

KELSEA BALLERINI

COUNTRY AIRCHECK MVP

2 SONGS IN THE YEAR END TOP 40

“PETER PAN” #29 • “DIBS” #39

RECORD BREAKER

THE *ONLY* FEMALE ARTIST IN COUNTRY MUSIC HISTORY
TO GO #1 WITH HER FIRST THREE CONSECUTIVE SINGLES
FROM A DEBUT ALBUM

SINGLE SUCCESS

“LOVE ME LIKE YOU MEAN IT” - CERTIFIED PLATINUM

“PETER PAN” - CERTIFIED PLATINUM

“DIBS” - CERTIFIED GOLD

AWARDS + HONORS

2016 ACM NEW FEMALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR

CMT BREAKOUT ARTIST OF THE YEAR

RADIO DISNEY “THE FRESHEST - BEST NEW ARTIST” AWARD

“BREAKTHROUGH FEMALE OF THE YEAR” ACCA AWARD WINNER

CO-HOST OF THE ABC-TV MUSIC SERIES “GREATEST HITS”

(WITH ARSENIO HALL)



“YEAH BOY” TOP 30 AND CLIMBING
THANK YOU COUNTRY RADIO
FOR A GREAT 2016!

THOMAS RHETT, FGL, CARRIE UNDERWOOD LEAD 2016 AIRPLAY

Thomas Rhett is living as a happy man these days, high atop the 2016 **Country Aircheck/Mediabase** year-end airplay chart. Rhett's rise to the top Overall Performer and Top Male, where last year he ranked tenth and eighth, respectively, was propelled by the three-week No. 1 "Die A Happy Man," a No. 1 with "T-Shirt" and "Star Of The Show," which peaked at No. 16 at the close of the 2016 chart year.

THE YEAR IN MUSIC

chart year. Adding to FGL's year-end airplay totals was "Anything Goes," which appeared on the first chart of the 2016 chart year.

Carrie Underwood repeats as this format's top Female artist while climbing from No. 8 in 2015 to No. 3 this year on the Overall Performer chart. All three of her singles, "Smoke Break," "Heartbeat" and "Church Bells" went to No. 1, with "Dirty Laundry" peaking at No. 11 on the final chart of the 2016 chart year. It currently resides in the **Top 10**.

More than a decade of dogged perseverance paid off for **LoCash's** Preston Brust and Chris Lucas, who top the New Artist list (the criteria for which is having a Top 15 hit for the first time) and place second in the Group/Duo category. It's been a long time coming for the guys who got together in 2004, but they notched a couple of big hits this year with "I Love This Life" peaking at No. 2 last November and "I Know Somebody" hitting No. 1 this October. Another highlight: Singing the national anthem at Game 6 of the *World Series*, which, of course, was won by the Cubs.

By The Numbers: In addition to the graphs and charts, 52 artists accounted for 80 Top 15 songs this year, compared to 43 acts with 73 Top 15s last year. There were 43 No. 1s from 31 acts in 2016, as compared to 46 from 31 in 2015. Only six artists enjoyed multiple weeks at the top of the charts. Thomas Rhett was the lone artist with a three-week chart-topper, while **Dierks Bentley, Luke Bryan, Kenny Chesney, Cole Swindell** and **Keith Urban** each had a song spend two weeks at No.1.

Women fared a bit better in 2016, with 14.4% of charted songs compared to 12.5% in 2015. It should also be noted three women pop stars contributed heavily to Country hits this year: **Elle King, P!nk** and **Demi Lovato**.

All of the airplay information within these pages comes from our partners at **Mediabase 24/7**. Stats are based on singles that spent at least one week in the Top 50 during the 2016 chart year, which ran Nov. 17, 2015-Nov. 7, 2016.



Florida Georgia Line

Country Radio's Top 2016 Performers

OVERALL

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| 1 | THOMAS RHETT | Valory |
| 2 | FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE | BMLGR |
| 3 | CARRIE UNDERWOOD | 19/Arista |
| 4 | LUKE BRYAN | Capitol |
| 5 | JASON ALDEAN | Broken Bow |
| 6 | BLAKE SHELTON | Warner Bros./WMN |
| 7 | CHRIS YOUNG | RCA |
| 8 | COLE SWINDELL | Warner Bros./WMN |
| 9 | OLD DOMINION | RCA |
| 10 | TIM MCGRAW | Big Machine |

