

Games

10 Top-Selling Video Games of All Time*

Game	Copies Sold
<i>Wii Sports</i>	82.9 million
<i>Minecraft</i>	60 million
<i>Grand Theft Auto V</i>	45 million
<i>Mario Kart Wii</i>	34.3 million
<i>Wii Sports Resort</i>	32.6 million
<i>New Super Brothers</i>	30.7 million
<i>Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2</i>	28.5 million
<i>Wii Play</i>	28.2 million
<i>Super Mario Bros. Wii</i>	27.8 million
<i>Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas</i>	27.5 million
<i>Call of Duty: Black Ops</i>	24.8 million
<i>Mario Kart DS</i>	23.3 million
<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i>	20 million

*(As of February 2015)

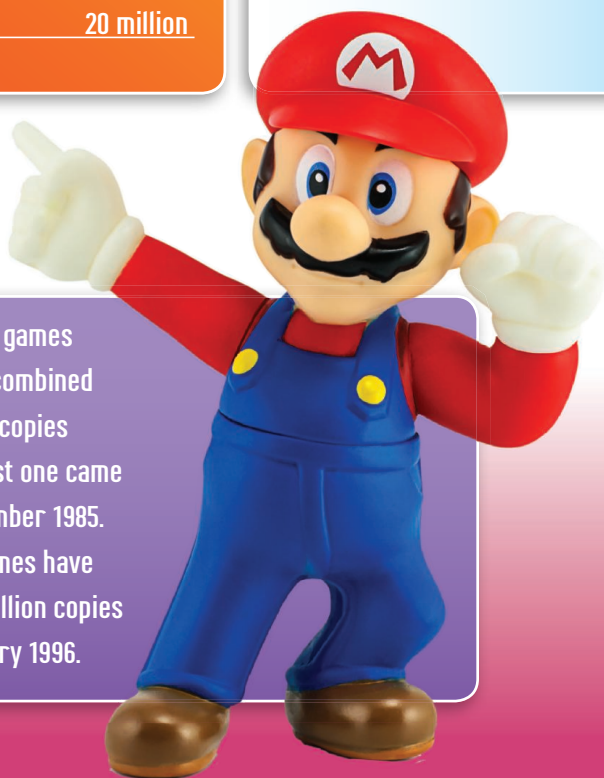
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Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare
Madden NFL 15
Destiny
Grand Theft Auto 5
Minecraft
Super Smash Bros (for 3DS and Wii U)
NBA 2K15
Watch Dogs
FIFA 15
Call of Duty: Ghosts

*(US Only)



Super Mario games have sold a combined 297.9 million copies since the first one came out in September 1985. Pokemon games have sold 270.8 million copies since February 1996.





History's Game Changer

Do you like Monopoly? You're one in a billion. More than a billion people have played the game since its official release date of March 19, 1935. Some people like to play Monopoly so much they can't stop! The longest game on record lasted 70 straight days.

Historians say the inspiration for Monopoly was The Landlord's Game, patented by Elizabeth Magie in 1904. Magie's game rewarded players who broke up the real estate holdings of wealthy individuals. In today's game, the goal is the opposite: to buy the most houses and hotels.

There are versions of Monopoly that feature SpongeBob SquarePants, Marvel Avengers, and the state of Rhode Island. Neiman Marcus, a luxury store in Dallas, TX, marketed a solid chocolate Monopoly game in 1978. A San Francisco jeweler named Sidney Mobell created the most expensive Monopoly game ever. It was made of gold, with diamond-studded dice, and cost \$2 million.

Monopoly was much more than fun and games to British servicemen held in Nazi prison camps during World War II. The British secret service created escape kits containing real money, maps, and tools such as files and compasses. They disguised the kits as Monopoly sets and smuggled them in as part of care packages. Historians say these Monopoly games could have helped thousands of captured soldiers escape.



Over 10 million Monopoly fans voted on Facebook to replace a game piece shaped like an old-fashioned iron with this cat game piece.



Mr. Monopoly is the mascot for the Monopoly board game. He is also known as Rich Uncle Pennybags.

