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# **MID-SEASON MANAGER STATISTICS**

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# 01 SUMMARY

**30**  
MANAGER MOVEMENTS

**18**  
MANAGER  
DISMISSALS

**11**  
MANAGER  
RESIGNATIONS

**1**  
MUTUAL  
CONSENT

- >> The 18 dismissals so far in 2016-17 are lower than the record high of 29 dismissals to 31st December in 2015-16 and the previous high of 27, set in the 2014-15 season.

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- >> Whilst the 8 Sky Bet Championship dismissals is twice as high as any other league so far, this was exceeded both by the 10 dismissals last season and the 12 in 2014-15.

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- >> The Sky Bet Championship has seen the most dismissals to 31st December in each of the past 7 seasons.\*

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- >> The managers dismissed in 2016-17 were in post for an average of only 1.39 years compared with 1.59 years at the same point last season.\*\*

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- >> 4 of the 18 managers dismissed in the first half of this season were first-time managers.

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- >> Arsène Wenger remains the longest serving current manager at 20.26 years.

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- >> Of current league managers, Arsène Wenger has managed the most games at 1614 games.

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\* Joint highest in 2013-14 and 2010-11 seasons

\*\* The lengthy tenure of Karl Robinson (MK Dons) at 6.46 years pulls up the average tenure of dismissed managers. Without this, the average tenure of dismissed managers would be 1.03 years.

# 02 SEASON TO DATE

## 02.1

**SEASON** TOTAL MOVEMENTS TO DATE TO 31ST DECEMBER 2016

**18**  
MANAGERS  
DISMISSED

**11**  
MANAGERS  
RESIGNED

**1**  
MUTUAL  
CONSENT

## 02.2

**SEASON** TOTAL DISMISSALS TO DATE YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

SEASON	DISMISSALS TO 31ST DECEMBER
2016-17	18
2015-16	29
2014-15	27
2013-14	24
2012-13	21
2011-12	13
2010-11	14
2009-10	19
2008-07	19
2007-06	20
2006-05	22
2005-04	13

## 02.3 SEASON TOTAL DISMISSALS TO DATE BY LEAGUE

LEAGUE	DISMISSALS
Premier League	3
Championship	8
League 1	4
League 2	3

## 02.4 SEASON TOTAL DISMISSALS TO DATE BY LEAGUE YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE 1	LEAGUE 2	TOTAL
2016-17	3	8	4	3	18
2015-16	6	10	6	7	29
2014-15	2	12	5	8	27
2013-14	6	7	7	4	24
2012-13	4	7	5	5	21
2011-12	2	5	3	3	13

## 02.5 SEASON AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL DISMISSED MANAGERS

# 1.39 YEARS

TO 31ST DECEMBER 2016

## 02.6 SEASON AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL DISMISSED MANAGERS BY LEAGUE (in years)

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE 1	LEAGUE 2	OVERALL AVERAGE
2016-17	0.97	1.13	3.28	0.78	1.39
2015-16	2.08	1.32	1.47	1.62	1.58
2014-15	0.44	0.91	0.65	1.63	1.04
2013-14	1.22	1.93	1.48	1.08	1.44
2012-13	2.81	1.04	1.37	2.57	1.84
2011-12	2.65	1.96	1.39	1.46	1.70

As more managers have been dismissed in some leagues than others, the overall average tenure of all dismissed managers is not equal to the average of the league average tenure of dismissed managers.

# 03 OTHER STATISTICS

## 03.1 TOTAL DISMISSALS YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE 1	LEAGUE 2	TOTAL
2016-2017 TO 31/12/16	3	8	4	3	18
2015-2016	12	19	14	13	58
2014-2015	5	20	12	10	47
2013-2014	12	10	8	7	37
2012-2013	8	13	11	11	43
2011-2012	6	9	8	10	33
2010-2011	6	9	12	11	38
2009-2010	5	11	9	11	36
2008-2009	4	8	14	7	33
2007-2008	7	9	6	9	31
2006-2007	8	12	14	12	46

## 03.2 AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL CURRENT MANAGERS\*

**1.58**  
**YEARS**

## 03.3 AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL CURRENT MANAGERS BY LEAGUE\*

LEAGUE	AVERAGE TENURE
Premier League	2.54
Championship	1.00
League 1	1.20
League 2	1.86

\* Current managers as at 31st December 2016



## 03.4 LONGEST SERVING MANAGERS

	NAME	CLUB	LEAGUE	TENURE (YEARS)
1	Arsène Wenger	Arsenal	Premier League	20.26
2	Paul Tisdale	Exeter City	League Two	10.52
3	Jim Bentley	Morecambe	League Two	5.64
4	Steve Davis	Crewe Alexandra	League Two	5.15
5	Gareth Ainsworth	Wycombe Wanderers	League Two	4.27
6	Neal Ardley	AFC Wimbledon	League One	4.23
7	Eddie Howe	AFC Bournemouth	Premier League	4.22
8	Sean Dyche	Burnley	Premier League	4.17
9	Mick McCarthy	Ipswich Town	Championship	4.17
10	Keith Hill	Rochdale	League One	3.94

## 03.5 MOST GAMES MANAGED IN CAREER BY CURRENT MANAGERS\*

	NAME	GAMES MANAGED IN CAREER**
1	Arsène Wenger	1614
2	Neil Warnock	1350
3	Claudio Ranieri	1108
4	Danny Wilson	1065
5	Tony Pulis	1013
6	Rafael Benitez	996
7	Sam Allardyce	958
8	Mick McCarthy	896
9	Ian Holloway	879
10	David Moyes	867

\* Current managers as at 31st December 2016

\*\* Games managed includes all competitive games within the top four tiers of English football, overseas professional leagues and International competitions.