

Gender Pay Equity in Sports

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Abstract

In this paper, we will use statistics to analyze various data sets describing the monetary compensation gap across men's and women's sports. We will compare pay within both individual sports and team sports, evaluating the pay gap between men and women in each. We will also determine whether there is a correlation between league revenue and player salaries.

1 Introduction

In this paper, we will use statistics to analyze various data sets describing the monetary compensation across men and women's professional sports. Historically, women are paid less than men. We will examine both individual sports, such as tennis and golf, and the team sport of basketball.

2 Background

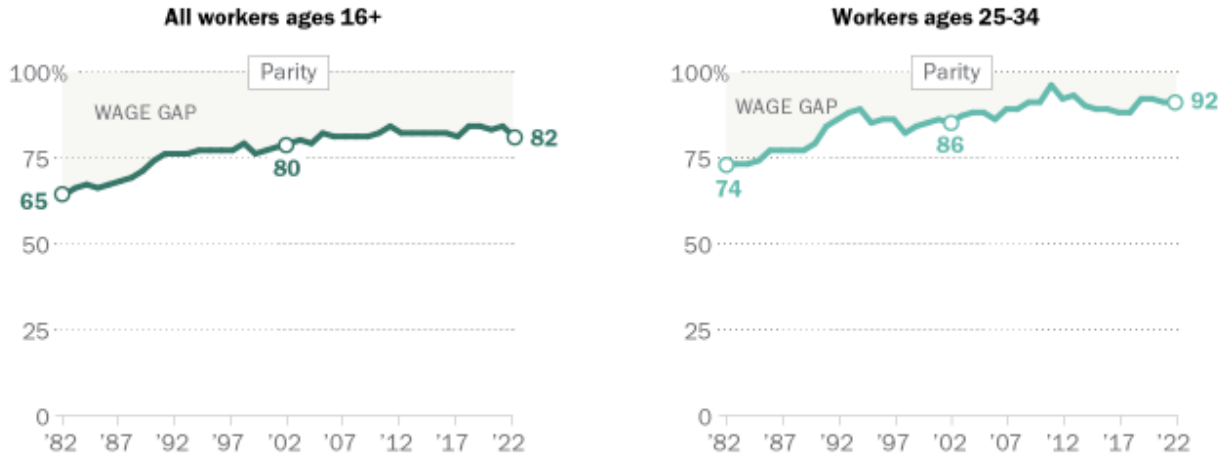
In this section, we will discuss preliminary information essential to the statistical methods and strategies implemented in our research. We will also provide necessary background information necessary to understand the given data.

2.1 Gender Pay Gap in the United States

Gender pay equity refers to the compensation of employees performing substantially similar job functions with equal pay regardless of gender, race, or ethnicity. The Equal Pay Act requires that men and women in the same workplace be given equal pay for equal work [7]. Focusing specifically on young workers in the United States, Figure 1 shows the median hourly earnings of women in comparison to their male counterparts. Since 1982, there has been a slow increase in women's pay that has contributed to the narrowing of the gender pay gap. Historically, women have been paid less than men for doing the same work. In 2022, women made 82 cents of a man's dollar. This has barely increased over the past 20 years, as women made 80 cents for every dollar a man made in 2002 [3]. This is true across all fields

Gender pay gap in U.S. has not closed in recent years, but is narrower among young workers

Median hourly earnings of U.S. women as percentage of men's median earnings among ...



Note: Estimates are for civilian, non-institutionalized, full- or part-time employed workers with positive earnings. Samples include employed workers with positive earnings, working full time or part time, excluding the self-employed. Source: Pew Research Center analysis of the Current Population Survey outgoing rotation group files (IPUMS).

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Figure 1: Gender Pay Gap in the United States [3]

of work, but in this paper, we will consider the male dominated field of sports.

2.2 Individual Sports

Individual sports are considered those played by a single person. In this paper, we will consider only two individual sports: tennis and golf. Similarly, an individual player of either sport competes for their own prize. Monetary compensation is based on personal performance and competition outcome. Personal performance refers to how well a player executes their game. Competition outcome is whether or not they win the game. A player

may perform well and lose the competition, or conversely, perform poorly and win the game. Successful personal performance enhances the player's game statistics, while competition outcome depends on how the two opponents perform in comparison to each other.

2.3 Team Sports

Team sports require multiple athletes to form a team of players. In this paper, we will discuss the team sport of basketball. Monetary compensation in team sports depends on team performance and individual player statistics. The team performance refers to whether or not a given team wins a game. Individual player statistics refers to individual success. For example, in basketball, individual statistics include field goals scored, field goals attempted, field goal percentage, etc. Field goals are each basket scored. So, how many points a player gets versus how many they've attempted would produce the field goal percentage. A high field goal percentage may earn a player more money. We see an example of this in Figure 3, where the relationship between points per game and salary in the WNBA is shown.

3 Individual Sports

In this section, we will go in depth on tennis and golf. After considering differences in game play between men's and women's teams, we will dive into their compensation history. Following these trends of pay, we will look at pay discrepancies between male and female athletes of each respective sport.

3.1 Tennis

3.1.1 Rule Differences

Tennis, while sometimes comprised of teams, is competed in singles or doubles. In this paper, we will be considering singles tennis matches and individual players. The only difference in rules between men and women's tennis is that women play best of three sets, while men sometimes play best of five sets. In tennis, the prize money is often referred to as the "purse." So, the total purse of a tournament is the total amount of money given out to all of the players. The champion will receive the most money, then the runner-up, then semi-finalists. Following the winner, compensation decreases depending on performance.

3.1.2 Compensation History

The game of tennis originated in the 12th century and has since evolved into a professional spectator sport. It wasn't until 1972 that male professional tennis players came together to officially establish the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) [12]. Women's professional tennis began in 1970, when nine players signed \$1 dollar contracts to compete in the Virginia Slims Series, a new women's tennis tour that would come to be known as the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) [1]. Among these nine women was Billie Jean King, who would come to be one of the most famous advocates for equal pay in professional tennis. Major tournaments in tennis are called the grand slams: the Australian Open, the French Open, Wimbledon, and the US Open. Both men and women compete in these four major tournaments. The US Open offered equal prize money to men and women for the first time in 1973, but that

wasn't the case for all major tournaments. The Australian Open, for example, did not offer equal prize money until 1984, then stopped between 1996-2000, and resumed offering an equal purse again in 2000.

