

Annual Drive Distance Report – 2025

The purpose of this document is to report levels and trends in driving distance for major professional tours. Methods of selection, filtering, and calculation are provided in the Appendix.

1 Current levels

Average driving distance levels for the major professional tours are presented in Table 1 and in Figure 1.

Table 1: Average drive distance, end of season 2025.

Tour	Average Drive Distance, yards
DP World Tour	297.8
PGA TOUR	302.8
Japan Golf Tour	288.2
Korn Ferry Tour	308.4
PGA TOUR - Champions	282.7
Ladies' European Tour (LET)	249.3
LPGA Tour	259.8

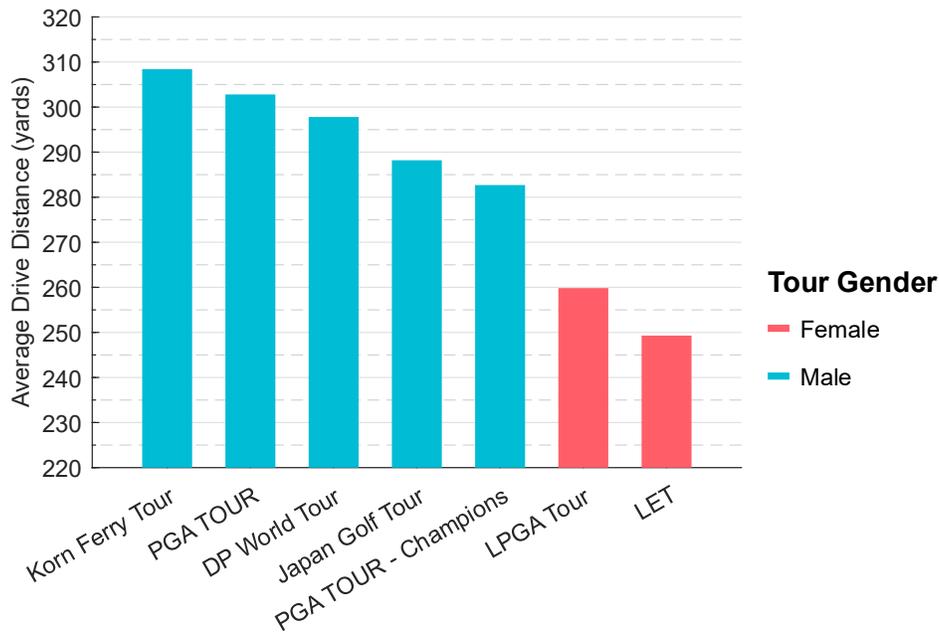


Figure 1: Average drive distance, end of season 2025 (in order of average drive distance).

2 Trends

2.1 Ten-year trends

The following data represent ten seasons' worth of drive distance change for the tours represented. The Japan Golf Tour, PGA TOUR – Champions and Korn Ferry Tour only published a single datapoint to cover seasons 2020-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the purposes of these figures, the value is duplicated for 2020 and 2021.

