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**Mariah Nets 16th Hot 100 No. 1**

[Billboard.com](http://Billboard.com) writes:

With the 2-1 ascension of *We Belong Together* in the song's eighth week on Billboard's Hot 100, Mariah Carey notches her 16th No. 1 on the singles chart. In addition, the track, which is also the Hot 100's greatest airplay gainer, moves 2-1 on the R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart to become her ninth chart topper there.

As Fred Bronson reports in this week's *Chart Beat* column:

From Aug. 4, 1990, the week she hit No. 1 for the first time on Billboard's Hot 100 (with *Vision of Love*), Mariah Carey occupied the chart's summit for at least one week every year through 2000, when she spent the week of Feb. 19 in pole position with *Thank God I Found You*.

Carey hasn't visited the zenith since -- until now. More than five years after *Thank God I Found You*, Carey earns her 16th No. 1 with *We Belong Together* (Island). This new chart-topper keeps Carey in third place among all artists with the most No. 1s in the rock era, but inches her ever closer to matching and surpassing Elvis Presley's second-place total of 17 No. 1 hits. The Beatles remain in first place with 20.

*We Belong Together* is Carey's first No. 1 on the Hot 100 without any featured artists in seven years and one week, since *My All* topped the chart the week of May 23, 1998.

A 2-1 rise on the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart is good enough to make *We Belong Together* Carey's ninth No. 1 on this survey, and her first since *Loverboy* led the list for two weeks in August 2001.

Carey was supported on *Loverboy* by Da Brat and Ludacris. *We Belong Together* is Carey's first No. 1 without any guest artists since *Always Be My Baby* captured the top spot in May 1996.