3.1.3 Pay Discrepancies

Tennis is one of few sports that pay male and female athletes fairly equally. Since there aren't significant discrepancies between salaries, we will compare revenue in this section.

In 2021, the ATP brought in \$176.8 million in revenue, while the WTA brought in \$87.8 million [28]. This disparity in revenue often reflects in prize money for respective ATP and WTA events. League revenue depends largely on viewership and sponsors. The difference in revenue can be accredited to popularity among the public. However, when analyzing ATP and WTA salaries, we find that they are comparable. This would imply that professional tennis salaries do not have a direct correlation to league revenue. We will look at this claim specifically in Section 6: Statistical Analysis.

3.2 Golf

3.2.1 Rule Differences

Golf is a true individual sport, as each person represents themselves. Golf can be played in nine or eighteen holes. There are three sets of tee off points for each hole. Regardless of gender, anyone is allowed to shoot from any tee, depending on skill level and swing speed. Generally, amateur women shoot from the tee closest to the hole, amateur men and female

professionals shoot from the middle tee, and male professionals from the farthest tee. This accounts for physical differences in men and women. Other than this, there are no differences in the rules of golf between men and women.

3.2.2 Compensation History

The Professional Golf Association was established in 1916 [6]. The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) was established in 1950, when 13 women fought for a platform for women's golf. In the LPGA's first 10 years, they had 14 tournaments with a total purse of \$50,000 [18]. Conversely, in 1950 alone, the total purse for the PGA was \$459,950 for a total of 33 events [20]. Women's golf has five majors: Chevron Championship, US Women's Open, KPMG Women's PGA Championship, Evian Championship, and AIG Women's Open [11]. In men's golf, there are four major tournaments, consisting of The Masters, US PGA Championship, US Open, and The Open [19].

3.2.3 Pay Discrepancies

Since the beginning of the LPGA, male and female professional golfers have not been compensated equally. In Figure 2, we can see the difference in total prize pool between men on the left of the graphic and women on the right. In 2023, the total purse for the PGA over 38 tournaments was \$460 million. For the LPGA, the total purse in 2023 for 33 tournaments was \$101.4 million. In the following calculations, we can determine the total purse per tournament for both the PGA and LPGA.

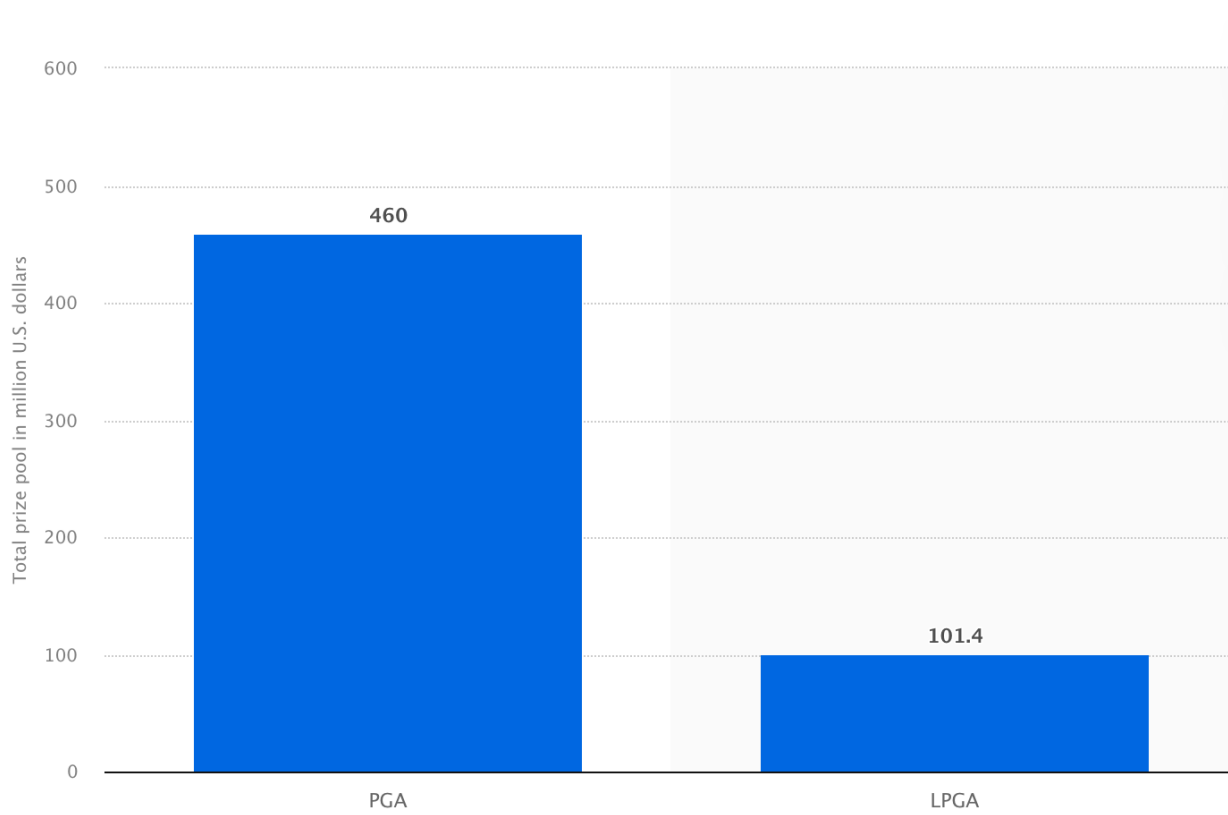


Figure 2: Total Prize Fund for the PGA and LPGA Tour in 2023 [25]

$$\frac{\$460,000,000}{38} = \$12,105,263.20$$

$$\frac{\$101,400,000}{33} = \$3,072,727.27$$

Then, we can divide the LPGA's total purse per tournament by the PGA's total purse per tournament.

$$\frac{\$3,072,727.27}{\$12,105,263.20} = 0.2538$$

$$0.2538 * 100 = 25.38\%$$

Here, we find that professional female golfers were compensated 25% of what professional male golfers were compensated in 2023. In terms of revenue, the PGA brought in \$192,132,824 in 2021 [2]. The LPGA brought in \$165,790,559 in 2021 [17]. Again, this disparity is accredited to popularity and viewership among the general public. Unlike other sports, the PGA and LPGA are non-profit organizations. Their prize money does not come solely from revenue, but from league reserves, as well. This explains the magnitude of purses, sometimes reaching in the millions.