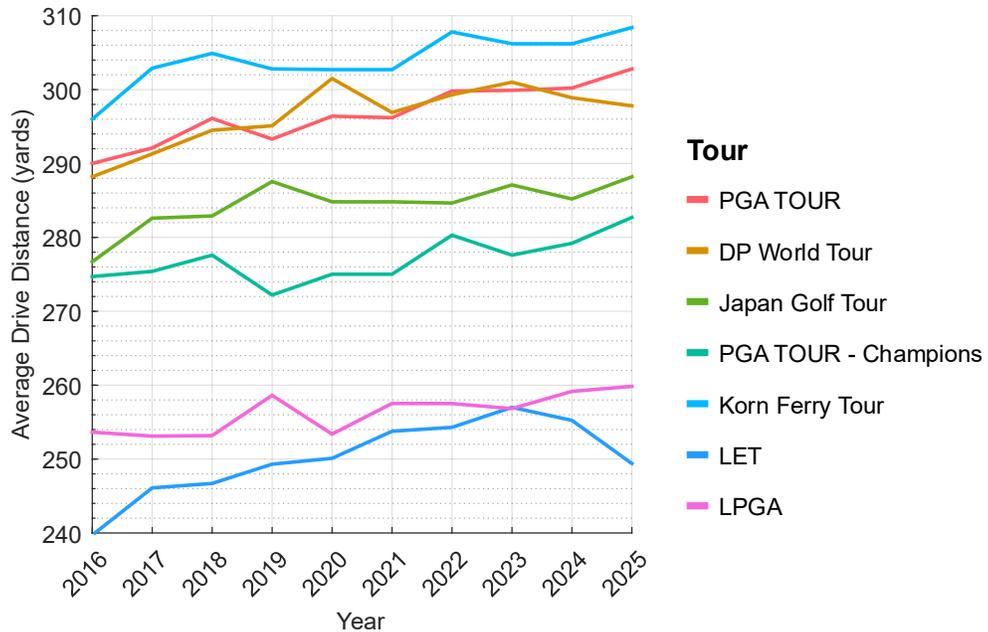


Figure 2: Average drive distance, previous 10 years.

Table 2: Average rate of change, previous 10 years.

Tour	Average rate of change, 2016 – 2025, yards/year
DP World Tour	1.27
PGA TOUR	1.09
Japan Golf Tour	0.81
Korn Ferry Tour	0.95
PGA TOUR - Champions	0.74
LET	1.34
LPGA Tour	0.71

2.2 Long-term trends

Data presented in Figure 3 represent distance change for the tours represented using data for all available years/seasons. The average rate of change per year as determined by a best-fit line over the period of interest is presented in Table 3.

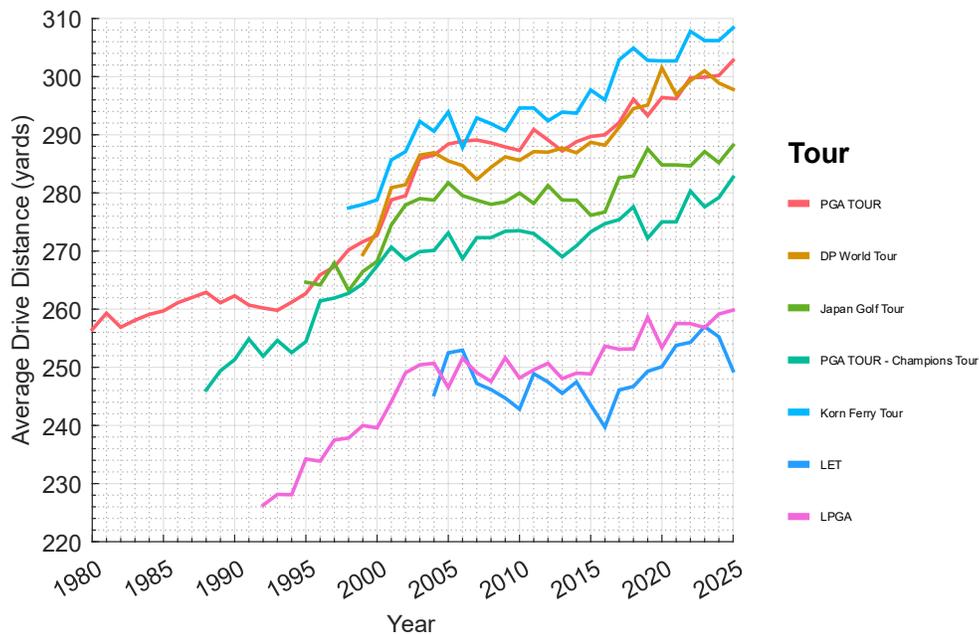


Figure 3. Average drive distance by professional tour. Note that data collection methods for PGA TOUR changed in 2004, see 5.1 for details.

Table 3: Average rate of change, all major professional tours, all available data. The R&A/USGA Joint Statement of Principles was agreed by the PGA TOUR in 2003. The R&A and USGA announced the Distance Insights project in 2018.

