

Month	Day	Year	Event	Remarks
December	1	1988	Tyler Joseph, frontman for Twenty One Pilots, was born in Columbus, OH	He co-founded the band in 2009 and since then they've had multiple top five hits, including "Stressed Out," "Ride," and "Heathens"
December	1	1978	The Doobie Brothers released the album <i>Minute By Minute</i>	It spent 87 weeks on the chart and reached #1 for five non-consecutive weeks on the strength of the the #1 hit "What A Fool Believes"
December	1	1944	Eric Bloom, vocalist for Blue Oyster Cult, was born in Brooklyn	Their first album was released in 1972, and they were voted "Best New Band" by <i>Creem</i> magazine
December	1	1944	John Densmore, drummer and founding member of the Doors, was born in Los Angeles	Densmore left music in the 1980s, moving to the world of dance as he performed with Bess Snyder and Co., touring the United States for two years
December	2	2006	Mariska Veres, vocalist for Shocking Blue, died of cancer at 59	"Venus," which reached #1 in nine countries, was their lone U.S. hit but reached #1 again in 1986 when Bananarama covered it
December	2	1971	Led Zeppelin released the song "Black Dog"	The words "Black Dog" are not part of the lyrics but the title is a reference to a nameless black Lab the band used to see wandering the grounds of the studio
December	2	1967	The #1 song was "Daydream Believer" by The Monkees where it stayed for 4 weeks	It was written by the late John Stewart who had his own #5 hit, "Gold," in 1979
December	2	1960	Rick Savage, bassist for Def Leppard, was born in Sheffield, England	He is a founding member of the band, and he and frontman Joe Elliott are the only two remaining original members
December	3	2023	Myles Goodwyn, frontman for April Wine, died at 75	April Wine released 16 albums over their career, were inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, and scored a handful of hits, including "Roller" and "Just Between You And Me"
December	3	2015	Scott Weiland, frontman for Stone Temple Pilots and Velvet Revolver, died of an accidental overdose at 48	He met future bassist Robert DeLeo at a Black Flag concert where they discovered they were both dating the same girl and developed a bond over that discovery
December	3	2014	Ian McLagan, keyboardist with Small Faces and Faces, died of a stroke at 69	He also worked with the Rolling Stones, Jackson Browne, Joe Cocker, Bruce Springsteen, and Bob Dylan
December	3	1984	Bob Geldof and Band Aid released the song "Do They Know It's Christmas"	The song was written by Geldof and Midge Ure of Ultravox in reaction to the famine in Ethiopia
December	3	1979	Eleven people were killed at a Who concert at Riverfront Coliseum in Cincinnati	The band didn't play again in Cincinnati until 5/15/2022
December	3	1965	The Who released their debut album <i>My Generation</i>	At the time it was considered one of the hardest Rock records ever made and produced one of their biggest songs, the title track

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December	3	1965	The Beatles released the album <i>Rubber Soul</i>	Considered one of the greatest albums ever made, it produced classics such as "Drive My Car," "Norwegian Wood," "Nowhere Man," and "Michelle"
December	3	1952	Don Barnes, guitarist and vocalist for .38 Special, was born in Peoria, IL	A founding member, he sang lead on nearly all of the band's biggest hits
December	3	1949	Mickey Thomas, lead vocalist for Jefferson Starship, was born in Cairo, GA	Prior to joining them, he sang on the 1976 hit "Fooled Around And Fell In Love" by Elvin Bishop
December	3	1948	Ozzy Osbourne was born in Marston Green, England	Prior to going solo, he fronted Black Sabbath from 1967-1979
December	4	1999	The #1 album was <i>Issues</i> by Korn where it stayed for 1 week	It produced some of their biggest songs, including "Falling Away From Me" and "Make Me Bad"
December	4	1995	The Beatles released "Free As A Bird," their first new single in over 20 years	Originally written and recorded as a home demo by John Lennon, it was released as a promo for their <i>Anthology 1</i> compilation album
December	4	1993	Frank Zappa died of cancer at 52	During his lifetime he released a staggering 62 albums between 1966-1993. Since his death, his family has released 67 more.
December	4	1980	Led Zeppelin officially broke up	The breakup was precipitated by the death of drummer John Bonham two months earlier
December	4	1976	Tommy Bolin, guitarist with James Gang and Deep Purple, died from an overdose at 25	He was with the James Gang from 1973-1974 and then with Deep Purple from 1975 until his death
December	4	1971	The Montreux Casino burned to the ground, inspiring the Deep Purple hit "Smoke On The Water"	Guitarist Ritchie Blackmore claimed the iconic guitar riff was his interpretation of inversion of Beethoven's <i>Symphony #5</i>
December	4	1971	The #1 song was "Family Affair" by Sly And The Family Stone where it stayed for 3 weeks	Billy Preston played electric piano on the song
December	4	1965	The Rolling Stones released the album <i>December's Children (And Everybody's)</i>	It was primarily compiled from different released tracks from across the band's career up to that point including songs like "Get Off Of My Cloud" and "As Tears Go By"
December	4	1965	The #1 song was "Turn! Turn! Turn! (To Everything There Is A Season)" by The Byrds where it stayed for 3 weeks	First written by folk singer Pete Seeger in the late 1950s, the lyrics consist of the first eight verses of the third chapter of the biblical <i>Book of Ecclesiastes</i>
December	4	1962	Vinnie Dombroski, frontman for Sponge, was born in Detroit, MI	Their biggest single, 1994's "Plowed," just missed being a top 40 hit, peaking at #41

