Champion	Nationality	Recognition	Reign Began	Reign Ended	Title defenses	Opponents	Notes
John L. Sullivan	United States	Lineal	August 29, 1885	September 7, 1892	0	0	25,4
James J. Corbett	United States	Lineal	September 7, 1892	March 17, 1897	1	1	<u>5</u>
Bob Fitzsimmons	United Kingdom	Lineal	March 17, 1897	June 9, 1899	0	0	
James J. Jeffries	United States	Lineal	June 9, 1899	May 13, 1905	7	5	2,6
Marvin Hart	United States	Lineal	July 3, 1905	February 23, 1906	0	0	1
Tommy Burns	Canada	Lineal	February 23, 1906	December 26, 1908	11	8	
Jack Johnson	United States	Lineal	December 26, 1908	April 5, 1915	8	8	7
Jess Willard	United States	Lineal	April 5, 1915	July 4, 1919	1	1	
Jack Dempsey	United States	Lineal	July 4, 1919	July 2, 1921	4	4	
Jack Dempsey	United States	NBA	July 2, 1921	July 24, 1922	0	0	
Jack Dempsey	United States	NBA and NYSAC	July 24, 1922	September 23, 1926	2	2	
Gene Tunney	United States	NBA and NYSAC	September 23, 1926	July 31, 1928	2	2	2
Max Schmeling	Germany	NBA and NYSAC	June 12, 1930	January 7, 1931	0	0	1,8
Max Schmeling	Germany	NBA and IBU	January 7, 1931	June 21, 1932	1	1	
Jack Sharkey	United States	NBA and NYSAC, IBU	June 21, 1932	June 29, 1933	0	0	
Primo Carnera	# Italy	NBA and NYSAC, IBU	June 29, 1933	June 14, 1934	2	2	
Max Baer	United States	NBA and NYSAC, IBU	June 14, 1934	June 13, 1935	0	0	9
James J. Braddock	United States	NBA and NYSAC, IBU	June 13, 1935	June 22, 1937	0	0	

Joe Louis	United States	NBA and NYSAC, IBU	June 22, 1937	March 1, 1949	26	21	² Longest reign
Ezzard Charles	United States	NBA	June 22, 1949	September 27, 1950	3	3	<u>1</u> , <u>10</u>
Lee Savold	United States	IBU	June 6, 1950	June 16, 1951	0	0	<u>1</u> , <u>10</u>
Ezzard Charles	United States	NBA and NYSAC	September 27, 1950	June 16, 1951	5	5	<u>1</u> , <u>10</u>
Ezzard Charles	United States	NBA and NYSAC, IBU	June 16, 1951	July 18, 1951	0	0	
Jersey Joe Walcott	United States	NBA and NYSAC	July 18, 1951	September 23, 1952	1	1	
Rocky Marciano	United States	NBA and NYSAC	September 23, 1952	April 27, 1956	6	5	2
Floyd Patterson	United States	NBA and NYSAC	November 30, 1956	June 26, 1959	4	4	1,11
Ingemar Johansson	sweden	NBA and NYSAC	June 26, 1959	June 20, 1960	0	0	
Floyd Patterson (Second reign)	United States	NBA and NYSAC	June 20, 1960	September 25, 1962	2	2	
Sonny Liston	United States	NYSAC and WBA	September 25, 1962	July 22, 1963		1	
Sonny Liston	United States	NYSAC, WBA and WBC	July 22, 1963	February 25, 1964	0	0	
Cassius Clay	United States	NYSAC, WBA and WBC	February 25, 1964	June 19, 1964	0	0	<u>12</u>
Muhammad Ali	United States	NYSAC and WBC	June 19, 1964	February 6, 1967	8	8	
Ernie Terrell	United States	WBA	March 5, 1965	February 6, 1967	2	2	1
Muhammad Ali	United States	NYSAC, WBA and WBC	February 6, 1967	April 29, 1967	1	1	Unified NYSAC, WBA and WBC titles. ¹³

