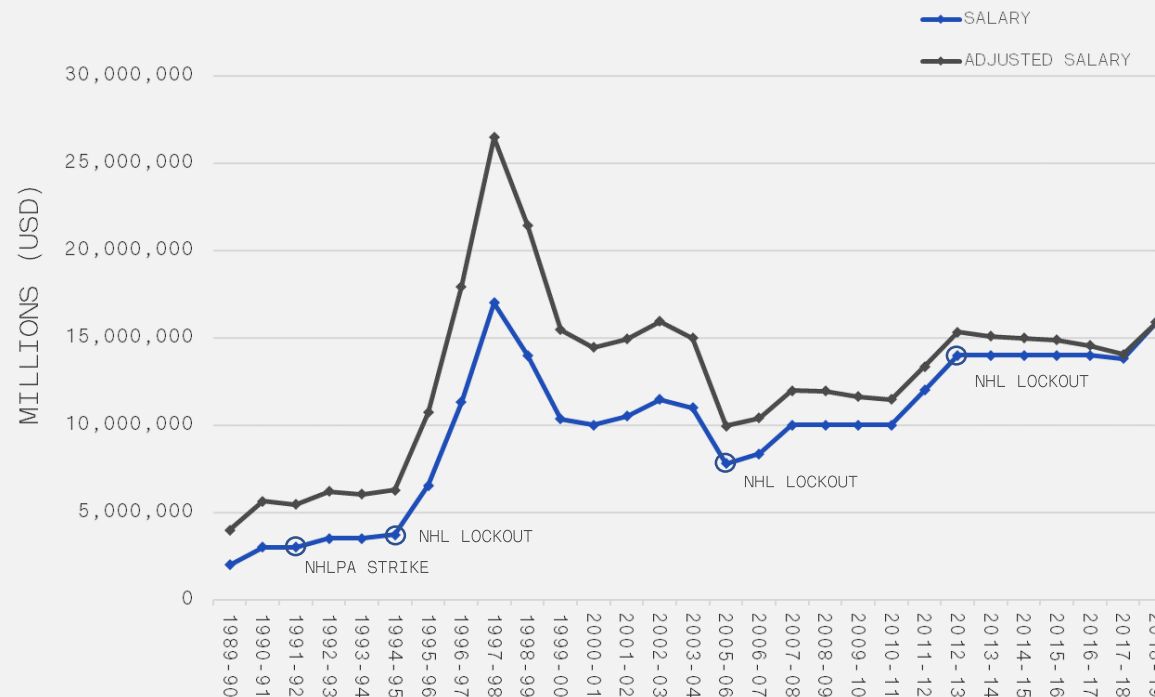


A HISTORY OF THE NHL'S HIGHEST PAID PLAYER

Over the past thirty NHL seasons, the salary for the highest paid player has grown at an annualized rate of 7.15%. This growth rate easily outpaces the rate of inflation (2.32%) as measured by the US Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index. However, as illustrated by the accompanying graph, John Tavares's 2018-19 salary is eclipsed by the Adjusted Salaries earned by Mario Lemieux (1996-97), Joe Sakic (1997-98), Sergei Federov (1998-99) and Jaromir Jagr (2002-03).



Year	Player	Salary	Adjusted Salary ¹	Year	Player	Salary	Adjusted Salary ¹
1989-90	Mario Lemieux	\$2,000,000	\$3,984,663	2004-05	Lockout	Lockout	Lockout
1990-91	Wayne Gretzky	\$3,000,000	\$5,633,027	2005-06	Jaromir Jagr	\$7,800,000	\$9,957,405
1991-92	Wayne Gretzky	\$3,000,000	\$5,465,547	2006-07	Jaromir Jagr	\$8,360,000	\$10,407,869
1992-93	Eric Lindros	\$3,500,000	\$6,196,727	2007-08	Thomas Vanek	\$10,000,000	\$11,963,476
1993-94	Eric Lindros	\$3,500,000	\$6,030,971	2008-09	Dany Heatley	\$10,000,000	\$11,950,501
1994-95	Wayne Gretzky	\$3,737,159	\$6,271,862	2009-10	Vincent Lecavalier	\$10,000,000	\$11,633,904
1995-96	Wayne Gretzky	\$6,545,400	\$10,712,837	2010-11	Lecavalier / Luongo	\$10,000,000	\$11,462,458
1996-97	Mario Lemieux	\$11,321,000	\$17,933,221	2011-12	Brad Richards	\$12,000,000	\$13,359,194
1997-98	Joe Sakic	\$17,000,000	\$26,478,369	2012-13	Shea Weber	\$14,000,000	\$15,319,019
1998-99	Sergei Federov	\$14,000,000	\$21,459,805	2013-14	Shea Weber	\$14,000,000	\$15,092,371
1999-00	Jaromir Jagr	\$10,359,852	\$15,464,865	2014-15	Shea Weber	\$14,000,000	\$14,979,056
2000-01	Kariya / Forsberg	\$10,000,000	\$14,438,678	2015-16	Shea Weber	\$14,000,000	\$14,870,572
2001-02	Peter Forsberg	\$10,500,000	\$14,928,956	2016-17	Anze Kopitar	\$14,000,000	\$14,568,334
2002-03	Jaromir Jagr	\$11,483,333	\$15,947,994	2017-18	Kane / Toews	\$13,800,000	\$14,063,602
2003-04	Peter Forsberg	\$11,000,000	\$14,994,916	2018-19	John Tavares	\$15,900,000	\$15,900,000

1. Adjusted for Inflation.