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92M
USA — #1 COUNTRY (26.7% OF GLOBAL)

~45%
US AND CANADA SHARE 2025 — DOWN FROM 62% IN 2021

~55M hrs
GRAN TURISMO — #1 EST. (SONY/NETFLIX, JUN–MAY)

$32.8B
TOTAL CONTENT ASSETS NET 2025 — SEC 10-K

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World ranking of countries with the highest number of Netflix subscribers in 2026

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92M USA — #1 COUNTRY (26.7% OF GLOBAL)	**24M** BRAZIL — #2, LARGEST LATAM MARKET	**17.5M** UK — #3, LARGEST EUROPEAN COUNTRY
13M INDIA — LARGEST APAC COUNTRY	**~345M** GLOBAL TOTAL 2026E (ALL COUNTRIES)	**190+** COUNTRIES WHERE NETFLIX OPERATES

World Ranking

World ranking of countries based on the total number of Netflix subscribers in 2026

The United States is Netflix's largest market by a significant margin — its estimated 92 million subscribers are nearly four times larger than the second-ranked country, Brazil (24 million). This dominance reflects Netflix's US origins: the company launched domestically in 1997, giving it a 14-year head start before its first international market (Canada, 2010). The US accounts for approximately 26.7% of Netflix's estimated 345 million global subscribers in 2026, despite representing less than 5% of the world's population.

Latin America collectively accounts for approximately 57 million subscribers across all LATAM countries in 2026E, with Brazil (24M) and Mexico (17M) together representing 72% of the region. Europe (EMEA excluding Middle East and Africa) contributes approximately 95-100 million of Netflix's ~121 million EMEA total, with the UK, France, and Germany the three largest European markets. The full regional context is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

Asia Pacific presents the most interesting story for future country-level growth. India's estimated 13 million subscribers in 2026 represents less than 5% penetration of Indian broadband households, leaving enormous headroom. South Korea (6M) punches above its weight given its relatively small population due to high broadband penetration and strong local content demand driven by Korean dramas and Squid Game's global impact.

World Ranking — Countries by Netflix Subscribers 2026E (millions) Countries with the Most Netflix Subscribers Worldwide — Top 25 Ranking 2026E All figures are industry estimates. Netflix does not report country-level data. Colors = Netflix region (Gold: UCAN, Blue: EMEA, Green: LATAM, Orange: APAC) BusinessStats Research 2026E | Data: Statista, Bloomberg, Variety, Reuters country-level Netflix subscriber estimates. Regional control totals: UCAN ~103M, EMEA ~121M, LATAM ~57M, APAC ~64M. Margin of error: ~10-15% per country.

Full Data Table

Netflix Subscribers by Country 2026E — Top 25 Full Data Table

The table below shows the top 25 countries by estimated Netflix subscriber count in 2026, with market penetration rates and regional classification. All data are BusinessStats Research estimates. Click any column to sort. The net additions history that produced these 2026 subscriber bases is in our Netflix net subscriber additions analysis.

Netflix Subscribers by Country — Top 25 World Ranking 2026E Click column to sort

RANK	COUNTRY	REGION	SUBSCRIBERS 2026E (M)	MARKET PENETRATION (%)	SHARE OF GLOBAL (%)
1	**United States**	UCAN	**92.0M**	~65%	26.7%
2	**Brazil**	LATAM	**24.0M**	~28%	6.9%
3	United Kingdom	EMEA	17.5M	~58%	5.1%
4	Mexico	LATAM	17.0M	~26%	4.9%
5	France	EMEA	14.0M	~48%	4.1%
6	Germany	EMEA	13.5M	~42%	3.9%
7	India	APAC	13.0M	~5%	3.8%
8	Canada	UCAN	11.0M	~62%	3.2%
9	Spain	EMEA	10.0M	~40%	2.9%
10	Italy	EMEA	9.0M	~38%	2.6%
11	Australia	APAC	8.5M	~60%	2.5%
12	Japan	APAC	8.5M	~20%	2.5%

13	Argentina	LATAM	7.5M	~38%	2.2%
14	Colombia	LATAM	6.5M	~24%	1.9%
15	Poland	EMEA	6.5M	~38%	1.9%
16	Netherlands	EMEA	6.0M	~52%	1.7%
17	South Korea	APAC	6.0M	~30%	1.7%
18	Turkey	EMEA	6.0M	~20%	1.7%
19	Sweden	EMEA	5.0M	~55%	1.4%
20	Chile	LATAM	4.5M	~42%	1.3%
21	Belgium	EMEA	3.5M	~50%	1.0%
22	Portugal	EMEA	3.5M	~48%	1.0%
23	Thailand	APAC	3.0M	~12%	0.9%
24	Norway	EMEA	3.0M	~60%	0.9%
25	Switzerland	EMEA	3.0M	~55%	0.9%

United States

United States: ~92 Million Subscribers in 2026 — By Far the World's Largest Netflix Market

The United States accounts for an estimated **92 million Netflix subscribers in 2026**, making it Netflix's largest single-country market by a margin of approximately 68 million over the second-ranked Brazil. The US was Netflix's only market from 1997 to 2010, giving it a multi-year head start. US subscribers generate the highest revenue per membership globally, at approximately $17-18 per month, due to premium plan pricing and lower adoption of the ad-supported tier relative to subscribers' income levels.

US market penetration is estimated at approximately 65% of broadband households — one of the highest rates of any country globally, alongside Canada and Australia. This near-saturation means future US subscriber growth is driven primarily by price increases, advertising revenue expansion (the ad-supported tier launched in November 2022), and retaining existing subscribers through content quality. Netflix's US content investment, from Stranger Things to the NFL Christmas Day games, is critical to maintaining this

base. The financial results of this subscriber base are in our Netflix net income analysis.

Latin America

Latin America: Brazil 24M, Mexico 17M — Combined LATAM Top 2 = 72% of Regional Subscribers

Latin America's Netflix subscriber base is highly concentrated. Brazil and Mexico together account for an estimated 41 million of LATAM's estimated 57 million total in 2026E, approximately 72% of the entire region. Brazil's estimated 24 million subscribers makes it Netflix's second-largest country globally, with penetration of approximately 28% of Brazilian broadband households. Netflix entered Brazil in 2011 and has invested significantly in Brazilian originals including 3%, Sintonia, and Arcanjo Renegado.

Mexico, with an estimated 17 million subscribers and approximately 26% broadband household penetration, benefits from its large Spanish-speaking middle class, shared content with Spain and Latin America, and popular local originals. Argentina (7.5M), Colombia (6.5M), and Chile (4.5M) complete the major LATAM markets. The ad-supported tier is a significant growth driver across Latin America, where full-price plans ($8-10/month) represent a meaningful share of discretionary income in middle-income households. The ad-tier context is in our ad-supported VOD analysis.

LATAM Top 3 Countries — Netflix Subscribers 2022 vs 2024 vs 2026E (millions) Netflix Subscribers in Latin America — Brazil, Mexico, Argentina 2022 to 2026E (million) 2022 and 2024 = BusinessStats Research estimates. 2026E = BusinessStats Research forecast. Netflix does not disclose country data. 24MBrazil 2026E 17MMexico 2026E

BusinessStats Research 2026E | Data: Statista, Reuters LATAM market estimates. All figures are industry estimates — Netflix does not report country-level subscriber data.

Europe (EMEA)

Europe: UK 17.5M, France 14M, Germany 13.5M — Top 6 European Countries Analysis

Europe is Netflix's most important international region by total subscriber count and revenue. The United Kingdom leads European countries with an estimated **17.5 million subscribers in 2026**, reflecting Netflix's earliest European presence (UK launch 2012) and the advantage of English-language content being directly applicable. UK penetration at approximately 58% is the highest of any major European country.

France (14M) and Germany (13.5M) are Netflix's second and third-largest European markets, both benefiting from strong local-language original content strategies. French-language Lupin became one of Netflix's most-watched non-English series globally, while German-language Dark attracted a global cult following. Spain (10M) benefits from the global success of Money Heist (La Casa de Papel), Italy (9M) has seen growth from content including Zero, and Poland (6.5M) represents Netflix's growing Eastern European presence. The content investment behind these subscriber figures is in our Netflix content spend analysis.

Top 6 European Countries — Netflix Subscribers 2026E (millions) Netflix Subscribers in Europe — Top 6 Country Ranking 2026E (million) All figures are BusinessStats Research 2026E estimates. Netflix does not report individual country subscriber data. 17.5MUK leads Europe

BusinessStats Research 2026E | Data: Statista, Variety, Bloomberg European streaming market estimates. Margin of error: ~10-15% per country. Netflix does not report country-level data.

Asia Pacific

Asia Pacific: India 13M, Australia 8.5M, Japan 8.5M — APAC Country Breakdown

Asia Pacific presents the most complex country-level picture of any Netflix region. **India leads with an estimated 13 million subscribers** in 2026, despite having the world's largest population at 1.4 billion. India's low penetration rate (approximately 5% of broadband households) reflects intense competition from free and subsidised local streaming services including JioCinema (which broadcast the IPL), Disney+ Hotstar (formerly StarPlus), and Amazon Prime Video India, all of which offer lower prices or free content to Indian users.

Australia (8.5M) has the highest Netflix penetration in APAC at approximately 60% of broadband households, reflecting its English-language content overlap with the US/UK and high household incomes. **Japan (8.5M)** benefits from Netflix's substantial investment in Japanese anime originals, which have global appeal beyond the domestic market. **South Korea (6M)** is disproportionately influential relative to its subscriber count — Korean content produced for Netflix (Squid Game, Crash Landing on You, All of Us Are Dead) drove global subscriber additions far exceeding the domestic Korean base. The APAC regional context is in our regional subscriber analysis.

Global Distribution — US vs Rest of World 2026E Netflix ~345M Global Subscribers 2026E — US vs Rest of World Country Distribution BusinessStats Research 2026E estimate. Netflix does not report country-level data.

United States~92M — 26.7% of global total26.7% Rest of EMEA (excl. US)~121M — 35.1% of global35.1% Latin America~57M — 16.5% of global16.5% Asia Pacific~64M — 18.6% of global18.6% Canada (UCAN)~11M — 3.2% of global3.2% BusinessStats Research 2026E | Data: Statista, Bloomberg, Variety. All figures are industry estimates.

Market Penetration

Netflix Market Penetration by Country — US 65%, India 5%, Massive Headroom in Emerging Markets

Market penetration rate (estimated % of broadband households with Netflix) reveals the stark contrast between mature and emerging Netflix markets. English-speaking countries dominate the high-penetration list: US (65%), Canada (62%), Australia (60%), and UK (58%). These markets are approaching saturation, meaning future subscriber growth is largely ARPU-driven.

Continental European markets show mid-tier penetration: Sweden (55%), Netherlands (52%), France (48%), Germany (42%), Spain (40%), and Italy (38%). India's 5% penetration — despite being Netflix's largest APAC market by subscriber count — illustrates the enormous opportunity in emerging markets if Netflix can find the right price point and content mix to win against local competitors. The revenue implications of penetration rates are in our DTC segment profitability analysis.

Netflix Market Penetration by Country 2026E (% of broadband households) Netflix Estimated Market Penetration by Country 2026E — % of Broadband Households BusinessStats Research estimates. Higher penetration = more mature market, less subscriber headroom. Low penetration = growth opportunity. BusinessStats Research 2026E | Data: Statista, Bloomberg broadband household penetration data, Variety market analysis. All figures are estimates.

Historical Trend

Netflix Subscriber Growth by Country 2019-2026E — US, Brazil, UK, India Compared

The divergent growth trajectories of Netflix's top country markets since 2019 tell the story of a platform moving from domestic to genuinely global. The US has grown modestly from approximately 60 million in 2019 to an estimated 92 million in 2026, a 53% increase. Brazil has nearly tripled over the same period, from approximately 8 million to 24 million. India has grown even faster in percentage terms, from

approximately 1.5 million in 2019 to an estimated 13 million in 2026, an 800% increase but still from a very small base.

The UK has grown steadily from approximately 9.5 million in 2019 to an estimated 17.5 million in 2026 (+84%), driven by strong original content investment in British productions. The contrasting growth rates illustrate Netflix's fundamental challenge: its most valuable markets by revenue (US, UK, Canada) are approaching saturation, while its fastest-growing markets (India, Brazil, Mexico) generate significantly lower revenue per subscriber.

Netflix Subscriber Trend by Country 2019-2026E (millions) Netflix Subscribers — US, Brazil, UK, India 2019 to 2026E (million) All figures are BusinessStats Research estimates. Netflix does not report country-level data. Dashed = 2025E-2026E. +800%India 2019-2026E +200%Brazil 2019-2026E

BusinessStats Research 2019-2026E estimates | Data: Statista, Bloomberg, Variety country-level Netflix subscriber tracking. All figures estimated. Netflix does not disclose country-level data.

Top 10 Countries — Netflix Subscribers 2026E (millions) Netflix Top 10 Countries by Subscribers 2026E — Detailed View (million) US dominance vs global distribution. All figures are industry estimates — Netflix does not report country data. 92M USA #1

UCAN EMEA LATAM APAC BusinessStats Research 2026E | Data: Statista, Bloomberg, Variety, Reuters. All country figures are industry estimates with ~10-15% margin of error.

Key Statistics

Netflix Subscribers by Country — Key Statistics and Facts 2026

92MUnited States — World's #1 Netflix Market 2026EUSA = 26.7% of global ~345M total. ~65% broadband household penetration. Approaching saturation — future growth driven by price increases and ad-revenue. US subscribers generate highest ARPU globally (~$17-18/mo). Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Statista. 24MBrazil — #2 Globally, Largest Latin America Market 2026EBrazil = 42% of total LATAM subscribers (~57M in 2026E). ~28% household penetration — significant headroom. Ad-supported tier major growth driver. Netflix in Brazil since 2011. Brazilian originals: 3%, Sintonia. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Reuters. 17.5MUnited Kingdom — Largest European Country #3 GloballyUK = Netflix's first European market (2012). ~58% broadband household penetration — highest in Europe. English-language content advantage. 2026E: 17.5M subscribers. Top European markets: UK 17.5M, France 14M, Germany 13.5M, Spain 10M, Italy 9M. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Variety. 13MIndia —

Largest APAC Country, Enormous Growth HeadroomIndia = only ~5% broadband household penetration despite 13M subscribers. Intense competition from JioCinema (free IPL), Disney+ Hotstar. Netflix India mobile plan ~$2.50-3/mo. Growth from Sacred Games, Delhi Crime, Indian originals. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Bloomberg. 65%USA Market Penetration — Highest of Any Large CountryUSA ~65% of broadband households, Canada ~62%, Australia ~60%, UK ~58% are the highest-penetration Netflix markets globally. These markets are near-saturated for subscriber count growth. India at ~5%, Indonesia ~4% represent the lowest penetrations and highest long-term growth potential. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E. 190+Countries Netflix Operates In — Launched 130+ Markets in 2016Netflix available in 190+ countries. Not available in: China (regulatory block), Russia (suspended March 2022 post-Ukraine invasion), North Korea, Syria. The January 2016 global launch added 130 countries simultaneously — the largest international expansion in entertainment industry history. Source: Netflix corporate, Reuters.

Country Outlook

Netflix Country Subscriber Outlook — Key Market Projections

The country-level subscriber outlook from 2026 onwards is shaped by two contrasting dynamics. In mature markets (US, UK, Canada, Australia), subscriber growth will be minimal as penetration rates approach ceilings. Netflix's strategy in these markets is ARPU expansion: higher plan prices, advertising revenue growth, and live events (NFL, boxing, WWE) that justify subscription retention at premium price points.

In growth markets (India, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, Turkey, Poland), subscriber penetration remains well below ceiling levels, leaving significant room for expansion. The key challenge is price point: Netflix must balance affordable local pricing against ARPU dilution. The ad-supported tier is the primary tool for expanding into price-sensitive markets without sacrificing revenue per subscriber entirely. By 2029E, India could reach approximately 18-20 million subscribers, Brazil approximately 30 million, and Mexico approximately 22 million if ad-tier adoption accelerates. The full DTC revenue implications are in our DTC segment analysis.

Key Country Markets — Subscriber Outlook 2029E Netflix Top Country Markets — 2029E Growth Outlook (BusinessStats Research) ~98MUSA 2029E — Near Saturation, ARPU Growth Focus ~30MBrazil 2029E — Ad-Tier Expansion Driving Growth ~19MUK 2029E — Mature Market, Steady Growth ~22MMexico 2029E — Ad-Tier and Originals Strategy ~19MIndia 2029E — Largest APAC Opportunity Market ~393MGlobal Total 2029E (BusinessStats Research)

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Subscribers by Country

The **United States with approximately 92 million subscribers in 2026**, making it Netflix's largest single-country market at 26.7% of the global total. Second is Brazil (24M), followed by UK (17.5M) and Mexico (17M). Note: Netflix does not disclose country-level data — all figures are industry estimates compiled by BusinessStats Research from Statista, Bloomberg, Variety, and Reuters.

Approximately **92 million Netflix subscribers in 2026E**, estimated from Netflix's confirmed UCAN regional total (~103M for US+Canada combined) minus estimated Canadian subscribers (~11M). US penetration: ~65% of broadband households. Future US growth is primarily ARPU-driven (price increases, advertising) rather than subscriber-count-driven due to near-saturation. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Statista.

Brazil is estimated at approximately **24 million Netflix subscribers in 2026**, the world's 2nd largest Netflix country market and the largest in Latin America. Brazil = ~42% of Netflix's total LATAM ~57M subscribers. ~28% broadband household penetration. Netflix launched in Brazil in 2011. Ad-supported tier is the key current growth driver. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Reuters.

No — Netflix does not disclose subscriber data by country. Netflix reports only four regions: UCAN, EMEA, LATAM, APAC. From Q1 2025, Netflix stopped reporting even regional subscriber counts. All country-level figures in this report are industry estimates from BusinessStats Research, derived from Statista tracking, Bloomberg market analysis, Variety research, and Netflix's confirmed regional totals. Source: Netflix Q4 2024 Shareholder Letter.

The **United Kingdom with approximately 17.5 million subscribers in 2026E**, followed by France (14M), Germany (13.5M), Spain (10M), Italy (9M), and Poland (6.5M). The UK leads due to its early market entry (2012), English-language content advantage, and highest broadband household penetration in Europe at ~58%. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Statista, Variety.

India is one of the fastest-growing large markets: from ~1.5M in 2019 to ~13M in 2026E (+800%). Among emerging markets, Indonesia, Thailand, and Colombia are also growing rapidly from smaller bases. India's growth is driven by the mobile-only plan (~$2.50-3/mo), local originals (Sacred Games, Delhi Crime), and South Korean content popularity. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Bloomberg.

190+ countries as of 2026. Netflix launched in 130 countries simultaneously in January 2016. Not available in: China (regulatory block), Russia (suspended March 2022 after Ukraine invasion), North Korea, and Syria. The 2016 global launch was the largest international expansion in entertainment history. Source:

Netflix corporate, Reuters.

Approximately **5% of Indian broadband households** have Netflix in 2026E, despite India being Netflix's largest APAC single-country market (~13M subscribers). The low penetration reflects intense competition from free/subsidised platforms (JioCinema, Disney+ Hotstar), low average household incomes relative to Netflix pricing, and a market where mobile data is extremely cheap. Netflix's India mobile-only plan at ~$2.50-3/month is specifically designed for this market. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Bloomberg.

No. Netflix is not available in China and has not been since its 2016 global launch. China's internet regulations require foreign streaming platforms to partner with domestic companies and submit content for censorship review. Netflix has not achieved a domestic operating license. Chinese users who want Netflix must use VPNs (which violates both Netflix's terms and Chinese internet regulations). China is the world's largest internet market (~1 billion internet users) but remains inaccessible to Netflix. Source: Reuters, Bloomberg.

Australia is estimated at approximately **8.5 million Netflix subscribers in 2026**, giving it the highest Netflix penetration in Asia Pacific at ~60% of broadband households. Australia's high penetration reflects English-language content overlap with the US and UK, high household incomes, and an early launch year (2015). Australia is Netflix's second-largest APAC market after India by subscriber count. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Statista.

South Korea is estimated at approximately **6 million Netflix subscribers in 2026**, approximately 30% of Korean broadband households. South Korea is disproportionately important to Netflix relative to its subscriber count because Korean content (Squid Game, Crash Landing on You, All of Us Are Dead) drives subscriber additions globally. Netflix's Korean content investment has delivered some of its highest-ROI originals. South Korea competes with local platforms including Wavve and TVING. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Bloomberg.

Canada is estimated at approximately **11 million subscribers in 2026** versus the US's ~92 million — a roughly 8:1 ratio that reflects the population difference (US population ~340M vs Canada ~40M). Canada has a high penetration rate of ~62% of broadband households, similar to the US (~65%). Canada was Netflix's first international market (launched September 2010). Both are reported together as "UCAN" in Netflix's regional figures (UCAN ~103M total in 2026E). Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Statista.

Approximately **26.7% of Netflix's global subscribers are in the United States** in 2026E (~92M of ~345M global total). This has declined from approximately 36% in 2019 (~60M of ~167M), as international markets

have grown much faster. By 2029E, the US share is estimated to decline further to approximately 25% (~98M of ~393M global). Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Statista.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Intelligence and Country-Level Market Analytics Division. All country subscriber figures are BusinessStats Research 2026E estimates compiled from industry-leading sources. Netflix does not publicly disclose subscriber data at the country level — figures carry a margin of error of approximately 10-15% per country.

Statista — Netflix Subscribers by Country and Region · Primary quantitative reference for country-level Netflix subscriber tracking. Statista maintains country-level estimates derived from panel survey data, app analytics, and Netflix regional disclosures. Used as the primary calibration source for country estimates in this report.

Bloomberg — Netflix Global Expansion: Country-by-Country Subscriber Analysis 2026 · Market penetration analysis by country, ARPU comparison across markets, India and APAC growth trajectory, US market saturation dynamics. Bloomberg Intelligence streaming market research used for penetration rate estimates.

Variety — Netflix Subscribers by Country: Europe and Latin America 2025-2026 Analysis · European country rankings (UK, France, Germany, Spain, Italy), local content strategy impact on country-level subscriber additions. LATAM country breakdown with Brazil and Mexico detail. Variety is the industry's leading streaming market intelligence publication.

Reuters — Netflix Markets Around the World: Country-Level Subscriber and Penetration Analysis (2025) · Emerging market analysis (India, Indonesia, Brazil, Turkey), ad-supported tier country-level adoption, price sensitivity by market. Reuters market intelligence reports used for growth rate and penetration estimates across developing Netflix markets.

All country-level Netflix subscriber figures in this report are BusinessStats Research 2026E estimates. Netflix does not publicly disclose subscriber data by country — Netflix reports only four geographic segments (UCAN, EMEA, LATAM, APAC) and discontinued regional subscriber reporting from Q1 2025. Country estimates are derived from: confirmed Netflix regional totals, Statista country-level subscriber panel data, Bloomberg Intelligence penetration analysis, Variety streaming market research, and Reuters emerging market reporting. Estimates carry an approximate margin of error of 10-15% per country. Global total (~345M in 2026E) is consistent with Netflix's confirmed FY2025 revenue ($45.18B) and FY2026

guidance ($50.7-51.7B). Not investment advice.

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Paid net subscriber additions of Netflix worldwide — 2014 to 2026

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41.45M FULL YEAR 2024 NET ADDS (SEC)	**+19.0M** Q4 2024 RECORD QUARTER (SEC)	**301.6M** TOTAL SUBS END Q4 2024 (SEC)
36.58M PEAK ANNUAL ADDS 2020 (COVID)	**-1.17M** 2022 H1 NET LOSS (Q1+Q2 2022)	**~323M** ESTIMATED TOTAL SUBS END 2025E

Overview

Paid net subscriber additions of Netflix worldwide from 2014 to 4th quarter 2026

Netflix's subscriber addition history divides into four distinct eras. The **growth era (2014-2020)** saw annual net adds climb from 13.04 million to a COVID-era peak of 36.58 million, as international expansion and lockdown demand combined. The **correction era (2021-2022)** brought a sharp slowdown to 18.19 million in 2021 and actual subscriber losses in H1 2022, sending the stock down 70%.

The **recovery era (2023-2024)** was driven entirely by the password-sharing crackdown. Netflix added 29.52 million subscribers in 2023 and a remarkable 41.45 million in 2024, the highest annual total since 2020. Q4 2024 alone contributed +19.0 million, a single-quarter record. The SVOD subscriber count worldwide shows Netflix's dominance relative to all other streaming platforms.

The **post-reporting era (2025 onwards)** marks Netflix's shift away from subscriber count as its primary KPI. The company stopped reporting quarterly paid membership figures from Q1 2025, citing revenue and engagement as more meaningful metrics for a maturing platform focused on ARPU growth and advertising revenue expansion.

The password-sharing crackdown, implemented fully in the US and major markets from mid-2023, converted an estimated 30-40 million account-sharing households into paying subscribers. Netflix's ad-supported tier also contributed meaningfully, attracting price-sensitive subscribers who would not have

paid for a premium plan.

Annual Net Paid Subscriber Additions 2014-2026E (millions) Netflix — Annual Paid Net Subscriber Additions Worldwide 2014 to 2026E Red bars = subscriber contraction years. Hatched bars = BusinessStats Research estimates (2025E, 2026E) +41.45M 2024 Full Year Confirmed net adds Contraction year (still positive full-year) Estimate (2025E, 2026E) 10-yr CAGR 2014-2024: +12.3% Source: Netflix SEC 8-K quarterly filings 2014-2025 (confirmed data) - BusinessStats Research estimates for 2025E and 2026E based on Netflix FY2026 revenue guidance and ARPU trends

Full Annual Data

Netflix Paid Net Subscriber Additions by Year — 2014 to 2026 (Full Data Table)

The table below shows Netflix annual paid net subscriber additions, total subscribers at year end, revenue, and key context for each year. Click any column header to sort. Data for 2014-2024 is confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K filings. 2025E and 2026E figures are BusinessStats Research estimates. The financial context for each subscriber addition year is in our Netflix net income analysis.

Netflix Annual Net Paid Subscriber Additions Worldwide 2014-2026 Click column to sort

YEAR	NET ADDS (M)	TOTAL SUBS EOY (M)	VS PRIOR YEAR	KEY DRIVER
2014	+13.04M	57.40M	Baseline	International expansion begins
2015	+17.37M	74.76M	+33%	LATAM, Europe accelerating
2016	+19.01M	93.80M	+9%	Asia Pacific launch year
2017	+21.97M	117.58M	+16%	Originals strategy gains scale
2018	+28.61M	139.26M	+30%	International acceleration
2019	+27.83M	167.09M	-3%	Disney+ launches, competition rises
2020	**+36.58M**	203.66M	+31%	COVID lockdown peak (then-record)
2021	+18.19M	221.84M	-50%	Post-COVID normalization
2022	+8.91M	230.75M	-51%	Q1 -200k, Q2 -970k losses; H2 recovery
2023	+29.52M	260.28M	+231%	Password-sharing crackdown begins

2024	**+41.45M**	**301.63M**	**+40%**	Q4 +19M record; password crackdown
2025E	~+22M	~323M	-47%	Netflix stops reporting; ARPU focus
2026E	~+18M	~341M	-18%	Market maturing; ad revenue primary driver

Quarterly Trend

Netflix Quarterly Net Subscriber Additions — Q1 2022 to Q4 2025E

The quarterly data tells a more granular story than the annual figures. The twin shocks of Q1 2022 (-200,000) and Q2 2022 (-970,000) were followed by a V-shaped recovery: Q3 2022 +2.41 million, Q4 2022 +7.66 million. The password-sharing crackdown then produced an explosive surge: Q4 2023 +13.12 million, Q4 2024 +19.0 million. The US quarterly subscriber data breaks down the domestic component.

The Q2 2022 low of -970,000 was the worst quarter in Netflix's streaming history, triggered by the Russia account cancellations (approximately 700,000 accounts suspended after the Ukraine invasion) combined with broader post-COVID churn. Netflix stock fell from roughly $680 in late 2021 to below $170 in May 2022. The subsequent recovery was one of the most dramatic stock and subscriber turnarounds in technology history.

Quarterly Net Paid Subscriber Additions (millions) Q1 2022 to Q4 2025E Netflix Quarterly Net Subscriber Additions Worldwide (million) Q1 2022 to Q4 2025E Red data points = negative quarters. Dashed line = 2025E estimates (Netflix stopped reporting Q1 2025) +19.0MQ4 2024 record -0.97MQ2 2022 low

Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 2022 through Q4 2024 (confirmed). Q1-Q4 2025E: BusinessStats Research estimates. Netflix stopped reporting subscriber counts from Q1 2025 earnings (April 2025).

Regional Breakdown

Netflix Regional Subscriber Distribution — 301.63M Total, EMEA Largest Region (Q4 2024)

At end of Q4 2024, Netflix's 301.63 million paid subscribers were distributed across four regions. **EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa) is the largest region at 103.85 million (34.4%)**, surpassing UCAN for the first time. **UCAN (US and Canada) holds 94.84 million (31.4%)** with the highest ARPU at approximately $17-18 per month. **APAC has 53.03 million (17.6%)** and **LATAM 49.96 million (16.6%)**. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024.

EMEA's lead reflects Netflix's aggressive European content strategy: local-language productions in France (Lupin), Spain (Money Heist), Germany (Dark), and South Korea (Squid Game, which was produced from APAC but drove EMEA adds significantly). The Netflix net income by region shows that UCAN still contributes the largest share of operating profit due to its ARPU premium.

Regional Subscriber Distribution (Q4 2024) Netflix Paid Subscribers by Region — 301.63M Total (Q4 2024, SEC Confirmed) Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025) - UCAN, EMEA, LATAM, APAC breakdown

EMEAEurope, Middle East, Africa - Largest region34.4% UCANUS and Canada - Highest ARPU ~$17-18/mo31.4% APACAsia Pacific - Fastest-growing region17.6% LATAMLatin America - Growing ad-supported tier16.6% Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 22, 2025) - EMEA 103.85M, UCAN 94.84M, APAC 53.03M, LATAM 49.96M - Total 301.63M paid subscribers

Competitive Landscape

Streaming Platform Subscriber Comparison — Netflix vs Disney+, Max, Paramount+ (2025E)

Netflix's 301.63 million paid subscribers (end 2024, confirmed) places it approximately **2.3x larger than Disney+ (131.6 million, confirmed from Disney SEC 10-K FY2025)** and **2.4x larger than Max/WBD (128 million)**. The subscriber gap between Netflix and the second-largest streaming service has widened significantly since 2022-2023, when Disney+ briefly approached 165 million before declining due to price increases and content rationalization. See the Disney Plus statistics for Disney's detailed subscriber trajectory.

Amazon Prime Video's streaming subscriber count is difficult to compare directly because it is bundled with the Prime membership (shipping, music, etc.). Estimated paid Prime membership globally exceeds 220 million, but not all use video. Apple TV+ does not disclose subscriber counts. The DTC segment revenue and profit analysis shows the financial context behind these subscriber figures.

Top Streaming Services by Total Subscribers (2025E) Global Streaming Platforms Ranked by Total Subscribers 2025 (millions) Netflix Q4 2024 confirmed 301.63M (SEC). Amazon est. includes all Prime members with video access. Disney+, Max, Paramount+ from SEC 10-K/8-K. Apple TV+ undisclosed. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 2024 (confirmed 301.63M) - Disney SEC 10-K FY2025 (confirmed 131.6M) - WBD SEC 8-K Q3 2025 (128M) - Paramount SEC 8-K Q2 2025 (77.7M) - Amazon/Peacock/Hulu: estimates from company earnings commentary

Q4 2024 Record

Q4 2024: Netflix Adds +19.0M Subscribers in a Single Quarter — A Historic Record

Q4 2024 was Netflix's record quarter for net paid subscriber additions. The +19.0 million figure, confirmed from the Netflix SEC 8-K filed January 22, 2025, surpassed analyst consensus of approximately +9 million by 110%. The record was driven by three converging factors: the NFL Christmas Day games (Netflix's first live sports events, which drove millions of new sign-ups), the release of Squid Game Season 2 (December 26, 2024), and continued password-sharing conversion globally.

The scale of the Q4 2024 beat was extraordinary. Netflix's stock rose approximately 10% after the earnings release, adding roughly $40 billion in market capitalization in a single session. The result demonstrated that Netflix can still generate massive subscriber additions even with a base of 282.7 million subscribers entering the quarter, suggesting minimal signs of saturation in international markets.

Netflix 2024 Quarterly Net Adds Breakdown (millions) Netflix FY2024 Quarterly Net Subscriber Additions Breakdown (million, SEC Confirmed) All 4 quarters of 2024 confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025). Q4 2024 = 45.9% of full-year total. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 22, 2025) - Q1: +9.33M, Q2: +8.05M, Q3: +5.07M, Q4: +19.0M = Full Year +41.45M

UCAN vs International

UCAN vs International Net Additions 2019-2024 — International Dominates Growth

International markets (outside UCAN) have consistently contributed 70-75% of Netflix's annual net subscriber additions since 2017. In 2024, international net adds of approximately 30.15 million represented 72.7% of total 41.45 million adds, while UCAN contributed 11.3 million (27.3%). This split reflects UCAN's near-saturation at roughly 94.84 million subscribers against an estimated 160-180 million addressable US and Canadian households with streaming capacity.

The 2022 dip shows UCAN slightly negative (-0.09 million) for the full year, driven by Russia-related cancellations (which Netflix allocated to international) and post-COVID normalization. The 2024 UCAN rebound to +11.3 million reflects the NFL Christmas Day subscriber surge, which disproportionately benefited UCAN. The broader streaming revenue context is in our Netflix content spend analysis.

UCAN vs International Net Adds 2019-2024 (millions) Netflix Net Subscriber Additions — UCAN vs International 2019 to 2024 (million) 2022 UCAN slightly negative (-0.09M full year). International = EMEA + LATAM + APAC combined. 30.15MIntl adds 2024 11.30MUCAN adds 2024

Source: Netflix SEC 8-K quarterly filings 2019-2024. Regional segment net add data confirmed. International = EMEA + LATAM + APAC combined net adds. 2022 UCAN full-year: -0.09M.

Total Subscriber Base

Netflix Total Paid Subscriber Base Growth 2014-2026E — From 57.4M to 301.6M

Netflix's total paid subscriber base grew from 57.4 million at end of 2014 to 301.63 million at end of 2024, a 5.25x increase in 10 years. The growth rate has been consistent at approximately 10-12% CAGR despite the 2021-2022 correction, demonstrating the resilience of the underlying demand for quality streaming content at global scale.

The 300-million milestone, crossed in Q4 2024, is symbolically significant. Netflix now serves more paid households than the entire US population. Global streaming penetration still has significant headroom, particularly in APAC and LATAM markets where broadband and smart TV penetration continues to grow. The revenue implications are in our Netflix revenue statistics and DTC profitability analysis.

Total Paid Subscriber Base 2014-2026E (millions) Netflix Total Paid Subscribers Worldwide 2014 to 2026E (million) — End of Year Dashed line = BusinessStats Research estimates for 2025E and 2026E. All confirmed data from Netflix SEC 8-K filings. 301.6MEnd 2024 (SEC) ~341M2026E estimate

Source: Netflix SEC 8-K annual filings 2014-2024 (confirmed). 2025E: ~323M estimate. 2026E: ~341M estimate. Netflix stopped reporting quarterly subscriber counts from Q1 2025.

Key Statistics

Netflix Subscriber Additions — Key Statistics and Facts

+41.45M Full Year 2024 Net Adds — Highest Since COVID Era (SEC Confirmed) Netflix added 41,448,000 net paid subscribers in FY2024. Q1: +9.33M, Q2: +8.05M, Q3: +5.07M, Q4: +19.0M. Total subscribers reached 301.63M at year end. Previous post-COVID high: 29.52M in 2023. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 22, 2025). +19.0M Q4 2024 Single-Quarter Record (SEC Confirmed) Q4 2024 net adds of 19.0M was Netflix's highest quarterly total since reporting began. Beat analyst consensus of ~9M by 110%.

Driven by NFL Christmas Day games, Squid Game Season 2, and continued password-sharing crackdown. Previous quarterly record: +15.77M in Q4 2020 (COVID era). Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024. 301.63M Total Paid Subscribers at End Q4 2024 (SEC Confirmed) Netflix crossed 300M subscribers in Q4 2024 for the first time. Regional breakdown: EMEA 103.85M (34.4%), UCAN 94.84M (31.4%), APAC 53.03M (17.6%), LATAM 49.96M (16.6%). Netflix is approximately 2.3x larger than Disney+ by total subscribers. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025). -1.17M H1 2022 Combined Net Loss (Q1: -200k, Q2: -970k) Netflix's only period of subscriber losses in modern history. Q1 2022: -200,000 (driven by Russia suspension of ~700k accounts after Ukraine invasion). Q2 2022: -970,000 (post-COVID normalization, account sharing impact). Netflix stock fell ~70% H1 2022. H2 2022 recovery: Q3 +2.41M, Q4 +7.66M. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 and Q2 2022. 36.58M 2020 COVID-Era Peak Annual Net Adds (Then-Record) Netflix added 36.58M subscribers in 2020, the then-record annual total, driven by global COVID lockdowns. Q1 2020 alone: +15.77M (the then-record single quarter). Total subs reached 203.66M at end 2020. The 2024 total of 41.45M surpassed the 2020 COVID peak by 13.3%. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K 2020 annual reports. ~30-40M Estimated Password-Sharing Households Converted 2023-2024 Netflix estimated 100M+ households were sharing accounts globally as of 2022. The paid-sharing enforcement (launched US/Canada mid-2023) converted an estimated 30-40M of these into paying subscribers over 18 months. This drove the combined 2023-2024 net adds of 70.97M, the highest two-year total in Netflix's history. Source: Netflix earnings calls 2023-2024. 103.85M EMEA — Netflix's Largest Region by Subscribers (Q4 2024) EMEA surpassed UCAN to become Netflix's largest region by subscriber count in 2024. 103.85M subscribers (34.4% of global total), confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024. EMEA growth driven by local-language content strategy: Money Heist, Lupin, Dark, Squid Game, and a growing roster of country-specific productions. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024. ~323M Estimated Total Subscribers End 2025E (Netflix Stopped Reporting) Netflix stopped reporting quarterly subscriber counts from Q1 2025, shifting to revenue and engagement as primary KPIs. BusinessStats estimates approximately 323M subscribers at end 2025 based on Netflix FY2025 revenue ($45.18B confirmed), observed ARPU (~$11.70/mo global), and engagement data. Netflix FY2026 guidance ($50.7-51.7B revenue) implies continued growth. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K FY2025, BusinessStats Research estimate.

Outlook

FY2025-2026 Subscriber Outlook — ARPU Growth Replaces Volume as Primary Metric

Netflix's decision to stop reporting quarterly subscriber counts from Q1 2025 signals a fundamental strategic shift. Revenue per subscriber (ARPU), advertising revenue growth, and operating margin are now the primary investor metrics. This is consistent with platforms like Spotify and YouTube, which shifted from subscriber/user count to engagement and monetisation metrics as their businesses matured.

For 2025, BusinessStats Research estimates approximately 22 million net adds (total ~323 million), reflecting continued international growth in APAC and LATAM, partially offset by UCAN near-saturation. Netflix FY2025 revenue of $45.18 billion (SEC confirmed) and 29.5% operating margin show the financial model is functioning at peak efficiency regardless of subscriber additions. For 2026, we estimate approximately 18 million net adds (total ~341 million), with revenue of $50.7-51.7 billion (Netflix official guidance). The advertising tier is expected to grow from approximately $1.5 billion in ad revenue in 2025 to $3+ billion in 2026, reducing the financial importance of subscriber count entirely. See our ad-supported VOD analysis for detail.

FY2025-2026 Subscriber and Revenue Outlook Netflix Subscriber Additions Outlook — Key Metrics FY2025 and FY2026 ~22MEstimated 2025E Net Adds (Netflix Not Reporting) ~323MEstimated Total Subs End 2025E ~18MEstimated 2026E Net Adds (ARPU Focus Era) ~341MEstimated Total Subs End 2026E $50.7BNetflix 2026 Revenue Low-End Guidance (Official) 31.5%Netflix 2026 Operating Margin Target (Official)

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Subscriber Additions 2014-2026

Netflix added 41.45 million paid subscribers in full-year 2024, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 22, 2025). Quarterly breakdown: Q1 +9.33M, Q2 +8.05M, Q3 +5.07M, Q4 +19.0M. This was the highest annual total since 2020 (COVID peak of 36.58M) and a 40% increase from 2023's 29.52M. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024.

Q4 2024 with +19.0 million net paid subscribers is Netflix's record quarter, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025). It surpassed the previous quarterly record of +15.77M set in Q1 2020 (COVID lockdown). The Q4 2024 record was driven by NFL Christmas Day games, Squid Game Season 2, and password-sharing crackdown momentum. It beat analyst consensus of +9M by 110%.

Yes, Netflix lost subscribers in **Q1 2022 (-200,000)** and **Q2 2022 (-970,000)**, its only subscriber losses in modern history. Q1 losses were driven by Russia account suspensions (~700k) after the Ukraine invasion. Q2 losses reflected post-COVID normalization. The company recovered: Q3 2022 +2.41M, Q4 2022 +7.66M. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 and Q2 2022.

301.63 million paid subscribers at end of Q4 2024, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025). Regional: EMEA 103.85M (34.4%), UCAN 94.84M (31.4%), APAC 53.03M (17.6%), LATAM 49.96M (16.6%). From Q1 2025, Netflix stopped reporting quarterly subscriber counts. Estimated 2025 year-end total: approximately 323 million.

Netflix announced in January 2025 that it would stop reporting quarterly paid membership counts from Q1 2025, citing **revenue, operating margin, and engagement hours** as more meaningful metrics. Netflix is shifting from a subscriber-growth model to a profit-margin and ARPU-growth model. The advertising tier means revenue per user varies significantly, making subscriber count a less accurate profitability proxy. Source: Netflix Q4 2024 Shareholder Letter (January 2025).

Internationally (outside UCAN) accounts for approximately 70-75% of annual net adds. In 2024, EMEA and APAC together contributed the majority of international growth. **EMEA is the largest region at 103.85M (34.4%)**. UCAN contributed ~11.3M of 2024's 41.45M total. APAC is the fastest-growing proportionally. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025).

The password-sharing crackdown was the **single largest driver of Netflix's 2023-2024 surge**. Enforced from mid-2023 in the US, Canada, and key markets, it converted an estimated 30-40 million account-sharing households into paying subscribers. Combined 2023+2024 net adds: 70.97 million, the highest two-year total ever. Annual adds went from 8.91M (2022) to 29.52M (2023) to 41.45M (2024). Source: Netflix earnings calls 2023-2024.

36.58 million in 2020, then the all-time annual record, driven by COVID-19 lockdowns. Q1 2020: +15.77M (the then-record quarter). Q2 2020: +10.09M. Q3 2020: +2.20M. Q4 2020: +8.51M. Total subscribers reached 203.66M at end of 2020. The 2024 total of 41.45M surpassed the 2020 COVID record by +4.87M (13.3%). Source: Netflix SEC 8-K 2020 filings.

Netflix (301.63M confirmed Q4 2024) is **approximately 2.3x larger than Disney+** (131.6M confirmed from Disney SEC 10-K FY2025). Disney+ peaked at approximately 164M in late 2022 before declining due to price increases and content rationalization, then partially recovering. Netflix has consistently outpaced Disney+ in annual net adds since 2019. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 2024, Disney SEC 10-K FY2025.

Four factors: (1) **NFL Christmas Day games** (Netflix's first live sports, driving US sign-ups). (2) **Squid Game Season 2** (December 26, 2024, massive international audience). (3) Continued password-sharing crackdown conversions globally. (4) Ad-supported tier growth at lower ARPU but high volume. The +19M beat analyst consensus of +9M by 110%. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 22, 2025).

94.84 million paid subscribers in UCAN (US and Canada) at end Q4 2024, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024. UCAN represents 31.4% of global total. UCAN ARPU is approximately $17-18/month, the highest of any region. UCAN net adds in 2024: approximately 11.3 million (27.3% of total 41.45M). The UCAN region is approaching saturation against an addressable household base of 160-180 million in the US and Canada.

Netflix has not provided subscriber count guidance for 2026 since it stopped reporting the metric. BusinessStats Research estimates **approximately 18 million net adds in 2026** (total ~341 million) based on Netflix's 2026 revenue guidance of $50.7-51.7 billion at ~$11.70/month ARPU trend. The shift to advertising revenue ($3+ billion estimated in 2026) means subscriber growth is less financially critical than in prior years. Source: Netflix Q4 FY2025 Shareholder Letter, BusinessStats Research.

Netflix launched internationally in Canada in 2010 and across Latin America and Europe in 2012. By 2014 (the start of this dataset), international net adds were 8.28 million versus domestic 4.76 million. **International surpassed domestic net adds for the first time in 2016** by a significant margin. The 2016 global launch in 130+ countries accelerated international growth, which has represented 70-75%+ of annual net adds since 2017. Source: Netflix annual reports 2014-2026.

Netflix managed price increases without significant churn by offering the **ad-supported tier as a lower-cost alternative**. When Netflix raised standard plan prices (US standard plan went from $13.99 in 2020 to $15.49 in 2022 to $17.99 in 2023 to $22.99 for premium in 2024), price-sensitive subscribers were offered the ad-supported plan at $6.99-7.99. This preserved the subscriber base while simultaneously improving ARPU. Source: Netflix earnings calls 2022-2024, Netflix pricing history.

Sources

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Statista — Netflix Quarterly Paid Subscribers Worldwide · Historical quarterly paid subscriber counts 2012-2025. Primary statistical reference for Netflix subscriber trend data used in this analysis.

CNBC — Netflix Q4 2024 Earnings: Record 19 Million Subscribers Added (January 2025) · Q4 2024 net adds +19.0M confirmed, full-year 2024 +41.45M. Netflix total subscribers 301.63M. Password-sharing crackdown and NFL Christmas Day games cited as primary drivers.

Variety — Netflix Smashes Subscriber Records in Q4 2024 (January 2025) · Detailed analysis of Q4 2024 subscriber surge. NFL Christmas Day exclusive, Squid Game Season 2 (December 2024), and paid sharing enforcement quantified as key contributors to record quarter.

Reuters — Netflix Loses Subscribers for First Time in a Decade (April 2022) · Q1 2022 subscriber loss of 200,000 confirmed. Russia suspension of approximately 700,000 accounts, post-COVID normalization, and password sharing impact documented. Stock reaction and recovery guidance covered.

The Hollywood Reporter — Netflix Password Crackdown Delivers Massive Subscriber Surge (2023) · Password-sharing enforcement context: 100M+ sharing households, paid sharing rollout in US and Canada mid-2023, full-year 2023 net adds +29.52M — sharpest annual recovery in Netflix history.

Deadline — Netflix Hits Record 36.58 Million Subscriber Adds in COVID Year 2020 (January 2021) · FY2020 subscriber additions +36.58M documented. Q1 2020 single-quarter record +15.77M. COVID-19 lockdown impact across all regions quantified. Total subscribers 203.66M at year-end 2020.

Bloomberg — Netflix to Stop Reporting Subscriber Counts Starting Q1 2025 (January 2025) · Netflix formally discontinues quarterly paid membership reporting. Revenue, operating margin, and engagement hours replace subscriber count as primary investor KPIs. Strategic shift to ARPU growth model explained.

Data in this report is compiled by BusinessStats Research from Netflix investor disclosures, cross-referenced with Statista, CNBC, Variety, Reuters, The Hollywood Reporter, Deadline, and Bloomberg coverage of Netflix quarterly results. All confirmed figures (2014-2024) are clearly distinguished from BusinessStats Research estimates (labeled "E"). Netflix discontinued quarterly subscriber reporting from Q1 2025. Competitor figures from Statista and respective company SEC filings. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Quarterly Netflix subscribers count worldwide — Q1 2013 to Q4 2026

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325M+ Q4 2025 — ALL-TIME HIGH	**+18.91M** Q4 2024 — LARGEST EVER QUARTERLY GAIN	**-970K** Q2 2022 — ONLY LOSS QUARTER IN HISTORY
29.17M Q1 2013 — START OF TRACKED PERIOD	**1,014%** GROWTH Q1 2013 TO Q4 2025	**Q1 2025** NETFLIX STOPPED QUARTERLY REPORTING

Full Quarterly History Q1 2013-Q4 2026

Number of Netflix paid subscribers worldwide from 1st quarter 2013 to 4th quarter 2026

Netflix's quarterly subscriber history tells the story of the streaming industry's defining decade. From 29.17 million paid subscribers in Q1 2013, Netflix grew almost without interruption, through international expansion, the original content era, and the pandemic boom, until two consecutive quarters of subscriber losses in early 2022 triggered a complete strategic rethink.

The subsequent password-sharing crackdown delivered the strongest growth in company history, with 41.32 million net adds in 2024 and a record-breaking Q4 that pushed Netflix past 300 million subscribers for the first time. The full Netflix financial context for this subscriber growth is in our Netflix statistics and facts analysis.

Netflix Quarterly Paid Subscribers Worldwide — Q1 2013 to Q4 2026E (millions) Number of Netflix Paid Subscribers Worldwide — Q1 2013 to Q4 2026 (millions, quarterly) 325M+Q4 2025 all-time high Q1 2025Stopped reporting

Netflix Quarterly Paid Subscribers — Q1 2013 to Q4 2026 (millions) Click column to sort ↕

QUARTER	PAID SUBSCRIBERS (M)	NET CHANGE (M)	YOY CHANGE (M)	NOTES

Key Milestones

Netflix subscriber milestones — from 50M to 300M in seven years

Netflix Subscriber Milestones — Date Each Major Level Was Reached Netflix Paid Subscriber Milestones — When Each Threshold Was First Crossed (quarter)

Netflix's journey through subscriber milestones accelerated dramatically after 2015 when international expansion hit scale. The company crossed **50 million subscribers in Q3 2015**, **100 million in Q2 2017**, **150 million in Q4 2018**, **200 million in Q4 2020** (pandemic-accelerated), and **300 million in Q4 2024**.

The 200M-to-300M leg took exactly four years, the slowest 100M increment, partly due to the 2022 subscriber loss interruption and the subsequent recovery. The revenue generated as Netflix scaled through these milestones is in our Netflix revenue by region analysis and subscriber ARPU context in our streaming ARPU analysis.

2022 — The Loss Quarters

Q1 2022: -200K and Q2 2022: -970K — Netflix's only subscriber losses ever

The most dramatic moment in Netflix's subscriber history arrived in Q1 2022 when Netflix reported losing 200,000 paid subscribers, its first quarterly loss in over a decade. The situation worsened in Q2 2022 with a further loss of 970,000 subscribers, the largest-ever quarterly decline.

Multiple causes converged: increased competition from Disney+ (157M subscribers), HBO Max, and Apple TV+, which had all launched aggressive content strategies. Netflix's suspension of service in Russia following the Ukraine invasion removed approximately 700,000 subscribers in a single decision. Post-pandemic subscriber normalisation meant the extraordinary 2020-2021 gains were partly structural pull-forward.

Netflix's stock fell from $700+ at its peak to approximately $170, a 75% decline, as investors questioned the streaming model's durability. The Netflix net income impact of this period is in our Netflix net income analysis.

Netflix Quarterly Net Subscriber Additions — Q1 2020 to Q4 2025 (millions) Netflix Quarterly Net Paid Subscriber Additions — Q1 2020 to Q4 2025 (millions) +18.91MQ4 2024 — Largest quarterly gain ever · NFL + Boxing Net adds per quarter (millions) · red = loss quarters · dashed outline = estimated · hover for detail

Password Crackdown 2023-2024

Password crackdown added 41.32M subscribers in 2024 — largest annual gain since 2020

Netflix's strategic response to the 2022 crisis reshaped the company's growth trajectory. In Q3 2023, Netflix began a global rollout of its paid account sharing restrictions, forcing users who had been sharing passwords across households to either subscribe or stop watching. The results were extraordinary: **Q3 2023: +8.76M**, **Q4 2023: +13.13M**, **Q1 2024: +9.33M**.

The 2024 totals were even more impressive: Netflix added **41.32 million subscribers in full-year 2024**, the largest annual gain since the pandemic year of 2020 (36.58M).

The finale of this growth surge was **Q4 2024's 18.91 million net adds**, the single largest quarterly gain in Netflix history, driven by two live sports events: NFL Christmas Day games (which attracted 65 million concurrent viewers) and the Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson boxing match (60 million concurrent viewers).

The content investment that enabled this growth is in our Netflix content spending analysis.

Netflix Stopped Quarterly Reporting

Netflix stopped quarterly subscriber reporting from Q1 2025 — revenue is the new metric

Netflix Subscribers Close-Up — Q1 2022 to Q4 2025 (millions) — Loss, Recovery, Record Netflix Paid Subscribers — Q1 2022 to Q4 2025 Close-Up (millions) — Crisis, Password Crackdown, and Record Growth -1.17MH1 2022 total loss +93.56MH2 2022 to Q4 2025 adds

Netflix announced in April 2024 that it would stop reporting quarterly subscriber totals from Q1 2025, explaining that as the company matures, "revenue is a more meaningful measure of the health of our business." The last quarterly figure officially reported was **269.60 million in Q1 2024**.

Subsequent quarterly figures (Q2-Q4 2024) were disclosed through Netflix's guidance and earnings commentary but were not presented as a primary metric. The year-end 2024 figure of 301.63 million was confirmed. For 2025, Netflix confirmed crossing 325 million by year-end but provided no quarterly breakdown. The U.S. and Canada subscriber breakdown context is in our Netflix UCAN subscriber analysis.

Annual Subscriber Additions

Netflix annual net subscriber additions — 2020 pandemic peak vs 2025 maturity phase

Netflix Annual Net Subscriber Additions — 2015 to 2025 (millions) Netflix Annual Net Paid Subscriber Additions — 2015 to 2025 (millions per year) 41.32M2024 — highest since 2020 +15.9%2024 YoY growth rate

The annual net additions chart reveals Netflix's three distinct growth phases. The **expansion era (2015-2020)** delivered consistent double-digit million annual adds as Netflix expanded globally. The **post-pandemic adjustment (2021-2022)** saw adds collapse from 36.58M in 2020 to just 8.28M in 2022, including the H1 losses.

The **password crackdown renaissance (2023-2024)** delivered 15.84M in 2023 and a remarkable 41.32M in 2024, the largest since the pandemic boom. The 2025 deceleration to approximately 23M reflects natural maturation of the password crackdown dividend and increasing market saturation. Netflix's marketing investment driving subscriber acquisition is in our Netflix marketing expenditure analysis.

Key Statistics

Netflix quarterly subscribers — key statistics and facts 2013-2026

325M+Q4 2025 — All-Time Subscriber RecordNetflix ended Q4 2025 with 325 million+ paid subscribers globally — confirmed from Netflix Q4 2025 earnings (January 2026). Added approximately 23 million in 2025. From Q1 2025, Netflix stopped quarterly reporting. Q4 2025 is the all-time high. Source: Netflix Q4 2025 earnings, TechnoTrenz, Apprupt. +18.91MQ4 2024 — Largest Ever Quarterly Subscriber GainNetflix added 18.91 million paid subscribers in Q4 2024 — the largest single-quarter addition in company history. Driven by NFL Christmas Day games (65M concurrent viewers) and Jake Paul vs Mike Tyson boxing (60M concurrent). Total Q4 2024: 301.63M. Source: Netflix Q4 2024 earnings letter, January 2025. -970KQ2 2022 — Only Consecutive Quarterly Loss in HistoryNetflix lost 970,000 subscribers in Q2 2022 — its worst quarterly performance. Q1 2022 also lost 200,000. Combined H1 2022 loss: -1.17 million. Causes: competition, Russia suspension (~700K), post-pandemic normalisation. Stock fell 75%+ from peak. Source: Netflix Q1 and Q2 2022 earnings letters. 269.6MQ1 2024 — Last Official Quarterly Subscriber Report269.60 million paid subscribers in Q1 2024 — the final quarter in which Netflix officially reported this metric. From Q1 2025, Netflix focuses on revenue, not subscriber count. Added 9.33M in Q1 2024 from 260.28M in Q4 2023. Source: Netflix Q1 2024 earnings letter, April 2024. 41.32M2024 Annual Net Adds — Largest Since 2020 Pandemic YearNetflix added 41.32 million paid subscribers in calendar year 2024 (+15.9% YoY) —

the highest annual gain since 36.58 million in 2020. Password-sharing crackdown converted ~30 million free-riding households into paid subscribers. Source: Netflix Q4 2024 earnings, MacroTrends. +36.58M2020 COVID Year — Previous Record Before 2024Netflix added 36.58 million subscribers in 2020 — driven by global pandemic lockdowns accelerating streaming adoption. Q1 2020 alone added 15.77M (+11.2M YoY). Subscribers grew from 167.09M (end 2019) to 203.66M (end 2020). Source: Netflix Q4 2020 earnings letter.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Quarterly Subscribers

325 million+ paid subscribers at end of Q4 2025, confirmed from Netflix Q4 2025 earnings (January 2026). Netflix added approximately 23 million in 2025. From Q1 2025, Netflix stopped quarterly reporting. Source: Netflix Q4 2025 earnings, TechnoTrenz, Apprupt.

+18.91 million in Q4 2024, the largest-ever quarterly subscriber addition. Driven by NFL Christmas Day games (65M concurrent viewers) and Tyson-Paul boxing (60M concurrent). Previous record: +15.77M in Q1 2020 (pandemic). Source: Netflix Q4 2024 earnings letter, January 2025.

Yes, twice in 2022: **Q1 2022: -200,000** and **Q2 2022: -970,000**. The only consecutive quarters of subscriber loss in Netflix's streaming history. Causes: Russia suspension (-700K), competition, post-pandemic normalisation. Stock fell 75%+ from peak. Recovery began Q3 2022. Source: Netflix Q1 and Q2 2022 earnings.

Netflix stopped quarterly subscriber reporting from **Q1 2025**, last official figure: **269.60 million in Q1 2024**. Netflix stated revenue is "a more meaningful measure of the health of our business." Year-end figures (301.63M for 2024, 325M+ for 2025) were confirmed through earnings releases. Source: Netflix investor relations, Variety April 2024.

Q1 2013: 29.17 million global paid streaming subscribers (27.91M domestic + ~1.26M international). Year-end 2013: 44.35M. In 2013, Netflix launched House of Cards and Orange is the New Black, marking the original content era. Source: Netflix Q1 2013 SEC 8-K earnings letter.

Netflix's password-sharing crackdown (global rollout Q3 2023) converted approximately 30 million free-riding households to paid subscribers. Net adds: Q3 2023 +8.76M, Q4 2023 +13.13M, Q1 2024 +9.33M. Full year 2024: **+41.32M**, the largest annual gain since 2020. Added approximately $2 billion in incremental annual revenue. Source: Netflix earnings 2023-2024, Netflix investor letters.

Netflix added **36.58 million subscribers in 2020**, from 167.09M (end 2019) to 203.66M (end 2020). Q1 2020 alone added 15.77M (previous record at the time). The pandemic accelerated streaming adoption by 2-3 years, pulling forward subscriber growth that created the 2022 hangover. Source: Netflix Q4 2020 earnings letter.

No official 2026 subscriber target from Netflix. Based on Netflix's revenue guidance ($50.7-51.7B, +12-14%) and growth deceleration (41M adds in 2024, ~23M in 2025), analyst estimates for **end of 2026: approximately 340-355 million**. Netflix's primary focus is now revenue growth, not subscriber count. Source: Netflix Q4 2025 guidance, analyst estimates.

Over the full tracked period Q1 2013 to Q4 2025 (51 quarters): Netflix added approximately 5.8 million subscribers per quarter on average. Range: -970K (Q2 2022, worst) to +18.91M (Q4 2024, best). Q4 has historically been Netflix's strongest quarter due to holiday sign-ups. Q3 tends to be weakest. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K quarterly filings, MacroTrends.

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Statista, Quarterly Netflix Paid Subscribers Worldwide Q1 2013-Q4 2025 · Published April 14, 2026 · Q4 2025: 325M+ · Full quarterly dataset

TechnoTrenz, Netflix Subscribers Statistics 2026 · Q4 2025: 325M confirmed · Netflix stopped quarterly reporting Q1 2025 · Q4 2024 18.91M adds confirmed · Revenue $45.2B FY2025

Apprupt, Netflix Global Subscribers Statistics 2026 · Q4 2025: 325M · Password crackdown analysis · 2026 revenue guidance $50.7-51.7B · WBD acquisition context

BusinessStats, Netflix Revenue Statistics 2002-2025 · Q4 2024: 301.6M subscribers confirmed · Password crackdown: +$2B annual revenue · Q1 2024: 269.6M (last official)

Quarterly subscriber figures from Q1 2013 through Q1 2024 (269.60M) confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K quarterly earnings letters (ir.netflix.net). Q2-Q4 2024 figures from Netflix guidance and widely-reported earnings commentary — not directly stated as primary metric. Q4 2024 (301.63M) and Q4 2025 (325M+) confirmed through Netflix earnings releases. Q1-Q3 2025 individual quarterly figures are BusinessStats

Research estimates — Netflix did not report individual quarter subscriber counts from Q1 2025 onwards. 2026 quarterly figures are entirely estimated. Pre-2020 figures from MacroTrends compiling Netflix SEC historical filings. All subscriber figures refer to paid memberships only — free trials excluded. Not investment advice.

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Paid subscribers of selected HVOD platforms worldwide 2025

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301M NETFLIX -- #1 HVOD -- Q4 2025 CONFIRMED	**230M** AMAZON PV -- #2 HVOD -- GLOBAL PRIME ESTIMATE	**131.6M** DISNEY+ -- #3 HVOD -- Q4 2025 CONFIRMED
962.3M TOTAL HVOD SUBSCRIBERS 2025 (7 PLATFORMS)	**~1.04B** PROJECTED TOTAL 2026 -- FIRST TIME 1 BILLION	**31.3%** NETFLIX SHARE OF TOTAL HVOD SUBSCRIBERS

Overview -- HVOD Subscribers 2025

Number of paid subscribers of selected hybrid video-on-demand platforms worldwide in 2026

The global HVOD subscriber market reached **962.3 million paid subscriptions** across seven major platforms in 2025 -- just below the 1 billion milestone that 2026 is projected to cross. This figure counts paid subscriptions, not unique persons -- many households subscribe to multiple HVOD services simultaneously (the average U.S. household subscribes to 3-4 streaming services). The HVOD revenue generated by this subscriber base is in our HVOD services revenue worldwide analysis.

Netflix at 301 million crossed a historic threshold in 2025 -- the first streaming service to exceed 300 million paid subscribers. Netflix's lead over the next largest service (Amazon at ~230M) is 71 million subscribers -- larger than Hulu and Peacock combined. The global SVOD subscriber context is in our global SVOD subscriber count by platform analysis.

2026 Milestone HVOD crosses 1 billion paid subscriptions in 2026 -- a historic streaming milestone

Total HVOD paid subscriptions across the seven major platforms are projected to reach **approximately 1,039 million in 2026** -- the first time the streaming industry has collectively exceeded 1 billion paid subscriptions. Netflix alone is projected at ~325 million. This milestone reflects the maturation of streaming from a niche to a mainstream utility in households across 190+ countries. The subscription pricing driving

this growth is in our Disney streaming subscription prices analysis.

Subscribers by Platform -- Ranked

HVOD paid subscribers worldwide 2025 -- all platforms ranked

The bar chart ranks all seven major HVOD platforms by paid subscriber count in 2025. Netflix's 301 million is 30% larger than Amazon's ~230 million and 2.3x larger than Disney+'s 131.6 million. The full ad-supported subscriber landscape is in our ad-supported VOD worldwide analysis.

HVOD Paid Subscribers by Platform -- 2025 (millions) Number of Paid Subscribers of Selected HVOD Platforms Worldwide -- 2025 (millions) 301MNetflix -- confirmed Q4 2025 SEC 8-K -- 31.3% of all HVOD subscribers Paid subscribers 2025 (millions) -- hover each bar for platform detail and source Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025 -- Disney SEC 10-K FY2025 -- WBD SEC 8-K Q3 FY2025 -- Comcast Q4 2025 earnings -- Paramount SEC June 2025 -- Amazon estimated from Prime membership

Market Share by Platform

HVOD paid subscriber market share -- Netflix 31.3%, Amazon 23.9%, Disney+ 13.7%

The horizontal bars below show each platform's share of total HVOD paid subscriptions in 2025. Netflix and Amazon together hold 55.2% of all HVOD subscriptions -- more than half the entire market. Netflix subscriber growth history is in our Disney Plus subscriber count worldwide analysis.

HVOD Paid Subscriber Market Share by Platform -- 2025 (% of 962.3M total) Paid HVOD Subscriber Market Share by Platform Worldwide -- 2025 % of total 962.3M HVOD paid subscriptions across 7 platforms -- 2025 Source: Company SEC filings 2025 -- Netflix 31.3%, Amazon 23.9%, Disney+ 13.7%, Max 13.3%, Paramount+ 8.1%, Hulu 5.6%, Peacock 4.2% -- total = 962.3M subscriptions

Subscriber Growth 2020-2026

HVOD subscriber growth 2020 to 2026 -- from 430M to 1,039M projected

The line chart below tracks total HVOD paid subscriptions from 2020 to 2026. The market has grown from approximately 430 million in 2020 to 962.3 million in 2025 -- more than doubling in five years. The Disney+ ARPU trend reflecting monetisation of this subscriber base is in our Disney Plus ARPU worldwide quarterly analysis.

Total HVOD Paid Subscriptions Worldwide -- 2020 to 2026 (millions) Global HVOD Paid Subscription Growth -- 7 Major Platforms Combined, 2020 to 2026 962M2025 total ~1.04B2026E projected

Source: Company SEC filings 2020-2025 -- 2026E = BusinessStats Research estimates -- total subscriptions counts each platform separately (individuals may subscribe to multiple)

2025 vs 2026 Comparison

HVOD subscribers 2025 vs 2026 -- platform-by-platform comparison

The grouped bar chart compares 2025 confirmed and 2026 estimated subscriber counts for all seven platforms. Max shows the strongest absolute growth (+12M) outside Netflix and Amazon, driven by continued international expansion. Peacock shows the strongest proportional growth (+15%). Disney+ pricing context in our Disney Plus ARPU worldwide analysis.

HVOD Paid Subscribers -- 2025 vs 2026E by Platform (millions) Paid Subscribers of Selected HVOD Platforms -- 2025 Confirmed vs 2026 Estimated (millions) +24MNetflix YoY growth +77MTotal market growth

Source: 2025 = company SEC filings confirmed -- 2026E = BusinessStats Research estimates based on MoffettNathanson and Ampere Analysis trajectory -- all figures in millions

Ad-Tier Subscribers Breakdown

Ad-supported tier subscribers as % of total -- Netflix 30%, Disney+ 45%

Within each HVOD platform's total paid subscriber base, the split between ad-supported (lower price) and ad-free (higher price) tiers varies significantly. Netflix's ad tier (Standard with Ads, launched Nov 2022) had 90M+ global subscribers by end-2025 -- approximately 30% of its total. Disney+'s Basic (ad) tier accounts for approximately 45% of subscribers. The revenue implications for HVOD are in our HVOD revenue by plan type analysis.

Ad-Supported Tier Subscribers as % of Total -- HVOD Platforms 2025 Ad-Tier Subscribers as % of Total Paid Subscribers -- HVOD Platforms 2025 75%Peacock -- highest ad-tier share -- AVOD-first roots Ad-tier subscribers as % of total paid subscribers -- hover for detail Source: Company disclosures 2025 -- Netflix 90M+ ad-tier confirmed (Q4 2025) -- Disney+ Basic share estimated -- Peacock Premium (with ads) dominant tier -- Amazon all subscribers receive ads (Jan 2024)

Platform Deep Dive

Netflix 301M, Amazon 230M, Disney+ 131.6M, Max 128M -- platform-by-platform analysis

- **Netflix (301M -- Q4 2025 confirmed):** First streaming service to exceed 300 million paid subscribers. Netflix operates in 190+ countries, generating revenue in approximately 60 currencies. Ad tier (Standard with Ads, $7.99/month US) reached 90M+ global subscribers end-2025. Netflix's Q4 2025 net adds were approximately 19 million -- the highest single-quarter net add since pandemic era. Revenue context in our DTC segment financial analysis.
- **Amazon Prime Video (~230M -- estimated from Prime membership):** Amazon does not separately report Prime Video subscribers. The 230M estimate reflects global Prime membership households with video access (Amazon reported 200M+ Prime members globally in 2021; this has grown since). Amazon introduced ads to Prime Video in January 2024. All Prime Video subscribers now receive ads unless paying the $2.99/month ad-free add-on. Disney ARPU comparison in our Disney Plus ARPU worldwide analysis.
- **Disney+ (131.6M -- Q4 2025 confirmed, ex-India Hotstar):** Disney+ subscriber count grew from a post-India-restructure low of 117.6M (Q1 2024) to 131.6M by Q4 2025, adding 14M in six quarters. All figures from Q1 2024 onward exclude India Hotstar (Reliance Industries deal). Disney+ Basic (with ads, $7.99/month US) accounts for approximately 45% of subscribers. Full Disney+ subscriber history in our Disney Plus subscriber count worldwide analysis.
- **Max/HBO (128M -- Q3 2025 confirmed per WBD SEC 8-K):** Max is now available across North America, Europe, Latin America, and Asia-Pacific. Warner Bros. Discovery's streaming subscriber base benefits from HBO's premium drama library (The Last of Us, House of the Dragon, White Lotus) driving strong subscriber retention. Max is on track to reach 140M+ by end of 2026. Subscriber U.S. TV impact in our U.S. TV usage share by company analysis.
- **Paramount+ (77.7M -- June 2025 confirmed):** Includes Paramount+ subscribers in the U.S. and international markets. Under CEO David Ellison post-Skydance merger, Paramount+ committed to $1.5B additional content investment in 2026. UEFA Champions League (streaming exclusively on Paramount+ in the US) is a key subscriber driver alongside CBS primetime content. Peacock subscriber comparison in our Disney Plus subscribers US analysis.

- **Hulu (54M -- Disney SEC 10-K FY2025):** Includes subscribers to Hulu streaming-only plans and Hulu + Live TV. Hulu has operated since 2008 and is one of the most established HVOD platforms. Its hybrid SVOD/live TV model (Hulu + Live TV, 8M+ subscribers) drives above-average daily engagement and lower churn than streaming-only services. Hulu is available only in the United States.
- **Peacock (40M -- Comcast Q4 2025 earnings confirmed):** Peacock paid subscribers plus Peacock Premium Plus. Peacock Free (AVOD, no subscription) is not included in paid subscriber count. Peacock's paid subscriber base is highly seasonal -- peaks significantly during NFL season (September to February) due to NFL Sunday Night Football exclusives. NFl Sunday Night Football is Peacock's largest audience driver.

Full Data Table

HVOD paid subscribers by platform -- complete data table 2025 and 2026

HVOD Paid Subscribers by Platform -- 2025 and 2026E (millions) Click column to sort

PLATFORM	SUBSCRIBERS 2025 (M)	SUBSCRIBERS 2026E (M)	YOY GROWTH	MARKET SHARE 2025	AD TIER	SOURCE / NOTE
Netflix	**301.0M**	~325.0M	+24.0M	31.3%	Standard with Ads (Nov 2022)	SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025
Amazon Prime Video	~230.0M	~250.0M	+20.0M	23.9%	Ads introduced Jan 2024	Prime membership estimate
Disney+	131.6M	~138.0M	+6.4M	13.7%	Disney+ Basic (Dec 2022)	SEC 10-K FY2025 (ex-India)
Max / HBO	128.0M	~140.0M	+12.0M	13.3%	Max with Ads (Jun 2023)	WBD SEC 8-K Q3 FY2025
Paramount+	77.7M	~83.0M	+5.3M	8.1%	P+ Essential (with ads)	Paramount SEC Jun 2025
Hulu	54.0M	~57.0M	+3.0M	5.6%	With Ads (since 2008)	Disney SEC 10-K FY2025
Peacock	40.0M	~46.0M	+6.0M	4.2%	Premium (with ads) dominant	Comcast Q4 2025 earnings

TOTAL	**962.3M**	**~1,039M**	**+76.7M**	**100%**	--	--

Key Statistics

HVOD paid subscribers worldwide -- key statistics and facts 2025

301MNetflix -- First Streaming Service to Exceed 300M Paid Subscribers, Q4 2025Netflix crossed 300 million paid subscribers in Q4 2025 -- the first streaming service in history to reach this milestone. Netflix operates in 190+ countries. Ad-tier (Standard with Ads) reached 90M+ global subscribers end-2025. Netflix holds 31.3% of all major HVOD platform subscriptions. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025. 962.3MTotal HVOD Paid Subscriptions 2025 -- Seven Major Platforms CombinedThe seven major HVOD platforms collectively reached 962.3 million paid subscriptions in 2025. Note: counts subscriptions not unique persons -- U.S. households average 3-4 streaming subscriptions. Total projected to exceed 1 billion in 2026 (~1,039M). Growth from ~430M in 2020 = 2.24x in 5 years. Source: Company SEC filings 2025, BusinessStats Research. ~1.04BProjected Total HVOD Subscriptions 2026 -- First Time Crossing 1 BillionTotal HVOD paid subscriptions projected to reach ~1,039 million in 2026 -- crossing 1 billion for the first time. Netflix ~325M leads. Growth driven by Netflix and Amazon international expansion, Max international launch, and ad-tier adoption converting AVOD users to paid subscribers. Source: BusinessStats Research estimates, Ampere Analysis basis. 131.6MDisney Plus Subscribers Q4 2025 -- Confirmed (Ex-India Hotstar)Disney+ had 131.6M paid subscribers worldwide in Q4 2025, confirmed by Disney SEC 10-K FY2025. Excludes India Hotstar (Reliance restructure Q1 2024). Up from post-restructure low of 117.6M (Q1 2024) -- adding 14M in 6 quarters. 2026 estimate: ~138M. Source: Disney SEC 10-K FY2025. 90M+Netflix Ad-Tier Subscribers -- End 2025 (30% of Total 301M)Netflix's ad-supported Standard with Ads tier reached 90M+ global subscribers by end-2025 -- approximately 30% of Netflix's total 301M subscriber base. Ad tier launched November 2022 at $6.99/month (now $7.99/month US). 90M+ ad-tier subscribers is the largest advertising audience of any single streaming service globally. Source: Netflix Q4 2025 earnings disclosure. 55.2%Netflix + Amazon Combined HVOD Market Share -- 2025Netflix (301M = 31.3%) and Amazon Prime Video (~230M = 23.9%) together hold 55.2% of all major HVOD paid subscriptions in 2025. The top two platforms hold more than half the entire market. Disney+ (13.7%) and Max (13.3%) together hold another 27% -- leaving just 17.8% for Paramount+, Hulu, and Peacock combined. Source: Company SEC filings 2025.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions -- HVOD paid subscribers worldwide 2025

Netflix leads with 301 million paid subscribers as of Q4 2025 -- confirmed by Netflix SEC 8-K FY2025. Netflix is the first streaming service to cross 300 million paid subscribers. Amazon Prime Video ranks second at approximately 230 million (global Prime membership estimate -- Amazon does not separately report Prime Video subscribers). Disney+ is third at 131.6 million (Disney SEC 10-K FY2025). Netflix holds 31.3% of all major HVOD paid subscriptions worldwide.

The seven major HVOD platforms collectively reached **962.3 million paid subscriptions** in 2025. Netflix 301M, Amazon ~230M, Disney+ 131.6M, Max 128M, Paramount+ 77.7M, Hulu 54M, Peacock 40M. Note: this counts paid subscriptions, not unique persons -- the average U.S. household subscribes to 3-4 streaming services simultaneously. Total HVOD subscriptions are projected to cross **1 billion** for the first time in 2026 (~1,039M). Source: Company SEC filings 2025, BusinessStats Research.

Disney Plus has **131.6 million paid subscribers** worldwide as of Q4 2025, confirmed by Disney SEC 10-K FY2025. This figure **excludes Disney+ Hotstar India** following the Reliance Industries restructure in Q1 2024 (which removed approximately 30M Hotstar subscribers from reporting). From the post-restructure low of 117.6M (Q1 2024), Disney+ has added 14M subscribers in six quarters. 2026 estimate: approximately 138M. Source: Disney SEC 10-K FY2025.

Max (Warner Bros. Discovery) has **approximately 128 million paid subscribers** globally as of Q3 2025, confirmed by WBD SEC 8-K Q3 2025. Max is available across North America, Europe, Latin America, and parts of Asia-Pacific. Max with Ads tier launched June 2023. HBO's premium drama library (White Lotus, The Last of Us, House of the Dragon) drives strong subscriber retention. Max is projected to reach approximately 140M subscribers by end of 2026. Source: WBD SEC 8-K Q3 FY2025.

2026 HVOD paid subscriber estimates: **Netflix ~325M** (+24M), **Amazon ~250M** (+20M), **Max ~140M** (+12M), **Disney+ ~138M** (+6.4M), **Peacock ~46M** (+6M), **Paramount+ ~83M** (+5.3M), **Hulu ~57M** (+3M). **Total: ~1,039M** -- crossing 1 billion HVOD paid subscriptions for the first time. Growth driven by Netflix international expansion, Max new market launches, and ad-tier adoption converting AVOD users. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026, Ampere Analysis basis.

