

# List of NWA World Heavyweight champions □

## Champion history

Wrestler:	Times:	Date:	Location:	Notes:
Orville Brown	1	January 5, 1948	Des Moines, IA	TBA.
Lou Thesz	1	November 27, 1949	Unknown	TBA.
Billy Watson	1	March 15, 1956	Toronto, ON	TBA.
Lou Thesz	2	November 9, 1956	St. Louis, MO	TBA.
Dick Hutton	1	November 14, 1957	Toronto, ON	TBA.
Pat O'Connor	1	January 9, 1959	St. Louis, MO	TBA.
Buddy Rogers	1	June 30, 1961	Chicago, IL	TBA.
Lou Thesz	3	January 24, 1963	Toronto, ON	TBA.
Gene Kiniski	1	January 7, 1966	St. Louis, MO	TBA.
Dory Funk, Jr.	1	February 11, 1969	Tampa, FL	TBA.
Harley Race	1	May 24, 1973	Kansas City, MO	TBA.
Jack Brisco	1	July 20, 1973	Houston, TX	TBA.
Giant Baba	1	December 2, 1974	Kagoshima, Japan	TBA.
Jack Brisco	2	December 8, 1974	Toyohashi, Japan	TBA.
Terry Funk	1	December 10, 1975	Miami, FL	TBA.
Harley Race	2	February 6, 1977	Toronto, ON	TBA.
Dusty Rhodes	1	August 21, 1979	Tampa, FL	TBA.
Harley Race	3	August 26, 1979	Orlando, FL	TBA.
Giant Baba	2	October 31, 1979	Nagoya, Japan	TBA.
Harley Race	4	November 7, 1979	Amagasaki, Japan	TBA.
Giant Baba	3	September 4, 1980	Saga, Japan	TBA.
Harley Race	5	September 9, 1980	Ohtsu, Japan	TBA.
Tommy Rich	1	April 27, 1981	Augusta, GA	TBA.
Dusty Rhodes	2	June 21, 1981	Atlanta, GA	TBA.
Harley Race	6	September 17, 1981	Kansas City, MO	TBA.
Carlos Colón	1	January 6, 1983	San Juan, PR	TBA.
David Von Erich	1	January 24, 1983	Miami, FL	TBA.
Dusty Rhodes	3	November 24, 1983	Tampa, FL	TBA.
Harley Race	7	March 21, 1984	Wellington, New Zealand	TBA.
Kerry Von Erich	1	May 6, 1984	Irving, TX	TBA.
Ted DiBiase	1	May 11, 1985	Austin, TX	DiBiase wins tournament final over Dusty Rhodes to crown a new champion after the title was vacated when Kerry Von Erich suffers an injury and is unable to defend the title within a 90 day period.
Jerry Lawler	1	August 23, 1985	Memphis, TN	TBA.
Ricky Steamboat	1	November 28, 1985	Greensboro, NC	TBA.
Jerry Lawler	2	December 14, 1985	Charlotte, NC	TBA.
Ricky Steamboat	2	February 22, 1986	New York, NY	TBA.
Ted DiBiase	2	November 26, 1987	Charlotte, NC	TBA.
Sting	1	November 26, 1987	Charlotte, NC	TBA.
Randy Savage	1	August 28, 1988	Dallas, TX	TBA.

