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Billboard's annual ranking of powerful young voices includes arena headliners and promising new talent, familiar names and new musicians quickly rising toward the mainstream. From brand-new stars crashing into the Top 5 to list mainstays still representing the power of youth to the No. 1 artist taking the top spot for the first time, check out the full list below. (For groups, if most members are under 21, they were considered eligible.)



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### **Sabrina Carpenter, 18**

As the de facto leader of Hollywood Records' next wave of Disney stars, [Carpenter](#) (who from 2014 to 2017 co-starred on *Girl Meets World*) released her 2015 debut, *Eyes Wide Open*, prior to last year's *EVOLution*, which debuted at No. 28 on the Billboard 200. She has already followed July's "Why," her most adult-friendly single to date, with a slew of U.S. headlining shows. "These are the strangest years of our lives," she says of being a teen. "We have to work a bit harder to prove ourselves."