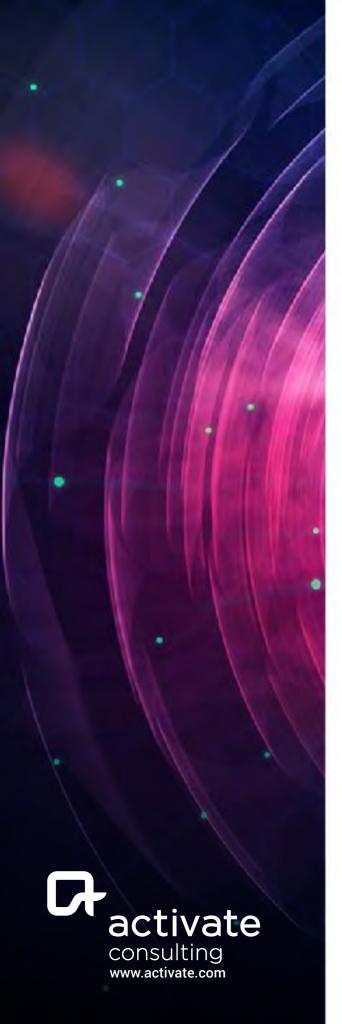
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14 Takeaways from the Activate Technology & Media Outlook 2024

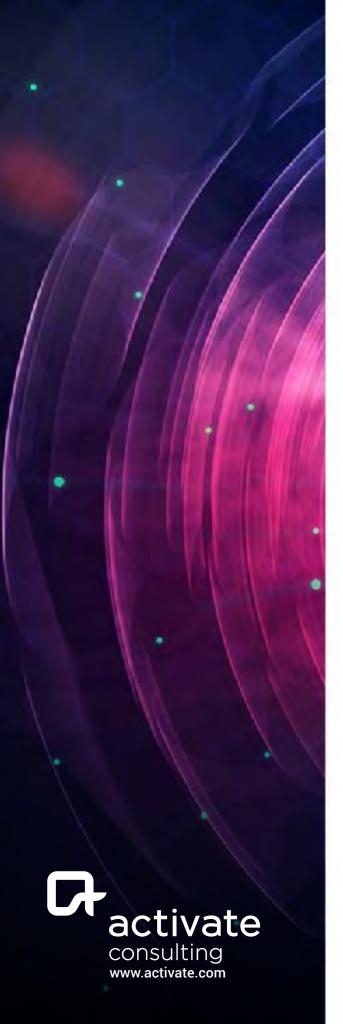
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Super Users: To drive growth, the imperative for technology and media companies will be to identify, reach, and super-serve Super Users – the segment of power users who account for a disproportionately high share of time and spend across technology and media activities, including AR/VR, eCommerce, gaming, generative AI, live events, messaging and social media, Metaverse, music, podcasts, video, and more.

Generative AI: Today, over 10M U.S. adults begin their web search with generative AI; this will grow to 90M by 2027, promising to reshape the largest technology businesses. Generative AI will supercharge the productivity of consumers who use it across media, work, and other daily habits, bringing paradigm shifts across content creation, enterprise, and search. The generative AI playing field will not be limited to the major technology players, particularly with the rise of open-source AI models opening the door for new, smaller entrants.

eCommerce: Global eCommerce will reach nearly \$10T by 2027, growing over twice as fast as physical retail. eCommerce is a marketplace business, with an increasing number of online retailers launching their own marketplaces to enhance their customer value proposition and capitalize on the retail media opportunity. eCommerce enablement solutions will continue to drive growth across eCommerce. While Amazon continues to be the top online shopping discovery source across age groups, TikTok is quickly emerging as one of the most popular sources among younger consumers.

B2B and Enterprise Software: By 2027, we forecast that global B2B technology spend will reach \$3.5T. This growth will be driven by industry players developing solutions to solve historically unresolved pain points across IT processes and functional business challenges. This change is enabled in part by AI-based innovations, including LLMs, GPU compute, and connectivity, from major technology companies and a new generation of innovators.



