Texas Hold'em hand rankings

Best to worst. You make your best five-card hand from your two cards and the five on the board.

	HAND	EXAMPLE	WHAT IT IS	HOW OFTEN BY THE RIVER
1	**Straight flush**	A♠ K♠ Q♠ J♠ 10♠	Five cards in a row, all one suit. Ace-high is a royal flush.	0.031%
2	**Four of a kind**	9♠ 9♥ 9♦ 9♣ K♦	Four cards of one rank.	0.168%
3	**Full house**	K♥ K♦ K♣ 6♠ 6♥	Three of one rank and two of another.	2.6%
4	**Flush**	A♥ J♥ 8♥ 5♥ 2♥	Five cards of one suit, not in a row.	3.03%
5	**Straight**	9♣ 8♦ 7♠ 6♥ 5♣	Five cards in a row, mixed suits.	4.62%
6	**Three of a kind**	J♠ J♥ J♦ 9♣ 4♠	Three cards of one rank.	4.83%
7	**Two pair**	A♠ A♦ 4♥ 4♣ Q♠	Two different pairs.	23.5%
8	**One pair**	Q♥ Q♣ 10♠ 7♦ 3♣	Two cards of one rank.	43.8%
9	**High card**	A♦ J♠ 8♣ 5♥ 2♠	None of the above; highest card plays.	17.4%

BREAKING TIES

- Same kind of hand: the higher ranks win. Kings beat queens; an ace-high flush beats a king-high flush.
- Still level: the next-highest card, the kicker, decides.
- Suits never break a tie. Identical five-card hands split the pot.
- The ace is high, and also low in the straight 5 4 3 2 A.

READING THE CHART

"How often" is the chance your best hand is that one after all seven cards, if you never fold. One pair is the most common result; anything better than two pair turns up about one time in five.

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