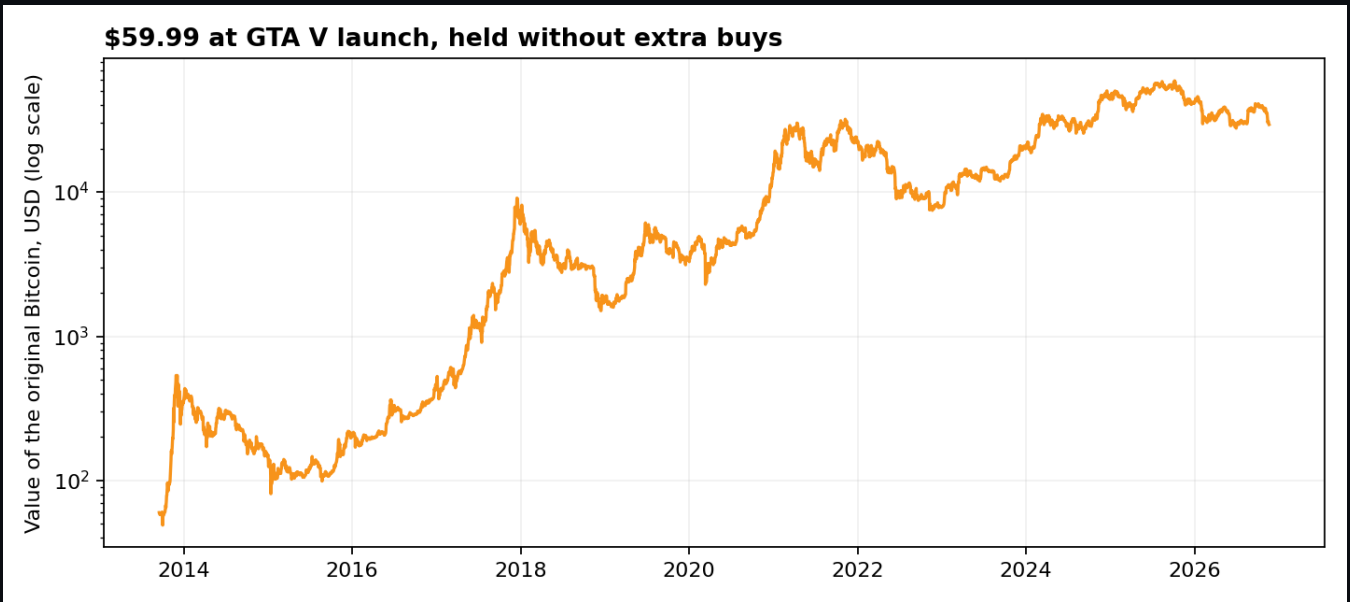
THE GAME WAS $60. THE HOLDING LASTED 13 YEARS.

THE 13-YEAR BITCOIN CALCULATOR

What GTA V's price could have become in Bitcoin, what it took to hold it, and what a purchase today could be worth under different future prices.



Original game price	Bitcoin at launch-day close	Dated holding value
$59.99	0.47265994 BTC	$29,335

Then calculate your own $60, $1,000 or $10,000 example. The $1 million Bitcoin case is a hypothetical scenario, not a forecast.

Frozen reference: $62,064 per BTC on November 19, 2026 at 20:13:54 UTC. No extra purchases, fees, tax or sales in these examples.

THE HISTORICAL COMPARISON

IF WE BOUGHT WITH THAT SAME MONEY

Reference	What we used
GTA V original console release	September 17, 2013
U.S. standard game price	$59.99, before sales tax
BTC launch-day reference	$126.92, September 17 UTC daily close
Hypothetical quantity	$59.99 / $126.92 = 0.47265994 BTC
November 19 reference	$62,064 at 20:13:54 UTC
Value of the same BTC	$29,335.17, described as nearly $30,000

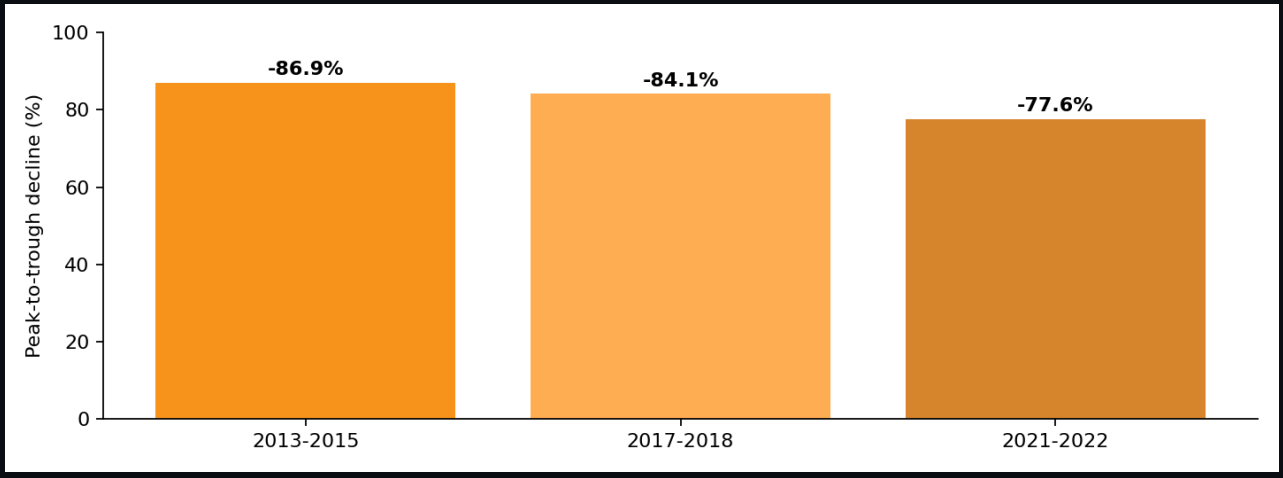
The game is described as $60 in the video. The calculation uses the listed **$59.99**. A round $60 purchase would be worth about $29,340 at the same BTC reference.