Tour	First Year of Data	Since 2003, yards/year	Since 2018, yards/year	All available data, yards/year
DP World Tour	1999	0.79	0.51	0.91
PGA TOUR	1980	0.67	1.14	1.10
Japan Golf Tour	1995	0.39	0.38	0.67
Korn Ferry Tour	1998	0.86	0.68	1.01
PGA TOUR - Champions	1988	0.42	1.00	0.79
LET	2004	0.27*	0.83	0.27
LPGA Tour	1992	0.49	0.71	0.84

*Since 2004

3 Levels by distance and success segment

In this section, driving distances are segmented according to distance and available measures of success (Table 4, Table 5, and Figure 4). Where available, points rankings are used as established and maintained by the relevant professional tour. Where tour-defined points rankings are unavailable, money rank is used. The LET does not specify a minimum number of

drives to be included in the end of season statistics, and as such are excluded from this analysis due to the potential for cohort averages to be skewed by players who have a small number of drives contributing to cohort averages.

Table 4: Description of rankings used in determining 'success' for the purposes of calculating average drive distance.

Tour	Ranking used
DP World Tour	Race to Dubai points
PGA TOUR	FedEx points
Japan Golf Tour	Money rank
Korn Ferry Tour	Regular season points
PGA TOUR - Champions	Charles Schwab points
LPGA Tour	CME points

Table 5: Average drive distance for players in top 20 and 50 by drive distance, and in top 50 by points or money rank.

Tour	Overall Tour Average	Top 20 Drive Distance	Top 50 Drive Distance	Top 50 success
DP World Tour	297.8	312.1	308.1	300.5
PGA TOUR	302.8	316.0	312.1	302.8
Japan Golf Tour	288.2	295.4	292.2	290.3
Korn Ferry Tour	308.4	322.7	318.6	310.4
PGA TOUR - Champions	282.7	295.5	289.5	286.4
LPGA Tour	259.8	274.9	270.0	262.1

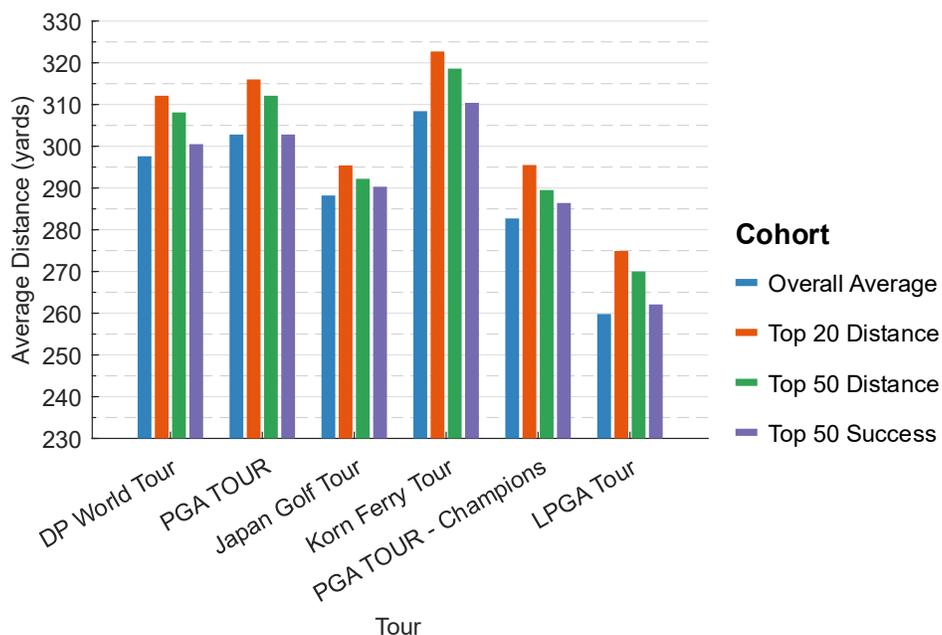


Figure 4. Relative average drive distances by cohort

4 Appendix: Trends by Distance and Success Rank

Trends in driving distance are shown for six of the tours in Figure 5 through Figure 10. The initial year shown in each graph corresponds to the availability of the current metric of success utilized for this analysis. Consistent with Figure 2, the results for the three tours impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are duplicated across the 2020–21 period due to the data for both seasons being amalgamated by the respective tours.

