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▶ **XXZ HAS WEEDED THROUGH 40 YEARS OF MUSIC TO GIVE YOU A YEAR-BY-YEAR BREAKDOWN OF THE MOST ESSENTIAL ALBUMS AND SINGLES IN HIP-HOP HISTORY.**

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HATEST

On Aug. 11, 1973, hip-hop was born in the Bronx at a party thrown by DJ Kool Herc. It may have seemed like a one-off novelty at the time, but it was just the beginning. Hip-hop has grown into a multimillion-dollar industry, which has dominated the airwaves, the Billboard charts and arenas across the country, thanks to its mainstream acceptance. The music has been both embraced and adored by the public as it's been ingrained into everyday life and entertainment.

To celebrate four decades of rap music, *XXL* has put together a detailed year-by-year breakdown of the Top 10 Songs and Top 10 Albums of each year (the best mixtapes will be featured on XXLMag.com). From 1973 to 1983 hip-hop was more about the singles and breakbeats than albums. LPs were released but became more relevant in 1984, so the *XXL* list doesn't include any albums until that year. There is way more dope music that didn't fit in the Top 10s, so narrowing the lists down was hard, but *XXL* likes challenges. Here, we pay homage to this 40-year anniversary with the ultimate listening guide. Without hip-hop, this would be a whole different world.

1970s



1973 Singles*

- "Apache/Bongo Rock," The Incredible Bongo Band (break)
- "I'm Gonna Love You Just A Little More, Baby," Barry White (break)
- "The Champ," The Mohawks (break)
- "The Mexican," Babe Ruth (break)
- "Funky Drummer," James Brown (break)
- "Hook And Sling," Eddie Bo (break)
- "Do The Funky Penguin," Rufus Thomas (break)
- "It's Just Begun," Jimmy Castor Bunch (break)
- "Shaft In Africa," Johnny Pate (break)
- "Get Me Back On Time," Wilson Pickett (break)

*The breakbeats listed under 1973 include songs spanning 1968-1973. They have been included here due to their popularity in hip-hop's formative months.



1974 Singles

- "Hit Or Miss," Bo Diddley (break)
- "Papa Don't Take No Mess," James Brown (break)
- "Do It ('Til You're Satisfied)," B.T. Express (break)
- "Ashley's Roachclip," The Soul Searchers (break)
- "The Assembly Line," The Commodores (break)
- "Breakthrough," Isaac Hayes (break)
- "Funky President (People It's Bad)," James Brown (break)
- "The Lovomaniacs," Boobie Knight And The Universal Lady (break)
- "One Man Band (Plays All Alone)," Monk Higgins (break)
- "The Payback," James Brown (break)



1975 Singles

- "Scratchin'," Magic Disco Machine (break)
- "Love Is The Message," MFSB (break)
- "Do It Anyway You Wanna Do It," People's Choice (break)
- "(It's Not The Express) It's The J.B.'s Monaurail," The J.B.'s (break)
- "The Jam," Graham Central Station (break)
- "Body Talk," Eddie Kendricks (break)
- "Do What You Gotta Do," Eddie Drennon & B.B.S. Unlimited (break)
- "Funky Music Is The Thing Pt. 2," Dynamic Corvettes (break)
- "God Made Me Funky," The Headhunters (break)
- "Rock Creek Park," The Blackbyrds (break)

1976 Singles

- "Seven Minutes Of Funk," The Whole Darn Family (break)
- "Catch A Groove," Juice (break)
- "Dazz," Brick (break)
- "Down On The Avenue," Fat Larry's Band (break)



- "I Can't Stop," John Davis And The Monster Orchestra (break)
- "Love To The World," L.T.D. (break)
- "Let's Dance," Pleasure (break)
- "Last Night Changed It All (I Had A Ball)," Esther Williams (break)
- "I Wouldn't Change A Thing," Coke Escovedo (break)
- "Jam On The Groove," Ralph MacDonald (break)

1977 Singles

- "Music, Harmony And Rhythm," Brooklyn Dreams (break)
- "Trans-Europe Express," Kraftwerk (break)
- "Joyous," Pleasure (break)
- "Mambo No. 5," Samba Soul (break)
- "Groove To Get Down," T-Connection (break)
- "Pussyfootin'," Jackie Robinson (break)
- "Main Theme From Star Wars," David Matthews (break)
- "Phenomena Theme," In Search Of... Orchestra (break)
- "Let's Have Some Fun," The Bar-Kays (break)
- "I Just Wanna Do My Thing," Edwin Starr (break)



1978 Singles

- "Dance To The Drummer's Beat," Herman Kelly And Life (break)
- "Got To Be Real," Cheryl Lynn (break)
- "Theme From S.W.A.T.," Rhythm Heritage (break)
- "Hot Shot," Karen Young (break)
- "Shangri La," La Pregunta (break)
- "Frisco Disco," Eastside Connection (break)
- "Runaway Love," Linda Clifford (break)
- "He's The Greatest Dancer," Sister Sledge (break)
- "Ain't We Funkin' Now," Brothers Johnson (break)
- "Space Dust," Galactic Force Band (break)



1979 Singles

- "Good Times," Chic (break)
- "Super Sporm," Captain Sky (break)
- "King Tim III (Personality Jock)," Fatback Band
- "Bounce, Rock, Skate, Roll," Vaughan Mason And Crew
- "Rapper's Delight," The Sugarhill Gang
- "Superrappin'," Grandmaster Flash And The Furious Five
- "Spoonin' Rap," Spoonie Gee
- "Rappin' And Rockin' The House," Funky 4+1
- "Funk You Up," The Sequence
- "Christmas Rappin'," Kurtis Blow

