



List of Game of the Year awards

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Game of the Year (abbreviated **GotY**) is a title awarded by various gaming publications to a deserving game. Many publications award a single "Game of the Year" to a single title that they feel represents the pinnacle of gaming achievement that year. Many games will release a "Game of the Year" edition after winning any of these awards, usually containing all the updates, [downloadable content](#) (DLC) and occasionally other extras such as a soundtrack.

1UP.com

As of 2010, the winners of 1UP's Game of the Year are chosen by the editors. (In 2009, they also revealed their picks in the Reader's Choice Awards). For the Reader's Choice, see the [Reader and gamer polls GOTY Section](#) below.^[1]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2009	Uncharted 2: Among Thieves ^[2]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	Red Dead Redemption ^[3]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim ^[4]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios

Readers choice

In addition to the editor's picks, [1UP.com](#) also hosts a [poll](#) for the Readers' GOTYs. Until 2010, this was considered their primary Game of the Year.^[1]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2004	<i>Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Rockstar North
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>Gears of War</i>	Third-person shooter	Xbox 360	Epic Games
2007	<i>Halo 3</i>	First-person shooter	Xbox 360	Bungie
2008	<i>Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots</i> ^[5]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Kojima Productions
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i> ^[6]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Call of Duty: Black Ops</i> ^[3]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Nintendo DS, PlayStation 3, Wii, Xbox 360	Treyarch

British Academy Games Awards (Formerly: BAFTA Interactive Entertainment Awards)

The British Academy Games Awards are an annual British awards ceremony honoring "outstanding creative achievement" in the video game industry. First presented in 2004 following the restructuring of the BAFTA Interactive Entertainment Awards, the awards are presented by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), and are thus commonly referred to as the BAFTA Games Awards.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1997/8	<i>GoldenEye 007</i> ^[7]	First-person shooter	Nintendo 64	Rare
1998/9	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i> ^[8]	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1999/2000	Console: <i>MediEvil 2</i> ^[9]	Action-adventure	PlayStation	SCE Cambridge Studio
	Handheld: <i>Pokémon Yellow</i> ^[10]	Role-playing	Game Boy	Game Freak
	PC: <i>Deus Ex</i> ^[11]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Mac OS	Ion Storm
2000/1	Console: <i>Gran Turismo 3: A-Spec</i> ^[12]	Racing	PlayStation 2	Polyphony Digital
	Handheld: <i>Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2</i> ^[13]	Sports	Game Boy Advance	Vicarious Visions
	PC: <i>Max Payne</i> ^[14]	Third-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Remedy Entertainment
2001/2	Console: <i>Halo: Combat Evolved</i> ^[15]	First-person shooter	Xbox	Bungie
	Handheld: <i>SMS Chess</i> ^[16]			Purple Software
	PC: <i>Neverwinter Nights</i> ^[17]	Role-playing	Microsoft Windows	BioWare
2002/3	<i>Call of Duty</i> ^[18]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Infinity Ward
2003/4	<i>Half-Life 2</i> ^[19]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
2005/6	<i>Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon Advanced Warfighter</i> ^[20]	Tactical shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 2, Xbox, Xbox 360	Ubisoft Paris
2006/7	<i>BioShock</i> ^[21]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2007/8	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i> ^[22]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2009	<i>Batman: Arkham Asylum</i> ^[23]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rocksteady Studios
2010	<i>Mass Effect 2</i> ^[24]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	<i>Portal 2</i> ^[25]	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2012	<i>Dishonored</i> ^[26]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Arkane Studios
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i> ^[27]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Destiny</i> ^[28]	Action role-playing	PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Bungie
2015	<i>Fallout 4</i> ^[29]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Bethesda Game Studios

2016	<i>Uncharted 4: A Thief's End</i> ^[30]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog
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Crash

Starting in 1984, the *ZX Spectrum* magazine *Crash* published an annual readers awards article, based on votes from the readers.

Year	Game	Genre	Developer(s)
1984	<i>Daley Thompson's Decathlon</i> ^[31]	Sports	Ocean Software
1985	<i>Elite</i> ^[32]	Space flight simulation	Acornsoft
1986	<i>Starglider</i> ^[33]	Space flight simulation	Argonaut Games
1987	<i>Driller</i> ^[34]	Puzzle	Incentive Software
1989	<i>Batman – The Movie</i> ^[35]	Platformer	Ocean Software
1990	<i>Robocop 2</i> ^[36]	Platformer	Data East

Crispy Gamer

The winners of the *Crispy Gamer* Game of the Year are chosen by the *Crispy Gamer Game Trust* (<https://web.archive.org/web/20080317041543/http://crispygamer.com/GameTrust.aspx?>).^[37]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2007	<i>BioShock</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2008	<i>Fallout 3</i> ^[38]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2009	<i>Batman: Arkham Asylum</i> ^[39]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rocksteady Studios

Czech Game of the Year Awards

The *Czech Game of the Year Awards* are annual awards that recognize accomplishments in video game development.^[40]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2010	Mafia II ^[41]	Action-adventure game	Microsoft Windows , PlayStation 3 , Xbox 360	2K Czech
2011	Family Farm	Strategy video game	Microsoft Windows	Hammerware
2012	Dead Trigger	First-person shooter	iOS , Android	Madfinger Games
	Botanicula	Adventure	Microsoft Windows , OS X , iOS , Android	Amanita Design
2013	ArmA III	Tactical shooter	Microsoft Windows , OS X , Linux	Bohemia Interactive
	Lums: The Game of Light and Shadows	Arcade game	iOS	Hyperbolic Magnetism
2014 ^[42]	Medieval Engineers (early access)	Sandbox	Microsoft Windows , OS X	Keen Software House
	Dex (early access)	Action RPG Platformer	Microsoft Windows , OS X , Linux , Ouya , PlayStation 4 , PlayStation Vita , Xbox One	Dreadlocks Ltd
	Monzo	Simulation video game	iOS , Android	Madfinger Games
	Coraabia	Online Card	Browser	ARK8
2015 ^[43]	Factorio (early access)	Real-time strategy	Microsoft Windows , OS X , Linux	Wube Software
	Rememoried	Art Adventure	Microsoft Windows , OS X , Linux	Vladimír Kudělka
	Czechoslovakia 1938-89: The Assassination	Educational	Microsoft Windows	Charles University
2016	Samorost 3 ^[44]	Adventure	Microsoft Windows , OS X , iOS , Android	Amanita Design

D.I.C.E. Awards (Formerly: Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences)

The [Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences \(AIAS\)](#) is a non-profit organization of industry professionals and presents a series of annual Interactive Achievement Awards. On 24 October 2012, the Academy announced that the IAAs would be known as the D.I.C.E. Awards beginning in 2013. The name stands for "Design, Innovate, Communicate, Entertain".^[45]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1997	GoldenEye 007 ^[46]	First-person shooter	Nintendo 64	Rare
1998	The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time ^[47]	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1999	The Sims ^[48]	Life simulation	Microsoft Windows, Mac OS	Maxis
2000	Diablo II ^[49]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Mac OS	Blizzard North
2001	Halo: Combat Evolved ^[50]	First-person shooter	Xbox	Bungie
2002	Battlefield 1942 ^[51]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Digital Illusions CE
2003	Call of Duty ^[52]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Infinity Ward
2004	Half-Life 2 ^[53]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
2005	God of War ^[54]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	SCE Santa Monica Studio
2006	Gears of War ^[55]	Third-person shooter	Xbox 360	Epic Games
2007	Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare ^[56]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Infinity Ward
2008	LittleBigPlanet ^[57]	Puzzle-platformer	PlayStation 3	Media Molecule
2009	Uncharted 2: Among Thieves ^[58]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	Mass Effect 2 ^[59]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim ^[60]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	Journey ^[61]	Adventure	PlayStation 3	Thatgamecompany
2013	The Last of Us ^[62]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	Dragon Age: Inquisition ^[63]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	Fallout 4 ^[64]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Bethesda Game Studios
2016	Overwatch ^[65]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

Easy Allies (Formerly: GameTrailers)