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December	4	1951	Gary Rossington, founding member of Lynyrd Skynyrd, was born in Jacksonville. He died at 71 on 3/5/2023.	He had been the last surviving original member of the band
December	4	1944	Dennis Wilson, co-founder and drummer for The Beach Boys, was born in Inglewood, CA. He died at 39 by drowning after drinking all day on 12/28/1983.	His wife wanted him buried at sea but needed permission from President Reagan, which he granted
December	4	1944	Chris Hillman, founding member and bassist for The Byrds, was born in Los Angeles	He was a pioneer of country rock, defining the genre through bands like the Byrds, Flying Burrito Brothers, and Manassas
December	5	2023	Denny Laine, co-founder of both the Moody Blues and Wings, died from lung disease at 79	He helped form the Moody Blues (originally known as M&B 5) in 1964, but left in 1966 and was replaced by Justin Hayward. Then in 1971, he joined forces with Paul McCartney to form Wings and remained with them for 10 years until they disbanded in 1981.
December	5	1973	Paul McCartney released the album <i>Band On The Run</i>	It went on to become the top-selling studio album of 1974 due to hits like the title track, "Jet," "Let Me Roll It," "Helen Wheels," and "Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five"
December	5	1969	The Rolling Stones released the album <i>Let It Bleed</i>	The band's founder, Brian Jones, was fired during the making of the album which produced hits like "Gimme Shelter," "You Can't Always Get What You Want," and "Monkey Man" and sadly died within a month
December	5	1965	Johnny Rzeznik, guitarist and frontman for Goo Goo Dolls, was born in Buffalo	He co-founded the band in 1985 and between 1995 and 2005 scored a number of hits, including "Slide," "Iris," and "Name"
December	5	1960	Jack Russell, frontman for Great White, was born in Montebello, CA	The band's biggest hit was 1989's "Once Bitten, Twice Shy" which made it to #5 and was originally written by Ian Hunter in 1975
December	5	1947	Jim Messina, one half of Loggins & Messina, was born in Maywood, CA	Prior to forming Loggins & Messina, he was a member of both Buffalo Springfield and Poco
December	5	1938	Singer/songwriter J.J. Cale was born in Oklahoma City. He died from a heart attack at 74 on 7/26/2013.	In 1970, he learned that Eric Clapton had covered his song, "After Midnight," on his debut album and had no knowledge of it until it became a hit, but it kickstarted his career
December	5	1932	Rock 'N Roll pioneer Little Richard (born Richard Penniman) was born in Macon, GA. He died from bone cancer at 87 on 5/9/2020.	He was inducted into the Rock Hall as part of its first group of inductees in 1986
December	6	2024	National Bartender Day	Held annually on the first Friday in December
December	6	2018	Pete Shelley, co-founder of punk band The Buzzcocks, died of heart attack at 63	Their biggest hit was "Ever Fallen In Love (With Someone You Shouldn't Have)" and after he went solo, he charted a song called "Homosapien" in 1981

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December	6	2011	Singer Dobie Gray died from cancer at 71	Though he had another top 20 hit with 1965's "The 'In' Crowd," he's more widely known for the #5 hit "Drift Away" from 1973
December	6	1997	The #1 album was <i>Re-Load</i> by Metallica where it stayed for 1 week	It debuted in the top spot and produced rock hits like "Fuel," "The Unforgiven II," and "The Memory Remains" which featured a guest singer for the first time, Marianne Faithfull, who had a hit in 1964 with the Jagger/Richards song "As Tears Go By"
December	6	1994	Bush released their debut album <i>Sixteen Stone</i>	It produced some of their biggest and most well known songs, including "Everything Zen," "Comedown," "Machinehead," "Glycerine," and "Little Things"
December	6	1988	Singer Roy Orbison died of a heart attack at 53	Before his stint with the Traveling Wilburys, he had a number of top 10 hits including "Only The Lonely," "Crying," and "Oh, Pretty Woman"
December	6	1977	Jackson Browne released the live album <i>Running On Empty</i>	The album went on to reach #3 on the chart due to songs like the title track, "You Love The Thunder," and "The Load Out"
December	6	1975	The Who broke the record for largest indoor concert at the Pontiac Silverdome in suburban Detroit in front of about 76,000	It was the first major Rock show in the venue
December	6	1969	The #1 song was "Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye" by Steam where it stayed for 2 weeks	Written by studio musicians, it was attributed to the band "Steam," although at the time there was no band with that name
December	6	1968	The Rolling Stones released the album <i>Beggars Banquet</i>	It was the last Stones album to be released during Brian Jones' lifetime (he drowned on 7/3/1969) and it produced rock classics such as "Sympathy For The Devil" and "Street Fighting Man"
December	6	1956	Randy Rhoads, guitarist for Quiet Riot and Ozzy Osbourne, was born in Santa Monica, CA. He died in a plane crash at 25 on 3/19/1982.	He was with Quiet Riot from 1972-1979 and then with Ozzy Osbourne from 1979 until his death
December	6	1956	Peter Dinklage, co-founder and lead guitarist for R.E.M., was born in Berkeley, CA	R.E.M. was formed in 1980 when the members were all students at the University of Georgia
December	6	1943	Mike Smith, vocalist and keyboard player for the Dave Clark Five, was born in London. He died of pneumonia at 64 on 2/28/2008.	He had become paralyzed in 2003 after trying to climb a gate after locking himself out of his villa, fell heavily and landed on his head
December	7	2024	Pearl Harbor Day	Commemorating the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii in 1941
December	7	1979	Led Zeppelin released the song "Fool In The Rain"	It was their last single released in the U.S. before they disbanded in 1980 and reached #21 on the chart