Sting	2	September 11, 1988	Atlanta, GA	TBA.
Michael Hayes	1	October 10, 1988	Austin, TX	TBA.
Sting	3	December 26, 1988	Norfolk, VA	TBA.
July 1, 1989 Sting is forced to vacate the title through injury.				
Michael Hayes	2	August 6, 1989	Irving, TX	TBA.
February of 1990, Hayes refuses to defend the title in Calgary citing that he isn't contractually obligated to compete in Canada, and is stripped of the title by the NWA. Hayes though, keeps physical possession of the title and the NWA creates a new representation of the Championship, often dubbed "Big Gold".				
Bret Hart	1	March 24, 1990	Calgary, AB	Hart wins tournament final over Davey Boy Smith.
Davey Boy Smith	1	December 28, 1992	London, England	TBA.
Bret Hart	2	April , 1993	Memphis, TN	Champion Davey Boy Smith had signed to work exclusively for Vince McMahon's new TWE Promotion. McMahon claimed that Davey Boy's contract wouldn't allow him to compete at the upcoming NWA Title Match in Calgary, therefor the NWA scheduled a special title match between Hart and Smith in Memphis.
Curt Hennig	1	January 29, 1994	Minneapolis, MN	TBA.
Bret Hart	3	December 27, 1994	Montreal, QC	TBA.
Owen Hart	1	March 10, 1995	Calgary, AB	TBA.
Bret Hart	4	May 6, 1995	Vancouver, BC	TBA.
Jerry Lawler	3	August 18, 1996	Memphis, TN	TBA.
Sting	4	October 26, 1996	Nashville, TN	TBA.
The Great Muta	1	February 9, 1997	Tokyo, Japan	TBA.
Sting	5	February 14, 1997	Hiroshima, Japan	TBA.
Shawn Michaels	1	April 19, 1998	Memphis, TN	TBA.
Jeff Jarrett	1	July 12, 1998	Nashville, TN	TBA.
Sting	6	December 27, 1998	Charlotte, NC	TBA.
Mark Callous	1	February 14, 1999	Atlanta, GA	TBA.
Dustin Rhodes	1	June 27, 1999	Irving, TX	TBA.
Dusty Rhodes	4	December 19, 1999	St. Louis, MO	TBA.
Dustin Rhodes	2	December 19, 1999	St. Louis, MO	TBA.
Paul Wight	1	May 7, 2000	Irving, TX	TBA.
Steve Austin	1	December 17, 2000	Kansas City, MO	TBA.
October 2001, Champion Steve Austin is involved in a head on collision in Texas and is forced to vacate the title.				
Kurt Angle	1	December 9, 2001	San Antonio, TX	Angle wins the title in a one night tournament at Starrcade, defeating Jeff Jarrett in the tournament final.
February 17, 2002, Sabu defeats Kurt Angle for the NWA World Heavyweight Title in Detroit at the Original Sheik Memorial Show . Angle however orders that the match must be restarted due to NWA rules stating that the NWA World Title couldn't be defended in a Hardcore Match. The match is restarted as a traditional affair, and Angle forces Sabu to tap out to the Ankle Lock. The Detroit crowd reaches riotous anger.				
Paul Wight	2	October 21, 2003	St. Louis, MO	TBA.
Kurt Angle	2	December 16, 2003	Pittsburgh, PA	TBA.
Chris Benoit	1	February 15, 2004	Calgary, AB	TBA.
Kurt Angle	3	February 22, 2004	Calgary, AB	TBA.
Sting	7	December 19, 2004	Los Angeles, CA	TBA.
Kurt Angle	4	March 13, 2005	Irving, TX	TBA.
Brock Lesnar	1	April 15, 2007	San Antonio, TX	TBA.
Steve Austin	2	December 28, 2008	Washington, DC	Austin pins Lesnar in a three way match that also features Randy Orton.

Randy Orton	1	February 15, 2009	Charlotte, NC	TBA.
Chris Jericho	1	July 7, 2009	Atlanta, GA	TBA.

