



TCGi Vending Machines See 27% Growth Despite Losses

Description

After checking Pokemon.com's locator, we see that TPCi now runs 1,871 Pokemon TCG vending machines in 28 states. This is a 27% increase and three new states added since May 2025, when there were 1,473 machines in 25 states.

This growth is the second-largest in the program's history. From 2017 to 2023, the number of machines did not go above 65. Last year, the numbers jumped dramatically, rising from around 200 machines to 1,473 in just 14 months.

However, there have been many changes. Comparing the current list of machines to one from last summer, 207 machines have been taken away while 562 new ones have been added. This means about 1 in 7 machines are gone or moved.

Most removals happened across various retailers, especially on the West Coast. California, Washington, Oregon, and Arizona made up 59% of all removed machines. Although some machines were damaged due to problems in stores, we do not know how many incidents caused the removals.

California now has the most machines, with 372. This is more than Washington (230) and Texas (229). Three new states, Wisconsin, North Carolina, and South Carolina, began using machines in new stores, showing TPCi is increasing its partnerships. Florida and New York still do not have any machines, despite being very populous. A map of locations is available on Pokemon.com, although it is less comprehensive than before. Later this month, we may learn about the number of Pokemon cards printed in TPCi's last fiscal year.

Vocabulary List:

1. **vending** //ˈvɛndɪŋ// (adjective): selling goods using an automatic machine
2. **increase** //ɪnˈkriːs// (noun): a rise in amount or size
3. **removals** //rɪˈmuːvəlz// (noun): things or items that were taken away
4. **retailers** //ˈriːteɪlərz// (noun): stores or businesses that sell goods to people
5. **partnerships** //ˈpɑːtnərʃɪps// (noun): agreements to work together with others
6. **fiscal** //ˈfɪskəl// (adjective): related to government or business money

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. How many Pokemon TCG vending machines are currently run by TPCi?
Option: 1,473
Option: 1,871
Option: 2,000
Option: 1,650
2. What was the percentage increase in the number of vending machines since May 2025?
Option: 20%
Option: 25%
Option: 27%
Option: 30%
3. Which state has the most vending machines currently?
Option: Arizona
Option: California
Option: Texas
Option: Washington
4. How many vending machines were there in 2017?
Option: 200
Option: 474
Option: 65
Option: 1,200
5. What percentage of machines were removed or moved recently?
Option: 1 in 10
Option: 1 in 5
Option: 1 in 7
Option: 1 in 12
6. Which three new states began using vending machines?
Option: Ohio, Michigan, Florida
Option: Wisconsin, North Carolina, South Carolina
Option: New York, Texas, Arizona
Option: Massachusetts, Virginia, Georgia



True-False

7. There was a decrease in the number of vending machines from 2023 to 2024.
8. Florida and New York have Pokemon TCG vending machines.
9. The increase in vending machines was the largest in the program's history.
10. The majority of removals of vending machines occurred on the East Coast.
11. The last fiscal year data for Pokemon cards printed may be released later this month.
12. California has more vending machines than Texas.

Gap-Fill

13. TPCi now runs 1,871 Pokemon TCG vending machines in _____ states.
14. There were 1,473 machines in May 2025, and this number increased by _____ machines.
15. The majority of removals happened on the _____ Coast.
16. California, Washington, Oregon, and Arizona made up _____ of all removed machines.
17. A map of locations is available on Pokemon.com, but it is less _____ than before.
18. Due to issues in stores, some machines were damaged, but we do not know how many _____ occurred.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 1,871 2. 27% 3. California 4. 65 5. 1 in 7 6. Wisconsin, North Carolina, South Carolina

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 28 14. 398 15. West 16. 59% 17. comprehensive 18. incidents



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which of the following terms is often used to refer to buyers in a marketplace?
Option: Retailer
Option: Consumer
Option: Partnership
Option: Vending
2. What type of gaming device is commonly referred to as portable and can be held in one hand?
Option: Console
Option: Handheld
Option: Streaming
Option: Utility
3. Which field of study focuses on celestial objects and the universe?
Option: Astronomy
Option: Retailing
Option: Haptic
Option: Performance
4. Which term refers to individuals whose net worth is at least one billion dollars?
Option: Retailers
Option: Billionaires
Option: Frameworks
Option: Developing
5. What term is used to describe a collaborative agreement between two or more parties?
Option: Vending
Option: Partnerships
Option: Array
Option: Storage
6. What technology allows continuous data flow, usually for media content?



- Option: Haptic
- Option: Streaming
- Option: Utility
- Option: Performance

7. In what context is the term reliability often evaluated?

- Option: Performance
- Option: Vending
- Option: Reliability
- Option: Framework

8. What action are businesses typically trying to achieve regarding their sales and profits?

- Option: Decrease
- Option: Remove
- Option: Increase
- Option: Acknowledge

9. What term refers to the act of taking something away or eliminating it?

- Option: Removals
- Option: Balance
- Option: Potential
- Option: Navigate

10. What technology provides tactile feedback to users, often used in gaming?

- Option: Haptic
- Option: Vending
- Option: Array
- Option: Venture

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The new software was designed to improve the _____ of the existing system.

12. A solid _____ is necessary for the project to succeed.

13. The team's _____ improved significantly after the new training program.

14. It's important to establish a work-life _____ to maintain mental health.

15. We must _____ our natural resources for future generations.



16. Drivers need to _____ the complex road systems in urban areas.
17. The committee _____ the contributions of all members during the meeting.
18. The startup showed great _____ for growth in the tech market.
19. Many communication systems rely on _____ to function effectively.
20. The engineer designed complex _____ to manage data processing.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Vending machines offer a convenient way for consumers to purchase snacks and drinks quickly.
22. Many companies aim to increase their market share during the busy holiday season.
23. The removals of outdated policies helped streamline the organization's operations.
24. Retailers must adapt to changing consumer preferences to stay competitive.
25. Strategic partnerships can lead to innovative solutions and better market positioning.
26. The government announced new fiscal policies to stabilize the economy.
27. The gaming console offers high-quality graphics and immersive gameplay experience.
28. Developing new technologies is crucial for staying ahead in the competitive marketplace.
29. Handheld devices have revolutionized the way we consume digital media on the go.
30. Streaming services have changed how audiences access and enjoy television and movies.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Consumer 2. Handheld 3. Astronomy 4. Billionaires 5. Partnerships 6. Streaming
7. Reliability 8. Increase 9. Removals 10. Haptic

Gap-Fill: 11. utility 12. framework 13. performance 14. balance 15. preserve 16. navigate 17. acknowledged
18. potential 19. satellites 20. arrays

Matching sentence: 1. vending 2. increase 3. removals 4. retailers 5. partnerships 6. fiscal 7. console
8. developing 9. handheld 10. streaming



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