

# The 2023-2028 Outlook for Video Games with Mature Rating in Japan

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## Abstracts

This study covers the latent demand outlook for video games with mature rating across the prefectures and cities of Japan. Latent demand (in millions of U.S. dollars), or potential industry earnings (P.I.E.) estimates are given across over 1,000 cities in Japan. For each city in question, the percent share the city is of its prefecture and of Japan as a whole is reported. These comparative benchmarks allow the reader to quickly gauge a city vis-à-vis others. This statistical approach can prove very useful to distribution and/or sales force strategies. Using econometric models which project fundamental economic dynamics within each prefecture and city, latent demand estimates are created for video games with mature rating. This report does not discuss the specific players in the market serving the latent demand, nor specific details at the product level. The study also does not consider short-term cyclicalities that might affect realized sales. The study, therefore, is strategic in nature, taking an aggregate and long-run view, irrespective of the players or products involved.

In this report we define the sales of video games with mature rating as including all commonly understood products falling within this broad category, such as video games for consoles, handheld devices, cellular telephones, and computers which have been designated with a Mature (M) rating by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) because of content containing intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content, and/or strong language which is not considered suitable for children under 17 years of age, irrespective of product packaging, formulation, size, or form. Companies participating in this industry include Capcom, EA Games, Konami, Microsoft, NAMCO, Nintendo, Sega, and Sony Games. In addition to the sources indicated, additional information available to the public via news and/or press releases published by players in the industry was considered in defining and calibrating this category. All figures are in a common currency (U.S. dollars, millions) and are not adjusted for inflation (i.e., they

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