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## Billboard Top 100 Songs of 1981 - Year End Charts

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Every December Billboard publishes a chart listing the top songs of the year. The number of songs listed on the chart varied in the early years before becoming a top 100 chart in 1956. Select a year to see the list of most popular hit songs.

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Position	Artist	Song Title
1	Kim Carnes	Bette Davis Eyes
2	Diana Ross and Lionel Richie	Endless Love
3	Kenny Rogers	Lady
4	John Lennon	(Just Like) Starting Over
5	Rick Springfield	Jessie's Girl
6	Kool and The Gang	Celebration
7	Daryl Hall and John Oates	Kiss On My List
8	Eddie Rabbitt	I Love A Rainy Night

9	Dolly Parton	9 To 5
10	REO Speedwagon	Keep On Loving You
11	Joey Scarbury	Theme From "Greatest American Hero" (Believe It Or Not)
12	Sheena Easton	Morning Train (Nine To Five)
13	Smokey Robinson	Being With You
14	Juice Newton	Queen Of Hearts
15	Blondie	Rapture
16	Ray Parker Jr. and Raydio	A Woman Needs Love
17	Blondie	The Tide Is High
18	Grover Washington Jr.	Just The Two Of Us
19	Pointer Sisters	Slow Hand
20	Climax Blues Band	I Love You
21	John Lennon	Woman
22	A Taste Of Honey	Sukiyaki
23	ABBA	The Winner Takes It All
24	Stars On 45	Medley
25	Juice Newton	Angel Of The Morning
26	Neil Diamond	Love On The Rocks
27	Air Supply	Every Woman In The World
28	Air Supply	The One That You Love
29	Barbra Streisand and Barry Gibb	Guilty
30	Styx	The Best Of Times
31	Oak Ridge Boys	Elvira
32	REO Speedwagon	Take It On The Run
33	Ronnie Milsap	No Gettin' Over Me

34	Gino Vannelli	Living Outside Myself
35	Barbra Streisand	Woman In Love
36	Manhattan Transfer	Boy From New York City
37	Foreigner	Urgent
38	Rod Stewart	Passion
39	Commodores	Lady (You Bring Me Up)
40	Don Mclean	Crying
41	Marty Balin	Hearts
42	Diana Ross	It's My Turn
43	Daryl Hall and John Oates	You Make My Dreams
44	Kenny Rogers	I Don't Need You
45	Champaign	How 'Bout Us
46	Pat Benatar	Hit Me With Your Best Shot
47	Greg Kihn Band	The Breakup Song
48	Alan Parsons Project	Time
49	Bruce Springsteen	Hungry Heart
50	Franke and The Knockouts	Sweetheart
51	Terri Gibbs	Someone's Knockin'
52	Leo Sayer	More Than I Can Say
53	Tierra	Together
54	Styx	Too Much Time On My Hands
55	Dottie West	What Are We Doin' In Love
56	Journey	Who's Crying Now
57	Police	De Do Do Do, De Da Da
58	Gary U.S. Bonds	This Little Girl

59	Stevie Nicks With Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers	Stop Draggin' My Heart Around
60	Delbert McClinton	Giving It Up For Your Love
61	Cliff Richard	A Little In Love
62	Neil Diamond	America
63	John Cougar	Ain't Even Done With The Night
64	Christopher Cross	Arthur's Theme
65	Queen	Another One Bites The Dust
66	Alan Parsons Project	Games People Play
67	Eric Clapton	I Can't Stand It
68	Steve Winwood	While You See A Chance
69	Stevie Wonder	Master Blaster
70	Neil Diamond	Hello Again
71	Police	Don't Stand So Close To Me
72	Steely Dan	Hey Nineteen
73	Stevie Wonder	I Ain't Gonna Stand For It
74	George Harrison	All Those Years Ago
75	Eddie Rabbitt	Step By Step
76	Billy Squier	The Stroke
77	Alabama	Feels So Right
78	Stanley Clarke and George Duke	Sweet Baby
79	Dan Fogelberg	Same Old Lang Syne
80	Pablo Cruise	Cool Love
81	ELO	Hold On Tight
82	John Schneider	It's Now Or Never
83	Pat Benatar	Treat Me Right
84	Santana	Winning

85	Barbra Streisand and Barry Gibb	What Kind Of Fool
86	John Lennon	Watching The Wheels
87	Heart	Tell It Like It Is
88	Ronnie Milsap	Smoky Mountain Rain
89	Barry Manilow	I Made It Through The Rain
90	Daryl Hall and John Oates	You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'
91	Olivia Newton-John and Cliff Richard	Suddenly
92	Sheena Easton	For Your Eyes Only
93	Beach Boys	The Beach Boys Medley
94	Devo	Whip It
95	Sheena Easton	Modern Girl
96	Gary Wright	Really Wanna Know You
97	Rosanne Cash	Seven Year Ache
98	Diana Ross	I'm Coming Out
99	Boz Scaggs	Miss Sun
100	Andy Gibb	Time Is Time

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