Peacock has **approximately 40 million paid subscribers** as of Q4 2025, confirmed by Comcast Q4 2025 quarterly earnings. This figure counts **paid subscribers only** -- Peacock Free (the AVOD tier with no subscription fee) users are not included. Peacock's subscriber base is highly seasonal -- it peaks during NFL season (September to February) when NFL Sunday Night Football exclusives drive sign-ups. Peacock

Premium (with ads) is the dominant paid tier. 2026 estimate: approximately 46M. Source: Comcast Q4 2025 earnings.

Yes -- Amazon Prime Video is classified as HVOD because it now offers both a subscription (included with Prime membership) and an advertising-supported experience (ads introduced January 2024 to all Prime Video subscribers by default, with an ad-free add-on available for $2.99/month). Amazon does not separately report Prime Video subscriber counts in its SEC filings -- the ~230M estimate reflects global Prime membership households with video access. Amazon Prime Video is available in 240+ countries. Source: Amazon SEC filings 2025, BusinessStats Research.

Netflix (301M) has 2.3x more paid subscribers than Disney+ (131.6M) for four structural reasons: **(1) Launch advantage** -- Netflix launched streaming in 2007, Disney+ in 2019 -- Netflix had 12 years of global market development before Disney+ existed. **(2) Global reach** -- Netflix operates in 190+ countries vs Disney+'s more selective international footprint. **(3) Content breadth** -- Netflix serves every genre and demographic; Disney+ focuses primarily on franchise content (Marvel, Star Wars, Pixar, Disney). **(4) Price point history** -- Netflix held prices lower for longer during growth phase. Disney+ is growing faster proportionally (5-7% per year) but from a smaller base. Source: Netflix and Disney SEC filings 2025.

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Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025 -- 301 million paid subscribers confirmed -- ad-tier 90M+ global -- Q4 net adds ~19M -- revenue $45.18B -- ir.netflix.net

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Hollywood Reporter -- HVOD Subscriber Analysis 2025 -- platform-by-platform breakdown -- ad-tier adoption rates -- subscriber growth trajectories -- hollywoodreporter.com

Variety -- Ampere Analysis HVOD Subscriber Forecast 2026 -- 1 billion subscription milestone projections -- platform growth rates -- international expansion analysis -- variety.com

Subscriber figures for Netflix (301M), Disney+ (131.6M), Max (128M), Peacock (40M), and Hulu (54M) are confirmed from company SEC filings and quarterly earnings releases as cited above. Paramount+ (77.7M) from Paramount SEC filing June 2025. Amazon Prime Video (~230M) is a BusinessStats Research estimate based on Amazon's disclosed global Prime membership -- Amazon does not separately report Prime Video subscribers in SEC filings. Disney+ figures from Q1 2024 onward exclude Disney+ Hotstar India following the Reliance Industries deal. All subscriber counts reflect paid subscribers only -- free AVOD tier users not included. 2026 estimates are BusinessStats Research projections based on Ampere Analysis and MoffettNathanson models -- not investment advice.

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Streaming Subscribers by Service: What the Companies Actually Report

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325M+ NETFLIX, Q4 2025	**131.6M** DISNEY+, SEP 2025	**131.6M** HBO MAX, DEC 2025
81.6M PARAMOUNT+, JUN 2026	**48M** PEACOCK, JUN 2026	**2 of 5** BIG US STREAMERS STILL COUNTING

How We Ranked

One ranking, ten services, many different dates

Most league tables of streaming services mix three kinds of number: counts the companies filed, estimates from research firms and figures repeated from older articles. That makes them look complete but hides how uncertain parts of the picture are. This page takes the opposite approach. A service appears in the ranking only if its owner has published a subscriber count in an earnings release, shareholder letter, regulatory filing or results statement, and every figure is shown with the period it refers to.

The trade-off is that the ranking is not a snapshot of a single month. The newest numbers, for Paramount+ and Peacock, describe June 2026. The oldest, for iQIYI, describes the last quarter of 2023. Between them sit Netflix, Disney and Warner Bros. Discovery, which each published a final count and then stopped. Reading the ranking correctly means reading the date column as carefully as the number column.

10Services with an official countLatest figures from 2023 to 2026.2Big US groups still reporting quarterlyParamount Skydance and Comcast.3Stopped since January 2025Netflix, Disney, Warner Bros. Discovery.0Prime Video or Apple TV countsNeither has ever been published. The Ranking

Subscription video services ranked by latest official count

On the latest figures each company published, Netflix leads by a wide margin. JioHotstar is second on the count Reliance gave during the 2025 Indian Premier League, although that number was a seasonal peak

and was not described as paid. Disney+ and HBO Max share third place at 131.6 million, followed by the two large Chinese platforms, Paramount+, Hulu, Peacock and ESPN+.

Subscription Video Services by Latest Officially Reported Subscribers (million)Each bar is the most recent count the company published; periods differ.

Data:

Netflix Q4 2025 letter (January 20, 2026); Reliance Industries Q1 FY2025-26 media release (July 2025); Disney Q4 fiscal 2025 release (November 13, 2025); Warner Bros. Discovery Q4 2025 release (February 26, 2026); Tencent Q3 2024 earnings call; iQIYI Q4 2023 results; Paramount Skydance Q2 2026 letter (August 4, 2026); Comcast Q2 2026 release (July 23, 2026).

Note:

Netflix shown at the 325 million milestone it said it crossed; JioHotstar is a subscriber base during IPL 2025, not stated as paid; Tencent and iQIYI are quarterly averages of daily subscriptions; Hulu includes 4.4 million Live TV subscribers. Compiled by BusinessStats.Switch to the table for exact figures.

Netflix is still more than twice the size of any Western rival: its 325 million milestone compares with 131.6 million for both Disney+ and HBO Max at their final counts.

RANK	SERVICE	OWNER	LATEST FIGURE	PERIOD	TYPE OF FIGURE
1	Netflix	Netflix	over 325 million	Q4 2025	Paid memberships, milestone statement
2	JioHotstar	JioStar (Reliance and Disney)	287 million	IPL season 2025	Subscriber base during IPL, paid status not stated
3	Disney+	Walt Disney	131.6 million	September 27, 2025	Paid subscribers, final quarterly count
3	HBO Max (with discovery+)	Warner Bros. Discovery	131.6 million	December 31, 2025	Streaming subscribers, final quarterly count
5	Tencent Video	Tencent	116 million	Q3 2024	Average daily video subscriptions
6	iQIYI	iQIYI	100.3 million	Q4 2023	Average daily subscribing members, final count

7	Paramount+	Paramount Skydance	81.6 million	June 30, 2026	Subscribers, still reported quarterly
8	Hulu	Walt Disney	64.1 million	September 27, 2025	Paid subscribers incl. 4.4M Live TV, final count
9	Peacock	Comcast	48 million	June 30, 2026	Paid subscribers, still reported quarterly
10	ESPN+	Walt Disney	24.1 million	June 28, 2025	Paid subscribers, final count
n/a	Amazon Prime Video	Amazon	not disclosed	n/a	Only Prime membership and ad reach published
n/a	Apple TV	Apple	not disclosed	n/a	Never published

Some familiar figures do not appear in the table because they never came from the companies. The 200 million to 240 million often quoted for Prime Video and the roughly 45 million quoted for Apple TV are third-party estimates. They may be reasonable, but they cannot be checked against a filing, so they are left out here and discussed separately below.

Who Still Reports

Who still reports subscribers, and who stopped

The biggest change in streaming data since 2024 is not a new leader but a disappearing metric. Netflix announced in January 2025 that it would no longer report paid memberships every quarter, from its first-quarter 2025 results onward, and would instead announce milestones. Disney followed in August 2025, when Bob Iger and Hugh Johnston wrote that quarterly updates on paid subscribers and average revenue per user had become less meaningful. Warner Bros. Discovery said in February 2026 that the fourth quarter of 2025 would be the last quarter in which it reported subscribers and ARPU.

SERVICE	LAST REPORTED COUNT	PERIOD COVERED	STATUS
Netflix	301.63 million	December 31, 2024	Quarterly counts ended; milestone of over 325 million announced January 2026
Disney+ and Hulu	131.6 million and 64.1 million	September 27, 2025	Stopped from fiscal 2026; profitability still disclosed

ESPN+	24.1 million	June 28, 2025	Stopped one quarter earlier than Disney+ and Hulu
HBO Max	131.6 million	December 31, 2025	Stopped from Q1 2026; only ad-tier share given since
Paramount+	81.6 million	June 30, 2026	Still reported each quarter
Peacock	48 million	June 30, 2026	Still reported each quarter
iQIYI	100.3 million	Q4 2023	Stopped from Q1 2024 results
Tencent Video	116 million	Q3 2024	Later results give only a combined total for all paid services
Amazon Prime Video	none	n/a	Never reported
Apple TV	none	n/a	Never reported

The reasons given are similar across companies. Once a service is mature, revenue, engagement and profit say more about its health than the number of accounts, and bundles, wholesale deals and free periods make the count harder to interpret. There is also a practical motive: subscriber totals invite quarter-by-quarter comparisons that can move share prices on small changes. Companies that stopped still publish revenue and operating profit for their streaming businesses, which our report on what streaming companies spend on content sets against their programming budgets.

For readers, the consequence is that every ranking published after 2025 is partly historical. Netflix has almost certainly grown since January 2026 and HBO Max since December 2025, but neither company has said by how much. The safest reading is to treat the last official count as a floor for services that were growing when they stopped.

Netflix

Netflix: 301.6 million counted, more than 325 million stated

The last precise Netflix figure is 301.63 million paid memberships at the end of 2024. The company added 18.91 million in the fourth quarter of that year and 41 million across 2024, both records, helped by its crackdown on password sharing and the launch of a cheaper plan with advertising. In its shareholder letter of January 20, 2026, Netflix said it had crossed 325 million paid memberships during the fourth quarter of 2025, which implies at least 23 million net additions in 2025.

Netflix Paid Memberships at Year End, 2017 to 2025 (million)The longest continuous official series among subscription video services.

Data:

Netflix quarterly shareholder letters and SEC Form 8-K exhibits.

Note:

2017 to 2024 are reported paid memberships at December 31; 2025 is the 325 million milestone Netflix said it crossed in Q4 2025, not an exact count. Compiled by BusinessStats.Switch to the table for exact figures.

Almost tripled in eight years: paid memberships rose from 110.6 million at the end of 2017 to more than 325 million at the end of 2025.

The chart shows two distinct phases. Between 2017 and 2020 Netflix added between 28 million and 37 million memberships a year, with 2020 boosted by lockdowns. Growth then slowed sharply to 18 million in 2021 and under 9 million in 2022, the year Netflix lost subscribers in two consecutive quarters. Paid sharing and the ad plan restarted growth in 2023 and 2024. The full quarterly history is in our series of Netflix subscribers by quarter and our chart of Netflix net additions each quarter.

Since it stopped counting, Netflix has pointed to other measures of scale. In its July 2026 letter it described its audience as approaching one billion people, a figure that counts people in member households rather than accounts. Its advertising plan reaches more than 250 million monthly active viewers, according to figures presented to advertisers on May 13, 2026, up from more than 190 million in November 2025. Netflix defines that metric as members who watched at least one minute of ads in a month multiplied by the estimated number of people per household, so it is a viewer estimate, not a subscriber count. Earlier ad-tier user figures are tracked in our data on Netflix ad-supported users.

Revenue now carries the growth story. Netflix reported revenue of 45.2 billion dollars for 2025, up 16 percent, and in July 2026 narrowed its 2026 forecast to 51.0 billion to 51.4 billion dollars. Second-quarter 2026 revenue was 12.56 billion dollars, with double-digit growth in every region. How that revenue divides by region is shown in our report on Netflix subscribers by region.

Disney+ and Hulu

Disney+ and Hulu: 196 million at the final count

Disney published its last subscriber table with its fiscal fourth-quarter 2025 results on November 13, 2025, covering the quarter to September 27, 2025. Disney+ had 131.6 million paid subscribers, 59.3 million in the US and Canada and 72.4 million elsewhere, an increase of 3.8 million in the quarter. Hulu had 64.1 million, of which 59.7 million took the streaming-only service and 4.4 million Hulu + Live TV. Disney summarised the total as 196 million Disney+ and Hulu subscriptions.

Disney+ and Hulu Paid Subscribers at the Final Count, September 2025 (million)The last subscriber breakdown Disney published before it stopped reporting.

Data:

The Walt Disney Company, fourth quarter and full year fiscal 2025 earnings release.

Note:

Disney+ excludes Disney+ Hotstar, which moved into the JioStar joint venture in November 2024. Shares are BusinessStats calculations. Compiled by BusinessStats.Switch to the table for exact figures.

International is the largest block: Disney+ outside the US and Canada made up 37 percent of the 195.8 million subscriptions in the final table.

The Disney+ figure needs one historical caution. Until 2024 Disney reported Disney+ including Disney+ Hotstar in India, which took the total to 164.2 million in September 2022 and 150.2 million in September 2023. Hotstar is now part of JioStar, so the comparable Disney+ series excludes it: 112.6 million in September 2023, 122.7 million in September 2024 and 131.6 million in September 2025. On that basis Disney+ grew by 8.9 million in its final reported fiscal year. Our page on Disney+ covers the service in more depth, and the US and Canada subscriber history shows the domestic trend.

Hulu jumped by 8.6 million in the final quarter, from 55.5 million in June 2025, an unusually large move for a mature US service. ESPN+ had already dropped out of the table: its last reported figure was 24.1 million in June 2025. Disney has since been folding Hulu into the Disney+ app and launched a separate ESPN direct-to-consumer service in August 2025, so even if Disney resumed reporting, the old categories would no longer match. Profitability is what Disney now discloses, as tracked in our data on Disney direct-to-consumer operating income.

HBO Max

HBO Max: 131.6 million and then silence

Warner Bros. Discovery ended 2025 with 131.6 million streaming subscribers, 59.2 million in the US and Canada and 72.4 million internationally. That was 14.7 million more than the 116.9 million of December 2024, and the company described it as nearly 15 million added during the year. The total covers HBO Max and discovery+, but HBO Max accounts for most of it.

The growth came almost entirely from outside the US. International subscribers rose from 59.8 million to 72.4 million in a year as HBO Max expanded into new international markets, while the domestic base grew by about 2 million. Average revenue per user shows the price of that expansion: in the fourth quarter of 2025 it was 10.45 dollars a month in the US and Canada, against 4.00 dollars internationally and 6.80 dollars globally.

YEAR END	US AND CANADA	INTERNATIONAL	TOTAL	GLOBAL ARPU
2022	54.6 million	42.3 million	96.9 million	7.42 dollars
2023	52.0 million	45.6 million	97.7 million	7.94 dollars
2024	57.1 million	59.8 million	116.9 million	7.44 dollars
2025	59.2 million	72.4 million	131.6 million	6.80 dollars

From the first quarter of 2026 the company stopped publishing subscriber numbers and ARPU. Its August 6, 2026 letter gave only one related figure: about 40 percent of global HBO Max subscribers were on the ad-supported tier. Streaming revenue passed 3 billion dollars in a quarter for the first time, with 512 million dollars of adjusted EBITDA. The longer subscriber series is in our data on Warner Bros. Discovery streaming subscribers.

Paramount+

Paramount+: 81.6 million and a pending merger

Paramount+ is now the largest US subscription video service that still publishes a quarterly count. Paramount Skydance reported 81.6 million subscribers at June 30, 2026, up about 2 million in the quarter and 6 percent from 76.8 million a year earlier. Paramount+ revenue was 2.06 billion dollars in the quarter, up 16 percent, driven by subscriber growth of about 6 percent and ARPU growth of about 12 percent. The company called it the lowest-churn quarter in the history of the service.

Comparisons across time need care, because the series has been restated. Paramount originally reported 79.1 million subscribers for September 2025, but the August 2026 letter shows 77.9 million for that date, 78.9 million for December 2025 and 79.6 million for March 2026. The company is also deliberately shedding some international hard-bundle subscribers, where a partner includes Paramount+ in another package: nearly 2 million left in the second quarter and about 4 million are expected to exit in 2026. Older figures, from 55.9 million at the end of 2022 to 77.5 million at the end of 2024, are in our report on Paramount+ subscribers worldwide.

The bigger change is corporate. Warner Bros. Discovery signed a merger agreement with Paramount Skydance on February 27, 2026, at 31 dollars per share in cash, after Paramount paid Netflix a 2.8 billion dollar termination fee on behalf of Warner Bros. Discovery to end an earlier Netflix deal. On its March 2, 2026 analyst call, Paramount said it planned to combine Paramount+ and HBO Max into one platform with more than 200 million subscribers. That is a plan, not a count, and in August 2026 both companies said closing was on hold until five days after pending litigation ends or June 1, 2027, whichever comes first.

81.6MParamount+ subscribersJune 30, 2026.+6%Year-on-year growthFrom 76.8 million.2.06BQuarterly Paramount+ revenue (dollars)Q2 2026, up 16 percent.200M+Planned combined platformParamount+ and HBO Max, if the merger closes. Peacock

Peacock: 48 million and its first profit

Comcast reported 48 million paid Peacock subscribers at the end of June 2026, after 2 million net additions in the quarter. The service had 20 million paid subscribers at the end of 2022, 31 million at the end of 2023, 36 million at the end of 2024 and 44 million at the end of 2025, then 46 million in March 2026, when Comcast said the base was up 12 percent from a year earlier.

The second quarter of 2026 was also the first in which Peacock made money. Comcast reported 1.9 billion dollars of Peacock revenue and adjusted EBITDA of 189 million dollars, against a loss of 101 million dollars a year earlier, in a quarter that included World Cup coverage. That turnaround came only one quarter after a 432 million dollar loss in the first quarter, which shows how much sports rights still drive the economics of a US streamer. Peacock is the smallest of the Western services in this ranking but one of only two that still let outsiders track subscriber growth every quarter.

Growth Compared

Year-end counts compared, 2023 to 2025

Putting the five largest Western services side by side over three year-ends shows who gained ground while all of them were still reporting. Netflix added almost 65 million memberships between the end of 2023 and the end of 2025, more than the entire Peacock base. HBO Max added almost 34 million, the fastest growth among the challengers in absolute terms, while Paramount+ was nearly flat in 2025.

Subscribers at Year End by Service, 2023 to 2025 (million)Disney+ figures are for the end of its fiscal year in late September.

Data:

Netflix, Disney, Warner Bros. Discovery, Paramount Global and Paramount Skydance, and Comcast fourth-quarter releases and letters.

Note:

Paramount+ 2023 and 2024 are as originally reported; 2025 is from the restated August 2026 series. Netflix 2025 is the over 325 million milestone. Compiled by BusinessStats.Switch to the table for exact figures.

Netflix pulled further ahead: its lead over the second-largest Western service widened from about 148 million at the end of 2023 to more than 190 million at the end of 2025.

Net additions in 2025 make the same point more directly. Netflix added at least 23.4 million, Warner Bros. Discovery 14.7 million, Disney+ 8.9 million in its fiscal year and Peacock 8 million. Paramount+ is left out of the comparison because its 2024 and 2025 figures are on different bases after the restatement.

Net Subscriber Additions in 2025 by Service (million)Difference between the year-end counts each company published.

Data:

Netflix (301.63 million to over 325 million), Warner Bros. Discovery (116.9 million to 131.6 million), Disney (122.7 million to 131.6 million), Comcast (36 million to 44 million).

Note:

the Netflix figure is a minimum because the 2025 value is a milestone. Calculated by BusinessStats.Switch to the table for exact figures.

Netflix still adds the most: even the minimum implied by its milestone exceeds the 2025 gains of HBO Max and Disney+ individually.

Growth also cost more in some cases than others. HBO Max grew mainly in lower-priced international markets, which is why its global ARPU fell while its subscriber count rose. Netflix grew while raising prices in several markets, which is why its revenue rose 16 percent in 2025. Price levels by market are compared in our data on Netflix ARPU by region and Disney+ revenue per subscriber.

Amazon and Apple

Amazon and Apple: the two big blanks

Amazon has never published a subscriber count for Prime Video. Prime Video is included in Prime membership in most markets, and the last membership figure Amazon gave was more than 200 million Prime members worldwide, in Jeff Bezos letter to shareholders of April 2021. That figure counts paying Prime households for shopping benefits as well as video, and Amazon has not updated it since. Our Amazon Prime overview looks at the membership side.

What Amazon does publish is reach for its advertising. In November 2025 it said Prime Video reached an average of more than 315 million ad-supported viewers each month worldwide, measured from September 2024 to August 2025 across 16 countries where ads run, up from 200 million when it first reported the metric in April 2024. At its May 2026 upfront, Amazon said its ad-supported properties reach over 300 million consumers in the US alone, a figure that covers more than Prime Video. These numbers count viewers, including people in households that pay for Prime, and cannot be compared with subscriber counts.

Ad-Supported Monthly Viewers Stated by Amazon and Netflix (million)The audience measures the two companies now publish instead of, or alongside, subscriber counts.

Data:

Amazon, Prime Video advertising audience statement (November 2025, data September 2024 to August 2025) and April 2024 statement; Netflix advertising presentations (November 2025 and May 13, 2026 upfront).

Note:

both figures are company estimates of people watching with ads, including household members, not paying accounts; definitions differ between the two companies. Compiled by BusinessStats.Switch to the

table for exact figures.

A different metric, not a bigger audience: Amazon and Netflix now compete on viewers reached with ads, a number that is always larger than accounts.

Apple has never disclosed how many people pay for Apple TV, the service called Apple TV+ until October 2025. Apple reports services revenue as a single line that also includes the App Store, iCloud, Apple Music and AppleCare, so the video business cannot be separated. Estimates of around 45 million subscribers circulate widely, but they are analyst figures and are not used here. Regional adoption survey data are in our report on Apple TV+ penetration by region.

India and China

India and China: large services, patchy reporting

Some of the largest subscription video services in the world are in Asia, and their reporting is even less regular than in the US. JioHotstar, formed when Reliance and Disney merged their Indian media businesses into JioStar in November 2024, is the clearest example. In its results for the April to June 2025 quarter, Reliance said JioHotstar had a subscriber base of 287 million during IPL 2025. It did not say how many of them were paying subscribers, and the figure was tied to the cricket season, when demand peaks.

Reliance has not repeated a subscriber figure since. Its later releases give monthly active users instead: an average of more than 460 million in the April to June 2025 quarter, 500 million in January to March 2026 and 530 million in April to June 2026, according to JioStar. Those are users of a service that also offers free content, so they are much broader than the paid base.

SERVICE	FIGURE	PERIOD	WHAT IT MEASURES
JioHotstar (India)	287 million	IPL season 2025	Subscriber base during the IPL, paid status not stated
JioHotstar (India)	530 million	April to June 2026	Average monthly active users, free and paid
Tencent Video (China)	117 million	Q2 2024	Average daily long-form video subscriptions, up 13 percent
Tencent Video (China)	116 million	Q3 2024	Video subscriptions, up 6 percent, stated on earnings call
Tencent, all paid services	259 million	Q2 2026	Average daily fee-based subscriptions, video and music combined

iQIYI (China)	100.3 million	Q4 2023	Average daily subscribing members, last count before it stopped

In China, the 116 million Tencent Video subscriptions of the third quarter of 2024 are the most recent stand-alone video figure we could confirm in Tencent statements. Newer results give only a combined total for video, music and other paid services, which fell 2 percent in the year to the second quarter of 2026. iQIYI, the other leading Chinese platform, stopped publishing its subscriber number with its first-quarter 2024 results, after an average of 100.3 million in the last quarter of 2023.

Prices are a fraction of US levels and none of these services operates at scale outside its home region, but at least two of them have been in the same size range as Disney+ and HBO Max.

Home vs Abroad

Home market versus international subscribers

Three of the largest services have published a domestic and international split in their final or recent tables. The comparison shows how far each has moved beyond the US and Canada. Netflix had 89.63 million memberships in the US and Canada at the end of 2024 and 212.0 million in the rest of the world, 70 percent of its total. Disney+ and HBO Max are both close to an even split, with about 55 percent abroad.

Subscribers in the US and Canada vs International, Last Reported Split (million)Netflix international is the sum of its EMEA, Latin America and Asia-Pacific regions.

Data:

Netflix (UCAN 89.63 million; EMEA 101.13 million, LATAM 53.33 million, APAC 57.54 million), Disney (Disney+ domestic 59.3 million, international 72.4 million), Warner Bros. Discovery (domestic 59.2 million, international 72.4 million). Compiled by BusinessStats.Switch to the table for exact figures.

Netflix is the most global: seven in ten Netflix memberships were outside the US and Canada, against about 55 percent for Disney+ and HBO Max.

The domestic numbers are strikingly close: Disney+ and HBO Max each had about 59 million customers in the US and Canada, while Netflix had about 90 million. That suggests the home market is approaching saturation for the largest services and that future growth will come mainly from abroad, where prices and ARPU are lower. Platform penetration among US households is compared in our data on US streaming penetration by platform.

Why Totals Overlap

Why the numbers cannot be added up

Adding the figures in the ranking gives more than 1.3 billion, but that total has little meaning. Many households pay for several services, so the same people appear in several rows. Bundles make the overlap explicit: Disney sells Disney+, Hulu and HBO Max together in the US, and each company counts the subscriber. Wholesale deals add another layer, because a telecom or pay-TV operator can include a streaming service in a package and the streamer counts each customer, which is why Paramount is now removing some international hard-bundle subscribers.

Definitions also stretch in different directions. Netflix counts one membership per account, although an account may serve a whole household, which is why it now speaks of an audience approaching one billion people. Amazon counts viewers reached by ads. Tencent and iQIYI average daily subscriptions over a quarter. The growth of ad-supported tiers adds yet another category, covered in our analysis of hybrid ad-supported and subscription tiers. The only honest way to compare services is one at a time, with the definition and date attached.

Outlook

Outlook: fewer counts, bigger platforms

The direction for the next year is fairly clear. If the Paramount Skydance and Warner Bros. Discovery merger closes, Paramount+ and HBO Max will become one service, and on the last figures each company published, the combined base would be about 213 million subscribers, more than the 196 million Disney+ and Hulu subscriptions in the final Disney table. Whether the new company keeps reporting a subscriber count, as Paramount does now, or follows Warner Bros. Discovery in stopping, will decide how much of the market can still be tracked.

Paramount Skydance expects total paid subscribers to be modestly higher in 2026 than in 2025, despite the planned exit of about 4 million international bundle subscribers. Netflix has promised to announce paid memberships only when it crosses key milestones, so its next confirmed number will probably be a round figure.

For analysts, revenue and profit are taking over from subscribers as the main yardsticks. Netflix expects 51.0 billion to 51.4 billion dollars of revenue in 2026, up 13 to 14 percent. Peacock and HBO Max are now profitable on an adjusted basis, and Paramount+ revenue is growing faster than its subscriber count. The

subscriber league table will not disappear, but it will increasingly be a table of last known values.

Key Facts

Streaming subscribers by service in eight numbers

325M+Netflix paid membershipsMilestone crossed in Q4 2025.301.63MLast exact Netflix countDecember 31, 2024.196MDisney+ and Hulu subscriptionsSeptember 2025, final count.131.6MHBO Max and discovery+December 2025, final count.81.6MParamount+June 30, 2026.48MPeacock paid subscribersJune 30, 2026.315M+Prime Video ad-supported viewersMonthly, November 2025.287MJioHotstar subscriber baseDuring IPL 2025. FAQ

Questions about streaming subscriber counts by service

Netflix. It reported 301.63 million paid memberships at the end of 2024 and said in January 2026 that it had crossed 325 million during the fourth quarter of 2025. No other service has published a higher paid count.

Disney+ had 131.6 million paid subscribers on September 27, 2025, the last count Disney published: 59.3 million in the US and Canada and 72.4 million internationally. Disney stopped reporting subscribers from fiscal 2026.

Warner Bros. Discovery reported 131.6 million streaming subscribers at the end of 2025, mainly HBO Max, with 59.2 million in the US and Canada and 72.4 million internationally. It stopped reporting subscribers from the first quarter of 2026.

Paramount+ had 81.6 million subscribers on June 30, 2026, up about 2 million in the quarter and 6 percent from a year earlier, according to Paramount Skydance.

Comcast reported 48 million paid Peacock subscribers at the end of June 2026, after adding 2 million in the quarter. Peacock also made its first quarterly adjusted profit, 189 million dollars.

Amazon has never published a Prime Video subscriber count. It reported more than 200 million Prime members in April 2021 and said in November 2025 that Prime Video reached more than 315 million ad-supported viewers a month worldwide.

Netflix said in January 2025 that revenue and engagement were better measures of its business and that it would stop reporting paid memberships each quarter from 2025, announcing only key milestones such as the 325 million mark.

No. Apple has never disclosed subscriber numbers for Apple TV, formerly Apple TV+, and includes it in a single services revenue line. Figures quoted elsewhere are analyst estimates.

No. Many households pay for several services, bundles are counted by each company, and definitions differ, so adding the totals overstates the number of people who pay for streaming.

Sources

Netflix - fourth quarter 2024 letter to shareholders (January 21, 2025), fourth quarter 2025 letter (January 20, 2026), second quarter 2026 letter (July 16, 2026), earlier fourth-quarter letters 2017 to 2023 and advertiser presentations (November 2025, May 2026).

The Walt Disney Company - fourth quarter fiscal 2025 earnings release (November 13, 2025), third quarter fiscal 2025 release (August 2025) and fourth quarter fiscal 2023 and 2024 releases.

Warner Bros. Discovery - fourth quarter 2025 earnings release and shareholder letter (February 26, 2026), fourth quarter 2023 release and second quarter 2026 shareholder letter (August 6, 2026).

Paramount Skydance - second quarter 2026 shareholder letter (August 4, 2026), Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2026, and Paramount Global fourth quarter 2022, 2023 and 2024 releases.

Comcast - second quarter 2026 (July 23, 2026), first quarter 2026 and fourth quarter 2022 to 2025 earnings releases.

Amazon - 2020 letter to shareholders (April 2021), Prime Video advertising audience statements (April 2024, November 2025) and 2026 upfront announcements.

Reliance Industries - media releases for Q1 FY2025-26 (July 2025), Q4 FY2025-26 (April 24, 2026) and Q1 FY2026-27 (July 2026).

Tencent Holdings - results announcements for Q2 2024 (August 14, 2024), Q3 2024 earnings call, 2025 annual results (March 18, 2026) and Q2 2026 results (August 2026).

iQIYI - fourth quarter and fiscal year 2023 financial results.

Every figure is the latest one published by the company that owns the service, shown with its period. Netflix 2025 is a milestone statement, not an exact count. Disney+ figures exclude Disney+ Hotstar. Paramount+ figures from 2025 onward follow the restated series in the August 2026 letter. Net additions, shares and the combined Paramount+ and HBO Max base are BusinessStats calculations. Third-party estimates for Amazon Prime Video and Apple TV used in the previous edition of this page have been removed.

STATISTICS REPORT

Netflix — statistics & facts

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325M+ GLOBAL PAID SUBSCRIBERS END 2025	**$45.18B** REVENUE 2025 (+16% YOY)	**$10.98B** NET INCOME 2025
94M AD-TIER MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS	**$18B** CONTENT SPEND 2025	**29.5%** OPERATING MARGIN 2025

Subscribers

Netflix Global Subscribers — 325M+ at End of 2025, 18.9M Added in One Quarter

Netflix ended 2025 with more than **325 million paid subscribers** worldwide, confirmed in the Q4 2025 SEC 8-K filing. In 2024 alone, Netflix added approximately **41 million subscribers**, with **18.9 million added in Q4 2024**, the largest single-quarter subscriber addition in company history.

From Q1 2025, Netflix stopped reporting quarterly global subscriber totals, stating that revenue and engagement are more meaningful metrics. The subscriber count has grown nearly tenfold since 2013, when Netflix had approximately 35 million subscribers worldwide. The full quarterly subscriber history is in our Netflix U.S. and Canada subscriber analysis.

Netflix Global Paid Subscribers — Year-End 2016 to 2025 (millions) Number of Netflix Paid Subscribers Worldwide — Year-End 2016 to 2025 (millions) 325M+End 2025 — Confirmed SEC 8-K Global paid subscribers at year-end (millions) · hover for detail Source: Netflix SEC 8-K quarterly filings · Statista · Backlinko Netflix Users 2026

By region in Q4 2024 (the last official regional breakdown): **EMEA 101.13M** (largest subscriber base), **UCAN 89.63M** (second), APAC 57.54M, LATAM 53.33M. EMEA overtook UCAN as the largest subscriber region in 2022. Despite having the second-largest subscriber base, UCAN generates 44% of total revenue due to its $17.26 monthly ARPU. The regional revenue breakdown is in our Netflix revenue by region analysis.

Revenue and Financial Performance

Netflix Revenue 2025 — $45.18B Revenue, $10.98B Net Income, 29.5% Operating Margin

Netflix achieved a historic financial milestone in 2025: **$45.18 billion in revenue** (+15.84% YoY), **$10.98 billion in net income**, and a **29.5% operating margin**, up from 26.7% in 2024. Revenue grew 16% in reported currency and 17% on a constant-currency basis. Q4 2025 alone generated $12.051 billion (+17.6% YoY), Netflix's highest-ever quarterly revenue.

The profitability transformation is extraordinary: Netflix reported consistent operating losses as recently as 2018-2019 when content spend consumed 60-75% of revenue. In 2025, with content at 41% of revenue, the margin expansion is structural. Full revenue history is in our Netflix revenue statistics analysis.

Netflix Revenue vs Net Income — 2019 to 2025 (bnUSD) Netflix Annual Revenue and Net Income — 2019 to 2025 (billion USD) $45.2BRevenue 2025 $10.98BNet Income 2025

Source: Netflix SEC Annual 10-K and 8-K filings · Q4 2025 8-K confirmed: revenue $45.18B, operating margin 29.5%, net income $10.98B · Business of Apps 2026

Ad-Supported Tier

Netflix Ad-Supported Tier — 94M Monthly Active Users, $1.5B Revenue, Targeting $3B in 2026

Netflix's ad-supported tier, launched in November 2022, has grown into a significant business in its own right. By May 2025, the tier had reached **94 million monthly active users**, up from approximately 40 million at end of 2024. By Q4 2025, **over 55% of new Netflix sign-ups** in ad-supported markets chose the ad tier.

Ad revenue grew **more than 2.5x in 2025** to over $1.5 billion, the company's third year selling advertising. Netflix is targeting advertising revenue of approximately **$3 billion in 2026** (roughly doubling from 2025) and a **long-term target of $9 billion by 2030**.

The ad tier operates in 12 countries with more than 4,000 advertisers, and programmatic advertising exceeded 50% of non-live ad sales in Q1 2026. The broader advertising and AI context is in our AI and market analysis.

Netflix Ad-Supported Tier — Key Statistics 2025-2026 Netflix Advertising Business — Key Metrics and Growth Targets (2025-2026) Source: Netflix Q4 2025 SEC 8-K · Netflix Q1 2026 earnings call · Apprupt Netflix Statistics 2026

Content Spending and Originals

Netflix Content Spending — $18B in 2025, 597 New Originals, 4,400+ Library Titles

Netflix spent approximately **$18 billion on content in 2025**, the highest in company history, and released **597 new original shows and films** (up from 589 in 2024 and 568 in 2023). The company's total library of original titles stands at approximately **4,400+** as of 2026. For 2026, Netflix has guided approximately $20 billion in content spend (+11%).

Key 2025 content milestones: Wednesday Season 2 and Happy Gilmore 2 were among Netflix's biggest-ever launches, the first-ever NFL Christmas Day games attracted approximately 30 million viewers each, and the WWE Raw deal (10 years, approximately $5 billion) launched in January 2025. Full content spending history is in our Netflix content spending analysis.

The top-performing Netflix original of all time remains **Squid Game Season 1 (265.2 million member households)**, followed by Wednesday Season 1 (252.1 million) and Stranger Things Season 4 (232.4 million). Netflix members watched a total of **96 billion hours in H2 2025** alone, up 2% year-on-year. Viewing of Netflix originals grew **9% year-on-year** in H2 2025.

Approximately **2 in 5 titles** in Netflix's U.S. catalog are originals or exclusive content. The global streaming content and investment banking context is in our investment banking revenue analysis.

Market Share and Competition

Netflix Market Share — #1 Globally by Paid Subscribers, 21% U.S. SVOD Share

Netflix holds **approximately 21% of the U.S. SVOD market** and is the dominant global paid streaming platform by subscribers. Netflix captures approximately **7% of available consumer entertainment spending** and accounts for approximately **8% of total TV viewership time** in the United States. Globally, Netflix leads all subscription streaming services by paid subscriber count.

Key competitive metrics: Amazon Prime Video leads in ad-tier adoption (82% of its audience on ad-supported plans vs Netflix's approximately 40%), while Netflix leads in overall subscriber count and revenue per user. Disney+, HBO Max, Apple TV+, and Peacock are all significantly smaller by global paid subscribers.

The broader media and streaming investment context is in our world's most valuable companies analysis.

U.S. SVOD Market Share 2025 — by Paid Subscribers (%) U.S. Subscription Streaming Market Share 2025 — by Paid Subscriber Base (%)

Source: DemandSage · Apprupt · Industry estimates 2025 · Netflix: confirmed · Others: estimated market share

Engagement and Usage

Netflix Engagement — 96B Hours in H2 2025, 18 Minutes to Choose, 49 Days Watched Per Member

Netflix engagement metrics reveal how deeply the platform is embedded in daily entertainment habits. Members watched **96 billion hours** in the second half of 2025, up 2% year-on-year. The **average subscriber spends 1 to 2 hours per day** streaming on Netflix.

Members spend an average of **18 minutes browsing** before choosing a show, a figure Netflix monitors closely, as it signals how effectively the recommendation algorithm surfaces relevant content. The average Netflix member has consumed over **49 days' worth of content** since creating their account, a testament to the platform's role as a primary entertainment destination.

The social media and digital entertainment context is in our social media statistics analysis.

Countries and Top Markets

Netflix by Country — Available in 190+ Countries, U.S. Leads with 67-81M Subscribers

Netflix is available in **more than 190 countries**, virtually everywhere in the world except North Korea, China, Syria, Russia, and Crimea. China represents Netflix's most significant unavailable market, the world's second-largest economy, due to content licensing restrictions and government regulations.

Netflix first expanded internationally to Canada in 2010, then Latin America and the Caribbean in 2011, and in January 2016 launched simultaneously in 130 new countries. The United States remains the single largest national market with approximately **67-81.4 million subscribers** depending on the source.

The United Kingdom is second (approximately 18.4 million), followed by Brazil and Germany (each approximately 16.6 million), and Mexico (approximately 14 million). India, with penetration below 1% of its population, was Netflix's **second-largest growth market in Q4 2025**, with Netflix committing $2 billion in Indian content.

The global tourism and travel population context is in our most visited countries analysis.

Netflix — Top Countries by Estimated Subscriber Count 2025 Netflix Estimated Subscribers by Country — Top 10 Markets 2025 (millions, third-party estimates) Source: World Population Review · Backlinko · DemandSage 2026 · Third-party estimates — Netflix does not report country-level data officially

Key Statistics

Netflix — Key Statistics and Facts 2025-2026

325M+Global Paid Subscribers — End 2025Netflix confirmed crossing 325 million paid subscribers in Q4 2025 — confirmed SEC 8-K January 2026. Added 41 million in 2024 alone (record), including 18.9 million in Q4 2024 (largest-ever single quarter). From Q1 2025, Netflix stopped quarterly reporting. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 2025. $45.18BRevenue 2025 — +15.84% YoYFull year 2025 revenue: $45.18 billion, up 15.84% from $39 billion in 2024. Q4 2025 alone: $12.051 billion (+17.6%). Regional split: UCAN $19.96B (44%), EMEA $14.51B (32%), LATAM $5.36B (12%), APAC $5.35B (12%). Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 2025, Bullfincher company data. $10.98BNet Income 2025 — 29.5% Operating MarginNetflix net income: $10.98 billion in 2025 — up from $8.71 billion in 2024 (+$2.27 billion). Operating margin: 29.5% (up from 26.7% in 2024). 2026 operating margin target: 31.5%. EPS Q4 2025: $5.13. Source: Netflix Q4 2025 SEC 8-K, DemandSage 2026. 94MAd-Tier Monthly Active Users — May 2025Netflix ad-supported tier: 94 million monthly active users as of May 2025, up from ~40 million at end 2024. Ad revenue: $1.5B+ in 2025 (2.5x growth). 55%+ of new sign-ups chose ad tier in Q4 2025. 2026 target: $3B+ in ad revenue. 2030 target: $9B. Source: Netflix Q1 2025 earnings, Apprupt 2026. $18BContent Spend 2025 — $20B Guided for 2026Netflix content spending: $18 billion in 2025 (all-time record), up from $16B in 2024. 597 new originals released in 2025. Library: 4,400+ original titles. Q4 2024 WWE Raw deal: 10 years, approximately $5B. 2026 content guidance: $20B (+11%). Source: SQ Magazine, Business of Apps, Apprupt 2026. 18.9MRecord Single-Quarter Net Adds — Q4 2024Q4 2024 net subscriber additions: 18.9 million — the

largest single-quarter gain in Netflix history. Total 2024 adds: approximately 41 million (also a record). Drivers: password-sharing crackdown conversions, holiday season, strong content slate (Squid Game S2, Wednesday S2). Source: Netflix Q4 2024 SEC 8-K, January 21, 2025. 190+Countries Available — 2026Netflix operates in 190+ countries — everywhere except North Korea, China, Syria, Russia, and Crimea. China is the biggest unavailable market (world's 2nd economy). Netflix launched in Canada (2010), expanded to Latin America (2011), and launched in 130 countries simultaneously in January 2016. Source: Backlinko, DemandSage 2026. 96BHours Watched — H2 2025 AloneNetflix members watched 96 billion hours in the second half of 2025, up 2% year-on-year. Originals viewing grew 9% YoY in H2 2025. Members spend 1-2 hours per day on average streaming Netflix, and 18 minutes browsing before selecting content. Average member has consumed 49+ days of content total. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 2025. 16,000Netflix Employees Worldwide — 2026Netflix employs approximately 16,000 people worldwide — generating approximately $2.8 million in revenue per employee at 2025 levels. Netflix is known for its 'no rules rules' corporate culture, documented in the Netflix Culture Deck (viewed 20M+ times). Netflix's Revenue per Employee ratio is among the highest in media. Source: Backlinko, DemandSage 2026. $17.26UCAN Monthly ARPU Q4 2024 — Highest GloballyUCAN (U.S. and Canada) average monthly revenue per membership: $17.26 in Q4 2024. EMEA: $11.11. LATAM: $8.00. APAC: $7.34 (lowest). Global average: $11.70. The UCAN-APAC gap of 2.35x explains why the U.S. and Canada (28% of subscribers) generates 44% of revenue. Source: Netflix Q4 2024 earnings, Backlinko 2026.

2026 Outlook

Netflix 2026 Outlook — $50.7-51.7B Revenue, $3B Ads, Warner Bros. Acquisition

Netflix has provided clear 2026 guidance: **revenue of $50.7-51.7 billion** (+12-14% from 2025), an **operating margin of 31.5%** (+2 percentage points from 2025), and **advertising revenue of more than $3 billion** (approximately doubling from $1.5 billion in 2025). Content spending is guided at approximately **$20 billion** (+11%).

All four regional growth trajectories remain double-digit: Q1 2026 confirmed UCAN +14%, EMEA +17%, LATAM +19%, APAC +20%. The 2026 revenue guidance of $50.7-51.7 billion would make Netflix one of the largest media companies in the world by revenue. The broader media industry investment context is in our global investment banking analysis.

The biggest strategic development of 2026 is Netflix's announced **acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery**, if completed, the largest streaming deal in history. Warner Bros. Discovery (HBO, Max, DC, CNN, discovery+, Warner Bros. film studio) would add an unparalleled content library and brand portfolio to Netflix's existing position.

Netflix is pursuing a spinoff of WBD's Global Networks division in Q3 2026 before the acquisition closes. This transformative deal would reshape the entire streaming landscape and significantly expand Netflix's content and IP portfolio. The global corporate deal context is in our major acquisitions analysis.

Netflix — 2026 Key Guidance and Targets Netflix Official 2026 Guidance and BusinessStats Estimates $50.7-51.7BRevenue 2026 (Official Netflix Guidance +12-14%) 31.5%Operating Margin Target 2026 >$3BAdvertising Revenue 2026 (Double 2025) $20BContent Spend 2026 Guided (+11%) $9BAd Revenue Long-Term Target by 2030 WBDWarner Bros. Discovery Acquisition — Pending

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Statistics and Facts

Netflix crossed **325 million+ paid subscribers** by end of Q4 2025. Netflix added 18.9 million in Q4 2024 alone (record). From Q1 2025, Netflix stopped quarterly reporting. 2024 total adds: approximately 41 million. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 2025 (January 2026).

Netflix generated **$45.18 billion in revenue in 2025**, up 15.84% from $39 billion in 2024. Q4 2025 alone: $12.051 billion (+17.6%). Operating margin: 29.5%. Net income: $10.98 billion. Source: Netflix Q4 2025 SEC 8-K, January 2026.

Netflix ad-supported tier: **94 million monthly active users** as of May 2025. 55%+ of new sign-ups chose ad tier in Q4 2025. Ad revenue grew 2.5x to $1.5B+ in 2025. Target: $3B in 2026, $9B by 2030. Source: Netflix Q1 2025 earnings call, Apprupt 2026.

Netflix spent **$18 billion on content in 2025** (all-time record), up from $16B in 2024. Released 597 new originals in 2025. Library: 4,400+ original titles. 2026 guidance: $20B. Source: SQ Magazine, Business of Apps 2026.

Netflix operates in **190+ countries**, everywhere except North Korea, China, Syria, Russia, and Crimea. China is the biggest unavailable market. Netflix launched internationally in Canada (2010), Latin America (2011), and 130 countries simultaneously in January 2016. Source: Backlinko, DemandSage 2026.

The **United States leads with approximately 67-81 million subscribers**. UK second (~18.4M), followed by Brazil and Germany (~16.6M each), Mexico (~14M). By region: EMEA leads with 101.13M (Q4 2024), UCAN second at 89.63M. Source: World Population Review, Backlinko 2026.

Netflix operating margin was **29.5% in 2025**, up from 26.7% in 2024 and a massive improvement from the 2018-2019 era when Netflix consistently operated at losses or near break-even. 2026 target: 31.5%. Source: Netflix Q4 2025 SEC 8-K.

Netflix official 2026 guidance: **$50.7-51.7 billion revenue** (+12-14%), 31.5% operating margin, $3B+ in ad revenue (doubling from 2025), $20B content spend. Q1 2026 actual: $12.249B (+16% YoY). Source: Netflix Q4 2025 and Q1 2026 SEC 8-K filings.

Netflix has approximately **4,400+ original titles** in its library as of 2026. Released 597 new originals in 2025 (vs 589 in 2024, 568 in 2023). Peak year: 2022 with 749 new originals. About 2 in 5 U.S. catalog titles are originals or exclusives. Source: SearchLogistics, Apprupt 2026.

Squid Game Season 1 is Netflix's most-watched show with 265.2 million member households watching in the first 91 days. Top 5: Squid Game S1 (265.2M), Wednesday S1 (252.1M), Stranger Things S4 (232.4M), DAHMER (196.2M), The Night Agent S1 (168.7M). Source: Netflix Engagement Reports.

Netflix employs approximately **16,000 people worldwide** as of 2026. At $45 billion revenue, this represents approximately $2.8 million revenue per employee, one of the highest ratios in media. Netflix is famous for its 'no rules rules' culture, documented in the Netflix Culture Deck (viewed 20M+ times). Source: Backlinko, DemandSage 2026.

Average Netflix member: **1-2 hours per day** streaming. Members spend 18 minutes browsing before choosing content. Netflix members have watched an average of 49+ days' worth of content since joining. H2 2025 total: 96 billion hours watched across all members. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 2025, SearchLogistics 2026.

Sources

Netflix SEC 8-K Filings, Q4 2025 (January 21, 2026): 325M+ subscribers, $45.18B revenue, 29.5% operating margin, $1.5B+ ad revenue confirmed · Q1 2026 (April 2026): $12.249B revenue confirmed

Backlinko, Netflix Users Statistics 2026 · 325M global subscribers · US: 81.4M · ARPU by region · Revenue per member history · Employees: 16,000 · Countries: 190+

DemandSage, Netflix Subscribers Statistics 2026 · 301.6M Q4 2024 · Net income $10.98B · 94M ad-tier users · 21% US SVOD share · EPS data

SQ Magazine, Netflix Statistics 2026 · $45.18B revenue 2025 · 94M ad-tier · $18B content spend · ARPU by region · Q1 2025 revenue $10.54B

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Business of Apps, Netflix Revenue and Usage Statistics 2026 · $39B revenue 2024 · $16B content spend 2024 · 18.3% of US streaming minutes · Q4 2024 confirmed figures

Global subscriber count (325M+) confirmed from Netflix Q4 2025 SEC 8-K. Revenue ($45.18B), operating margin (29.5%), and net income ($10.98B) confirmed from Netflix Q4 2025 SEC 8-K (January 21, 2026). Ad-tier users (94M) from Netflix Q1 2025 earnings call announcement. Country-level subscriber estimates are third-party only — Netflix does not officially report country-level subscriber data. Content spend estimates from multiple industry sources cross-referenced with Netflix disclosures. All financial figures in USD. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

First-run scripted series orders of Netflix worldwide — 2021 to 2026, by region

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~45% US AND CANADA SHARE 2025 — DOWN FROM 62% IN 2021	**~28%** EUROPE SHARE 2025 — UK, SPAIN, GERMANY LEAD	**~15%** ASIA-PACIFIC SHARE 2025 — FASTEST GROWING REGION
~8% LATIN AMERICA SHARE 2025 — BRAZIL AND MEXICO	**450-500** TOTAL GLOBAL SCRIPTED ORDERS 2025	

Overview

Share of Netflix's first-run scripted series orders worldwide from 2021 to 2026, by region

Netflix's first-run scripted series commissioning strategy has undergone a fundamental geographic rebalancing since 2021. The US and Canada — historically the dominant production hub — have seen their share of total Netflix scripted orders fall from approximately 62% in 2021 to approximately 45% in 2025. This is not because Netflix ordered fewer US/Canada scripted series in absolute terms — it ordered more. But the growth rate of international commissioning has significantly outpaced US/Canada commissioning, driven by the proven global appeal of local-language originals.

The strategic logic is compelling. A South Korean drama can be produced for approximately 20-30% of the cost of a comparable US production, yet Money Heist (Spain), Squid Game (South Korea), and Lupin (France) each became among the most-watched titles in Netflix history. Each international scripted success story justified additional regional commissioning investment, creating a virtuous cycle. The content investment that funds this global commissioning strategy is in our Netflix content spend analysis.

Netflix First-Run Scripted Orders Regional Share — 2021 to 2026E (%) Share of Netflix First-Run Scripted Series Orders Worldwide — by Region 2021 to 2026E (%) 2021-2025 from Ampere Analysis global content tracker. 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. US/Canada share declining as international commissions

grow faster. ~45% US/Canada 2025

US and Canada Europe Asia-Pacific Latin America Rest of World BusinessStats Research | Data: Ampere Analysis global content tracker 2021-2025 (first-run scripted series orders by region). 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. First-run scripted excludes renewals, unscripted, docs, animation, films.

Full Annual Data

Netflix First-Run Scripted Series Orders — Annual Regional Share 2021 to 2026

The table below shows the regional share of Netflix total first-run scripted series orders for each year from 2021 to 2026. The declining US/Canada share and rising Asia-Pacific share are the two most significant structural trends. The content obligations context for these commissions is in our Netflix streaming content obligations analysis.

Netflix First-Run Scripted Orders — Regional Share 2021-2026 (%) Click column to sort

YEAR	US AND CANADA (%)	EUROPE (%)	ASIA-PACIFIC (%)	LATIN AMERICA (%)	REST OF WORLD (%)	TOTAL ORDERS (EST.)
2021	~62%	~24%	~8%	~6%	~0%	~280-300
2022	~58%	~25%	~10%	~6%	~1%	~320-350
2023	~52%	~27%	~12%	~7%	~2%	~380-420
2024	~48%	~27%	~14%	~8%	~3%	~420-460
2025	**~45%**	**~28%**	**~15%**	**~8%**	**~4%**	**~450-500**
2026E	~42%	~29%	~18%	~8%	~4%	~480-530

2021-2025 regional shares from Ampere Analysis global content tracker, cross-referenced with Variety and CNBC annual commissioning analysis. 2026E BusinessStats Research estimates. Total order volumes are approximate industry estimates. Netflix does not disclose first-run scripted order counts by region in SEC filings. Figures exclude renewals, unscripted, documentaries, animation, and films.

US and Canada

US and Canada: ~45% Share in 2025 — Still the Largest Production Hub, Declining Share Not Volume

US and Canada remain Netflix's single largest region by first-run scripted orders in 2025, accounting for approximately 45% of total global commissions despite a significant share decline from approximately 62% in 2021. In absolute terms, Netflix ordered approximately 200-220 US/Canada first-run scripted series in 2025 compared to approximately 130-140 in 2021 — so the US/Canada order count grew by approximately 50% in absolute terms even as its share declined.

The US/Canada decline in share is primarily driven by the 2022 content spend rationalisation, during which Netflix modestly reduced its US scripted order volume following subscriber miss. From 2023, US/Canada ordering recovered, but international ordering grew faster. US/Canada productions remain Netflix's highest-budget commissions — the average US/Canada scripted order costs approximately $8-15 million per episode, compared to approximately $2-5 million per episode for Korean dramas and approximately $3-6 million per episode for European scripted series. The content economics context is in our Netflix content spend analysis.

US/Canada vs International Share of Scripted Orders — 2021 to 2026E (%) Netflix First-Run Scripted Orders — US and Canada vs International Share 2021 to 2026E (%) International share crossed 50% for the first time in 2025. US/Canada declining from 62% to 45% in 4 years. Dashed = 2026E estimates. 45%US/Canada 2025 55%International 2025

BusinessStats Research | Data: Ampere Analysis global content tracker 2021-2025. International = Europe + Asia-Pacific + Latin America + Rest of World. 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate.

Europe — 28% Share

Europe: ~28% of Netflix Scripted Orders in 2025 — UK Largest Market, Spain the Global Breakout Star

Europe is Netflix's second-largest scripted commissioning region with approximately 28% of total global orders in 2025. Within Europe, the United Kingdom accounts for approximately 35-40% of European orders — reflecting English-language production capability, world-class television talent (Shonda Rhimes-style showrunners, major streaming-era directors), and an established independent production infrastructure. The UK has produced globally successful Netflix scripted series including The Crown, Peaky Blinders (final seasons), Top Boy, and Bodies.

Spain holds a disproportionate position in European Netflix commissioning relative to its market size: accounting for approximately 18% of European orders, Spain punches well above its weight because of Money Heist's global phenomenon status and the subsequent Netflix commitment to Spanish-language scripted content. Germany (Dark, Biohackers, Kleo), France (Lupin, Emily in Paris), and Italy (Baby, Suburra) each account for approximately 10-15% of European orders. The European subscriber base that justifies these commissions is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

Netflix European Scripted Orders by Country — 2025 Approximate Share Netflix First-Run Scripted Orders Within Europe — Country Share 2025 (Approximate) Europe = approximately 28% of Netflix total global scripted orders. This chart shows the breakdown within Europe. Source: Ampere Analysis, Variety European streaming coverage 2025.

United KingdomThe Crown, Top Boy, Bodies — English-language global reach~38% SpainMoney Heist legacy — Spanish-language global breakout hub~18% GermanyDark, Kleo — growing German original scripted slate~14% FranceLupin, Emily in Paris — French scripted with global audience~14% Other EuropeItaly, Nordics, Poland, Benelux, Eastern Europe~16% BusinessStats Research estimate | Data: Ampere Analysis European scripted commissioning data 2025, Variety European streaming coverage. Approximate shares within Europe's 28% of total Netflix global scripted orders.

Asia-Pacific — Fastest Growing

Asia-Pacific: ~15% Share in 2025 — South Korea the Global Scripted Phenomenon, APAC Fastest-Growing Region

Asia-Pacific has been the fastest-growing region for Netflix first-run scripted orders since 2021, growing from approximately 8% of total global orders to approximately 15% in 2025. South Korea is the clear leader within APAC, accounting for approximately 40-45% of Asia-Pacific scripted orders. Netflix's investment in Korean drama is underpinned by Squid Game becoming the most-watched title in Netflix history (Season 1), which demonstrated that Korean scripted content can attract global audiences comparable to the best US productions — at approximately 20-25% of the production cost.

India is Netflix APAC's second-largest scripted commissioning market, with Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu language originals growing rapidly as Netflix deepens its commitment to Indian local-language content. Japan contributes manga-adaptation live-action scripted content (Alice in Borderland, The Naked Director) that resonates strongly with global anime-adjacent audiences. The Asia-Pacific subscriber base driving this commissioning investment is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

Asia-Pacific Share of Netflix Scripted Orders — 2021 to 2026E (%) Netflix First-Run Scripted Orders — Asia-Pacific Regional Share 2021 to 2026E (%) Fastest-growing region: from 8% in 2021 to 15% in 2025 to forecast 18% in 2026E. South Korea the primary driver. Dashed = 2026E estimate. 8%APAC 2021 15%APAC 2025 ~18%APAC 2026E

BusinessStats Research | Data: Ampere Analysis APAC scripted commissioning data 2021-2025, Variety APAC streaming coverage. 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. APAC = South Korea, Japan, India, Australia, Southeast Asia.

Latin America — 8% Share

Latin America: ~8% Share in 2025 — Brazil and Mexico Driving Spanish and Portuguese Language Scripted

Latin America accounts for approximately 8% of Netflix total first-run scripted orders in 2025, stable since 2024. Brazil is the largest Latin American market for Netflix scripted commissions, producing Portuguese-language drama and thriller content. Mexico is the second-largest LATAM market, with Spanish-language scripted content that benefits from crossover appeal to both Latin American and US Spanish-speaking audiences. Dark Desire, Who Killed Sara?, and Club de Cuervos have been among Mexico's most globally distributed Netflix originals.

LATAM's 8% share is slightly below its potential given that LATAM accounts for approximately 14% of total Netflix subscribers. The gap reflects the longer commissioning runway that APAC had given Squid Game's global breakthrough — LATAM is still building the track record of global-scale local-language breakout hits that justify significantly expanded commissioning. With approximately 50 million paid subscribers in LATAM, the market justification for expanded scripted investment is strong, and BusinessStats Research forecasts LATAM share remaining at approximately 8-9% through 2026E. The LATAM revenue context is in our Netflix global revenue by region analysis.

Netflix First-Run Scripted Orders by Region — 2025 Share (%) Netflix First-Run Scripted Series Orders Worldwide — Regional Share 2025 (%) Source: Ampere Analysis global content tracker 2025. US/Canada 45% largest region. Asia-Pacific 15% fastest growing. Rest of World 4% early stage. BusinessStats Research | Data: Ampere Analysis global scripted commissioning tracker 2025. First-run scripted only — excludes renewals, unscripted, documentaries, animation, films.

Total Order Volume

Total First-Run Scripted Orders Growing from ~280-300 in 2021 to ~450-500 in 2025 — Netflix Dominates Global Commissioning

Netflix's total first-run scripted series order volume grew from approximately 280-300 in 2021 to approximately 450-500 in 2025 — an increase of approximately 60-70% in four years. The growth was interrupted briefly in 2022 when Netflix implemented content spend discipline following subscriber miss, but recovered strongly in 2023-2025 as the ad-supported tier expanded the addressable market and revenue growth justified renewed investment. Netflix remains the single largest commissioner of first-run scripted television globally by order volume, ahead of Amazon Prime Video, Disney+, and all broadcast networks combined in international markets.

The total volume growth is distributed unevenly across regions — US/Canada volume grew approximately 50% while international volume grew approximately 80% from 2021 to 2025. This reflects Netflix's two-speed commissioning strategy: maintaining and selectively growing its premium US/Canada slate while significantly scaling its international commissioning infrastructure, particularly in Asia-Pacific where local production costs allow more orders for the same content spend. The production pipeline context is in our Netflix streaming content obligations analysis.

Netflix First-Run Scripted Orders by Region — Absolute Volume 2021-2026E (approximate series count) Netflix First-Run Scripted Orders Approximate Volume by Region — 2021 to 2026E (number of series) Absolute order count estimates from Ampere Analysis and Variety. International growth outpacing US/Canada. Dashed = 2026E BusinessStats Research estimates. ~480 Total 2025 est.

US and Canada Europe Asia-Pacific Latin America Rest of World BusinessStats Research | Volume estimates from Ampere Analysis and Variety annual commissioning coverage 2021-2025. 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. All figures approximate; Netflix does not publish scripted order counts by region.

All Regions Share Trend — 2021 to 2026E (%) Netflix First-Run Scripted Orders — All Regions Share Trend 2021 to 2026E (%) US/Canada declining, Asia-Pacific rising fastest, Europe and LATAM steady growth. Dashed = 2026E estimate. -17ppUS/CA drop 2021-25 +7ppAPAC rise 2021-25

BusinessStats Research | Data: Ampere Analysis 2021-2025. 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. Share = regional first-run scripted orders / total global first-run scripted orders. pp = percentage points.

Key Statistics

Netflix First-Run Scripted Orders by Region — Key Statistics 2025

~45%US and Canada Share 2025 — Largest Region, Down 17pp Since 2021US/Canada accounts for approximately 45% of Netflix total first-run scripted orders in 2025, down from approximately 62% in 2021. In absolute terms, US/Canada ordering grew approximately 50% over this period, but international ordering grew approximately 80%. US/Canada productions command the highest per-episode budgets ($8-15M). Source: Ampere Analysis 2025. ~28%Europe Share 2025 — UK Leads, Spain the Global Breakout HubEurope accounts for approximately 28% of Netflix scripted orders in 2025, growing from approximately 24% in 2021. Within Europe: UK approximately 38%, Spain approximately 18%, Germany approximately 14%, France approximately 14%, other European markets approximately 16%. The Crown, Money Heist, Lupin, Dark — all European originals with global audiences. Source: Ampere Analysis, Variety 2025. ~15%Asia-Pacific Share 2025 — Fastest Growing from 8% in 2021Asia-Pacific grew from approximately 8% in 2021 to approximately 15% in 2025, the fastest regional growth rate. South Korea leads APAC at approximately 40-45% of regional orders, driven by Squid Game's global breakthrough and Korean drama's proven global appeal. India is the second-largest APAC market. Forecast to reach approximately 18% in 2026E. Source: Ampere Analysis 2025. 2025International Share Crossed 50% for First Time — Netflix Now More International than Domestic by OrdersInternational orders (Europe + APAC + LATAM + Rest of World) crossed 50% of total Netflix first-run scripted orders for the first time in 2025, reaching approximately 55%. This milestone reflects Netflix's transformation from a US-centric streaming service to a global content studio. By 2026E, international share is forecast at approximately 58%. Source: Ampere Analysis, BusinessStats Research 2025. ~480Total First-Run Scripted Orders 2025 — World's Largest Single Scripted CommissionerNetflix ordered approximately 450-500 first-run scripted series in 2025, making it the single largest global commissioner of scripted television. Amazon Prime Video is estimated at approximately 150-180, Disney+ approximately 100-130, and Max approximately 120-150. Netflix's volume advantage is largest in international markets. Source: Ampere Analysis, Variety industry data 2025. ~8%Latin America Share 2025 — Brazil and Mexico Stable but Below Subscriber ShareLatin America's approximately 8% scripted order share is below its approximately 14% subscriber share, reflecting a shorter track record of global-scale breakout hits vs Asia-Pacific. Brazil leads LATAM scripted orders at approximately 45%, Mexico approximately 35%. Dark Desire, Who Killed Sara?, and Club de Cuervos among key LATAM originals. Forecast stable at approximately 8-9% through 2026E. Source: Ampere Analysis 2025.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix First-Run Scripted Series Orders by Region

US and Canada account for approximately **45% of Netflix total first-run scripted series orders globally in 2025**, down from approximately 62% in 2021. The declining share reflects international commissioning growth outpacing US/Canada growth — not a reduction in US/Canada volumes, which grew approximately 50% in absolute terms from 2021 to 2025. Source: Ampere Analysis global content tracker 2025.

Asia-Pacific is the fastest-growing region, rising from approximately **8% of global Netflix scripted orders in 2021 to approximately 15% in 2025**. South Korea is the primary driver, accounting for approximately 40-45% of APAC orders, following Squid Game's global breakthrough. India and Japan are growing rapidly within APAC. The region is forecast to reach approximately 18% of global orders in 2026E. Source: Ampere Analysis, Variety 2025.

Netflix ordered approximately **450-500 first-run scripted series globally in 2025**, up from approximately 280-300 in 2021. This makes Netflix the single largest global commissioner of scripted television by volume, ahead of Amazon Prime Video (approximately 150-180), Disney+ (approximately 100-130), and Max (approximately 120-150). Source: Ampere Analysis, Variety industry data 2025.

Three drivers: (1) **Proven global appeal** — Squid Game, Money Heist, Lupin showed local-language content can achieve global viewership. (2) **Subscriber base** — 70%+ of Netflix subscribers are outside the US, and local content drives retention. (3) **Cost efficiency** — Korean drama and European thriller can be produced for 20-30% of US production costs, allowing more orders for the same content spend. Source: Variety, Bloomberg.

A first-run scripted series order is a commission for a **new scripted television series debuting exclusively on Netflix**, including drama, thriller, comedy, crime, sci-fi, and limited series across all languages. Excludes: renewals of existing series, unscripted/reality content, documentaries, stand-up specials, animated series, and films. Industry standard definition per Ampere Analysis global content tracker methodology. Source: Ampere Analysis.

Within Europe's approximately 28% share: **UK approximately 38%** (The Crown, Top Boy, Bodies), **Spain approximately 18%** (Money Heist legacy, Spanish drama slate), **Germany approximately 14%** (Dark, Kleo), **France approximately 14%** (Lupin, Emily in Paris), and other European markets approximately 16%. The UK leads because of English-language capability and established studio infrastructure. Source: Ampere Analysis, CNBC European streaming data 2025.

International first-run scripted orders (Europe + APAC + LATAM + Rest of World combined) exceeded US and Canada for the first time in **2025**, reaching approximately 55% of total global orders versus US/Canada approximately 45%. This milestone marks Netflix's transformation from a US-centric service to a genuinely global content studio. The trend began in 2021 when international share was approximately 38%. Source: Ampere Analysis, BusinessStats Research 2025.

BusinessStats Research 2026E forecast: **US/Canada approximately 42%** (continuing decline), **Europe approximately 29%** (steady growth, UK and Spain leading), **Asia-Pacific approximately 18%** (fastest growth, Korea and India expanding), **Latin America approximately 8-9%** (stable), **Rest of World approximately 4%** (emerging). Total global orders forecast at approximately 480-530 first-run scripted series. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E, Ampere Analysis trend data.

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Netflix does not publish first-run scripted series order counts by region in its SEC filings or annual reports. All regional share figures are derived from Ampere Analysis global content tracker data and Variety streaming industry commissioning surveys. 2021-2025 figures represent industry estimates with approximately 3-5 percentage point margin of error per region. 2026E figures are BusinessStats Research forward-looking estimates. First-run scripted excludes series renewals, unscripted/reality content, documentaries, stand-up specials, animated series, and original films. Not investment advice.

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Share of ad-supported Netflix users worldwide — 2026, by region

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~44% UCAN AD-TIER SHARE Q3 2026E — HIGHEST	**~22%** LATAM AD-TIER SHARE Q3 2026E	**~19%** EMEA AD-TIER SHARE Q3 2026E
~13% APAC AD-TIER SHARE Q3 2026E — LOWEST	**~30%** GLOBAL AD-TIER SHARE Q3 2026E	**$15/mo** UCAN PRICE GAP: $7.99 VS $22.99

Overview

Share of Netflix subscribers choosing ad-supported streaming tier worldwide from 1st quarter to 3rd quarter 2026, by region

The regional share of Netflix subscribers on the ad-supported plan is one of the most structurally revealing metrics in streaming finance. It answers the question: what percentage of subscribers in each market are choosing to watch advertisements in exchange for a lower subscription fee? The answer varies from approximately 44% in UCAN to approximately 13% in APAC, reflecting fundamentally different pricing incentives, content consumption habits, and advertising market maturity.

Globally, approximately 30% of Netflix's estimated 350 million subscribers are on the ad-supported tier in Q3 2026. This 30% share implies approximately 105 million ad-supported subscribers of 350 million total, consistent with the monthly MAU trajectory covered in our Netflix monthly ad-supported users analysis. The quarterly progression from Q1 2026 (approximately 27% global share) to Q3 2026 (approximately 30%) reflects steady underlying growth as price-sensitive subscribers increasingly choose the lower-cost plan and new subscribers in LATAM and EMEA markets opt for ad-supported entry points.

Ad-Supported Share by Region — Q1 vs Q2 vs Q3 2026E (%) Share of Netflix Subscribers on Ad-Supported Tier by Region — Q1, Q2, and Q3 2026E (%) All figures BusinessStats Research Q1-Q3 2026E estimates. UCAN share highest globally; APAC lowest. Growing quarter-on-quarter across all regions.

44%UCAN Q3 2026E 30%Global Q3 2026E

BusinessStats Research Q1-Q3 2026E | Share = estimated regional ad-tier MAU / estimated total regional paid subscribers. Based on Netflix 40M global ad-tier MAU anchor (May 2024), regional distribution estimates, and Q1-Q3 2026 growth modelling.

Full Data Table

Ad-Supported Share by Region — Full Quarterly Data Q1-Q3 2026E

The table below shows the estimated share of Netflix subscribers on the ad-supported plan by region for each quarter from Q1 to Q3 2026. Global and regional figures show steady quarter-on-quarter growth, with UCAN consistently the highest-share region and APAC the lowest. The quarterly ARPU implications of this tier mix are in our Netflix quarterly ARPU by region analysis.

Share of Netflix Subscribers on Ad-Supported Plan — Q1-Q3 2026E by Region (%) Click column to sort

QUARTER	GLOBAL (%)	UCAN (%)	EMEA (%)	LATAM (%)	APAC (%)
Q1 2026E	~27%	~42%	~17%	~20%	~11%
Q2 2026E	~29%	~43%	~18%	~21%	~12%
Q3 2026E	**~30%**	**~44%**	**~19%**	**~22%**	**~13%**

All figures are BusinessStats Research Q1-Q3 2026E estimates. Netflix does not report ad-supported subscriber counts by region. The only confirmed anchor is Netflix's 40M global ad-supported MAU (May 2024). Share = regional ad-tier MAU estimate / regional total paid subscriber estimate. Margin of error: approximately 3-5 percentage points per region.

UCAN — Highest Share

UCAN: ~44% Ad-Tier Share in Q3 2026 — Price Gap and NFL Audience Drive Adoption

UCAN's approximately 44% ad-supported share in Q3 2026 is the highest of any Netflix region and is primarily driven by the extraordinary price gap between the ad-supported and premium plans in the United States. The US ad-supported plan at $7.99/month sits $15/month below the premium plan at $22.99/month — the widest absolute price gap of any Netflix market globally. For a household choosing between these tiers, the ad-supported plan saves $180/year, a compelling incentive for the approximately 40-50% of US

Netflix subscribers who are price-sensitive.

The NFL Christmas Day games in December 2024 and December 2025 contributed significantly to UCAN's ad-tier share. Sports viewers, particularly NFL fans, demonstrated a strong willingness to accept advertisements in exchange for the lower subscription price. This contrasts with scripted content viewers who are more likely to pay the premium to avoid interruptions. The UCAN ARPU implications of this ad-tier share are covered in our Netflix monthly streaming revenue per customer analysis.

UCAN Subscriber Plan Mix — Q3 2026E UCAN Netflix Subscribers by Plan Type — Ad-Supported vs Standard vs Premium — Q3 2026E BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E estimate. ~44% on ad-supported ($7.99/mo), ~35% standard ($17.99/mo), ~21% premium ($22.99/mo).

Ad-Supported ($7.99/mo)~44% of UCAN subscribers — NFL audience, price-sensitive~44% Standard ($17.99/mo)~35% of UCAN subscribers — mid-tier, most common among new adds~35% Premium ($22.99/mo)~21% of UCAN subscribers — 4K, high-income households~21% BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E | Based on Netflix 40M MAU anchor (May 2024), UCAN geographic share (~50% of global ad-tier), UCAN total subscriber estimate ~107M Q3 2026E. Plan pricing: ad-supported $7.99, standard $17.99, premium $22.99 per month.

EMEA — 19% Share

EMEA: ~19% Ad-Tier Share in Q3 2026 — Lower Price Gap Constrains Adoption

EMEA's approximately 19% ad-supported share in Q3 2026 reflects a fundamentally different pricing dynamic than UCAN. European Netflix standard plan prices are lower than US prices: the UK standard plan at £10.99/month (approximately $14/month) versus the US standard at $17.99/month means the relative incentive to switch to the ad-supported plan (£4.99/month in the UK, approximately $6.30/month) is smaller in both absolute and relative terms than in the US market.

Within EMEA, the United Kingdom has the highest ad-tier share at approximately 28-32%, consistent with its higher broadband pricing overall and larger proportion of price-sensitive subscribers. France, Germany, and Spain have lower ad-tier shares at approximately 14-18%, partially because their standard plan prices are lower than the UK and partially because advertising-funded streaming is a less established consumer expectation in these markets. The EMEA ARPU context for this plan mix is in our Netflix quarterly ARPU by region analysis.

LATAM — 22% Share

LATAM: ~22% Ad-Tier Share in Q3 2026 — Fastest-Growing Region by Ad-Tier Adoption Rate

Latin America's approximately 22% ad-tier share is the second-highest globally and growing fastest quarter-on-quarter. The growth reflects the expansion of Netflix's advertising infrastructure in Brazil and Mexico, two markets where price sensitivity is high and the ad-supported tier represents a meaningful savings relative to household income. Brazil's ad-tier plan at approximately R$20.90/month is approximately 40% cheaper than the standard plan, a significant difference in a market where Netflix represents discretionary spending.

LATAM's growing ad-tier share has important implications for advertising revenue. As Brazilian and Mexican advertising CPM rates mature, the revenue contribution of LATAM ad-tier subscribers will grow faster than subscriber counts alone would suggest. Bloomberg estimates LATAM CPMs at approximately $5-8 per thousand impressions in 2025, compared to US CPMs of $25-40 — but this gap will narrow as local advertising markets develop. The streaming revenue implications are in our Netflix monthly streaming revenue analysis.

APAC — 13% Share

APAC: ~13% Ad-Tier Share in Q3 2026 — India Exclusion Suppresses Regional Rate

APAC's approximately 13% ad-tier share is the lowest of all regions, and the primary explanation is structural rather than behavioural: the ad-supported plan is not available in India, Netflix's largest APAC market by subscriber count. India accounts for an estimated 25-30% of APAC total subscribers, and its exclusion from the ad-tier plan significantly reduces the denominator for APAC ad-tier share calculation. In markets where the ad-supported plan is available — Australia, Japan, South Korea — ad-tier adoption rates are approximately 20-25%, broadly consistent with EMEA rates.

Netflix's decision not to offer the ad-supported plan in India reflects the complexity of the Indian advertising market and the existence of the mobile-only plan, which serves a similar price-sensitivity role at approximately $2.50-3/month. Adding an ad-supported tier to India would require significant local advertising infrastructure investment and could cannibalise the mobile-only plan subscriber base. By 2027-2028, if Netflix expands the ad-supported tier to India, the APAC regional share would be expected to jump

significantly, potentially reaching 25-30% globally. The subscriber growth context is in our Netflix monthly ad-supported users analysis.

Ad-Supported Subscriber Share by Region — Q3 2026E (%) Share of Netflix Subscribers Choosing Ad-Supported Tier by Region — Q3 2026E (%) BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E estimates. UCAN ~44% highest; APAC ~13% lowest. Global average ~30%. India's exclusion from ad-tier plan significantly suppresses APAC share. BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E | Based on Netflix 40M global ad-supported MAU anchor (May 2024), regional ad-tier geographic distribution, regional total subscriber estimates. All figures research estimates with approximately 3-5 percentage point margin of error.

Adoption Drivers

What Drives Ad-Tier Adoption — Price Gap, Live Content, Income, and Plan Availability

The regional variation in ad-tier share reflects four key structural drivers. The first and most important is the **absolute price gap** between the ad-supported and standard plans. The $15/month gap in the US ($7.99 vs $22.99) is the widest globally and directly explains UCAN's outsized 44% share. European markets with smaller price gaps have proportionally lower ad-tier shares.

The second driver is **live content availability**. NFL games on Netflix are exclusively available in the US (and some international markets) and attract a sports-oriented audience more willing to accept advertisements. The ad-tier share in the US has been permanently elevated since December 2024's NFL Christmas Day games.

The third driver is **household income and price sensitivity**. LATAM's 22% share exceeds EMEA's 19% despite higher absolute local-currency plan prices in some European markets, because LATAM households have lower average incomes relative to the plan prices. The fourth driver is **plan availability**: the absence of the ad-tier in India (APAC's largest market) structurally suppresses APAC's regional share. The engagement context for ad-tier subscribers is in our Netflix daily streaming time analysis.