4 Team Sports

In this section, we will consider basketball. As before, we will acknowledge rule differences, if they exist. Then we will analyze compensation history and the differences in pay between men and women.

4.1 Basketball

4.1.1 Rule Differences

There are no difference in rules across men's and women's basketball. In women's basketball, the ball itself is slightly smaller than that of men, to account for the physical and biological difference in size of hands.

4.1.2 Compensation History

The NBA began in 1949, comprised of 30 different teams in the league. The WNBA began in 1997, with the league consisting of 12 teams [6]. Men's and women's basketball have never been compensated equally. Due to a difference in league contracts, they have one of the most drastic gaps in pay. The NBA has allotted over half of their league revenue to salaries, while the WNBA salaries are comprised of a fraction of their revenue [29]. We will revisit these statistics in the next section.

4.1.3 Pay Discrepancies

The average salary in the NBA sits at \$9.6 million, while the average salary in the WNBA is \$102,751 [16].

$$\frac{\$102,751}{\$9,600,000} = 0.0107$$

$$0.0107 * 100 = 1.07\%$$

This means that female athletes in the WNBA make 1.07% of that of their male counterparts. Steph Curry is the highest-paid player in the NBA, with a salary of \$48 million. The highest

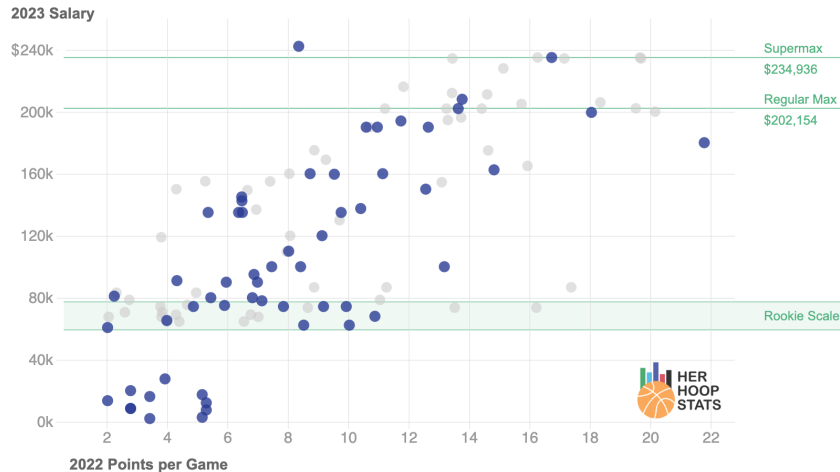


Figure 3: WNBA Salary vs Points Per Game

paid player in the WNBA is Jewell Lloyd, with a salary of \$228,094 [16]. In Figure 3, we see how game performance affects salary. This specific chart shows a positive correlation between points per game and annual salary for the WNBA in 2023. Now, it is important to note the difference in revenue across the NBA versus the WNBA. Revenue relies heavily on the audience. The 2022 NBA finals had an average of 12.4 million viewers, while the WNBA's highest viewed game in all of 2022 averaged 852,000 viewers. On average, the NBA brings in \$10 billion a year in revenue. The WNBA, however, only brings in \$60 million [16].

$$\frac{60,000,000}{10,000,000,000} = 0.006$$

$$0.006 * 100 = 0.6\%$$

This means the WNBA earns 0.6% in revenue in comparison to the NBA. Now, considering their average salaries, we calculated that athletes in the WNBA earn 1.07% of that of their male counterparts. While this seems proportional to their respective revenues, we must now

consider how much of each league's revenue is devoted to payroll. In the WNBA, players make 9.3% of the total league revenue, which has decreased over the past few years, while viewership increased 171% over 2021. NBA players, on the contrary, make 51% of the total league revenue [29]. We can conclude that WNBA player salaries are not directly tied to league revenue, while player salaries in the NBA are directly correlated with revenue.

5 Methods

In this section, we will include definitions and theorems relevant to our analysis.

Definition. A *sampling distribution* is a probability distribution of a statistic that is obtained through repeated sampling of a specific population [15].

The sampling distribution describes a range of possible outcomes for a statistic.

Theorem 5.1 (Central Limit Theorem). *The distribution of sample means approximates a normal distribution as the sample size gets larger, regardless of the population's distribution [15].*

This theorem says that the sample mean tends to follow the same normal distribution of a bell curve, no matter how the population is distributed.

Definition. The *variance* (σ^2) is a measurement of the spread between numbers in a data set; measures the degree of dispersion of data around the sample's mean [15].

Variance is measured in the square of the data's original units, so it can often be hard to interpret. We then define standard deviation to be $\sqrt{\text{variance}}$.

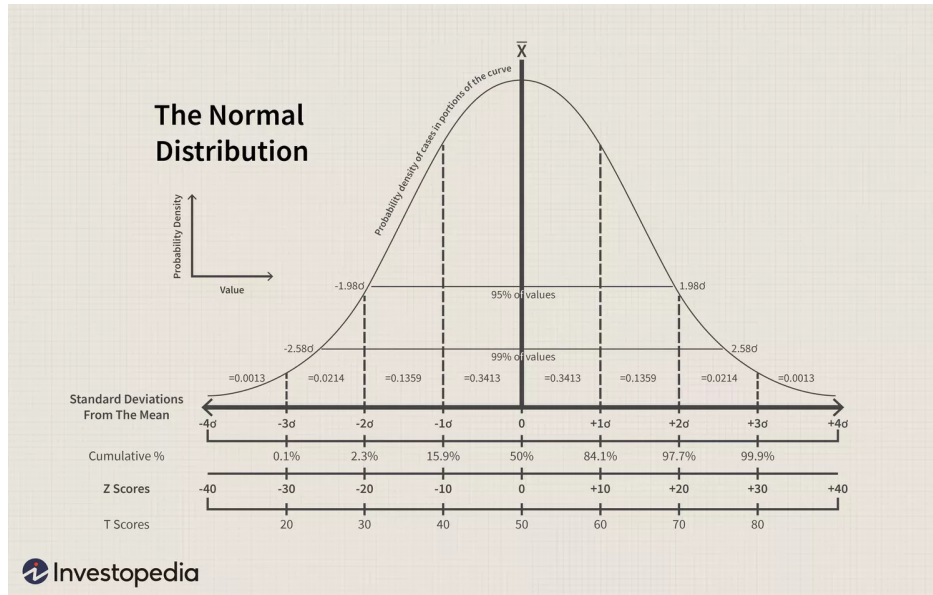


Figure 4: Normal Distribution Bell Curve

Definition. The *standard deviation* (σ) measures the dispersion of a dataset relative to its mean [15].

