

Carolina Hurricanes Playoff History



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The Carolina Hurricanes, also called the “Canes,” are a professional ice hockey team based in Raleigh, North Carolina. They compete in the [NHL](#) as part of the Metropolitan Division in the Eastern Conference. The franchise began as the New England Whalers in the World Hockey Association (WHA) before joining the NHL in 1979 after the WHA–NHL merger.

The team relocated from Hartford to Raleigh in 1997 and rebranded as the Hurricanes. Their most notable achievement is winning the Stanley Cup in the 2005–06 season. This victory is the first and only major professional sports championship for the state of North Carolina as of the 2022–23 season. Besides the Stanley Cup, the Hurricanes have won six Division Championships and two Conference Championships as of 2025.

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Carolina Hurricanes NHL Playoff History and Appearances

The [Carolina Hurricanes](#) have played in Raleigh since 1998, completing 27 seasons there. The franchise, including its previous history before relocating, has a total of 45 seasons. Out of those, they have made the playoffs 20 times and won one championship. In the past ten

seasons, from 2016 to 2025, the Hurricanes had a winning percentage of 55.4%, made the playoffs seven times, and won 10 playoff series, but did not win any championships during that period. Their only Stanley Cup championship came in 2006.

A table exploring the Carolina Hurricanes' playoff history and appearances is provided below:

Year	Record	Result
2025	47-30-5	Won 4-1 vs Washington Capitals in Conf Semi
2024	52-23-7	Lost Conference Semi-Finals (Won 1 Round)
2023	52-21-9	Lost Conference Finals
2022	54-20-8	Lost Conference Semi-Finals
2021	36-12-8	Lost Conference Semi-Finals
2020	38-25-5	Lost First Round
2019	46-29-7	Lost Conference Finals
2018	36-35-11	Missed Playoffs
2017	36-31-15	Missed Playoffs
2016	35-31-16	Missed Playoffs
2015	30-41-11	Missed Playoffs
2014	36-35-11	Missed Playoffs
2013	19-25-4	Missed Playoffs
2012	33-33-16	Missed Playoffs
2011	40-31-11	Missed Playoffs
2010	35-37-10	Missed Playoffs
2009	45-30-7	Lost Conference Finals
2008	43-33-6	Missed Playoffs
2007	40-34-8	Missed Playoffs
2006	52-22-8	Stanley Cup Winners

2005	-	NHL Lockout
2004	28-34-14-6	Missed Playoffs
2003	22-43-11-6	Missed Playoffs
2002	35-26-16-5	Lost Stanley Cup Final
2001	38-32-9-3	Lost First Round
2000	37-35-10	Missed Playoffs
1999	34-30-18	Lost First Round
1998	33-41-8	Missed Playoffs
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1997	32-39-11	Missed Playoffs
1996	34-39-9	Missed Playoffs
1995	19-24-5	Missed Playoffs
1994	27-48-9	Missed Playoffs
1993	26-52-6	Missed Playoffs
1992	26-41-13	Lost First Round
1991	31-38-11	Lost First Round
1990	38-33-9	Lost First Round
1989	37-38-5	Lost First Round
1988	35-38-7	Lost First Round
1987	43-30-7	Lost First Round
1986	40-36-4	Lost Conference Semi-Finals
1985	30-41-9	Missed Playoffs
1984	28-42-10	Missed Playoffs
1983	19-54-7	Missed Playoffs
1982	21-41-18	Missed Playoffs

1981	21-41-18	Missed Playoffs
1980	27-34-19	Lost First Round

Carolina Hurricanes Conference History

From 1998 to 2025, the Carolina Hurricanes have consistently played in the Eastern Conference except for the 2020-21 season, when no conference was designated. They reached the Stanley Cup Finals twice, winning the championship in 2005-06 and losing in 2002-03. They missed the playoffs from 2009-10 through 2013-14 but have been regular playoff contenders since. Their recent playoff runs include making the Conference Finals in 2018-19 and 2022-23 and winning the Conference Finals in 2024-25 against the Washington Capitals.

