

JAYLEN WADDLE

WIDE RECEIVER // 5-10 // 185 // ALABAMA '21 ACQUIRED: D1A, '21 HOMETOWN: HOUSTON, TEXAS // BORN: 11/25/98 NFL: FOURTH SEASON // DOLPHINS: FOURTH SEASON

NFL CAREER

TRANSACTIONS:

 1st-round pick (6th overall) by Miami in the 2021 NFL Draft.

CAREER HONORS:

- No. 63 on the NFL Network Top 100 list in 2024.
- No. 44 on the NFL Network Top 100 list in 2023.
- No. 63 on the NFL Network Top 100 list in 2022.
- 2021 Dan Marino Most Valuable Player Award.
- 2021 PFWA All-Rookie Team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Started 49 career games.
- 260 receptions for 3,535 yards (13.6 avg.) and 18 TDs.
- 10 carries for 48 yards (4.8 avg.) and 1 TD.
- 9 kickoff returns for 158 yards (17.6 avg.).
- 5 punt returns for 35 yards (7.0 avg.).
- 8 miscellaneous tackles.
- Started 2 postseason games.
- Holds the Dolphins record for most receiving yards in the 1st 3 years of a career with 3,385.
- Is the 1st player in Dolphins history to post 3 consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons.
- His 1,356 receiving yards in 2022 ranked 7th in the NFL:

	MOST RECEIVING YARDS (2022)											
	PLAYER	TEAM	REC	YDS	TDs							
1.	Justin Jefferson	Min.	128	1,809	8							
2.	Tyreek Hill	Mia.	119	1,710	7							
3.	Davante Adams	LV	100	1,516	14							
4.	A.J. Brown	Phi.	88	1,496	11							
5.	Stefon Diggs	Buf.	108	1,429	11							
6.	CeeDee Lamb	Dal.	107	1,359	9							
7.	JAYLEN WADDLE	MIA.	75	1,356	8							
8.	Travis Kelce	KC	110	1,338	12							
9.	DeVonta Smith	Phi.	95	1,196	7							
10.	Terry McLaurin	Was.	77	1,191	5							

• His 1,356 receiving yards in 2022 are 4th in singleseason franchise history:

MOS	ST RECEIVING YARDS IN	DOLPHINS	HISTORY (SI	NGLE SEAS	SON)
	PLAYER	YEAR	REC	YDS	TDs
1.	Tyreek Hill	2023	119	1,799	13
2.	Tyreek Hill	2022	119	1,710	7
3.	Mark Clayton	1984	73	1,389	18
4.	JAYLEN WADDLE	2022	75	1,356	8
5.	Mark Duper	1986	67	1,313	11

 Had 2,371 yards in his 1st 2 NFL seasons, which was 10th-most in NFL history by a player in the 1st 2 years of a career:

MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN 1ST 2 YEARS OF A CAREER											
	PLAYER	TEAM	YRS	REC	YDS						
1.	Justin Jefferson	Min.	2020-21	196	3,016						
2.	Odell Beckham Jr.	NYG	2014-15	187	2,755						
3.	Randy Moss	Min.	1998-99	149	2,726						
4.	Ja'Marr Chase	Cin.	2021-22	168	2,501						
5.	Jerry Rice	SF	1985-86	135	2,497						
6.	Josh Gordon	Cle.	2012-13	137	2,451						
7.	Torry Holt	StL	1999-2000	134	2,423						
8.	A.J. Green	Cin.	2011-12	162	2,407						
9.	Michael Thomas	NO	2016-17	196	2,382						
10.	JAYLEN WADDLE	MIA.	2021-22	179	2,371						

• His 104 receptions in 2021 set an NFL rookie record at the time:

	MOST RECEPTIONS	BY A ROC	IKIE IN I	NFL HISTORY	
	PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	REC YDS	TDs
1.	Puka Nacua	LAR	2023	105 1,486	6
2.	JAYLEN WADDLE	MIA.	2021	104 1,015	6
3.	Anquan Boldin	Ari.	2003	101 1,377	8
4.	Michael Thomas	NO	2016	92 1,137	9
5.	Odell Beckham Jr.	NYG	2014	91 1,305	12
	Saquon Barkley	NYG	2018	91 721	4
	Eddie Royal	Den.	2008	91 980	5
8.	Terry Glenn	NE	1996	90 1,132	6
	Amon-Ra St. Brown	Det.	2021	90 912	5

 His 104 receptions in 2021 set a Dolphins rookie record:

	MOST RECEPTION	S BY A DOI	PHINS	ROOKIE	
	PLAYER	YEAR	REC	YDS	TDs
1.	JAYLEN WADDLE	2021	104	1,015	6
2.	Jarvis Landry	2014	84	758	5
3.	Terry Kirby	1993	75	874	3
4.	Jack Clancy	1967	67	868	2
5.	Davone Bess	2008	54	554	1

 Had the 2nd-most receptions (125) in NFL history in a player's 1st 20 career games:

	MOST RECEPTIONS IN FIRST 20 NFL GAMES											
	PLAYER	YEAR	TEAM	REC								
1.	Odell Beckham Jr.	2014-15	NYG	141								
2.	JAYLEN WADDLE	2021-22	MIA.	125								
3.	Anquan Boldin	2003-04	Ari.	121								

• His 104 receptions in 2021 are the 5th-most in a season in Dolphins history:

	DOLPHINS SINGLE-SEA	SON RECEPT	IONS L	EADERS	
	PLAYER	YEAR	REC	YDS	TDs
1.	Tyreek Hill	2023	119	1,799	13
	Tyreek Hill	2022	119	1,710	7
3.	Jarvis Landry	2017	112	987	9
4.	Jarvis Landry	2015	110	1,157	4
5.	JAYLEN WADDLE	2021	104	1,015	6

 His 1,015 receiving yards in 2021 set a Dolphins rookie record.

DO	DLPHINS ALL-TIME ROOKIE	RECEIVIN	G YARD	S LEADE	RS
	PLAYER	YEAR	REC	YDS	TDs
1.	JAYLEN WADDLE	2021	104	1,015	6
2.	Chris Chambers	2001	48	883	7
3.	Terry Kirby	1993	75	874	3
4.	Jack Clancy	1967	67	868	2
5.	Jarvis Landry	2014	84	758	5

2024 (MIAMI):

- Started 2 games.
- 9 receptions for 150 yards (16.7 avg.).
- 2 carry for 7 yards (3.5 avg.).
- VS. JACKSONVILLE (9/4): 5 receptions for 109 yards (21.8 avg.); 1 carry for 3 yards

HONORS:

• No. 63 on the NFL Network Top 100 list.

2023 (MIAMI):

- Started 14 games.
- Inactive for 3 games.
- 72 receptions for 1,014 yards (14.1 avg.) and 4 TDs.
- 3 carries for 12 yards (4.0 avg.).
- 3 miscellaneous tackles.
- **VS. NEW ENGLAND (10/29):** 7 receptions for 121 yards (17.3 avg.) and 1 TD.
 - Caught a 31-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa to extend Miami's lead to 31-17 with 2:43 left in the game.
- **AT N.Y. JETS (11/24):** 8 receptions for 114 yards (14.3 avg.).
- **VS. N.Y. JETS (12/17):** 8 receptions for 142 yards (17.8 avg.) and 1 TD.
 - Caught a 60-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa with 7:42 remaining in the 2nd quarter to extend Miami's lead to 17-0.
- VS. DALLAS (12/24): 1 reception for 50 yards (50.0 avg.); 1 carry for 2 yards (2.0 avg.).
 - Became the 1st player in team history to post 3 consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons.

POSTSEASON:

AFC WILD CARD AT KANSAS CITY (1/13): 2 receptions for 31 yards (15.5 avg.); 1 carry for 9 yards (9.0 avg.).

HONORS:

• No. 44 on the NFL Network Top 100 list.

2022 (MIAMI):

- Started all 17 games.
- 75 receptions for 1,356 yards (18.1 avg.) and 8 TDs
- 3 carries for 26 yards (8.7 avg.).
- 1 miscellaneous tackle.
- **VS. NEW ENGLAND (9/11):** 4 receptions for 69 yards (17.3 avg.) and 1 TD; 1 carry for 8 yards.

- Caught a 42-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa with 18 seconds remaining in the 1st half on a 4th-and-7 snap.
- AT BALTIMORE (9/18): 11 receptions for 171 yards (15.5 avg.) and 2 TDs.
- Caught a 7-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa with 14 seconds remaining to cap a 21-point come-from-behind victory.
- Had a 59-yard reception from Tagovailoa in the 2nd quarter.
- Also grabbed a 6-yard TD pass from Tagovailoa in the 2nd guarter.
- It was his 4th career double-digit reception game in just his 18th career NFL contest.
- Joined WR Tyreek Hill as the only NFL teammates during the Super Bowl era to total at least 170 receiving yards and 2 receiving TDs in the same game.
- VS. BUFFALO (9/25): 4 receptions for 102 yards (25.5 avg.); 1 carry for 9 yards.
 - Caught passes of 32 and 45 yards on the same possession that proved to be the game-winning TD drive in the 4th quarter.
 - Became the 1st Dolphins player to record back-to-back 100-yard receiving games since WR DeVante Parker did so on Dec. 22, 2019 vs. Cincinnati (111) and Dec. 29, 2019 at New England (137).
- AT DÉTROIT (10/30): 8 receptions for 106 yards (13.3 avg.) and 2 TDs.
- Caught TD passes of 5 and 29 yards from QB Tua Tagovailoa in the 1st half.
- Marked his 3rd consecutive game with at least 85 receiving yards.
- It was the 3rd multi-TD game of his career.
- **VS. GREEN BAY (12/25):** 5 receptions for 143 yards (28.6) and 1 TD.
- Caught an 84-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa in the 1st quarter.
- Posted his 6th 100-yard receiving game of the season.