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December	7	1979	Queen released the song "Crazy Little Thing Called Love"	An homage to Elvis Presley, Freddie Mercury said he composed the song on guitar in "just five to ten minutes"
December	7	2016	Greg Lake, co-founder and vocalist for Emerson, Lake & Palmer, died of cancer at 69	Prior to Emerson, Lake & Palmer, he was the lead singer for King Crimson and sang lead vocals on their iconic album <i>In The Court Of The Crimson King</i>
December	7	1996	The #1 album was <i>Razorblade Suitcase</i> by Bush where it stayed for 2 weeks	As the follow up to the extremely successful <i>Sixteen Stone</i> , it debuted in the top spot but only generated moderate rock hits such as "Swallowed" and "Greedy Fly"
December	7	1991	The #1 album was <i>Achtung Baby</i> by U2 where it stayed for 1 week	It became one of their most successful albums, debuting in the #1 spot due to songs like "Mysterious Ways," "One," and "Even Better Than The Real Thing"
December	7	1986	Guitarist Nita Strauss was born in Los Angeles	She was the in-house guitarist for the Los Angeles Kiss, an arena football team owned by Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons of Kiss, before becoming a touring guitarist for Alice Cooper
December	7	1985	The #1 song was "Broken Wings" by Mr. Mister where it stayed for 2 weeks	It was the first of two consecutive #1 songs for the band, the other being "Kyrie"
December	7	1984	Foreigner released the album <i>Agent Provocateur</i>	It was their first, and only #1 album in the U.K. (it hit #5 in the U.S.) and generated their only #1 single, "I Want To Know What Love Is," in both countries
December	7	1942	Singer/songwriter Harry Chapin was born in New York City. He died in a car accident at 38 on 7/16/1981.	He released eleven albums between 1972 until his death and all 14 singles he released became hits on at least one national music chart including "Cats In The Cradle" and "Taxi"
December	8	2004	Dimebag Darrell, guitarist and co-founder of Pantera and Damageplan, was shot and killed on stage at 38	He was shot by a deranged fan who killed three others before he was shot and killed by police
December	8	2001	The #1 album was <i>Weathered</i> by Creed where it stayed for 8 weeks	It generated rock hits like "My Sacrifice" and "One Last Breath" but was their last album to be released until 2009, with the band disbanding in 2004. However, they reformed in 2023 and are currently on tour.
December	8	1984	Vince Neil, frontman for Motley Crue, was in a serious car accident that took the life of Razzle, the drummer for Hanoi Rocks	Neil was drunk and sentenced to 30 days in jail and five years probation
December	8	1984	The #1 song was "Out Of Touch" by Hall & Oates where it stayed for 2 weeks	It became their fourteenth consecutive Top 40 hit but it also became their last #1
December	8	1980	John Lennon was shot and killed by Mark David Chapman at 40	His murderer, Mark David Chapman, remains in prison

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December	8	1976	The Eagles released the album <i>Hotel California</i>	One of the best-selling albums of all time, it's the first to feature Joe Walsh who replaced Bernie Leadon and it produced classics such as the title track, "Life In The Fast Lane" and "New Kid In Town"
December	8	1973	Corey Taylor, co-founder and lead vocalist of Slipknot and Stone Sour, was born in Des Moines, IA	He co-founded Stone Sour in 1992 and joined Slipknot in 1997, replacing lead singer Anders Colsefni
December	8	1967	Traffic released their debut album <i>Mr. Fantasy</i>	The band, including singer Steve Winwood and guitarist Dave Mason, and the album produced one of the band's most popular songs, "Dear Mr. Fantasy," which they performed during their induction into the Rock Hall in 2004
December	8	1967	The Rolling Stones released the album <i>Their Satanic Majesties Request</i>	The album was criticized for being derivative of The Beatles' <i>Sgt. Pepper's</i> which was released six months earlier due to songs like "She's A Rainbow" and "2000 Light Years From Home" and even the album cover
December	8	1966	Singer Sinead O'Connor was born in Dublin, Ireland. She died at 56 of COPD on 7/26/2023.	Her only hit, the Prince-penned "Nothing Compares 2 U," reached #1 in 1990
December	8	1957	Phil Collen, guitarist for Def Leppard, was born in London	He replaced original guitarist Pete Willis in 1982
December	8	1950	Singer/songwriter Dan Hartman was born in W. Hanover Township, PA. He died from a brain tumor at 43 on 3/22/1994.	Prior to his solo career, which spawned the 1984 hit "I Can Dream About You," he was in the Edgar Winter Group, where he wrote and song their hit "Free Ride"
December	8	1947	Gregg Allman of the Allman Brothers was born in Nashville. He died of cancer at 69 on 5/27/2017.	He and his brother Duane (who died in a motorcycle accident in 1971) formed the band in 1969 and found success in 1971 with their live album <i>At Fillmore East</i>
December	8	1943	Jim Morrison, frontman for The Doors, was born in Melbourne, FL. He died of an accidental overdose at 27 on 7/3/1971.	Together with keyboardist Ray Manzarek he founded the Doors in 1965, though the band spent two years in obscurity until their song "Light My Fire" from their debut album reached #1
December	9	2019	Marie Fredriksson, vocalist for Roxette, died of brain cancer at 61	Between 1989 and 1991 they had four #1 hits - "It Must Have Been Love," "Listen To Your Heart," "The Look," and "Joyride"
December	9	1989	The #1 song was "We Didn't Start The Fire" by Billy Joel where it stayed for 2 weeks	Its fast paced lyrics include brief references to 188 significant political, cultural, scientific, and sporting events since 1949, his birth year. Joel himself compared the song to a "dentist drill" and called it "terrible."
December	9	1977	Aerosmith released the album <i>Draw The Line</i>	Recorded during a low period filled with drugs and alcohol, it only produced moderate rock hits such as the title track and "Kings And Queens"
December	9	1972	Tre Cool, drummer for Green Day, was born in West Germany	Born Frank Wright III, he joined the band in 1990 after original drummer John Kiffmeyer left

