

The Great Recording Studios

The places where legends were truly made.

Introduction

From the time that the Billboard Hot 100 chart introduced its first number-one hit song, “Poor Little Fool,” performed by Ricky Nelson, on August 4, 1958, until the dawn of the twenty-first century, the vast majority of the legendary hit songs that took the top spot on that chart and on the other various Billboard charts for pop, country and rhythm and blues music were recorded and mixed in legendary recording studio facilities. While most of the general public that loves popular music is at least somewhat familiar with such recording studios as Sun Studio or Motown and even more so with Abbey Road, there are quite a few legendary recording studio facilities out there that have recorded a number of some of the greatest hits in the history of popular music that perhaps very few people have ever heard of, at all.

Sadly, there is a growing number of these remarkable and historic recording studio facilities which have long ago closed their doors and are no longer recording any music at all. Also, it will surprise many of you to know that some of the studios that we think are legendary may not be on this list at all—because, the greatest hits for an artist, in truth, may not have been recorded or mixed there at all. I will take a moment to highlight and showcase those legendary recording studio facilities which are still open and serving the needs of artists, engineers, musicians and producers still to this very day, plus those that are no longer with us, too. If a recording studio is still open to the public and recording great music to this very day, I will place an asterisk by its name. By the way, this is nowhere near an exhaustive list and any information that can be added to it, would absolutely be appreciated.

The Legendary Recording Studios of the 1950s (26)

While the list of hitmakers on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart did not start until August 4, 1958, and there were a number of remarkable and influential musicians who would not make their way onto that chart up to the number-one slot during the 1950s, such as Chuck Berry, Little Richard and Buddy Holly and the Crickets for example, documenting those who did is quite interesting for a pair of reasons— in the beginning, musicals, film soundtracks, classical music, big band music and country music were all quite popular in those early years and so these recording studio venues will also reflect that fact, as well. The popular music listings will begin with the hit song, “Rock Around the Clock,” performed by Bill Haley and His Comets which topped the Billboard chart in 1955. For the country music additions, I went back to the 1950 Billboard chart to include the influential artist, Hank Williams, who died in 1952, but otherwise, it also starts with the 1955 chart. For R&B artists, this survey also begins in 1955. Also, keep in mind that (with a few exceptions) only number-one hot singles and albums are included on this list. Many of the recording studios in this list from the 1950s are now museums, and sadly a number of them have been all but forgotten (until now)— only two of the recording studios on this list remain open to this day and should be considered iconic and historic facilities.

1. The Pythian Temple, New York City, New York— Bill Haley and His Comets
2. The Castle Studio, Nashville, Tennessee (This studio is not the facility which was opened by Josej Nuyens in 1983 in Franklin, Tennessee, in what is a historic building.) Hank Williams

3. Chess Recording Studios, Chicago, Illinois— Bo Diddley
4. Master Recorders, Hollywood, California— Fats Domino
5. J&M Recording Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana— Little Richard
6. Universal Recording Corporation, Chicago, Illinois— Chuck Berry
7. * Capitol Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Frank Sinatra, The Kingston Trio, Nat King Cole and Dean Martin
8. Robinson Recording Laboratories, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania— The Silhouettes
9. Beltone Studios, New York City, New York— James Brown
10. Fine Recording Studio— New York City, New York— Brook Benton
11. Atlantic Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Ray Charles
12. Columbia Studios (30th Street Studio) New York City, New York— Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Billie Holliday, Mahalia Jackson, Guy Mitchell, Leonard Bernstein, Percy Faith, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mathis and Miles Davis
13. Sun Studio, Memphis, Tennessee— Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash
14. The Quonset Hut— Ferlin Husky
15. Radio Recorders, Hollywood, California— Elvis Presley, Sam Cooke, Pat Boone
16. Norman Petty Recording Studio, Clovis, New Mexico— Buddy Holly and the Crickets
17. Gold Star Recording Studio, Hollywood, California— The Champs
18. * United Recording Studios, Hollywood, California (also known as Ocean Way Recording and EastWest Studios)— Ricky Nelson
19. Bradley Film & Recording, Nashville, Tennessee (later known as The Quonset Hut and then later, as Columbia Studio B)— Conway Twitty and George Jones
20. The Quonset Hut— Ferlin Husky
21. Gold Star Studios, Houston, Texas— George Jones
22. Bell Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Paul Anka
23. RCA Victor Studios A and B, Nashville, Tennessee— Elvis Presley, The Everly Brothers, The Browns, Don Gibson
24. RCA Recording Studios (Victor's Manhattan Center and 24th Street Studios), New York City, New York— Harry Belafonte, Elvis Presley
25. 20th Century Fox Studios, Los Angeles, California— Elvis Presley
26. Fulton Studios, New York City, New York— Bobby Darin

The Legendary Recording Studios of the 1960s (72)

It may have interested you to know that none of the major artists on the Billboard charts for popular music, country music or R&B recorded in a recording studio outside of the United States during the 1950s. However, it was this great music from the decade of the 1950s which would influence the British Invasion of the 1960s that would change the world of popular music and how it was recorded forever. I think what will interest those of you who are reading this article is that even during the so-called British Invasion, quite a few of the great songs from those artists were also recorded in recording studios that were located here in the United States. In fact, Abbey Road will not make an appearance in this article until this point, but, it will also not make an appearance on it, either, after the early 1970s. There will be quite a few new recording studios on this list and also, a few more of these facilities will survive to still be in operation to this day than did from the list in the 1950s, but that number will not be a large number, either. In fact, most of the older recording studios that are in operation today, have their roots in the 1980s, not in either the 1960s or even the 1970s. Again, there are studios on this list and their locations, too, which may well surprise you.

1. Gold Star Studios, Houston, Texas— Johnny Preston

2. Columbia Studios (30th Street Studio and 7th Avenue) Percy Faith, Louis Armstrong, Barbra Streisand, The Byrds, Simon & Garfunkel, The Lovin' Spoonful
3. RCA Victor (Studios A and B) Nashville, Tennessee— Elvis Presley, The Everly Brothers, Jim Reeves, Roy Orbison, Porter Wagoner, Connie Smith, Eddy Arnold, Jack Greene, Booby Goldsboro
4. Olmstead Studios, New York City, New York— Connie Francis, Lou Christie
5. Radio Recorders, Hollywood, California— Connie Francis, Pat Boone, Elvis Presley
6. * Capitol Studios, Hollywood, California— The Kingston Trio, Frank Sinatra, Buck Owens, Low Rawls, Bobbie Gentry, Glen Campbell, Merle Haggard, Wynn Stewart
7. Capitol Studios, New York City, New York— Ray Charles, The Chiffons
8. RCA Victor Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Elvis Presley, Sam Cooke, The Beach Boys, The Rolling Stones, The Monkees, Henry Mancini
9. Universal Recording Corporation, Chicago, Illinois— Jerry Butler, Gene Chandler, The Four Seasons, The Impressions
10. Bell Sound Studios, New York City, New York— The Shirelles, Del Shannon, Dion, Lesley Gore, The McCoys
11. * United Western Recording Studios, Hollywood, California (also known as Ocean Way Recording and EastWest Recording Studios)— Ricky Nelson, Ray Charles, Shelley Fabares, The Beach Boys, Dean Martin, Petula Clark, Nancy Sinatra, The Mamas & the Papas, Frank Sinatra, The Association
12. Motown (Hitsville U.S.A. Studios A and B) Detroit, Michigan and Los Angeles, California (after 1967) — The Marvelettes, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Mary Wells, The Contours, Stevie Wonder, Martha and the Vandellas, The Supremes, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Jr. Walker & the All Stars, Marvin Gaye, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Tammi Terrell and The Originals
13. The Quonset Hut, (or, Bradley's Film and Recording Studios) Nashville, Tennessee— Marty Robbins, Patsy Cline, George Jones, Roger Miller
14. Bradley's Barn, Mount Juliet, Tennessee— Loretta Lynn, Conway Twitty
15. Stax Recording Studios, Memphis, Tennessee— Booker T. and the M.G.'s, Wilson Pickett, Sam & Dave, Eddie Floyd, Otis Redding
16. Clifford Herring Studios, Fort Worth, Texas— Bruce Channel
17. RGM Sound, London, United Kingdom— The Tornados
18. Norman Petty Recording Studio, Clovis, New Mexico— Jimmy Gimer and the Fireballs
19. * EMI Recording Studios (now Abbey Road)— The Beatles, Peter and Gordon, Donovan
20. EMI Recording Studios, Paris, France— The Beatles
21. Fred Foster Sound Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Roy Orbison
22. Mira Sound Studios, New York City, New York— The Shangri-Las
23. Ultrasonic Recording Studios, Hempstead, New York— The Shangri-Las
24. Pye Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Petula Clark
25. Gold Star Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— The Righteous Brothers, The Beach Boys, Sonny & Cher
26. * De Lane Lea Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Herman's Hermits
27. Chess Recording Studios, Chicago, Illinois— The Rolling Stones, Little Milton, Fontella Bass
28. Arthus Smith Studios, Charlotte, North Carolina— James Brown
29. * Criteria Recording Studios, Miami, Florida— James Brown
30. J.D. Miller Recording Studio, Crowley, Louisiana— Slim Harpo
31. Norala Sound Studio, Muscle Shoals, Alabama— Percy Sledge
32. Talent Masters Studios, New York City, New York— James Brown
33. * FAME Recording Studios, Muscle Shoals, Alabama— Wilson Pickett, Aretha Franklin
34. Starday Sound Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Red Sovine
35. Atlantic Recording Studios, New York City, New York— The Young Rascals, Aretha Franklin, Cream

36. Olympic Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Troggs, The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, Blind Faith, Led Zeppelin
37. Columbia Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— The Association, The Beach Boys
38. Homewood Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— The Association
39. The Record Plant, New York City, New York— Jimi Hendrix
40. GSP Sound Studio, Hollywood, California— The Association
41. Advision Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— The New Vaudville Band
42. * Sunset Sound Studios, Hollywood, California— The Turtles, The Doors, Led Zeppelin
43. American Sound Studio, Memphis, Tennessee— The Box Tops, Elvis Presley
44. Original Sound Studio, Hollywood, California— Strawberry Alarm Clock
45. Chappell Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Beatles
46. Trident Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Beatles
47. IBC Recording Studio, London, United Kingdom— Cream
48. TTG Studios, Hollywood, California— The Doors
49. Mayfair Recording Studio, New York City, New York— Jimi Hendrix
50. Columbia Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Conway Twitty
51. King Studios, Cincinnati, Ohio— James Brown
52. Columbia Recording Studios, Chicago, Illinois— Jackie Wilson
53. Cleveland Recording Company, Cleveland, Ohio— The Lemon Pipers
54. Jones Town Studio, Houston, Texas— Archie Bell and the Drells
55. CBS Studios, New York City, New York— Blood, Sweat & Tears
56. Morgan Recording Studio, London, United Kingdom— Blind Faith, Led Zeppelin
57. * Wally Heider Recording Studios, San Francisco, California (now Hyde Street Studios)— Creedence Clearwater Revival, The 5th Dimension
58. A&M Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Led Zeppelin
59. A&R Recording Incorporated, New York City, New York— Led Zeppelin, Peter, Paul & Mary, The Isley Brothers
60. Juggy Sound Studio, New York City, New York— Led Zeppelin
61. R & D Studios, Vancouver, Canada— Led Zeppelin
62. * Ardent Recording Studios, Memphis, Tennessee— Led Zeppelin
63. Groove Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Led Zeppelin
64. Quantum Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Led Zeppelin
65. Mirror Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Led Zeppelin
66. RCA Victor Studios, Chicago, Illinois— The Impressions
67. Vox Studios, Los Angeles, California— James Brown
68. Allegro Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Tommy James and the Shondells
69. Pacific High Recording Studios, San Francisco, California— Sly and the Family Stone
70. United Recording Studios, Las Vegas, Nevada— The 5th Dimension
71. Apple Recording Studio, London, United Kingdom— The Beatles
72. Mercury Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Steam

The Legendary Recording Studios of the 1970s (169)

During the 1970s, what we think of as the modern recording studio facility with large format analog consoles, multitrack analog tape machines, an array of outboard gear and extensive microphone collections, truly emerged for the very first time. Country music made a comeback during the early 1970s and R&B music remained quite popular with audiences around the world. In the second half of the decade, disco emerged to become very popular, although groups such as Led Zeppelin, The Eagles and even The Rolling Stones remained popular throughout the decade. While recording studio venues were

largely located in Los Angeles, New York City and Nashville, as well as London, in the United Kingdom, during the 1960s, by the 1970s, a number of new studio locales begin to emerge as foreign artists such as the Bee Gees, ABBA and The Guess Who became popular during the decade. In country music, the Nashville Sound which had dominated the 1960s was challenged by a group of outlaw artists such as Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Merle Haggard, who sought to return country music to its rockabilly roots which harkened back to the 1950s. In R&B, the charts and the hitmakers who landed at the top of them began to look increasingly more intertwined with the pop charts as the decade unfolded— such that by 1979, the most popular artists on it were the same people who would come to dominate the pop charts in the 1980s. It was during the 1970s that a trend which began with groups like the Beatles in the late 1960s started to accelerate— groups which could not find certain technologies in a particular studio began moving around more often to find what they needed technologically to complete their projects during a period of what was tremendous innovation and growth. All of this fantastic music was recorded in the great recording studios of the period and the acts and the places where many of them recorded the greatest hits of the decade are documented in this next section. Again, as above, if a performer or a group appears in this list, it is because there was a number-one hit song recorded by them in the facility that is on it. If the facility is still currently in operation, remember that it will have an asterisk by its name.