POSTSEASON:

AFC WILD CARD AT BUFFALO (1/15): 3 receptions for 44 yards (14.7 avg.); 1 carry for 8 yards.

HONORS

• No. 63 on the NFL Network Top 100 list.

2021 (MIAMI):

- Started 16 games.
- Missed 1 game on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- 104 receptions for 1,015 yards (9.8 avg.) and 6 TDs.
- 2 carries for 3 yards (1.5 avg.) and 1 TD.
- 9 kickoff returns for 158 yards (17.6 avg.).
- 5 punt returns for 35 yards (7.0 avg.).
- 4 miscellaneous tackles.
- AT NEW ENGLAND (9/12): 4 receptions for 61 yards (15.3 avg.) and 1 TD.
 - Caught a 3-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa in the 3rd quarter to give Miami a 17-10 lead.
 - It was his 1st career TD.
- Made his NFL debut.
- **AT LAS VEGAS (9/26):** 12 receptions for 58 yards (4.8 avg.).
 - His 12 receptions set a Dolphins rookie record.

- AT JACKSONVILLE IN LONDON (10/17): 10 receptions for 70 yards (7.0 avg.) and 2 TDs.
 - Caught a 6-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa in the 1st guarter.
 - Caught a 2-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa in the 4th quarter.
 - Became the 1st rookie in Dolphins history to have multiple 10+ reception games.
 - Became the 5th rookie in Dolphins history to catch multiple TDs in a game.
- VS. CAROLINA (11/28): 9 receptions for 137 yards (15.2 avg.) and 1 TD; 1 punt return for 7 yards.
- Caught a 9-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa in the 2nd quarter to give Miami a 14-7 lead.
- It was his 1st career 100-yard receiving game.
- VS. N.Y. GIANTS (12/5): 9 receptions for 90 yards (10.0 avg.); 2 kickoff returns for 32 yards (16.0 avg.); 1 punt return for 7 yards.
 - Broke the team record for receptions in a season by a rookie (86).
- AT NEW ORLEANS (12/27): 10 receptions for 92 yards (9.2 avg.) and 1 TD.
 - Caught a 1-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa in the 3rd quarter to extend Miami's lead to 17-3.
 - Became the 2nd rookie in NFL history to have 3+ games with 10+ receptions (Odell Beckham Jr.).
 - His 10 receptions matched HOF WR Jerry Rice's record for most receptions by an NFL rookie on Monday Night Football.
- VS. NEW ENGLAND (1/9): 5 receptions for 27 yards (5.4 avg.) and 1 TD.
 - Caught a 7-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa in the 1st quarter to give Miami a 7-0 lead.
 - Broke the NFL record for receptions in a season by a rookie (104).

HONORS:

- Dan Marino Most Valuable Player Award.
- Became the 1st Dolphins rookie to win the team MVP award since Zach Thomas in 1996.
- PFWA All-Rookie Team.

BEFORE THE NEU

COLLEGE (ALABAMA):

• 3-year letterman (2018-20).

CARÉER: Played in 34 games with 9 starts; 106 receptions for 1,999 yards (18.9 avg.) and 17 TDs; 4 carries for 17 yards (4.3 avg.); 9 kickoff returns for 214 yards (23.8 avg.) and 1 TD; 38 punt returns for 733 yards (19.3 avg.) and 2 TDs.