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December	9	1972	The #1 album was <i>Seventh Sojourn</i> by the Moody Blues where it stayed for 5 weeks	The biggest hit was "I'm Just A Singer (In A Rock And Roll Band)," which reached #12 and, according to bassist John Lodge, was written as a response to fans who mistakently read guru-like wisdom into the band's lyrics
December	9	1970	Creedence Clearwater Revival released the album <i>Pendulum</i>	It is the only C.C.R. album to not contain any cover songs, it's the last one recorded while Tom Fogerty was still a member, and it only had one single, "Have You Ever Seen The Rain" which made it to #8
December	9	1969	Jakob Dylan, frontman for the Wallflowers, was born in New York City	He is the son of legendary musician Bob Dylan and had three top 40 hits with the Wallflowers, including "The Difference," the David Bowie cover "Heroes," and the #1 hit "One Headlight"
December	9	1966	Cream released their debut album <i>Fresh Cream</i>	It made it to #30 on the chart, producing tracks like "I'm So Glad" and "Spoonful"
December	10	1999	Rick Danko, founding member of the Band, died of heart failure at 56	It was Danko who found the pink house in Saugerties, NY, which became known as Big Pink and their sessions with Bob Dylan in 1967 took place in the basement. Those recordings were eventually released on <i>The Basement Tapes</i> in 1975.
December	10	1976	Queen released the album <i>A Day At The Races</i>	Taking its name from a Marx Brothers movie (just like their previous album, <i>A Night At The Opera</i>), it reached #5 and produced songs like "Somebody To Love" and "Tie Your Mother Down"
December	10	1976	Paul McCartney and Wings released the triple live album <i>Wings Over America</i>	It was recorded during the American leg of the band's 1975-76 tour and included five Beatles songs – "Yesterday," "Blackbird," "Lady Madonna," "I've Just Seen A Face," and "The Long And Winding Road"
December	10	1974	Meg White, drummer for White Stripes, was born in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI	She was married to Jack White from 1996-2000 and then married Jackson Smith, son of musicians Patti and Fred "Sonic" Smith, until they divorced in 2013
December	10	1967	Singer Otis Redding was killed in a plane crash at 26	His song "(Sittin' On) The Dock Of The Bay" became the first posthumous number one record
December	10	1965	J Mascis, frontman for Dinosaur Jr, was born in Amherst, MA	In the early 1990s, they scored Alternative hits like "Start Choppin" and "Feel The Pain"
December	11	2024	National App Day	Held annually on this date
December	11	1964	R&B singer Sam Cooke was shot and killed at 33	His biggest hit, "You Send Me," hit #1 in 1957 but he was shot and killed by the manager of a motel in L.A. in 1964, which eventually was ruled a justifiable homicide
December	11	1958	Nikki Sixx, co-founder and bassist for Motley Crue, was born in San Jose	Born Frank Feranna, Jr., he founded Motley Crue with drummer Tommy Lee in 1981

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December	11	1940	David Gates, frontman for Bread, was born in Tulsa, OK	From 1970-1976 Bread scored six top ten hits, including "Everything I Own," "Baby I'm-a Want You," and "Make It With You" which made it to #1
December	12	2017	Pat DiNizio, frontman for the Smithereens, died at 62	He not only founded the band, played rhythm guitar, and was the lead vocalist, he also wrote most of their songs, including "A Girl Like You," "Only A Memory," and "Behind The Wall Of Sleep"
December	12	2007	Ike Turner died of a drug overdose at 76	Between 1960 and 1975, Ike & Tina Turner had 20 songs in the Billboard Hot 100
December	12	1944	Rob Tyner, frontman for the MC5, was born in Detroit. He died of a heart attack at 46 on 9/17/1991 while seated in his parked car.	The MC5 (MC stands for Motor City) were formed in Detroit in 1963. Not known for hits, they're considered one of the most important rock bands of all time. Sadly, both Tyner and guitarist Fred "Sonic" Smith (husband of Patti) died of heart attacks at 46.
December	12	1943	Dickie Betts, co-founder and guitarist for the Allman Brothers, was born in West Palm Beach. He died from cancer at 80 on 4/18/2024.	A founding member of the band, he was ousted in 2000 over his drug and alcohol use and never played with, or appeared with, any band members again
December	13	2024	Friday the 13th	The second of two Friday the 13ths in 2024. There is only one in 2025 -- Friday, June 13th.
December	13	1986	The #1 song was "The Way It Is" by Bruce Hornsby where it stayed for 1 week	The song makes explicit reference to the 1964 Poverty Act and the Civil Rights Act of 1964
December	13	1982	Amy Lee, vocalist for Evanescence, was born in Riverside, CA	She co-founded the band with guitarist Ben Moody in 1995, after meeting him at a Christian youth camp the previous year, when she was 13
December	13	1975	Tom DeLonge, co-founder and vocalist for Blink-182, was born in Poway, CA	He formed Blink-182 with bassist Mark Hoppus and drummer Scott Raynor during high school
December	13	1971	Badfinger released the album <i>Straight Up</i>	It was issued on the Beatles' Apple label, was produced by Todd Rundgren and George Harrison, and produced classics such as "Baby Blue" and "Day After Day"
December	13	1948	Guitarist Jeff "Skunk" Baxter was born in Washington, D.C.	He was a founding member of Steely Dan but left after they decided to retire from touring and then in 1974, he joined the Doobie Brothers
December	13	1948	Guitarist Ted Nugent was born in Redford, MI	He was with the Amboy Dukes, who had a top 20 hit with 1968's "Journey To The Center Of The Mind," from 1965-1975 before starting his solo career
December	14	1979	The Clash released the album <i>London Calling</i>	Considered by some to be one of the greatest albums ever made, it produced songs like the title track, "Lost In The Supermarket," and "Clampdown"