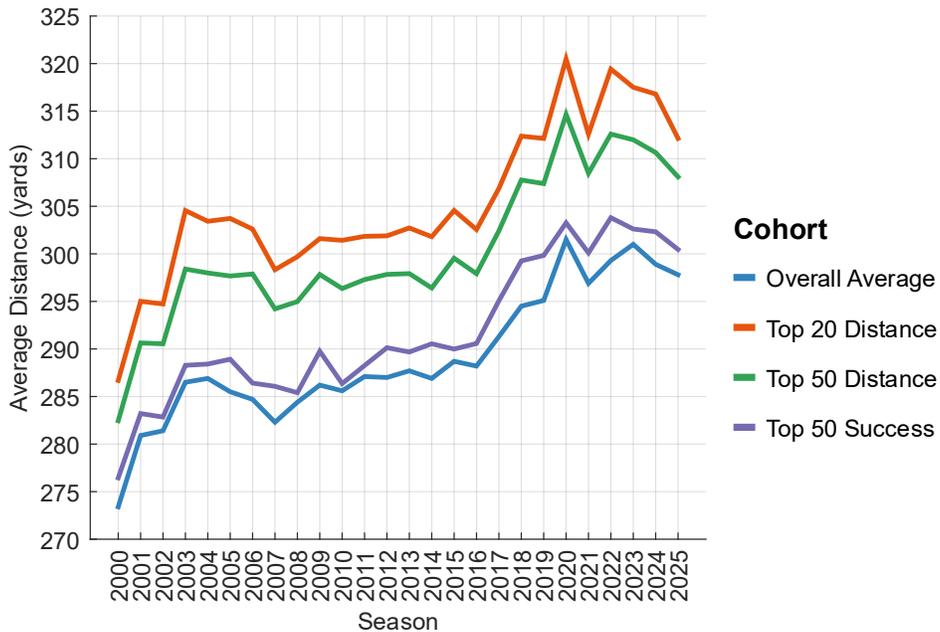


Figure 5. Distance trends by cohort for the DP World Tour

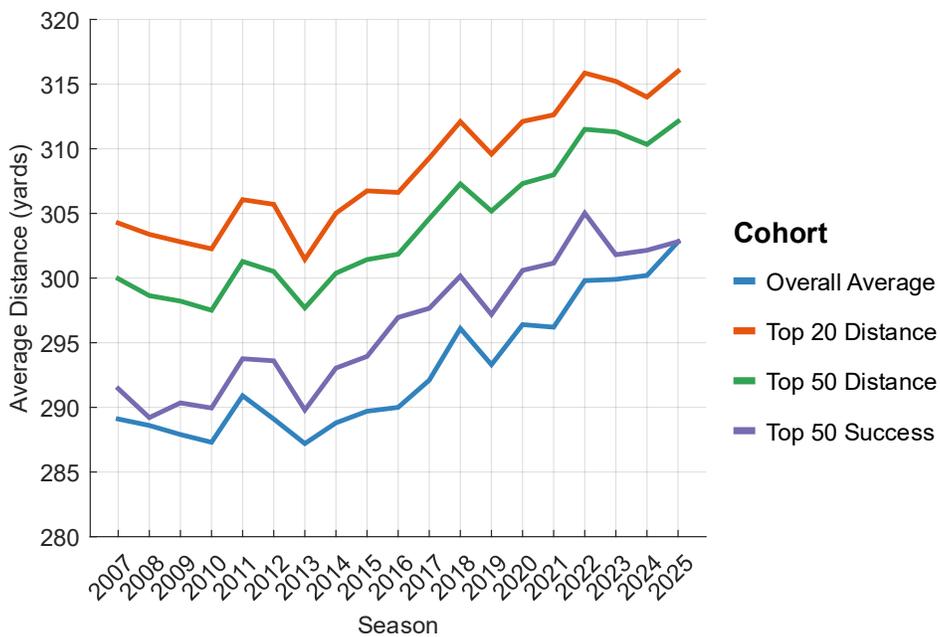


Figure 6. Distance trends by cohort for the PGA TOUR.