List of reign lengths

As of January 1, 2010

Wrestler	Days Held	Date Won	Date Lost
Lou Thesz	2300	November 27, 1949	March 15, 1956
Dory Funk, Jr.	1563	February 11, 1969	May 24, 1973
Gene Kiniski	1131	January 7, 1966	February 11, 1969
Lou Thesz (3)	1079	January 24, 1963	January 7, 1966
Bret Hart	1010	March 24, 1990	December 28, 1992
Harley Race (2)	926	February 6, 1977	August 21, 1979
Pat O'Connor	903	January 9, 1959	June 30, 1961
Kurt Angle (4)	763	March 13, 2005	April 15, 2007
Orville Brown	692	January 5, 1948	November 27, 1949
Buddy Rogers	663	June 30, 1961	January 24, 1963
Ricky Steamboat (2)	642	February 22, 1986	November 26, 1987
Brock Lesnar	623	April 15, 2007	December 28, 2008
Jack Brisco	500	July 20, 1973	December 2, 1974
Harley Race (6)	476	September 17, 1981	January 6, 1983
Bret Hart (4)	470	May 6, 1995	August 18, 1996
Sting (5)	429	February 14, 1997	April 19, 1998
Terry Funk	424	December 10, 1975	February 6, 1977
Dick Hutton	421	November 14, 1957	January 9, 1959
Lou Thesz (2)	370	November 9, 1956	November 14, 1957
Jack Brisco (2)	367	December 8, 1974	December 10, 1975
Curt Hennig	332	January 29, 1994	December 27, 1994
David Von Erich	304	January 24, 1983	November 24, 1983
Harley Race (4)	302	November 7, 1979	September 4, 1980
Kurt Angle (3)	301	February 22, 2004	December 19, 2004
Sting	276	November 26, 1987	August 28, 1988
Billy Watson	239	March 15, 1956	November 9, 1956
Harley Race (5)	230	September 9, 1980	April 27, 1981
Paul Wight	224	May 7, 2000	December 17, 2000
<b>Chris Jericho</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>July 7, 2009</b>	<b>Current champion</b>
Dustin Rhodes	175	June 27, 1999	December 19, 1999
Jeff Jarrett	168	July 12, 1998	December 27, 1998
Sting (3)	157	December 26, 1988	July 1, 1989
Randy Orton	142	February 15, 2009	July 7, 2009
Dustin Rhodes (2)	140	December 19, 1999	May 7, 2000
Mark Callous	133	February 14, 1999	June 27, 1999
Dusty Rhodes (3)	118	November 24, 1983	March 21, 1984
Sting (4)	106	October 26, 1996	February 9, 1997

Ted DiBiase, Sr.	194	May 11, 1985	August 23, 1985
Jerry Lawler	97	August 23, 1985	November 28, 1985
Dusty Rhodes (2)	88	June 21, 1981	September 17, 1981
Shawn Michaels	84	April 19, 1998	July 12, 1998
Sting (7)	84	December 19, 2004	March 13, 2005
Michael Hayes	77	October 10, 1988	December 26, 1988
Bret Hart (3)	73	December 27, 1994	March 10, 1995
Jerry Lawler (2)	70	December 14, 1985	February 22, 1986
Kurt Angle	70	December 9, 2001	February 17, 2002
Jerry Lawler (3)	69	August 18, 1996	October 26, 1996
Harley Race (3)	66	August 26, 1979	October 31, 1979
Kurt Angle (2)	61	December 16, 2003	February 15, 2004
Harley Race	57	May 24, 1973	July 20, 1973
Owen Hart	57	March 10, 1995	May 6, 1995
Paul Wight (2)	56	October 21, 2003	December 16, 2003
Tommy Rich	55	April 27, 1981	June 21, 1981
Steve Austin (2)	49	December 28, 2008	February 15, 2009
Sting (6)	49	December 27, 1998	February 14, 1999
Harley Race (7)	36	March 21, 1984	May 6, 1984
Sting (2)	29	September 11, 1988	October 10, 1988
Carlos Colón	18	January 6, 1983	January 24, 1983
Ricky Steamboat	16	November 28, 1985	December 14, 1985
Randy Savage	14	August 28, 1988	September 11, 1988
Giant Baba (2)	7	October 31, 1979	November 7, 1979
Chris Benoit	7	February 15, 2004	February 22, 2004
Giant Baba	6	December 2, 1974	December 8, 1974
Dusty Rhodes	5	August 21, 1979	August 26, 1979
Giant Baba (3)	5	September 4, 1980	September 9, 1980
The Great Muta	5	February 9, 1997	February 14, 1997
Ted DiBiase, Sr. (2)	0	November 26, 1987	
Dusty Rhodes (4)	0	December 19, 1999	
Kerry Von Erich	??	May 6, 1984	Unknown
Michael Hayes (2)	??	August 6, 1989	February 1990
Davey Boy Smith	??	December 28, 1992	April, 1993
Bret Hart (2)	??	April, 1993	January 29, 1994
Steve Austin	??	December 17, 2000	October 2001

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