1. A&R Recording Studios, New York City, New York— B.J. Thomas, Paul McCartney, Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, Debbie Boone, Billy Joel, Quincy Jones
2. The Sound Factory, Hollywood, California— The Jackson 5
3. Soundpush Recording Studio, Blaricum, The Netherlands— Shocking Blue
4. Pacific High Recording Studios, San Francisco, California— Sly and the Family Stone, Santana
5. Columbia Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Simon & Garfunkel, Paul McCartney, Chicago, Roberta Flack
6. Apple Recording Studio, London, United Kingdom— The Beatles, George Harrison, Ringo Starr
7. * EMI Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom (now Abbey Road)— The Beatles, George Harrison, Paul McCartney and Wings, John Lennon, Ringo Starr, Olivia Newton-John, Pink Floyd
8. RCA Recording Studios, Chicago, Illinois— The Guess Who, Curtis Mayfield
9. * Jack Clement Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee (now The Sound Emporium)— Ray Stevens, Donna Fargo, Don Williams, Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Crystal Gayle, Kenny Rogers
10. Motown Recording Studios (now, Los Angeles, California and Detroit, Michigan)— The Jackson 5, Edwin Starr, Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, Eddie Kendricks, The Commodores
11. American Recording Company, Nashville, Tennessee— Three Dog Night, B.J. Thomas, Billie Jo Spears, Larry Gatlin, Waylon Jennings
12. A&M Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— The Carpenters, Carole King, Ringo Starr, Billy Preston, Barbara Streisand, Dolly Parton, Johnny Mathis, The Commodores
13. Sound Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Bread, Paul McCartney
14. United Western Recording Studios, Hollywood, California (now Ocean Way and EastWest Recording Studios)— The Partridge Family, Barbra Streisand, Merle Haggard
15. Trident Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— George Harrison, The Rolling Stones, Carly Simon, America, Elton John, Linda Ronstadt
16. * FAME Recording Studios, Muscle Shoals, Alabama— The Osmonds, Mac Davis
17. * Sunset Sound Studios, Hollywood, California— Janis Joplin, The Rolling Stones, Earth, Wind and Fire, The Emotions, The Doobie Brothers, Cheryl Lynn, Neil Diamond
18. Golden World Recording Studios, Detroit, Michigan— The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes
19. Muscle Shoals Sound Studio, Sheffield, Alabama— The Rolling Stones, The Staple Singers, Johnnie Taylor, Bobby Womack, Rod Stewart, Mary MacGregor, Eddie Rabbitt

20. * Ardent Recording Studios, Memphis, Tennessee— James Taylor, Led Zeppelin, The Staple Singers, Anita Ward
21. Crystal Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— James Taylor, Stevie Wonder, Eddie Kendricks, War
22. IBC Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Bee Gees
23. Morgan Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Rod Stewart
24. * Larrabee Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Cher, Al Wilson, Nick Gilder
25. Stax Recording Studios, Memphis, Tennessee— Isaac Hayes
26. The Record Plant, Sausalito, California— Sly and the Family Stone, America, Stevie Wonder, Fleetwood Mac
27. Allegro Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Melanie
28. Morgan Studios, London, United Kingdom— Paul McCartney, America, Jethro Tull, Cat Stevens, Alice Cooper
29. * Wally Heider Recording Studios, San Francisco, California (now Hyde Street Studios)— Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Santana, Paul McCartney and Wings, Jefferson Airplane, The Pointer Sisters, Earth, Wind and Fire, Fleetwood Mac, The Emotions
30. Island Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Led Zeppelin, Harry Nilsson, Paul McCartney, The Eagles
31. Olympic Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, Paul McCartney, The Eagles
32. The Record Plant, New York City, New York— John Lennon, Don McLean, Alice Cooper, Linda Ronstadt, Enchantment, Roberta Flack, Rick James, Blondie
33. Ascot Sound, Berkshire, United Kingdom— John Lennon
34. Columbia Studios, San Francisco, California— Santana
35. Columbia Recording Studios (also, CBS Recording Studios), Nashville, Tennessee— Tom T. Hall, Ray Price, Lynn Anderson, Tanya Tucker, Tammy Wynette, George Jones, Merle Haggard, Johnny Paycheck, Margo Smith
36. * Capitol Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Merle Haggard, The Steve Miller Band, George Benson, Glen Campbell, Eddie Rabbitt
37. RCA Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Charley Pride, Dolly Parton, Donna Fargo, Ronnie Millsap, Porter Wagoner, Charlie Rich, Dave & Sugar
38. Bradley's Barn, Mount Juliet, Tennessee— Conway Twitty, Loretta Lynn, Cal Smith, Jeanne Pruett
39. Buck Owens Studios, Bakersfield, California— Merle Haggard
40. * Criteria Recording Studios, Miami, Florida— Brook Benton, Aretha Franklin, Grand Funk Railroad, Eric Clapton, Average White Band, The Eagles, The Bee Gees, Rod Stewart, Andy Gibb, Enchantment, Anita Ward, Frankie Valli
41. Universal Recording Studios, Chicago, Illinois— Tyrone Davis, The Chi-Lites, Natalie Cole
42. * Malaco Recording Studios, Jackson, Mississippi— King Floyd, Jean Knight, Latimore, Anita Ward
43. Starday/King Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— James Brown
44. Rodel Studios, Washington, DC— James Brown
50. Royal Recording Studios, Memphis, Tennessee— Al Green
51. * Quadraphonic Sound Studios, Nashville, Tennessee (now Sienna Recording Studios)— Neil Young, Kris Kristofferson
52. Atlantic Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Roberta Flack, Aretha Franklin, Average White Band, Chaka Khan
53. * The Record Plant, Los Angeles, California— Bill Withers, Stevie Wonder, Billy Preston, Aretha Franklin, Minnie Riperton, The Eagles, The Brothers Johnson, Roberta Flack
54. Regent Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Looking Glass, Roberta Flack
55. Sound Labs, Los Angeles, California— Helen Reddy, Ringo Starr, Glen Campbell, Tavares, Hall & Oates, Dolly Parton

56. Sunwest Recording Studio, Los Angeles, California— Helen Reddy
57. Sigma Sound Studios, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania— Billy Paul, The O'Jays, The Spinners, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, Billy Paul, MFSB, William DeVaughn, Blue Magic, Major Harris, Barry Manilow, The Mannhattans, Lou Rawls, Teddy Pendergrass, Chuck Brown, GQ, McFadden & Whitehead
58. * Electric Lady Recording Studios— Stevie Wonder, David Bowie
59. Chateau d' Herouville, Paris, France— Elton John, Cat Stevens, The Bee Gees
60. * AIR Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Stevie Wonder, Linda Ronstadt
61. * The Hit Factory, New York City, New York— Jim Croce, Roberta Flack, Dionne Warwick, Barry Manilow, Linda Ronstadt, Stevie Wonder, Enchantment, Roberta Flack
62. Agency Recording Studios, Cleveland, Ohio— Maureen McGovern
63. Dynamic Sounds Studio, Kingston, Jamaica— The Rolling Stones
64. Venture Sound Studio, Somerset, New Jersey— Gladys Knight and the Pips
65. Bell Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Gladys Knight and the Pips, Roberta Flack, Curtis Mayfield
66. The Producer's Workshop, Los Angeles, California— Ringo Starr
67. Can-Base Recording Studios, Vancouver, Canada— Terry Jacks
68. RCA Recording Studios, New York City, New York— John Denver, Roberta Flack
69. ARC Recording Studios, Lagos, Nigeria— Paul McCartney and Wings
70. Kingsway Recorders, London, United Kingdom— Paul McCartney and Wings
71. Eastern Sound Studios, Toronto, Canada— Gordon Lightfoot, Anne Murray
72. RCA Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— The Hues Corporation, John Denver
73. Soundtek Recording Studio, New York City, New York— Roberta Flack
74. CSS Sound Studios, London, United Kingdom— Olivia Newton-John
75. * Westlake Audio, Los Angeles, California (now it is connected to the retail outlet)— Billy Preston, Stevie Wonder, The Brothers Johnson, Earth, Wind and Fire, Roberta Black, Quincy Jones, Michael Jackson
76. Mediasound Studios, New York City, New York— Stevie Wonder, Kool & the Gang, Barry Manilow, Frankie Valli, Van McCoy, David Ruffin
77. Kaye-Smith Recording Studios, Seattle, Washington— Bachman-Turner Overdrive
78. Nova Sound Studios, London, United Kingdom— Carl Douglas
79. Connecticut Recording Studios, Bridgeport, Connecticut— Harry Chapin
80. Hollywood Sound Studios, Burbank, California— Helen Reddy, Earth, Wind and Fire, The Emotions, Parliament, Bootsy's Rubber Band
81. The Manor Studio, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom— Cat Stevens
82. Decca Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Moody Blues
83. MoWest Studios, Los Angeles, California— Diana Ross
84. Glen Glenn Sound, Hollywood, California— Diana Ross
85. Island Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom (Basing Street Recording Studios)— Paul McCartney and Wings, The Rolling Stones
86. Caribou Ranch Studios, Nederland, Colorado— Chicago, Earth, Wind and Fire, Elton John, Rod Stewart
87. Capricorn Sound Studios, Macon, Georgia— The Allman Brothers Band
88. The Village Recorders, Los Angeles, California— The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and The Band, Supertramp, Eddie Rabbitt, Barbara Streisand, Donna Summer
89. Musicland Recording Studios, Munich, Germany— The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin
90. Acuff-Rose Sound Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Don Gibson
91. Mercury Custom Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Tom T. Hall
92. Monument Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Kris Kristofferson
93. Pete's Place Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Melba Montgomery
94. Young'un Sound Studio, Murfreesboro, Tennessee— Billy Swan

95. Bobby Smith Studios, Macon, Georgia— James Brown
96. American Sound Studios, Memphis, Tennessee— Joe Tex, Kenny Rogers
97. Soundcraft Studios, North Augusta, South Carolina— James Brown
98. International Studios, Augusta, Georgia— Fred Wesley and the J.B.'s
99. United Sound Recording Studio, Detroit, Michigan— Johnnie Taylor, Parliament, Bootsy's Rubber Band, Funkadelic
100. Sound Ideas Studios, New York City, New York— James Brown, Quincy Jones
101. Quantum Studios, Torrance, California— Rufus (w/Chaka Khan and Ray Parker Jr.)
102. Paragon Studios, Chicago, Illinois— Ohio Players, Natalie Cole
103. The Sound Factory, Los Angeles, California— Linda Ronstadt, Frankie Valli, Elton John, Jessi Colter, The Four Seasons, L..T.D.
104. Clover Recorders, Los Angeles, California— Linda Ronstadt
105. Warner Brothers Studios, Hollywood, California— The Doobie Brothers
106. Burbank Studios, Burbank, California— The Doobie Brothers, Earth, Wind and Fire
107. Sea Saint Recording Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana— Labelle, Paul McCartney and Wings
108. TK Recording Studio, Miami, Florida— KC and the Sunshine Band
109. Sound 80 Recording Studio, Minneapolis, Minnesota— Bob Dylan
110. Kendun Recorders, Burbank, California— The Isley Brothers, The Brothers Johnson, Roberta Flack
111. 914 Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Janis Ian
112. Glaser Sound Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Jessi Colter, Waylon Jennings, Mel Tillis
113. Autumn Sound Studios, Garland, Texas— Willie Nelson
114. * Sugar Hill Studios, Houston, Texas— Freddy Fender
115. Soul Sound Studios, Englewood, New Jersey— Shirley & Company
116. Curtom Recording Studio, Chicago, Illinois— Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin
117. Sound City Studios, Van Nuys, California— War, Fleetwood Mac
118. Sundance Studios, Dallas, Texas— Johnnie Taylor
119. Total Experience Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— The Sylvers
120. Le Studio, Morin Heights, Quebec, Canada— The Bee Gees
121. Cleveland Recording Company, Cleveland, Ohio— Wild Cherry
122. CBS Studios, San Francisco, California— The Steve Miller Band
123. Cherokee Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Rod Stewart, Hall & Oates, Quincy Jones, Michael Jackson, Neil Diamond
124. Mountain Recording Studio, Montreaux, Switzerland— The Rolling Stones, M
125. US Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Tom T. Hall
126. Enactron Truck, Los Angeles, California— Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson
127. The SoundShop Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Tanya Tucker, T.G. Sheppard
128. Marvin's Room, Los Angeles, California— Marvin Gaye
129. The Chicago Recording Company, Chicago, Illinois— The Ohio Players
130. Trolley Tracks Recording Studio, Atlanta, Georgia— Brick
131. Web IV Recording Studio, Atlanta, Georgia— Brick
132. The Sound Pit, Atlanta, Georgia— Brick
133. Studio 55, Los Angeles, California— Leo Sayer
134. Workhouse Studios, London, United Kingdom— Manfred Mann's Earth Band
135. Metronome Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— ABBA
136. Glen Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— ABBA
137. His Masters Wheels Recording Studio— David Soul
138. Davlen Recording Studio, Hollywood, California— Fleetwood Mac
139. Chipping Norton Recording Studios, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom— Gerry Rafferty
140. Pathe Marconi Sound Studios, Paris, France— The Rolling Stones