A table exploring the Carolina Hurricanes's Conference History along with their results is provided below:

Team	Conference	Result
2024-2025	Eastern	Won 4-1 vs Washington Capitals in Conf Semi
2023-2024	Eastern	Lost Conference Semi-Finals (Won 1 Round)
2022-23	Eastern	Won in First Round, 4-2 Won in Second Round, 4-1 Lost in Conference Finals, 0-4
2021-22	Eastern	Won in First Round, 4-3 Lost in Second Round, 3-4
2020-21	—	Won in First Round, 4-2 Lost in Second Round, 1-4
2019-20	Eastern	Won in Qualifying Round, 3-0 Lost in First Round, 1-4
2018-19	Eastern	Won in First Round, 4-3 Won in Second Round, 4-0 Lost in Conference Finals, 0-4
2017-18	Eastern	Did not qualify
2016-17	Eastern	Did not qualify

2015–16	Eastern	Did not qualify
2014–15	Eastern	Did not qualify
2013–14	Eastern	Did not qualify
2012–13	Eastern	Did not qualify
2011–12	Eastern	Did not qualify
2010–11	Eastern	Did not qualify
2009–10	Eastern	Did not qualify
2008–09	Eastern	Won in Conference Quarterfinals, 4–3 Won in Conference Semifinals, 4–3 Lost in Conference Finals, 0–4
2007–08	Eastern	Did not qualify
2006–07	Eastern	Did not qualify
2005–06	Eastern	Won in Conference Quarterfinals, 4–2 Won in Conference Semifinals, 4–1 Won in Conference Finals, 4–3 Won in Stanley Cup Finals, 4–3
2004–05	-	Season cancelled due to 2004–05 NHL lockout
2003–04	Eastern	Did not qualify
2002–03	Eastern	Won in Conference Quarterfinals, 4–2 Won in Conference Semifinals, 4–2 Won in Conference Finals, 4–2 Lost in Stanley Cup Finals, 1–4
2001–02	Eastern	Lost in Conference Quarterfinals, 2–4
2000–01	Eastern	Lost in Conference Quarterfinals, 2–4

1999–2000	Eastern	Did not qualify
1998–99	Eastern	Lost in Conference Quarterfinals, 2–4

Carolina Hurricanes Division History

The Carolina Hurricanes began in the Northeast Division in 1997-98, finishing 6th. From 1998-99 to 2012-13, they played in the Southeast Division, winning first place in 1998-99, 2001-02, and 2005-06. Since 2013-14, they have been in the Metropolitan Division, finishing first in 2021-22 and 2022-23. In the 2020-21 season, they played in the Central Division and finished first. In 2023-24 and 2024-25, they finished second in the Metropolitan Division.

A table exploring the Carolina Hurricanes' division history along with their regular season records is provided below:

Team	Conference	Division	Regular season
2024–25	Eastern	Metropolitan	2nd
2023–24	Eastern	Metropolitan	2nd
2022–23	Eastern	Metropolitan↑	1st
2021–22	Eastern	Metropolitan↑	1st
2020–21	—	Central↑	1st
2019–20	Eastern	Metropolitan	4th
2018–19	Eastern	Metropolitan	4th
2017–18	Eastern	Metropolitan	6th
2016–17	Eastern	Metropolitan	7th
2015–16	Eastern	Metropolitan	6th
2014–15	Eastern	Metropolitan	8th
2013–14	Eastern	Metropolitan	7th
2012–13	Eastern	Southeast	3rd

2011–12	Eastern	Southeast	5th
2010–11	Eastern	Southeast	3rd
2009–10	Eastern	Southeast	3rd
2008–09	Eastern	Southeast	2nd
2007–08	Eastern	Southeast	2nd
2006–07	Eastern	Southeast	3rd
2005–06	Eastern‡	Southeast↑	1st
2004–05	Eastern	Southeast	Season cancelled due to 2004–05 NHL lockout
2003–04	Eastern	Southeast	3rd
2002–03	Eastern	Southeast	5th
2001–02	Eastern‡	Southeast↑	1st
2000–01	Eastern	Southeast	2nd
1999–2000	Eastern	Southeast	3rd
1998–99	Eastern	Southeast↑	1st
1997–98	Eastern	Northeast	6th

FAQs

Q. When were the Carolina Hurricanes founded?

A. The Carolina Hurricanes were founded in 1972.

Q. How many Stanley Cups have the Carolina Hurricanes won?

A. The Carolina Hurricanes won their first and only Stanley Cup during the 2005-06 season.

Q. Who did the Carolina Hurricanes beat in the 2006 Stanley Cup finals?

A. The Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Edmonton Oilers in 2006 to secure their first Stanley Cup.

Q. Why did the Carolina Hurricanes change their name?

A. The Carolina Hurricanes changed their name to the Carolina Hurricanes in 1997 after relocating from Hartford, Connecticut, to North Carolina.

Q. Who is the captain of the Carolina Hurricanes?

A. Jordan Staal has been the captain of the Carolina Hurricanes since 2019.

Sources:

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