

Tough start

Since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970, the Steelers have started 1-2 or worse 13 times, making the playoffs in five of those seasons:

Year	Start	Finish
1970	0-3	5-9
1976	1-2	**10-4
1981	1-2	8-8
1986	0-3	6-10
1988	1-2	5-11
1989	1-2	*9-7
1990	1-2	9-7
1993	1-2	*9-7
1997	1-2	**11-5
2000	0-3	9-7
2002	1-2	**10-5-1
2006	1-2	8-8
2009	1-2	?

**Playoffs **Won Division*