1980s



1980 Singles

- "Adventures Of Super Rhyme (Rap)," Jimmy Spicer
- "The Breaks," Kurtis Blow
- "High Powered Rap," Crash Crew
- "8th Wonder," The Sugarhill Gang
- "Love Rap," Spoonie Gee
- "Freedom," Grandmaster Flash And The Furious Five
- "We Rap More Mellow," The Furious Five as The Younger Generation
- "Rhymin' And Rappin'," Paulette and Tanya Winley
- "Big Apple Rappin'," Spyder D
- "To The Beat Y'all," Lady B



1981 Singles

- "Do It, Do It," Disco Four
- "Feel The Heartbeat," Treacherous Three
- "A Heartbeat Rap," Sweet G
- "Spinning Webs And Rapping Rhymes," Spyder D
- "Showdown," The Sugarhill Gang Meets Furious Five
- "That's The Joint," Funky 4+1
- "The Adventures Of Grandmaster



- "Flash On The Wheels Of Steel," Grandmaster Flash
- "Jazzy Sensation," Afrika Bambaataa And The Jazzy Five
- "Catch The Beat," T Ski Valley
- "Disco Dream," The Mean Machine

1982 Singles

- "The Message," Grandmaster Flash And The Furious Five
- "Planet Rock," Afrika Bambaataa And The Soulsonic Force
- "Punk Rock Rap," The Cold Crush Brothers
- "Rockin' It," Fearless Four
- "Magic's Wand," Whodini



- "The Bubble Bunch," Jimmy Spicer
- "Tough," Kurtis Blow
- "Apache (Jump On It)," The Sugarhill Gang
- "It's Magic," Fearless Four
- "Breaking Bells," Crash Crew

1983 Singles

- "Rockit," Herbie Hancock and Grandmixer D.ST
- "White Lines," Grandmaster Flash And The Furious Five
- "New York New York," Grandmaster Flash And The Furious Five
- "Buffalo Gals," Malcolm McLaren & The World's Famous Supreme Team
- "Problems Of The World," Fearless Four



- "Cooky Puss," Beastie Boys
- "The Big Beat," Spoonie Gee
- "It's Yours," T La Rock
- "Hip Hop Be Bop (Don't Stop)," Man Parrish
- "It's Like That," Run-DMC

1984 Albums

Run-DMC, Run-DMC
 Ego Trip, Kurtis Blow
 On The Nile, Egyptian Lover
 Fat Boys, Fat Boys
 Escape, Whodini
 Treacherous Three, Treacherous Three

NEWCLEUS



Crash Crew, Crash Crew
 Jam On Revenge, Newcleus
 Grandmaster Melle Mel & The Furious Five,
 Grandmaster Melle Mel &
 The Furious Five
 Livin' In The Fast Lane, The Sugarhill Gang



1984 Singles

"Hey DJ," World Class Supreme 'Team
 "Rock Box," Run-DMC



"Jam On It," Newcleus
 "Just Having Fun (Do The Beatbox),"
 Doug E. Fresh
 "Beatbox," The Art Of Noise
 "Roxanne's Revenge," Roxanne Shante
 "It's Yours," T La Rock
 "What People Do For Money," Divine
 Sounds

"Freaks Come Out At Night," Whodini
 "Basketball," Kurtis Blow



1985 Albums

Kings Of Rock, Run-DMC
 Radio, LL Cool J
 Raw, Uncut & X-Rated, Too \$hort
 Mantronix: The Album, Mantronix
 The Champagne Of Rap, Dr. Jeckyll
 And Mr. Hyde
 The Fat Boys Are Back, Fat Boys
 Def Mix Volume One, Roxanne Shante and
 Various Artists
 UTFO, U.T.F.O.
 World Class, World Class Wreckin' Cru
 Don't Stop Rappin', Too \$hort

1985 Singles

"Marley Marl Scratch," Marley Marl
 featuring MC Shan
 "I Can't Live Without My Radio," LL Cool J
 "Johnny The Fox," Tricky Tee
 "A Fly Girl," Boogie Boys
 "The Show"/"La Di Da Di," Doug E.
 Fresh & The Get Fresh Crew



"Sparky's Turn (Roxanne You're
 Through)," Sparky D
 "She's On It," Beastie Boys
 "(Nothing Serious) Just Buggin'," Whistle
 "Girls," The B-Boys
 "If I Ruled The World," Kurtis Blow

1986 Albums

Raising Hell, Run-DMC
 Licensed To Ill, Beastie Boys
 Hot, Cool & Vicious, Salt-N-Pepa
 Back In Black, Whodini
 Schoolly D, Schoolly D



Oh, My God!, Doug E. Fresh
 Planet Rock, Afrika Bambaataa And The
 Soulsonic Force
 Back To The Old School, Just-Ice
 Bring The Beat Back, Steady B.
 On Fire, Stetsasonic

1986 Singles

"The Bridge," MC Shan
 "Eric B. Is President"/"My Melody,"
 Eric B. & Rakim





"Bang Zoom (Let's Go-Go)," The Real Roxanne feat. Hitman Howie Tee
 "South Bronx," Boogie Down Productions
 "6 'n The Mornin'," Ice-T
 "My Mic Sounds Nice," Salt-N-Pepa
 "Pee-Wee's Dance," Joeski Love
 "Go See The Doctor," Kool Moe Dee
 "Mr. Big Stuff," Heavy D & The Boyz
 "Walk This Way," Run-DMC featuring Aerosmith

