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| 1 | THE STORY OF MY LIFE | (Columbia) |
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| 3 | MAGIC MOMENTS | (RCA) |
| 4 | AT THE HOP | (HMV) |
| 5 | OH BOY! | (Coral) |
| 6 | ALL THE WAY | (Capitol) |
| 7 | LOVE ME FOREVER | (Pye-Nixa) |
| 8 | PEGGY SUE | (Coral) |

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| 1 | I BELIEVE | (Philips) |
| 2 | PRETEND | (Capitol) |
| 3 | DOWNHEARTED | (HMV) |
| 4 | PRETTY BLACK-EYED SUSIE | (Columbia) |
| 5 | TELL ME A STORY | (Philips) |
| 6 | WALKING BEHIND YOU | (HMV) |
| 7 | HOLD ME, THRILL ME | (Philips) |
| 8 | IN A GOLDEN COACH | (Decca) |
| 9 | OH, HAPPY DAY | (Decca) |
| 10 | DOGIE IN THE WINDOW | (Decca) |
| 11 | MELIGHT | (Decca) |
| 12 | MELIGHT | (Decca) |
| 13 | FEATHERS | (Decca) |

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| 3 | OH! CAROL | (Parlophone) |
| 4 | SEVEN LITTLE GIRLS | (RCA) |
| 5 | MORE AND MORE PARTY | (Columbia) |
| 6 | STACCATO THEME | (Capitol) |
| 7 | SNOW COACH | (Capitol) |
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Russ Conway						
29.11.57	24	5	Party Pops (Joe Goodwin / Larry Shay / Harry Woods / Percy Wenrich / Monaco / Jack Norworth / Nora Bayes)	"Party Pops" - Part 2	Columbia DB 4031	04:44
29.08.58	30	1	Got A Match (Billy Mure / Dick Wolf) Listed incorrectly at Number 30 on the printed chart when 'Yakety Yak' was missed at number 17.	Toby's Walk	Columbia DB 4166	02:22
28.11.58	10	7	More Party Pops (Shelton Brooks / Clifford Grey / Bernie Baum / Fitz / Gus Kahn / Walter Donaldson / Stephan Weiss / Little / Schoebel / Siras / Meyers / Penn / Erdman / Fragson / Nat Ayer)	More Party Pops (Part 2)	Columbia DB 4204	04:52
23.01.59	24	1	The World Outside (Theme From The Warsaw Concerto) (Carl Sigman / Richard Addinsell)	Love Like Ours	Columbia DB 4234	02:54
20.02.59	1	30	Side Saddle (Trevor Stanford)	Pixilated Penguin	Columbia DB 4256	01:54
06.03.59	24	3	The World Outside (Theme From The Warsaw Concerto) (Re-entry 1) (Carl Sigman / Richard Addinsell)	Love Like Ours	Columbia DB 4234	02:54
15.05.59	1	19	Roulette (Trevor Stanford)	Trampoline	Columbia DB 4298	01:54
21.08.59	5	13	China Tea (Trevor Stanford)	The Wee Boy Of Brussels	Columbia DB 4337	02:06
13.11.59	7	7+	Snow Coach (Trevor Stanford)	Time To Celebrate	Columbia DB 4368	02:05
20.11.59	5	6+	More And More Party Pops (Feldman / Herman Darewski)	More & More Party Pops (Part 2)	Columbia DB 4373	04:51
Sam Cooke						
17.01.58	29	1	You Send Me (Charles Cooke)	Summertime	London HLU 8506	02:42
14.08.59	23	4	Only Sixteen (Barbara Campbell)	Let's Go Steady Again	HMV POP 642	01:52
Frank Cordell and His Orchestra						
24.08.56	29	2	Sadie's Shawl (Santie Se Kopdoek) (Nico Carsten / Sam Lorraine)	Flamenco Love	HMV POP 229	01:57
Don Cornell						
03.09.54	1	21	Hold My Hand (Jack Lawrence / Richard Myers)	I'm Blessed	Vogue Q 2013	02:49
22.04.55	19	2	Stranger In Paradise (George Forrest / Robert Wright)	The Devil's In Your Eyes	Vogue Q 72073	02:30
The Coronets						
26.08.55	14	6	That's How A Love Song Was Born (Norman Newell / Phil Green) <i>Ray Burns with The Coronets</i>	The Voice	Columbia DB 3640	02:47
25.11.55	20	1	Twenty Tiny Fingers (Roy Bennett / Sid Tepper)	Meet Me On The Corner	Columbia DB 3671	02:29
Billy Cotton and his Band						
01.05.53	3	10	In A Golden Coach (There's A Heart Of Gold) (Ronald Jamieson)	Coronation Bells March	Decca F 10058	03:15
18.12.53	11	3	I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus (Tommie Connor) <i>Billy Cotton and his Band featuring The Mill Girls & The Bandits</i>	The Queen's Highway	Decca F 10206	02:26
30.04.54	12	1	Friends And Neighbours (Malcolm Lockyer / Marvin Scott)	The Kid's Last Fight	Decca F 10299	02:25
14.05.54	3	11	Friends And Neighbours (Re-entry 1) (Malcolm Lockyer / Marvin Scott)	The Kid's Last Fight	Decca F 10299	02:25

