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BLAKE, MAREN, FGL, LUKE COMBS LEAD 2017 AIRPLAY

Can life get much better for **Blake Shelton**? He anchors one of TV's top shows, headlines concert dates, has a No. 1 album, and is now the 2017 Country radio airplay leader. Shelton's 2017 airplay totals propel him to both the top Overall Performer and Top Male spots, driven by a pair of songs – "A Guy With A Girl" and "Every Time I Hear That Song" – that spent three weeks at No. 1. A third single – "I'll Name The Dogs" – was in the Top 5 as 2017 came to a close. Adding to Shelton's totals were four cuts from his new album

Texoma Shore that charted the week of its release, though he would have topped airplay even without the points generated by those cuts.

Florida Georgia Line's trio of 2017 hits extend Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley's dominance in the Duo/Group Performer category to five years. They're also the only non-solo male artist to make this year's Top 10 Overall airplay performers. The

meteoric rise of **Maren Morris** continued in 2017. Airplay from "80s Mercedes" and "I Could Use A Love Song" vaulted her to the most-heard female artist of the year. Adding to her Country radio presence this year was a featured performance on the No. 1 single "Craving You" with Thomas Rhett. (Airplay points for that song are not included in Morris' totals.)

This year's Top New Artist title goes to **Luke Combs**. His debut single "Hurricane" spent two weeks at No. 1 in May. He suffered no "sophomore slump" with "When It Rains It Pours," which also went No. 1. Combs' accomplishments came amidst a banner year for new artists, which we define as an artist who has never before had a single reach the Top 15 in the Mediabase/Country Aircheck chart. An amazing five new artists – Lauren Alaina, Dylan Scott, Midland, Kane Brown (with Alaina) and Carly Pearce had No. 1 songs.

By The Numbers: The format churned through 44 chart-toppers by 33 different artists. Twenty-four men posted 33 No. 1s covering 38 weeks; three women accounted for three No. 1s over three weeks, and six duos/groups posted eight songs that spent nine weeks at No. 1. Only six artists – Kenny Chesney, Luke Combs, Sam Hunt, Little Big Town, Dustin Lynch and Blake Shelton – managed multiple-week No. 1s – all sat on top for two weeks. Despite widespread industry efforts to promote and support female artists in this format, only five women posted a total of six Top 15 songs this year. They were Lauren Alaina, Kelsea Ballerini, Maren Morris (2), Carly Pearce and Carrie Underwood. Last year saw seven women place 12 songs in the Top 15.

As always, all of the airplay information within these pages comes from our partners at **Mediabase 24/7**. All of these stats are based on singles that spent at least one week in the Top 50 during the 2017 chart year, which ran Nov. 13, 2016-Nov. 11, 2017.



Blake Shelton



Maren Morris

Country Radio's Top 2017 Performers

OVERALL

1	BLAKE SHELTON	Warner Bros./WMN
2	THOMAS RHETT	Valory
3	BRETT YOUNG	BMLGR
4	JASON ALDEAN	Broken Bow
5	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE	BMLGR
6	JON PARDI	Capitol
7	TIM MCGRAW	Arista
8	DUSTIN LYNCH	Broken Bow
9	LUKE BRYAN	Capitol
10	LUKE COMBS	River House/Columbia

MALE

1	BLAKE SHELTON	Warner Bros./WMN
2	THOMAS RHETT	Valory
3	BRETT YOUNG	BMLGR
4	JASON ALDEAN	Broken Bow
5	JON PARDI	Capitol
6	TIM MCGRAW	Arista
7	DUSTIN LYNCH	Broken Bow
8	LUKE BRYAN	Capitol
9	LUKE COMBS	River House/Columbia
10	KEITH URBAN	Capitol

FEMALE

1	MAREN MORRIS	Columbia
2	KELSEA BALLERINI	Black River
3	LAUREN ALAINA	19/Interscope/Mercury
4	CARRIE UNDERWOOD	Capitol
5	CARLY PEARCE	Big Machine
6	MIRANDA LAMBERT	RCA
7	RAELYNN	Warner Bros./WMN
8	FAITH HILL	Arista
9	BROOKE EDEN	Red Bow
10	LINDSAY ELL	Stoney Creek

DUO/GROUP

1	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE	BMLGR
2	OLD DOMINION	RCA
3	LITTLE BIG TOWN	Capitol
4	DAN + SHAY	Warner Bros./WAR
5	LADY ANTEBELLUM	Capitol
6	MIDLAND	Big Machine
7	RASCAL FLATTS	Big Machine
8	BROTHERS OSBORNE	EMI Nashville
9	HIGH VALLEY	Atlantic/WEA
10	LOCASH	Reviver

NEW ARTISTS

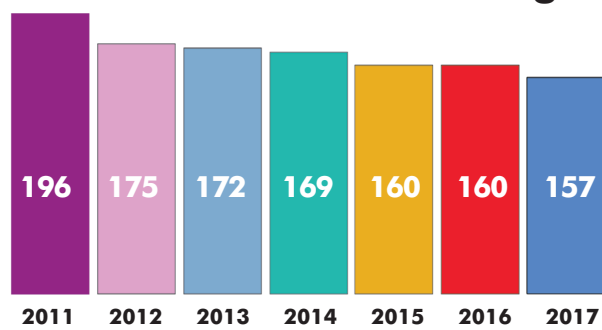
1	LUKE COMBS	River House/Columbia
2	DYLAN SCOTT	Curb
3	LAUREN ALAINA	19/Interscope/Mercury
4	MIDLAND	Big Machine
5	KANE BROWN	RCA
6	CARLY PEARCE	Big Machine
7	HIGH VALLEY	Atlantic/WEA
8	LANCO	Arista
9	AARON WATSON	Big Label
10	RUSSELL DICKERSON	Triple Tigers

TOP 15 FIRST TIMERS

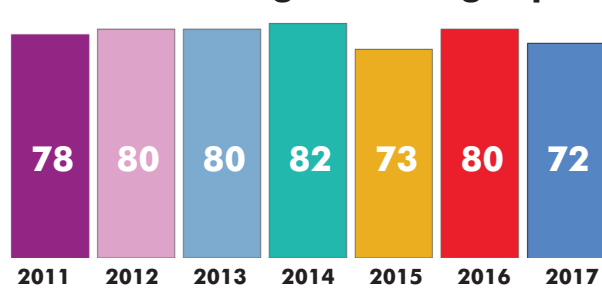
Eight artists charted a Top 15 single for the first time during the 2017 chart year, down from nine in 2016. Five enjoyed No. 1s – Alaina's "Road Less Traveled," Scott's "My Girl," Midland's "Drinkin' Problem," Brown's (with Alaina) "What Ifs" and Pearce's "Every Little Thing."

- LAUREN ALAINA** (19/Interscope/Mercury)
- KANE BROWN** (RCA)
- LUKE COMBS** (River House/Columbia)
- RUSSELL DICKERSON** (Triple Tigers)
- LANCO** (Arista)
- MIDLAND** (Big Machine)
- CARLY PEARCE** (Big Machine)
- DYLAN SCOTT** (Curb)

Number of Charted Songs



Number of Songs Reaching Top 15



Artists with Charted Songs

