Owens
1996-2004

83



Calvin Johnson
2007-15

RECEPTIONS



Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** logged 731 receptions through his nine NFL seasons (2007-15), the seventh-most by any player in that span and the eighth-most through nine seasons in NFL history. Marvin Harrison is the only Hall of Famer to have produced more.

845



Marvin Harrison
1996-2004

837



Antonio Brown
2010-18

805



Torry Holt
1999-2007

797



Julio Jones
2011-19

773



Brandon Marshall
2006-14

768



Wes Welker
2004-12

764



Larry Fitzgerald
2004-12

731



Calvin Johnson
2007-15



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12,193



Randy Moss
1998-2007

12,125



Julio Jones
2011-19

11,619



Calvin Johnson
2007-15

RECEIVING YARDS



Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** totaled 11,619 receiving yards through age 30. This ranks as the third-most most by any player through age 30. Randy Moss is the only Hall of Famer to have produced more receiving yards through age 30.

124



Randy Moss
1998-2007

103



Jerry Rice
1985-93

87



Larry Fitzgerald
2004-13

83



Calvin Johnson
2007-15

RECEIVING TDs



Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** logged 83 receiving touchdowns through age 30. This marks the fourth-most receiving touchdowns a player has recorded through age 30. Randy Moss and Jerry Rice are the only Hall of Famers to have produced more through age 30.

846



Larry Fitzgerald
2004-13

837



Antonio Brown
2010-18

806



Jason Witten
2003-12

797



Julio Jones
2011-19

774



Randy Moss
1998-2007

773



Brandon Marshall
2006-14

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Calvin Johnson
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NO. 1 OF THE TOP 2's

In 2007, the Lions made WR [Calvin Johnson](#) the fifth wide receiver since the 1970 merger to be selected within the first two overall selections. He remains the most recent wide receiver selected within the first two picks.

WIDE RECEIVERS TO BE DRAFTED WITHIN THE 1st TWO PICKS

PLAYER	YEAR	PICK	TEAM	COLLEGE
Calvin Johnson	2007	2nd	Lions	Georgia Tech
Charles Rogers	2003	2nd	Lions	Michigan State
Keyshawn Johnson	1996	1st	Jets	USC
Irving Fryar	1984	1st	Patriots	Nebraska
Lam Jones	1980	2nd	Jets	Texas

	CALVIN JOHNSON		
	Seasons: 9	Receptions: 731	Receiving Average: 15.9
	Games: 135	Receiving Yards: 11,619	Receiving TDs: 83

	CHARLES ROGERS		
	Seasons: 3	Receptions: 36	Receiving Average: 12.2
	Games: 15	Receiving Yards: 440	Receiving TDs: 4

	KEYSHAWN JOHNSON		
	Seasons: 11	Receptions: 814	Receiving Average: 13.0
	Games: 167	Receiving Yards: 10,571	Receiving TDs: 64

	IRVING FRYAR		
	Seasons: 17	Receptions: 851	Receiving Average: 15.0
	Games: 255	Receiving Yards: 12,785	Receiving TDs: 84

	LAM JONES		
	Seasons: 5	Receptions: 138	Receiving Average: 16.8
	Games: 61	Receiving Yards: 2,322	Receiving TDs: 13

NFL TOP 100

Beginning in 2011, NFL Network has aired a series called *NFL Top 100* that features the top 100 players in the National Football League as chosen by fellow NFL players.

Lions WR [Calvin Johnson](#) was recognized by his peers as a top-100 NFL player each year he was in the NFL.

Here is how Johnson has ranked according to his peers:

NFL TOP 100 RANKINGS

YEAR	PLAYER	POS. RANKING	OVERALL RANKING
2011	Calvin Johnson	4th	27th
2012	Calvin Johnson	1st	3rd
2013	Calvin Johnson	1st	3rd
2014	Calvin Johnson	1st	2nd
2015	Calvin Johnson	1st	6th



When describing Lions WR [Calvin Johnson](#) in the *NFL Top 100* of 2014 show, All-Pro CB [Joe Haden](#) said, "He's just the prototype, if you could build a receiver, how you'd want him to be built. I mean, he can go get the ball in the air, he can run by people, he runs good routes. Usually, really big guys don't run good routes. He runs good routes and he's strong."



