

# People COUNTRY SPECIAL

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## *The Free Spirit* Dierks Bentley

AGE: 33 STATUS: MARRIED  
SINCE 2005 TO CASSIDY

Bentley didn't always buck the hat-act mold. "I grew up in Arizona riding horses and wearing cowboy hats. Now I'm a country singer, and I don't wear hats and I ride motorcycles," he says with a laugh. "Go figure!" In his downtime, he and wife Cassidy hop on the bike and cruise the Tennessee back roads. "There's something about having someone grab on behind you and the engine roaring underneath—it's wild and free and exciting," he says. "It's probably the same way the guy felt in the 1800s riding a horse across the desert. You feel like there are no boundaries."

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