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December	14	1949	Cliff Williams, bassist for AC/DC, was born in Romford, England	He joined the band in 1977 as they were looking for a bassist after firing Mark Evans after the recording of <i>Let There Be Rock</i>
December	15	1983	Ronnie Radke, frontman for Falling In Reverse, was born in Las Vegas	Prior to Falling In Reverse, he was with Escape The Fate but was kicked out after being sentenced to prison for 2 1/2 years for violating probation
December	15	1971	Clint Lowery, guitarist for Sevendust, was born in Jacksonville, FL	He's not technically an original member as he (as well as vocalist Lajon Witherspoon) joined after their first demo
December	15	1964	The Beatles released the album <i>Beatles '65</i>	It was released as the North American alternative to the album <i>Beatles For Sale</i>
December	15	1955	Paul Simonon, bassist for The Clash, was born in Croydon, England	He met eventual Clash guitarist Mick Jones in 1976, and six months later they formed the Clash when Joe Strummer joined
December	15	1946	Carmine Appice, drummer for Vanilla Fudge, was born in New York City	He also played with Rod Stewart as well as the power trio Beck, Bogert & Appice
December	15	1939	Dave Clark of the Dave Clark Five was born in Tottenham, England	He was the drummer for the band which scored numerous top ten hits, including "Bits And Pieces," "Glad All Over," "Catch Us If You Can," and "Over And Over"
December	15	1921	Pioneer radio disc jockey Alan Freed was born in Windber, PA. He died at 43 from alcoholism on 1/20/1965 following a payola scandal that ruined his career.	He is credited with coining the term "Rock 'n Roll"
December	16	2007	Singer/songwriter Dan Fogelberg died of cancer at 56	He had a number of hits, including "The Power Of Gold," "Leader Of The Band" and "Same Old Lang Syne"
December	16	2001	Stuart Adamson, co-founder and frontman for Big Country, took his own life at 43	The band was formed in 1981 and two years later released the song "In A Big Country" which became their lone Top 40 hit
December	16	1949	Billy Gibbons, co-founder, frontman and guitarist for ZZ Top, was born in Houston	Before he formed ZZ Top in 1969, he began his career with the Moving Sidewalks who opened for Jimi Hendrix on four occasions in 1968
December	17	2023	Rock disc jockey Jim Ladd died of a heart attack at 75	The man who inspired the Tom Petty song "The Last DJ" was on legendary Los Angeles rock stations KNAC, KMET, and KLOS
December	17	1977	Elvis Costello made his American television debut on <i>Saturday Night Live</i> as a last minute replacement for the Sex Pistols	The Sex Pistols were denied a visa to enter America and Costello was banned from the show after substituting songs

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December	17	1971	David Bowie released the album <i>Hunky Dory</i>	Because RCA was wary he would transform his image, the album and the song "Changes" received very little promotion. It wasn't until the commercial breakthrough of his 1972 follow-up album, <i>Ziggy Stardust</i> , that it became a commercial success
December	17	1958	Mike Mills, co-founder and multi-instrumentalist for R.E.M., was born in Orange County, CA	He attended the University of Georgia where he met his future bandmates
December	17	1949	Paul Rodgers, frontman with Free, Bad Company and The Firm, was born in Middlesbrough, England	He joined Free in 1968 and he co-wrote their hit "All Right Now" before forming Bad Company in 1973
December	18	2001	Singer Billie Eilish was born in Los Angeles	She has scored numerous hits in the last few years including "Bad Guy," "Everything I Wanted," and "Therefore I Am"
December	18	1982	The #1 song was "Maneater" by Hall & Oates where it stayed for 4 weeks	It stayed in the #1 spot longer than any of their other #1 hits
December	18	1977	Maria Brink, vocalist for In This Moment, was born in New York	The band received a Grammy nomination for Best Metal Performance in 2021
December	18	1975	The Faces officially broke up	Rod Stewart went on to launch his solo career, Ron Wood eventually joined the Rolling Stones, and Kenney Jones replaced Keith Moon as drummer for the Who
December	18	1953	Elliot Easton, co-founder and guitarist for The Cars, was born in Brooklyn	The Cars were inducted into the Rock Hall in 2018 and reunited to perform at the induction ceremony
December	18	1943	Keith Richards, co-founder and guitarist for the Rolling Stones, was born in Dartford, England	As a child he attended primary school with Mick Jagger who was his neighbor until 1954 when both families moved; however, they met by chance on a train years later
December	18	1938	Chas Chandler, founding member and bassist for the Animals, was born in Newcastle, England. He died of an aneurysm at 57 on 7/17/1996.	He went on to be the band manager for Jimi Hendrix after seeing the then-unknown guitarist perform in a Greenwich Village nightclub
December	19	1958	Singer Limahl of Kajagoogoo was born in Pemberton, England	The band is largely known for their first single, 1983's "Too Shy" which reached #5 on the chart
December	19	1944	Alvin Lee, lead vocalist and guitarist for Ten Years After, was born in Nottingham, England. He died at 68 on 3/6/2013.	Known as "the fastest guitar in the West," his performance at Woodstock helped catapult his career which spawned the 1971 track "I'd Love To Change The World" which reached #40
December	19	1941	Maurice White, co-founder and frontman for Earth, Wind & Fire was born in Memphis. He died at 74 of Parkinson's disease on 2/4/2016.	He formed the band in 1969 which produced numerous top ten hits, including "Shining Star," "Sing A Song," "September," and "Boogie Wonderland"