The winners of the Easy Allies (formerly GameTrailers) Game of the Year are chosen by Easy Allies staff (formerly GameTrailers editors).^{[66][67]}

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i> ^[68]	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i> ^[69]	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i> ^[70]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2008	<i>Grand Theft Auto IV</i> ^[71]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009	<i>Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2</i> ^[72]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Infinity Ward
2010	<i>Mass Effect 2</i> ^[73]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	<i>Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception</i> ^[74]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2012	<i>XCOM: Enemy Unknown</i>	Turn-based tactics	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Firaxis Games
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Hearthstone: Heroes of Warcraft</i>	Collectible card	Android, iOS, Microsoft Windows, OS X	Blizzard Entertainment
2015	<i>Bloodborne</i>	Action role-playing	PlayStation 4	FromSoftware
2016	<i>The Last Guardian</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	SIE Japan Studio

Edge

The winners of the *Edge* Game of the Year are chosen by *Edge* editors.^[75]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1998	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i> ^[76]	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
2002	<i>Metroid Prime</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2004	<i>Half-Life 2</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>Final Fantasy XII</i>	Role-playing	PlayStation 2	Square Enix
2007	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i>	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2008	<i>Grand Theft Auto IV</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009	<i>Borderlands</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Gearbox Software
2010	<i>Super Mario Galaxy 2</i>	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2011	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword</i>	Action-adventure	Wii	Nintendo EAD
2012	<i>Dishonored</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Arkane Studios
2013	<i>Grand Theft Auto V</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2014	<i>Bayonetta 2</i>	Action	Wii U	PlatinumGames
2015	<i>Bloodborne</i>	Action role-playing	PlayStation 4	FromSoftware
2016	<i>The Last Guardian</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	SIE Japan Studio

Electronic Games

Along with the Arcade Awards announced by *Electronic Games* magazine each year, it also held a regular reader poll for the most popular games among its readers in each issue, from May 1982 to January 1985.^[77] The games that topped these polls the most in each year are listed here.

Year	Arcade	Console	Computer
1982	<i>Pac-Man</i>	<i>Pac-Man</i>	
1983	<i>Pole Position</i>	<i>Donkey Kong</i> <i>Donkey Kong Jr.</i>	<i>Star Raiders</i>
1984	<i>Dragon's Lair</i>	<i>Donkey Kong Jr.</i> <i>Pitfall II</i>	<i>Zork I</i>
1985	<i>Star Wars</i>	<i>Pitfall II</i>	<i>Miner 2049er</i>

Electronic Gaming Awards (Formerly: Arcade Awards)

The Arcade Awards, also known as the Arkie Awards, was one of the first video game awards, dating back to the golden age of arcade video games and lasting up until the North American video game industry crash. It was held since 1980 (for games released in 1979 and earlier) and were announced annually by *Electronic Games* magazine since 1981, covering several different platform categories.^[77] Following the magazine's revival in 1992, it published the Electronic Gaming Awards in January 1993 for the best video games released in 1992.^[78] The 1992 and 1993 issues asked their readers to vote for the game of the year.

Year	Arcade	Standalone	Console	Computer
1979 (1st)	<u>Space Invaders</u>			
1980 (2nd)	<u>Asteroids</u>		<u>Superman</u>	
1981 (3rd)	<u>Pac-Man</u>		<u>Asteroids</u>	<u>Star Raiders</u>
1982 (4th)	<u>Tron</u>	<u>Galaxian</u>	<u>Demon Attack</u>	<u>David's Midnight Magic</u>
1983 (5th)	<u>Pole Position</u>	<u>Q*bert</u>	Under 16K: <u>Ms. Pac-Man</u> Over 16K: <u>Lady Bug</u>	<u>Lode Runner</u>
1984 (6th)	<u>Star Wars</u>	<u>Zaxxon</u>	<u>Space Shuttle</u>	<u>Ultima III: Exodus</u>
1992 (7th)	<u>Street Fighter II</u>		<u>NHLPA Hockey '93</u> <u>Sonic the Hedgehog 2</u>	
1993 (8th) ^[79]	<u>Street Fighter II Turbo</u> <u>Mortal Kombat</u>		<u>Genesis: Disney's Aladdin / Sonic Spinball</u> <u>SNES: Bubsy Bobcat / Rock & Roll Racing</u>	

Electronic Gaming Monthly

The winners of the *Electronic Gaming Monthly* Game of the Year are chosen by the magazine's editors.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1988	<i>Double Dragon</i> ^[80]	Beat 'em up	Arcade, NES	Technōs Japan
1989	<i>Ghouls 'n Ghosts</i> ^[81]	Platform	Arcade, Sega Genesis	Capcom
1990	<i>Strider</i> ^[82]	Platform	Arcade, Sega Genesis	Capcom
1991	<i>Sonic the Hedgehog</i> ^[83]	Platformer	Sega Genesis	Sonic Team
1992	<i>Street Fighter II: The World Warrior</i> ^[84]	Fighting	SNES	Capcom
1993	<i>Samurai Shodown</i> ^[85]	Fighting	Arcade, Neo-Geo	SNK
1995	<i>Chrono Trigger</i> ^[86]	Action role-playing	SNES	Square
1996	<i>Super Mario 64</i> ^[87]	Platformer	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1998	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i> ^[88]	Action-adventure ^[89]	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1999	<i>Soul Calibur</i> ^[90]	Fighting	Sega Dreamcast	Namco
2002	<i>Metroid Prime</i> ^[91]	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2003	<i>Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time</i> ^[92]	Action-adventure	Game Boy Advance, PlayStation 2, GameCube, Xbox, Microsoft Windows	Ubisoft Montreal
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i> ^[93]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>Far Cry 3</i> ^[94]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Ubisoft Montreal
2013	<i>BioShock Infinite</i> ^[95]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2014	<i>Dragon Age: Inquisition</i> ^[96]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i> ^[97]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>Overwatch</i> ^[98]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

Readers choice

In addition to their Editors' Choice Awards, *Electronic Gaming Monthly* also handed out Readers' Choice Awards voted by the magazine's readers.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1996	<i>Super Mario 64</i> ^[99]	Platformer	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1997	<i>Final Fantasy VII</i> ^[100]	Role-playing	PlayStation	Square
1998	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i> ^[88]	Action-adventure ^[89]	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1999	<i>Final Fantasy VIII</i> ^[90]	Role-playing	PlayStation	Square
2002	<i>Metroid Prime</i> ^[91]	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2003	<i>Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time</i> ^[92]	Action-adventure	Game Boy Advance, PlayStation 2, GameCube, Xbox, Microsoft Windows	Ubisoft Montreal

Empire

The winners of the *Empire* Game of the Year are chosen by the site's editors.^[101]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2014	<i>Dark Souls II</i> ^[102]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	FromSoftware
2015	<i>Bloodborne</i> ^[103]	Action role-playing	PlayStation 4	FromSoftware
2016	<i>Uncharted 4: A Thief's End</i> ^[104]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog

Entertainment Weekly

The winners of the *Entertainment Weekly* Game of the Year are chosen by the site's editors.^[105]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2007	<i>BioShock</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2008	<i>Wii Fit</i>	Fitness game	Wii	Nintendo EAD
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2012	<i>Journey</i>	Adventure	PlayStation 3	Thatgamecompany
2013	<i>BioShock Infinite</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2015	<i>Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Kojima Productions
2016	<i>INSIDE</i>	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Playdead

Eurogamer

The winners of the *Eurogamer* Game of the Year are chosen by the site's editors.^[106]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1999	<i>Unreal Tournament</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Epic Games
2000	<i>Deus Ex</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Mac OS	Ion Storm
2001	<i>Grand Theft Auto III</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	DMA Design
2002	<i>Ico</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Team Ico
2003	<i>Grand Theft Auto: Vice City</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Rockstar North
2004	<i>Half-Life 2</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
2005	<i>Psychonauts</i>	Platformer	Microsoft Windows, Xbox, PlayStation 2	Double Fine Productions
2006	<i>Guitar Hero</i>	Rhythm	PlayStation 2	Harmonix
2007	<i>Portal</i>	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2008	<i>LittleBigPlanet</i>	Puzzle-platformer	PlayStation 3	Media Molecule
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Mass Effect 2</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	<i>Portal 2</i>	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2012	<i>Fez</i>	Puzzle-platformer	Xbox 360	Polytron Corporation
2013	<i>Super Mario 3D World</i>	Platformer	Wii U	Nintendo EAD
2014	<i>Mario Kart 8</i>	Racing	Wii U	Nintendo EAD
2015	<i>Bloodborne</i>	Action role-playing	PlayStation 4	FromSoftware
2016	<i>Overwatch</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

