FURTHER REVIEW

TOP PERFORMERS OF 2024

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Despite continued complaints about inflation and economic worries, Americans continued to spend a lot of money on entertainment. Here are the top 10 sellers in a number of entertainment categories.

TOP SELLING MOVIES OF 2024

According to BoxOfficeMojo



WALT DISNEY STUDIOS

		DOMESTIC GROSS
1.	Inside Out 2	$653.0 M
2.	Deadpool & Wolverine	$636.7 M
3.	Wicked	$392.4 M
4.	Moana 2	$366.3 M
5.	Despicable Me 4	$361.0 M
6.	Beetlejuice Beetlejuice	$294.1 M
7.	Dune: Part Two	$282.1 M
8.	Twisters	$267.8 M
9.	Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire	$196.4 M
10.	Kung Fu Panda 4	$193.6 M

Pixar/Disney's "Inside Out 2," a sequel to the original 2015 "Inside Out" film, was not only the most successful film of the year, it finished 2024 as the highest-grossing animated film of all time. It became the first animated film to pass $1 billion in worldwide box office sales. Disney CEO Bob Iger has already said he "would love" to see a third "Inside Out" movie.

SPOTIFY'S TOP STREAMING SONGS OF 2024

According to Spotify and KWORB.net



ISLAND RECORDS

		STREAMS
1.	**Espresso** - Sabrina Carpenter	1.746 B
2.	**Birds of a Feather** - Billie Eilish	1.736 B
3.	**Beautiful Things** - Benson Boone	1.690 B
4.	**Friends** - Anne-Marie	1.489 B
5.	**Gata Only** - Floyy Menor	1.353 B
6.	**Die With a Smile** - Lady Gaga	1.350 B
7.	**Who** - Jimin	1.250 B
8.	**Too Sweet** - Hozier	1.194 B
9.	**Please Please Please** - Sabrina Carpenter	1.122 B
10.	**We Can't Be Friends** - Ariana Grande	1.119 B

"Espresso" peaked at No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100 but was certified platinum in 14 countries. The single earned Carpenter Grammy Award nominations for Record of the Year and Best Pop Solo Performance.

TOP SELLING CONCERT TOURS OF 2024

According to Deadline and Pollstar



TAYLOR SWIFT PRODUCTIONS

		GROSS TICKET SALES
1.	Taylor Swift	$1.04 B
2.	Coldplay	$421.7 M
3.	P!NK	$367.3 M
4.	Luis Miguel	$261.5 M
5.	Bruce Springsteen	$251.3 M
6.	Rolling Stones	$235 M
7.	Bad Bunny	$210.9 M
8.	Zach Bryan	$199.1 M
9.	Metallica	$179.4 M
10.	Madonna	$178.8 M

After grossing more than $1 billion in ticket sales in 2023, Taylor Swift's "Eras Tour" again grossed in 10 figures in 2024, selling roughly 5.2 milllion tickets for 80 shows. The New York Times reported that the $2 billion-plus in sales doubles the gross sales of any other tour in history. Coldplay finished second, selling 10.3 million tickets to its "Music of the Spheres World Tour" and with nearly 50 more shows on the schedule for 2025, CNN reported that Swifties spent between $5 billion and $10 billion in the U.S. on travel and other indirect spending during the Eras Tour, which ran for 152 shows in 51 cities.