We see the standard deviation in relation to a population's mean in Figure 4.

Definition. *Hypothesis testing* is a systematic procedure for deciding whether the results of a research study support a particular theory which applies to a population [14].

Hypothesis testing consists of two hypotheses, the research hypothesis and the null hypothesis.

Definition. The *research hypothesis* (H_A) is the proposed hypothesis stating the existence of some relationship between two variables [14].

Definition. The *null hypothesis* (H_0) is the opposite of the research hypothesis. It states there is no relationship between the two variables [14].

When conducting a hypothesis test, we operate under the assumption that the null hypothesis is true and look for evidence against this assumption. Depending on the nature of our hypotheses, we can conduct different types of statistical tests. In every test, however, the test statistic is the critical quantity used to determine if the data collected provides sufficient evidence against the null hypothesis. If sufficient evidence is found, we can reject the null hypothesis.

Definition. A *test statistic* is a number calculated for a statistical test of a hypothesis from the data collected [4].

Test statistics show how closely the observed data matches the distribution expected under the null hypothesis. It can be used to calculate the p -value of the results.

Definition. A *p -value* is a statistical measurement used to validate a hypothesis against observed data [15]. The p -value measures the probability of obtaining the observed results, assuming that the null hypothesis is true.

We aim to reject the null hypothesis. The lower the p -value, the greater the statistical significance of the observed difference. A p -value of 0.05 or lower generally indicates that the observed data is statistically significant. A statistically significant p -value would allow for the rejection of the null hypothesis.

Definition. A *t -test* is a statistical tool used to evaluate the means of one or two populations using hypothesis testing [27].

A t -test is any hypothesis test where the test statistic has a t -distribution.

Definition. A *t-distribution* describes the standardized distances of sample means to the population mean when the population standard deviation is not known, and the observations come from a normally distributed population [27].

Definition. A *two-sample t-test* is a method used to test whether the unknown population means of two groups are equal or not [27].

Lemma 5.2. Let \bar{x} and \bar{y} be the sample means of two sets of data of size n_x and n_y respectively. If x and y are normally distributed, or n_x and n_y are sufficiently large for the Central Limit Theorem to hold, and x and y have the same variance, then the random variable

$$t = \frac{(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) - (\mu_x - \mu_y)}{s \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_x} + \frac{1}{n_y}}}$$

has distribution $T(n_x+n_y-2)$ where

$$s_p^2 = \frac{(n_x - 1)s_x^2 + (n_y - 1)s_y^2}{(n_x - 1) + (n_y - 1)}$$

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The pooled variance, $s_p^2 = \frac{(n_1-1)s_1^2+(n_2-1)s_2^2}{n_1+n_2-2}$, provided that the sample variances are assumed equal, estimates a common variance between the two samples.

When conducting a two-sample t-test where the variances are unknown, it must then be determined whether these unknown variances are assumed equal or unequal.

To find if the variances are equal or not, we can conduct an F -test, denoted by

$$F = \frac{S_X^2}{S_Y^2}$$

[13].

Thus, we proceed with one of two formulas.

Theorem 5.3 (Two-Sample T-Test, σ unknown, assumed equal). [9]

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{(n_1-1)s_1^2 + (n_2-1)s_2^2}{n_1+n_2-2} \left(\frac{n_1+n_2}{n_1n_2}\right)}}$$

If the variances are assumed equal, we use Theorem 5.3 to find the test statistic. The numerator, $\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2$, denotes the difference of the two sample means. The denominator estimates the standard error of the difference in the two population means [27]. In the denominator, we have the square root of the pooled variance multiplied by the sum of the two sample groups, divided by their product.

Theorem 5.4 (Two-Sample T-Test, σ unknown, unequal). [9]

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$$

If the variances are unequal, we proceed with Theorem 5.4 to find the test statistic. Here, the denominator represents overall standard error, but instead of using a common variance, we take the standard error of each group.

We can observe that the numerator of each formula remains the same. As before stated, the numerator, $\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2$, denotes the difference of the two sample means. The difference between the two formulas for two sample t-tests lies in the denominator when dealing with representation of standard error. Regardless of which formula is used, the end result provides us with a test statistic stating whether the population means of two groups are equal or not.

Proof. We aim to prove Theorem 5.4.

Let σ be the standard deviation of x and y . Then, by the Central Limit Theorem (Theorem 5.1), $\bar{x} - \bar{y}$ has a normal distribution (as shown in Figure 4) with a mean $\mu_x - \mu_y$

and the standard deviation

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n_x} + \frac{\sigma^2}{n_y}} = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_x} + \frac{1}{n_y}}$$

Random variable z has a standard normal distribution with arbitrary mean μ and standard deviation σ by applying the following formula:

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Defining random variable z as follows, we know that z has distribution $N(0, 1)$.

$$z = \frac{(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) - (\mu_x - \mu_y)}{\sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_x} + \frac{1}{n_y}}}$$

In applying the chi-squared distribution probability density function (pdf),

$f(x) = \frac{1}{\gamma(\alpha)\theta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\theta}$, we find that $\frac{(n_x-1)s_x^2}{\sigma^2}$ has distribution $\chi^2(n_x - 1)$ and $\frac{(n_y-1)s_y^2}{\sigma^2}$ has distribution $\chi^2(n_y - 1)$, with $n_x - 1$ and $n_y - 1$ degrees of freedom, respectively. So,

$$u^2 = \frac{(n_x - 1)s_x^2}{\sigma^2} + \frac{(n_y - 1)s_y^2}{\sigma^2}$$

has distribution $\chi^2(n_x + n_y - 2)$. Here, we have combined the degrees of freedom:

$$(n_x - 1) + (n_y - 1) = (n_x + n_y - 2).$$

Now, defining $t = \frac{z\sqrt{m}}{u}$, where $m = n_x + n_y - 2$, we can use our previously defined variables, z and u to find t .