Joe Frazier	United States	NYSAC	March 4, 1968	February 16, 1970	5	5	1
Jimmy Ellis	United States	WBA	April 27, 1968	February 16, 1970	1	1	<u>1</u> , <u>14</u>
Joe Frazier	United States	WBA and WBC	February 16, 1970	January 22, 1973	4	4	Unified WBA and WBC titles. 15
George Foreman	United States	WBA and WBC	January 22, 1973	October 30, 1974	2	2	
Muhammad Ali (Second reign)	United States	WBA and WBC	October 30, 1974	February 15, 1978	10	10	
Leon Spinks	United States	WBA and WBC	February 15, 1978	March 18, 1978	0	0	<u>3</u>
Leon Spinks	United States	WBA	March 18, 1978	September 15, 1978	0	0	
Ken Norton	United States	WBC	March 18, 1978	June 9, 1978	0	0	<u>16</u>
<u>Larry Holmes</u>	United States	WBC	June 9, 1978	December 11, 1983	16	16	2
Muhammad Ali (Third reign)	United States	WBA	September 15, 1978	April 27, 1979	0	0	2
John Tate	United States	WBA	October 20, 1979	March 31, 1980	0	0	1
Mike Weaver	United States	WBA	March 31, 1980	December 10, 1982	2	2	
Michael Dokes	United States	WBA	December 10, 1982	September 23, 1983	1	1	
Gerrie Coetzee	South Africa	WBA	September 23, 1983	December 1, 1984	0	0	
<u>Larry Holmes</u>	United States	IBF	December 11, 1983	September 21, 1985	3	3	<u>17</u>
Tim Witherspoon	United States	WBC	March 9, 1984	August 31, 1984	0	0	1
Pinklon Thomas	United States	WBC	August 31, 1984	March 22, 1986	1	1	

Greg Page	United States	WBA	December 1, 1984	April 29, 1985	0	0	
Tony Tubbs	United States	WBA	April 29, 1985	January 17, 1986	0	0	
Michael Spinks	United States	IBF	September 21, 1985	February 19, 1987	2	2	<u>3</u>
Tim Witherspoon (Second reign)	United States	WBA	January 17, 1986	December 12, 1986	1	1	
Trevor Berbick	I ◆ I Canada	WBC	March 22, 1986	November 22, 1986	0	0	
Mike Tyson	United States	WBC	November 22, 1986	March 7, 1987	1	1	
James "Bonecrusher" Smith	United States	WBA	December 12, 1986	March 7, 1987	0	0	
Mike Tyson	United States	WBA and WBC	March 7, 1987	August 1, 1987	2	2	Unified WBA and WBC titles.
Tony Tucker	United States	IBF	May 30, 1987	August 1, 1987	0	0	1
Mike Tyson	United States	IBF, WBA and WBC	August 1, 1987	February 11, 1990	6	6	Unified IBF, WBA and WBC titles.
Francesco Damiani	Italy	WBO	May 6, 1989	January 11, 1991	1	1	1
James "Buster" Douglas	United States	IBF, WBA and WBC	February 11, 1990	October 25, 1990	0	0	
Evander Holyfield	United States	IBF, WBA and WBC	October 25, 1990	November 13, 1992	3	3	
Ray Mercer	United States	WBO	January 11, 1991	December 24, 1991	1	1	<u>3</u>
Michael Moorer	United States	WBO	May 15, 1992	February 3, 1993	0	0	1,2
Riddick Bowe	United States	IBF, WBA and WBC	November 13, 1992	December 14, 1992	0	0	2