1987 Albums

Paid In Full, Eric B. & Rakim
Criminal Minded, Boogie Down Productions
How Ya Like Me Now, Kool Moe Dee
Yo! Bum Rush The Show, Public Enemy
Saturday Night—The Album, Schoolly D
BAD: Bigger And Deffer, LL Cool J



The Godfather Of Rap, Spoonie Gee
Down By Law, MC Shan
Living Large, Heavy D & The Boys
Lyrical King (From The Boogie Down Bronx), T La Rock

1987 Singles

"Raw," Big Daddy Kane
 "Bring The Noise," Public Enemy
 "Nobody Beats The Biz," Biz Markie
 "Top Billin'," Audio Two
 "I'm Bad," LL Cool J
 "I Cram To Understand U (Sam)," MC Lyte
 "Have A Nice Day," Roxanne Shante
 "Jimbrowski," Jungle Brothers
 "Going Way Back," Just-Ice
 "Suicide," Busy Bee



1988 Albums

It Takes A Nation Of Millions To Hold Us Back, Public Enemy
Straight Outta Compton, N.W.A
Follow The Leader, Eric B. & Rakim
The Great Adventures Of Slick Rick, Slick Rick
Long Live The Kane, Big Daddy Kane
Lyte As A Rock, MC Lyte
Critical Beatdown, Ultramagnetic MCs
Strictly Business, EPMD



He's The DJ I'm The Rapper, DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince
Goin' Off, Biz Markie

1988 Singles

"Microphone Fiend," Eric B. & Rakim
 "My Philosophy," Boogie Down Productions
 "The Symphony," Marley Marl featuring Masta Ace, Craig G, Kool G Rap and Big Daddy Kane
 "Vapors," Biz Markie

"Strong Island," J.V.C. F.O.R.C.E.
 "Goin' Back To Cali"/"Jack The Ripper," LL Cool J
 "I Pioneered This," MC Shan
 "Talkin' All That Jazz," Stetsasonic
 "Droppin' Science," Marley Marl featuring Craig G
 "Wrath Of My Madness"/"Princess Of The Posse," Queen Latifah



1989 Albums

3 Feet High And Rising, De La Soul
No One Can Do It Better, The D.O.C.
Paul's Boutique, Beastie Boys
All Hail The Queen, Queen Latifah
The Cactus Album, 3rd Bass
Road To The Riches, Kool G. Rap and DJ Polo
Nasty As They Wanna Be, 2 Live Crew
Loc-Ed After Dark, Tone-Loc
Done By The Forces Of Nature, Jungle Brothers
Big Tyme, Heavy D. & The Boyz



1989 Singles

"Straight Outta Compton," N.W.A
 "Children's Story," Slick Rick
 "Self-Destruction," Stop The Violence Movement
 "Doowutchyalike," Digital Underground
 "I Got It Made," Special Ed
 "Funky Dividends," Three Times Dope
 "Just A Friend," Biz Markie
 "The Rhythm," Kwamé
 "Words I Manifest (Remix)," Gang Starr
 "It's Funky Enough," The D.O.C.

1990s



1990 Albums

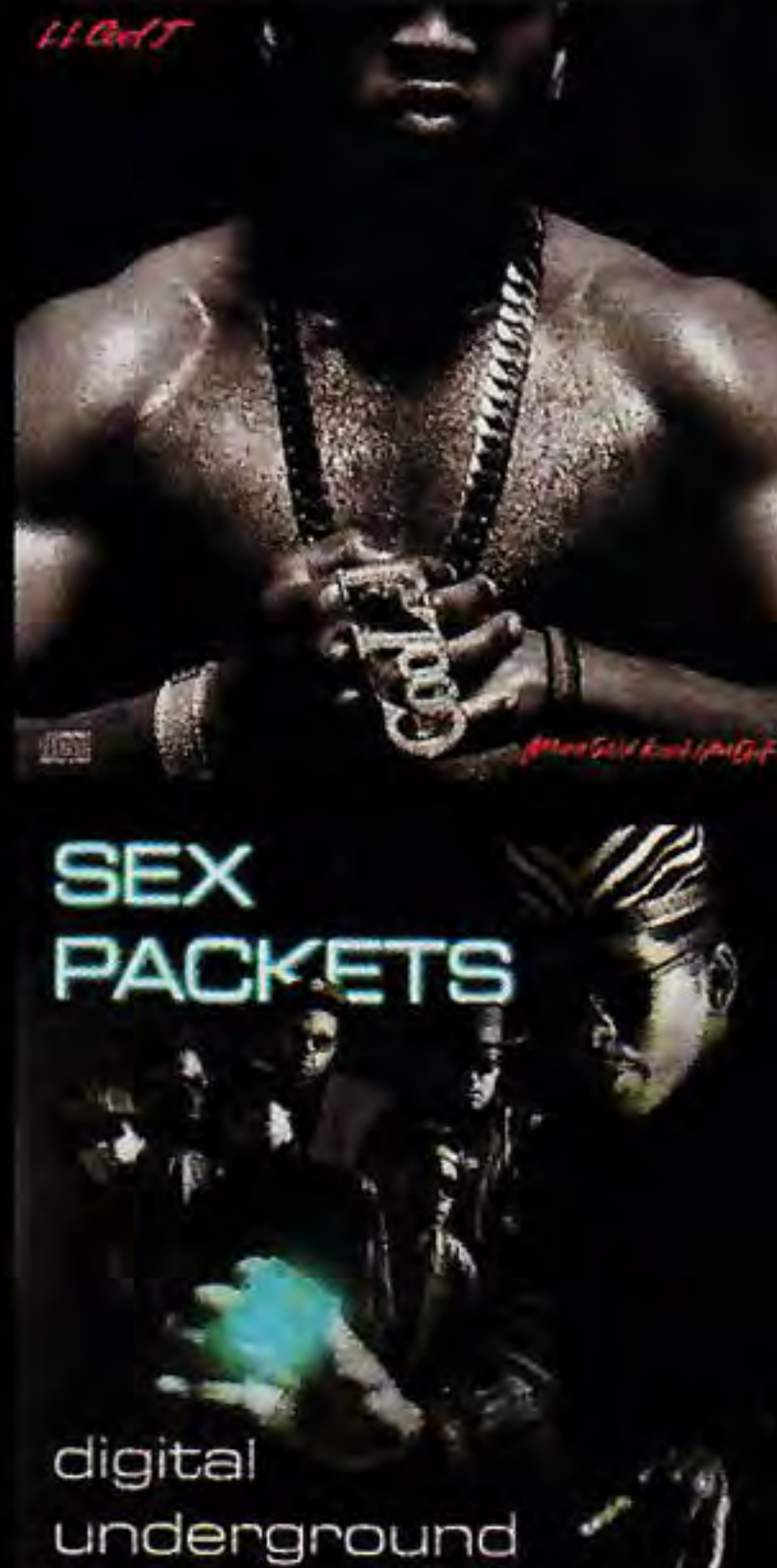
AmeriKKKa's Most Wanted, Ice Cube
 People's Instinctive Travels And The Paths
 Of Rhythm, A Tribe Called Quest
 One For All, Brand Nubian
 Mama Said Knock You Out, LL Cool J
 Sex Packets, Digital Underground
 The Devil Made Me Do It, Paris
 Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em,
 MC Hammer
 Holy Intellect, Poor Righteous Teachers
 To The East, Blackwards, X-Clan
 Livin' Like Hustlers, Above The Law



