



# NY:LON CONNECT

## TRACK 4 - INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA

JANUARY 2022

# WHAT WE'RE GOING TO COVER TODAY

- New Global and Country Metrics and Insights
- What's Happening in Africa
- African Music Globally
- The Global Afro-Pop Fan

**ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS AND THANKS GO TO:**  
Eric Frankenburg, Peter Krien, Ally Glerum and Morgan Debnam



# MRC Data (formerly Nielsen Music) is the trusted independent leader in music intelligence and data worldwide.

## UNPARALLELED EXPERTISE & INSIGHTS

Premiere provider of consumption data and analytics to the music industry to help drive business decisions; Billboard chart source of truth.

## COMPREHENSIVE GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Expert analysis and advanced data offerings for U.S. & Canada and Global;  
\*new\* access to top 50 countries in 2022.

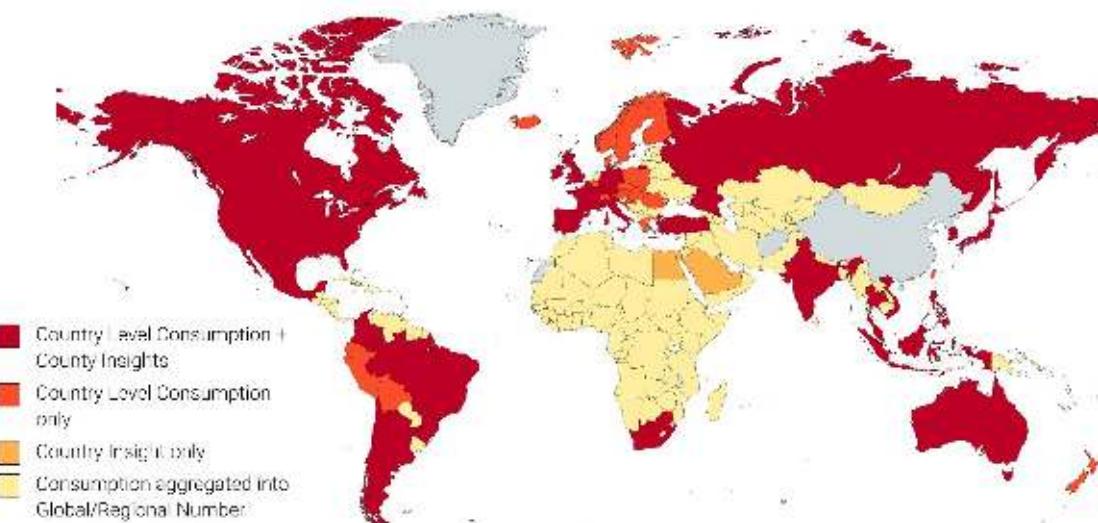
## INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY OFFERINGS

Easy access data platform, custom data feeds, API, mobile app and powerful analytics to ensure the right data is at your fingertips.

# INTRODUCING TERRITORY/COUNTRY LEVEL DATA

MRC Data launching new country level data and consumer insights

Reports and Charts available soon to provide a deep view of digital sales & streams for top global countries



