

**INDIANAPOLIS 500 – FASTEST & SLOWEST QUALIFIERS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fastest Qualifier</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Slowest Qualifier</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Field Avg.</u>
1911	Positions assigned by date of entry; Minimum qualifying speed of 75 mph for .25 mile				
1912	David Bruce-Brown*	88.45	Harry Knight	75.92	81.76
1913	Jack Tower*	88.23	Theodore Pilette	75.52	81.52
1914	Georges Boillot*	99.86	Ray Gilhooly	84.20	90.12
1915	Howard Wilcox	98.90	Willie Haupt	80.36	88.39
1916	John Aitken	96.69	Tom Alley	82.04	89.77
1919	Rene Thomas	104.78	J.J. McCoy	86.50	92.85
1920	Ralph DePalma	99.15	Jean Porporato	79.98	89.40
1921	Ralph DePalma	100.75	Tom Alley	80.50	91.19
1922	Jimmy Murphy	100.50	Howdy Wilcox	81.60	93.78
1923	Tommy Milton	108.17	Howdy Wilcox	81.00	94.64
1924	Jimmy Murphy	108.037	Fred Harder	82.770	97.922
1925	Leon Duray	113.196	M.C. Jones	88.478	104.488
1926	Earl Cooper	111.735	Jack McCarver	86.418	100.196
1927	Frank Lockhart	120.100	Al Melcher	102.918	110.183
1928	Leon Duray	122.391	Henry Kohlert	93.545	109.841
1929	Cliff Woodbury	120.599	Bill Lindau	102.509	110.954
1930	Billy Arnold	113.268	Harry Butcher	87.003	98.989
1931	Billy Arnold*	116.080	Dave Evans	96.871	106.673
1932	Lou Moore	117.363	Kelly Petillo	104.645	111.269
1933	Bill Cummings	118.530	Gene Haustein	107.603	112.426
1934	Kelly Petillo	119.329	Dave Evans	102.414	112.645
1935	Rex Mays	120.736	Bob Sall	110.519	114.896
1936	Rex Mays	119.644	Louis Tomei	111.078	116.685
1937	Jimmy Snyder*	125.287	Deacon Litz	116.372	119.288
1938	Ronney Householder*	125.769	Duke Nalon	113.828	120.032
1939	Jimmy Snyder	130.138	Billy DeVore	116.527	123.567
1940	Rex Mays	127.850	Rene LeBegue	118.981	122.853
1941	Mauri Rose	128.691	Overton Phillips	116.298	122.739
1946	Ralph Hepburn*	133.944	Al Putnam	116.283	122.328
1947	Bill Holland*	128.755	Cy Marshall	115.644	121.039
1948	Duke Nalon*	131.603	Johnny Mauro	121.790	125.505
1949	Duke Nalon	132.939	Manuel Ayulo	125.799	128.036
1950	Walt Faulkner	134.343	Jimmy Jackson	129.208	131.033
1951	Walt Faulkner*	136.872	Bill Mackey	131.473	133.556
1952	Chet Miller*	139.034	Jim Rigsby	133.904	135.504
1953	Bill Vukovich	138.392	Johnny Thomson	135.262	136.429
1954	Jack McGrath	141.033	Frank Armi	137.673	138.632
1955	Jack McGrath*	142.580	Johnny Thomson	134.113	138.796
1956	Pat Flaherty	145.596	Duke Dinsmore	138.430	142.507
1957	Paul Russo*	144.817	Don Freeland	139.649	141.444
1958	Dick Rathmann	145.974	Bob Christie	142.253	143.445
1959	Johnny Thomson	145.908	Jim McWithey	141.215	143.004
1960	Jim Hurtubise*	149.056	Jim McWithey	140.378	144.070
1961	Eddie Sachs	147.481	Bobby Grim	144.029	145.302
1962	Parnelli Jones	150.370	Elmer George	146.092	147.330
1963	Parnelli Jones	151.153	Dempsey Wilson	147.832	149.028
1964	Jim Clark	158.828	Bill Cheesbourg	148.711	152.540
1965	A.J. Foyt	161.233	Bill Cheesbourg	153.774	156.058
1966	Mario Andretti	165.899	Bobby Grim	158.367	160.251
1967	Mario Andretti	168.982	Larry Dickson	162.543	164.173
1968	Joe Leonard	171.559	Larry Dickson	161.124	164.958