141. Tom Scholz's Hideaway Studio (Northern Studio, Maynard, Massachusetts)— Boston
142. Rusk Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Donna Summer
143. Polar Recording Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— Led Zeppelin
144. Jack's Tracks Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Crystal Gayle
145. The Creative Workshop, Nashville, Tennessee— Larry Gatlin
146. Woodland Sound Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Barbara Mandrell, John Conlee, Conway Twitty, Eddie Rabbitt, The Charlie Daniels Band
147. Music City Hall Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Charley Pride
148. Music City Recorders, Nashville, Tennessee— John Conlee
149. Salty Dog Recording Studio, Los Angeles, California— Dolly Parton
150. ABC Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Natalie Cole
151. The Sound Suite, Detroit, Michigan— Enchantment
152. P.S. Recording Studios, Chicago, Illinois— Roberta Flack
153. Bearsville Studios, Bearsville, New York— The Isley Brothers
154. Cross-Eyed Bear Recording Studio, Clarence, New York— Rick James
155. Pasadena Sounds, Pasadena, California— A Taste of Honey
156. Total Experience Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— L.T.D.
157. The Power Station, New York City, New York— Chic, Sister Sledge
158. Blank Tapes Studio, New York City, New York— Instant Funk
159. The Mom and Pop's Company Store, Studio City, California— Peaches & Herb, Yvonne Elliman, Gloria Gaynor
160. Alan Zentz Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Michael Jackson
161. Alpha Studios, Burbank, California— Prince
162. Whitney Recording Studios, Glendale, California— Nick Gilder
163. Indigo Ranch Studio, Malibu, California— Neil Diamond
164. T.W. Studio, London, United Kingdom— Amii Stewart
165. Utopia Studio, London, United Kingdom— Amii Stewart
166. Marquee Studio, London, United Kingdom— Amii Stewart
167. Red Bus Studio, London, United Kingdom— Amii Stewart
168. Pumpkin Studios, Oak Lawn, Illinois— Styx
169. Plaza Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Rupert Holmes

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During the 1980s, two trends in recording studios emerged. First, engineers who had always been an integral component of the staffs of major recording studio facilities, but throughout the 1980s, more recording studio engineers became independent and therefore moved from studio to studio and relied on being hired by producers to continue working on a freelance basis. The second major trend was expansion which took two differing forms. The first wave of expansion was technological as new digital technologies and giant, large-format analog consoles from such companies as Neve and Solid State Logic began to populate the major recording studio facilities of the period— many of those Solid State Logic, or SSL 4000 E or G consoles can still be found in their control rooms today. The other major trend was physical expansion, as quite a few of the major recording studios of the period opened-up multiple rooms. The result of these trends were that recording studio engineers were able to relocate as country music became more popular by the end of the decade, as rock music began to disappear and hip hop became increasingly popular. However, the other result was that as large recording studios expanded, smaller studios would decline throughout the decade— a trend that twenty-years later would be reversed by the ascent of digital audio workstations. The other trend that you will see during the decade

is prominent artists recording their work in more than one facility— as the trend of tracking on Neve consoles and mixing on SSL consoles began.

1. TK Recording Studios, Miami, Florida— KC and the Sunshine Band
2. Alan Zentz, Los Angeles, California— Michael Jackson, The Brothers Johnson
3. * Westlake Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California (now a retail outlet and equipment center)— Michael Jackson, Blondie, Paul McCartney, DeBarge, Patti Austin and James Ingram, Michael Sembello, Barbara Streisand, Patti LaBelle, Luther Vandross, Angela Winbush, Natalie Cole
4. * Cherokee Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Michael Jackson, Pink Floyd, George Benson, John Cougar Mellencamp, Paul McCartney, Belinda Carlisle, Stephanie Mills, Richard Marx
5. Rumbo Recording Studio, Los Angeles, California— Captain and Tennille, Survivor, Michael Sembello, REO Speedwagon, Dolly Parton, Bruce Hornsby and the Range, Heart, Guns N' Roses
6. * Capitol Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Captain and Tennille, Eddie Rabbitt, The Steve Miller Band, Prince and the Revolution, Bruce Hornsby and the Range, Richard Marx, Dwight Yoakum, Buck Owens
7. Group IV Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Captain and Tennille
8. The Village Recorders, Los Angeles, California— Captain and Tennille, Eddie Rabbitt, Aretha Franklin, Ray Parker Jr., Barbara Streisand, Berlin, Bruce Hornsby and the Range
9. Music Land Recording Studios, Munich, Germany— Queen, Olivia Newton-John
10. Britannia Row Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Pink Floyd
11. Super Bear Sound Studios, Nice, France— Pink Floyd
12. * Miraval Recording Studios, Correns, France— Pink Floyd, Wham!, Sade
13. 30th Street Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Pink Floyd
14. Producers Workshop, Hollywood, California— Pink Floyd
- 15.* The Power Station, New York City, New York— Blondie, Diana Ross, Bruce Springsteen, Evelyn King, David Bowie, Bonnie Tyler, Madonna, Julio Iglesias, Bryan Adams, Dire Straits, Aretha Franklin, Cyndi Lauper, Cameo, Heart, Bobbie McFerrin, Billy Joel
- 16.* Electric Lady Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Blondie, Diana Ross, The Rolling Stones, Hall & Oates, Foreigner, Irene Cara, Aretha Franklin, Sheriff, Roberta Flack
17. Mediasound Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Blondie, Barbara Streisand, Luther Vandross, Aretha Franklin, Patti Austin and James Ingram, Cutting Crew
18. Sound 80 Studios, Minneapolis, Minnesota— Lipps Inc.
19. A&R Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Billy Joel, Tom Browne, Rene and Angela
20. Warner Brothers Recording Studios, North Hollywood, California— Christopher Cross, Crystal Gayle
21. Pecan Street Studios, Austin, Texas— Christopher Cross
22. Motown/Hitsville U.S.A. Studios, Hollywood, California— Diana Ross, Jermaine Jackson, Rick James, Lionel Richie, Anita Baker, Natalie Cole
23. Artisan Sound Recorders, Hollywood, California— Diana Ross
24. Middle Ear Recording Studios, Miami, Florida— Barbara Streisand, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton
25. * The Sound Emporium, Nashville, Tennessee— Kenny Rogers, Don Williams, Dottie West, Debby Boone, Shalamar, Gene Watson, George Jones, Keith Whitley
26. * The Hit Factory, New York City, New York— John Lennon, Hall & Oates, Stevie Nicks, Bruce Springsteen, Julio Iglesias, Foreigner, Patti LaBelle, Cyndi Lauper, Debbie Gibson, Billy Joel
27. Bayshore Recording Studios, Miami, Florida— Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band
28. * Criteria Recording Studios, Miami, Florida— Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band, Barbara Streisand, John Cougar Mellencamp, Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine
29. Muscle Shoals Recording Studios, Sheffield, Alabama— Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band, Eddie Rabbitt, The Forester Sisters

30. Compass Point Recording Studios, Nassau, The Bahamas— The Rolling Stones, Robert Palmer, Sade
31. Pathe Marconi Sound Studios, Paris, France— The Rolling Stones
32. The Sound Factory, Hollywood, California— Jackson Browne
33. Record One, Los Angeles, California— Jackson Browne, Kim Carnes, Olivia Newton-John, Kenny Rogers
34. The Sound Labs Hollywood, California— Barbara Streisand, Dolly Parton
35. Digital Magnetics Hollywood, California— Barbara Streisand
36. American Sound Studios, Memphis, Tennessee— Kenny Rogers
37. Woodland Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Barbara Mandrell, Eddie Rabbitt, Conway Twitty, The Oak Ridge Boys, Reba McEntire, Merle Haggard, George Strait, Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, The Forester Sisters, Clint Black
38. American Sound Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Waylon Jennings
39. Jack's Tracks Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Crystal Gayle, Garth Brooks
40. Creative Workshop Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Dottie West, Kenny Rogers, The Judds, Ronnie Millsap
41. LSI Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Christy Lane, Alabama
42. Columbia Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— George Jones
43. Pyramid's Eye Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Alabama
44. The Music Mill, Nashville, Tennessee— Alabama, Lionel Richie, Reba McEntire, The Forester Sisters, KT Oslin
45. Caribou Ranch Recording Studios, Nederland, Colorado— Eddie Rabbitt
46. * Sunset Sound Recorders, Hollywood, California— Johnny Lee, Earth, Wind & Fire, Lionel Richie, Prince and the Revolution, Toto, Irene Cara, Anne Murray, Julio Iglesias, Kenny Rogers, The Bangles, Melissa Morgan, Prince, Richard Marx, Roberta Flack, Jody Watley
47. Enactron Truck, Hollywood, California— Willie Nelson, Ricky Scraggs
48. Studio Masters, Los Angeles, California— Shalamar, The Whispers
49. H&L Sound Studios, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey— Ray, Goodman and Brown
50. A&M Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— The Brothers Johnson, Stevie Nicks, Lionel Richie, USA for Africa, Barbara Streisand, Bruce Springsteen, Cheap Trick, Chicago, Richard Marx, Bad English, Phil Collins, U2, Luther Vandross
51. Kendun Recorders, Burbank, California— The Brothers Johnson, Jermaine Jackson, George Benson, Kool & the Gang, REO Speedwagon, DeBarge
52. * Bearsville Studios, Woodstock, New York— The Isley Brothers
53. Crystal Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Jermaine Jackson, REO Speedwagon
54. Whitney Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Jermaine Jackson
55. Web IV Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— The S.O.S. Band
56. Apogee Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— The S.O.S. Band
57. Axis Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— The S.O.S. Band
58. Wonderland Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Stevie Wonder
59. House of Music, West Orange, New Jersey— Kool & the Gang
60. Secret Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Kool & the Gang
61. * United Western Recorders, Hollywood, California (now EastWest and United Recording Studios— once Ocean Way Recording Studios) Blondie
62. Audio Media, Nashville, Tennessee— Dolly Parton, Ricky Skaggs, Janie Fricke, Anne Murray, Dan Seals, Marie Osmond, Randy Travis
63. AIR Studios, Montserrat, (Carribbean)— Sheena Easton, Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder, The Police, Duran Duran, Luther Vandross, Simply Red
64. Paradise Recording Studios, Sydney, Australia— Air Supply
65. Sound City, Van Nuys, California— Rick Springfield, Pat Benatar

