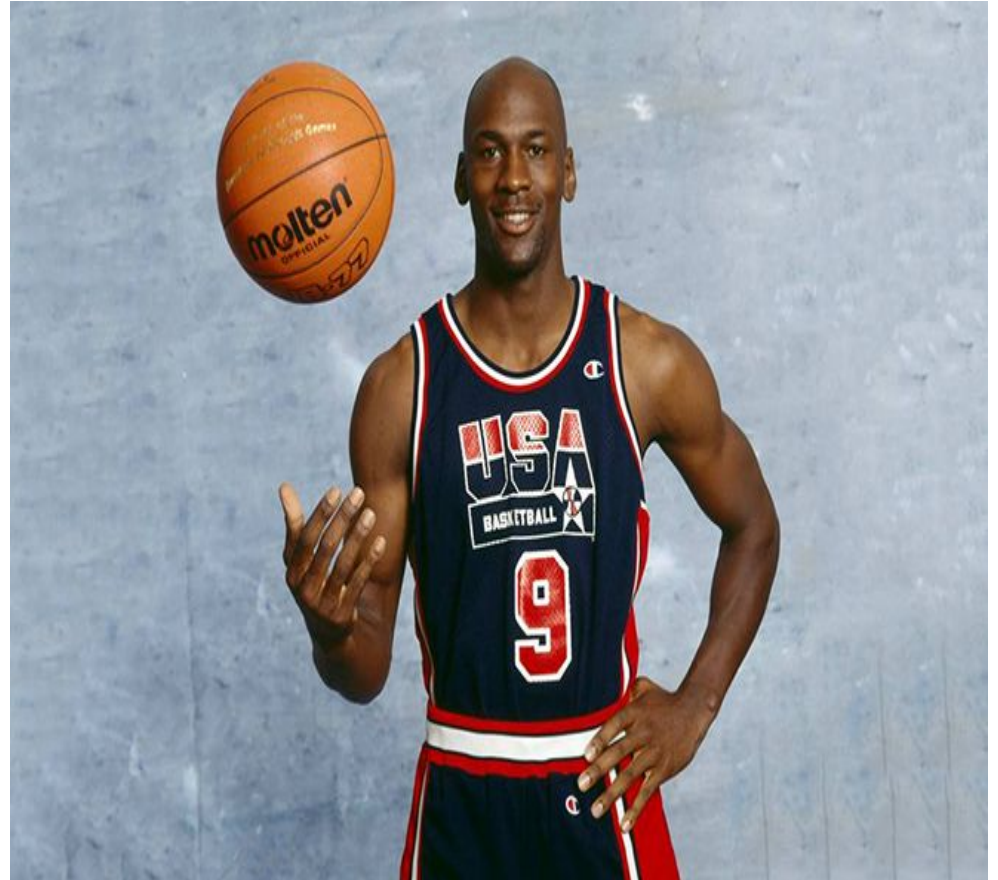


# **Michael Jordan**

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**Michael Jeffrey Jordan** (born February 17, 1963), also known by his initials, **MJ**,<sup>[3]</sup> is an American former professional [basketball](#) player. He played 15 seasons in the [National Basketball Association](#) (NBA) for the [Chicago Bulls](#) and [Washington Wizards](#). His biography on the official NBA website states: "By acclamation, Michael Jordan is the greatest basketball player of all time."<sup>[4]</sup> Jordan was one of the most effectively marketed athletes of his generation and was considered instrumental in popularizing the NBA around the world in the 1980s and 1990s.<sup>[5]</sup> He is currently the principal owner and chairman of the NBA's [Charlotte Hornets](#).



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# Early years

- Jordan is the fourth of five children. He has two older brothers, Larry Jordan and James R. Jordan, Jr., one older sister, Deloris, and one younger sister, Roslyn. Jordan's brother James retired in 2006 as the [Command Sergeant Major](#) of the [35th Signal Brigade](#) of the [XVIII Airborne Corps](#) in the U.S. Army.

# High school career

Jordan attended [Emsley A. Laney High School](#) in Wilmington, where he highlighted his athletic career by playing basketball, baseball, and [football](#). He tried out for the [varsity](#) basketball team during his [sophomore](#) year, but at 5'11" (1.80 m), he was deemed too short to play at that level. His taller friend, [Harvest Leroy Smith](#), was the only sophomore to make the team.

Motivated to prove his worth, Jordan became the star of Laney's [junior varsity team](#), and tallied several 40-point games.<sup>[10]</sup> The following summer, he grew four inches (10 cm)<sup>[11][4]</sup> and trained rigorously. Upon earning a spot on the varsity roster, Jordan averaged about 20 points per game over his final two seasons of high school play.<sup>[12][13]</sup> As a [senior](#), he was selected to the [McDonald's All-American Team](#)<sup>[14]</sup> after averaging a [triple-double](#): 29.2 points, 11.6 [rebounds](#), and 10.1 [assists](#).

# Personal life

Jordan married Juanita Vanoy in September 1989, and they had two sons, [Jeffrey Michael](#) and [Marcus James](#), and a daughter, Jasmine. Jordan and Vanoy filed for divorce on January 4, 2002, citing irreconcilable differences, but reconciled shortly thereafter. They again filed for divorce and were granted a final decree of dissolution of marriage on December 29, 2006, commenting that the decision was made "mutually and amicably". It is reported that Juanita received a \$168 million settlement (equivalent to \$204 million in 2017), making it the largest celebrity divorce settlement on public record at the time.



