

Former Ohio State Defensive End Joey Bosa Signs Record Breaking Extension With Los Angeles Chargers



It seems that NFL stars that come from Ohio State get paid.

Defensive end Joey Bosa, who played at Ohio State from 2013-15, signed a 5-year, \$135 million extension with the Los Angeles Chargers, according to a report by ESPN's Adam Schefter.

With one year left on his rookie contract, Bosa has \$102 million guaranteed, which is a new NFL record for a defensive player.

Chargers and DE Joey Bosa reached agreement on a 5-year, \$135 million extension that ties him to LA the next six years, league sources tell ESPN. He had \$78M fully guaranteed at signing and \$102M guaranteed – a new NFL defensive record.

— Adam Schefter (@AdamSchefter) July 29, 2020

Bosa has been a key member of the Chargers defense ever since he was drafted third by the then-San Diego Chargers in the 2016 NFL Draft, racking up 201 tackles (148 solo), 40 sacks, six forced fumbles and a pair of fumble recoveries across four seasons and 51 games played.

This past year, Bosa finished with 67 tackles (47 solo), 11 1/2 sacks and a forced fumble after playing in all 16 games for just the second time in his NFL career.

This offseason, two other major former Buckeyes – New Orleans Saints wide receiver Michael Thomas and Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott – each signed massive extensions of their own. Thomas' five-year, \$100 million extension was the highest ever for a receiver, and Elliott signed a six-year, \$90 million extension that made him the highest-paid running back in the NFL.

Bosa, who was a two-time consensus All-American while with the Buckeyes, is now the highest paid former Ohio State player in the NFL.

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