

Albert Pujols ... on pace?

Part One:

During his first eleven years in the majors with the St. Louis Cardinals, Albert Pujols racked up some impressive batting statistics. Before the 2012 season Albert signed a ten-year, \$240 million dollar contract with the Los Angeles Angles. Albert has been one of, if not the best offensive players in baseball. Here are his career statistics after his first eleven years with the Cardinals:

Hits	Runs	Homeruns	RBI's
2073	1291	445	1329

These are very impressive stats. It makes me wonder ... what are the all-time career records in each of the offensive categories?

Here are All-time MLB leaders in the same offensive categories:

Category:	Hits	Runs	Homeruns	RBI's
Record Holder:	Pete Rose	Rickey Henderson	Barry Bonds	Hank Aaron
Record:	4256	2295	762	2297

Now that Albert has switched teams and signed a ten-year contract, with eleven years down and ten years to go, which of the records was he on pace to break and which was he not? For those records that he is on pace to break, how many years do you predict that it will take him to break each of them? Make sure to show your reasoning so that others can understand how you found your answers.

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Albert's 12th year, his first with the Angels, was not as statistically impressive as his first eleven years. It might be expected that Albert's numbers go down as he ages and gains more wear and tear on his body. Below are Albert's statistics from the 2012 season.

Albert Pujols 2012 Batting Statistics:

Hits	Runs	Homeruns	RBI's
173	85	30	105

What if Albert continues to put up numbers like these over his next ten seasons? Which records is he now on pace to break and which are not? How did the numbers from this season compare to his previous season averages?