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## **NFL SETS PAID ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR; 66,453 AVERAGE PUSHES TOTAL PAST 17 MILLION MARK**

The NFL set a regular-season attendance record for the third year in a row, averaging 66,453 fans per game, the NFL announced today.

Total paid attendance for the 2005 regular season increased to 17,011,986, topping last year's all-time mark of 17,000,811 and marking the second consecutive year that NFL teams sold more than 17 million tickets.

"We once again thank the most passionate fans in sports for their tremendous support this year and every year," said NFL Commissioner **PAUL TAGLIABUE**. "Our clubs and players are very appreciative of the large and enthusiastic crowds at NFL games."

The 17,011,986 tickets sold to the NFL's 256 regular-season games in 2005 represented paid attendance at more than 90 percent of stadium capacity.

### **TOP FIVE NFL REGULAR-SEASON AVERAGE PAID ATTENDANCES**

| <b><u>Rank</u></b> | <b><u>Year</u></b> | <b><u>Avg. Attendance</u></b> | <b><u>Games</u></b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.                 | 2005               | 66,453                        | 256                 |
| 2.                 | 2004               | 66,409                        | 256                 |
| 3.                 | 2003               | 66,328                        | 255                 |
| 4.                 | 2000               | 66,078                        | 248                 |
| 5.                 | 2002               | 65,755                        | 256                 |

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