

nflsideline.com BEST TIGHT ENDS OF ALL TIME

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Final Rank	Player Name	Player Final Score	Yards /Game Score	Recept /Game Score	Touch Down Score	# of Years Score	Years In NFL	# of Yrs. Pl'd	Total # of Game	Total Yards Rec.	Yards Per Game	Adjust Era Rate	Adjust Yards /Game	Total # of Rec.	Adjust Total Rec.	Adjust Rec./ Game	Total TD	Adjust Touch Down	Adjust TD / Game
1	Rob Gronkowski	89.2	84.4	78.3	100	94.0	2010-21	11	143	9,286	64.9	100%	64.9	621	621	4.34	92	92.0	0.64
2	Pete Retzlaff	88.6	100.0	84.6	75.8	94.0	1956-66	11	132	7,412	56.2	137%	76.9	452	619	4.69	47	64.4	0.49
3	Travis Kelce	88.5	92.2	100.0	69.8	92.0	2013-21	9	127	9,006	70.9	100%	70.9	704	704	5.54	57	57.0	0.45
4	Kellen Winslow	83.9	83.6	93.1	66.7	92.0	1979-87	9	109	6,741	61.8	104%	64.3	541	563	5.16	45	46.8	0.43
5	Tony Gonzalez	81.3	72.8	88.5	63.9	100.0	1997-13	17	270	15,127	56.0	100%	56.0	1325	1,325	4.91	111	111.0	0.41
6	Antonio Gates	78.4	65.2	73.0	76.4	99.0	2003-18	16	236	11,841	50.2	100%	50.2	955	955	4.05	116	116.0	0.49
7	Jimmy Graham	74.2	60.1	69.9	71.8	95.0	2010-21	12	184	8,506	46.2	100%	46.2	713	713	3.88	85	85.0	0.46
8	Zach Ertz	72.9	66.4	85.5	47.6	92.0	2013-21	9	134	6,841	51.1	100%	51.1	635	635	4.74	41	41.0	0.31
9	Jerry Smith	70.2	54.9	58.3	71.6	96.0	1965-77	13	168	5,496	32.7	129%	42.2	421	543	3.23	60	77.4	0.46
10	Shannon Sharpe	70.1	64.1	72.1	47.2	97.0	1990-03	14	204	10,060	49.3	100%	49.3	815	815	4.00	62	62.0	0.30
11	Mike Ditka	69.9	63.6	64.8	56.3	95.0	1961-72	12	158	5,812	36.8	133%	48.9	427	568	3.59	43	57.2	0.36
12	Kellen Winslow, Jr.	68.6	64.8	80.6	37.0	92.0	2005-13	9	105	5,236	49.9	100%	49.9	469	469	4.47	25	25.0	0.24
13	Greg Olsen	67.0	56.7	67.3	46.9	97.0	2007-20	14	199	8,683	43.6	100%	43.6	742	742	3.73	60	60.0	0.30
14	John Mackey	66.9	63.7	55.8	55.2	93.0	1963-72	10	139	5,236	37.7	130%	49.0	331	430	3.10	38	49.4	0.36
15	Keith Jackson	66.9	53.8	62.3	59.6	92.0	1988-96	9	129	5,283	41.0	101%	41.4	441	445	3.45	49	49.5	0.38
16	Dallas Clark	66.7	51.5	63.7	57.6	94.0	2003-13	11	143	5,665	39.6	100%	39.6	505	505	3.53	53	53.0	0.37
17	Jeremy Shockey	66.6	58.7	72.6	42.3	93.0	2002-11	10	136	6,143	45.2	100%	45.2	547	547	4.02	37	37.0	0.27
18	Charlie Sanders	66.4	63.1	61.1	48.6	93.0	1968-77	10	128	4,817	37.6	129%	48.5	336	433	3.39	31	40.0	0.31
19	Jason Whitten	65.9	62.6	58.5	42.4	100.0	2003-20	17	271	13,046	48.1	100%	48.1	879	879	3.24	74	74.0	0.27
20	Todd Christiansen	65.6	57.9	63.1	48.4	93.0	1979-88	10	137	5,872	42.9	104%	44.6	461	479	3.50	41	42.6	0.31
21	Dave Casper	65.5	52.6	52.9	62.7	94.0	1974-84	11	147	5,216	35.5	114%	40.5	378	431	2.93	52	59.3	0.40
22	Owen Daniels	64.5	56.2	66.0	42.7	93.0	2006-15	10	131	5,661	43.2	100%	43.2	479	479	3.66	36	36.0	0.27