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The Deep River Boys						
07.12.56	29	1	That's Right <i>(Winfield Scott)</i>	Honey Honey	HMV POP 263	02:46
Terry Dene						
07.06.57	18	6	A White Sport Coat (And A Pink Carnation) <i>(Marty Robbins)</i>	The Man In The Phone Booth	Decca F 10895	02:22
19.07.57	15	8	Start Movin' (In My Direction) <i>(Bobby Stevenson / David Hill)</i>	Green Corn	Decca F 10914	02:54
26.07.57	30	1	A White Sport Coat (And A Pink Carnation) (Re-entry 1) <i>(Marty Robbins)</i>	The Man In The Phone Booth	Decca F 10895	02:22
16.05.58	16	5	Stairway Of Love <i>(Roy Bennett / Sid Tepper)</i>	Lover, Lover!	Decca F 11016	02:03
Jackie Dennis						
14.03.58	4	9	La Dee Dah <i>(Bob Crewe / Frank Slay)</i>	You're The Greatest	Decca F 10992	01:59
27.06.58	29	1	Purple People Eater <i>(Sheb Wooley)</i>	You-Oo	Decca F 11033	02:16
The Diamonds						
31.05.57	3	17	Little Darlin' <i>(Maurice Williams)</i>	Faithful And True	Mercury MT 148	02:04
Dion And The Belmonts						
26.06.59	28	2	A Teenager In Love <i>(Doc Pomus / Mort Shuman)</i>	I've Cried Before	London HLU 8874	02:35
Fats Domino						
27.07.56	28	1	I'm In Love Again <i>(Dave Bartholomew / Antoine "Fats" Domino)</i>	My Blue Heaven	London HLU 8280	01:59
17.08.56	12	13	I'm In Love Again (Re-entry 1) <i>(Dave Bartholomew / Antoine "Fats" Domino)</i>	My Blue Heaven	London HLU 8280	01:59
30.11.56	26	1	Blueberry Hill <i>(Al Lewis / Larry Stock / Vincent Rose)</i>	I Can't Go On	London HLU 8330	02:19
21.12.56	6	14	Blueberry Hill (Re-entry 1) <i>(Al Lewis / Larry Stock / Vincent Rose)</i>	I Can't Go On	London HLU 8330	02:19
25.01.57	23	2	Ain't That A Shame <i>(Dave Bartholomew / Fats Domino)</i>	La-La	London HLD 8173	02:23
01.02.57	29	1	Honey Chile <i>(Dave Bartholomew / Fats Domino)</i>	Don't You Know	London HLU 8356	01:47
29.03.57	23	1	Blue Monday <i>(Dave Bartholomew / Fats Domino)</i>	What's The Reason I'm Not Pleasing You	London HLP 8377	02:15
19.04.57	30	1	Blue Monday (Re-entry 1) <i>(Dave Bartholomew / Fats Domino)</i>	What's The Reason I'm Not Pleasing You	London HLP 8377	02:15
19.04.57	19	7	I'm Walkin' <i>(Antoine 'Fats' Domino / Dave Bartholomew)</i>	I'm In The Mood For Love	London HLP 8407	02:11
19.07.57	25	1	Valley Of Tears <i>(Dave Bartholomew / Fats Domino)</i>	It's You I Love	London HLP 8449	01:51
28.03.58	20	4	The Big Beat <i>(Dave Bartholomew / Fats Domino)</i>	I Want You To Know	London HLP 8575	01:57
04.07.58	26	1	Sick And Tired <i>(Dave Bartholomew / Fats Domino / Chris Kenner)</i>	No, No	London HLP 8628	02:34
22.05.59	18	5	Margie <i>(Con Conrad / Benny Davis / J. Russell Robinson)</i>	I'm Ready	London HLP 8865	02:14
16.10.59	14	5	I Want To Walk You Home <i>(Fats Domino)</i>	I'm Gonna Be A Wheel Some Day	London HLP 8942	02:17
18.12.59	17	2+	Be My Guest <i>(Tommy Boyce / Fats Domino / John Marascalco)</i>	I've Been Around	London HLP 9005	02:16
The Lonnie Donegan Skiffle Group						
06.01.56	8	13	Rock Island Line <i>(Lonnie Donegan)</i>	John Henry	Decca F 10647	02:30
13.04.56	16	3	Rock Island Line (Re-entry 1) <i>(Lonnie Donegan)</i>	John Henry	Decca F 10647	02:30
20.04.56	2	18	Lost John / Stewball <i>(Lonnie Donegan)</i>	Stewball	Pye Nixa 7N 15036	02:13