$$t = \frac{z\sqrt{m}}{u}$$

$$= \frac{((\bar{x} - \bar{y}) - (\mu_x - \mu_y)) \sqrt{n_x + n_y - 2}}{\sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_x} + \frac{1}{n_y}}} = \frac{((\bar{x} - \bar{y}) - (\mu_x - \mu_y)) \sqrt{n_x + n_y - 2}}{\sqrt{\frac{(n_x - 1)s_x^2 + (n_y - 1)s_y^2}{\sigma^2}}}$$

Multiplying by the reciprocal of the denominator, we get:

$$= \frac{((\bar{x} - \bar{y}) - (\mu_x - \mu_y)) \sqrt{\frac{(n_x - 1) + (n_y - 1)}{(n_x - 1)s_x^2 + (n_y - 1)s_y^2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n_x} + \frac{1}{n_y}}} = \frac{((\bar{x} - \bar{y}) - (\mu_x - \mu_y)) \frac{1}{s}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n_x} + \frac{1}{n_y}}} = \frac{((\bar{x} - \bar{y}) - (\mu_x - \mu_y))}{s \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_x} + \frac{1}{n_y}}}$$

where s is defined as in Lemma 5.2.

It follows by Lemma 5.2 that t has distribution $T(m)$. [30] □

Definition. The **covariance** is the average of the products of deviations of each observation from its respective mean [5].

Theorem 5.5 (Covariance). The covariance, denoted by $cov(X, Y)$, is represented in the following equation:

$$cov(X, Y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu_x)(y_i - \mu_y)}{N}$$

[9].

Definition. **Correlation** is a statistical measure that expresses the extent to which two variables are linearly related. The **correlation coefficient** (r) quantifies the strength of the relationship between two variables [5].

Theorem 5.6 (Correlation Coefficient). *The correlation coefficient, denoted by r , is expressed using the following formula:*

$$r = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

In a situation where we know the covariance, we can use this information to find the correlation coefficient, ρ . Note that the correlation coefficient can be represented by either r or ρ . Using ρ , we can find the correlation coefficient in terms of covariance.

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

[9].

The closer to 1 the r -value is, the more positively correlated the two variables are. The closer to -1 an r -value is, the more negatively correlated two variables are. An r -value of 0 implies no correlation between the two variables.

6 Statistical Analysis

In this paper, we considered the sports of tennis, golf, and basketball. To analyze trends and relationships within compensation of each sport, we must consider a variety of data. Using Google Sheets, we can utilize different statistic analyzing functions to produce our test statistics.

In Figures 5-9, we see a collection of many salaries across men's and women's leagues of each sport. Gathering as many salaries as possible makes a more accurate data set.

Since the number of salaries collected per sport varied, we focus on a randomized sample of 30 salaries per sport, as seen in Figure 10. These random samples were taken from the original salary lists, as mentioned before, using a random number generator. This randomized sample served as a representative for salaries of men's and women's leagues of each sport.

In terms of gender pay equity in sports, we can develop our own hypotheses.

- Research Hypothesis (H_A): There exists a difference in pay between men and women in professional sports.
- Null Hypothesis (H_0): There does not exist a difference in pay between men and women in professional sports.

We aim to reject the null hypothesis.

Figure 11 lists mean salaries and revenue for men's and women's leagues of each sport [24], [23], [21], [8], [26]. Then, a t -test is conducted between men's and women's leagues for each sport to produce a p -value. This p -value indicates statistical significance in pay discrepancies between men and women of each sport. Additionally, an F-test was necessary in finding the equality of variances for each sport. If we conducted a t -test by hand, rather than in Google Sheets, this F-value would indicate which t -test formula to use. Since a p -value of 0.05 or lower proves statistical significance, we can see in the "T-Test/P-Value" table of Figure 11 that tennis did not produce a significantly significant p -value, while golf and basketball did. Since the p -value for tennis, $0.2716294966 > 0.05$, we cannot reject the null hypothesis. Hence, we have found that there does not exist a significant difference in pay between men and women in professional tennis. The p -value for golf, $0.0001787899716 < 0.05$, so we can

reject the null hypothesis. Hence, we have found that there exists a difference in pay between men and women in professional golf. The p -value for basketball, $0.0000001426374965 < 0.05$, so we can reject the null hypothesis. Hence, we have found that there exists a difference in pay between men and women in professional basketball.

Now, considering the "Correlation Coefficient (r) -Between Mean Salaries and Revenue" table of Figure 11, we can look at the relationship between mean salaries and revenue.

For tennis, we see that mean salaries and revenue have a correlation coefficient, $r = -1$. This would imply that there exists a direct negative correlation between mean salaries and revenue. Here, we considered the mean salaries of the ATP and WTA, and how these relate to their respective revenues. Since revenue was ultimately greater than the mean salaries, this results in a negative correlation coefficient. Since purses are determined in advance, revenue is not always a direct factor. For golf and basketball, we have correlation coefficients of $r = 1$. This means mean salaries and revenue have a direct positive correlation in both sports.

7 Conclusion

In this paper, we have considered the pay gap between male and female professional athletes in tennis, golf, and basketball. We found that there was not a significant difference in pay between men and women in tennis. However, we have confirmed the existence of pay discrepancies between men and women in both golf and basketball. We have found the correlation between league revenue and salaries to be subjective, depending on leagues.