1990 Singles

"Bonita Applebum," A Tribe Called Quest
 "Looking At The Front Door,"
 Main Source
 "Call Me D-Nice," D-Nice
 "Rock Dis Funky Joint," Poor Righteous
 Teachers
 "The Boomin' System," LL Cool J

"Freaks Of The Industry,"
 Digital Underground
 "Just To Get A Rep"/"Who's Gonna Take
 The Weight?," Gang Starr
 "Streets Of New York," Kool G Rap
 and DJ Polo
 "Around The Way Girl," LL Cool J
 "Your Mom's In My Business," K-Solo



1991 Albums

Step In The Arena, Gang Starr
 Breaking Atoms, Main Source
 The Low End Theory, A Tribe Called Quest
 A Wolf In Sheep's Clothing, Black Sheep
 I Wish My Brother George Was Here,
 Del The Funkie Homosapien
 Cypress Hill, Cypress Hill
 Make Way For The Motherlode, Yo-Yo
 Death Certificate, Ice Cube
 A Future Without A Past..., Leaders Of
 The New School
 Ain't A Damn Thing Changed, WC And
 The Madd Circle



1991 Singles

"O.P.P.," Naughty By Nature
 "Slow Down," Brand Nubian
 "Mind Playing Tricks On Me," Geto Boys
 "Fuck Compton," Tim Dog
 "How I Could Just Kill A Man,"
 Cypress Hill
 "Flavor Of The Month," Black Sheep
 "Summertime," DJ Jazzy Jeff &
 The Fresh Prince
 "Hip Hop Junkies," Nice & Smooth
 "Same Song," Digital Underground
 featuring 2Pac
 "Sleepin' On My Couch," Del Tha Funkie
 Homosapien



1992 Albums

The Chronic, Dr. Dre
 Mecca And The Soul Brother, Pete Rock &
 CL Smooth
 Stunts, Blunts & Hip-Hop, Diamond D
 Bizarre Ride II The Pharcyde, Pharcyde
 Dead Serious, Das EFX
 Totally Krossed Out, Kris Kross
 3 Years, 5 Months & 2 Years In The Life Of...,
 Arrested Development
 Whut? Thee Album, Redman
 Mack Daddy, Sir Mix-A-Lot
 House Of Pain, House Of Pain



1992 Singles

"Deep Cover," Dr. Dre featuring
 Snoop Doggy Dogg
 "Jump Around," House Of Pain
 "Poppa Large (East Coast Remix),"
 Ultramagnetic MCs
 "Who Got Da Props?," Black Moon



"Gangsta Bitch," Apache
 "Head Banger," EPMD featuring K-Solo and Redman
 "Just Like Compton," DJ Quik
 "So What'cha Want," Beastie Boys
 "La Schmoove," Fu-Schnickes featuring Phife Dawg
 "Ill Street Blues," Kool G Rap and DJ Polo



1993 Albums

Enter The Wu-Tang (36 Chambers), Wu-Tang Clan
Enter Da Stage, Black Moon
'93 'Til Infinity, Souls Of Mischievous
Reachin' (A New Refutation Of Time And Space), Diggable Planets
Represent, Fat Joe
Federal, E-40
Doggystyle, Snoop Doggy Dogg
Immercity Griots, Freestyle Fellowship
Midnight Marauders, A Tribe Called Quest
21 & Over, Tha Alkaholiks



