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Los Angeles **LAKERS**

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On the COURT

• • • • • Magic Johnson gave no-look passes.

• • • • • James Worthy scored in the big games.

• • • • • Kareem Abdul-Jabbar put up his famous skyhook shot. The Lakers team has had some big name players and some big games. It is always showtime in Los Angeles.



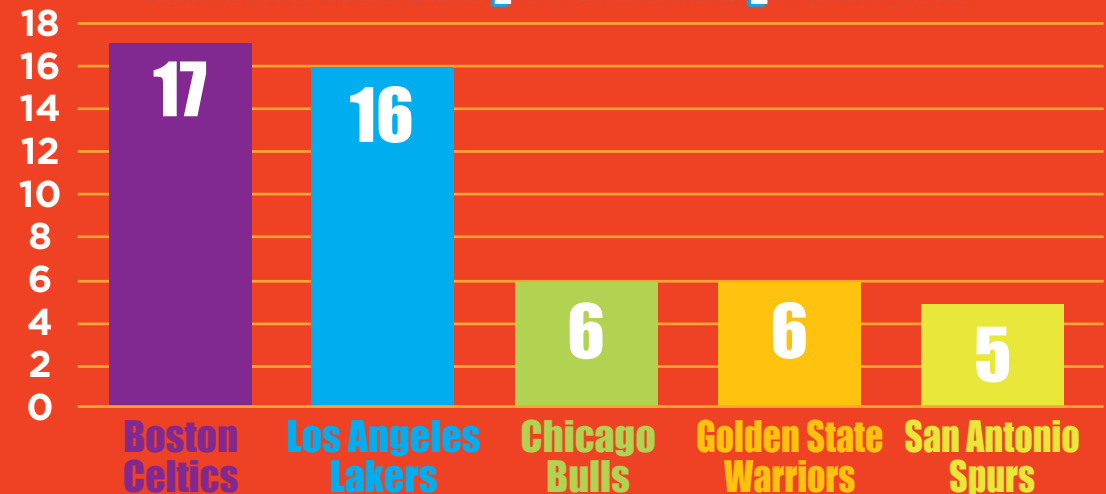
History of the **LAKERS**

The Los Angeles Lakers became a team before the NBA formed. The team started in 1946. It played in Detroit as the Gems. The next year, it moved to Minnesota. The team's name changed to the Lakers. The name honored Minnesota's many lakes. The Lakers moved to Los Angeles in 1960. And it's been winning ever since. The Lakers has won 16 championships.



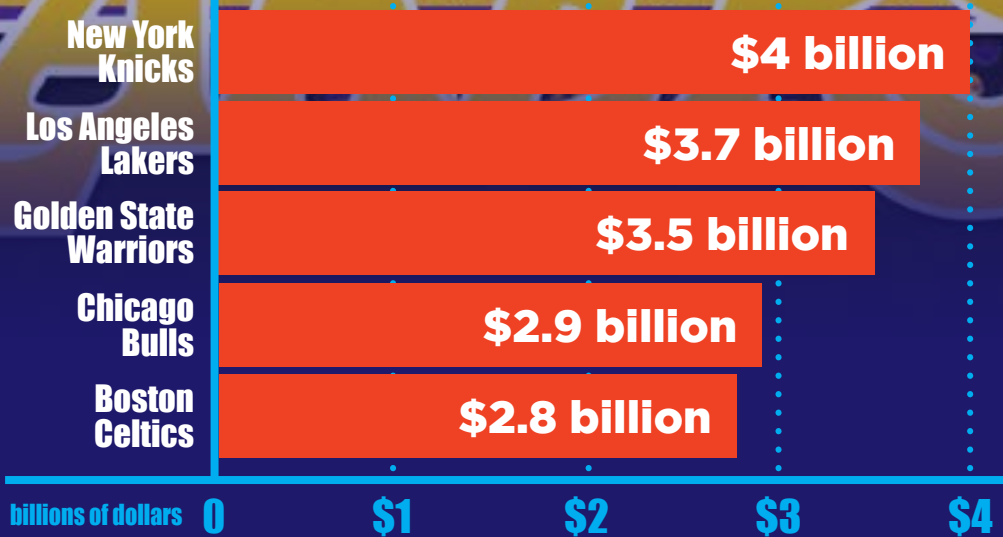
1948 World Champion team

Teams with the Most NBA Championship Wins





LAKERS



Showtime!

Many actors and entertainers live in Los Angeles. Fans say the team entertains them with superfast plays. So many people call Lakers games “showtime.”

Its entertaining games have made the team popular. In 2018, the Lakers was worth \$3.7 billion. It had the second-highest **net worth** in the NBA. Teams make money through TV deals. They also sell tickets and items with the team **logo** on them.

Teams Worth the Most Money
(as of 2018)