'Stewball' listed by itself on 20 April 1956. 'Lost John' replaced it on 27 April 1956. 'Stewball' was listed with 'Lost John' for the weeks of 11, 18 and 25 May 1956.

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11.05.56	19	6	Rock Island Line (Re-entry 2) <i>(Lonnie Donegan)</i>	John Henry	Decca F 10647	02:30
06.07.56	20	2	Skiffle Sessions (EP) <i>(Traditional)</i>	Railroad Bill / Stockalee / Ballad Of Jesse James / Ol' Riley	Pye Nixa NJE 1017	05:39
07.09.56	7	12	Bring A Little Water Sylvie / Dead Or Alive <i>(Huddie Ledbetter / Lonnie Donegan)</i>	Dead Or Alive	Pye Nixa N 15071	02:27
21.12.56	26	3	Lonnie Donegan Showcase <i>(Alvin Pleasant Carter / Leroy Carr / Cy Coben / Mel Foree / The Weavers / Huddie Ledbetter / Traditional / Whitten / Noell / Leway / Work)</i>		Pye Nixa NPT 19012	26:44
11.01.57	30	1	Bring A Little Water Sylvie / Dead Or Alive (Re-entry 1) <i>(Huddie Ledbetter / Lonnie Donegan)</i>	Dead Or Alive	Pye Nixa N 15071	02:27
18.01.57	4	17	Don't You Rock Me Daddy-O <i>(Wally Whyton / William Varley)</i>	I'm Alabamy Bound	Pye Nixa N 15080	01:44
05.04.57	1	12	Cumberland Gap <i>(Traditional / Lonnie Donegan)</i>	Love Is Strange	Pye Nixa N 15087	01:59
07.06.57	1	19	Gamblin' Man / Putting On The Style <i>(Lonnie Donegan / Woody Guthrie)</i>	Putting On The Style	Pye Nixa N 15093	03:19
11.10.57	10	15	My Dixie Darling <i>(Alvin Pleasant Carter)</i>	I'm Just A Rollin' Stone	Pye Nixa N 15108	02:58
20.12.57	14	7	Jack O' Diamonds <i>(Traditional)</i>	Ham 'N' Eggs	Pye Nixa 7N 15116	02:48
11.04.58	6	15	The Grand Coolie Dam <i>(Lonnie Donegan / Woody Guthrie)</i>	Nobody Loves Like An Irishman	Pye Nixa 7N 15129	02:36
11.07.58	11	7	Sally Don't You Grieve / Betty Betty Betty <i>(Traditional / Woody Guthrie)</i>	Betty, Betty, Betty	Pye Nixa 7N 15148	02:12
26.09.58	28	1	Lonesome Traveller <i>(Traditional / Lee Hays)</i>	Times Are Getting Hard Boys	Pye Nixa 7N 15158	02:50
14.11.58	23	5	Lonnie's Skiffle Party <i>(Various / Traditional)</i>	Lonnie's Skiffle Party (Side 2)	Pye Nixa 7N 15165	06:01
21.11.58	3	14	Tom Dooley <i>(Alan Lomax / Frank Warner / John Lomax)</i>	Rock O' My Soul	Pye Nixa 7N 15172	03:20
06.02.59	3	12	Does Your Chewing Gum Lose It's Flavour (On The Bedpost Overnight) <i>(Bloom / Ernest Breuer / Rose)</i>	Aunt Rhody (The Old Grey Goose)	Pye Nixa 7N 15181	02:46