1993 Singles

"Protect Ya Neck," Wu-Tang Clan
 "Slam," Onyx
 "Sound Of Da Police," KRS-One
 "Party And Bullshit," The Notorious B.I.G.
 "Method Man," Wu-Tang Clan
 "Time 4 Sum Aksion," Redman
 "Reign Of The Tec," Beatnuts
 "Award Tour," A Tribe Called Quest featuring Trugoy
 "Passin' Me By," The Pharcyde
 "Keep Ya Head Up," 2Pac



1994 Albums

Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik, OutKast
Illmatic, Nas
Ready To Die, The Notorious B.I.G.
Tical, Method Man
Regulate...G Funk Era, Warren G
Stress (The Extinction Agenda), Organized Konfusion
The Sun Rises In The East, Jeru The Damaja
Resurrection, Common
6 Feet Deep, Gravediggaz
Genocide & Juice, The Coup

1994 Singles

"Flava In Your Ear," Craig Mack
 "Player's Ball," OutKast
 "Supa Star," Group Home
 "Afro Puffs," The Lady Of Rage featuring Snoop Doggy Dogg
 "Bring The Pain," Method Man
 "Gin & Juice," Snoop Doggy Dogg
 "I Used To Love H.E.R.," Common
 "The Most Beautiful Thing In This World," Keith Murray

"How Many MCs," Black Moon
 "Regulate," Nate Dogg and Warren G



1995 Albums

Only Built 4 Cuban Linx..., Raekwon
E. 1999 Eternal, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony
Livin' Proof, Group Home
Gangsta's Paradise, Coolio
The Infamous, Mobb Deep
Return To The 36 Chambers: The Dirty Version, Ol' Dirty Bastard
Lifestylz Ov Da Poor & Dangerous, Big L
Me Against The World, 2Pac
Soul Food, Goodie Mob
Liquid Swords, GZA



1995 Singles

"I'll Be There For You/You're All I Need To Get By," Method Man featuring Mary J. Blige
 "Incarcerated Scarfaces"/"Ice Cream," Raekwon
 "Get Money," Junior M.A.F.I.A. featuring The Notorious B.I.G.
 "Broken Language," Smoothie Da Hustler featuring Trigger Tha Gambler
 "Shook Ones Part II," Mobb Deep
 "Player's Anthem," Junior M.A.F.I.A. featuring The Notorious B.I.G.
 "Shimmy Shimmy Ya," Ol' Dirty Bastard
 "1st Of Tha Month," Bone Thugs-N-Harmony
 "Jeeps, Lex Coups, Bimaz & Benz," Lost Boyz
 "Sprinkle Me," E-40 featuring Suga T



1996 Albums

Hard Core, Lil Kim
Soul On Ice, Ras Kass
The Score, Fugees
Bow Down, Westside Connection
Reasonable Doubt, Jay Z
Ridin' Dirty, UGK
All Eyez On Me, 2Pac
Atliens, OutKast
Makaveli The Don Killuminati: The 7 Day Theory, 2Pac
Entroducing... DJ Shadow, DJ Shadow



1996 Singles

"Killing Me Softly," Fugees
"Can't Knock The Hustle," Jay Z featuring Mary J. Blige
"No Time," Lil Kim
"Daytona 500," Ghostface Killah featuring Raekwon, Cappadonna and the Force MDs
"Hay," Crucial Conflict
"California Love," 2Pac featuring Dr. Dre
"Crossroads," Bone Thugs-N-Harmony
"Ready Or Not," Fugees
"Dead Presidents"/"Ain't No Nigga," Jay Z
"Elevators (Me & You)," OutKast

1997 Albums

Life After Death, The Notorious B.I.G.
Wu-Tang Forever, Wu-Tang Clan
The Carnival, Wyclef Jean
Ghetto D, Master P
No Way Out, Puff Daddy & The Family
The War Report, Capone-N-Noreaga
Harlem World, Ma\$e
Supa Dupa Fly, Missy Elliott
Uptown Saturday Night, Camp Lo
Funcrusher Plus, Company Flow



1997 Singles

"Hypnotize," The Notorious B.I.G.
"All About The Benjamins," Puff Daddy featuring The Notorious B.I.G., Lil Kim and The Lox
"No Time," Lil Kim featuring Puff Daddy
"Mo' Money, Mo' Problems," The Notorious B.I.G. featuring Ma\$e and Puff Daddy
"Let Me Clear My Throat," DJ Kool
"Smile," Scarface featuring 2Pac
"I Miss My Homies," Master P featuring Silkk The Shocker and Pimp C
"Put Your Hands Where My Eyes Could See," Busta Rhymes
"Triumph," Wu-Tang Clan
"Hail Mary," 2Pac featuring The Outlawz



1998 Albums

Aquemini, OutKast
The Miseducation Of Lauryn Hill, Lauryn Hill
It's Dark And Hell Is Hot, DMX
400 Degreez, Juvenile
Vol. 2... Hard Knock Life, Jay Z
Hello Nasty, Beastie Boys
Extinction Level Event: The Final World Front, Busta Rhymes

Capital Punishment, Big Pun
Mos Def And Talib Kweli Are Black Star, Black Star
Moment Of Truth, Gang Starr

1998 Singles

"Déjà Vu (Uptown Baby)," Lord Tariq and Peter Gunz
"Ha," Juvenile
"Get At Me Dog," DMX
"Victory," Puff Daddy & The Family featuring The Notorious B.I.G. & Busta Rhymes
"Money, Power & Respect," The Lox featuring DMX and Lil Kim
"Make 'Em Say Uhh!," Master P
"Money Ain't A Thang," Jay Z featuring Jermaine Dupri
"Nann Nigga," Trick Daddy
"Still Not A Player," Big Pun featuring Joe
"Superthug," Noreaga



