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Only 13 Players Have Homered in an All-Star Game And a World Series in the Same Year

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Playing for the National League Champion San Francisco Giants in 2002, single season home run king Barry Bonds became only the 13th player in major league history to hit a home run in the All-Star game and the World Series in the same year.

In the All-Star game, Bonds slugged a two-run homer off Toronto's Roy Halladay; in the Series Bonds burned Anaheim pitching for four longballs.

Since the All-Star game was initiated in 1933, a little over 400 different players have appeared in both an All-Star game and a World Series in the same year, but only a relative handful have gone deep in each.



The first ever to pull off this rare feat was St. Louis Cardinals slugger Joe Medwick (left) in 1934. In the second ever All-Star game in New York's Polo Grounds, Medwick hammered a 3-run homer off the Yankees' Lefty Gomez in a game in which the American League prevailed in a slugfest, 9 – 7. Later the same year in game one of the World Series, Medwick blasted a solo homer off Detroit's General Crowder to help the Cardinals to an 8 – 3 victory over the Tigers.

Two New York Yankee Hall-of-Famers, Lou Gehrig and Mickey Mantle, each accomplished the feat in two different years. Gehrig homered in both classics in 1936 and again in 1937. In fact, in the 1937 World Series, Gehrig hit his final Series homer off the Giants' Carl Hubbell in Game Four.

Mantle (right) duplicated Gehrig's dual feat two decades later. The Mick homered in both the All-Star game and World Series in both 1955 and 1956. In fact, in the 1956 Series, Mantle socked three homers.

The following is a list of players who homered in the All-Star game and the World Series in the same year.



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Year	Player/Club	All-Star HR	Series HR
1934	Joe Medwick (St.Louis)	1	1
1936	Lou Gehrig (New York)	1	2
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1939	Joe DiMaggio (New York)	1	1
1952	Jackie Robinson (Brooklyn)	1	1
1955	Mickey Mantle (New York)	1	1
1956	Mickey Mantle (New York)	1	3
1964	Ken Boyer (St. Louis)	1	2
1965	Harmon Killebrew (Minnesota)	1	1
1971	Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh)	1	2
1971	Frank Robinson (Baltimore)	1	2
1977	Steve Garvey (Los Angeles)	1	1
1997	Sandy Alomar, Jr. (Cleveland)	1	1
2001	Derek Jeter (New York)	1	1
2002	Barry Bonds (San Francisco)	1	4

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