08.05.59	14	5	Fort Worth Jail <i>(Dick Reinhardt)</i>	Whoa Buck	Pye Nixa 7N 15198	02:11
26.06.59	2	16	The Battle Of New Orleans <i>(Traditional / Jimmie Driftwood)</i>	Darling Corey	Pye 7N 15206	03:09
11.09.59	13	4	Sal's Got A Sugar Lip <i>(Traditional / Jimmie Driftwood)</i>	Chesapeake Bay	Pye 7N 15223	02:24
04.12.59	19	4	San Miguel <i>(Jane Bowers)</i>	Talkng Guitar Blues	Pye 7N 15237	01:55
Tommy Dorsey						
17.10.58	3	19	Tea For Two Cha Cha <i>(Irving Caesar / Vincent Youmans)</i> <i>Tommy Dorsey Orchestra Starring Warren Covington</i>	My Baby Just Cares For Me	Brunswick 05757	02:56
Craig Douglas						
12.06.59	13	11	A Teenager In Love <i>(Doc Pomus / Mort Shuman)</i>	The 39 Steps	Top Rank JAR 133	02:20
07.08.59	1	15	Only Sixteen <i>(Barbara Campbell)</i>	My First Love Affair	Top Rank JAR 159	02:17
Charlie Drake						
08.08.58	7	11	Splish Splash <i>(Bobby Darin / Jean Murray)</i>	Hello, My Darlings	Parlophone R 4461	02:21
24.10.58	28	2	Volare <i>(Domenico Modugno / Francesco Milgliacci / Mitchell Parris)</i>	Itchy Twitchy Feeling	Parlophone R 4478	03:01
The Dream Weavers						
10.02.56	1	18	It's Almost Tomorrow <i>(Gene Adkinson / Wade Buff)</i>	You've Got Me Wondering	Brunswick 05515	02:45

The Number 1's

1952

14-Nov 9 **1** * Here In My Heart - Al Martino

1953

16-Jan 1 **2** You Belong To Me - Jo Stafford
 23-Jan 1 **3** Comes A-Long A-Love - Kay Starr
 30-Jan 1 **4** Outside Of Heaven - Eddie Fisher
 06-Feb 5 **5** Don't Let The Stars Get In Your Eyes - Perry Como with The Ramblers
 13-Mar 4 **6** She Wears Red Feathers - Guy Mitchell
 10-Apr 1 **7** Broken Wings - The Stargazers
 17-Apr 1 **8** (How Much Is) That Doggie In The Window - Lita Roza
 24-Apr 9 **9** I Believe - Frankie Laine
 26-Jun 1 **10** I'm Walking Behind You - Eddie Fisher with Sally Sweetland
 03-Jul 6 **9** (R1) I Believe - Frankie Laine
 14-Aug 1 **11** The Song From The Moulin Rouge (Where Is Your Heart) - Mantovani and his Orchestra
 21-Aug 3 **9** (R2) I Believe - Frankie Laine
 11-Sep 6 **12** Look At That Girl - Guy Mitchell
 23-Oct 2 **13** Hey Joe! - Frankie Laine
 06-Nov 1 **14** Answer Me - David Whitfield
 13-Nov 8 **15** Answer Me - Frankie Laine
 11-Dec 1 **14** (R1) Answer Me - David Whitfield

