## Singles: Number 1s (3 Or More Weeks)

## Entries by weeks, in order of declining score

TITLE Act (Decade Rank) [Year]	Wks
YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE Debby Boone (2) [77]	10
TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT (Gonna Be Alright)	
Rod Stewart (13) [76]	8
NIGHT FEVER Bee Gees (25) [78]	8
SHADOW DANCING Andy Gibb (18) [78]	7
JOYTO THE WORLD Three Dog Night (1) [71]	6
<b>LE FREAK</b> <i>Chic</i> (6) [78]	6
BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER	
Simon & Garfunkel (10) [70]	6
ALONE AGAIN (Naturally)	
Gilbert O'Sullivan (11) [72]	6
THE FIRST TIME EVER I SAW YOUR FACE	
Roberta Flack (12) [72]	6
MY SHARONA The Knack (27) [79]	6
I'LL BETHERE Jackson 5 (4) [70]	5
REASON TO BELIEVE//MAGGIE MAY	
Rod Stewart (7) [71]	5
IT'S TOO LATE//I FEEL THE EARTH MOVE	
Carole King (16) [71]	5
SILLY LOVE SONGS Wings (26) [76]	5
ONE BAD APPLE The Osmonds (29) [71]	5
BEST OF MY LOVE The Emotions (36) [77]	5
KILLING ME SOFTLY WITH HIS SONG	
Roberta Flack (38) [73]	5
BAD GIRLS Donna Summer (46) [79]	5
RAINDROPS KEEP FALLIN' ON MY HEAD	
B.J. Thomas (3) [69]	4
AMERICAN PIE Don McLean (8) [71]	4
I JUST WANT TO BE YOUR EVERYTHING	
Andy Gibb (9) [77]	4
STAYIN' ALIVE Bee Gees (14) [77]	4
MY SWEET LORD//ISN'T IT A PITY	
George Harrison (15) [70]	4

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(They Long To Be) CLOSE TO YOU						
Carpenters (17) [70]	4					
TIE A YELLOW RIBBON ROUND THE OLE OAK TREE						
Dawn Featuring Tony Orlando (28) [73]	4					
HOW CAN YOU MEND A BROKEN HEART						
Bee Gees (37) [71]	4					
WITHOUT YOU Nilsson (40) [71]	4					
MY LOVE Paul McCartney & Wings (53) [73]						
DA YA THINK I'M SEXY? Rod Stewart (63) [78]						
LOVE WILL KEEP US TOGETHER						
Captain & Tennille (66) [75]	4					
REUNITED Peaches & Herb (67) [79]	4					
I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW Johnny Nash (70) [72]	4					
KISS YOU ALL OVER Exile (75) [78]	4					
DISCO LADY Johnnie Taylor (111) [76]	4					
DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART						
Elton John And Kiki Dee (115) [76]	4					
KNOCK THREE TIMES Dawn (5) [70]	3					
BRAND NEW KEY Melanie (19) [71]	3					
HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE Bee Gees (20) [77]	3					
HOT STUFF Donna Summer (23) [79]	3					
ITHINK I LOVE YOU Partridge Family (24) [70]	3					
YOU'RE SO VAIN Carly Simon (30) [72]	3					
I WILL SURVIVE Gloria Gaynor (31) [78]	3					
WAR Edwin Starr (39) [70]	3					
FAMILY AFFAIR Sly & The Family Stone (43) [71]	3					
GO AWAY LITTLE GIRL Donny Osmond (48) [71]	3					
AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH						
Diana Ross (50) [70]	3					
LOVE THEME FROM "A STAR IS BORN" (Evergreen)						
Barbra Streisand (55) [76]	3					
A HORSE WITH NO NAME America (58) [72]	3					

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THE WAY WE WERE Barbra Streisand (59) [73]	3
BOOGIE OOGIE	
A Taste Of Honey (61) [78]	3
AMERICAN WOMAN//NO SUGAR TONIGHT	
Guess Who (62) [70]	3
PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC Wild Cherry (74) [76]	3
BABY DON'T GET HOOKED ON ME	_
Mac Davis (78) [72]	3
SEASONS IN THE SUN Terry Jacks (79) [74]	3
CROCODILE ROCK Elton John (80) [72]	3
ME AND MRS. JONES Billy Paul (81) [72]	3
THE CANDY MAN	
Sammy Davis) [Jr. With	_
The Mike Curb Congregation (82) [72]	3
ESCAPE (The Pina Colada Song)	,
Rupert Holmes (84) [79] MacARTHUR PARK	3
Donna Summer (90) [78]	3
THE STREAK Ray Stevens (98) [74]	3
DECEMBER. 1963 (Oh. What A Night)	
Four Seasons (99) [75]	3
BABY COME BACK Player (103) [77]	3
FLY) [ROBIN) [FLY (I]	
Silver Convention (118) [75]	3
ISLAND GIRL Elton John (129) [75]	3
LEAN ON ME Bill Withers (139) [72]	3
50 WAYS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVER	
Paul Simon (143) [75]	3
(You're) HAVING MY BABY Paul Anka (173) [74]	3
HE DON'T LOVE YOU (Like I Love You)	
Tony Orlando & Dawn (185) [75]	3
SIR DUKE Stevie Wonder (194) [77]	3
BAD BLOOD Neil Sedaka (276) [75]	3

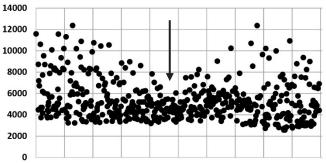
Fewer Number 1s in a year means more weeks on average spent at Number 1. If weeks at Number 1 can be taken as a mark of a record's popularity, multiple weeks at Number 1 indicates public consensus about its appeal. Years with lots of different Number 1s of short duration—years with lots of churn at the top--are characterized by little consensus—the public seems to just be looking for the next shiny object.

## Year, Chart Entries and Number 1s by year

Year	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Entries	629	615	581	522	495	551	529	467	449	477
Number 1s	21	18	21	27	35	35	26	28	19	23

The period of mid-1974 to mid-1975 was particularly bleak. See also: Writers Chronology.

## Scores of Number 1s By Peak Date



Jan-70 Jan-71 Jan-72 Jan-73 Jan-74 Jan-75 Jan-76 Jan-77 Jan-78 Jan-79 Jan-80