

## Future: The 2024 Rap MVP?

There have been a lot of notable and exciting catalogs for several rappers this year. Playboi Carti released a handful of songs and features, one being with pop and r&b icon The Weeknd. Kendrick Lamar fueled one of the best rap beefs and ended it all with hit single “Not Like Us” that is on its 26<sup>th</sup> week in the top 20 on the Billboard’s hot 100 charts. Yeat released 2093 and Lifestyle, two groundbreaking albums that debuted at #2 and #1 on the Billboard 200 respectively. Despite all these amazing catalogs, one stands above all the rest as the most complete rap catalog of 2024. That honor belongs to trap pioneer Future himself.

On March 22, Future and producer Metro Boomin dropped their awaited album: WE DON’T TRUST YOU which debuted at number 1 on the Billboard 200. This 17 song collab tape was fueled by a Metro Boomin tweet that stated: “If you on that side stay there.” Not only did it have hits, like “Type Shit”, “Fried”, and “Cinderella”, but a guest verse on the song “Like That” from iconic rapper Kendrick Lamar sparked an entire beef with Drake that would span for months to come. However, Future’s run would not stop there.

A month later on April 12, Future and Metro Boomin dropped a second collab album and a sequel to their previous project titled: WE STILL DON’T TRUST YOU. This album also debuted on the Billboard 200 at number 1 and knocked its predecessor down to the number 3 spot. This stat alone not only marks Future’s second number 1, but the only time this year where an artist has two albums both in the top 3 on the Billboard 200 at the same time. This 25-song tape includes gems like “Luv Bad Bitches”, “Red Leather”, and “Show of Hands. However, Future’s extraordinary 2024 run does not even stop here.

Finally, on September 20, Future dropped his third album of the year: MIXTAPE PLUTO. This album received hype on a different level from the previous two as it was not a collab tape with Metro Boomin, and would instead be a 17-song solo tape. This album also debuted at number 1 on the Billboard 200 which would make it his third number one album not only of the year but only in a 6-month span. This makes him the first and only artist to do so. This album may be his weakest of the year, but it still hosts some hits including the songs, “LIL DEMON”, “SURFING A TSUNAMI”, and “TEFLON DON”. So, while many rappers have had a great 2024, there is no rapper doing it like Future in 2024.