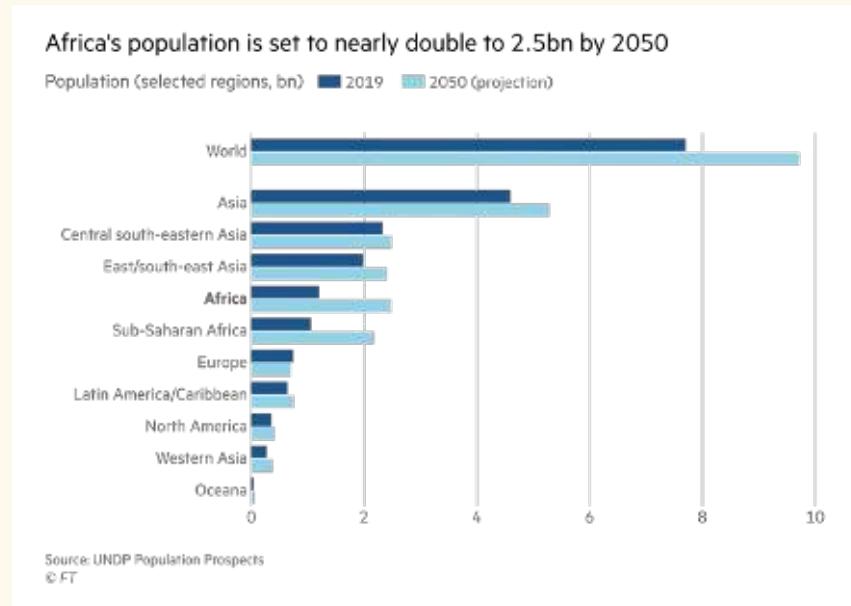


WHAT'S HAPPENING  
IN AFRICA

# WHY THE EXCITEMENT ABOUT AFRICA?

## POPULATION

- In 1980, one in 10 of the world's population was African, by 2050, that will be one in four
- Africa has a median age of 19.7 (Europe = 42.5)
- In 2050, a third of 15- to 64-year-olds will be African
- Africa will become more central in world affairs, and in the music industry



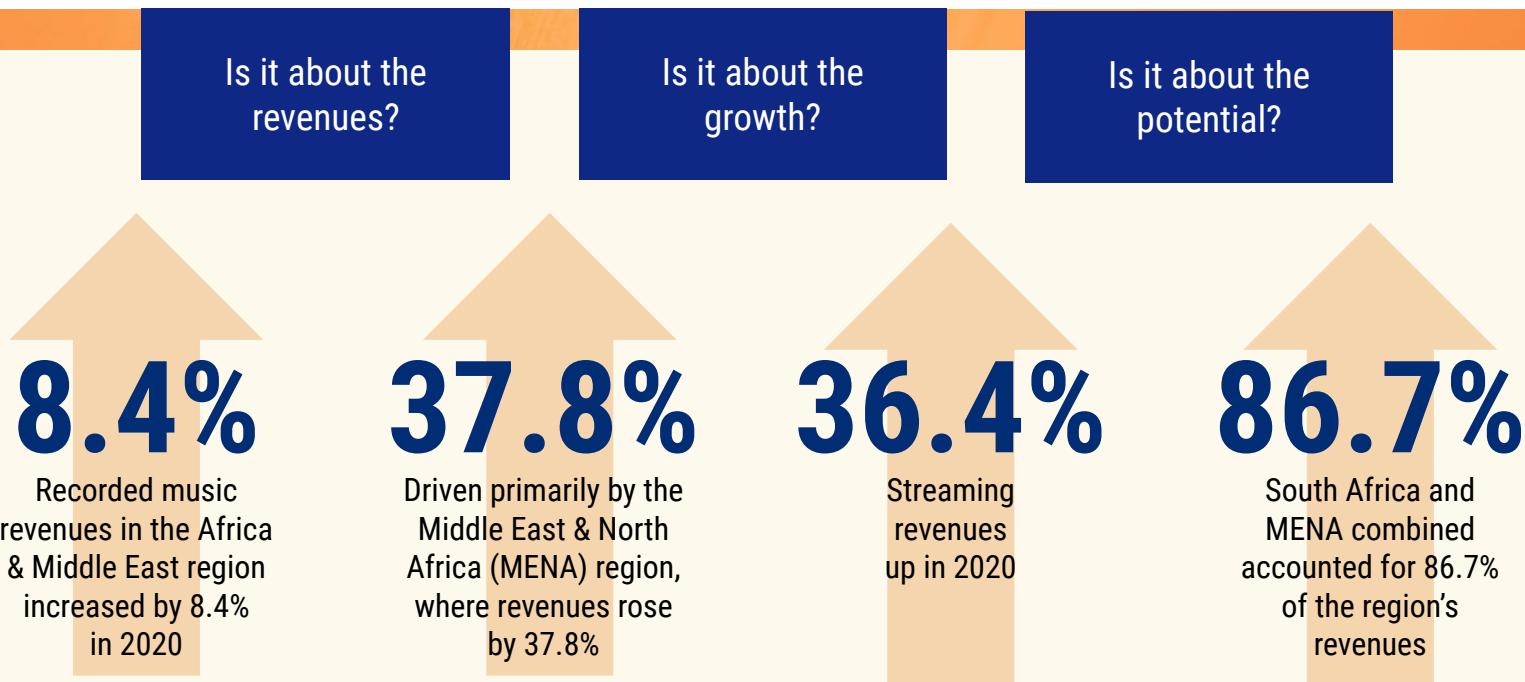
## ECONOMY

- Africa's economy grew ~3.4% in 2019
- A growing number of Africans have joined the middle class each year.