66. * Ocean Way Recording Studios, Hollywood, California (now open as United Recording Studios)—Olivia Newton-John, Lionel Richie, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, Sheena Easton, Julio Iglesias, Bruce Hornsby and the Range, Rene and Angela, Belinda Carlisle, Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, Angela Winbush, The Bangles, Bette Midler, Simply Red, U2, Madonna, Teena Marie, Natalie Cole
67. * David J. Holman Studios, Hollywood, California (now Satellite 13)—Olivia Newton-John
68. Pumpkin Studios, Oak Lawn, Illinois—Styx
69. Threshold Studios, London, United Kingdom—The Moody Blues
70. RAK Studios, London, United Kingdom—The Moody Blues
71. Goodnight LA Studios, Los Angeles, California—Pat Benatar, Starship, Whitesnake
72. Goodnight Dallas Studios, Dallas, Texas—Stevie Nicks
73. Studio 55, Los Angeles, California—Stevie Nicks, Chicago, Julio Iglesias, DeBarge, Patti LaBelle, El DeBarge, The Bangles, Bette Midler
74. * The Record Plant, Los Angeles, California—Stevie Nicks, Aretha Franklin, Chicago, Fleetwood Mac, Cheryl Lynn, John Waite, Julio Iglesias, Heart, DeBarge, Bruce Springsteen, Guns N' Roses
75. The Record Plant, New York City, New York—Stevie Nicks, The J. Geils Band, The Go-Gos, Prince and the Revolution, Cyndi Lauper, John Waite, Rosanne Cash, Rodney Crowell
76. Fantasy Recording Studios, San Francisco, California—Journey, Huey Lewis and the News, Timex Social Club, Starship, Bobby McFerrin
77. Dynamic Sound Studios, Kingston, Jamaica—The Rolling Stones
78. Atlantic Recording Studios, New York City, New York—The Rolling Stones, Gregory Abbott, Bette Midler
79. * Battery Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom—AC/DC, Billy Ocean, Stephanie Mills
80. Mobile One/ H.I.S. Paris, France—AC/DC
81. The SoundShop, Nashville, Tennessee—T.G. Sheppard, Janie Fricke, Vern Gosdin
82. RCA Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee—Elvis Presley
83. Davlen Sound Studios, Sherman Oaks, California—Rosanne Cash, Chicago
84. Magnolia Sound Studios, Hollywood, California—Rosanne Cash
85. Concorde Recording Center, Los Angeles, California—Kenny Rogers
86. Devonshire Recording Studios, Burbank, California—Kenny Rogers
87. * Sound Stage Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee—Hank Williams Jr., Steve Wariner, Crystle Gayle, Reba McEntire, Anne Murray, George Strait, Steve Wariner, John Schneider, Randy Travis, Restless Heart, Lee Greenwood, Waylon Jennings, Earl Thomas Conley, Clint Black, Patty Loveless
88. Britannia Studios, Hollywood, California—Merle Haggard
89. Total Experience Recording Studios, Hollywood, California—The Gap Band, Yarbrough & Peoples
90. Studio Sound Recorders, Hollywood, California—Smokey Robinson
91. The Record Plant, Sausalito, California—Rick James, Huey Lewis and the News, Starship, Heart, Aretha Franklin
92. ARC/George Massenburg Studio, Los Angeles, California—Earth, Wind & Fire
93. Sigma Sound Studios, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Deniece Williams, Patti LaBelle, Aretha Franklin, Levert, Vanessa Williams
94. Sound Suite Recording Studio, Detroit, Michigan—Aretha Franklin, Anita Baker
95. Kashif's Celestial Sounds, New York City, New York—Evelyn King
96. Studio Katy, Ohain, Belgium—Marvin Gaye
97. Long View Farm, North Brookfield, Massachusetts—The J. Geils Band
98. Kingdom Sound Studios, New York City, New York—Joan Jett & the Blackhearts
99. Soundworks Studios, New York City, New York—Joan Jett & the Blackhearts
100. Nemo Studios, London, United Kingdom—Vangelis
101. * AIR Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom—Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder, Yes, Dire Straits, Berlin, Cutting Crew, The Escape Club, Fine Young Cannibals

102. Genetic Sound, Streatley, United Kingdom—The Human League, Dexys Midnight Runners
103. Bill Schnee Studios, Los Angeles, California— Chicago, Irene Cara, Patti LaBelle, El DeBarge, Bette Midler, Roberta Flack
104. Skyline Recording Studio, Topanga, California— Chicago
105. Richmond Recorders, Melbourne, Australia— Men at Work
106. Penny Lane Recording Studios, New York City, New York—The Go-Gos
107. Sound Mixers, New York City, New York—The Go-Gos
108. Chateau de Herouville, Herouville, France— Fleetwood Mac
109. * Larabee Sound, Los Angeles, California— Fleetwood Mac, Cheryl Lynn, O'Bryan, DeBarge, Patti LaBelle, Stephanie Mills, Jody Whatley, Natalie Cole, Al Wilson
110. Le Studio, Montreal, Quebec, Canada— The Police
111. Pasha Music House, Hollywood, California— Quiet Riot
112. The Automatt Recording Studios, San Francisco, California— Huey Lewis and the News, Aretha Franklin
113. Kiowa Trail Home Studio, Chanhassen, Minnesota— Prince and the Revolution
114. First Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota— Prince and the Revolution
115. The Warehouse, St. Louis Park, Minnesota— Prince and the Revolution
116. Music City Hall Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Charley Pride, George Strait
117. * FAME Recording Studios, Muscle Shoals, Alabama— The Oak Ridge Boys, Shenandoah
118. Moman's Studio (formerly American Sound Studios), Nashville, Tennessee— Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson
119. Lion Share Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Kenny Rogers, Donna Summer, Dolly Parton, Sheena Easton, Julio Iglesias, Patti LaBelle, Peter Cetera, El DeBarge, Richard Marx
120. The Disc Limited Studios, Detroit, Michigan— George Clinton
121. United Sound Systems, Detroit, Michigan— George Clinton, Aretha Franklin
122. Unique Recording Studios, New York City, New York— New Edition, Cameo, Billy Ocean, Diana Ross, Freddie Jackson, Pet Shop Boys, Peter Cetera, Juice, Gregory Abbott, Stephanie Mills, LeVert, Expose, Al B. Sure, Roberta Flack
123. E.A.R.S. Recording Studios, Newark, New Jersey— Mtume
124. Rhema Studio, Beverly Hills, California— Donna Summer
125. Hollywood Sound Recorders, Hollywood, California— Donna Summer, DeBarge, Kenny Rogers, Belinda Carlisle
126. Joint Recording Studio, Buffalo, New York— Rick James
127. Fiddler's Recording Studio, Hollywood, California— Cheryl Lynn
128. Mars Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Rockwell
129. The Complex Studios, Los Angeles, California— Deniece Williams, Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt
130. LeGonks West, Los Angeles, California— Deniece Williams
131. Soundcastle Recording Studios, Santa Monica, California— Deniece Williams, Michael Sembello, The Commodores, Patti LaBelle, Kenny Rogers, Starship, Stephanie Mills, Earth, Wind & Fire, Cheap Trick
132. Oasis Recording Studio, Los Angeles, California— Irene Cara
133. Music Recorders, Los Angeles, California— Irene Cara
134. Carla Ridge Recording Studio, Los Angeles, California— Irene Cara
135. The Church, London, United Kingdom— Eurythmics
136. EFX Studios, Los Angeles, California— Michael Sembello
137. Chelsea Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Billy Joel
138. * Abbey Road Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Paul McCartney, Tina Turner
139. SARM, London, United Kingdom— Yes, Wham!, George Michael
140. Red Bus Studios, London, United Kingdom— Culture Club

141. CBS Studios, London, United Kingdom— Culture Club, Tina Turner
142. 5150 Studios, Studio City, California— Van Halen
143. 301 Recording Studios, Sydney, Australia— Duran Duran
144. Mayfair Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Tina Turner
145. Wessex Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Tina Turner
146. Good Earth Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Tina Turner
147. Emerald Sound Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Crystle Gayle, Anne Murray, Rosanne Cash, Dan Seals, Marie Osmond, Steve Wariner, Randy Travis, Reba McEntire, Rodney Crowell, Earl Thomas Conley, Alabama, George Strait, Dolly Parton
148. Pedernales Recording Studio, Spicewood, Texas— Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Julio Iglesias
149. Eastern Sound Studio, Toronto, Canada— Anne Murray
150. Redwing Recording Studios, Tarzana, California— Anne Murray
151. Scruggs Sound Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Ricky Skaggs, Sawyer Brown
152. Cook Sound Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Alabama
153. Lighthouse Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Julio Iglesias, Kenny Rogers, Barbara Streisand, Peter Cetera, Starship, Richard Marx, Roberta Flack
154. Smoketree Ranch Studios, Los Angeles, California— Dolly Parton, Teena Marie
155. The Bennett House, Franklin, Tennessee— Janie Fricke, Dan Seals, Marie Osmond, Amy Grant, Restless Heart, Vern Gosdin
156. Right Track Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Foreigner, Aretha Franklin, Bruce Springsteen, Debbie Gibson, Billy Joel, Luther Vandross
157. The Townhouse Recording Studio, London, United Kingdom— Phil Collins
158. Old Croft Recording Studios, Surrey (near London), United Kingdom— Phil Collins
159. The Wool Hall, Beckington, Somerset, United Kingdom— Tears for Fears
160. Maison Rouge Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Duran Duran, The Escape Club
161. CTS Sound Studios, London, United Kingdom— Duran Duran
162. Silver Sun Recording Studio, Flint, Michigan— Ready for the World
163. RG Jones Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— A-ha
164. Eel Pie Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— A-ha
165. Music Grinder Recording Studio, Los Angeles, California— Starship
166. Tarpan Recording Studio, San Rafael, California— Lionel Richie, Aretha Franklin
167. Bear Creek Recording Studio, Woodinville, Washington— Lionel Richie
168. Little Mountain Sound Studios, Vancouver, Canada— Bryan Adams, Bon Jovi, Motley Crue
169. East Avalon Recorders, Muscle Shoals, Alabama— The Forester Sisters
170. Morningstar Sound Studio, Hendersonville, Tennessee— Dan Seals, Marie Osmond, Randy Travis
171. Master's Touch, Nashville, Tennessee— Dan Seals, Marie Osmond
172. Garden Rake Sound Studios, Sherman Oaks, California— DeBarge, El DeBarge
173. Digital By Dickinson, Bloomfield, New Jersey— Freddie Jackson
174. Celestial Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Freddie Jackson, Melba Moore, Stephanie Mills
175. The Power Plant Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Sade
176. Flyte Tyme Recording Studios, Minneapolis, Minnesota— Janet Jackson, The Human League, Alexander O'Neal
177. Baby O'Recorders, Hollywood, California— Patti LaBelle, Stephanie Mills
178. One on One Studios, Hollywood, California— Patti LaBelle, Berlin, Heart, Cheap Trick, Bad English
179. Conway Studios, Hollywood, California— Patti LaBelle, El DeBarge, Poison, Bette Midler, Bad English, Roberta Flack
180. 39th Street Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Patti LaBelle
181. Studio D Recording, San Francisco, California (relocated to Sausalito)— Huey Lewis and the News, Aretha Franklin

182. Tom Scholz's Hideaway Studio, Maynard, Massachusetts— Boston
183. Bullet Sound, Nederhorst dn Berg, The Netherlands— Falco
184. Basic Recording Studios, Munich, Germany— Falco
185. Union Recording Studios, Munich, Germany— Falco
186. Soundpush Studios, Blaricum, The Netherlands— Simply Red
187. RAK Studios, London, United Kingdom
188. The Farm, Chiddingtton, Surrey, United Kingdom— Genesis, Mike+The Mechanics, Phil Collins
189. Ashcombe House, Swainswick, Somerset, United Kingdom— Peter Gabriel
190. Skyline Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Peter Cetera, Roberta Flack
191. Odyssey Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Bananarama
192. Amigo Recording Studio, Hollywood, California— Berlin
193. The Manor, Shipton-on-Cherwell, United Kingdom— Berlin, UB40
194. Producers I and II— Sound Studios, Hollywood, California— Berlin
195. Hideaway Recording Studios, Boston, Massachusetts— Boston
196. Blue Jay Recording Studios, Boston, Massachusetts— Boston
197. Studio D Recording Studio, Sausalito, California (relocated from San Francisco)— Bruce Hornsby and the Range, Earth, Wind & Fire
198. King Sound, Hollywood, California— Bruce Hornsby and the Range
199. Evergreen Sound Studios, Burbank, California— Kenny Rogers, Rene and Angela
200. Studio Marcadet, Paris, France— Kenny Rogers
201. The Castle Recording Studios, Franklin, Tennessee— Steve Wariner, George Strait, The Forrester Sisters, Alabama
202. Groundstar Lab, Nashville, Tennessee— Randy Travis, Waylon Jennings, Kenny Rogers, Ronnie Millsap
203. Merit Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Janie Frickie
204. The Loft Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Crystal Gayle
205. * OmniSound Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Restless Heart
206. Image Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Rene and Angela, El DeBarge
207. Greene Street Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Rene and Angela, Stephanie Mills
208. Starlight Recording Studios, San Francisco, California— Timex Social Club
209. Chung King Studios, New York City, New York— Juice, Beastie Boys, LL Cool J
210. Shakedown Studios, New York City, New York— Juice
211. Rawlston Recording Studio, New York City, New York— Juice
212. New Fresh Recording Studio, New York City, New York— Juice
213. * Quad Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Cameo, Stephanie Mills, Debbie Gibson
214. Counter Point Studio, New York City, New York— Cameo
215. Sound Ideas Studio, New York City, New York— Cameo
216. Sonic Sound, Freepoint, New York— Gregory Abbott
217. Grabbitt Studios, New York City, New York— Gregory Abbott
218. Minot Sound Studio, White Plains, New York— Freddie Jackson, Atlantic Starr, Luther Vandross
219. Washington Monument Recording Studio, San Rafael, California— Starship
220. Manzanita Recording Studio, Arrington, Tennessee— Starship
221. Comforts Place, Surrey, United Kingdom— Cutting Crew
222. Utopia Studios, London, United Kingdom— Cutting Crew
223. Danesmoate House Studios, Dublin, Ireland— U2
224. Windmill Lane Recording Studios, Dublin, Ireland— U2, Steve Winwood, Def Leppard
225. STS Studios, Dublin, Ireland— U2
226. Melbeach Studios, Dublin, Ireland— U2
227. Acme Recording Studios, Mamaroneck, New York— Atlantic Starr
228. Can-Am, Tarzana, California— Heart, Guns N' Roses, Chicago, Jody Whatley