1954

08-Jan 9 **16** Oh Mein Papa - Eddie Calvert And His Golden Trumpet
 12-Mar 5 **17** I See The Moon - The Stargazers
 16-Apr 1 **18** Secret Love - Doris Day
 23-Apr 1 **17** (R1) I See The Moon - The Stargazers
 30-Apr 1 **19** Such A Night - Johnnie Ray
 07-May 8 **18** (R1) Secret Love - Doris Day
 02-Jul 10 **20** Cara Mia - David Whitfield with Mantovani and his Orchestra
 10-Sep 1 **21** Little Things Mean A Lot - Kitty Kallen
 17-Sep 3 **22** Three Coins In The Fountain - Frank Sinatra
 08-Oct 4 **23** Hold My Hand - Don Cornell
 05-Nov 2 **24** My Son, My Son - Vera Lynn & Frank Weir & His Saxophone
 19-Nov 1 **23** (R1) Hold My Hand - Don Cornell
 26-Nov 1 **25** This Ole House - Rosemary Clooney
 03-Dec 5 **26** Let's Have Another Party - Winifred Atwell

1955

07-Jan 1 **27** The Finger Of Suspicion - Dickie Valentine with The Stargazers
 14-Jan 1 **28** Mambo Italiano - Rosemary Clooney and The Mellomen
 21-Jan 2 **27** (R1) The Finger Of Suspicion - Dickie Valentine with The Stargazers
 04-Feb 2 **28** (R1) Mambo Italiano - Rosemary Clooney and The Mellomen
 18-Feb 3 **29** Softly Softly - Ruby Murray
 11-Mar 7 **30** Give Me Your Word - Tennessee Ernie Ford
 29-Apr 2 **31** Cherry Pink & Apple Blossom White - Perez 'Prez' Prado & His Orchestra
 13-May 2 **32** Stranger In Paradise - Tony Bennett
 27-May 4 **33** Cherry Pink And Apple Blossom White - Eddie Calvert
 24-Jun 3 **34** Unchained Melody - Jimmy Young
 15-Jul 2 **35** Dreamboat - Alma Cogan
 29-Jul 11 **36** Rose Marie - Slim Whitman
 14-Oct 4 **37** The Man From Laramie - Jimmy Young
 11-Nov 2 **38** Hernando's Hideaway - The Johnston Brothers
 25-Nov 3 **39** (We're Gonna) Rock Around The Clock - Bill Haley And his Comets
 16-Dec 3 **40** Christmas Alphabet - Dickie Valentine

1956

06-Jan 2 **39** (R1) (We're Gonna) Rock Around The Clock - Bill Haley And his Comets
 20-Jan 4 **41** Sixteen Tons - Tennessee Ernie Ford
 17-Feb 4 **42** Memories Are Made Of This - Dean Martin
 16-Mar 2 **43** It's Almost Tomorrow - The Dream Weavers
 30-Mar 1 **44** Rock And Roll Waltz - Kay Starr
 06-Apr 1 **43** (R1) It's Almost Tomorrow - The Dream Weavers
 13-Apr 3 **45** The Poor People Of Paris - Winifred Atwell
 04-May 6 **46** No Other Love - Ronnie Hilton
 15-Jun 5 **47** I'll Be Home - Pat Boone
 20-Jul 3 **48** Why Do Fools Fall In Love? - The Teenagers featuring Frankie Lymon
 10-Aug 6 **49** Whatever Will Be, Will Be (Que Sera, Sera) - Doris Day
 21-Sep 4 **50** Lay Down Your Arms (And Surrender To Mine) - Anne Shelton
 19-Oct 4 **51** A Woman In Love - Frankie Laine
 16-Nov 7 **52** Just Walkin' In The Rain - Johnnie Ray

1957

04-Jan 1 **53** Singing The Blues - Guy Mitchell
 11-Jan 1 **54** Singing The Blues - Tommy Steele And The Steelmen
 18-Jan 1 **53** (R1) Singing The Blues - Guy Mitchell
 25-Jan 4 **55** The Garden Of Eden - Frankie Vaughan
 01-Feb 1 **53** (R2) Singing The Blues - Guy Mitchell
 22-Feb 7 **56** Young Love - Tab Hunter
 12-Apr 5 **57** Cumberland Gap - Lonnie Donegan and his Skiffle Group