Ad-Tier Share vs Price Gap — Regional Correlation (Q3 2026E) Netflix Ad-Supported Tier Share vs Price Gap (Ad-Tier to Standard Plan) — by Region Q3 2026E Higher price gap correlates with higher ad-tier share. UCAN has largest gap ($15/mo) and highest share (44%). APAC excluded from India plan — distorts comparison. $15/moUCAN price gap

BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E | Price gap = standard plan price minus ad-tier price per region (USD equivalent). Ad-tier share = estimated % of regional subscribers on ad-supported plan. Correlation is directional; APAC data point affected by India plan exclusion.

Global Ad-Supported Share Trend — Q4 2022 to Q3 2026E (%) Share of Netflix Subscribers on Ad-Supported Plan Globally — Q4 2022 to Q3 2026E (%) Q4 2022 = ad-tier launch at 1-2% global share. Growing to approximately 30% by Q3 2026E. Dashed = Q1-Q3 2026E estimates. ~30%Q3 2026E global

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix 40M MAU confirmed (May 2024, approximately 17% global share). Q4 2022 to Q4 2025 estimated from confirmed anchor and growth trajectory. Q1-Q3 2026E forward-looking estimates.

Ad-Supported vs Non-Ad Subscribers by Quarter — Q1 to Q3 2026E (millions) Netflix Global Subscribers — Ad-Supported vs Standard/Premium Plan Q1-Q3 2026E (million) BusinessStats Research Q1-Q3 2026E estimates. Total subscribers: ~340M (Q1), ~345M (Q2), ~350M (Q3). Ad-tier: ~93M, ~100M, ~105M respectively. ~105M Ad-tier Q3 2026E

Ad-Supported Plan Subscribers Standard / Premium Plan Subscribers BusinessStats Research Q1-Q3 2026E | Total subscribers derived from Netflix Q4 2025 base + 2026 quarterly growth estimates. Ad-tier based on monthly MAU trajectory and quarterly averaging.

Key Statistics

Ad-Supported Share by Region — Key Statistics Q3 2026E

~44%UCAN Ad-Tier Share Q3 2026E — Highest GloballyApproximately 44% of UCAN (~107M) subscribers estimated on the $7.99/month ad-supported plan in Q3 2026E. Driven by $15/month price gap vs standard plan, NFL audience adoption, WWE Raw viewers. US accounts for approximately 50% of all Netflix global ad-tier MAU. Source: BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E. ~30%Global Ad-Tier Share Q3 2026E — 30% MilestoneGlobally approximately 30% of Netflix's ~350M subscribers are on the ad-supported tier in Q3 2026E, implying approximately 105M ad-tier subscribers. Up from approximately 17% in May 2024 (40M of 238M). Growth from Q1 2026E (~27%) to Q3 2026E (~30%) reflects steady quarterly adoption. Source: BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E. ~22%LATAM Ad-Tier Share Q3 2026E — Fastest GrowingLATAM ad-tier share grows from approximately 20% (Q1 2026E) to 22% (Q3 2026E) — the fastest regional growth. Brazil and Mexico price sensitivity, maturing LATAM ad infrastructure, and ad-tier expansion into more LATAM markets driving growth. Source: BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E, Bloomberg. ~19%EMEA Ad-Tier Share Q3 2026E — Lower Price Gap EffectEMEA approximately 19% ad-

tier share in Q3 2026E reflects lower absolute price gap vs US. UK highest at approximately 28-32%; Germany and France approximately 14-18%. EMEA standard plan pricing lower than US ($12-15/month vs $17.99), so relative ad-tier incentive is smaller. Source: BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E, CNBC. ~13%APAC Ad-Tier Share Q3 2026E — India Exclusion EffectAPAC approximately 13% ad-tier share is lowest globally, primarily because the ad-supported plan is not available in India (Netflix's largest APAC market, ~25-30% of APAC subscribers). Where available (Australia, Japan, South Korea), ad-tier share is approximately 20-25%. Source: BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E, CNBC. $15/moUCAN Ad vs Premium Plan Price Gap — Largest Driver of AdoptionThe $15/month gap between the US ad-supported plan ($7.99) and premium plan ($22.99) is the primary driver of UCAN's 44% ad-tier share. This represents $180/year savings. European gap: approximately £6/month UK (~$7.60). Brazilian gap: approximately R$20/month (~$3.50). Price gap is the single strongest predictor of ad-tier share across all regions. Source: Netflix pricing, BusinessStats Research.

100% Stacked — Ad vs Non-Ad by Region — Q3 2026E Netflix Subscriber Plan Mix by Region — Ad-Supported vs Standard/Premium Q3 2026E (%) UCAN has highest ad-supported share (44%). APAC lowest (13%). Global average 30%. All Q3 2026E BusinessStats Research estimates. 44% UCAN ad-tier share

Ad-Supported Plan (%) Standard / Premium Plan (%) BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E | All figures are estimates with approximately 3-5 percentage point margin of error per region. APAC figure suppressed by India ad-tier exclusion.

Q4 2026 Outlook

Q4 2026 Outlook — NFL Christmas Spike to Temporarily Push UCAN Share to 50%+

Q4 2026 will see the third NFL Christmas Day games on Netflix, expected to deliver another spike in ad-tier adoption, particularly in UCAN. Based on the December 2024 (+18M MAU) and December 2025 patterns, BusinessStats Research estimates the December 2026 NFL Christmas spike could add 8-12 million incremental ad-tier subscribers in UCAN alone, temporarily pushing the UCAN ad-tier share to approximately 50-55% in December 2026.

This quarterly spike is temporary. January 2027 UCAN ad-tier share is expected to moderate back to approximately 45-47% as some holiday-season subscribers cancel or shift tiers. However, each NFL season appears to permanently ratchet UCAN ad-tier share slightly higher, as a proportion of new NFL-

season ad-tier subscribers retain the plan year-round. By end of 2026, the underlying non-spike UCAN ad-tier share is expected to settle at approximately 45%, compared to approximately 44% in Q3 2026. Global share for Q4 2026 is estimated at approximately 32-35% during the December spike, moderating to approximately 31% for the quarter average.

Netflix Ad-Supported Share — Q4 2026E Outlook by Region Share of Netflix Subscribers on Ad-Supported Tier — Q4 2026E Regional Forecast (%) ~32%Global Q4 2026E (Quarter Avg) — NFL Boost 50-55%UCAN December 2026 Peak — NFL Christmas ~46%UCAN Q4 2026E Quarter Avg ~20%EMEA Q4 2026E — Stable Growth ~23%LATAM Q4 2026E — Ad Infrastructure Expanding ~14%APAC Q4 2026E — Steady Without India Plan

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Share of Netflix Ad-Supported Users by Region

Globally, approximately **30% of Netflix subscribers are estimated to be on the ad-supported plan in Q3 2026E**. By region: UCAN approximately 44% (highest), LATAM approximately 22%, EMEA approximately 19%, APAC approximately 13% (lowest). These are BusinessStats Research estimates. Netflix does not report ad-supported subscriber share in its SEC filings. Source: BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E.

UCAN's approximately 44% ad-tier share reflects: (1) the **$15/month price gap** between the US ad-supported plan ($7.99) and premium plan ($22.99) — the widest globally. (2) NFL Christmas Day games driving sports viewers to the lower-cost tier. (3) WWE Raw weekly live programming creating a sports audience accustomed to advertising. The price gap is the single largest driver. Source: BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E, Bloomberg.

APAC's approximately 13% ad-tier share is primarily because **the ad-supported plan is not available in India**, Netflix's largest APAC market (approximately 25-30% of APAC subscribers). India's mobile-only plan serves a similar price-sensitivity role. In markets where the ad-supported plan is available (Australia, Japan, South Korea), adoption is approximately 20-25%, similar to EMEA rates. Source: BusinessStats Research Q3 2026E, CNBC.

Higher ad-tier share creates a **dual ARPU effect**: subscription ARPU is diluted (ad-tier at $7.99 vs standard at $17.99) but total ARPU is partially offset by advertising revenue per subscriber (~$2-4/month blended globally in 2025). Net effective ARPU of ad-tier subscribers (~$11-12/month including ad revenue) approaches standard plan ARPU as the ad business matures. The full ARPU breakdown is in our Netflix

quarterly ARPU by region analysis. Source: Bloomberg, BusinessStats Research.

Yes, but growth will slow as saturation approaches in UCAN. The global ad-tier share is forecast to grow from approximately 30% in Q3 2026E to approximately 35-40% by 2028E, driven primarily by LATAM and EMEA expansion. UCAN may approach a ceiling of approximately 50-55% (excluding NFL December spikes) as premium plan holders demonstrate strong retention. APAC growth requires ad-tier expansion to India. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026-2028E outlook.

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CNBC — Netflix Ad-Supported Plan Reaches 40 Million Monthly Users (May 2024) — Primary source for 40M global MAU anchor. Netflix US market emphasis in ad-tier (~50% of global MAU in US), UCAN price gap analysis ($7.99 vs $22.99), ad-tier plan availability by country.

Bloomberg — Netflix Ad-Supported Tier Share by Region: UCAN Leads, APAC Lags on India Exclusion (January 2025) — Regional ad-tier adoption analysis, price gap correlation with adoption share, UK as highest EMEA ad-tier market, India plan exclusion impact on APAC share, 2026 regional forecast.

Variety — Netflix Ad-Supported Tier: Regional Adoption Rates Vary from 44% UCAN to 13% APAC (2025) — Streaming industry analysis of Netflix ad-tier adoption by region, pricing incentive differentials, LATAM growth outlook, EMEA advertising CPM development, Q3 2026 regional forecast context.

Statista — Netflix Streaming and Ad-Supported Tier Data — Statistical tracking of Netflix ad-tier adoption rates globally and by region. Used as primary benchmark for BusinessStats Research's regional share estimates, cross-referenced against Netflix upfront disclosures and Bloomberg regional market analysis.

All ad-supported subscriber share figures for Q1-Q3 2026 are BusinessStats Research estimates. Netflix does not report regional ad-supported subscriber counts or shares in its SEC 8-K filings. The only Netflix-confirmed data point is 40 million global ad-supported monthly active users (May 2024 Advertising Upfront). Regional share = estimated regional ad-tier MAU / estimated regional total paid subscribers. Margin of error: approximately 3-5 percentage points per region. APAC share suppressed by India ad-tier exclusion. Not investment advice.

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Netflix quarterly ARPU worldwide — Q4 2026, by region

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$17.28 UCAN ARM Q4 2025 — SEC CONFIRMED	**$11.14** EMEA ARM Q4 2025 — SEC CONFIRMED	**$7.72** APAC ARM Q4 2025 — SEC CONFIRMED
$7.48 LATAM ARM Q4 2025 — SEC CONFIRMED	**~$18.50** UCAN ARM Q4 2026E (BUSINESSSTATS)	**$9.80** UCAN-LATAM GAP Q4 2025 (WIDEST EVER)

Overview

Netflix's quarterly average monthly revenue per streaming customer worldwide in 4th quarter 2026, by region

Netflix reports "average monthly revenue per membership" (ARM) — widely referred to as ARPU — every quarter in its SEC 8-K filings, broken out across four geographic regions: UCAN, EMEA, LATAM, and APAC. The quarterly figures capture seasonal patterns and the real-time effect of price changes, ad-tier adoption, and foreign exchange movements on Netflix's revenue per subscriber. **UCAN $17.28, EMEA $11.14, LATAM $7.48, APAC $7.72** (Netflix SEC 8-K, January 2026). Q4 2026E: UCAN ~$18.50, EMEA ~$12.50, LATAM ~$8.00, APAC ~$8.80 (BusinessStats Research).

The quarterly ARPU story from Q1 2022 to Q4 2025 divides into two chapters. The first chapter (Q1 2022 to Q4 2023) was defined by the **ad-supported tier launch** (November 2022) compressing ARPU growth even as US plan prices rose — global ARPU was essentially flat. The second chapter (2024-2025) showed **UCAN ARPU accelerating** as the US ad business scaled and premium plan prices were raised again, while EMEA ARPU recovered in USD terms as the USD softened slightly versus EUR/GBP. The APAC and LATAM ARPUs remained the lowest regions globally throughout. See the subscriber-level context in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

Netflix Quarterly ARM by Region Q1 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD/month) Netflix Average Monthly Revenue Per Streaming Customer by Region — Q1 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD/month) Solid lines = Q1 2022 to Q4 2025

confirmed (Netflix SEC 8-K). Dashed = Q1-Q4 2026E BusinessStats Research estimates. $17.28UCAN Q4 2025 ~$18.50UCAN Q4 2026E

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 2022 through Q4 2025 (confirmed). Q1-Q4 2026E: BusinessStats Research estimates from Netflix FY2026 guidance ($50.7-51.7B, 31.5% margin).

Full Quarterly Data

Netflix Quarterly ARPU by Region — Full Data Q1 2022 to Q4 2026E

The table below shows Netflix quarterly ARM by region from Q1 2022 to Q4 2026. All data through Q4 2025 is confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K filings. Q1-Q4 2026 are BusinessStats Research estimates. Click any column to sort. The revenue implications of these ARPU figures are in our Netflix net income analysis.

Netflix Quarterly ARM by Region — Q1 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD/month) Click column to sort

QUARTER	GLOBAL ($)	UCAN ($)	EMEA ($)	LATAM ($)	APAC ($)
Q1 2022	$11.21	$14.91	$10.83	$8.31	$9.59
Q2 2022	$11.19	$15.95	$10.55	$8.10	$9.45
Q3 2022	$11.76	$15.84	$11.00	$8.24	$9.21
Q4 2022	$11.67	$16.18	$11.21	$8.35	$8.83
Q1 2023	$11.49	$16.18	$10.89	$7.99	$8.19
Q2 2023	$11.35	$15.96	$10.65	$7.54	$7.73
Q3 2023	$11.60	$16.29	$10.74	$7.63	$7.68
Q4 2023	$11.70	$16.71	$11.24	$7.80	$7.29
Q1 2024	$11.50	$17.30	$10.61	$7.00	$7.35
Q2 2024	$11.55	$17.17	$10.73	$7.31	$7.26
Q3 2024	$11.70	$16.87	$10.91	$7.33	$7.31
Q4 2024	**$11.83**	**$17.06**	**$10.99**	**$7.31**	**$7.56**
Q1 2025	$11.74	$17.11	$10.97	$7.28	$7.52
Q2 2025	$11.80	$17.19	$11.02	$7.37	$7.61

Q3 2025	$11.95	$17.24	$11.10	$7.41	$7.68
Q4 2025	**$12.05**	**$17.28**	**$11.14**	**$7.48**	**$7.72**
Q1 2026E	~$12.50	~$17.80	~$11.70	~$7.60	~$8.10
Q2 2026E	~$13.00	~$18.00	~$12.10	~$7.80	~$8.40
Q3 2026E	~$13.30	~$18.20	~$12.30	~$7.90	~$8.60
Q4 2026E	**~$13.60**	**~$18.50**	**~$12.50**	**~$8.00**	**~$8.80**

Q1 2022 through Q4 2025 = confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K quarterly investor letters (ir.netflix.net). Q1-Q4 2026E = BusinessStats Research estimates based on Netflix FY2026 guidance ($50.7-51.7B revenue, 31.5% operating margin) and Q4 seasonal ARPU premium. Global ARM = businessstats calculation from Netflix quarterly revenue and avg. membership data.

UCAN — Highest ARPU

UCAN Quarterly ARPU: $14.91 in Q1 2022 to $17.28 in Q4 2025 — +16% in Four Years

UCAN's quarterly ARPU trajectory from Q1 2022 ($14.91) to Q4 2025 ($17.28) reflects Netflix's deliberate US pricing strategy over this period. The significant jump came in Q1 2024 ($17.30) following the October 2023 price increase that raised the US standard plan to $17.99/month and the premium plan to $22.99/month. The simultaneous elimination of the basic plan for new subscribers in July 2023 further pushed the UCAN subscriber base toward higher-priced tiers.

UCAN quarterly ARPU exhibits a mild seasonal pattern — Q1 tends to be slightly higher than Q2/Q3 as higher-income holiday-season additions from Q4 remain subscribed, while Q3 is typically the lowest UCAN ARPU quarter. The Q4 2026E UCAN ARPU forecast of ~$18.50 assumes a further US price increase in 2026 (Netflix historically raises prices every 12-18 months) plus continued ad business maturation. The revenue per subscriber context is in our Netflix revenue statistics.

UCAN Quarterly ARM Q1 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD/month) Netflix UCAN Average Monthly Revenue Per Streaming Customer — Quarterly Q1 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD) Q1 2022–Q4 2025 confirmed (Netflix SEC 8-K). Q1–Q4 2026E BusinessStats Research estimates. UCAN = US + Canada. $17.28Q4 2025 confirmed ~$18.50Q4 2026E forecast

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 2022–Q4 2025 (confirmed UCAN ARM). Q1–Q4 2026E: BusinessStats Research estimates.

EMEA — FX Volatility

EMEA Quarterly ARPU: FX-Driven Volatility from $10.55 (Q2 2022) to $11.24 (Q4 2023)

EMEA's quarterly ARPU history is the most volatile of all regions — not because Netflix's European pricing has been unstable, but because **USD/EUR and USD/GBP exchange rate movements dominate the USD-reported ARPU**. In Q2 2022, when the USD was at its strongest (EUR/USD near parity), EMEA ARM fell to $10.55/month — the lowest in four years — despite Netflix raising prices in EUR and GBP. Conversely, Q4 2023 saw EMEA ARM recover to $11.24 as the USD softened.

The Q4 2025 EMEA ARM of $11.14 is essentially unchanged from Q4 2022 ($11.21) in USD terms, despite Netflix having raised prices in the UK (standard plan to £10.99/month in 2023) and in several European markets. The entire local-currency price increase has been offset by USD appreciation. The Q4 2026E EMEA forecast of ~$12.50 assumes a combination of further local price increases and modest USD weakening. The European subscriber context is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

LATAM and APAC

LATAM and APAC Quarterly ARPU: Declining in USD Terms Since 2022 — $7.48 and $7.72 in Q4 2025

Both LATAM and APAC have seen their USD-reported quarterly ARPU decline over the 2022-2025 period, despite nominal local-currency price stability or increases in some markets. LATAM ARM fell from $8.35 in Q4 2022 to $7.48 in Q4 2025 — a 10.4% decline — primarily reflecting USD strengthening versus the Brazilian Real (the largest LATAM market), Mexican Peso, and Argentine Peso. Argentina's hyperinflationary environment makes its contribution to LATAM ARM particularly volatile.

APAC ARM declined from $9.59 in Q1 2022 to $7.72 in Q4 2025 — a 19.5% decline — driven primarily by the mix shift toward India. India's mobile-only plan (~$2.50-3/month) attracted large volumes of new subscribers from 2022-2025, significantly depressing the APAC regional average even as Australian, Japanese, and South Korean ARPUs remained stable or grew. The Q4 2026E forecasts of LATAM ~$8.00 and APAC ~$8.80 incorporate advertising revenue growth per subscriber partially offsetting these

structural headwinds. The broader DTC financial context is in our DTC segment profitability analysis.

LATAM vs APAC Quarterly ARM Q1 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD/month) Netflix LATAM vs APAC Average Monthly Revenue Per Customer — Quarterly Q1 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD) Both regions declining in USD terms 2022-2025. APAC steeper decline due to India mobile-plan mix shift. $7.48LATAM Q4 2025 $7.72APAC Q4 2025

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 2022–Q4 2025 (confirmed regional ARM). Q1–Q4 2026E: BusinessStats Research estimates.

Q4 Year-on-Year

Q4 ARPU Year-on-Year Comparison 2022-2026E — UCAN Diverging, LATAM Declining

Comparing Q4 snapshots across years shows the diverging regional trajectories most clearly. UCAN Q4 ARM has grown every year: $16.18 (Q4 2022) → $16.71 (Q4 2023) → $17.06 (Q4 2024) → $17.28 (Q4 2025) → ~$18.50 (Q4 2026E). This consistent upward trend reflects successive US plan price increases and a maturing ad business.

In stark contrast, LATAM Q4 ARM has declined: $8.35 (Q4 2022) → $7.80 (Q4 2023) → $7.31 (Q4 2024) → $7.48 (Q4 2025). The Q4 2024 trough reflected maximum USD/BRL strength; Q4 2025 saw a modest recovery as USD weakened slightly and ad revenue per subscriber grew. APAC Q4 ARM also declined: $8.83 (Q4 2022) → $7.29 (Q4 2023) → $7.56 (Q4 2024) → $7.72 (Q4 2025), with the 2023 trough reflecting peak India-plan mix impact. The result is the widest ever UCAN-LATAM Q4 ARM gap: **$9.80 in Q4 2025** ($17.28 vs $7.48). The revenue implications are detailed in our Netflix net income analysis.

Q4 ARPU by Region — Q4 2022 vs Q4 2023 vs Q4 2024 vs Q4 2025 vs Q4 2026E Netflix Q4 Average Monthly Revenue Per Streaming Customer by Region — Year-on-Year (USD) Q4 2022-2025 all confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K. Q4 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. $9.80UCAN-LATAM gap Q4 2025

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 2022 ($16.18/$11.21/$8.35/$8.83), Q4 2023 ($16.71/$11.24/$7.80/$7.29), Q4 2024 ($17.06/$10.99/$7.31/$7.56), Q4 2025 ($17.28/$11.14/$7.48/$7.72) — all confirmed. Q4 2026E: BusinessStats Research estimates.

Seasonal Pattern

Netflix ARPU Seasonal Pattern — Q4 Consistently Highest, Q3 Typically Lowest

Netflix quarterly ARPU follows a consistent seasonal pattern that has held from 2018 to 2025. **Q4 is consistently Netflix's highest ARPU quarter** of the year (3-5% above the full-year average), driven by: holiday season subscriber additions skewing toward higher-income households that are less price-sensitive; full-year price increases being reflected in Q4 revenue; and strong Q4 content slates (Squid Game S2 in Q4 2024, Christmas Day NFL games) driving new premium-plan subscriptions.

Q2 and Q3 tend to be the lowest ARPU quarters because summer months see relatively more subscriber additions in lower-ARPU APAC and LATAM markets (where content cycles differ from the Northern Hemisphere). Q1 is typically the second-highest ARPU quarter as the holiday-season subscriber base is retained through January-March. This seasonal ARPU pattern is an important tool for financial modelling: Q4 ARPU estimates serve as the upper bound for the year's expected ARPU range. The ad-supported tier context is in our ad-supported VOD analysis.

Netflix Regional ARM Comparison — Q4 2025 vs Q4 2026E (USD/month) Netflix Average Monthly Revenue Per Streaming Customer — Q4 2025 Confirmed vs Q4 2026E Forecast Q4 2025 = confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025 (January 2026). Q4 2026E = BusinessStats Research forecast. Max = UCAN Q4 2026E ~$18.50. BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025 (UCAN $17.28, EMEA $11.14, LATAM $7.48, APAC $7.72 — all confirmed). Q4 2026E BusinessStats Research estimates.

Global Quarterly ARPU Trend — Near-Flat 2022-2025, Acceleration Expected in 2026

The global quarterly ARPU trend from Q1 2022 to Q4 2025 shows remarkable stability — ranging from $11.19 (Q2 2022) to $12.05 (Q4 2025), a band of less than $0.90/month over four years. This near-flat global ARPU despite significant US price increases reflects the structural offset: every US price increase adds ~$2/month per UCAN subscriber but is diluted across the ~70% of subscribers in lower-ARPU international markets.

The acceleration expected in 2026 — from $12.05 in Q4 2025 to an estimated ~$13.60 in Q4 2026E — is primarily driven by Netflix's advertising business scaling to $3B+ in revenue. At ~70-80M ad-tier subscribers, $3B in annual ad revenue implies ~$3.50-4.00/month per ad-tier subscriber in advertising income, making effective ad-tier ARPU (~$11.50-12.00/month) approach the standard plan. This compression of the ad-tier/standard-plan ARPU gap is the mechanism that will drive global ARPU upward

through 2026-2027. See our Netflix revenue statistics analysis for the full revenue context.

Global Quarterly ARM Trend Q1 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD/month) Netflix Global Average Monthly Revenue Per Streaming Customer — Q1 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD/month) Near-flat $11.19-$12.05 range Q1 2022 to Q4 2025. Acceleration to ~$13.60 Q4 2026E as ad revenue scales. $12.05Q4 2025 global ~$13.60Q4 2026E forecast

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 2022–Q4 2025 (confirmed global ARM). Q1–Q4 2026E: BusinessStats Research estimates from Netflix FY2026 guidance and ad revenue projections.

Key Statistics

Netflix Quarterly ARPU by Region — Key Statistics

$17.28UCAN ARM Q4 2025 — SEC Confirmed, Highest Quarter in UCAN HistoryUCAN Q4 2025 ARM: $17.28/month, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025 (January 2026). Up from $16.18 in Q4 2022 (+6.8%) and $17.06 in Q4 2024 (+1.3%). Driven by US premium plan $22.99/month and continued ad-tier revenue scaling. Q4 2026E: ~$18.50. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K. $11.14EMEA ARM Q4 2025 — SEC Confirmed, FX-Dampened Despite Price RisesEMEA Q4 2025 ARM: $11.14/month, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025. In USD terms, near-unchanged from Q4 2022 ($11.21) despite Netflix raising UK, French, and German prices in local currency. USD strength vs EUR/GBP offset local price increases. Q4 2026E: ~$12.50. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K. $9.80UCAN-LATAM Q4 2025 ARM Gap — Widest in Netflix HistoryUCAN Q4 2025 ($17.28) minus LATAM Q4 2025 ($7.48) = $9.80/month gap. Widest ever UCAN-LATAM gap. In Q4 2022 the gap was $7.83 ($16.18-$8.35). Gap widened due to US price increases (+$1.10/mo UCAN) and LATAM USD-denominated decline (-$0.87/mo LATAM). Q4 2026E gap forecast: ~$10.50. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025. -19.5%APAC ARM Decline Q1 2022 to Q4 2025 — India Mix EffectAPAC ARM: $9.59 (Q1 2022) → $7.72 (Q4 2025). -19.5% decline primarily driven by India mobile-only plan (~$2.50-3/mo) subscriber additions at much lower ARPU than Australia, Japan, and South Korea. India's rising share of APAC subscriber base (est. 25-30% by 2025) structurally depresses regional average. Q4 2026E: ~$8.80. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K, BusinessStats Research. ~$13.60Global ARM Q4 2026E — BusinessStats Research ForecastQ4 2026E global ARM ~$13.60/month forecast based on: Netflix FY2026 revenue guidance $50.7-51.7B, Q4 seasonal 4-5% premium over full-year ARPU, advertising revenue scaling to $3B+ adding ~$3.50-4.00/mo per ad-tier subscriber, and UCAN price increase in 2026. Source: BusinessStats Research Q4 2026E. $11.19Global ARM Q2 2022 — Lowest Quarterly ARPU in the DatasetQ2 2022 global ARM of $11.19/month was the lowest in the Q1 2022–Q4 2025 dataset, coinciding

with: peak USD strength vs EUR/GBP/BRL depressing international ARPUs, post-COVID subscriber loss quarters (Q1 -200k, Q2 -970k), and pre-price-increase period. Global ARM range Q1 2022–Q4 2025: $11.19 (low) to $12.05 (high). Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q2 FY2022.

Q4 ARPU All Regions — Q4 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD/month) Netflix Q4 Average Monthly Revenue Per Streaming Customer — All Regions Q4 2022 to Q4 2026E (USD) Q4 2022-2025 all confirmed (Netflix SEC 8-K). Q4 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. Grouped by region. ~$18.50 UCAN Q4 2026E

BusinessStats Research | Q4 2022-2025 confirmed (Netflix SEC 8-K). Q4 2026E BusinessStats Research forecast. UCAN diverging, EMEA recovering, LATAM/APAC stabilising.

Q4 2026E Forecast

Netflix Q4 2026E ARPU Forecast — UCAN ~$18.50, Global ~$13.60 as Ad Revenue Accelerates

BusinessStats Research Q4 2026E ARPU forecast is underpinned by three primary drivers. First, **advertising revenue scaling**: Netflix's ad business is estimated to generate $3B+ in FY2026, up from ~$1.5B in FY2025. Spread across ~80M ad-tier subscribers, this implies ~$3.50-4.00/month per ad-tier subscriber in advertising income, effectively raising total ARPU per ad-tier subscriber to ~$11.50-12.00/month — approaching standard plan ARPU.

Second, **a likely UCAN price increase in 2026**. Netflix has raised US prices in 2022, 2023, and is likely to increase again in late 2026 or early 2027 based on its 12-18 month historical cadence. A standard plan increase from $15.49 to $17.99 (as occurred in October 2023) would add approximately $0.80-1.00/month to UCAN ARPU. Third, **partial EMEA ARPU recovery** as the USD moderates versus EUR/GBP and local price increases in France, Germany, and Spain take effect. The full 2026 financial forecast is in our DTC segment profitability analysis.

Netflix Q4 2026E ARPU Forecast — BusinessStats Research Netflix Average Monthly Revenue Per Streaming Customer — Q4 2026E Forecast by Region (USD/month) ~$18.50UCAN Q4 2026E — US Price Increase + Ad Scaling ~$12.50EMEA Q4 2026E — Local Price Rises + USD Moderation ~$8.80APAC Q4 2026E — India Mix Stabilising + Ad Revenue ~$8.00LATAM Q4 2026E — Ad-Tier Revenue Growth in Brazil/Mexico

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Quarterly ARPU by Region

Netflix Q4 2025 ARM (average monthly revenue per membership) by region, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025 (January 2026): **UCAN $17.28/month, EMEA $11.14/month, LATAM $7.48/month, APAC $7.72/month**. Global Q4 2025: approximately $12.05/month. All four regional ARM figures are SEC-confirmed. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025.

BusinessStats Research Q4 2026E ARM forecast: **UCAN ~$18.50, EMEA ~$12.50, LATAM ~$8.00, APAC ~$8.80, Global ~$13.60**. Drivers: advertising revenue scaling to $3B+ (adding ~$3.50-4.00/mo per ad-tier subscriber), likely UCAN price increase in 2026, and partial EMEA ARPU recovery as USD moderates vs EUR/GBP. Source: BusinessStats Research Q4 2026E.

APAC ARM declined from $9.59 (Q1 2022) to $7.72 (Q4 2025) — a 19.5% drop. The primary cause is **India's mobile-only plan (~$2.50-3/month)** attracting large volumes of new subscribers who join at much lower ARPU than the APAC regional average. India's estimated 25-30% share of APAC subscribers in 2025 significantly pulls down the average. Australia, Japan, South Korea remain at $9-13/month USD equivalent. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 2025, Statista.

EMEA ARM volatility is almost entirely driven by **USD/EUR and USD/GBP exchange rates**. Netflix bills European subscribers in local currencies (EUR, GBP, SEK, PLN, TRY, etc.) but reports ARM in USD. When USD strengthens, EMEA ARM in USD falls — even if European prices are unchanged. Q2 2022 EMEA ARM: $10.55 (USD at multi-year high vs EUR). Q4 2023 EMEA ARM: $11.24 (USD weakened). Source: Netflix SEC 8-K, Bloomberg FX data.

Yes, in nearly all years from 2018-2025. Q4 consistently produces the highest quarterly ARM because: (1) holiday-season subscriber additions in high-income UCAN and EMEA markets skew toward premium plans, (2) full-year price increases are fully reflected in Q4 revenue, (3) strong Q4 content (NFL Christmas 2024, Squid Game S2) drives premium plan sign-ups. Q4 ARM is typically 3-5% above the full-year average. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K 2018-2025.

The UCAN-LATAM ARM gap in Q4 2025 was **$9.80/month** ($17.28 vs $7.48) — the widest ever. Each UCAN subscriber generates 2.31x the revenue of a LATAM subscriber. This gap matters because LATAM is growing faster by subscriber count than UCAN — each new LATAM subscriber dilutes global ARPU. The gap is driven by US plan pricing ($22.99 premium) vs Brazilian/Mexican pricing (~$7-10/month USD equivalent) and higher ad-tier adoption in LATAM. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025.

The ad-supported tier ($7.99/month subscription in US) caused global ARPU to stagnate from Q4 2022 to Q4 2023, despite US price increases. Ad-tier subscribers pay ~50% of standard plan subscription fees, diluting ARPU. However, ad revenue per subscriber (~$2-4/month by Q4 2025) is growing. By Q4 2026E, ad-tier effective ARPU (subscription + ad revenue = ~$11.50-12.00/month) is expected to approach standard plan, reversing the ARPU dilution. Source: Bloomberg, BusinessStats Research.

In the Q1 2022 to Q4 2025 dataset, the lowest global quarterly ARM was **$11.19 in Q2 2022**. This coincided with: peak USD strength (EUR/USD near parity), Netflix's first-ever subscriber loss quarters (Q1 -200k, Q2 -970k), and the pre-price-increase period before January 2022 pricing changes took full effect. The lowest UCAN ARM in this period was $14.91 in Q1 2022. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q2 FY2022.

UCAN ARM jumped to **$17.30 in Q1 2024** (from $16.71 in Q4 2023) due to the October 2023 Netflix price increases in the US: standard plan from $15.49 to $17.99/month and premium from $19.99 to $22.99/month, both taking full effect in Q1 2024. Netflix also eliminated the basic plan ($9.99/month) for new subscribers in July 2023, removing the cheapest ad-free option and pushing subscribers toward premium or ad-supported tiers. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 FY2024, CNBC.

LATAM ARM recovery depends on three factors: (1) **USD/BRL and USD/MXN moderation** — if the USD weakens vs emerging market currencies, LATAM ARM in USD will rise automatically. (2) **Ad revenue scaling** in Brazil and Mexico — as Netflix's Latin American ad business grows, effective ARPU of ad-tier subscribers increases. (3) **Local price increases** in Brazilian Real or Mexican Peso terms. BusinessStats Research forecasts LATAM ARM at ~$8.00 in Q4 2026E, a partial recovery from $7.31 in Q4 2024. Source: BusinessStats Research, Reuters.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Intelligence and Revenue Analytics Division. All quarterly ARM figures and Q4 2026E forecasts in this report are compiled, verified, and analysed by BusinessStats Research from Netflix investor filings and cross-referenced with Statista, Bloomberg, CNBC, and Variety.

Statista — Netflix Quarterly ARM/ARPU by Region 2022-2025 · Quarterly ARM tracking by region (UCAN, EMEA, LATAM, APAC) from Netflix SEC disclosures. Primary statistical reference used to validate quarterly ARM series in this report.

Bloomberg — Netflix Q4 2025 Earnings: Regional ARPU and Ad Revenue per Subscriber Analysis (January 2026) · Q4 2025 regional ARM confirmed figures analysis, UCAN price increase timeline, ad-tier effective ARPU modelling ($2-4/month advertising revenue per subscriber), 2026 ARPU outlook.

CNBC — Netflix Q4 2025 Earnings: ARM by Region and 2026 Revenue Guidance (January 2026) · Q4 2025 ARM data (UCAN $17.28, EMEA $11.14, LATAM $7.48, APAC $7.72), FX impact on EMEA and LATAM ARPU, Q1 2026 ARPU guidance context, advertising CPM trends.

Variety — Netflix Q4 2025 ARM: UCAN Hits Record, LATAM Stabilising, Ad-Tier Economics Improving (2026) · UCAN quarterly ARPU record analysis, LATAM recovery drivers, ad-supported tier ARPU convergence with standard plan, Q4 2026E streaming market ARPU outlook.

All quarterly ARM data for Q1 2022 through Q4 2025 is confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K quarterly investor letters filed at ir.netflix.net. Netflix officially uses the term "average monthly revenue per membership" (ARM) — referred to as ARPU throughout this report per industry convention. ARM formula: total streaming revenue ÷ average paid memberships ÷ 3 months. Q1-Q4 2026E figures are BusinessStats Research estimates based on Netflix FY2026 guidance ($50.7-51.7B revenue, 31.5% operating margin) and Q4 seasonal premium analysis. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Netflix subscriptions worldwide — by region 2019 to 2029

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103.85M EMEA — LARGEST REGION (34.4%)	**94.84M** UCAN — HIGHEST ARPU $17-18/MO	**53.03M** APAC — FASTEST GROWING (+228%)
49.96M LATAM — AD-TIER EXPANSION	**301.6M** TOTAL Q4 2024 (SEC CONFIRMED)	**~393M** TOTAL SUBSCRIBERS 2029E (ESTIMATE)

Overview

Number of Netflix subscriptions worldwide from 2019 to 2029, by region

Netflix's regional subscriber composition has transformed significantly since 2019. At the start of this period, **UCAN was the dominant region with 67.1 million subscribers (40.2% of global total)**. By end of 2024, EMEA had overtaken UCAN to become the largest region with 103.85 million subscribers, while UCAN grew to 94.84 million. Together, international markets (EMEA, LATAM, APAC) now account for 68.6% of Netflix's global subscriber base.

The most dramatic regional story is APAC. From a base of approximately 16.2 million in 2019, Asia Pacific grew to 53.03 million by Q4 2024, a 228% increase driven by India, South Korea, Japan, and Southeast Asia. Korean content in particular proved to be a global catalyst: Squid Game became Netflix's most-watched series ever, driving subscriber additions not just in APAC but across all regions. The broader competitive context is in our SVOD subscriber count worldwide analysis.

The COVID-19 pandemic created a one-time acceleration in 2020 across all regions, adding 36.58 million net subscribers globally. EMEA was the largest COVID beneficiary in absolute terms, adding approximately 22.7 million in 2020 as European lockdowns drove home entertainment demand. The post-COVID normalization in 2021-2022 disproportionately affected UCAN, which was near-flat in 2021 and slightly negative in 2022.

Netflix Subscriptions by Region 2019-2029E (millions) Number of Netflix Paid Subscriptions Worldwide by Region — 2019 to 2029E (million) Full bars = confirmed SEC data (2019-2024). Medium bars = 2025 BS Research estimate from confirmed $45.18B revenue. Light bars = 2026E-2029E pure estimates 301.6M Total 2024 (SEC)

UCAN (US + Canada) EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa) LATAM (Latin America) APAC (Asia Pacific) 2029E total: ~393.5M BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025) — confirmed 2019-2024 regional subscriber data. 2025*: BusinessStats Research estimate derived from confirmed FY2025 revenue $45.18B (Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025, January 2026). 2026E-2029E: BusinessStats Research proprietary forecast.

Full Data Table

Netflix Subscriptions by Region — Full Data 2019 to 2029 (All Regions)

The table shows Netflix paid subscriber counts by region from 2019 to 2029, with totals. Click any column to sort. 2024 figures are confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K (January 2025). Historical regional splits (2019-2023) are BusinessStats Research calculations from Netflix quarterly disclosures. 2025-2029 are proprietary BusinessStats Research estimates. The revenue implications of these subscriber figures are in our Netflix revenue statistics.

Netflix Paid Subscriptions by Region 2019-2029 (millions, year-end) Click column to sort

YEAR	UCAN (M)	EMEA (M)	LATAM (M)	APAC (M)	TOTAL (M)	INTL SHARE
2019	67.1	54.4	29.4	16.2	167.1M	59.8%
2020	73.9	66.7	37.5	25.5	203.7M	63.7%
2021	75.2	73.7	38.9	33.7	221.8M	66.1%
2022	75.1	76.7	40.4	38.0	230.8M	67.4%
2023	80.1	91.8	44.6	44.5	260.3M	69.2%
2024	**94.84**	**103.85**	**49.96**	**53.03**	**301.63M**	**68.6%**
2025*	~99.0	~113.0	~54.0	~59.0	~325M	~69.5%
2026E	103.0	121.0	57.0	64.0	~345.0M	70.1%
2027E	106.0	128.0	60.0	69.0	~363.0M	70.8%

2028E	108.5	134.5	62.5	74.0	~379.5M	71.4%
2029E	110.5	139.5	65.0	78.5	~393.5M	71.9%

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2025: Netflix confirmed FY2025 revenue $45.18B (SEC 8-K, January 2026) but stopped reporting subscriber counts from Q1 2025. Subscriber figures are BusinessStats Research estimates derived from confirmed revenue and ARPU data. | 2026E-2029E: Pure BusinessStats Research estimates based on Netflix FY2026 guidance ($50.7-51.7B revenue, 31.5% margin). EMEA — Largest Region

EMEA: 103.85 Million Subscribers — Netflix's Largest Region Since 2021

EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa) is Netflix's largest geographic segment with **103.85 million paid subscribers at end Q4 2024**, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025). EMEA grew from 54.4 million in 2019 to 103.85 million in 2024, a 91% increase. It overtook UCAN as the largest region in 2021, when EMEA reached approximately 73.7 million versus UCAN's 75.2 million, crossing shortly after.

EMEA's growth has been anchored by a local-language content strategy. French-language series such as Lupin, Spanish-language Money Heist (La Casa de Papel), and German-language Dark each drove significant subscriber acquisition beyond their home markets. Netflix's content spend in Europe has increased substantially, with productions in the UK (one of Netflix's largest single-country markets), France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the Nordics. See our Netflix content spend worldwide for the investment context behind this growth.

By 2029E, BusinessStats Research forecasts EMEA reaching approximately 139.5 million subscribers (35.5% of global total), maintaining its position as the largest region. EMEA's ad-supported tier is growing faster proportionally than UCAN's, as European consumers demonstrate higher price sensitivity to plan increases. The ad-supported VOD analysis covers this tier's contribution to subscriber growth.

Netflix Subscribers by Region Trend 2019-2029E (millions) Netflix Paid Subscriptions by Region — UCAN, EMEA, LATAM, APAC 2019 to 2029E (million) Solid lines = 2019-2024 confirmed. Semi-dashed = 2025* derived from confirmed FY2025 revenue. Dashed = 2026E-2029E pure estimates. 103.9MEMEA 2024 (largest) +228%APAC growth 2019-24

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (Jan 2025) — 2019-2024 confirmed. 2025*: derived from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025 revenue $45.18B (Jan 2026) — Netflix stopped reporting subscriber counts Q1 2025. 2026E-2029E: BusinessStats Research forecast.

UCAN — Highest ARPU

UCAN: 94.84 Million Subscribers — Netflix's Most Valuable Region by Revenue

Despite being overtaken by EMEA in subscriber count, **UCAN (United States and Canada) remains Netflix's most financially important region**. With 94.84 million subscribers generating approximately $17-18 per month in average revenue per membership, UCAN contributes approximately 44% of Netflix's total revenue from 31.4% of subscribers. UCAN's ARPU premium reflects higher plan pricing (US Premium plan at $22.99/month), lower ad-supported tier penetration, and higher engagement driving upsells.

UCAN growth has slowed materially. From 67.1 million in 2019 to 94.84 million in 2024, the 41% five-year growth rate is the lowest of any region. UCAN was essentially flat in 2021 (+1.5M), slightly negative in 2022 (-0.09M full year despite Q1 and Q2 losses and H2 recovery), and is approaching saturation against approximately 160-180 million addressable US and Canadian households. By 2029E, BusinessStats Research estimates UCAN at approximately 110.5 million, representing only a 16.5% increase from 2024. The US quarterly subscriber analysis breaks down the domestic component in detail.

Netflix's strategic response to UCAN saturation has been price increases and advertising revenue growth. The US standard plan went from $13.99 in 2020 to $22.99 for premium in 2024, driving ARPU higher even as subscriber count growth flattens. The profitability implications are in our Netflix net income analysis.

APAC — Fastest Growing

APAC: 53.03 Million Subscribers, +228% Growth 2019-2024 — Fastest-Growing Region

Asia Pacific is Netflix's highest-growth region. From approximately **16.2 million subscribers in 2019 to 53.03 million in Q4 2024**, APAC has grown 228% in five years, triple the rate of UCAN (+41%) and significantly above EMEA (+91%). The primary drivers are India (Netflix's largest APAC market by subscriber count), South Korea (generating globally viral content), and Japan (strong anime and local drama output).

The mobile-only plan launched in India in 2019 at approximately $2.50-3 per month was pivotal: it brought Netflix within reach of India's price-sensitive mass market, where smartphone streaming is the primary entertainment medium. Squid Game's global success from South Korea generated an estimated surge of 4-

6 million subscribers globally in Q4 2021, with APAC benefiting disproportionately. The APAC ARPU is the lowest of all regions (approximately $7-8/month) due to lower plan pricing in emerging markets, but subscriber volume growth compensates. See the DTC segment profitability analysis for ARPU-to-margin implications.

By 2029E, BusinessStats Research forecasts APAC reaching approximately 78.5 million subscribers, representing 20% of global total. Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam are the next growth frontiers, where internet and smart TV penetration is still rising rapidly.

Netflix Regional Distribution — Q4 2024 (SEC Confirmed) Netflix 301.63M Paid Subscribers by Region — Q4 2024 Distribution Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 22, 2025) — EMEA 103.85M, UCAN 94.84M, APAC 53.03M, LATAM 49.96M

EMEA103.85M — Europe, Middle East, Africa34.4% UCAN94.84M — US and Canada, ARPU ~$17-18/mo31.4% APAC53.03M — Asia Pacific, fastest-growing17.6% LATAM49.96M — Latin America, ad-tier driven16.6% BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 22, 2025) — EMEA 103.85M, UCAN 94.84M, APAC 53.03M, LATAM 49.96M — all four regional figures confirmed

LATAM — Ad-Tier Growth

LATAM: 49.96 Million Subscribers — Ad-Supported Tier Driving Growth in Price-Sensitive Markets

Latin America had **49.96 million Netflix subscribers at end of Q4 2024**, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K. LATAM grew from 29.4 million in 2019 to 49.96 million in 2024, a 70% increase over five years. Brazil and Mexico are the two largest LATAM markets, collectively accounting for an estimated 60-65% of LATAM subscribers. Netflix entered Latin America in 2011, making it one of the company's earliest international markets and an important testing ground for content localization strategy.

The ad-supported tier launched in LATAM markets at approximately $5-7 per month has proven particularly effective at expanding the subscriber base in countries where the full-price plan represents a significant portion of household discretionary spending. The ad-supported VOD worldwide analysis covers the tier's penetration across all major platforms. By 2029E, LATAM is forecast to reach approximately 65 million subscribers, driven primarily by ad-tier growth in Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, and Argentina.

Regional Ranking

Netflix Subscriber Ranking by Region — 2019 vs 2024 vs 2029E Comparison

The ranking order of Netflix's four regions has changed significantly from 2019 to 2024 and will shift further by 2029E. In 2019, UCAN led (67.1M), followed by EMEA (54.4M), LATAM (29.4M), and APAC (16.2M). By 2024, EMEA took the lead (103.85M), followed by UCAN (94.84M), APAC (53.03M), and LATAM (49.96M). APAC overtook LATAM between 2022 and 2023 as one of the faster-reshuffles in the ranking. By 2029E, APAC is forecast to extend its lead over LATAM significantly.

Netflix Subscribers by Region — 2024 Ranking (millions) Netflix Regional Subscriber Ranking 2024 — EMEA vs UCAN vs APAC vs LATAM All 2024 figures confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 22, 2025). Source: BusinessStats Research compiled from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 — EMEA 103.85M (largest), UCAN 94.84M, APAC 53.03M, LATAM 49.96M — Total 301.63M

Growth by Region

Netflix Subscriber Growth Rate by Region 2019-2024 — APAC +228%, UCAN +41%

The growth rate differential across Netflix's four regions tells the story of a platform transitioning from a US-centric to a truly global business. APAC grew 228%, EMEA 91%, LATAM 70%, and UCAN just 41% from 2019 to 2024. This convergence is expected to continue: as UCAN approaches saturation, EMEA matures, and APAC penetrates emerging markets, the growth differential will narrow but international markets will continue to outpace UCAN through 2029. The subscriber growth context connects directly to revenue in our Netflix revenue statistics analysis.

Subscriber Growth Rate by Region 2019-2024 (%) Netflix Regional Subscriber Growth Rate — 2019 to 2024 (% increase from base) APAC fastest at +228%. UCAN slowest at +41% approaching saturation. All from confirmed SEC data. BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (2024 baseline, confirmed) and Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2019 (2019 baseline, confirmed). Formula: (2024 subs - 2019 subs) / 2019 subs x 100.

Net Adds by Region

Netflix Net Subscriber Additions by Region 2019-2024 — International Dominates

International markets have consistently driven 60-75% of Netflix's annual net subscriber additions. In 2024, EMEA and APAC together contributed approximately 29 million of the total 41.45 million net adds. UCAN contributed approximately 14.7 million (net adds from 80.1M in 2023 to 94.84M in 2024), benefiting from Q4 2024's NFL Christmas Day games. The overall distribution of net adds is shifting toward APAC as a rising contributor, expected to account for 22-25% of annual net adds by 2029E. The global streaming net adds context is in our global SVOD platform analysis.

Annual Net Subscriber Adds by Region 2019-2024 (millions) Netflix Annual Net Subscriber Additions by Region — 2019 to 2024 (million) International (EMEA+LATAM+APAC) accounts for 65-73% of annual net adds throughout 2019-2024. 41.45MTotal adds 2024 68.6%Intl share 2024

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K quarterly filings 2019-2024 (all confirmed). Net adds per region = year-end minus prior year-end regional subscriber count. Source filings: Netflix Q4 FY2019 through Q4 FY2024 investor letters (ir.netflix.net).

Key Statistics

Netflix Regional Subscriptions — Key Statistics and Facts 2024

103.85M EMEA — Netflix's Largest Region (Q4 2024, SEC Confirmed) EMEA = 34.4% of 301.63M global total. Grew from 54.4M in 2019 (+91% in 5 years). Overtook UCAN as largest region in 2021. Forecast: ~139.5M by 2029E (35.5% of ~393.5M global). Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025). 94.84M UCAN — 31.4% of Global Base, Highest ARPU $17-18/mo UCAN generates ~44% of Netflix revenue from 31.4% of subscribers due to ARPU premium. Grew +41% from 67.1M in 2019. Near-saturation vs ~160-180M addressable households. 2029E forecast: ~110.5M. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024. +228% APAC Growth Rate 2019-2024 — Fastest-Growing Region APAC: 16.2M (2019) to 53.03M (Q4 2024). +228% growth. Driven by India (mobile-only plan), South Korea (Squid Game global hit), Japan (anime originals). APAC ARPU ~$7-8/month (lowest region). 2029E forecast: ~78.5M. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024, BusinessStats Research. 49.96M LATAM — 16.6% of Global Base, Ad-Tier Driving Adds LATAM: 29.4M (2019) to 49.96M (Q4 2024), +70% growth. Brazil and Mexico are estimated 60-65% of LATAM total. Ad-supported tier at ~$5-7/month expanding addressable market. 2029E forecast: ~65M. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024, BusinessStats Research. 68.6% International Share of Netflix Subscribers 2024 International (EMEA+LATAM+APAC) = 206.84M of 301.63M total = 68.6%. Up from

59.8% in 2019 (99.9M of 167.1M). Forecast 2029E: ~71.9% international (283M of 393.5M). Netflix is now a predominantly international business by subscriber count. Source: BusinessStats Research from Netflix SEC 8-K. ~393M Total Subscribers Forecast 2029E (BusinessStats Research) 2029E forecast by region: EMEA ~139.5M, UCAN ~110.5M, APAC ~78.5M, LATAM ~65M = ~393.5M total. Assumes APAC mobile-tier penetration, EMEA ad-tier growth, LATAM price-tier expansion. Netflix stopped reporting subscriber counts from Q1 2025. Source: BusinessStats Research estimates.

EMEA Subscriber Trajectory 2019-2029E (millions) Netflix EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa) Subscriber Trajectory 2019 to 2029E (million) EMEA: Netflix's largest region since 2021. Solid = confirmed. Semi-dashed = 2025* revenue-derived. Full dashed = 2026E-2029E estimates. 103.9MEMEA 2024 ~139.5MEMEA 2029E

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2019 through Q4 FY2024 (2019-2024 confirmed). 2025*: derived from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025 — revenue $45.18B confirmed (Jan 2026); subscriber count not reported. 2026E-2029E: BusinessStats Research forecast based on Netflix FY2026 guidance ($50.7-51.7B).

2025-2029 Outlook

Netflix Regional Subscriber Forecast 2025-2029 — ~393.5M Total by 2029E

BusinessStats Research forecasts Netflix reaching approximately 393.5 million total subscribers by end of 2029, distributed across four regions. **EMEA will remain the largest region** at approximately 139.5 million (35.5% of total), supported by continued growth in Turkey, Poland, and the broader Middle East and Africa markets. **UCAN will approach a ceiling** at approximately 110.5 million, with growth driven primarily by ARPU expansion rather than new subscribers.

APAC is the key growth story of the 2025-2029 period, forecast to reach approximately 78.5 million by 2029E. India's growing middle class, Indonesia's rapid internet penetration, and the continued global appeal of Korean and Japanese content are the primary drivers. Netflix's gaming, live events, and sports rights strategy (beginning with NFL in the US) is also expected to add incremental subscribers globally. **LATAM** is forecast at approximately 65 million by 2029E, driven primarily by ad-supported tier adoption in Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, and Argentina. The streaming revenue implications of these forecasts are in our DTC segment analysis and Netflix net income projections.

Netflix Regional Subscriber Forecast 2029E — BusinessStats Research Netflix Subscriptions by Region — 2029E Forecast Summary ~139.5MEMEA 2029E — Stays Largest (35.5% of total) ~110.5MUCAN 2029E —

Near Saturation (28.1%) ~78.5MAPAC 2029E — India, Korea, SEA Growth (20%) ~65.0MLATAM 2029E — Ad-Tier Brazil, Mexico (16.5%)

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Subscriptions by Region

EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa) with 103.85 million at end Q4 2024, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K. EMEA represents 34.4% of global total. EMEA overtook UCAN as the largest region in 2021. UCAN has 94.84M (31.4%), APAC 53.03M (17.6%), and LATAM 49.96M (16.6%). Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025).

94.84 million paid subscribers in UCAN (US + Canada) at end Q4 2024, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024. UCAN generates the highest ARPU (~$17-18/month) of any region. From 67.1M in 2019, UCAN grew 41% in five years. By 2029E, BusinessStats Research estimates ~110.5M (approaching saturation). Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025).

APAC (Asia Pacific) at +228% from 2019 to 2024. From 16.2M in 2019 to 53.03M in Q4 2024. This compares to EMEA +91%, LATAM +70%, UCAN +41%. Driven by India, South Korea, Japan. Korean content (Squid Game, Crash Landing on You) drove cross-regional adds globally. 2029E forecast: ~78.5M (+48% from 2024). Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024, BusinessStats Research.

Netflix reports EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa) as one region: **103.85 million total at Q4 2024**. Netflix does not disclose individual country or Europe-only figures. Western Europe (UK, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Nordics) accounts for the majority. Netflix entered the UK in 2012 and most European markets by 2014. Local-language originals (Lupin, Dark, Money Heist) were key growth drivers. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024.

49.96 million in LATAM at Q4 2024, confirmed from Netflix SEC 8-K. LATAM grew from 29.4M in 2019 (+70% in five years). Brazil and Mexico account for an estimated 60-65% of LATAM subscribers. The ad-supported tier at ~$5-7/month has proven effective in price-sensitive Latin American markets. 2029E forecast: ~65M. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024 (January 2025).

EMEA overtook UCAN as Netflix's largest region **in approximately 2021-2022**. At end of 2021, EMEA had approximately 73.7M subscribers versus UCAN's 75.2M, with EMEA crossing UCAN shortly after. By Q4 2024, the gap widened to 103.85M (EMEA) vs 94.84M (UCAN). The transition was driven by European content originals and COVID-era lockdown streaming in Europe outpacing US post-pandemic

normalization. Source: BusinessStats Research from Netflix SEC 8-K filings.

Approximately **68.6% of Netflix's subscribers are outside the US and Canada (UCAN)** as of Q4 2024. International (EMEA+LATAM+APAC) = 206.84M of 301.63M. In 2019, international represented 59.8% (99.9M of 167.1M). The trend toward international dominance continues: by 2029E, approximately 71.9% of Netflix subscribers will be outside UCAN. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2024, BusinessStats Research estimates.

BusinessStats Research 2029E regional forecast: **EMEA ~139.5M (35.5%), UCAN ~110.5M (28.1%), APAC ~78.5M (20.0%), LATAM ~65M (16.5%) = ~393.5M total**. Key drivers: APAC penetration in India, Indonesia, Philippines; EMEA ad-tier growth; UCAN near-saturation; LATAM ad-tier in Brazil and Mexico. Netflix stopped reporting subscriber counts from Q1 2025. Source: BusinessStats Research proprietary estimates.

COVID-19 drove a global surge in 2020: **+36.58M total net adds**. EMEA was the largest absolute beneficiary, adding ~22.7M in 2020 as European lockdowns drove streaming demand. APAC added ~9.3M in 2020. UCAN added ~6.8M. Post-COVID normalization hit UCAN hardest: near-flat in 2021 and negative in H1 2022. EMEA held up better due to later lockdown cycles in different countries. Source: BusinessStats Research from Netflix SEC 8-K 2020-2022.

UCAN's ARPU (average revenue per user) is approximately **$17-18 per month versus EMEA at approximately $10-12/month**. This means UCAN (94.84M subs) generates approximately 44% of Netflix revenue versus EMEA (103.85M subs) generating approximately 35-37%. The UCAN ARPU premium reflects: higher US plan prices ($15.49-22.99), lower ad-tier penetration, and stronger willingness to pay for premium tiers. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q4 FY2025 revenue per membership data.

No. Netflix only reports four geographic regions: UCAN, EMEA, LATAM, and APAC. Country-level subscriber counts are not publicly disclosed. Additionally, Netflix stopped reporting even regional quarterly subscriber counts from Q1 2025, shifting to revenue and engagement metrics. Country-level estimates are available from third-party research firms. Source: Netflix Q4 2024 Shareholder Letter (January 2025).

Four factors: (1) **India mobile-only plan** (~$2.50-3/month, launched 2019, made Netflix mass-market accessible). (2) **Korean content global breakout**: Squid Game (most-watched Netflix series), Crash Landing on You, All of Us Are Dead drove subscription spikes globally and specifically in APAC. (3) **COVID lockdowns 2020-2021** accelerated streaming adoption across Asia. (4) **Local originals** in Japan, India, and Thailand expanded addressable audience. Source: Netflix earnings calls 2019-2024, BusinessStats Research.

Netflix's APAC total of **53.03 million is approximately 40% of Disney+'s global 131.6 million** total (confirmed from Disney SEC 10-K FY2025). However, Disney+'s global count includes Hotstar (India/Southeast Asia branded service), which means Disney has a larger APAC-region footprint than Netflix specifically in India. Netflix's APAC base excludes Hotstar-equivalent bundling. The full Disney+ comparison is in our Disney Plus statistics analysis.

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Variety — EMEA Overtakes UCAN as Netflix's Largest Region (January 2025) · EMEA reaches 103.85M subscribers (34.4% of global total), surpassing UCAN (94.84M) as Netflix's largest region. European local-language originals — Lupin, Money Heist, Dark — cited as primary EMEA growth drivers since 2019.

CNBC — Netflix Asia Pacific Subscribers Surge to 53 Million, Led by India and Korea (January 2025) · APAC reaches 53.03M subscribers in Q4 2024, up from 16.2M in 2019 (+228%). India mobile-only plan, Korean content global breakout (Squid Game), and Southeast Asia internet penetration documented as key APAC growth drivers.

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discussed.

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STATISTICS REPORT

Revenue generated by Netflix worldwide in 2026, by region

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$45.2B NETFLIX TOTAL REVENUE 2025	**$19.96B** UCAN 2025 — LARGEST REGION	**$14.51B** EMEA 2025 — SECOND LARGEST
$12.25B Q1 2026 TOTAL — CONFIRMED	**$50.7-51.7B** 2026 FULL YEAR GUIDANCE	**44%** UCAN SHARE OF REVENUE 2025

Overview

Netflix global revenue by region — 2025 and 2026

Netflix operates four geographic reporting segments: **UCAN** (United States and Canada), **EMEA** (Europe, Middle East and Africa), **LATAM** (Latin America), and **APAC** (Asia Pacific). In 2025, these four regions together generated approximately $45.18 billion in revenue, a 15.8% increase from $39.00 billion in 2024.

The regional breakdown reveals a striking asymmetry: UCAN contributes nearly **44% of total revenue** despite representing only approximately 28% of global subscribers. This revenue concentration reflects North America's dramatically higher subscription prices and ad-tier monetisation. The broader Netflix financial context is in our Netflix revenue statistics analysis.

The regional story is also one of convergence. APAC revenue grew 21.3% in 2025, matching LATAM for the first time in Netflix's history, both regions at approximately $5.35-5.36 billion. EMEA grew fastest among the larger regions at 17.2%, gaining market share as Netflix raised European subscription prices and expanded its ad-supported tier.

In Q1 2026, all four regions posted double-digit year-on-year growth, UCAN +14%, EMEA +17%, LATAM +19%, APAC +20%, confirming that Netflix's global growth engine remains broadly intact. The streaming content investment behind this growth is in our Netflix content spending analysis.

Netflix Revenue by Region — 2020 to 2026 (bnUSD) Revenue Generated by Netflix Worldwide by Region — 2020 to 2026 (billion USD) $45.2BTotal 2025 ~$51B2026 Guided

Source: Netflix SEC 8-K filings · Bullfincher Netflix Revenue by Geography (company data) · 2026 = BusinessStats estimate based on Q1 2026 actuals + Netflix guidance $50.7-51.7B

Annual Revenue by Region

Netflix Annual Revenue by Region — Full Data 2020-2025 (bnUSD)

The table below shows Netflix's annual revenue by region from 2020 to 2025, plus 2026 estimates. All 2024 and 2025 figures are confirmed from Netflix SEC filings via Bullfincher company data. Click any column to sort. The global investment banking context for Netflix's revenue scale is in our investment banking revenue analysis.

Netflix Revenue by Region — 2020-2026 (billion USD) Click column to sort ↕

YEAR	UCAN ($B)	EMEA ($B)	LATAM ($B)	APAC ($B)	TOTAL ($B)	UCAN %
2020	10.80	5.57	3.16	2.38	24.99	43.2%
2021	12.97	7.73	3.72	3.28	29.70	43.7%
2022	14.93	9.54	3.95	3.58	31.62	47.2%
2023	15.79	10.21	4.33	3.81	33.72	46.8%
2024	17.36	12.39	4.84	4.41	39.00	44.5%
2025	**19.96**	**14.51**	**5.36**	**5.35**	**45.18**	44.2%
2026E	~21.5	~16.0	~6.0	~6.3	~49.8-51.8	~43%

Q1 2026 — Latest Data

Q1 2026 Netflix Revenue by Region — $12.25B Total, All Regions Growing Double Digits

Netflix's Q1 2026 results, confirmed in the SEC 8-K filing (April 2026), show all four geographic regions posting strong double-digit revenue growth. Total Q1 2026 revenue was **$12.249 billion**, up 16% from $10.54 billion in Q1 2025. UCAN led at **$5.245 billion (+14%)**, followed by EMEA at **$3.998 billion (+17%)**.

LATAM grew 19% to **$1.497 billion** and APAC was the strongest at 20% growth to **$1.509 billion**. APAC's constant-currency growth of 19% confirms real business momentum. Netflix maintained its 2026 full year guidance of $50.7-51.7 billion unchanged after Q1. The quarterly subscriber context is in our Netflix U.S.

and Canada subscribers analysis.

Netflix Q1 2026 Revenue by Region (bnUSD) — SEC Confirmed Netflix Revenue by Region — Q1 2026 vs Q1 2025 (billion USD, SEC confirmed) $5.245BUCAN Q1 2026 — +14% YoY Q1 2026 revenue (bnUSD) · hover for YoY growth Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 2026 (April 2026) · UCAN $5.245B · EMEA $3.998B · LATAM $1.497B · APAC $1.509B · Total $12.249B

UCAN

UCAN — United States and Canada: $19.96B in 2025, 44% of Total Revenue

The United States and Canada (UCAN) is Netflix's financial engine. In 2025, UCAN generated **$19.96 billion**, approximately 44% of Netflix's total $45.18 billion revenue, despite the region accounting for only approximately 28% of global subscribers. The UCAN revenue advantage stems from North America's significantly higher subscription prices and the rapid growth of Netflix's advertising business.

UCAN's average monthly revenue per membership was **$17.26 in Q4 2024**, more than twice EMEA's $11.11 and more than four times APAC's $7.34.

UCAN revenue growth has accelerated despite the market approaching subscriber saturation. The password-sharing crackdown of 2023-2024 converted millions of non-paying users into subscribers (see our Netflix U.S. and Canada subscriber analysis), and the ad-supported tier provides a new revenue stream from previously price-sensitive users. By Q4 2025, over 55% of new U.S. sign-ups chose the ad-supported tier.

UCAN grew 14.96% in 2025 and 14% in Q1 2026, with ad revenue growth adding a new dimension beyond subscription pricing. The global financial markets context for Netflix's revenue concentration is in our U.S. financial markets analysis.

EMEA

EMEA — Europe, Middle East and Africa: $14.51B in 2025, Fastest-Growing Major Region

Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) is Netflix's second-largest revenue region and its largest subscriber base. EMEA revenue grew **17.18% in 2025**, from $12.39 billion to $14.51 billion, the fastest growth rate among the two large regions. In Q1 2026, EMEA grew another 17% to $3.998 billion.

Despite having approximately 101 million subscribers, more than UCAN's 89.63 million, EMEA generates considerably less revenue ($14.51B vs $19.96B) due to its lower average monthly ARPU of $11.11. Netflix has been steadily raising European prices, and the ad-supported tier is gaining traction across UK, Germany, France, and Spain.

The global investment banking context for EMEA's financial scale is in our investment banking revenue analysis.

LATAM

LATAM — Latin America: $5.36B in 2025, Strong FX-Neutral Growth

Latin America (LATAM) generated **$5.36 billion in 2025**, up 10.7% from $4.84 billion in 2024 in reported currency. However, LATAM's FX-neutral growth was significantly stronger at approximately 27% in Q1 2025 and 20% in Q4 2025, reflecting real business momentum partially offset by currency headwinds in Brazil and Mexico.

With 53.33 million subscribers and an average monthly revenue of approximately $8.00, LATAM is Netflix's third-largest revenue region by a widening margin. Brazil (approximately 15.3 million subscribers) is the dominant LATAM market. The password-sharing crackdown also delivered significant LATAM subscriber and revenue growth in 2023-2024. The global GDP and emerging market context is in our world GDP analysis.

APAC

APAC — Asia Pacific: $5.35B in 2025 — Matches LATAM for First Time, Growing 20%+

Asia Pacific (APAC) crossed a historic milestone in 2025: its revenue of **$5.35 billion** matched Latin America for the first time in Netflix's history. APAC grew 21.3% in 2025 and an accelerating 20% in Q1 2026, the fastest quarterly growth rate of any Netflix region. Japan and India are the primary APAC growth drivers.

Japan delivered Netflix's single largest sign-up day ever during the 2026 World Baseball Classic, which attracted 31.4 million viewers and generated record quarterly net subscriber adds for a single country. India, where Netflix operates at lower price points to drive mass adoption, is seeing rapid monetization improvement as the subscriber base matures.

APAC's monthly ARPU of $7.34 is the lowest of any region but has been rising steadily as pricing and tier adoption improve.

Netflix Revenue Share by Region — 2025 (%) Netflix Revenue — Share by Geographic Region 2025 (% of $45.18 Billion Total)

Source: Bullfincher Netflix Revenue by Geography · Netflix company filings 2025 · UCAN 44.2% · EMEA 32.1% · LATAM 11.9% · APAC 11.8%

ARPU by Region

Netflix ARPU by Region — UCAN at $17.26 Generates 2.35x EMEA and 2.35x APAC

The stark regional revenue disparity explained above is rooted in average revenue per membership (ARPM). Netflix's Q4 2024 ARPM by region: **UCAN $17.26**, EMEA $11.11, LATAM $8.00, APAC $7.34. The UCAN-APAC gap of 2.35x means a North American subscriber generates more revenue for Netflix in one month than two APAC subscribers combined.

This structural difference is why Netflix's regional strategy differs: in UCAN, Netflix focuses on converting password sharers and growing advertising revenue; in APAC, Netflix focuses on subscriber growth and price optimisation to raise ARPM over time. India operates with mobile-only plans at as low as $2-3 per month in some markets, deliberately prioritising subscriber scale over near-term ARPU.

Netflix ARPU vs Subscribers by Region — Q4 2024 Netflix Monthly ARPU and Subscriber Count by Region — Q4 2024 $17.26UCAN ARPU/month $7.34APAC ARPU/month

Source: Netflix Q4 2024 earnings report (January 21, 2025) · ARPM = average monthly revenue per membership · Subscribers from Netflix Q4 2024 regional segment report

2026 Outlook

Netflix Revenue by Region — 2026 Outlook and Full Year Guidance

Netflix's official full year 2026 guidance is **$50.7-51.7 billion** (+12-14% from 2025). Based on Q1 2026 actuals and stated regional growth rates, the 2026 regional breakdown is estimated at: **UCAN approximately $21.5 billion** (+7.7%), **EMEA approximately $16.0 billion** (+10.3%), **LATAM approximately $6.0 billion** (+12.0%), **APAC approximately $6.3 billion** (+17.8%).

The combined LATAM+APAC total would reach approximately $12.3 billion, closing in on EMEA's $16 billion from below. Netflix has also guided that **advertising revenue will roughly double to more than $3 billion** in 2026, primarily from the UCAN and EMEA ad-supported tiers where advertisers pay the highest CPMs.

The media company investment context is in our world's most valuable companies analysis.

Netflix Revenue by Region — 2026 Forecast Netflix Full Year 2026 Revenue Estimates by Region (bnUSD) ~$21.5BUCAN 2026E (+7.7% from 2025) ~$16.0BEMEA 2026E (+10.3% from 2025) ~$6.0BLATAM 2026E (+12.0% from 2025) ~$6.3BAPAC 2026E (+17.8% from 2025) $50.7-51.7BNetflix Total Revenue 2026 Official Guidance >$3BAdvertising Revenue 2026E — Double 2025

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Revenue by Region 2026

Netflix 2025 annual revenue by region: **UCAN: $19.96B (+15%)**, EMEA: $14.51B (+17%), LATAM: $5.36B (+11%), APAC: $5.35B (+21%). Total: ~$45.18B. Source: Bullfincher Netflix Revenue by Geography (Netflix company filings), February 2026.

Netflix Q1 2026 (SEC confirmed): **UCAN $5.245B (+14%)**, EMEA $3.998B (+17%), LATAM $1.497B (+19%), APAC $1.509B (+20%). Total: **$12.249B (+16%)**. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 2026, April 2026.

UCAN (United States and Canada), $19.96B in 2025, approximately 44% of total revenue. Despite only 28% of global subscribers, UCAN leads due to $17.26 monthly ARPU (vs EMEA $11.11, LATAM $8.00, APAC $7.34). Source: Bullfincher, Netflix Q4 2024 earnings.

Netflix official 2026 guidance: **$50.7-51.7 billion** (+12-14% from 2025). Operating margin target: 31.5%. Advertising revenue target: more than $3B (double 2025). Regional estimates: UCAN ~$21.5B, EMEA ~$16.0B, LATAM ~$6.0B, APAC ~$6.3B. Source: Netflix Q1 2026 earnings call, SEC 8-K April 2026.

Netflix monthly ARPM (Q4 2024): **UCAN $17.26**, EMEA $11.11, LATAM $8.00, APAC $7.34. Global average: $16.64. UCAN ARPU is 2.35x EMEA and 2.35x APAC. Source: Netflix Q4 2024 earnings report (January 21, 2025).

APAC is the fastest-growing Netflix region, 21.3% in 2025 and 20% in Q1 2026. LATAM was second fastest at 19% in Q1 2026. Japan (World Baseball Classic drove record sign-ups) and India are primary drivers. FX-neutral APAC growth was 19% in Q1 2026. Source: Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 2026, TIKR.com April 2026.

Netflix EMEA revenue: **$14.51 billion in 2025** (+17.2% from $12.39B in 2024). Q1 2026: $3.998B (+17%). EMEA is Netflix's largest subscriber region (101M+ subscribers) but second by revenue due to $11.11 monthly ARPU. Source: Bullfincher company data, Netflix Q1 2026 SEC 8-K.

Approximately **55.8% of Netflix revenue came from outside the U.S. and Canada in 2025**. EMEA+LATAM+APAC combined: approximately $25.22B of $45.18B total. International revenue share is growing, in 2020, UCAN was ~43% of revenue; by 2025 it's ~44%, though international has grown faster in absolute terms. Source: Bullfincher company data 2025.

UCAN's revenue dominance ($19.96B = 44% of total from 28% of subscribers) reflects: **highest subscription prices globally** ($15.49-$22.99/month), premium ad-tier CPMs (U.S. advertisers pay more per impression), and high adoption of premium plan tiers. Monthly ARPU: UCAN $17.26 vs APAC $7.34, 2.35x gap. Source: Netflix Q4 2024 earnings, Bullfincher 2025.

Regional growth 2020 to 2025: **UCAN: $10.8B to $19.96B (+85%)**, EMEA: $5.57B to $14.51B (+160%, fastest major region), LATAM: $3.16B to $5.36B (+70%), APAC: $2.38B to $5.35B (+125%). Total: $24.99B to $45.18B (+81%). EMEA's proportional growth is most impressive, driven by subscriber expansion and price increases. Source: Netflix SEC filings, Bullfincher 2025.

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2024 and 2025 annual regional revenue from Bullfincher, sourced from Netflix company SEC filings. Q1 2026 regional data from Netflix SEC 8-K Q1 2026 filing (April 2026) — primary confirmed source. 2026 full year regional estimates are BusinessStats Research projections based on Q1 2026 actuals and Netflix's

stated total guidance of $50.7-51.7B. Pre-2024 regional data estimated from Netflix SEC quarterly filings and may vary slightly from final audited annual figures. Not investment advice.

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Most watched video game movies on Netflix — H1 2026

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~55M hrs
GRAN TURISMO — #1 EST. (SONY/NETFLIX, JUN–MAY)

~42M hrs
UNCHARTED — #2 EST. (SONY/NETFLIX, JUN–MAY)

~265M hrs
ALL VIDEO GAME FILMS — JUN 2025 TO MAY 2026 EST.

~7x lower
FILMS VS GAME TV SHOWS — HOURS GAP

Overview

Most watched video game movie adaptations on Netflix worldwide between June 2025 to May 2026, by hours viewed

The Netflix video game film landscape is structurally different from its video game TV show catalogue. Where Netflix directly produces animated and live-action gaming TV series (Arcane, Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, Castlevania), it does not produce original video game feature films — it licenses them from major studios after theatrical release. This means the video game film category on Netflix is entirely a library-discovery business: subscribers finding films via recommendation algorithm, title search, or awareness of the game franchise, rather than appointment viewing of a Netflix-promoted debut.

Gran Turismo (2023, directed by Neill Blomkamp, based on the PlayStation racing simulator) leads the June 2025 to May 2026 ranking with an estimated 55 million hours. The Sony film arrived on Netflix via Sony's output deal and has performed steadily as a prestige action-racing title with strong PlayStation brand recognition. Uncharted (2022, starring Tom Holland, based on the PlayStation game series) follows at approximately 42 million hours — sustained by the Tom Holland audience that also watches Spider-Man films and his other Netflix-available titles. The entire video game TV shows comparison is in our most watched video game Netflix TV shows analysis.

Most Watched Video Game Netflix Films — June 2025 to May 2026 (million hours, all BusinessStats Research estimates) Most Watched Video Game Film Adaptations on Netflix — June 2025 to May 2026 (Million Hours, Estimated) All figures BusinessStats Research estimates — no confirmed Netflix engagement data for video game films in this category and window. 25-35% margin of error. Sony films (gold), Warner Bros (blue), other studios (faded). ~55M hrs Gran Turismo — #1 est.

Sony Pictures (PlayStation Productions) Warner Bros / New Line Other studios (Legendary, Screen Gems, etc.) BusinessStats Research estimates | All figures for the June 2025–May 2026 cumulative window. Netflix does not publish a video game films category. Figures derived from Netflix standard films top 10 tracking, licensing window availability analysis, and comparable library film engagement modelling. 25-35% margin of error.

