



UNRESTRICTED FREE AGENCY PERIOD ENDS; **104 RE-SIGN, 154 SWITCH TEAMS**

One hundred and four veteran free agents re-signed with their old teams this year during the free agency signing period, while 154 signed with new teams, the National Football League announced today. The four-month UFA signing period, under terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the league and players, ended July 24.

The Miami Dolphins signed the most unrestricted free agents from other teams (11), while the Houston Texans and Detroit Lions signed 10 each, followed by the Buffalo Bills, New York Jets and Washington Redskins with eight each.

There were a total of 353 unrestricted free agents this year. The total player pool is approximately 1,700.

Four of this year's 79 restricted free agents signed with a new team – Minnesota wide receiver **NATE BURLESON** with Seattle, Carolina cornerback **RICKY MANNING** with Chicago, Dallas tackle **TORRIN TUCKER** with Tampa Bay, and Cincinnati wide receiver **KEVIN WALTER** with Houston. Seventy-four restricted free agents returned to their former clubs. The period for restricted free agents to accept offers from other teams ended April 21.

In addition, one transition player signed with a new team – Seattle guard **STEVE HUTCHINSON** with Minnesota.

The 154 total free agents who switched teams represent only nine percent of all NFL players. Of 470 players who were free agents in the various categories of the system, 337 signed new contracts with either new teams or their old clubs.

Under the NFL Collective Bargaining Agreement, players without 2006 contracts who had four or more seasons of free agency experience qualified to be "unrestricted free agents" and were free to sign with any club between March 11 and July 24.

If a player's prior club made a 110 percent tender on or before June 1, the prior club retained exclusive negotiating rights after July 24 if the player did not sign with another club. If the player and club are unable to negotiate a contract by the 10th week of the regular season (November 14), the player may not play the remainder of the season. If the player sits out the season, he becomes an unrestricted free agent next year.

Under the CBA, restricted free agents are those players who have three seasons of free agency experience and are subject to compensation and/or right of first refusal.

A "transition" player is a designated restricted or unrestricted free agent whose team must tender a one-year contract at the average of the 10 highest-paid players of 2005 at the transition player's position, or a 20 percent increase, whichever is greater. A "franchise" player is a designated restricted or unrestricted free agent whose team must tender a one-year contract at the average of the five highest-paid players at the franchise player's position in 2005, or a 20 percent increase, whichever is greater.

A comparison of free agent movement since the current CBA went into effect 14 years ago:

NFL FREE AGENCY MOVEMENT (Veteran Free Agents Who Signed With New Teams)

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Unrestricted	108	121	171	99	85	110	115
Restricted	8	7	6	4	2	4	2
Transition	4	4	2	2	2	1	1
Franchise	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	121	132	179	105	89	117	118

Category	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Unrestricted	107	93	130	111	124	104	149
Restricted	4	4	1	5	1	3	4
Transition	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Franchise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	111	97	131	117	126	107	154

