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BY THE NUMBERS

2021-22 Opening-Day Rosters

Based on [opening-day rosters](#) announced by NHL, excluding Injured and/or Non-Roster players;
Ages as of Oct. 12, 2021; Players listed by birth country

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- * **Players on 2021-22 Season-Opening Rosters, by Birth Decade**
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721 – Number of players on official season-opening rosters

310 – Number of Canadian players, the most of any country (43.0% of 721) – a full breakdown of NHL season-opening rosters by birth country is included below

284 – Number of players age 25 or younger (39.4% of 721)

190 – Number of U.S. players (26.4%) – last season, 164 U.S.-born players *skated in their team's opening game* (the most ever)

158 – Number of players age 23 or younger (21.9% of 721)

91 – Number of undrafted players (12.6% of 721)

35 – Number of players who have yet to play an NHL regular-season game – the Sharks top all clubs with four such players (**Jonathan Dahlen, William Eklund, Santeri Hatakka and Jasper Weatherby**)

22 – Number of birth countries represented

16 – Highest representation of one country on a single roster - the Oilers have 16 Canadians

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10 – The most countries represented on a single roster, with the Blue Jackets (USA: 6, CAN: 4, SWE: 3, CHE: 2, FIN: 2, RUS: 2, CZE: 1, DNK: 1, FRA: 1, LVA: 1) leading the list.

52 – Players born in the 2000s, with 26 of 32 teams carrying at least one

11 – Number of teenagers, including two 18-year-olds: Ducks forward **Mason McTavish** and Blue Jackets forward **Cole Sillinger**

2 – Players who skated in an NHL game in the 1990s (**Zdeno Chara**, NYI; **Joe Thornton**, FLA)

1 – There is one player with experience in the Stanley Cup Playoffs who has yet to appear in an NHL regular-season game: Avalanche forward **Sampo Ranta**

Players on 2021-22 Season-Opening Rosters, by Birth Decade

Decade	No. Players
1970s	2
1980s	122
1990s	545
2000s	52

Players on 2021-22 Season-Opening Rosters, by Age as of Oct. 12, 2021

Age	No. Skaters	No. Goalies	Total
18	2	0	2
19	9	0	9
20	24	1	25
21	20	1	21
22	37	3	40
23	60	1	61
24	56	4	60
25	58	8	66
26	57	8	65
27	55	6	61
28	52	6	58
29	49	5	54
30	38	2	40
31	36	4	40
32	29	4	33
33	18	4	22
34	22	1	23
35	11	4	15
36	12	3	15
37	3	0	3
38	4	0	4
39	0	1	1
40	0	1	1
42	1	0	1
44	1	0	1

Average Age of Players on 2021-22 Season-Opening Rosters, by Team

Team	Age
Columbus Blue Jackets	25.71
New Jersey Devils	25.74
New York Rangers	26.05
Ottawa Senators	26.33
Anaheim Ducks	26.83
Nashville Predators	26.85
Detroit Red Wings	26.86
Colorado Avalanche	26.88
Carolina Hurricanes	26.99
Buffalo Sabres	27.03
Vancouver Canucks	27.07
Seattle Kraken	27.08
Florida Panthers	27.11
Winnipeg Jets	27.18
Los Angeles Kings	27.19
Chicago Blackhawks	27.34
Vegas Golden Knights	27.56
Montreal Canadiens	27.58
Toronto Maple Leafs	27.66
San Jose Sharks	27.76
Calgary Flames	27.83
Edmonton Oilers	28.02
Boston Bruins	28.22
Pittsburgh Penguins	28.39
St. Louis Blues	28.62
Minnesota Wild	28.63
Arizona Coyotes	28.71
Tampa Bay Lightning	28.89
Philadelphia Flyers	29.24
Washington Capitals	29.34
Dallas Stars	29.49
New York Islanders	29.65



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Players on 2021-22 Season-Opening Rosters, by Birth Country

Birth Country	Players	% of NHL
Canada	310	43.0%
United States	190	26.4%
Sweden	71	9.8%
Finland	40	5.5%
Russia	37	5.1%
Czech Republic	26	3.6%
Switzerland	10	1.4%
Slovakia	8	1.1%
Germany	6	0.8%
Denmark	5	0.7%
Latvia	4	0.6%
France	3	0.4%
Austria	2	0.3%
Belarus	1	0.1%
Bulgaria	1	0.1%
Estonia	1	0.1%
Kazakhstan	1	0.1%
Netherlands	1	0.1%
Norway	1	0.1%
Slovenia	1	0.1%
United Kingdom	1	0.1%
Uzbekistan	1	0.1%

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