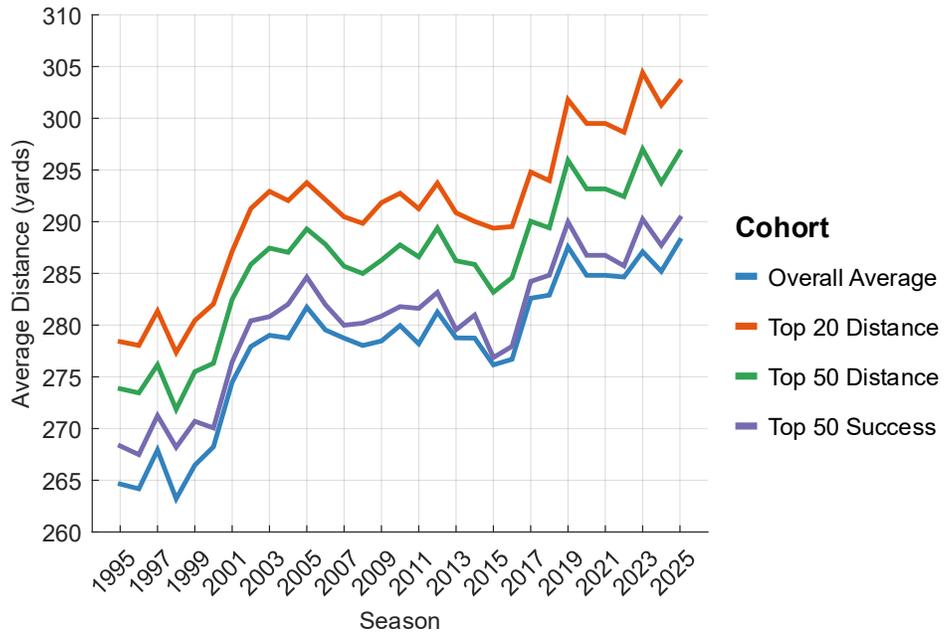


Figure 7. Distance trends by cohort for the Japan Golf Tour.

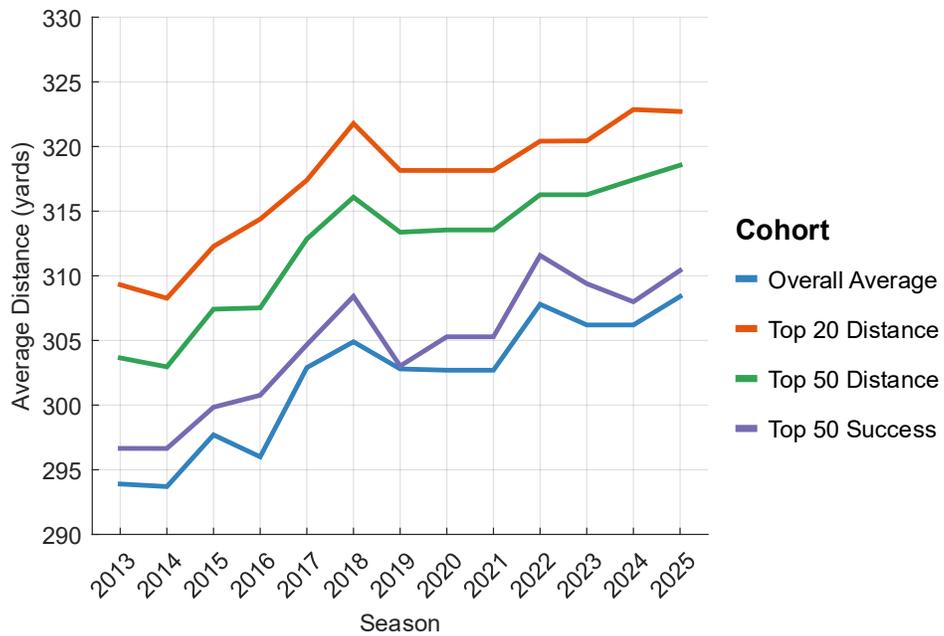


Figure 8. Distance trends by cohort for the Korn Ferry Tour.

