

FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY

The Kentucky Derby has been staged on the first Saturday in May on 94 occasions.

A 73-year streak (1946-2019) was snapped in 2020 when the Kentucky Derby was delayed until Sept. 5, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Derby was staged outside the month of May on three occasions: Monday, April 29, 1901; Saturday, June 9, 1945; and Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020.

The Derby has been run on a Saturday on 117 occasions and each day of the week except Sunday. The last time it wasn't staged on a Saturday was 1910.

Saturday – First Saturday in May (94 times)

2021-present

1946-2019 (73 consecutive years)

1944
1943
1942
1941
1940
1939
1938
1936
1935
1934
1933
1932
1921
1903
1902

Saturday – Other (23 times)

2020
1945
1937
1931
1930
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1922
1920
1919
1918
1917
1916
1915
1914
1913
1912
1911

Wednesday (11 times)

1906
1905
1898
1897
1896
1893
1892
1891
1890
1887
1883

Tuesday (9 times)

1910
1908
1894
1882
1881
1880
1879
1878
1877

Monday (8 times)

1909
1907
1904
1901
1895
1888
1876
1875

Thursday (4 times)

1900
1899
1889
1885

Friday (2 times)

1886
1884