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1969	A.J. Foyt	170.568	Peter Revson	160.851	166.295
1970	Al Unser	170.221	Sam Sessions	165.373	167.139
1971	Peter Revson	178.696	Bob Harkey	169.197	171.665
1972	Bobby Unser	195.940	Cale Yarborough	178.864	183.655
1973	Johnny Rutherford	198.413	Jim McElreath	188.640	192.329
1974	A.J. Foyt	191.632	Larry Cannon	173.963	182.787
1975	A.J. Foyt	193.976	Mike Hiss	181.754	185.057
1976	Mario Andretti*	189.404	Sheldon Kinser	181.114	183.785
1977	Tom Sneva	198.884	Steve Krisiloff	184.691	189.488
1978	Tom Sneva	202.156	Jerry Sneva	187.266	192.584
1979	Rick Mears	193.736	Roger McCluskey	183.908	186.737
1980	Johnny Rutherford	192.256	Gary Bettenhausen	182.463	185.570
1981	Tom Sneva*	200.691	Jerry Karl	186.008	191.244
1982	Rick Mears	207.004	Roger Mears	194.154	197.740
1983	Teo Fabi	207.395	Chet Phillip	183.146	198.406
1984	Tom Sneva	210.029	Chris Kneifel	199.831	203.686
1985	Pancho Carter	212.583	Tony Bettenhausen	204.824	208.138
1986	Rick Mears	216.828	Dick Simon	204.978	210.358
1987	Mario Andretti	215.390	Steve Chassey	202.488	207.194
1988	Rick Mears	219.198	Howdy Holmes	206.970	210.188
1989	Rick Mears	223.885	Bernard Jourdain	213.105	216.588
1990	Emerson Fittipaldi	225.301	Rocky Moran	211.076	217.437
1991	Gary Bettenhausen*	224.468	Gordon Johncock	213.812	218.590
1992	Roberto Guerrero	232.482	Ted Prappas	219.173	223.479
1993	Arie Luyendyk	223.967	Kevin Cogan	217.230	219.692
1994	Al Unser Jr.	228.011	Bryan Herta	220.992	223.270
1995	Scott Brayton	231.604	Eliseo Salazar	225.023	226.912
1996	Arie Luyendyk*	236.986	Scott Harrington	222.185	227.807
1997	Arie Luyendyk	218.263	Fermin Velez	206.512	212.286
1998	Billy Boat	223.503	Johnny Unser	216.316	218.305
1999	Arie Luyendyk	225.179	Wim Eyckmans	220.092	221.558
2000	Greg Ray	223.471	Andy Hillenberg	218.285	220.805
2001	Scott Sharp	226.037	Billy Boat	221.528	223.303
2002	Bruno Junqueira	231.342	Billy Boat	226.589	228.648**
2003	Helio Castroneves	231.725	Airton Dare	223.609	223.609
2004	Buddy Rice	222.024	Robby McGehee	211.631	217.821
2005	Kenny Brack*	227.598	Felipe Giaffone	217.645	223.895
2006	Sam Hornish Jr.	228.985	Thiago Medeiros	215.729	222.688
2007	Helio Castroneves	225.817	Marty Roth	218.922	222.505
2008	Scott Dixon	226.366	Marty Roth	218.965	222.302
2009	Helio Castroneves	224.864	Ryan Hunter-Reay	220.597	222.480
2010	Helio Castroneves	227.970	Sebastian Saavedra	223.634	224.974
2011	Alex Tagliani	227.492	Ana Beatriz	223.879	225.273

**Legend:** \* - Fastest qualifier was not the pole winner

\*\* - Fastest field in history

#### TOP 10 MOST EVENLY MATCHED FIELDS BY SPEED

<u>Difference</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Fastest Qualifier</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Slowest Qualifier</u>	<u>Speed</u>
3.130 mph	1953	Bill Vukovich	138.392	Johnny Thomson	135.262
3.321	1963	Parnelli Jones	151.153	Dempsey Wilson	147.832
3.360	1954	Jack McGrath	141.033	Frank Armi	137.673
3.452	1961	Eddie Sachs	147.481	Bobby Grim	144.029
3.593	2011	Alex Tagliani	227.472	Ana Beatriz	223.879
3.721	1958	Dick Rathmann	145.974	Bob Christie	142.253
4.267	2009	Helio Castroneves	224.864	Ryan Hunter-Reay	220.597
4.278	1962	Parnelli Jones	150.370	Elmer George	146.092
4.336	2010	Helio Castroneves	227.970	Sebastian Saavedra	223.634
4.509	2001	Scott Sharp	226.037	Billy Boat	221.528

4.693      1959      Johnny Thomson      145.908      Jim McWithey      141.215

**TOP 10 MOST EVENLY MATCHED FIELDS BY TIME**

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<u>Difference</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Fastest Qualifier</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Slowest Qualifier</u>	<u>Time</u>
2.5399	2011	Alex Tagliani	2:38.2613	Ana Beatriz	2:40.2203
3.0622	2010	Helio Castroneves	2:37.9154	Sebastian Saavedra	2:40.9776
3.0967	2009	Helio Castroneves	2:40.0967	Ryan Hunter-Reay	2:43.1934
3.2422 sec.	2001	Scott Sharp	2:39.2658	Billy Boat	2:42.5080
3.2646	2002	Bruno Junqueira	2:35.6136	Billy Boat	2:38.8782
3.695	1999	Arie Luyendyk	2:39.873	Wim Eyckmans	2:43.568
4.546	1995	Scott Brayton	2:35.438	Eliseo Salazar	2:39.984
4.985	1993	Arie Luyendyk	2:40.738	Kevin Cogan	2:45.723
5.015	1994	Al Unser Jr.	2:37.887	Bryan Herta	2:42.902
5.0207	2007	Helio Castroneves	2:39.4214	Marty Roth	2:44.4421

**Note:** Four-lap qualifying procedure used in 1920-32, 1939-41 and 1946-present.

**Quick Facts, Records:**

- Most unbalanced field by time/speed:** 1 minute, 30 seconds, 28.846 mph – Leon Duray over Henry Kohlert (1928)
- Most times fastest qualifier:** 5 – Rick Mears (1979, 82, 86, 88-89)