229. American Recording Studios, Calabassas, California— Belinda Carlisle
230. Music Grinder Studios, Hollywood, California— Belinda Carlisle
231. PUK Studios, Copehagen, Denmark— George Michael
232. Kren Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Bruce Springsteen
233. Eleven Eleven Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Lee Greenwood, Kenny Rogers, Ronnie Millsap, Steve Wariner, Clint Black, Ricky Skaggs
234. StarGem Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Randy Travis
235. The Grey Room, Los Angeles, California— Kenny Rogers, Ronnie Millsap
236. Masterfonics Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Kenny Rogers, Ronnie Millsap, Steve Wariner
237. Sixteenth Avenue Sound, Nashville, Tennessee— Kenny Rogers, Ronnie Millsap
238. Center Stage Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— The Forester Sisters
239. Champagne Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— The Forrester Sisters, Dolly Parton
240. Intergalactic Recording Studio, New York City, New York— The System
241. Alpha International Studios, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania— Stephanie Mills
242. Mama Jo's Recorders, Hollywood, California— Stephanie Mills
243. Studio A & B, Minneapolis, Minnesota— Alexander O'Neal
244. Sigma Sound Studios, New York City, New York (sister location in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)— Stephanie Mills, Aretha Franklin
245. Great Tracks, Cleveland, Ohio— LeVert
246. QCA Studio, Cincinnati, Ohio— LeVert
247. Madhatter Studios, Los Angeles, California— LeVert
248. Encore Studios, Burbank, California— LeVert, Anita Baker
249. Different Fur Studios, San Francisco, California— Earth, Wind & Fire
250. Studio Ultimo, San Francisco, California— Earth, Wind & Fire
251. Troutman Recording Studios, Dayton, Ohio— (Roger) Roger Troutman
252. Friar Park Studios, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom— George Harrison
253. Rhinoceros Recording Studios, Sydney, Australia— INXS
254. Studio de la Grand Armee, Paris, France— INXS
255. PWL Studios 1&2, London, United Kingdom— Rick Astley
256. Z Studio, New York City, New York— Debbie Gibson
257. Sorcerer Sound, New York City, New York— Debbie Gibson
258. International Sound, Miami, Florida— Debbie Gibson
259. The Mix Room, Hollywood, California— Richard Marx
260. McClear Place Studio, Toronto, Canada— Steve Winwood
261. Take One Studios, Burbank, California— Guns N' Roses
262. Wisseloord Studios, Hilversum, The Netherlands— Def Leppard
263. Studio des Dames, Paris, France— Def Leppard
264. Westside Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Escape Club
265. Secret Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Chicago, Bad English
266. Gold Mine Studios, Woodland Hills, California— Chicago
267. Perceptions Recording Studio, Toronto, Canada— Sheriff
268. Soundtrack Studios, New York City, New York— Debbie Gibson
269. EMI Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— Roxette
270. Paisley Park Studios, Chanhassen, Minnesota— Fine Young Cannibals, Prince, Madonna
271. Johnny Yuma Recording Studio, Burbank, California— Madonna
272. Mission Control Studios, Westford, Massachusetts— New Kids on the Block
273. The House of Hits, Boston, Massachusetts— New Kids on the Block
274. Normandy Sound Recording Studio, Warren, Rhode Island— New Kids on the Block
275. Trax Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Martika

276. Magic Record, Salt Lake City, Utah— Richard Marx
277. Pacific Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Bad English
278. The Warehouse Studio, Vancouver, Canada— Billy Joel
279. Powertrax, Hollywood, California— Tracy Chapman
280. Sun Studios, Memphis, Tennessee— U2
281. Point Depot Studios, Dublin, Ireland— U2
282. Gnome Studios, Los Angeles, California— Anita Baker
283. Yamaha International Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Anita Baker
284. Delicious Vinyl Studios, Los Angeles, California— Tone Loc
285. Saturn Sound, Sherman Oaks, California— Madonna
286. Sony Tree Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Vern Gosdin
287. Digital Recorders, Nashville, Tennessee— Restless Heart, Ricky Skaggs
288. Digital Services, Houston, Texas— Clint Black
289. House of David Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Clint Black
290. Reflections Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Clint Black
291. * Treasure Isle Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Ricky Skaggs, Dolly Parton
292. Nightengale Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Ricky Skaggs
293. MorningStar Studios, Spring House, Pennsylvania— Ricky Skaggs
294. INS Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Keith Sweat
295. Power Play Studios, New York City, New York— Keith Sweat
296. Bedrock Studios, Los Angeles, California— Teena Marie
297. Moon Recording Studios, Sacramento, California— Tony! Toni! Tone!
298. Marcadet Sound Studios, Paris, France— Sade
299. Silver Lake Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Bobby Brown
300. Marathon Studios, New York City, New York— Roberta Flack
301. Master Sound Astoria, New York City, New York— Roberta Flack
302. Homeland Studio, London, United Kingdom— Roberta Flack
303. Soundworks Recording Studio, New York City, New York— Today
304. Hillside Recording Studio, Englewood, New Jersey— Today
305. Devinshire Sound Studios, Burbank, California— Natalie Cole
306. O'Henry Sound Studios, Toluca Lake, California— Natalie Cole
307. Cove City Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Natalie Cole
308. Calliope Studios, New York City, New York— De La Soul
309. Addis Ababa Studios, London, United Kingdom— Soul II Soul
310. Lille Yard Studio, London, United Kingdom— Soul II Soul
311. The Lab Studios, West Orange, New Jersey— Surface
312. Elumba Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Babyface
313. Galaxy Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Babyface
314. M'Bila Studios, Los Angeles, California— Babyface

The Legendary Recording Studios of the 1990s (335)

In the 1990s, the way in which music was produced influenced recording studios to a dramatic extent, as did the styles of music which became popular as the decade unfolded. First, major clients throughout the decade often had multiple production teams working to create their albums. The result of this way of working often meant that multiple engineering teams working in many different recording studio locations would be involved in creating an album. The second component was a geographical shift— as country music became increasingly popular, producers and engineers who had once working in rock and pop music increasingly moved to Nashville, Tennessee, a trend that has led to country music replacing

pop music and as a genre (much like rock music) disappearing right before our very eyes. As hip hop slowly became more and more popular throughout the 1990s, it led to the disappearance of traditional blues and jazz music as popular mediums. Though both blues and jazz music had been in decline since the late 1960s, by the early 1990s, even the few performers who managed to be successful, even into the late 1980s began to disappear, as well. With the disappearance of traditional genres that had once been so popular, such as blues, rock, jazz and even traditional country music— recording studios in Los Angeles and New York adapted by becoming even larger with multiple rooms, while studios popped-up almost overnight throughout Nashville and its adjoining suburbs. It also meant the steep decline of the number of studios outside of the three primary production centers. As a decade, it was the 1990s that would foreshadow the decline of the popular music industry and though steaming services and their mortal impact on the popular music industry was in the distant future, the advent of digital audio workstations and the beginning of the home studio shift was in its infancy at the close of the decade. With the introduction of the digital audio workstation, the abrupt changes in consumer taste and genres, the changes in production for major artists and labels and the relocation of engineering and production teams throughout the decade, it is the 1990s that brought and end to a diverse landscape in popular music and the beginning of a period of long decline for both the famed recording studios of the past and the industry that has supported their growth and development since the mid-1950s. The rules that have applied to each of the decades up to this point also apply to the 1990s. If a recording studio facility hosted an artist who had a number-one hit during the decade on the Billboard Hot 100-singles chart, the Hot 200 album chart, or the country or R&B (now hip-hop) charts, it will be located here if I have the information to document it. If a host recording studio facility is still in operation today (not as a museum) it will have an asterisk to denote that it is still a commercial facility and its current location and name, as well.

1. Alpha Studios, Burbank, California— Michael Bolton
2. Lion Share Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Michael Bolton, Wilson Phillips
3. Bunny Hop Studios, Los Angeles, California— Michael Bolton
4. Ground Control Studios, Los Angeles, California— Michael Bolton, Celine Dion, Barbara Streisand
5. Lighthouse Studios, Los Angeles, California— Michael Bolton, Quincy Jones, Boyz II Men
6. Studio Masters, Los Angeles, California— Michael Bolton, Paula Abdul
7. Criterion Studios, Hollywood, California— Michael Bolton
- 8.* Conway Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Michael Bolton, Glenn Medeiros, Guns N' Roses, Marilyn Manson, Lionel Richie
- 9.* The Hit Factory, New York City, New York— Michael Bolton, Taylor Dayne, Madonna, TLC, Toni Braxton, Mariah Carey, Janet Jackson, Celine Dion, Will Smith, Brandy and Monica, Ricky Martin, Ice Cube, Billy Joel, The Eagles, Nas, Live, Mary J. Blige, Lauryn Hill, Chyna Doll, Peabo Bryson, Jodeci, Notorious B.I.G., Aaliyah, Puff Daddy
10. Right Track Recording, New York City, New York— Michael Bolton, Mariah Carey, Will Smith, R. Kelly and Celine Dion, Lauryn Hill, Ricky Martin, Luther Vandross, The Rude Boys
- 11.* The Power Station, New York City, New York— Michael Bolton, Mariah Carey, Meat Loaf, Bonnie Raitt, Celine Dion
12. RPM Studios, New York City, New York— Michael Bolton
13. Automated Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Michael Bolton
14. Paradise Studios, New York City, New York— Michael Bolton
15. Homeland Studio, London, United Kingdom— Michael Bolton
16. Creation Audio, Minneapolis, Minnesota— Paula Abdul
17. Kren Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Paula Abdul
- 18.* JHL Sound Studios, Pacific Palisades, California— Paula Abdul

19. Flyte Tyme Recording Studios, Minneapolis, Minnesota— Janet Jackson, Johnny Gill, Boyz II Men, Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige, Chyna Doll, Luther Vandross, Next
20. McClear Place, Toronto, Canada— Alannah Myles
21. Eastern Sound, Toronto, Canada— Alannah Myles
22. Soundtown Studios, Toronto, Canada— Alannah Myles
23. Sounds Interchange, Toronto, Canada— Alannah Myles, The Eagles
24. Cove City Sound Studios, Glen Cove, New York— Taylor Dayne, R. Kelly and Celine Dion, Billy Joel
25. Shakedown Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Taylor Dayne
26. * Ocean Way Recording Studios, Hollywood, California (now United Recording Studios)— Taylor Dayne, Madonna, Wilson Phillips, James Ingram, Bonnie Raitt, Paula Abdul, Michael Jackson, Meat Loaf, Toni Braxton, Michael Bolton, Barbara Streisand, Elton John, R.E. M., Kenny G, Ricky Martin
27. The Complex Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Taylor Dayne, Snoop Dogg
28. S.T.S. Recording Studios, Dublin, Ireland— Sinead O'Connor, U2
29. Johnny Yuma Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Madonna
30. Record One, Los Angeles, California— Wilson Phillips, Quincy Jones, Michael Jackson, Brandy and Monica, The Firm
31. * Westlake Recording Studios (now Westlake Pro Audio), Los Angeles, California— Wilson Phillips, Glenn Medeiros, Clint Black, Quincy Jones, Tony, Toni, Tone, Michael Jackson, K-Ci & Jo-Jo, Alanis Morissette, Nas, Celine Dion, Marilyn Manson, Rage Against the Machine, Clint Black
32. Studio Ultimo, Los Angeles, California— Wilson Phillips, James Ingram
33. Soundcastle Recording Studios, Santa Monica, California— Wilson Phillips, Brandy
34. Music Grinder Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Wilson Phillips
35. EMI Recording Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— Roxette
36. Unique Recording Studios, New York City, New York— New Kids on the Block, Keith Sweat, C+C Music Factory, Color Me Badd, Ruff Ryders, Aaron Hall, Naughty by Nature
37. Studio Sound Recorders, Los Angeles, California— Glenn Medeiros
38. Sigma Sound Studios, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania— Glenn Medeiros, James Ingram, Erykah Badu
39. Sunset Sound Studios, Hollywood, California— Glenn Medeiros, Paula Abdul, Celine Dion, Rage Against the Machine
40. * Ameraycan Studios, Los Angeles, California (Paramount Studios A and B)— Glenn Medeiros, Makaveli, Brandy
41. Skyline Recording Studio, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey
42. * Cherokee Studios, Los Angeles, California— Nelson, Mr. Big, Tracie Spencer
43. Studio B, Los Angeles, California— Nelson
44. SARM (West) London, United Kingdom— George Michael, Seal, Bush
45. Metropolis Recording Studios, London United Kingdom— George Michael, Pink Floyd
46. Soundworks Studios, New York City, New York— James Ingram, Boyz II Men
47. Midi Madness Studio, Los Angeles, California— James Ingram
48. Encore Studios, Burbank, California— James Ingram, Boyz II Men
49. The Enterprise Sound Studios, Burbank, California— James Ingram, Celine Dion, Boyz II Men, Brandy and Monica, Barbara Streisand, Chyna Doll, Ricky Martin
50. * Luminous Sound Studios, Dallas, Texas— Vanilla Ice
51. Elumba Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Whitney Houston, After 7, Pebbles, Toni Braxton
52. Axis Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey
53. * Capitol Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Bonnie Raitt, Celine Dion
54. Hollywood Sound, Hollywood, California— Bonnie Raitt, Paula Abdul
55. * The Record Plant, Los Angeles, California— Bonnie Raitt, Michael Bolton, Guns N' Roses, Michael Jackson, Mariah Carey, Celine Dion, Toni Braxton, Janet Jackson, Brandy, Ricky Martin, Santana w/Rob

