

Pick the Streaming Options That Are Right for You

SERVICE	CONTENT	PRICE	PROS	CONS	STREAMING DEVICES
LIVE TV					
CBS All Access	Live CBS programming	\$6 a month	On-demand programming, with access to more than 6,500 TV episodes	Live streaming is not yet available in all markets; some sporting events, including NFL games, are blacked out on All Access.	Roku, Chromecast
Comcast Stream (in early 2016)	Live TV from about a dozen major broadcast networks, plus HBO	\$15 a month (in addition to cost of Xfinity Internet)	DVR and on-demand programming	Available only to Xfinity Internet customers; live TV streaming is unavailable outside your home.	Laptops, tablets and phones via the Xfinity TV app
PlayStation Vue (recently available in five cities)	50+ to 85+ live channels, depending on the package; basic Access package includes CBS, FOX, NBC, AMC, Bravo; Showtime sold separately and available nationwide.	\$50 to \$70 a month for channel packages; \$11 a month for Showtime (\$9 for PlayStation Plus members)	Offers both broadcast and cable channels, including some regional sports networks; DVR and on-demand programming.	Prices are as high as cable TV, but popular channels such as ESPN and ABC are missing.	PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, iPad
Sling TV	Best of Live TV package has more than 20 cable channels, including ESPN, AMC, HGTV and CNN; tack on HBO or channel packs focused on kids, sports and other themes for additional cost.	\$20 a month for Best of Live TV; \$15 a month for HBO; \$5 each for channel packs	Sign up for three months of service and get a half-price Roku or Nexus media streaming player or free Roku streaming stick.	No DVR; limited access to previously aired shows on-demand	Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Xbox One, mobile devices from Apple and Android
ON-DEMAND TV AND MOVIES					
Amazon Instant Video	Movies and TV shows for rent or sale à la carte; Amazon Prime subscription includes many movies and TV shows free.	\$5 to rent new-release movies; \$10 to \$18 to purchase new-release movies; \$2 to buy TV episodes; \$99 a year for Amazon Prime	With Amazon Prime, you'll get free two-day shipping, unlimited photo storage, music streaming and other perks.	Popular new-release movies and the latest seasons of current TV shows aren't typically available free with Prime.	Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Xbox, PlayStation, Wii, mobile devices from Apple, Android and Amazon
Google Play	Movies and TV shows for rent or sale à la carte	\$4 to \$7 to rent new-release movies; \$10 to \$18 to purchase new-release movies; \$2 to buy TV episodes	Convenient for users of Android mobile devices	Not compatible with many popular streaming devices	Roku, Chromecast, mobile devices from Apple and Android
HBO Now	On-demand access to programming on HBO channels	\$15 a month	Includes the most recent episodes of shows such as <i>Game of Thrones</i> , <i>Girls</i> and <i>True Detective</i>	No live programming	Apple TV, mobile devices from Apple, Android and Amazon; Amazon Fire TV and Chromecast coming soon
Hulu Plus	Full current seasons of TV shows from broadcast networks, plus Comedy Central and Nickelodeon	\$8 a month; additional \$9 a month for Showtime	Watch a few recent episodes of many shows free, without a subscription.	Shows are delayed until the next day or longer; you have to watch advertisements.	Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, Chromecast, Xbox, PlayStation, Wii, mobile devices from Apple, Android, Amazon and Windows
iTunes	Movies and TV shows for rent or sale à la carte	\$5 to rent new-release movies; \$10 to \$18 to purchase new-release movies; \$2 to buy TV episodes	Convenient for users of Apple mobile devices	Not compatible with many popular streaming devices	Apple TV, mobile devices from Apple
Netflix	Movies, documentaries and TV shows	\$9 a month	Full past seasons of many popular TV shows; access to original Netflix programs	You can't see popular new-release movies or the latest episodes of current TV shows.	Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, Chromecast, Xbox, PlayStation, Wii, mobile devices from Apple, Android and Windows
Showtime	On-demand access to programming on Showtime channels; live streaming of Showtime's East and West Coast feeds	\$11 a month	Includes the most recent episodes of shows such as <i>Homeland</i> and <i>House of Lies</i>	Programming not as popular as HBO's	Roku, Apple TV, mobile devices from Apple