

2010-11 DIGR Ratings  
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One the next page is the Defense Independent Goalie Ratings (DIGR) for the 2010-11 NHL Regular Season. This methodology gives an adjusted save percentage accounting for the quality and distribution of shots faced. To achieve the DIGR we build a model of each goalies performance during the season and then map every shot taken by the entire league to the individual goalie map. Details on this can be found at the following link: [DIGR paper](#). The DIGR allows for a direct comparison of goalie performance since it is based upon the exact same shots not just the shots that an individual goalie faced.

The table on the next page contains the DIGR for 49 goalies with at least 600 shots faced. For this analysis we eliminate empty net goals, penalty shots and shootout shots. Along with the DIGR, we include the save percentage (RawSV%), the number of shots faced in our database (Shots), how the league average goalie would have fared (AvgGoalie) and the salary in millions of \$\$ for each of these 49 goalies. The league average save percentage in our database is 0.9133.

We ranked the goalies by DIGR and Tim Thomas is the top goalie, followed by Cory Schneider and Roberto Luongo. While it is not a surprise that Tim Thomas is at the top given his phenomenal year, the difference between Thomas and the second best goalie shrink by about 0.5% after we account for the difficulty of the shots he faced. Thomas had a great year but was help by a strong defense. Using AvgGoalie as a measure of average shot difficulty, Thomas had the 8<sup>th</sup> easiest shots faced among our 49 goalies. Jonathon Quick had the easiest shots and Cory Schneider faced the hardest set of shots (though Schneider barely appears in our list since he only faced 669 shots). Among those with over 1000 shots faced, Halak had to face the most difficult set of shots, on average.

Some other notables from this analysis. Jonas Hiller produced the biggest difference between DIGR and what an average goalie would do. For those facing over 1000 shots, no one comes close to his performance. Hiller and Bryzgalov are the only two goalies to appear in the top 10 of the DIGR for both the 2009-10 and 2010-11 seasons. Among those with high salaries, Backstrom, Brodeur, Giguere and Kiprusoff performed particularly poorly.

Other statistical analyses of NHL data that we have done can be found at: [Statistical Analyses](#)

