

Swift and Bunny top Spotify's first all-time most streamed artists list

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NEW YORK — It's her, hi! Taylor Swift has topped Spotify's first ever list of the most streamed artists of all time, published Thursday morning.

She's followed by Puerto Rican superstar Bad Bunny. That comes as no surprise: In 2025 the artist born Benito Antonio Martínez Ocasio was named the streaming giant's most played artist of the year for a fourth time, dethroning Swift.

It's a been bit of a cat-and-mouse game for the two: She claimed the top spot the previous two years; he did the same from 2020 to 2023.

Drake is Spotify's third most streamed artist of all time, followed by The Weeknd, Ariana Grande, Ed Sheeran, Justin Bieber, Billie Eilish, Eminem, Kanye West, Travis Scott, BTS, Post Malone, Bruno Mars, J Balvin, Rihanna, Coldplay, Kendrick Lamar, Future and Juice WRLD, in that order.



This combination of images show entertainers, from left, Bad Bunny, Taylor Swift and Drake.

Spotify did not provide insight into its data collection methodology when asked about it by The Associated Press.

In addition to naming its most streamed artists globally, Spotify compiled its most streamed albums, songs, podcasts and audiobooks to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

Streaming accounts for most of the money gener-

ated by the music industry — 82% in the United States, according to the Recording Industry Association of America.

Spotify, a Sweden-based company founded in April 2006, is the largest platform of all. It accounts for over 31% of the total market share, with a reported 751 million users and 290 million subscribers in more than 184 markets.

SPOTIFY'S MOST STREAMED ALBUMS OF ALL TIME

1. Bad Bunny's "Un Verano Sin Ti"
2. The Weeknd's "Starboy"
3. Ed Sheeran's "÷ (Deluxe)"
4. Olivia Rodrigo's "SOUR"
5. The Weeknd's "After Hours"
6. SZA's "SOS"

7. Post Malone's "Hollywood's Bleeding"
8. Taylor Swift's "Lover"
9. Arctic Monkeys' "AM"
10. Billie Eilish's "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?"
11. Dua Lipa's "Future Nostalgia"
12. Post Malone's "Beerbongs & Bentleys"
13. XXXTENTACION's "?"
14. Karol G's "Mañana Será Bonito (Bichota Season)"
15. Bad Bunny's "YHLQMDLG"
16. Bruno Mars' "Doo-Wops & Hooligans"
17. Drake's "Views"
18. Taylor Swift's "Midnights"
19. Drake's "Scorpion"
20. The Weeknd's "Beauty Behind The Madness"

Spotify's most streamed songs of all time

1. The Weeknd's "Blinding Lights"
2. Ed Sheeran's "Shape of You"
3. The Neighbourhood's "Sweater Weather"

4. The Weeknd ft. Daft Punk's "Starboy"
5. Harry Styles' "As It Was"
6. Lewis Capaldi's "Someone You Loved"
7. Post Malone and Swae Lee's "Sunflower — Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse"
8. Drake ft. Wizkid and Kyla's "One Dance"
9. Ed Sheeran's "Perfect"
10. The Kid LAROI and Justin Bieber's "Stay"
11. Imagine Dragons' "Believer"
12. Arctic Monkeys' "I Wanna Be Yours"
13. Glass Animals' "Heat Waves"
14. Billie Eilish and Khalid's "Lovely"
15. Coldplay's "Yellow"
16. Lord Huron's "The Night We Met"
17. The Chainsmokers ft. Halsey's "Closer"
18. Billie Eilish's "Birds of a Feather"
19. Vance Joy's "Riptide"
20. Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars' "Die With A Smile"

Yelp introduces an AI chatbot to help users sift local recommendations

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SAN FRANCISCO — Online review aggregator Yelp wants to harness artificial intelligence to make it easier for users to find information curated by other people.

Although Yelp's users have always been able to dive into its reservoir of 330 million local business reviews, they sometimes find themselves drowning in a sea of commentary from other people about restaurants, doctors, plumbers, roofers and a smorgasbord of other merchants — a problem the new chatbot assistant is designed to solve.