23	Chris Cooley	63.9	52.8	66.7	44.2	92.0	2004-12	9	116	4,711	40.6	100%	40.6	429	429	3.70	33	33.0	0.28
24	Todd Heap	63.7	52.6	62.1	45.0	95.0	2001-12	12	145	5,869	40.5	100%	40.5	499	499	3.44	42	42.0	0.29
25	Ozzie Newsome	63.3	55.0	63.3	38.7	96.0	1978-90	13	198	7,980	40.3	105%	42.3	662	695	3.51	47	49.4	0.25
26	Jackie Smith	63.1	62.7	52.8	37.9	99.0	1963-78	16	210	7,918	37.7	128%	48.3	480	614	2.93	40	51.2	0.24
27	OJ McDuffie	62.8	56.9	64.5	38.9	91.0	1993-00	8	116	5,074	43.7	100%	43.7	415	415	3.58	29	29.0	0.25
28	Heath Miller	62.5	50.8	63.6	41.6	94.0	2005-15	11	168	6,569	39.1	100%	39.1	592	592	3.52	45	45.0	0.27
29	Vernon Davis	62.3	49.6	53.1	49.5	97.0	2006-19	14	198	7,562	38.2	100%	38.2	583	583	2.94	63	63.0	0.32
30	Riley Odom	61.5	53.8	51.4	45.8	95.0	1972-83	12	153	5,755	37.6	110%	41.4	396	436	2.85	41	45.1	0.29
31	J.T. Smith	61.4	55.8	60.4	33.5	96.0	1978-90	13	169	6,974	41.3	104%	42.9	544	566	3.35	35	36.4	0.22
32	Ben Coates	61.2	45.7	57.0	49.2	93.0	1991-00	10	158	5,555	35.2	100%	35.2	499	499	3.16	50	50.0	0.32
33	Bob Tucker	61.0	56.0	60.5	33.4	94.0	1970-80	11	156	5,421	34.8	124%	43.1	422	523	3.35	27	33.5	0.21
34	Jared Cook	58.0	48.5	51.4	36.1	96.0	2009-21	13	194	7,237	37.3	100%	37.3	553	553	2.85	45	45.0	0.23
35	Brett Jones	57.8	47.7	53.1	36.2	94.0	1987-97	11	143	5,195	36.3	101%	36.7	417	421	2.95	33	33.3	0.23
36	Russ Francis	57.4	45.1	46.7	41.0	97.0	1975-88	14	167	5,262	31.5	110%	34.7	393	432	2.59	40	44.0	0.26
37	Frank Wyche	56.0	43.0	58.8	28.1	94.0	1993-03	11	155	5,126	33.1	100%	33.1	505	505	3.26	28	28.0	0.18
38	Delanie Walker	54.8	41.8	49.7	30.6	97.0	2006-19	14	183	5,888	32.2	100%	32.2	504	504	2.75	36	36.0	0.20
39	Ben Watson	54.7	38.4	48.1	33.4	99.0	2004-19	16	205	6,058	29.6	100%	29.6	547	547	2.67	44	44.0	0.21

Maximum Scores: 17

- Final Rating is based on profootballsidekick.com unique formula categories in blue columns averaged, based on equal weight.
- Player final scores per adjusted average stats per game categories; scores based on player score as a percentage of the best players' category score.
- Raw statistical data converted to per game stats to minimize longevity padded stats and accentuate real game to game productivity.
- Adjusted Era Rate: Decade stat adjustment % based on top 10 Tight End stats in each decade, increases earlier league run style decade player stats.
- Statistics adjusted for lower pass/run ratio decades: 1980's +4%, 1970's +24%, 1960's +33%, 1920's-1950's 47%.
- Yellow cells denote players stats elevated by the decades they played in where rushing was more prominent and Tight End targets therefore lower.
- * Special thanks to Pro-Football-Reference.com for their in-depth research statistics.