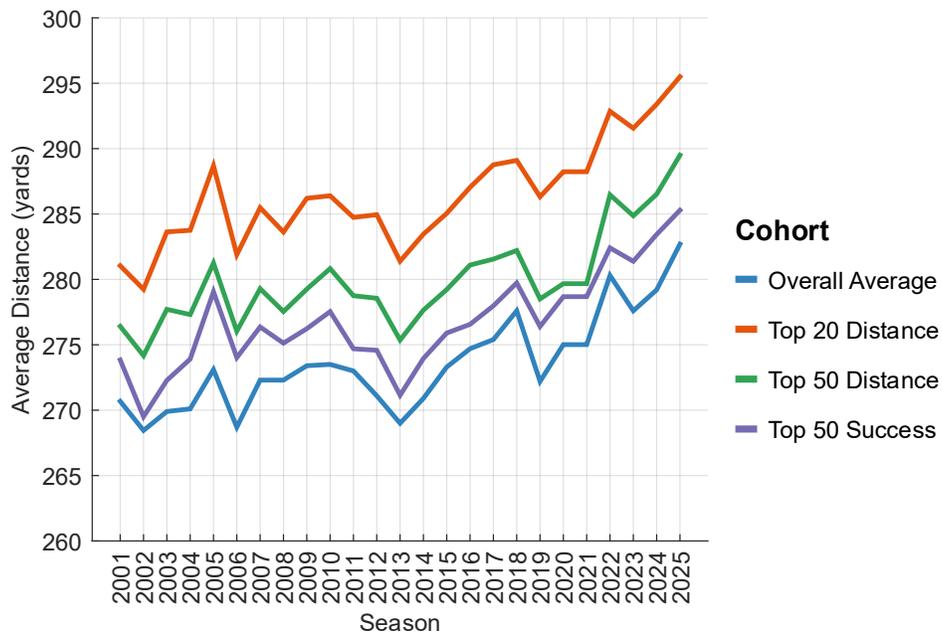


Figure 9. Distance trends by cohort for the PGA TOUR - Champions.

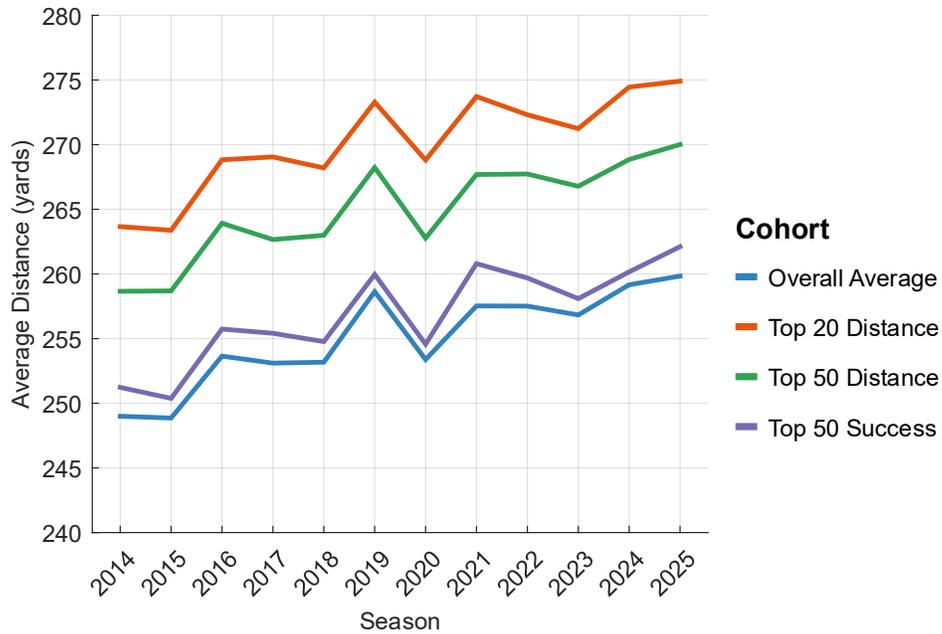


Figure 10. Distance trends by cohort for the LPGA Tour.

