

TOP ARTISTS 1969

HERE IS a specially-compiled list of the most successful recording artists during 1969, based on the TOP THIRTY positions in the Record Mirror weekly charts.

A chart-topper received thirty points, moving downwards to one single point for being in thirtieth position. Obviously some artists, for example the Rolling Stones, had fewer singles on release - but the ratings underline individual artists' progress during the year.

Just a few problems to clarify. The Supremes, for example, are separately rated from their chart-success with the Temptations. Same applies to Marvin Gaye, separately rated from his success with Tammi Terrell.

And please remember: it's based on the Top THIRTY only. Here goes:-

1	THE BEATLES	866	41	KAREN YOUNG	236
2	FLEETWOOD MAC	750	42	MARY HOPKIN	216
3	STEVIE WONDER	644	43	JUNIOR WALKER	207
4	MARVIN GAYE	481	44	SIMON & GARFUNKEL	205
5	ELVIS PRESLEY	452	45	THUNDERCLAP NEWMAN	204
6	CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL	435	46	THE WHO	201
7	BEE GEES	393	47	LOU CHRISTIE	199
8	CLODAGH RODGERS	376	48	NINA SIMONE	199
9	FRANK SINATRA	375	49	EQUALS	198
10	PETER SARSTEDT	362	50	BOOKER T	194
11	MARMALADE	356	51	SANDIE SHAW	191
12	CILLA BLACK	355	52	OLIVER	184
13	HOLLIES	354	53	LOVE AFFAIR	182
14	ISLEY BROTHERS	348	54	JOHNNY CASH	181
15	DESMOND DEKKER	342	55	TOM JONES	174
16	ROLLING STONES	318	56	EDWIN HAWKINS SINGERS	173
17	ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK	317	57	NOEL HARRISON	165
18	HERMAN'S HERMITS	315	58	UPSETTERS	164
19	DEAN MARTIN	314	59	HUMBLE PIE	164
20	AMEN CORNER	308	60	MARTHA & VANDELLAS	163
21	THE MOVE	302	61	JOE SOUTH	161
22	PLASTIC ONO BAND	294	62	BOB & EARL	161
23	SUPERMES	290	63	SCAFFOLD	160
24	JANE BIRKIN/SERGE GAINSBOURG	287	64	TEMPTATIONS	159
25	FOUNDATIONS	275	65	DAVID BOWIE	156
26	JETHRO TULL	273	66	FAMILY DOG	155
27	BEACH BOYS	268	67	BOB DYLAN	151
28	TOMMY ROE	263	68	DES O'CONNOR	149
29	TREMELOES	262	69	FOUR TOPS	147
30	MANFRED MANN	260	70	JIMMY CLIFF	147
31	JOHNNY NASH	260	71	MAMA CASS	147
32	GLEN CAMPBELL	260	72	JUDY CLAY/WM. BELL	132
33	ARCHIES	260	73	MARV JOHNSON	131
34	ROBIN GIBB	259	74	KENNY ROGERS	127
35	JOE DOLAN	252	75	BONZO DOG BAND	126
36	ZAGER & EVANS	248	76	MIRACLES	117
37	DONALD PEERS	247	77	VANITY FARE	117
38	BOBBIE GENTRY	247	78	CLIFF AND HANK	117
39	LULU	247	79	MAX' ROMEO	116
40	CLIFF RICHARD	244	80	RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS	112

TOP SINGLES 1969

WHICH RECORDS did best, in terms of chart positions and length of stay, during 1969? Don't bother to get out the slide-rules and computers - we've done it for you. As with the artists' chart survey, it's thirty points to a number one song/production, down to one for a number thirty.

