

# LeBron James

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# Personal information



- Full name - LeBron Raymone James
- Born - December 30, 1984 (age 31)  
Akron, Ohio
- Listed height - 6 ft 8 in (2.03 m)
- Listed weight - 250 lb (113 kg)
- High school - St. Vincent-St.  
Mary (Akron, Ohio)
- NBA draft - 2003 / Round: 1 /  
Pick: 1st overall
- Selected by the Cleveland  
Cavaliers
- Playing career - 2003-present
- Position - Small forward
- League - NBA



# High school career



As a freshman, James averaged 21 points and 6 rebounds per game for St. Vincent-St. Mary's varsity team.

The Fighting Irish finished the season 26-1 and repeated as state champions. For his outstanding play, James was named Ohio's Mr. Basketball and was selected to the *USA Today* All-USA First Team, becoming the first sophomore to do either.

## Football

James played wide receiver for St. Vincent-St. Mary's football team in high school and was recruited by some Division I programs, including Notre Dame. As a sophomore, he was named first team all-state, and as a junior, he led the Fighting Irish to the state semifinals. His football career came to an end before his senior year when he broke his wrist during an AAU basketball game.





# Professional career – Rookie Season



James was selected with the first overall pick in the 2003 NBA draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers. In his first professional game, he recorded 25 points against the Sacramento Kings, setting an NBA record for most points scored by a prep-to-pro player in his debut outing.

He became the first Cavalier to receive the honor and just the third player in NBA history to average at least 20 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 assists per game in his rookie year.





# Rise to superstardom



James earned his first NBA All-Star Game selection in 2004-05, contributing 13 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 assists in a winning effort for the Eastern Conference.

At the 2006 All-Star Game, James led the East to victory with 29 points and was named the NBA All-Star Game Most Valuable Player.





# 2010 - Free agency



James became an unrestricted free agent at 12:01 am EDT on July 1, 2010.

During his free agency, he was courted by several teams, including the Bulls, Los Angeles Clippers, Miami Heat, New York Knicks, New Jersey Nets, and Cavaliers.

On July 8, he announced on a live ESPN special titled *The Decision* that he would sign with the Heat.

James drew immense criticism from sports analysts, executives, fans, and current and former players for leaving the Cavaliers.





# Miami Heat



Throughout the 2010-11 season, James embraced the villain role bestowed upon him by the media; he later admitted that he regretted this approach. On December 2, he returned to Cleveland for the first time since departing as a free agent, scoring 38 points and leading Miami to a win while being booed every time he touched the ball.

On March 3 of the 2013-14 season, James scored a career-high and franchise record 61 points in a game against the Charlotte Bobcats.

With James Miami wins 2 NBA championships in 2011-2013 seasons.





# Return to the Cavaliers



On June 25, 2014, James opted out of his contract with the Heat, officially becoming an unrestricted free agent on July 1. On July 11, he revealed via a first-person essay in *Sports Illustrated* that he intended to rejoin the Cavaliers.

In the Conference Finals, the Cavaliers defeated the Hawks to advance to the Finals, making James the first player since the 1960s to play in five consecutive Finals.

In 2016 he became the first player in league history to lead both teams in all five statistical categories for a playoff round, culminating in a unanimous Finals MVP selection.





# National team career



James made his debut for the United States national team at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. He spent the Games mostly on the bench.

At the 2006 FIBA World Championship in Japan, James took on a greater role for Team USA, averaging 13.9 points, 4.8 rebounds, and 4.1 assists per game as co-captain.

Before naming James to the 2008 Olympic team, Team USA managing director Jerry Colangelo and coach Mike Krzyzewski gave James an ultimatum to improve his attitude, and he heeded their advice. Team USA went 10-0, winning the gold medal and qualifying for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China.

James did not play at the 2010 FIBA World Championship but rejoined Team USA for the 2012 Olympics in London, England. He also joined Michael Jordan as the only players to win an NBA MVP award, NBA championship, NBA Finals MVP, and Olympic gold medal in the same year.