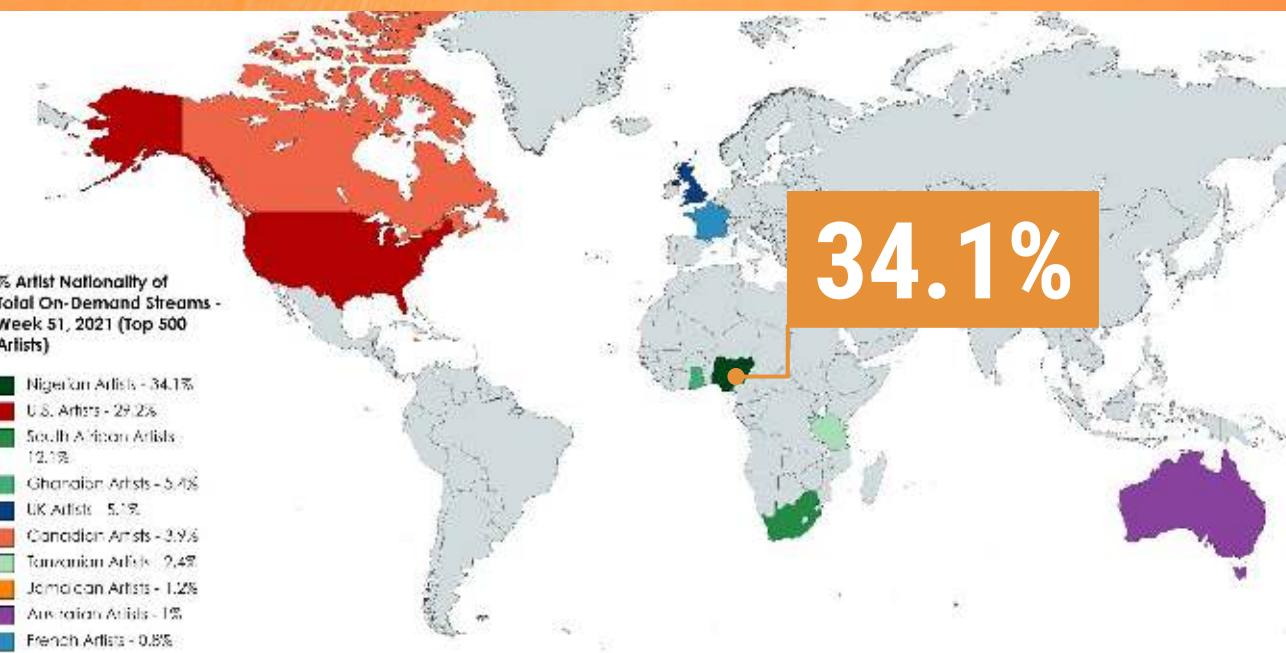
## WOMEN

- In 11 African countries women hold close to one-third of the seats in parliaments.
- Africa has the highest regional female entrepreneurial activity rate in the world, 1 in 4 women starts or manages a business.
- Economic increases and increasing living standards are correlated with female political and workplace representation.

# WHY THE EXCITEMENT ABOUT AFRICA?



# MIX OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS (WEEK 51, 2021)



Credit: MRC Data

SOURCE: MRC DATA: SOURCE: MRC DATA: Top 500 Artists Streamed in Africa, in Week 51, 2021  
Read as: "34.1% of all On-Demand Streams in Africa during Week 51 2021 were of Nigerian Artists"

# INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS STREAMED ACROSS AFRICA (WEEK 51 2022)

Adele

Ckay

Roddy Rich

Dua Lipa

U.S.	UK	FRANCE
JuiceWRLD	Adele	Booba
Kanye West	Coldplay	Dadju
Kodak Black	Dua Lipa	David Guetta
Pop Smoke	Ed Sheeran	Niska
Roddy Rich	Sam Smith	Tayc