Some leagues contribute their revenue to player salary, while others do not. Ultimately, the gender pay gap in the United States translates into the world of sports.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F		A	B	C	D	E	F
107	\$667,595	\$459,771	\$1,442,344	\$166,275	\$15,435,000	\$65,304	100	\$348,398	\$292,223	\$553,962	\$45,576	\$9,891,480	
108	\$659,859	\$450,612	\$1,421,961	\$163,111	\$15,418,363	\$64,657	101	\$336,271	\$286,686	\$528,807	\$44,852	\$9,835,881	
109	\$652,476	\$437,930	\$1,413,999	\$149,574	\$15,384,616	\$64,657	102	\$330,309	\$285,086	\$527,745	\$44,803	\$9,800,926	
110	\$650,344	\$430,016	\$1,386,956	\$149,165	\$15,277,778	\$64,657	103	\$329,126	\$281,821	\$527,487	\$43,614	\$9,770,880	
111	\$643,765	\$427,602	\$1,331,415	\$144,998	\$14,704,938	\$62,675	104	\$328,815	\$280,509	\$508,239	\$39,029	\$9,625,000	
112	\$643,765	\$424,865	\$1,323,975	\$141,034	\$14,487,684	\$62,285	105	\$326,946	\$280,238	\$502,467	\$38,991	\$9,600,000	
113	\$642,055	\$422,705	\$1,319,875	\$139,919	\$14,000,000	\$62,285	106	\$326,724	\$277,604	\$499,632	\$38,019	\$9,500,000	
114	\$641,541	\$417,515	\$1,316,313	\$139,093	\$13,932,008	\$62,285	107	\$323,192	\$283,242	\$494,935	\$35,860	\$9,460,000	
115	\$635,382	\$416,487	\$1,309,697	\$134,919	\$13,750,000	\$60,736	108	\$323,090	\$280,412	\$482,078	\$34,763	\$9,450,000	
116	\$630,382	\$409,678	\$1,290,373	\$133,436	\$13,050,000	\$48,460	109	\$322,211	\$259,547	\$480,296	\$32,469	\$9,423,869	
117	\$621,983	\$407,342	\$1,286,051	\$129,471	\$13,000,000	\$34,934	110	\$322,080	\$258,105	\$461,407	\$32,300	\$9,326,520	
118	\$619,332	\$402,501	\$1,272,421	\$121,554	\$12,960,000	\$31,014	111	\$320,804	\$254,576	\$456,642	\$27,480	\$9,245,121	
119	\$614,483	\$399,081	\$1,271,944	\$119,200	\$12,950,400	\$27,622	112	\$319,861	\$249,543	\$455,617	\$26,936	\$9,219,512	
120	\$602,575	\$397,767	\$1,256,507	\$118,333	\$12,600,000	\$23,289	113	\$317,713	\$242,846	\$454,006	\$26,910	\$9,219,512	
121	\$595,879	\$388,747	\$1,200,967	\$114,762	\$12,500,000	\$20,040	114	\$316,045	\$242,495	\$449,238	\$26,322	\$9,108,387	
122	\$564,764	\$386,462	\$1,197,249	\$113,683	\$12,500,000	\$17,467	115	\$313,591	\$241,599	\$441,745	\$24,321	\$8,925,000	
123	\$556,238	\$386,309	\$1,193,425	\$113,569	\$12,405,000	\$16,248	116	\$311,802	\$238,081	\$438,817	\$21,202	\$8,920,795	
124	\$550,609	\$382,802	\$1,158,809	\$112,747	\$12,402,000	\$13,569	117	\$310,797	\$237,627	\$437,066	\$20,876	\$8,882,760	
125	\$645,223	\$382,179	\$1,138,291	\$112,394	\$12,325,581	\$12,999	118	\$310,131	\$234,755	\$422,239	\$19,164	\$8,809,320	
126	\$642,814	\$377,558	\$1,111,220	\$112,082	\$12,195,122	\$12,186	119	\$309,986	\$231,393	\$414,206	\$18,205	\$8,800,000	
127	\$636,540	\$375,420	\$1,106,403	\$110,676	\$12,160,680	\$10,176	120	\$306,006	\$229,660	\$382,836	\$16,543	\$8,715,000	
128	\$629,883	\$374,903	\$1,086,126	\$108,671	\$12,119,400	\$9,749	121	\$305,011	\$229,244	\$376,420	\$13,449	\$8,700,000	
129	\$626,241	\$374,638	\$1,062,413	\$94,355	\$12,100,000	\$9,207	122	\$302,679	\$229,012	\$375,361	\$12,001	\$8,409,000	
130	\$621,726	\$370,409	\$1,020,174	\$94,126	\$12,046,020	\$8,723	123	\$301,822	\$223,418	\$374,000	\$11,153	\$8,195,122	
131	\$611,642	\$368,954	\$988,796	\$90,742	\$12,015,150	\$8,530	124	\$301,492	\$216,589	\$370,303	\$10,519	\$8,109,063	
132	\$608,700	\$368,836	\$981,389	\$90,556	\$12,015,150	\$8,529	125	\$298,399	\$215,466	\$368,577	\$9,464	\$8,008,560	
133	\$606,174	\$367,296	\$935,380	\$87,907	\$11,750,000	\$7,582	126	\$296,693	\$213,281	\$360,757	\$8,668	\$8,000,000	
134	\$602,673	\$362,414	\$919,019	\$87,392	\$11,710,818	\$7,431	127	\$292,926	\$212,753	\$360,301	\$6,708	\$8,000,000	
135	\$602,673	\$359,507	\$908,929	\$83,621	\$11,710,818	\$4,361	128	\$290,922	\$210,643	\$359,875	\$6,671	\$8,000,000	
136	\$601,837	\$354,267	\$854,860	\$83,081	\$11,692,308	\$2,843	129	\$290,427	\$209,323	\$350,609	\$6,397	\$8,000,000	
137	\$493,799	\$353,423	\$840,303	\$78,668	\$11,608,080	\$2,031	130	\$284,761	\$200,574	\$344,239	\$6,053	\$8,000,000	
138	\$467,752	\$351,284	\$832,096	\$78,422	\$11,571,429	\$1,625	131	\$283,746	\$200,323	\$343,382	\$5,983	\$7,977,480	
139	\$461,925	\$348,149	\$831,162	\$78,414	\$11,111,111	\$1,454	132	\$283,145	\$198,658	\$322,026	\$5,571	\$7,921,301	
140	\$459,028	\$344,932	\$825,469	\$73,821	\$11,055,240	\$1,219	133	\$281,894	\$197,232	\$319,796	\$4,804	\$7,723,000	
141	\$458,399	\$341,602	\$807,499	\$72,161	\$11,020,000		134	\$278,764	\$196,923	\$316,795	\$4,642	\$7,723,000	
142	\$451,101	\$337,058	\$796,888	\$70,631	\$11,014,500		135	\$278,157	\$192,294	\$309,436		\$7,700,000	
143	\$441,085	\$336,795	\$789,785	\$69,388	\$11,014,080		136	\$275,964	\$191,466	\$301,546		\$7,641,480	
144	\$437,327	\$336,261	\$767,196	\$68,984	\$11,000,000		137	\$275,673	\$189,695	\$300,546		\$7,560,000	
145	\$431,369	\$334,972	\$751,049	\$65,882	\$11,000,000		138	\$273,572	\$189,377	\$292,639		\$7,500,000	
146	\$430,440	\$331,013	\$737,969	\$65,674	\$10,960,000		139	\$272,306	\$184,591	\$280,741		\$7,455,000	
147	\$415,074	\$323,740	\$720,772	\$65,023	\$10,933,333		140	\$271,436	\$182,728	\$275,188		\$7,413,955	
148	\$409,962	\$322,351	\$720,763	\$62,449	\$10,900,635		141	\$266,361	\$182,427	\$275,188		\$7,252,080	
149	\$409,962	\$319,248	\$710,000	\$59,339	\$10,880,400		142					\$7,245,480	
150	\$406,699	\$314,778	\$703,179	\$58,867	\$10,576,923		143					\$6,985,000	
151	\$398,139	\$312,490	\$701,359	\$58,519	\$10,500,000		144					\$6,916,080	
152	\$386,991	\$311,596	\$683,295	\$57,238	\$10,500,000		145					\$6,803,012	
153	\$385,535	\$310,693	\$638,974	\$56,130	\$10,489,600		146					\$6,802,950	
154	\$385,206	\$309,392	\$602,117	\$55,893	\$10,386,000		147					\$6,802,950	
155	\$383,159	\$303,051	\$583,121	\$54,271	\$10,375,000		148					\$6,802,950	
156	\$377,007	\$300,613	\$581,835	\$54,247	\$10,250,000		149					\$6,718,842	
157	\$375,472	\$297,052	\$581,495	\$53,722	\$10,000,000		150					\$6,614,280	
158	\$372,070	\$295,532	\$570,228	\$52,116	\$9,945,830		151					\$6,587,040	
159	\$349,077	\$293,404	\$566,848	\$45,937	\$9,895,833		152					\$6,500,000	

