

Genres and Subgenres of Music

The following is an incomplete list of genres and subgenres.

You may choose one from the list or you can chose another genre and subgenre.

Jazz

- Ragtime jazz
- Blues jazz
- New Orleans jazz
- Swing jazz
- European Jazz
- Post war jazz
- Bebop
- Afro-Cuban jazz (cu-bop)
- Dixieland revival
- Cool jazz and West Coast jazz
- Hard bop
- Modal jazz
- Free jazz
- Latin jazz
- Post-bop
- Soul jazz
- African-inspired
- Jazz fusion
- Jazz-funk
- Traditionalism in the 1980s
- Smooth jazz
- Acid jazz, nu jazz and jazz rap
- Punk jazz and jazzcore
- M-Base
- 1990s–present

Rap

- Proto-rap
- Old school hip-hop
- Flow
- Sung rhythmic style
- Speech effusive style
- Percussion effusive style

- Emcees
- Freestyle

Rock

- Rock and roll
- Pop rock and instrumental rock
- Surf music
- British Invasion
- Garage rock
- Psychedelia and progressivism
- Blues and folk fusions
- Psychedelic rock
- Progressive rock
- Jazz rock
- Roots rock
- Glam rock
- Soft rock, hard rock and early heavy metal
- Christian rock
- Punk rock
- New wave
- Post-punk
- Heartland rock
- Emergence of alternative rock
- Grunge
- Britpop
- Post-grunge
- Pop punk
- Indie rock
- Alternative metal, rap rock and nu metal
- Post-Britpop
- Post-hardcore and emo
- Garage rock/post-punk revival
- Digital electronic rock

Punk Rock

- Garage and beat phenomenon
- Post-psychedelic proto-punk
- New wave
- Post-punk
- Hardcore
- Oi!

- Anarcho-punk
- Pop punk
- Glam-Rock
- Other fusions and directions
- Alternative rock and grunge
- Emo
- Queercore
- Riot grrrl

Hip Hop Music

- New school hip hop
- Golden age hip hop
- Gangsta rap
- West coast hip hop
- East coast hip hop
- Crunk and snap music
- Trap music
- World hip hop music

Reggae

- Drums reggae
- Base reggae
- Guitar reggae
- Horns reggae
- Vocal reggae
- Dancehall and Ragga reggae
- Americas reggae
- Europe reggae
- Africa reggae
- Asia reggae
- Australia and New Zealand reggae

Pop music

- Specifically looking within other genres to classify as pop or not.
- And combination of genres into what is Pop

Country Music

- Singing cowboys and Western swing
- Changing instrumentation
- Hillbilly boogie
- Bluegrass, folk and gospel
- Honky tonk

- Rockabilly
- The Nashville and countrypolitan sounds
- Country-soul crossover
- Bakersfield sound
- Outlaw country and Red Dirt
- Country pop
- Country rock
- Neocountry
- Truck driving country
- Neo Traditionalist movement
- Line dancing revival
- Alt-country/Americana
- Bro-country
- Country rap

Classical

- Medieval music
- Renaissance music
- Baroque music
- Classical music
- Romantic music
- Modernist music
- Contemporary classical music
- Postmodern music
- Post-postmodern instrumentation
- Gender of performers
- Modern, high modern, post-modern, post-postmodern, or contemporary music

Dubstep

- Wobble bass
- Structure, bass drops, rewinds
- Post dubstep

Disco

- Proto-disco and early history of disco music
- Rise to the mainstream
- Pop preeminence
- Parodies
- Euro disco
- DJ culture
- Rave culture
- Hip hop and electro
- House music

- Post-punk
- Dance-punk
- Nu-disco

Blues

- Boogie-woogie
- Classic female blues
- Country blues
- Electric blues
- Jump blues
- Piano blues
- Acid blues
- African blues
- Blues rock
- British blues
- Canadian blues
- Chicago blues
- Contemporary R&B
- Delta blues
- Detroit blues
- Dirty blues
- Funky blues
- Gospel blues
- Hill country blues
- Hokum blues
- Jazz blues
- Kansas City blues
- Louisiana blues
- Memphis blues
- New Orleans blues
- Piedmont blues
- Punk blues
- Rhythm and blues (R&B)
- Soul blues
- St. Louis blues
- Swamp blues
- Texas blues
- West Coast blues

Folk

- North, Central, South American and the Caribbean
- Asia: East, Southeast, Northern, Central, Caucasus and South Asia

- Europe: Northern, Eastern, Southeastern, Western and Southern Europe
- Middle East and North Africa: Southwest Asia, North Africa
- Oceania and Australia: Polynesia, Australasia, Melanesia, Micronesia
- Sub-Saharan Africa: East, Southern, Central and West Africa

As well as dividing songs according to geography, it is possible to categorise them by subject matter:

- War song
- Anti-war song
- Tamang Selo
- Sea songs, including sea shanties
- Drinking song
- Work song
- Love song
- Child Ballads (tragic ballads)
- Protest song
- Murder ballad
- Sporting song

Other folk music relates to social events:

- Christmas carol
- Pub session