Date	Wks	Number	Title – Artist (* means that the record entered at number 1)
17-May	1	58	Rock-A-Billy - Guy Mitchell
24-May	2	59	Butterfly - Andy Williams
07-Jun	3	60	Yes Tonight Josephine - Johnnie Ray
28-Jun	2	61	Gamblin' Man / Putting On The Style - Lonnie Donegan and his Skiffle Group
12-Jul	7	62	All Shook Up - Elvis Presley
30-Aug	9	63	Diana - Paul Anka
01-Nov	3	64	That'll Be The Day - The Crickets
22-Nov	7	65	Mary's Boy Child - Harry Belafonte

1958

10-Jan	2	66	Great Balls Of Fire - Jerry Lee Lewis
24-Jan	3	67	* Jailhouse Rock - Elvis Presley
14-Feb	2	68	The Story Of My Life - Michael Holliday
28-Feb	8	69	Magic Moments - Perry Como
25-Apr	3	70	Whole Lotta Woman - Marvin Rainwater
16-May	6	71	Who's Sorry Now? - Connie Francis
27-Jun	2	72	On The Street Where You Live - Vic Damone
04-Jul	7	73	All I Have To Do Is Dream / Claudette - The Everly Brothers
22-Aug	5	74	When - The Kalin Twins
26-Sep	6	75	Caroline Moon / Stupid Cupid - Connie Francis
07-Nov	3	76	It's All In The Game - Tommy Edwards
28-Nov	3	77	Hoots Mon - Lord Rockingham's XI
19-Dec	5	78	It's Only Make Believe - Conway Twitty

1959

23-Jan	1	79	The Day The Rains Came - Jane Morgan
30-Jan	3	80	One Night / I Got Stung - Elvis Presley
20-Feb	4	81	As I Love You - Shirley Bassey
20-Mar	1	82	Smoke Gets In Your Eyes - The Platters
27-Mar	4	83	Side Saddle - Russ Conway
24-Apr	3	84	It Doesn't Matter Anymore - Buddy Holly
15-May	5	85	A Fool Such As I / I Need Your Love Tonight - Elvis Presley
19-Jun	2	86	Roulette - Russ Conway
03-Jul	4	87	Dream Lover - Bobby Darin
31-Jul	6	88	Living Doll - Cliff Richard and the Drifters
11-Sep	4	89	Only Sixteen - Craig Douglas
09-Oct	1	90	Here Comes Summer - Jerry Keller
16-Oct	2	91	Mack The Knife - Bobby Darin
30-Oct	5	92	Travellin' Light - Cliff Richard and the Shadows
04-Dec	3	93	What Do You Want? - Adam Faith
18-Dec	6	94	What Do You Want To Make Those Eyes At Me For? - Emile Ford And The Checkmates

Date Wks Number Title – Artist (* means that the record entered at number 1)

In the 1950's, 94 records hit the top of the chart, with two entering at the top spot and 10 returning to the top spot (two twice!).

In the early days of the charts ties were common, and records tied at the number 1 spot on week commencing 11 December 1953, 1 February 1957, 4 July 1958 and 18 December 1959.

Artists With Multiple Number 1's

In the 1950's, quite a few artists managed to have two number 1 records.

Two manager to have three – The Stargazers (their third entry is as a 'featured' artist on Dickie Valentine's hit 'The Finger Of Suspicion', and Johnnie Ray.

Three artists managed to have four – Frankie Laine, Guy Mitchell and Elvis Presley, who would have another 11 in the next decade.

Chart Milestones

14 Nov 1952	The very first UK Singles Chart is published in New Musical Express Magazine. It is a Top 12 (with 15 records due to tied positions).
26 Dec 1952	No chart published. Previous weeks duplicated.
25 Dec 1953	No chart published. Previous weeks duplicated.
1 Jan 1954	No chart published. Previous weeks duplicated.
1 Oct 1954	Chart expands to a Top 20.
24 Dec 1954	No chart published. Previous weeks duplicated.
31 Dec 1954	No chart published. Previous weeks duplicated.
30 Dec 1955	Chart expands to a Top 25, for this week only.
13 Apr 1956	Chart expands to a Top 30.
25 Dec 1959	The final chart included in this volume. All entries which were on the first chart of the 1960's, 1 Jan 1960, are indicated with a "+" next to the week count. During the 1950's 1,070 and songs hit the official UK chart, as published in New Musical Express Magazine.