2006 NFL UNRESTRICTED & RESTRICTED FREE-AGENT SIGNINGS

1) 149 **UNRESTRICTED** free agents signed with **NEW** teams:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>FORMER TEAM</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
ARIZONA	DB Jack Brewer	Philadelphia	4/29
	G Milford Brown	Houston	3/13
	DT Kendrick Clancy	N.Y. Giants	3/13
	RB Edgerrin James	Indianapolis	3/13
	WR Troy Walters	Indianapolis	4/29
BALTIMORE	DT Justin Bannan	Buffalo	3/14
	DB Corey Ivy	St. Louis	3/23
	LB Tim Johnson	Oakland	5/16
BUFFALO	WR Andre' Davis	New England	3/13
	C Melvin Fowler	Minnesota	3/22
	QB Craig Nall	Green Bay	3/21
	G Tutan Reyes	Carolina	4/27
	TE Robert Royal	Washington	3/13
	RB Anthony Thomas	New Orleans	4/28
	DB Kiwaukee Thomas	Miami	4/5
CAROLINA	DT Larry Tripplett	Indianapolis	3/13
	LB Keith Adams	Philadelphia	4/13
	C Justin Hartwig	Tennessee	3/16
	DT Ma'ake Kemoeatu	Baltimore	3/14
	DT Damione Lewis	St. Louis	3/14
	DB Kevin McCadam	Atlanta	3/21
	DB Shaun Williams	N.Y. Giants	3/14
CHICAGO	DB Dante Wesley	Carolina	3/16
CINCINNATI	DB Dexter Jackson	Tampa Bay	3/13
CLEVELAND	QB Anthony Wright	Baltimore	4/24
	C LeCharles Bentley	New Orleans	3/14
	TE Darnell Dinkins	Baltimore	3/20
	C Bob Hallen	San Diego	3/15
	WR Joe Jurevicius	Seattle	3/14
	T Kevin Shaffer	Atlanta	3/14
	P Dave Zastudil	Baltimore	3/14
DALLAS	LB Akin Ayodele	Jacksonville	3/13
	LB Rocky Boiman	Tennessee	3/20
	TE Ryan Hannam	Seattle	3/20
	T Kyle Kosier	Detroit	3/13
DENVER	K Mike Vanderjagt	Indianapolis	3/23
	LB Nate Webster	Cincinnati	5/2

DETROIT	DB Idrees Bashir	Carolina	3/29
	WR Corey Bradford	Houston	3/14
	TE Dan Campbell	Dallas	3/15
	DB Jamar Fletcher	San Diego	5/1
	DT Tyoka Jackson	St. Louis	4/26
	QB Jon Kitna	Cincinnati	3/20
	LB Paris Lenon	Green Bay	3/22
	QB Josh McCown	Arizona	3/20
	T Barry Stokes	Atlanta	3/23
	T Rex Tucker	St. Louis	3/21
GREEN BAY	WR Marc Boerigter	Kansas City	3/27
	DB Marquand Manuel	Seattle	3/13
	DT Ryan Pickett	St. Louis	3/17
	LB Ben Taylor	Cleveland	3/2
HOUSTON	DB Charles Woodson	Oakland	5/1
	RB Jameel Cook	Tampa Bay	3/13
	LB Sam Cowart	Minnesota	3/24
	C Mike Flanagan	Green Bay	3/24
	DE Ndukwe Kalu	Philadelphia	3/28
	LB Wali Rainer	Detroit	4/4
	QB Sage Rosenfels	Miami	3/13
	T Ephraim Salaam	Jacksonville	5/1
	RB Antowain Smith	New Orleans	5/8
	DB Michael Stone	New England	4/10
INDIANAPOLIS	DE Anthony Weaver	Baltimore	3/13
	K Adam Vinatieri	New England	3/23
JACKSONVILLE	WR Troy Edwards	Detroit	5/19
	LB Nick Greisen	N.Y. Giants	4/28
KANSAS CITY	WR Randy Hymes	Baltimore	5/19
	T Stockar McDougale	Miami	4/4
	DB Brian Williams	Minnesota	3/13
	G Ian Allen	Arizona	5/10
	DT Ron Edwards	Buffalo	3/30
MIAMI	DB Will Allen	N.Y. Giants	3/20
	RB Fred Beasley	San Francisco	3/27
	S Deke Cooper	Jacksonville	4/6
	DB Andre' Goodman	Detroit	3/13
	TE Keith Heinrich	Cleveland	5/12
	DB Renaldo Hill	Oakland	3/17
	LB Sedrick Hodge	New Orleans	3/13
	LB Keith Newman	Minnesota	5/16
	T Mike Pearson	Jacksonville	5/1
	TE Justin Peelle	San Diego	3/20
MINNESOTA	T L.J. Shelton	Cleveland	3/13
	LB Ben Leber	San Diego	3/13
	K Ryan Longwell	Green Bay	3/13
	RB Tony Richardson	Kansas City	3/27
	DE DeQuincy Scott	San Diego	3/24
	RB Chester Taylor	Baltimore	3/13
	DB Tank Williams	Tennessee	3/23
NEW ENGLAND	WR Reche Caldwell	San Diego	3/17
	DB Mel Mitchell	New Orleans	4/4