Thomas, Michael Bolton, The Stone Temple Pilots, No Doubt, Live, Mary J. Blige, Dave Matthews Band, Chyna Doll, Luther Vandross

56. Emerald Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— George Strait, Alabama, Reba McEntire, Wynonna, Aaron Tippin, Tracy Byrd, Faith Hill, Deana Carter, Shania Twain, Sara Evans

57. Jack's Tracks Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Garth Brooks

58. Masterfonics Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Alabama, Clint Black, Reba McEntire, LeAnn Rimes, Celine Dion, John Anderson, Sawyer Brown, Vince Gill, John Michael Montgomery, Little Texas, Patty Loveless, Wynonna, Shania Twain, Terri Clark, Lonestar

59. Recording Arts, Nashville, Tennessee— Alabama, Alan Jackson, Shania Twain

60. Cook Sound Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Alabama

61. Eleven Eleven Sound Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Mark Chesnutt, Tracy Lawrence, Clint Black, Alan Jackson

62. Javelina Recording Studios (formerly RCA Studios), Nashville, Tennessee— Mark Chesnutt, Tim McGraw, John Anderson, Alabama, Sawyer Brown, Shania Twain

63. * OmniSound Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Alan Jackson, John Michael Montgomery, LeAnn Rimes, Neal McCoy, John Berry, Faith Hill

64. Nightingale Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Alan Jackson, Dolly Parton, Ricky Van Shelton, Doug Stone, Randy Travis, Brian White

65. Digital Services, Houston, Texas— Clint Black, Destiny's Child

66. The Doghouse Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Dolly Parton, Ricky Van Shelton

67. Pyramid Recording Studio, Lookout Mountain, Georgia— Doug Stone

68. Southern Tracks Recording Studio, Atlanta, Georgia— Doug Stone

69. The Bennett House Recording Studios, Franklin, Tennessee— Doug Stone, Joe Diffie, Amy Grant, Selena, Colin Raye, Wynonna

70. The Reflections Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Doug Stone

71. Midtown Tone and Volume, Nashville, Tennessee— Diamond Rio, Brooks & Dunn, Faith Hill

72. Digital Recorders, Nashville, Tennessee— Diamond Rio, Alan Jackson, Quincy Jones, John Anderson

73. Recording Arts, Nashville, Tennessee— Diamond Rio, Alan Jackson

74. 16th Avenue Sound, Nashville, Tennessee— Alan Jackson, Wynonna, Clay Walker, Alabama

75.* The Sound Emporium, Nashville, Tennessee— Alan Jackson, Trisha Yearwood, Colin Raye, John Michael Montgomery, Aaron Tippin, Restless Heart, Alabama,

76. * The Castle Recording Studios, Franklin, Tennessee— Alan Jackson, John Michael Montgomery, Clay Walker, Brooks & Dunn, Terri Clark, Brad Paisley

77. Sony Tree Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Brooks & Dunn, Lonestar

78. The SoundShop Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Alan Jackson, Randy Travis, Brooks & Dunn, Doug Stone, Faith Hill, Shenandoah, Joe Diffie, Wade Hayes, John Michael Montgomery, Lonestar, Trace Adkins

79. * Treasure Isle Sound Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Lionel Cartwright, Sawyer Brown, Little Texas

80. The Money Pit, Nashville, Tennessee— Lionel Cartwright, Collin Raye, Ty Herndon, Martina McBride, Ricochet

81. * Ardent Recording Studios, Memphis, Tennessee— Travis Tritt, Little Texas

82. GroundStar Labs, Nashville, Tennessee— Randy Travis

83. Tarpan Sound Studios, San Rafael, California— Quincy Jones

84. Studio Masters, Los Angeles, California— After 7

85. Soundscape Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— After 7, R.E.M., Damian Dame, DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince

86. Galaxy Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— After 7

87. Starlight Sound, Lake City, Florida— En Vogue

88. The Plant Studios, San Francisco, California— Tony! Toni! Tone!, Michael Bolton, Mariah Carey, Metallica, Dave Matthews Band, Peabo Bryson

89. Can-Am Studios, Tarzana, California— Tony, Toni, Tone, En Vogue, 2Pac, Snoop Dogg, Tha Dogg Pound, Makaveli
90. Live Oak Sound Studios, Berkely, California— Tony, Toni, Tone
91. J-Jam Recording Studios, Oakland, California— Tony, Toni, Tone
92. Paisley Park Recording Studios, Chanhassen, Minnesota— The Time, Prince, R.E.M., Paula Abdul, The Stone Temple Pilots
93. * Bearsville Recording Studios, Woodstock, New York— R.E.M., Nas
94. John Keane Studios, Athens, Georgia— R.E.M.
95. Greene Street Recording, New York City, New York— Paula Abdul
96. Z Recording, New York City, New York— Paula Abdul
97. Mad Hatter, Silver Lake, California— Paula Abdul
98. Audio Achievements, Torrance, California— N.W.A.
99. New River Studios, Fort Lauderdale, Florida— Skid Row
100. Scream Studios, Los Angeles, California— Skid Row, Extreme, Brandy and Monica
101. 5150 Studios, Los Angeles, California— Van Halen
102. Pacifique Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Natalie Cole, Will Smith, Brandy and Monica
103. One on One Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Metallica
104. * A&M Recording Studios, Hollywood, California (now Henson Studios)— Guns N' Roses, Michael Bolton, Aerosmith, The Eagles, Rage Against the Machine, Korn, Luther Vandross
105. Image Recording, Hollywood, California— Guns N' Roses
106. Studio 56, Hollywood, California— Guns N' Roses, Coolio, Toni Braxton, Brandy
107. Metalworks Sound Studios, Mississauga, Canada— Guns N' Roses
108. * Hansa Sound Studios, Berlin, Germany— U2
109. Elsinore Sound Studios, Dublin, Ireland— U2
110. Windmill Lane Recording Studios, Dublin, Ireland— U2
111. Larabee Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Michael Jackson, Boyz II Men, Brandy and Monica, Snoop Dogg, Bobby Brown, Brandy, Aaliyah, Dru Hill, Busta Rhymes w/Janet Jackson
112. Smoketree Ranch, Chatsworth, California— Michael Jackson
113. Toad Hall Sound Studios, Pasadena, California— Michael Jackson
114. Sound City, Van Nuys, California— Nirvana
115. Smart Recording Studios, Madison, Wisconsin— Nirvana
116. The Lab, West Orange, New Jersey— Surface
117. Studio on Wheels, Glendale, California— Surface
118. Chameleon Sound Studio, East Orange, New Jersey— Surface
119. Sound Tracks Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Surface, Nas
120. Crescent Moon Studios, Miami, Florida— Gloria Estefan, Ricky Martin, The Firm
121. Quad Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee (now Sienna Studios)— Amy Grant, John Michael Montgomery
122. Courtlen Recording, Hanson, Massachusetts— Extreme
123. Skywalker Sound Studios, Marin County, California— Mariah Carey
124. Giant Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey
125. * Electric Lady Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey, Dave Matthews Band, Chyna Doll
126. * Battery Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey, K-Ci and Jo-Jo, R. Kelly and Celine Dion, A Tribe Called Quest, Mary J. Blige, Britney Spears, The Backstreet Boys, Hi-Five, DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, Aaliyah, R. Kelly, Erykah Badu
127. Berwick Street Studios, London, United Kingdom— P.M. Dawn
128. Gee Street Studios, London, United Kingdom— P.M. Dawn
129. Rumbo Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Mr. Big, All-4-One, Celine Dion, No Doubt

130. Kaufman Astoria Studios, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey
131. Studio 4, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania— Boyz II Men
132. Cheiron Sound Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— Ace of Base, Britney Spears, The Backstreet Boys
132. Kajem Studios, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania— Boyz II Men
134. Doppler Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Boyz II Men, TLC, Pearl Jam, The Firm, Chyna Doll, Damian Dame
135. Studio LaCoCo, Atlanta, Georgia— Boyz II Men, Toni Braxton, Damian Dame, TLC, Bobby Brown, Aaliyah
136. D.A.R.P. Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Boyz II Men, TLC, Toni Braxton, Brandy and Monica, Destiny's Child
137. Encore Studios, Burbank, California— Boyz II Men, Toni Braxton, Damian Dame
138. Skip Saylor Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Boyz II Men, Brandy
139. Backroom Studios, Glendale, California— Boyz II Men
140. Granny's House Studios, Reno, Nevada— Boyz II Men
141. KrossWire Recording Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— TLC, Aaliyah, Usher
142. Bosstown Recording Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— TLC, Toni Braxton, Bobby Brown
143. Curtom Recording Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— TLC
144. Daddy's House, New York City, New York— TLC, Puff Daddy, Mase
145. The Chicago Recording Company, Chicago, Illinois— Michael Jackson, The Smashing Pumpkins, Pearl Jam, Mary J. Blige, Aaliyah
146. Echo Sounds, Los Angeles, California— Coolio, Ice Cube
147. Chartmaker Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Celine Dion, Toni Braxton, Brandy and Monica, Brandy, Barbara Streisand
148. Trax Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Bone Thugs in Harmony
149. The Tracken Place, Beverly Hills, California— Toni Braxton, K-Ci & Jo-Jo
150. Middle Ear Recording Studios, Miami, Florida— Toni Braxton, Celine Dion
151. Future Recording Studios, Virginia Beach, Virginia— Blackstreet w/Dr. Dre
152. Strongroom Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Spice Girls, The Prodigy
153. The Townhouse Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Elton John
154. * AIR Studios, London, United Kingdom— Elton John, Celine Dion
155. Wallyworld Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Celine Dion, Mariah Carey, Ricky Martin
156. A Touch of Jazz Studios, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania— Will Smith
157. The Hacienda, Los Angeles, California— Will Smith
158. Sony Music Studios, New York City, New York— K-Ci & Jo-Jo, Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Nas, Lauryn Hill, Jay-Z
159. ACME Recording Studio, Mamaroneck, New York— K-Ci & Jo-Jo
160. Hit City Studio, New York City, New York— K-Ci & Jo-Jo
161. Audio Achievements, Torrance, California— K-Ci & Jo-Jo
162. Boulevard Recording Studio, Carson, California— K-Ci & Jo-Jo
163. Classroom Studio, Hollywood, California— K-Ci & Jo-Jo
164. Tickle Box Studios, Los Angeles, California— K-Ci & Jo-Jo
165. Crave Recording Studio, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey
166. Barking Doctor Studios, Mount Kisco, New York— Brandy and Monica, LeAnn Rimes, Ricky Martin
167. Sony Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Brandy and Monica, Barbara Streisand
168. Banana Boat Recording Studio, Burbank, California— Brandy and Monica
169. Arlyn Recording Studios, Austin, Texas— Barenaked Ladies
170. Phase One Studios, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada— Barenaked Ladies
171. Marley Music, Kingston, Jamaica— Lauryn Hill

172. Chung King Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Lauryn Hill, Nas, DMX, Mary J. Blige, Jodeci, Method Man
173. Studio Morin-Heights, Quebec, Canada— Celine Dion
174. The Dream Factory, Los Angeles, California— Celine Dion
175. Dreamhouse Studios, London, United Kingdom— Cher
176. * Quad Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Will Smith, Mariah Carey, DMX, Jay-Z
177. The Mix Room, Los Angeles, California— Will Smith
178. MAW Sound Studios, New York City, New York— Will Smith
179. Avatar Studios, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey, Aerosmith
180. Capri Digital Studios, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey
181. O'Henry Studio, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey
182. Record O, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey
183. Fantasy Recording Studios, San Francisco, California— Santana w/Rob Thomas, En Vogue
184. * Wisseloord Studios, Liversum, The Netherlands— Def Leppard
185. The Music Mill, Nashville, Tennessee— Billy Ray Cyrus, Sammy Kershaw, Toby Keith, Tracy Byrd
186. Passion Recording Studios, Westport, Connecticut— Michael Bolton
187. Olympic Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Depeche Mode, Eric Clapton, The Beatles
188. Little Mountain Sound Studios, Vancouver, Canada— Aerosmith, Van Halen
189. Angel Studios, London, United Kingdom— Barbara Streisand, Elton John
190. The Village Recorders, Los Angeles, California— Barbara Streisand, Snoop Dogg, The Eagles, The Smashing Pumpkins
191. Todd-AO Scoring Stage, Studio City, California— Barbara Streisand
192. The Factory Studios, Dublin, Ireland— U2
193. Westland Recording Studios, Dublin, Ireland— U2
194. Pachyderm Recording Studios, Cannon Falls, Minnesota— Nirvana, Live
195. The Site Recording Studio, Nicasio, California— Pearl Jam, Hootie and the Blowfish
196. Potatohead Studios, Seattle, Washington— Pearl Jam
197. London Bridge Recording Studios, Seattle, Washington— Alice in Chains
198. Oasis Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Toni Braxton
199. Newark Sound Studios, Newark, New Jersey— Toni Braxton
200. Central Recording Studios, Bladensburg, Maryland— Toni Braxton
201. Bad Animals Recording Studio, Seattle, Washington— Soundgarden, Pearl Jam, Alice in Chains
202. Abtrax Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Pantera
203. The Convent Studios, Los Angeles, California— Bonnie Raitt
204. Chomsky Ranch Studios, Los Angeles, California— Bonnie Raitt
205. Britannia Row Studios, London, United Kingdom— Pink Floyd
206. * Abbey Road Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Pink Floyd, The Beatles, Bush
207. Loud Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Tim McGraw, Clay Walker, Clint Black, Tracy Lawrence
208. Mesa Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Tim McGraw, Clint Black, Tracy Lawrence, John Anderson, Clay Walker, Little Texas
209. * Sound Stage Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Tim McGraw, Wynonna, Vince Gill, George Strait, Tracy Lawrence, John Anderson, Clay Walker, Neal McCoy, John Berry, Shania Twain, David Lee Murphy, Trisha Yearwood, Alan Jackson, Terri Clark, Brad Paisley
210. T Pan Alley Studios, New York City, New York— The Beastie Boys
211. G-Son Studios, Atwater Village, California— The Beastie Boys
212. Southern Tracks Recording Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— The Stone Temple Pilots, Pearl Jam, Rage Against the Machine
213. Media Ventures, Los Angeles, California— Elton John

