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SAMSUNG GALAXY S II STILL NUMBER ONE AS BLACKBERRY AND NOKIA REAPPEAR IN THE TOP TEN

- **Samsung Galaxy S II at top spot for ninth consecutive month**
- **The Apple iPhone 4S jostles with Galaxy S II for pole position**
- **BlackBerry and Nokia handsets reappear in top ten despite tumultuous start to the year**
- **Samsung's grip weakens as Galaxy S i9000 falls three places, Galaxy Ace slips one spot, and Galaxy Nexus and Note disappear from top ten**
- **Nokia's low-cost handset the C2-01 a surprise hit while Windows-powered Lumia 800 fails to make the list**

Samsung's flagship smartphone is still sitting squarely atop the bestseller chart for the ninth consecutive month, while the iPhone 4S patiently awaits its chance to steal the South Korean manufacturer's limelight, according to the latest data from independent price comparison and switching service, uSwitch.com.

The [uSwitch.com Mobile Tracker](http://uSwitch.com)^[1], which ranks the UK's most popular handsets based on live searches and sales, shows that the iPhone 4S still has not managed to garner the same level of popularity as the Galaxy S II, while its predecessor, the iPhone 4, has slipped one place in the chart each month since the 4S launched in October last year.

But is the Galaxy series losing its sparkle? Samsung's Galaxy range of smartphones dominated the bestseller chart in the lead up to Christmas, but the original S i9000 has fallen three places in January while the Ace has slipped one spot. Meanwhile, the Galaxy Nexus and Note have disappeared altogether from the top ten.

The tracker also reveals that in spite of terrible fourth quarter results for Nokia and the resignation of the two co-CEOs of RIM after a poor 2011 performance, handsets from both manufacturing giants have re-appeared in the top ten bestselling handsets chart.

The BlackBerry Curve 8520 makes a surprise re-entry at number five in the chart, predominantly off the strength of prepay sales. This handset's last chart appearance was six

months ago, which was the last time a BlackBerry phone made the top ten. And Nokia is back in the chart, after failing to feature at all in the run-up to Christmas. However, surprisingly it is not Nokia's star handset, the Lumia 800, which has made the list. Instead, Nokia's bestseller of the month has been the unassuming and ultra-cheap C2-01, another pay-as-you-go success story.

Another surprise contender is the Sony Ericsson XPERIA Arc S. One of the last handsets from the Japanese manufacturer to bear the 'Ericsson' name, this Android-powered phone has stood out with a sleek design, strong features and an attractive price-point.

Number one handset – Samsung's flagship Galaxy S II maintains its position as the nation's number one phone for the ninth consecutive month, above the iPhone 4S.

Biggest climber –The Samsung Galaxy Mini – deals for which come with a free handset from £10 per month – has proved a popular choice with smartphone users who want an Android operating system at a low price. It has moved up seven places and returned to the top ten.

Biggest losers – Samsung Galaxy Note and Galaxy Nexus are pushed out of the top ten by an influx of cheaper devices.

Top Ten Handsets for January – correct on 31st January 2012

#	Handset	Powered by	Movement
1	Samsung Galaxy S II	Android	No change
2	Apple iPhone 4S (16GB)	Apple iOS	No change
3	HTC Wildfire S	Android	↑ Up 1 place
4	Samsung Galaxy Ace	Android	↓ Down 1 place
5	BlackBerry Curve 8520	BlackBerry OS	New entry
6	Apple iPhone 4 16GB	Apple iOS	↓ Down 1 place
7	Sony Ericsson XPERIA Arc S	Android	↑ Up 1 place
8	Nokia C2-01	Nokia Series 40	New entry
9	Samsung Galaxy Mini	Android	↑ Up 7 places
10	Samsung Galaxy S i9000	Android	↑ Up 2 places

Source: uSwitch.com

Ernest Doku, technology expert at uSwitch.com, says: "The latest official word is that Samsung has delayed its sequel to the Galaxy SII, which comes as little surprise as the manufacturer's evergreen handset retains incredible levels of popularity for yet another month. Available in the UK since May 2011, the Galaxy SII now boasts a range of affordable deals for a

powerful and attractive Android device.

“However, a recent price cut to the iPhone 4S across a number of online retailers has made it available for free from as little as £31 per month, resulting in a massive resurgence of interest around Apple’s flagship smartphone. This pricing shift may well see the Galaxy S II fall from the top spot next month.

“BlackBerry and Nokia have had rough starts to the year, but our mobile tracker illustrates where their strengths may lie. Nokia’s fourth quarter results showed the mobile giant’s star has waned in a very contentious market, and BlackBerry’s co-chief executives Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie both stepped down from Research in Motion last month. However, ‘new’ entries in the chart from both manufacturers show there is still demand for their handsets, if the price is right.

“BlackBerry’s Curve series still has a bedrock of younger fans due to its popular Messenger service, a sentiment borne by the return of the 8520, whilst Nokia’s real volume driver is the entry-level smartphone, which has seen the C2-01 make incremental sales over the Christmas period and into the New Year.

“Major questions are, how much longer BBM can remain a unique selling point for BlackBerry, and whether Nokia can stave off the stream of super-cheap Android smartphones flooding the market?

“Perhaps a change of tack to target this lucrative mid-range market could see a reversal of fortunes for both manufacturers in 2012. As we anticipate a wealth of new devices at Mobile World Congress in Barcelona this month, the exciting part will be to see whether the big names will take a shot at the iPhone’s high-end crown or attempt to deliver a smartphone to the masses. Watch this space.”

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1. The uSwitch.com Mobile Tracker data is derived from Omio’s (www.omio.com) network of comparison sites, which includes uSwitch.com and a number of leading consumer technology websites which total in excess of 10 million monthly page views. The data is a result of an aggregation of all of the clicks and all of the sales from these partner sites.

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