# AFRICAN MUSIC ON A GLOBAL STAGE

## Soolking

Algeria

Language:  
Arabic

2021 Global  
Artist #: 1,218



## Aya Nakamura

Mali/France

Language: French  
2021 Global Artist #:  
#: 239



# KEY GLOBAL AFRICAN ARTISTS

## Burna Boy

Nigeria

Language:  
English  
2021 Global  
Artist #: 549



## Wizkid

Nigeria

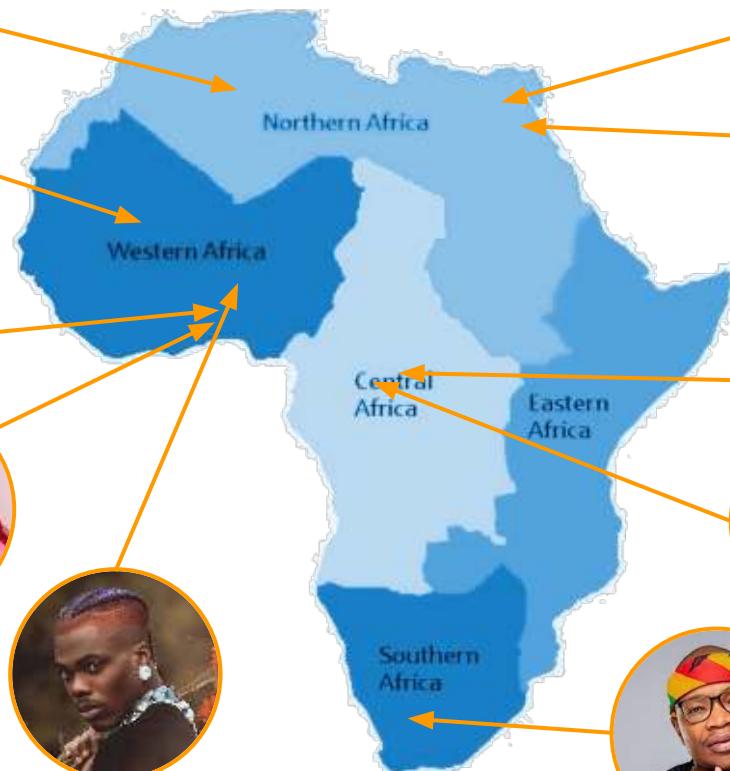
Language:  
English  
2021 Global  
Artist #: 394



## Ckay

Nigeria

Language:  
English  
2021 Global  
Artist #: 147



## Tamer Hosny

Egypt

Language:  
Arabic  
2021 Global  
Artist #: 1,538



## Amr Diab

Egypt

Language:  
Arabic  
2021 Global  
Artist #: 1,246



## Ninho

DRC/France

Language:  
French  
2021 Global  
Artist #: 327



## Maitre Gims

DRC

Language: French  
2021 Global Artist #: 644



## Master KG

South Africa

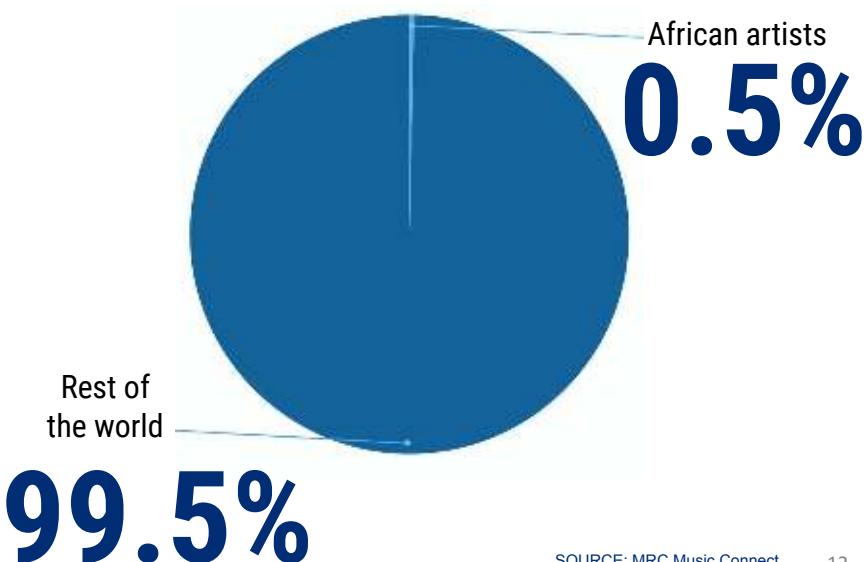
Language: Zulu  
2021 Global Artist #: 571





# HOW IS AFRICAN MUSIC PERFORMING ON A GLOBAL STAGE?

% TOTAL ON-DEMAND STREAMS BY AFRICAN ARTISTS  
IN TOP 10K ARTISTS GLOBALLY - FULL YEAR 2021



SOURCE: MRC Music Connect

# COLLABORATION HELPS CHART SUCCESS



## "Essence" (ENGLISH)

by Wizkid (Nigeria) Featuring  
Tems (Nigeria) & Justin Bieber  
(Canada) on the remix