1999 Albums

2001, Dr. Dre
The Slim Shady LP, Eminem
Murda Muzik, Mobb Deep
Nigga Please, Ol' Dirty Bastard
Chopper City In The Ghetto, B.G.
Guerilla Warfare, Hot Boys
Operation DOOMSDAY, DOOM
Things Fall Apart, The Roots
The Blackout, Method Man and Redman
Black On Both Sides, Mos Def

1999 Singles

"Holla Holla," Ja Rule
"Back That Azz Up," Juvenile featuring Mannie Fresh and Lil Wayne
"Got Your Money," Ol' Dirty Bastard featuring Kelis
"Vivrant Thing," Q-Tip
"Da Rockwilder," Method Man and Redman
"Bling Bling," B.G. featuring Big Tymers & Hot Boys
"Quiet Storm (Remix)," Mobb Deep featuring Lil Kim
"Still D.R.E.," Dr. Dre featuring Snoop Dogg
"Hate Me Now," Nas featuring Puff Daddy
"Simon Says," Pharoahe Monch

2000s



2000 Albums

Stankonia, OutKast
The Marshall Mathers LP, Eminem
 Country Grammar, Nelly
Back For The First Time, Ludacris
 Supreme Clientele, Ghostface Killah
Last Of A Dying Breed, Scarface
When The Smoke Clears, Three 6 Mafia
Let's Get Free, dead prez
 Warriorz, M.O.P.
The Dynasty: Roc La Familia, Jay Z



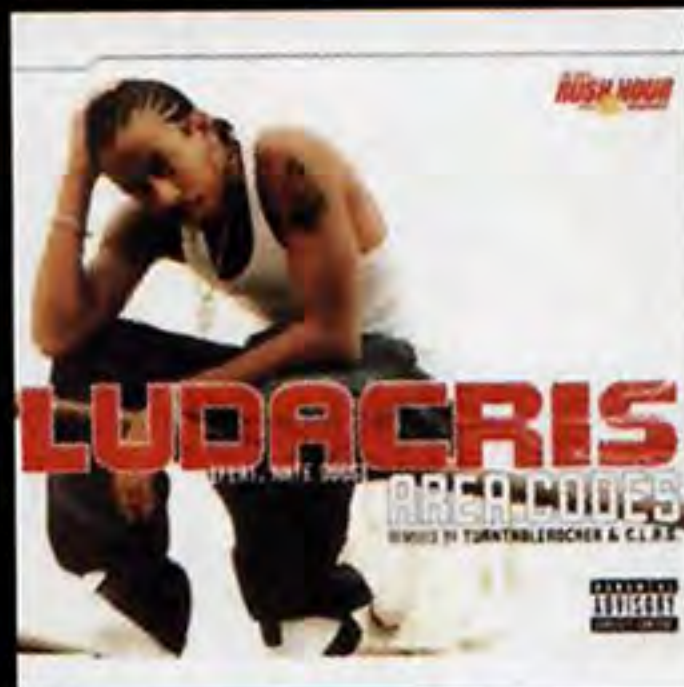
2000 Singles

"Country Grammar (Hot...)," Nelly
 "The Next Episode," Dr. Dre featuring Snoop Dogg and Nate Dogg
 "Whoa!," Black Rob
 "Shake Ya Ass," Mystikal
 "Bad Boyz," Shyne featuring Barrington Levy
 "Ante Up (Robbing Hoodz Theory)," M.O.P. featuring Funkmaster Flex
 "Southern Hospitality," Ludacris
 "Big Pimpin'," Jay Z featuring UGK
 "Ms. Jackson," OutKast
 "Stan," Eminem featuring Dido

2001 Albums

The Blueprint, Jay Z
 Stillmatic, Nas
Pain Is Love, Ja Rule
Broken Silence, Foxy Brown
Word Of Mouf, Ludacris

Ghetto Fabolous, Fabolous
 Anghellic, Tech N9ne
Until The End Of Time, 2Pac
The Realness, Cormega
The Revolutionary Vol. 1, Immortal Technique



2001 Singles

"Area Codes," Ludacris featuring Nate Dogg
 "Always On Time," Ja Rule featuring Ashanti
 "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," Jay Z
 "Bia' Bia'," Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz featuring Ludacris, Too \$hort, Big Kapp and Chyna Whyte
 "Music," Erick Sermon
 "Oochie Wally (Remix)," Nas and Bravehearts
 "Get Ur Freak On," Missy Elliott
 "Ugly," Bubba Sparxxx
 "Raise Up," Petey Pablo
 "Young'n (Holla Back)," Fabolous



2002 Albums

The Fix, Scarface
 Lord Willin', Clipse
Come Home With Me, Cam'ron
The Eminem Show, Eminem
Kings Of Crunk, Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz
Gangster & A Gentleman, Styles P
Blazing Arrow, Blackalicious
God's Son, Nas
Quality, Talib Kweli
8 Mile Soundtrack, Eminem



2002 Singles

"Hot In Herre," Nelly
 "I Need A Girl (Part 1)," P. Diddy featuring Usher and Loon
 "What's Luv?," Fat Joe featuring Ashanti
 "Oh Boy," Cam'ron featuring Juelz Santana
 "Move Bitch," Ludacris featuring Mystikal and I-20
 "Still Fly," Big Tymers
 "Pass The Courvoisier, Pt. II," Busta Rhymes featuring P. Diddy and Pharrell
 "Grindin'," Clipse
 "Welcome To Atlanta (Remix)," Jermaine Dupri featuring P. Diddy, Snoop Dogg and Murphy Lee
 "Wanksta," 50 Cent



