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America's Top 100 Christmas Songs 2025

P1 Media Group's annual Christmas Music Research reveals the Nation's Favorite Holiday Hits.

P1 Media Group, a global leader in media research and strategy, today announced the results of its annual **Christmas Music Research Study**. The survey examined the appeal of the 100 most-played Christmas songs from the 2024 holiday season (as tracked by Mediabase) among U.S. radio listeners likely to tune in to all-Christmas music stations.

Highlights

Bobby Helms' "Jingle Bell Rock" remains America's number one Christmas song for the eighth time in nine years. "Christmas classics are set to rule the airwaves once again this holiday season," says Ken Benson, Partner and co-founder of P1 Media Group. "According to American radio listeners who frequently or occasionally listen to all-Christmas music stations, the timeless favorites continue to resonate year after year."

- The Holiday standards dominate the Top 100 with **six versions** of "Frosty the Snowman" and "Let It Snow," and **five versions** of "Sleigh Ride."
- **Gene Autry, Bing Crosby, Amy Grant, and Andy Williams** each have four songs in the Top 100.

- The **average scores for men and women** were nearly identical (within a half-point). Elvis Presley's "Blue Christmas" was #1 overall for Women, while "Carol of the Bells" by Lindsey Stirling ranked #1 for Men, and the David Foster version of the same song was ranked #2.
- **Top testing Christmas songs by age group:**
 - 25-34 "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," Kenny G (first year tested)
 - 35-44 "Carol of the Bells," Lindsey Stirling (first year tested)
 - 45-54 "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" Andy Williams was #1 again.
- **Kelly Clarkson's** "Underneath the Tree" (2013) and **Ariana Grande's** "Santa Tell Me" (2014) are the two highest-testing *original* Christmas songs from the 2000s, ranking **#16** and **#76**, respectively.
- **Favorability remains strong:**
 - 57 of the Top 100 songs tested **75 or higher** (out of 100).
 - 98 songs tested **70 or higher**.
- Listeners' preferences on when **all-Christmas Music should begin** shifted slightly this year:
 - **28% Mid November** (23% 2024)
 - 23% Early November (31% 2024)
 - 23% Thanksgiving (28% 2024)
 - 31% Early November (23% 2024)
 - 18% Early December (22% 2024)
 - 8% mid-December (2% 2024)
- Nearly half of listeners want Christmas radio music to continue through **New Year's Eve**.
 - **48% on New Year's Eve** (52% in 2024)
 - 31% December 26th
 - 10% Christmas Day
 - 5% December 27th
 - 5% some other time

Streaming habits:

- 61% listen to music via streaming **daily**
- 28% **a few days per week**

America's Top 100 Testing Christmas Songs 2025

Rank	Title	Artist	Year	25-54 Score
1	Jingle Bell Rock	Bobby Helms	1957	80.94
2	Carol of the Bells	Lindsey Stirling	2017	80.62
3	We Wish You a Merry Christmas	Bing Crosby	1942	80.58
4	It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year	Andy Williams	1963	80.02
5	Blue Christmas	Elvis Presley	1957	79.5
6	Sleigh Ride	Air Supply	1999	79.24
7	Ring Christmas Bells	Ray Conniff	1962	79.07
8	Carol of the Bells	David Foster	1997	78.96
9	We Wish You a Merry Christmas	Kenny G	2005	78.86
10	Frosty the Snowman	Bing Crosby	1962	78.67
11	Silver Bells	Elvis Presley	1971	78.49
12	Deck the Halls	Percy Faith	1954	78.47
13	It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Xmas	Bing Crosby	1945	78.39
14	Feliz Navidad	Jose Feliciano	1970	78.31
15	You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch	Thurl Ravenscroft	1966	78.31
16	Underneath the Tree	Kelly Clarkson	2013	78.28
17	Frosty the Snowman	Nat King Cole	1950	78.15
18	Carol of the Bells	Mannheim Steamroller	2002	78.13
19	Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree	Benda Lee	1964	78.08
20	Winter Wonderland	Air Supply	1999	78.07
21	Sleigh Ride	Amy Grant	1983	77.9
22	Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer	Gene Autry	1949	77.82
23	Jingle Bells	Frank Sinatra	1957	77.76
24	Holly Jolly Christmas	Burl Ives	1963	77.42
25	Last Christmas	Wham!	1986	77.4
26	Holly Jolly Christmas	Michael Bublé	2011	77.36
27	Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer	Burl Ives	1950	77.35
28	Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer	Dean Martin	1998	77.32