## 2010-11 Regular Season DIGR

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| Rank | Name                  | DIGR   | RawSV% | Shots | AvgGoalie | Salary10-11 |
|------|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| 1    | TimThomas             | 0.9312 | 0.9386 | 1808  | 0.9184    | 6.0000      |
| 2    | CorySchneider         | 0.9285 | 0.9253 | 669   | 0.9009    | 0.9000      |
| 3    | RobertoLuongo         | 0.9269 | 0.9275 | 1752  | 0.9104    | 10.0000     |
| 4    | JonasHiller           | 0.9269 | 0.9249 | 1452  | 0.9067    | 4.5000      |
| 5    | IlyaBryzgalov         | 0.9234 | 0.9211 | 2103  | 0.9121    | 4.5000      |
| 6    | CamWard               | 0.9232 | 0.9221 | 2336  | 0.9123    | 5.0000      |
| 7    | Marc-AndreFleury      | 0.9227 | 0.9189 | 1738  | 0.9134    | 6.0000      |
| 8    | DevanDubnyk           | 0.9224 | 0.9164 | 1101  | 0.9067    | 0.8000      |
| 9    | CoreyCrawford         | 0.9219 | 0.9200 | 1538  | 0.9109    | 0.8500      |
| 10   | CareyPrice            | 0.9218 | 0.9220 | 2142  | 0.9132    | 2.5000      |
| 11   | BrentJohnson          | 0.9214 | 0.9236 | 602   | 0.9144    | 0.6000      |
| 12   | PekkaRinne            | 0.9204 | 0.9293 | 1881  | 0.9160    | 2.8000      |
| 13   | HenrikLundqvist       | 0.9180 | 0.9204 | 1961  | 0.9159    | 7.7500      |
| 14   | JaroslavHalak         | 0.9178 | 0.9117 | 1483  | 0.9055    | 2.7500      |
| 15   | TomasVokoun           | 0.9177 | 0.9208 | 1705  | 0.9152    | 6.3000      |
| 16   | OndrejPavelec         | 0.9177 | 0.9153 | 1700  | 0.9101    | 1.0000      |
| 17   | TuukkaRask            | 0.9176 | 0.9183 | 857   | 0.9143    | 1.0000      |
| 18   | SergeiBobrovsky       | 0.9173 | 0.9167 | 1500  | 0.9103    | 0.9000      |
| 19   | SemyonVarlamov        | 0.9170 | 0.9223 | 759   | 0.9165    | 0.7700      |
| 20   | MichalNeuvirth        | 0.9164 | 0.9156 | 1280  | 0.9143    | 0.7700      |
| 21   | RyanMiller            | 0.9160 | 0.9157 | 1958  | 0.9148    | 6.2500      |
| 22   | BrianBoucher          | 0.9159 | 0.9156 | 900   | 0.9187    | 0.9300      |
| 23   | JamesReimer           | 0.9141 | 0.9222 | 1131  | 0.9184    | 0.5600      |
| 24   | JoseTheodore          | 0.9140 | 0.9178 | 961   | 0.9158    | 1.1000      |
| 25   | JonathanBernier       | 0.9139 | 0.9098 | 654   | 0.9176    | 0.7700      |
| 26   | AnttiNiemi            | 0.9138 | 0.9175 | 1745  | 0.9158    | 2.0000      |
| 27   | CurtisMcElhinney      | 0.9137 | 0.8997 | 708   | 0.9056    | 0.5700      |
| 28   | DwayneRoloson         | 0.9136 | 0.9138 | 1519  | 0.9196    | 3.0000      |
| 29   | MathieuGaron          | 0.9132 | 0.9027 | 884   | 0.9099    | 1.2000      |
| 30   | KariLehtonen          | 0.9125 | 0.9152 | 2029  | 0.9183    | 2.7000      |
| 31   | JohanHedberg          | 0.9122 | 0.9104 | 748   | 0.9134    | 1.0000      |
| 32   | CraigAnderson         | 0.9121 | 0.9157 | 1519  | 0.9182    | 2.1300      |
| 33   | NiklasBackstrom       | 0.9120 | 0.9184 | 1531  | 0.9205    | 6.0000      |
| 34   | ScottClemmensen       | 0.9112 | 0.9102 | 835   | 0.9186    | 1.1000      |
| 35   | AnteroNiittymaki      | 0.9101 | 0.9018 | 611   | 0.9105    | 2.0000      |
| 36   | MartyTurco            | 0.9095 | 0.8974 | 799   | 0.9129    | 1.3000      |
| 37   | JonathanQuick         | 0.9091 | 0.9162 | 1634  | 0.9208    | 1.9000      |
| 38   | MartinBrodeur         | 0.9087 | 0.9057 | 1305  | 0.9177    | 5.2000      |
| 39   | JonasGustavsson       | 0.9071 | 0.8914 | 617   | 0.9121    | 1.3000      |
| 40   | JimmyHoward           | 0.9067 | 0.9100 | 1801  | 0.9137    | 0.8000      |
| 41   | ChrisMason            | 0.9066 | 0.8921 | 853   | 0.9068    | 1.6000      |
| 42   | SteveMason            | 0.9064 | 0.9002 | 1503  | 0.9123    | 0.7700      |
| 43   | Jean-SebastienGiguere | 0.9051 | 0.9029 | 762   | 0.9191    | 7.0000      |
| 44   | DanEllis              | 0.9043 | 0.9003 | 1083  | 0.9143    | 1.5000      |
| 45   | MiikkaKiprusoff       | 0.9020 | 0.9058 | 1910  | 0.9198    | 7.0000      |
| 46   | PeterBudaj            | 0.9019 | 0.8961 | 1232  | 0.9119    | 1.2500      |
| 47   | BrianElliott          | 0.9000 | 0.8947 | 1520  | 0.9126    | 0.9000      |
| 48   | NikolaiKhabibulin     | 0.8999 | 0.8917 | 1385  | 0.9068    | 3.7500      |
| 49   | RickDiPietro          | 0.8925 | 0.8847 | 772   | 0.9077    | 4.5000      |