Riddick Bowe	United States	IBF and WBA	December 14, 1992	November 6, 1993	2	2	
<u>Lennox Lewis</u>	*** United Kingdom	WBC	December 14, 1992	September 24, 1994	3	3	<u>18</u>
Tommy Morrison	United States	WBO	June 7, 1993	October 29, 1993	1	1	1
Michael Bentt	*** United Kingdom	WBO	October 29, 1993	March 19, 1994	0	0	
Evander Holyfield (Second reign)	United States	IBF and WBA	November 6, 1993	April 22, 1994	0	0	
Herbie Hide	 United Kingdom	WBO	March 19, 1994	March 11, 1995	0	0	
Michael Moorer (Second reign)	United States	IBF and WBA	April 22, 1994	November 5, 1994	0	0	
Oliver McCall	United States	WBC	September 24, 1994	September 2, 1995	1	1	
George Foreman (Second reign)	United States	IBF and WBA	November 5, 1994	March 4, 1995	0	0	<u>3</u>
George Foreman	United States	IBF	March 4, 1995	June 28, 1995	1	1	<u>2</u>
Riddick Bowe (Second reign)	United States	WBO	March 11, 1995	May 1, 1996	1	1	<u>3</u>
Bruce Seldon	United States	WBA	April 8, 1995	September 7, 1996	1	1	1
Frank Bruno	≅ United Kingdom	WBC	September 2, 1995	March 16, 1996	0	0	
Francois Botha	South Africa	IBF	December 9, 1995	March 27, 1996	0	0	<u>26</u>
Mike Tyson (Second reign)	United States	WBC	March 16, 1996	September 7, 1996	0	0	
Michael Moorer (Third reign)	United States	IBF	June 22, 1996	November 8, 1997	2	2	1,19
Henry Akinwande	United Kingdom	WBO	June 29, 1996	February 17, 1997	2	2	<u>1,2</u>

Mike Tyson	United States	WBA and WBC	September 7, 1996	September 24, 1996	0	0	2
Mike Tyson	United States	WBA	September 24, 1996	November 9, 1996	0	0	
Evander Holyfield (Third reign)	United States	WBA	November 9, 1996	November 8, 1997	2	2	
Lennox Lewis (Second reign)	United Kingdom	WBC	February 7, 1997	November 13, 1999	6	5	1
Herbie Hide (Second reign)	United Kingdom	WBO	June 28, 1997	June 26, 1999	2	2	1
Evander Holyfield	United States	IBF and WBA	November 8, 1997	November 13, 1999	2	2	Unified IBF and WBA titles.
Vitali Klitschko	Ukraine	WBO	June 26, 1999	April 1, 2000	2	2	
Lennox Lewis	United Kingdom	IBF, WBA and WBC	November 13, 1999	April 29, 2000	0	0	Unified IBF, WBA and WBC titles. ³
Chris Byrd	United States	WBO	April 1, 2000	October 14, 2000	0	0	
<u>Lennox Lewis</u>	United Kingdom	IBF and WBC	April 29, 2000	April 22, 2001	3	3	
Evander Holyfield (Fourth reign)	United States	WBA	August 12, 2000	March 3, 2001	0	0	1
Wladimir Klitschko	Ukraine	WBO	October 14, 2000	March 8, 2003	5	5	
John Ruiz	United States	WBA	March 3, 2001	March 1, 2003	2	2	
Hasim Rahman	United States	IBF and WBC	April 22, 2001	November 17, 2001	0	0	
Lennox Lewis (Third reign)	United Kingdom	IBF and WBC	November 17, 2001	September 5, 2002	1	1	2
<u>Lennox Lewis</u>	United Kingdom	WBC	September 5, 2002	February 6, 2004	1	1	2
Chris Byrd (Second reign)	United States	IBF	December 14, 2002	April 22, 2006	4	4	1

