



## 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 charts 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.

## CHART-BUSTERS

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

## 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."



### ★ HIGHEST-GROSSING MUSIC TOUR BY A FEMALE ARTIST

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.