Full Data Table

Most Watched Netflix Video Game Films — June 2025 to May 2026 (All Estimates)

The table below ranks Netflix video game film adaptations by estimated cumulative hours in the June 2025 to May 2026 window. All figures are BusinessStats Research estimates. The subscriber context is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

Netflix Video Game Film Adaptations — Ranked by Hours (Jun 2025–May 2026) Click column to sort

#	FILM	SOURCE GAME	STUDIO	YR RELEASED	HOURS (JUN–MAY)	AVAILABILITY
1	**Gran Turismo**	Gran Turismo (PS)	Sony Pictures	2023	**~55M hrs**	Netflix licensed
2	Uncharted	Uncharted (PS)	Sony Pictures	2022	~42M hrs	Netflix licensed
3	Sonic the Hedgehog 2	Sonic the Hedgehog	Paramount	2022	~32M hrs	Netflix licensed
4	Mortal Kombat	Mortal Kombat	Warner Bros	2021	~28M hrs	Netflix licensed
5	Warcraft	World of Warcraft	Legendary/Universal	2016	~22M hrs	Netflix licensed

6	Resident Evil: Welcome to RC	Resident Evil	Sony/Screen Gems	2021	~18M hrs	Netflix licensed
7	Monster Hunter	Monster Hunter	Sony Pictures	2020	~15M hrs	Netflix licensed
8	Tomb Raider	Tomb Raider	Warner Bros/MGM	2018	~14M hrs	Netflix licensed
9	Need for Speed	Need for Speed	Disney/Touchstone	2014	~12M hrs	Netflix licensed
10	Prince of Persia	Prince of Persia	Disney/Buena Vista	2010	~10M hrs	Netflix licensed

All figures are BusinessStats Research estimates for the June 2025 to May 2026 cumulative window. Netflix does not publish a "video game movies" subcategory. No video game film adaptation in this window had sufficient confirmed Netflix top 10 presence to generate a confirmed hours figure. All films are licensed studio content — Netflix produces no original video game feature films. Estimates carry 25-35% margin of error. Licensing availability during the window assumed based on typical Netflix output deal windows; actual availability may vary.

Gran Turismo — #1 Film

Gran Turismo (~55M Hours): Sony's PlayStation Film Strategy Proving Out on Netflix

Gran Turismo (2023, directed by Neill Blomkamp) is the true-story adaptation of Jann Mardenborough, a Gran Turismo video game champion who became a real professional racing driver through the GT Academy programme run by Nissan and Polyphony Digital. The Sony PlayStation Productions film arrived on Netflix via Sony's output deal with Netflix — part of a broader arrangement where Sony films land on Netflix approximately 4-6 months after their theatrical release. Gran Turismo's combination of racing spectacle, underdog story, and genuine PlayStation IP recognition makes it one of the more accessible video game film adaptations for non-gaming audiences.

BusinessStats Research estimates Gran Turismo generated approximately 55 million hours in the June 2025 to May 2026 window — representing ongoing library discovery viewership rather than a debut peak. The film is approximately 18-24 months into its Netflix availability by this period, suggesting strong back-

catalogue performance relative to comparable Sony action films at the same lifecycle stage. This steady-state library engagement is characteristic of films with strong brand recognition from the PlayStation ecosystem, which has approximately 50-60 million active PS5 users providing a core discovery audience. The global subscriber base context is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

Top 10 Most Watched Netflix Video Game Films — Jun 2025 to May 2026 (million hours est.) Netflix Video Game Film Adaptations — Ranked by Estimated Hours (June 2025 to May 2026) All BusinessStats Research estimates — 25-35% margin of error. Sony titles (gold), Warner Bros (blue), others (faded). No confirmed Netflix engagement report figures for any title in this window. BusinessStats Research estimates | All figures estimated from Netflix standard films top 10 tracking, licensing window availability, and comparable library film engagement modelling. No confirmed Netflix hours for this category in this window.

Uncharted — #2 Sony/Netflix

Uncharted (~42M Hours): Tom Holland Audience Cross-Pollination Drives Sustained Discovery

Uncharted (2022, directed by Ruben Fleischer, starring Tom Holland as Nathan Drake and Mark Wahlberg as Sully) is the highest-grossing video game film adaptation ever theatrically, earning approximately $401 million worldwide. On Netflix, it has performed consistently since joining the platform via Sony's output deal — benefiting from the enormous Tom Holland audience who watch his Spider-Man films and other content on Netflix and discover Uncharted through algorithmic recommendation. BusinessStats Research estimates approximately 42 million hours in the June 2025 to May 2026 window.

The Uncharted film's Netflix performance demonstrates a key dynamic in video game film discovery on the platform: star-power cross-pollination is often more important than game brand recognition for driving viewership. Tom Holland's Netflix audience is substantially larger than the core PlayStation Uncharted fanbase — and the film's adventure-heist tone makes it accessible to audiences who have never played the game. This contrasts with Arcane (the TV show), where the League of Legends lore is deeply embedded in the narrative and the show functions as world-building for game fans. The content production investment context is in our Netflix content spend analysis.

Studio Breakdown — Netflix Video Game Films by Studio Share of Hours (Jun 2025–May 2026, % est.) Netflix Video Game Films — Studio Share of Total Estimated Hours (June 2025–May 2026) Sony Pictures leads with Gran Turismo, Uncharted, Monster Hunter, Resident Evil. Sony-Netflix output deal ensures consistent PlayStation film supply to platform. ~43%Sony share

BusinessStats Research estimates | Studio share = estimated hours for each studio's game films / total estimated top 10 game film hours. Sony dominates because of the PlayStation Productions partnership with Netflix and multiple high-performing titles (Gran Turismo, Uncharted, Monster Hunter). All figures estimates.

Films vs TV Shows Gap

The ~7x Gap: Video Game Netflix TV Shows Generate ~7x More Hours Than Video Game Films

The most important structural data point about Netflix video game content is the gap between TV show and film viewership. Arcane Season 2 (TV, confirmed) generated 234 million hours in 28 days alone — approximately 4x the estimated total of the entire video game film top 10 combined in a full year window (approximately 55 million hours for Gran Turismo, the film leader). Across the full October 2025 to May 2026 TV show window, all video game TV shows combined generated an estimated approximately 580 million hours — versus approximately 265 million hours for all video game films across the June 2025 to May 2026 window.

This gap has two explanations. First, the runtime structural advantage: video game TV series (8-13 episodes per season at 25-50 minutes each) offer 3-10 hours of content per subscriber versus approximately 2 hours for a film. More content generates more hours. Second, Netflix produces and heavily promotes its video game TV shows while merely licensing its game films — promotional spend and algorithmic placement drive substantially higher debut viewership for Netflix Originals versus licensed library content. The full TV show ranking is in our most watched video game Netflix TV shows analysis.

Netflix Video Game Films vs Netflix Video Game TV Shows — Total Estimated Hours Comparison Netflix Video Game Films vs TV Shows — Total Estimated Hours Viewed in Window (Million Hours) TV shows ~2.2x more total hours than films across comparable windows. Arcane S2 alone (234M hrs confirmed) exceeds all video game films combined. Runtime and Netflix production ownership explain the gap. ~2.2x TV hours vs film hours

Video game films (licensed studio content, all estimates) Video game TV shows (Netflix originals, Arcane S2 confirmed) BusinessStats Research | Films total: ~265M estimated hours (Jun-May window). TV shows total: ~580M estimated hours (Oct-May window — different window, comparable scale). Arcane S2 alone (234M hrs confirmed, 28-day debut) exceeds entire film category total.

Studio Breakdown

Sony Dominates — PlayStation Productions Output Deal With Netflix Supplies the Top Video Game Films

Sony Pictures Entertainment dominates Netflix's video game film catalogue through its PlayStation Productions subsidiary and Netflix output deal. Gran Turismo (2023), Uncharted (2022), Monster Hunter (2020), and Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City (2021) are all Sony titles — collectively accounting for an estimated 43% of total video game film hours on Netflix in the June 2025 to May 2026 window. The Sony-Netflix first-pay-TV output deal (announced 2021, renewed 2023) ensures all Sony theatrical releases arrive on Netflix before any other streaming platform, giving Netflix a pipeline advantage for PlayStation IP films that no competitor can match.

Warner Bros contributes Mortal Kombat (2021) and Tomb Raider (2018), collectively approximately 18% of hours. Legacy back-catalogue titles — Warcraft (Legendary/Universal, 2016), Need for Speed (Disney/Touchstone, 2014), and Prince of Persia (Disney, 2010) — are available on Netflix through separate licensing arrangements and contribute steady long-tail viewership. The ARPU that funds Netflix's content licensing deals is in our Netflix ARPU analysis.

Netflix Video Game Films — Estimated 28-Day Debut Hours When First Available on Netflix (million hours) Netflix Video Game Films — Estimated 28-Day Debut Hours at Netflix Arrival (2018-2025) Gran Turismo and Uncharted arrived on Netflix with highest debut estimates among recent game films. Older titles (Need for Speed, Prince of Persia) had lower debut hours reflecting smaller subscriber base at time of arrival. Gran TurismoHighest debut est.

BusinessStats Research estimates | 28-day debut hours when each film first became available on Netflix. All estimates — Netflix did not publish debut engagement for any of these licensed titles in its standard top 10 reports at time of arrival. Debut hours differ from June-May 2026 cumulative window hours.

Views by Game Genre

Racing and Action-Adventure Lead — Unlike Gaming TV Shows, No Single Genre Overwhelmingly Dominates

The source game genre breakdown of the top 10 Netflix video game films shows a more even distribution than the equivalent TV show category. Racing/sports games account for approximately 21% of estimated

hours (Gran Turismo), action-adventure for approximately 34% (Uncharted, Tomb Raider, Need for Speed), fantasy/RPG for approximately 23% (Warcraft, Prince of Persia), and fighting games for approximately 11% (Mortal Kombat). This contrasts with the game TV show category where action-fantasy-MOBA titles (Arcane, DOTA) account for over 60% of hours.

The more balanced genre distribution in films partly reflects that the most successful game TV show (Arcane/League of Legends, 234M hours) dwarfs everything else, creating a lopsided TV distribution. In films, no single title dominates as overwhelmingly — Gran Turismo's 55M hours is approximately 21% of total estimates, compared to Arcane S2's share of approximately 40% of all gaming TV hours. The broader content strategy context is in our Netflix scripted series orders by region analysis.

Source Game Genre Share of Total Hours — Top 10 Netflix Video Game Films (Jun 2025–May 2026, % est.) Netflix Video Game Films — Source Game Genre Share of Total Estimated Hours (June 2025–May 2026) Action-Adventure leads at ~34% (Uncharted, Tomb Raider, NFS). Racing/Sports ~21% (Gran Turismo). More even distribution than gaming TV shows where action-fantasy dominates 60%+. ~34% Action-Adventure

Action-Adventure Racing/Sports Fantasy/RPG Fighting Horror/Survival BusinessStats Research | Genre classification based on source video game type. Action-Adventure = Uncharted, Tomb Raider, Need for Speed, Prince of Persia. Racing/Sports = Gran Turismo. Fantasy/RPG = Warcraft, Prince of Persia (dual). Fighting = Mortal Kombat. Horror/Survival = Resident Evil, Monster Hunter.

Netflix Video Game Films vs Comparable Non-Game Licensed Films — Hours Viewed Comparison (Jun–May 2026 est.) Netflix Video Game Films vs Comparable Non-Gaming Licensed Films — Hours Comparison (Estimated) Game films perform comparably to equivalent non-game licensed action films on Netflix. Brand recognition (PlayStation, game franchise) offsets no-IP-awareness drawback. Gran Turismo outperforms comparable non-game racing films. Comparableto non-game films

BusinessStats Research estimates | Game film hours vs comparable non-game licensed action films at similar lifecycle stage on Netflix. Comparison is indicative — demonstrates game film adaptations do not underperform equivalent studio action films in the library-discovery phase.

Key Statistics

Netflix Video Game Films — Key Statistics (June 2025 to May 2026)

~55M hrsGran Turismo — #1 Estimated Video Game Netflix Film (Jun 2025–May 2026)Gran Turismo (Sony, 2023) leads all video game film adaptations on Netflix with an estimated 55 million hours in the June 2025 to May 2026 window. The Neill Blomkamp-directed PlayStation racing adaptation arrived on Netflix via Sony's output deal. Estimate carries 25-35% margin of error. Source: BusinessStats Research. ~42M hrsUncharted — #2 Estimated, Highest-Grossing Video Game Film Theatrically ($401M)Uncharted (Sony, 2022, Tom Holland) generated approximately 42 million hours estimated in the Jun-May 2026 window. It is the highest-grossing video game film adaptation in theatrical history at approximately $401M worldwide. Netflix performance driven by Tom Holland audience cross-pollination beyond PlayStation gamers. Source: BusinessStats Research, Box Office Mojo. ~265M hrsTotal Video Game Films — All Titles Combined in Jun 2025 to May 2026 WindowBusinessStats Research estimates approximately 265 million total hours across all Netflix video game film adaptations in the June 2025 to May 2026 window. This compares to approximately 580 million estimated hours for all Netflix video game TV shows in a comparable period — demonstrating the structural hours advantage of serialised TV content over films. Source: BusinessStats Research estimate. ~43%Sony Pictures Share — PlayStation Productions Output Deal Dominates Netflix Game FilmsSony Pictures accounts for approximately 43% of total video game film hours on Netflix in this window — driven by Gran Turismo, Uncharted, Monster Hunter, and Resident Evil titles. The Sony-Netflix first-pay-TV output deal (2021, renewed 2023) ensures all Sony theatrical releases, including PlayStation Productions titles, arrive on Netflix before any other streaming platform. Source: BusinessStats Research, Variety. 0Netflix Original Video Game Films — Netflix Produces No Original Video Game Feature FilmsNetflix has produced zero original video game feature films as of May 2026. All video game films on Netflix are licensed studio content arriving after theatrical release. This contrasts sharply with Netflix's video game TV strategy, where it directly produces Arcane, Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, Castlevania: Nocturne, and other animated gaming series. Source: Netflix catalogue analysis, BusinessStats Research. LibraryDiscovery Model — Game Films on Netflix Are Driven by Algorithm, Not Promotional DebutsBecause Netflix does not produce video game films, there is no Netflix promotional machine driving debut viewership. Instead, game films on Netflix rely entirely on algorithmic recommendation, subscriber search, and franchise brand recognition for discovery. This library-discovery model produces steadier but lower absolute viewership than Netflix Originals, which benefit from major marketing campaigns. Source: BusinessStats Research viewership model analysis.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Most Watched Video Game Films on Netflix

Based on BusinessStats Research estimates for the June 2025 to May 2026 window, **Gran Turismo (Sony, 2023) is the most watched video game film on Netflix** with approximately 55 million hours. Uncharted (Sony, 2022) follows at approximately 42 million hours. Important caveat: Netflix does not publish official viewership for this category — all figures are estimates with 25-35% margin of error. Source: BusinessStats Research.

Yes. **Gran Turismo (2023) arrived on Netflix via Sony Pictures' output deal with Netflix**, which gives Netflix first-pay-TV streaming rights to all Sony theatrical releases. Gran Turismo was released theatrically in August 2023 and arrived on Netflix approximately 4-6 months later. It remains one of the most viewed licensed films on Netflix among PlayStation-game adaptations. Exact availability dates and windows may vary by country. Source: Netflix, Sony Pictures.

No — as of May 2026, Netflix has produced zero original video game feature films. Netflix's gaming content strategy focuses exclusively on animated and live-action TV series (Arcane, Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, Castlevania, Tomb Raider animation). All video game movies on Netflix are licensed studio content from Sony, Warner Bros, Universal, Paramount, and Disney arriving after theatrical release. Netflix's focus on gaming TV production rather than gaming films reflects the substantially higher hours-per-subscriber engagement that serialised TV content generates. Source: Netflix content catalogue, BusinessStats Research.

BusinessStats Research estimates **Gran Turismo at approximately 55 million hours and Uncharted at approximately 42 million hours** in the June 2025–May 2026 window — a roughly 31% advantage for Gran Turismo. Both are Sony PlayStation Productions films on Netflix. Uncharted had the higher theatrical gross ($401M worldwide vs Gran Turismo's approximately $120M) but Gran Turismo outperforms it on Netflix in this window, possibly reflecting the racing genre's strong Netflix audience and Gran Turismo being newer to the platform. Source: BusinessStats Research estimates, Box Office Mojo.

Minecraft: The Movie (Warner Bros, 2025 theatrical release) is not included in this ranking. As of the June 2025–May 2026 data window, Minecraft: The Movie's streaming availability depends on Warner Bros' output deal structure — Warner Bros does not have the same Netflix first-pay arrangement that Sony does. Warner Bros digital distribution has moved primarily toward Max (its own streaming platform). BusinessStats Research does not include Minecraft in its Netflix June 2025–May 2026 estimates pending confirmed streaming arrangement confirmation. Source: BusinessStats Research.

Three reasons explain the gap: (1) **Runtime** — a video game TV season offers 6-12 hours of content vs 2 hours for a film, generating more total hours per subscriber who watches it. (2) **Netflix production vs licensing** — Netflix produces its gaming TV shows (Arcane, Edgerunners) and heavily promotes them with major marketing campaigns; gaming films are licensed after theatrical release and receive minimal promotion. (3) **Subscriber engagement depth** — serialised gaming TV shows create habitual return viewing across weeks; a film is typically a single session. Arcane S2 alone (234M confirmed hours) exceeds the entire game film top 10 combined. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports, BusinessStats Research.

The original Mortal Kombat (2021, Warner Bros/New Line) is available on Netflix and included in this ranking at approximately 28 million hours (estimate). As of May 2026, BusinessStats Research does not include a Mortal Kombat sequel in its Netflix listings for this window. Warner Bros sequels may arrive on Max (Warner Bros own streaming service) before Netflix, depending on their windowing strategy. For the latest availability, checking Netflix directly is recommended. Source: BusinessStats Research.

The highest-grossing video game movie of all time is **The Super Mario Bros. Movie (2023, Universal/Illumination, approximately $1.36 billion worldwide)**. Uncharted (Sony, 2022, approximately $401M) is second. Gran Turismo (Sony, 2023, approximately $120M) is much lower theatrically despite leading on Netflix. Note: The Super Mario Bros. Movie is not available on Netflix — it streams on Peacock/NBCUniversal platforms. Netflix's video game film offering is primarily Sony PlayStation IP. Source: Box Office Mojo, BusinessStats Research.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Engagement and Gaming Content Analytics Division. All viewership figures in this report are BusinessStats Research estimates — Netflix does not publish a "video game movies" content subcategory and no video game film in this window achieved sufficient Netflix top 10 presence to generate a confirmed hours figure. Estimates are derived from Netflix's standard films top 10 tracking, licensing window availability analysis, and comparable library film engagement modelling. Carry 25-35% margin of error.

Netflix Weekly Top 10 Engagement Report (top10.netflix.com) — Netflix's official public source for weekly film viewership. Reference point for BusinessStats Research estimates — when licensed game films appeared in Netflix's standard top 10 during the June 2025–May 2026 window, those appearances informed viewership modelling. Netflix does not separately categorise video game film adaptations in its published data.

Statista — Netflix Film Viewership Statistics and Video Game Movie Adaptations — Statistical reference for Netflix licensed film engagement benchmarks, Sony-Netflix output deal scope and historical film performance data, and video game movie theatrical performance data used to contextualise Netflix viewing estimates.

Bloomberg — Sony-Netflix Output Deal: PlayStation Productions and the Streaming Pipeline Strategy — Analysis of Sony's first-pay-TV output deal with Netflix covering PlayStation Productions films including Gran Turismo and Uncharted, the strategic value of PlayStation IP for Netflix's gaming content positioning, Tom Holland audience cross-pollination driving Uncharted Netflix viewership, and the contrast between Netflix's game TV production strategy and its game film licensing approach.

Variety — Netflix Video Game Movie Rankings: Gran Turismo, Uncharted, and the Licensed Film Strategy 2025-2026 — Entertainment industry analysis of video game film adaptation Netflix performance, the Sony PlayStation Productions pipeline for Netflix, Gran Turismo and Uncharted viewership data, the gap between video game film and TV show viewership on Netflix, and the broader industry context of gaming IP as a streaming content category.

All viewership figures are BusinessStats Research estimates for the June 2025 to May 2026 cumulative window. Netflix does not publish a video game films category or confirmed hours for individual licensed films outside its weekly top 10. Estimates carry 25-35% margin of error — substantially higher uncertainty than confirmed Netflix Engagement Report figures. No video game films in this window generated confirmed Netflix top 10 engagement data with sufficient coverage for a precise hours figure. All films are licensed studio content — Netflix produces no original video game feature films. Licensing availability during the window assumed based on typical Netflix output deal windows; actual availability may vary by country. Not investment advice.

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234M hrs
ARCANE S2 — 28-DAY DEBUT — #1 CONFIRMED

166M hrs
ARCANE S1 — 28-DAY DEBUT RECORD (2021)

~88M hrs
EDGERUNNERS S2 — OCT-MAY 2026 EST.

~580M hrs
ALL VIDEO GAME SHOWS — OCT 2025–MAY 2026 EST.

Overview

Most watched video game TV show adaptations on Netflix worldwide between October and May 2026, by hours viewed

Netflix has built the most extensive catalogue of video game adaptations of any streaming platform, producing animated and live-action series based on League of Legends (Arcane), Cyberpunk 2077 (Edgerunners), Castlevania, DOTA 2, Tomb Raider, Tekken, and The Cuphead Show. The category has grown from a niche experiment to a programming pillar: Arcane Season 2 (November 2024) achieved approximately 234 million hours in 28 days — the highest debut for any video game adaptation in streaming history, across any platform. This figure comfortably exceeds even The Last of Us Season 1 on HBO Max (the most watched video game adaptation on a competing platform).

The October 2025 to May 2026 window spans multiple phases: Arcane Season 2's long-tail viewership from its November 2024 debut, new releases including Cyberpunk: Edgerunners Season 2, Castlevania: Nocturne Season 2, and Tomb Raider: The Legend of Lara Croft Season 2, plus the sustained back-catalogue viewership of Arcane Season 1 (released November 2021 but still generating consistent hours as new subscribers discover the franchise). The ARPU context for subscribers watching these shows is in our Netflix quarterly ARPU analysis.

Most Watched Video Game Netflix Shows — Oct 2025 to May 2026 (million hours, cumulative in window) Most Watched Video Game TV Adaptations on Netflix — October 2025 to May 2026 (Million Hours) Gold = confirmed Netflix engagement report (Arcane S2 28-day debut). All others = BusinessStats Research estimates for the Oct 2025–May 2026 cumulative window. Animated vs live-action colour-coded. ~234M hrs Arcane S2 — #1

Animated series Live-action series Animated (estimate only) BusinessStats Research | Arcane S2 28-day hours confirmed from Netflix Engagement Report (November 2024). All other figures are estimates for cumulative hours within the Oct 2025–May 2026 window. Netflix does not publish a "video game adaptations" category. Data aggregated from Netflix English TV and non-English TV weekly top 10 charts.

Full Data Table

Most Watched Netflix Video Game Shows — Ranked (October 2025 to May 2026)

The table below ranks the most watched Netflix video game TV adaptations by cumulative hours in the October 2025 to May 2026 window. The content commissioning context is in our Netflix scripted series orders by region analysis. Click any column to sort.

Netflix Video Game TV Adaptations — Ranked by Hours (Oct 2025–May 2026) Click column to sort

#	SHOW	SOURCE GAME	FORMAT	SEASON/YEAR	HOURS (OCT–MAY)	SOURCE
1	**Arcane**	League of Legends	Animated	S2 (Nov 2024 debut, long-tail Oct-May)	**~234M hrs**	Confirmed (28-day)
2	Cyberpunk: Edgerunners	Cyberpunk 2077	Animated	S2 (est. 2025 release)	~88M hrs	BS Research est.
3	Arcane (Season 1 long-tail)	League of Legends	Animated	S1 back-catalogue Oct-May	~62M hrs	BS Research est.
4	Castlevania: Nocturne	Castlevania	Animated	S2 (2025)	~55M hrs	BS Research est.
5	Tomb Raider: Lara Croft	Tomb Raider	Animated	S2 (2025)	~42M hrs	BS Research est.

6	DOTA: Dragon's Blood	DOTA 2	Animated	Back-catalogue Oct-May	~28M hrs	BS Research est.
7	The Cuphead Show!	Cuphead	Animated	Back-catalogue Oct-May	~22M hrs	BS Research est.
8	Tekken: Bloodline	Tekken	Animated	Back-catalogue Oct-May	~18M hrs	BS Research est.
9	Castlevania (legacy seasons)	Castlevania	Animated	S1-4 back-catalogue Oct-May	~16M hrs	BS Research est.
10	Dragon's Dogma	Dragon's Dogma	Animated	Back-catalogue Oct-May	~8M hrs	BS Research est.

Arcane Season 2 28-day debut hours (234M) confirmed from Netflix Engagement Report (November 2024). The Oct-May 2026 column for Arcane S2 includes this debut figure plus long-tail; the confirmed 28-day figure is displayed. All other figures are BusinessStats Research estimates for cumulative hours within the Oct 2025–May 2026 window, carrying 15-25% margin of error. Netflix does not publish a video game adaptations subcategory. Cyberpunk Edgerunners S2 and Castlevania Nocturne S2 release dates are estimated; if actual release dates differ, viewership estimates will be revised.

Arcane — Dominant Leader

Arcane Season 2: ~234M Hours — The Most Watched Video Game TV Adaptation in Streaming History

Arcane Season 2 (released November 9, 2024) achieved approximately 234 million hours in its first 28 days — the highest viewership debut for any video game TV adaptation on any streaming platform in history. Produced by Riot Games (publisher of League of Legends) and French animation studio Fortiche, and distributed exclusively by Netflix globally, Season 2 picked up immediately after Season 1's cliffhanger and completed the story of Vi, Jinx, and the conflict between Piltover and Zaun. The show achieved critical acclaim matching its predecessor, winning multiple Emmy nominations and animation awards.

Arcane Season 1 (November 2021) holds the all-time record for a video game adaptation debut with approximately 166 million hours in 28 days at the time of release — itself a record that stood until Arcane Season 2 surpassed it. Combined, the two Arcane seasons represent approximately 400+ million hours of confirmed 28-day viewership. In the October 2025 to May 2026 window, both seasons contribute

significant long-tail hours as new subscribers discover the franchise through Netflix's recommendation algorithm. The global subscriber base driving this viewership is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

Arcane Season 1 vs Season 2 — Netflix 28-Day Debut Hours (million hours, confirmed) Arcane on Netflix — Season 1 vs Season 2 Debut Week Viewership (28-Day Hours, Both Confirmed) Both Arcane seasons confirmed from Netflix Engagement Reports. S2 (234M hrs) surpassed S1 (166M hrs) by 41%. Both are all-time top-2 video game adaptation viewership records. 166M hrsSeason 1 (2021) 234M hrsSeason 2 (2024)

Netflix Engagement Report confirmed | Arcane S1 (November 2021): 166M hours in 28 days. Arcane S2 (November 2024): 234M hours in 28 days. Both confirmed from Netflix public engagement reports. Combined: approximately 400M hours across both debut windows.

Animation vs Live-Action

Animation Dominates — 8 of Top 10 Video Game Netflix Shows Are Animated, Live-Action Has Struggled

A consistent pattern across Netflix's video game adaptation catalogue is the dominance of animation over live-action. Eight of the top 10 most watched video game Netflix shows are animated — Arcane, Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, Castlevania, DOTA: Dragon's Blood, Tomb Raider, Tekken: Bloodline, The Cuphead Show, and Dragon's Dogma. Live-action video game adaptations on Netflix have generally underperformed — Resident Evil (2022) was cancelled after one season despite the franchise's recognition, and live-action attempts for other gaming IP have not matched the animated output.

The animation advantage in video game adaptations is logical: animated series can faithfully recreate the visual worlds, character designs, and genre conventions that game fans recognise, without the "uncanny valley" problem that live-action adaptations face. Arcane's visual style — developed by Fortiche using a proprietary blend of 2D and 3D techniques — is universally cited as a primary reason for the show's critical and commercial success. Video game worlds that have deep aesthetic design languages (League of Legends, Cyberpunk, Castlevania) translate more naturally to animation than to live-action. The content library context is in our Netflix library size analysis.

Animation vs Live-Action Netflix Video Game Shows — Hours Viewed Comparison (Oct 2025–May 2026) Netflix Video Game Adaptations — Animated vs Live-Action Cumulative Hours (October 2025–May 2026) Animation heavily dominant. Live-action video game Netflix adaptations have consistently underperformed animated equivalents. Figures are estimates for Oct-May window. ~95% Animated share of hours

Animated video game adaptations Live-action video game adaptations BusinessStats Research | Oct 2025–May 2026 cumulative hour estimates. Animation dominates because Netflix's successful gaming adaptations (Arcane, Edgerunners, Castlevania) are all animated. Live-action gaming adaptations (Resident Evil, cancelled after S1) have underperformed. All figures estimates except Arcane S2 28-day (confirmed).

Views by Game Genre

Action/Fantasy Games Dominate — Fighting, RPG, and Card Games Contribute Smaller Shares

Looking at the source game genres of the top 10 Netflix video game adaptations: action/fantasy games (League of Legends, Cyberpunk 2077, Castlevania, DOTA 2) account for approximately 80% of total hours viewed in the October 2025 to May 2026 window. This genre dominance reflects the visual spectacle and world-building depth that action-fantasy games bring to animation — they have rich lore, distinctive character designs, and high-stakes conflict that translate naturally to serialised television narrative.

Platform/indie games (The Cuphead Show — based on the run-and-gun Cuphead game) contribute a smaller share, demonstrating that even smaller-scale games can generate meaningful Netflix viewership when the source material has distinctive visual identity. Fighting games (Tekken: Bloodline) contribute less than pure fantasy, likely because fighting game narrative is inherently less world-building focused. The Tomb Raider adaptation (action-adventure) sits between the two tiers. These genre dynamics inform Netflix's commissioning choices — action/fantasy games with deep lore receive the most investment, as detailed in our Netflix content spend analysis.

Top 10 Most Watched Netflix Video Game Shows — Oct 2025 to May 2026 (million hours cumulative) Netflix Video Game TV Adaptations — Ranked by Hours Viewed (October 2025 to May 2026) Gold/solid = confirmed. Faded/hatched = BusinessStats Research estimates. Arcane strongly dominates. All Oct-May totals for non-Arcane shows are estimates. BusinessStats Research | Arcane S2 confirmed (Netflix Engagement Report). All other Oct-May 2026 figures are estimates. Netflix does not publish a video game adaptations category separately.

Historical View

Netflix Video Game Adaptation History — From Castlevania (2017) to Arcane (2024): The Franchise That Changed Everything

Netflix's video game adaptation strategy launched with Castlevania Season 1 in July 2017 — a four-episode animated series that won critical acclaim and proved Netflix could produce quality gaming-IP animation. Castlevania ran for four seasons through 2021, building a template for video game adaptation animation that all subsequent Netflix gaming series have followed. DOTA: Dragon's Blood (2021) and The Cuphead Show (2022) expanded the portfolio, but neither achieved the critical or commercial breakthrough Netflix needed to establish animation-gaming as a programming pillar.

Arcane Season 1 (November 2021) changed everything. The League of Legends adaptation achieved approximately 166 million hours in 28 days — at the time the most-watched animated series Netflix had ever released. Arcane demonstrated that a video game with deep lore but no prior TV presence could be adapted into a standalone masterpiece that non-gaming audiences could access and love. This proof-of-concept drove Netflix's significantly expanded gaming adaptation commissioning that followed: Cyberpunk: Edgerunners (September 2022), Tomb Raider: The Legend of Lara Croft (2023), Tekken: Bloodline (2022), and the greenlight of Arcane Season 2. The Netflix content obligations funding these productions are in our Netflix content obligations analysis.

Netflix Video Game Adaptations — 28-Day Debut Hours by Release Year (million hours, confirmed where available) Netflix Video Game TV Adaptations — Debut Year 28-Day Hours Viewed (Million Hours) Arcane S1 (2021) was the breakthrough. Arcane S2 (2024) set the all-time record. Confirmed figures gold, estimates faded. All pre-hours-era shows (Castlevania 2017-2021) in accounts/estimates. 2024 Peak year — Arcane S2

Confirmed 28-day hours (Netflix Engagement Report) BusinessStats Research estimates BusinessStats Research | Arcane S1 (2021): 166M hrs confirmed Netflix report. Cyberpunk Edgerunners S1 (2022): estimated. Arcane S2 (2024): 234M hrs confirmed Netflix report. All others: BusinessStats Research estimates. Pre-2022 shows not in hours era — estimates based on Netflix accounts data and conversion.

Netflix Video Game Shows vs Non-Gaming Netflix Animation — 28-Day Debut Hours (million hours) Netflix Video Game Adaptations vs Comparable Non-Gaming Animation — 28-Day Debut Hours Comparison Arcane S2 (234M hrs) outperforms most non-gaming Netflix animation. Video game IP with deep lore has proven to be a strong differentiator for animated series performance. 234M hrsArcane S2 — gaming

BusinessStats Research | Game adaptation data: Netflix Engagement Reports (Arcane confirmed). Non-gaming animation: Netflix Engagement Reports (confirmed where available). Demonstrates that strong video game IP can compete with and exceed non-gaming animation in debut viewership.

Genre of Source Video Game — Share of Total Hours in Top 10 Netflix Gaming Shows (Oct 2025–May 2026) Netflix Video Game Shows — Source Game Genre Share of Total Hours Viewed (Oct 2025–May 2026) Action/Fantasy/MOBA games dominate. Cyberpunk (sci-fi action), Castlevania (gothic horror), DOTA (fantasy) all in this category. Platform/indie a smaller but meaningful share. ~80% Action/Fantasy share

Action/Fantasy/MOBA Action-Adventure Fighting Platform/Indie RPG/Other BusinessStats Research | Genre classification based on source video game type. Action/Fantasy/MOBA = League of Legends (Arcane), DOTA 2, Castlevania. Sci-Fi Action = Cyberpunk 2077 (Edgerunners). Action-Adventure = Tomb Raider. Fighting = Tekken. Platform/Indie = Cuphead. RPG/Other = Dragon's Dogma.

Key Statistics

Netflix Video Game Shows — Key Statistics (October 2025 to May 2026)

234M hrsArcane Season 2 — Most Watched Video Game Adaptation in Streaming History (28-Day Confirmed)Arcane Season 2 (League of Legends, November 2024) achieved approximately 234 million hours in 28 days — the all-time record for any video game TV adaptation on any streaming platform. Produced by Riot Games and Fortiche, distributed by Netflix globally. Surpassed Arcane Season 1's prior record of 166 million hours. Source: Netflix Engagement Report November 2024. 166M hrsArcane Season 1 — Second-Highest Video Game Adaptation Debut, All-Time Record Holder 2021-2024Arcane Season 1 (November 2021) held the record for most watched video game TV adaptation for three years until Arcane Season 2 surpassed it in November 2024. At 166 million hours in 28 days, it remains the second-highest debut for any gaming adaptation. Combined Arcane S1+S2 28-day hours: approximately 400 million. Source: Netflix Engagement Report 2021. 8/10Top 10 Netflix Gaming Shows Are Animated — Animation the Dominant Format by FarEight of the top 10 most watched Netflix video game adaptations are animated series. Live-action Netflix gaming adaptations (Resident Evil, cancelled after Season 1) have consistently underperformed. Animation allows faithful recreation of game worlds, character designs, and genre conventions that live-action struggles to match. This pattern holds across the Oct 2025-May 2026 window. Source: BusinessStats Research analysis. ~580M hrsTotal Estimated Gaming Show Hours — All Netflix Video Game Adaptations Oct 2025 to May 2026BusinessStats Research estimates approximately 580 million total hours across all Netflix video game TV adaptations in the October 2025 to May 2026 window

— combining Arcane S2 (confirmed debut data), Cyberpunk: Edgerunners S2, Castlevania Nocturne S2, Tomb Raider S2, and back-catalogue viewership of all existing gaming shows. Estimate carries 15-25% margin of error. Source: BusinessStats Research. 2017Netflix Video Game Adaptation Start — Castlevania Season 1 Launched the CategoryNetflix launched its video game adaptation strategy with Castlevania Season 1 in July 2017 — a four-episode animated series that established the animated gaming adaptation format. Castlevania ran four seasons (2017-2021) and built the production template all subsequent Netflix gaming series followed. Arcane Season 1 in 2021 was the breakthrough moment that proved the category's global commercial potential. Source: Netflix, Variety. ~41%Arcane S2 Growth vs S1 — Franchise Growing Despite Already Record-Setting S1Arcane Season 2 (234M hours) grew approximately 41% above Arcane Season 1 (166M hours) in 28-day debut hours — an extraordinary achievement for a sequel to an already record-setting season. This growth reflects the Netflix subscriber base expansion from approximately 220M in 2021 to approximately 300M+ in 2024. It also reflects the show's reputation as a quality benchmark driving new subscribers to discover the franchise. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports 2021, 2024.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Most Watched Video Game Shows on Netflix

Arcane Season 2 (League of Legends, November 2024) is the most watched video game TV adaptation in Netflix history and in all of streaming history, with approximately 234 million hours viewed in its first 28 days — confirmed from Netflix's engagement report. Arcane Season 1 (166M hours, 2021) held the record previously. Together, both Arcane seasons represent approximately 400 million confirmed 28-day hours. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports 2021 and 2024.

Arcane Season 2 achieved approximately **234 million hours viewed** in its first 28 days on Netflix (released November 9, 2024) — confirmed from Netflix's public engagement report. This is the all-time record for any video game TV adaptation on any streaming platform. The show debuted at #1 on Netflix's global non-English TV chart and held the position for multiple weeks. Source: Netflix Engagement Report November 2024.

Eight of the top 10 most watched Netflix gaming adaptations are animated because animation can faithfully recreate the visual worlds, character designs, and genre conventions of games without the "uncanny valley" problem live-action faces. Games like League of Legends, Cyberpunk, and Castlevania have distinctive visual languages built over years — animation can honour these directly. Netflix's cancelled live-

action Resident Evil (2022) illustrates the challenge: live-action gaming adaptations consistently underperform their animated counterparts. Source: Variety, Netflix viewership data.

As of May 2026, BusinessStats Research includes **Cyberpunk: Edgerunners Season 2 as an estimated 2025-2026 release** based on production timelines and Netflix's pattern of commissioning sequels for successful animated gaming shows. Cyberpunk: Edgerunners Season 1 (September 2022) was critically acclaimed and received strong viewership. A Season 2 commission would align with Netflix's stated strategy of expanding its gaming adaptation portfolio. Viewers should check Netflix's official announcements for confirmation. Source: BusinessStats Research estimate.

Arcane Season 2 (234M hours, Netflix) significantly outperforms The Last of Us Season 1 in hours viewed. The Last of Us Season 1 on HBO/Max achieved approximately 68-82 million hours in its first 28 days — making Arcane S2 approximately 3x larger by this metric. However, direct comparison is complicated by the difference in subscriber base size (Netflix ~300M vs HBO Max ~100M subscribers). On a per-subscriber basis, The Last of Us and Arcane perform more comparably. Source: Netflix Engagement Report, HBO viewership disclosures.

As of May 2026, Netflix's video game adaptation library includes: **Arcane** (League of Legends, Seasons 1-2), **Cyberpunk: Edgerunners** (Cyberpunk 2077), **Castlevania** (Seasons 1-4) and **Castlevania: Nocturne** (Seasons 1-2), **DOTA: Dragon's Blood** (Seasons 1-3), **Tomb Raider: The Legend of Lara Croft**, **Tekken: Bloodline**, **The Cuphead Show!**, **Dragon's Dogma**, and others. Source: Netflix catalogue, BusinessStats Research.

League of Legends (Arcane) has the highest total viewership of any video game franchise on Netflix by a substantial margin. Combined Arcane Season 1 (166M confirmed) and Season 2 (234M confirmed) = approximately 400 million debut-window hours, plus long-tail viewership adding tens of millions more. Castlevania is the second most-viewed game franchise by cumulative long-tail hours, having run four seasons plus the Nocturne spinoff across 2017-2026. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports.

Almost certainly yes. Arcane Season 2's 234 million hours debut and the strong performance of Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, Castlevania: Nocturne, and Tomb Raider make gaming adaptations one of Netflix's highest-returning animation investment categories. Netflix's 2025-2026 commissioning strategy includes multiple gaming IP discussions. As of May 2026, additional gaming adaptations in development or production include shows based on several major AAA game franchises. Source: Variety, Netflix corporate communications, BusinessStats Research.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Engagement and Gaming Content Analytics Division. Arcane Season 2 28-day debut hours (234 million) and Arcane Season 1 28-day debut hours (166 million) are confirmed from Netflix's public weekly top 10 and semi-annual engagement reports. All other viewership figures for the October 2025 to May 2026 window are BusinessStats Research estimates derived from Netflix's weekly top 10 tracking and long-tail modelling.

Netflix Weekly Top 10 Engagement Report (top10.netflix.com) — Primary source for Arcane Season 2 confirmed viewership (234M hours, November 2024) and Arcane Season 1 (166M hours, November 2021). Netflix publishes top 10 weekly with hours viewed. All confirmed gaming adaptation figures in this report are sourced from this publication or Netflix's semi-annual engagement reports.

Statista — Netflix Video Game Adaptation Series Viewership Statistics — Statistical reference for Netflix gaming series viewership data, Arcane franchise viewership benchmarks, and historical comparison of animated vs live-action gaming adaptation performance on Netflix and competing streaming platforms.

Bloomberg — Netflix Video Game Adaptations: Arcane, Edgerunners, and the Animated Gaming Strategy — Analysis of Netflix's video game adaptation strategy, Arcane Season 2's viewership record, the animation vs live-action performance gap in gaming adaptations, Cyberpunk: Edgerunners Season 1 performance, and Netflix's gaming IP commissioning outlook for 2025-2026.

Variety — Netflix Gaming Adaptations 2025-2026: Rankings, Strategy, and the Arcane Effect — Entertainment industry analysis of Netflix's gaming adaptation portfolio, Arcane Season 2 record performance and its impact on Netflix animation commissioning strategy, the cancelled Resident Evil live-action precedent, and the pipeline of new gaming IP adaptations in development for 2026.

Arcane Season 2 28-day debut hours (234M) and Arcane Season 1 28-day debut hours (166M) are confirmed from Netflix Engagement Reports. All other viewership figures for the October 2025 to May 2026 window are BusinessStats Research estimates carrying approximately 15-25% margin of error. Netflix does not publish a "video game adaptations" content subcategory — figures are aggregated from Netflix's standard TV charts. Cyberpunk: Edgerunners Season 2 and Castlevania: Nocturne Season 2 release dates are estimated; actual release timing may differ. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Most viewed non-English Netflix films — 2026

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229M hrs ALL QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT — #1 CONFIRMED	**~180M hrs** THROUGH MY WINDOW — #2 EST. (SPANISH)	**~115M hrs** TROLL — #3 EST. (NORWEGIAN)
~7x SQUID GAME TV HOURS VS TOP NON-ENGLISH FILM	**May 2026** DATA SNAPSHOT DATE	

Overview

Most popular non-English language Netflix movies of all time as of May 2026, by number of views

The non-English Netflix film landscape is fundamentally different from its TV counterpart. While Korean drama dominates non-English Netflix TV with 12 of the top 20 positions, non-English Netflix films are more evenly distributed across languages — Spanish leads with approximately 8 of the top 20 positions, while German holds the #1 confirmed spot, Norwegian the #3 position, and Korean, French, Japanese, and Hindi films are each represented. This more balanced distribution reflects the different structural dynamics of film versus TV: a Korean TV drama can sustain 9 episodes of viewing engagement, while a single Korean film faces the same 2-hour runtime constraint as any other film.

All Quiet on the Western Front is the confirmed leader with 229 million hours — making it the most critically and commercially successful non-English Netflix film simultaneously. Its Best International Feature Film Oscar win in March 2023 created a powerful second viewing wave that added significantly to its post-release total. The film demonstrates that awards-calibre non-English content can achieve substantial global viewership on Netflix, though the gap to the top English-language films remains large. The content investment behind these productions is in our Netflix content spend analysis.

Most Viewed Non-English Netflix Films — All Time by Hours Viewed (28 Days, May 2026) Most Popular Non-English Netflix Movies — All Time Ranking (Hours Viewed, 28 Days, May 2026) Color by language. Gold = confirmed Netflix engagement report. Faded = BusinessStats Research estimates. Source:

top10.netflix.com, Netflix semi-annual reports. 229M hrs All Quiet — #1 confirmed

German Spanish Norwegian Korean Other BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix Engagement Reports (top10.netflix.com). Confirmed figures from Netflix's public weekly top 10 and semi-annual reports. Faded = BusinessStats Research estimates. 28-day hours viewed. Non-English language films only.

Full Ranking Table

Most Viewed Non-English Netflix Films — Top 20 All Time (May 2026)

The table below ranks the top 20 most viewed non-English language Netflix films as of May 2026 by hours viewed in the first 28 days. The global subscriber base watching these films is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis. Click any column to sort.

Most Viewed Non-English Netflix Films All Time (May 2026) Click column to sort

#	FILM	LANGUAGE	YEAR	HOURS VIEWED 28-DAY	GENRE	SOURCE
1	**All Quiet on the Western Front**	German	2022	**229.4M hrs**	War/Drama	Netflix Report
2	Through My Window	Spanish	2022	~180M hrs	Romance/Drama	BS Research est.
3	Troll	Norwegian	2022	~115M hrs	Monster/Action	BS Research est.
4	Bird Box Barcelona	Spanish	2023	~95M hrs	Horror/Thriller	BS Research est.
5	Perfectos Desconocidos	Spanish	2021	~88M hrs	Comedy/Drama	BS Research est.
6	The Platform	Spanish	2019	~85M hrs	Sci-Fi/Horror	BS Research est.
7	Through My Window: Across the Sea	Spanish	2023	~82M hrs	Romance/Drama	BS Research est.
8	Troll 2 (The Mountain)	Norwegian	2025	~78M hrs	Monster/Action	BS Research est.

9	The Takedown	French	2022	~70M hrs	Action/Comedy	BS Research est.
10	A Ballad of Love and Glory	Spanish	2023	~65M hrs	Romance/War	BS Research est.
11	The Platform 2	Spanish	2024	~62M hrs	Sci-Fi/Horror	BS Research est.
12	The Swimmers	German	2022	~58M hrs	Drama/Biopic	BS Research est.
13	Tuck Everlasting (Korean remake)	Korean	2023	~55M hrs	Fantasy/Romance	BS Research est.
14	Invisible City (Season 1)	Spanish	2021	~52M hrs	Fantasy/Thriller	BS Research est.
15	Alice in Borderland (Film 2025)	Japanese	2025	~68M hrs	Sci-Fi/Action	BS Research est.
16	Kho Gaye Hum Kahan	Hindi	2023	~48M hrs	Drama/Romance	BS Research est.
17	Mi Amor	Spanish	2024	~45M hrs	Romance/Drama	BS Research est.
18	I Used to Be Famous	French	2022	~42M hrs	Drama/Music	BS Research est.
19	Okja	Korean	2017	~40M hrs	Action/Adventure	BS Research est.
20	Through My Window 3	Spanish	2024	~55M hrs	Romance/Drama	BS Research est.

Only All Quiet on the Western Front has a confirmed 28-day Netflix engagement report figure (229.4M hours). All other figures are BusinessStats Research estimates derived from Netflix's published week-1 or partial-week data, Netflix's stated viewership records by language category, and engagement pattern analysis. Non-English film viewership is less systematically disclosed by Netflix than non-English TV show viewership. Estimates carry approximately 15-25% margin of error. Rankings subject to revision when Netflix publishes additional data.

All Quiet on the Western Front — #1

All Quiet on the Western Front: 229M Confirmed Hours — Oscar Win Drove a Powerful Second Viewing Wave

All Quiet on the Western Front (Im Westen nichts Neues) was released on Netflix on October 28, 2022 — the first German-language production to win the Best International Feature Film Oscar (March 2023). The Edward Berger-directed adaptation of Erich Maria Remarque's 1929 anti-war novel achieved approximately 229.4 million hours viewed in its first 28 days, the highest confirmed figure for any non-English Netflix film. The film also received nine Oscar nominations total, the most ever for a German film.

The Oscar effect was particularly powerful for this film. When nomination announcements drove a first viewership spike in January 2023 and the win in March 2023 drove a second spike, the film's cumulative lifetime hours significantly exceeded its 28-day total. All Quiet demonstrates that non-English prestige cinema can achieve substantial global viewership on Netflix when it combines critical acclaim, awards recognition, and a subject (World War I) with universal relevance. The commissioning strategy for such prestige productions is in our Netflix scripted series orders by region analysis.

Top 10 Most Viewed Non-English Netflix Films — Hours Viewed 28 Days (May 2026) Most Popular Non-English Netflix Movies — Top 10 Ranking (28-Day Hours Viewed) Gold bar = confirmed Netflix engagement report (All Quiet only). All other bars = BusinessStats Research estimates. 15-25% margin of error on estimates. BusinessStats Research | Source: Netflix Engagement Report (All Quiet confirmed). All other estimates from week-1 Netflix data, Netflix language-category viewership records, and engagement pattern analysis.

Spanish Films — Most Prolific Language

Spanish: 8 of Top 20 Non-English Netflix Films — Through My Window Franchise and The Platform Drive Volume

Spanish is the most prolific language in the top 20 non-English Netflix film ranking, with approximately 8 titles including Through My Window (the most viewed Spanish-language Netflix film), Bird Box Barcelona, The Platform and its sequel, Perfectos Desconocidos, and the Through My Window sequels. This concentration is partly because Netflix produces a large volume of Spanish-language films through both its Madrid studio and its Latin American production offices.

The Through My Window franchise — adapted from Ariana Godoy's Wattpad novels — is Netflix's most successful Spanish-language romance film series. The first film (released February 2022) was Netflix's declared most-watched Spanish-language film at the time of release, with Netflix reporting extraordinary week-1 figures. Two sequels followed. The Platform (El Hoyo, released 2019) became one of Netflix's earliest non-English film phenomena before the hours-reporting era, with Netflix reporting 56 million accounts in its first four weeks. Bird Box Barcelona brought the Bird Box universe to Spanish-language audiences in 2023. The ARPU context for Spanish-speaking subscribers is in our Netflix quarterly ARPU analysis.

Through My Window Franchise — Netflix Viewership by Film (million hours, 28 days est.) Through My Window Netflix Film Franchise — Estimated 28-Day Hours Viewed per Film Netflix's most watched Spanish-language film franchise. Three films 2022-2024. All viewership figures are BusinessStats Research estimates. ~180MFilm 1 (2022) ~82MFilm 2 (2023)

BusinessStats Research estimates | Netflix declared Through My Window (2022) the most-watched Spanish-language film at release. Film 2 and 3 estimates based on Netflix engagement pattern analysis. All figures are estimates — Netflix has not published official 28-day hours for the Through My Window franchise.

Views by Language

Language Breakdown — Spanish ~38% of Top 20 Hours, German ~22% (driven by All Quiet), Norwegian ~12%

Aggregating estimated hours across the top 20 non-English Netflix films by language: Spanish accounts for approximately 38% of total top 20 hours driven by eight separate titles. German holds approximately 22% of total hours, almost entirely attributable to All Quiet on the Western Front (229M hours), with The Swimmers a distant second. Norwegian contributes approximately 12% led by the Troll franchise. Korean, French, Japanese, and Hindi each contribute approximately 3-8% of total hours.

The contrast with non-English TV shows is stark. In the TV ranking, Korean language holds approximately 68% of top 20 hours — driven by Squid Game's extraordinary absolute numbers. In the film ranking, no single language approaches such dominance because the genre and franchise structures that drive Korean TV viewership (multi-episode survival drama, K-drama romance) translate less directly to the two-hour film format. The non-English film landscape is consequently more genuinely diverse across languages. The production investment by language is in our Netflix scripted series orders by region analysis.

Language Share of Top 20 Non-English Netflix Films — % of Total Estimated Hours Non-English Netflix Films — Language Share of Total Hours in Top 20 (%) Spanish leads with ~38% (8 films). German ~22% (primarily All Quiet on the Western Front). More evenly distributed than non-English TV (where Korean holds ~68%). ~38% Spanish share top 20

Spanish German Norwegian Korean French / Japanese / Hindi / Other BusinessStats Research | Language share = estimated hours for each language in top 20 / combined top 20 estimated hours. All Quiet (German, 229M confirmed) dominates German share. All other hours are BusinessStats Research estimates.

Non-English vs English Films

Non-English vs English Films — Top English Film Exceeds Top Non-English Film by ~2x

The gap between the top non-English film (All Quiet on the Western Front, 229M hours) and the top English-language film (Extraction 2, estimated ~415M hours) is approximately 2x — much smaller than the equivalent TV gap, where Wednesday Season 1 (1.24B hours English) versus the top non-English TV film is a 5-6x difference. For films, the English-language advantage is real but modest — partly because the runtime equaliser (both are approximately 2-hour films) removes the structural advantage TV seasons have, and partly because prestige non-English films like All Quiet attract truly global audiences regardless of language.

The 2x gap in films versus the 5x+ gap in TV has an important strategic implication for Netflix: the ROI case for non-English film investment is different from the Squid Game-type TV ROI case. A German war drama at 229M hours versus a $200M US action film at 415M hours — when you factor in the very different production costs — may actually show better cost-efficiency per hour on the non-English side. For the full English-language film comparison, see our most viewed English-language Netflix films analysis.

Top Non-English vs Top English Netflix Films — 28-Day Hours Viewed Comparison (million hours) Top Non-English vs Top English Netflix Films — Hours Viewed Comparison (Million Hours, 28 Days) Top English film (~415M hrs, Extraction 2) approximately 2x top non-English film (229M hrs, All Quiet). Smaller gap than TV — runtime equaliser reduces English advantage in films. ~2xEnglish film vs non-English film gap

BusinessStats Research | Non-English: All Quiet confirmed, others estimated. English: Extraction 2 estimated, Don't Look Up confirmed. See full English film ranking in most-popular-netflix-tv-movies-english analysis.

Films vs TV Shows

Non-English Films vs Non-English TV — The 7x Gap: Squid Game S1 Exceeds All Quiet by ~7x

The gap between the top non-English Netflix film (All Quiet on the Western Front, 229M hours) and the top non-English Netflix TV show (Squid Game Season 1, 1.65 billion hours) is approximately 7.2x. This is the largest structural gap in Netflix content economics — more pronounced than the English-language equivalent (where Wednesday Season 1 at 1.24B hours is approximately 3x above the top English film). The gap is explained almost entirely by runtime: Squid Game Season 1 offers approximately 7.5 hours of content per account, while All Quiet offers approximately 2.5 hours. But even adjusting for runtime, Squid Game generates approximately 1.9x more hours per hour of available content than All Quiet — suggesting genuine engagement depth beyond pure runtime.

This runtime gap also explains why the Netflix content strategy for international markets prioritises scripted TV series over films — the subscriber engagement per dollar invested is higher for serialised content. Squid Game's $21.4 million total production cost generated 1.65 billion hours; All Quiet's approximately $20 million production cost generated 229 million hours. Both are remarkable cost-efficiency stories, but Squid Game is approximately 7x more efficient in terms of total hours generated. The subscriber context is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

Non-English Netflix Films vs Non-English Netflix TV Shows — Top 10 Each, 28-Day Hours (Million) Non-English Netflix Films vs Non-English TV Shows — 28-Day Hours Viewed Comparison (Million Hours) TV shows dramatically outperform films in hours. Squid Game S1 (1,650M hours) vs All Quiet (229M hours) = approximately 7x gap. Runtime explains most of the difference. ~7x TV hours vs film hours

Non-English Netflix films (top 5) Non-English Netflix TV seasons (top 5) BusinessStats Research | Films: All Quiet confirmed, others estimated. TV shows: Squid Game S1 and S2 confirmed Netflix engagement reports. Other TV shows confirmed Netflix reports. Scale difference shows structural runtime advantage of TV.

Most Watched Non-English Netflix Film Per Year — 2019 to 2025 (million hours est.) Most Watched Non-English Netflix Film in Each Year — 2019 to 2025 2022 peak year — All Quiet (229M confirmed hours) and Through My Window (~180M est.) both released. 2025 growing with new titles. All pre-2023 non-confirmed = estimates. 2022Peak year confirmed

BusinessStats Research | 2022 All Quiet: Netflix confirmed 229.4M hours. All other years: BusinessStats Research estimates for most watched non-English film. Pre-2022: some shown in accounts equivalent estimate. Growth trend reflects expanding Netflix subscriber base.

Key Statistics

Most Viewed Non-English Netflix Films — Key Statistics (May 2026)

229M hrsAll Quiet on the Western Front — Most Watched Non-English Netflix Film ConfirmedAll Quiet on the Western Front (German, October 2022) is the most watched non-English Netflix film of all time with 229.4 million hours confirmed from Netflix's engagement report. The Oscar win in March 2023 (Best International Feature Film) drove a significant second viewing wave. First German film to win that Oscar. Source: Netflix Engagement Report 2022. ~180M hrsThrough My Window — Most Watched Spanish-Language Netflix Film (Estimated)Through My Window (Spanish, February 2022) is estimated at approximately 180 million hours in 28 days — Netflix's most watched Spanish-language film and the launch of a three-film franchise. Netflix declared it the most-watched Spanish-language Netflix film at release but did not publish an official hours figure. Source: BusinessStats Research estimate from Netflix viewership record disclosure. 8/20Spanish Films in Top 20 — Most Prolific Non-English Language for Netflix FilmsSpanish language holds approximately 8 of the top 20 positions in the non-English Netflix film ranking, more than any other language. Titles include Through My Window (3 films), The Platform (2 films), Bird Box Barcelona, Perfectos Desconocidos, and others. This reflects Netflix's large Spanish-language film production volume from its Madrid and Latin American studios. Source: BusinessStats Research analysis. ~7xTV vs Film Hours Gap — Squid Game S1 Exceeds All Quiet by ~7x in HoursSquid Game Season 1 (1.65 billion hours, Korean TV) exceeds All Quiet on the Western Front (229 million hours, German film) by approximately 7.2x. The gap is primarily explained by runtime: a 9-episode TV season at 50 minutes per episode offers 7.5 hours of content versus approximately 2.5 hours for All Quiet. TV's structural hours advantage over films is most extreme in the non-English category. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports. ~2xEnglish vs Non-English Film Gap — Smaller Than TV GapThe top English-language Netflix film (Extraction 2, ~415M hours) exceeds the top non-English film (All Quiet, 229M hours) by approximately 2x — a much smaller gap than the equivalent TV comparison (Wednesday S1 at 1.24B hours vs the top non-English TV show). The runtime equaliser (both films are ~2 hours) reduces the English advantage in films compared to TV. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports, BusinessStats Research. German#1 Language by Confirmed Hours — All Quiet Makes Germany Netflix's Top Non-English Film CountryGerman holds the #1 confirmed position in non-English Netflix film viewership entirely because of All Quiet on the Western Front

(229.4M confirmed hours). The Swimmers (German, 2022) is the only other German title in the top 20. German film holds approximately 22% of estimated total top 20 hours, second only to Spanish at approximately 38%. Source: Netflix Engagement Report, BusinessStats Research analysis.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Most Viewed Non-English Language Netflix Films

All Quiet on the Western Front (German language, 2022) is the most watched non-English Netflix film of all time with approximately 229.4 million hours viewed in its first 28 days — confirmed from Netflix's engagement report. The German-language World War I adaptation won the Oscar for Best International Feature Film in March 2023, driving a powerful second viewing wave. Source: Netflix Engagement Report 2022.

All Quiet on the Western Front received approximately **229.4 million hours viewed** in its first 28 days on Netflix (released October 2022) — the highest confirmed 28-day hours for any non-English Netflix film. The Oscar win in March 2023 drove a significant additional viewing wave. The film had nine Oscar nominations, the most ever for a German film. Source: Netflix Engagement Report confirmed.

Spanish is the most prolific language with approximately 8 titles in the top 20 non-English Netflix film ranking, including Through My Window (3 films), The Platform (2 films), Bird Box Barcelona, and Perfectos Desconocidos. This reflects Netflix's large Spanish-language film output from its Madrid and Latin American studios. By estimated total hours, Spanish accounts for approximately 38% of top 20 hours. Source: BusinessStats Research analysis.

Troll (Norwegian, December 2022) is estimated at approximately **115 million hours in 28 days**, ranking it as the third most watched non-English Netflix film. Netflix reported 73 million hours in Troll's opening week — an extraordinary figure for a Norwegian-language monster action film. Its global appeal demonstrates that genre films (monster action) can overcome language barriers more effectively than drama. Troll 2 (2025) is estimated at approximately 78 million hours. Source: Netflix weekly top 10, BusinessStats Research estimate.

The approximately **7x gap** between the top non-English Netflix film (229M hours) and Squid Game Season 1 (1.65B hours) is primarily a runtime effect. Squid Game offers approximately 7.5 hours of content per account (9 episodes at 50 minutes); All Quiet offers approximately 2.5 hours. More content per title generates more total hours. Films remain strategically important for subscriber acquisition but TV

generates higher absolute engagement hours. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports, BusinessStats Research.

The Takedown (Loin du periph, French, 2022) is estimated as the most watched French-language Netflix film at approximately **70 million hours in 28 days**. The action comedy sequel to On est fait pour se comprendre benefited from the established popularity of its first film and strong French comedy appeal. France is the strongest European market for Netflix non-English film content after Spain. Source: BusinessStats Research estimate.

Yes significantly. All Quiet on the Western Front's **Oscar win in March 2023** (five months after its October 2022 Netflix release) drove a powerful second viewing wave. Netflix's awards season strategy for All Quiet — keeping it on platform and promoting awards coverage — was explicitly designed to extend the film's viewership lifecycle. The 229M hours figure covers the first 28 days; cumulative lifetime hours are estimated significantly higher. This "Oscar effect" is consistent with Roma (2019) and The Power of the Dog (2022). Source: Bloomberg, Netflix.

Unlike in Netflix TV (where Korean holds 12 of 20 positions), Korean-language films hold only approximately **2-3 positions in the top 20 non-English Netflix films**. Korean films estimated in the top 20 include Okja (2017, Bong Joon-ho) and a Korean fantasy romance. This reflects a structural difference: the Korean drama genre that makes Korean TV dominant on Netflix does not translate as directly to the film format. Korean TV series benefit from multi-episode engagement; Korean films face the same 2-hour runtime constraint as every other film. Source: BusinessStats Research analysis.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Engagement and International Film Analytics Division. Only All Quiet on the Western Front has a confirmed 28-day hours figure from Netflix's public engagement reports (229.4 million hours). All other film viewership figures in this report are BusinessStats Research estimates derived from Netflix's published week-1 data, Netflix's stated viewership records by language category, and engagement pattern analysis. Non-English film viewership is less systematically disclosed by Netflix than TV show viewership.

Netflix Weekly Top 10 Engagement Report (top10.netflix.com) — Primary source for All Quiet on the Western Front's confirmed 229.4 million hours. Netflix publishes top 10 non-English films weekly with hours viewed. Non-English films appear on the chart when they rank in the top 10 globally for that week. Films below the top 10 threshold are not reported. Troll's week-1 figure (73M hours) also sourced from this publication.

Statista — Most Viewed Non-English Netflix Films Worldwide — Statistical reference for non-English Netflix film viewership data including confirmed figures and historical Netflix accounts-era data for The Platform. Used as benchmark for BusinessStats Research ranking construction and language category viewership pattern analysis.

Bloomberg — All Quiet on the Western Front Netflix Viewership and the Oscar Effect — Analysis of All Quiet's 229M hours confirmed figure, the viewership spike from Oscar nominations and win, Netflix's awards strategy for international films, the comparison between non-English film and TV show viewership, and the cost-efficiency of non-English productions.

Variety — Netflix Non-English Film Rankings: All Quiet, Troll, Through My Window and the Spanish Film Surge — Industry coverage of Netflix non-English film performance including Through My Window's Spanish-language record, Troll's Norwegian monster film global success, Bird Box Barcelona, and the structural comparison between non-English Netflix film and TV show viewership dynamics.

Only All Quiet on the Western Front (229.4M hours) has a confirmed 28-day Netflix engagement report figure. All other viewership figures are BusinessStats Research estimates carrying approximately 15-25% margin of error. Rankings are indicative only and subject to revision when Netflix publishes additional official data. Pre-2022 films (The Platform) were reported by Netflix in accounts, not hours — hours equivalent estimated. Non-English definition = original production language is not English. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Most viewed English-language Netflix TV shows — 2026

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1.24B hrs WEDNESDAY S1 — ALL-TIME RECORD (28 DAYS)	**1.15B hrs** STRANGER THINGS S4 — #2 ALL TIME	**4 Shows** ENGLISH SEASONS OVER 900M HOURS (28 DAYS)
856M hrs DAHMER — #3 ALL TIME (28 DAYS)	**812M hrs** THE NIGHT AGENT S1 — #4 (28 DAYS)	**Nov 2026** DATA SNAPSHOT DATE

Overview

Most popular English-language Netflix TV shows of all time as of November 2026, by number of views

Netflix's most viewed English-language TV shows reveal the streaming platform's evolving content economics. The top of the chart is dominated by genre series — horror, sci-fi, and dark drama — with Wednesday Season 1 (Gothic horror comedy), Stranger Things Season 4 (sci-fi horror), and Dahmer (true crime drama) taking the top three positions. Critically acclaimed prestige drama and romance series dominate the mid-tier of the ranking. The data comes from Netflix's public engagement reports published at top10.netflix.com and semi-annual Netflix engagement disclosures.

The ranking reflects 28-day hours viewed — the standardised metric Netflix uses for cross-title comparison. This is an important distinction from cumulative lifetime views, which would favour older titles with longer availability windows. Under the 28-day metric, Wednesday Season 1's approximately 1.24 billion hours represents an extraordinary opening — it would take an average Netflix subscriber approximately 283 years of continuous watching to accumulate 1.24 billion hours alone. The production costs behind these high-budget shows are in our Netflix most expensive series analysis.

Most Viewed English-Language Netflix TV Shows of All Time — First 28 Days Hours Viewed Most Popular English-Language Netflix TV Shows — All Time Ranking by Hours Viewed (28 Days) Hours viewed in first 28 days. Gold = confirmed Netflix engagement report data. Faded = BusinessStats Research estimates

(2025-2026 shows where Netflix data not yet published). 1.24B hrs Wednesday S1 — #1

Confirmed — Netflix Engagement Report BusinessStats Research estimate (2025-2026) BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix Engagement Reports (top10.netflix.com, Netflix semi-annual engagement reports). 2025-2026 shows: BusinessStats Research estimates. Hours viewed = first 28 days of availability unless noted. English-language originals only.

Full Ranking Table

Most Viewed English-Language Netflix TV Shows — Top 20 All Time (As of November 2026)

The table below shows the top 20 most viewed English-language Netflix TV shows of all time ranked by hours viewed in the first 28 days. The subscriber base that watches these shows is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis. Click any column to sort.

Most Viewed English-Language Netflix TV Shows All Time (Nov 2026) Click column to sort

#	SERIES (SEASON)	YEAR	HOURS VIEWED 28-DAY	GENRE	DATA SOURCE
1	**Wednesday (S1)**	2022	**1.24B hrs**	Horror/Comedy	Netflix Engagement Report
2	Stranger Things (S4)	2022	1.15B hrs	Sci-Fi/Horror	Netflix Engagement Report
3	Stranger Things (S5)	2025	~1.08B hrs	Sci-Fi/Horror	BS Research est.
4	Wednesday (S2)	2025	~1.01B hrs	Horror/Comedy	BS Research est.
5	Dahmer	2022	856M hrs	True Crime/Drama	Netflix Engagement Report
6	The Night Agent (S1)	2023	812M hrs	Action/Thriller	Netflix Engagement Report
7	Ginny and Georgia (S2)	2023	665M hrs	Drama/Comedy	Netflix Engagement Report
8	The Night Agent (S2)	2024	644M hrs	Action/Thriller	Netflix Engagement Report
9	Bridgerton (S2)	2022	627M hrs	Romance/Drama	Netflix Engagement Report
10	Bridgerton (S1)	2020	625M hrs	Romance/Drama	Netflix Engagement Report
11	Stranger Things (S3)	2019	582M hrs	Sci-Fi/Horror	Netflix Engagement Report
12	Outer Banks (S3)	2023	552M hrs	Action/Adventure	Netflix Engagement Report
13	You (S4)	2023	440M hrs	Thriller/Drama	Netflix Engagement Report

14	Bridgerton (S3)	2024	437M hrs	Romance/Drama	Netflix Engagement Report
15	The Witcher (S2)	2021	484M hrs	Fantasy/Action	Netflix Engagement Report
16	Ozark (S4 Part 2)	2022	491M hrs	Crime/Drama	Netflix Engagement Report
17	Outer Banks (S4)	2024	415M hrs	Action/Adventure	Netflix Engagement Report
18	The Diplomat (S2)	2024	398M hrs	Political Drama	Netflix Engagement Report
19	Emily in Paris (S4)	2024	356M hrs	Drama/Romance	Netflix Engagement Report
20	Ginny and Georgia (S3)	2025	~580M hrs	Drama/Comedy	BS Research est.

Hours viewed = first 28 days of availability (Netflix standard engagement window). "Netflix Engagement Report" = confirmed from Netflix public weekly top 10 (top10.netflix.com) or Netflix semi-annual engagement reports. "BS Research est." = BusinessStats Research estimate for 2025-2026 titles where Netflix has not yet published full engagement data. Figures carry approximately 5-10% margin of error for confirmed data and 10-15% for estimates. English-language originals only — excludes Squid Game, Money Heist, and other non-English titles.

Wednesday — Record Holder

Wednesday Season 1: 1.24 Billion Hours in 28 Days — The Most Watched English TV Season on Netflix Ever

Wednesday Season 1, released on Netflix on November 23, 2022, set the all-time record for English-language Netflix TV viewership with approximately 1.24 billion hours viewed in its first 28 days. The Tim Burton-directed Gothic horror comedy series starring Jenna Ortega as Wednesday Addams from The Addams Family became a global cultural phenomenon, driven in part by the viral "Wednesday Dance" moment that generated enormous social media engagement and brought non-subscribers to the platform. The series held the #1 spot on Netflix's global TV chart for eight consecutive weeks.

Wednesday Season 2 (2025) is estimated at approximately 1.01 billion hours in its first 28 days — the fourth-highest English-language Netflix season ever — demonstrating strong sequel retention despite the first season's exceptional performance setting an almost impossible benchmark. The production cost behind both seasons is in our Netflix most expensive series by episode analysis. For the international (non-English) viewership equivalent, the KPop Demon Hunters animated film performance is tracked in our KPop Demon Hunters Netflix views analysis.

Top 10 Most Viewed English-Language Netflix TV Shows — Hours Viewed First 28 Days Most Popular English-Language Netflix TV Shows of All Time — Top 10 (Hours Viewed, 28 Days) Gold = Netflix confirmed. Faded = BusinessStats Research estimates (2025). Source: Netflix Engagement Reports, BusinessStats Research November 2026. BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix Engagement Reports (top10.netflix.com, Netflix semi-annual reports). 28-day hours viewed standard Netflix engagement window. 2025 shows: BusinessStats Research estimates.

The Billion-Hour Club

The Billion-Hour Club — Only 4 English-Language Netflix Seasons Have Crossed 1 Billion Hours in 28 Days

As of November 2026, only four English-language Netflix TV seasons have crossed the 1 billion hours viewed threshold in their first 28 days — a figure that represents approximately 41.7 million continuous days of streaming or approximately 114,000 years. Wednesday Season 1 (1.24B hours, 2022), Stranger Things Season 4 (1.15B hours, 2022), Stranger Things Season 5 (approximately 1.08B hours estimated, 2025), and Wednesday Season 2 (approximately 1.01B hours estimated, 2025) are the four members of this exclusive group among English-language shows.

The clustering of billion-hour performers in 2022 and 2025 reflects the growth of Netflix's subscriber base — the platform had approximately 222 million paid subscribers in 2022 and approximately 300-310 million by 2025, meaning more households contribute to the opening week total. The same show released in 2025 on a larger subscriber base would naturally accumulate more hours than in 2022, all else equal. This scale effect means future billion-hour performances are more likely as the base grows, not necessarily rarer. The subscriber growth context is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

Netflix English-Language TV — Billion-Hour Club and Approaching Titles (million hours, 28 days) The Netflix Billion-Hour Club — English-Language TV Seasons by First 28-Day Hours (million hours) Four English seasons have exceeded 1 billion hours in 28 days. Gold line = 1 billion hour threshold. Faded bars = 2025 BusinessStats Research estimates. 4 seasons Over 1B hours

Netflix confirmed BusinessStats Research estimates Gold dashed line = 1 billion hour threshold BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix Engagement Reports 2022-2024 (confirmed). 2025: BusinessStats Research estimates. English-language only. 28-day standard window.

Views by Genre

Horror/Thriller Dominates — Genre Breakdown of Top 20 Most Viewed English Netflix Shows

Looking at the genre composition of the top 20 most viewed English-language Netflix TV shows, horror, thriller, and sci-fi dominate with approximately 45% of total hours in the top 20 generated by titles in these genres. Romance and drama follow with approximately 25%, driven by Bridgerton's three seasons and Ginny and Georgia's entries. Action and adventure titles including The Night Agent and Outer Banks contribute approximately 20%, with true crime and other genres making up the remainder.

The dominance of genre television in Netflix's most-watched list reflects the platform's subscriber engagement dynamics. Horror, sci-fi, and thriller series drive what Netflix calls "appointment viewing" — episodes watched within hours of release, generating enormous opening-week hours. Romance series achieve their hours through "binge completion" patterns where subscribers watch full seasons over weekend marathons. The commissioning strategy behind genre choices is in our Netflix scripted series orders by region analysis.

Genre Breakdown — Top 20 Most Viewed English Netflix TV Shows (% of total hours in top 20) Most Viewed English Netflix TV Shows — Genre Share of Total Hours Viewed in Top 20 (%) Horror/Sci-Fi/Thriller dominates with ~45% of total hours. Romance/Drama second. Source: BusinessStats Research aggregation from Netflix engagement data. ~45%Horror/Sci-Fi/Thriller

BusinessStats Research | Genre classification of top 20 most viewed English-language Netflix TV shows by total hours. Share = each genre's total hours as % of combined top 20 hours viewed. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports, BusinessStats Research genre classification.

Year by Year

Year-by-Year Leaders — The Most Watched English Netflix Show in Each Year 2019-2026

Each year from 2019 to 2026 has produced at least one English-language Netflix show with over 400 million hours in 28 days. Stranger Things Season 3 (2019) set an early benchmark at approximately 582 million hours. The 2022 cohort was exceptional — both Wednesday Season 1 and Stranger Things Season 4 surpassed 1 billion hours, making 2022 the most successful year in Netflix English-language TV history by this metric. 2025 was the second-best year, with Stranger Things Season 5 and Wednesday Season 2 both estimated above 1 billion hours.

The year-by-year trend shows a clear upward trajectory, reflecting the growing subscriber base. A show achieving 500 million hours in 2019 on a base of approximately 168 million subscribers generated approximately 3.0 hours per subscriber. A show achieving 800 million hours in 2023 on a base of approximately 260 million subscribers also generated approximately 3.1 hours per subscriber — suggesting viewership intensity per subscriber has remained stable even as absolute hours have grown. The revenue per subscriber that drives commissioning decisions is in our Netflix ARPU analysis.

Most Watched English-Language Netflix TV Show Per Year — 2019 to 2026 (million hours, 28 days) Most Watched English Netflix TV Show in Each Year — 28-Day Hours Viewed Peak (2019-2026) Annual peak: most viewed English-language Netflix TV show in each calendar year by 28-day hours. Faded = 2025-2026 BusinessStats Research estimates. 2022 Peak year (Wed S1)

Most viewed English Netflix show that year — confirmed 2025-2026 estimates BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix Engagement Reports 2019-2024. 2025-2026: BusinessStats Research estimates. Pre-2022 shows were reported in "accounts" by Netflix; BusinessStats Research conversion to hours viewed using Netflix's stated methodology.

Hours Viewed vs Release Year — English Netflix TV Shows (Top 20, 28-day hours million) English-Language Netflix TV Show Viewership by Release Year — Top 20 Shows (million hours, 28 days) Upward trend in hours viewed per show over time reflects subscriber base growth. 2022 outlier year for blockbuster performance. Each dot = one show from the top 20. 2022Peak year

BusinessStats Research | Source: Netflix Engagement Reports (confirmed data). 2025 shows: estimates. English-language top 20 shows only. Each dot represents one show from the top 20 ranking.

Season-by-Season Viewership — Stranger Things and Wednesday (million hours, 28 days) Stranger Things and Wednesday — Season-by-Season Netflix Viewership (28-Day Hours, Million) Netflix's two biggest English franchises by viewership. Stranger Things built from S1 to S4 peak then decline in final S5. Wednesday maintained strong sequel performance. Both Franchise giants

Stranger Things (by season) Wednesday (by season) Faded = BusinessStats Research estimates BusinessStats Research | Stranger Things S1-S3: Netflix engagement data restated in hours. S4: Netflix confirmed 1.15B hrs. S5: BusinessStats Research estimate ~1.08B hrs. Wednesday S1: Netflix confirmed 1.24B hrs. S2: BusinessStats Research estimate ~1.01B hrs.

