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### News Story- Numbers

For my proposal I would like to examine the perceived notion that in Major League Baseball, teams with the highest payrolls have a greater chance of qualifying for the playoffs. Yet, how were the Houston Astros, with the second lowest payroll in baseball in 2015 able to perform competitively and qualify for the playoffs. [espn.com](http://espn.com) provides payroll information of the thirty M.L.B organizations in 2015. The Astros invested \$69,064,200 into the team, a vast \$150,265,705 less than the Los Angeles Dodgers who at \$227,329,905 invested the most on its playoff team. Ten teams, including the Houston Astros qualified for the playoffs. The Astros invested \$69,064,200, just 16 percent of what the other nine teams invested, which totaled \$1,107,316,018, that is 16 percent invested. Presumably, there are other factors that contribute to the success of a team. It's not just about the amount money invested in a team. This affects how Major League Baseball Organizations conduct business as it pertains to player personnel.

