

Key Dates in Metrodome History

- December 1, 1978: Construction on a domed downtown stadium is narrowly approved by the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission.
- December 20, 1979: Construction begins on the Metrodome.
- June 1981: Construction begins on the Metrodome's inflatable roof.
- October 2, 1981: The Metrodome roof is inflated for the first time.
- Nov. 19, 1981: The Metrodome roof deflates due to heavy snow and is re-inflated 4 days later.
- April 3, 1982: The Metrodome opens with an exhibition game between the Minnesota Twins and the Philadelphia Phillies.
- April 6, 1982: The first regular season baseball game is played in the Metrodome with the Minnesota Twins losing to the Seattle Mariners.
- May 28, 1982: Twins right-fielder Tom Brunansky hits the first home run in the Metrodome.
- September 11, 1982: The first University of Minnesota Gophers football game is played in the Metrodome.
- Sept. 12, 1982: The first regular season football game is played in the Metrodome with the Minnesota Vikings winning over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
- November 20, 1982: The first Minnesota High School Prep Bowl is played in the Metrodome.
- December 30, 1982: Heavy snow causes the Metrodome roof to collapse.
- April 14, 1983: The Metrodome roof collapses for a third time due to heavy snow, postponing a Twins game.
- June 1983: Air conditioning is installed in the Metrodome.
- July 16, 1985: The Major League Baseball All-Star Game is played in the Metrodome with the National League winning 6-1 .
- April 27, 1986: The Metrodome roof rips during a windstorm, forcing an evacuation of part of the crowd.
- June 26, 1986: The first rock concert is held at the Metrodome, featuring Bob Dylan and The Grateful Dead.
- October 17, 18, 24, and 25, 1987: Games 1, 2, 6, and 7 of the first World Series games played in an indoor stadium take place in the Metrodome.
- October 25, 1987: The Minnesota Twins win the World Series in the Metrodome.
- November 1989- April 1990: The Timberwolves play their inaugural season in the Metrodome.
- April 17, 1990: The Timberwolves' final game at Metrodome draws crowd of 49,551.
- October 19, 20, 26, and 27, 1991: Games 1, 2, 6, and 7 of the World Series are played in the Metrodome.
- October 27, 1991: The Minnesota Twins win the World Series in the Metrodome.
- January 26, 1992: Super Bowl XXVI is played in the Metrodome.
- April 3, 1992: The Metrodome celebrates its 10 year anniversary.
- March 19- April 6, 1992: The NCAA Final Four Basketball Tournament games are played in the Metrodome.
- May 1992: NAMES project AIDS Memorial Quilt is displayed at the Metrodome.
- September 15, 1992: Guns-n-Roses, Metallica, and Faith No More concert is held at the Metrodome.
- October 17, 1992: A tenth anniversary party for the Metrodome, free and open to the public, is held onsite.
- January 17, 1999: The Vikings play in the NFC Championship game at the Metrodome and lose in overtime.
- March 13- April 2, 2001: The NCAA Final Four Basketball Tournament games are played in the Metrodome.
- April 3, 2002: The Metrodome celebrates its 20 year anniversary.
- March 12, 2006: 15,000 to 20,000 fans gather at Metrodome for Kirby Puckett's public memorial service.
- May 2006: Minnesota legislature passes the necessary funding measure for Target Field, a new outdoor stadium for the Twins.
- April 3, 2007: The Metrodome celebrates its 25 year anniversary.
- November 4, 2007: Vikings rookie Adrian Peterson sets the NFL single-game rushing record with a 296-yard outing.
- October 2009: The Metrodome is renamed Mall of America Field (at the H.H.H. Metrodome).
- October 4, 2009: The Minnesota Twins play their final regular season game in the Metrodome.
- October 11, 2009: The Minnesota Twins play their final game in the Metrodome.
- December 10, 2010: The Metrodome roof collapses, due to heavy snow.
- April 3, 2012: The Metrodome celebrates its 30 year anniversary.
- March 1, 2012: An agreement is reached for the Vikings to build a replacement for the Metrodome, located on the same site.
- December 29, 2013: The Minnesota Vikings play their final game in the Metrodome, winning against the Detroit Lions.

- January 18, 2014: The Metrodome roof is deflated for the last time, to prepare for demolition of the building.
- April 17, 2014: Demolition of the Metrodome is completed four weeks ahead of schedule.