- 24 weeks on *Billboard Global 200*; No. 28 peak (with the Justin Bieber remix)
- Hit No. 9 on the *Billboard Hot 100* U.S. and spent 25 weeks on the chart



## "Love Nwantiti (Ah Ah Ah)" (ENGLISH/IGBO)

by CKAY (Nigeria), Joeboy  
(Nigeria) and Kuami Eugene  
(Ghana)

- Two weeks at No. 2 on *Billboard Global 200*, still on the charts
- Reached No. 31 on the *Billboard Hot 100* in 2021



## "Peru" (ENGLISH/YORÙBÁ)

by Fireboy DML (Nigeria) and Ed  
Sheeran (UK) on remix

- Debuted at No. 51 on the *Billboard Global Excl. US* chart and No. 72 on the *Global 200*.
- Hit the *Billboard Bubbling Under Hot 100*.



## "Sad Girlz Luv Money" (ENGLISH)

by Amaarae (Ghana-U.S.) with  
Molly (Ghana-U.S.), remix feat.  
Kali Uchis (Colombia-U.S.)

- Reached No's 25 and 26 on the *Billboard Global Excl. US* and *Global 200* charts.
- Reached No. 81 on *Hot 100* in 2021

# AFRICAN MIGRATION



SOURCE: Top Countries by Total African Migrants (2019). United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Population Division (2019). International Migrant Stock 2019 (United Nations database, POP/DB/MIG/Stock/Rev.2019).

# THE AFRO-POP FAN

# MORE POPULAR IN SOME COUNTRIES OVER OTHERS

% of music consumers who listen to Afro Pop/Afro Beats



**39%**

Brazil



**38%**

Italy



**34%**

Germany



**30%**

France



**29%**

Colombia



**27%**

Mexico



**26%**

Chile



**25%**

Spain



**22%**

U.K.



**21%**

Argentina



**7%**

Japan

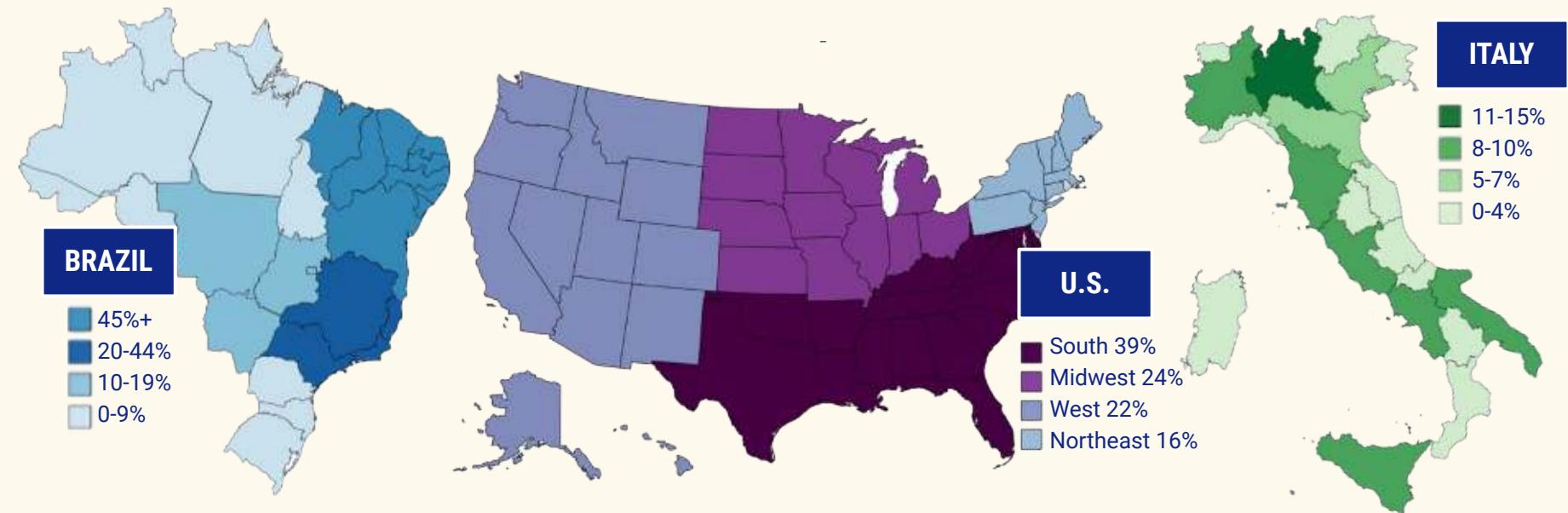


**6%**

U.S.

