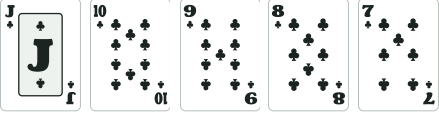
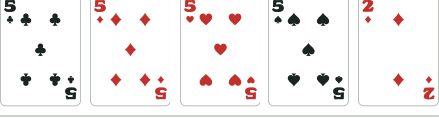


Poker hand rankings

From best to worst

A hand is 5 cards. **A higher kind always beats a lower kind**, so any flush beats any straight. Chances are out of 2,598,960 possible 5-card hands in a 52-card deck, with no wild cards. "1 in 649,740" is the same as odds of 649,739 to 1, the way most places quote it.

Rank	Example	Hand	Chance of being dealt
1		Royal flush A-K-Q-J-10 of one suit. The best straight flush.	0.000154% 1 in 649,740
		Straight flush 5 cards in a row, all of one suit. Not royal.	0.00139% 1 in 72,193
2		Four of a kind 4 cards of one rank, plus any fifth card.	0.0240% 1 in 4,165
3		Full house 3 cards of one rank and 2 of another.	0.144% 1 in 694
4		Flush 5 cards of one suit, not in a row.	0.197% 1 in 509
5		Straight 5 cards in a row, not all of one suit.	0.392% 1 in 255
6		Three of a kind 3 cards of one rank, plus 2 cards of two other ranks.	2.11% 1 in 47
7		Two pair 2 cards of one rank, 2 of another, plus 1 of a third rank.	4.75% 1 in 21
8		One pair 2 cards of one rank, plus 3 cards of three other ranks.	42.3% 1 in 2.4
9		High card None of the above. The highest card decides.	50.1% 1 in 2.0

Two hands of the same kind. Compare cards from the most important down. Four of a kind: the four, then the kicker. Full house: the three, then the pair. Flush and high card: the highest card, then the next. Pairs: the pair, then the other cards. A kicker is a card outside the main set.

The ace in a straight. It can be high or low, not both. A-K-Q-J-10 is the highest straight and 5-4-3-2-A is the lowest. Q-K-A-2-3 is not a straight: a straight cannot wrap around from the ace to the 2.

Suits never break a tie in standard poker. The king of hearts and the king of spades are equal. Hands with the same ranks tie. Only the best 5 cards count, so cards left over are ignored.

Five of a kind. A deck has only 4 of each rank, so this hand needs a wild card, such as a joker. When wild cards are in play, five of a kind beats a royal flush.

