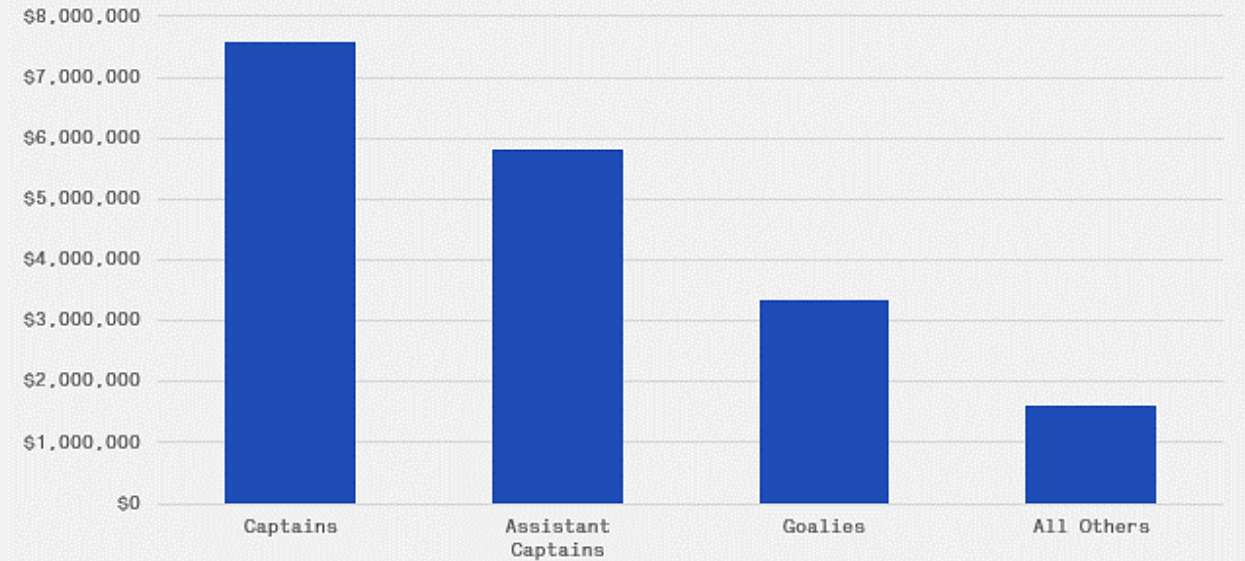


LEADERSHIP EARNS A PREMIUM

Currently, four of the leagues thirty-one teams are playing without a captain. This number is down from the six teams that played without one during the 2018-19 season. In the modern era of the NHL, only twice has the Stanley Cup ever been won by a team without a captain (Boston Bruins, 1970 & 1972).

2019-20 AVERAGE SALARIES



| TEAM | PLAYER | CAP HIT | TEAM | PLAYER | CAP HIT |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Edmonton Oilers | Connor McDavid | \$12,500,000 | Calgary Flames | Mark Giordano | \$6,750,000 |
| Toronto Maple Leafs | John Tavares | \$11,000,000 | St. Louis Blues | Alex Pietrangelo | \$6,500,000 |
| Chicago Blackhawks | Jonathan Toews | \$10,500,000 | Carolina Hurricanes | Jordan Staal | \$6,000,000 |
| Buffalo Sabres | Jack Eichel | \$10,000,000 | Florida Panthers | Aleksander Barkov | \$5,900,000 |
| Los Angeles Kings | Anze Kopitar | \$10,000,000 | Colorado Avalanche | Gabriel Landeskog | \$5,571,429 |
| Washington Capitals | Alexander Ovechkin | \$9,538,462 | Columbus Blue Jackets | Nick Foligno | \$5,500,000 |
| Dallas Stars | Jamie Benn | \$9,500,000 | Minnesota Wild | Mikko Koivu | \$5,500,000 |
| Pittsburgh Penguins | Sidney Crosby | \$8,700,000 | Vancouver Canucks | Bo Horvat | \$5,500,000 |
| Tampa Bay Lightning | Steven Stamkos | \$8,500,000 | New Jersey Devils | Andy Greene | \$5,000,000 |
| Philadelphia Flyers | Claude Giroux | \$8,275,000 | Nashville Predators | Roman Josi | \$4,000,000 |
| Anaheim Ducks | Ryan Getzlaf | \$8,250,000 | Boston Bruins | Zdeno Chara | \$2,000,000 |
| Arizona Coyotes | Oliver Ekman-Larsson | \$8,250,000 | Detroit Red Wings | Vacant | |
| Winnipeg Jets | Blake Wheeler | \$8,250,000 | New York Rangers | Vacant | |
| San Jose Sharks | Logan Couture | \$8,000,000 | Ottawa Senators | Vacant | |
| Montreal Canadiens | Shea Weber | \$7,857,143 | Vegas Golden Knights | Vacant | |
| New York Islanders | Anders Lee | \$7,000,000 | | | |