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Australian Open 2026

Jan 18-Feb 1, Melbourne Park

The new tennis season heralds the first major of 2026, as stars Jannik Sinner and Madison Keys defend their crowns. Each singles champion will earn a record AU\$4.15m, but players continue to cite concerns about the ratio of prize money to tournament revenue

PLAYER POWER: Revenue earned by tournament governing body, **Tennis Australia**, is reportedly AU\$697.2m in 2025. Despite substantial increase in last decade, total prize money remains only **16%** of income generated

Australian Open: Prize money progression 2017-2026

Year	Men / women's singles champion (AU\$)
2026	\$4.15m
2025	\$3.50m
2024	\$3.15m
2023	\$2.98m
2022	\$2.88m
2021	\$2.75m
2020	\$4.12m
2019	\$4.10m
2018	\$4.00m
2017	\$3.70m

Total increase %: 15.5

\$111.5m

\$96.5m

\$86.5m

\$76.5m

\$74.0m

\$71.5m

\$71.0m

\$62.5m

\$55.0m

\$50.0m

Redistribution strategy to support lower ranked players

Aryna Sabalenka (right) earned most women's prize money in 2025, after reaching three major finals

\$15.01m

(AU\$22.34m)

While Alcaraz tops men's income with \$5m U.S. Open title

\$21.36m

(AU\$31.82m)

REVIVED AMBITION: Irrepressible **Novak Djokovic** returns after body "rebuild", including regime to boost physicality and use of Regenesys capsule to aid recovery time

Most Grand Slam singles titles (All-time, men/women):

Aus. Open

Roland Garros

Wimbledon

U.S. Open

Margaret Court (24)

Novak Djokovic (24)

Serena Williams (23)

Rafael Nadal (22)

Steffi Graf (22)

Roger Federer (20)

Hard court maestro

Jannik Sinner

Set to resume rivalry with Carlos Alcaraz, marked by explosive athleticism

ATP / WTA rankings as of Jan 12

1 Carlos Alcaraz ESP

2 Jannik Sinner ITA

3 Alexander Zverev GER

4 Novak Djokovic SRB

5 Lorenzo Musetti ITA

6 Alex de Minaur AUS

7 Felix A-Aliassime CAN

8 Ben Shelton USA

9 Taylor Fritz USA

10 Alexander Bublik KAZ

1 Aryna Sabalenka -

2 Iga Świątek POL

3 Coco Gauff USA

4 Amanda Anisimova USA

5 Elena Rybakina KAZ

6 Jessica Pegula USA

7 Jasmine Paolini ITA

8 Mirra Andreeva -

9 Madison Keys USA

10 Belinda Bencic SUI

Players to watch

Carlos Alcaraz

Could become youngest man to complete career Grand Slam – shared last eight majors with Sinner

Jannik Sinner

Secured only sixth win in 16 meetings with Alcaraz to claim **ATP Finals** crown

Alexander Zverev

Seeking elusive maiden major after frustrating year. Melbourne finalist in 2025, losing to Sinner

Novak Djokovic

10-time winner driven by legacy. Aiming to end Slam drought, dating to 2023 **U.S. Open**

Aryna Sabalenka

Won 38 of last 40 matches in Australia – extending epic streak with third title in **Brisbane**

Iga Swiatek

Melbourne title would end erratic streak of early exits at hard court Grand Slams

Coco Gauff

Aiming to emulate strong 2025 – title at **Roland Garros** and three WTA 1000 finals

Madison Keys

Poised to mount solid title defence to avoid rapid descent through rankings

	Alcaraz	Sinner	Zverev	Djokovic	Sabalenka	Swiatek	Gauff	Keys
2025 win-loss	71-9	58-6	57-25	39-11	63-12	62-17	48-16	37-15
2025 titles	8	6	1	2	4	3	2	2
Career titles (hard)	9	21	15	72	19	14	9	5
Career titles (total)	24	24	24	101	22	25	11	10
Grand Slams	6	4	0	24	4	6	2	1

Tennis schedule 2026				ATP and WTA Tours feature over 50 tournaments worldwide, in addition to four Grand Slam events								
Men / Women: Grand Slam												
Jan 18	Australian Open	Melbourne	May 24	Roland Garros	Paris	Jun 29	Wimbledon	London	Aug 30	U.S. Open	New York	
Men: ATP 1000				Women: WTA 1000								
Mar 4	BNP Paribas Open	I. Wells	Aug 2	National Bank Open	Montreal	Feb 8	Qatar TotalEnergies Open	Doha	May 5	Int. BNL d'Italia	Rome	
Mar 18	Miami Open by Itau	Miami	Aug 13	Cincinnati Open	Cincinnati	Feb 15	Dubai Duty Free Ch'ships	Dubai	Aug 2	National Bank Open	Toronto	
Apr 5	M-Carlo Masters	Monte-Carlo	Oct 7	Shanghai Masters	Shanghai	Mar 4	BNP Paribas Open	I. Wells	Aug 13	Cincinnati Open	Cincinnati	
Apr 22	Mutua Madrid Open	Madrid	Nov 2	Paris Masters	Paris	Mar 17	Miami Open by Itau	Miami	Sep 30	China Open	Beijing	
May 6	Int. BNL d'Italia	Rome				Apr 21	Mutua Madrid Open	Madrid	Oct 12	Wuhan Open	Wuhan	
ATP 500				WTA 500								
Feb 9	Dallas Open	Dallas	May 17	Bitpanda Open	Hamburg	Jan 4	Brisbane Int'l	Brisbane	Jun 8	HSBC Championships	London	
Feb 9	ABN AMRO Open	Rotterdam	Jun 15	Terra Wortmann Open	Halle	Jan 12	Adelaide Int'l	Adelaide	Jun 15	VANDA Pharma Open	Berlin	
Feb 16	Qatar ExxonMobil Open	Doha	Jun 15	HSBC Championships	London	Feb 1	Mubadala Open	Abu Dhabi	Jun 21	Solarwatt Open	Bad Homburg	
Feb 16	Claro Rio Open	Rio de Janeiro	Jul 27	Citi DC Open	Washington	Feb 23	Mérida Open	Mérida	Jul 27	Mubadala DC Open	Washington	
Feb 23	Abierto Mexicano	Acapulco	Sep 30	Kinoshita Japan Open	Tokyo	Mar 30	Credit One Open	Charleston	Aug 24	Abierto GNP Seguros	Monterrey	
Feb 23	Dubai Duty Free Ch'ships	Dubai	Sep 30	China Open	Beijing	Apr 6	Upper Austria Ladies	Linz	Sep 14	Guadalajara Open	Guadalajara	
Apr 13	Barcelona Open	Barcelona	Oct 26	Swiss Indoors Basel	Basel	Apr 13	Porsche Tennis GP	Stuttgart	Sep 21	Singapore Open	Singapore	
Apr 13	BMW Open by Bitpanda	Munich	Oct 26	Erste Bank Open	Vienna	May 17	Int. de Strasbourg	Strasbourg	Oct 19	Ningbo Open	Ningbo	
Nov 15 Nitto ATP Finals				Turin	Nov 24 Davis Cup Finals	Bologna		Sep 21 Billie Jean King Cup	Shenzhen		Nov 7 WTA Finals	Riyadh

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Both ATP and WTA tours include several 250 level events

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