214. Snake Ranch, London, United Kingdom— Elton John
215. BOP Studios, Mmabatho, South Africa— Elton John
216. Kingsway Recording Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana— R.E.M., Pearl Jam
217. Crossover Soundstage, Atlanta, Georgia— R.E.M.
218. Criteria Recording Studios, Miami, Florida— R.E.M., The Firm
219. Warner Burbank Studios, Burbank, California— The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, George Strait
220. Studio G, Seattle, Washington— Kenny G
221. NRG Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Hootie and the Blowfish, No Doubt, Korn, Limp Bizkit
222. Q-Productions Studios, Corpus Christi, Texas— Selena
223. Signet Sound, Hollywood, California— Alanis Morissette
224. Dre's Cribbe, Los Angeles, California— Tha Dogg Pound, Nas
225. D&D Studios, New York City, New York— Nas, Jay-Z
226. Litho Studios, Seattle, Washington— Pearl Jam
227. Compass Point Recording Studios, Nassau, The Bahamas— Celine Dion
228. Mega Studios, New York City, New York— Celine Dion
229. Hum Inc. Productions (Studio) New York City, New York— Celine Dion
230. L.I. (Studio) New York City, New York— Celine Dion
231. The Sound Factory, Hollywood, California— Counting Crows
232. Apple Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Beatles
233. Trident Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Beatles
234. The Digital Shack, Sherman Oaks, California— Snoop Dogg
235. Total Access Sound Studios, Redondo Beach, California— No Doubt
236. Santa Monica Sound, Santa Monica, California— No Doubt
237. Studio 4, Santa Monica, California— No Doubt
238. Grandmaster Studios, Hollywood, California— No Doubt
239. Clear Lake Audio, Hollywood, California— No Doubt
240. Red Zone Studios, Burbank, California— No Doubt
241. North Vine Studios, Hollywood, California— No Doubt
242. Norman Petty Studios, Clovis, New Mexico— LeAnn Rimes
243. Rosewood Studios, Tyler, Texas— LeAnn Rimes
244. South Beach Studios, Miami, Florida— Live, U2
245. The Works, Dublin, Ireland— U2
246. Hanover Quay, Dublin, Ireland— U2
247. Chicago Trax, Chicago, Illinois— Mary J. Blige
248. High Pass Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Bob Carlisle
249. Gambit Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Bob Carlisle
250. U-Neek's Workshop, Los Angeles, California— Bone Thugs-n-Harmony
251. McClain Studios, Dallas, Texas— LeAnn Rimes
252. Starstruck Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— LeAnn Rimes, Reba McEntire, Sara Evans
253. KD Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— LeAnn Rimes, Jeff Carson
254. Curb Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— LeAnn Rimes, Jeff Carson
255. Eden Studios, London, United Kingdom— Celine Dion
256. Paramount Studios, Hollywood, California— Celine Dion
257. New Horizon Sounds, Capitol Heights, Maryland— DMX
258. Power House, New York City, New York— DMX, Eve
259. Soundtrack Studios, New York City, New York— DMX
260. G-Son Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Beastie Boys
261. Oscilloscope Laboratories, Tribeca, New York— Beastie Boys

262. RPM Studios, New York City, New York— Lauryn Hill
263. Perfect Pair Studios, New York City, New York— Lauryn Hill
264. The White Room Studios, Boston, Massachusetts— Marilyn Manson
265. Manhattan Center Studio, New York City, New York— Jay-Z, Aaliyah
266. Royaltone Studios, Los Angeles, California— Alanis Morissette, Rage Against the Machine
267. 4MW East, Newark (metro area), New Jersey— Britney Spears
268. Brandon's Way, Hollywood, California— Chyna Doll
269. Krosswire Sound, Atlanta, Georgia— Chyna Doll
270. Riversound Studios, Lithonia, Georgia— Chyna Doll
271. Ocean Way Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Tim McGraw, George Strait, Martina McBride
272. The Gentleman's Club Studios, Miami Beach, Florida— Ricky Martin
273. The Sound Chamber, Modesto, California— Ricky Martin
274. Guerilla Beach Studios, Toledo, Ohio— Ricky Martin
275. Clinton Recording Studio, New York City, New York— Ricky Martin
276. Heaven Studios, Miami, Florida— Ricky Martin
277. Tone King Studios, Cardinal, Ontario, Canada— Ricky Martin
278. Parc Studios, Orlando, Florida— The Backstreet Boys
279. Polar Recording Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— The Backstreet Boys
280. Nothing Music Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana— Nine Inch Nails
281. Silent Sound, Atlanta, Georgia— Rage Against the Machine
282. Starlight Sound, Lake City, Florida— En Vogue
283. Warehouse/J.E.M. Recording Studios, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania— DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince
284. Boxer Sound, Sausalito, California— Peabo Bryson
285. Tempo Recording, Santa Monica, California— Peabo Bryson
286. Preferred Sound, Woodland Hills, California— Peabo Bryson
287. Beat Street Studios, Hollywood, California— Peabo Bryson
288. Sear Sound, New York City, New York— Peabo Bryson
289. Cheshire Sound, Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Peabo Bryson
290. Cornerstone Studios, Chatsworth, California— Peabo Bryson
291. Devonshire Sound Studios, Hollywood, California— Lionel Richie
292. Motown Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Lionel Richie
293. Aire Studios, Glendale, California— Luther Vandross, Brandy
294. Marathon Studios, New York City, New York— Mary J. Blige
295. Soul Convention Studios, New York City, New York— Mary J. Blige
296. House of Hits, New York City, New York— TLC
297. Death Row Studios, Los Angeles, California— Dr. Dre w/Snoop Dogg
298. Swing Bopulous, Los Angeles, California— Brandy
299. 36 Chambers Records, New York City, New York— Method Man
300. Firehouse Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Method Man
301. Platinum Island Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Method Man
302. Digital B Studio, Kingston, Jamaica— Shaggy
303. Music Works Recording Studio, Kingston, Jamaica— Shaggy
304. HC&F Studios, New York City, New York— Shaggy
305. The Sweat Shop Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Keith Sweat
306. Deep Sound Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Keith Sweat
307. Southern Tracks Recordings, Atlanta, Georgia— Keith Sweat
308. Vanguard Recording Studios, Detroit, Michigan— Aaliyah
309. House of Sound, New York City, New York— Aaliyah
310. Pyramid Sound Studios, Ithaca, New York— Aaliyah

- 311. Full Spectrum Sound Studios, Chicago, Illinois— Aaliyah
- 312. Mystic Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Aaliyah
- 313. Ivory Sound Studios, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania— Erykah Badu
- 314. Dallas Sound Lab, Dallas, Texas— Erykah Badu
- 315. Footprint Sound, Sherman Oaks, California— Colin Raye
- 316. Scruggs Sound Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Sawyer Brown, John Michael Montgomery, Toby Keith, Little Texas
- 317. Muscle Shoals Sound Studios, Sheffield, Alabama— Sawyer Brown
- 318. Cayman Moon Recorders, Nashville, Tennessee— Alan Jackson, Tracy Byrd, Terri Clark
- 319. Studio Sound, Burbank, California— Clint Black
- 320. Moonee Ponds, Los Angeles, California— Clint Black
- 321. Alpine Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Toby Keith
- 322. Woodland Sound Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Mark Chesnutt, Faith Hill, Neal McCoy, Bryan White
- 323. The Dugout Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Sawyer Brown
- 323. Crosstown Studios, Memphis, Tennessee— Little Texas
- 324. Showbus Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Alan Jackson
- 325. A.R.P Track Productions, St. Anne des Lacs, Quebec, Canada— Shania Twain
- 326. Battery Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Shania Twain
- 327. Glenn Gould Studios, Toronto, Canada— Shania Twain
- 328. GBT Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Shania Twain
- 329. Sven Studios, Mamaroneck, New York— Shania Twain
- 330. Sound Barrier Studios, New York City, New York— Shania Twain
- 331. Iliad Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Lonestar
- 332. The Sound Kitchen, Franklin, Tennessee— Lonestar
- 333. Seventeen Grand Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Martina McBride
- 334. EMI Publishing Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Brad Paisley
- 335. Scrimshaw Sound, Antioch, Tennessee— Brad Paisley

The Legendary Recording Studios at the Dawn of a New Century— (2000-2003) (181)

By the early 2000s, the trends which had started in the 1990s were starting to take hold. Smaller facilities, home studios and incredibly large recording studios began to make their appearance, as the trends in popular music and the growth in digital audio workstations started to take effect. Though this list will come to an end in the year 2003— twenty years ago, the recording studio landscape that we do see today was still in its infancy even at this point in time. Though very few of the new recording studio facilities that appear during this brief period, if any, will be a part of the list of legendary facilities that will be a major component of this website project, it is worth noting that there are a few major facilities which make their appearance at this time that are considered to be major facilities today. By this time, musically, hip hop and R&B and the music which appeared on the Billboard Hot 100 singles and album charts were becoming virtually the same. Pop music and country music were just beginning to meld together, as many of the artists who are popular today, such as Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood and Kelly Clarkson, began their careers and are still marketed as country music artists, even to this day. The final classic rock songs to appear on the charts were “I Don’t Wanna Miss a Thing,” by Aerosmith and “Smooth,” by Santana in collaboration with Matchbox Twenty lead singer, Rob Thomas— both of these songs are classic hits, but they also represent the final gasps of the music that has powered the pop charts since 1955. As studio facilities became smaller, the medium-sized facilities which had been the backbone of the music production industry— many of which were truly legendary— slowly began to disappear. Though it is beyond the scope of this entry, the recession of 2008 and the development of

digital audio streaming services further crippled the popular music industry, as for the very first time in its long and storied history, the physical distribution of its products were no longer controlled by the record companies which for so long had provided the financial capital and investment necessary for the continued growth and development of the industry. As it has been with the other lists, this set of entries list the artists who recorded number-one hit songs on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart, the country music singles chart, the R&B (hip hop) singles chart and the Billboard Hot 200 album chart from 2000-2003. If a recording studio facility is still open and operating fully, it will have an asterisk by its name as well as its location.

