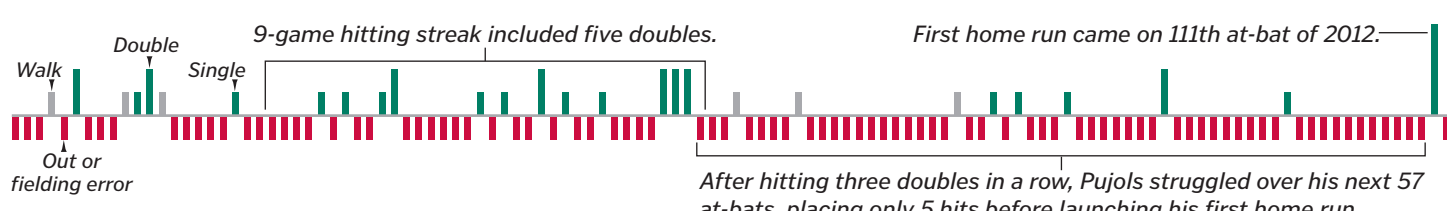


Pujols Endures Offensive Struggle

Albert Pujols' first season with the Angels continues to be a struggle for the 9-time all star. Through the first 13 games of the season, Pujols hit .296 in 54 at bats with seven doubles, including a 9-game hitting streak that was capped by back-to-back-to-back doubles. But since his two-bagger outburst of April 19th, Pujols batted a meager .085, scattering just 5 hits over his next 57 at-bats before launching his first home run of the season on May 6th in his 111th at-bat and 28th game. After, Pujols acknowledged his efforts and determination saying, "I don't think anything's been lifted off my shoulders . . . I know what I'm capable of doing, and I come out here every day and try to get myself ready for the game and give 100 percent to this team and to this organization. And if I do that, there's nothing to be sorry about."

Early Success

Pujols met with success early in the season though struggled to keep the momentum going.



In his first 28 games, Pujols put 96 pitches into play, accounting for 22 hits, 7 doubles and 1 home run. With the exception of doubles, Pujols' offensive stats are down significantly compared to his career averages.

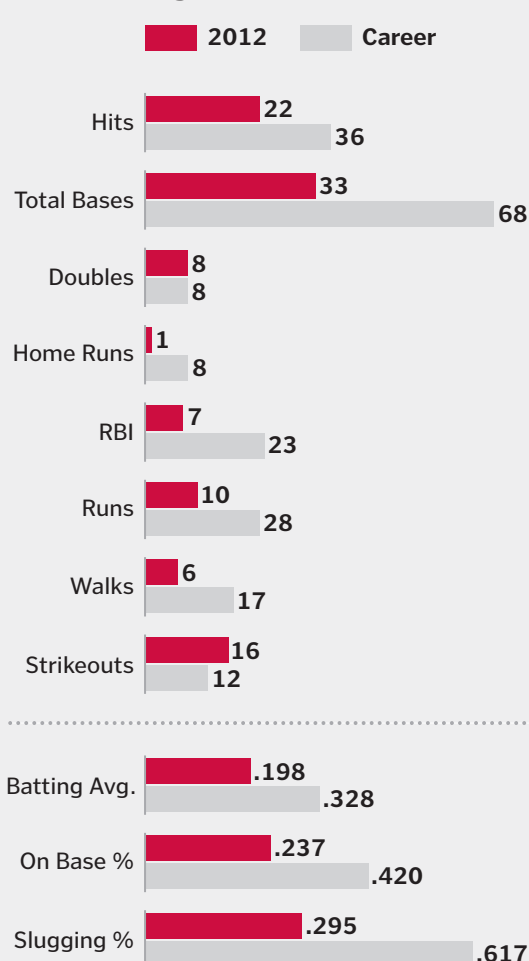
First official hit as an Angel was a double at Angel Stadium, April 7th

First Angel home run, May 26

45 balls hit to the left side of the infield

Field dimensions are generalized for illustration.