NEW ORLEANS	RB Michael Bennett	Minnesota	3/20
	QB Drew Brees	San Diego	3/16
	LB Scott Fujita	Dallas	3/14
	G Jonathan Goodwin	N.Y. Jets	3/27
	QB Jamie Martin	St. Louis	5/1
	DB Omar Stoutmire	Washington	3/20
N.Y. GIANTS	LB Jason Bell	Houston	3/13
	DB Will Demps	Baltimore	3/15
	DB Quentin Harris	Arizona	3/13
	DB R.W. McQuarters	Detroit	3/14
	G Grey Ruegamer	Green Bay	4/4
	LB Matt Chatham	New England	3/17
N.Y. JETS	T Anthony Clement	San Francisco	4/18
	WR Tim Dwight	New England	3/22
	LB Brad Kassell	Tennessee	4/10
	CB Ray Mickens	Cleveland	5/30
	DT Mosanto Pope	Denver	3/27
	C Trey Teague	Buffalo	4/12
OAKLAND	DE Kimo Von Oelhoffen	Pittsburgh	3/20
	DE Lance Johnstone	Minnesota	4/14
	TE Marcellus Rivers	Houston	5/8
PHILADELPHIA	WR Jabar Gaffney	Houston	3/22
	QB Jeff Garcia	Detroit	3/16
	DE Darren Howard	New Orleans	3/13
	DT Ed Jasper	Oakland	4/7
PITTSBURGH	TE Matt Schobel	Cincinnati	3/14
	DE Rodney Bailey	Seattle	3/17
	DB Ryan Clark	Washington	3/15
ST. LOUIS	DB Fakhir Brown	New Orleans	3/14
	DB Corey Chavous	Minnesota	3/13
	RB Tony Fisher	Green Bay	3/24
	RB Paul Smith	Detroit	5/5
	LB Raonall Smith	Minnesota	4/10
	T Todd Steussie	Tampa Bay	4/17
SAN DIEGO	LB Will Witherspoon	Carolina	3/13
	DB Marlon McCree	Carolina	3/13
	TE Aaron Shea	Cleveland	3/20
	DB Raymond Walls	Arizona	4/26
SAN FRANCISCO	WR Antonio Bryant	Cleveland	3/14
	WR Bryan Gilmore	Miami	3/14
	LB T.J. Slaughter	New Orleans	4/17
	DB Chad Williams	Baltimore	5/3
SEATTLE	T Tom Ashworth	New England	3/27
	DT Russell Davis	Arizona	3/24
	LB Julian Peterson	San Francisco	3/27
	DE Kemp Rasmussen	Carolina	4/13
TAMPA BAY	WR David Boston	Miami	5/24
	G Toniu Fonoti	Minnesota	3/20
TENNESSEE	LB Jamie Winborn	Jacksonville	4/3
	WR David Givens	New England	3/14
	DB Chris Hope	Pittsburgh	3/23
	LB David Thornton	Indianapolis	3/14

WASHINGTON	DB Adam Archuleta	St. Louis	3/13
	DE Andre Carter	San Francisco	3/15
	QB Todd Collins	Kansas City	3/14
	TE Christian Fauria	New England	3/13
	C Mike Pucillo	Cleveland	3/24
	WR Antwaan Randle El	Pittsburgh	3/13
	T Tyson Walter	Houston	3/24
	DB Kenny Wright	Jacksonville	4/3

