

10 Call of Duty Facts That Will Blow Your Mind!

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The sheer numbers that the Call of Duty franchise has managed to pull in are astounding. From incredible sales figures to downright baffling statistics about bullets fired, damage caused or even the number of hours put into the franchise, Activision's flagship series has recording some truly astounding numbers. Brace yourself, as this list of 10 Call of Duty facts may actually blow your mind.

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Modern Warfare 3 is the Fastest Selling Game of All Time



Modern Warfare 3 sold 8.8 million copies in its first month, breaking every sales record set prior. In fact, the previous record holder was another Call of Duty title, Call of Duty: Black Ops, at 8 million in sales. Unfortunately, Call of Duty: Black Ops 2 sold only 7.4 million in its first month, which may be signaling a decline in the series. Now we just have to wait and see how Ghosts does. A Call of Duty Fact That Will Blow Your Mind? You betcha.

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Modern Warfare 3 Made More Money Than Hollywood During Its Launch



Modern Warfare 3 made \$775 million in its first five days. That's far more than 'Avatar,' the current highest grossing movie, did. Call of Duty is actually worth more than most of the top movies in Hollywood. If you put together the life-long sales of 'Avatar,' 'Titanic' and 'The Avengers,' the three highest grossing movies of all time, they still don't quite make the \$6 billion that Call of Duty had made by the time Modern Warfare 3 came out.

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Gamers Play Almost 2000 Years of Call of Duty a Day



Infinity Ward

According to Activision, Call of Duty isn't just one of the biggest sellers every year, it's also one of the biggest time sucks for gamers around the globe. Based on data collected from various platforms over the lifespan of the series, Activision found players cumulatively spend the equivalent of 1900 years playing Call of Duty... every day. In that amount of time in the real world, multiple empires have fallen, the New World was discovered, automobiles were invented and computers shrank from the size of a warehouse to fit in the palm of your hand. And all you did was wrack up a 27-kill streak.

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The Real Cost of All UAVs Destroyed Could Pay the U.S. Budget



Activision

As one of the easier perks to unlock in Call of Duty multiplayer, the UAV is a frequent occurrence in just about every single match. While you can probably easily count the number of UAVs you shot down last match on one hand, we'll wager you had no idea just how many have been destroyed in the lifetime of the franchise. 813 million UAVs have been destroyed in Call of Duty online matches. If you multiplied that number by the cost of a real-life drone (\$4.3M), you'd get \$3.4 quadrillion. Or, enough to pay the U.S federal spending budget 5,422 times.

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Call of Duty Has Been Played For 25 Billion Hours



When you put together all the time spent by every player playing Call of Duty back to back, you get over 2.85 million years of playtime. That's longer than humans have existed on Earth! In fact, if you were to go back in time 2.85 million years, we would still be indistinguishable from other great apes. Yes, Call of Duty has managed to out-pace evolution!