Reader's Game of the Year

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>BioShock</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2008	<i>Fallout 3</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios

2009	<u>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<u>Mass Effect 2</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	<u>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<u>Dishonored</u>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Arkane Studios
2013	<u>The Last of Us</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<u>Mario Kart 8</u>	Racing	Wii U	Nintendo EAD
2015	<u>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<u>Uncharted 4: A Thief's End</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog

Famitsu Awards

The Grand Prize winners of the annual [Famitsu Awards](#), voted by the magazine's readers. An annual award ceremony is held every year.^[107]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1990	<i>Dragon Quest IV: Chapters of the Chosen</i> ^[108]	Role-playing	Famicom	Chunsoft
2004	<i>Monster Hunter</i>	Action role-playing	PlayStation 2	Capcom
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
	<i>Kingdom Hearts II</i>	Action role-playing	PlayStation 2	Square Enix
2006	<i>Final Fantasy XII</i>	Role-playing	PlayStation 2	Square Enix
	<i>Pokémon Diamond and Pearl</i>	Role-playing	Nintendo DS	Game Freak
2007	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i>	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
	<i>Monster Hunter Portable 2nd</i>	Action role-playing	PlayStation Portable	Capcom
2008	<i>Monster Hunter Portable 2nd G</i>	Action role-playing	PlayStation Portable	Capcom
2009	<i>Dragon Quest IX: Sentinels of the Starry Skies</i> ^[109]	Role-playing	Nintendo DS	Level-5
2010	<i>Monster Hunter Portable 3rd</i> ^[110]	Action role-playing	PlayStation Portable	Capcom
2011	<i>Monster Hunter Tri G</i> ^[107]	Action role-playing	Nintendo 3DS	Capcom Production Studio 1
2012	<i>Animal Crossing: New Leaf</i>	Life simulation	Nintendo 3DS	Nintendo EAD
2013	<i>Monster Hunter 4</i> ^[111]	Action role-playing	Nintendo 3DS	Capcom
2014	<i>Yo-kai Watch 2: "Pioneer & Originator" and "Star Performer"</i> ^[112]	Role-playing	Nintendo 3DS	Level-5
2015	<i>Splatoon</i> ^[113]	Third-person shooter	Wii U	Nintendo EAD
2016	<i>Pokémon Sun and Moon</i> ^[114]	Role-playing	Nintendo 3DS	Game Freak

G4

The winners of G4's annual "Videogame Deathmatch" or "G-phoria" polls. The 2011 "Videogame Deathmatch" poll involved 500,000 votes.^[115]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2007	<u>Gears of War</u>	Third-person shooter	Xbox 360	Epic Games
2008	<u>Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Kojima Productions
2009	<u>Fallout 3</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2010	<u>StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty</u>	Real-time strategy	Microsoft Windows, OS X	Blizzard Entertainment
2011	<u>The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword</u> ^[116]	Action-adventure	Wii	Nintendo EAD

Gamasutra

The winners of the Gamasutra Game of the Year are chosen by Gamasutra editors.^[117] In 2012, the editors only gave a top 10 list and in 2013 a top 5 list.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2006	<u>Wii Sports</u>	Sports	Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<u>Portal</u>	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2008	<u>Fallout 3</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2009	<u>Dragon Age: Origins</u>	Role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, OS X	BioWare
2010	<u>Red Dead Redemption</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<u>Portal 2</u> ^[118]	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation

The Game Awards (Formerly: Spike Video Game Awards)

The winners of the Spike Video Game Awards, hosted by Spike between 2003 and 2013, awarded the Game of the Year using an advisory council featuring over 20 journalists from media outlets.^[119] The show's title was changed to VGX in 2013 before Spike TV dropped the show entirely. It was replaced by The Game Awards in 2014.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2003	<u>Madden NFL 2004</u>	Sports	Game Boy Advance, GameCube, Microsoft Windows, PlayStation, PlayStation 2, Xbox	EA Tiburon
2004	<u>Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Rockstar North
2005	<u>Resident Evil 4</u>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<u>The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2007	<u>BioShock</u>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2008	<u>Grand Theft Auto IV</u> ^[120]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009	<u>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<u>Red Dead Redemption</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<u>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<u>The Walking Dead</u>	Graphic adventure	iOS, Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Telltale Games
2013	<u>Grand Theft Auto V</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2014	<u>Dragon Age: Inquisition</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	<u>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<u>Overwatch</u>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

Game Developers Choice Awards

The Game Developers Choice Awards are chosen by registered game developers and unveiled at the Game Developers Conference (GDC) in San Francisco.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2000	<i>The Sims</i> ^[121]	Life simulation	Mac OS, Microsoft Windows	Maxis
2001	<i>Grand Theft Auto III</i> ^[122]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	DMA Design
2002	<i>Metroid Prime</i> ^[123]	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2003	<i>Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic</i> ^[124]	Role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox	BioWare
2004	<i>Half-Life 2</i> ^[125]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
2005	<i>Shadow of the Colossus</i> ^[126]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Team Ico
2006	<i>Gears of War</i> ^[127]	Third-person shooter	Xbox 360	Epic Games
2007	<i>Portal</i> ^[128]	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2008	<i>Fallout 3</i> ^[129]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i> ^[130]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i> ^[131]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i> ^[132]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>Journey</i> ^[133]	Adventure	PlayStation 3	Thatgamecompany
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i> ^[134]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor</i> ^[135]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Monolith Productions
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i> ^[136]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>Overwatch</i> ^[137]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

Game Informer

The winners of the *Game Informer* Game of the Year are chosen by Game Informer editors. During their first years of publication they would give awards for the best game on each console available at the time, occasionally giving an award to the overall best game of the year.^[138]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1992	<i>Street Fighter II</i>	Fighting	SNES	Capcom
1993	<i>Mortal Kombat</i>	Fighting	SNES	Midway Games
1996	<i>Super Mario 64</i>	Platformer	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1997	<i>Final Fantasy VII</i>	Role-playing	PlayStation	Square
1998	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1999	<i>Super Smash Bros.</i>	Fighting	Nintendo 64	HAL Laboratory, Inc.
2000	<i>Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2</i>	Sports	PlayStation, Microsoft Windows, Game Boy Color, Dreamcast	Neversoft
2001	<i>Metal Gear Solid 2: Sons of Liberty</i> ^[139]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Konami Computer Entertainment Japan
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>BioShock</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2008	<i>Grand Theft Auto IV</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>Mass Effect 3</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	BioWare
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Dragon Age: Inquisition</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>Overwatch</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

Readers choice

In addition to the editor's picks, *Game Informer* also hosts a poll for the Readers' GOTY.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Ubisoft Montreal
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>Halo 4</i> ^[140]	First-person shooter	Xbox 360	343 Industries
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i> ^[141]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Dragon Age: Inquisition</i> ^[142]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i> ^[143]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt – Blood and Wine</i> ^[144]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED

Game Revolution

The winner of the *Game Revolution* Community Choice Game of the Year award, but in 2013 the editors chose the Game of the Year.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2011	<i>Dark Souls</i> ^[145]	Action role-playing	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	FromSoftware
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Dragon Age: Inquisition</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	<i>Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Kojima Productions
2016	<i>Overwatch</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

GameFan Golden Megawards

The winners of *GameFan*'s Golden Megawards were chosen by editors.