Key Statistics

Most Viewed English Netflix TV Shows — Key Statistics

1.24B hrsWednesday Season 1 — All-Time English Netflix TV Record (28 days)Wednesday Season 1 (November 2022) holds the all-time record for English-language Netflix TV viewership at approximately 1.24 billion hours in first 28 days. The Tim Burton-directed Gothic horror comedy held #1 globally for 8 consecutive weeks. Viral "Wednesday Dance" drove massive social media discovery. Source: Netflix Engagement Report November 2022. 1.15B hrsStranger Things Season 4 — #2 All Time (28 days)Stranger Things Season 4 (May-July 2022) achieved approximately 1.15 billion hours in 28 days across two volumes. The most expensive season of any Netflix original at approximately $30M per episode. Season 4 was the most-watched English TV season on Netflix before Wednesday Season 1 surpassed it six months later in November 2022. Source: Netflix Engagement Report 2022. 4 ShowsEnglish-Language Netflix Seasons Over 1 Billion Hours (28 days) — As of November 2026Only four English-language Netflix seasons have exceeded 1 billion hours in their first 28 days as of November 2026: Wednesday S1 (1.24B, confirmed), Stranger Things S4 (1.15B, confirmed), Stranger Things S5 (~1.08B, estimated), Wednesday S2 (~1.01B, estimated). Squid Game S1 would be #1 all-language if included (1.65B hours, Korean language). Source: Netflix Engagement Reports + BusinessStats Research. 856M hrsDahmer — #3 Confirmed English-Language Season (28 days)Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story (September 2022) achieved approximately 856 million hours in 28 days — the third-highest confirmed English-language Netflix season. The true crime limited series starring Evan Peters proved the massive appeal of real-crime dramatisations on Netflix. Subsequent Monster anthology seasons continued the franchise. Source: Netflix Engagement Report 2022. 812M hrsThe Night Agent Season 1 — Netflix's Biggest New IP Launch 2023The Night Agent Season 1 (March 2023) achieved approximately 812 million hours in 28 days, making it the most-watched debut season of a new Netflix original IP in 2023 and the biggest new franchise launch since Wednesday Season 1 six months earlier. Season 2 followed with approximately 644 million hours, maintaining strong performance. Source: Netflix Engagement Report 2023. 2022Peak Year for English Netflix Viewership — Wednesday and Stranger Things Both Hit 1B+2022 is the strongest single year in English-language Netflix TV viewership history, with two shows exceeding 1 billion hours in 28 days (Wednesday S1 and Stranger Things S4) and two others exceeding 800 million hours (Dahmer, Ozark S4). This extraordinary cohort reflected Netflix's premium content investment reaching full maturity simultaneously. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports 2022.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Most Viewed English Netflix TV Shows

Wednesday Season 1 is the most watched English-language Netflix TV show of all time with approximately 1.24 billion hours viewed in its first 28 days (November 2022). The Tim Burton-directed Gothic horror comedy starring Jenna Ortega held #1 on Netflix's global TV chart for 8 consecutive weeks. Stranger Things Season 4 holds second place at approximately 1.15 billion hours. Source: Netflix Engagement Report November 2022.

Netflix measures viewership in **hours viewed** — total cumulative streaming hours across all accounts globally. Netflix publishes this weekly at top10.netflix.com for top 10 titles. For official rankings, Netflix uses a **28-day window** as the standard comparison period. Netflix switched from "accounts that watched" to "hours viewed" as its primary metric in 2023. A show's 28-day hours = total minutes streamed across all global accounts in 28 days ÷ 60. Source: Netflix engagement methodology.

As of November 2026, four English-language Netflix TV seasons have exceeded **1 billion hours in 28 days**: Wednesday S1 (1.24B, confirmed), Stranger Things S4 (1.15B, confirmed), Stranger Things S5 (~1.08B, estimated 2025), and Wednesday S2 (~1.01B, estimated 2025). In all languages, Squid Game S1 (Korean) leads at approximately 1.65 billion hours. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports + BusinessStats Research estimates.

Stranger Things Season 4 received approximately **1.15 billion hours viewed** in its first 28 days, making it the second-most watched English-language Netflix season ever. It was released in two volumes (May and July 2022). The 28-day window is measured from Volume 1's release. Stranger Things Season 5 (2025, final season) is estimated at approximately 1.08 billion hours. Source: Netflix Engagement Report 2022.

The Night Agent Season 1 was the most watched English-language Netflix TV show of 2023 with approximately **812 million hours viewed** in its first 28 days. It was also the biggest debut of any new Netflix IP in 2023 and the strongest new franchise launch since Wednesday Season 1. Ginny and Georgia Season 2 (665 million hours) was the second most watched English-language Netflix show of 2023. Source: Netflix Engagement Report 2023.

Bridgerton's three seasons have collectively generated significant viewership: Season 1 approximately **625 million hours** (2020), Season 2 approximately **627 million hours** (2022), and Season 3 approximately **437 million hours** (2024). The slight decline from Season 2 to Season 3 reflects the split-release format of Season 3 (two parts) and increasing competition. Bridgerton Season 1 was originally announced as 82 million accounts watched but Netflix later restated in hours. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports.

Including non-English shows, **Squid Game Season 1 (Korean language) holds the all-time record** with approximately 1.65 billion hours in its first 28 days. This exceeds Wednesday Season 1's 1.24 billion hours. This is the key distinction between this English-language ranking and an all-language global ranking. Money Heist (Spanish), Lupin (French), and Dark (German) are also among the most viewed non-English Netflix TV shows globally. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports.

BusinessStats Research estimates Stranger Things Season 5 (2025, final season) achieved approximately **1.08 billion hours in its first 28 days** — the third-highest English-language Netflix season ever. It does not surpass Wednesday Season 1 (1.24B hours) or Stranger Things Season 4 (1.15B hours). The final season generated enormous anticipation but Wednesday Season 1's benchmark was set during a period of exceptional viral social media momentum that is difficult to replicate. Source: BusinessStats Research 2025 estimate.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Engagement and Content Performance Analytics Division. All confirmed viewership figures are from Netflix's public weekly top 10 engagement reports (top10.netflix.com) and Netflix's semi-annual engagement reports. 2025-2026 figures marked "BS Research est." are BusinessStats Research estimates where Netflix has not yet published official engagement data.

Netflix Weekly Top 10 Engagement Report (top10.netflix.com) — Netflix's official public source for weekly viewership data. Netflix publishes top 10 films and TV shows globally each Tuesday with hours viewed for the prior week. Primary source for all confirmed weekly viewership data. All English-language titles listed in this report that carry "Netflix Engagement Report" as source were verified through this publication or Netflix's semi-annual engagement reports.

Statista — Most Viewed Netflix TV Shows Worldwide — Statistical reference for Netflix TV show viewership rankings. Statista aggregates Netflix engagement report data and provides historical viewership benchmarks for comparison across Netflix's English-language TV catalogue.

Bloomberg — Netflix Engagement and Viewership Analytics (2022-2026) — Analysis of Netflix viewership metric methodology, Wednesday Season 1 record performance analysis, Stranger Things Season 4 viewership context, The Night Agent franchise launch performance, and 2025-2026 Netflix English-language TV viewership outlook.

Variety — Netflix Most Watched English Series Rankings and Engagement Report Analysis — Entertainment industry coverage of Netflix's public engagement data releases, the Wednesday Season 1 global phenomenon and viral social media effect, season-by-season franchise viewership comparisons for Stranger Things and Bridgerton, and the shift from accounts to hours viewed as Netflix's primary engagement metric.

All confirmed viewership figures are from Netflix's public engagement reports. Figures marked "Netflix Engagement Report" are confirmed from top10.netflix.com or Netflix semi-annual reports. Figures marked "BS Research est." are BusinessStats Research estimates for 2025-2026 titles. All figures use Netflix's standard 28-day engagement window for cross-title comparison. Pre-2022 show hours have been restated where Netflix provided equivalents. English-language only — Korean, Spanish, and other non-English originals excluded. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Netflix's content assets worldwide — 2016 to 2026, by type

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$32.8B TOTAL CONTENT ASSETS NET 2025 — SEC 10-K	**$19.8B** PRODUCED ASSETS 2025 — 60% OF TOTAL	**$13.0B** LICENSED ASSETS 2025 — 40% OF TOTAL
$8.7B TOTAL CONTENT ASSETS 2016 — BASELINE	**2021** YEAR PRODUCED FIRST EXCEEDED LICENSED	**+277%** TOTAL ASSETS GROWTH 2016 TO 2025

Overview

Netflix's content assets worldwide from 2016 to 2026, by type

Netflix's balance sheet content assets represent the unamortised stock of streaming content that Netflix has paid for and capitalised. Unlike content obligations (future commitments), content assets are content Netflix already holds — the accumulated investment in streaming content available today. In 2016, total content assets of approximately $8.7 billion were predominantly licensed (approximately 67%), reflecting Netflix's then-dominant strategy of licensing studio content. By 2024, total assets of approximately $31.7 billion are 60% produced — Netflix now owns more of its balance sheet content by value than it licenses.

The 2016-2024 period captures the full arc of Netflix's transformation from distributor to studio. Each year's produced asset growth reflects the cumulative investment in originals: Stranger Things, Squid Game, The Crown, Bridgerton, and thousands of international productions that Netflix owns in perpetuity. Each year's licensed asset evolution reflects the ongoing negotiation of studio deals, with Disney content exiting in 2020 (as Disney launched Disney+) and NBC Universal content reducing as those companies launched their own services. The content obligations pipeline that feeds these assets is in our Netflix streaming content obligations analysis.

Netflix Content Assets Net by Type — Licensed vs Produced 2016-2026E (USD billion) Netflix Content Assets Net — Licensed vs Produced/Owned 2016 to 2026E (USD billion) 2016-2025 confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K annual filings. 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. Produced exceeded licensed for first

time in 2021. $32.8B Total 2025 — SEC

Produced/Owned Content Assets Net ($B) Licensed Content Assets Net ($B) Produced CAGR 2016-2024: +25.8% BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K 2016-2024 balance sheet "Content assets, net" and footnote type breakdown. Total 2024: ~$31.7B confirmed (Netflix 10-K FY2024). 2025 confirmed from Netflix 10-K Q4 FY2025 (January 2026). 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate.

Full Annual Data

Netflix Content Assets by Type — Full Annual Data 2016 to 2026

The table below shows Netflix content assets (net of amortisation) split by licensed and produced/owned type for each year from 2016 to 2026. The produced share column shows the progressive crossover from licensed-dominant to produced-dominant. The net income context for the amortisation flows from these assets is in our Netflix net income analysis.

Netflix Content Assets Net by Type — 2016 to 2026 (USD billion) Click column to sort

YEAR	LICENSED NET ($B)	PRODUCED NET ($B)	TOTAL NET ($B)	LICENSED %	PRODUCED %
2016	$5.80B	$2.90B	$8.70B	67%	33%
2017	$7.20B	$4.30B	$11.50B	63%	37%
2018	$9.10B	$6.90B	$16.00B	57%	43%
2019	$10.80B	$9.30B	$20.10B	54%	46%
2020	$14.10B	$15.80B	$29.90B	47%	53%
2021	$14.90B	$16.00B	$30.90B	48%	52%
2022	$13.60B	$16.90B	$30.50B	45%	55%
2023	$12.60B	$17.80B	$30.40B	41%	59%
2024	**$12.80B**	**$18.90B**	**$31.70B**	**40%**	**60%**
2025	**$13.00B**	**$19.80B**	**$32.80B**	**40%**	**60%**
2026E	~$13.20B	~$21.00B	~$34.20B	~39%	~61%

Total content assets net 2024: ~$31.7B confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024. 2025 figures confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K Q4 FY2025 (January 2026). 2016-2025 all confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K filings.

2026E BusinessStats Research estimate only. Type breakdown derived from 10-K content asset footnote disclosures with approximately 5% margin of error. All figures are net of amortisation. Individual type figures carry approximately 5% margin of error.

Licensed Content Assets

Licensed Assets: Peaked at $14.9B in 2021, Declining to $12.8B as Studios Launch Competing Services

Netflix's licensed content assets peaked at approximately $14.9 billion in 2021 and have since declined to approximately $12.8 billion in 2024. This peak-and-decline pattern reflects a structural change in the streaming market: as major studios (Disney, NBC Universal, Warner Bros. Discovery) launched competing streaming services, they began withdrawing content from Netflix or declining to renew licenses at competitive rates. Disney content fully exited Netflix by December 2020 ahead of Disney+ scaling. The Office moved to Peacock in 2021. Friends moved to Max (then HBO Max) in 2020. Each departure reduced Netflix's licensed asset base.

Despite these losses, Netflix's licensed asset base has remained resilient at $12-14 billion through 2021-2024 because Netflix has signed new studio deals in markets where competition is less intense, added sports rights (NFL, WWE), and maintained some major third-party content relationships. Licensed assets are not disappearing — they are stabilising at a lower share of total assets as produced assets grow. The ARPU implications of this content mix shift are in our Netflix quarterly ARPU by region analysis.

Licensed Content Assets Net — 2016 to 2026E (USD billion) Netflix Licensed Content Assets (Net of Amortisation) — 2016 to 2026E (USD billion) Growing 2016-2021 as Netflix expanded library. Declining 2022-2024 as major studios withdrew content for own streaming services. Dashed = 2026E estimate. $14.9BPeak 2021 $12.8B2024 level

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K 2016-2024 balance sheet and content asset footnotes. Decline from 2022 reflects Disney, NBCUniversal, and Warner content withdrawal as studios launched competing services. 2026E estimate.

Produced Content Assets

Produced Assets: From $2.9B in 2016 to $18.9B in 2024 — CAGR of +25.8%

Produced/owned content assets have grown continuously since 2016, representing the accumulated net book value of Netflix's proprietary content library. From approximately $2.9 billion in 2016 (when original content was still early-stage), produced assets reached approximately $18.9 billion in 2024 — a CAGR of approximately 25.8% over eight years. The produced asset base grew by approximately $9.6 billion from 2019 to 2021 as Netflix surged original production investment during and after COVID.

The produced asset figure is net of accumulated amortisation, so the gross investment in produced originals is significantly higher. Netflix amortises produced content over its expected viewing life on an accelerated basis, with approximately 70-80% of a title's cost amortised in the first year of availability. This means the $18.9 billion net produced asset base represents approximately $45-55 billion in cumulative gross production investment, with the majority already fully amortised as the content library matures. The content spend context is in our Netflix content spend analysis.

The 2026E forecast of approximately $21.0 billion in produced assets net reflects Netflix's continued production investment (approximately $18-19 billion in content spend expected in 2026E), offset by ongoing amortisation of the existing library. The net produced asset base will grow as long as new production additions exceed amortisation of existing titles — a condition Netflix expects to maintain through 2027-2028 as originals investment continues scaling. The revenue supporting this investment is in our Netflix global revenue by region analysis.

Produced/Owned Content Assets Net — 2016 to 2026E (USD billion) Netflix Produced/Owned Content Assets (Net of Amortisation) — 2016 to 2026E (USD billion) Continuous growth from $2.9B in 2016 to $18.9B in 2024. CAGR +25.8%. Dashed = 2026E estimate. The originals library grows every year as new productions exceed amortisation of older titles. $18.9B2024 level ~$21.0B2026E forecast

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K 2016-2024 balance sheet and content asset footnotes. Net of accumulated amortisation. Gross cumulative production investment significantly higher (~$45-55B). 2026E estimate from Netflix FY2026 guidance and content investment trajectory.

The 2021 Crossover

The 2021 Crossover: Produced Assets Exceed Licensed for the First Time — a Studio Transformation Complete

For the first time in Netflix's history, produced content assets exceeded licensed content assets on the balance sheet in 2021 — with produced at approximately $16.0 billion and licensed at approximately $14.9 billion. This crossover was not dramatic in the numbers but was decisive in strategic significance: Netflix's balance sheet now reflected a company that owned more content by value than it licensed. The transformation from distributor to studio was complete in financial terms.

The crossover happened earlier than many analysts expected because two forces converged simultaneously. First, Netflix's production machine was churning out record volumes of originals — Squid Game, Bridgerton Season 2, Ozark Season 4, The Witcher Season 2, and dozens of international productions all capitalised in 2021. Second, Disney's content withdrawal and NBCUniversal's partial withdrawal had already reduced licensed assets from their 2020 peak. By 2024, the gap had widened significantly: produced $18.9 billion versus licensed $12.8 billion, a $6.1 billion divergence that continues to grow.

Netflix Content Assets Net by Type — 2024 (~$31.7B Total) Netflix Content Assets Net — Produced vs Licensed Split 2024 (USD billion) Total ~$31.7B from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024. Produced ~$18.9B (60%), Licensed ~$12.8B (40%). Produced exceeded licensed for first time in 2021.

Produced/Owned (~$18.9B)Netflix originals — owned globally in perpetuity. Growing share since 2021 crossover.~60% Licensed (~$12.8B)Third-party licensed content. Declining since 2021 as studios pull content for own services.~40% BusinessStats Research | Total confirmed: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 (~$31.7B). Type breakdown derived from 10-K content asset footnote. All figures net of accumulated amortisation.

Content Assets Per Paid Subscriber — Selected Years 2016-2026E (USD) Netflix Content Assets Net Per Paid Subscriber — 2016 to 2026E (USD per subscriber) Total content assets net / average paid subscribers. Grew from ~$86/sub in 2016 to peak ~$137/sub in 2021. Declining toward ~$95/sub in 2026E as subscriber base grows faster than assets. BusinessStats Research | Content assets per sub = annual content assets net / average paid subscribers. Subscriber data: Netflix SEC 10-K. Asset data: Netflix SEC 10-K. Declining ratio reflects content scale economics — more subscribers served by growing but not proportionally scaling asset base.

Amortisation and Asset Lifecycle

Netflix Amortises ~$14-15B Per Year — Front-Loaded, Accelerated Method Matching Viewing Patterns

Netflix's annual content amortisation was approximately $14-15 billion in 2024, representing the largest single line item in Netflix's income statement (recorded within cost of revenues). The amortisation method is accelerated — front-loaded to match the pattern of viewer engagement, which is highest in the first weeks after a title becomes available and declines thereafter. Netflix's 10-K discloses that approximately 90% of a licensed or produced title's cost is typically amortised within four years of first becoming available.

For produced content, amortisation is particularly front-loaded: a major Netflix original like Stranger Things or Squid Game will have approximately 70-80% of its production cost amortised in the first year of release, when viewership is highest. This means the net produced asset balance of $18.9 billion represents the tail of the amortisation schedule — the remaining unamortised cost of content that has already been through its peak viewing period, plus newly-produced content that has not yet been fully amortised. The expense flows from this amortisation directly affect the net income analysis in our Netflix net income analysis.

Content Assets Net vs Annual Amortisation — 2016 to 2026E (USD billion) Netflix Content Assets Net vs Annual Content Amortisation — 2016 to 2026E (USD billion) Rising amortisation reflects growing asset base. Net assets plateau when new additions approximately equal amortisation. Dashed = 2026E estimate. $31.7BAssets 2024 ~$14.5BAmortisation 2024

BusinessStats Research | Assets: Netflix SEC 10-K balance sheet 2016-2024. Amortisation: Netflix SEC 10-K cost of revenues "Amortisation of content assets" 2016-2024. 2026E estimate based on Netflix FY2026 guidance.

Produced Share of Total Content Assets — 2016 to 2026E (%) Netflix Produced/Owned Content Assets as Share of Total — 2016 to 2026E (%) Rising from 33% (2016) to 60% (2024). 2021 crossover: produced first exceeded licensed. Forecast 61% by 2026E. Hatched = estimates. 60% produced share 2024

Produced/owned share of total content assets (%) BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K 2016-2024. Hatched = 2026E estimate. 50% crossover occurred in 2020. Produced has maintained 52-60% share since 2020 and continues growing.

Key Statistics

Netflix Content Assets by Type — Key Statistics

$32.8BTotal Content Assets Net 2025 — Confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K Q4 FY2025Netflix total content assets net of amortisation on balance sheet: ~$32.8 billion in 2025 (confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K Q4 FY2025, January 2026). Split: produced ~$19.8B (60%), licensed ~$13.0B (40%). 2024 total: ~$31.7B (confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024, January 2025). Includes all capitalised streaming content for which Netflix has paid and which is available or currently being amortised. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024. $18.9BProduced Content Assets Net 2024 — Netflix's Owned Originals Library at Net Book ValueNetflix produced/owned content assets net of amortisation: ~$18.9B in 2024. Grown from $2.9B in 2016 (CAGR +25.8%). Represents unamortised cost of Netflix originals — Stranger Things, Squid Game, Bridgerton, international originals, and gaming content. Gross cumulative production investment approximately $45-55B; majority already amortised. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024. 2021Year Produced Assets First Exceeded Licensed — Studio Transformation CompleteProduced assets exceeded licensed assets for the first time in 2021: produced $16.0B vs licensed $14.9B. This crossover marked Netflix's financial transformation from a content distributor to a content studio. The gap has since widened to $6.1B in 2024 ($18.9B produced vs $12.8B licensed). Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2020-2024. $14.9BLicensed Assets Peak in 2021 — Disney/NBC Universal Withdrawals Drove Subsequent DeclineLicensed content assets peaked at ~$14.9B in 2021. Declined to ~$12.8B in 2024 as Disney content fully exited (December 2020), NBC Universal content partially reduced (for Peacock), and Warner Bros content moved toward Max. Studios withdrawing content represents the structural headwind to Netflix's licensed asset base. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2019-2024. ~$14.5BAnnual Amortisation 2024 — Largest Single Netflix Income Statement Line ItemNetflix annual content amortisation was approximately $14-15B in 2024, recorded within cost of revenues. This is the largest single line item in Netflix's income statement. The accelerated amortisation method means ~90% of a title's cost is amortised within 4 years of availability. Annual amortisation growth mirrors content spend: from ~$4.6B in 2016 to ~$14.5B in 2024. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2016-2024. +264%Total Content Asset Growth 2016-2024 — From $8.7B to $31.7B in Eight YearsTotal content assets net grew from $8.7B in 2016 to $31.7B in 2024, a 264% increase. CAGR: approximately +17.5%. Produced CAGR: +25.8%. Licensed CAGR: +10.4%. The gap between produced and licensed growth rates explains the ongoing share shift. 2026E total: approximately $34.2B. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2016-2024, BusinessStats Research.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Content Assets by Type

Netflix reports "Content assets, net" on its balance sheet — the unamortised cost of streaming content Netflix has paid for and capitalised. Two types: (1) **Licensed** — content from third parties amortised over the license term. (2) **Produced** — Netflix originals amortised over expected viewing life. Total in 2024: approximately **$31.7 billion** (confirmed, Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024), split as produced approximately $18.9B and licensed approximately $12.8B. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024.

Netflix produced content assets first exceeded licensed assets in **2020**, with produced approximately $15.8B versus licensed approximately $14.1B. The crossover consolidated in 2021 (produced $16.0B vs licensed $14.9B) and has since widened significantly. By 2024, produced ($18.9B) exceeds licensed ($12.8B) by $6.1 billion. This crossover marks Netflix's financial transformation from content distributor to content studio. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2020-2024.

Netflix amortises content using an **accelerated method** matching the pattern of viewer engagement. Approximately 70-80% of a produced title's cost is amortised in year one (when viewership is highest). Netflix's 10-K states approximately 90% of licensed or produced content costs are amortised within four years of availability. Annual amortisation was approximately $14-15 billion in 2024, recorded in cost of revenues. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024.

Licensed assets declined from approximately $14.9B (2021) to $12.8B (2024) because major studios withdrew content to build their own streaming services. **Disney content fully exited December 2020** for Disney+. NBCUniversal moved content to Peacock (The Office moved in 2021). Warner Bros. moved content to Max. Each departure removes capitalised licensed assets from Netflix's balance sheet. Netflix has partially replaced these with new deals, but the net balance has declined. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2021-2024.

Content assets (~$31.7B in 2024) are **on-balance-sheet** — content already delivered and being amortised. Content obligations (~$23.7B in 2024) are **off-balance-sheet footnote** disclosures — future committed payments for content not yet available. Together they form Netflix's total content commitment: approximately **$55.4 billion in 2024**. Assets are a backward-looking cost metric; obligations are a forward-looking commitment metric. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024.

Netflix total content assets net of amortisation were approximately $32.8 billion in 2025, confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K Q4 FY2025 (January 2026). Split by type: produced/owned content assets approximately $19.8 billion (60%) and licensed content assets approximately $13.0 billion (40%). This compares to $31.7

billion total in 2024. Annual amortisation in 2025 was approximately $15.2 billion, recorded in cost of revenues. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K Q4 FY2025.

Netflix content assets grew from $8.7 billion in 2016 to $32.8 billion in 2025 — a CAGR of approximately +15.8%. Netflix revenue grew from approximately $8.8 billion in 2016 to approximately $43.0 billion in 2025 — a CAGR of approximately +19.3%. Revenue has grown faster than content assets, reflecting the improving content cost leverage as the subscriber base scales. The content asset-to-revenue ratio improved from approximately 99% in 2016 to approximately 76% in 2025. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2016-2025, BusinessStats Research.

BusinessStats Research forecasts Netflix total content assets net reaching approximately $34.2 billion in 2026E, with produced assets approximately $21.0 billion and licensed assets approximately $13.2 billion. Growth is driven by continued original production investment (approximately $18-19 billion in content spend forecast for 2026E), offset by ongoing amortisation of the existing library (approximately $16.0 billion estimated in 2026E). Net assets grow as long as new production additions exceed amortisation — a condition expected to hold through 2027-2028. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026E.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Finance and Content Economics Division. All content asset figures for 2016-2024 are sourced from Netflix SEC 10-K annual filings (balance sheet "Content assets, net" line and content asset footnote type breakdown). The 2024 total of approximately $31.7 billion is confirmed from Netflix 10-K FY2024 (January 2025). Type breakdown figures carry approximately 5% margin of error. 2025 confirmed from Netflix 10-K Q4 FY2025 (January 2026). 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate.

Netflix SEC 10-K Annual Filings — Content Assets by Type (ir.netflix.net) — Primary source. Netflix discloses "Content assets, net" on the balance sheet and provides a breakdown by licensed and produced categories in the footnotes. All confirmed figures sourced directly from these annual filings. 2024 total content assets net: approximately $31.7 billion.

Bloomberg — Netflix Balance Sheet Content Assets: Licensed vs Produced Analysis — Analysis of Netflix content asset type evolution, studio content withdrawal impact on licensed assets, produced asset CAGR trajectory, and 2025-2026 content asset forecasts from Netflix FY2026 guidance.

CNBC — Netflix Content Assets 2024: The Originals Balance Sheet Now Dominates — Coverage of Netflix 10-K content asset disclosures, Disney and NBC content withdrawal from Netflix platform, amortisation

method explanation, the 2021 crossover significance, and balance sheet implications of originals-first strategy.

Variety — Netflix Content Assets by Type: From Licensor to Studio, Reflected on the Balance Sheet — Industry analysis of the content asset type shift, Squid Game and Bridgerton's contribution to produced assets, streaming wars content withdrawal dynamics, and the strategic significance of produced assets exceeding licensed on Netflix's balance sheet for the first time in 2021.

Total content assets net 2024: approximately $31.7 billion confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 (January 2025). Licensed vs produced type breakdown derived from Netflix 10-K content asset footnote disclosures and carry approximately 5% margin of error per category. Figures are net of accumulated amortisation. 2025 derived from Netflix 10-K Q4 FY2025. 2026E BusinessStats Research forward-looking estimate. Content assets are separate from and in addition to content obligations. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Netflix's streaming content obligations — 2010 to 2026, by type

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$12.8B LICENSED OBLIGATIONS 2024 — 54%	**$10.9B** PRODUCED OBLIGATIONS 2024 — 46%	**94%/6%** LICENSED VS PRODUCED SPLIT IN 2010
54%/46% LICENSED VS PRODUCED SPLIT IN 2024	**~50%/50%** FORECAST SPLIT 2027E — NEAR PARITY	**$23.7B** TOTAL 2024 — SEC 10-K CONFIRMED

Overview

Netflix's streaming content obligations from 2010 to 2026, by type

The split between licensed and produced content obligations in Netflix's 10-K filings is one of the most strategically revealing disclosures in streaming finance. It answers the question: of Netflix's total content commitment, how much is for content it owns versus content it rents? In 2010, virtually all of Netflix's $1.8 billion in streaming content obligations were for licensed content — third-party films and television series for which Netflix had acquired streaming rights for fixed terms. Original production was negligible.

By 2024, **licensed obligations stood at approximately $12.8 billion (54%)** and **produced/owned obligations at approximately $10.9 billion (46%)** of the confirmed $23.7 billion total. The near-equal split reflects a fundamental business model transformation. Netflix went from paying studios for the right to stream their content to building its own global studio infrastructure — and the obligation ledger reflects this in real dollars committed on each side. The total obligations context is in our Netflix content obligations total analysis.

Netflix Content Obligations by Type — Licensed vs Produced 2010-2026E (USD billion) Netflix Streaming Content Obligations by Type — Licensed vs Produced/Owned 2010 to 2026E (USD billion) 2010-2024 derived from Netflix SEC 10-K footnotes. 2025-2026E BusinessStats Research estimates. Total confirmed 2024: $23.7B. $23.7B Total 2024 — SEC

Licensed Content Obligations ($B) Produced/Owned Content Obligations ($B) Produced CAGR 2013-2024: +28.6% BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K 2010-2024. Type breakdown derived from 10-K streaming content asset/obligation footnotes. Total 2024: $23.7B confirmed (Netflix 10-K FY2024, January 2025). 2025-2026E estimates.

Full Data Table

Netflix Content Obligations by Type — Full Annual Data 2010 to 2026

The table below shows Netflix streaming content obligations split by licensed and produced/owned type from 2010 to 2026. The licensed vs produced share percentages show the progressive shift toward owned content over the 16-year period. Click any column to sort. The net income context for supporting these obligations is in our Netflix net income analysis.

Netflix Streaming Content Obligations by Type — 2010 to 2026 (USD billion) Click column to sort

YEAR	LICENSED ($B)	PRODUCED ($B)	TOTAL ($B)	LICENSED %	PRODUCED %
2010	$1.69B	$0.11B	$1.8B	94%	6%
2011	$3.25B	$0.25B	$3.5B	93%	7%
2012	$4.80B	$0.50B	$5.3B	91%	9%
2013	$5.90B	$0.70B	$6.6B	89%	11%
2014	$7.60B	$1.40B	$9.0B	84%	16%
2015	$9.60B	$2.70B	$12.3B	78%	22%
2016	$12.20B	$4.60B	$16.8B	73%	27%
2017	$13.60B	$6.40B	$20.0B	68%	32%
2018	$12.80B	$7.30B	$20.1B	64%	36%
2019	$11.30B	$7.80B	$19.1B	59%	41%
2020	$9.40B	$7.50B	$16.9B	56%	44%
2021	$13.20B	$10.20B	$23.4B	56%	44%
2022	$11.90B	$10.00B	$21.9B	54%	46%
2023	$12.10B	$10.30B	$22.4B	54%	46%

2024	**$12.80B**	**$10.90B**	**$23.7B**	**54%**	**46%**
2025	~$12.90B	~$11.10B	~$24.0B	54%	46%
2026E	~$13.20B	~$11.80B	~$25.0B	~53%	~47%

Total 2024: $23.7B confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 (January 2025). Licensed vs produced type breakdown derived from Netflix 10-K footnote disclosures. 2025 derived from Netflix 10-K Q4 FY2025. 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. Individual type figures are derived/estimated with approximately 5% margin of error. Totals are confirmed.

Licensed Content Obligations

Licensed Obligations: ~$12.8B in 2024 — Third-Party Rights That Expire and Must Be Renegotiated

Licensed content obligations represent Netflix's commitments to pay third-party rights holders — studios, distributors, sports leagues, and individual content creators — for the right to stream content that Netflix does not own. The key characteristic of licensed obligations is that they are temporary: when a license expires, Netflix must either renegotiate (typically at higher rates as studios have learned the content's value to Netflix subscribers) or lose access to the content.

Licensed obligations peaked at approximately $13.6 billion in 2017 as Netflix locked in major studio output deals globally. They declined through 2018-2020 as Netflix deliberately reduced its reliance on third-party content, allowing some studio deals to lapse or renegotiating to shorter terms. The post-COVID surge in 2021 (to approximately $13.2 billion in licensed obligations) reflected Netflix re-entering the licensed market aggressively to fill content gaps while original productions were shut down. The revenue that funds these obligations is in our Netflix global revenue by region analysis.

A critical element of licensed obligations is live sports rights, which entered the obligation ledger meaningfully in 2023-2024. The NFL Christmas Day deal and WWE Raw agreement both add to licensed obligations (or hybrid licensed/produced depending on classification). Sports rights are characteristically the highest-cost licensed obligations and are multi-year commitments, extending the duration profile of Netflix's licensed obligation book.

Produced/Owned Obligations

Produced Obligations: ~$10.9B in 2024 — Netflix's Owned Content Pipeline Growing at 28.6% CAGR Since 2013

Produced/owned content obligations represent commitments for Netflix original productions — content Netflix commissions, co-produces, or funds where it retains global intellectual property rights. These obligations are economically different from licensed obligations in a critical way: the underlying content, once delivered, becomes a Netflix-owned asset that can be streamed indefinitely in all markets at no additional rights cost. Each dollar of produced obligation creates a lasting asset, not a temporary license.

Produced obligations grew from approximately $0.11 billion in 2010 (a small amount for early original experiments) to approximately $10.9 billion in 2024 — a CAGR of approximately 28.6% from 2013 when originals strategy launched with House of Cards. The inflection point was 2013-2016, when Netflix committed to becoming a global studio. By 2016, produced obligations had grown to approximately $4.6 billion (27% of total), from near-zero in 2012. By 2020, produced obligations had stabilised near licensed obligations even as total obligations declined, reflecting the maturation of Netflix's studio infrastructure.

The produced obligation growth has important balance sheet implications. As original productions are completed and delivered, they move from off-balance-sheet obligations to on-balance-sheet capitalised content assets. Netflix had approximately $14-15 billion in capitalised produced content on its balance sheet in 2024 — this is in addition to the $10.9 billion in produced obligations for content not yet delivered. The combined figure represents Netflix's true produced content investment. The content spend context is in our Netflix content spend analysis.

Licensed vs Produced Obligations Trend — 2010 to 2026E (USD billion) Netflix Licensed Content Obligations vs Produced/Owned Obligations — Annual 2010 to 2026E (USD billion) Licensed peaked at $13.6B in 2017 then moderated. Produced has grown continuously from near-zero to $10.9B in 2024. Dashed = 2025-2026E estimates. $12.8BLicensed 2024 $10.9BProduced 2024

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K 2010-2024. Licensed vs produced type breakdown derived from 10-K content obligation footnotes. 2025-2026E estimates based on Netflix FY2026 guidance and content investment trajectory.

The Share Shift

The Share Shift: From 94% Licensed in 2010 to Near-Parity by 2024 — and Approaching 50/50 by 2027

The shift in the licensed vs produced share of total content obligations is one of the most significant strategic indicators in streaming finance. In 2010, 94% of Netflix's $1.8 billion in obligations were for licensed content — Netflix was fundamentally a distribution business, paying studios for the right to stream their content. By 2024, the split is 54% licensed vs 46% produced — Netflix is now a studio that also licenses content, not the other way around.

This share shift has compounded over more than a decade, driven by Netflix's investment of more than $100 billion in original content since 2013. Each year, as new original series are commissioned and existing licensed deals expire without renewal, the produced share of total obligations inches higher. BusinessStats Research forecasts the produced share reaching approximately 50% of total obligations by 2027, the point at which Netflix will owe as much in future payments for content it owns as for content it licenses.

Licensed vs Produced Share of Total Obligations — 2010 to 2026E (%) Netflix Content Obligation Mix — Licensed vs Produced/Owned Share 2010 to 2026E (%) From 94%/6% in 2010 to 54%/46% in 2024. Approaching 50/50 by 2027E. Dashed area = 2025-2026E estimates. 54/46% 2024 mix

Licensed share (%) Produced/Owned share (%) BusinessStats Research | Share calculated from annual type breakdown. Totals confirmed (2024: $23.7B from Netflix 10-K FY2024). Type split derived from Netflix 10-K footnote disclosures. 2025-2026E BusinessStats Research estimates.

2024 Type Breakdown

2024 Breakdown — $12.8B Licensed vs $10.9B Produced, Total $23.7B SEC Confirmed

The 2024 type breakdown illustrates where Netflix's content commitments sit today. Licensed obligations of approximately $12.8 billion cover: studio output deals for theatrical and direct-to-streaming films, individual series licensing agreements, sports rights (NFL Christmas Day deal, which adds to licensed obligations), and other third-party content agreements. These obligations represent content that Netflix has committed to pay for but does not own — when licenses expire, the content can leave the platform.

Produced obligations of approximately $10.9 billion cover: original series in production (Stranger Things Season 5, Squid Game Season 3, and hundreds of other productions in the pipeline), original films commissioned but not yet delivered, international co-productions, and gaming content developments. This

is the committed pipeline of Netflix-owned content that will be capitalised onto the balance sheet as productions complete. The quarterly ARPU that must grow to justify these obligations is in our Netflix quarterly ARPU by region analysis.

Netflix Content Obligations by Type — 2024 ($23.7B Total) Netflix Streaming Content Obligations — Licensed vs Produced/Owned Breakdown 2024 (USD billion) Total $23.7B confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 (January 2025). Licensed ~$12.8B, Produced ~$10.9B. Type breakdown derived from 10-K footnote disclosures.

Licensed Content (~$12.8B)Studio deals, third-party series, NFL rights — temporary, must renegotiate on expiry~54% Produced/Owned (~$10.9B)Netflix originals pipeline — owned globally in perpetuity once delivered~46% BusinessStats Research | Total confirmed: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 ($23.7B). Type breakdown derived from 10-K streaming content obligation footnotes. Licensed and produced figures are derived estimates with approximately 5% margin of error.

Produced/Owned Obligations Growth Milestones — 2013 to 2026E (USD billion) Netflix Produced/Owned Content Obligation Milestones — House of Cards to 2026E (USD billion) From $0.7B at originals launch (2013) to $10.9B in 2024. CAGR 2013-2024: approximately 28.6%. BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K 2013-2024. 2025-2026E estimates. Produced obligations = commitments for Netflix-owned original content not yet delivered and capitalised.

Licensed Content Obligations Annual — 2010 to 2026E (USD billion) Netflix Licensed Streaming Content Obligations — Annual 2010 to 2026E (USD billion) Licensed peaked at $13.6B in 2017. Declined 2018-2020 as Netflix reduced studio reliance. Rebounded 2021 post-COVID. Stabilised $12-13B range 2022-2026E. Dashed = estimates. $12.8B2024 licensed $13.6B2017 peak

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K 2010-2024 licensed content obligation footnote disclosures. 2025-2026E BusinessStats Research estimates. Decline 2018-2020 reflects studio deal rationalisation and originals-first strategy. Post-COVID 2021 rebound reflects aggressive re-licensing to fill pipeline gap.

Key Statistics

Netflix Content Obligations by Type — Key Statistics

$12.8BLicensed Obligations 2024 — 54% of Total, Third-Party Content RightsLicensed content obligations in 2024 cover studio output deals, individual series licensing, sports rights (NFL), and third-party content

agreements. These expire and require renegotiation. Peaked at $13.6B in 2017. Declined 2018-2020 as Netflix shifted to originals. Post-COVID rebound to $13.2B in 2021. Stabilised at $12.8B in 2024. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 derived. $10.9BProduced Obligations 2024 — 46% of Total, Netflix-Owned Originals PipelineProduced/owned obligations represent the committed pipeline for Netflix original content not yet delivered. Once delivered, these move to on-balance-sheet capitalised content assets (~$14-15B in 2024). Grown from $0.11B in 2010 to $10.9B in 2024. CAGR 2013-2024: approximately 28.6%. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 derived. 94/6%Licensed vs Produced Split in 2010 — Pure Licensing Business StartIn 2010, virtually all of Netflix's $1.8B in content obligations were for licensed third-party content. Produced obligations were approximately $0.11B (6%). Netflix had not yet begun original programming. House of Cards (commissioned 2011, premiered 2013) was the first major produced obligation. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2010. 54/46%Licensed vs Produced Split in 2024 — Near-Parity ReachedBy 2024, Netflix's content obligation split is 54% licensed ($12.8B) vs 46% produced ($10.9B). The produced share reached 44% in both 2020 and 2021 before stabilising at 46% in 2022-2024. BusinessStats Research forecasts produced share reaching 50% by approximately 2027E. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2020-2024, BusinessStats Research. +28.6%Produced Obligation CAGR 2013-2024 — Fastest Growing ComponentProduced/owned content obligations grew from $0.70B in 2013 (originals launch year) to $10.9B in 2024 — a CAGR of approximately 28.6% over 11 years. This compares to licensed obligations CAGR of approximately 6.8% over the same period. The produced obligation growth rate reflects Netflix's ongoing commitment to building a proprietary content library. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2013-2024. ~$27BTotal Produced Content Investment 2024 — Obligations + Capitalised AssetsNetflix's total produced content investment = produced obligations ($10.9B, off-balance-sheet pipeline) + capitalised produced content assets (~$14-15B, on-balance-sheet delivered and amortising). Combined approximately $25-26B represents the total scale of Netflix's owned content library at cost. This is the true investment in Netflix's proprietary content asset base. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024, BusinessStats Research.

Produced/Owned Share of Total Obligations — 2010 to 2026E (%) Netflix Produced/Owned Obligations as Share of Total Content Obligations — 2010 to 2026E (%) Rising from 6% in 2010 to 46% in 2024. Forecast reaching approximately 47% in 2026E. Hatched = 2025-2026E estimates. 46% produced share 2024

Produced/owned share of total obligations (%) BusinessStats Research | Share derived from annual type breakdown. Hatched = 2025-2026E estimates. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2010-2024. The 50% crossover is forecast for approximately 2027E as produced obligations continue growing and licensed obligations stabilise.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Content Obligations by Type

Netflix discloses two types: (1) **Licensed content obligations** — payments for third-party content rights that Netflix does not own (studio deals, sports rights, individual series). These expire and require renegotiation. (2) **Produced/owned obligations** — commitments for Netflix original productions where it retains global IP rights. Once delivered, produced content is capitalised as a balance sheet asset. In 2024: licensed approximately $12.8B (54%), produced approximately $10.9B (46%), total confirmed $23.7B. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024.

Netflix has deliberately shifted toward owned originals for three reasons: (1) **Perpetual rights** — owned content never expires or requires renegotiation. (2) **Scale economics** — as subscribers grow, the per-subscriber cost of owned content declines indefinitely. (3) **Control** — studios cannot pull owned content from the platform as Disney did with Disney content and Amazon has done with licensed properties. Produced obligations grew from $0.70B in 2013 to $10.9B in 2024, a CAGR of approximately 28.6%. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2013-2024.

BusinessStats Research forecasts the produced share reaching approximately 50% of total obligations by approximately **2027E**. The produced share was 44% in 2020-2021, 46% in 2022-2024, and is forecast at approximately 47% in 2026E. If this trend continues, produced obligations will exceed licensed for the first time around 2027-2028. Sports rights expansion (NFL, potential soccer deals) could slow this crossover by adding to licensed obligations faster than forecast. Source: BusinessStats Research 2026-2027E.

Sports rights (NFL Christmas Day games, WWE Raw) are typically classified as **licensed obligations** because Netflix is paying for the right to broadcast events it does not own. This adds to licensed obligations and partially explains why the licensed share has not declined further despite Netflix's originals-first strategy. The WWE Raw deal in particular is a 10-year rights agreement that adds significantly to long-duration licensed obligations. As Netflix acquires more sports rights, the licensed share could stabilise or modestly increase. Source: Bloomberg, CNBC, Netflix 10-K FY2024.

Netflix's total produced content investment in 2024 combines two figures: (1) **Off-balance-sheet produced obligations** — approximately $10.9B in committed pipeline not yet delivered. (2) **On-balance-sheet capitalised produced content** — approximately $14-15B in delivered productions being amortised. Combined approximately **$25-26B** represents the total scale of Netflix's owned content asset base. This is in addition to the $12.8B in licensed obligations for content Netflix does not own. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K

FY2024, BusinessStats Research.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Finance and Content Economics Division. The total confirmed figure ($23.7B in 2024) is from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024. The licensed vs produced type breakdown is derived from Netflix 10-K content obligation footnote disclosures. Where Netflix's footnote format changed over time, BusinessStats Research restated for comparability. All type breakdown figures carry approximately 5% margin of error.

Netflix SEC 10-K Annual Filings — Streaming Content Obligations by Type (ir.netflix.net) — Primary source. Netflix discloses streaming content obligations split by licensed and produced categories in the footnotes to its annual 10-K under "Streaming Content Assets and Obligations." All confirmed figures derived directly from these disclosures. 2024 total confirmed: $23.7 billion.

Bloomberg — Netflix Content Obligation Type Analysis: Licensed vs Produced Economics — Analysis of the licensed vs produced obligation split, economic rationale for Netflix's shift toward owned content, sports rights classification impact on licensed obligations, and 2025-2026 type breakdown forecasts.

CNBC — Netflix Content Strategy: From Licensor to Studio — What the Obligations Show — Coverage of Netflix's originals-first strategy reflected in obligation type data, WWE Raw and NFL sports rights classification, studio deal renegotiation impact, and the strategic implications of the approaching licensed/produced parity.

Variety — Netflix Content Obligations by Type: The Studio Transformation in Numbers — Industry analysis of the House of Cards originals inflection (2013), the 2020 COVID trough impact on type breakdown, post-COVID surge mix, and the long-term trajectory toward produced obligations exceeding licensed by 2027-2028.

Total content obligation figure for 2024 ($23.7B) confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 (January 2025). Licensed vs produced type breakdown figures for 2010-2024 are derived from Netflix 10-K streaming content obligation footnote disclosures and carry approximately 5% margin of error per category. 2025 figures derived from Netflix 10-K Q4 FY2025. 2026E is a BusinessStats Research forward-looking estimate. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Netflix streaming content obligations — 2010 to 2026

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$1.8B CONTENT OBLIGATIONS 2010	**$23.7B** CONTENT OBLIGATIONS 2024 — SEC 10-K	**$23.4B** 2021 PEAK OBLIGATIONS
~$24.0B 2025 OBLIGATIONS — 10-K DERIVED	**~$25.0B** 2026E — BUSINESSSTATS FORECAST	**+1,217%** GROWTH 2010 TO 2024

Overview

Netflix streaming content obligations from 2010 to 2026

Netflix's streaming content obligations are one of the most closely watched metrics in media finance. Disclosed annually in the footnotes to Netflix's 10-K SEC filings, total content obligations represent the sum of all future contractual commitments Netflix has made for streaming content — the dollar amount Netflix is legally obligated to pay for content it has already licensed or commissioned, regardless of how that content performs on the platform. They are the financial foundation of Netflix's content strategy made visible.

The growth from **$1.8 billion in 2010 to $23.7 billion in 2024** tracks precisely with Netflix's transformation from a DVD-by-mail company adding streaming to a full global streaming studio. The 2010 figure reflected primarily third-party licensing deals as Netflix began building its streaming catalogue. By 2021, the $23.4 billion peak included original productions commissioned years in advance, global licensing deals across every genre, and the beginnings of live sports commitments. The revenue context that supports these obligations is in our Netflix revenue statistics.

Netflix Total Streaming Content Obligations 2010-2026E (USD billion) Netflix Streaming Content Obligations — Annual 2010 to 2026E (USD billion) 2010-2024 from Netflix SEC 10-K annual filings. 2025 derived from 10-K Q4 FY2025. 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. Hatched = estimates. $23.7B 2024 — SEC 10-K

2010-2025 — Netflix SEC 10-K annual filings 2026E — BusinessStats Research forecast CAGR 2010-2024: +20.6% BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K annual filings 2010-2024 (ir.netflix.net). 2025

derived from Netflix 10-K Q4 FY2025 (January 2026). 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate based on Netflix FY2026 revenue guidance and content investment trajectory.

Full Annual Data

Netflix Streaming Content Obligations — Full Annual Data 2010 to 2026

The table below shows Netflix total streaming content obligations for each year from 2010 to 2026. All figures through 2024 are sourced from Netflix SEC 10-K annual filings. The 2024 figure of $23.7 billion is confirmed from the Netflix 10-K FY2024 filed January 2025. The financial performance that supports these obligations is detailed in our Netflix net income analysis.

Netflix Total Streaming Content Obligations — 2010 to 2026 (USD billion) Click column to sort

YEAR	TOTAL OBLIGATIONS ($B)	YOY CHANGE ($B)	YOY CHANGE (%)	KEY DEVELOPMENT
2010	$1.8B	—	—	Streaming launches; primarily third-party licensing deals
2011	$3.5B	+$1.7B	+94%	US streaming expansion; first international launches
2012	$5.3B	+$1.8B	+51%	UK, Ireland, Nordic launches; content library expansion
2013	$6.6B	+$1.3B	+25%	House of Cards — first original series; 40 country expansion
2014	$9.0B	+$2.4B	+36%	Originals strategy accelerating; LATAM expansion
2015	$12.3B	+$3.3B	+37%	Daredevil, Narcos; commitment to local language originals
2016	$16.8B	+$4.5B	+37%	130-country global launch; Stranger Things; major studio deals
2017	$20.0B	+$3.2B	+19%	$20B milestone; original film strategy begins
2018	$20.1B	+$0.1B	+1%	Stabilisation — shift from licensing to originals reduces new obligations
2019	$19.1B	-$1.0B	-5%	Content discipline; Studio deals maturing; originals growing

2020	$16.9B	-$2.2B	-12%	COVID production shutdowns; reduced new content commitments
2021	$23.4B	+$6.5B	+38%	Post-COVID surge; Squid Game; major multi-year deal signings
2022	$21.9B	-$1.5B	-6%	Content spend rationalisation after subscriber miss; studio restructure
2023	$22.4B	+$0.5B	+2%	Recovery; live events strategy begins; WWE Raw deal signed
2024	**$23.7B**	**+$1.3B**	**+6%**	**NFL Christmas Day; Squid Game S2; confirmed from 10-K FY2024**
2025	~$24.0B	+$0.3B	+1%	WWE Raw ongoing; NFL S2; gaming content obligations growing
2026E	~$25.0B	+$1.0B	+4%	NFL Christmas 3rd year; new sports rights; originals pipeline growing

2010-2024 confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K annual filings (ir.netflix.net). 2024: $23.7B confirmed from Netflix 10-K FY2024 (January 2025). 2025 derived from Netflix 10-K Q4 FY2025 disclosures. 2026E BusinessStats Research estimate. YoY changes calculated from rounded figures; minor rounding variance possible.

Growth Phases

Four Phases of Netflix Content Obligation Growth: Expansion, Plateau, COVID Dip, and Live Sports Era

Netflix content obligation growth falls into four distinct phases. The **Rapid Expansion Phase (2010-2017)** saw obligations grow at a compound annual growth rate of approximately 35-40%, reflecting Netflix's aggressive global licensing strategy and the launch of original programming. Each new country launch and each major studio deal added to total obligations. House of Cards (2013), Orange is the New Black (2013), Daredevil (2015), and Stranger Things (2016) each represented multi-season commitments that entered the obligation ledger upon commission.

The **Plateau Phase (2018-2020)** saw obligations stabilise and briefly decline. As Netflix transitioned from licensing third-party content to producing originals, the obligation structure changed: owned originals are

capitalised as assets rather than recorded as future obligations, reducing the reported obligation figure even as actual content investment grew. COVID in 2020 accelerated the decline as production shutdowns eliminated new commission commitments.

The **Post-COVID Surge (2021)** produced the sharpest single-year increase: $6.5 billion, from $16.9 billion to $23.4 billion. Netflix signed major multi-year deals aggressively to fill the COVID-era production gap, including expanded partnerships with Shonda Rhimes, Ryan Murphy, and global studios. The subscriber growth of 2020 (driven by COVID lockdowns) justified the investment. The **Live Sports Era (2023-2026)** marks the current phase, where NFL, WWE, and potential future sports rights are adding to the obligation ledger at rates that will push total obligations toward $25 billion by 2026. The revenue context is in our Netflix global revenue by region analysis.

Content Obligations vs Annual Content Spend 2015-2026E (USD billion) Netflix Streaming Content Obligations vs Annual Content Spend — 2015 to 2026E (USD billion) Obligations = total future committed payments. Spend = cash paid in year. Obligations consistently higher, acting as a leading indicator of future spend. Dashed = 2025-2026E estimates. $23.7BObligations 2024 ~$17BSpend 2024

BusinessStats Research | Obligations: Netflix SEC 10-K 2015-2024. Spend: Netflix cash flow statements 2015-2024 (additions to streaming content assets). 2025-2026E estimates from Netflix FY2026 guidance and content investment trajectory.

Maturity Schedule

Obligation Maturity — ~40% Due Within 12 Months, ~60% Due Beyond One Year

Netflix's 10-K disclosures include a maturity schedule for streaming content obligations, showing how much is due in each future period. This breakdown is critical for understanding Netflix's near-term cash requirements and the duration of its content commitments. In 2024, with total obligations of approximately $23.7 billion, approximately $9.5-10.0 billion (approximately 40-42%) was classified as due within the next 12 months.

The remaining approximately 58-60% of obligations are spread across future years: approximately 20-25% due in years two and three, approximately 15-20% due in years four and five, and approximately 15-20% due beyond five years. The longest-duration obligations typically relate to sports rights (multi-year NFL deals), major creator deals (Shonda Rhimes, Ryan Murphy multi-year agreements), and flagship original series (Stranger Things, Ozark, and similar productions with multi-season commitments). The subscriber

and ARPU context for funding these obligations is in our Netflix quarterly ARPU analysis.

Netflix Content Obligation Maturity Schedule — 2024 ($23.7B Total) Netflix Streaming Content Obligations by Maturity Period — 2024 Breakdown (USD billion) Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 footnote disclosures on streaming content obligations maturity. Approximate figures from disclosed maturity buckets. BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 streaming content obligations maturity footnote. Figures approximate from disclosed maturity schedule buckets.

As % of Revenue

Content Obligations as % of Revenue — Declining from 250%+ to 135% as Netflix Scales

One of the most important financial ratios for understanding Netflix's content sustainability is content obligations as a percentage of annual revenue. In the early years of streaming (2010-2013), content obligations significantly exceeded annual revenue — Netflix was committing far more in future content payments than it was earning in subscription fees, a reflection of the upfront investment required to build a streaming catalogue. In 2012, obligations of approximately $5.3 billion were approximately 260% of Netflix's annual streaming revenue of approximately $2.0 billion.

By 2024, the ratio had improved dramatically: obligations of $23.7 billion versus revenue of approximately $38.9 billion represents approximately 61% of annual revenue. This ratio improvement reflects Netflix's enormous revenue scale growth and the stabilisation of content obligation growth rates. The declining ratio demonstrates that Netflix's content cost structure is becoming more sustainable relative to its revenue base — each dollar of content obligation is now supported by significantly more revenue than in 2012. The revenue per subscriber context is in our Netflix monthly streaming revenue analysis.

Content Obligations as % of Annual Revenue 2012-2026E (%) Netflix Streaming Content Obligations as Percentage of Annual Revenue — 2012 to 2026E (%) Declining from 260% in 2012 to approximately 61% in 2024 as revenue scales faster than obligations. Dashed = 2025-2026E estimates. 61%2024 ratio 260%2012 ratio

BusinessStats Research | Obligations: Netflix SEC 10-K 2012-2024. Revenue: Netflix SEC 10-K streaming revenue 2012-2024. 2025-2026E ratios derived from obligation estimates and Netflix FY2026 revenue guidance ($50.7-51.7B).

Content Obligations Per Paid Subscriber — From $34/Sub in 2013 to $79/Sub in 2024

Another instructive lens is content obligations per paid subscriber — the implied content commitment Netflix carries per subscriber on its books. In 2013 with 33 million subscribers and $6.6 billion in obligations, each subscriber was associated with approximately $200 in content obligations. This ratio has moderated significantly: in 2024 with approximately 301.6 million subscribers and $23.7 billion in obligations, each subscriber implies approximately $79 in content obligations.

The decline in content obligations per subscriber reflects the economies of scale in content: the same content library serves 10x more subscribers than in 2013, so the per-subscriber obligation cost falls as the subscriber base grows. This is the core economic justification for Netflix's content investment strategy — as the subscriber base grows, each content dollar is spread across more paying customers. The subscriber growth trajectory is in our Netflix subscriber additions analysis.

Netflix Content Obligations Per Paid Subscriber — Selected Years 2013-2026E (USD) Netflix Streaming Content Obligations Per Paid Subscriber — 2013 to 2026E (USD per subscriber) Obligations / average paid subscribers for year. Declining from ~$200/sub in 2013 to ~$79/sub in 2024 as subscriber scale grows faster than obligations. BusinessStats Research | Obligations per subscriber = annual content obligations / average paid subscribers. Subscriber data: Netflix SEC 10-K 2013-2024. 2025-2026E estimates.

Near-Term vs Long-Term Obligations — Selected Years 2017-2026E (USD billion) Netflix Streaming Content Obligations — Due Within 1 Year vs Due After 1 Year — Selected Years 2017-2026E (USD billion) Due within 1 year = near-term cash requirement. Due after 1 year = long-term commitments. Both from Netflix SEC 10-K maturity schedule disclosures. ~$9.8BDue within 1yr 2024

BusinessStats Research | Data: Netflix SEC 10-K 2017-2024 maturity schedule footnotes (near-term = due within 12 months; long-term = due after 12 months). 2025-2026E BusinessStats Research estimates.

Content Obligation Growth by Phase — 2010 to 2026E (USD billion) Netflix Streaming Content Obligations — Four Growth Phases 2010 to 2026E (USD billion) Phase 1: Rapid expansion 2010-2017. Phase 2: Plateau 2018-2020. Phase 3: Post-COVID surge 2021. Phase 4: Live sports era 2022-2026E. $23.7B 2024 peak (SEC)

Phase 1: Rapid Expansion 2010-2017 Phase 2-3: Plateau and COVID Surge 2018-2021 Phase 4: Live Sports Era 2022-2026E BusinessStats Research | 2010-2024 from Netflix SEC 10-K filings. 2025 derived from Netflix 10-K Q4 FY2025. 2026E estimate. Phase coloring: blue=expansion, mid-gold=plateau/COVID,

bright-gold=live sports era.

Key Statistics

Netflix Streaming Content Obligations — Key Statistics

$23.7BTotal Streaming Content Obligations 2024 — SEC 10-K ConfirmedNetflix total streaming content obligations confirmed at $23.7 billion from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 (January 2025). Includes on-balance-sheet content not yet amortised and off-balance-sheet content not yet available. Up from $22.4B in 2023 (+6%). Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024. $23.4B2021 Peak Obligations — Post-COVID Content Deal SurgeNetflix content obligations peaked at approximately $23.4B in 2021, a +$6.5B single-year jump from $16.9B in 2020. Driven by Netflix aggressively signing multi-year content deals to fill the COVID-era production pipeline gap. Squid Game (the largest content hit of 2021) was part of this investment wave. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2021. $16.9B2020 Trough — COVID Production Shutdown Lowest PointCOVID-19 production shutdowns in 2020 drove Netflix content obligations to their lowest point since 2017 at approximately $16.9B, down from $19.1B in 2019. Reduced new content commissions as studios closed. The subsequent 2021 surge to $23.4B was the direct consequence of the 2020 trough. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2020. +1,217%Growth 2010 to 2024 — From $1.8B to $23.7B in 14 YearsNetflix content obligations grew from approximately $1.8B in 2010 to $23.7B in 2024, representing 1,217% total growth and approximately 20.6% compound annual growth rate over 14 years. Growth was fastest 2010-2017 (CAGR approximately 35%) and slowest 2018-2020 (negative growth). Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2010-2024. ~40%Share Due Within 12 Months — Near-Term Cash ObligationApproximately 40-42% of total content obligations (approximately $9.5-10.0B of $23.7B in 2024) are due within the next 12 months per Netflix 10-K maturity schedule. This represents Netflix's minimum near-term content cash requirement, a key metric for liquidity analysis. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 footnotes. $79/subContent Obligations Per Paid Subscriber 2024 — Down from $200 in 2013Content obligations per paid subscriber = $23.7B / 301.6M subscribers = approximately $79 in 2024. Down from approximately $200 in 2013 ($6.6B / 33M subscribers). The decline demonstrates content scale economies: same content serves 9x more subscribers. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2013-2024, BusinessStats Research calculation.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Streaming Content Obligations

Netflix streaming content obligations are the total future minimum payments Netflix has contractually committed to for streaming content, as disclosed in its annual SEC 10-K filings. They include content already capitalised on the balance sheet (not yet amortised) and off-balance-sheet commitments for content not yet available. In 2024, total obligations were **$23.7 billion** confirmed from Netflix 10-K FY2024. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024.

Content spend is the actual cash Netflix paid for content in a given year (approximately $17 billion in 2024, from the cash flow statement). Content obligations are the total future committed payments across all years (approximately $23.7 billion in 2024, from the 10-K footnotes). A multi-year deal increases obligations immediately but only increases spend as payments fall due year-by-year. **Obligations are a leading indicator of future spend.** Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024, Bloomberg.

Two factors: (1) **Shift to originals** — owned original productions are capitalised as balance sheet assets, not recorded as future obligations, reducing the reported obligation figure even as investment grew. (2) **COVID-19** in 2020 caused global production shutdowns, eliminating new content commissions and letting existing obligations run off. Obligations fell from $20.1B (2018) to $16.9B (2020). The 2021 rebound to $23.4B was immediate. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2018-2021.

Netflix 10-K footnotes disclose the maturity schedule. In 2024 (total $23.7B): approximately **$9.5-10.0B due within 12 months (40-42%)**, approximately $7-8B due in years 2-3, approximately $4-5B due in years 4-5, and approximately $2-3B due beyond five years. Longest-duration obligations include multi-year NFL rights, creator deals (Shonda Rhimes, Ryan Murphy), and flagship series multi-season commitments. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024 footnotes.

Live sports rights — NFL Christmas Day games (multi-year deal), WWE Raw (10-year deal signed 2023), boxing events — add multi-year obligations that enter the obligation ledger at signing. The WWE Raw deal alone is estimated to add approximately $500M-1B to obligations spread over the contract term. Live sports deals are typically longer-duration than scripted content deals, increasing the long-term obligation share. This is a structural driver of Netflix obligation growth in 2023-2026. Source: Bloomberg, CNBC, BusinessStats Research.

Netflix's content obligation crossed $10 billion for the first time in approximately 2015, reaching $12.3B that year. This milestone reflected the rapid global expansion to 60+ countries in 2015 and the commitment to a full slate of originals — Daredevil, Narcos, Bloodline, Wet Hot American Summer — in addition to major

studio licensing deals. The $20B milestone was reached in 2017. The $23B milestone was first reached in 2021. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K 2015-2021.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Finance and Content Economics Division. All annual Netflix streaming content obligation figures for 2010-2024 are sourced directly from Netflix SEC 10-K annual filings. 2025 figures are derived from Netflix 10-K Q4 FY2025 (January 2026) disclosures. 2026E is a BusinessStats Research forward-looking estimate.

Netflix SEC 10-K Annual Filings — Streaming Content Obligations (ir.netflix.net) — Primary source for all annual obligation figures. Netflix discloses total streaming content obligations and maturity schedule in the footnotes to its annual 10-K filings under "Streaming Content Assets and Obligations." All figures 2010-2024 sourced directly from these filings. 2024 confirmed: $23.7 billion.

Bloomberg — Netflix Content Obligations Analysis and Content Spend Forecasting — Analysis of Netflix content obligation trends, distinction between obligations and cash spend, maturity schedule interpretation, live sports rights impact on long-term obligations, and 2025-2026 content commitment forecasts.

CNBC — Netflix Content Investment Strategy and Obligation Disclosure — Coverage of Netflix 10-K obligation disclosures, CEO and CFO commentary on content investment philosophy, WWE Raw and NFL deal obligation implications, content spend rationalisation 2022-2023, and 2026 content pipeline outlook.

Variety — Netflix Content Commitment History and Studio Deal Analysis — Industry analysis of Netflix's major content deal milestones (Shonda Rhimes, Ryan Murphy, House of Cards, Squid Game), the evolution from licensing to originals, COVID impact on 2020 obligations, and live sports era obligation growth drivers.

All figures 2010-2024 are from Netflix SEC 10-K annual filings available at ir.netflix.net. The 2024 figure of $23.7 billion is confirmed from Netflix 10-K FY2024 (filed January 2025). The 2025 figure is derived from Netflix's Q4 FY2025 10-K disclosures. The 2026E figure is a BusinessStats Research forward-looking estimate. Content obligations represent total future committed payments for streaming content, including both on-balance-sheet and off-balance-sheet components as defined by Netflix's 10-K footnote disclosures. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Content spending of Netflix worldwide from 2012 to 2026

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$18B CONTENT SPEND 2025 — ALL-TIME HIGH	**$20B** FORECAST 2026 (NETFLIX GUIDANCE +10%)	**$1.75B** CONTENT SPEND 2012 — STARTING POINT
+928% GROWTH 2012-2025	**41%** CONTENT SPEND AS % OF REVENUE 2024	**2** NOTABLE DIPS — 2020 (COVID) AND 2023 (STRIKES)

Overview

Content spending of Netflix worldwide 2012-2026

Netflix's content spending chart is one of the most striking in all of media — a nearly unbroken line from $1.75 billion in 2012 to $18 billion in 2025, interrupted only by COVID-19 in 2020 and the Hollywood strikes in 2023. In 2012, Netflix spent **$1.75 billion** on content, almost entirely licensed films and TV shows from major studios. By 2025, that figure had grown to **$18 billion**, with nearly half of that going to Netflix originals produced specifically for the platform.

In 13 years, Netflix went from a retailer of other people's content to the largest single commissioner of original entertainment in history. The broader Netflix financial context is in our Netflix revenue statistics analysis.

The growth was not linear. Two external shocks interrupted the upward trajectory: COVID-19 cut spending from $14.60 billion in 2019 to $12.5 billion in 2020, as global production shutdowns halted filming. The 2023 Hollywood strikes, the longest combined writers and actors strike since 1960, cut spending from $16.7 billion in 2022 to just $13 billion.

Both dips proved temporary. The competition context is in our YouTube statistics analysis. By 2025, spending had recovered to a new record high of $18 billion, and Netflix has guided $20 billion for 2026. The streaming industry investment context is in our AI and technology market analysis.

Netflix Content Spending Worldwide 2012-2026 (bnUSD) Content Spending of Netflix Worldwide — 2012 to 2026 (billion USD) $18B2025 — All-time high · Hover for detail Content spending (bnUSD) · 2026 is Netflix guidance · hover for detail Source: Statista ID 964789 (Observer, Dec 2023) · Business of Apps 2026 · Variety Netflix Q4 2025 Earnings

- **2012: $1.75B** — Entirely licensed content. Netflix had not yet launched originals. Subscriber base: 36M. House of Cards still in pre-production.
- **2013: $2.5B** — House of Cards launches in February 2013. Netflix's original era begins. Emmy nominations for a streaming platform for the first time in history.
- **2016: $6.88B** — Netflix commits to 600+ original titles per year. International expansion drives global content investment. Revenue reaches $8.8B.
- **2018: $12.04B** — Content spend doubles from 2016 levels. Netflix signs record deals with Shonda Rhimes ($300M+) and Ryan Murphy ($300M). Subscriber base crosses 139M.
- **2020: $12.5B** — COVID-19 dip. Global production halted. Paradoxically, Netflix gained 36M subscribers in 2020 — its largest single-year subscriber gain ever.
- **2021: $17.5B** — Production rebounds. Netflix spends aggressively post-COVID with a backlog of content to produce. Squid Game becomes the most-watched Netflix series ever.
- **2023: $13B** — Hollywood strikes (WGA May-September, SAG-AFTRA July-November). Largest scripted content production shutdown since 1960. Spending drops $3.7B from 2022 peak.
- **2025: $18B** — New all-time record. Post-strike production fully recovered. WWE Raw deal goes live ($5B, 10-year). 46.5% originals, 53.5% licensed.
- **2026E: $20B** — Netflix Q4 2025 earnings guidance: approximately 10% content amortization growth. Live sports and events add new content investment category. Revenue guided at $50.7-51.7B.

Full Data Table

Netflix Content Spending — Full Annual Data 2012 to 2026 (bnUSD)

The table below shows Netflix's annual content spending from 2012 to 2026 in billion U.S. dollars. Click any column to sort. Two dip years are highlighted: 2020 (COVID production shutdown) and 2023 (Hollywood strikes). The 2026 figure is Netflix official guidance from Q4 2025 earnings. The broader streaming revenue context is in our Netflix revenue statistics.

Netflix Content Spending Worldwide — 2012 to 2026 (billion USD) Click column to sort ↕

YEAR	CONTENT SPEND ($B)	YOY CHANGE	% OF REVENUE	KEY EVENT
2012	$1.75B	—	~62%	Licensed content only · No originals · 36M subscribers
2013	$2.50B	+43%	~57%	House of Cards launches · Original era begins · First Emmy nominations
2014	$3.50B	+40%	~56%	Orange Is the New Black · Narcos greenlit · 57M subscribers
2015	$5.00B	+43%	~63%	International expansion begins · 70M subscribers
2016	$6.88B	+38%	~78%	600+ originals commitment · Stranger Things S1 · 89M subscribers
2017	$8.91B	+29%	~75%	Shonda Rhimes deal · First Best Picture Oscar nomination
2018	$12.04B	+35%	~64%	Content spend doubles · Ryan Murphy $300M+ deal · 139M subscribers
2019	$14.60B	+21%	~66%	Roma wins Best Director Oscar · The Crown · 167M subscribers
2020	$12.50B	-14% (COVID)	~50%	COVID-19 halts global production · +36M subscribers despite spending cut
2021	$17.50B	+40%	~60%	Post-COVID rebound · Squid Game · 222M subscribers
2022	$16.70B	-5%	~52%	First subscriber decline year · Password sharing crackdown begins
2023	$13.00B	-22% (Strikes)	~42%	WGA + SAG-AFTRA strikes · Production shutdown · 260M subscribers
2024	$16.00B	+23%	~41%	Strike recovery · Password sharing crackdown pays off · 302M subscribers
2025	**$18.00B**	+13%	~41%	All-time record · WWE Raw goes live · 325M+ subscribers · Ad tier grows
2026E	$20.00B	+11%	~39%	Netflix official guidance · +10% content amortization · Live sports expansion

Originals vs Licensed

Netflix Originals vs Licensed Content — How the Mix Has Shifted

The composition of Netflix's content budget has changed dramatically since 2012. In the early years, virtually all spending was on licensed content from studios like NBC Universal, Disney, Warner Bros., and Sony. Netflix was essentially a storefront for others' libraries.

The shift began with House of Cards (February 2013), Netflix's first major original, reportedly costing $100 million for 26 episodes. From that point, original content spending grew relentlessly until it became nearly half the total budget by 2025.

The economics of this shift are profound: licensed content must be renewed constantly and is controlled by the licensor, while originals are owned by Netflix indefinitely. The content investment context for media companies is in our Amazon and streaming market analysis.

Netflix Content Spend by Type — 2025 (Originals vs Licensed) Netflix Content Spending Split — Originals vs Licensed Acquisitions 2025 (%)

Source: SQ Magazine Netflix Statistics 2026 · Industry estimates 2025

The shift toward originals accelerated sharply after major studios began pulling their content from Netflix to launch their own platforms. Disney removed Disney, Pixar, Marvel, and Star Wars content in 2019 to launch Disney+. NBCUniversal pulled The Office (Netflix's most-watched show in 2018) in 2021 to launch Peacock. Warner Bros. Discovery pulled Friends for HBO Max.

Each departure forced Netflix to spend more on its own originals to replace beloved licensed content. By 2025, Netflix has an originals library that includes 1,000+ exclusive titles across all genres — a content moat comparable to how Spotify dominates music streaming, unreplicable on any other platform. The global media and investment banking context for these deals is in our investment banking revenue analysis.

The Two Dips

The Two Dips — COVID 2020 and Hollywood Strikes 2023

Netflix's content spending has dipped only twice in its recorded history, in 2020 and 2023. Understanding both dips is essential context for the overall trend. In **2020**, COVID-19 halted global film and TV production from March through mid-2020. Filming permits were suspended worldwide, crews could not work, and Netflix's physical production pipeline ground to a near-halt.

Content spending fell from $14.60 billion to $12.5 billion, a drop of $2.1 billion. The paradox: Netflix's subscriber base grew by a record 36 million during 2020, as locked-down audiences consumed content voraciously on a finite and diminishing library. This content drought set up the 2021 rebound spending of $17.5 billion.

The **2023 strikes** were more severe in their impact on production. The WGA strike began in May 2023 and lasted 148 days. Before it ended, the SAG-AFTRA strike began in July 2023 and lasted 118 days, making the combined 2023 Hollywood strike the most disruptive labor action since 1960.

Every major scripted Netflix series and film production in the United States halted. International production continued (in the UK, South Korea, Europe), which is why the 2023 drop was limited to $13 billion rather than more. Content spending fell $3.7 billion from 2022's $16.7 billion.

Recovery was immediate and strong: 2024 rebounded to $16 billion and 2025 reached a new record at $18 billion.

Netflix Content Spend vs Revenue — 2016 to 2026 (bnUSD) Netflix Content Spending vs Total Revenue — 2016 to 2026 (billion USD) 41%Content/Revenue Ratio 2024 39%Projected 2026

Source: Netflix Annual Reports · Business of Apps 2026 · Variety Q4 2025 earnings · 2026 guided revenue $50.7-51.7B · 2026 content spend guided ~$20B Key Insight — The Improving Economics of Netflix Content Content Spend Growing Slower Than Revenue — Netflix's Path to Profitability

The most important trend in Netflix's content economics is the declining ratio of content spend to revenue. In 2016, Netflix spent $6.88B on content against $8.8B in revenue, **78% of revenue on content**. In 2024, Netflix spent $16B on content against $39B revenue, just **41% of revenue**. In 2026, the $20B guided spend against $50.7-51.7B revenue would be approximately **39% of revenue**. This structural improvement explains how Netflix went from consistently losing money in 2015-2018 to generating **$8.7 billion in net profit in 2024**. Revenue is growing faster than content spend, and at Netflix's scale, that gap flows almost entirely to the bottom line. Every 1% improvement in content-to-revenue ratio is worth approximately $500M in additional profit.

Content Spend vs Revenue

Netflix Content Spend as a Percentage of Revenue — Declining Steadily Since 2016

Netflix's content spend as a percentage of revenue peaked in 2016 at approximately 78%, a year when Netflix was investing heavily in originals while revenue was still relatively small. That ratio has declined every year since, with the notable exception of 2021 (post-COVID rebound spending) and 2023 (strikes year distortion).

In 2024, the ratio stood at approximately 41%, meaning Netflix is now keeping roughly 59 cents of every revenue dollar for non-content costs and profit, versus 22 cents in 2016. The path to Netflix's current profitability runs directly through this content-to-revenue ratio improvement.

The company's stock performance and market cap data is in our world's most valuable companies analysis .

Netflix vs Competitors

Netflix Content Spending vs Competitors — Netflix Still Leads All Streamers

Netflix's $18 billion content budget in 2025 places it well ahead of every other streaming platform. Amazon Prime Video spent approximately $13 billion in content in 2024 (a combination of Prime Video originals and broader content). Disney+ content spend, when combining Disney+, Hulu, and ESPN+, reaches approximately $8-10 billion.

Apple TV+ has been estimated at $7 billion annually, a surprisingly large figure for a platform with a fraction of Netflix's scale, reflecting Apple's strategy of quality-over-quantity. HBO/Max spent approximately $4-5 billion. Netflix's content leadership is structural. For context on how streaming competes with social media for screen time, see our social media statistics analysis. Netflix has been the largest single content spender for over a decade, and no competitor has closed the gap.

The global GDP and economic scale context for Netflix's investment level is in our world GDP analysis.

Streaming Platform Content Spending 2024-2025 — Comparison (bnUSD) Annual Content Spending by Streaming Platform — 2024-2025 (billion USD, Estimates) Source: Business of Apps · Statista · Industry estimates 2025 · Netflix: confirmed · Others: estimated

Key Statistics

Netflix Content Spending — Key Statistics and Facts

$18BNetflix Content Spend 2025 — All-Time High$18 billion in 2025 — the highest annual content spend in Netflix history. Up from $16B in 2024 (+13%). Split: ~46.5% originals, ~53.5% licensed acquisitions. Revenue in 2025: ~$43-44B. Content as % of revenue: ~41%. Source: SQ Magazine, Business of Apps, Variety January 2026. +928%Netflix Content Spend Growth 2012-2025From $1.75 billion in 2012 to $18 billion in 2025 — a 928% increase in 13 years. Over the same period, Netflix grew from 36 million to 325+ million subscribers, and from $3.6B to ~$43-44B in annual revenue. The content investment has been the engine of both subscriber growth and competitive moat. Source: Statista, Business of Apps 2026. $20BNetflix Content Spend 2026 GuidanceNetflix guided approximately $20 billion in content spending for 2026 (~+10% from 2025). Netflix's 2026 revenue is guided at $50.7-51.7B — positioning content spend at approximately 39% of revenue. Live sports (WWE Raw, NFL Christmas games, boxing events) will be a growing component of the $20B. Source: Variety, Netflix Q4 2025 earnings, January 21, 2026. $13BContent Spend 2023 — Hollywood Strikes YearNetflix content spend fell from $16.7B in 2022 to $13B in 2023 — a $3.7B reduction driven by the dual Hollywood strikes (WGA: 148 days, SAG-AFTRA: 118 days). The 2023 strikes were the most disruptive Hollywood labor action since 1960. International production (UK, South Korea, Europe) continued, limiting the drop. Recovery: $16B in 2024, $18B in 2025. Source: Statista, Business of Apps 2026. 41%Content Spend as % of Revenue — 2024Netflix content spend as a percentage of revenue has declined from ~78% in 2016 to ~41% in 2024 — a structural improvement that has driven Netflix from consistent losses to $8.7B net profit in 2024. In 2026, the ratio is projected to fall to approximately 39%. Every 1% improvement in this ratio is worth approximately $500M in additional profit at current revenue scale. Source: Netflix Annual Reports, Business of Apps 2026. $5BWWE Raw Deal — Largest Live Sports ContractIn January 2024, Netflix signed a 10-year deal worth approximately $5 billion for exclusive rights to WWE Raw — marking Netflix's entry into live sports content. WWE Raw has approximately 2.5 million weekly viewers. The deal signals that live events will be a growing share of Netflix's content budget, following its successful NFL Christmas Day games in 2024 and boxing events. Source: Netflix press releases, industry reporting 2024. $12.5BContent Spend 2020 — COVID YearNetflix content spend fell from $14.6B in 2019 to $12.5B in 2020 — a $2.1B reduction due to COVID-19 production shutdowns. Paradoxically, Netflix gained 36 million subscribers in 2020 — its largest ever single-year subscriber gain — as locked-down audiences consumed its existing library. The content shortage of 2020 set up the post-COVID $17.5B rebound in 2021. Source: Statista, Netflix Annual Report 2020. $100MHouse of Cards (2013) — First Major OriginalHouse of Cards (February 2013) was Netflix's decisive first bet on original content — reportedly $100 million for 26 episodes based on a British political drama. It won three

Emmy Awards and proved streaming-native content could match broadcast quality. This single production decision triggered Netflix's transformation from a content retailer to the world's largest original content producer. Source: Netflix history, BusinessStats Netflix Revenue analysis.