Roy Jones, Jr.	United States	WBA	March 1, 2003	February 20, 2004	0	0	2
Corrie Sanders	South Africa	WBO	March 8, 2003	October 9, 2003	0	0	2
John Ruiz (Second reign)	United States	WBA	February 20, 2004	December 17, 2005	2	2	<u>20</u>
Lamon Brewster	United States	WBO	April 10, 2004	April 1, 2006	3	3	1
Vitali Klitschko (Second reign)	Ukraine	WBC	April 24, 2004	November 9, 2005	1	1	1,2
Hasim Rahman (Second reign)	United States	WBC	November 9, 2005	August 12, 2006	1	1	<u>21</u>
Nikolai Valuev	Russia	WBA	December 17, 2005	April 14, 2007	3	3	
Siarhei Liakhovich	Belarus	WBO	April 1, 2006	November 4, 2006	0	0	
Wladimir Klitschko (Second reign)	Ukraine	IBF	April 22, 2006	February 23, 2008	4	4	
Oleg Maskaev	Russia	WBC	August 12, 2006	March 8, 2008	1	1	
Shannon Briggs	United States	WBO	November 4, 2006	June 2, 2007	0	0	
Ruslan Chagaev	Uzbekistan	WBA	April 14, 2007	June 20, 2009	2	2	<u>22</u>
Sultan Ibragimov	Russia	WBO	June 2, 2007	February 23, 2008	1	1	
Wladimir Klitschko	<u>O</u> Ukraine	IBF and WBO	February 23, 2008	July 2, 2011	6	6	Unified IBF and WBO titles.
Samuel Peter	■ Nigeria	WBC	March 8, 2008	October 11, 2008	0	0	
Nikolai Valuev (Second reign)	Russia	WBA	August 30, 2008	November 7, 2009	1	1	1,22
Vitali Klitschko (Third reign)	Ukraine	WBC	October 11, 2008	December 15, 2013	9	9	2
David Haye	United Kingdom	WBA	November 7, 2009	July 2, 2011	2	2	

Wladimir Klitschko	Ukraine	IBF, WBA "Super" and WBO	July 2, 2011	November 28, 2015	8	7	Unified IBF, WBA and WBO titles.
Alexander Povetkir	Russia	WBA "Regular"	August 27, 2011	October 5, 2013	4	4	<u>1</u> , <u>23</u>
Bermane Stiverne	■ Canada	WBC	May 10, 2014	January 17, 2015	0	0	1
Ruslan Chagaev (Second reign)	Uzbekistan	WBA "Regular"	July 6, 2014	March 5, 2016	1	1	1
Deontay Wilder	United States	WBC	January 17, 2015	Present	9	8	
Tyson Fury	United Kingdom	IBF, WBA "Super" and WBO	November 28, 2015	December 8, 2015	0	0	³ Shortest reign
Tyson Fury	United Kingdom	WBA "Super" and WBO	December 8, 2015	October 12, 2016	0	0	2
Charles Martin	United States	IBF	January 16, 2016	April 9, 2016	0	0	1
Lucas Browne	Australia	WBA "Regular"	March 5, 2016	May 12, 2016	0	0	<u>24</u>
Anthony Joshua	United Kingdom	IBF	April 9, 2016	April 29, 2017	3	3	
Ruslan Chagaev (Third reign)	Uzbekistan	WBA "Regular"	May 12, 2016	July 25, 2016	0	0	<u>3</u>
Joseph Parker	New Zealand	WBO	December 10, 2016	March 31, 2018	2	2	1
Anthony Joshua	United Kingdom	IBF and WBA "Super"	April 29, 2017	March 31, 2018	2	2	1
Manuel Charr	Syria	WBA "Regular"	November 25, 2017	Present	0	0	<u>1</u>
Anthony Joshua	United Kingdom	IBF, WBA "Super", WBO and IBO	March 31, 2018	June 1, 2019	1	1	Unified IBF, WBA and WBO tiles.
Andy Ruiz Jr.	UNITED STATES	IBF, WBA "Super", WBO and IBO	June 1, 2019	Present	0	0	
s. Name	Combined Days as reign champion	Number of reigns	Title Cumulative recognition title wins	Opponents beaten			