Year	Game(s)	Platform(s)
1992 ^[146]	Skid – <i>Wonderdog</i> Brody – <i>Cybernator</i> Tom Slick – <i>Streets of Rage 2</i> The Enquirer – <i>Street Fighter II</i>	Sega CD Super NES Genesis Super NES
1993 ^[147]	<i>Gunstar Heroes</i>	Genesis
1994 ^[148]	Domestic – <i>Earthworm Jim</i> Import – <i>Clockwork Knight</i>	Genesis Sega Saturn
1995 ^[149]	<i>Yoshi's Island</i>	Super NES
1996 ^[150]	Domestic – <i>Tomb Raider</i> Import – <i>Enemy Zero</i> Coin-Op – <i>Virtua Fighter 3</i>	PlayStation Sega Saturn Arcade

GameFAQs

GameFAQs' annual Game of the Year is chosen by its readers.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1999	<i>Final Fantasy VIII</i> ^[151]	Role-playing	PlayStation	Square
2000	<i>Final Fantasy IX</i> ^[152]	Role-playing	PlayStation	Square
2001	<i>Final Fantasy X</i> ^[153]	Role-playing	PlayStation 2	Square
2002	<i>Metroid Prime</i> ^[154]	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2003	<i>The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker</i> ^[155]	Action-adventure	GameCube	Nintendo EAD
2004	<i>Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas</i> ^[156]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Rockstar North
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i> ^[157]	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i> ^[158]	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i> ^[159]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2008	<i>Super Smash Bros. Brawl</i> ^[160]	Fighting	Wii	HAL Laboratory, Inc
2009	<i>Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2</i> ^[161]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Infinity Ward
2010	<i>Mass Effect 2</i> ^[162]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i> ^[163]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>Borderlands 2</i> ^[164]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Gearbox Software
2013	<i>The Legend of Zelda: A Link Between Worlds</i> ^[165]	Action-adventure	Nintendo 3DS	Nintendo EAD
2014	<i>Super Smash Bros. for Nintendo 3DS and Wii U</i> ^[166]	Fighting	Nintendo 3DS, Wii U	Sora Ltd., Namco Bandai Games
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i> ^[167]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>Final Fantasy XV</i> ^[168]	Action role-playing	PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Square Enix

GamePro

The winners of the *GamePro* Game of the Year are chosen by *GamePro* editors.^[169] In the 1990s, the winners were chosen by editors from 1993^[170] to 1995,^[171] and by readers for 1991,^[172] 1992,^[173] 1996,^[174] 1997^[175] and 1998.^[176] Since 2011, the winners of GamePro Game of the Year are chosen by *GamePro TV*.^[177]

Year	Arcade	Console	Handheld
1991	<u>Sonic the Hedgehog</u> (Genesis)		<u>Mega Man</u> (Game Boy)
1992	16-bit: <u>Street Fighter II</u> (SNES) 8-bit: <u>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Turtles in Time</u> (SNES)		<u>Sonic the Hedgehog</u> (Game Gear)
1993	CD: <u>Sonic the Hedgehog CD</u> Sega Genesis: <u>Disney's Aladdin</u> SNES: <u>Super Empire Strikes Back</u> NES: <u>Kirby's Adventure</u>		<u>Mortal Kombat</u> (Game Gear)
1995	Arcade: <u>Tekken 2</u> Neo Geo: <u>World Heroes Perfect</u>	Saturn: <u>Virtua Fighter 2</u> PlayStation: <u>Doom</u>	Virtual Boy: <u>Mario's Tennis</u> Game Boy: <u>Donkey Kong Land</u>

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1996	Arcade: <u>Tekken 2</u>	Fighting	Arcade, PlayStation	Namco
	Console: <u>Super Mario 64</u>	Platformer	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
	PC: <u>Duke Nukem 3D</u>	First-person shooter	MS-DOS	3D Realms
1997	<u>Final Fantasy VII</u>	Role-playing	PlayStation	Square
1998	<u>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</u>	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
2005	<u>Resident Evil 4</u>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<u>Gears of War</u>	Third-person shooter	Xbox 360	Epic Games
2007	<u>Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare</u>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Infinity Ward
2008	<u>LittleBigPlanet</u>	Puzzle-platformer	PlayStation 3	Media Molecule
2009	<u>Assassin's Creed II</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Ubisoft Montreal
2011	<u>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<u>Assassin's Creed III</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, Wii U, Microsoft Windows	Ubisoft Montreal
2013	<u>Grand Theft Auto V</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North

GameRankings

GameRankings ranks games according to an average of their review score across multiple sources. The highest for each year are based on 20 reviews.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1996	<i>Super Mario 64</i> ^[178]	Platformer	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1997	<i>GoldenEye 007</i> ^[179]	First-person shooter	Nintendo 64	Rare
1998	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i> ^[180]	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1999	<i>Soulcalibur</i> ^[181]	Fighting	Dreamcast	Namco
2000	<i>Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2</i> ^[182]	Sports	PlayStation, Microsoft Windows, Game Boy Color, Dreamcast	Neversoft
2001	<i>Halo: Combat Evolved</i> ^[183]	First-person shooter	Xbox	Bungie
2002	<i>Metroid Prime</i> ^[184]	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2003	<i>The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker</i> ^[185]	Action-adventure	GameCube	Nintendo EAD
2004	<i>Half-Life 2</i> ^[186]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i> ^[187]	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i> ^[188]	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i> ^[189]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2008	<i>Grand Theft Auto IV</i> ^[190]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i> ^[191]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Super Mario Galaxy 2</i> ^[192]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2011	<i>Batman: Arkham City</i> ^[193]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rocksteady Studios
2012	<i>Journey</i> ^[194]	Adventure	PlayStation 3	Thatgamecompany
2013	<i>Grand Theft Auto V</i> ^[195]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2014	<i>Super Smash Bros. for Wii U</i> ^[196]	Fighting	Wii U	Sora Ltd., Bandai Namco Games
2015	<i>Undertale</i> ^[197]	Role-playing	Microsoft Windows, OS X	tobyfox
2016	<i>INSIDE</i> ^[198]	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Playdead
2017	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild</i> ^[199]	Action-adventure	Nintendo Switch, Wii U	Nintendo EAD

Games

The winners of the *Games* magazine Game of the Year award are chosen by *Games* editors.^[200] Electronic games are covered separately on the publication's annual *Games 100* list.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1994 ^[201]	<i>Myst</i>	Graphic adventure	Mac OS	Cyan Worlds
1995 ^[201]	<i>Virtual Pool</i>	Sports	MS-DOS, Microsoft Windows	Celeris
1996	—	—	—	—
1997 ^{[201][202]}	<i>Links LS 1997</i>	Sports	MS-DOS	Access Software
1998 ^[201]	<i>Obsidian</i>	Adventure	Microsoft Windows, Mac OS	Rocket Science Games
1999 ^{[201][203]}	<i>Oddworld: Abe's Oddysee</i>	Cinematic platformer	PlayStation, Microsoft Windows	Oddworld Inhabitants
2000 ^{[201][204]}	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
	<i>Half-Life</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
2001 ^{[201][205]}	<i>The Sims</i>	Life simulation	Windows, Mac OS	Maxis
2002 ^{[201][206]}	<i>Black & White</i>	Simulation	Microsoft Windows	Lionhead Studios
2003 ^{[201][207]}	<i>Neverwinter Nights</i>	Role-playing	Microsoft Windows	BioWare
2004 ^{[201][208]}	<i>The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube	Nintendo EAD
2005 ^{[209][210]}	<i>City of Heroes</i>	MMORPG	Microsoft Windows, OS X	Cryptic Studios
2006 ^{[211][212]}	<i>Psychonauts</i>	Platformer	Microsoft Windows, Xbox, PlayStation 2	Double Fine Productions
2007 ^{[213][214]}	<i>The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2008 ^[215]	<i>BioShock</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2009 ^[216]	<i>Spore</i>	Life simulation	Microsoft Windows, OS X	Maxis
2010 ^[217]	<i>Batman: Arkham Asylum</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rocksteady Studios
2011 ^[218]	<i>Super Mario Galaxy 2</i>	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2012 ^[219]	<i>Portal 2</i>	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2013 ^[220]	<i>Call of Duty: Black Ops II</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, Wii U	Treyarch
2014 ^[221]	<i>BioShock Infinite</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Irrational Games

- Starting in 1996, awards were given the title of the coming year (e.g. *The Sims* was named *Game of the Year 2001*, despite being released in 2000). Thus, the December 1995 issue awarded the

"Game of the Year 1995", whereas the December 1996 issue awarded the "Game of the Year 1997".