# NBA career statistics

## Regular season

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
1984–85	Chicago	82	82	38.3	.515	.173	.845	6.5	5.9	2.4	.8	28.2
1985–86	Chicago	18	7	25.1	.457	.167	.840	3.6	2.9	2.1	1.2	22.7
1986–87	Chicago	82	82	40.0	.482	.182	.857	5.2	4.6	2.9	1.5	37.1*
1987–88	Chicago	82	82	40.4*	.535	.132	.841	5.5	5.9	3.2*	1.6	35.0*
1988–89	Chicago	81	81	40.2*	.538	.276	.850	8.0	8.0	2.9	.8	32.5*
1989–90	Chicago	82	82	39.0	.526	.376	.848	6.9	6.3	2.8*	.7	33.6*
1990–91†	Chicago	82	82	37.0	.539	.312	.851	6.0	5.5	2.7	1.0	31.5*
1991–92†	Chicago	80	80	38.8	.519	.270	.832	6.4	6.1	2.3	.9	30.1*
1992–93†	Chicago	78	78	39.3	.495	.352	.837	6.7	5.5	2.8*	.8	32.6*
1994–95	Chicago	17	17	39.3	.411	.500	.801	6.9	5.3	1.8	.8	26.9
1995–96†	Chicago	82	82	37.7	.495	.427	.834	6.6	4.3	2.2	.5	30.4*
1996–97†	Chicago	82	82	37.9	.486	.374	.833	5.9	4.3	1.7	.5	29.6*
1997–98†	Chicago	82	82	38.8	.465	.238	.784	5.8	3.5	1.7	.5	28.7*
2001–02	Washington	60	53	34.9	.416	.189	.790	5.7	5.2	1.4	.4	22.9
2002–03	Washington	82	67	37.0	.445	.291	.821	6.1	3.8	1.5	.5	20.0
<b>Career</b>		1,072	1,039	38.3	.497	.327	.835	6.2	5.3	2.3	.8	30.1‡
<b>All-Star</b>		13	13	29.4	.472	.273	.750	4.7	4.2	2.8	.5	20.2

## Playoffs

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
1985	Chicago	4	4	42.8	.436	.125	.828	5.8	8.5	2.8	1.0	29.3
1986	Chicago	3	3	45.0	.505	1.000	.872	6.3	5.7	2.3	1.3	43.7
1987	Chicago	3	3	42.7	.417	.400	.897	7.0	6.0	2.0	2.3	35.7
1988	Chicago	10	10	42.7	.531	.333	.869	7.1	4.7	2.4	1.1	36.3
1989	Chicago	17	17	42.2	.510	.286	.799	7.0	7.6	2.5	.8	34.8
1990	Chicago	16	16	42.1	.514	.320	.836	7.2	6.8	2.8	.9	36.7
1991†	Chicago	17	17	40.5	.524	.385	.845	6.4	8.4	2.4	1.4	31.1
1992†	Chicago	22	22	41.8	.499	.386	.857	6.2	5.8	2.0	.7	34.5
1993†	Chicago	19	19	41.2	.475	.389	.805	6.7	6.0	2.1	.9	35.1
1995	Chicago	10	10	42.0	.484	.367	.810	6.5	4.5	2.3	1.4	31.5
1996†	Chicago	18	18	40.7	.459	.403	.818	4.9	4.1	1.8	.3	30.7
1997†	Chicago	19	19	42.3	.456	.194	.831	7.9	4.8	1.6	.9	31.1
1998†	Chicago	21	21	41.5	.462	.302	.812	5.1	3.5	1.5	.6	32.4
Career		179	179	41.8	.487	.332	.828	6.4	5.7	2.1	.8	33.4‡



# Awards and honors

## College awards and honors

Two-time Naismith Memorial

Basketball [Hall of Fame](#)

class of 2009 – individual

class of 2010 – as a member of the  
"Dream Team"

[NCAA national championship](#) – [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: 1981–82](#)

[ACC Freshman of the Year](#) – 1981–82

Two-time Consensus [NCAA All-American First Team](#) – 1982–83, 1983–84

[ACC Men's Basketball Player of the Year](#) – 1983–84

[USBWA College Player of the Year](#) – 1983–84

[Naismith College Player of the Year](#) – 1983–84

[Adolph Rupp Trophy](#) – 1983–84

[John R. Wooden Award](#) – 1983–84

Number 23 retired by the North Carolina Tar Heels

## NBA awards and honors

Six-time [NBA](#)

[champion](#) – [1991](#), [1992](#), [1993](#), [1996](#), [1997](#), [1998](#)

Six-time [NBA Finals](#)

[MVP](#) – [1991](#), [1992](#), [1993](#), [1996](#), [1997](#), [1998](#)

Five-time [NBA](#)

[MVP](#) – [1988](#), [1991](#), [1992](#), [1996](#), [1998](#)

10-time [NBA scoring leader](#) (1987–1993, 1996–1998)

14-time [NBA All-Star](#)

Three-time [NBA All-Star Game](#)

[MVP](#) – [1988](#), [1996](#), [1998](#)

11-time [All-NBA Team](#)

Nine-time [NBA All-Defensive Team](#)

Two-time [NBA Slam Dunk Contest champion](#) – 1987, 1988

[NBA Rookie of the Year](#) – [1984–85](#)

[IBM Award](#) winner – 1985

[NBA Defensive Player of the Year](#) – [1987–88](#)

Named one of the [50 Greatest Players in NBA History](#) in 1996

Number 23 retired by the Chicago Bulls

Number 23 retired by the Miami Heat

# Highlights

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