

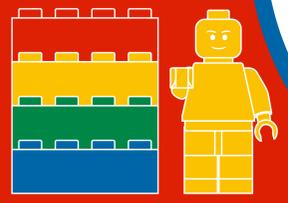
minifigures

40 Years

As one of the planet's tiniest icons celebrates its big 4...0, here are some milestone moments from its very big story.



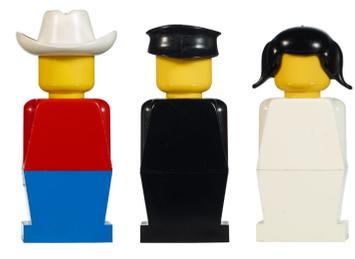
DID YOU KNOW?



The height of the minifigure (without any hair piece) is equal to that of four LEGO bricks, meaning it fits perfectly into the LEGO System in Play.



1974
LEGO® building figures make their entrance



1975
LEGO stage extra introduced, but without movable arms or legs



1978
The LEGO minifigure we know and love today arrives



1979
Saw the introduction of male hairpieces. Did you know before this all male minifigures wore hats?



1989
Pirates swashbuckled along and bought with them different facial expressions and body parts for the first time



1990
The first specialised minifigure and glow in the dark element were created – the ghost



1990
The first minifigure wearing a dress is produced



1993
Three years later, the first minifigure with a separate beard element was introduced

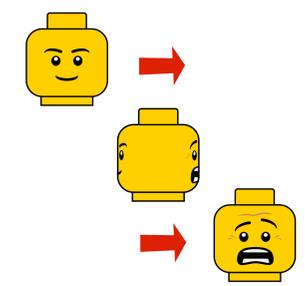
2009
Microfigures that stand at just two bricks tall are introduced as part of LEGO Games (technically not minifigures, but such fun characters!)



2004
From this year onwards, all licenced minifigures no longer have yellow faces



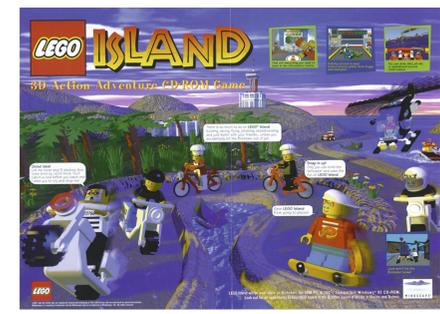
2002
The LEGO® Star Wars™ Yoda character is the first minifigure with short legs



2001
The noughties saw double faces and reversible heads introduced



1999
The first licensed minifigures launch with LEGO® Star Wars™, and the minifigure head is sculpted into a different shape for the first time



1997
The minifigure gets a digital makeover and stars in the LEGO Island video game

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DID YOU KNOW?
Over 8,000 different minifigures have been introduced in the last 40 years



2010
LEGO Group rewards fans by launching the Minifigure Collectors line...



2010
...and the LEGO minifigure gets a personalised trophy



2014
The minifigure stars in its first blockbuster movie – THE LEGO® MOVIE™



2016
The first minifigure baby is born (technically not a minifigure, but a sweet addition to the family)...



2016
...and the first minifigure wheelchair is introduced to the range

2018
In its 40th year, there are over 650 different minifigure heads available in 2018 alone