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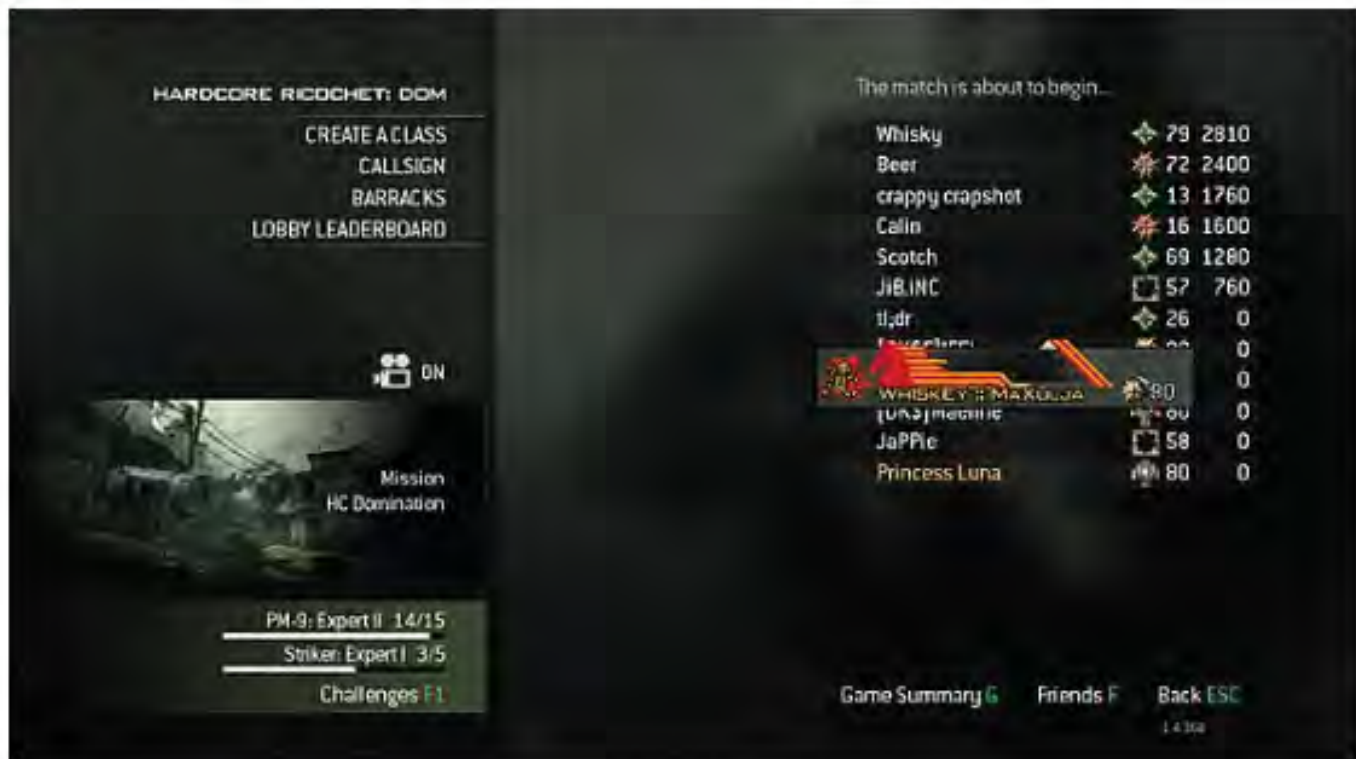
18 Billion Multiplayer Matches Have Been Played



Think you've played a lot of Call of Duty over the past ten years? You don't know the half of it. Since the franchise became synonymous with online multiplayer, Call of Duty has consistently found itself atop the "most played games" lists on just about every platform. While that type of consistency is impressive already, knowing just how many matches have been played is mind-boggling. According to Activision, 18 billion multiplayer matches have been played in Call of Duty. And you thought you played a lot of Call of Duty while your significant

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Call of Duty's Daily Players Could Fill 80 of the World's Largest Sports



Activision has logged over five million people playing Call of Duty at once in the days of Black Ops and Modern Warfare 2. That's greater than the population of Los Angeles! In fact, that's greater than the population of nearly every city in the U.S., other

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Players Have Respawned 1.9 Quadrillion Times



Had a rough go of it last time you played Call of Duty's multiplayer? That's okay, so did the rest of the world. Over the life of the series, Activision claims there have been 1.9 quadrillion respawns in Call of Duty multiplayer. Somebody had to be on the losing end of those 18 billion multiplayer matches. We just didn't expect that number to be the equivalent of the world's population dying 266,816 times. But hey, at least you

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31 Billion Care Packages Have Been Dropped



Activision

That total is impressive considering the care package itself is a killstreak that noobs have problems earning. What's even more impressive is that, if you treated these care packages as real objects, you would have enough care packages to build 15,000 pyramids or 100 Great Walls of China.

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100 Million People Have Played Call of Duty



Our number one entry in this list of Call of Duty Facts That Will Blow Your Mind is a big one. 100 million people have played Call of Duty. That's a larger population than most countries! If the entirety of the Call of Duty fanbase formed a country it would have a greater population than Germany, France and the United Kingdom. They would be a credible international military threat. As long as they aren't noob tubing.

Below are some examples of people who have played Call Of Duty

- 20-year-old Adam Lanza who fatally shot 20 children aged between 6 and 7 years old, as well as six adult staff members at the Newtown, Connecticut Elementary School, obsessively watched extremely violent warlike video games, especially Call Of Duty.
- Mass murderer Anders Breivik Norwegian claimed he had 'trained himself' to kill his 77 victims by playing Call of Duty.
- English Coroner John Pollard has issued a warning to all parents after about ultra-violent games like Call Of Duty, played famously by mass murderer Anders Breivik
- French terrorist Mohammed Merah also played Call Of Duty before killing three soldiers and four civilians – including a rabbi and three children – in Toulouse in March.
- A coroner yesterday urged parents to stop their children using adult video games after a boy of 14 hanged himself after playing Call of Duty.
- The London Jewish Forum, the British Muslim Forum and Church of England ministers have criticized the violence in Call of Duty.

...to name only a few