2003 Albums

Get Rich Or Die Tryin', 50 Cent
Speakerboxxx/The Love Below, OutKast
Chicken-n-Bear, Ludacris
Beg For Mercy, G-Unit
The Black Album, Jay Z
Trap Muzik, T.I.
Cheers, Obie Trice
Diplomatic Immunity, The Diplomats
The Ownerz, Gang Starr
The Listening, Little Brother

2003 Singles

"In Da Club," 50 Cent
 "Get Low," Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz
 "Right Thurr," Chingy
 "Magic Stick," Lil Kim featuring 50 Cent
 "P.I.M.P.," 50 Cent
 "Beautiful," Snoop Dogg featuring Pharrell



"Never Scared," Bone Crusher featuring Killer Mike & T.I.
 "Like A Pimp," David Banner
 "Damn," Youngbloodz featuring Lil Jon
 "Pump It Up," Joe Budden

2004 Albums

Encore, Eminem
The College Dropout, Kanye West
Kamikaze, Twista
Crunk Juice, Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz
Straight Outta Cashville, Young Buck
Madvillainy, Madvillain
Purple Haze, Cam'ron
Tha Carter, Lil Wayne
Streets Disciple, Nas
Kiss Of Death, Jadakiss



2004 Singles

"Lean Back," Terror Squad
 "Slow Motion" Juvenile featuring Soulja Slim
 "99 Problems," Jay Z
 "Tipsy," J-Kwon

"Slow Jamz," Twista featuring Kanye West and Jamie Foxx
 "Jesus Walks," Kanye West
 "Stomp," Young Buck featuring Ludacris and T.I.
 "Go DJ," Lil Wayne
 "U Don't Know Me," T.I.
 "Drop It Like It's Hot," Snoop Dogg featuring Pharrell



2005 Albums

Late Registration, Kanye West
Let's Get It: Thug Motivation 101, Young Jeezy
The Documentary, Game
Tha Carter II, Lil Wayne
Be, Common
The B. Coming, Beanie Sigel



The Massacre, 50 Cent
The People's Champ, Paul Wall
Minstrel Show, Little Brother
Get Rich Or Die Tryin' Soundtrack, 50 Cent

2005 Singles

"Still Tippin'," Mike Jones featuring Slim Thug and Paul Wall
 "Stay Fly," Three 6 Mafia featuring 8Ball & MJG and Young Buck
 "Candy Shop," 50 Cent featuring Olivia
 "Gold Digger," Kanye West featuring Jamie Foxx
 "I'm A Hustla," Cassidy
 "Hate It Or Love It," Game featuring 50 Cent
 "Wait (The Whisper Song)," Ying Yang Twins
 "Soul Survivor," Young Jeezy featuring Akon
 "Sittin' Sidewayz," Paul Wall
 "Diamonds From Sierra Leone," Kanye West



2006 Albums

King, T.I.
Fishscale, Ghostface Killah
Doctor's Advocate, Game
The Inspiration: Thug Motivation 102, Young Jeezy
Tha Blue Carpet Treatment, Snoop Dogg
Hell Hath No Fury, Clipse
Food & Liquor, Lupe Fiasco
Hip-Hop Is Dead, Nas
Donuts, J Dilla
Bad Azz, Lil Boosie



2006 Singles

"Hustlin'," Rick Ross
 "It's Goin' Down," Yung Joc featuring Nitti
 "Snap Yo Fingers," Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz featuring E-40 & Sean Paul
 "What You Know," T.I.



"It's Okay (One Blood)," Game featuring Junior Reid
 "Touch It (Remix)," Busta Rhymes
 "Shoulder Lean," Young Dro featuring T.I.
 "Ridin'," Chamillionaire featuring Krayzie Bone
 "We Fly High," Jim Jones
 "Tell Me When To Go," E-40 featuring Keak Da Sneak

2007 Albums

Graduation, Kanye West
Below The Heavens, Blu & Exile
American Gangster, Jay Z
Lupe Fiasco's The Cool, Lupe Fiasco
T.I. Vs. T.I.P., T.I.
Made, Scarface
Underground Kingz, UGK
The Big Doe Rehab, Ghostface Killah
Curtis, 50 Cent
Finding Forever, Common



2007 Singles

"Can't Tell Me Nothin'," Kanye West
 "Stronger," Kanye West

"Shawty," Plies featuring T-Pain
 "This Is Why I'm Hot," Mims
 "Crank That," Soulja Boy
 "What A Job," Devin The Dude featuring Snoop Dogg and André 3000
 "International Players Anthem," UGK featuring OutKast
 "I Get Money," 50 Cent
 "Throw Some D's," Rich Boy
 "Low," Flo Rida featuring T-Pain



2008 Albums

Tha Carter III, Lil Wayne
808s & Heartbreak, Kanye West
Paper Trail, T.I.
Trilla, Rick Ross
The Recession, Young Jeezy
The Renaissance, Q-Tip
LAX, Game
Tronic, Black Milk
Untitled, Nas
I Pledge Allegiance To The Grind, Killer Mike



2008 Singles

"Lollipop," Lil Wayne featuring Static Major
 "Swagga Like Us," T.I. and Jay Z featuring Lil Wayne and Kanye West
 "Love Lockdown," Kanye West
 "Live Your Life," T.I. featuring Rihanna
 "A Milli," Lil Wayne
 "My President," Young Jeezy featuring Nas
 "Sexual Eruption," Snoop Dogg
 "Whatever You Like," T.I.