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December	20	2024	The first round of the College Football Playoff takes place today and tomorrow	Teams to be determined
December	20	1971	George Harrison released the live triple album <i>The Concert For Bangladesh</i>	The concert also featured performances by Bob Dylan, Ringo Starr, Billy Preston, Leon Russell, and Eric Clapton
December	20	1966	Chris Robinson, founder of the Black Crowes, was born in Atlanta	Prior to the name change to the Black Crowes, they were known as Mr. Crowe's Garden
December	20	1948	Alan Parsons of the Alan Parsons Project was born in London	Prior to launching the Alan Parsons Project in 1975, he worked at Abbey Road studios as an engineer and worked on albums such as <i>Abbey Road</i> and <i>Dark Side Of The Moon</i>
December	20	1947	Stevie Wright, frontman for the Easybeats, was born in Leeds, England. He died of pneumonia at 68 on 12/27/2015.	Considered Australia's first international pop star from the greatest Australian band of the 1960s, they scored an international hit in 1966 with "Friday On My Mind"
December	20	1945	Peter Criss, co-founder and drummer for Kiss, was born in Brooklyn	In 1972, he put an ad in <i>Rolling Stone</i> looking for a gig, and it was answered by Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons
December	21	2024	First day of Winter	It occurs officially at 4:21 AM EST
December	21	1985	The #1 album was Heart's self-titled album where it stayed for 1 week	It produced some of their biggest hits, including "What About Love," "Never," "Nothin' At All," and their first #1 single, "These Dreams"
December	21	1978	Shaun Morgan, frontman for Seether, was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa	Prior to choosing the name Seether after the Veruca Salt song, they were known as Saron Gas
December	21	1974	The #1 song was "Cat's In The Hat" by Harry Chapin where it stayed for 1 week	It was his only #1 song and was nominated for a Grammy for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance
December	21	1971	Brett Scallions, original lead singer for Fuel, was born in Brownsville, TN	He had two stints with Fuel -- first in 1993 when he joined the band until leaving in 2006 and then again from 2010-2020
December	21	1951	Singer/songwriter Nick Gilder was born in London	His solo career spawned one hit but it was a #1 hit, 1978's "Hot Child In The City"
December	21	1983	Van Halen released the song "Jump"	More synth-pop than their other songs, it also became their biggest single, reaching #1
December	21	1946	Carl Wilson, co-founder and guitarist for the Beach Boys, was born in Hawthorne, CA. He died of lung cancer at 51 on 2/6/1998.	He was the youngest of the three Wilson brothers

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December	21	1940	Frank Zappa was born in Baltimore. He died of cancer at 52 on 12/4/1993.	During his lifetime, he released a staggering 62 albums between 1966-1993. Since his death, his family has released another 67.
December	22	2014	Singer Joe Cocker died of cancer at 70	Most of his best known singles were covers such as "The Letter," "Feelin' Alright," and "With A Little Help From My Friends"
December	22	2002	Joe Strummer, co-founder and co-lead vocalist for The Clash, died of an undiagnosed heart defect at 50	The band was inducted into the Rock Hall in 2003, just weeks after his death
December	22	2001	The #1 song was "How You Remind Me" by Nickelback where it stayed for 4 weeks	It was named the #1 most played song on U.S. Radio in the 2000s by Nielsen Soundscan
December	22	1949	The Gibb twins, Robin and Maurice, were born on the Isle Of Man. Maurice died suddenly of cardiac arrest on 1/12/2003 at 53, while Robin died of cancer at 62 on 5/20/2012.	The youngest brother, Andy, died of a drug overdose on 3/10/1988, leaving eldest brother Barry as the lone surviving Gibb
December	22	1948	Rick Nielsen, co-founder and guitarist for Cheap Trick, was born in Elmhurst, IL	Prior to forming Cheap Trick he was briefly with Nazz, replacing Todd Rundgren
December	23	2024	Festivus	Held annually on this date, it was originally created in 1966 by author Daniel O'Keefe, it was popularized by a 1997 episode of <i>Seinfeld</i>
December	23	2020	Leslie West, co-founder and vocalist for Mountain, died at 75	Known largely for the classic "Mississippi Queen," Mountain appeared on the second day of the Woodstock Festival in 1969
December	23	1985	Two teenage fans of Judas Priest shot themselves, one fatally, after listening to the band's records	A lawsuit was brought against the band in 1986 but was eventually dismissed
December	23	1964	Eddie Vedder, frontman for Pearl Jam, was born in Evanston, IL	The band was formed in 1990 by Jeff Ament, Stone Gossard, and Mick McCready who shortly after invited Vedder as lead
December	23	1949	Guitarist Adrian Belew was born in Covington, KY	He played with King Crimson from 1981-2013 but has also worked extensively as a session guitarist for artists like Frank Zappa, David Bowie, Talking Heads, and Nine Inch Nails
December	23	1940	Jorma Kaukonen, guitarist for Jefferson Airplane, was born in Washington, DC	He and Airplane bassist Jack Casady started the side band Hot Tuna in 1969 and they remain an active band
December	24	1994	The #1 album was <i>Vitalogy</i> by Pearl Jam where it stayed for 1 week	It was first released on vinyl, followed by release on CD and cassette two weeks later, producing rock hits such as "Nothingman," "Corduroy," and "Better Man"
December	24	1988	The #1 song was "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" by Poison where it stayed for 3 weeks	It was the third single off the album <i>Open Up and Say...Ahh!</i> but it became their only #1

