

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
JOY TO THE WORLD	Three Dog Night (1) [71]	6
LE FREAK	Chic (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 BE THERE	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]	4
DA YA THINK I'M SEXY?	Rod Stewart (63) [78]	4
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
I THINK 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 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]	3
MacARTHUR PARK	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