GameSpot

The winners of the GameSpot Game of the Year are chosen by GameSpot editors.^[222]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1996	<i>Diablo</i> ^[223]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows	Blizzard North
1997	<i>Total Annihilation</i> ^[224]	Real-time strategy	Microsoft Windows, Mac OS	Cavedog Entertainment
1998	Console: <i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i> ^[225]	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
	PC: <i>Grim Fandango</i> ^[226]	Graphic adventure	Microsoft Windows	LucasArts
1999	Console: <i>Soulcalibur</i> ^[227]	Fighting	Arcade, Dreamcast	Namco
	PC: <i>EverQuest</i> ^[228]	MMORPG	Microsoft Windows	Sony Online Entertainment
2000	Console: <i>Chrono Cross</i> ^[229]	Role-playing	PlayStation	Square
	PC: <i>The Sims</i> ^[230]	Life simulation	Microsoft Windows, Mac OS	Maxis
2001	Console: <i>Grand Theft Auto III</i> ^[231]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	DMA Design
	PC: <i>Serious Sam: The First Encounter</i> ^[232]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Croteam
2002	<i>Metroid Prime</i> ^[233]	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2003	<i>The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker</i> ^[234]	Action-adventure	GameCube	Nintendo EAD
2004	<i>World of Warcraft</i> ^[235]	MMORPG	Microsoft Windows, OS X	Blizzard Entertainment
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i> ^[236]	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>Gears of War</i> ^[237]	Third-person shooter	Xbox 360	Epic Games
2007	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i> ^[238]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2008	<i>Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots</i> ^[239]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Kojima Productions
2009	<i>Demon's Souls</i> ^[240]	Action role-playing	PlayStation 3	FromSoftware
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i> ^[241]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i> ^[242]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>Journey</i> ^[243]	Adventure	PlayStation 3	Thatgamecompany
2013	<i>The Legend of Zelda: A Link Between Worlds</i> ^[244]	Action-adventure	Nintendo 3DS	Nintendo EAD
2014	<i>Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor</i> ^[245]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Monolith Productions

2015	The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt ^[246]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	Overwatch ^[247]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

Readers choice

In addition to the editor's picks, GameSpot also hosts a poll for the Readers' GOTY.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2004	Halo 2	First-person shooter	Xbox	Bungie
2005	Resident Evil 4	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	Gears of War	Third-person shooter	Xbox 360	Epic Games
2007	Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Infinity Ward
2008	Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Kojima Productions
2009	Uncharted 2: Among Thieves ^[248]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty ^[249]	Real-time strategy	Microsoft Windows, OS X	Blizzard Entertainment
2011	The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim ^[249]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	Far Cry 3 ^[250]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Ubisoft Montreal
2013	The Last of Us	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	Dragon Age: Inquisition	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	Uncharted 4: A Thief's End ^[251]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog

GameSpy

The winners of the GameSpy Game of the Year are chosen by GameSpy editors.^[252]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1999	<i>Unreal Tournament</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Epic Games
2000	<i>Deus Ex</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Mac OS	Ion Storm
2001	<i>Grand Theft Auto III</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	DMA Design
2002	<i>Metroid Prime</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2003	<i>Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic</i>	Role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox	BioWare
2004	<i>Halo 2</i>	First-person shooter	Xbox	Bungie
2005	<i>Civilization IV</i>	Turn-based strategy	Microsoft Windows	Firaxis Games
2006	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Infinity Ward
2008	<i>Fallout 3</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2009	<i>Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Infinity Ward
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>XCOM: Enemy Unknown</i>	Turn-based tactics	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Firaxis Games

GamesRadar

GamesRadar holds a Platinum Chalice Awards feature each year, as part of that, the Game of the Year chosen by the editors are:^[253]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2006	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i> ^[254]	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>The Orange Box</i> ^[255]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, OS X, Linux	Valve Corporation
2008	<i>Fallout 3</i> ^[256]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2009	<i>Batman: Arkham Asylum</i> ^[257]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rocksteady Studios
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i> ^[258]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>Portal 2</i>	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2012	<i>The Walking Dead</i>	Graphic adventure	iOS, Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Telltale Games
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Destiny</i>	Action role-playing	PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Bungie
2015	<i>Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Kojima Productions
2016	<i>Titanfall 2</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Respawn Entertainment

Gamest Awards

The Japanese *Gamest* magazine was published from 1986 to 1999, and held the *Gamest Award* ceremonies every year, focusing exclusively on arcade games. The winners of the Grand Prize awards were chosen by voters.

Year	Game	Genre	Company
1986	<u>Fantasy Zone</u> ^[259]	(Side-Scrolling) Shooter	Sega
	<u>Arkanoid</u> ^[259]	Breakout	Taito
	<u>Bubble Bobble</u> ^[259]	Platformer	
	<u>Rygar</u> ^[259]	Platformer	Tecmo
1987	<u>Darius</u> ^[259]	(Side-Scrolling) Shooter	Taito
1988	<u>Gradius II</u> ^[259]	(Side-Scrolling) Shooter	Konami
1989	<u>Tetris</u> ^[259]	Puzzle	Sega
1990	<u>Final Fight</u> ^[259]	Beat 'Em Up	Capcom
1991	<u>Street Fighter II</u> ^[260]	Fighting	Capcom
1992	<u>Overwatch</u> ^[261]		
1993	<u>Samurai Spirits</u> ^[262]		
1994	<u>The King of Fighters '94</u> ^[263]		
1995	<u>Virtua Fighter 2</u> ^[259]	Fighting	Sega
1996	<u>Street Fighter Zero 2</u> ^[259]	Fighting	Capcom
1997	<u>Vampire Savior</u> ^[264]		
1998	<u>Psychic Force 2012</u> ^[265]		Taito

GamesTM

The title chosen by GamesTM as the year's best game.^[266]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2003	<i>The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>BioShock</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2009	<i>Demon's Souls</i>	Action role-playing	PlayStation 3	FromSoftware
2010	<i>Super Mario Galaxy 2</i>	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2011	<i>Dead Space 2</i>	Survival horror	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Visceral Games
2012	<i>Borderlands 2</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Gearbox Software
2013	<i>Grand Theft Auto V</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2016	<i>Overwatch</i> ^[267]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

Giant Bomb

The winners of the Giant Bomb Game of the Year are chosen by Giant Bomb editors.^[268]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2008	<i>Grand Theft Auto IV</i> ^[269]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i> ^[270]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Mass Effect 2</i> ^[271]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i> ^[272]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>XCOM: Enemy Unknown</i>	Turn-based tactics	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Firaxis Games
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Monolith Productions
2015	<i>Super Mario Maker</i> ^[273]	Platformer	Wii U	Nintendo EAD
2016	<i>Hitman</i> ^[274]	Stealth	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	IO Interactive

Golden Joystick Awards

The Golden Joystick Awards is the second oldest gaming award ceremony and is the longest running video game award. The inaugural ceremony took place in 1984 in London's Berkeley Square.^[275]