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December	24	1945	Lemmy Kilmister, co-founder and frontman for Motorhead, was born in Stoke-on-Trent, England. He died of cancer at 70 on 12/28/2015.	Born Ian Kilmister, he was the founder, lead singer, bassist and primary songwriter for the band
December	25	2024	Christmas Day	
December	25	2016	Singer George Michael died of heart failure at 53	He had 10 #1 songs in the U.S., including "Father Figure," "Careless Whisper," and "Faith"
December	25	2006	James Brown died of congestive heart failure at 73	He had numerous nicknames, including "The Godfather Of Soul," "Mr. Dynamite," and "the Hardest Working Man in Show Business"
December	25	1958	Singer/songwriter Alannah Myles was born in Toronto, Canada	Though she did have one other minor hit, "Love Is," she is known for the #1 hit from 1989, "Black Velvet"
December	25	1954	Annie Lennox, co-founder of Eurythmics, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland	Known for hits like "Sweet Dreams (Are Made Of This)," "Here Comes The Rain Again" and "Would I Lie To You," she and her partner Dave Stewart were inducted into the Rock Hall in 2022
December	25	1946	Singer Jimmy Buffett was born in Pascagoula, MS. He died of skin cancer at 76 on 9/1/2023.	Known for songs like "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger In Paradise," he recorded more than 30 albums and sold well over 20 million albums. He died with a net worth over \$1 billion helped by business ventures such as the Margaritaville Restaurant chain and ventures in hotels, casinos, etc.
December	25	1945	Noel Redding, bassist for the Jimi Hendrix Experience, was born in Kent, England. He died of cirrhosis of the liver at 57 on 5/11/2003.	Hendrix met him at an audition for the New Animals where Redding's knowledge of the blues impressed Hendrix. When asked if he wanted to play bass guitar in Hendrix's band, Redding, who was a guitarist, agreed.
December	26	1981	The #1 album was <i>For Those About To Rock We Salute You</i> by AC/DC where it stayed for 3 weeks	It became their first #1 album producing rock classics such as the title track and "Let's Get It Up"
December	26	1979	Singer Chris Daughtry was born in Roanoke Rapids, NC	He finished fourth on the fifth season of <i>American Idol</i> in 2006
December	26	1971	Jared Leto, frontman for Thirty Seconds To Mars, was born in Bossier City, LA	Leto is known even more for his acting career in movies like <i>Fight Club</i> , <i>Dallas Buyers Club</i> , and <i>Suicide Squad</i>
December	26	1970	The #1 song was "My Sweet Lord" by George Harrison where it stayed for 4 weeks	It was Harrison's first single as a solo artist and the first #1 single by an ex-Beatle
December	26	1964	The #1 song was "I Feel Fine" by The Beatles where it stayed for 3 weeks	It became their sixth #1 hit in the calendar year of 1964

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December	26	1963	Lars Ulrich, co-founder and drummer for Metallica, was born in Gentofte, Denmark	He played tennis in his youth in Denmark and moved to Los Angeles at 16 to train professionally but two years later met James Hetfield and they formed Metallica
December	27	2015	Stevie Wright, frontman for the Easybeats, died of pneumonia at 68	Considered Australia's first international pop star from the greatest Australian band of the 1960s, they scored an international hit in 1966 with "Friday On My Mind"
December	27	2008	Delaney Bramlett of Delaney & Bonnie died of surgical complications at 69	In the late 1960s, Eric Clapton joined Delaney & Bonnie & Friends on tour after which Bramlett produced and co-wrote songs for Clapton's debut solo album. He also taught George Harrison to play slide guitar, prominently featured in Harrison's hit "My Sweet Lord"
December	27	1980	The #1 album was <i>Double Fantasy</i> by John Lennon where it stayed for 8 weeks	The album was released just weeks before his murder on 12/8/1980 and had marked his return to recording music full-time following his five-year hiatus to raise his son Sean
December	27	1980	The #1 song was "(Just Like) Starting Over" by John Lennon where it stayed for 5 weeks	It was Lennon's final single in his lifetime, released 19 days after his murder
December	27	1969	The #1 album was <i>Led Zeppelin III</i> where it stayed for a total of 7 weeks	One of the greatest rock albums ever made, it contains numerous rock classics such as "Whole Lotta Love," "Ramble On," "Heartbreaker-Living Loving Maid," and "What Is And What Should Never Be"
December	27	1944	Mick Jones, co-founder and lead guitarist for Foreigner, was born in Portsmouth, England	Prior to forming Foreigner with King Crimson guitarist Ian McDonald, Jones was in Spooky Tooth with Gary Wright
December	27	1941	Mike Pinder, founding member and keyboardist with the Moody Blues, was born in Erdington, England. He died from dementia at 82 on 4/24/2024.	He co-founded the band in 1964 and they scored their first hit, "Go Now," a year later
December	28	2015	Lemmy, co-founder and frontman for Motorhead, died of cancer at 70	Born Ian Kilmister, he was the founder, lead singer, bassist and primary songwriter for the band
December	28	1983	Dennis Wilson, drummer for the Beach Boys, drowned at 39	He was the middle brother of bandmates Brian and Carl and was the only true surfer in the band. He also had the misfortune of picking up two followers of Charles Manson hitchhiking and the two of them struck up a friendship until they trashed his house and destroyed his cars.
December	28	1968	The #1 album was The Beatles' self-titled album known as <i>The White Album</i> where it stayed for a total of 9 weeks	Considered to be one of the greatest albums of all time, it produced classics such as "Back In The U.S.S.R.," "Revolution," "Rocky Raccoon," "Birthday," "Ob-La-Di-Ob-La-Da," and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps"
December	28	1950	Alex Chilton, lead singer for the Box Tops, was born in Memphis. He died of a heart attack at 59 on 3/17/2010.	They had multiple hits in the late 1960s, including "Cry Like A Baby" and the #1 hit "The Letter"