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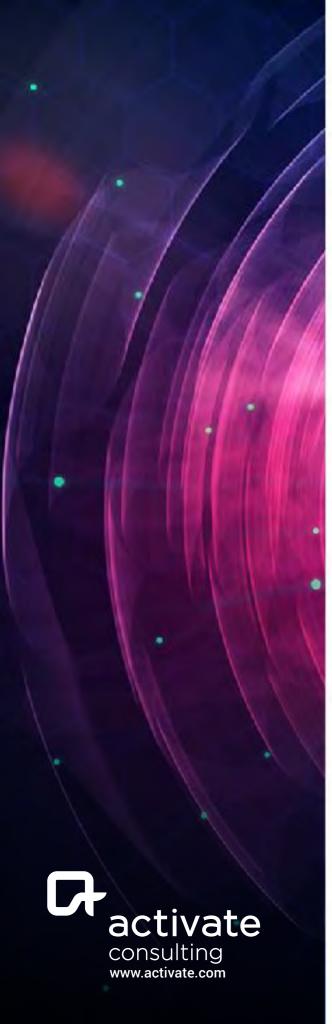
Gaming: With 2.6B global gamers in 2023, video gaming is one of the world's most widespread digital behaviors. Super Gamers, representing nearly a quarter of all U.S. gamers, have the highest level of engagement and spend with video games and will be the most critical segment to target. Super Gamers will also be the earliest adopters of the Metaverse, as they already take advantage of opportunities for immersive activities within games today.

Metaverse: Today, there are over 300M active users in major virtual world platforms; we forecast that there will be 600M people in Metaverse virtual worlds by 2026. Generative AI will accelerate Metaverse development and investment. The major technology companies will continue to build out their capabilities and invest across each element of the Metaverse. To capitalize on the growth of this new frontier, all companies will need to create Metaverse strategies.

Spatial Computing: Spatial Computing will break free from the constraints of headsets as all screens will become spatially-enabled devices — technology for people to interact with the three-dimensional space around them. Today's spatial technology experiences will evolve, becoming integrated across all aspects of daily life. Apple's entry into spatial computing will be a catalyst for the growth of an overall developer ecosystem, while other companies will compete to create the spatial computing operating system.

Social Video: TikTok will strengthen its position as the market leader in social video, expanding its use cases to web search and eCommerce. TikTok accounts for the most consumer time spent with social video, rivaling other major platforms.

Video: Streaming continues to grow at the expense of traditional television, but competition for user time, attention, and subscriptions will intensify. To sustain growth and enhance monetization, streaming services will place a greater emphasis on ad-supported tiers and bundling, have no choice but to continue to spend on entertainment and sports programming, crackdown on password sharing, and focus on international markets. As the cable bundle unwinds, we expect a new wave of bundling from aggregators.



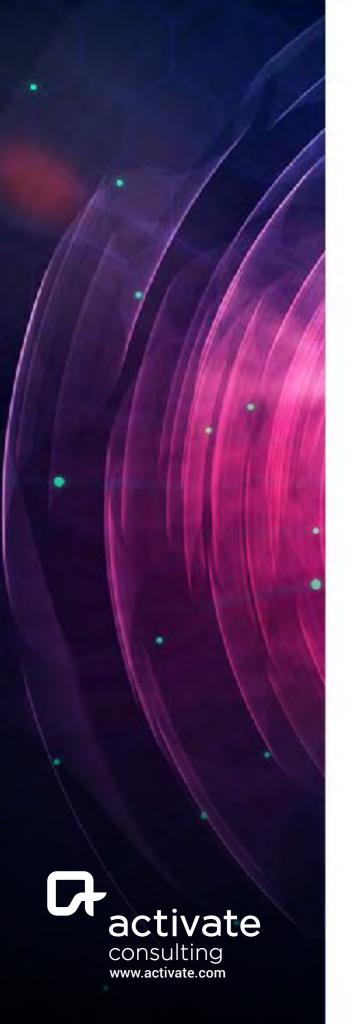
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Music and Podcasts: YouTube and TikTok are now the top discovery sources for music, while radio (surprisingly) has shown staying power. Al will transform music discovery and consumption from individualized music recommendations to fully personalized listening experiences. A sizable share of music listeners will be creators, with many using Al-enabled tools. The music industry will take strong steps to protect its artists as rogue Al clones known artists' style, compositions, and voices.

Sports Betting: The legalization of sports betting began five years ago and its impact on the entire sports ecosystem will grow as more states allow sports betting and more fans place bets. Activate forecasts that the total amount wagered in sports betting will reach \$186B by 2027.