As of 2014, it is the biggest video game award show in terms of the number of votes cast; over nine million votes were cast for the 2014 ceremony.^[276]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1983	<i>Jetpac</i> ^[277]	Shooter	Commodore VIC-20, ZX Spectrum	Ultimate
1984	<i>Knight Lore</i> ^[277]	Action-adventure	ZX Spectrum	Ultimate
1985	<i>Way of the Exploding Fist</i> ^[278]	Fighting	Commodore 64	Beam Software
1986	<i>Gauntlet</i> ^[277]	Hack & Slash	Arcade	Atari Games
1987/88	<i>Out Run</i> ^[277]	Racing	Arcade, Sega Master System	Sega AM2
1988/89	8-Bit: <i>Operation Wolf</i> ^[279]	Shooting gallery	Arcade, NES	Taito
	16-Bit: <i>Speedball</i> ^[279]	Sports	Amiga, Atari ST, Commodore 64, Sega Master System	Bitmap Brothers
1989/90	8-Bit: <i>The Untouchables</i> ^[280]	Shooter	Amiga, Amstrad CPC, Commodore 64, ZX Spectrum	Ocean Software
	16-Bit: <i>Kick Off</i> ^[280]	Sports	Amiga, Amstrad CPC, Atari ST, ZX Spectrum	Dino Dini
1990/91	8-Bit: <i>Rick Dangerous 2</i> ^[280]	Platformer	Amiga, Amstrad CPC, Atari ST, ZX Spectrum	Core Design
	16-Bit: <i>Kick Off 2</i> ^[280]	Sports	Amiga, Amstrad CPC, Atari ST, ZX Spectrum	Dino Dini
1991/92	<i>Sonic the Hedgehog</i> ^[281]	Platformer	Sega Master System, Sega Game Gear	Ancient
1992/93	<i>Street Fighter II</i> ^[277]	Fighting	Amiga, Arcade, Atari ST, Commodore 64, Sega Genesis, SNES	Capcom
1996/97	<i>Super Mario 64</i> ^[282]	Platformer	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
2002	<i>Grand Theft Auto III</i> ^[277]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	DMA Design
2003	<i>Grand Theft Auto: Vice City</i> ^[283]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Rockstar North
2004	<i>Doom 3</i> ^[277]	First-person shooter	Linux, Microsoft Windows	id Software
2005	<i>Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas</i> ^[284]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Rockstar North
2006	<i>The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion</i> ^[285]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2007	<i>Gears of War</i> ^[286]	Third-person shooter	Xbox 360	Epic Games
2008	<i>Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare</i> ^[287]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Infinity Ward
2009	<i>Fallout 3</i> ^[288]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2010	<i>Mass Effect 2</i> ^[289]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare

2011	Portal 2 ^[290]	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2012	The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim ^[291]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2013	Grand Theft Auto V ^[292]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2014	Dark Souls II ^[293]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	FromSoftware
2015	The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt ^[294]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	Dark Souls III ^[295]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	FromSoftware

Good Game

The winners of the [Good Game](#) Game of the Year awards are chosen by both the [Good Game](#) team and their forum community.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2007	Portal	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2008	Braid	Puzzle-platformer	Xbox 360	Number None
2009	Uncharted 2: Among Thieves	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	Red Dead Redemption	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	Mass Effect 3	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	BioWare
2013	The Last of Us	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	Dragon Age: Inquisition	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	Rise of the Tomb Raider	Action-adventure	Xbox 360, Xbox One	Crystal Dynamics
2016	Uncharted 4: A Thief's End	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog

IGN

[IGN](#)'s game of the year award is chosen by all the editors at IGN and are announced mid-January.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2001	Halo: Combat Evolved ^[296]	First-person shooter	Xbox	Bungie
2002	Battlefield 1942 ^[297]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Digital Illusions CE
2003	Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic ^[298]	Role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox	BioWare
2004	Half-Life 2 ^[299]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
2005	God of War ^[300]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	SCE Santa Monica Studio
2006	Ōkami ^[301]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Clover Studio
2007	Super Mario Galaxy ^[302]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2008	Fallout 3 ^[303]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2009	Uncharted 2: Among Thieves ^[304]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	Mass Effect 2 ^[305]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	Portal 2	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2012	Journey	Adventure	PlayStation 3	Thatgamecompany
2013	The Last of Us	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	Dragon Age: Inquisition	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	Overwatch ^[306]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

Readers choice

In addition to the editor's picks, IGN also hosts a poll for the Readers' GOTY. IGN, considered the world's largest gaming website, attracted 300,000 votes for its "Best of 2011" Readers' Choice awards.^[307]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2001	<i>Super Smash Bros. Melee</i>	Fighting	GameCube	HAL Laboratory, Inc
2002	<i>Metroid Prime</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2003	<i>The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube	Nintendo EAD
2004	<i>Halo 2</i>	First-person shooter	Xbox	Bungie
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i>	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2008	<i>Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Kojima Productions
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Mass Effect 2</i> ^[308]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword</i> ^[309]	Action-adventure	Wii	Nintendo EAD
2012	<i>Borderlands 2</i> ^[310]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Gearbox Software
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Dragon Age: Inquisition</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>Uncharted 4: A Thief's End</i> ^[311]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog

Inside Gaming Awards

Machinima also hosts its own awards show, the *Inside Gaming Awards*, annually in Los Angeles. The awards show celebrates the biggest developers and achievements in the video-games industry, and features top gaming choices by viewers and the staff of Inside Gaming.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2009	<u>Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2</u>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	<u>Infinity Ward</u>
2010	<u>Red Dead Redemption</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	<u>Rockstar San Diego</u>
2011	<u>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</u>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	<u>Bethesda Game Studios</u>
2012	<u>Halo 4</u>	First-person shooter	Xbox 360	<u>343 Industries</u>
2013	<u>Grand Theft Auto V</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	<u>Rockstar North</u>

Japan Game Awards (Formerly: CESA Awards)

The winners of the Grand Award annually given by the [Japan Game Awards](#), formerly known as the CESA Awards, since 1996. There are some years where two games shared the Grand Award.^[312]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1996	Sakura Wars ^[313]	Tactical role-playing	Sega Saturn	Overworks
1997	Final Fantasy VII	Role-playing	PlayStation	Square
1998	The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1999	Doko Demo Issyo	Strategy	PlayStation	Sony Computer Entertainment
	Final Fantasy VIII ^[314]	Role-playing	PlayStation	Square
2000	Phantasy Star Online	Action role-playing	Dreamcast	Sonic Team
2001/2	Final Fantasy X	Role-playing	PlayStation 2	Square
2003	Final Fantasy XI	MMORPG	PlayStation 2, Microsoft Windows	Square
	Taiko no Tatsujin	Rhythm	PlayStation 2	Namco
2004	Monster Hunter	Action role-playing	PlayStation 2	Capcom
2005	Dragon Quest VIII	Role-playing	PlayStation 2	Level-5
2006	Final Fantasy XII	Role-playing	PlayStation 2	Square Enix
	Dr. Kawashima's Brain Training	Puzzle	Nintendo DS	Nintendo SDD
2007	Wii Sports	Sports	Wii	Nintendo EAD
	Monster Hunter Portable 2nd	Action role-playing	PlayStation Portable	Capcom
2008	Wii Fit	Fitness	Wii	Nintendo EAD
	Monster Hunter Portable 2nd G	Action role-playing	PlayStation Portable	Capcom
2009	Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Kojima Productions
	Mario Kart Wii	Racing	Wii	Nintendo EAD
2010	New Super Mario Bros. Wii	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD
2011	Monster Hunter Portable 3rd	Action role-playing	PlayStation Portable	Capcom
2012	Gravity Rush	Action-adventure	PlayStation Vita	Project Siren
	JoJo's Bizarre Adventure: All Star Battle	Fighting	PlayStation 3	CyberConnect2
2013	Animal Crossing: New Leaf	Social Simulation	Nintendo 3DS	Nintendo EAD
2014	Monster Hunter 4	Action role-playing	Nintendo 3DS	Capcom
	Yo-kai Watch	Role-playing	Nintendo 3DS	Level-5
2015	Yo-kai Watch 2	Role-playing	Nintendo 3DS	Level-5
2016	Splatoon	Third-person	Wii U	Nintendo EAD

Joystiq

The winners of the Joystiq Game of the Year are chosen by Joystiq editors.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2006	Gears of War ^[315]	Third-person shooter	Xbox 360	Epic Games
2007	Portal ^[315]	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2008	Fable II ^[315]	Action role-playing	Xbox 360	Lionhead Studios
2009	Uncharted 2: Among Thieves ^[316]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	Mass Effect 2 ^[317]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim ^[318]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	Journey ^[319]	Adventure	PlayStation 3	Thatgamecompany
2013	The Last of Us ^[320]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor ^[321]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Monolith Productions

