

The King of Pop

Michael Jackson was born on August 29, 1958, in Gary, Indiana



■ **Album sales:** *Thriller* (1982) is best-selling album of all time with 65 million sales. **Jackson has sold more than 750m records worldwide**

■ **Lifetime earnings:** Royalties from recordings and music videos, revenue from concerts and endorsements are estimated at \$500 million

■ **Awards:** Jackson received ***Presidential Humanitarian Award*** from ***Ronald Reagan*** in 1984 for his support of alcohol and drug abuse charities. Twice inducted into ***Rock and Roll Hall of Fame*** (1997, 2001), and 13 ***Grammy Awards***

■ **Pets:** ***Bubbles*** the chimp, ***Ben*** the rat, a ram called ***Mr Tibbs***, a python called ***Crusher*** and ***Louie*** the llama

■ **Also known as:** ***The Gloved One***, ***Wacko Jacko***, ***MJ*** and ***John Jay Smith*** – name used when he provided voiceover on ***The Simpsons*** in 1991