



# **BESTSELLING MUSIC VIDEO**

The Making of Michael Jackson's Thriller, released in December 1983, has sold more than 900,000 units to date.



### **★MOST CONSISTENT CHART ARTIST (UK)**

Daniel O'Donnell (Ireland) has had at least one new UK Top 40 album every year between 1991 and 2006.

#### **★MOST CHARTS TOPPED WORLDWIDE BY AN ALBUM**

Confessions on a Dance Floor by Madonna (USA) has topped the tharts in 40 countries. The lead single, "Hung Up," has also reached No.1 in the singles charts of 41 countries.

On November 19, 2005, "Hung Up" became her 11th UK chart topper, the \*most UK no.1 singles by a female artist. It also made her the **★oldest** artist to simultaneously top the UK singles and album charts - a feat she accomplished for a record third time.

#### **★ LOWEST-SELLING CHART TOPPER**

Irish band U2's recording of "All Because of You" topped the Canadian chart with physical sales of only 85 copies in April 2005.

The \*lowest weekly sale for a UK No.1 is now 17,694, achieved by American rock band Orson's single "No Tomorrow" on the week's chart dated March 25, 2006. Of these sales, only 6,249 were physical records or CDs.

## DOWNLOADS

#### **★ FIRST DIGITAL MILLION SELLER**

In October 2005, Gwen Stefani's (USA) "Hollaback Girl" became the first track to achieve 1 million paid downloads in the USA.

#### **MOST SALES IN A WEEK**

In the week ending April 8, 2006, sales of paid download singles in the UK passed 1 million for the first time, with a total of 1,076,986. Weekly sales in the USA peaked at 19,906,000 in the week following Christmas 2005.

#### \* BIGGEST-SELLING TRACK (UK)

"(Is This The Way To) Amarillo" by Tony Christie featuring Peter Kay (both UK), released March 14, 2005, registered sales of 57,804.

#### **★LARGEST ONLINE MUSIC STORE**

The largest online collection of legally downloadable music is Apple's iTunes, which launched in May 2003. Since then, its catalog of songs has grown to over 1 million individual tracks. On February 23, 2006, Alex Ostrovsky of Michigan, USA, downloaded the billionth song, Coldplay's (UK) "Speed of Sound."

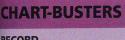


In April 2005, Cher (USA) completed her "Farewell Tour" with a show at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, California, USA. After 605 shows around the world, Cher had been seen by a total of 5.88 million fans and the tour had grossed a record \$394 million.

- ★ NEW RECORD
- **★ UPDATED RECORD**

# **★**MOST **ALBUMS SOLD** IN A YEAR (UK)

James Blunt's (UK) debut album Back to Bedlam sold an unprecedented 2,368,000 copies in 2005 more than any other album in a calendar year in the UK.



**COPIES SOLD** HOI DER Thriller (1982) by Michael Jackson 46-52 million Bestselling LP worldwide (estimated) Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band 4.5 million Bestselling LP in UK (1967) by The Beatles 16 million to date Bestselling debut LP in USA Boston (1976) by Boston & Cracked Rear View (1994) (shared) by Hootie & the Blowfish 2.8 million to date Back to Bedlam (2005) by James Blunt Bestselling debut LP in UK 1 by The Beatles (2000) 13.5 million Fastest-selling LP worldwide in its first month Fastest-selling debut LP in UK Whatever People Say I Am, 363,735 That's What I'm Not (2006) in its first week by Arctic Monkeys 50 million "White Christmas" (1942) Bestselling single worldwide (estimated) by Bing Crosby 33 million 'Candle in the Wind 1997"/ Bestselling single worldwide "Something About the Way since charts began You Look Tonight" (1997) by Elton John



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