

## Kelly Clarkson

- Do you know Kelly Clarkson?
- How old is she?
- Where is she from?
- What does she do?
- How did she become famous?



**Kelly Clarkson** (born April 24, 1982) is an American singer, songwriter and occasional actress. She is 30 years old and she became famous after being the winner of the first season of the television series 'American Idol' in 2002.

Clarkson was born in Texas, and grew up in the small town of Burleson. She is the third and youngest child of Jeanne Rose, a first grade English teacher of Greek descent and Stephen Michael Clarkson, a former engineer of English descent.

When Clarkson was six years old, her parents divorced after seventeen years of marriage. Clarkson's family struggled financially and music became her refuge. She wanted to become a marine biologist but changed her mind after seeing the movie 'Jaws'. In seventh grade, a teacher overheard her singing and asked her to audition for the school choir. Clarkson continued

singing and soon started classical training, hoping that music would be her ticket to a college scholarship. Upon high school graduation, Clarkson decided against college because she had "already written so much music and wanted to try it on her own," and she figured "you're never too old to go to college."

It's second single, 'Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You) 2012, became her most commercially successful single in over twenty countries, including the United Kingdom. Selling over 3.5 million copies, 'Stronger' is now the best-selling single by an 'Idol' alumna in the United States.