



Ella Langley's 'Choosin' Texas' Ties Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey's Records on Billboard Hot 100

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The year's biggest hit single, Ella Langley's "Choosin' Texas," has racked up its 14th week at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 — and has tied a record held by Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey.

Langley's song, which first topped the Hot 100 chart in February, ties Mariah Carey's "We Belong Together" and Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" for the most weeks at No. 1, apart from holiday singles by female performers with no male-billed acts. That caveat is of course for Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You," which has totaled some 22 weeks across seven years.

Along the way, Langley — pictured above winning the Academy of Country Music's award for female artist of the year in May — has passed Brandy & Monica's "The Boy Is Mine" with 13 weeks, Destiny's Child's "Independent Women Part I" and Toni Braxton's "Un-Break My Heart," both with 11.

"Choosin' Texas" racked up 24 million official streams (down 4% week over week) and 51 million radio airplay audience impressions (up 1%), with 7,000 copies sold in the U.S. for the week of July 10-16.

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Elsewhere on the chart, fast-rising country star Stella Lefty scored her first Hot 100 top 10, with “Boston” climbing to No. 6, and Olivia Dean topped the Radio Songs chart with “So Easy (To Fall in Love),” climbing from No. 12 to 9 on the Hot 100. It passes Dean’s other smash, “Man I Need,” which slips from No. 5 to 10. It continues a remarkable run for the British singer, as both songs have peaked at No. 5 on the Hot 100 and have been on the charts for 41 and 46 weeks, respectively.