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BECOMING MEGATRON

In September of 2007, Lions Pro Bowl WR Roy Williams, said of rookie WR **Calvin Johnson**, "I've never seen anything like him. He's a big, strong, physical, fast guy. We call him Megatron."

Megatron is a character from the Transformers cartoon franchise who gained national notoriety from the Transformers blockbuster Hollywood films in the mid-2000s. The NFL had never seen a specimen like Johnson before, a 6'5", 235-pound receiver with a sub 4.4-second 40-yard-dash time.

The nickname stuck with Johnson throughout his career and is as synonymous with his name as "Prime-Time" is with Hall of Fame CB Deion Sanders.



CATCH A DREAM FOOTBALL CAMP

Starting in the summer of 2009 and continuing every summer since (excluding the 2020 pandemic), WR **Calvin Johnson** has hosted his "Catch a Dream" football camp in metro Detroit. The camp offers youth football players an opportunity to learn and grow on the field, and several current and former Lions help run the clinic.

Since 2013, Johnson's foundation has also awarded 26 scholarships that have helped students attend schools like Michigan State, Morehouse College and Harvard.

In 2019, Johnson told the *Detroit Free Press*, "I want to be known for my kids, for my foundation, but just want to be known as a giver. I don't ever want to take anything from nobody, and just want to help make people's lives better at the end of the day, that's what it's about."

Additionally, the *Calvin Johnson Jr. Foundation Inc.* is a year-round foundation that works to empower at-risk youth, provide financial assistance to community organizations and reward student athletes for their leaderships and achievements in both academics and athletics.



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PRODUCING NO MATTER WHAT

In 9 NFL seasons, Lions WR **Calvin Johnson** had six different starting quarterbacks and caught touchdown passes from seven different quarterbacks. Only once did one of his quarterbacks make the Pro Bowl, with Lions QB Matthew Stafford doing so in 2014, the second-to-last season of Johnson's career.

Johnson's incredible production did not suffer even though the opposition knew where the ball was going. Only once did a fellow teammate post a 1,000-yard receiving season, with Lions WR Golden Tate doing so in 2014, the second-to-last season of Johnson's career. Only once did a fellow teammate rush for 1,000 yards, with Lions RB Reggie Bush doing so in 2013, Johnson's third-to-last season.

From 2007-15, Johnson had 1,312 pass targets, the third-most in the League in that span. In 2012, Johnson led the League with 204 targets, which is the fourth-most in a season in NFL history (the record is 208). The only offensive teammates he had make the Pro Bowl were WR Roy Williams (2007), Stafford (2014) and Tate (2014). None of his offensive teammates made an AP All-Pro team in his career.

COMPARING JOHNSON TO THOSE ON THE BALLOT

Johnson does not possess a postseason win in his two trips to the playoffs while two other wide receivers on this year's ballot, **Torry Holt** and **Reggie Wayne**, have earned championships with the Rams and Colts, respectively. Consider the following:

Holt had the benefit of playing with the "Greatest Show on Turf." The glory era of the Rams included Hall of Fame QB Kurt Warner, a two-time NFL MVP who earned two First-Team AP All-Pros and four Pro Bowl berths. Warner led the NFL in passing touchdowns twice (1999, 2001), completion percentage three times (1999-2001), passer rating twice (1999, 2001) and passing yards once (2001).

Leading the backfield was Hall of Fame RB Marshall Faulk, an NFL MVP who earned three First-Team AP All-Pro selections and seven Pro Bowl berths. Faulk was also a three-time NFL Offensive Player of the Year selection (1999-2001) who led the NFL in rushing touchdowns in 2000, and rushing yards per game in 2001. Lined up across from Holt was WR Isaac Bruce, who was enshrined into the Hall of Fame in 2020. Bruce was a four-time Pro Bowl selection who once led the NFL in receiving yards (1996) while posting eight individual 1,000-yard seasons.