"Independent," Webbie featuring Lil Boosie and Lil Phat
 "Royal Flush," Big Boi featuring André 3000 and Raekwon

2009 Albums

The Blueprint 3, Jay Z
Man On The Moon: The End Of Day, Kid Cudi
Deeper Than Rap, Rick Ross



Relapse, Eminem
Only Built 4 Cuban Linx... Part II, Raekwon
The State Vs. Radric Davis, Gucci Mane
The Ecstatic, Mos Def
Slaughterhouse, Slaughterhouse
UGK 4 Life, UGK
BlaQKout, DJ Quik and Kurupt

2009 Singles

"Empire State Of Mind," Jay Z featuring Alicia Keys
 "Best I Ever Had," Drake
 "Forever," Drake featuring Kanye West, Lil Wayne and Eminem
 "Maybach Music 2," Rick Ross featuring T-Pain, Kanye West and Lil Wayne
 "Nothin' On You," B.o.B featuring Bruno Mars
 "Day N' Nite," Kid Cudi
 "Dead And Gone," T.I. featuring Justin Timberlake
 "Heartless," Kanye West



"Crack A Bottle," Eminem featuring 50 Cent and Dr. Dre
 "Run This Town," Jay Z featuring Rihanna and Kanye West

2010s

2010 Albums

My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy, Kanye West
Teflon Don, Rick Ross
Pilot Talk, Curren\$y
Thank Me Later, Drake
Recovery, Eminem
Pink Friday, Nicki Minaj
B.o.B Presents: The Adventures Of Bobby Ray, B.o.B
Sir Lucious Left Foot: The Son Of Chico Dusty, Big Boi
Distant Relatives, Nas and Damian Marley
How I Got Over, The Roots



2010 Singles

"Love The Way You Lie," Eminem featuring Rihanna
 "All Of The Lights," Kanye West
 "Monster," Kanye West featuring Jay Z, Nicki Minaj, Rick Ross and Bon Iver
 "B.M.F.," Rick Ross featuring Styles P
 "No Hands," Waka Flocka Flame featuring Roscoe Dash and Wale
 "Beamer, Benz Or Bentley," Lloyd Banks featuring Juelz Santana
 "All I Do Is Win," DJ Khaled featuring Ludacris, T-Pain, Snoop Dogg and Rick Ross
 "Not Afraid," Eminem
 "Right Above It," Lil Wayne featuring Drake
 "Find Your Love," Drake



2011 Albums

Take Care, Drake
Watch The Throne, Jay Z and Kanye West
Cole World: The Sideline Story, J. Cole
Section.80, Kendrick Lamar
Rolling Papers, Wiz Khalifa
Finally Famous, Big Sean
undun, The Roots
All 6's And 7's, Tech N9ne
Tha Carter IV, Lil Wayne
Goblin, Tyler, The Creator

2011 Singles

"Niggas In Paris," Jay Z and Kanye West
 "Ima Boss," Meek Mill featuring Rick Ross
 "Rack City," Tyga
 "I'm On One," DJ Khaled featuring Drake, Rick Ross and Lil Wayne
 "Black And Yellow," Wiz Khalifa
 "How To Love," Lil Wayne
 "6 Foot 7 Foot," Lil Wayne featuring Cory Gunz
 "Headlines," Drake
 "A.D.H.D.," Kendrick Lamar
 "Otis," Jay Z and Kanye West



2012 Albums

good kid, m.A.A.d. city, Kendrick Lamar
Life Is Good, Nas
R.A.P. Music, Killer Mike
Trouble Man: Heavy Is The Head, T.I.
Dreams And Nightmares, Meek Mill
The Heist, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
God Forgives, I Don't, Rick Ross
Based On A T.R.U. Story, 2 Chainz

Habits & Contradictions, Schoolboy Q
Live From The Underground, Big K.R.I.T.

2012 Singles

"Thrift Shop," Macklemore & Ryan Lewis featuring Wanz
 "Stay Schemin'," Rick Ross featuring Drake and French Montana
 "All Gold Everything," Trinidad James
 "Mercy," Kanye West featuring Big Sean, 2 Chainz and Pusha T
 "Swimming Pools (Drank)," Kendrick Lamar
 "Pop That," French Montana featuring Rick Ross, Drake and Lil Wayne
 "Bandz A Make Her Dance," Juicy J
 "Same Damn Time," Future
 "I Don't Like," Chief Keef featuring Lil Reese
 "Fuckin' Problems," A\$AP Rocky featuring Drake and Kendrick Lamar

2013 Albums

Yeezus, Kanye West
Magna Carta... Holy Grail, Jay Z
The Marshall Mathers LP 2, Eminem
My Name Is My Name, Pusha T
Nothing Was The Same, Drake
Born Sinner, J. Cole
Doris, Earl Sweatshirt
Long.Live.A\$AP, A\$AP Rocky
The Gifted, Wale
Old, Danny Brown



2013 Singles

"Type Of Way," Rich Homie Quan
 "Versace," Migos
 "Started From The Bottom," Drake
 "Control," Big Sean featuring Kendrick Lamar and Jay Electronica
 "Ain't Worried About Nothin'," French Montana
 "Power Trip," J. Cole featuring Miguel
 "All Me," Drake featuring 2 Chainz and Big Sean
 "Rap God," Eminem
 "Holy Grail," Jay Z featuring Justin Timberlake
 "FuckWithMeYouKnowIGotIt," Jay Z featuring Rick Ross ♠