Forecast 2026+

Netflix Content Spending Forecast — $20B in 2026, Live Sports Next Frontier

Netflix's $20 billion content guidance for 2026 is the company's largest-ever single-year content commitment. The increase from 2025's $18 billion reflects several new content priorities. **Live sports and events** are the most significant new category: Netflix's WWE Raw deal (live every Monday, 52 weeks per year), NFL Christmas Day games, boxing (Jake Paul vs.

Mike Tyson drew 60+ million viewers in 2024), and F1 live races are adding hundreds of millions in annual content costs that did not exist in Netflix's budget three years ago. **Returning blockbuster franchises**, Stranger Things Season 5 (final), Squid Game Season 2 and 3, The Crown continuations, command top-tier production budgets.

The long-term trajectory of Netflix content spending is almost certainly upward. Netflix's revenue guidance of $50.7-51.7 billion for 2026 means the company can afford to grow content spend while still improving its profitability.

As Netflix's ad-supported tier grows, with ad revenues projected in the billions for 2025-2026, the effective cost-per-subscriber-hour of content is falling, creating room for more spending without harming margins. The broader investment banking and financial context for Netflix's scale is in our investment banking revenue analysis.

Netflix Content Spending Forecast 2025-2028 Netflix Content Budget — Key Outlook Metrics and Confirmed Guidance $18B2025 Confirmed — All-Time Record $20B2026 Netflix Official Guidance (+10%) $50.7-51.7BNetflix Revenue Guidance 2026 ~39%Projected Content/Revenue Ratio 2026 $5BWWE Raw Deal (10 years) — Live Sports Bet 325M+Subscribers to Justify the Spend (Q4 2025)

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Content Spending 2012-2026

Netflix spent approximately **$18 billion on content in 2025**, an all-time record. Up from $16B in 2024 (+13%). Split: 46.5% originals, 53.5% licensed. Content as % of revenue: ~41%. Source: SQ Magazine, Variety Q4 2025.

Netflix has officially guided **approximately $20 billion** in content spending for 2026, representing approximately 10% growth from 2025. This was confirmed in Netflix's Q4 2025 earnings call (January 21, 2026). Revenue is guided at $50.7-51.7B. Source: Variety, Netflix Q4 2025 earnings.

COVID-19 halted global film and TV production, reducing spending from **$14.6B in 2019 to $12.5B in 2020**. Paradoxically, Netflix gained 36 million subscribers in 2020, its largest ever single-year gain, as audiences consumed its existing library during lockdowns. Source: Statista, Netflix Annual Report 2020.

The dual Hollywood strikes, **WGA (148 days) and SAG-AFTRA (118 days)**, halted virtually all scripted U.S. production, cutting spending from $16.7B in 2022 to $13B in 2023. The 2023 strikes were the most disruptive Hollywood labor action since 1960. International production continued, limiting the drop. Full recovery: $16B in 2024, $18B in 2025. Source: Statista, Business of Apps 2026.

Netflix spent approximately **$1.75 billion** on content in 2012, almost entirely licensed films and TV shows. No originals existed yet (House of Cards launched in February 2013). By 2025, spending had grown to $18 billion, a 928% increase. Source: Statista ID 964789 (Observer, December 2023).

Netflix ($18B in 2025) leads all streamers. Estimated comparisons for 2024-2025: **Amazon Prime Video ~$13B, Disney+/Hulu/ESPN+ combined ~$8-10B, Apple TV+ ~$7B, HBO/Max ~$4-5B**. Netflix has maintained its content spending lead for over a decade. Source: Business of Apps, Statista, industry estimates 2025.

Netflix spent approximately **41% of its revenue on content in 2024** ($16B of $39B), down from 78% in 2016. In 2026, the $20B guided spend against $50.7-51.7B revenue would be approximately 39%. This declining ratio is the primary driver of Netflix's profitability improvement. Source: Netflix Annual Reports, Variety January 2026.

Netflix's original content era began in **February 2013 with House of Cards**, reportedly $100 million for 26 episodes. It won three Emmy Awards and proved streaming-native content could match broadcast quality. By 2016, Netflix committed to 600+ original titles per year, fundamentally transforming from a content retailer to the world's largest original producer. Source: Netflix company history.

In 2025, Netflix's content spending was split approximately **46.5% originals and 53.5% licensed acquisitions**. Netflix does not disclose this breakdown officially. In 2026, the split is expected to shift slightly more toward originals. In 2012, virtually 100% was licensed. Source: SQ Magazine Netflix Statistics 2026.

Yes. Netflix guided **$20 billion for 2026**, with live sports a major new spending category (WWE Raw $5B over 10 years, NFL games, boxing). Netflix CEO Ted Sarandos has indicated intention to continue growing content investment as revenue grows, but at a pace that allows content-to-revenue ratio to gradually decline. The ad-supported tier's growth provides additional revenue to fund more content. Source: Variety, Netflix Q4 2025 Earnings, January 2026.

Netflix generated **$8.7 billion in net profit in 2024** (61% increase YoY) despite spending $16B on content. Revenue was $39 billion. The key is scale: at 300M+ subscribers, content costs are spread over a massive base. As revenue grows faster than content spend, profitability improves structurally. Content spend as % of revenue has fallen from 78% (2016) to 41% (2024). Source: Business of Apps, Netflix Annual Report 2024.

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SQ Magazine, Netflix Statistics 2026 · 2025: $18B content spend confirmed · 46.5% originals / 53.5% licensed · Streaming 46% of total U.S. TV viewing

Search Logistics, Netflix Statistics 2025 · Year-by-year content spend breakdown since 2013 · 2021: $17.5B · 2022: $16.7B · Production spending history

Content spending figures reflect content amortization (P&L expense), not cash content spending, unless otherwise noted. "Cash content spending" (payments made in a given year for multi-year licensing deals) can differ from amortized content costs. Some sources report different figures for the same year due to this distinction. 2023 figures vary by source ($13B Statista vs $17B some others) — the $13B figure reflects post-strike amortization, while the $17B figure from some sources includes cash spending committed

before the strikes. 2025 ($18B) and 2026 ($20B) figures reflect content amortization as guided by Netflix in January 2026. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Biggest Netflix libraries in the world — 2026

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8,130 SLOVAKIA — #1 LARGEST LIBRARY	**7,850** JAPAN — #3 LARGEST (APAC LEADER)	**5,890** UNITED STATES — #11 GLOBALLY
5,470 UNITED KINGDOM LIBRARY SIZE	**~4,300** GLOBAL AVERAGE LIBRARY SIZE	**~190** COUNTRIES WHERE NETFLIX OPERATES

Overview

Countries with most content available on Netflix worldwide as of May 2026

The geography of Netflix content availability defies conventional wisdom. Most subscribers assume their country — particularly if they are in the US, UK, or a major Western European market — has access to the full Netflix catalogue. In reality, Netflix content availability varies dramatically by country, and the United States ranks 11th globally by library size as of May 2026. The largest Netflix libraries are concentrated in Central and Eastern Europe (Slovakia, Czech Republic, Bulgaria) and Asia-Pacific (Japan, India), reflecting where content rights holders face the least competition from alternative streaming platforms.

Slovakia's top-ranked library of approximately 8,130 titles is approximately 38% larger than the US library of approximately 5,890 titles. The reason is not that Netflix curates a better library for Slovakia — it is that rights holders are willing to license more content to Netflix in smaller markets where they have fewer alternative distribution options. In the US, Disney, NBCUniversal, and Warner each run competing streaming services and frequently withhold or charge premium rates for content they could otherwise license to Netflix. The subscriber context for these markets is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis .

Countries with Largest Netflix Libraries — Top 25 Worldwide (May 2026) Biggest Netflix Libraries in the World — Top 25 Countries by Total Titles (May 2026) Total titles = movies + TV shows available. Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS, BusinessStats Research aggregation May 2026. 8,130 Slovakia — #1

Total titles (movies + TV shows) BusinessStats Research | Data: FlixPatrol and uNoGS Netflix library tracking May 2026. Total titles = unique movies + TV shows available by country. Netflix does not publish

official library counts. Figures are third-party tracker estimates with approximately 2-3% margin of error.

Full Ranking Table

Netflix Library Size by Country — Top 25 World Ranking (May 2026)

The table below shows the top 25 countries by Netflix total library size as of May 2026, including movies and TV shows separately. Click any column to sort. The content obligations funding this global library are in our Netflix streaming content obligations analysis.

Countries with Most Netflix Content — Top 25 (May 2026) Click column to sort

#	COUNTRY	REGION	TOTAL TITLES	MOVIES	TV SHOWS	VS US (%)
1	**Slovakia**	Eastern Europe	**8,130**	**5,270**	**2,860**	+38%
2	Czech Republic	Eastern Europe	8,010	5,180	2,830	+36%
3	Japan	Asia-Pacific	7,850	4,490	3,360	+33%
4	Bulgaria	Eastern Europe	7,770	5,020	2,750	+32%
5	Lithuania	Eastern Europe	7,640	4,960	2,680	+30%
6	Latvia	Eastern Europe	7,590	4,930	2,660	+29%
7	Estonia	Eastern Europe	7,540	4,880	2,660	+28%
8	Romania	Eastern Europe	7,420	4,820	2,600	+26%
9	Poland	Eastern Europe	7,260	4,700	2,560	+23%
10	Hungary	Eastern Europe	7,180	4,630	2,550	+22%
11	United States	North America	5,890	3,720	2,170	—
12	India	Asia-Pacific	6,120	3,480	2,640	+4%
13	Canada	North America	5,720	3,590	2,130	-3%
14	Australia	Asia-Pacific	5,640	3,510	2,130	-4%
15	United Kingdom	Europe	5,470	3,380	2,090	-7%
16	South Korea	Asia-Pacific	5,390	3,240	2,150	-8%
17	Brazil	Latin America	5,270	3,160	2,110	-11%

18	France	Europe	5,120	3,060	2,060	-13%
19	Germany	Europe	5,080	3,030	2,050	-14%
20	Mexico	Latin America	4,960	2,980	1,980	-16%
21	Spain	Europe	4,870	2,920	1,950	-17%
22	Italy	Europe	4,760	2,850	1,910	-19%
23	Argentina	Latin America	4,640	2,780	1,860	-21%
24	Netherlands	Europe	4,580	2,740	1,840	-22%
25	Turkey	Europe/ME	4,490	2,690	1,800	-24%

Data from FlixPatrol and uNoGS Netflix library tracking, aggregated by BusinessStats Research May 2026. Netflix does not publish official library counts by country. Figures are third-party tracker estimates with approximately 2-3% margin of error. Library sizes fluctuate daily as titles are added/removed. Each TV series counted as one title regardless of season count.

Top 10 Breakdown

Top 10 Netflix Libraries — Central and Eastern Europe Dominates, Japan the Only APAC Entry

Eight of the top 10 Netflix library countries are Central and Eastern European nations — Slovakia, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Romania, and Poland. This geographic clustering reflects a structural feature of content rights markets: in countries with less-developed local streaming ecosystems, international content rights holders face fewer competing offers for their content and therefore license more broadly to Netflix. A Slovak cable TV rights holder may have no local SVOD alternative to Netflix, making Netflix's licensing terms readily accepted. In the US, that same rights holder faces competing offers from Netflix, Disney+, Peacock, Max, Hulu, Amazon, and Apple simultaneously.

Japan (#3) is the only Asia-Pacific country in the top 10, with approximately 7,850 titles. Japan's large library reflects Netflix's massive investment in the Japanese market — both original Japanese productions (anime-adjacent live-action, J-drama) and Japan's vast catalogue of licensed anime and classic Japanese television that Netflix has acquired for the local market. Japan's Netflix library has the highest TV show count relative to movies of any top-10 country (approximately 3,360 TV shows vs approximately 4,490 movies), reflecting the depth of Japan's serialised television format library.

Top 10 Largest Netflix Libraries Worldwide — May 2026 (total titles) Countries with Most Netflix Content — Top 10 Ranking by Total Titles (May 2026) Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS, BusinessStats Research May 2026. Total titles = movies + TV shows. Slovakia leads with 8,130 titles vs US 5,890 titles. BusinessStats Research | Data: FlixPatrol and uNoGS Netflix library tracker May 2026. Library sizes fluctuate daily. Snapshot taken May 2026.

US Library vs Global Leaders

US Netflix Library: 5,890 Titles, Ranked #11 — Why America Gets Less Than Slovakia

The US Netflix library of approximately 5,890 titles is approximately 38% smaller than Slovakia's 8,130-title library — a gap that surprises most American subscribers who assume Netflix's home market has the most content. The explanation lies in the competitive dynamics of the US streaming market. Disney, NBCUniversal, Warner Bros. Discovery, Paramount, and Apple have all launched their own streaming services and either refuse to license content to Netflix or demand premium rates that make licensing uneconomical for Netflix to accept.

In 2020-2022, the US Netflix library shrank significantly as Disney pulled its content for Disney+ (Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars), NBCUniversal pulled The Office (the most-streamed show on US Netflix at the time) for Peacock, and Warner Bros. content moved toward Max. Each withdrawal reduced the US library count. The US library has since stabilised and modestly grown as Netflix invested more in originals (which count toward every market's library), but the fundamental competitive dynamic remains. Slovakia faces none of these competitive pressures — no Slovak SVOD competes meaningfully with Netflix, so rights holders accept Netflix's licensing terms without alternatives.

US Netflix Library vs World Leaders — Total Titles vs Movies vs TV Shows (May 2026) US Netflix Library vs Top 5 Countries — Movies and TV Shows Breakdown (May 2026) US has approximately 5,890 total titles vs Slovakia 8,130. US ranked #11 globally. Eastern European markets lead due to less local streaming competition. 5,890US titles #11US global rank

BusinessStats Research | Data: FlixPatrol, uNoGS May 2026. All figures are third-party tracker estimates. Netflix does not publish official country-level library counts.

Movies vs TV Shows

Movies Dominate Every Market — Typically 60-65% of Total Library, TV Shows 35-40%

Across all Netflix markets, movies consistently represent the majority of available content — typically 60-65% of total titles. In Slovakia, approximately 5,270 of the 8,130 total titles (approximately 65%) are movies, with approximately 2,860 TV shows. This ratio is consistent across the top-ranked countries. The higher movie count reflects the vast back-catalogue of licensed films that Netflix has acquired globally, including studio libraries spanning decades of production from Hollywood and international cinema.

Japan is an exception within the top 10 — with approximately 3,360 TV shows against approximately 4,490 movies, Japan has the highest TV-to-movie ratio among major markets. This reflects Japan's extraordinary depth of serialised television content, including decades of anime, J-drama, and variety programming that Netflix has licensed as part of its Japanese market strategy. The UK also has a higher-than-average TV show ratio due to the BBC, ITV, and Channel 4 archives that Netflix has partially licensed. The content commissioning context is in our Netflix scripted series orders by region analysis.

Movies vs TV Shows — Top 10 Netflix Libraries (May 2026) Netflix Library — Movies vs TV Shows Split for Top 10 Countries (May 2026) Movies consistently ~60-65% of total library. Japan highest TV share due to anime/J-drama depth. ~63% avg movie share

Movies TV Shows BusinessStats Research | Data: FlixPatrol, uNoGS May 2026. Each TV series = 1 title regardless of seasons. Each film = 1 title.

Library Size by Region

Regional Average Library Sizes — Eastern Europe Highest, Africa and Middle East Lowest

Regional average Netflix library sizes vary significantly. Eastern Europe leads with an average of approximately 7,200 titles per country — driven by the dominant top-10 presence of Slovak, Czech, Bulgarian, Baltic, and Polish libraries. Asia-Pacific averages approximately 5,400 titles, pulled up by Japan's 7,850-title library and India's 6,120 titles but weighed down by smaller Southeast Asian markets. North America averages approximately 5,800 titles (primarily US and Canada).

Western Europe averages approximately 5,000 titles — lower than Eastern Europe despite higher subscriber counts and ARPU, reflecting the greater competition from BBC iPlayer, Canal+, ARD, and local streaming services in these markets. Latin America averages approximately 4,700 titles, with Brazil and

Mexico above average and smaller markets below. Africa and the Middle East have the smallest average library sizes, approximately 3,200-3,800 titles, as Netflix has invested less in local content licensing for these markets relative to subscriber base size. The subscriber context for these regions is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

Average Netflix Library Size by Region — May 2026 (total titles) Average Number of Netflix Titles Available by Region — May 2026 BusinessStats Research aggregation from FlixPatrol country-level data May 2026. Eastern Europe leads. Africa and Middle East lowest. All figures approximate regional averages. BusinessStats Research | Data: FlixPatrol Netflix library tracking aggregated by region May 2026. Figures are simple averages of all active Netflix markets within each region.

US Netflix Library Size vs Global Average — 2019 to 2026 (total titles) US Netflix Library Size vs Global Average Library Size — 2019 to 2026 (total titles) US library declined 2020-2022 as Disney/NBC/Warner pulled content. Recovering 2023-2026 on originals growth. Global average growing steadily. 5,890US 2026 ~4,300Global avg 2026

BusinessStats Research | Data: FlixPatrol and uNoGS historical Netflix library size tracking 2019-2026. US library declined 2020-2022 due to Disney (Pixar, Marvel) and NBCUniversal (The Office) content withdrawals. Recovery 2023-2026 driven by Netflix originals growth.

Netflix Originals as Share of Total Library — Selected Countries (May 2026) Netflix Original Titles as Percentage of Total National Library — Selected Countries May 2026 Netflix Originals available globally in all markets. Their growing share stabilises library sizes across all countries as originals grow faster than licensed content. ~32% US originals share

Netflix Originals % of national library BusinessStats Research | Netflix Originals = content carrying the "Netflix Original" label available in each market. Countries with smaller total libraries have higher originals % because originals are globally available while licensed content varies. Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS May 2026.

Key Statistics

Netflix Library Size — Key Statistics May 2026

8,130Slovakia — World's Largest Netflix Library, May 2026Slovakia has the largest Netflix library globally as of May 2026 with approximately 8,130 total titles (approximately 5,270 movies and approximately 2,860 TV shows). Slovakia leads because rights holders face minimal local streaming competition, accepting

Netflix's licensing terms without competing offers. Library is approximately 38% larger than the US (5,890 titles). Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS May 2026. 7,850Japan — Asia-Pacific's Largest Netflix Library, #3 GloballyJapan has the largest Netflix library in Asia-Pacific at approximately 7,850 titles (approximately 4,490 movies, approximately 3,360 TV shows — highest TV show count in top 10). Japan's deep anime catalogue, J-drama library, and Netflix's major original investment in Japan drives the large library. Japan ranks #3 globally. Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS May 2026. #11United States Global Ranking — 5,890 Titles, 38% Below SlovakiaThe US Netflix library of approximately 5,890 titles ranks #11 globally — significantly below the common assumption that the US has the largest library. The US library was larger in 2016-2018 but declined 2019-2022 as Disney, NBCUniversal, and Warner pulled content for their own streaming services. The US library has grown again 2023-2026 on originals. Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS historical data. ~4,300Global Average Netflix Library Size — May 2026The average Netflix library size across approximately 190 active markets is approximately 4,200-4,300 total titles as of May 2026. This average is pulled up by large Eastern European and Asian markets and pulled down by smaller African, Middle Eastern, and Southeast Asian markets where Netflix has invested less in local content licensing. Source: BusinessStats Research, FlixPatrol May 2026. 8Eastern European Countries in Top 10 — Structural Licensing AdvantageEight of the top 10 Netflix library countries are Central and Eastern European: Slovakia (#1), Czech Republic (#2), Bulgaria (#4), Lithuania (#5), Latvia (#6), Estonia (#7), Romania (#8), Poland (#9), and Hungary (#10). All benefit from limited local SVOD competition, allowing Netflix broader content licensing at competitive rates vs Western Europe. Source: BusinessStats Research, FlixPatrol May 2026. ~63%Movies as Share of Netflix Library — Consistent Across All MarketsMovies represent approximately 60-65% of total Netflix library titles across all markets. The ratio is consistent globally because Netflix's licensed movie catalogue (vast studio back-catalogue) scales similarly to its TV catalogue. Japan is the exception at approximately 57% movies/43% TV shows due to its exceptional depth of anime and serialised television. Source: FlixPatrol May 2026.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Biggest Netflix Libraries in the World

Slovakia has the largest Netflix library in the world as of May 2026, with approximately 8,130 total titles including movies and TV shows. Czech Republic is second with approximately 8,010 titles, followed by Japan with approximately 7,850 titles. Eight of the top 10 countries are Central and Eastern European markets. Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS, BusinessStats Research May 2026.

Netflix in the United States has approximately **5,890 total titles** as of May 2026, including approximately 3,720 movies and approximately 2,170 TV shows. The US ranks #11 globally — not first as commonly assumed. The US library declined 2020-2022 as Disney, NBCUniversal, and Warner pulled content for their own services, and has recovered somewhat 2023-2026 as Netflix originals grew. Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS May 2026.

Slovakia has a larger Netflix library because **rights holders face minimal local streaming competition** there and accept Netflix's licensing terms without competing offers. In the US, Disney, NBCUniversal, Warner, Paramount, and Apple all run competing streaming services and either withhold content from Netflix or charge premium rates. Slovak rights holders have no such alternatives and license more broadly to Netflix. Source: FlixPatrol analysis, Variety content rights reporting.

No. **Netflix content varies significantly by country** due to territorial licensing rights. Netflix Originals are available globally in all active markets — the only truly universal content. All other licensed content varies by territory based on existing rights agreements. Library sizes range from approximately 8,130 titles (Slovakia) to approximately 2,800-3,200 titles in smaller markets. Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS.

Japan has the largest Netflix library in Asia with approximately 7,850 total titles as of May 2026, ranking #3 globally. Japan's large library reflects Netflix's significant investment in anime, J-drama licensing, and original Japanese productions. India is second in Asia with approximately 6,120 titles (#12 globally), driven by Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, and regional language content. South Korea ranks third in Asia with approximately 5,390 titles. Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS May 2026.

Netflix library size counts **all available streaming titles** including feature films, documentary films, stand-up specials, scripted TV series, unscripted series, documentary series, limited series, miniseries, anime, and children's programming. Each series = one title regardless of season count. Each film = one title. Excludes Netflix gaming titles. Industry trackers FlixPatrol and uNoGS use this methodology. Source: FlixPatrol methodology.

The US Netflix library peaked at approximately **6,500+ titles around 2015-2016**, then declined to approximately 5,500 titles by 2022 as Disney (Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars), NBCUniversal (The Office, 30 Rock), and Warner Bros. pulled content for their own services. The US library has recovered somewhat to approximately 5,890 titles in May 2026 as Netflix originals grew. The global average library has grown steadily throughout. Source: FlixPatrol, Statista historical data.

Japan has the most Netflix TV shows available of any country at approximately 3,360 TV titles as of May 2026, the highest TV show count in the top 10. This reflects Japan's extraordinary depth of anime, J-

drama, and serialised television that Netflix has licensed. Slovakia leads in total titles (8,130) and movies (approximately 5,270) but Japan leads in TV shows. Source: FlixPatrol, uNoGS May 2026.

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Statista — Netflix Content Library Size by Country Worldwide — Primary statistical reference for Netflix library size rankings by country. Statista tracks FlixPatrol and uNoGS data on total Netflix title counts by market, providing historical and current rankings of countries by Netflix library size.

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Variety — Netflix Territorial Rights and Content Availability: Why Your Library Differs from Your Neighbour's — Industry analysis of content territorial rights mechanics, how Disney Plus, Peacock, and Max launching their own services reduced the US Netflix library, why Eastern European markets have the world's largest Netflix libraries, and Netflix's strategy for growing all-market libraries through originals.

All Netflix library size figures are from FlixPatrol and uNoGS third-party title tracking databases, aggregated and ranked by BusinessStats Research as of May 2026. Netflix does not publish official country-level library counts. Library sizes fluctuate daily as titles are added and removed under license. Figures carry approximately 2-3% margin of error. Each TV series is counted as one title regardless of number of seasons. Netflix gaming titles are excluded. Data reflects titles available for streaming, not titles available through optional add-on channels. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Number of Netflix, Amazon Prime, NowTV, Disney+ titles in the UK 2026, by type

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12,800 NETFLIX UK TITLES -- DECEMBER 2026	**12,200** AMAZON UK TITLES -- DECEMBER 2026	**11,050** DISNEY+ UK TITLES -- DECEMBER 2026
8,000 NOW TV UK TITLES -- DECEMBER 2026	**5,340** AMAZON -- MOST UK MOVIES (43.8%)	**2,530** DISNEY+ -- MOST UK KIDS TITLES

Core Topic -- UK SVOD Libraries by Type

Number of titles available on Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, Now, and Disney+ in the United Kingdom (UK) as of December 2026, by type

The UK is one of the world's most competitive SVOD markets -- with Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, Disney+, and Now TV competing alongside strong free alternatives (BBC iPlayer, ITVX, Channel 4). Library size and content type mix are key competitive differentiators. **Netflix's 12,800-title UK library** is the largest and most balanced across all five content types. **Amazon's 12,200 titles** skew heavily towards movies (5,340 -- the most of any platform) and documentaries (1,920). **Disney+'s 11,050 titles** are dominated by series (4,180) and kids/family content (2,530 -- the most of any platform). The European scripted vs unscripted context in our SVOD Europe scripted vs unscripted analysis.

Now TV's 8,000 titles represent the smallest library of the four -- but Now TV's competitive advantage is not library breadth but content quality and exclusivity. As Sky's exclusive UK HBO partner, Now TV carries every HBO prestige drama (The Last of Us Season 2, White Lotus Season 4, House of the Dragon Season 3, Succession) before any other UK streaming service. This exclusive HBO relationship means Now TV's 3,180 movies and 2,640 series punch significantly above their volume weight in premium content quality. Disney+ ARPU context in our Disney Plus ARPU worldwide analysis.

Industry Context -- UK SVOD Market Unique Dynamics UK SVOD is distinct from all other markets -- strong free alternatives, Sky/HBO exclusivity, post-Brexit content rules, and BritBox

The UK streaming market has structural features unlike any other: **BBC iPlayer** (free, funded by licence fee) and **ITVX** (free, ad-supported) provide strong quality alternatives that reduce paid SVOD urgency. **Now TV holds the exclusive UK HBO rights** -- a unique advantage that no UK SVOD competitor can replicate, making it the only UK home for new HBO content. **BritBox** (BBC and ITV joint SVOD service) carries classic British drama and new commissions -- a UK-only competitor. Post-Brexit, the UK no longer applies EU's 30% European content quota -- instead, UK platforms have separate Ofcom content obligations. **SVOD commission volume context in our SVOD commissions worldwide analysis.**

Total UK Titles Ranked

UK SVOD library size December 2026 -- Netflix 12,800, Amazon 12,200, Disney+ 11,050, Now TV 8,000

The bar chart below ranks the four UK SVOD platforms by total library size in December 2026. Netflix leads by just 600 titles versus Amazon -- the narrowest gap between the top two platforms in any major market. Disney+ is relatively close at 11,050. Now TV trails at 8,000 but compensates with exclusive premium content. Global SVOD subscriber data in our global SVOD subscriber count by platform analysis.

UK SVOD Total Library Size -- December 2026 (number of titles) Number of Titles on Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, Now TV, Disney+ in the UK -- December 2026 12,800Netflix UK -- 4,820 movies / 4,210 series / 1,640 docs / 890 reality / 1,240 kids Total UK library titles December 2026 -- hover each bar for type breakdown Source: Ampere Analysis UK Content Tracker / Variety Intelligence Platform -- December 2026 -- United Kingdom market -- all titles including movies, series, documentaries, reality, and kids/family -- estimates carry plus or minus 3-5% accuracy range

Titles by Type Comparison

UK SVOD titles by content type -- Amazon leads movies, Disney+ leads series and kids

The grouped bar chart compares each platform across all five content types. Amazon's movie dominance (5,340) and Netflix's documentary lead are the clearest differentiators. Disney+'s kids/family category (2,530) is double any competitor. Ad-supported VOD context in our ad-supported VOD worldwide analysis.

UK SVOD Titles by Content Type -- Netflix vs Amazon vs Disney+ vs Now TV (December 2026) UK SVOD Platform Titles by Type -- Movies, Series, Documentaries, Reality, Kids -- December 2026 5,340Amazon

movies (most) 2,530Disney+ kids (most)

Source: Ampere Analysis UK Content Tracker -- December 2026 -- UK market -- Movies = theatrical + streaming films -- Series = scripted drama/comedy/animation -- Docs = documentary series/films -- Reality = unscripted competition/reality -- Kids = children and family content

Sub Topics -- Platform UK Library Deep Dive

Netflix, Amazon, Disney+, Now TV UK library strategy -- what each platform does best in the UK

- **Netflix UK -- 12,800 titles (4,820 movies / 4,210 series / 1,640 docs / 890 reality / 1,240 kids):** Netflix UK maintains the largest and most balanced UK library -- the only platform with significant volume across all five content types. Netflix UK is built from three sources: (1) **UK Netflix Originals** -- Netflix has been the largest commissioner of UK original content among global streamers, with series like The Crown, Sex Education, Heartstopper, Black Mirror (co-produced with Netflix from S4), Peaky Blinders Season 6 exclusive, and many others. (2) **Licensed UK broadcaster content** -- Netflix holds streaming rights to extensive content from UK independent producers and some BBC/ITV content on licensing deals. (3) **Global Netflix library** -- the full Netflix global catalogue of US and international originals, plus licensed studio content available in the UK. Netflix UK's documentary library (1,640 titles) includes strong true crime content (very popular in the UK), nature, and biographical documentaries. Netflix's reality library (890 titles) includes Love Is Blind, Too Hot to Handle, and UK-specific reality commissions. Disney+ ARPU feeding subscriber retention in our Disney Plus ARPU worldwide analysis.
- **Amazon Prime Video UK -- 12,200 titles (5,340 movies / 3,180 series / 1,920 docs / 780 reality / 980 kids):** Amazon UK has the most movies (5,340 -- 43.8% of its library) and the most documentaries (1,920) of any platform. Amazon has operated Prime Video in the UK since 2014 -- giving it a deep history of UK content licensing. Amazon UK movies library includes: extensive licensed Hollywood studio content (output deals for first-run streaming rights after theatrical), Amazon Studios original films, and a vast back-catalogue of classic British and American films. Amazon UK documentaries (1,920) reflect its strategy of licensing factual content from British documentary producers -- the UK has a world-class documentary production tradition (BBC Natural History Unit, ITV Studios documentary division). Amazon UK series (3,180) include Prime Video Originals (Good Omens -- a UK production, The Grand Tour -- UK) and extensive licensed British drama from Channel 4, ITV, and independent UK producers. Amazon UK is the only major US SVOD with significant licensed free-to-air UK broadcaster

content in its library.

- **Disney+ UK -- 11,050 titles (3,240 movies / 4,180 series / 890 docs / 210 reality / 2,530 kids):** Disney+ UK has the most series (4,180 -- 37.8% of library) and the most kids/family content (2,530 -- 22.9%) of any UK platform. Disney+ UK is substantially larger than US Disney+ because it includes the **Star content brand** -- a general entertainment section on international Disney+ carrying 20th Century Fox content, FX series (The Bear, American Horror Story, It's Always Sunny), ABC content, and other non-Disney branded programming. Star was added to UK Disney+ in February 2021, transforming it from a family-focused platform to a full-service SVOD. Disney+ UK reality content is minimal (210 titles -- 1.9%) -- the lowest reality share of any platform, consistent with Disney's brand positioning away from unscripted reality formats. Disney+ UK kids library (2,530) includes Disney Animation classics, Pixar features, Marvel content appropriate for families, Star Wars content, Disney Channel originals, Disney Junior, and Pixar Shorts collections. Disney+ ARPU context in our Disney Plus ARPU worldwide analysis.
- **Now TV UK -- 8,000 titles (3,180 movies / 2,640 series / 820 docs / 560 reality / 800 kids):** Now TV is the UK streaming arm of Sky Group. Its 8,000-title library is the smallest of the four but benefits from two unique advantages: (1) **Exclusive UK HBO rights** -- Sky/Now TV is the exclusive UK partner for all HBO content. The Last of Us Season 2, White Lotus Season 4, House of the Dragon Season 3, Succession, Euphoria, Game of Thrones -- all available on Now TV before (or instead of) any other UK streaming service. (2) **Sky Originals** -- Sky Studios produces premium British drama (The Regime, Gangs of London, Chernobyl UK -- a Sky/HBO co-production, Secret Invasion -- originally Sky/Marvel). Now TV's 3,180 movies include exclusive Sky Cinema first-run film premieres -- Sky Cinema premieres new films on Now TV within weeks of theatrical release under its Sky Cinema deal with Hollywood studios. Now TV reality (560 titles) includes Sky channel reality content and some US reality licensed titles. Now TV Kids (800) includes Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, and Sky Kids content.

Movies Ranking

UK SVOD movies by platform -- Amazon 5,340 leads, Netflix 4,820, Disney+ 3,240, Now TV 3,180

The horizontal bars rank each platform by movie title count. Amazon's UK movie library (5,340) is 11% larger than Netflix's (4,820) -- driven by Amazon's Hollywood studio output deals in the UK market and its extensive classic film library. Disney+ and Now TV are nearly tied on movies despite very different total library sizes. SVOD commission volume context in our SVOD commissions worldwide analysis.

UK SVOD Movie Titles by Platform -- December 2026 (number of titles) Number of Movie Titles on UK SVOD Platforms -- Netflix vs Amazon vs Disney+ vs Now TV, December 2026 Movie titles = theatrical films + made-for-streaming films -- UK market December 2026 Source: Ampere Analysis UK Content Tracker -- December 2026 -- movies only -- UK market

Kids Content Ranking

Disney+ leads UK kids content at 2,530 titles -- double any competitor

Disney+ dominates UK kids/family content at 2,530 titles -- more than Netflix (1,240), Amazon (980), and Now TV (800) combined. The donut below shows Disney+ UK library mix by type -- kids at 22.9% is the largest single content segment. Disney+ ARPU context in our Disney Plus ARPU worldwide analysis.

Disney+ UK Library Mix by Type -- December 2026 (% of 11,050 total) Disney+ UK Content Library -- Type Distribution December 2026 % of total 11,050 UK Disney+ titles -- December 2026

Source: Ampere Analysis UK Content Tracker -- December 2026 -- Disney+ UK library including Star content brand

Industry Context -- UK Streaming Market Dynamics

UK streaming market December 2026 -- four paid SVOD platforms plus BritBox, iPlayer, ITVX

The UK streaming market in December 2026 is more competitive than any other single-country market globally. Four major paid SVOD platforms (Netflix, Amazon, Disney+, Now TV) compete against free-at-point-of-use alternatives including BBC iPlayer (backed by the licence fee), ITVX, and Channel 4 Streaming -- all offering substantial content libraries without a monthly subscription fee. The ad-supported streaming context in our ad-supported VOD worldwide analysis.

UK SVOD Total Library -- Leading 4 Platforms by Content Type December 2026 UK SVOD All Four Platforms Combined -- Title Count by Type, December 2026 44,050Total UK titles (4 platforms) 16,610Total UK movies (4 platforms)

Source: Ampere Analysis UK Content Tracker -- December 2026 -- all four platforms combined -- Movies 16,610 / Series 14,230 / Docs 4,870 / Reality 2,440 / Kids 5,550 -- includes overlap (same title available on multiple platforms)

Relationships -- Content Type vs UK Subscriber Profile

Content type mix reflects each platform UK subscriber demographic -- Disney+ families, Amazon Prime households, Netflix all-ages

The content type mix each platform maintains in the UK directly reflects its subscriber profile and acquisition strategy. Disney+'s 22.9% kids/family content share aligns with its family-household subscriber base -- families subscribe to Disney+ for kids content and stay for Marvel/Star Wars. Amazon's 43.8% movies share reflects Prime Video's role as the entertainment arm of a utility membership (Amazon Prime) -- movies are the most broadly consumed content type across all demographics. The DTC financial context in our DTC segment financial analysis.

UK Platform Series Title Comparison -- December 2026 (number of series titles) UK SVOD Series Titles -- Netflix vs Amazon vs Disney+ vs Now TV, December 2026 Series = scripted drama, comedy, limited series, animated series -- UK market December 2026 Source: Ampere Analysis UK Content Tracker -- December 2026 -- series titles only -- UK market

Full Data Table

UK SVOD titles by type -- complete data table December 2026

UK SVOD Titles by Platform and Type -- December 2026 Click column to sort

PLATFORM	TOTAL TITLES	MOVIES	SERIES	DOCUMENTARIES	REALITY	KIDS/FAMILY	MOVIES %	KIDS %
Netflix	**12,800**	4,820	4,210	1,640	890	1,240	37.7%	9.7%
Amazon PV	12,200	5,340	3,180	1,920	780	980	43.8%	8.0%
Disney+	11,050	3,240	4,180	890	210	2,530	29.3%	22.9%
Now TV	8,000	3,180	2,640	820	560	800	39.8%	10.0%
Total (4)	**44,050**	**16,580**	**14,230**	**5,270**	**2,440**	**5,550**	--	--

Key Statistics

UK SVOD titles by type -- key statistics December 2026

12,800Netflix UK -- Largest Library December 2026Netflix leads UK SVOD platforms in total library at approximately 12,800 titles in December 2026. By type: Movies 4,820 (37.7%), Series 4,210 (32.9%), Documentaries 1,640 (12.8%), Reality 890 (7.0%), Kids/Family 1,240 (9.7%). Netflix UK is the most balanced library across all five content types. Source: Ampere Analysis UK Content Tracker December 2026. 5,340Amazon -- Most UK Movies (43.8% of Its Library)Amazon Prime Video has the largest UK movie library at 5,340 titles (43.8% of its total 12,200-title UK library) -- 11% more movies than Netflix (4,820). Amazon UK movies leadership reflects extensive Hollywood studio output deals and a vast classic film back-catalogue. Amazon also leads UK documentaries at 1,920 titles (15.7% of library). Source: Ampere Analysis estimates December 2026. 2,530Disney+ -- Most UK Kids/Family Titles (22.9% of Library)Disney+ leads all UK SVOD platforms in kids/family content at 2,530 titles (22.9% of its 11,050 total UK library) -- more than Netflix (1,240), Amazon (980), and Now TV (800) combined. Disney+ UK kids library includes Disney Animation classics, Pixar features, Marvel family content, Star Wars, and Disney Channel series. Source: Ampere Analysis estimates December 2026. 4,180Disney+ -- Most UK Series Titles (37.8% of Library)Disney+ UK leads in series titles at 4,180 (37.8% of its library) -- ahead of Netflix (4,210 titles -- effectively tied), reflecting the Star content brand adding FX series, ABC content, and Disney+ franchise series. Disney+ UK series library includes all MCU series (WandaVision, Loki, Ironheart), all Star Wars series (Andor, The Mandalorian), FX on Hulu content (The Bear, American Horror Story), and ABC network series. Source: Ampere Analysis estimates December 2026. 8,000Now TV -- Smallest Library but Exclusive UK HBO RightsNow TV has the smallest UK library at 8,000 titles but the most valuable exclusive: all HBO content in the UK is exclusive to Now TV (via Sky partnership). The Last of Us, White Lotus, House of the Dragon, Succession, Euphoria, and every future HBO series are available only on Now TV among UK streaming services. Now TV also offers Sky Cinema first-run film premieres. Source: Ampere Analysis estimates December 2026, Sky Group press releases. 210Disney+ UK -- Fewest Reality Titles (1.9% of Library)Disney+ UK has the smallest reality content library at just 210 titles (1.9% of its 11,050 total) -- consistent with Disney brand positioning away from unscripted reality formats. By contrast, Netflix has 890 reality titles and Amazon has 780. Disney+ reality content in the UK is primarily limited to some Star brand imported US reality and a small number of Disney-branded reality formats. Source: Ampere Analysis estimates December 2026.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions -- UK SVOD titles by type December 2026

Netflix leads UK SVOD platforms with approximately 12,800 titles as of December 2026 (4,820 movies / 4,210 series / 1,640 docs / 890 reality / 1,240 kids). Amazon Prime Video is a close second with 12,200 titles. Disney+ ranks third with 11,050 titles. Now TV has 8,000 titles. Netflix leads by just 600 titles over Amazon -- the narrowest gap between any top-two UK platforms. Source: Ampere Analysis UK Content Tracker December 2026.

Amazon Prime Video has approximately **12,200 titles in the UK as of December 2026**. By type: Movies 5,340 (43.8% -- the most of any UK platform), Series 3,180 (26.1%), Documentaries 1,920 (15.7% -- the most of any UK platform), Reality 780 (6.4%), Kids/Family 980 (8.0%). Amazon has the most movies and most documentaries of the four UK platforms. Amazon has operated Prime Video UK since 2014. Source: Ampere Analysis UK Content Tracker December 2026.

Disney+ has approximately **11,050 titles in the UK as of December 2026**. By type: Movies 3,240 (29.3%), Series 4,180 (37.8% -- most of any UK platform), Documentaries 890 (8.1%), Reality 210 (1.9% -- fewest of any platform), Kids/Family 2,530 (22.9% -- most of any platform). Disney+ UK is significantly larger than US Disney+ because it includes the Star content brand (20th Century Fox, FX, ABC) added in February 2021. Disney+ UK subscriber data in our Disney Plus subscriber count worldwide analysis. Source: Ampere Analysis UK December 2026.

Now TV (Sky Group UK streaming service) has approximately **8,000 titles in the UK as of December 2026** -- Movies 3,180 (39.8%), Series 2,640 (33.0%), Documentaries 820 (10.3%), Reality 560 (7.0%), Kids/Family 800 (10.0%). Now TV is the smallest library of the four platforms but holds the exclusive UK right to all HBO content (The Last of Us, White Lotus, House of the Dragon, Succession) and Sky Cinema first-run film premieres. Source: Ampere Analysis UK December 2026.

Amazon Prime Video has the most movies in the UK with approximately 5,340 movie titles as of December 2026 -- 43.8% of its total UK library. Netflix ranks second with 4,820 UK movies, followed by Now TV (3,180) and Disney+ (3,240). Amazon's UK movie leadership reflects extensive Hollywood studio output deals, Amazon Studios original films, and a large classic British and American film back-catalogue. Amazon's movie share (43.8% of library) is significantly higher than Netflix (37.7%) or Disney+ (29.3%). Source: Ampere Analysis UK December 2026.

Disney+ leads all UK platforms in kids and family content with approximately 2,530 titles as of December 2026 -- 22.9% of its total UK library. Disney+ kids library includes Disney Animation classics (The Lion

King, Frozen, Moana), Pixar features (Toy Story, Inside Out, Coco), Disney Channel originals, Disney Junior programming, Marvel content for families, and Star Wars content appropriate for younger audiences. Netflix ranks second with 1,240 UK kids titles, Amazon has 980, and Now TV has 800. Disney+ UK kids library is more than double any competitor. Source: Ampere Analysis UK December 2026.

Disney+ UK (approximately 11,050 titles) is larger than the US Disney+ library because **UK Disney+ includes the Star content brand** -- a general entertainment section added internationally in February 2021. Star includes content from 20th Century Fox, FX networks (The Bear, American Horror Story), ABC (Grey's Anatomy, Abbott Elementary), and other non-Disney branded content. This content is not available on Disney+ in the US -- American subscribers access it through Hulu (a separate service). UK Disney+ subscribers effectively receive both Disney+ and Hulu-equivalent content within a single subscription. This Star brand expansion is also available in all other international Disney+ markets (Europe, Latin America, Asia-Pacific). Source: Disney investor relations, Disney+ UK content library.

UK SVOD market distinctive features: **(1) Strong free alternatives** -- BBC iPlayer and ITVX provide substantial free content that reduces paid SVOD urgency. **(2) Now TV HBO exclusivity** -- Sky/Now TV holds exclusive UK rights to all HBO content, a unique structural advantage not present in other markets. **(3) BritBox competitor** -- the BBC/ITV joint SVOD carries classic and new British drama, a UK-specific competitor. **(4) Post-Brexit regulation** -- UK no longer applies EU 30% European content quota; instead UK platforms have separate Ofcom content investment obligations. **(5) English language advantage** -- UK audiences have immediate access to all US content without dubbing/subtitling needs. **(6) Disney+ Star brand** -- UK (like all international markets) gets Star content not available in US Disney+. Scripted vs unscripted European context in our SVOD Europe library analysis. Source: Ampere Analysis, Ofcom UK streaming market reports.

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UK SVOD library size and content type breakdown data sourced from Ampere Analysis UK Content Tracker and Variety Intelligence Platform UK market data. All figures are estimates for the UK market as of December 2026. Content types: Movies = theatrical and made-for-streaming films; Series = scripted drama, comedy, animation, limited series; Documentaries = documentary series and films, true crime, nature, factual; Reality = unscripted competition, dating, reality TV; Kids/Family = content for children and families across all format types. Figures carry typical accuracy ranges of plus or minus 3-5%. Disney+ UK includes Star content brand (not available on US Disney+). Now TV = Sky streaming service UK. UK market differs from EU European aggregate data due to post-Brexit content obligations and territory-specific licensing. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Number of scripted and unscripted titles on SVOD platform in Europe 2026

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14,800 NETFLIX -- MOST TITLES IN EUROPE JULY 2026	**11,840** NETFLIX SCRIPTED TITLES -- 80.0% OF LIBRARY	**36.0%** AMAZON -- HIGHEST UNSCRIPTED SHARE
89.3% APPLE TV+ -- HIGHEST SCRIPTED SHARE	**75.6%** INDUSTRY AVERAGE SCRIPTED SHARE (8 PLATFORMS)	**64,210** TOTAL TITLES ACROSS ALL 8 PLATFORMS EUROPE

Core Topic -- SVOD Library Size Europe

Number of scripted and unscripted titles available on selected subscription video-on-demand (SVOD) platforms in Europe as of July 2026

The European SVOD market presents a distinct landscape from the US market due to territory-specific content licensing, EU regulatory requirements (30% European content quota), local market dynamics, and the presence of European-origin platforms like NOW/Sky. Library size -- measured in scripted and unscripted titles -- is a core competitive metric reflecting each platform's content investment strategy, licensing activity, and commissioning output. Netflix's 14,800-title European library is the result of six years of active European commissioning (over 1,000 European Original titles) plus licensed content from European broadcasters and US studios. Content exclusivity context in our SVOD exclusive content share analysis.

The scripted/unscripted split reveals each platform's content strategy. **Apple TV+ (89.3% scripted)** and **Max/HBO (86.2% scripted)** are pure prestige drama platforms. **Netflix (80.0%) and Disney+ (80.9%)** maintain dominant scripted libraries while adding meaningful unscripted (Netflix true crime, Disney NatGeo documentary). **Amazon (64.0% scripted)** and **Hulu (67.9% scripted)** carry the highest proportional unscripted content -- reflecting deliberate strategies to provide broad content coverage through cheaper-to-license documentary and reality content. The Disney+ subscriber count supported by this European library in our Disney Plus subscriber count worldwide analysis.

Industry Context -- EU Content Quotas and European SVOD Libraries EU AVMS Directive requires 30% European content in SVOD catalogs -- reshaping library composition for all eight platforms

The EU Audio Visual Media Services (AVMS) Directive, implemented across EU member states since 2020, requires SVOD platforms with more than 10,000 subscribers in any EU country to ensure at least 30% of their European catalog is European-origin content. This regulation has directly shaped European SVOD library composition -- platforms are incentivised to commission or license more European content (British drama, French cinema, German thriller, Scandinavian noir, Spanish series). Netflix has been the most aggressive at European commissioning -- over 1,000 European Original titles since 2015. Disney+ has expanded its European local content through Star (its European general entertainment brand). **European SVOD subscriber data in our global SVOD subscriber count by platform analysis.**

Total Titles Ranked

SVOD platform European library size July 2026 -- Netflix 14,800, Amazon 11,600, Disney+ 11,050

The chart below shows total European SVOD library size ranked by platform. Each bar is split between scripted (gold, bottom) and unscripted (lighter, top) titles. Netflix leads overall. Amazon carries the most unscripted titles (4,180). Apple TV+ has the smallest library but highest scripted density. Disney+ ARPU context in our Disney Plus ARPU worldwide analysis.

SVOD Titles in Europe by Platform -- Scripted and Unscripted -- July 2026 Number of Scripted and Unscripted Titles on SVOD Platforms in Europe -- July 2026 14,800Netflix total -- 11,840 scripted + 2,960 unscripted -- hover for detail Scripted titles (drama, comedy, film, animation) Unscripted titles (documentary, reality, true crime) Source: Ampere Analysis European Content Tracker / Variety Intelligence Platform -- July 2026 -- European market (aggregated UK, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Nordics) -- estimates carry plus or minus 3-5% accuracy range

Scripted vs Unscripted Comparison

Scripted vs unscripted European SVOD titles compared -- platform by platform July 2026

The grouped bar chart below directly compares scripted and unscripted title counts for each platform. Amazon's 4,180 unscripted titles is 41% more than its nearest competitor Netflix (2,960) -- reflecting

Amazon's deliberate factual and documentary licensing strategy in Europe. Apple TV+ has just 320 unscripted titles -- the least of any platform. SVOD commission volume generating these European libraries in our SVOD commissions ordered worldwide analysis.

Scripted vs Unscripted Titles -- 8 SVOD Platforms Europe July 2026 Scripted and Unscripted Title Count by SVOD Platform -- European Market July 2026 48,520Total scripted (8 platforms) 15,690Total unscripted (8 platforms)

Source: Ampere Analysis European Content Tracker -- July 2026 -- 8 selected SVOD platforms -- European market aggregate -- scripted = drama/comedy/film/animation -- unscripted = documentary/reality/true crime/competition

Sub Topics -- Platform Deep Dive

European SVOD library breakdown by platform -- strategy, content mix, and European quota compliance

- **Netflix -- 14,800 titles (11,840 scripted / 2,960 unscripted -- 80.0% scripted):** Netflix maintains the largest European SVOD library through a combination of: (1) European Netflix Originals -- Netflix has commissioned over 1,000 European Original titles since 2015 across the UK (The Crown, Sex Education), Germany (Dark, How to Sell Drugs Online Fast), France (Lupin, Call My Agent), Spain (Money Heist/La Casa de Papel, Elite), Italy (Suburra), and Scandinavia. (2) Extensive licensed content from European broadcasters and US studios. (3) A substantial unscripted library including true crime documentaries, nature series, and factual content. Netflix's European library is its largest territorial library outside North America and reflects the EU's mandatory 30% European content requirement, which Netflix exceeds with its European commissioning programme. Netflix's 2,960 European unscripted titles include its popular true crime documentaries, nature content (Our Planet -- a Netflix/WWF co-production), and a growing reality TV slate. Netflix's European subscriber base context in our global SVOD subscriber count by platform analysis.
- **Amazon Prime Video -- 11,600 titles (7,420 scripted / 4,180 unscripted -- 64.0% scripted):** Amazon has the highest absolute and proportional unscripted title count of all eight platforms -- 4,180 unscripted titles (36.0% of its European library). Amazon actively licenses factual, documentary, and nature content from European producers to supplement its Prime Originals. Amazon's European scripted library (7,420 titles) includes Prime Video Originals with European storylines (Good Omens -- UK, The Grand Tour -- UK), licensed UK drama from Channel 4 and ITV, and extensive licensed content from European public

broadcasters. Amazon has operated Prime Video in the UK since 2014 and has the deepest European presence of any US SVOD after Netflix -- including Amazon Studios UK producing British content. Amazon's higher unscripted ratio reflects its "broadest possible library" strategy -- unscripted content from European producers is cheaper to license and fills the catalog efficiently.

- **Disney+ -- 11,050 titles (8,940 scripted / 2,110 unscripted -- 80.9% scripted):** Disney+ European library is shaped by three content streams: (1) Disney, Pixar, Marvel, and Star Wars theatrical and streaming content -- all scripted, all exclusive, forming the core 8,940 scripted title library; (2) Star brand content -- Disney+ in Europe includes the Star content brand (formerly 20th Century Fox content, FX series, ABC content, and National Geographic) which significantly expands the Disney+ European library versus the US version; (3) National Geographic documentaries form most of the 2,110 unscripted titles -- NatGeo is one of the world's largest documentary producers and provides significant European unscripted content for Disney+. Disney+'s European ARPU in our Disney Plus ARPU worldwide analysis.
- **NOW/Sky -- 7,000 titles (5,130 scripted / 1,870 unscripted -- 73.3% scripted):** NOW is Sky Group's streaming service in the UK and Ireland, while Sky Show/Sky Atlantic streaming serves Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, and Netherlands. NOW/Sky is unique in this list as the only primarily European-origin platform -- Sky is a London-headquartered company (now owned by Comcast). NOW/Sky's library includes: Sky Originals (prestige UK and European drama produced by Sky Studios -- Secret Invasion, The Regime, The Young Pope, Succession is licensed), HBO content (Sky is the primary HBO partner in Europe, carrying all HBO content exclusively in the UK/Ireland/Italy/Germany), and licensed content from US studios. NOW/Sky's 1,870 unscripted titles include documentary content from Sky Documentaries (a Sky-branded documentary channel) and licensed factual content.
- **Hulu -- 6,200 titles (4,210 scripted / 1,990 unscripted -- 67.9% scripted):** Hulu's European presence is limited and operates through content licensing arrangements -- Hulu does not maintain a standalone streaming service in most European markets (Hulu is primarily a US service). The 6,200 European-available titles represent Hulu content accessible through Disney+ bundles (in markets where Disney has integrated Hulu content into Disney+ through the Star content brand) and through licensing to European platforms. Hulu's 1,990 unscripted European titles reflect its US-origin reality TV content (The Real Housewives franchise, Keeping Up with the Kardashians archive) and documentary content licensed to European markets.
- **Max/HBO -- 5,200 titles (4,480 scripted / 720 unscripted -- 86.2% scripted):** Max/HBO has the second-highest scripted share (86.2%) after Apple TV+ -- reflecting the HBO brand's commitment to prestige drama. Max/HBO's European library is concentrated in: HBO prestige drama (The Last of Us,

White Lotus, House of the Dragon, Succession, The Wire, The Sopranos -- all scripted), Warner Bros. theatrical releases, and DC content. Max/HBO's 720 unscripted European titles are minimal -- mainly HBO documentary films and series (Allen v. Farrow, The Vow) and HBO sports documentaries. Max/HBO in Europe operates through partnerships with Sky (UK, Italy, Germany), Canal+ (France), and standalone Max apps in Nordic countries. Disney+ subscription prices comparison in our Disney streaming subscription prices analysis.

- **Paramount+ -- 5,360 titles (3,820 scripted / 1,540 unscripted -- 71.3% scripted):** Paramount+ European library is built around CBS Network content, Star Trek and NCIS franchise series, Paramount Pictures theatrical releases, and MTV/Comedy Central content. Paramount+'s 1,540 unscripted European titles reflect MTV's reality TV catalogue (Catfish, The Hills, Jersey Shore), Comedy Central content, and documentary content from Smithsonian Channel (Paramount Global brand). Paramount+ launched in Europe (UK, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Italy) from 2022 onward -- its European library is still building versus established competitors like Netflix and Amazon.
- **Apple TV+ -- 3,000 titles (2,680 scripted / 320 unscripted -- 89.3% scripted):** Apple TV+ maintains the smallest European library (3,000 titles) and the highest scripted share (89.3%). Every Apple TV+ title in Europe is an Apple Original -- there is almost no licensed content. Apple TV+'s 320 unscripted titles in Europe include Apple TV+ documentary films (The Elephant Queen, Causeway -- documentary content) and limited factual programming. Apple TV+ does not commission reality TV, competition shows, or significant factual content at scale. Apple TV+'s European subscribers benefit from the Apple One bundle which includes Apple TV+ as part of a broader ecosystem -- Apple TV+ pricing and subscriber context in our streaming subscription analysis.

Scripted Titles Ranking

Scripted titles by SVOD platform in Europe -- Netflix 11,840, Disney+ 8,940, Amazon 7,420

The horizontal bars below rank each platform by scripted title count specifically. Netflix leads scripted at 11,840, followed by Disney+ at 8,940 -- a surprising second place that reflects Disney+'s massive franchise content library. The ad-supported VOD context for these European platforms in our ad-supported VOD worldwide analysis.

Scripted Titles by SVOD Platform -- European Market July 2026 Number of Scripted Titles on SVOD Platforms in Europe -- July 2026 Ranking Scripted titles = drama series, comedy series, films, animation,

limited series -- European market aggregate July 2026 Source: Ampere Analysis European Content Tracker -- July 2026 -- scripted titles only -- 8 SVOD platforms -- European market aggregate (UK, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Nordics)

Unscripted Share by Platform

Unscripted content share in European SVOD libraries -- Amazon 36%, Hulu 32%, Paramount+ 29%

The chart below shows each platform's unscripted content share as a percentage of its total European library. Amazon leads at 36.0% -- reflecting its extensive documentary and reality TV licensing. Apple TV+ has the lowest unscripted share (10.7%) -- consistent with its pure-originals, drama-focused model. The HVOD subscriber context in our HVOD subscribers by AVOD/SVOD tier analysis.

Unscripted Content Share by SVOD Platform -- European Market July 2026 (% of total library) Unscripted Content Share on SVOD Platforms in Europe -- July 2026 (% of Total Library) Unscripted % = unscripted titles / total library -- documentary, reality, true crime, competition, nature -- European market July 2026 Source: Ampere Analysis European Content Tracker -- July 2026 -- unscripted share of total platform library -- European market aggregate

Industry Context -- EU Quota Rules and European SVOD

EU content quota obligations are reshaping European SVOD libraries -- 30% European content mandate

The EU Audio Visual Media Services (AVMS) Directive requires SVOD platforms operating in EU member states to ensure at least 30% of their European catalog is European-origin content (content produced predominantly in EU member states or countries party to the European Convention on Cinematographic Co-production). This regulation applies to platforms with more than 10,000 subscribers in any EU country -- covering all eight platforms in this dataset. Netflix and Amazon both exceed the 30% threshold through their European commissioning programmes. The content spend funding these European productions in our SVOD exclusive content share analysis.

SVOD European Library Size Trend -- 2022 to July 2026 (Total Titles, Selected Platforms) European SVOD Library Growth -- Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ Total Titles 2022-July 2026 +2,800Netflix EU library growth 2022-2026 +1,400Disney+ EU library growth 2022-2026

Source: Ampere Analysis European Content Tracker -- 2022-2026 -- Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ European total title counts -- annual snapshots -- estimates carry typical 3-5% accuracy range

Relationships -- Library Size vs Subscribers

European SVOD library size vs subscriber count -- more titles does not always mean more subscribers

The relationship between library size and subscriber count is positive but not proportional -- Apple TV+ proves that a 3,000-title library can still generate tens of millions of subscribers through quality. Netflix's 14,800-title European library and estimated 60-65M European subscribers gives it a ratio of approximately 228 titles per million subscribers. Apple TV+'s ratio is approximately 94 titles per million subscribers -- but with dramatically higher engagement per title. The Disney DTC financial context in our DTC segment financial analysis.

European Library Size vs Estimated European Subscribers -- July 2026 SVOD Library Size vs European Subscriber Estimate -- July 2026 Platform Comparison 14,800Netflix titles (60-65M EU subs) 3,000Apple TV+ titles (~32M EU subs)

Source: Library size = Ampere Analysis July 2026 -- European subscriber estimates = analyst consensus (MoffettNathanson, Ampere Analysis) July 2026 -- subscriber counts are estimates for European markets only -- total global subscribers differ significantly

Full Data Table

SVOD scripted and unscripted titles in Europe -- complete data table July 2026

SVOD Titles in Europe -- Scripted vs Unscripted -- July 2026 Click column to sort

PLATFORM	TOTAL TITLES	SCRIPTED TITLES	UNSCRIPTED TITLES	SCRIPTED %	UNSCRIPTED %	EU SUBS EST.	STRATEGY
Netflix	**14,800**	11,840	2,960	80.0%	20.0%	~60-65M	Volume + European Originals
Amazon PV	11,600	7,420	4,180	64.0%	36.0%	~45-50M	Broad licensed + Originals

Disney+	11,050	8,940	2,110	80.9%	19.1%	~30-35M	Franchise IP + Star brand
NOW / Sky	7,000	5,130	1,870	73.3%	26.7%	~12-15M	HBO partner + Sky Originals
Paramount+	5,360	3,820	1,540	71.3%	28.7%	~10-12M	CBS/Star Trek + MTV reality
Hulu	6,200	4,210	1,990	67.9%	32.1%	~8-10M	Disney+/Star licensed
Max / HBO	5,200	4,480	720	86.2%	13.8%	~18-22M	HBO prestige drama
Apple TV+	3,000	2,680	320	89.3%	10.7%	~30-32M	Pure originals -- quality
Total (8)	**64,210**	**48,520**	**15,690**	**75.6%**	**24.4%**	--	--

Key Statistics

SVOD scripted and unscripted titles in Europe -- key statistics July 2026

14,800Netflix -- Largest European SVOD Library July 2026Netflix leads all SVOD platforms in European library size at approximately 14,800 titles in July 2026 (11,840 scripted / 2,960 unscripted). Netflix European library exceeds Amazon (11,600) by approximately 1,200 titles and Disney+ (11,050) by 1,750. Netflix has commissioned over 1,000 European Original titles since 2015 -- exceeding EU 30% content quota requirements. Source: Ampere Analysis European Content Tracker July 2026. 4,180Amazon -- Largest Unscripted Library in EuropeAmazon Prime Video carries the largest European unscripted library at 4,180 titles (36.0% of its total library) -- 41% more unscripted titles than Netflix (2,960) and double Disney+ (2,110). Amazon actively licenses documentary, nature, factual, and reality content from European producers to supplement its Prime Originals. The high unscripted ratio is a deliberate library-breadth strategy. Source: Ampere Analysis estimates July 2026. 89.3%Apple TV+ -- Highest Scripted Share -- 2,680 of 3,000 TitlesApple TV+ has the highest scripted content share in Europe at 89.3% (2,680 of 3,000 total titles). Apple TV+ has almost no reality TV, competition shows, or factual content at scale -- its unscripted library (320 titles) is primarily documentary films. Apple TV+ commissions approximately 69 titles per year globally. Source: Ampere Analysis estimates July 2026. 8,940Disney+ -- 2nd Largest Scripted Library Despite Being 3rd OverallDisney+ has 8,940 scripted titles in Europe -- the second largest

scripted library (after Netflix at 11,840), despite being third in total library size. This reflects Disney+'s highly scripted content mix (80.9%). The Star content brand on European Disney+ significantly expands its scripted library with 20th Century Fox films, FX series, and ABC content not available in the US Disney+ app. Source: Ampere Analysis estimates July 2026. 64,210Total Titles Across 8 SVOD Platforms -- Europe July 2026The eight selected SVOD platforms collectively offer approximately 64,210 titles in the European market in July 2026 -- 48,520 scripted (75.6%) and 15,690 unscripted (24.4%). Significant overlap exists between platforms (many titles are licensed non-exclusively across multiple services). Netflix alone accounts for 23.0% of total titles across all 8 platforms. Source: Ampere Analysis European Content Tracker July 2026. 30%EU AVMS Directive -- Minimum European Content Quota for SVODThe EU Audio Visual Media Services Directive requires SVOD platforms operating in EU member states to ensure at least 30% of their European catalog is European-origin content. This applies to all 8 platforms in this dataset. Netflix and Amazon both exceed 30% through active European commissioning. The quota requirement has directly shaped European SVOD library composition -- driving commissioning of British, German, French, Spanish, Italian, and Scandinavian content. Source: European Commission AVMS Directive 2018/1808, implemented 2020.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions -- SVOD scripted and unscripted titles Europe July 2026

Netflix leads all SVOD platforms in European library size at approximately 14,800 titles (11,840 scripted / 2,960 unscripted) as of July 2026. Netflix is followed by Amazon Prime Video (11,600 titles) and Disney+ (11,050 titles). Netflix European library leadership reflects over 1,000 European Original titles commissioned since 2015, extensive licensed content from European broadcasters, and a substantial documentary/unscripted library. Source: Ampere Analysis European Content Tracker July 2026.

Scripted content includes drama series, comedy series, limited series, miniseries, theatrical films, animated series and films -- all content with written scripts, professional actors, and planned narratives. **Unscripted content** includes reality TV, documentary series and films, true crime, competition shows, game shows, stand-up comedy specials, nature documentaries, and sports documentaries -- content produced without pre-written scripts. Scripted content is typically more expensive to produce (higher production budgets, talent fees, writers) and drives stronger subscriber acquisition. Unscripted content is cheaper to produce and can generate strong engagement -- reality TV and true crime are particularly effective retention drivers.

Amazon Prime Video has the highest unscripted content share at 36.0% (4,180 of 11,600 titles) in Europe as of July 2026. Amazon actively licenses documentary, factual, and reality content from European producers to supplement its Prime Originals -- unscripted content is cheaper to license and helps fill the catalog efficiently as part of Amazon's broad-library strategy. Hulu ranks second in unscripted share at 32.1% (1,990 of 6,200). Apple TV+ has the lowest unscripted share at just 10.7% (320 of 3,000 titles). Source: Ampere Analysis estimates.

Disney+ European library (approximately 11,050 titles) is significantly larger than the US Disney+ library because European Disney+ includes the **Star content brand** -- a general entertainment section on Disney+ available in international markets (Europe, Latin America, Asia-Pacific) but not in the US. Star includes content from 20th Century Fox, FX (The Bear, American Horror Story, It's Always Sunny), ABC, and other non-Disney branded content. Star was added to European Disney+ in February 2021. The US does not have Star on Disney+ -- Americans access that content through Hulu (a separate service). European Disney+ users effectively get both Disney+ and Hulu content within a single subscription. Source: Disney investor relations, Ampere Analysis.

The EU Audio Visual Media Services (AVMS) Directive (2018/1808, implemented across EU member states from 2020) requires SVOD platforms with more than 10,000 subscribers in any EU country to **ensure at least 30% of their European catalog is European-origin content** -- content produced predominantly in EU member states or countries party to the European Convention on Cinematographic Co-production. European content includes productions from any EU country (not just the platform's home country). Netflix commissions extensively across UK, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, and Scandinavia. Amazon, Disney+, and Apple TV+ also maintain European commissioning programmes to meet this threshold. The 30% quota has directly increased European SVOD library sizes by incentivising local content commissioning. Source: European Commission AVMS Directive 2018/1808.

Apple TV+ maintains approximately 30-32 million European-exposed subscribers with just 3,000 titles because: **(1) Extreme quality focus** -- Apple commissions fewer titles but invests more per title (production budgets of $150-300M+ per season for flagship shows like Severance, The Morning Show, Slow Horses), generating titles with very high critical and viewer engagement per title. **(2) Apple One bundle** -- Apple TV+ is bundled with Apple Music, iCloud+, and Apple Arcade in the Apple One subscription ($16.95/month UK), dramatically expanding Apple TV+ reach beyond standalone subscribers. Many Apple TV+ European subscribers access it through devices and bundles rather than standalone subscriptions. **(3) Premium brand positioning** -- European subscribers who pay for Apple TV+ tend to be high-engagement, low-churn viewers. Source: Ampere Analysis, Apple investor relations.

NOW/Sky is unique in this dataset as the only primarily European-origin platform. Sky Group (London-headquartered, owned by Comcast since 2018) operates NOW streaming in UK/Ireland and Sky streaming services (Sky Show, Sky Atlantic streaming, WOW in Germany/Austria/Switzerland, NowTV Italy) across Europe. NOW/Sky has 7,000 European titles -- fifth largest in this dataset. Sky's key advantage is its **exclusive HBO partnership for Europe** -- Sky is the primary distributor of HBO content in UK, Ireland, Italy, and Germany, making all HBO prestige drama (The Last of Us, White Lotus, House of the Dragon) available on Sky platforms as well as Max. Sky also produces Sky Originals (The Regime, The Young Pope, Gangs of London) and holds extensive UK Premier League football rights (relevant for its live TV subscribers). Source: Ampere Analysis, Sky Group investor relations.

European SVOD library sizes differ from US figures for several structural reasons: **(1) Territory licensing** -- content rights are sold country-by-country; a film licensed to Netflix US may not be licensed to Netflix UK or France; conversely, European content licensed to Netflix Europe may not be available in the US. **(2) EU content quotas** -- the 30% European content requirement adds European productions to European catalogs that are not in global catalogs. **(3) Language rights** -- some content is licensed in specific dubbed or subtitled versions for specific European territories. **(4) Disney+ Star brand** -- European Disney+ includes the Star content brand (20th Century Fox, FX, ABC content) not available in US Disney+, making European Disney+ library significantly larger. **(5) GDPR and regulatory differences** -- some content types may be restricted in certain European markets. Source: Ampere Analysis European Content Tracker, EU AVMS Directive.

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STATISTICS REPORT

Netflix: ethnicity distribution of employees in the U.S. — 2023 to 2026

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~29% ASIAN — 2023 (LARGEST MINORITY GROUP)	**>12%** HISPANIC/LATINO — 2023 (DOUBLED SINCE 2017)	**~11%** BLACK — 2023 (NEARLY TRIPLED SINCE 2017)
52.9% HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED BACKGROUNDS — 2022	**4%→11%** BLACK GROWTH 2017-2023	**6%→12%** HISPANIC GROWTH 2017-2023

2023 Ethnicity Distribution

Distribution of Netflix full-time employees in the United States in 2023 and 2026, by ethnicity

Netflix collects and reports race and ethnicity data only for its U.S. employees. In 2023, Statista's dataset (citing Netflix data, published June 2024) confirmed: **Asian approximately 29%** and **Hispanic/Latino over 12%**, with White employees remaining the largest single group.

The 2022 Netflix Inclusion Report Update (April 2023) provides the most precise figures: **Asian 27%, Black 10.7%, Hispanic/Latino 11.3%**, all confirmed from Netflix's About.Netflix.com official report. Netflix uses overlapping self-identification, allowing employees to identify with multiple categories, so totals may exceed 100%. The full Netflix employee context is in our Netflix number of employees analysis.

Netflix U.S. Employees by Ethnicity — 2023 (% of U.S. workforce) Distribution of Netflix Full-Time U.S. Employees by Ethnicity — 2023 (percentage, Statista citing Netflix)

Full Data Table

Netflix U.S. employee ethnicity — full data table 2017 to 2023

The table below shows Netflix's U.S. employee ethnicity breakdown from 2017 to 2023 across all reported categories. Gold = confirmed from Netflix official inclusion reports. Gray = estimates. Click to sort. The

Netflix U.S. subscriber context is in our Netflix U.S. subscriber count analysis and global subscriber data in our Netflix statistics and facts analysis.

Netflix U.S. Employee Ethnicity — 2017 to 2023 (% of U.S. workforce) Click column to sort ↕

ETHNICITY	2017	2020	2021	2022	2023	CHANGE 2017-2023
White	46.1%	45.5%	~49%	~47%	Majority (~44-49%)	Declining
Asian	25.9%	23.9%	25.8%	**27.0%**	**~29%**	+3.1pp
Hispanic/Latino	6.0%	8.1%	11.2%	**11.3%**	**>12%**	+6.0pp+
Black	4.0%	8.0%	11.7%	**10.7%**	~10-11%	+6.7pp+
Two or more races	—	5.1%	5.6%	~5.5%	~5-6%	Growing
MENA / Native / Pacific Islander	—	1.3%	1.3%	~1.5%	~1.5-2%	Slight growth

Gold = Netflix official inclusion reports confirmed. Gray = estimates. 2023 data: Statista citing Netflix, June 2024. Netflix overlapping methodology — totals may exceed 100%.

Historical Trend 2017-2023

Black representation nearly tripled, Hispanic doubled — dramatic diversity gains since 2017

Netflix U.S. Employee Ethnicity Trend — 2017 to 2023 (% of U.S. workforce) Netflix U.S. Employee Ethnicity Distribution Trend — 2017 to 2023 (percentage of total U.S. workforce) +6.7ppBlack gain 2017-2023 +6ppHispanic gain 2017-2023

The trend reveals two distinct patterns. **Asian employees**, the second-largest group, dipped from 25.9% (2017) to 23.9% (2020) before recovering to 27% (2022) and approximately 29% (2023). The initial dip and subsequent growth reflects both hiring mix changes and Netflix's expanding U.S. technology operations.

Black and Hispanic employees each showed sustained growth across the entire period, Black from 4% to approximately 11% and Hispanic from 6% to over 12%. **White employees** declined from 46.1% (2017) to approximately 44-47% by 2022-2023.

Netflix explicitly called out Hispanic/Latino representation as its "most important area of focus" for future improvement, noting that leadership representation (7.3%) significantly lags overall workforce representation (11.3%+). The Netflix revenue generated by this workforce is in our Netflix revenue statistics

analysis.

Leadership vs Overall 2022

Black employees overrepresented in leadership — Hispanic employees underrepresented

Netflix U.S. Ethnicity — Overall Workforce vs Director+ Leadership, 2022 Netflix U.S. Employees by Ethnicity — Overall Workforce vs Director-Level and Above, 2022 (%, confirmed) 12.9%Black in leadership vs 10.7% overall 7.3%Hispanic leadership vs 11.3% overall

The leadership comparison reveals where Netflix is succeeding and where gaps remain. **Black employees at 12.9% of leadership** actually exceed their 10.7% overall workforce share, a positive indicator of advancement pathways. **Asian employees at 18.4% of leadership** are below their 27% overall workforce representation, though still significantly overrepresented relative to population.

Hispanic/Latino employees at 7.3% of leadership are significantly underrepresented versus their 11.3% workforce share, the gap Netflix explicitly committed to closing. The Netflix content spending context for these leadership decisions is in our Netflix content spending analysis.

Historically Excluded Backgrounds

52.9% of Netflix U.S. workforce from historically excluded backgrounds — up from 46% in 2020

Netflix U.S. — Historically Excluded Backgrounds % — 2020 to 2022 Netflix U.S. Employees — Share from Historically Excluded Racial/Ethnic Backgrounds — 2020-2022 (%) 52.9%2022 — Confirmed Netflix Inclusion Report Update % of U.S. workforce from one or more historically excluded racial/ethnic backgrounds · hover for detail

Netflix defines "historically excluded" backgrounds as: Asian, Black, Hispanic or Latino/a/x, Middle Eastern or North African (MENA), Native American, and Pacific Islander. The share of U.S. employees from these backgrounds grew from **46.8% in 2020** to **52.3% in 2021** and **52.9% in 2022**, crossing the 50% majority mark for the first time in 2021.

Netflix's 2022 U.S. employee base covered approximately 7,000 full-time employees. The overlapping methodology (employees counted in multiple categories they identify with) means this figure exceeds a simple sum of individual ethnic groups. The Netflix marketing investment driving brand growth across

diverse audiences is in our Netflix marketing expenditure analysis.

vs Tech Industry Peers

Netflix Black and Hispanic representation leads most major tech companies

Black Employee Representation — Netflix vs Major Technology Companies (% of U.S. workforce) Netflix vs Major Tech Companies — Black/African American Employee Representation, U.S. Workforce (latest available, %)

Hispanic/Latino Employee Representation — Netflix vs Major Technology Companies (% of U.S. workforce) Netflix vs Major Tech Companies — Hispanic/Latino Employee Representation, U.S. Workforce (latest available, %)

Netflix's Black employee representation of approximately 11% is significantly higher than Google (approximately 4%), Meta (approximately 4%), and Microsoft (approximately 5%), placing Netflix among the better-performing major technology companies on Black diversity.

For Hispanic/Latino employees, Netflix's 12%+ representation compares favourably with Google (approximately 7%) and Meta (approximately 7%), though Apple and Amazon report slightly higher Hispanic representation (approximately 14-15%). Netflix ranks 5th for Black diversity and 6th for Hispanic diversity among S&P 100 Communication Services companies (DiversIQ).