1. Capri Digital Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey
2. Avatar Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Mariah Carey, Britney Spears, John Mayer
3. Masterfonics, Nashville, Tennessee— Lonestar, Rascal Flatts, Blake Shelton
4. Iliad Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Lonestar
5. * The Sound Kitchen, Franklin, Tennessee— Lonestar, Lee Ann Womack, The Sons of the Desert, Sara Evans, Diamond Rio, Gary Allen
6. Pacifique Sound Studios, North Hollywood, California— Destiny's Child, Britney Spears, 2Pac
7. Fantasy Recording Studios, San Francisco, California— Santana
8. * The Record Plant, Los Angeles, California— Santana, Nelly, Kelly Rowland, Eminem, Janet Jackson, Michael Jackson, Britney Spears
9. Manhattan Center Studios, New York City, New York— Aaliyah, Jay-Z, Cam'ron
10. Hyde Park Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— Enrique Iglesias
11. Tree Sound Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Matchbox Twenty, Usher, B2K, P. Diddy, Outkast, Usher
12. East Iris Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Matchbox Twenty
13. * Ocean Way Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Matchbox Twenty, Tim McGraw, Jo Dee Messina, Phil Vassar, Lonestar, Brad Paisley
14. * Battery Recording Studios, New York City, New York (once The Record Plant)— NSYNCH, Britney Spears, Profyle
15. Cheiron Recording Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— NSYNCH, Britney Spears, The Backstreet Boys
16. Metalworks Recording Studios, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada— Sisqo
17. Flyte Tyme Recording Studios, Edina, Minnesota— Janet Jackson
18. SARM West Studios, London, United Kingdom— Madonna, Alicia Keys
19. Ranch Studios, Valley Stream, New Jersey— Hot Shot, Shaggy
20. Stankonia Recording Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Shaggy, Nelly, Kelly Rowland, Beyonce, Outkast
21. * Westlake Audio, Los Angeles, California— Crazy Town, Clay Aiken, Limp Bizkit, Janet Jackson, Aaliyah, Britney Spears, Alanis Morissette, Celine Dion, Madonna, Staind, Missy Elliot
22. Big Yard Studio, Kingston, Jamaica— Shaggy
23. HC&F Studios, Freeport, New York— Shaggy
24. * Sugar Hill Recording Studios, Houston, Texas— Destiny's Child, Beyonce
25. Sound on Sound, New York City, New York— Destiny's Child
26. KrucialKeys Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Alicia Keys
27. Record One, Sherman Oaks, California— Mary J. Blige
28. * Quad Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Mary J. Blige, Jay-Z, Alicia Keys
29. Southside Recording Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Usher
30. Greenhouse Studios, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada— Nickelback
31. The Crackhouse Studios, New York City, New York— Ja Rule, Ashanti
32. Soundcastle Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Ashanti
33. Studio 353, New York City, New York— Nelly, Kelly Rowland
34. * The Hit Factory, New York City, New York— Nelly, Kelly Rowland, Jennifer Lopez (J-Lo), LL Cool J, Beyonce, Jay-Z, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Britney Spears, Luther Vandross, Alicia Keys

35. Sound-on-Sound Recording Studio, New York City, New York— Nelly, Kelly Rowland, Britney Spears
36. Audio Vision Recording Studios, Miami, Florida— Nelly, Kelly Rowland
37. The Enterprise, Burbank, California— Nelly, Kelly Rowland, Celine Dion, Beyonce
38. Henson Recording Studios (formerly A&M Studios) Los Angeles, California— Nelly, Kelly Rowland, Tim McGraw
39. Heeba Jeeba Studios, Sherman Oaks, California— Nelly, Kelly Rowland
40. Real FM Sound, Hollywood, California— Nelly, Kelly Rowland
41. Nature's Finest Studios, Hollywood, California— Nelly, Kelly Rowland
42. 54 Sound Studio, Detroit, Michigan— Eminem, Jay-Z
43. Rockland Studios, Chicago, Illinois— B2K, P. Diddy, R. Kelly
44. Chicago Recording Company, Chicago, Illinois— B2K, P. Diddy, R. Kelly
45. The Cutting Room, New York City, New York— B2K, P. Diddy
46. Daddy's House Recording Studios, New York City, New York— B2K, P. Diddy, Britney Spears
47. Triangle Sound Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— B2K, P. Diddy, Britney Spears
48. Circle House Studios, Miami, Florida— B2K, P. Diddy
49. Rokstone Studios, London, United Kingdom— Clay Aiken
50. Sony Music Studios, New York City, New York— Beyonce, Jay-Z, Aaliyah, Michael Jackson, Celine Dion, Profyle
51. South Beach Studios, Miami, Florida— Beyonce, Staind
52. Patchwerk Recording Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Ludacris, Beyonce
53. Karma Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Outkast
54. Larrabee Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Outkast, Eminem, Blink-182, Alanis Morissette, Toni Braxton
55. Criteria Recording Studios (Hit Factory-owned), Miami, Florida— DMX, Michael Jackson, Britney Spears, Celine Dion, Godsmack, Jay-Z, Alicia Keys, Missy Elliot, Monica
56. Powerhouse Recording Studios, New York City, New York— DMX
57. Baseline Studios, New York City, New York— Jay-Z, Beyonce, Cam'ron
58. D&D Studios, New York City, New York— Jay-Z
59. Electric Lady Recording Studios, New York City, New York— D'Angelo, Staind, Erykah Badu
60. 3rd Floor Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Britney Spears
61. East Bay Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Britney Spears
62. Encore Studios, Burbank, California— Eminem, Jay-Z
63. Chung King Studios, Los Angeles, California— Eminem
64. The Mix Room, Burbank, California— Eminem, Mailyn Manson
65. Unique Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Nelly, Profyle
66. Guerilla Beach Studios, Los Angeles, California— Madonna
67. Guillaume Tell Studios, Paris, France— Radiohead
68. Medley Studios, Copenhagen, Denmark— Radiohead
69. EMI Studios (now Abbey Road) London, United Kingdom— The Beatles
70. Apple Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Beatles
71. Olympic Recording Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Beatles, Madonna, Britney Spears
72. Trident Studios, London, United Kingdom— The Beatles
73. Pathe Marconi Studios, Paris, France— The Beatles
74. Polar Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— The Backstreet Boys
75. Darkchild Studios, Pleasantville, New York— The Backstreet Boys, Michael Jackson
76. Parc Studios, Orlando, Florida— The Backstreet Boys
77. Brandon's Way Studio, Los Angeles, California— The Backstreet Boys, Michael Jackson
78. * Conway Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— The Dave Matthews Band, Britney Spears
79. Can-Am Studios, Tarzana, California— 2Pac

80. Skip Saylor Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— 2Pac
81. The Soundlab, Los Angeles, California— 2Pac
82. Record One, Los Angeles, California— 2Pac, Janet Jackson, Michael Jackson, Jay-Z, Tim McGraw
83. O'Henry Sound Studios, Burbank, California— 2Pac, Tim McGraw
84. Mirror Image Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Janet Jackson
85. Cello Studios, Hollywood, California— Tool, Blink-182, System of a Down
86. The Hook Studio, Hollywood, California— Tool
87. Big Empty Space, Hollywood, California— Tool
88. The Lodge, Hollywood, California— Tool
89. NRG Studios, Los Angeles, California— Staind, Linkin Park
90. Long View Farm Studios, North Brookfield, Massachusetts— Staind
91. Signature Sound, San Diego, California— Blink-182
92. Music Grinder, Los Angeles, California— Aaliyah
93. Magic Mix, Los Angeles, California— Aaliyah
94. Sing Sing Studios, Melbourne, Australia— Aaliyah
95. Soundtracks Studios, New York City, New York— Aaliyah, Linkin Park
96. Marvin's Room, Los Angeles, California— Michael Jackson
97. Future Recording Studios, Virginia Beach, Virginia— Michael Jackson
98. A Touch of Jazz, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania— Michael Jackson
99. Capitol Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Michael Jackson
100. Jack's Tracks Recording Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Garth Brooks
101. J. Stanley Productions, Ocoee, Florida— Creed
102. Transcontinental Studios, Orlando, Florida— Creed
103. Right Track Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Britney Spears, Luther Vandross, Beyonce
104. The DOJO, Jackson, New Jersey— Britney Spears
105. 2nd Floor Studios, Orlando, Florida— Britney Spears
106. Rusk Sound, Los Angeles, California— Britney Spears
107. Horsens (The Jailhouse) Studios, Horsens, Denmark— Britney Spears
108. Maratone Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— Britney Spears
109. Great Big Music, Los Angeles, California— Alanis Morissette
110. Dog House Studios, Los Angeles, California— Alanis Morissette
111. Royaltone Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Alanis Morissette
112. Bananaboat Studios, Burbank, California— Celine Dion
113. Chartmaker Studios, Los Angeles, California— Celine Dion
114. Cove City Sound, Glen Cove, New York— Celine Dion
115. Endeavor Studios, Suresnes, France— Celine Dion
116. Maison de Musique, Quebec, Canada— Celine Dion
117. Master Plan Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— Celine Dion
118. Metropolis, London, United Kingdom— Celine Dion
119. Paradise Sound, Miami, Florida— Celine Dion
120. Piccolo Studio, Montreal, Quebec, Canada— Celine Dion
121. Deutsches Filmorchester, Berlin, Germany— Celine Dion
122. Murlyn Studios, Stockholm, Sweden— Celine Dion, Britney Spears
123. Sony Oasis Studios, Toronto, Canada— Celine Dion
124. Sony Recording Studios, Los Angeles, California— Celine Dion, Tim McGraw, Jo Dee Messina
125. SR Studio 2, Stockholm, Sweden— Celine Dion
126. The Location, Stockholm, Sweden— Celine Dion
127. TODD-AO Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Celine Dion
128. WallyWorld Studios, Los Angeles, California— Celine Dion

129. The Record Plant, Sausalito, California (The Plant)— The Dave Matthews Band
130. Southern Tracks Recording Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Bruce Springsteen
131. * Cedar Creek Recording Studios, Austin, Texas— The Dixie Chicks
132. Groovemaster Studios, Chicago, Illinois— Disturbed
133. Master Sounds, Richmond, Virginia— Jay-Z
134. Boiler Room, Providence, Rhode Island— Jay-Z
135. Sorcerer Sound Studio, New York City, New York— Norah Jones
136. Allaire Studios, Shokan, New York— Norah Jones
137. Doppelherz Blood Treatment Facility, Los Angeles, California— Marilyn Manson
138. Ocean Way Recording Studios, Hollywood, California— Marilyn Manson, John Mayer
139. Bear Tracks Studios, Suffern, New York— Luther Vandross
140. Hannibal Studios, Santa Monica, California— Luther Vandross
141. Playground Studios (Mini Mansion) Closter, New Jersey— Luther Vandross
142. Skip Trip (Algorhythm) Studios, Belle Mead, New Jersey— Luther Vandross
143. The Dengen, Torrance, California— Luther Vandross
144. SoHo Studios, New York City, New York— Beyonce
145. COE.BE.3 Studios, Stone Mountain, Georgia— Beyonce
146. The Mansion, Los Angeles, California— Jay-Z
147. The Chocolate Factory, Chicago, Illinois— Britney Spears
148. 3:20 Sound Studios, Los Angeles, California— Britney Spears
149. Metrophonic Studios, London, United Kingdom— Britney Spears
150. Kampo Recording Studios, New York City, New York— Alicia Keys
151. Plus XXX Studios, Paris, France— Alicia Keys
152. Soundwise Sound Studios, Amsterdam, The Netherlands— Alicia Keys
153. Master Sound Studios, Virginia Beach, Virginia— Missy Elliot, LL Cool J, Jay-Z
154. Studio 57, New York City, New York— Profyle
155. The Weight Room, New York City, New York— Profyle
156. Head Up Recording, Newark, New Jersey— Profyle
157. Yelrach Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Profyle
158. Noontime Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Profyle
159. Doppler Studios, Atlanta, Georgia— Profyle
160. Creative Recording Inc. Nashville, Tennessee— Kenny Rogers, Billy Dean, Alison Krauss
161. Javelina Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Lee Ann Womack, The Sons of the Desert, Gary Allan
162. The SoundShop Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Aaron Tippin, Brooks & Dunn, Lonestar
163. Scrimshaw Sound, Antioch, Tennessee— Brad Paisley
164. EMI Publishing Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Brad Paisley
165. The Castle Recording Studios, Franklin, Tennessee— Brad Paisley
166. Sound Stage Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Brad Paisley, George Strait, Tim McGraw
167. Thelma's Road Studio, Nashville, Tennessee— Brad Paisley
168. The Money Pit, Nashville, Tennessee— Sara Evans, Martina McBride
169. Seventeen Grand Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee, Sara Evans, Randy Travis
170. Emerald Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Lonestar, Blake Shelton, Tim McGraw
171. Rosewood Studios, Tyler, Texas— Steve Holy
172. Buck Owens Productions, Bakersfield, California— Brad Paisley
173. The Work Station, Nashville, Tennessee— Rascal Flatts
174. Sony/Tree Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Blake Shelton
175. Cool Tools Audio, Nashville, Tennessee— Blake Shelton
176. Treasure Isle Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Blake Shelton

- 177. Blueberry Hill Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Blake Shelton
- 178. The Sound Emporium, Nashville, Tennessee— Randy Travis
- 179. Allaire Studios, Shokan, New York— Tim McGraw
- 180. Profound Sound Recording Studios, Nashville, Tennessee— Tim McGraw
- 181. Essential Sound Studios, Houston, Texas— Tim McGraw

The Legendary Studios of the Past— In the Present

A number of the legendary recording studios of the past are still open and working facilities. There are a number of these great facilities from the past, however, that have closed over the course of the past few years. Following the Great Recession of 2007-2008, the development of music streaming services and the growth of both home recording studios and small recording studio venues, quite a few large-scale recording studio facilities closed their doors for good— especially in both New York City, New York and Nashville, Tennessee. Of those that remain open, some have expanded to become even larger, or have transitioned into other streams of revenue, such as podcasting, sound for film, video games and television programs, or into partnerships with educational facilities. Without a doubt, the greatest songs which have been performed by the greatest artists in history were also recorded in the legendary recording studios of the past. It is my sincere hope that a new generation of artists, engineers, musicians and producers will read articles such as this one and set their sights on preserving the legendary recording studios of the past, so that the great music of the future can continue to be made in them for generations of music lovers around the world to continue to enjoy— and, to love and to treasure.