5 Appendix: Methodology

5.1 Measurements

Holes for measurement purposes are selected by the organizing professional tours here represented. Data generally represent the average driving distance including bounce and roll for the two “measured” holes. The preferred selection criteria for drive distance are as follows:

- High likelihood of driver use.
- Opposing directions.
- Level (or opposing topography)

Distances may be measured by systems such as the PGA TOUR ShotLink system, use of laser rangefinder, or by other measurements such as walking scorers utilizing GPS technology or distance marks on the edges of the fairways of the “measured” holes. Details as reported from individual tours are as follows:

- **DP World Tour:** On course measurements are collected by IMG Arena using GPS, with volunteer-based collection used for select events.
- **PGA TOUR:** Prior to adoption of ShotLink, driving distances were collected by on-course volunteers. In 2003, ShotLink became the primary method for distance data capture. Volunteer-based collection continues for select events, including non-U.S. and Opposite-field events.
- **Japan Golf Tour:** Driving distances are collected by on-course volunteers.
- **Korn Ferry Tour:** Driving distances are collected by on-course volunteers. Since 2017, volunteers have used GPS-enabled technology. In 2024 only, distances were captured by a GPS device attached to players.
- **PGA TOUR – Champions Tour:** Driving distances are collected by on-course volunteers.
- **Ladies European Tour:** Driving distances are submitted through Upgame for each player.

5.2 Sources

The sources used in this document for distances and success rankings for the 2025 season are as follows. The same sources are used for previous years as available.

Table 6: Data sources used for reporting.

Prof. Tour	Sources	Retrieved
DP World Tour	https://www.europeantour.com/dpworld-tour/stats/2025/leaderboard/?stats=DRIVING&type=DRIVING_DISTANCE https://www.europeantour.com/dpworld-tour/rankings/overview/rankings/#season:2025;	08-Dec-2025
PGA TOUR	https://statinfo.pgatourhq.com/standings?	08-Dec-2025
Japan Golf Tour	https://www.jgto.org/en/stats/tour/all_round https://www.jgto.org/en/stats/tour/money_ranking_japan	08-Dec-2025
Korn Ferry Tour	https://statinfo.pgatourhq.com/standings?	08-Dec-2025
PGA TOUR Champions	https://statinfo.pgatourhq.com/standings?	08-Dec-2025
LET	https://ladieseuropeantour.com/fullStats?id=2025&full=false&statdata=X1 https://ladieseuropeantour.com/order-of-merit?id=2025&oom=PT	08-Dec-2025
LPGA Tour	https://www.lpga.com/stats-and-rankings/driving#tab-list https://www.lpga.com/stats-and-rankings/race-to-cme-globe/rankings	08-Dec-2025

5.3 Filtering and calculation

5.3.1 Average drive distance

Filtering, i.e. the removal of shots or other results for any reason, is performed by the reporting bodies i.e. the organizing professional tours.

Drive distance is reported on a by-player basis in the above noted sources. The reported average drive distance for a given year and tour represents the weighted average calculated by:

$$\bar{d} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m n_i d_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m n_i}$$

Where \bar{d} is the overall average drive distance, d_i is the average drive distance for player i , n_i is the number of measured drives for player i , and m is the total number of players. Where the number of measured drives is unavailable, player drive distances are weighted by the number of tournaments.

For calculation of the average drive distance of specific cohorts such as top 20 driving distance or top 50 success players, the same equation is used with the appropriate subset. Ties are included.

5.4 Trends

The average rate of change of distance over time is calculated as the slope of the least-squares fit of a linear model over the time period of interest.

6 Change Record

Year	Change details
2025	<p>New major revision with significant streamlining of data presented. New statistics by player cohort introduced.</p> <p>LPGA website now provides the number of measured drives. Average is now weighted by 'measured drives' rather than 'possible fairways' as previously reported.</p> <p>Data now available for the 1992 season for the LPGA.</p> <p>Minor change to DP World Tour averages due to inclusion of Top 100 ranked players in average even if they do not meet the minimum number of drives required for inclusion.</p> <p>Regeneration of historic data by the DP World Tour has led to the removal of driving data for 1998.</p> <p>Calculation methods and data for other tour averages unchanged.</p>