NETFLIX'S TOP STREAMING TV PROGRAMS OF 2024

According to FlixPatrol



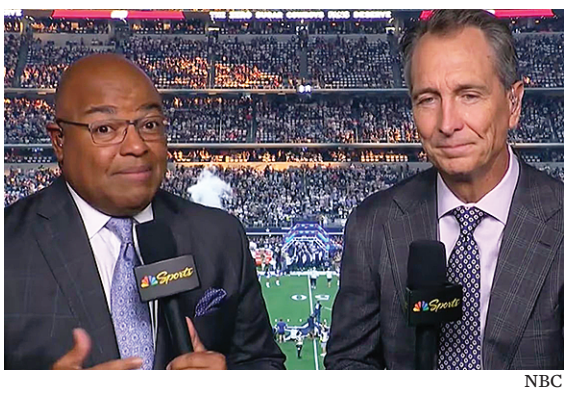
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		HOURS VIEWED
1.	Bridgerton	1.34 B
2.	Suits	886.8 M
3.	Young Sheldon	724.9 M
4.	Grey's Anatomy	719.4 M
5.	House	673.5 M
6.	The Walking Dead	541.4 M
7.	Gilmore Girls	525.9 M
8.	Avatar the Last Airbender	515.3 M
9.	The Blacklist	499.9 M
10.	Shameless	492.3 M

"Bridgerton" gathered 45.1 million views in its first weekend after Netflix launched four Season 3 episodes in May. By the end of June, the historical romance series had become the 10th most popular English-language series of all time on Netflix. Netflix then followed that success with another four episodes in July. A fourth season of "Bridgerton" has already been commissioned by Netflix and will be released in 2026.

TOP BROADCAST SERIES OF 2024

According to Statista



NBC

			AVERAGE AUDIENCE
1.	NFL Sunday Night Football	NBC	19.84 M
2.	NFL Monday Night Football	ESPN	11.99 M
3.	NFL Thursday Night Football	Amazon	11.97 M
4.	Tracker	CBS	10.8 M
5.	NCIS	CBS	9.66 M
6.	Young Sheldon	CBS	9.1 M
7.	FBI	CBS	8.96 M
8.	Chicago Fire	NBC	8.79 M
9.	Blue Bloods	CBS	8.45 M
10.	60 Minutes	CBS	8.27 M

"Sunday Night Football" ended 2024 as the top-rated show in prime time for the 14th consecutive season. NBC reports that a third of the audience for the weekly broadcast is Black, Latino or Asian and that 36% of viewers are women. NBC took ownership of the NFL's featured Sunday Night game from ESPN in 2006. The network's current contract calls for Sunday Night Football to remain on NBC through the 2034 season.

MOST WATCHED TV NETWORKS OF 2024

According to Variety



CBS

		SALES/PLAYERS
1.	CBS	5.1 M
2.	NBC	5.0 M
3.	ABC	3.9 M
4.	Fox	2.8 M
5.	Fox News	2.5 M
6.	ESPN	1.7 M
7.	MSNBC	1.3 M
8.	Univision	1.0 M
9.	Telemundo	965,000
10.	Ion	833,000

While the NFL gets most of the credit for keeping broadcast networks afloat, reports Variety, 2024 was also a big year for scripted shows like CBS' "Matlock," ABC's "High Potential" and NBC's "Happy Place." Telemundo saw a 12% increase in viewers over the previous year, putting it just behind Univision. Fox News increased its viewership 30% in this election year, while CNN increased 15% but placed at No. 15.

BEST SELLING GAMES OF 2024

According to Circana

1.	**EA Sports College Football 25**
2.	**Call of Duty: Black Ops 6**
3.	**Helldivers II**
4.	**Dragon Ball: Sparkling Zero**
5.	**Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3**
6.	**Madden NFL 25**
7.	**EA Sports FC 25**
8.	**EA Sports MVP Bundle**
9.	**Elden Ring**
10.	**Dragai's Dogma 2**



EA SPORTS

BEST SELLING ALBUMS OF 2024

According to Billboard

1.	**The Tortured Poets Department**	Taylor Swift
2.	**1989 (Taylor's Version)**	Taylor Swift
3.	**One Thing at a Time**	Morgan Wallen
4.	**Stick Season**	Noah Kahan
5.	**For All the Dogs**	Drake
6.	**SOS**	SZA
7.	**Zach Bryan**	Zach Bryan
8.	**Dangerous: The Double Album**	Morgan Wallen
9.	**Lover**	Taylor Swift
10.	**Midnights**	Taylor Swift

Sources: Nielsen, Billboard, the New York Times, CNN, Forbes, Variety, BoxOfficeMojo, Deadline, Pollstar, Spotify, KWORB.net, FlixPatrol, Statista