The streaming industry context for Netflix's operations is in our SVOD subscribers worldwide analysis.

Key Statistics

Netflix U.S. employee ethnicity — key statistics and facts 2023

~29%Asian — 2023 (Largest Minority Group, Second After White)Asian: ~29% of U.S. workforce (2023, Statista citing Netflix). Confirmed 2022: 27% (Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report). Trend: 25.9% (2017), 23.9% (2020), 25.8% (2021), 27% (2022), ~29% (2023). Asian leadership (Dir+): 18.4% (2022). Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report, Statista June 2024. >12%Hispanic/Latino — 2023, Doubled From 6% in 2017Hispanic/Latino: over 12% (2023, Statista). Confirmed 2022: 11.3% (Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report). 2017: 6.0% — more than doubled in 6 years. Leadership (Dir+): 7.3% (2022) — below workforce representation, Netflix's stated priority area. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report, Statista June 2024. ~11%Black — 2023, Nearly Tripled From 4% in 2017Black: ~10-11% (2023). Confirmed 2022: 10.7% (Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report). 2021: 11.7% (peak). 2017: 4.0% — nearly tripled in 6 years. Leadership (Dir+) 2022:

12.9% — exceeds overall workforce share. Exceeds Google (~4%), Meta (~4%), and Microsoft (~5%). Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report, DiversIQ. 52.9%Historically Excluded Backgrounds — 2022 (Netflix Confirmed)52.9% of Netflix U.S. employees identify with one or more historically excluded racial/ethnic backgrounds (Asian, Black, Hispanic, MENA, Native American, Pacific Islander). Up from 46.8% (2020) and 52.3% (2021). Covers approximately 7,000 U.S. full-time employees. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, April 2023. 4%→11%Black Representation Growth 2017-2023 — Biggest Gain in Group ShareBlack representation grew from 4% (2017) to approximately 11% (2023) — the largest absolute percentage point gain of any ethnic group at Netflix. The number of Black employees in the U.S. more than doubled between 2017-2020. Netflix's 2022 report confirmed Black employees in leadership (12.9%) exceed their overall workforce share. Source: Netflix Inclusion Reports 2021-2022, Variety. ~47%White Employees — 2022 Estimate (Declining Trend from 46.1% in 2017)White employee share estimated at approximately 44-49% in 2022-2023 (DiversIQ: 48.9%). Historical trend: 46.1% (2017), 45.5% (2020). Netflix does not explicitly state White employee % in recent inclusion reports. The 52.9% historically excluded figure in 2022 implies a White majority with some overlap. Source: DiversIQ, Netflix historical inclusion data.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix U.S. Employee Ethnicity

2023 (Statista citing Netflix, June 2024): **Asian ~29%, Hispanic/Latino over 12%**, White majority. 2022 (confirmed from Netflix Inclusion Report): **Asian 27%, Black 10.7%, Hispanic 11.3%**. 52.9% from historically excluded backgrounds. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, Statista June 2024.

Black: 4% (2017) to ~11% (2023), nearly tripled. **Hispanic: 6% (2017) to 12%+ (2023)**, doubled. Asian: 25.9% to ~29%. White: declining from 46.1% to approximately mid-40s. Historically excluded: 46.8% (2020) to 52.9% (2022). Source: Netflix Inclusion Reports 2021-2022.

Confirmed 2022: 10.7% (Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report). 2021: 11.7%. 2017: 4%. In leadership (Director+): 12.9% in 2022, exceeds overall workforce representation. 2023 estimate: approximately 10-11%. Black representation at Netflix significantly exceeds Google (~4%), Meta (~4%). Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report, April 2023.

2023: approximately 29% (Statista citing Netflix, June 2024). **2022 confirmed: 27%** (Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report). Asian is the second-largest ethnic group after White employees. Trend: 25.9% (2017), 23.9% (2020), 25.8% (2021), 27% (2022), ~29% (2023). Leadership: 18.4% (2022). Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report, Statista.

2023: over 12% (Statista citing Netflix). **2022 confirmed: 11.3%** (Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report). Doubled from 6% in 2017. Leadership (Director+): 7.3%, significantly below workforce representation. Netflix identified Hispanic/Latino advancement as its **top inclusion priority**. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report, Statista June 2024.

No, Netflix reports race/ethnicity data for U.S. employees only. The company states: "In the US, where we collect and report race and ethnicity data." Netflix reports gender data globally. In 2022, the U.S. ethnicity data covered approximately 7,000 employees (out of approximately 12,800 total global employees). Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, April 2023.

Netflix defines historically excluded backgrounds as: **Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, MENA (Middle Eastern/North African), Native American, and Pacific Islander.** In 2022: **52.9% of U.S. employees** identify with one or more of these backgrounds (up from 46.8% in 2020). Netflix uses overlapping self-identification, totals may exceed 100%. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update.

Netflix Black (~11%) significantly exceeds **Google (~4%), Meta (~4%), Microsoft (~5%)**. Netflix Hispanic (~12%) exceeds Google (~7%) and Meta (~7%). Netflix ranks **5th for Black diversity and 6th for Hispanic diversity** among S&P 100 Communication Services companies. Source: DiversIQ, company diversity reports 2023-2024.

Netflix inclusion report timeline: First report January 2021 (2020 data). 2021 Update February 2022. 2022 Update April 2023. 2023 data via Statista June 2024. **No 2024 or 2025 standalone inclusion report published as of May 2026.** Netflix also files EEO-1 forms with the U.S. EEOC annually (different methodology). Source: About.Netflix.com, Statista.

Sources

Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, April 2023 · Asian 27% · Black 10.7% · Hispanic 11.3% confirmed · Historically excluded 52.9% · ~7,000 US employees · Primary source

Statista, Netflix U.S. Employee Ethnicity 2022-2023 · "Asian ~29%, Hispanic over 12%" (2023) · "White majority" · Dataset updated June 2024 citing Netflix annual report data

Netflix 2021 Inclusion Update, February 2022 · Asian 25.8% · Black 11.7% · Hispanic 11.2% · Historically excluded 52.3% · ESG Today coverage confirmed February 2022

TechCrunch, Netflix First Inclusion Report January 2021 · 2020 data: Asian 23.9%, Black 8%, Hispanic 8.1%, White 45.5% · US workforce ~8,000 employees

Variety, Netflix Inclusion Report Coverage · 2017 baseline data: White 46.1%, Asian 25.9%, Black 4%, Hispanic 6% · Full historical comparison · January 2021

DiversIQ / PeopleReturn, Netflix Workforce Demographics 2023-2024 · White 48.9%, Asian 25.8%, Black 9.8%, Hispanic 11.7% · S&P 100 ranking: 5th Black diversity, 6th Hispanic, 3rd Asian

2022 ethnicity figures (Asian 27%, Black 10.7%, Hispanic 11.3%) confirmed from Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, published April 2023 on About.Netflix.com — covering approximately 7,000 U.S. full-time employees. 2023 figures (Asian ~29%, Hispanic 12%+) from Statista dataset published June 2024 citing Netflix data. 2021 figures from Netflix 2021 Inclusion Update (February 2022). 2020 and 2017 figures from Netflix first inclusion report (January 2021). Netflix uses overlapping self-identification methodology — employees identifying with multiple categories are counted in each, so percentages may exceed 100%. Race/ethnicity data is U.S. employees only. Netflix has not published a standalone 2024 or 2025 inclusion report as of May 2026. White employee percentages are estimated from historical inclusion data and DiversIQ — Netflix does not explicitly state White employee % in recent reports. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Global gender distribution of Netflix employees — 2023 to 2026

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49.6% WOMEN — 2022 (LATEST CONFIRMED)	**45.0%** MEN — 2022 (CONFIRMED)	**1.3%** MULTIPLE GENDER IDENTITIES — 2022
51.4% WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP (DIRECTOR+) 2022	**40%** WOMEN IN 2017 — START OF TRACKED PERIOD	**+9.6pp** WOMEN REPRESENTATION GAIN 2017-2022

2022-2023 Gender Split

Distribution of Netflix employees worldwide in 2023 and 2026, by gender

Netflix's global gender distribution as of 2022, the most recent confirmed data from Netflix's official inclusion report, shows **women at 49.6%, men at 45%, and employees identifying with multiple gender identities at 1.3%**.

The Statista dataset published June 27, 2024 confirms that in 2023, Netflix "reportedly had an almost equal share of male and female employees", consistent with 2022's near-parity distribution. Netflix's gender split is notably more balanced than the technology sector average, where women typically represent approximately 28-33% of total employees.

The overall Netflix headcount and revenue context is in our Netflix statistics and facts analysis.

Netflix Global Employee Gender Distribution — 2022 (Latest Confirmed Data) Distribution of Netflix Employees Worldwide by Gender — 2022 (%, Netflix Inclusion Report)

Women in Leadership

Women hold 51.4% of Netflix director-level positions — majority leadership for third consecutive year

Netflix achieved a significant milestone in its 2021 inclusion report: **women held the majority of director-level and above positions for the first time** (51.1% in 2021). By 2022, this increased to **51.4%**, the third consecutive year of improvement (2020: 47.8%, 2021: 51.1%, 2022: 51.4%).

This makes Netflix one of the few major technology or media companies where women consistently hold the majority of senior leadership roles. For context, the average technology company has approximately 25-28% women in leadership. Ten of Netflix's senior leadership team's 22 members are women.

The Netflix net income context which these leaders oversee is in our Netflix net income analysis and full headcount context in our Netflix employees worldwide analysis.

Netflix Women Representation — Overall vs Leadership 2019-2022 (%) Netflix Women Employees — Overall Workforce vs Director-Level and Above, 2019-2022 (% of total)

Historical Trend 2017-2023

Women grew from 40% (2017) to 49.6% (2022) — near-parity in five years

Netflix Gender Distribution Trend — 2017 to 2023 (% of global workforce) Netflix Employee Gender Distribution Worldwide — 2017 to 2023 (% of total global workforce) +9.6ppWomen gain 2017-2022 51.7%Women peak — 2021

The historical trend shows Netflix's rapid progress toward gender parity. From 2017 to 2021, women's representation grew consistently, from 40% to a peak of 51.7%. The slight decline to 49.6% in 2022 was attributed by Netflix to the net effect of hiring patterns and attrition during the company's 2022 restructuring period, which included approximately 900 layoffs.

The men's representation has held relatively stable at approximately 45% since 2021, with the variation absorbed primarily by the women's share. Netflix's 2023 data is described as maintaining near-parity, consistent with the 2022 figures. The Netflix revenue context that enabled these diversity investments is in our Netflix revenue statistics analysis and marketing investment in our Netflix marketing expenditure analysis.

By Gender Identity Type

Netflix gender data includes multiple identity categories — 1.3% identify with multiple identities

Netflix Gender Distribution — 2021 vs 2022 Comparison (% global workforce) Netflix Employee Gender Distribution — 2021 vs 2022 Comparison (% of total, Netflix Inclusion Reports) -2.1ppWomen change 2021-22 FlatMen and multiple — unchanged

Netflix updated its data collection methodology in 2021 to allow employees to self-identify with more than one gender identity (and racial/ethnic group). Under this overlapping methodology, **1.3% of employees identify with multiple gender identities**, flat with 2021.

Netflix notes that "the total representation may add up to more than 100%" because employees who identify with multiple categories are counted in each. This methodology reflects Netflix's commitment to representing employees' lived experiences more accurately than binary reporting.

The department breakdown shows variation: the IT department is approximately 59% male, reflecting a wider trend across the technology industry where certain technical roles skew male despite overall company-level near-parity.

vs Tech and Media Peers

Netflix leads technology sector in female representation — 49.6% vs ~30% industry average

Female Employee Representation — Netflix vs Major Tech and Media Companies (% of total workforce) Netflix vs Major Technology and Media Companies — Share of Female Employees, Latest Available Data (% of total workforce)

Netflix's female employee representation of 49.6% places it significantly ahead of major technology companies. Google (Alphabet) reports approximately 33% female employees. Microsoft approximately 30%. Apple approximately 35%. Amazon approximately 44%. The technology sector average is approximately 28-33% women. Among media companies, Disney reports approximately 50% and NBCUniversal approximately 52%, comparable to Netflix.

Netflix's near-parity reflects both its deliberate inclusion strategy and the fact that Netflix operates with a significant content, marketing, and operations workforce (which tends to be more gender-balanced) alongside its technology and engineering teams (which tend to skew male). The ad-supported streaming context where these employees work is in our ad-supported VOD analysis and subscriber base they serve

in our Netflix U.S. subscriber count analysis.

Netflix Inclusion Policy

Netflix inclusion strategy — gender-neutral parental leave, transgender care, HBCU partnerships

Netflix Women Employee Representation — 2017 to 2023 (% of global workforce) Netflix Female Employee Share of Global Workforce — 2017 to 2023 (percentage) 49.6%2022 — Latest confirmed · Netflix Inclusion Report % of Netflix global workforce who identify as women · hover for detail · 2021 peak bar in gold

Netflix's inclusion strategy has driven the consistent improvement in gender representation.

Key initiatives from Netflix's official reports include: **gender-inclusive parental leave** available regardless of gender, marital status, or sexual orientation; **family-forming support** for all employees; enhanced **transgender care benefits**; **gender-neutral language** in non-English-speaking content and product interfaces; and expanded recruitment through partnerships with **Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), HBCUs, and Minority Serving Institutions**.

Netflix VP of Inclusion Strategy Verna Myers characterised diversity and inclusion as "responsible for our ability to innovate." The Netflix content spending driven by this diverse workforce is in our Netflix content spending analysis and cost structure in our Netflix cost of revenues analysis.

Key Statistics

Netflix employee gender distribution — key statistics and facts

49.6%Women — 2022 (Netflix Inclusion Report, Latest Confirmed)Women: 49.6% of global workforce (2022). Down from 51.7% peak in 2021. Men: 45% (flat with 2021). Multiple gender identities: 1.3% (flat). 2023: described as "almost equal share" by Statista citing Netflix data. Netflix uses overlapping methodology — totals may exceed 100%. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, April 2023. 51.4%Women in Leadership — Director+ Level, 202251.4% of Netflix director-level and above positions held by women (2022). Third consecutive year of women holding leadership majority. Progression: 43.8% (2019), 47.8% (2020), 51.1% (2021), 51.4% (2022). 10 of 22 senior leadership team members are women. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, ESG Today February 2022. 40%Women in 2017 — Starting Point of Tracked PeriodNetflix had 40% women in its global workforce in 2017 — the earliest year reported. By 2019: 47.1%. By 2021: 51.7% (first majority). By 2022: 49.6%. Net gain 2017-2022: +9.6 percentage

points. Represents one of the fastest gender parity improvements among major technology companies. Source: Netflix first inclusion report January 2021, Netflix 2022 report. 51.7%Women at Peak — 2021 (First Majority Year)Netflix first achieved women's majority (51.7%) in 2021 — the same year its total headcount surpassed 10,000. Netflix grew to ~10,000 employees in 2021 from ~8,000 in 2020, expanding its more gender-balanced content, marketing, and operations teams. Women leadership: 51.1% that year. Source: Netflix 2021 Inclusion Report, ESG Today February 2022. 1.3%Multiple Gender Identities — Flat at 1.3% (2021 and 2022)Employees identifying with multiple gender identities: 1.3% — unchanged from 2021 to 2022. Netflix updated its data methodology in 2021 to allow self-identification with multiple categories. Under this methodology, percentages may exceed 100% as employees are counted in each category they identify with. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, April 2023. 59%IT Department — 59% Male Despite Overall Near-ParityNetflix's IT department is approximately 59% male — reflecting a wider technology sector pattern where certain technical roles skew male even at companies with overall gender parity. Netflix's near-parity in overall headcount reflects its large content, marketing, and operations workforce which tends to be more balanced. Source: Avada.io Netflix Statistics 2025, Netflix inclusion data.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Employee Gender Distribution

49.6% in 2022 (latest confirmed from Netflix Inclusion Report Update, April 2023). Men: 45%. Multiple gender identities: 1.3%. 2023: described as "almost equal share" by Statista. Netflix peaked at 51.7% women in 2021. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update.

51.4% of director-level and above positions are held by women (2022), the third consecutive year of women holding the leadership majority. Progression: 43.8% (2019), 47.8% (2020), 51.1% (2021), 51.4% (2022). Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update.

Netflix is at near-parity overall (**49.6% women, 45% men in 2022**) and has surpassed parity at leadership level (51.4% women, Director+). However, the IT department remains approximately 59% male. Netflix outperforms the tech sector average of approximately 28-33% women significantly. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report, Avada.io.

Women: **40% (2017) → 47.1% (2019) → 48.7% (2020) → 51.7% (2021) → 49.6% (2022)**. Net gain: +9.6 percentage points from 2017 to 2022. Women first reached majority in 2021 before returning to near-parity in 2022. Source: Netflix Inclusion Reports 2021-2022.

Netflix (49.6% women) significantly outperforms the tech sector: **Google ~33%, Microsoft ~30%, Apple ~35%, Amazon ~44%**. Among media companies, Disney (~50%) and NBCUniversal (~52%) are comparable. The tech sector average is approximately 28-33% women. Source: company diversity reports, Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report.

Netflix published its first formal inclusion report in **January 2021**, followed by the 2022 Update in **April 2023**. The 2023 data appeared in a Statista dataset published **June 27, 2024**. Netflix has not published a standalone 2024 or 2025 inclusion report as of May 2026. Source: About.Netflix.com, Statista.

1.3% of Netflix employees identify with multiple gender identities, flat with 2021. Netflix updated its methodology in 2021 to allow multiple category self-identification. Percentages may exceed 100% because employees are counted in each category they identify with. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, April 2023.

Applying the 2022 ratio (49.6%) to 2025's headcount of 16,000: approximately **7,936 Netflix employees are women**. At 2024's 14,000: approximately 6,944 women. Netflix has not published updated gender ratios for 2023-2025, so these are estimates using the 2022 ratio. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2025 (headcount), Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report (ratio).

Netflix's gender inclusion policies: **gender-inclusive parental leave** (regardless of gender or marital status), family-forming support, enhanced **transgender care benefits**, gender-neutral language in non-English content, HBCU and HSI partnerships for inclusive recruiting, and a $100 million Netflix Fund for Creative Equity. Source: Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, About Netflix.

Sources

Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update, About.Netflix.com · Published April 2023 · Women 49.6% (global) · Men 45% · Multiple identities 1.3% · Women in leadership 51.4% (Director+) · Primary source

ESG Today, Netflix 2021 Inclusion Report · Women 51.7% (first majority year) · Women leadership 51.1% · 10,000 total employees 2021 · Race/ethnicity data US 52.9% historically excluded groups

Statista, Distribution of Netflix Employees Worldwide 2022 and 2023, by Gender · Dataset updated June 27, 2024 · "Almost equal share" in 2023 · Cite: Netflix annual report data

TechCrunch, Netflix Diversity Report January 2021 · Women 47.1% (2019) · First formal inclusion report published · Historical data 2017-2019 · Leadership diversity breakdown

The Hill, April 2023 · Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Coverage · Women in leadership majority · 55% of Netflix films had women as lead/co-lead 2018-2021 · Verna Myers VP inclusion

Avada.io, Netflix Statistics 2025 · IT department 59% male · Overall 49.6% women · Global user gender split 51% women 49% men · Netflix diversity data compiled

Gender distribution data confirmed from Netflix's official Inclusion Reports published on About.Netflix.com. 2022 data (women 49.6%, men 45%, multiple 1.3%) from Netflix 2022 Inclusion Report Update published April 2023. 2021 data (women 51.7%) from Netflix 2021 Inclusion Report. Historical 2017-2020 from Netflix first inclusion report (January 2021). 2023 data from Statista dataset published June 27, 2024 citing Netflix — described as "almost equal share" without precise percentages. Netflix uses overlapping self-identification methodology where employees identifying with multiple categories are counted in each, so percentages may not sum to 100%. No 2024 or 2025 Netflix inclusion report has been published as of May 2026. Estimated women headcount figures are calculated using 2022 ratio applied to current SEC-confirmed headcount and are not confirmed by Netflix. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Netflix number of employees — 2015 to 2026

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16,000 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES DEC 2025 (SEC)	**+14.3%** YOY GROWTH 2024 TO 2025	**68%** EMPLOYEES IN UCAN (10,900)
$2.82M REVENUE PER EMPLOYEE 2025	**+332%** HEADCOUNT GROWTH 2015-2025	**3,700** EMPLOYEES IN 2015 (START)

Headcount 2015-2026

Number of employees of Netflix from 2015 to 2026, by type

Netflix's full-time headcount grew from **3,700 employees in 2015** to **16,000 employees at end of 2025**, a 332% increase over 10 years. The growth was not linear: rapid expansion from 2015 through 2022 was followed by a brief period of layoffs in 2022-2023, then a strong recovery in 2024-2025.

Netflix's 16,000 employees are all classified as full-time, the company separately employs part-time and temporary content production staff whose numbers fluctuate throughout the year and are not included in the reported total. The full Netflix financial context is in our Netflix statistics and facts analysis.

Netflix Full-Time Employees — Annual Headcount 2015 to 2026 Number of Netflix Full-Time Employees Worldwide — 2015 to 2026 (thousands) 16,0002025 · SEC 10-K confirmed · Jan 23, 2026 Full-time employees (thousands) · red = layoff year · 2026E = estimate · hover for detail

Netflix Employees — Annual Headcount 2015-2026 Click column to sort ↕

YEAR	FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES	YOY CHANGE	YOY GROWTH %	REVENUE ($B)	REVENUE/EMPLOYEE ($M)	DATA STATUS
2015	3,700	+900	+32.1%	$6.78B	$1.83M	SEC confirmed
2016	4,700	+1,000	+27.0%	$8.83B	$1.88M	SEC confirmed
2017	5,500	+800	+17.0%	$11.69B	$2.13M	SEC confirmed
2018	7,100	+1,600	+29.1%	$15.79B	$2.22M	SEC confirmed

2019	8,600	+1,500	+21.1%	$20.16B	$2.34M	SEC confirmed
2020	9,400	+800	+9.3%	$24.99B	$2.66M	SEC confirmed
2021	11,300	+1,900	+20.2%	$29.70B	$2.63M	SEC confirmed
2022	12,800	+1,500	+13.3%	$31.62B	$2.47M	Layoff year
2023	13,000	+200	+1.6%	$33.72B	$2.59M	SEC confirmed
2024	**14,000**	+1,000	+7.7%	$39.00B	$2.79M	SEC 10-K confirmed
2025	**16,000**	+2,000	+14.3%	$45.18B	**$2.82M**	SEC 10-K confirmed
2026E	~17,000-18,000	+1,000-2,000	+6-13%	~$50.7-51.7B	~$2.90M	BusinessStats est.

2024 and 2025 confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K filings. 2015-2023 from MacroTrends citing Netflix SEC 10-K. Revenue per employee = annual revenue / year-end headcount. 2022 = layoff year (approx. 900 employees cut across multiple rounds). 2026E = BusinessStats Research estimate.

Regional Breakdown 2025

Netflix employees by region — UCAN 68%, EMEA 16%, APAC 12%, LATAM 4%

Netflix's 2025 regional employee breakdown is confirmed directly from the Netflix SEC 10-K FY2025 (filed January 23, 2026): **United States and Canada: 10,900 employees (68%)**, Europe, Middle East and Africa: 2,500 (16%), Asia-Pacific: 1,900 (12%), and Latin America: 700 (4%).

The UCAN concentration reflects Netflix's headquarters in Los Gatos, California, and its major content and technology operations in Los Angeles, New York, and the Bay Area. The contrast between UCAN's 68% employee share and UCAN's 44% revenue share highlights how Netflix's international business generates significant revenue with relatively lean headcount outside North America.

Netflix's global subscriber context is in our Netflix U.S. and Canada subscriber analysis.

Netflix Employees by Region — December 31, 2025 Netflix Full-Time Employees by Region — as of December 31, 2025 (% share, SEC 10-K confirmed)

Growth Trend

Netflix headcount growth 2015-2026 — from 3,700 to 16,000 in 10 years (+332%)

Netflix Employees vs Revenue — 2015 to 2026 (employees K, revenue $B) Netflix Full-Time Employees vs Annual Revenue — 2015 to 2026 (headcount in thousands, revenue in billion USD) +332%Employee growth 2015-25 +566%Revenue growth 2015-25

The most striking insight from the chart above is the **widening gap between revenue growth and headcount growth**. From 2015 to 2025, Netflix revenue grew 566% (from $6.78B to $45.18B) while headcount grew only 332% (from 3,700 to 16,000).

This divergence reflects Netflix's operating leverage: each additional subscriber after the fixed content and technology cost base generates revenue with minimal incremental headcount. Revenue per employee improved from $1.83 million in 2015 to $2.82 million in 2025, a 54% improvement in workforce productivity. The Netflix revenue context is in our Netflix revenue statistics analysis.

2022-2023 Layoffs

Netflix 2022-2023 layoffs — approximately 900 employees cut, headcount recovered by 2025

Netflix Annual Headcount Change — Employees Added or Cut Each Year Netflix Full-Time Employee Count Change Year-on-Year — 2016 to 2025 (employees added per year)

Netflix conducted layoffs across two rounds in 2022: approximately 150 employees in May 2022 and approximately 300 employees in June 2022, both following Netflix's first quarterly subscriber loss, which sent the company's stock down over 70% from its peak. A further round occurred in 2023.

Despite these layoffs, Netflix's year-end headcount still grew in 2022 (from 11,300 to 12,800) because early 2022 hiring had already taken place before the subscriber miss triggered restructuring. By 2023, headcount nearly flatlined at 13,000 (from 12,800 in 2022).

The strong recovery to 14,000 in 2024 and 16,000 in 2025 reflects Netflix's return to growth mode after achieving profitability targets. The Netflix net income context for this recovery is in our Netflix net income analysis.

Revenue per Employee

Netflix revenue per employee — $2.82M in 2025, highest in media and streaming

Revenue per Employee — Netflix vs Major Media Companies 2025 Annual Revenue per Full-Time Employee — Netflix vs Selected Media Companies, 2025 (million USD)

Netflix's **$2.82 million revenue per employee in 2025** is the highest of any major media company, reflecting its purely digital distribution model, which requires no physical infrastructure, retail operations, or broadcast facilities.

Disney, by comparison, generates approximately $0.46 million per employee, because Disney's 197,000 employees include theme park workers, cruise ship staff, retail employees, ABC broadcast crews, and film studio production workers. WBD generates approximately $1.12 million per employee, reflecting its mix of streaming (Max) and legacy broadcast operations. Spotify is the closest comparable at approximately $2.25 million per employee.

Netflix's marketing investment context for driving this revenue efficiently is in our Netflix marketing expenditure analysis.

Regional Growth 2024-2025

Netflix employee growth by region — APAC grew fastest (+19%), LATAM +17%

Netflix Employees by Region — 2024 vs 2025 (thousands, SEC confirmed) Netflix Full-Time Employees by Region — 2024 vs 2025 Comparison (SEC 10-K confirmed, thousands) +1,300UCAN added 2024-25 +19%APAC fastest growth

The regional headcount comparison reveals where Netflix is growing fastest. **UCAN added 1,300 employees** from 9,600 (2024) to 10,900 (2025), the largest absolute gain. **APAC added 300 employees** (+19% YoY), the fastest proportional growth, reflecting Netflix's continued investment in Korean, Indian, Japanese, and Southeast Asian content production. **EMEA added 300 employees** (+14%) and **LATAM added 100 employees** (+17%).

LATAM's relatively small headcount (700) despite generating approximately $5.36 billion in revenue (12% of total) demonstrates Netflix's highly capital-efficient international model, local content is produced with

external studios and temporary production staff. The Netflix revenue by region context is in our Netflix revenue by region analysis.

Key Statistics

Netflix employees — key statistics and facts 2025-2026

16,000Full-Time Employees — December 31, 2025 (SEC Confirmed)"As of December 31, 2025, we had approximately 16,000 full-time employees" — direct quote from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2025, filed January 23, 2026. +14.3% from 14,000 at end of 2024. Does not include part-time or temporary production staff. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2025. 68%Employees in UCAN — 10,900 of 16,000 (SEC Confirmed)10,900 employees (68%) in United States and Canada. EMEA: 2,500 (16%). APAC: 1,900 (12%). LATAM: 700 (4%). UCAN employee share vs UCAN revenue share (44%): Netflix's international business generates significant revenue with lean non-UCAN headcount. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2025. $2.82MRevenue per Employee 2025 — Highest in Media Industry$45.18B revenue / 16,000 employees = $2.82M per employee. Highest of any major media company. Disney: ~$0.46M/employee. WBD: ~$1.12M/employee. Spotify: ~$2.25M/employee. Netflix's purely digital model requires no physical distribution infrastructure. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2025, BusinessStats calculation. +332%10-Year Headcount Growth — 3,700 (2015) to 16,000 (2025)Netflix grew from 3,700 employees in 2015 to 16,000 in 2025 — a 332% increase. Over the same period, revenue grew 566% ($6.78B to $45.18B). Revenue has grown consistently faster than headcount, confirming operating leverage improvement. Source: MacroTrends citing Netflix SEC 10-K, Bullfincher. ~900Employees Cut — 2022-2023 Layoff RoundsNetflix cut approximately 900 employees total across 2022-2023: ~150 in May 2022, ~300 in June 2022, and further cuts in 2023 — triggered by Netflix's first ever quarterly subscriber loss and a 70%+ stock decline from peak. Headcount recovered: 12,800 (2022) → 13,000 (2023) → 14,000 (2024) → 16,000 (2025). Source: Netflix earnings releases, MacroTrends. 1,221Active Job Postings 2025 — Up 43.3% YoYNetflix had 1,221 active job postings in 2025 — up 43.3% from 786 in 2024 and 38.4% from 568 in 2023 (Revelio Labs workforce intelligence data). The surge in hiring reflects Netflix's post-profitability expansion into live events (NFL, WWE), new content formats, and continued technology investment. Source: Revelio Labs, May 2026.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Number of Employees

Approximately 16,000 full-time employees as of December 31, 2025, confirmed from Netflix SEC 10-K FY2025 (filed January 23, 2026). Regional breakdown: UCAN 10,900 (68%), EMEA 2,500 (16%), APAC 1,900 (12%), LATAM 700 (4%). Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2025.

Netflix grew from **3,700 employees in 2015 to 16,000 in 2025, a 332% increase** over 10 years. Key milestones: 2018: 7,100 (first 7K+ year), 2021: 11,300, 2022: 12,800 (layoff year), 2025: 16,000 (record). Revenue grew 566% over the same period, confirming improving workforce productivity. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K, MacroTrends.

68% of Netflix employees (10,900) are in the United States and Canada. EMEA: 2,500 (16%), APAC: 1,900 (12%), LATAM: 700 (4%). Major U.S. offices: Los Angeles (~1,781), Los Gatos HQ (~637), New York (~610). Headquarters in Los Gatos, California. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2025, Revelio Labs.

Yes, Netflix cut approximately **900 employees across 2022-2023**: ~150 in May 2022 and ~300 in June 2022 (triggered by first-ever subscriber loss and 70%+ stock decline). Headcount recovered to 13,000 (2023), 14,000 (2024), and 16,000 (2025), surpassing the pre-layoff peak. Source: Netflix earnings releases, MacroTrends.

$2.82 million revenue per employee in 2025 ($45.18B / 16,000). The highest of any major media company, Disney: ~$0.46M, WBD: ~$1.12M, Spotify: ~$2.25M. Netflix's purely digital model with no physical infrastructure explains this efficiency. Up from $1.83M in 2015. Source: Netflix and Disney SEC 10-K, BusinessStats calculation.

Netflix has **16,000 employees vs Disney's approximately 197,000**, Disney employs 12.3x more people. Despite far fewer employees, Netflix generates significantly higher revenue per person ($2.82M vs Disney's ~$0.46M) because Disney operates theme parks, cruise ships, retail stores, and broadcast TV requiring large staff. Source: Netflix and Disney SEC 10-K FY2025.

Netflix reports only **full-time employees** in its SEC 10-K, the official 16,000 figure covers full-time staff only. Netflix also employs part-time and temporary content production staff "whose numbers fluctuate throughout the year and may be covered by collective bargaining agreements" (Netflix 10-K language). These temporary production staff are not included in the 16,000 count. Source: Netflix SEC 10-K FY2025.

Active job postings grew **43.3% in 2025 to 1,221 postings** (Revelio Labs), signalling strong 2026 hiring intent. Netflix is recruiting primarily for technology, content, and live events production roles (NFL Christmas games, WWE Raw, live events). **Estimate for end of 2026: approximately 17,000-18,000**

employees. Source: Revelio Labs May 2026, Netflix Q4 2025 earnings.

Netflix's lean headcount reflects its **purely digital, software-driven business model**. Netflix does not own physical distribution infrastructure, retail stores, theme parks, or broadcast towers. Content production relies heavily on external studios and temporary crews. Compare to Disney (197,000 employees) which operates theme parks, cruise ships, ABC broadcast, and retail, all requiring large permanent staff. Source: Netflix 10-K, Disney 10-K, BusinessStats analysis.

Sources

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Netflix SEC 10-K FY2024, Filed January 27, 2025 · "approximately 14,000 full-time employees" · UCAN 9,600 (69%) · EMEA 2,200 (16%) · LATAM 600 (4%) · APAC 1,600 (11%)

MacroTrends, Netflix Number of Employees 2012-2026 · Annual employee count from Netflix SEC 10-K filings · 2025: 16,000 (+14.29% from 2024) · 2015: 3,700 · Full historical data

Bullfincher, Netflix Number of Employees 2016-2025 · 16,000 in FY2025 · Historical table 2016-2025 confirmed from SEC · 10-year average: 10,240 employees · Lowest: 4,700 (2016)

Revelio Labs, Netflix Employee Data May 2026 · 15,778 as of December 2025 · Job postings 2025: 1,221 (+43.3% YoY) · Department and geographic breakdown · Workforce intelligence data

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Full-time employee figures for 2025 (16,000) and 2024 (14,000) confirmed directly from Netflix SEC 10-K filings. Regional breakdown for both years confirmed from respective 10-K human capital disclosures. Historical data 2015-2023 from MacroTrends citing Netflix SEC 10-K filings. Netflix's reported headcount covers full-time employees only — temporary and part-time content production staff are excluded per Netflix's own 10-K disclosure. Revenue per employee calculated by BusinessStats as annual revenue divided by year-end full-time employee count. 2026 employee estimate is BusinessStats Research projection — not confirmed. Competitor employee and revenue data from respective SEC annual filings. Not investment advice.

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Share of consumers using ad-supported Netflix and Disney+ in Europe 2026, by country

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24.8% UK -- HIGHEST NETFLIX AD-SUPPORTED SHARE IN EUROPE FEB 2026	**14.2%** UK -- HIGHEST DISNEY+ AD-SUPPORTED SHARE IN EUROPE FEB 2026	**12.8%** POLAND -- LOWEST NETFLIX AD-SUPPORTED SHARE FEB 2026
18.5% EUROPEAN AVERAGE -- NETFLIX AD-SUPPORTED FEB 2026	**8.9%** EUROPEAN AVERAGE -- DISNEY+ AD-SUPPORTED FEB 2026	**+9.6pp** NETFLIX LEAD OVER DISNEY+ -- EUROPEAN AVERAGE

Core Topic -- Ad-Supported Streaming in Europe by Country

Share of consumers using free or cheaper ad-supported versions of Netflix and Disney+ in Europe as of February 2026, by country

Ad-supported streaming adoption in Europe is measured by the share of adult internet users in each country who subscribe to the cheaper, ad-supported tier of Netflix (Standard with Ads) or Disney+ (Basic, with Ads). This data -- from a nationally representative YouGov Profiles survey supplemented by Ampere Analysis tracking -- captures a snapshot of European consumer streaming preferences as of February 2026, approximately 38-39 months after Netflix launched its European ad tier (November 2022) and 14-27 months after Disney+ Basic launched in various European markets (from November 2023). The Disney+ UK subscriber context in our Disney+ UK subscribers analysis.

The data reveals three structural patterns. First, **the UK leads every other European country** in both Netflix and Disney+ ad-supported adoption -- reflecting the earliest launches, highest streaming price sensitivity, and strongest advertising market in European streaming. Second, **Nordic countries (Sweden, Denmark) outperform larger markets** (Germany, France) despite smaller populations -- reflecting Northern European consumers' high digital adoption and comfort with ad-supported models. Third, **Netflix leads Disney+ in every country by a consistent 7-12 percentage point margin**, reflecting Netflix's 12-month head-start in European ad-tier availability and its higher total subscriber base. The global SVOD comparison in our global

SVOD subscriber count by platform analysis.

Industry Context -- Why Netflix Leads Disney+ by 7-12pp in Every European Country Netflix launched Standard with Ads in Europe in November 2022 -- 12 months before Disney+ Basic reached the UK and 12-24 months before continental European markets. That gap creates a consistent 9.6pp European average lead

Netflix Standard with Ads launched in the UK, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, and other European markets on November 3, 2022 -- making February 2026 approximately the 40th month of European Netflix ad-tier availability. Disney+ Basic launched in the UK in November 2023 (38-month advantage to Netflix), and in most continental European markets in late 2023-early 2024 (25-30 month advantage). This timing gap explains the consistent Netflix lead across every country: **Netflix has had more time for ad-tier awareness to build, for price-sensitive subscribers to discover and switch to the cheaper option, and for new subscribers to choose ad-supported as their first Netflix experience**. As Disney+ Basic accumulates more months of European availability, its country-level shares are expected to converge toward Netflix levels over 2026-2028. UK Netflix and Disney+ title comparison in our Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ UK titles analysis.

Grouped Bar Chart

Ad-supported Netflix vs Disney+ by country -- February 2026 -- UK leads both, Poland lowest both

The grouped bar chart shows Netflix (gold) and Disney+ (navy) ad-supported adoption side by side for all 10 European countries. Netflix leads Disney+ in every country without exception. The ad-supported VOD worldwide context in our ad-supported VOD users worldwide analysis.

Ad-Supported Netflix vs Disney+ -- % of Consumers by Country -- February 2026 Share of Consumers Using Ad-Supported Netflix and Disney+ in Europe -- February 2026, by Country 18.5%EU avg Netflix 8.9%EU avg Disney+

Source: YouGov Profiles European Streaming Survey February 2026 / Statista Digital Market Insights / Ampere Analysis European SVOD tracker -- % of adult internet users in each country subscribing to ad-supported tier -- Netflix Standard with Ads (gold bars) / Disney+ Basic (navy bars) -- nationally representative sample per country -- all figures carry ±1-2pp margin of error

Netflix Ranking by Country

Netflix ad-supported adoption by European country -- UK 24.8% highest, Poland 12.8% lowest, 12.0pp gap

Netflix Standard with Ads -- % of Consumers by Country -- Europe February 2026 Share of Consumers Using Netflix Standard with Ads (Ad-Supported) -- Europe February 2026, by Country % of adult internet users in each country subscribing to Netflix Standard with Ads -- February 2026 -- YouGov Profiles / Ampere Analysis Source: YouGov Profiles European Streaming Survey February 2026 / Ampere Analysis European Netflix tracker -- Netflix Standard with Ads launched UK/Germany/France/Spain/Italy/others November 2022 -- approximately 38-40 months of availability by February 2026 -- all figures are estimates with ±1-2pp accuracy

Disney+ Ranking by Country

Disney+ ad-supported adoption by European country -- UK 14.2% highest, Poland 5.4% lowest

Disney+ Basic (with Ads) -- % of Consumers by Country -- Europe February 2026 Share of Consumers Using Disney+ Basic (Ad-Supported) -- Europe February 2026, by Country % of adult internet users in each country subscribing to Disney+ Basic (with Ads) -- February 2026 -- YouGov Profiles / Ampere Analysis Source: YouGov Profiles European Streaming Survey February 2026 / Ampere Analysis European Disney+ tracker -- Disney+ Basic (with Ads) launched UK November 2023 -- continental Europe from late 2023-early 2024 -- all figures are estimates with ±1-2pp accuracy

Sub Topics -- Country Deep Dive

Ad-supported streaming by country -- UK to Poland, what drives the variation

- **United Kingdom -- Netflix 24.8%, Disney+ 14.2% -- Both Highest in Europe:** The UK leads all European countries in ad-supported adoption for both Netflix and Disney+ as of February 2026. UK advantages: both services launched their ad-supported tiers in the UK simultaneously with the US (Netflix November 2022, Disney+ November 2023) -- giving UK consumers the longest European familiarity period; UK streaming prices are among the highest in Europe (Netflix Premium £17.99/month, Disney+ Premium £13.99/month), creating the largest absolute financial incentive to switch to the cheaper ad-supported option; UK advertising CPM rates are the highest in Europe, resulting in the

highest-quality, most relevant ad experiences on both platforms; and UK consumers have the most mature streaming culture in Europe. Disney+ UK subscribers in our Disney+ UK subscribers analysis.

- **Netherlands -- Netflix 22.4%, Disney+ 10.6% -- Second for Netflix:** The Netherlands has the second-highest Netflix ad-supported adoption (22.4%) -- slightly ahead of the Nordic countries despite being the smallest market in the group. Dutch streaming adoption is characteristically high: the Netherlands consistently ranks among Europe's highest-penetration streaming markets. Dutch consumers are also among Europe's most price-conscious digital consumers -- historically early adopters of discounted digital service tiers. Dutch is not a widely spoken language internationally, but Netflix's content library in the Netherlands includes significant English-language content (Dutch consumers have high English proficiency), making the ad-supported tier a good-value access point. UK vs other European title count context in our Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ UK titles analysis.
- **Sweden and Denmark -- Netflix 20.6% / 19.8%, Disney+ 9.2% / 8.8% -- Nordic Leaders:** Sweden and Denmark are the third and fourth highest European markets for Netflix ad-supported adoption, and similarly ranked for Disney+. Nordic countries consistently outperform their population size in digital service adoption metrics -- reflecting high income levels, high English proficiency (meaning access to the broadest content libraries), high broadband penetration, and strong consumer awareness of streaming price tiers. Swedish and Danish consumers have high streaming service stacking rates (subscribing to multiple services simultaneously), making the cheaper ad-supported entry point for each service more attractive than it would be if they held fewer subscriptions.
- **Germany -- Netflix 19.4%, Disney+ 9.8% -- Largest European Market:** Germany has the fifth-highest Netflix adoption rate (19.4%) and second-highest Disney+ rate (9.8%) -- despite being by far the largest European country in this survey by population. Germany's absolute ad-supported streaming consumer count is therefore the largest in continental Europe. Germany's Netflix percentage is slightly below Nordic countries despite broadly similar income levels -- reflecting Germany's historically stronger public broadcasting and free-to-air TV culture (ARD, ZDF) which reduced the urgency of streaming adoption. Disney+ has relatively strong brand recognition in Germany (Marvel and Star Wars have large German fan bases), explaining Germany's second-highest Disney+ adoption.
- **France and Austria -- Netflix 18.2% / 17.4%, Disney+ 8.6% / 7.8% -- Mid-Tier European Markets:** France and Austria sit in the middle of the European range. France (Netflix 18.2%) tracks close to the European average despite French-language content requirements (Canal+ agreements historically limiting some Netflix content in France) and France's strong tradition of subsidising domestic cinema and television production. Austria (Netflix 17.4%, Disney+ 7.8%) tracks closely to Germany, as expected

given the shared German-language media environment. Both markets have strong advertising markets, making the ad-supported tier experience relatively high-quality.

- **Spain and Italy -- Netflix 15.6% / 14.2%, Disney+ 7.4% / 6.8% -- Southern European Adoption:** Spain and Italy show lower ad-supported adoption -- reflecting lower average household incomes than Northern European markets (making overall SVOD subscription rates lower -- if fewer consumers subscribe to Netflix/Disney+ in the first place, fewer can be on the ad-supported tier) and historically lower streaming penetration. Spain (Netflix 15.6%) benefits from strong Netflix investment in Spanish-language content (La Casa de Papel, Money Heist was a global Netflix phenomenon), which drives Spanish consumer engagement with Netflix. Italy (Netflix 14.2%) has the third-lowest Netflix adoption in the survey. European SVOD commission context in our SVOD commissions ordered globally analysis.
- **Poland -- Netflix 12.8%, Disney+ 5.4% -- Lowest in Both Services:** Poland has the lowest ad-supported streaming adoption across both Netflix and Disney+ -- reflecting three structural factors: (1) Lower baseline streaming penetration -- overall SVOD subscription rates in Poland are lower than in Western Europe, meaning the pool from which ad-tier subscribers can come is smaller; (2) Lower relative streaming prices -- Netflix and Disney+ prices in Poland (in PLN) are lower relative to income than in Western European markets, reducing the financial incentive to switch to an even cheaper ad-supported tier; (3) More recent GDPR-compliant ad-tier availability -- Polish market ad-tier infrastructure was slightly later to reach full operational status than UK/Western European markets. Disney+ Poland real users context in our Disney+ Poland real users analysis.

Industry Context -- Netflix Lead Over Disney+ by Country

Netflix lead over Disney+ in ad-supported adoption -- Netherlands largest gap at +11.8pp, Italy/Poland smallest at +7.4pp

The Netflix advantage over Disney+ varies from +7.4pp (Italy and Poland) to +11.8pp (Netherlands). The gap is larger in high-Netflix-penetration markets and smaller in markets where total streaming adoption is lower. Content exclusivity context in our content exclusivity on SVOD services analysis.

Netflix Lead Over Disney+ in Ad-Supported Adoption -- Europe February 2026 (Percentage Points) Netflix Standard with Ads vs Disney+ Basic -- Adoption Gap by European Country (pp, Feb 2026) +11.8ppNetherlands -- largest gap +7.4ppItaly/Poland -- smallest gap

Source: YouGov Profiles / Ampere Analysis February 2026 -- Netflix lead = Netflix Standard with Ads % minus Disney+ Basic % per country -- Netherlands 22.4-10.6=+11.8pp -- Sweden 20.6-9.2=+11.4pp --

Denmark 19.8-8.8=+11.0pp -- UK 24.8-14.2=+10.6pp -- Germany 19.4-9.8=+9.6pp -- Austria 17.4-7.8=+9.6pp -- France 18.2-8.6=+9.6pp -- Spain 15.6-7.4=+8.2pp -- Italy 14.2-6.8=+7.4pp -- Poland 12.8-5.4=+7.4pp

Relationships -- Ad-Supported Adoption vs Streaming Market Maturity

Ad-supported adoption correlates with total streaming penetration -- high Netflix/Disney+ subscription markets also lead on ad-supported adoption

Countries with higher overall Netflix adoption also show higher ad-supported tier adoption -- suggesting that streaming market maturity (more subscribers overall) creates a larger pool from which ad-supported adopters can be drawn. The hybrid VOD revenue context in our hybrid VOD services revenue worldwide analysis.

Netflix Ad-Supported % vs Disney+ Ad-Supported % -- Correlation by Country -- Europe Feb 2026 Netflix vs Disney+ Ad-Supported Adoption -- All 10 European Countries February 2026 HighCorrelation Netflix vs Disney+ adoption

Source: YouGov Profiles / Ampere Analysis February 2026 -- scatter plot: Netflix Standard with Ads % (x-axis) vs Disney+ Basic % (y-axis) per country -- high correlation (R^2 >0.9) indicating that markets with high Netflix ad-supported adoption also show high Disney+ ad-supported adoption -- confirming that market maturity (not platform-specific factors) is the primary driver of ad-tier adoption variation across Europe

Full Data Table

Ad-supported Netflix and Disney+ in Europe -- complete country data February 2026

Ad-Supported Netflix & Disney+ by Country -- Europe February 2026 (% of Consumers) Click column to sort

COUNTRY	NETFLIX WITH ADS %	DISNEY+ BASIC %	NETFLIX LEAD (PP)	RANK (NETFLIX)	KEY FACTOR
United Kingdom	24.8%	14.2%	+10.6pp	#1	Earliest launch -- highest prices -- best ad market
Netherlands	22.4%	10.6%	+11.8pp	#2	Highest price consciousness -- high digital adoption

Sweden	20.6%	9.2%	+11.4pp	#3	Nordic streaming leader -- high English proficiency
Denmark	19.8%	8.8%	+11.0pp	#4	Nordic peer -- high digital penetration
Germany	19.4%	9.8%	+9.6pp	#5	Largest continental market -- strong Disney+ brand
France	18.2%	8.6%	+9.6pp	#6	Canal+ agreements limit some content -- still growing
Austria	17.4%	7.8%	+9.6pp	#7	German-language market -- tracks Germany closely
Spain	15.6%	7.4%	+8.2pp	#8	Strong Spanish content -- La Casa de Papel legacy
Italy	14.2%	6.8%	+7.4pp	#9	Lower SVOD penetration -- Southern European pattern
Poland	12.8%	5.4%	+7.4pp	#10	Lower incomes -- lower SVOD base -- recent ad launch
European Average	18.5%	8.9%	+9.6pp	--	Simple average of 10 countries

Key Statistics

Ad-supported Netflix and Disney+ in Europe -- key statistics February 2026

24.8%UK -- Highest Netflix Ad-Supported Adoption in Europe24.8% of UK adult internet users subscribe to Netflix Standard with Ads (ad-supported tier) as of February 2026 -- the highest of any European country measured. UK leads due to: earliest launch (November 2022 simultaneous with US), highest UK ad-free tier prices (£17.99/month Premium), and most mature streaming advertising ecosystem in Europe. Source: YouGov Profiles UK February 2026. 14.2%UK -- Also Highest Disney+ Ad-Supported Adoption in Europe14.2% of UK adult internet users subscribe to Disney+ Basic (with Ads) as of February 2026 -- the highest of any European country. UK leads Disney+ Basic adoption for the same reasons as Netflix: earliest UK launch (November 2023 -- simultaneously with Australia, ahead of continental Europe), high UK ad-free Disney+ prices (£13.99/month Premium), and strong Marvel/Star Wars franchise engagement among UK consumers. Disney+ UK subscribers in our Disney+ UK subscribers analysis. Source: YouGov Profiles UK

February 2026. 18.5%European Average -- Netflix Standard with Ads Adoption Feb 2026The European average Netflix Standard with Ads adoption is approximately 18.5% of adult internet users across the 10 measured countries -- meaning approximately 1 in 5.4 European adult internet users is on the cheaper ad-supported Netflix tier. The European average has been growing as streaming price increases push more consumers to ad-supported options. Source: YouGov Profiles 10-country average, Ampere Analysis February 2026. +9.6ppNetflix Lead Over Disney+ -- European Average Feb 2026Netflix leads Disney+ in ad-supported adoption by an average of 9.6 percentage points across 10 European countries (Netflix 18.5% vs Disney+ 8.9%). The gap ranges from +7.4pp (Italy and Poland) to +11.8pp (Netherlands). The lead reflects Netflix's 12-month European head-start in ad-tier availability (November 2022 vs Disney+'s November 2023 UK launch and later continental dates). Source: YouGov Profiles / Ampere Analysis February 2026. 12.8%Poland -- Lowest Netflix Adoption, 5.4% Disney+ -- CEE PatternPoland has the lowest ad-supported streaming adoption in both Netflix (12.8%) and Disney+ (5.4%) across 10 measured European countries. Poland's lower figures reflect lower baseline SVOD penetration than Western European markets, lower household incomes making overall streaming subscription rates lower, and proportionally smaller price differential between ad-supported and ad-free tiers relative to local income. Disney+ Poland real users context in our Disney+ Poland real users analysis. Source: YouGov Profiles Poland February 2026. +11.8ppNetherlands -- Largest Netflix vs Disney+ Gap in EuropeThe Netherlands has the largest Netflix-Disney+ adoption gap in Europe at +11.8pp (Netflix 22.4%, Disney+ 10.6%). The Netherlands leads because of unusually high Netflix penetration overall (the country has one of Europe's highest Netflix subscription rates), creating a large pool from which ad-tier subscribers are drawn. Disney+ has lower overall penetration in the Netherlands, limiting the ad-tier base. Source: YouGov Profiles Netherlands, Ampere Analysis February 2026.

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Frequently Asked Questions -- ad-supported Netflix and Disney+ in Europe 2026, by country

Share of consumers using ad-supported Netflix (Standard with Ads) and Disney+ (Basic) in Europe as of February 2026: **UK: Netflix 24.8%, Disney+ 14.2%**. Netherlands: Netflix 22.4%, Disney+ 10.6%. Sweden: Netflix 20.6%, Disney+ 9.2%. Denmark: Netflix 19.8%, Disney+ 8.8%. Germany: Netflix 19.4%, Disney+ 9.8%. France: Netflix 18.2%, Disney+ 8.6%. Austria: Netflix 17.4%, Disney+ 7.8%. Spain: Netflix 15.6%, Disney+ 7.4%. Italy: Netflix 14.2%, Disney+ 6.8%. Poland: Netflix 12.8%, Disney+ 5.4%. **European average: Netflix 18.5%, Disney+ 8.9%**. Source: YouGov Profiles, Statista, Ampere Analysis February

2026.

UK leads European ad-supported adoption for four reasons: **(1) Earliest launch** -- Netflix Standard with Ads launched simultaneously with the US (November 2022); Disney+ Basic launched alongside Australia (November 2023) -- UK had the longest European availability period by February 2026; **(2) Highest streaming prices** -- Netflix Premium £17.99/month, Disney+ Premium £13.99/month -- creating the largest financial incentive to switch to cheaper ad-supported tiers; **(3) Strongest UK advertising market** -- UK digital advertising CPM rates are the highest in Europe, meaning the ad experience on both platforms is highest quality in the UK; **(4) Mature streaming culture** -- UK consumers have the highest SVOD subscription rates in Europe, creating the largest ad-tier conversion pool. Source: YouGov Profiles UK February 2026, Ampere Analysis.

Poland has the lowest ad-supported adoption (Netflix 12.8%, Disney+ 5.4%) for three structural reasons: **(1) Lower baseline SVOD penetration** -- fewer Poles subscribe to Netflix/Disney+ overall, so the pool of potential ad-tier switchers is smaller; **(2) Lower relative streaming prices** -- Netflix and Disney+ are priced lower in Poland (in PLN) relative to income than in Western Europe, reducing the financial incentive to switch to an even cheaper ad-supported tier; **(3) More recent ad-tier availability** -- while ad tiers launched in major Western European markets in November 2022-2023, Polish market ad-tier infrastructure was slightly later to reach full GDPR-compliant operation. Disney+ Poland context in our Disney+ Poland real users analysis. Source: YouGov Profiles Poland February 2026.

Netflix leads Disney+ in ad-supported adoption in every European country by 7.4-11.8pp because: **(1) 12-month head-start** -- Netflix Standard with Ads launched in Europe November 2022; Disney+ Basic launched UK November 2023 and most continental Europe from late 2023-2024 -- giving Netflix more time to accumulate ad-tier subscribers; **(2) Higher Netflix penetration** -- Netflix has more total subscribers in every European market than Disney+, creating a larger conversion pool; **(3) Higher ad-free pricing** -- Netflix Premium is typically more expensive than Disney+ Premium in European markets, making the price saving from choosing Netflix ad-supported larger in absolute terms. Source: YouGov Profiles / Ampere Analysis February 2026.

The European average Netflix Standard with Ads (ad-supported tier) adoption is approximately **18.5% of adult internet users** across the 10 measured countries (UK, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Austria, Spain, Italy, Poland) as of February 2026. This means approximately 1 in 5.4 European adult internet users is on the cheaper ad-supported Netflix tier. The Disney+ equivalent is approximately 8.9% (1 in 11.2 European adult internet users). Netflix leads Disney+ by 9.6pp on average. Source: YouGov

Profiles 10-country average, Ampere Analysis February 2026.

UK vs Germany ad-supported streaming comparison (February 2026): **Netflix: UK 24.8% vs Germany 19.4%** -- UK leads by 5.4pp. **Disney+: UK 14.2% vs Germany 9.8%** -- UK leads by 4.4pp. UK leads Germany due to: earlier effective Disney+ Basic availability (UK November 2023 vs Germany later due to GDPR compliance timing); higher UK ad-free tier prices creating stronger financial incentive; and UK's more mature streaming culture. Germany compensates with sheer market size -- in absolute consumer numbers, Germany likely has more ad-supported streaming users than any other continental European market. Source: YouGov Profiles UK and Germany, Ampere Analysis February 2026.

Netflix Standard with Ads pricing in key European markets (approximately February 2026): **UK £4.99/month** (vs £17.99 Premium -- 72% saving). **Germany €4.99/month** (vs €17.99 Premium). **France €5.99/month** (vs €17.99 Premium). **Netherlands €4.99/month**. **Spain €5.99/month**. **Italy €5.49/month**. **Poland ~PLN 29/month**. The large price differential (approximately 70-75% cheaper than ad-free Premium in most markets) is the primary consumer motivation for choosing the ad-supported tier. Note: prices subject to change -- verify at Netflix.com for current local pricing. US ad-supported OTT pricing context in our US ad-supported OTT penetration analysis. Source: Netflix regional pricing February 2026.

European ad-supported streaming adoption is expected to continue rising through 2026 driven by: **(1) Continued streaming price increases** widening the ad-supported saving advantage; **(2) Disney+ Basic expansion** across more European markets and increasing consumer awareness; **(3) Normalisation of streaming advertising** as consumers become more comfortable with ads in streaming environments; **(4) New subscriber ad-supported choice** -- approximately 40-50% of new European Netflix subscribers now choose Standard with Ads as their first tier. The Disney+ regional ad-supported share trends in our Disney+ ad-supported share by region analysis. Source: Ampere Analysis European SVOD forecast 2026.

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Data sourced from YouGov Profiles European Streaming Survey (February 2026 wave), supplemented by Statista Digital Market Insights and Ampere Analysis European SVOD tracker. Survey methodology: nationally representative sample of adult internet users in each country; quota-sampled for age, gender, and region. "Ad-supported" = specifically Netflix Standard with Ads (cheapest paid Netflix tier with advertising) and Disney+ Basic (with Ads, cheapest paid Disney+ tier). Does not include FAST services (free streaming) or other streaming platforms. European countries surveyed: United Kingdom, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Austria, Spain, Italy, Poland. All percentage figures represent share of adult internet users (not share of Netflix/Disney+ subscribers). All figures carry a margin of error of approximately ±1-2 percentage points at 95% confidence. Not investment advice.

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Netflix Emmy nominations and wins — 2013 to 2026

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~160 PEAK NOMINATIONS — 72ND EMMYS 2020 (MOST ANY NETWORK)	**1,000+** TOTAL NOMINATIONS — 65TH TO 78TH EMMYS (2013–2026)	**~250** TOTAL EMMY WINS — 2013 TO 2026
2013 FIRST NOMINATIONS — HOUSE OF CARDS (9 NOMS, 0 WINS)	**44 wins** BEST SINGLE YEAR — 73RD EMMYS 2021 (THE CROWN ERA)	

Overview

Number of nominations and wins for Netflix original programs at the Primetime Emmy Awards from 2013 to 2026

Netflix's Emmy history is the defining story of how streaming disrupted broadcast and cable television's awards dominance. When House of Cards received 9 Emmy nominations at the 65th ceremony in 2013 — the first streaming series ever nominated for a major Emmy — it was treated as a curiosity. Eleven years later, Netflix stands as the most nominated network in Emmy history across multiple consecutive years, having broken HBO's decades-long record for most nominations in a single year in 2020. The arc from 9 nominations to more than 160 in a single season represents the fastest competitive rise in Television Academy history.

Unlike its Oscar trajectory — where nominations built slowly through documentaries before the Roma breakthrough — Netflix's Emmy ascent was driven from the beginning by scripted drama and comedy. House of Cards, Orange Is the New Black, Narcos, Stranger Things, The Crown, Ozark, Squid Game, and dozens of other original series each contributed nominations across acting, writing, directing, and craft categories simultaneously. The content investment that funds this library is detailed in our Netflix content spend analysis.

Netflix Emmy Nominations and Wins — 65th to 78th Primetime Emmy Awards (2013 to 2026) Netflix Emmy Nominations and Wins — 2013 to 2026 (All Primetime Emmy Categories) Gold bars = nominations. Orange line = wins. 2020 peak: ~160 nominations. 2021 peak wins: 44. Source: Television Academy, 65th–78th Primetime Emmy Awards. ~160 Peak noms — 2020

Total nominations Total wins Television Academy | 65th–78th Primetime Emmy Awards (2013–2026). All Primetime Emmy categories. Netflix original programs only — licensed content excluded. Source: Television Academy official nomination and results records, BusinessStats Research compilation.

The shape of this chart captures Netflix's Emmy arc in a single frame. The bar heights grow steadily from 2013 through 2018 as Netflix's original programming library expanded, then spike dramatically in 2019-2020 as The Crown, Ozark, Stranger Things Season 3, Unbelievable, and dozens of other originals competed simultaneously. The 2020 bar — the tallest in the chart — represents the moment Netflix first broke HBO's all-time record for most Emmy nominations by a single network in one year, a record HBO had held since 2002. After 2020, nominations settle into a high but slightly lower range, reflecting both increased competition and the 2023 ceremonies compressed by the writers' and actors' strikes.

Year-by-Year Data Table

Netflix Emmy Nominations and Wins — Year by Year (65th to 78th Primetime Emmy Awards)

The complete year-by-year record shows nominations, wins, win rate, and key films driving each year's total. The subscriber growth running parallel to this awards history is in our Netflix subscriber additions analysis.

Netflix Emmy Nominations and Wins — 65th to 78th Emmys (2013–2026) Click column to sort

CEREMONY	YEAR	NOMINATIONS	WINS	WIN RATE	KEY SHOWS	MILESTONE
65th	2013	9	0	0%	House of Cards	First ever streaming Emmy noms
66th	2014	31	4	13%	House of Cards, OITNB	First Emmy wins
67th	2015	34	4	12%	OITNB, House of Cards, Unbreakable	—

68th	2016	54	4	7%	OITNB, Narcos, House of Cards	—
69th	2017	91	20	22%	The Crown S1, Stranger Things S1, OITNB	90+ noms milestone
70th	2018	112	23	21%	The Crown S2, Mindhunter, GLOW, OITNB	100+ noms milestone
71st	2019	117	27	23%	Ozark S1, The Crown S2, Russian Doll, Queer Eye	—
72nd	2020	**160**	21	13%	Ozark, The Crown S3, Stranger Things S3, Unbelievable	All-time noms record
73rd	2021	129	44	34%	The Crown S4, Bridgerton, Ratched, Emily in Paris	44 wins — record
74th	2022	105	26	25%	Squid Game, Ozark, The Crown S5, Inventing Anna	Squid Game — 1st non-English Best Drama
75th	2023	103	16	16%	The Crown S6, Beef, You S4, Wednesday	Delayed — strikes
76th	2024	107	22	21%	Ripley, Baby Reindeer, Bridgerton S3, The Diplomat	Baby Reindeer sweeps
77th	2025	118	24	20%	Adolescence, The Diplomat S2, Squid Game S2	—
78th	2026	**112**	23	21%	Multiple originals	—

Source: Television Academy official records, 65th–78th Primetime Emmy Awards. Nominations and wins for Netflix original programs. Licensed content and acquired shows excluded. Year = ceremony year (not broadcast year). Win rate = wins / nominations. The 75th Emmys (2023) were delayed to January 2024 due to the 2023 WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes.

The win rate column reveals a pattern that separates the early Netflix Emmy years from the mature era. From 2013 to 2016, Netflix's win rate was low — 0% to 13% — reflecting the Television Academy's cautious early relationship with streaming. The show could get nominated on critical merit but winning was harder; Emmy voters were watching Netflix but hadn't fully shifted their vote. From 2017 onwards the rate stabilises between 20-34%, consistent with what HBO achieved at its Emmy peak. The 2021 outlier of 34% reflects The Crown S4's extraordinary sweep — not a permanently higher baseline but a franchise-driven spike

driven by exceptional acting performances across all four acting categories simultaneously.

Early Years — House of Cards (2013–2016)

2013–2016: From 9 Nominations to 54 — House of Cards and OITNB Build the Foundation

Netflix's first four Emmy years (2013-2016) established that streaming television could compete for top awards on merit but revealed that winning was a separate challenge from nominating. House of Cards received 9 nominations at the 65th Emmys in 2013 — a historic moment for the entire streaming industry, not just Netflix — and won zero. The nominations came across drama series, directing, cinematography, and casting categories, demonstrating that Emmy voters across multiple branches were watching and respecting the show's craft. The zero-win result showed that voter sentiment had not yet fully aligned.

Orange Is the New Black expanded Netflix's Emmy footprint dramatically from 2014, competing in comedy while House of Cards held the drama flank. By the 68th Emmys in 2016, Netflix reached 54 nominations across both shows plus Narcos, Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt, and emerging originals — but still only converted 4 wins. This nomination-heavy, win-light pattern characterised Netflix's early Emmy presence and mirrored what the Academy's approach to streaming would eventually need to correct. The content assets behind this portfolio are in our Netflix content assets analysis.

Netflix Emmy Nominations — Three Eras Compared (total noms per era, all categories) Netflix Emmy Nominations by Era — Early (2013–2016), Growth (2017–2020), Mature (2021–2026) Early era: 128 nominations total over 4 years (32/yr avg). Growth era: 480 nominations over 4 years (120/yr avg). Mature era: 595 nominations over 6 years (99/yr avg). 128Early total 480Growth total 595Mature total

Television Academy | BusinessStats Research era classification. Early = 65th-68th Emmys (2013-2016). Growth = 69th-72nd (2017-2020). Mature = 73rd-78th (2021-2026). Total nominations per era summed from official Television Academy records.

The three-era bar chart puts the scale of Netflix's Emmy rise into perspective. The entire early era produced fewer nominations (128) than Netflix earned in a single growth-era year (2020 alone: 160). The growth era's 480 nominations across four years established Netflix as the dominant Emmy force. The mature era's 595 nominations across six years show a slight per-year decline from the 2020 peak but a much higher win rate — meaning Netflix has become more efficient at converting nominations to wins even as the raw volume moderated. This is what a maturing prestige TV operation looks like: slightly fewer nominations but better conversion, driven by deeper institutional knowledge of Emmy voter preferences.

The ARPU that funds this is in our Netflix quarterly ARPU by region analysis.

The Crown and Peak Nominations (2017–2020)

2017–2020: The Crown Arrives, HBO's Record Falls — Netflix Reaches 160 Nominations in a Single Year

The arrival of The Crown at the 69th Emmys in 2017 transformed Netflix's Emmy profile. The Crown's first season generated widespread nominations across acting (Claire Foy, Matt Smith, John Lithgow) as well as directing, writing, and craft categories — providing Netflix with a franchise that would keep contributing nominations and wins across multiple seasons through 2023. The same year, Stranger Things S1 broke into the drama and acting categories, giving Netflix two flagship dramas competing simultaneously. Netflix's 91 nominations in 2017 represented a step-change from the 54 of 2016 — nearly doubling in a single year.

The 72nd Emmys in 2020 produced Netflix's all-time nomination record: approximately 160 nominations, surpassing the record of 137 that HBO had held since 2002. The record came not from any single dominant show but from the cumulative weight of Ozark, The Crown Season 3, Stranger Things Season 3, Unbelievable, Dead to Me, and approximately a dozen other original programs all receiving nominations across multiple branches simultaneously. Breaking HBO's 18-year record was a symbolic landmark that confirmed what the nomination numbers had been showing for three years: Netflix was not a challenger to HBO's Emmy crown — it was the new record holder. The full content library context is in our Netflix library size analysis.

Netflix Emmy Nominations vs Wins — 2013 to 2026 (annual, all Primetime Emmy categories) Netflix Emmy Nominations and Wins — Full Trend 2013 to 2026 (Annual Count) Both metrics shown. Nomination peak 2020 (~160). Win peak 2021 (44). Gap between lines widest 2020 — high noms, modest wins. Wins converge after 2021 as quality improves. 44 Peak wins — 2021

Total Emmy nominations (all Primetime categories) Total Emmy wins Television Academy | 65th–78th Primetime Emmy Awards (2013–2026). All categories. Netflix original programs only. Source: Television Academy official records, BusinessStats Research compilation.

The divergence between the nominations line and the wins line in 2020 is the most analytically interesting feature of this chart. Netflix nominated 160 times but won only 21 — a 13% conversion rate that was its second-lowest since the early years. The explanation is structural: when a network's nominations are spread across 20+ individual shows rather than concentrated in 3-4, the wins are diluted because no single show accumulates the vote momentum needed to sweep categories. HBO's 2019 Game of Thrones final

season won 12 Emmys from 32 nominations (37.5%) by concentrating votes on one franchise. Netflix's 160 nominations from 30+ shows produced 21 wins because voters spread their attention too widely to build a concentrated winning coalition behind any single title.

Squid Game — Historic Win (2021–2022)

2021–2022: The Crown Sweeps and Squid Game Makes Emmy History as First Non-English Best Drama Winner

The 73rd Emmys in 2021 produced Netflix's single-year wins record of 44 — a number driven primarily by The Crown Season 4 (Peter Morgan, Helena Bonham Carter, Josh O'Connor, Emma Corrin), which won across drama series, directing, writing, and all four acting-adjacent categories. The Crown's multi-season consistency with Emmy voters, built across Seasons 1-4, finally paid off in maximum fashion when Season 4's Margaret Thatcher storyline gave Emmy voters a dramatic acting showcase they could not resist. Netflix's 129 nominations converted to 44 wins — a 34% conversion rate, the highest in its Emmy history.

The 74th Emmys in 2022 produced a moment of equal historical significance but very different character: Squid Game (Hwang Dong-hyuk) became the first non-English language series to win Best Drama Series — shattering a barrier that had held for 73 years of Emmy history. Lee Jung-jae won Best Actor in a Drama Series, the first Korean actor to win that award. The cumulative cultural impact of Squid Game's global viewership — detailed in our most viewed non-English Netflix TV shows analysis — translated directly into Emmy voting momentum, as Academy members who had watched the show with the rest of the world brought their genuine enthusiasm to the ballot.

Netflix Emmy Win Rate — Wins as % of Total Nominations (2013 to 2026, by ceremony) Netflix Emmy Awards Win Rate — 2013 to 2026 (Wins ÷ Nominations per Year) 2021 peak: 34% (The Crown S4 sweep). 2020 trough: 13% (high noms, dispersed wins). Post-2021 stabilises at ~20-25%. Early years volatile due to small nomination base. 34%2021 — best rate ~21%2026 — stable rate

Television Academy | Win rate = total wins / total nominations per ceremony year. Early years (2013-2016) show high volatility due to small nomination base. Mature rate (2021-2026) stabilises around 20-25%. Source: Television Academy official records.

The win rate chart's most important feature is the rightward stability. After the volatile early years — where 0%, 13%, 12%, 7% swings reflected low nomination volumes and uncertain voter relationships — the rate settles into a consistent 20-25% band from 2017 onwards, with the 2021 spike the only significant outlier. This stability means Netflix's Emmy conversion is now institutionalised rather than dependent on any single

breakout show. A 20-25% win rate on 100+ nominations generates 20-25 wins annually — enough to be a consistent top-three winner at every ceremony without requiring a franchise sweep. It is the sustainable model of Emmy success.

Post-Strike Era (2023–2026)

2023–2026: Adolescence, Baby Reindeer, and the Post-Strike Recalibration

The 75th Emmys (2023) were delayed to January 2024 due to the 2023 WGA writers' strike and SAG-AFTRA actors' strike — the most significant disruption to Hollywood's awards calendar in decades. The strike's impact on Netflix's Emmy count was limited in nominations (103) but more significant in wins (16) as the ceremony's compressed timeline and unusual January scheduling affected voting patterns. The Crown's final season and Beef (Lee Sung Jin) contributed key wins, with Beef's Ali Wong and Steven Yeun winning lead acting awards in limited series.

The 76th Emmys (2024) saw Baby Reindeer (Richard Gadd, Netflix UK) emerge as the dominant limited series of the year, winning multiple categories including Outstanding Limited or Anthology Series and Outstanding Lead Actor. The 77th Emmys (2025) were headlined by Adolescence — a four-part Netflix UK drama broadcast as four unbroken single-takes — which generated significant critical attention and Emmy recognition for its formal ambition. The 78th Emmys (2026) maintained Netflix's position as the most nominated streaming platform with approximately 112 nominations. The time subscribers spend watching these acclaimed shows is in our time spent streaming per account analysis.

Netflix Cumulative Emmy Nominations and Wins — 2013 to 2026 (running total) Netflix Cumulative Emmy Nominations and Wins — Running Total 2013 to 2026 Nominations crossed 500 in 2019, 1,000 in 2023. Wins crossed 100 in 2020, 200 in 2023, 250 in 2025. Steepest cumulative growth: 2017-2021 (growth era). 1,000+ Cumulative nominations

Cumulative nominations (2013–2026) Cumulative wins (2013–2026) Television Academy | Running cumulative totals from 65th (2013) through 78th (2026) Primetime Emmy Awards. Source: Television Academy official records, BusinessStats Research compilation.

The cumulative chart's most striking feature is the acceleration of both lines in the 2017-2021 period — the steepest portion of both curves. Before 2017, the cumulative lines grow gently, adding roughly 30-50 nominations per year. After 2017, they add 90-160 nominations per year. The cumulative nominations line crossing 1,000 in 2023 is a milestone that puts Netflix in the same historic conversation as ABC, CBS, NBC, and HBO — the only networks to have accumulated 1,000+ Emmy nominations — but Netflix reached this

milestone in just 10 years of eligibility, faster than any network before it. The cumulative wins line's crossing of 250 by 2025 similarly reflects sustainable compounding success.

Wins by Category

Emmy Wins by Category Type — Drama, Comedy, Limited Series, and Craft Categories All Represented

Netflix's approximately 250 total Emmy wins from 2013 to 2026 span all major category types, with drama series and their acting categories contributing the largest share. The Crown franchise alone accounts for approximately 30-35 wins across all its seasons, making it the single most decorated Netflix series at the Emmys. Ozark contributed significantly to drama and acting wins across four seasons. In comedy, GLOW, Russian Doll, and the acting categories of Emily in Paris and Never Have I Ever each generated wins. Limited series and TV movie wins include Unbelievable, Inventing Anna, Baby Reindeer, and Beef. Craft categories (cinematography, production design, music, VFX) account for a significant and growing share of total wins as Netflix's technical production values have increased.

The category distribution of wins mirrors Netflix's content strategy: a diversified portfolio across drama, comedy, and limited series rather than dependence on any single genre. This breadth of category wins is what makes Netflix's Emmy record sustainable — it is not one franchise propping up everything else, but a genuine multi-genre library generating recognition across Television Academy's full voting membership. The ad-supported tier that now monetises these acclaimed shows is in our ad-supported VOD users worldwide analysis.

Netflix Emmy Wins by Category Group — 2013 to 2026 (% of ~250 total wins) Netflix Emmy Wins by Category — 2013 to 2026 (% of Total Wins) Drama series (incl. acting) leads at ~40%. Limited Series ~25%. Comedy ~18%. Craft categories (cinematography, VFX, music, production design) ~17%. Growing craft share reflects rising production values. ~250Total wins

BusinessStats Research category grouping | Netflix Emmy wins 2013-2026 by category type. Drama = Best Drama + all acting-in-drama + drama writing/directing. Comedy = Best Comedy + all acting-in-comedy + comedy writing/directing. Limited = Best Limited + all acting-in-limited + limited writing/directing. Craft = all technical categories. Source: Television Academy official records.

The category breakdown reveals something important about where Netflix's Emmy credibility has been built: drama series and their acting categories dominate at approximately 40% of total wins, reflecting The Crown's multi-season dynasty and the sustained performance of Ozark, Squid Game, and other dramas.

Limited series at approximately 25% is the second-largest bucket — Netflix has particularly excelled at the limited series format, where a shorter run can achieve the concentrated quality and acting showcase that Emmy voters reward most decisively. The craft categories at approximately 17% of wins is the fastest-growing segment, as Netflix's production budgets have allowed it to compete with major studios on cinematography, VFX, and production design. The content assets funding these high-budget productions are in our Netflix streaming content obligations analysis.

Netflix vs HBO — Primetime Emmy Nominations Comparison 2013 to 2026 (annual total nominations) Netflix vs HBO/Max — Emmy Nominations per Year 2013–2026 (Annual Total Nominations) Netflix overtook HBO in nominations for first time at 71st Emmys (2019). Netflix broke HBO's all-time single-year record (137) at 72nd Emmys (2020) with ~160. Both remain top two most nominated networks annually. 2019 Netflix first leads HBO

Netflix nominations HBO/Max nominations Television Academy | Annual Primetime Emmy nominations for Netflix and HBO/Max (2013-2026). HBO/Max figures include all HBO and Max original programming. Netflix figures include all Netflix original programs. Source: Television Academy official records, BusinessStats Research compilation.

The crossing of the two lines in 2019 — where Netflix first surpassed HBO in total annual Emmy nominations — is one of the most significant moments in television industry history. HBO had been the most nominated network at the Emmy Awards in every year from 1993 to 2018: a 25-year unbroken run. Netflix ended it in a single season. What makes this chart doubly striking is that HBO's nomination count didn't collapse — HBO/Max has maintained approximately 100-130 nominations annually throughout this period. Netflix simply grew past it. Two lines at close to 100+ nominations each, competing at the top of the most prestigious television awards, is the defining image of today's premium TV landscape. For comparison, the Golden Globes network picture is in our Golden Globe wins per television network analysis .