For instance, if a user asks Yelp's new assistant for a good place to get coffee with a dog, the app will show recommendations alongside relevant reviews.

"This chatbot can really understand 500 reviews in a second whereas a consumer might say, 'Well, I read the first five reviews, so I guess that's good enough,'" said Yelp CEO Jeremy Stoppelman, who co-founded the company 22 years ago.

Analyzing and explaining vast amounts of information in an easily digestible summary is something that other leading chatbots such as OpenAI's ChatGPT, Anthropic's Claude, Perplexity's answer engine

and Google's AI overviews already have been doing.

Yelp believes its chatbot will stand out by pointing to the reviews that led to its recommendations and conclusions. The San Francisco-based company decided to create an AI chatbot that shows the evidence underlying its findings, after a survey found that most consumers worry the technology provides misinformation or fabrications.

"People want AI chatbots to be transparent about where they are getting the data from, they want to see the reviews alongside the results when they're doing local search," said Craig Saldanha, Yelp's chief product

officer. "So we are trying to make sure the human connections stay front and center while AI handles all the drudgery of making those connections."

Yelp has been looking for a spark during an AI boom that has more than doubled the value of the tech-driven Nasdaq composite index while its stock price is stuck at roughly the same level as the end of 2022, shortly after OpenAI released ChatGPT.

Although Yelp business reviews have always been popular among consumers looking for recommendations about places to eat and shop, the company hasn't been able to overcome peo-

ple's almost reflexive habit of turning to Google when they're searching for almost anything.

Google was already synonymous with search by the time Stoppelman and Russel Simmons launched Yelp in 2004, but its results about local businesses often were either inadequate or inaccurate.

To help fill the void, Google signed a two-year licensing agreement to gain access to Yelp's reviews. But the partnership fell apart when Google began to summarize various information about various topics — including restaurant recommendations in a particular neighborhood — in a way

that gave consumers less reason to click on links that sent them to other sites.

That phenomenon has hurt Yelp and other free online services that make most of their money from advertising; Yelp depends on Google for more than 70% of its web traffic in the U.S.

The tensions came to head when Yelp accused Google of improperly raiding its business reviews and favoring its own services. Those allegations helped trigger a investigation by the Federal Trade Commission that ended with a 2013 settlement that only required Google to make a few relatively minor changes.

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MOVING SALE
4/24/26 & 4/25/26 8AM - 2PM
No sales before 8AM**

COUNTRYSIDE DR., 4607
Fishing, Golf, Sporting goods, miscellaneous

**WOOD HAVEN, 2608
(HUNTERS RIDGE SUB)
SAT., 7AM- 1PM.**
Power tools, outdoor furniture, antique iron bed, household misc., clothing: kid's 3-8, women's 16, young ladies small, lots of toys, games, & puzzles.

WEST

**FREEMAN AVE, 1800
FRI., APRIL 24TH, 8AM- 4PM,
SAT., APRIL 25TH, 8AM- 4PM,
SUN., APRIL 26, 12PM-4PM.**

A sale full of unique items including a turquoise side chair, heavy-duty, industrial coffee table, room-sized cherry corner cabinet, Hoosier cabinet with all the extras, white iron bed, trundle bed, dresser/chest combination, mirrored armoire, full-size 4-poster bed, square oak dining table, pressed-back oak chairs, old good-looking dresser with mirror, camel-back trunk, china cabinet, library table, rockers, entertainment center suitable for displaying other items, Victorian oak desk, great teapot collection, Fiesta collection, Bybee pottery, Baldwin Acrosonic piano, outdoor patio dining table and chairs, serger, vintage White sewing machine, quilting hoops and other quilting items, new countertop ice machine, designer purses, large Christmas tree, Christmas items, tool chest, Richard Sloan prints and much more. A portion of the proceeds is donated to Spay-a-Stray to help animals.

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