Kotaku

Over the years, [Kotaku](#) has been refining how it selects its Game of the Year. Currently, it involves a debate which starts with the Kotaku editors determining the four most defendable candidates for the award. Editors are then given time to play all the games, and for each of the candidates, an appropriate editor is determined to make his case behind it in front of a panel who also raise questions. The results of these debates are given to the readers, who then also have the chance to make their own opinions felt. To make the final decision, the Kotaku staff members reexamine their arguments, and the winner is determined from a vote between the editors in late January.^[322]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2007	<i>The Legend of Zelda Phantom Hourglass</i> ^[323]	Action-adventure	Nintendo DS	Nintendo EAD
	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i> ^[323]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
	<i>Uncharted: Drake's Fortune</i> ^[323]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2008	<i>Grand Theft Auto IV</i> ^[324]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i> ^[325]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i> ^[326]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>Portal 2</i> ^[327]	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2012	<i>XCOM: Enemy Unknown</i> ^[328]	Turn-based tactics	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Firaxis Games
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i> ^[329]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog

Metacritic

The winners of the Metacritic Game of the Year are determined by the game with the highest score garnered from an average of weighted review scores from various sources. Each year, Metacritic announce the highest in an official award.^[330]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1996	<u>Super Mario 64</u>	Platformer	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1997	<u>GoldenEye 007</u>	First-person shooter	Nintendo 64	Rare
1998	<u>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</u>	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1999	<u>Soulcalibur</u>	Fighting	Dreamcast	Namco
2000	<u>Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2</u>	Sports	PlayStation	Neversoft
2001	<u>Grand Theft Auto III</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	DMA Design
2002	<u>Metroid Prime</u>	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2003	<u>The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker</u>	Action-adventure	GameCube	Nintendo EAD
2004	<u>Half-Life 2</u>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
2005	<u>Resident Evil 4</u>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<u>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</u>	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<u>Super Mario Galaxy</u>	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2008	<u>Grand Theft Auto IV</u>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009	<u>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</u> ^[331]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<u>Super Mario Galaxy 2</u> ^[332]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2011	<u>Batman: Arkham City</u> ^[333]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rocksteady Studios
2012	<u>The Walking Dead</u>	Graphic adventure	iOS, Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Telltale Games
2013	<u>Grand Theft Auto V</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2014	<u>Super Smash Bros. for Wii U</u>	Fighting	Wii U	Sora Ltd., Bandai Namco Games
2015	<u>Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain</u>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Kojima Productions
2016	<u>Uncharted 4: A Thief's End</u>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog
2017	<u>The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild</u>	Action-adventure	Nintendo Switch, Wii U	Nintendo EAD

Metacritic User Poll

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i> ^[334]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i> ^[335]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>The Walking Dead</i> ^[336]	Graphic adventure	iOS, Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Telltale Games
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i> ^[337]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Super Smash Bros. for Wii U</i> ^[338]	Fighting	Wii U	Sora Ltd., Bandai Namco Games
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i> ^[339]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>Uncharted 4: A Thief's End</i> ^[340]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog

MMGN

MMGN's annual Community Game of the Year poll is 100% community driven. The semi-finals allow registered members to choose up to three games for each genre, and award up to nine points across the three games, but no more than 5 points for one game. The top 5 games from each genre with the most points are then added to final polls, where each member gets one vote per genre.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2007	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i>	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2009	<i>Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Infinity Ward
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword</i> ^[341]	Action-adventure	Wii	Nintendo EAD
2012	<i>Far Cry 3</i> ^[342]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Ubisoft Montreal
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i> ^[343]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Super Smash Bros. for Wii U</i> ^[344]	Fighting	Wii U	Sora Ltd.
2015	<i>Fallout 4</i> ^[345]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Bethesda Game Studios

MobyGames

The winners of the MobyGames Game of the Year are determined by the game with the highest average of review scores from various sources.^[346]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1980	<i>Space Invaders</i>	Shoot 'em up	Arcade, Atari 2600	Taito
1981	<i>Yars' Revenge</i>	Action	Atari 2600	Atari
1982	<i>Ms. Pac-Man</i>	Action	Arcade, Atari 2600/5200	Namco
1983	<i>Frogger</i>	Action	Arcade, Atari 2600/5200	Konami
1984	<i>Bruce Lee</i>	Action	ZX Spectrum, Commodore 64, Apple II, Atari 8-Bit	Datasoft
1985	<i>Marsport</i>	Action-adventure	ZX Spectrum	Gargoyle Games
1986	<i>Zoids</i>	Action	ZX Spectrum, Commodore 64, Amstrad CPC	Electric Dreams Software
1987	<i>Dungeon Master</i>	Role-playing	Atari ST	FTL Games
1988	<i>Super Mario Bros. 3</i>	Platformer	NES	Nintendo EAD
1989	<i>Tetris</i>	Puzzle	Game Boy, NES	Bullet-Proof Software
1990	<i>Wing Commander</i>	Space flight simulation	MS-DOS	Origin Systems
1991	<i>The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past</i>	Action-adventure	SNES	Nintendo EAD
	<i>Tecmo Super Bowl</i>	Sports	NES	Tecmo
1992	<i>Sonic the Hedgehog 2</i>	Platformer	Genesis	Sonic Team
	<i>Super Mario Kart</i>	Racing	SNES	Nintendo EAD
1993	<i>NHL '94</i>	Sports	SNES	EA Sports
1994	<i>Final Fantasy VI</i>	Role-playing	SNES	Square
	<i>Samurai Shodown II</i>	Fighting	Neo Geo	SNK
1995	<i>Super Mario World 2: Yoshi's Island</i>	Platformer	SNES	Nintendo EAD
1996	<i>Super Mario 64</i>	Platformer	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1997	<i>Gran Turismo</i>	Sim racing	PlayStation	Polyphony Digital
	<i>International Superstar Soccer 64</i>	Sports	Nintendo 64	Konami Computer Entertainment Osaka
1998	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
1999	<i>Soulcalibur</i>	Fighting	Arcade, Dreamcast	Namco
2000	<i>NFL 2K1</i>	Sports	Dreamcast	Visual Concepts
	<i>Perfect Dark</i>	First-person shooter	Nintendo 64	Rare
2001	<i>Grand Theft Auto III</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	DMA Design
2002	<i>Metroid Prime</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube	Retro Studios
2003	<i>Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic</i>	Role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox	BioWare

2004	<i>Half-Life 2</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
	<i>Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Rockstar North
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i>	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2008	<i>Grand Theft Auto IV</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Super Mario Galaxy 2</i>	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2011	<i>Chrono Trigger</i>	Role-playing	Virtual Console	Square
2012	<i>Journey</i>	Adventure	PlayStation 3	Thatgamecompany
2013	<i>Rayman Legends</i>	Platformer	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation Vita, Wii U, Xbox 360	Ubisoft Montpellier
2014	<i>Bayonetta 2</i>	Action	Wii U	PlatinumGames
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>Uncharted 4: A Thief's End</i> ^[347]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog

NAVGR Awards

The NAVGTR Awards are handed out by the National Academy of Video Game Trade Reviewers.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2001	<i>Grand Theft Auto III</i> ^[348]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	DMA Design
2002	<i>Grand Theft Auto: Vice City</i> ^[349]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Rockstar North
2003	<i>Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time</i> ^[350]	Action-adventure	Game Boy Advance, PlayStation 2, GameCube, Xbox, Microsoft Windows	Ubisoft Montreal
2004	<i>Half-Life 2</i> ^[351]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows	Valve Corporation
2005	<i>Shadow of the Colossus</i> ^[352]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2	Team Ico
2006	<i>Okami</i> ^[353]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 2, Wii	Clover Studio
2007	<i>BioShock</i> ^[354]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2008	<i>LittleBigPlanet</i> ^[355]	Puzzle-platformer	PlayStation 3	Media Molecule
2009	<i>Batman: Arkham Asylum</i> ^[356]	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rocksteady Studios
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i> ^[357]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>Minecraft</i> ^[358]	Sandbox	Microsoft Windows, OS X, Linux, Android, iOS	Mojang
2012	<i>Journey</i> ^[359]	Adventure	PlayStation 3	Thatgamecompany
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i> ^[360]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Dragon Age: Inquisition</i> ^[361]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i> ^[362]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>Overwatch</i> ^[363]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	Blizzard Entertainment

