

# 2011 Guinness of World Records

**2011 Guinness World Records** showcased an incredible array of human achievements, natural wonders, and unique talents that captivated audiences worldwide. The year was marked by remarkable records that highlighted the extraordinary capabilities of individuals and the fascinating aspects of our planet. This edition continued the tradition of celebrating human ingenuity, creativity, and persistence, providing a comprehensive overview of the records that defined the year.

## Highlights of the 2011 Edition

The 2011 edition of the Guinness World Records featured a variety of record-breaking feats that spanned across different categories. From the tallest structures to the fastest animals, the breadth of human achievement was on full display. Here are some of the most notable records from the year:

### Human Achievements

- 1. Tallest Man:** Sultan Kösen from Turkey held the record for the tallest living man at a staggering height of 8 feet 2.8 inches (251 cm). His remarkable stature was due to a condition known as gigantism, caused by an excess of growth hormone.
- 2. Fastest 100m Sprint:** Usain Bolt of Jamaica continued to dominate the sprinting world, having set the record for the fastest 100 meters in 2009 at 9.58 seconds. His incredible speed made him a household name and a symbol of athletic excellence.
- 3. Largest Collection of Teddy Bears:** The record for the largest collection of teddy bears was held by a woman named Lutz H. from Germany, who had amassed an astounding collection of 20,000 teddy bears, showcasing not only her love for the toys but also the sentimental value they held.

### Innovative Records

The 2011 edition featured records that demonstrated human innovation and creativity. Some of the most intriguing records included:

- **Most People Dressed as Smurfs:** In a vibrant display of community spirit and creativity, 2,762 participants dressed as Smurfs gathered in Lauchringen, Germany, setting a new record that highlighted the joy of collective effort.
- **Largest Pizza:** The world's largest pizza was created in Rome, Italy, measuring an incredible 1261.65 square meters (13,580.28 square feet). Named "Ottavia" after the first Roman emperor, the pizza was made with traditional Italian ingredients and was a symbol of culinary achievement.

## Natural Wonders

2011 also brought attention to the natural world, showcasing records that captured the awe of nature:

- **Tallest Tree:** A coast redwood named Hyperion, located in California, was measured at 379.7 feet (115.7 meters) tall, making it the tallest known living tree on Earth. This record emphasized the importance of conservation and the breathtaking beauty of our natural environment.

- **Deepest Point on Earth:** The Challenger Deep, located in the Mariana Trench, was recorded at a depth of 36,070 feet (10,994 meters). This extreme depth is a reminder of the mysteries that still lie beneath the ocean's surface.

## Entertainment and Pop Culture Records

The world of entertainment also saw its share of record-breaking moments in 2011. From blockbuster films to musical achievements, the year was filled with notable milestones.

### Film and Television

- **Highest-Grossing Film:** "Avatar," directed by James Cameron, continued to set records with a staggering box office gross of over \$2.8 billion, making it the highest-grossing film of all time at that moment. Its groundbreaking visual effects and storytelling captivated audiences globally.

- **Longest-Running TV Show:** "The Simpsons" celebrated its 20th anniversary, making it the longest-running scripted prime-time television series in history. Its cultural impact and ability to blend humor with social commentary solidified its place in television history.

### Music Records

- **Best-Selling Album:** Adele's "21" broke records with over 31 million copies sold worldwide, earning her multiple Grammy Awards and establishing her as one of the leading artists of the decade.

- **Most Concerts in a Year:** The band U2 set the record for the most concerts played in a single year, with their "360° Tour" featuring 110 shows across the globe, showcasing their enduring popularity and the power of live music.

### Sports Records

Sports remained a focal point in the 2011 edition of Guinness World Records, with numerous athletes pushing the limits of human potential.