MALE

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|----|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | THOMAS RHETT | Valory |
| 2 | LUKE BRYAN | Capitol |
| 3 | JASON ALDEAN | Broken Bow |
| 4 | BLAKE SHELTON | Warner Bros./WMN |
| 5 | CHRIS YOUNG | RCA |
| 6 | COLE SWINDELL | Warner Bros./WMN |
| 7 | TIM MCGRAW | Big Machine |
| 8 | DIERKS BENTLEY | Capitol |
| 9 | SAM HUNT | MCA |
| 10 | KEITH URBAN | Capitol |

FEMALE

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|----|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | CARRIE UNDERWOOD | 19/Arista |
| 2 | KELSEA BALLERINI | Black River |
| 3 | MAREN MORRIS | Columbia |
| 4 | CAM | Arista |
| 5 | JANA KRAMER | Elektra Nashville/WAR |
| 6 | MIRANDA LAMBERT | RCA |
| 7 | JENNIFER NETTLES | Big Machine |
| 8 | LAUREN ALAINA | Mercury |
| 9 | BRANDY CLARK | Warner Bros./WMN |
| 10 | CLARE DUNN | MCA |

DUO/GROUP

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|----|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE | BMLGR |
| 2 | OLD DOMINION | RCA |
| 3 | LOCASH | Reviver |
| 4 | DAN + SHAY | Warner Bros./WAR |
| 5 | BROTHERS OSBORNE | EMI Nashville |
| 6 | ZAC BROWN BAND | Southern Ground/Varvatos/BMLG |
| 7 | RASCAL FLATTS | Big Machine |
| 8 | BIG & RICH | B&R/New Revolution |
| 9 | PARMALEE | Stoney Creek |
| 10 | HIGH VALLEY | Atlantic/WEA |

NEW ARTISTS

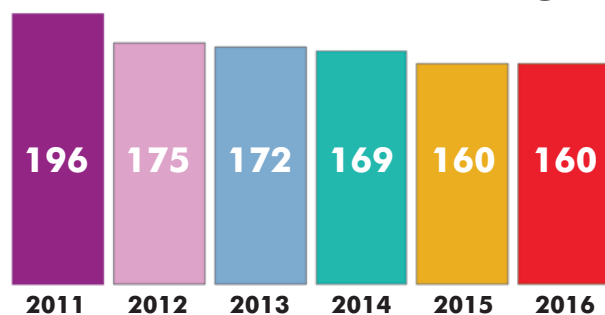
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| 1 | LOCASH | Reviver |
| 2 | GRANGER SMITH | Wheelhouse |
| 3 | MAREN MORRIS | Columbia |
| 4 | CHRIS LANE | Big Loud |
| 5 | CHRIS STAPLETON | Mercury |
| 6 | WILLIAM MICHAEL MORGAN | Warner Bros./WMN |
| 7 | TUCKER BEATHARD | BMLG/Dot |
| 8 | BRETT YOUNG | BMLGR |
| 9 | DRAKE WHITE | Dot |
| 10 | HIGH VALLEY | Atlantic/WEA |

TOP 15 FIRST TIMERS

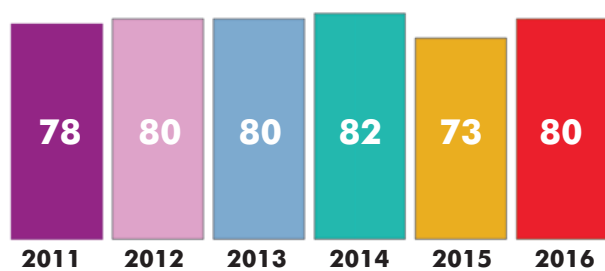
Nine artists charted a Top 15 single for the first time during the 2016 chart year, the same number as 2015. Posting No. 1 hits were Chris Lane ("Fix"), LoCash ("I Know Somebody"), William Michael Morgan ("I Met A Girl") and Granger Smith ("Backroad Song").

- TUCKER BEATHARD** (BMLG/Dot)
- CHRIS LANE** (Big Loud)
- LOCASH** (Reviver)
- WILLIAM MICHAEL MORGAN** (Warner Bros./WMN)
- MAREN MORRIS** (Columbia)
- GRANGER SMITH** (Wheelhouse)
- CHRIS STAPLETON** (Mercury)
- DRAKE WHITE** (Dot)
- BRETT YOUNG** (BMLGR)

Number of Charted Songs



Number of Songs Reaching Top 15



Artists with Charted Songs

