

## What did Everyone Wear this Halloween?

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This Tuesday was the annual celebration of the uniquely American holiday of Halloween. Kids wore their spookiest outfits to school, then set out for trick-or-treating in the evening. Almost every bag was filled with loads of candy. But the biggest thing one does to prepare for the holiday is choose a costume.

Different people like different things, so there were obviously a lot of different costumes worn by Americans on Halloween. But some seemed to be common choices. While you were trick-or-treating or handing out candy, how many clowns did you see? How many ghosts? Not many people think about what other people tend to wear on the scariest night of the year. The truth might surprise you!

According to Business Insider, the most popular costume in 2016 was DC Comics' Harley Quinn, followed by the Joker, a pirate, and Wonder Woman. Clowns were also popular, due to the recent firestorm surrounding "killer" clowns roaming neighborhoods and forests at night.

2017 followed a similar trend, with some deviations. This year, Wonder Woman came out on top as the most popular costume. Next in line was Harley Quinn. Then there was a Clown, a Unicorn, a Rabbit, a Witch, a Mouse, a Pirate, a Zombie, a Dinosaur, a Princess, Moana, a Ninja, a Superhero, and a Mermaid.

I took count of the costumes around my neighborhood as well, with the help of my Dad. We found that lots of people dressed up as a Soldier, a Turtle (not even a ninja turtle, just a regular turtle), or a character from a cartoon or movie. There were some dressed as sports players, too. However, some people got really creative. There was a train conductor, a pumpkin, a pineapple, and a 50's rocker.

It's cool to see what the majority of people choose, but there's way too much variety every year to represent every Halloween costume worn. America is almost 350 million strong, and you're definitely going to find some weird, crazy, and awesome costumes if you look hard enough. Just imagine what next year will be like!