Figure 6: Salaries

Berger: Gender Pay Equity in Professional Sports

	A	B	C	D	E	F		A	B	C	D	E	F
213					\$6,500,000		266					\$4,310,160	
214					\$6,481,481		267					\$4,306,281	
215					\$6,479,000		268					\$4,171,548	
216					\$6,341,464		269					\$4,124,400	
217					\$6,313,800		270					\$4,114,200	
218					\$6,300,000		271					\$4,094,280	
219					\$6,263,188		272					\$4,037,278	
220					\$6,250,000		273					\$4,000,000	
221					\$6,190,476		274					\$4,000,000	
222					\$6,175,000		275					\$4,000,000	
223					\$6,146,342		276					\$3,918,480	
224					\$6,059,520		277					\$3,908,160	
225					\$6,012,840		278					\$3,901,399	
226					\$5,887,899		279					\$3,889,800	
227					\$5,808,435		280					\$3,873,025	
228					\$5,784,120		281					\$3,845,083	
229					\$5,734,280		282					\$3,835,738	
230					\$5,722,116		283					\$3,835,738	
231					\$5,709,877		284					\$3,722,040	
232					\$5,634,257		285					\$3,712,920	
233					\$5,604,192		286					\$3,695,040	
234					\$5,569,920		287					\$3,666,667	
235					\$5,539,771		288					\$3,536,280	
236					\$5,508,720		289					\$3,527,160	
237					\$5,401,000		290					\$3,510,600	
238					\$5,370,370		291					\$3,500,000	
239					\$5,316,960		292					\$3,360,000	
240					\$5,291,000		293					\$3,359,280	
241					\$5,266,713		294					\$3,352,440	
242					\$5,266,713		295					\$3,350,760	
243					\$5,063,760		296					\$3,218,160	
244					\$5,050,800		297					\$3,199,920	
245					\$5,026,800		298					\$3,196,448	
246					\$5,009,633		299					\$3,196,448	
247					\$5,000,000		300					\$3,191,280	
248					\$5,000,000		301					\$3,089,520	
249					\$5,000,000		302					\$3,071,880	
250					\$5,000,000		303					\$3,047,880	
251					\$4,810,200		304					\$3,044,872	
252					\$4,798,440		305					\$3,000,000	
253					\$4,775,640		306					\$3,000,000	
254					\$4,765,339		307					\$3,000,000	
255					\$4,698,000		308					\$2,966,040	
256					\$4,687,500		309					\$2,949,120	
257					\$4,570,080		310					\$2,925,360	
258					\$4,558,680		311					\$2,891,467	
259					\$4,556,983		312					\$2,847,480	
260					\$4,536,720		313					\$2,831,160	
261					\$4,516,000		314					\$2,815,937	
262					\$4,379,527		315					\$2,808,720	
263					\$4,343,920		316					\$2,800,000	
264					\$4,330,680		317					\$2,733,360	
265					\$4,310,250		318					\$2,718,240	

Figure 7: Salaries

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	A	B	C	D	E	F		A	B	C	D	E	F
319					\$2,709,849		372					\$2,019,760	
320					\$2,696,280		373					\$2,019,760	
321					\$2,623,680		374					\$2,019,760	
322					\$2,609,400		375					\$2,019,760	
323					\$2,600,000		376					\$2,019,760	
324					\$2,588,400		377					\$2,019,760	
325					\$2,586,665		378					\$2,019,760	
326					\$2,586,665		379					\$2,019,760	
327					\$2,581,522		380					\$2,019,760	
328					\$2,559,942		381					\$2,019,760	
329					\$2,537,160		382					\$2,019,760	
330					\$2,528,233		383					\$2,019,760	
331					\$2,528,233		384					\$2,019,760	
332					\$2,528,233		385					\$2,019,760	
333					\$2,504,640		386					\$2,019,760	
334					\$2,485,200		387					\$2,019,760	
335					\$2,463,960		388					\$2,019,760	
336					\$2,448,600		389					\$2,019,760	
337					\$2,439,025		390					\$2,019,760	
338					\$2,431,080		391					\$2,019,760	
339					\$2,421,720		392					\$2,019,760	
340					\$2,413,320		393					\$2,019,760	
341					\$2,413,304		394					\$2,019,760	
342					\$2,413,304		395					\$2,019,760	
343					\$2,400,000		396					\$2,019,760	
344					\$2,385,720		397					\$2,019,760	
345					\$2,364,614		398					\$2,019,760	
346					\$2,352,000		399					\$2,019,760	
347					\$2,346,614		400					\$2,019,760	
348					\$2,346,614		401					\$2,019,760	
349					\$2,337,720		402					\$2,019,760	
350					\$2,320,440		403					\$2,019,760	
351					\$2,320,000		404					\$2,019,760	
352					\$2,306,400		405					\$2,019,760	
353					\$2,303,520		406					\$2,019,760	
354					\$2,240,160		407					\$2,019,760	
355					\$2,234,359		408					\$2,019,760	
356					\$2,226,240		409					\$2,019,760	
357					\$2,210,040		410					\$2,000,000	
358					\$2,194,200		411					\$2,000,000	
359					\$2,165,000		412					\$2,000,000	
360					\$2,165,000		413					\$1,997,239	
361					\$2,165,000		414					\$1,997,238	
362					\$2,131,905		415					\$1,997,238	
363					\$2,109,706		416					\$1,997,238	
364					\$2,066,585		417					\$1,930,681	
365					\$2,066,585		418					\$1,930,681	
366					\$2,066,585		419					\$1,930,681	
367					\$2,066,585		420					\$1,930,681	
368					\$2,062,585		421					\$1,930,681	
369					\$2,019,796		422					\$1,927,896	
370					\$2,019,760		423					\$1,927,896	
371					\$2,019,760		424					\$1,927,896	

