

# Selena Gomez

Since her days on *Barney and Friends*, Selena Gomez has truly blossomed and made a name for herself as a singer, actress, and fashionista. She was born on July 22, 1992 when her mother Mandy was only 16 years old. At seven years old, she and childhood friend Demi Lovato appeared on the popular children's show for two years before being dropped from the series. After *Barney and Friends*, she landed a couple of small roles in *Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over* and *Texas Ranger*. Her first appearances on the Disney Channel were as Gwen on *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody* and as Mikayla in *Hannah Montana*. Eventually, she got her own show, playing Alex on *Wizards of Waverly Place*.

She went on to play a starring role in the ABC Family movie *Another Cinderella Story*, and it was then that she started transitioning into the music business, recording a song for the movie. In 2008, the former Disney star signed a contract with Hollywood Records and began working on her debut album, *Kiss and Tell*. Over the next few years, she started a band called The Scene and recorded a second album, *A Year Without Rain*. She also launched her Dream Out Loud clothing line at Kmart.

Much like the pop star's many projects, Selena Gomez's love life has always been in the public eye. While she was still on *Wizards of Waverly Place*, she was linked to boy bander Nick Jonas. In 2009, she was spotted with *Twilight* hunk Taylor Lautner, but the famous couple didn't last long. In 2010, after initially playing coy about their celebrity romance, she and tween heartthrob Justin Bieber were caught kissing, and from then on, the Hollywood couple was never far from the spotlight. As the good boy became a bad boy, their relationship was constantly on-again, off-again. Many

[celebrity break-up](#) rumors, songs, and cryptic tweets later, it seems the two have officially broken up after dating for nearly four years. Most recently, the singer dropped a new single called "The Heart Wants What It Wants," which is rumored to be about celebrity ex Bieber. She's recently been spotted with music producer Zedd.