

CBS News asks: What is America's favorite music genre?

Country and rock are America's favorite music genres, according to a recent CBS News Poll. With country registering as the favorite for 21% of poll respondents and rock 18%, the three-percent difference is within the poll's margin of error.



They are followed by popular music (14%), classical (10%), R&B or soul (9%), hip hop or rap (7%), jazz (7%), and Christian or gospel music (5%).

According to the poll, men have a slight preference for rock, while women prefer country and pop music. There are age differences, too.

Americans under 65 are split, but for those 65 and older rock comes in fourth place (at 8%), behind country (33%), classical (16%), and popular music (12%).

And while white Americans prefer country (26%) and rock (21%) as their top two choices, African Americans prefer R&B or soul (39%), followed by jazz (13%), and then rap or hip hop (9%).

What is Your Favorite Type of Music?

	Total	Men	Women	18-64	65+	White	Black
Country music	21%	18%	24%	18%	33%	26%	7%
Rock	18	22	14	20	8	21	2
Popular music	14	12	17	15	12	15	8
Classical	10	11	10	9	16	11	7
R&B / Soul	9	6	11	9	7	4	39
Hip hop / Rap	7	11	4	9	2	5	9
Jazz	7	8	5	6	9	5	13
Christian / Gospel	5	3	8	5	7	6	8

