

PURSE

KENTUCKY DERBY PURSE RAISED TO \$3 MILLION FOR 2020 RENEWAL

The 146th running of the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) will equal the richest in history as the purse for America's greatest race and first leg of horse racing's Triple Crown was elevated to a guaranteed \$3 million in 2019.

With a substantial \$1 million increase to the 1 ¼-mile Kentucky Derby for 3-year-olds in 2019, the winner will receive the event's highly sought-after gold trophy and a \$1.86 million payday. Also, \$600,000 will be awarded to the runner-up, \$300,000 to third, \$150,000 to fourth and \$90,000 to fifth. Previously, the Kentucky Derby purse had been worth \$2 million since 2005, and was \$1 million from 1996-2004.

"Our recent investment into historical racing machines is paying immediate dividends to Kentucky horsemen," said Churchill Downs Racetrack President Kevin Flanery. "It's extremely gratifying to meaningfully raise the purse of the iconic Kentucky Derby and other important racing fixtures on our stakes schedule as we continue to advance the overall racing program at Churchill Downs. Our steady growth in available prize money is truly exciting for the Kentucky horse racing and breeding industry."

Kentucky Derby Purse Distribution Since 2019

First:	\$1.86 million
Second:	\$600,000
Third:	\$300,000
Fourth:	\$150,000
Fifth:	\$90,000

2005-18 Kentucky Derby Purse Distribution

First:	\$1.24 million*
Second:	\$400,000
Third:	\$200,000
Fourth:	\$100,000
Fifth:	\$60,000

* Estimated

The following is a listing of developments of the Kentucky Derby purse:

Derby Purse	Years
\$3 million guaranteed	2019-present
\$2 million guaranteed	2005-18
\$1 million guaranteed	1996-2004
\$500,000-added	1991-95
\$350,000-added	1986-90
\$250,000-added	1982-85
\$200,000-added	1979-81
\$125,000-added	1955-78
\$100,000-added	1946-54
\$75,000-added	1940-45
\$50,000-added	1921-33, '37-39
\$40,000-added	1935-36
\$30,000-added	1920, '34
\$20,000-added	1919
\$15,000-added	1917-18
\$10,000-added	1914-16
\$6,000-added	1896-1912
\$5,000-added	1913
\$3,000-added	1893
\$2,500-added	1888-92, '94-95
\$1,500-added	1876-87
\$1,000-added	1875

Top 10 Purses

Derby Purse	Winner's Share	Year
\$3,000,000	\$1,860,000	2019
\$2,399,600	\$1,639,600	2005
\$2,395,800	\$1,635,800	2017
\$2,391,600	\$1,631,600	2016
\$2,219,600	\$1,459,600	2012
\$2,213,200	\$1,453,200	2006
\$2,211,800	\$1,451,800	2008
\$2,210,000	\$1,450,000	2007
\$2,192,000	\$1,432,000	2018
\$2,185,200	\$1,425,200	2010