

Top 5 Most Talked About Hollywood Celebrities of 2017

Gal Gadot

Wonder Woman has been one of the most successful films of 2017, currently grossing at over \$82 million worldwide. A huge part of this success comes from the woman who has made Princess Diana of Themyscira come to life: Gal Gadot. This energetic Israeli actress re-defined what it means to portray a woman protagonist in a male-dominated world, and combined with the current popularity of the superhero genre, she stood out among the rest with unparalleled charm. Her acting, attitude and all-around beauty and grace quickly made her a subject of much adoration by fans all over the world. Thus, it is no wonder why *Wonder Woman* herself was one of the most talked about celebrities in 2017.

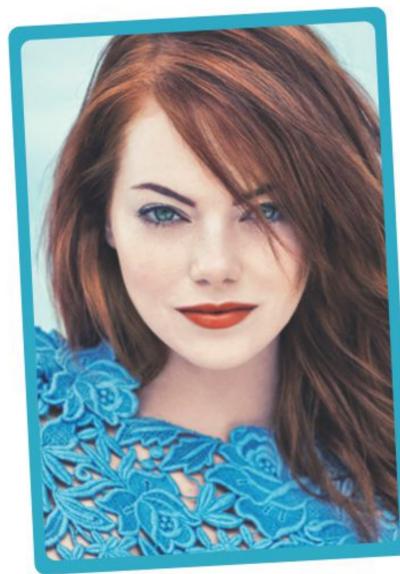


Meghan Markle

Matrimony news between celebrities is always well-revered by fans. And when it's the engagement of the *Suits* star Meghan Markle with Prince Harry AKA Prince Henry of Wales, it is no surprise that everyone would go wild about it. While Markle was relatively well-known for her roles in the films *Remember Me* and *Horrible Bosses*, this sudden engagement made her fame skyrocket out of nowhere; enough to make her the most searched actor, the second most searched person, as well as the fifth most searched term in Google this year. Funnily, Prince Harry wasn't even close to the top in any of these lists, and he's supposed to be the reason why Meghan became so popular in the first place!

Harvey Weinstein

While cases of sexual misconduct in Hollywood were always a prominent matter, things seemed to have gotten out of hand after the Oscar-winning producer Harvey Weinstein was fired from his own company due to several sexual allegations made against him. After the news of Weinstein being a sex offender had gotten out, over 50 women actors and personalities in Hollywood made further allegations against him. In fact, the revelations were so impactful, they gave birth to the "Weinstein effect", which created an international awareness regarding sexual misconduct and encouraged many female actors to speak about their experiences of being victims of such ill deeds. It seems that at the end of the day, every cloud has its silver lining



Emma Stone

Talent and hard work brings in success, and success invites fame; such has been the case with Emma Stone in the last few years. While she was already one of the most popular actors of recent times, she gained immense popularity through an Oscar win in the Best Actress category. *La La Land* also granted her a Golden Globe Award and a BAFTA Award, which is a testament to how far Emma Stone has come in the path of stardom. There is no need to explain why the highest paid female actor of 2017 was one of the most talked about Hollywood celebrities this year, and with another Golden Globe nomination currently at hand, success may further continue her way. Perhaps another win? We can only hope!

Chester Bennington

Those of us born during the 90s remember Linkin Park as one of our first exposures to English band music, and we have cherished their music with love and dedication over the years. Thus, hearing about Chester Bennington committing suicide not only shook us to our cores, a big part of our childhood had died alongside. Sources later confirmed that he had suffered from depression for a long time, which was also hinted at some of his most recent songs. Still, no one saw it coming, and the suddenness made the tragedy more unbearable. The passing away of Chester Bennington was one of the most talked about incidents of 2017, and undoubtedly one of the saddest incidents this year.

