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Celebrate National Streaming Day with the most popular streaming services out there

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Get ready for National Streaming Day with the most popular streaming services.

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Tomorrow, May 20, is National Streaming Day, a day entirely devoted to celebrating the evolution of video consumption and the ease that streaming has brought to our lives. After all, we're a long way from waiting in line to check out movies at Blockbuster. Now, you can just use a convenient streaming device to launch your favorite movie and you'll be watching it within seconds. In honor of the Roku-founded holiday, some brands are even offering special deals to celebrate the age of streaming.

That said, you have to subscribe to streaming services in order to access their many offerings. With so many to choose from, it can be overwhelming to decide which one is right for you. To help you make your pick, these are the most popular streaming services out there, in order of subscribers, and some of their top offerings. Happy streaming!

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1. Netflix



25 years later, Netflix is still going strong.

With over [232 million subscribers](#) to its name as of the first quarter of 2023, Netflix remains the most popular streaming service. One of the keys to Netflix's success has been time. The company got its start in 1998 as a DVD delivery service (a service which is coming to an end [later this year](#)) before hitting its stride as a streaming service in 2007. Since then, the platform has curated countless popular titles such as *Squid Games*, *You* and *Stranger Things*.

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2. Prime Video



Get great products and videos, too, with Amazon Prime.

[Amazon Prime](#) offers fast shipping on any product you can think of, music streaming, a quality audiobook service, exclusive deals... it only makes sense that they would offer video streaming, too. Perhaps its many benefits are what has garnered Prime Video over [200 million subscribers](#) as of September 2022. That, and hit shows like *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Good Omens* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power*.

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3. Disney+

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Disney's a relatively new streamer, but it's already grown to be one of the biggest.

Disney Plus is one of the newer streaming services on the block, launching in November of 2019, yet it has already amassed a huge user base of over 157.8 million subscribers and it's not hard to see why. Out the gate, subscribers could watch the company's massive media catalog, be it classic animated films, Marvel movies or even *Star Wars*. The streaming service would further prove its value by regularly launching new hit shows such as *The Mandalorian* and exclusive movies like the recent *Peter Pan & Wendy*. Timing also played a factor in Disney Plus's meteoric rise—it was the platform that many turned to while cooped up during the height of the *COVID-19 pandemic*.

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4. HBO Max



The new super streamer 'Max' is set to debut soon.

[HBO Max and Discovery+ have merged](#) to create the ultimate streaming service called 'Max' which will debut officially on **Tuesday, May 23**. The two platforms are currently separate until the official launch but have amassed over [96.1 million subscribers](#) between the two as of the end of 2022, according to Warner Bros. Discovery. It's not very surprising as HBO Max is home to smashing successes such as the *Game of Thrones* prequel *House of the Dragon*, *The White Lotus*, *Succession* and *Euphoria*.

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5. Paramount+

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Paramount+ has a mountain of content.

Paramount+ has been around for longer than you might realize. The streamer made its debut in 2014 under the name 'CBS All Access' but would eventually go on to become Paramount+ in 2021. Since then, the brand has announced a merger with the longtime cable network and app 'Showtime', which will happen sometime in 2023 and bring even more content to the streaming platform. While not as recognized as Netflix or Hulu, Paramount+ has made a name for itself all the same thanks to its varied mix of programming and original shows— from Star Trek: Picard to Yellowjackets and more, bringing its total subscriber count to over 77 million worldwide by the end of 2022.

Stream Paramount+

6. Hulu



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Hulu is another old guard streaming service with tons of quality shows.

Hulu is another streaming service that's been around for a while. Launching in 2007, it's about the same age as Netflix's streaming service. Hulu has continued to be a household name thanks to its roster of exclusive and syndicated shows such as Abbott Elementary and The Bachelor. Plus, the brand offers the option of Live TV, too. As of the second quarter of 2023, it was reported that Hulu had 48.2 million paid subscribers.

Stream Hulu

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7. Apple TV+

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Apple's streaming service has a large amount of original content.