2) 104 **UNRESTRICTED** free agents re-signed with their **OLD** team:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
ATLANTA	WR Brian Finneran	3/14
	WR Jerome Pathon	5/9
BALTIMORE	RB Jamal Lewis	3/15
	LB Bart Scott	3/14
BUFFALO	DE Ryan Denney	3/27
	T Greg Jerman	3/13
	WR Josh Reed	3/20
	LS Mike Schneck	3/14
CAROLINA	T Todd Fordham	5/5
	P Jason Baker	4/3
	RB DeShaun Foster	3/20
	QB Chris Weinke	3/20
CHICAGO	TE John Gilmore	3/17
CINCINNATI	DB Rashad Bauman	3/27
	DB Anthony Mitchell	3/15
	LB Hannibal Navies	3/29
	TE Tony Stewart	4/11
	RB Kenny Watson	4/10
	LB Marcus Wilkins	4/3
	LB Keith Burns	3/29
DENVER	LB Patrick Chukwurah	4/3
	RB Ron Dayne	3/13
	LS Mike Leach	3/13
	DT Gerard Warren	3/13
	RB Shawn Bryson	3/15
	DE Jared DeVries	3/22
	WR Eddie Drummond	3/14
DETROIT	DE Kalimba Edwards	3/14
	DB Vernon Fox	4/11
	C Brock Gutierrez	4/11
	LB Nate Wayne	4/11
	LB LeVar Woods	3/22
	T Kevin Barry	3/15
	RB Najeh Davenport	3/27
GREEN BAY	WR Rod Gardner	3/21
	RB William Henderson	3/20
	LB Frank Chamberlin	3/22
	LB Troy Evans	3/24
	LB Dashon Polk	3/23
	DB Ramon Walker	3/22
	K Jose Cortez	3/13
HOUSTON	LB Rob Morris	4/13
	RB James Mungro	4/3
INDIANAPOLIS		

JACKSONVILLE	DB Terry Cousin	3/14
	DE Marcellus Wiley	3/14
KANSAS CITY	DE Lionel Dalton	3/28
	LS Kendall Gammon	3/17
	DE Carlos Hall	3/20
	QB Damon Huard	3/16
MIAMI	C Seth McKinney	3/24
	RB Travis Minor	3/17
	RB Sammy Morris	4/3
NEW ENGLAND	WR Troy Brown	3/24
	RB Heath Evans	3/27
	G Steve Neal	3/24
	DB Chad Scott	3/22
NEW ORLEANS	LB James Allen	3/22
	WR Michael Lewis	4/10
	RB Fred McAfee	3/24
	DT Willie Whitehead	3/22
	DT Cedric Woodard	3/31
N.Y. GIANTS	WR Tim Carter	3/27
	QB Tim Hasselbeck	3/13
	G Lewis Kelly	3/16
	RB Chad Morton	3/14
	T Bob Whitfield	3/14
N.Y. JETS	TE Chris Baker	3/24
OAKLAND	DB Jarrod Cooper	3/20
	DB Derrick Gibson	3/17
	G Corey Hulsey	3/17
	T Chad Slaughter	3/21
	TE Randal Williams	3/15
PHILADELPHIA	T Jon Runyan	3/27
PITTSBURGH	QB Charlie Batch	3/15
	T Barrett Brooks	3/17
	RB Vernon Haynes	3/31
	DE Brett Keisel	3/16
	LB Clint Kriewaldt	3/16
	WR Lee Mays	3/20
	WR Quincy Morgan	3/27
	CB Deshea Townsend	3/17
	TE Jerame Tuman	3/16
SAN FRANCISCO	TE Terry Jones	3/28
	WR Jason McAddley	3/15
	TE Brandon Moore	3/16
	K Joe Nedney	3/13
SEATTLE	LB Kevin Bentley	3/29
	DT Rocky Bernard	3/17
	RB Maurice Morris	3/30
	P Tom Rouen	4/11
	RB Mack Strong	3/27
	LB Joe Tafoya	3/22
	WR Peter Warrick	3/28
	DB Jimmy Williams	3/17

TAMPA BAY	RB Mike Alstott	3/13
	K Matt Bryant	3/13
	WR Ike Hilliard	3/21
	DT Chris Hovan	3/13
	TE Dave Moore	3/21
	T Kenyatta Walker	3/27
WASHINGTON	LB Khary Campbell	3/14
	DE Demetric Evans	4/3
	LB Warrick Holdman	4/18
	DT Cedric Killings	3/17

3) 4 **RESTRICTED** free agents signed with **NEW** teams:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>FORMER TEAM</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
CHICAGO	DB Ricky Manning	Carolina	4/26
HOUSTON	WR Kevin Walter	Cincinnati	3/24
SEATTLE	WR Nate Burleson	Minnesota	4/3
TAMPA BAY	T Torrin Tucker	Dallas	4/17