- 2nd-team All-SEC return specialist.
- His 18.9 yards per catch ranked 2nd in school history (min. 100 rec.).
- His 733 career punt return yards ranked 6th in school history.
- JUNIOR (2020): Played in 6 games with 3 starts; 28 receptions for 591 yards (21.1 avg.) and 4 TDs; 3 carries for 12 yards (4.0 avg.); 4 kickoff returns for 39 yards (9.8 avg.); 2 punt returns for 13 yards (6.5 avg.).
- SOPHOMORE (2019): Played in all 13 games with 3 starts; 33 receptions for 560 yards (17.0 avg.) and 6 TDs; 1 carry for 5 yards; 5 kickoff returns for 175 yards (35.0 avg.) and 1 TD; 20 punt returns for 487 yards (24.4 avg.) and 1 TD.
 - 1st-team All-American.
 - 1st-team All-SEC as a return specialist.
 - SEC Special Teams Player of the Year.
- His 24.4 punt return average ranked 1st in the nation
- TRUE FRESHMAN (2018): Played in all 15 games with 3 starts; 45 receptions for 848 yards (18.8 avg.) and 7 TDs; 16 punt returns for 233 yards (14.6 avg.) and 1 TD.
- Freshman All-American.
- SEC Freshman of the Year.
- SEC All-Freshman Team.

HIGH SCHOOL (EPISCOPAL HS - BELLAIRE, TEXAS)

• Also ran track and played basketball.

SENIOR (2017):

1st-team All-American.

OFF THE FIELD

COMMUNITY:

2022:

 Partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of Broward County to adopt a family for the holidays.

2021:

- Along with fellow Dolphins rookies, teamed up with Neighbors4Neighbors to provide South Florida families with holiday gifts.
- As part of Operation Hope, teamed up with Truist to provide a holiday shopping spree for a South Florida family.

PERSONAL:

• MAJOR: Criminal justice.

	JAYLEN WADDLE'S NFL REGULAR SEASON STATS												
RECEIVING RUSHING													
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2021	MIAMI	16	16	104	1015	9.8	57	6	2	3	1.5	2	1
2022	MIAMI	17	17	75	1356	18.1	84t	8	3	26	8.7	9	0
2023	MIAMI	14	14	72	1014	14.1	60t	4	3	12	4.0	12	0
2024	MIAMI	2	2	9	150	16.7	63	0	2	7	3.5	4	0
	NFL TOTALS	49	49	260	3535	13.6	84t	18	10	48	4.8	12	1

		JAYLEN	I WADDL	E'S NFL F	REGULAR	SEASO	N RETUR	NING ST	TATS			
			KICK	OFF RETU	JRN				PUNT RI	TURN		
YEAR	TEAM	KR	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	PR	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2021	MIAMI	9	158	17.6	25	0	5	3	35	7.0	15	0
2022	MIAMI	0	0	0.0	-	0	0	0	0	0.0	-	0
2023	MIAMI	0	0	0.0	-	0	0	0	0	0.0	-	0
	NFL TOTALS	9	158	17.6	25	0	5	3	35	7.0	15	0

	JAYLEN WADDLE'S NFL PLAYOFF STATS												
					RE	CEIVING	i			RU	JSHING		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2022	MIAMI	1	1	3	44	14.7	25	0	1	8	8.0	8	0
2023	MIAMI	1	1	2	31	15.5	17	0	1	9	9.0	9	0
	PLAYOFF TOTALS	2	2	5	75	15.0	25	0	2	17	8.5	9	0

ADDITIONAL STATS

Miscellaneous Tackles: 4 in 2021, 1 in 2022, 3 in 2023 for total of 8.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

 Receptions:
 12
 at Las Vegas, 9/26/21

 Receiving Yards:
 171
 at Baltimore, 9/18/22

 Longest Reception:
 84t
 vs. Green Bay, 12/25/22

 Receiving TDs:
 2
 3 times, last: at Detroit, 10/30/22

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (11)

DATE	OPPONENT	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
11/28/21	CAROLINA	9	137	15.2	57	1
9/18/22	at Baltimore	11	171	15.5	59	2
9/25/22	BUFFALO	4	102	25.5	45	0
10/16/22	MINNESOTA	6	129	21.5	49	0
10/30/22	at Detroit	8	106	13.3	29t	2
12/17/22	at Buffalo	3	114	38.0	67t	1
12/25/22	GREEN BAY	5	143	28.6	84t	1
10/29/23	NEW ENGLAND	7	121	17.3	31t	1
11/24/23	at N.Y. Jets	8	114	14.3	32	0
12/17/23	N.Y. JETS	8	142	17.8	60t	1
9/8/24	JACKSONVILLE	5	109	21.8	63	0

2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (MIAMI)