29	Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow	Harry Connick Jr	1993	77.26
30	Linus and Lucy	Vince Guaraldi Trio	1965	77.15
31	It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Xmas	Perry Como	1951	77.11
32	Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree	Leann Rimes	2004	77.09
33	Sleigh Ride	A-Strings	2000	77.08
34	Frosty the Snowman	Willie Nelson	1979	76.96
35	Winter Wonderland	Amy Grant	1992	76.89
36	Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer	Harry Connick Jr	1993	76.84
37	Last Christmas	Taylor Swift	2007	76.82
38	Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow	Michael Bublé	2003	76.76
39	Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson	1952	76.51
40	It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year	Amy Grant	1992	76.47
41	All I Want for Christmas	Mariah Carey	1994	76.38
42	Jingle Bell Rock	Brenda Lee	1964	76.32
43	Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow	Dean Martic	1964	76.28
44	Winter Wonderland	Andy Williams	1965	76.27
45	Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree	Amy Grant	1992	76.18
46	O Tannenbaum	Vince Guaraldi Trio	1965	76.17
47	Santa Claus is Coming to Town	F Sinatra & C Lauper	1992	76.13
48	Do You Hear What I Hear	Martina McBride	1999	76
49	Holly Jolly Christmas	Lady A	2012	75.89
50	Frosty the Snowman	Gene Autry	1952	75.84
51	Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)	Mariah Carey	1994	75.83
52	Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24	Trans-Siberian Orchestra	1996	75.77
53	Home for the Holidays	Carpenters	1970	75.75
54	Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow	Martina McBride	1998	75.64
55	Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Bruce Springsteen	1981	75.43
56	Wonderful Christmastime	Paul McCartney	1979	75.27
57	Jingle Bell Rock	Hall & Oates	1984	75.16

58	Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	The Carpenters	1978	74.96
59	Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow	Andy Williams	1965	74.91
60	Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow	Frank Sinatra	1967	74.9
61	White Christmas	Bing Crosby	1947	74.86
62	Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Mariah Carey	1994	74.74
63	Here Comes Santa Claus	Elvis Presley	1957	74.67
64	Last Christmas	Glee Cast	2009	74.66
65	The Christmas Song	Nat King Cole	1946	74.53
66	O Holy Night	Kelly Clarkson	2003	74.46
67	Frosty the Snowman	Ray Conniff	1959	74.35
68	It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Xmas	Johnny Mathis	1986	74.33
69	Up on the Rooftop	Gene Autry	1957	74.31
70	Frosty the Snowman	Jimmy Durante	1952	74.3
71	Little Saint Nick	Beach Boys	1964	74.2
72	Home for the Holidays	Perry Como	1954	74.1
73	Happy Holidays	Andy Williams	1963	74.01
74	It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Xmas	Michael Bublé	2011	73.96
75	Holly Jolly Christmas	Johnny Mathis	2002	73.94
76	Santa Tell Me	Ariana Grande	2014	73.91
77	Deck the Halls	Nat King Cole	1960	73.88
78	Christmas Canon	Trans-Siberian Orchestra	2001	73.77
79	Where are you Christmas	Faith Hill	2000	73.77
80	All I Want for Christmas	Vince Guaraldi Trio	1990	73.21
81	Santa Baby	Madonna	1987	73.16
82	Faeries	Mannheim Steamroller	2001	73.15
83	I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus	Jackson 5	1970	72.99
84	Here Comes Santa Claus	Gene Autry	1948	72.91
85	Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree	R Spector & D Love	1992	72.87
86	Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)	Darlene Love	1963	72.84
87	Sleigh Ride	Ronettes	1963	72.8
88	Happy Xmas (War is Over)	John Lennon	1971	72.73

89	Do They Know It's Christmas	Band Aid	1984	72.15
90	This Christmas	Train	2015	71.87
91	Run Rudolph Run	Chuck Berry	1958	71.61
92	I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus	Ronettes	1963	71.34
93	Baby it's Cold Outside	B Eldredge & M Trainor	2016	71.26
94	Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Jackson 5	1970	71.22
95	This Christmas	Donny Hathaway	1968	71.11
96	Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays	N Sync	1998	71.08
97	Please Come Home for Christmas	Eagles	1978	70.5
98	This Christmas	Christina Aguilera	2000	70.12
99	White Christmas	Drifters	1954	68.79
100	Step into Christmas	Elton John	1973	67.91
Averages			1978.8	75.54

The full report can be downloaded at www.p1mediagroup.com

About the Survey

P1 Media Group conducted the online survey **November 1–2, 2025**, among **400 radio listeners aged 25–54** from the **Top 50 U.S. radio markets**.

All participants:

- Listen *frequently* or *sometimes* to all-Christmas music radio stations.
- Rated their enjoyment of Christmas music **7 or higher** on a 1–10 scale.

The test list was compiled using **Mediabase** airplay data for the 2024 holiday season.

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