4) 74 **RESTRICTED** free agents re-signed with their **OLD** team:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
ARIZONA	LB Gerald Hayes	4/19
	DT Kenny King	4/4
	G Reggie Wells	3/22
	DT Antwan Lake	3/31
ATLANTA	K Aaron Elling	4/26
BALTIMORE	DT Aubrayo Franklin	4/18
	DE Jarret Johnson	3/17
	RB Ovie Mughelli	4/19
	T Tony Pashos	4/4
	RB Musa Smith	3/17
	WR Sam Aiken	3/28
BUFFALO	LB Mario Haggan	3/17
	DB Colin Branch	4/25
	LB Vinny Ciurciu	5/5
CAROLINA	DT Kindal Moorehead	4/25
	TE Mike Seidman	5/5
	LB Hunter Hillenmeyer	6/2
	DE Israel Idonije	3/22
CHICAGO	RB Jeremi Johnson	4/13
	G Scott Kooistra	4/3
	WR Kelley Washington	4/29
DALLAS	DB Keith Davis	4/20
	LB Scott Shanle	4/28
DETROIT	LB James Davis	5/17
	TE Casey Fitzsimmons	4/26
	DB Terrence Holt	4/12
	DE Cory Redding	4/26
GREEN BAY	DE Kenny Peterson	3/15
HOUSTON	WR Derick Armstrong	4/26
	LB Antwan Peek	6/12
	QB Dave Ragone	4/26
	T Seth Wand	4/27

INDIANAPOLIS	T Makoa Freitas	4/5
	LB Cato June	4/24
	DE Robert Mathis	3/21
	WR Aaron Moorehead	4/20
	DB Gerome Sapp	4/19
JACKSONVILLE	WR Cortez Hankton	4/25
	G Vincent Manuwai	4/19
	RB LeBrandon Toefield	4/25
	TE George Wrihster	4/25
KANSAS CITY	T Jordan Black	4/26
	DE Jimmy Wilkerson	5/3
NEW ORLEANS	LB Zach Hilton	4/24
	G Montrae Holland	4/20
N. Y. GIANTS	WR Willie Ponder	5/31
	TE Visanthe Shiancoe	6/12
	WR David Tyree	3/22
	DB Frank Walker	4/25
OAKLAND	LB Grant Irons	3/22
	DT Terdell Sands	4/10
PHILADELPHIA	DB Roderick Hood	3/28
	P Dirk Johnson	4/27
	RB Reno Mahe	5/15
	DB Quintin Mikell	4/24
PITTSBURGH	WR Sean Morey	4/26
	DB Ivan Taylor	5/2
ST. LOUIS	WR Kevin Curtis	4/26
	DE Brandon Green	4/27
	DB Dejuan Groce	4/26
	WR Shaun McDonald	4/26
SAN DIEGO	LB Stephen Cooper	3/23
	G Kris Dielman	3/20
	LB Matt Wilhelm	4/19
SAN FRANCISCO	QB Ken Dorsey	4/25
	WR Brandon Lloyd	3/13 (Traded to Washington)
SEATTLE	K Josh Brown	4/10
	T Wayne Hunter	4/27
	QB Seneca Wallace	4/26
TAMPA BAY	G Sean Mahan	4/19
TENNESSEE	DB Donnie Nickey	4/27
WASHINGTON	LB Chris Clemons	4/5
	G Derrick Dockery	3/27
	DB Ade Jimoh	3/31

5) 2 **UNRESTRICTED** free agents with **right of first refusal** re-signed with their **OLD** team:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
MINNESOTA	WR Koren Robinson	3/22
PHILADELPHIA	WR Darnerien McCants	3/15

6) 3 **FRANCHISE** players re-signed with their **OLD** team:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
BUFFALO	DB Nate Clements	5/5
DETROIT	T Jeff Backus	5/15
N.Y. JETS	DE John Abraham	3/22 (Traded to Atlanta)

7) 1 **TRANSITION** player signed with a **NEW** team:

TEAM

MINNESOTA

PLAYER

G Steve Hutchinson

FORMER TEAM

Seattle

DATE REPORTED

3/21