Apple aims to be at the forefront of all things tech and video streaming is no exception. That's why the brand has its very own streaming service called Apple TV+. The streaming platform sets itself apart from its competitors with its original programming from *Shrinking* to the worldwide sensation that is *Ted Lasso*. It's no wonder the popular streaming platform has landed over 25 million paid subscribers as of March 2022.

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8. Starz

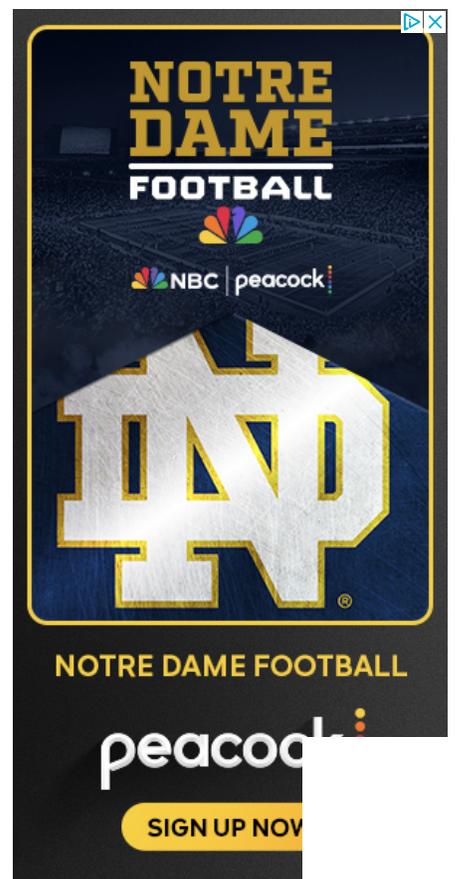


Stream premium-quality content.

Premium cable network Starz made the jump to streaming in 2008 in a partnership with Netflix at the time, then later as its own standalone app. In June of 2022, the streamer had around 27.3 million paid subscribers. Via streaming, Starz continues to offer the quality programming that put it on the map such as *Outlander*, *Party Down* and *Power*.

[Stream Starz](#)

9. ESPN+





Watch all your favorite sports on-the-go.

ESPN has long been the one-stop-shop for sports fans across the country and that has remained true since the network stepped into streaming in April of 2018. Sports continues to be one of America's favorite pastimes in the streaming era, with ESPN+ boasting [25.3 million paid subscribers](#) by the end of Q2 in 2023. Whether your passion is basketball or football, collegiate or professional, your favorite sport has a home on ESPN+, which you can purchase for less when bundled with [Hulu and Disney+](#).

[Stream ESPN+](#)

10. Peacock



Looking for *The Office*? Look no further.

From news to movies to live sports, NBC's Peacock has a little bit of everything. The streamer began in 2020 and has since accumulated over [21 million subscribers](#) as of the end of Q1 in 2023. It's not hard to see why it's grown in popularity, what with its inexpensive pricing and variety of hot shows to stream such as [Vanderpump Rules](#), the national sensation [Yellowstone](#) or the beloved NBC show *The Office*.

[Stream Peacock](#)

Sling TV

While it doesn't make the top 10 most popular streaming services list in number of subscribers, Sling TV is certainly a "10" in our hearts. According to stats, Sling TV had [2.3 million subscribers](#) to its name by the end of 2022 thanks to the many channels it offers. Each tier of Sling TV offers over 50 hours of DVR and over 30 channels to enjoy such as ESPN. You can check out Sling TV's new '[Freestream](#)' service to watch quality movies and shows without paying a dime, both to supplement your existing streaming services or to see if you'd like to become a paid Sling TV subscriber.

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California Prison Visit Search Settlement

This undated photograph, provided by the law firm Allred, Maroko & Goldberg, shows Christina and Carlos Cardenas. (Allred, Maroko & Goldberg via AP)ASSOCIATED PRESS

The wife of a California inmate will receive \$5.6 million after being sexually violated during a strip search when she tried to visit her husband in prison, her attorneys said Monday.

After traveling four hours to see her husband at a correctional facility in Tehachapi, Calif. on Sept. 6, 2019, Christina Cardenas was subject to a strip search by prison officials, drug and pregnancy tests, X-ray and CT scans at a hospital, and another strip search by a male doctor who sexually violated her, a lawsuit said.

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