Wayne played with two-time Super Bowl champion QB Peyton Manning, who was selected to the NFL's Top-100 Team in 2019. Manning was a seven-time First-Team AP All-Pro selection who earned a record five NFL MVP Awards while being selected to 14 Pro Bowls. Manning led the NFL in passing yards three times (2000, 2003, 2013), passing touchdowns four times (2000, 2004, 2006, 2013) and passer rating three times (2004-06). He owns numerous NFL records, including most passing yards and passing touchdowns in a single season and passing touchdowns in a game.

In the Colts' backfield was Hall of Fame RB Edgerrin James, a two-time First-Team All-Pro running back who earned four trips to the Pro Bowl and twice led the NFL in rushing yards (1999-2000). Lined up across from Wayne was Hall of Fame WR Marvin Harrison, who earned three First-Team AP All-Pro honors and eight Pro Bowl berths. Harrison led the NFL in receiving yards twice (1999, 2002), receptions twice (2000, 2002) and receiving touchdowns once (2005).

Manning, James and Harrison were all named to the NFL's 2000s All-Decade Team.



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CONSIDER WHAT WAS DONE IN THOSE 9 YEARS

The argument against Calvin Johnson's Hall of Fame candidacy that focuses on Johnson only playing nine seasons ignores the generational impact he made on the NFL during that span.

Johnson made six Pro Bowls and three First-Team AP All-Pro teams in his nine NFL seasons. Making six Pro Bowls in nine seasons equates to a 67% ratio, which ties the best Pro Bowl percentage of any Hall of Fame wide receiver.

PRO BOWL PERCENTAGE, NFL HALL OF FAME WRs

Rank	Player	Season Range	Seasons	Pro Bowls	Pro Bowl %
1t	Calvin Johnson	2007-15	9	6	66.67
1t	Pete Pihos	1947-55	9	6	66.67
3	Jerry Rice	1985-2004	20	13	65.00
4	Lance Alworth	1962-72	11	7	63.64

Johnson made three First-Team AP All-Pro teams in his career. The only Hall of Fame wide receivers with more than three are Lance Alworth, Raymond Berry, Randy Moss, Terrell Owens, Pete Pihos, Jerry Rice and Paul Warfield. Breaking this down by seasons played, Johnson again ranks in elite company.

1st-TEAM AP ALL-PRO PERCENTAGE, NFL HALL OF FAME WRs

Rank	Player	Season Range	Seasons	1st-Tm All-Pro	All-Pro %
1	Pete Pihos	1947-55	9	6	66.67
2	Lance Alworth	1962-72	11	6	54.55
3	Jerry Rice	1985-2004	20	10	50.00
4	Paul Warfield	1964-74, 76-77	13	5	46.15
5t	Calvin Johnson	2007-15	9	3	33.33
5t	Terrell Owens	1996-2010	15	5	33.33

Only six receivers have earned first-ballot induction into the Hall of Fame: Raymond Berry (1973), Lance Alworth (1978), Paul Warfield (1983), Steve Largent (1995), Jerry Rice (2010) and Randy Moss (2018). Based on the results above, Johnson's dominance in his era is right on par, if not above, those first-ballot inductees.

Johnson is the only wide receiver to end his career with six-straight Pro Bowl selections, proving he didn't fade out of the game. His 1,214 receiving yards in 2015 were the most receiving yards a player has had in his final season. He left the game as dominant as any season in which he played.

Former Jaguars T Tony Boselli has been a Hall of Fame finalist for five-consecutive years after playing in 91 games over seven seasons and earning three First-Team AP All-Pro Team honors. Compared to Boselli, Johnson played in 44 more games during his career, a valid counterpoint to the criticism of Johnson's Hall of Fame credentials following only a nine-year career.

Hall of Fame Broncos RB Terrell Davis only played 78 games over seven seasons, and only played a full 16-game season twice. He had four seasons over 1,000 yards rushing, and his other three went seasons went for 701, 282 and 211. Despite the lack of postseason numbers in comparison to Davis, Johnson's dominant regular season statistics and historical impact on the game puts him in the same consideration for enshrinement into the Hall of Fame.