The daily close gives one reproducible price for the release date, rather than pretending we know an exact purchase fill. That day's observed range was $125.47 to $127.69. Buying at those two prices would leave roughly $29.2k to $29.7k today.

The BTC quantity stays fixed throughout the study. The dollar value changes with the market price. The calculation does not assume trades, perfect exits or extra money added along the way.

WHAT IT TOOK TO REACH THAT RESULT

THREE DEEP DRAWDOWNS



Episode	Holding at recorded high	Holding at later low	Decline
2013-2015	$550	$72	-86.9%
2017-2018	$9,295	$1,476	-84.1%
2021-2022	$32,614	$7,316	-77.6%

These are declines from each listed high to its later low, not losses measured from the original $59.99 purchase. The holding could remain above its original cost while losing most of its value from a later peak.

For scale, an 80% fall turns a $1,000 position at the start of that decline into $200. The dollar amount you commit matters as much as the final price scenario.

Historical chart lines use daily closes. The high and low markers and this table use the corresponding observed intraday extremes.

A DIFFERENT STARTING POINT TODAY

THE EARLY MULTIPLES GOT SMALLER

Recorded highs	Prices compared	Price multiple
2013 to 2017	$1,163 to $19,666	16.9x
2017 to 2021	$19,666 to $69,000	3.5x
2021 to 2025	$69,000 to $126,272	1.8x

The 2013-to-2017 move was roughly 17 times. The next two recorded-high comparisons were about 3.5 times and 1.8 times. Applying the earliest multiplier to a purchase today would ignore that change in scale.

These comparisons run **between recorded highs**. Our forward examples start from the dated $62,064 reference, which is a different starting point. We do not fit a forecasting model to three multipliers.

The 2025 figure is the high recorded in our data, not proof of a final cycle peak. Adjacent comparisons also share their start or end observations.

Required move from $62,064	Conditional outcome
To $100,000	1.61x the starting price
To $250,000	4.03x
To $1,000,000	16.11x

The next pages show what those prices would mean in dollars. None is assigned a probability.

CHOOSE A FUTURE BTC PRICE

WHAT WOULD YOUR ALLOCATION BE WORTH?

One purchase at $62,064, held with no extra buys. The same calculation works for any holding period; the next page shows how much annual growth each time horizon would require.

Future BTC price	$60 invested	$1,000 invested	$10,000 invested
$30,000	$29	$483	$4,834
$60,000	$58	$967	$9,667
$100,000	$97	$1,611	$16,112
$250,000	$242	$4,028	$40,281
$500,000	$483	$8,056	$80,562
$1,000,000	$967	$16,112	$161,124

Worked example
$1,000 / $62,064 = 0.01611240 BTC.
0.01611240 BTC x $1,000,000 = **$16,112.40**.

At a future BTC price of $30,000, the same $1,000 allocation is worth only about $483. At zero, its market value is zero. The upside examples do not put a floor under the downside.

Table values are rounded to whole dollars after using unrounded quantities. These are BTC allocations, not a recommended percentage of a person's total portfolio.

TIME AND PURCHASING POWER

THE GROWTH THOSE PRICES REQUIRE

$1M BTC by	Years from 2026	Required annual growth
2036	10	32.04%
2039	13	23.84%
2041	15	20.36%

A longer deadline reduces the required annual growth rate. It does not make the target inevitable. Actual yearly returns would not follow a smooth path.

Chosen annual growth	Value of $1,000 after 13 years
10%	$3,452.27
15%	$6,152.79

The 10% and 15% rates are **chosen assumptions, not predictions**. In the video they are rounded to about $3,500 and $6,200.

Inflation illustration

If inflation averaged 2.5% per year, the $16,112 nominal value in the 2039 million-dollar BTC case would have about **$11,688** of today's purchasing power. The inflation rate is another assumption, not a forecast.

Fees and taxes would reduce spendable proceeds. This guide does not apply a personal tax rate or make a tax recommendation.

KEEP THE CALCULATION, CHANGE THE INPUTS

YOUR OWN 13-YEAR WORKSHEET

Input	Your number
BTC allocation	_____
BTC purchase price	_____
BTC quantity = allocation / price	_____
Future BTC price and target year	_____
Future value = BTC quantity x future price	_____
Value after a 50% / 80% price fall	_____

Use the matching calculator

Open the online calculator

Enter your allocation and purchase-price assumption. Compare a target price with a 50% or 80% fall. Change the year count to see the required compound growth rate. Check whether that amount could remain invested without needing a forced sale.

Sources and definitions

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