

State Of Discogs 2015

Welcome to the Discogs 2015 Year-End Report!

2015 was a milestone-achieving, record-breaking, trend-setting year for Discogs, appropriately so for our 15th anniversary! We know you'll enjoy digging deep into all of the data we've pulled together here, but we wanted to highlight a few of the metrics that really caught our eye. The Classical genre has always tended to grow slowly in the discography - but in 2015, Classical contributions grew by a staggering 41%! If you're a fan of our monthly Top 30 Most Expensive Records Sold in the Marketplace list, you're probably used to seeing high-demand early releases by The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Depeche Mode, and Coil hitting the top 10 month-after-month - but NONE of them made the top 10 overall. And what's more, the #1 selling release, Judge's "Chung King Can Suck It," also set a new all-time record for a sale in our marketplace. Finally, it's always fascinating to see numbers that are just flat-out unexpected, like the strong upswing in cassettes being added to the discography, the staggering jump in releases from Argentina and Mexico, and the big gains in releases under the Brass & Military category. With so many successes in 2015, we're looking ahead to another banner year in 2016!

Database Results

Releases Added			
	2015	2014	% Change
RELEASES	1166229	1008141	15.68%
Releases Added By Format			
Format	2015	2014	% Change
Vinyl	551232	505307	9.09%
CD	323578	282229	14.65%
Cassette	93234	67260	38.62%
Other	181018	153345	18.05%
Releases Added By Genre			
Genre	2015	2014	% Change
Blues	28656	24997	14.64%
Brass & Military	3537	2629	34.54%
Children's	10272	8042	27.73%
Classical	72322	51286	41.02%
Electronic	233018	209598	11.17%
Folk, World, & Country	149033	116955	27.43%
Funk / Soul	83771	78180	7.15%
Hip Hop	54847	45627	20.21%
Jazz	99937	87215	14.59%
Latin	45502	33762	34.77%
Non-Music	21811	17726	23.05%
Pop	245645	213837	14.87%
Reggae	36143	33862	6.74%
Rock	410310	376405	9.01%
Stage & Screen	33801	27413	23.30%

Releases Added By Country Of Origin			
Country	2015	2014	% Change
Argentina	6278	504	1145.63%
Australia	24885	19985	24.52%
Austria	3712	3108	19.43%
Belgium	12354	11092	11.38%
Brazil	15579	11249	38.49%
Canada	43634	37494	16.38%
Denmark	4783	5964	-19.80%
Finland	10399	7258	43.28%
France	58344	49225	18.53%
Germany	85380	80591	5.94%
Greece	19071	13612	40.10%
Italy	39399	37579	4.84%
Jamaica	15164	13475	12.53%
Japan	50835	37995	33.79%
Mexico	1933	563	243.34%
Netherlands	35607	32305	10.22%
New Zealand	1182	1011	16.91%
Norway	2962	4124	-28.18%
Poland	13725	11434	20.04%
Portugal	7616	11354	-32.92%
Russia	34563	24662	40.15%
Spain	32331	33709	-4.09%
Sweden	17366	14679	18.31%
UK	117271	111094	5.56%
US	277016	246469	12.39%
USSR	6306	7781	-18.96%

Genres Added To Collection			
Genre	2015	2014	% Change
Electronic	10163200	7799138	30.31%
Hip Hop	1829129	1301474	40.54%
Jazz	2160005	1413001	52.87%
Rock	16728990	11605876	44.14%
Reggae	762864	539180	41.49%
Latin	352758	224640	57.03%
Funk / Soul	2609173	1778107	46.74%
Blues	714549	448846	59.20%
Non-Music	279176	187890	48.58%
Pop	3684690	2286376	61.16%
Classical	570293	323321	76.39%
Brass & Military	20092	12519	60.49%
Children's	80624	47355	70.25%
Folk, World, & Country	1556073	970173	60.39%
Stage & Screen	735513	453957	62.02%