Hundreds of titles made the Thirty this year. But the longest chart stayers were as follows (to week ending December 13):

1	HONKY TONK WOMEN	Rolling Stones (Decca)	318
2	GENTLE ON MY MIND	Dean Martin (Reprise)	314
3	GET BACK	The Beatles (Apple)	292
4	JE T'AIME MOI NON PLUS	Jane Birkin and Serge Gainsbourg (Fontana version 123, Major Minor 164)	287
5	I HEARD IT THRU' THE GRAPEVINE	Marvin Gaye (Tamla)	276
6	ALBATROSS	Fleetwood Mac (Blue Horizon)	268
7	BAD-MOON RISING	Creedence Clearwater Revival (Liberty)	264
8	IN THE GHETTO	Elvis Presley (RCA)	261
9	SUGAR SUGAR	The Archies	260
10	SAVED BY THE BELL	Robin Gibb (Polydor)	259
11	DIZZY	Tommy Roe (Stateside)	250
12	COME BACK AND SHAKE ME	Clodagh Rodgers (RCA)	248
13	IN THE YEAR 2525	Zager and Evans (RCA)	248
14	PLEASE DON'T GO	Donald Peers (Columbia)	247
15	I'LL NEVER FALL IN LOVE AGAIN	Bobbie Gentry (Capitol)	247
16	THE ISRAELITES	Desmond Dekker (Pyramid)	241
17	OH WELL	Fleetwood Mac (Reprise)	239
18	MY WAY	Frank Sinatra (Reprise)	236
19	DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER	Bee Gees (Polydor)	236
20	NOBODY'S CHILD	Karen Young (Major Minor)	236
21	MAKE ME AN ISLAND	Joe Dolan (Pye)	234
22	MAN OF THE WORLD	Fleetwood Mac (Blue Horizon)	233
23	MY CHERIE AMOUR	Stevie Wonder (Tamla)	230
24	FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE	Stevie Wonder (Tamla)	228
25	OB-LA-DI OB-LA-DA	Marmalade (CBS)	224
26	BALLAD OF JOHN AND YOKO	Beatles (Apple)	222
27	GIVE PEACE A CHANCE	Plastic Ono Band (Apple)	217
28	WHERE DO YOU GO TO MY LOVELY	Peter Sarstedt (United Artists)	207
29	SOMETHING IN THE AIR	Thunderclap Newman (Track)	204
30	TOO BUSY THINKING ABOUT MY BABY	Marvin Gaye (Tamla)	203
31	PINBALL WIZARD	The Who (Track)	201
32	BOOM-BANG-A-BANG	Lulu (Columbia)	200
33	I'M GONNA MAKE YOU MINE	Lou Christie (Buddah)	199
34	SURROUND YOURSELF WITH SORROW	Cilla Black (Parlophone)	198
35	VIVA BOBBIE JOE	Equals (President)	198
36	TIME IS TIGHT	Booker T and the MGs (Stax)	197
37	THE WAY IT USED TO BE	Engelbert Humperdinck (Decca)	192
38	MONSIEUR DUPONT	Sandie Shaw (Pye)	191
39	HE AIN'T HEAVY HE'S MY BROTHER	Hollies (Parlophone)	187
40	MY SENTIMENTAL FRIEND	Herman's Hermits (Columbia)	174
41	THE BOXER	Sim and Garfunkel (CBS)	174
42	OH HAPPY DAY	Edwin Hawkins Singers (Buddah)	173
43	GOODNIGHT MIDNIGHT	Clodagh Rodgers (RCA)	173
44	HELLO SUSIE	Amen Corner (Immediate)	168
45	WICHITA LINEMAN	Glen Campbell (Ember)	167
46	HALF AS NICE	Amen Corner (Immediate)	166
47	CALL ME (NUMBER ONE)	Tremeloes (CBS)	165
48	SORRY SUZANNE	Hollies (Parlophone)	164
49	NATURAL BORN BUGIE	Humble Pie (Immediate)	164
50	RETURN OF DJANGO	Upsetters (Upsetter)	164
51	I'M GONNA MAKE YOU LOVE ME	Supremes (Tamla)	163
52	SOMETHING'S HAPPENING	Herman's Hermits (Columbia)	163
53	DANCING IN THE STREET	Martha and Vandellas (Tamla)	163
54	GOOD MORNING STARSHINE	Oliver (CBS)	162
55	HARLEM SHUFFLE	Bob and Earl (Island)	161
56	GAMES PEOPLE PLAY	Joe South (Capitol)	161
57	BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP	Foundations (Pye)	159
58	SPACE ODDITY	David Bowie (Philips)	156
59	LIVING IN THE PAST	Jethro Tull (Chrysalis)	156
60	WAY OF LIFE	Family Dog (Bell)	155

LOVE AND PEACE IS THE MESSAGE

"Happy Christmas"

Love Lulu