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## NIELSEN TELEVISION SERVICES

## IN THE UNITED STATES . .

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Three times per year, the local service reports on household and persons viewing activity for all major stations in 19 regions.
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Nielsen estimates 81.5 million U.S. Households owned at least one TV set as of January, 1982. More than half of these TV homes owned more than one set and 86\% owned color TV sets.



## IV viewing levels highest during

 prime timeTelevision viewing levels increase throughout the day, reaching a peak between 8 PM and 10 PM . Thereafter, TV usage falls off rapidly as people go to bed.

There are extreme variations in TV usage levels from winter to summer, particularly during late afternoon and evening hours. In contrast, there are only minor differences in early moming and late night.

PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS USING TELEVISION




[^0]NTELSEN ESTIMATES - TOTAL U.S. NY TIME. EXCEPT NYT + 3 HOURS IN PACIFIC TERRITORY


## IV usage greater among ...

- Larger Households
- Pay Cable Households
- Households With Non-Adults

On the average, TV households viewed over $491 / 2$ hours of television per week, however, certain homes viewed far more than that. Households with 3 or more persons, and those with non-adults, tuned in for about 60 hours a week. Pay Cable households viewed substantially more television than either those households with only Basic Cable service or no cable at all.

HOURS OF TV USAGE PER WEEK BY HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS



This viewing activity is distributed disproportionately throughout the day, reflecting each group's work, school or leisure time schedule. For example, prime fime (Monday Saturday, 8:00-11:00PM \& Sunday 7:00-11:00PM) makes up only $13 \%$ of the week's total available hours, yet with the exception of children 1.5 years, this time period accounts for $30 \%$ or more of the people's viewing.



8:30-9:00 PM time slot and Sun night remain the most popular

The 8:30 to 9:00PM time slot is the most-viewed (Mon.Sun.) evening half-hour, and women account for the greatest share of viewing throughout the evening.

Year after year, Sunday evening continues to attract the greatest number of viewers. Monday was the second most popular November viewing night in both 1975 and 1981. but note Friday has moved from last to a strong 3rd place.


## Situation Comedies most popular program type

Situation Comedies attracted the largest prime time overall audiences during November of 1981, recovering from a 2nd place finish behind General Drama in 1980. Sit-Coms were also the most popular type of programming for children and teens. As for adults $18-54$, prime time audiences were highest for Feature Films, while adults 55+ preferred General Drama


## households

During the 1980.'81 season, Nielsen Station Index produced Black/American reports for thirteen markets: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Washington, D.C., Cleveland, Houston, St. Louis, Atlanta, Baltimore, Memphis and New Orleans. An average of TV usage across all markets showed that Black households viewed more television than Non-Black households. The largest differences occurred during the daytime, early and late fringe dayparts.


Programs featuring Black audiences performers attract Black audience

Although prime time showed the least difference in TV usage, programs featuring Black performers achieved higher ratings in Black households than in Non-Black households across all markets.

## HOUSEHOLD RATINGS \%

|  | Jeffersons |  |  |  | Benson |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Market | Black | Non-Black | Index |  | Black | Non-Black | Index |
| New York | 35 | 17 | 206 |  | 23 | 12 | 192 |
| Los Angeles | 26 | 12 | 217 |  | 18 | 12 | 150 |
| Chicago | 26 | 16 | 163 | 26 | 16 | 163 |  |
| Philadelphia | 30 | 17 | 176 | 27 | 19 | 142 |  |
| Detroit | 32 | 17 | 188 | 20 | 15 | 133 |  |
| Washington, D.C | 29 | 15 | 193 | 18 | 13 | 138 |  |
| Cleveland | 30 | 18 | 167 | 28 | 17 | 165 |  |
| Houston | 34 | 16 | 213 | 26 | 15 | 173 |  |
| St. Louis | 33 | 24 | 138 | 22 | 15 | 147 |  |
| Atlanta | 38 | 21 | 181 | 18 | 12 | 150 |  |
| Baltimore | 28 | 19 | 147 | 22 | 14 | 157 |  |
| Memphis* | 36 | 26 | 138 | 17 | 11 | 155 |  |
| New Orleans | 34 | 22 | 155 | 20 | 12 | 167 |  |
| Average | 32 | 18 | 178 | 22 | 14 | 157 |  |


among Pay Cable subscribers as well as Basic Cable and NonCable households.
Generally, viewing to cable fare has increased over the last two years - no doubt due in part to more programming now being made available.