DATE OPPONENT	P/S	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
09/12 at New England	1/1	4	61	15.3	36	1
09/19 BUFFALO	1/1	6	48	8.0	14	0
09/26 at Las Vegas	1/1	12	58	4.8	9	0
10/03 INDIANAPOLIS	1/1	3	33	11.0	18	0
10/10 at Tampa Bay	1/1	2	31	15.5	21	0
10/17 at Jacksonville	1/1	10	70	7.0	14	2
10/24 ATLANTA	1/1	7	83	11.9	19	0
10/31 at Buffalo	1/1	4	29	7.3	12	0
11/07 HOUSTON	1/1	8	83	10.4	17	0
11/11 BALTIMORE	1/1	4	61	15.3	35	0
11/21 at N.Y. Jets	1/1	8	65	8.1	15	0
11/28 CAROLINA	1/1	9	137	15.2	57	1
12/05 N.Y. GIANTS	1/1	9	90	10.0	25	0
12/19 N.Y. JETS		RESERVE/COVID-19				
12/27 at New Orleans	1/1	10	92	9.2	24	1
01/02 at Tennessee	1/1	3	47	15.7	45	0
01/09 NEW ENGLAND	1/1	5	27	5.4	9	1
2021 TOTALS	16/16	104	1015	9.8	57	6

2022 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (MIAMI)

DATE	OPPONENT	P/S	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
09/11	NEW ENGLAND	1/1	4	69	17.3	42t	1
09/18	at Baltimore	1/1	11	171	15.5	59	2
09/25	BUFFALO	1/1	4	102	25.5	45	0
09/29	at Cincinnati	1/1	2	39	19.5	20	0
10/09	at N.Y. Jets	1/1	3	23	7.7	11	0
10/16	MINNESOTA	1/1	6	129	21.5	49	0
10/23	PITTSBURGH	1/1	4	88	22.0	25	0
10/30	at Detroit	1/1	8	106	13.3	29t	2
11/06	at Chicago	1/1	5	85	17.0	26	1
11/13	CLEVELAND	1/1	4	66	16.5	29	0
11/27	HOUSTON	1/1	5	85	17.0	34	0
12/04	at San Francisco	1/1	1	9	9.0	9	0
12/11	at L.A. Chargers	1/1	2	31	15.5	19	0
12/17	at Buffalo	1/1	3	114	38.0	67t	1
12/25	GREEN BAY	1/1	5	143	28.6	84t	1
01/01	at New England	1/1	3	52	17.3	23	0
01/08	N.Y. JETS	1/1	5	44	8.8	15	0
2022	TOTALS	17/17	75	1356	18.1	84t	8
DATE	OPPONENT	P/S	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
01/15	at Buffalo*	1/1	3	44	14.7	25	0

^{*} AFC Wild Card game

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (MIAMI)

DATE OPPONENT	P/S	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
09/10 at L.A. Chargers	1/1	4	78	19.5	35	0	
09/17 at New England	1/1	4	86	21.5	32	0	
09/24 DENVER		INACTIVE					
10/01 at Buffalo	1/1	4	46	11.5	17	0	
10/08 N.Y. GIANTS	1/1	5	35	7.0	20	1	
10/15 CAROLINA	1/1	7	51	7.3	17	1	
10/22 at Philadelphia	1/1	6	63	10.5	16	0	
10/29 NEW ENGLAND	1/1	7	121	17.3	31t	1	
11/05 at Kansas City	1/1	3	42	14.0	15	0	
11/19 LAS VEGAS	1/1	4	55	13.8	19	0	
11/24 at N.Y. Jets	1/1	8	114	14.3	32	0	
12/03 at Washington	1/1	5	52	10.4	16	0	
12/11 TENNESSEE	1/1	6	79	13.2	16	0	
12/17 N.Y. JETS	1/1	8	142	17.8	60t	1	
12/24 DALLAS	1/1	1	50	50.0	50	0	
12/31 at Baltimore		INACTIVE					
01/07 BUFFALO		INACTIVE					
2023 TOTALS	14/14	72	1014	14.1	60t	4	
DATE OPPONENT	P/S	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	

31 15.5 17 0

^{01/13} at Kansas City*
* AFC Wild Card game

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (MIAMI)

DATE OPPONENT	P/S	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
09/08 JACKSONVILLE	1/1	5	109	21.3	63	0
09/12 BUFFALO	1/1	4	41	10.3	21	0
09/22 at Seattle						
09/30 TENNESSEE						
10/06 at New England						
10/20 at Indianapolis						
10/27 ARIZONA						
11/03 at Buffalo						
11/11 at L.A. Rams						
11/17 LAS VEGAS						
11/24 NEW ENGLAND						
11/28 at Green Bay						
12/08 N.Y. JETS						
12/15 at Houston						
12/22 SAN FRANCISCO						
12/29 at Cleveland						
TBD at N.Y. Jets						
2024 TOTALS	2/2	9	150	16.7	63	0