1977 History, Fun Facts & Trivia

How much things cost in 1977

Yearly Inflation Rate USA6.5%
Year End Close Dow Jones Industrial Average 831
Interest Rates Year End Federal Reserve 7.75%
Average Cost of new house $49,300.00
Average Income per year $15,000.00
Average Monthly Rent $240.00
Cost of a gallon of Gas 65 cents
Bikini$9.00
Renault Gordini $6998,00
BMW 320i $7990.00
Average House Price 13,650
Gallon of Petrol 0.79

Popular Culture 1977

Record company EMI sacks the controversial UK punk rock group the Sex Pistols.

Star Wars opens in cinemas and filmgoers line up for hours to see it

The TV Mini Series "Roots" is aired on ABC winning top audience figures, 9 Emmys and a Golden Globe

Never Mind The Bollocks Here's The Sex Pistols is released

The Clash release their first album "The Clash "

Perhaps most important in Popular Culture is the development of punk music. From groups like the Ramones, Iggy Pop, The Clash, Elvis Costello, The Stranglers, and the Sex Pistols

The King “Elvis Presley" Dies at the age of 42 from a heart attack August 16th

Popular Musicians

- Rod Stewart
- Stevie Wonder
- The Eagles
- The Bee Gees
- Barbra Streisand
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- Fleetwood Mac
- Wings
- Hot Chocolate

Popular Films

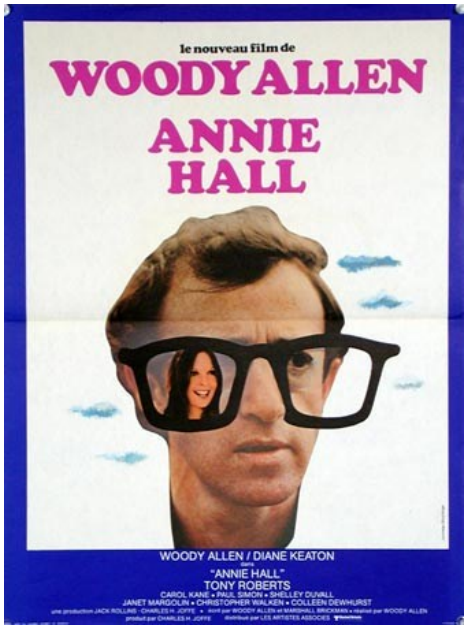
- Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope
- Rocky
- Smokey and the Bandit
- A Star Is Born
- Saturday Night Fever
- King Kong
- The Deep
- Close Encounters of the Third Kind
- Annie Hall

Best Film Oscar Winner:

Annie Hall

Popular TV Programs

- Laverne & Shirley
- Happy Days
- Three's Company
- 60 Minutes
- Charlie's Angels
- All in the Family
- Little House on the Prairie
- Alice
- M*A*S*H
- One Day at a Time



Sports

World Series Champions: New York Yankees
Superbowl XI Champions: Oakland Raiders
NBA Champions: Portland Trail Blazers
Stanley Cup Champs: Montreal Canadians
U.S. Open Golf Hubert Green
U.S. Tennis: (Men/Ladies) Guilermo Vilas/Christine Marie Evert
Wimbledon (Men/Women): Bjorn Borg/Virginia Wade
NCAA Football Champions: Notre Dame
NCAA Basketball Champions: Marquette
Kentucky Derby: Seattle Stew

The Scandal:

The Big Ear radio telescope heard what many may consider a radio transmission from outer space from an intelligent extra-terrestrial source.

Han Solo shot (Greedo) first in Star Wars. Deal with it.

The Saturday Night Fever soundtrack did not get an Academy Award nomination.

The 'Son of Sam' serial killer, David Berkowitz, was captured. Sam was his neighbor's dog, who told him to do the killing.

Airplane Celebrity Death: Ronnie Van Zant, Steve Gaines

Celebrity Suicide Death: Freddie Prinze (gunshot)

Nerd News:

Slim-Fast began selling in 1977

Maureen Weston, while in a rocking chair marathon, didn't sleep for 18 days and 17 hours. Don't try this at home, or even with friends.

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The e.p.t. pregnancy test was available over the counter. Previously, there was an ancient Egyptian test that was right about 2 out of 3 times, involving peeing on barley and wheat, which could even tell the sex of the children.

Cost of a Superbowl ad in 1977: $125,000

The first Apple II computers went on sale

NAVSTAR Global Positioning System GPS Inaugurated by US Department of defense

The first ever quadraphonic concert in London by Pink Floyd

The first commercial flight Concord London to New York

The first MRI Scanner is tested in Brooklyn

NASA space shuttle makes its first test flight off the back of a jetliner

Voyager I and Voyager II are launched unmanned to explore the outer solar system

1977's Most Popular Christmas Gifts, Toys and Presents:

- Atari 2600 Console
- Star Wars Toys
- Chai Pets
- Slime
- Skateboards

1977 Billboard Number One Songs

November 13 - January 7, 1977:
Tonight's The Night (Gonna Be Alright) - Rod Stewart

January 8 - January 14:
You Don't Have To Be A Star (To Be In My Show) - Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis, Jr.

January 15 - January 21:
You Make Me Feel Like Dancing - Leo Sayer

January 22 - January 28:
I Wish - Stevie Wonder

January 29 - February 4:
Car Wash - Rose Royce

February 5 - February 18:
Torn Between Two Lovers - Mary MacGregor

February 19 - February 25:
Blinded By The Light - Manfred Mann's Earth Band

February 26 - March 4:
New Kid In Town - The Eagles

March 5 - March 25:
Love Theme From A Star Is Born - ("Evergreen) Barbra Streisand

March 26 April 8:
Rich Girl - Daryl Hall & John Oates

April 9 - April 15:
Dancing Queen - ABBA

April 16 - April 22:
Don't Give Up On Us - David Soul

April 23 - April 29:
Don't Leave Me This Way - Thelma Houston

April 30 - May 6:
Southern Nights - Glen Campbell

May 7 - May 13:
Hotel California - The Eagles

May 14 - May 20:
When I Need You - Leo Sayer

May 21- June 11:
Sir Duke - Stevie Wonder

June 11 - June 17:
I'm Your Boogie Man - KC and the Sunshine Band

June 18 - June 24:
Dreams - Fleetwood Mac

June 25 - July 1:
Got To Give It Up (Pt. I) - Marvin Gaye

July 2- July 8:
Gonna Fly Now - Bill Conti

July 9 - July 15:
Undercover Angel - Alan O'Day

July 16 - July 22:
Da Doo Ron Ron - Shaun Cassidy

July 23 - July 29:
Looks Like We Made It - Barry Manilow

July 30 - August 19:
I Just Want To Be Your Everything - Andy Gibb

August 20 - September 30:
Best Of My Love - The Emotions

October 1 - October 14:
Star Wars Theme/Cantina Band - Meco

October 15 - December 23:
You Light Up My Life - Debby Boone

December 24, 1977 - January 13, 1978:
How Deep Is Your Love - Bee Gees