



MONOPOLY® FUN FACTS

For seventy five years, an estimated 750 million players from around the globe have played this extraordinary game. But it takes more than just playing an occasional round to keep up on all the facts that surround the world's most popular game.

Did you know:

- 🏆 Mr. Monopoly is the name of the MONOPOLY man. He first joined the MONOPOLY game in 1936.
- 🏆 George Parker issued a memo in 1936 that was to halt the productions of the MONOPOLY game. He later withdrew the instruction and the rest is history!
- 🏆 Parker Brothers rejected the MONOPOLY game when it was first presented to them in 1933, citing 52 fundamental playing flaws.
- 🏆 Over 5 billion little green houses have been “constructed” since the MONOPOLY game was introduced in 1935.
- 🏆 World records are maintained for the longest game in a tree house (286 hours), underground (100 hours), in a bathtub (99 hours) and upside-down (36 hours).
- 🏆 The longest MONOPOLY game ever played was 1,680 hours long. That is 70 straight days!
- 🏆 Escape maps, compasses and files were inserted into MONOPOLY game boards smuggled into POW camps inside Germany during World War II. Real money for escapees was slipped into the packs of MONOPOLY money.
- 🏆 In Cuba, the game had a strong following until Fidel Castro took power and ordered all known sets destroyed.
- 🏆 Over 250 million sets of the MONOPOLY game have been sold worldwide.
- 🏆 Parker Brothers once sent an armored car with one million dollars of the MONOPOLY game money to a marathon game in Pittsburgh that had run out of funds.
- 🏆 The MONOPOLY game is published in 40 languages and licensed or sold in more than 106 countries.

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- § In the 1970's, a Braille edition of the MONOPOLY game was created for the visually impaired.
- § The total amount of money in a standard MONOPOLY game (with speed die) is \$20,580.
- § In 1972, the Atlantic City Commissioner of Public Works threatened to change the names of the real Baltic and Mediterranean Avenues, but public outcry vetoed the bill.
- § At the 1959 American National Exhibition in Moscow, all six sets of the MONOPOLY game that were on display mysteriously disappeared.
- § A set made by Alfred Dunhill, which included gold and silver houses and hotels, sold for \$25,000.
- § In 1978, the Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog offered a chocolate version of the game priced at \$600.
- § The 1983 Italian National Champion, Emilio Maltoni, learned to play the MONOPOLY game alone by taking on the role of five players.
- § The character locked behind the bars is called Jake the Jailbird. Officer Edgar Mallory sent him to jail.
- § When a player lands on an un-owned property and decides not to buy it, the property goes to auction.
- § There are 22 properties that can be built upon.
- § Players have a 64% chance of landing on a Railroad each trip around the board.
- § 2008 saw a new Guinness World Record for the most number of people playing MONOPOLY simultaneously. Nearly 3,000 people in 21 countries participated to set the new record in celebration of the release of MONOPOLY Here & Now: The World Edition.
- § After 5 million worldwide votes were cast, Canada was one of only 2 countries to have 3 cities voted onto the MONOPOLY Here & Now: The World Edition game board – Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. Montreal earned the coveted spot of the dark blue property traditionally owned by Boardwalk.