# WHERE ARE THE AFRO-POP FANS?

AFRO-POP LISTENERS PER REGION IN BRAZIL, ITALY AND THE U.S.



Brazil Music 360 2021; U.S. Music 360 2021; Italy Music 360 2021

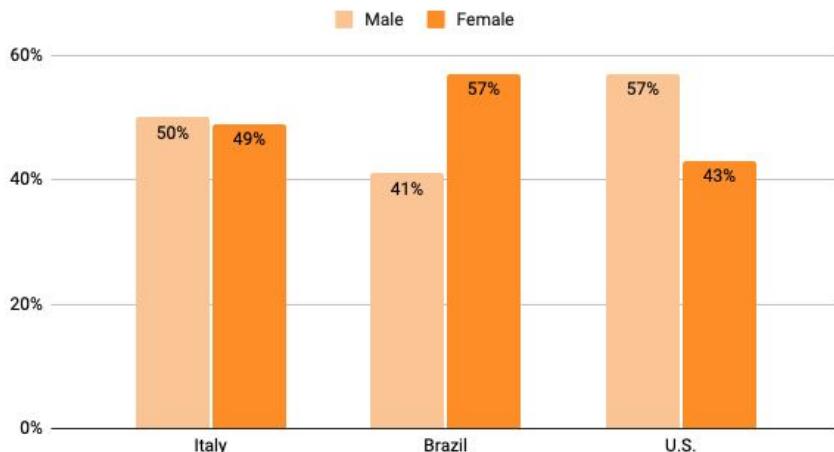
D3. Please indicate the region in which you currently live. Base: Total Respondents Brazil (1537), Italy (2000) S9. In which state do you live? Base: Total Respondents U.S. (4041)

Q14. How often, if ever, do you listen to each of the following types of music? Base: Music Listeners Brazil (1359), Italy (1619) GN1. Which of the following genres, if any, do you listen to in a typical month? Base: Music Listeners U.S. (3036)

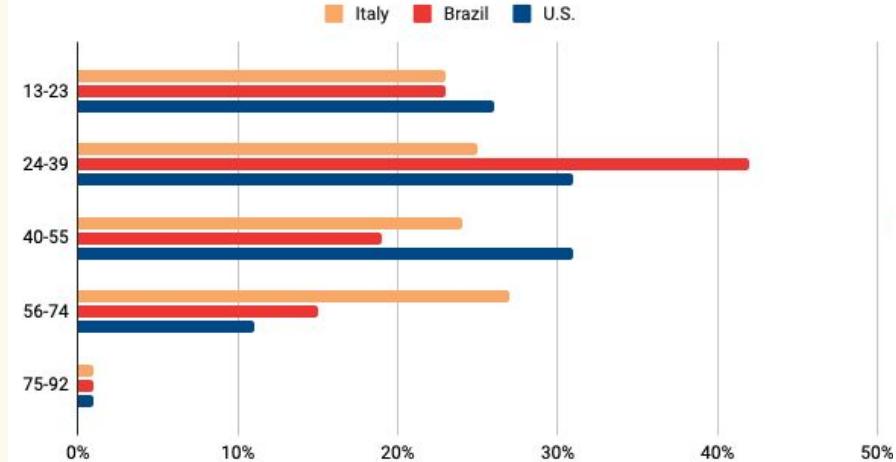
# WHO ARE THE AFRO-POP FANS?

## AFRO-POP DEMOGRAPHICS IN BRAZIL, ITALY AND THE U.S.

### Afro-Pop Fans Gender Split



### Afro-Pop Listeners: Age Breakdown



# SOCIAL MEDIA DRIVING DISCOVERY IN THE U.S.

## Afro-Pop Interest & Discovery



**10%** of U.S. Music Consumers have listened to **Afro-Pop** in the past 2 weeks

**51%**

Video and/or audio streaming services

**44%**

Social media websites/apps

**37%**

Short video clips on social video websites/apps

# SUMMARY

# AFROPOP THE NEXT GLOBAL GROWTH ENGINE?

- 1 Collaborations bring exposure
- 2 A big runaway viral hit helps
- 3 Emigration spreads fandom
- 4 Sound hitting the mainstream
- 5 Demographic future power



Helena Kosinski, VP - Global  
hkosinski@mrcdatareports.com

Download this report for free at <https://mrcdatareports.com>