1.	Wladimir Klitschko	12 years, 0 months, 0 days	4 382	2	IBF, WBA, WBO	25	23
2.	Joe Louis	11 years, 8 months, 8 days	4 270	1	NYSAC, NBA	27	22
3.	Muhammad Ali	9 years, 5 months, 5 days	3 443	3	NYSAC, WBC, WBA	22	21
4.	Lewis	8 years, 5 months, 13 days	3 086	3	WBC, IBF, WBA	15	15
5.	Vitali Klitschko	7 years, 5 months, 28 days	2 735	3	WBO, WBC	15	15
6.	Larry Holmes	7 years, 3 months, 12 days	2 661	1	WBC, IBF	20	20
7.	Jack Dempsey	7 years, 2 months, 19 days	2 638	1	NYSAC, NBA	6	6
8.	John L. Sullivan	7 years, 0 months, 10 days	2 566	1	Universal	5	5
9.	Jack Johnson	6 years, 3 months, 11 days	2 292	1	Universal	7	7
10.	Evander Holyfield	6 years, 1 month, 1 day	2 223	4	WBA, WBC, IBF	11	10
11.	James J. Jeffries	5 years, 11 months, 4 days	2 156	1	Universal	8	6
12.	Joe Frazier	4 years, 10 months, 18 days	1 785	1	NYSAC, WBA, WBC	10	10

13. Patterson	4 years, 10 months, 0 days	1 765	2	NYSAC, NBA	8	7
14. <u>Corbett</u>	4 years, 6 months, 10 days	1 652	1	Universal	2	2
15. Willard	4 years, 2 months, 29 days	1 551	1	Universal	2	2
16. Chris Byrd	3 years, 10 months, 22 days	1 421	2	IBF, WBO	5	5
17. <u>Mike</u> Tyson	3 years, 10 months, 16 days	1 415	2	WBA, WBC, IBF	12	11
18. John Ruiz	3 years, 9 months, 21 days	1 390	2	WBA	4	4
19. Rocky Marciano	3 years, 7 months, 5 days	1 312	1	NYSAC, NBA	7	5
20. <u>Deontay</u> Wilder	3 years, 2 months, 10 days	1 137	1	WBC	9	8

List of individual reigns

The list includes both *The Ring* and lineal championships. Career total time as champion (for multiple time champions) does not apply.

Keys:

Active Title Reign Reign has ended

The WBO heavyweight title bouts before August 1997 are not included

Pos.	Name	Title Reign	Title recognition	Successful Defenses	Opponents beaten
1.	Joe Louis	11 years, 8 months, 8 days	Universal	26	21

2.	Wladimir Klitschko	9 years, 7 months and 6 days	s IBF (+WBA, WBO, The Ring)	18	17
3.	Larry Holmes	7 years, 3 months, 12 days	WBC-to-IBF (+The Ring/Lineal)	19	19
4.	Jack Dempsey	7 years, 2 months, 19 days	Universal	5	5
5.	John L. Sullivan	7 years, 0 months, 9 days	Universal	5	5
6.	Jack Johnson	6 years, 3 months, 10 days	Universal	8	8
7.	Muhammad Ali	5 years, 11 months, 9 days	The Ring/Lineal, (+WBA, WBC stripped)	9	9
8.	James J. Jeffries	5 years, 11 months, 4 days	Universal	7	6
9.	Vitali Klitschko	5 years, 2 months, 4 days	WBC	9	9
10.	Joe Frazier	4 years, 10 months, 18 days	NYSAC (+WBA, WBC)	9	9
11.	James J. Corbett	4 years, 6 months, 10 days	Universal	1	1
12.	Jess Willard	4 years, 2 months, 29 days	Universal	1	1
13.	Lennox Lewis	4 years, 2 months, 15 days	WBC (+IBF, WBA stripped, <i>The Ring</i> /Lineal)	9	8
14.	Rocky Marciano	3 years, 11 months, 29 days	Universal	6	5
15.	Chris Byrd	3 years, 4 months, 8 days	IBF	4	4
16.	Mike Tyson	3 years, 2 months, 20 days	WBC (+WBA, IBF, The Ring/Lineal)	9	9
17.	Deontay Wilder	3 years, 2 months, 14 days	WBC	9	8
18.	George Foreman	3 years, 0 months, 17 days	Lineal (+WBA, IBF stripped)	2	2
19.	Evander Holyfield	3 years, 0 months, 4 days	WBA (+IBF)	4	4
20.	■ Tommy Burns	2 years, 10 months, 3 days	Universal	11	9