Various publication errors, including incorrect positions, have been identified and corrected by reference to the original chart issues. Corrections to titles, label details and other information by reference to internet searchers and copies of the original records.

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Title Listing

This is an alphabetical listing of titles, sorted by their first letters. Any title starting with "A" or "The" is listed under the second word. Titles starting with brackets are listed first. Some titles or artists may be truncated from how they appear on the label for reasons of space. The peak and the year of first chart entry of the title is shown. Where the same title charted in the same year, the entries are sorted by the highest position reached by that track. In the event of two or more records reaching the same position, they are listed alphabetically by artist.

(All Of A Sudden) My Heart Sings (Paul Anka)	10 .. 1959
(How Much Is) That Doggie In The Window (Lita Roza)	1 ... 1953
(How Much Is) That Doggie In The Window (Patti Page)	9 ... 1953
(I Love To Play) My Ukelele (Max Bygraves)	19 .. 1959
(I'm Always Hearing) Wedding Bells (Eddie Fisher)	5 ... 1955
(Let Me Be Your) Teddy Bear (Elvis Presley)	3 ... 1957
(Love Is) The Tender Trap (Frank Sinatra)	2 ... 1956
(Seven Little Girls) Sitting In The Back Seat (Paul Evans And The Curls)	25 .. 1959
(The Same Thing Happens With) The Birds And The Bees (Alma Cogan)	25 ... 1956
('Till) I Kissed You (The Everly Brothers)	2 ... 1959
(We're Gonna) Rock Around The Clock (Bill Haley And his Comets)	1 ... 1955

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The Adoration Waltz (David Whitfield)	9 ... 1957
Ain't Misbehaving (Johnnie Ray)	17 ... 1956
Ain't That A Shame (Pat Boone)	7 ... 1955
Ain't That A Shame (Fats Domino)	23 .. 1957
Alabama Jubilee (Ferko String Band)	20 .. 1955
The All American Boy (Bill Parsons)	22 .. 1959
All I Have To Do Is Dream / Claudette (The Everly Brothers) ..	1 ... 1958
All Of You (Sammy Davis Jr.)	28 .. 1956
All Shook Up (Elvis Presley)	1 ... 1957
All Star Hit Parade (EP) (Various Artists - EP's)	2 ... 1956
All Star Hit Parade Volume 2 (EP) (Various Artists - EP's) ..	15 .. 1957
All The Time And Everywhere (Dickie Valentine)	9 ... 1953
All The Way / Chicago (Frank Sinatra)	3 ... 1957
Alone (Petula Clark)	8 ... 1957
Alone (The Southlanders)	17 .. 1957
Alone (Why Must I Be Alone) (The Shepherd Sisters)	14 .. 1957
Always (Sammy Turner)	26 .. 1959
Am I A Toy Or Treasure (Kay Starr)	17 .. 1954
Am I Wasting My Time On You (Frankie Vaughan)	25 .. 1958
Among My Souvenirs (Connie Francis)	12 ... 1959
An Affair To Remember (Our Love Affair) (Vic Damone)	29 ... 1957

Answer Me (David Whitfield)	1 ... 1953
Answer Me (Frankie Laine)	1 ... 1953
Any Old Iron (Peter Sellers)	17 .. 1957
April Love (Pat Boone)	7 ... 1957
Around The World (Ronnie Hilton)	4 ... 1957
Around The World (Bing Crosby)	5 ... 1957
Around The World (Gracie Fields)	8 ... 1957
Around The World (Mantovani and his Orchestra)	20 .. 1957
Arrivederci Darling (Anne Shelton)	17 .. 1955
Arrivederci Darling (Edna Savage)	19 ... 1956
As I Love You (Shirley Bassey)	1 ... 1958
At The Hop (Danny And The Juniors)	3 ... 1958
Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart (Vera Lynn)	10 .. 1952
Autumn Concerto (Melachrino Orchestra)	18 .. 1956

