

The biggest bag of pick and mix

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Pick and mix is usually bought a few hundred grams at a time. The record books are less modest. Here are the sweet records that stand out, as listed by Guinness World Records.

The biggest bag

The largest bag of candy on record weighed 1,025 kg, more than a tonne. It was filled by Broadway Sweets in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 20 August 2022, during filming for Stumbo Record Breakers, a documentary series about South African heritage that the company sponsored.

For a sense of scale, a party usually needs far less: see [how much pick and mix do you need per person?](#)

The dearest bag: the last of Woolworths

The most expensive pick and mix on record is a small bag with a sad story. Woolworths, the high street home of pick and mix for a century, went into administration in 2008, and its shops closed by January 2009: see [Woolworths pick and mix, the story](#)

The store manager at Petts Wood, in Bromley, Kent, Ed Adams, donated what the administrators, Deloitte, certified as the last pick and mix sold by the chain. The 800 g bag held fizzy cola bottles, pineapple cubes, white mice and jelly worms. On 21 February 2009 it sold at a charity auction for £14,500, in aid of the Retail Trust, to support a helpline for retail workers and their families affected by redundancy.

The widest choice

For choice, the record belongs to Tom's Confectionery Warehouse in Melbourne, Australia, which Guinness World Records lists as having the largest display of sweet varieties: 946 different types, as of 13 January 2024.

Other giants

- **The largest gummy sweet** weighed 1,728 kg and was made by Tanis, a Dutch maker of sweet making machines: see [how are gummy sweets shaped?](#)
- **The largest sweet dispenser**, at PEZ's visitor centre in Connecticut, measures 4.45 m.
- **British giants** have their own records too: see [what is the biggest gobstopper ever made?](#) and [how long is the longest stick of rock?](#)

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