SOURCE OF HOUSEHOLD VIEWING - LATE FRINGE (MON.-FRI. 11:30PM-1AM)


Currently there are well over 300 different commercial programs which independent distributing organizations offer for sale to individual local stations, including network affiliates, as well as independent stations. Many of these programs were, at one time, on network schedules, and many have never been seen on TV as other than "syndicated" programs. As a result, individual stations can supplement network offerings, provide diverse regional programs and offer national programs attuned to the preferences of the local area. The top 15 syndicated programs among different segments of our population are listed here. The programs are ranked by their average ratings (within their areas of coverage) as reported by Nielsen Station Index's Cassandra computerized reporting service.

NIELSEN/CASSANDRA
RANKING OF
SYNDICATED PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 1981
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD RATING (COMPUTED)
ALL DATA PRESENTED SUBJECT TO OUALIFICATIONS. PROGRAM AVERAGES SHOWN ARE WEIGHTED BY MARKET UNIVERSE

| TOTAL U.S. HOUSEHOLDS |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Program Name | $\#$ <br> Mkts. | $\%$ <br> Rating |
| M*A*S*H | 184 | 13.9 |
| Family Feud PM | 113 | 13.2 |
| PM Magazine | 93 | 12.7 |
| Hee Haw | 176 | 9.7 |
| Happy Days Again | 154 | 8.8 |
| Barney Miller | 100 | 8.7 |
| Tic Tac Dough | 109 | 8.7 |
| Laverne \& Shirley | 97 | 8.4 |
| You Asked For It | 94 | 8.4 |
| Dance Fever | 119 | 8.1 |
| Entertainment Tonight | 106 | 8.1 |
| Lawrence Welk Show | 164 | 8.1 |
| Muppet Show | 136 | 7.8 |
| Little House on the Prairie | 42 | 7.7 |
| Jeffersons | 60 | 7.5 |


| WOMEN 18+ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Program Name | M | $\%$ <br> Rating |
| Family Feud PM | 113 | 11.2 |
| PM Magazine | 93 | 10.0 |
| M*A*S*H | 184 | 9.7 |
| Hee Haw | 176 | 7.6 |
| Tic Tac Dough | 109 | 7.4 |
| Lawrence Welk Show | 164 | 7.3 |
| Dance Fever | 119 | 6.3 |
| Entertainment Tonight | 106 | 6.3 |
| You Asked For It | 64 | 6.3 |
| Jokers Wild | 100 | 6.1 |
| Barney Miller | 42 | 5.9 |
| Little House on the Prairie | 60 | 5.8 |
| Jeffersons | 177 | 5.3 |
| Solid Gold Original | 9 | 5.2 |
| Adventures of Pinocchio |  |  |


| MEN 18+ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Program Name | $\#$ <br> Mkts | $\%$ <br> Rating |
| M $^{*} A^{*}$ S $^{*} H$ | 184 | 9.4 |
| PM Magazine | 93 | 8.5 |
| Family Feud PM | 113 | 8.0 |
| Hee Haw | 176 | 7.3 |
| You Asked For It | 94 | 5.7 |
| Barney Miller | 100 | 5.6 |
| Tic Tac Dough | 109 | 5.0 |
| Entertainment Tonight | 106 | 4.9 |
| Lawrence Welk Show | 164 | 4.9 |
| Dance Fever | 119 | 4.8 |
| Bart Starr | 6 | 4.7 |
| Vince Dooley | 7 | 4.7 |
| In Search Of | 59 | 4.4 |
| Solid Gold Original | 177 | 4.3 |
| Kung Fu | 37 | 4.2 |


| TEENS 12.17 |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Program Name | $\#$ <br> Mkts. | $\%$ <br> Rating |
| Happy Days Again | 154 | 12.1 |
| Laverne \& Shirley | 97 | 10.8 |
| M*A*S*H | 184 | 9.8 |
| Good Times | 61 | 9.4 |
| What's Happening? | 34 | 9.3 |
| Charlie's Angels | 23 | 8.4 |
| Welcome Back, Kotter | 49 | 7.9 |
| Little House on the Prairie | 42 | 7.4 |
| Jeffersons | 60 | 7.1 |
| Solid Gold Original | 177 | 7.1 |
| Brady Bunch | 73 | 6.8 |
| Dance Fever | 119 | 6.5 |
| Wonder Woman | 45 | 6.4 |
| Family Feud PM | 113 | 6.2 |
| Pink Panther | 29 | 6.1 |