2012 offensive stats compared to career averages for 111 at-bats



111 At-Bats Before Lift Off

It took Albert Pujols 111 at-bats into his first Angels season to hit his first home run, nearly four-times longer than in any previous season during his career. Indeed, Pujols' offensive numbers convey his struggles after some early success — his eight doubles equal a career average though total hits are off by 41% (22 compared to an average of 36 per 111 at-bats). For more detail, the chart below illustrates every plate appearance through May 6th, the date of Pujols' first home run.

Number of at-bats needed to hit first home run, by season

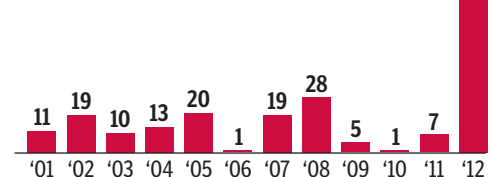


Chart key

19 — Game no.
Apr 13 — Date
v. OAK — Opponent

At Bat no. — Pitch location

Balls — Strikes — Count

Play

● Hit safely
● Out or fielding error
● Non-at bat (walk, sacrifice)

Game totals — Trend

Season — .Avg

Game	Date	Opponent	At Bat	Pitch	Count	Result	Game Totals	Trend
1	Apr 6	v. KC	1	Slider	6-4-3 DP	Out	0 for 3	.000
2	Apr 7	v. KC	4	Sinker	6-4-3 DP	Out	1 for 4	.143 ▲
3	Apr 8	v. KC	8	Changeup	5-3	Out	2 for 3; 1 RBI	.300 ▲
4	Apr 9	@ MIN	11	Fastball	FC 5-4	Out	0 for 4; 1 Run	.214 ▼
5	Apr 11	@ MIN	15	Sinker	6-3	Out	1 for 4; 1 RBI	.222 ▲
6	Apr 12	@ MIN	19	Changeup	F8	Out	1 for 5	.217 ▼
7	Apr 13	@ NYY	24	Fastball	6-4-3 DP	Out	1 for 4	.222 ▲
8	Apr 14	@ NYY	28	Cutter	1B	Hit	2 for 5; 1 RBI	.250 ▲
9	Apr 15	@ NYY	33	Fastball	L6	Out	1 for 5	.243 ▼
10	Apr 16	v. OAK	38	Sinker	1B	Hit	2 for 4; 2 RBI	.268 ▲
11	Apr 17	v. OAK	42	Slider	5-3	Out	1 for 4	.267 ▼
12	Apr 18	v. OAK	46	Fastball	1B	Hit	1 for 4	.265 ▼
13	Apr 19	v. OAK	50	Changeup	P1	Out	3 for 5; 1 Run	.296 ▲
14	Apr 20	v. BAL	55	Slider	P6	Out	0 for 4	.276 ▼
15	Apr 21	v. BAL	59	Cutter	5-3	Out	0 for 3; 1 Run	.262 ▼
16	Apr 22	v. BAL	62	Slider	F7	Out	0 for 4	.246 ▼
17	Apr 24	@ TAM	66	Fastball	F9	Out	0 for 4	.232 ▼
18	Apr 25	@ TAM	70	Pitch	6-3	Out	0 for 3	.222 ▼
19	Apr 26	@ TAM	73	Fastball	L5	Out	1 for 4	.224 ▲
20	Apr 27	@ CLE	77	Fastball	1B	Hit	1 for 4; 1 Run	.225 ▲
21	Apr 28	@ CLE	81	Slider	1B	Hit	1 for 4	.226 ▲
22	Apr 29	@ CLE	85	Sinker	5-3	Out	0 for 4	.216 ▼
23	Apr 30	v. MIN	89	Fastball	2B	Hit	1 for 4	.217 ▲
24	May 1	v. MIN	93	Changeup	F7	Out	0 for 4; 1 RBI	.208 ▼
25	May 2	v. MIN	97	Slider	F8	Out	1 for 5	.208
26	May 3	v. TOR	102	Fastball	5-4-3 DP	Out	0 for 3	.202 ▼
27	May 4	v. TOR	105	Fastball	F9	Out	0 for 4	.194 ▼
28	May 6	v. TOR	109	Slider	F7	Out	1 for 4; 1 Run, 2 RBI	.196 ▲