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December	28	1946	Songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Edgar Winter was born in Beaumont, TX	He is the brother of the late Johnny Winter and both suffered with albinism
December	29	2021	John Hartman, original drummer for the Doobie Brothers, died at 71	He played on all their major hits of the 1970s before leaving in 1979
December	29	1965	Dexter Holland, co-founder and frontman for the Offspring, was born in Garden Grove, CA	On top of being a musician, he earned a PhD in molecular biology in 2017
December	29	1955	Neil Giraldo, guitarist and husband of Pat Benatar, was born in Cleveland	Prior to being introduced to Pat Benatar in 1979, he was the guitarist for Rick Derringer
December	29	1947	Cozy Powell, drummer with Jeff Beck, Rainbow, and Whitesnake, was born in Gloucestershire, England. He died in a car crash at 50 on 4/5/1988.	He was driving in bad weather, his blood alcohol was over the limit, he wasn't wearing a seat belt, and he was speaking on his mobile phone
December	29	1946	Singer Marianne Faithfull was born in London	She was Mick Jagger's girlfriend in the 1960s, had four Top 40 hits of her own, and sang interlude vocals on Metallica's "The Memory Remains" in 1997
December	29	1943	Rick Danko, founding member of the Band, was born in Ontario, Canada. He died in his sleep at 55 on 12/10/1999.	He had just completed a brief tour of the Midwest with his final show coming at The Ark in Ann Arbor, MI, and he is buried along side his son Eli who died at 18 at Woodstock Cemetery in Woodstock, NY
December	30	2020	Alto Reed, saxophonist with Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band, died of cancer at 72	His most recognizable performances include the introduction to "Turn the Page" and the solo in "Old Time Rock and Roll"
December	30	1967	The #1 song was "Hello Goodbye" by The Beatles where it stayed for 3 weeks	It was issued as a non-album single, their first release following the death of their manager Brian Epstein
December	30	1947	Jeff Lynne, co-founder of E.L.O., was born in Birmingham, England	He's also a prolific record producer and was part of the Traveling Wilburys with Tom Petty, Bob Dylan, George Harrison, and Roy Orbison
December	30	1946	Singer Patti Smith was born in Chicago	Inducted into the Rock Hall in 2007, she had one Top 40 hit with "Because The Night" which she co-wrote with Bruce Springsteen in 1978
December	30	1945	Davy Jones of the Monkees was born in Manchester, England. He died from a heart attack at 66 on 2/29/2012.	David Bowie - who went by Davie Jones - changed his name due to potential confusion
December	30	1942	Michael Nesmith of the Monkees was born in Houston. He died from heart failure at 78 on 12/10/2021.	He also wrote the hit song "Different Drum" for Linda Ronstadt and the Stone Poneys
December	30	1939	Felix Pappalardi, bassist with Mountain who co-wrote "Mississippi Queen," was born in New York City. He was shot and killed at 43 by his wife on 4/17/1983.	During the trial it was revealed they had an open marriage, and she had shot him after he had returned in the morning from seeing his girlfriend

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December	30	1928	Rock 'N Roll pioneer Bo Diddley was born in McComb, MS. He died of heart failure at 79 on 6/2/2008.	He was inducted into the Rock Hall in 1987
December	31	2024	The quarterfinals of the College Football Playoff takes place today and tomorrow	Teams to be determined
December	31	2018	Ray Sawyer, frontman for Dr. Hook & The Medicine Show, died after a short illness at 81	Though some think they were a one-hit wonder with 1972's "The Cover Of The Rolling Stone," they actually had ten Top 40 hits
December	31	1999	Metallica, Kid Rock, and Ted Nugent rang in the new millennium at the Pontiac Silverdome in suburban Detroit	It was part of a very short – 18 days – tour called M2K that put on 14 shows in 11 cities
December	31	1985	Singer/songwriter Ricky Nelson died in a plane crash at 45	He was the son of 1960s television couple Ozzie And Harriet
December	31	1984	Rick Allen, drummer for Def Leppard, lost his left arm in a car accident but returned to live drumming on 8/16/1986 at the Monsters Of Rock festival	He joined the band on his 15th birthday and wound up celebrating his 16th birthday drumming for them as the opening act for AC/DC in England
December	31	1972	The first <i>New Year's Rockin' Eve</i> was held on NBC but was called <i>Three Dog Night's New Year's Rockin' Eve</i> as it was hosted by the band	Dick Clark took over hosting duties in 1975 when it was moved to ABC
December	31	1966	The #1 song was "I'm A Believer" by The Monkees where it stayed for 7 weeks	Originally written by Neil Diamond it charted again in 2001, peaking at #25, after it was featured in the movie <i>Shrek</i>
December	31	1963	Scott Ian, co-founder and guitarist for Anthrax, was born in Queens, New York	He co-founded the band in 1981 and they went on to become one of the "big four" of thrash metal along with Metallica, Megadeth and Slayer
December	31	1959	Paul Westerberg, frontman for the Replacements, was born in Minneapolis	The Replacements had a number of Modern Rock hits, including "I'll Be You" and "Merry Go Round" and after going solo Westerberg had a couple more with "Dyslexic Heart" and "World Class Fad"
December	31	1951	Tom Hamilton, co-founder and bassist for Aerosmith, was born in Colorado Springs	He co-wrote a number of their hits, including "Janie's Got A Gun" and "Sweet Emotion"
December	31	1947	Burton Cummings, frontman for the Guess Who, was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	After Chad Allan left his namesake band, Chad Allan & The Expressions, Cummings became the lead singer and they changed to The Guess Who. Between 1969 and 1970 they had eight top 40 hits, including two #1s with "American Woman" and "No Sugar Tonight"
December	31	1943	Pete Quaife, original bassist for The Kinks, was born in Tavistock, England. He died of kidney failure at 66 on 6/23/2010.	He founded the group The Ravens in 1963 with brothers Ray and Dave Davies who then decided to change their name to The Kinks in early 1964

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December	31	1943	Singer/songwriter John Denver was born in Roswell, NM. He died while piloting an experimental plane at 53 on 10/12/1997.	Between 1971 and 1975 he had numerous top 5 hits, including "Sunshine On My Shoulders," "Thank God I'm A Country Boy," and "Annie's Song"
December	31	1942	Andy Summers, guitarist for the Police, was born in Poulton, England	He replaced original guitarist Henry Padovani in 1977