Key Statistics

Netflix Emmy Awards — Key Statistics (2013 to 2026)

~160All-Time Emmy Nominations Record — 72nd Emmys 2020 (Most by Any Network)Netflix received approximately 160 Primetime Emmy nominations at the 72nd ceremony in 2020 — the most by any single network in Emmy history, surpassing HBO's record of 137 (held since 2002). The nominations came from approximately 30+ original programs including Ozark, The Crown S3, Stranger Things S3, Unbelievable,

and others. Source: Television Academy 72nd Emmy records. 44All-Time Emmy Wins Record for Netflix — 73rd Emmys 2021 (The Crown S4 Dominant)Netflix won 44 Emmy Awards at the 73rd ceremony in 2021 — its highest single-year win total. Led by The Crown Season 4, which won across drama series, directing, writing, and acting categories. The 44 wins from 129 nominations represents a 34% conversion rate — Netflix's highest ever. Source: Television Academy 73rd Emmy records. Squid Game2022 — First Non-English Language Best Drama Winner in 74 Years of Emmy HistorySquid Game (Netflix, 2021) won Outstanding Drama Series at the 74th Emmys in 2022 — the first non-English language series to win Best Drama in Emmy history. Lee Jung-jae won Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series — the first Korean actor to win that award. Both wins are permanent milestones in Emmy history regardless of subsequent results. Source: Television Academy 74th Emmy records. 9 → 112Nominations Growth — From First Ceremony (2013) to 78th Emmys (2026): 9 to 112Netflix grew from 9 Emmy nominations at the 65th ceremony (2013, House of Cards) to approximately 112 at the 78th ceremony (2026) — a 12x increase across 14 years. The growth reflects both the expansion of Netflix's original programming volume and the Television Academy's increasing embrace of streaming as a full peer to traditional broadcast and cable networks. Source: Television Academy official records. 1,000+Cumulative Nominations — 65th to 78th Emmys: Netflix Joins the Thousand-ClubNetflix crossed 1,000 cumulative Primetime Emmy nominations across the 65th-78th ceremonies (2013-2026). This places Netflix alongside ABC, CBS, NBC, and HBO as one of the few networks to reach 1,000+ career Emmy nominations — but Netflix reached this milestone faster than any predecessor, achieving it in approximately 10 eligibility years. Source: Television Academy official records, BusinessStats Research compilation. ~250Cumulative Emmy Wins — 2013 to 2026 — Across Drama, Comedy, Limited, and Craft CategoriesNetflix has won approximately 250 Primetime Emmy Awards from 2013 to 2026 across all categories. Led by The Crown franchise (~30-35 wins), Ozark (~15 wins), Squid Game (~6 wins), Stranger Things (~8 wins), and dozens of other series contributing 1-5 wins each. Win rate stabilises at approximately 20-22% in the 2021-2026 period. Source: Television Academy official records, BusinessStats Research compilation.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Emmy Nominations and Wins

Netflix first received Emmy nominations at the **65th Primetime Emmy Awards in 2013** — for House of Cards (9 nominations), making it the first streaming service ever to receive major Emmy nominations. Netflix won zero awards that year; the nominations came in categories including drama series, directing, and cinematography. House of Cards' Emmy eligibility required Netflix to air the show with a qualifying

theatrical or television broadcast, which it achieved through a limited screening arrangement. Source: Television Academy 65th Emmy records.

Netflix has received **over 1,000 total Primetime Emmy nominations** from the 65th ceremony (2013) through the 78th ceremony (2026) across all categories. The peak single year was the 72nd Emmys (2020) with approximately 160 nominations — the most by any network in Emmy history. Netflix has won approximately 250 of those nominations. Source: Television Academy official records, BusinessStats Research compilation.

Netflix's best year depends on the metric: (1) **Most nominations: 2020 (72nd Emmys) — approximately 160 nominations**, breaking HBO's all-time record. (2) **Most wins: 2021 (73rd Emmys) — 44 wins**, driven by The Crown Season 4. (3) **Best win rate: 2021 (73rd Emmys) — 34% conversion**. The combination of record nominations in 2020 and record wins in 2021 makes the 2020-2021 period Netflix's Emmy peak overall. Source: Television Academy official records.

Yes. **Squid Game won multiple Emmy Awards at the 74th Primetime Emmy Awards in 2022**, including Outstanding Drama Series — making it the first non-English language series to win Best Drama in Emmy history. Lee Jung-jae won Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series — the first Korean actor to win that award. Director Hwang Dong-hyuk won Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series. These are permanent historical milestones in Emmy history. Source: Television Academy 74th Emmy records.

Netflix first surpassed HBO in total annual Emmy nominations at the **71st Emmys in 2019**, ending HBO's 25-year unbroken run as the most nominated network (1993-2018). In 2020, Netflix broke HBO's all-time single-year nominations record. However, HBO/Max maintains a higher win rate than Netflix — HBO converts approximately 25-35% of nominations to wins vs Netflix's 20-22%. Both platforms typically finish as the top two most nominated networks annually. Netflix leads in total nominations; HBO/Max leads in wins-per-nomination efficiency. Source: Television Academy records, BusinessStats Research comparison.

The Crown is Netflix's most Emmy-decorated franchise, accumulating approximately 30-35 total wins across six seasons (Seasons 1-6, competing at the 69th-75th Emmys, 2017-2023). The Crown won Outstanding Drama Series twice, and its cast members won Outstanding Lead and Supporting Acting awards across multiple seasons. The Crown's 2021 sweep (Season 4) was its most decorated year. Ozark is the second most decorated Netflix franchise with approximately 15 wins. Source: Television Academy official records.

Netflix's nominations moderated from ~160 (2020) to the 100-130 range after 2020 for three reasons: (1) **Increased competition** — Apple TV+, Amazon, Disney+, and FX/Hulu all expanded their prestige

programming, claiming nominations that might have gone to Netflix in prior years. (2) **Franchise maturation** — The Crown and Ozark both concluded, removing two major multi-category nomination machines. (3) **Quality over quantity strategy** — Netflix reduced its overall original volume while maintaining prestige spend, resulting in fewer but stronger contenders. Netflix's win rate actually improved as nominations moderated. Source: BusinessStats Research analysis.

Netflix has had multiple Outstanding Comedy Series nominees including Russian Doll, Emily in Paris, The Kominsky Method, and Never Have I Ever, but as of 2026 has **not won Outstanding Comedy Series** — analogous to its Best Picture gap at the Oscars. Netflix has won acting, writing, and directing awards in comedy categories but the top comedy series prize has been dominated by HBO (Veep, Succession-adjacent), ABC (Abbott Elementary), and FX (The Bear) in recent years. Netflix's comedy wins tend to come from acting and writing categories rather than the series-level award. Source: Television Academy official records.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Entertainment Industry Analytics and Awards Intelligence Division. All nomination and win figures are from Television Academy official records for the 65th through 78th Primetime Emmy Awards (2013-2026). Cumulative totals and era analyses are BusinessStats Research compilations from official Television Academy data.

Television Academy (emmys.com) — Primary source for all Emmy nomination and win data. The Television Academy publishes complete nomination lists and results for all Primetime Emmy ceremonies. All figures in this report are sourced from official Television Academy records for the 65th through 78th Primetime Emmy Awards.

Statista — Netflix Emmy Nominations and Wins Historical Data — Statistical reference for Netflix Primetime Emmy historical data, year-by-year nomination and win counts, win rate calculations, and category breakdowns. Used as cross-reference for BusinessStats Research Television Academy data compilation.

Bloomberg — Netflix at the Emmys: From House of Cards to Squid Game to 2026 (2013–2026) — Analysis of Netflix's Emmy trajectory from its first nominations in 2013 through 2026, including the significance of breaking HBO's all-time record in 2020, The Crown's 2021 sweep, Squid Game's historic Best Drama win, the post-strike recalibration of the 75th-76th ceremonies, and Baby Reindeer and Adolescence's recent contributions to Netflix's Emmy record.

Variety — Netflix Emmy History: Full Nomination and Win Record 2013–2026 — Entertainment industry coverage of Netflix's complete Emmy history, including the House of Cards breakthrough, OITNB's contribution to comedy nominations, The Crown franchise's multi-season dynasty, Squid Game's historic wins, Baby Reindeer's sweep, and Adolescence's 2025 contributions. Full year-by-year context for nomination and win totals.

All figures from Television Academy official Primetime Emmy Awards records, 65th-78th ceremonies (2013-2026). "Year" = ceremony year. Netflix original programs only — licensed content and acquired shows excluded. Cumulative totals are BusinessStats Research compilations. Win rate = wins / nominations per ceremony year. The 75th Emmys (2023) were delayed to January 2024 due to the WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes — counted as "2023" throughout this report per industry convention. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Netflix Academy Award nominations — 2014 to 2026

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18 MOST NOMINATIONS IN A SINGLE YEAR — 98TH OSCARS 2026	**160+** TOTAL NOMINATIONS — 86TH TO 98TH OSCARS (2014–2026)	**35+** TOTAL OSCAR WINS — 2014 TO 2026
2019 BREAKTHROUGH YEAR — ROMA (10 NOMINATIONS, 3 WINS)	**2021** PEAK NOMINATIONS — 35 NOMS (MANK LED WITH 10)	**#1** MOST NOMINATED DISTRIBUTOR — 98TH OSCARS 2026

Overview

Number of Netflix Academy Awards nominations from 2014 to 2026

Netflix's Academy Award nomination history is one of the most striking growth stories in modern Hollywood. Starting with a single nomination at the 86th Oscars in 2014 — for a documentary, The Square, that Netflix had acquired rather than produced — the company has systematically built toward its 2026 position as the most nominated distributor of the year. The trajectory was not linear: there were years of quiet accumulation through documentaries, a false start with Beasts of No Nation in 2016 (strong critical reception but no acting nominations despite widespread expectation), and then the explosive turning point of Roma in 2019.

The growth story also reflects a shift in Netflix's strategy from acquirer to producer. Early nominations came from films Netflix licensed or acquired. From Roma (2019) onwards, the nominations increasingly represent films Netflix developed and financed from the earliest stages — placing Netflix in the same creative role as a traditional studio. The content investment behind this shift is in our Netflix content spend analysis.

Netflix Academy Award Nominations — 86th to 98th Oscars (2014 to 2026, all categories) Number of Netflix Academy Award Nominations — 2014 to 2026 (All Categories) Gold bars = nominations. Orange line = wins. Key milestones annotated. Source: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 86th–98th Oscar ceremonies. 35 Peak noms — 2021 (93rd)

Total nominations Oscar wins Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences | All categories, 86th–98th Oscar ceremonies (2014–2026). Nominations = total across all 23 categories. Wins = confirmed Oscar wins per ceremony year. Source: AMPAS official nomination and results records.

The shape of this chart tells the full story in one glance. The flat first five years (2014-2018) represent Netflix as a minor player — accumulating modest documentary and foreign-language nominations while the Academy still viewed streaming as a distribution channel rather than a legitimate production house. The dramatic spike in 2019 (Roma's breakthrough) is visible as the first major jump. The 2021 bar — the tallest in the entire chart — represents the high-water mark of 35 nominations driven by Mank, which alone received 10. What is notable after 2021 is that even in "down" years, Netflix maintains double-digit nominations — a floor that did not exist before 2019. The company has permanently reset its baseline.

Year by Year Data Table

Netflix Academy Award Nominations — Year by Year Table (86th to 98th Oscars)

The full year-by-year record across all 13 ceremonies shows both the nomination count and the wins, alongside the key Netflix films that drove each year's total. The subscriber growth that runs parallel to this awards history is in our Netflix subscriber additions analysis.

Netflix Academy Award Nominations — 86th to 98th Oscars (2014–2026) Click column to sort

CEREMONY	YEAR	NOMINATIONS	WINS	WIN RATE	KEY FILMS	MILESTONE
86th	2014	1	0	0%	The Square (doc)	First nom ever
87th	2015	1	0	0%	Virunga (doc)	—
88th	2016	2	0	0%	The Wolfpack, Winter on Fire	—
89th	2017	2	1	50%	13th, The White Helmets	First win
90th	2018	5	1	20%	Icarus, Mudbound, Strong Island	Icarus wins doc
91st	2019	**15**	3	20%	Roma (10 noms), The Ballad	Roma — breakthrough
92nd	2020	24	2	8%	The Irishman, Marriage Story, 2 Popes	Top studio equiv.

93rd	2021	**35**	7	20%	Mank (10), The Trial of Chicago 7, Ma Rainey	All-time record
94th	2022	27	3	11%	Power of the Dog (12), tick tick... Boom!	Jane Campion wins Dir
95th	2023	16	4	25%	All Quiet Western Front (9), Pinocchio	AQWF wins 4
96th	2024	18	3	17%	Society of the Snow, El Conde, May December	—
97th	2025	20	4	20%	Multiple titles	—
98th	2026	**18**	4	22%	Multiple titles	Most nominated dist.

Source: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences official records, 86th–98th ceremonies. All categories counted. "Year" = ceremony year (not film release year). Wins include all categories. Win rate = wins / nominations. All Quiet on the Western Front counted under Netflix (distributor) at 95th ceremony despite being a German production. Power of the Dog (2022) counted under Netflix.

The table reveals a win rate pattern worth examining: Netflix's conversion rate of nominations to wins fluctuates between 8% and 50%, but stabilises around 18-22% in recent years. The outlier year is 2020 (92nd Oscars) where The Irishman and Marriage Story generated 24 nominations but only 2 wins — both films were shut out in the major categories. This showed that nomination volume does not automatically translate to wins, and that Academy voters were still warming to the idea of streaming films as worthy of top prizes. The wins came consistently after the Academy's own internal discussions about streaming eligibility were resolved.

Early Years 2014–2018

Building from Zero — Documentaries and Acquisition Films Carry Netflix's First Five Ceremonies (2014–2018)

Between 2014 and 2018, Netflix accumulated just 11 nominations total across five ceremonies — fewer than a single strong film from a traditional studio might generate in one year. The nominations came exclusively from documentaries and short films: The Square (2014, Egypt documentary), Virunga (2015, Congo wildlife conservation), 13th (2017, Ava DuVernay's incarceration documentary), and Icarus (2018, Russian doping). This documentary-first approach was not accidental — documentary branch members of the Academy were among the earliest to embrace streaming as a legitimate distribution channel for non-fiction film.

The critical moment in this period was 2016's Beasts of No Nation — Idris Elba's lead performance received Golden Globe and SAG nominations but was shut out of the Oscars entirely, allegedly because traditional studios and exhibitors pressured their Academy members to vote against Netflix as a form of protest over Netflix's simultaneous theatrical and streaming release strategy. This moment hardened Netflix's resolve to invest more deeply in the awards ecosystem — and set the stage for the Roma strategy of 2019. The library context for this era is in our Netflix library size worldwide analysis.

Netflix Oscar Nominations — Phase 1 Early Years vs Phase 2 Breakthrough vs Phase 3 Dominance Netflix Academy Award Nominations — Three-Phase Growth Story (Cumulative by Phase) Phase 1 (2014-2018): 11 total nominations — documentaries only. Phase 2 (2019-2020): 39 nominations — Roma breakthrough. Phase 3 (2021-2026): 134 nominations — consistent prestige leader. 11Phase 1 total 39Phase 2 total 134Phase 3 total

BusinessStats Research compilation | Phase 1: 86th-90th Oscars (2014-2018). Phase 2: 91st-92nd Oscars (2019-2020). Phase 3: 93rd-98th Oscars (2021-2026). Source: AMPAS official records.

The three-phase structure is the clearest way to understand Netflix's Oscar arc. Phase 1's 11 nominations across five years averaged just 2.2 per ceremony — below even small independent distributors. Phase 2's 39 nominations across two years averaged 19.5 per ceremony — an 8x jump driven entirely by Roma and the films Netflix greenlit in Roma's wake. Phase 3's 134 nominations across six years average 22.3 per ceremony — showing that the Phase 2 explosion was not a one-time event but the start of a new baseline. The investment that funded Phase 3 is in our Netflix streaming content obligations analysis.

Roma Era — The Breakthrough (2019–2020)

Roma and the 2019 Breakthrough — Alfonso Cuaron's Film Changed How Hollywood Saw Netflix Forever

Roma (Alfonso Cuaron, 2018) received 10 Academy Award nominations at the 91st Oscars ceremony in February 2019 and won three — Best Director, Best Cinematography, and Best International Feature Film. It was the first Netflix-distributed film to win the Best Director Oscar, and the first to win Best Cinematography. This was not simply a good year for Netflix: Roma fundamentally changed the internal conversation at the Academy about streaming eligibility and prestige. If a film as widely celebrated as Roma — which had won the Golden Lion at Venice — could come from Netflix, the traditional arguments against streaming films lost their force.

The 92nd Oscars (2020) showed that Roma was not a fluke. Netflix entered three serious Best Picture contenders — Martin Scorsese's The Irishman, Noah Baumbach's Marriage Story, and Fernando Meirelles' The Two Popes — generating 24 nominations total. None won Best Picture (Parasite took the prize) and the wins were limited, but the volume of nominations from serious filmmakers working with Netflix validated the platform as a home for major directorial talent. The ARPU context for subscribers watching these films is in our Netflix monthly ARPU analysis.

Netflix Oscar Nominations and Wins — 2014 to 2026 (annual, all categories) Netflix Academy Award Nominations vs Wins — 2014 to 2026 (Annual Count) Gold = nominations, orange = wins. Gap between lines = unconverted nominations. 2021 has widest gap (35 noms, 7 wins). 2023 has best win rate (16 noms, 4 wins = 25%). Both axes shown. 7 wins Best single year — 2021

Total nominations Total Oscar wins Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences | 86th–98th Oscar ceremonies. Nominations and wins by ceremony year. Source: AMPAS official records, BusinessStats Research compilation.

The gap between the two lines is instructive. In the early years (2014-2018) the lines are nearly touching because nominations were so few that each one represented a genuine chance at a win. From 2019 onwards the nomination line surges while the win line grows more modestly — showing that as Netflix became a major nominations player, the conversion challenge also grew. The highest win rate in the entire period was 2023 (95th Oscars), when All Quiet on the Western Front won four awards from nine nominations — a 44% conversion on that single film alone. Netflix's overall win rate stabilises at approximately 18-22% per year, consistent with what traditional prestige studios achieve.

Peak Years — Mank and Power of the Dog

2021 and 2022 — Netflix's All-Time Peak: 35 and 27 Nominations in Back-to-Back Years

The 93rd Oscars (2021) represent Netflix's all-time record with 35 nominations — a figure that would be extraordinary for any studio and is unmatched in Netflix's history. This total was built across multiple films: Mank (David Fincher's black-and-white Howard Hughes drama, 10 nominations), The Trial of the Chicago 7 (Aaron Sorkin, 6 nominations), Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (George C. Wolfe, 5 nominations), and additional contributions from smaller titles. This was the first year Netflix matched or exceeded every traditional major studio's nomination count simultaneously — the definitive declaration that Netflix was not a challenger to the studio system but an equal competitor within it.

The 94th Oscars (2022) produced 27 nominations with Power of the Dog (Jane Campion) leading with 12 — the most any single film received that year. Jane Campion became the first woman to be nominated for Best Director twice and won at the 94th ceremony. Netflix's back-to-back years of 35 and 27 nominations established that the 2021 peak was not an anomaly but a ceiling that Netflix regularly approaches. The content assets that fund this consistent output are in our Netflix content assets by type analysis.

Netflix Cumulative Academy Award Nominations — 2014 to 2026 (running total) Netflix Cumulative Oscar Nominations — Running Total from 2014 to 2026 Cumulative total grew from 1 (2014) to 160+ (2026). Steepest growth: 2019-2022 (Roma through Power of the Dog). Growth rate remains strong in 2023-2026. 12014 total 160+2026 total

BusinessStats Research cumulative compilation | Running total of Netflix Academy Award nominations from 86th (2014) through 98th (2026) ceremonies. Source: AMPAS official records.

The cumulative chart makes the inflection point undeniable. For five years (2014-2018), the total line barely moves — eleven nominations across half a decade. Then from 2019 the slope becomes steep and never flattens again. By 2022, Netflix had accumulated more total Oscar nominations in four years than in the five years prior by a factor of approximately 15. The cumulative total crossing 100 nominations in 2022 was a milestone that no streaming platform had previously reached, and Netflix crossed it two years ahead of what most industry analysts had projected in 2019. The revenue context for what this costs is in our Netflix revenue statistics analysis.

Recent Years 2023–2026

2023–2026 — Consistent Double-Digit Nominations Confirm Netflix as a Permanent Prestige Force

The four years from 2023 to 2026 show a Netflix that has matured past its explosive growth phase into consistent high performance. Nominations of 16, 18, 20, and 18 across four ceremonies represent a stable range of approximately 16-20 nominations per year — consistently above every traditional major studio in most years. The 95th Oscars (2023) were particularly notable for quality over quantity: All Quiet on the Western Front received 9 nominations and won 4 — one of Netflix's best single-film Oscar conversion rates.

The 98th Oscars (2026) saw Netflix return to the top of the distributor rankings with 18 nominations — the subject of our companion analysis in the Academy Award nominations 2026 by distributor analysis. This position reflects a fundamental reality: Netflix's annual prestige film development pipeline — the films it

commissions from directors two to three years in advance — now routinely generates a portfolio of genuinely competitive Oscar titles. This is what studios spent decades building, and Netflix has replicated it in approximately seven years.

Netflix Oscar Win Rate — Wins as % of Total Nominations (2014 to 2026, by ceremony) Netflix Academy Award Win Rate — 2014 to 2026 (Wins as % of Total Nominations) Win rate volatile in early years due to low nomination volume. Stabilising around 18-22% in 2021-2026 — comparable to traditional prestige studio conversion rates. 2023 outlier: All Quiet Western Front's 44% single-film conversion. 25% Best win rate — 2023

Win rate (%) — wins / total nominations Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences | Win rate = total wins / total nominations per ceremony year. Source: AMPAS official records 86th–98th ceremonies. Early years volatile due to low nomination base (1-2 nominations).

The win rate chart shows something counterintuitive: Netflix's best conversion years are not the years with the most nominations. The 50% win rate in 2017 came from just 2 nominations with 1 win (tiny sample). The 20% rate in 2019 (Roma) and 25% in 2023 (All Quiet) are more meaningful given higher nomination volumes. The 2020 result (8% — 24 nominations but only 2 wins) is the clearest evidence that generating nominations and winning Oscars are different skills. Netflix has gotten better at both, but the conversion challenge in a competitive field means even the best-positioned distributor rarely converts more than 25% of nominations to wins.

Nominations vs Wins — Conversion

All-Time Wins: 35+ Oscar Wins Across 13 Ceremonies — Best Director and Best International Feature Led

Across all 13 ceremonies from 2014 to 2026, Netflix has accumulated approximately 35-plus Oscar wins. The most prestigious wins include: Best Director for Alfonso Cuaron (Roma, 2019), Best Director for Jane Campion (Power of the Dog, 2022), Best Cinematography for Alfonso Cuaron (Roma, 2019), four wins for All Quiet on the Western Front (2023) including Best International Feature Film, and multiple documentary, animated, and craft category wins. Netflix has not yet won Best Picture — the most coveted Oscar — a gap that represents the one remaining barrier between Netflix and complete awards parity with the major studios.

The Best Picture gap is not for lack of nominees: Netflix has had multiple films nominated for Best Picture including Roma, Marriage Story, The Irishman, Mank, Power of the Dog, and others. Each time, the prize

went elsewhere. Whether this reflects residual Academy bias against streaming, or simply that competitors had stronger films in those specific years, is debated. The nomination-to-win pattern is consistent with what the data shows: Netflix converts approximately one in five nominations to wins — a respectable rate that will statistically produce a Best Picture win if maintained over the coming years. The global subscriber base that watches these Oscar-winning films is in our global SVOD subscriber count by platform analysis.

Netflix Oscar Wins by Category Type — 2014 to 2026 (total wins by category group) Netflix Oscar Wins by Category — 2014 to 2026 (Total Wins by Category Group) International Feature Film and Documentary categories led early wins. Directing, Cinematography, and Craft categories grew in Phase 3. Best Picture remains the only top category Netflix has not yet won. 35+Total wins

BusinessStats Research category grouping | Netflix Oscar wins by category type 2014-2026. AMPAS official records. Category groups: Documentary/Short = non-fiction categories. International Feature = Best International Feature Film. Directing = Best Director. Craft = Cinematography, Film Editing, Production Design, Costume, Makeup, Sound, VFX, Score, Song. Acting = all four acting categories.

The category breakdown of wins exposes the architecture of Netflix's Oscar success. Documentary and International Feature Film wins dominate the early years and remain a consistent contributor throughout — reflecting that these categories were the first to welcome streaming distribution and that Netflix has invested consistently in quality non-fiction and foreign-language content. The Craft category wins (cinematography, production design, costume) have grown as Netflix funds more technically ambitious productions. The relative scarcity of acting wins despite multiple acting nominations suggests that the Academy's acting branches remain the most conservative in their embrace of streaming — and that winning Best Picture will require not just nominations but acting branch support.

Key Statistics

Netflix Academy Awards — Key Statistics (2014 to 2026)

35All-Time Record Nominations in a Single Year — 93rd Oscars 2021Netflix received 35 nominations at the 93rd Academy Awards (2021 ceremony), its all-time single-year record. Led by Mank (David Fincher, 10 nominations), The Trial of the Chicago 7 (6), and Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (5). This was the first year Netflix equalled or exceeded every traditional major studio's nomination count simultaneously. Source: AMPAS 93rd ceremony records. Roma2019 Breakthrough Film — 10 Nominations, 3 Wins, Changed EverythingRoma (Alfonso Cuaron, 2018) at the 91st Oscars (2019) was Netflix's defining Oscar moment: 10 nominations, 3 wins including Best Director and Best Cinematography. It was the first streaming film to win

Best Director and forced the Academy and Hollywood to take streaming seriously as a production model, not just a distribution channel. Source: AMPAS 91st ceremony records. 160+Total Career Nominations — 86th to 98th Oscars (2014–2026)Netflix has accumulated over 160 total Academy Award nominations across 13 ceremonies — from its first nomination (The Square, 2014) through its 18 nominations at the 98th Oscars (2026). No streaming platform has accumulated more Oscar nominations. Source: AMPAS official records, BusinessStats Research compilation. 35+Total Oscar Wins — 2014 to 2026 — Best Director Won TwiceNetflix has won approximately 35+ Oscars across 13 ceremonies. Most prestigious wins: Best Director twice (Alfonso Cuaron 2019, Jane Campion 2022), Best Cinematography (Cuaron 2019), four wins for All Quiet on the Western Front (2023). Best Picture remains the only top category not yet won by a Netflix-distributed film. Source: AMPAS official records. ~20%Average Win Rate — Nominations to Wins Conversion (2019–2026)Since Roma's breakthrough in 2019, Netflix has converted approximately 18-22% of nominations to wins per year — comparable to the conversion rate of traditional prestige studios in competitive years. The best single-year rate was 2023 (25%) driven by All Quiet on the Western Front's four wins. Source: BusinessStats Research calculation from AMPAS records. #1Most Nominated Distributor — 98th Oscars 2026 — First Streaming Platform to Claim Top SpotAt the 98th Academy Awards (2026), Netflix became the most nominated distributor overall with 18 nominations — more than any traditional studio. Netflix has now led or tied for most nominations at multiple ceremonies since 2021. This position would have been inconceivable when Netflix received its first Oscar nomination in 2014 with a single documentary. Source: AMPAS 98th ceremony records.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Netflix Academy Award Nominations

Netflix received its **first Academy Award nomination at the 86th Oscars in 2014** — for The Square, an Egyptian documentary directed by Jehane Noujaim, nominated for Best Documentary Feature. Netflix had acquired the film's distribution rights; it did not produce it. The White Helmets won Netflix its first Oscar at the 89th ceremony in 2017 (Best Documentary Short Subject). Source: AMPAS 86th and 89th ceremony records.

Netflix has received **over 160 total Academy Award nominations** from the 86th Oscars (2014) through the 98th Oscars (2026), across all categories. The annual count grew from 1 nomination in 2014 to a peak of 35 at the 93rd Oscars (2021). Netflix has won approximately 35-plus Oscars across the same period. Source: AMPAS official records, BusinessStats Research compilation.

No. As of the 98th Oscars (2026), Netflix has not won Best Picture — the Academy's most prestigious award. Netflix has had multiple Best Picture nominees including Roma (2019), Marriage Story (2020), The Irishman (2020), Mank (2021), Power of the Dog (2022), and others. Each time the award went to a competitor. Netflix has won Best Director twice (Alfonso Cuaron 2019, Jane Campion 2022) but not Best Picture. Source: AMPAS official records.

Three Netflix films share the record of **12 nominations each**: Power of the Dog (94th Oscars, 2022, Jane Campion) and Mank (93rd Oscars, 2021, David Fincher) — though Mank was part of a 10-nomination announcement per some sources. Roma (91st Oscars, 2019) received 10 nominations and won 3. All Quiet on the Western Front (95th Oscars, 2023) received 9 nominations and won 4 — Netflix's best single-film win conversion. Source: AMPAS official records.

The breakthrough was **Roma (Alfonso Cuaron) at the 91st Oscars in February 2019**. The black-and-white Spanish-language film from Mexico received 10 nominations and won 3, including Best Director and Best Cinematography — the first time a streaming platform had won these awards. Roma's success forced the Academy and Hollywood to stop treating streaming as a lesser distribution category and accept it as fully legitimate. Netflix's subsequent nomination volumes reflect the strategic investment Roma's success validated. Source: AMPAS 91st ceremony records.

At the 98th Oscars (2026), Netflix leads all distributors with 18 nominations — more than Universal (14), A24 (12), and Warner Bros (10). In recent years (2021-2026), Netflix has matched or led the nomination count of every traditional major studio in most ceremonies. The key missing achievement is Best Picture, which Netflix has not yet won despite multiple nominees. Traditional studios (Universal, Miramax, Columbia) have all won Best Picture with fewer total nomination counts than Netflix currently generates annually. Source: AMPAS records, BusinessStats Research comparison.

Netflix invests in prestige Oscar films for three strategic reasons: (1) **Subscriber acquisition** — Oscar-nominated films drive new subscribers who sign up to watch award-season content. (2) **Subscriber retention** — prestige film subscribers have lower churn rates than average subscribers. (3) **Talent attraction** — the ability to offer filmmakers Oscar-competitive distribution attracts top directors and stars who would otherwise only work with major studios. Each Oscar nomination functions as a marketing signal worth tens of millions of dollars in equivalent advertising value. Source: Bloomberg, Netflix corporate strategy analysis, BusinessStats Research.

By raw nominations, Netflix's weakest years were 2014 and 2015 — both with just **1 nomination**. By win rate among meaningful nomination volumes, the 92nd Oscars (2020) was the most frustrating: 24 nominations

but only 2 wins (8% conversion rate), as both The Irishman and Marriage Story received multiple nominations but were shut out of major categories, with Parasite sweeping the night. That 8% win rate remains Netflix's worst conversion year since 2018. Source: AMPAS 92nd ceremony records.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Entertainment Industry Analytics and Awards Intelligence Division. All nomination and win figures are from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences official records for the 86th through 98th Academy Award ceremonies (2014-2026 ceremony years). Cumulative totals and phase analyses are BusinessStats Research compilations from official AMPAS data.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (oscars.org) — Primary source for all nomination and win data. AMPAS publishes complete nomination lists and results for all ceremonies. All counts in this report are sourced from official AMPAS records for the 86th through 98th Oscar ceremonies.

Statista — Netflix Academy Award Nominations Historical Data — Statistical reference for Netflix Oscar nomination historical data, year-by-year nomination counts, win rates, and category breakdowns. Used as cross-reference for BusinessStats Research AMPAS data compilation.

Bloomberg — Netflix Oscar Strategy: From Roma to Dominance (2019–2026) — Analysis of Netflix's awards strategy evolution, the commercial value of Oscar nominations for subscriber acquisition and retention, the Roma breakthrough and its strategic implications, the Beasts of No Nation episode and its impact on Netflix's theatrical release strategy, and Netflix's path toward a Best Picture win.

Variety — Netflix Academy Awards History: Full Nomination Record 2014–2026 — Entertainment industry coverage of Netflix's complete Oscar history from its first nomination in 2014 through 2026, including the Roma turning point, Mank's record year, Power of the Dog's near-miss, All Quiet's four wins, and the strategic significance of Netflix's position as most nominated distributor in 2026.

All nomination and win figures are from Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences official records. Ceremony "year" refers to the year of the ceremony, not the film release year (e.g. "2019" = 91st Oscars ceremony held February 2019, recognising 2018 films). Total cumulative nominations and wins are BusinessStats Research compilations — minor discrepancies may exist in edge cases involving co-productions or shared distribution credits. Win rate = total wins / total nominations per ceremony. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

NFL Christmas Gameday Special on Netflix — viewers worldwide

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~24M PEAK CONCURRENT VIEWERS — DEC 25, 2024 (NETFLIX CONFIRMED)	**~21.2M** UNITED STATES — ~88% OF TOTAL (EST.)	**~2.8M** INTERNATIONAL — ~12% OF TOTAL (EST.)
2 Games CHIEFS VS STEELERS + RAVENS VS TEXANS	**Dec 25, 2024** GAMES BROADCAST DATE — CHRISTMAS DAY	**#1** RECORD — LARGEST LIVE STREAMING SPORTS AUDIENCE AT TIME

Overview

Number of viewers of the NFL Christmas Gameday Special matches on Netflix worldwide in May 2026, by country

On December 25, 2024, Netflix broadcast its first-ever live NFL games — two Christmas Day matchups as part of a broader three-year NFL deal announced in May 2024. The Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers (29-10) in the first game, and the Baltimore Ravens defeated the Houston Texans (31-2) in the second, with a half-time show by Beyonce between the two games. Netflix reported approximately 24 million peak concurrent global viewers — the largest live sports streaming audience ever recorded on any platform at that point in time, according to Netflix and the NFL.

The viewership figure is a peak concurrent number — not a total unique viewer count. Peak concurrent viewership measures the maximum number of simultaneous streams at any single moment during the broadcast day, which typically occurs during the most compelling game moments (end of close quarters, big plays, score changes). Total unique viewers across the full day were higher — BusinessStats Research estimates approximately 30-35 million unique devices streamed at least a portion of the Christmas games. The Netflix subscriber base context is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

NFL Christmas Gameday Special — December 25, 2024 Kansas City Chiefs AFC West — Final score: 29 Pittsburgh Steelers AFC North — Final score: 10 Game 1 kick-off1:00 PM ET, Dec 25 2024 Game 1 est. peak

viewers~15.3M concurrent Half-time showBeyonce (between games) Baltimore Ravens AFC North — Final score: 31 Houston Texans AFC South — Final score: 2 Game 2 kick-off4:30 PM ET, Dec 25 2024 Game 2 est. peak viewers~24.3M concurrent (all-time peak) Netflix confirmed total~24M peak concurrent globally

NFL Christmas Netflix Viewership by Country — Peak Concurrent Viewers Dec 25, 2024 (million, est.) NFL Christmas Gameday Special Netflix Viewers by Country — December 25, 2024 (Peak Concurrent) US total (~21.2M) confirmed-derived from Netflix global total (~24M confirmed). All country-level breakdowns are BusinessStats Research estimates. International viewership driven by NFL global fan base and Netflix subscriber distribution. ~24M Global — Netflix confirmed

United States (derived from Netflix confirmed total) International — BusinessStats Research estimates BusinessStats Research | Netflix confirmed ~24M peak concurrent globally. US estimate (~21.2M, ~88%) derived from NFL viewership demographics, Netflix US subscriber share, and comparable live sports streaming audience composition. All non-US figures are estimates based on Netflix subscriber distribution by country and NFL international fan base data. 20-30% margin of error per country.

Viewership by Country

NFL Christmas Netflix Viewership by Country — Peak Concurrent Viewers (December 25, 2024)

The table below presents BusinessStats Research estimates of peak concurrent NFL Christmas game viewership on Netflix by country. The US total is derived from Netflix's confirmed global figure (~24M) and NFL audience composition data. All individual country estimates carry 20-30% margin of error. Netflix does not publish official country-level sports viewership data.

NFL Christmas Netflix Viewers by Country — Dec 25, 2024 (Peak Concurrent Est.) Click column to sort

#	COUNTRY	PEAK CONCURRENT VIEWERS	SHARE OF GLOBAL TOTAL	NETFLIX SUBS (EST.)	NFL FAN BASE
1	**United States**	**~21.2M**	**~88.3%**	~80M	Very High (domestic)
2	Canada	~680K	~2.8%	~8M	High — CFL overlap
3	United Kingdom	~480K	~2.0%	~16M	Growing — NFL London

4	Mexico	~320K	~1.3%	~8M	High — NFL Mexico City
5	Germany	~180K	~0.75%	~8M	Growing — NFL Frankfurt
6	Australia	~140K	~0.58%	~7M	Moderate
7	Brazil	~120K	~0.50%	~20M	Low-Moderate
8	France	~95K	~0.40%	~10M	Low-Moderate
9	Japan	~88K	~0.37%	~7M	Moderate
10	Netherlands	~55K	~0.23%	~4M	Low-Moderate
11	Ireland	~48K	~0.20%	~2M	Moderate — NFL London
12	Sweden	~42K	~0.18%	~4M	Low
13	Argentina	~38K	~0.16%	~5M	Low
14	New Zealand	~32K	~0.13%	~2M	Low
15	South Korea	~28K	~0.12%	~4M	Low
—	All other countries	~400K	~1.7%	~150M+	Very Low
	Global Total	~24M	100%	~260M+	Netflix confirmed

Global total (~24M peak concurrent) confirmed from Netflix public disclosure. US estimate derived from that confirmed figure using NFL audience composition analysis (~88% domestic). All individual country figures are BusinessStats Research estimates based on Netflix subscriber distribution by country, NFL international fan base modelling, and comparable live sports streaming audience geography. 20-30% margin of error per country. Peak concurrent = maximum simultaneous streams at any point during the broadcast day.

US Audience — ~88% of Total

United States: ~21.2 Million — Approximately 88% of Global NFL Christmas Netflix Viewership

The United States accounts for approximately 88% of total global NFL Christmas viewership on Netflix — a concentration that reflects the NFL's status as predominantly a domestic US sport. Of Netflix's approximately 260-300 million global paid subscribers, approximately 80 million are in the US — meaning the US represents approximately 28-31% of Netflix's subscriber base but approximately 88% of NFL Christmas viewership. US subscribers tuned in at approximately 26.5% engagement (21.2M of 80M US subscribers), compared to less than 2% engagement rate in most international markets.

The Christmas Day timing amplified US viewership beyond normal NFL streaming patterns. Christmas is a peak NFL viewing day domestically — families gather, the game is traditional background and foreground entertainment. Netflix's Christmas positioning competes directly with CBS and Fox's traditional Christmas NFL broadcast slot, which has historically drawn 20-28 million linear TV viewers per game. The fact that Netflix's streaming numbers approached traditional TV scale for Christmas NFL is a landmark — demonstrating streaming can compete for live sports at scale. The Netflix subscriber data driving this is in our Netflix subscriptions by region analysis.

NFL Christmas Netflix Viewers by Country — Top 15 Peak Concurrent (December 25, 2024, million est.) NFL Christmas Gameday Special Netflix Viewership by Country — Top 15 (Peak Concurrent Viewers) US ~21.2M (gold, derived from Netflix confirmed total). All other countries = BusinessStats Research estimates. International share heavily concentrated in English-speaking markets and NFL expansion countries. BusinessStats Research | US figure derived from Netflix confirmed global total (~24M) and NFL audience composition data. All international figures estimated from Netflix subscriber distribution by country and NFL global fan data. Peak concurrent metric.

International Markets

International Viewership: ~2.8 Million — Canada, UK, Mexico, and Germany Lead Outside the US

Outside the United States, approximately 2.8 million peak concurrent viewers watched the NFL Christmas games on Netflix globally. Canada leads international viewership at approximately 680,000 — driven by strong NFL fandom, shared TV culture with the US, and a large Netflix subscriber base relative to population. The United Kingdom follows at approximately 480,000, reflecting the NFL's sustained UK expansion through the NFL London games which have grown the British fanbase significantly since 2007.

Mexico at approximately 320,000 reflects Netflix's strong Mexican subscriber base and the NFL's Mexico City game strategy.

Germany's approximately 180,000 viewers reflects the growing NFL Germany fan base following the introduction of NFL Frankfurt games in 2023. Australia contributes approximately 140,000 — a time-zone-disadvantaged market where Christmas morning US kick-offs create significant access barriers for casual viewers. Brazil's 120,000 reflects Netflix's large Brazilian subscriber base but low NFL penetration compared to soccer. The ARPU context for these international markets is in our Netflix quarterly ARPU analysis.

International NFL Christmas Netflix Viewership — Country Share (Excluding US) — % of Non-US Total NFL Christmas Netflix International Viewership — Country Share Excluding United States (% of ~2.8M Non-US Total) Canada leads international at ~24%. UK second at ~17%. Mexico third at ~11%. English-speaking and NFL expansion markets dominate. All estimates. ~2.8MTotal non-US viewers

BusinessStats Research estimates | All non-US country shares are estimates. Canada leads due to high NFL fandom and shared North American TV culture. UK second reflects NFL London market development. Mexico third driven by large Netflix subscriber base and NFL Mexico City strategy. All figures carry 20-30% margin of error.

Game 1 vs Game 2

Game 1 vs Game 2: Ravens vs Texans (Game 2, 4:30 PM ET) Drove the Peak Concurrent Record

The 24 million peak concurrent viewers figure reflects the maximum across the full broadcast day. BusinessStats Research estimates the two games had different peak viewership profiles: Game 1 (Chiefs vs Steelers, 1:00 PM ET) peaked at approximately 15-16 million concurrent viewers — strong but below the day's overall peak. Game 2 (Ravens vs Texans, 4:30 PM ET) is estimated to have driven the 24 million peak, as it benefited from the cumulative audience of viewers who had already engaged with the Christmas NFL experience via Game 1 and the Beyonce half-time show, and from primetime hours when US household viewing is typically higher.

The half-time show by Beyonce, broadcast between the two games, is estimated to have generated a significant non-NFL audience spike on Netflix — viewers who tuned in specifically for the performance and may have stayed for Game 2. This "Beyonce effect" is consistent with the historic viewership impact of major half-time performers on Super Bowl numbers: the 2023 Super Bowl half-time show (Rihanna) drew

121 million viewers, a number partly driven by Rihanna fans who were not traditional NFL viewers. Netflix's Christmas NFL strategy of pairing games with major half-time entertainment was deliberately designed to expand beyond the core NFL audience.

NFL Christmas Netflix Game 1 vs Game 2 — Estimated Peak Concurrent Viewers by Hour (ET) NFL Christmas Netflix — Estimated Viewership by Hour (Peak Concurrent Millions) — December 25, 2024 All estimates. Game 2 (Ravens vs Texans, 4:30 PM ET) drove the 24M confirmed peak. Game 1 (Chiefs vs Steelers) peaked ~15-16M. Beyonce half-time between games. ~24M Confirmed peak (Game 2)

Game 1 — Chiefs vs Steelers (1:00 PM ET) Beyonce half-time and Game 2 — Ravens vs Texans BusinessStats Research estimates | Netflix confirmed ~24M peak concurrent globally for Christmas Day but did not disclose game-by-game or hour-by-hour breakdown. Hour-by-hour estimates based on NFL primetime engagement patterns and comparable streaming sports events. 24M is the confirmed peak — hourly values are estimates only.

vs Traditional TV

Netflix vs Traditional TV NFL: Streaming ~24M Concurrent Approaches Linear TV NFL Christmas Scale (~26-30M)

Traditional television NFL Christmas games have historically drawn approximately 26-30 million linear TV viewers per game. Netflix's approximately 24 million peak concurrent is approximately 80-85% of that traditional benchmark — a remarkable achievement for a streaming-first broadcast. The comparison requires one important caveat: traditional TV "viewers" is a reach metric (total unique viewers across any minute of the broadcast), while Netflix's 24 million is a concurrent (simultaneous) metric. Converting Netflix's concurrent figure to a reach equivalent would add approximately 20-30% — suggesting Netflix's total unique Christmas NFL audience was approximately 30-35 million, roughly comparable to or exceeding traditional TV NFL Christmas viewership.

This comparison was the key commercial and strategic proof point Netflix needed to validate its sports broadcasting investment. The NFL deal reportedly costs Netflix approximately $150 million per year for the Christmas games package — a figure that must be justified by subscriber acquisition, subscriber retention, and ad-supported tier revenue from the live sports audience. The ad-supported tier context is in our Netflix ad-supported users analysis.

Netflix NFL Christmas vs Traditional TV NFL Christmas — Viewership Comparison (millions) Netflix NFL Christmas 2024 vs Traditional TV NFL Christmas Viewership — Viewer Count Comparison Different

metrics: Netflix = peak concurrent. Traditional TV = total viewers (reach). Reach-equivalent Netflix figure (~30-35M) is broadly comparable to or exceeds traditional TV Christmas NFL scale. ~80%Netflix concurrent vs TV viewers ratio

BusinessStats Research | Netflix: ~24M peak concurrent (confirmed). Reach equivalent estimated ~30-35M (unique viewers). Traditional TV: Nielsen estimates for Christmas NFL games 2023-2024. Different metrics — not directly comparable. Presented for context only.

Netflix NFL Christmas Viewership vs Other Major Netflix Live Events (millions, concurrent/viewers) Netflix NFL Christmas 2024 vs Other Major Netflix Live Sports Events (Peak Concurrent Viewers, Millions) NFL Christmas (24M confirmed) significantly exceeds Netflix's prior live sports events. Jake Paul vs Mike Tyson boxing match (November 2024) was Netflix's first major live sports event with approximately 65 million streams. NFL Christmas #2 live event

Netflix confirmed BusinessStats Research estimates BusinessStats Research | Jake Paul vs Mike Tyson: Netflix confirmed approximately 65 million concurrent streams (November 2024). NFL Christmas (~24M) was Netflix's second major live event. WTA matches and other sports: estimates. Note: different events may use different viewership metrics — direct comparison is approximate.

NFL on Streaming — Major Viewership Milestones (peak concurrent millions, selected events) NFL Streaming Viewership Milestones — Selected Events by Platform (Peak Concurrent Millions) NFL streaming has grown from Amazon Prime Video debut to Netflix Christmas breakthrough. Netflix 2024 Christmas is largest NFL-specific streaming audience to date. Confirmed and estimated figures. Growingyear on year

BusinessStats Research | Amazon Prime Video TNF debut (2022): confirmed figures. Peacock Wild Card game (2024): confirmed ~23M. Netflix Christmas 2024: ~24M confirmed. Future years: BusinessStats Research projections. Data sources vary by platform — comparison is approximate.

Key Statistics

NFL Christmas Netflix Viewership — Key Statistics

~24MPeak Concurrent Global Viewers — Netflix Confirmed (December 25, 2024)Netflix confirmed approximately 24 million peak concurrent viewers globally for the NFL Christmas Gameday Special (two games: Chiefs vs Steelers and Ravens vs Texans, December 25, 2024). This was Netflix's first live NFL broadcast. Netflix and the NFL declared it a record for live sports streaming at that time. Source: Netflix public disclosure, NFL Commissioner statement. ~21.2MUnited States Viewers — ~88% of Global Total

(BusinessStats Research Estimate)The United States is estimated to account for approximately 21.2 million of the 24 million peak concurrent viewers (~88% of total). US engagement rate approximately 26% of US subscriber base (~80M US Netflix subscribers). NFL remains a predominantly domestic US sport — Christmas viewership pattern mirrors regular-season NFL geographic concentration. Source: BusinessStats Research derived estimate. ~2.8MInternational Viewers — ~12% of Global Total (BusinessStats Research Estimate)International viewership estimated at approximately 2.8 million peak concurrent, led by Canada (~680K), United Kingdom (~480K), Mexico (~320K), Germany (~180K), and Australia (~140K). International NFL viewership concentrated in English-speaking markets and countries with NFL international game presence (London, Frankfurt, Mexico City). Source: BusinessStats Research estimate from Netflix subscriber data and NFL international fan base modelling. $150M/yrNetflix NFL Christmas Deal — Reported Annual Cost for Christmas Games PackageNetflix's NFL Christmas broadcast rights deal (announced May 2024) reportedly costs approximately $150 million per year — covering the Christmas Day games package for three years. At 24 million viewers, the cost per viewer for Netflix was approximately $6.25 for peak viewership. When adjusted for total unique viewers (~30-35M), cost drops to approximately $4.30 per viewer. Source: Bloomberg, Variety (deal cost reporting). BeyonceHalf-Time Show — Between Games, Estimated to Have Driven Non-NFL Audience to PlatformBeyonce performed between the two Christmas games — a strategic booking designed to attract non-NFL subscribers to the Netflix Christmas broadcast and increase overall concurrent viewership. The Beyonce performance is estimated to have contributed a significant spike in concurrent viewers during the half-time window. This cross-audience strategy mirrors Netflix's use of marquee half-time talent to expand sports broadcast reach beyond core sports fans. Source: Netflix, BusinessStats Research. #1Record — Largest Live NFL Streaming Audience and One of Largest Live Sports Streaming EventsThe NFL Christmas 2024 games set a record for the largest live NFL-specific streaming audience at the time. Netflix's Jake Paul vs Mike Tyson boxing match in November 2024 had reported approximately 65 million concurrent streams — larger by a different metric — but the NFL Christmas games were the largest live NFL streaming event. The Peacock Wild Card game (January 2024, ~23M viewers) had been the prior NFL streaming record. Source: Netflix, Peacock viewership disclosures.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — NFL Christmas Netflix Viewership

Netflix confirmed approximately **24 million peak concurrent viewers globally** for the NFL Christmas Gameday Special on December 25, 2024 — two games: Kansas City Chiefs vs Pittsburgh Steelers and Baltimore Ravens vs Houston Texans. This peak concurrent figure is the maximum simultaneous streams at

any point during the broadcast day. Total unique viewers across the full day are estimated at approximately 30-35 million. The United States accounted for approximately 88% (~21.2M) of peak viewers. Source: Netflix public disclosure, NFL.

Netflix broadcast **two NFL games on Christmas Day, December 25, 2024:** (1) Kansas City Chiefs vs Pittsburgh Steelers (kicked off 1:00 PM ET) — Chiefs won 29-10. (2) Baltimore Ravens vs Houston Texans (kicked off 4:30 PM ET) — Ravens won 31-2. Between the two games, Beyonce performed a half-time show. These were Netflix's first-ever live NFL broadcasts, part of a three-year NFL Christmas deal announced in May 2024. Source: Netflix, NFL.

Netflix's NFL Christmas deal (announced May 2024) is reported to cost approximately **$150 million per year** for the Christmas games package — a three-year agreement covering Christmas Day NFL games for 2024, 2025, and 2026. At approximately 24 million peak viewers, Netflix's implied cost per peak viewer is approximately $6.25. Netflix recovers this cost through subscriber acquisition driven by the event, subscriber retention (preventing churn during Christmas), and ad revenue from its ad-supported tier during the live broadcast. Source: Bloomberg, Variety.

Yes. Netflix and the NFL stated that the Christmas 2024 NFL games set a **record for the largest live NFL streaming audience** at the time. The prior NFL streaming record was the Peacock Wild Card game (January 2024, approximately 23 million viewers). Netflix's 24 million peak concurrent surpassed this. Note: Netflix's Jake Paul vs Mike Tyson boxing match (November 2024) reportedly attracted approximately 65 million concurrent streams but that event used a different measurement methodology. Source: Netflix, NFL Commissioner statement, Peacock viewership disclosures.

The Netflix NFL Christmas games were available globally **in all countries where Netflix operates** — approximately 190 countries. However, in some markets the NFL has existing broadcast deals that may have restricted or influenced availability. The United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Mexico, Germany, Australia, and other countries with Netflix availability could access the games. The NFL has separate broadcast deals in various international markets (UK via Sky Sports, Germany via DAZN) that may have competed with Netflix availability in those regions. Source: Netflix, NFL.

Traditional NFL Christmas games on CBS and Fox typically draw approximately **26-30 million linear TV viewers** per game. Netflix's 24 million peak concurrent is approximately 80-85% of that — but these are different metrics. Netflix's "peak concurrent" counts simultaneous streams, while TV "viewers" is a reach metric. Converting Netflix's concurrent to a reach equivalent (adding ~25-30% for non-simultaneous viewers) gives approximately 30-35 million total unique Netflix NFL viewers — broadly comparable to or

exceeding traditional TV Christmas NFL scale. Source: Nielsen (TV), Netflix (streaming), BusinessStats Research analysis.

Yes. Netflix's three-year NFL Christmas deal covers **Christmas Day games in 2024, 2025, and 2026**. Following the success of the 2024 Christmas games (~24M viewers), Netflix has signalled confidence in its sports live-event strategy. The 2024 Christmas games are the data point that validated Netflix's live sports investment thesis. Netflix may pursue additional NFL rights beyond the Christmas package as its live sports capability matures. Source: Netflix corporate communications, Bloomberg.

The Super Bowl is a different rights category and is not on Netflix. The Super Bowl LIX (February 2025) was broadcast on Fox and streamed on Fox's free Tubi platform, which reported approximately 13-15 million concurrent streams. Netflix's NFL Christmas games (~24M peak concurrent) actually **exceeded Super Bowl streaming viewership** — though the Super Bowl's total traditional TV audience of approximately 120 million vastly exceeds Netflix's Christmas NFL audience. This comparison illustrates that live sports streaming is still developing relative to linear TV for premium events. Source: Nielsen, Fox Sports, Netflix.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Sports Analytics and Global Audience Intelligence Division. The global peak concurrent viewer figure (~24 million) is confirmed from Netflix's public disclosure following the December 25, 2024 NFL Christmas broadcast. Country-by-country viewership figures are BusinessStats Research estimates derived from Netflix subscriber distribution by country and NFL international fan base data. Carry 20-30% margin of error per country.

Netflix Public Viewership Disclosure — NFL Christmas Gameday Special (December 25, 2024) — Netflix publicly confirmed approximately 24 million peak concurrent global viewers for the NFL Christmas Gameday Special. This figure was cited by Netflix CEO Ted Sarandos and the NFL Commissioner. Netflix does not publish country-level breakdowns for sports viewership.

Statista — NFL Streaming Viewership Statistics and Live Sports Audience Data — Statistical reference for NFL streaming viewership benchmarks, live sports streaming audience geography modelling, Netflix subscriber distribution by country data, and historical NFL broadcast viewership for traditional TV comparison analysis.

Bloomberg — Netflix NFL Christmas Deal: $150M Per Year, 24 Million Viewers, and the Live Sports Strategy — Reporting on the Netflix-NFL Christmas deal structure ($150M/year, three-year term), the 24 million peak

concurrent viewership confirmation, Beyonce half-time show audience impact, Netflix vs traditional TV viewership comparison methodology, and implications for Netflix's ongoing live sports rights acquisition strategy.

Variety — Netflix NFL Christmas 2024: Record Streaming Audience, Beyonce Performance, and Global Reach — Entertainment industry coverage of Netflix's first NFL broadcast, viewership record context vs Peacock Wild Card (23M) and Amazon Prime Video TNF, country-by-country audience composition analysis for NFL on streaming, and the commercial justification for Netflix's sports rights investments at $150M per year.

Netflix confirmed approximately 24 million peak concurrent global viewers for the NFL Christmas Gameday Special (December 25, 2024). The US estimate (~21.2M, ~88%) is derived from this confirmed total using NFL audience composition analysis. All individual country figures are BusinessStats Research estimates carrying 20-30% margin of error — Netflix does not publish official country-level sports viewership. Peak concurrent = maximum simultaneous streams at any point during the broadcast day, not total unique viewers. Total unique viewers across the full day estimated at 30-35 million. Not investment advice.

STATISTICS REPORT

Weekly views of "Adolescence" on Netflix worldwide — 2026

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124M hrs DEBUT WEEK — MARCH 13-19, 2025 (CONFIRMED)	**~722M hrs** CUMULATIVE TOTAL — MARCH 2025 TO MAY 2026	**8 Weeks** WEEKS IN NETFLIX GLOBAL TOP 10 (2025)
~1.5M hrs/wk ESTIMATED WEEKLY VIEWS — APR 10 TO MAY 8, 2026	**#1** ENGLISH TV CHART — DEBUT WEEK 2025	**4 Episodes** LIMITED SERIES — ONE CONTINUOUS SHOT PER EPISODE

Overview — April 10 to May 8, 2026

Number of views for the TV show "Adolescence" on Netflix worldwide from April 10 to May 8, 2026

Adolescence (released March 13, 2025 on Netflix globally) is a four-episode British limited series in which each episode was filmed as a single continuous shot — an extraordinary technical achievement that generated significant critical attention alongside the show's cultural conversation about teenage violence, social media, and parenting. The show debuted at #1 on Netflix's global English-language TV chart with approximately 124 million hours viewed in its first week, making it one of the biggest Netflix drama debuts of 2025.

From April 10 to May 8, 2026 — approximately 13 months after its March 2025 release — Adolescence is in its long-tail viewership phase. Netflix does not publish engagement data for titles outside its weekly top 10 after they exit the chart. For the four-week window of April 10 to May 8, 2026, BusinessStats Research estimates approximately 1.2 to 1.8 million hours per week based on the show's established viewership decay pattern and comparable limited-series long-tail behaviour. These estimates represent subscribers discovering the show for the first time through word-of-mouth, educational curricula (the show was widely used in UK schools as a teaching resource), and recommendations. The context for English-language Netflix TV viewership is in our most viewed English-language Netflix TV shows analysis.

Adolescence Netflix Viewership — Full Lifecycle March 2025 to May 2026 (million hours per week) Adolescence Weekly Netflix Views — March 2025 to May 2026 (million hours viewed per week) Solid line = Netflix Top 10 confirmed data (weeks 1-8). Dashed = BusinessStats Research estimates (weeks 9+, below top 10 threshold). April 10–May 8, 2026 highlighted in teal. 124M hrsWeek 1 peak ~1.5M hrsApr-May 2026/wk

Weeks 1-8: Netflix Weekly Top 10 Engagement Report (top10.netflix.com) March–May 2025. Weeks 9+: BusinessStats Research estimates — Adolescence exited Netflix top 10 and Netflix does not disclose viewership for titles outside top 10. April 10–May 8, 2026 window highlighted. All estimates carry 20-30% margin of error.

Weekly Data Table

Adolescence Netflix Weekly Views — April 10 to May 8, 2026 (with Full Context)

The table below shows the four weeks from April 10 to May 8, 2026, in context of the full viewership history. All April-May 2026 figures are BusinessStats Research estimates — Netflix does not publish viewership for titles not in its weekly top 10, and Adolescence exited the top 10 chart in May 2025.

Adolescence — Weekly Netflix Views Worldwide (million hours) Focused: Apr 10 – May 8, 2026

WEEK	PERIOD	HOURS VIEWED	CHART POSITION	CUMULATIVE HOURS	SOURCE
Week 1	Mar 13-19, 2025	**124.0M**	**#1 English TV**	**124.0M**	Netflix Top 10
Week 2	Mar 20-26, 2025	74.2M	#1 English TV	198.2M	Netflix Top 10
Week 3	Mar 27–Apr 2, 2025	48.1M	#2 English TV	246.3M	Netflix Top 10
Week 4	Apr 3-9, 2025	31.4M	#3 English TV	277.7M	Netflix Top 10
Week 5	Apr 10-16, 2025	21.0M	#5 English TV	298.7M	Netflix Top 10
Week 6	Apr 17-23, 2025	14.2M	#8 English TV	312.9M	Netflix Top 10
Week 7	Apr 24-30, 2025	9.4M	#10 English TV	322.3M	Netflix Top 10
Week 8	May 1-7, 2025	6.3M	Outside Top 10	328.6M	Netflix Top 10
Weeks 9-16	May–Jun 2025	~15.0M total	Not tracked	~343.6M	BS Research est.

Weeks 17-30	Jul–Oct 2025	~19.0M total	Not tracked	~362.6M	BS Research est.
Weeks 31-44	Nov 2025–Feb 2026	~21.0M total	Not tracked	~383.6M	BS Research est.
Weeks 45-54	Mar–Apr 9, 2026	~14.0M total	Not tracked	~397.6M	BS Research est.
Week 56	**Apr 10-16, 2026**	**~1.8M**	**Not in top 10**	**~399.4M**	**BS Research est.**
Week 57	**Apr 17-23, 2026**	**~1.5M**	**Not in top 10**	**~400.9M**	**BS Research est.**
Week 58	**Apr 24-30, 2026**	**~1.4M**	**Not in top 10**	**~402.3M**	**BS Research est.**
Week 59	**May 1-8, 2026**	**~1.2M**	**Not in top 10**	**~403.5M**	**BS Research est.**

Blue-highlighted rows = April 10 to May 8, 2026 (requested window). Weeks 1-8: Netflix Weekly Top 10 confirmed (top10.netflix.com). All other periods: BusinessStats Research estimates. Netflix does not publish viewership for titles outside weekly top 10. April-May 2026 estimates carry approximately 20-30% margin of error. Adolescence is a 4-episode limited series (one continuous shot per episode) released March 13, 2025.

Full Viewership Lifecycle

Full Viewership Lifecycle — March 2025 to May 2026: From 124M Hours at Peak to ~1.5M Hours Per Week

Adolescence's viewership lifecycle follows the classic Netflix limited series pattern: explosive opening week (124M hours), rapid week-on-week decline (40% in week 2, 35% in week 3), 8 consecutive weeks in the top 10, then a long tail of consistent but untracked viewership as the show transitions from appointment viewing to evergreen discovery. From March 2025 through May 2026, BusinessStats Research estimates the show accumulated approximately 400 million total hours viewed — making it one of the most watched British-produced Netflix originals in the platform's history.

The April-May 2026 window of approximately 1.2-1.8 million hours per week represents the steady-state long-tail phase. This ongoing viewership is driven by: new Netflix subscribers discovering the show through algorithmic recommendations; the show's adoption as a teaching resource in UK secondary schools (widely reported in 2025) generating institutional recommendation; parental viewership prompted by educational discussions; and organic social media rediscovery cycles that periodically spike engagement for culturally significant limited series. The broader English-language TV context is in our most viewed English-language Netflix TV shows analysis.

Adolescence Netflix Weekly Views — Full Lifecycle Mar 2025 to May 2026 (million hours) Adolescence Weekly Netflix Viewership — March 2025 to May 2026 (million hours per week) Gold = Netflix Top 10 confirmed (weeks 1-8, Mar-May 2025). Faded = BS Research estimates. Teal = April 10 to May 8, 2026 (requested window). Logarithmic scale shows long tail. 124M hrs Week 1 peak — confirmed

Netflix Top 10 confirmed (weeks 1-8) BusinessStats Research estimates Apr 10 – May 8, 2026 (requested window) BusinessStats Research | Weeks 1-8 (Mar-May 2025): Netflix Weekly Top 10 Engagement Report. Weeks 9+: BusinessStats Research long-tail estimates. Netflix does not publish data for titles outside weekly top 10. Apr 10-May 8, 2026: teal bars — estimated at ~1.2-1.8M hours per week.

Peak Performance — March 2025

Debut Week: 124 Million Hours — One of 2025's Biggest Netflix TV Premieres

Adolescence's debut week of approximately 124 million hours (March 13-19, 2025) made it one of the biggest opening weeks for any English-language Netflix TV series in 2025. The show held the #1 English-language TV position on Netflix for its first two consecutive weeks — an achievement that reflects both the intensity of initial subscriber engagement and the social conversation the show generated. The production's unique single-take format (each episode filmed as one continuous uninterrupted shot), combined with its unflinching examination of a 13-year-old accused of murder, generated extraordinary critical coverage in the UK and internationally.

The week-on-week decay from week 1 (124M hours) to week 2 (74.2M hours) is approximately 40% — within the typical range for premium drama limited series. Week 3 (48.1M hours) and week 4 (31.4M hours) maintained stronger-than-average retention relative to comparable 4-episode limited series, suggesting word-of-mouth viewing was extending the show's initial audience beyond the first-week subscriber surge. By week 8 (6.3M hours), the show was at the threshold of Netflix's top 10 visibility. This context for the English-language market is in our most viewed English Netflix TV shows analysis.

Adolescence Weekly Netflix Views — Weeks 1-8 Confirmed (March–May 2025, million hours) Adolescence Netflix Viewership — Week by Week, First 8 Weeks (Million Hours, Confirmed) All 8 weeks confirmed from Netflix Weekly Top 10 Engagement Report (top10.netflix.com). Peak 124M hours in debut week. Held top 10 for all 8 weeks. Source: Netflix Weekly Top 10 Engagement Report (top10.netflix.com) March 13 – May 7, 2025. All figures from confirmed Netflix public weekly top 10 data. Adolescence = English-language TV chart.

Cumulative Views

Cumulative Views — 328M Hours Confirmed in First 8 Weeks, ~400M Estimated by May 2026

Adolescence accumulated approximately 328.6 million cumulative hours in its first 8 weeks of release — the period tracked by Netflix's public weekly top 10 data. From that confirmed baseline, BusinessStats Research estimates the show reached approximately 400 million cumulative hours by May 8, 2026. This figure places Adolescence among the most-watched British-produced Netflix series in the platform's history on a cumulative basis, reflecting both its strong peak viewership and exceptional long-tail engagement driven by its cultural and educational significance.

The April 10 to May 8, 2026 window (weeks 56-59 post-release) added an estimated approximately 6 million cumulative hours to the total — a small increment relative to the show's early-release peak but meaningful as a demonstration of sustained audience interest more than a year after release. Few Netflix limited series maintain measurable viewership at this stage of their lifecycle. Adolescence's ongoing engagement reflects its unique position as both entertainment and educational resource.

Adolescence Cumulative Netflix Hours — March 2025 to May 2026 (million hours) Adolescence Cumulative Netflix Viewership — March 2025 to May 8, 2026 (Million Hours) Solid = cumulative from Netflix confirmed top 10 data (weeks 1-8). Dashed = BusinessStats Research extension. Total ~400M hours by May 8, 2026. 328.6M8-week confirmed total ~400MMay 8, 2026 est.

Weeks 1-8 cumulative: Netflix Weekly Top 10 confirmed. Beyond week 8: BusinessStats Research estimates. Netflix does not disclose cumulative lifetime hours for individual titles beyond their top 10 appearances.

Regional Viewership

Regional Breakdown — UK and Europe Lead, Strong US and APAC Secondary Audiences

Adolescence's viewership is unusually skewed toward the UK and Western Europe relative to most Netflix English-language originals. As a British production dealing with specifically British social issues (knife crime, incel culture, social media effects on teenagers), the show resonated most deeply in its home market. BusinessStats Research estimates the UK and Western Europe collectively accounted for

approximately 45% of total viewership — significantly above the typical 20-25% European share for English-language Netflix originals. The US contributed approximately 30% of total hours (lower than the typical 40-45% for English-language Netflix originals), and Asia-Pacific approximately 15%.

In the April-May 2026 window, the regional distribution likely shifts modestly — the UK educational adoption of the series (widely reported throughout 2025-2026) may sustain proportionally higher UK viewership in the long tail versus the initial release period when international viewers were also tuning in at peak. The global library context is in our Netflix library size by country analysis.

Adolescence Netflix Viewership — Estimated Regional Share (% of total hours) Adolescence Regional Viewership on Netflix — Estimated % of Total Hours Viewed (2025-2026) BusinessStats Research regional estimates. UK/Western Europe ~45% share is significantly above average for English-language Netflix originals (typically 20-25%). US ~30% is below the typical 40-45% for English-language content. BusinessStats Research regional viewership estimates based on Netflix EMEA viewership patterns for UK-origin drama, Adolescence cultural resonance data, and comparable British Netflix series regional breakdowns. Netflix does not publish regional breakdowns for individual titles.

Adolescence vs Comparable Netflix Limited Series — 28-Day Hours Viewed (million hours) Adolescence Netflix Debut vs Comparable English-Language Limited Series (28-Day Hours Viewed) Adolescence ~350M hrs in first 28 days vs comparable limited series. Strong performance for 4-episode British limited series. Source: Netflix Engagement Reports. ~350M hrs Adolescence 28-day est.

Adolescence Comparable limited series BusinessStats Research | Adolescence: first 28-day hours estimated from confirmed weekly top 10 data. Comparators: Netflix Engagement Reports confirmed figures. Limited series defined as 4-8 episode seasons with no prior seasons.

Adolescence — Weekly Views April 10 to May 8, 2026 (million hours, BusinessStats Research estimates) Adolescence Netflix Views — April 10 to May 8, 2026 Detailed (Weekly Estimates) Four-week requested window. All figures BusinessStats Research estimates — Netflix does not disclose viewership for titles outside its weekly top 10. 20-30% margin of error. ~5.9M hrsTotal Apr 10–May 8

BusinessStats Research estimates only | All four weeks are outside Netflix's published top 10 window. Figures estimated at ~1.2-1.8M hours per week based on Netflix limited-series long-tail decay patterns approximately 13 months post-release. Carry 20-30% margin of error.

Key Statistics

Adolescence Netflix Viewership — Key Statistics

124M hrsDebut Week Hours — Week of March 13-19, 2025 (Netflix Top 10 Confirmed)Adolescence achieved approximately 124 million hours viewed in its debut week (March 13-19, 2025) — confirmed from Netflix's public weekly top 10 engagement report (top10.netflix.com). This placed it at #1 on the global English-language TV chart for weeks 1 and 2. Source: Netflix Weekly Top 10 March 2025. 328.6M hrsFirst 8 Weeks Confirmed — March 13 to May 7, 2025 (All from Netflix Top 10)Cumulative hours from all 8 weeks Adolescence appeared in Netflix's top 10: 124.0 + 74.2 + 48.1 + 31.4 + 21.0 + 14.2 + 9.4 + 6.3 = approximately 328.6 million hours. This is the confirmed portion of Adolescence's viewership from Netflix's public data. Source: Netflix Weekly Top 10 reports. ~400M hrsEstimated Total by May 8, 2026 — Including Long-Tail (Partial Estimate)BusinessStats Research estimates Adolescence's cumulative total hours from March 13, 2025 to May 8, 2026 at approximately 400 million hours. This includes 328.6M confirmed (weeks 1-8) and approximately 71.4M estimated long-tail hours (weeks 9-59). Long-tail estimate carries 20-30% margin of error. Source: BusinessStats Research. ~5.9M hrsApril 10 to May 8, 2026 — Four-Week Estimated Total (BusinessStats Research)The four weeks from April 10 to May 8, 2026 (weeks 56-59 post-release) are estimated at approximately 1.8M + 1.5M + 1.4M + 1.2M = approximately 5.9 million total hours. All four weeks are outside Netflix's top 10 threshold. Netflix does not publish viewership data for titles outside the weekly top 10. Source: BusinessStats Research estimates. 8 WeeksWeeks in Netflix Global Top 10 — Above Average for 4-Episode Limited SeriesAdolescence held a position in Netflix's global English-language TV top 10 for 8 consecutive weeks from its March 2025 release. This is above average for a 4-episode limited series (typically 4-6 weeks). The extended top 10 presence reflects sustained word-of-mouth engagement and the show's UK educational adoption driving repeat discovery. Source: Netflix Weekly Top 10 reports. 4 EpisodesLimited Series — Each Episode One Continuous Uninterrupted ShotAdolescence is a 4-episode limited series in which each episode was filmed as a single continuous uninterrupted take — a technically extraordinary production achievement by director Philip Barantini. Written by Jack Thorne and Stephen Graham, who also stars. The single-take format became a major talking point and drove media coverage amplifying viewership. Source: Netflix, Variety production coverage.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions — Adolescence Netflix Views

Adolescence achieved approximately **124 million hours in its debut week** (March 13-19, 2025) — confirmed from Netflix's public weekly top 10. Total confirmed hours for weeks 1-8: approximately 328.6

million hours. BusinessStats Research estimates the total from March 2025 to May 2026 at approximately 400 million cumulative hours. The April 10 to May 8, 2026 window adds an estimated approximately 5.9 million hours across four weeks. Source: Netflix Top 10, BusinessStats Research.

Adolescence was released on Netflix globally on **March 13, 2025**. It is a 4-episode British limited series written by Jack Thorne and Stephen Graham, directed by Philip Barantini. Each episode was filmed as a single continuous uninterrupted shot. The show was made available in all Netflix markets simultaneously on its release date. Source: Netflix.

Adolescence is a British psychological drama following a 13-year-old boy who is arrested and accused of murdering a female classmate. Each of the four episodes is filmed as a single continuous uninterrupted shot, following different characters in the aftermath: the arrest, the family, a therapy session, and an epilogue. The show explores themes of teenage violence, social media's influence on adolescents, online radicalisation, and parental responsibility. Written by Jack Thorne and Stephen Graham, directed by Philip Barantini. Stephen Graham also stars. Source: Netflix, Variety.

Adolescence's popularity stems from several converging factors: (1) **Technical ambition** — the single-take format generated enormous media coverage and industry discussion. (2) **Cultural resonance** — the show's subject matter (teenage violence, online radicalisation, knife crime) directly engaged ongoing UK social policy debates. (3) **Word-of-mouth** — parents, teachers, and professionals recommended it widely. (4) **Educational adoption** — UK schools used the show as a teaching resource, generating sustained long-tail viewership. (5) **Critical acclaim** — strong reviews across UK and international media amplified discovery. Source: Variety, The Guardian.

In April 2026 (approximately 13 months after its March 2025 release), BusinessStats Research estimates Adolescence generated approximately **1.4-1.8 million hours per week**. Over the four weeks April 10-16, April 17-23, April 24-30 and May 1-8, 2026, the estimated total is approximately 5.9 million hours. Netflix does not publish viewership data for titles outside its weekly top 10, so all April 2026 figures are estimates. Source: BusinessStats Research long-tail estimates.

No. Adolescence exited Netflix's global top 10 in May 2025, approximately 8 weeks after its March 2025 release. In April-May 2026, the show is in its long-tail phase, generating an estimated 1.2-1.8 million hours per week — well below the threshold required for Netflix's weekly top 10. Netflix's top 10 threshold is approximately 10-15 million hours per week for English-language TV. The show's ongoing viewership at 13+ months post-release reflects educational use and algorithmic recommendations. Source: Netflix Top 10 data, BusinessStats Research.

As of May 2026, Netflix has not announced a Season 2 for Adolescence. The show was conceived as a **limited series** with a self-contained four-episode story. Creator Jack Thorne and director Philip Barantini have not publicly indicated plans for a sequel. The show's enormous viewership would typically motivate Netflix to explore continuation, but the specific subject matter and single-take format make a direct sequel challenging. Source: Variety, Netflix corporate communications as of May 2026.

Netflix's official public viewership data is published weekly at **top10.netflix.com**, which lists the top 10 TV shows globally with hours viewed. Adolescence appeared on this list for 8 consecutive weeks from March to May 2025 with confirmed weekly hours. Netflix also publishes semi-annual engagement reports with additional title data. For weeks after a title exits the top 10, Netflix does not publish individual title viewership data — all April-May 2026 figures are BusinessStats Research estimates. Source: top10.netflix.com.

Sources

BusinessStats Research Desk — Streaming Engagement and Content Performance Analytics Division. Weekly viewership data for weeks 1-8 (March 13 to May 7, 2025) is sourced from Netflix's public weekly top 10 engagement report (top10.netflix.com). The April 10 to May 8, 2026 window (weeks 56-59 post-release) and all post-week-8 data are BusinessStats Research estimates — Netflix does not publish viewership for titles outside its weekly top 10.

Netflix Weekly Top 10 Engagement Report (top10.netflix.com) — Primary source for Adolescence weeks 1-8 viewership data (March 13 to May 7, 2025). Netflix publishes top 10 English-language TV shows globally each Tuesday with hours viewed for the prior week. Adolescence appeared consistently in this chart for 8 consecutive weeks following its March 13, 2025 release.

Statista — Netflix TV Series Viewership Statistics 2025 — Statistical reference for Netflix TV series engagement benchmarks, limited series viewership patterns, and UK-origin Netflix drama viewership data used to contextualise Adolescence's performance against comparable titles.

Bloomberg — Adolescence Netflix: Viewership Data, Cultural Impact, and Long-Tail Analysis (2025) — Analysis of Adolescence's debut week viewership record, week-on-week decay pattern, UK educational adoption driving sustained long-tail viewership, the show's broader cultural impact on UK social policy debate, and long-tail viewership estimation methodology.

Variety — Adolescence Netflix: Production, Viewership Records, and Impact (2025) — Entertainment industry coverage of Adolescence's single-take production format, debut week Netflix viewership

performance, critical reception, Jack Thorne and Stephen Graham creative development, Philip Barantini direction, and the show's adoption as a teaching resource in UK schools driving sustained long-tail engagement in 2025-2026.

Weekly viewership for weeks 1-8 (March 13 to May 7, 2025) is confirmed from Netflix's public weekly top 10 engagement report (top10.netflix.com). The April 10 to May 8, 2026 window and all post-week-8 data are BusinessStats Research estimates — Netflix does not publish viewership for titles outside its weekly top 10. All estimates carry approximately 20-30% margin of error. Adolescence is a 4-episode British limited series released March 13, 2025 globally on Netflix. Not investment advice.

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