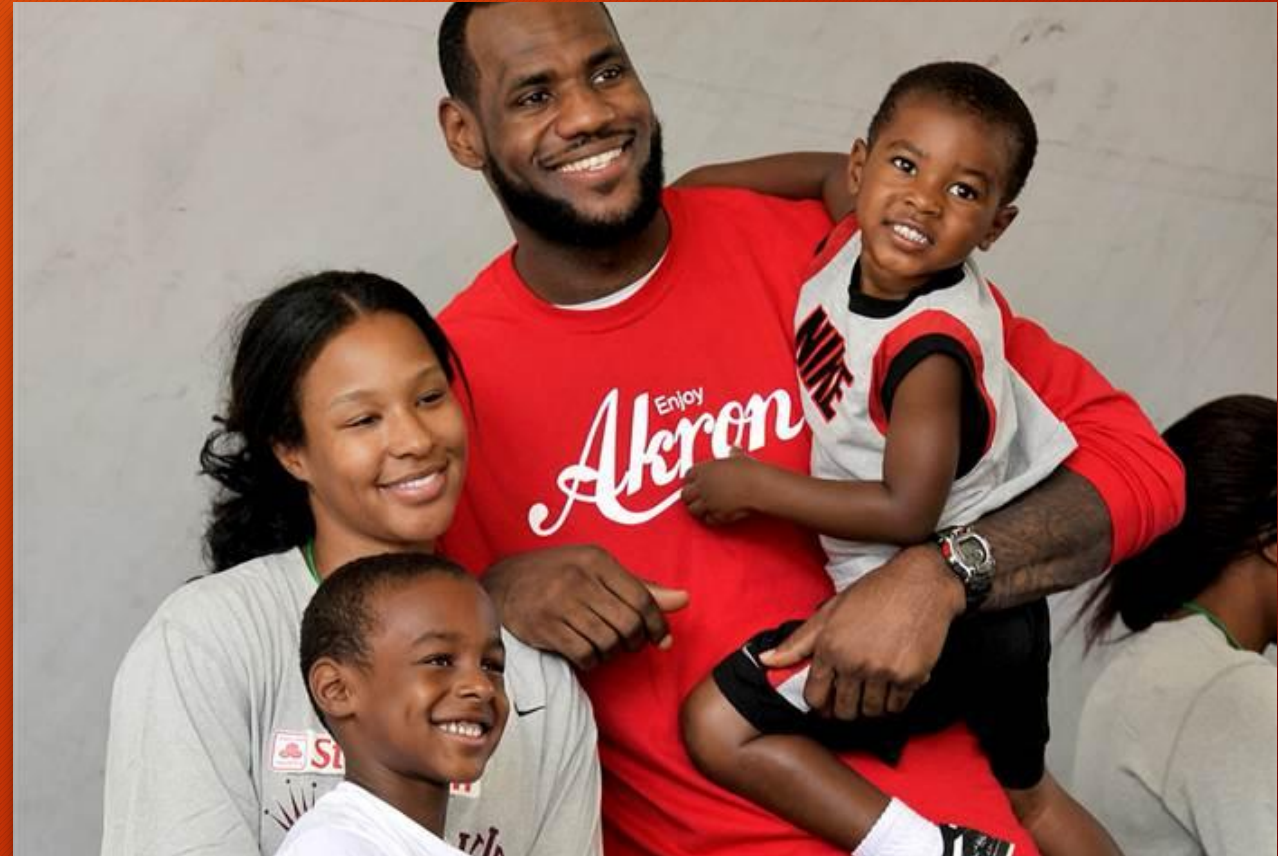
# Off the court



James proposed to Savannah Brinson, his high school sweetheart, on December 31, 2011 at a party celebrating New Year's Eve and his 27th birthday. The two were married on September 14, 2013 in San Diego.

Together, they have three children: LeBron James Jr. (born October 6, 2004), Bryce Maximus James (born June 14, 2007), and Zhuri James.

During his tenure with the Heat, James resided in Coconut Grove, an affluent Miami neighborhood, where he bought a three-story mansion overlooking Biscayne Bay for \$9 million. In November 2015, James bought a 9,350 square-foot East Coast-style mansion in Brentwood, Los Angeles for about \$21 million.





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