Most Collected Master Releases In 2015		
#	Artist	Title
1	Fleetwood Mac	Rumors
2	Michael Jackson	Thriller
3	Daft Punk	Random Access Memories
4	Jack White	Lazaretto
5	The White Stripes	Get Behind Me Satan
6	Pink Floyd	The Dark Side of The Moon
7	Sufjan Stevens	Carrie & Lowell
8	Tame Impala	Currents
9	Aphex Twin	Computer Controlled Acoustic Instruments Pt 2 (EP)
10	Run The Jewels	Bust No Moves
11	Bjork	Vulnicura
12	Godspeed You! Black Emperor	Asunder, Sweet and Other Distress
13	Brand New	Deja Entendu
14	D'Angelo and the Vanguard	Black Messiah

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#	Artist	Title
15	Jamie XX	In Colour
16	Aphex Twin	Syro
17	Wilco	A.M.
18	Aphex Twin	MARCHROMT 30a EDIT 2b 96
19	Hot Chip	In Our Heads
20	Loretta Lynn	Van Lear Rose
21	Menomena	Friends & Foe
22	Torres	Sprinter
23	Blur	The Magic Whip
24	Various	The Darjeeling Limited (Original Soundtrack)
25	Modest Mouse	Stranger to Ourselves
26	The Upsetters	Super Ape
27	Death Grips	The Powers That B
28	The White Stripes	Under Amazonian Lights
29	Levon Vincent	Levon Vincent
30	Pépé Bradock	Deep Burnt Edits

Marketplace Sales			
Month	2015	2014	% Change
TOTAL	6584357	5019632	31.17%
JAN	552229	435831	21.08%
FEB	519364	398579	23.26%
MAR	538429	422260	21.58%
APR	532063	397096	25.37%
MAY	549119	415040	24.42%
JUN	508851	367925	27.69%
JUL	511000	378126	26.00%
AUG	530058	411648	22.34%
SEPT	538814	408321	24.22%
OCT	584508	446090	23.68%
NOV	587602	456709	22.28%
DEC	632320	482007	23.77%

Marketplace Sales By Format			
Format	2015	2014	% Change
Vinyl	5351096	4073417	31.37%
CD	1119607	810624	38.12%
Cassette	90173	65752	37.14%
Other	23481	69839	-66.38%

Most Expensive Releases Sold In 2015			
#	Artist	Title	Price
1	Judge	Chung King Can Suck It	\$6048.00
2	William Powell	Heartache Souvenirs / Chicken Shack	\$5449.00
3	Analogy	Analogy	\$3803.00
4	The Golden Earrings	Lonely Every Day	\$3388.00
5	The Golden Earrings	Lonely Every Day	\$3376.00
6	The Smiths	Hand In Glove	\$3119.00
7	The Contents Are	Through You	\$3000.00
8	The Damned	Damned Damned Damned	\$2853.00
9	Frankie Beverlie And The Butlers	Because Of My Heart	\$2802.00
10	Ricardo Marrero & The Group	A Taste	\$2647.00

2015 Year-End Highlights & Analysis

- In total, the number of releases in the Discogs database grew +15% in 2015
- When Database Releases are broken down by format, it is cassettes that experienced dynamic growth at +38% over 2014, but vinyl held steady at just under 10%.
- Discogs sorts releases into 15 genres. In 2015, 3 of the fastest growing Genres were Brass & Military, Latin and Stage & Screen each showing +34% growth year over 2014, but it was Classical showing the most growth at 41% over 2014. All other genres, except Pop and Funk/Soul, experienced double-digit growth in 2015.
- When reviewing Releases by Country of Origin, Argentina and Mexico experienced explosive growth. Argentina's growth was over 1,145% and Mexico grew over 243%. Russia, Greece and Canada were the other countries discovering Discogs with each experiencing over 40% growth.
- The Discogs Marketplace sales grew by 31% in 2015. This growth was experienced relatively equal amongst the formats with vinyl, CD and cassette each experiencing over 30% growth.
- The Marketplace set a new record for Most Expensive Releases Sold in March 2015. Chung King Can Suck It by Judge sold for \$6,048.00. Just 3 months later in June, Heartache Souvenirs by Chicken Shack sold for \$5,449.00. When viewed by month, the Most Expensive Release Sold exceeded \$1,350.00.
- Most Collected Genres experienced growth in 2015 with over half the genres making gains of 50% or more. Classical grew upwards of 76% and Children's was not far behind with 70% growth. Discogs' Most Collected Genre, Electronic, grew the least, but still an impressive 30%.