New York Times

The winners of *The New York Times* Game of the Year are chosen by *New York Times* editors.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2006	<i>Wii Sports</i>	Sports	Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>Mass Effect</i>	Role-playing	Xbox 360	BioWare
2008	<i>Grand Theft Auto IV</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009 (Tie)	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
	<i>Assassin's Creed II</i> ^[364]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Ubisoft Montreal
2010	<i>Mass Effect 2</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare

Oh!X

Japanese computer game magazine *Oh!X* was active from 1982 to 1995. Game of the Year awards were handed out to the following games.^{[365][366]}

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1986	<i>Wibarm</i> ^[365]	Role-playing shooter	PC-88, PC-98, X1, MZ, FM-7, MS-DOS	Arsys Software
1987	<i>Reviver: The Real-Time Adventure</i> ^[365]	Adventure	PC-88, X1, MZ, MSX2	
1988	<i>Star Cruiser</i> ^[365]	Role-playing shooter	PC-88, PC-98, X1, Mega Drive	
1989	<i>After Burner</i> ^[366]	Combat flight simulator	Arcade, X68000, FM Towns, MSX	Sega AM2
1990	<i>Dungeon Master</i> ^[366]	Role-playing	Atari ST, X68000, MSX, FM Towns, PC-9801	FTL Games, Victor Interactive Software
1991	<i>Parodius! From Myth to Laughter</i> ^[366]	Side-scrolling shooter	Arcade, X68000	Konami
1992	<i>Overtake</i> ^[366]	Racing	X68000	Zoom
1993	<i>Castlevania Chronicles</i> ^[366]	Platformer	X68000	Konami
1994	<i>Geograph Seal</i> ^[366]	Platformer	X68000	Exact

Omni

The games chosen as the year's best by *Omni* magazine, which was active from 1978 to 1995.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1982	<i>Wizardry II: The Knight of Diamonds</i> ^[367]	Role-playing	Apple II	Sir-Tech
1983	<i>Pitfall!</i> ^[368]	Platformer	Atari 2600	Activision
1984	<i>Boulder Dash</i> ^[369]	Action	Atari 8-bit	First Star Software
1990	<i>Ys I & II</i> ^[370]	Action role-playing	TurboGrafx-CD	Nihon Falcom

Polygon

Polygon's Game of the Year is chosen by its staff.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2012	<i>The Walking Dead</i> ^[371]	Graphic adventure	iOS, Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Telltale Games
2013	<i>Gone Home</i> ^[372]	Adventure	Microsoft Windows, OS X, Linux	The Fullbright Company
2014	<i>Dragon Age: Inquisition</i> ^[373]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	<i>Her Story</i> ^[374]	Interactive movie	Microsoft Windows, OS X, iOS	Sam Barlow
2016	<i>DOOM</i> ^[375]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	id Software

ScrewAttack

The winners of ScrewAttack's annual Top 10 Games poll.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2008	<i>Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Kojima Productions
2010	<i>Mass Effect 2</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword</i> ^[376]	Action-adventure	Wii	Nintendo EAD

Slant Magazine

The winners of Slant Magazine are chosen by its editors in a "Top 25".

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2011 ^[377]	<i>Portal 2</i>	Puzzle-platformer	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Valve Corporation
2012 ^[378]	<i>Xenoblade Chronicles</i>	Action role-playing	Wii	Monolith Soft
2013 ^[379]	<i>Grand Theft Auto V</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2014 ^[380]	<i>Persona Q: Shadow of the Labyrinth</i>	Role-playing	3DS	Atlus
2015 ^[381]	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016 ^[382]	<i>Uncharted 4: A Thief's End</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog

Softalk

In 1981, *Softalk* held one of the first reader polls on popular home computer software, released up until 1980.^[383]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)
1980	<i>Super Invader</i>	Shoot 'em up	Apple II

SXSW Gaming Awards

The winners of the SXSW Gaming Awards, started in 2014, are judged by the SXSW Gaming Advisory Board, which is composed of over 40 industry experts that are well-versed in the industry.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i> ^[384]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Dragon Age: Inquisition</i> ^[385]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i> ^[386]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>Uncharted 4: A Thief's End</i> ^[387]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog

TecMundo Games (Formerly: Baixaki Jogos)

The winners of the TecMundo Games GOTY are chosen by editors.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2010	<i>Super Mario Galaxy 2</i> ^[388]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i> ^[389]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>Assassin's Creed III</i> ^[390]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Ubisoft Montreal
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i> ^[391]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	Monolith Productions
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i> ^[392]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED
2016	<i>Uncharted 4: A Thief's End</i> ^[393]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 4	Naughty Dog

Time

The winners of the *Time* magazine Game of the Year are chosen by *Time* magazine editors.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2006	<i>Wii Sports</i>	Sports	Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>Halo 3</i>	First-person shooter	Xbox 360	Bungie
2008	<i>Grand Theft Auto IV</i>	Action-adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2009	<i>Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Infinity Ward
2010	<i>Alan Wake</i>	Action-adventure	Xbox 360	Remedy Entertainment
2011	<i>Minecraft</i>	Sandbox	Microsoft Windows, OS X, Linux, Android, iOS	Mojang
2012	<i>Guild Wars 2</i>	MMORPG	Microsoft Windows	ArenaNet
2013	<i>Grand Theft Auto V</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar North
2014	<i>80 Days</i>	Interactive fiction	iOS, Android	Inkle
2015	<i>Prune</i>	Puzzle	iOS, Android	Joel McDonald
2016	<i>The Witness</i>	Puzzle	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, iOS	Thekla, Inc.

VSDA Awards

The Video Software Dealers Association's VSDA Awards for home entertainment handed out awards for the best video games of the year, which are listed here.^[394]

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
1983	<i>Pac-Man</i> ^[395]	Maze	Arcade, Atari 2600	Namco
1994	<i>NBA Jam</i>	Sports	Arcade, Game Gear, Sega Genesis, SNES, Game Boy, Sega CD	Midway Games
1995	<i>Donkey Kong Country</i>	Platformer	SNES	Rare
1996	<i>Donkey Kong Country 2: Diddy's Kong Quest</i>	Platformer	SNES	Rare
1998	<i>GoldenEye 007</i>	First-person shooter	Nintendo 64	Rare
1999	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
2000	<i>Pokémon Stadium</i>	Strategy	Nintendo 64	Nintendo EAD
2001	<i>Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2</i>	Sports	PlayStation, Microsoft Windows, Game Boy Color, Dreamcast	Neversoft

X-Play

The winners of the *X-Play* Game of the Year were chosen by *X-Play* editors.^[396] The show ended in January 2013.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2003	<i>Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic</i>	Role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox	BioWare
2004	<i>Halo 2</i>	First-person shooter	Xbox	Bungie
2005	<i>Resident Evil 4</i>	Survival horror	GameCube, PlayStation 2	Capcom
2006	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i>	Action-adventure	GameCube, Wii	Nintendo EAD
2007	<i>BioShock</i> ^[397]	First-person shooter	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	Irrational Games
2008	<i>Fable II</i> ^[398]	Action role-playing	Xbox 360	Lionhead Studios
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i> ^[399]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Mass Effect 2</i> ^[400]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360	BioWare
2011	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i> ^[401]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2012	<i>Borderlands 2</i> ^[402]	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Gearbox Software

Yahoo! Games

The winners of the *Yahoo! Games* Game of the Year are chosen by *Yahoo! Games* editors.

Year	Game	Genre	Platform(s)	Developer(s)
2007	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i> ^[403]	Platformer	Wii	Nintendo EAD Tokyo
2008	<i>Fallout 3</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Bethesda Game Studios
2009	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i> ^[404]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2010	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i> ^[405]	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rockstar San Diego
2011	<i>Batman: Arkham City</i>	Action-Adventure	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Rocksteady Studios
2012	<i>The Walking Dead</i>	Graphic adventure	iOS, Microsoft Windows, OS X, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Telltale Games
2013	<i>The Last of Us</i>	Action-adventure	PlayStation 3	Naughty Dog
2014	<i>Dragon Age: Inquisition</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One	BioWare
2015	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i>	Action role-playing	Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	CD Projekt RED

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