

The Best Streaming Services for 2024



A guide to the top streaming services in 2024, including Netflix.

In the past five years, many new streaming services like Max, Peacock, Disney+, and Apple TV+ have joined older ones like Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, and Hulu. It's hard to know which ones to choose. This guide will help you compare them based on price and other factors.

What Are the Best Streaming Services?

There are over 200 streaming services worldwide. Some, like BET+, focus on special interests like Black culture. Less than 35 have more than 50 million subscribers, with Netflix being the most popular at 247 million subscribers.

To find the best TV streaming service, consider:

- Low prices
- Live sports
- Movie choices
- Ads or no ads
- Password sharing rules

The cheapest big service is Peacock at \$5.99 per month with ads. To find the best service for you, look at our guide.

Netflix

Netflix is the most popular streaming service. You can watch original shows like Squid Game and Stranger Things, movies like The Woman King, and other TV shows like Suits. Subscriptions start at \$6.99/month with ads.

Netflix now charges extra for sharing passwords outside a household. It's great for people who watch a lot of TV and movies and don't mind paying more for better quality. But you can't share passwords, and the best quality plan costs more. You can check Netflix prices before subscribing.

Hulu

Hulu started with shows from TV networks and now has originals and other shows and movies. You can try it free for seven days.

The cheapest Hulu plan has ads and costs \$7.99 per month. The no-ad plan is \$17.99 monthly. Hulu also has live TV plans. The app is good, but finding new shows can be hard. Hulu is great for its low price and wide range of content, but it has fewer shows than other big services. Check Hulu's prices before subscribing.

Amazon Prime Video

Amazon Prime Video has lots of movies and TV series. Popular shows include Red, White & Royal Blue and Manchester by the Sea.

Pros: You can watch popular older movies and the price is good. You can subscribe just for video at \$8.99 per month or get Amazon Prime membership for \$14.99 per month. Cons: The app isn't very user-friendly, and it has fewer big TV shows than Netflix. No free or ad-supported version yet, but it's coming. Check Amazon's prices before subscribing.



Max

Max (formerly HBO Max) has content from Warner Bros. Discovery channels, including HBO and Warner Bros. Movies. Top shows and movies include Friends and the Justice League series.

Max has great content but the app isn't easy to use. It's one of the more expensive services and the Max-only shows aren't for everyone. You can add live sports with the Bleacher Report Sports add-on. Check Max's prices before subscribing.

Peacock

Peacock from Comcast has Universal Pictures movies and is cheap (\$5.99/month with ads). It's not the best for sports, but good for movie fans.

Pros include the low price and classic TV shows. There's no free version anymore. Check Peacock's prices before subscribing.

Disney+

Disney+ has Marvel, Star Wars, Pixar, and classic Disney shows and movies. It costs \$7.99/month with ads and \$13.99/month without.

Disney+ is easy to use and has lots of content. It's good for families and fans of Marvel or Star Wars. No free trial or sports streaming, but you can add ESPN+. Check Disney+'s prices before subscribing.



Apple TV+

Apple TV+ has fewer shows but some big ones like Ted Lasso. It costs \$9.99/month with no ads.

Best for watching specific shows. The app can be glitchy, and it's hard to find older shows. Limited sports options, but you can add MLB and MLS. No free version, but there is a free trial. Check Apple TV+'s prices before subscribing.

Paramount+

Paramount+ is growing, thanks to shows like Yellowstone. It has movies like Top Gun: Maverick and costs \$5.99/month with ads.

Good for fans of certain shows or early movie access. Not great for sports. The app is okay, and the more expensive plan has a few ads. Check Paramount+'s prices before subscribing.



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