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Baby Baby (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers)	4 ... 1957
Baby Face (Little Richard)	2 ... 1959
Baby Lover (Petula Clark)	12 .. 1958
Bad Boy (Marty Wilde)	18 .. 1959
Bad Penny Blues (Humphrey Lyttelton & His Band)	19 .. 1956
The Ballad Of Davy Crockett (Bill Hayes)	2 ... 1956
The Ballad Of Davy Crockett (Tennessee Ernie Ford)	3 ... 1956
The Ballad Of Davy Crockett (Max Bygraves)	20 ... 1956
Banana Boat (Day-O) (Harry Belafonte)	2 ... 1957
The Banana Boat Song (Shirley Bassey)	8 ... 1957
The Banana Boat Song (The Tarriers)	15 .. 1957
Band Of Gold (Don Cherry)	6 ... 1956
The Banjo's Back In Town (Alma Cogan)	17 .. 1955
The Battle Of New Orleans (Lonnie Donegan and his Skiffle Group) ..	2 ... 1959
The Battle Of New Orleans (Johnny Horton)	16 .. 1959
Be Bop A-Lula (Gene Vincent & His Blue Caps)	16 .. 1956
Be My Girl (Jim Dale)	2 ... 1957
Be My Guest (Fats Domino)	17 .. 1959
Because You're Mine (Mario Lanza)	3 ... 1952
Because You're Mine (Nat "King" Cole)	6 ... 1952

Bell Bottom Blues (Alma Cogan)	4 ... 1954
The Best Of Everything (Johnny Mathis)	30 .. 1959
Beyond The Stars (David Whitfield with Mantovani and his Orchestra) ..	8 ... 1955
The Big Beat (Fats Domino)	20 .. 1958
A Big Hunk O' Love (Elvis Presley)	4 ... 1959
Big Man (The Four Preps)	2 ... 1958
Bimbo (Ruby Wright)	7 ... 1954
Bird Dog (The Everly Brothers)	2 ... 1958
The Black Hills Of Dakota (Doris Day)	7 ... 1954
Bloodnok's Rock 'n' Roll Call / Ying Tong Song (The Goons) ...	3 ... 1956
A Blossom Fell (Dickie Valentine)	9 ... 1955
A Blossom Fell (Nat "King" Cole)	3 ... 1955
A Blossom Fell (Ronnie Hilton)	10 .. 1955
Blowing Wild (The Ballad Of Black Gold) (Frankie Laine)	2 ... 1954
Blue Blue Heartache (Johnny Duncan And The Blue Grass Boys) ..	27 .. 1957
Blue Monday (Fats Domino)	23 .. 1957
Blue Moon (Elvis Presley)	9 ... 1956
Blue Star (The Medic Theme) (Cyril Stapleton Orchestra With Julie Dawn) ..	2 ... 1955
Blue Star (The Medic Theme) (Charlie Applewhite)	20 .. 1955
Blue Star (The Medic Theme) (Ron Goodwin)	20 ... 1955
Blue Suede Shoes (Carl Perkins)	10 ... 1956
Blue Suede Shoes (Elvis Presley)	9 ... 1956
Blue Tango (Ray Martin and his Concert Orchestra)	8 ... 1952
Bluebell Polka (Jimmy Shand & His Band)	20 .. 1955
Blueberry Hill (Fats Domino)	6 ... 1956
Bluejean Bop (Gene Vincent & His Blue Caps)	16 .. 1956
Bony Moronie (Larry Williams)	11 .. 1958
Book Of Love (The Mudlarks)	8 ... 1958
The Book (David Whitfield)	5 ... 1954
Born To Be With You (The Chordettes)	8 ... 1956
Born Too Late (The Poni-Tails)	5 ... 1958
Breathless (Jerry Lee Lewis)	8 ... 1958
The Breeze And I (Andalucia) (Caterina Valente)	5 ... 1955
Bridge Of Sighs (David Whitfield)	9 ... 1953
Bring A Little Water Sylvie / Dead Or Alive (Lonnie Donegan and his Skiffle Group) ..	7 ... 1956