| CHILDREN 2-11 |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Program Name | $\#$ <br> Mkts. | $\%$ <br> Rating |
| Muppet Show | 136 | 14.0 |
| Scooby Doo | 63 | 14.0 |
| Pink Panther | 29 | 12.3 |
| Happy Days Again | 154 | 11.8 |
| Tom and Jerry | 108 | 11.8 |
| Laverne \& Shirley | 97 | 11.4 |
| Brady Bunch | 73 | 10.6 |
| Daffy Duck/Porky Pig | 12 | 9.9 |
| Flintstones | 53 | 9.5 |
| Wonder Woman | 45 | 9.5 |
| Bugs Bunny | 80 | 9.3 |
| Adventures of Pinocchio | 9. | 9.1 |
| Mighty Mouse Show | 11 | 9.0 |
| Little House on the Prairie | 42 | 8.9 |
| Woody Woodpecker \& Friends | 49 | 8.9 | in the course of a year. Those shown here were the regular network programs that ranked at the top during Nielsen Television Index measurements, from October 26-November 23, 1981.

The size of a program's audience is but one of the number of ways to assess its worth or success. For example, many programs below the top 15 are successful because they appeal to a specific target audience that advertisers wish to reach.

TOP 15 REGULARLY SCHEDULED NETWORK PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 1981 NIELSEN AVERAGE AUDIENCE ESTIMATES 2 OR MORE TELECASTS
(15 MINUTES OR LONGER)

| TOTAL U.S. HOUSEHOLDS |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Program Name | Average Audience $\%$ |
| 60 Minutes | 28.1 |
| Dallas | 27.7 |
| Three's Company | 24.0 |
| M*A*S*H | 23.4 |
| Too Close For Comfort | 22.7 |
| One Day at a Time | 22.4 |
| ABC Sunday Night Movie | 21.9 |
| NFL Monday Night Football | 21.8 |
| Archie Bunker's Place | 21.7 |
| Dukes of Hazzard | 21.3 |
| Magnum, P.I. | 21.2 |
| Alice | 21.0 |
| Facts of Life | 20.9 |
| Happy Days | 20.9 |
| Love Boat | 20.9 |


| WOMEN 18+ |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Program Name | Average Audience \% |
| Dallas | 24.5 |
| 60 Minutes | 21.3 |
| One Day at a Time | 18.4 |
| M*A*S*H | 18.3 |
| Alice | 17.9 |
| Three's Company | 17.7 |
| NBC Monday Night Movies | 17.4 |
| Magnum. P.I. | 17.3 |
| Too Close For Comfort | 17.3 |
| ABC Sunday Night Movie | 17.2 |
| Love Boat | 16.9 |
| Little House on the Prairie | 16.5 |
| Hart to Hart | 16.5 |
| Facts of Life | 16.2 |
| Jeffersons | 16.2 |


| MEN 18+ |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Program Name | Average Audience \% |
| 60 Minutes | 23.2 |
| NFL Monday Night Football | 21.4 |
| CBS NFL Football Game 2 | 18.7 |
| CBS NFL Football Game 1 | 18.4 |
| ABC Sunday Night Movie | 17.4 |
| Dallas | 16.4 |
| NFL Football Game 2 -NBC | 16.2 |
| Fall Guy | 15.4 |
| Archie Bunker's Place | 15.0 |
| M A A S*H | 14.6 |
| Threes Company | 14.6 |
| One Day at a Time | 14.3 |
| That's Incredible | 14.2 |
| NBC Sunday Night Movie | 13.9 |
| Too Close For Comfort | 13.8 |
| NFL Football Game 1 |  |


| TEENS 12-17 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Program Name | Average Audience \% |
| Three's Company | 20.5 |
| Laverne \& Shirley | 20.1 |
| Happy Days | 19.3 |
| Too Close For Comfort | 18.0 |
| Greatest American Hero | 16.7 |
| ABC Sunday Night Movie | 15.7 |
| Facts of Life | 14.8 |
| Private Benjamin | 14.6 |
| Love Boat | 13.6 |
| M*A*S*H | 13.5 |
| CHIPs | 13.4 |
| Mork \& Mindy | 12.9 |
| NBC Friday Night Movie | 12.4 |
| Magnum, PI. | 12.4 |
| Diff'rent Strokes | 12.3 |


| CHILDREN 2-11 | Average Audience $\%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Program Name | 28.2 |
| Dukes of Hazzard | 24.7 |
| Greatest American Hero | 24.4 |
| Walt Disney | 23.0 |
| Smurfs II | 22.9 |
| Incredible Hulk | 22.1 |
| Mork \& Mindy | 21.7 |
| Laverne \& Shirley | 20.1 |
| Here's Boomer | 19.6 |
| Happy Days | 18.6 |
| CHIPs | 18.1 |
| Smurfs I | 17.4 |
| Best of the West | 17.4 |
| Benson | 16.7 |
| Mr. Merlin | 16.1 |
| Kid Super Power I |  |



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