Figure 8: Salaries

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
425					\$1,927,896							
426					\$1,927,896							
427					\$1,927,896							
428					\$1,927,896							
429					\$1,927,896							
430					\$1,922,896							
431					\$1,902,137							
432					\$1,900,000							
433					\$1,836,096							
434					\$1,836,096							
435					\$1,836,096							
436					\$1,836,096							
437					\$1,836,096							
438					\$1,836,096							
439					\$1,836,096							
440					\$1,836,096							
441					\$1,836,096							
442					\$1,836,096							
443					\$1,836,096							
444					\$1,801,789							
445					\$1,801,789							
446					\$1,801,789							
447					\$1,801,789							
448					\$1,801,789							
449					\$1,800,000							
450					\$1,719,865							
451					\$1,719,864							
452					\$1,719,864							
453					\$1,719,864							
454					\$1,719,864							
455					\$1,719,864							
456					\$1,719,864							
457					\$1,719,864							
458					\$1,719,864							
459					\$1,719,864							
460					\$1,719,864							
461					\$1,600,000							
462					\$1,119,563							
463					\$1,119,563							
464					\$1,119,563							
465					\$1,119,563							
466					\$1,119,563							
467					\$1,119,563							
468					\$1,119,563							
469					\$1,119,563							
470					\$1,119,563							
471					\$1,119,563							
472												
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Figure 9: Salaries

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	ATP	WTA	PGA	LPGA	NBA	WNBA			
2	\$326,946	\$475,690	\$720,772	\$4,642	\$15,740,741	\$212,000			
3	\$272,306	\$229,660	\$1,386,956	\$742,990	\$12,600,000	\$202,154			
4	\$1,005,318	\$223,418	\$8,144,543	\$691,399	\$12,015,150	\$155,100			
5	\$275,964	\$531,419	\$1,421,961	\$226,360	\$1,836,096	\$67,634			
6	\$441,085	\$374,638	\$935,380	\$204,125	\$2,019,706	\$64,657			
7	\$1,430,808	\$1,104,469	\$2,214,982	\$790,823	\$5,291,000	\$62,285			
8	\$614,483	\$519,623	\$2,356,711	\$52,116	\$15,681,818	\$74,305			
9	\$1,548,666	\$522,203	\$375,361	\$6,671	\$3,071,880	\$13,569			
10	\$686,554	\$422,705	\$683,295	\$550,785	\$31,830,357	\$169,000			
11	\$348,398	\$762,894	\$3,792,807	\$26,910	\$1,836,096	\$145,000			
12	\$508,700	\$552,415	\$5,287,575	\$1,504,583	\$8,109,063	\$216,100			
13	\$869,453	\$209,323	\$1,413,999	\$417,662	\$2,019,706	\$78,000			
14	\$1,666,123	\$8,459,066	\$1,810,825	\$113,683	\$18,642,857	\$74,305			
15	\$409,962	\$192,294	\$359,875	\$207,987	\$28,600,000	\$200,000			
16	\$319,861	\$319,248	\$360,301	\$59,339	\$10,500,000	\$69,053			
17	\$451,101	\$483,501	\$1,413,999	\$149,574	\$2,949,120	\$12,999			
18	\$296,693	\$397,767	\$1,996,174	\$10,519	\$3,071,880	\$142,500			
19	\$1,554,062	\$241,599	\$1,718,314	\$121,554	\$8,008,560	\$2,031			
20	\$275,964	\$354,267	\$710,000	\$308,821	\$11,608,080	\$200,000			
21	\$780,329	\$1,457,493	\$499,632	\$144,998	\$5,291,000	\$201,984			
22	\$323,192	\$529,716	\$441,745	\$1,529,039	\$24,360,000	\$62,285			
23	\$1,018,896	\$719,723	\$8,144,543	\$224,130	\$7,921,301	\$155,100			
24	\$955,735	\$4,320,890	\$1,564,357	\$12,001	\$2,925,360	\$73,584			
25	\$278,764	\$312,490	\$2,573,418	\$11,153	\$4,687,500	\$67,634			
26	\$1,192,890	\$2,488,381	\$301,546	\$965,949	\$7,977,480	\$78,586			
27	\$746,856	\$5,097,437	\$528,807	\$381,556	\$8,920,795	\$73,584			
28	\$1,887,805	\$215,466	\$581,835	\$57,238	\$3,889,800	\$80,000			
29	\$290,427	\$368,954	\$499,632	\$209,557	\$3,196,448	\$194,000			
30	\$918,377	\$280,509	\$5,338,155	\$1,504,583	\$2,019,706	\$190,000			
31	\$1,093,371	\$2,020,860	\$1,450,898	\$16,543	\$2,439,025	\$169,000			
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Figure 10: Randomized Sample

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Mean Salaries			T-Test	P-Value	F-Test
2	ATP	\$759,636.30		Tennis	0.2716294966	0.0000000003069385949
3	WTA	\$1,139,603.93		Golf	0.0001787899716	0
4	PGA	\$1,967,613.27		Basketball	0.0000001426374965	0
5	LPGA	\$374,909.67				
6	NBA	\$8,968,684.17		Correlation Coefficient (r) - Between Mean Salaries and Revenue		
7	WNBA	\$116,881.63		Tennis		-1
8				Golf		1
9	Revenue			Basketball		1
10	ATP	\$176,800,000				
11	WTA	\$87,800,000				
12	PGA	\$192,132,824				
13	LPGA	\$165,790,559				
14	NBA	\$10,000,000,000				
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Figure 11: Data Analysis