## **Endurance and Strength**

- Longest Bicycle Ride: The record for the longest journey by bicycle was achieved by 29-year-old cyclist, Timo Pritzel, who rode over 22,000 kilometers (13,670 miles) through various countries, demonstrating incredible endurance and determination.
- Heaviest Weight Lifted: The record for the heaviest weight lifted was set by Paul Anderson, who lifted an astonishing 6,270 pounds (2,840 kg). His strength and power were legendary, and this record stood as a testament to the limits of human capability.

## **Team Sports**

- Most Goals Scored in a Calendar Year: Lionel Messi broke the record for the most goals scored in a calendar year, netting 91 goals in 2012, surpassing Gerd Müller's long-standing record of 85 goals set in 1972. Messi's remarkable talent and dedication to the sport reinforced his status as one of the greatest football players of all time.
- Most Consecutive Wins in Formula 1: Sebastian Vettel achieved the record for the most consecutive wins in a single season, with 9 wins during the 2011 Formula 1 season, showcasing his exceptional skill and the dominance of his team, Red Bull Racing.

## **Record-Breaking Events**

The excitement of breaking records often brings people together in unique ways. The 2011 edition of Guinness World Records documented various events designed specifically to achieve new records.

## **Community and Global Events**

- Largest Human Mattress Dominoes: In an attempt to break a quirky record, 2,016 people in Italy stacked mattresses to create the largest human mattress dominoes. The event emphasized teamwork and creativity, drawing attention to the fun side of record-breaking.
- Most People in a Virtual Meeting: A global event organized by a tech company saw over 30,000 participants join a virtual meeting, breaking the record for the most people in a single online gathering. This event highlighted the growing importance of technology in connecting people across distances.

## **Conclusion**

The 2011 Guinness World Records captured the spirit of human achievement, creativity, and the wonders of the natural world. From awe-inspiring performances in sports to record-breaking feats that blurred the lines of imagination, this edition served as a testament to what individuals and groups can

accomplish. The stories of perseverance, innovation, and passion reflect the diverse tapestry of human experience, encouraging readers to dream big and strive for greatness.

As we look back on the records of 2011, we are reminded of the potential of the human spirit to overcome challenges, break barriers, and create extraordinary memories. The Guinness World Records continues to inspire generations, showcasing that the pursuit of excellence knows no bounds.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What was the most popular record broken in the 2011 Guinness World Records?**

The most popular record broken in 2011 was the record for the 'Most Liked' photo on Facebook, which was a photo of the royal couple, Prince William and Kate Middleton, after their wedding.

### **Which individual set the record for the tallest man in the world in 2011?**

In 2011, the record for the tallest man in the world was held by Sultan Kösen from Turkey, who measured 8 feet 2.8 inches (251 cm).

### **What unique record did a group of people break in 2011 related to dancing?**

In 2011, a record was set for the largest dance class, where over 11,000 participants gathered in Mexico City to learn a dance simultaneously.

### **What was the record for the fastest time to eat a specific food item set in 2011?**

In 2011, the record for the fastest time to eat a 12-inch pizza was achieved by Michelle Lesco, who completed it in 32.28 seconds.

### **Which animal was recognized for the longest ears in the 2011 Guinness World Records?**

In 2011, the record for the longest ears on a rabbit was held by a rabbit named Nipper, whose ears measured 79 cm (31 inches).

### **What was the record for the largest pizza ever made in 2011?**

The record for the largest pizza ever made in 2011 was achieved in Rome, Italy, measuring 1261.65 square meters (13,580.28 square feet).

## **Who set the record for the longest fingernails in 2011?**

In 2011, Lee Redmond from the USA set the record for the longest fingernails, measuring a total of 28 feet 4.5 inches (8.65 meters) combined.

## **What was a notable achievement in the realm of technology in the 2011 Guinness World Records?**

In 2011, the record for the largest smartphone was set by the Samsung Galaxy Note, which had a display size of 5.3 inches.

## **Which record related to extreme sports was notable in 2011?**

In 2011, the record for the highest base jump was achieved by Felix Baumgartner, who jumped from an altitude of 39,000 feet.

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