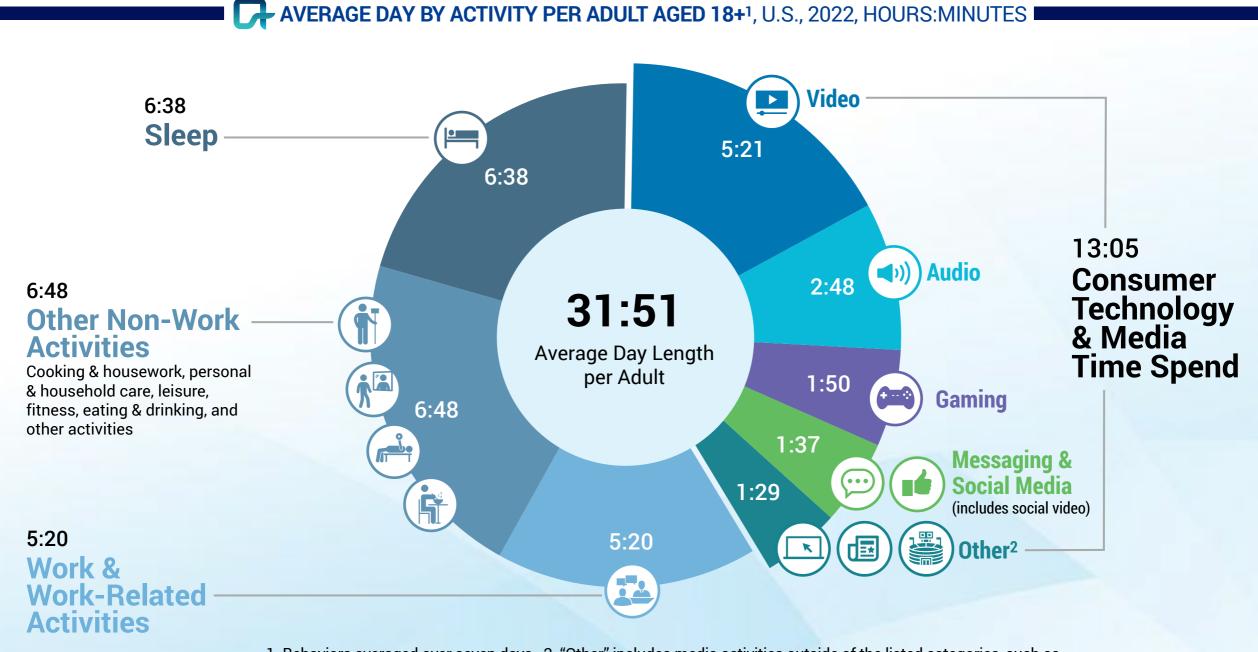
Live Entertainment and Experiences: Global consumer spend on admission to live events and experiences exceeds \$110B. Consumers will continue to attend live events and experiences in the future as a key outlet to socialize and celebrate special occasions. In the face of increased demand for top acts, prices are expected to continue to rise.

Technology and Media Revenues: We forecast significant growth for internet and media revenues, with global spend increasing by nearly \$400B between 2023 to 2027. Increases in advertising will drive more than half of this growth.



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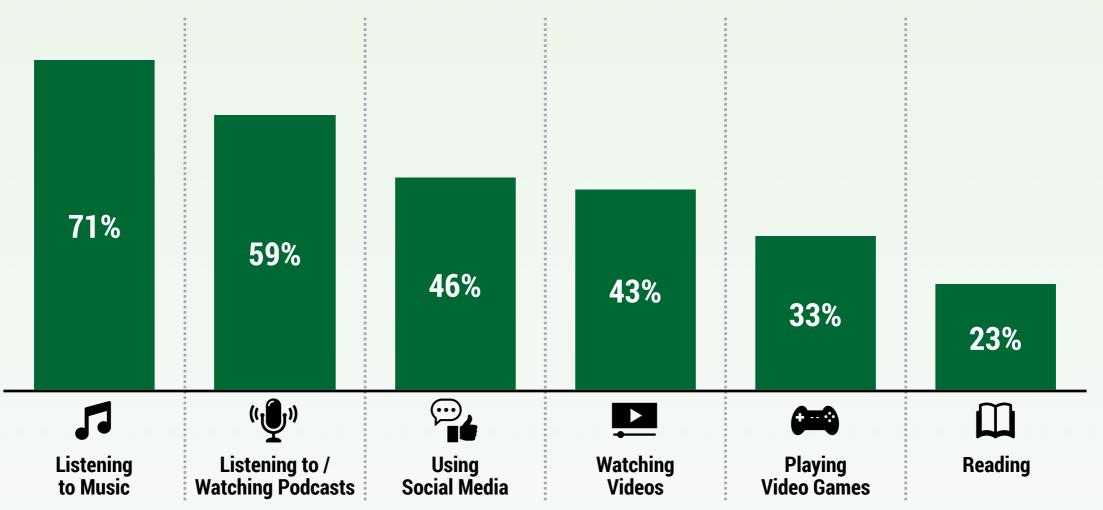


Most people multitask, particularly while engaging in ambient experiences such as music and podcasts

MULTITASKING¹ BEHAVIOR BY ACTIVITY, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO ENGAGE IN EACH ACTIVITY

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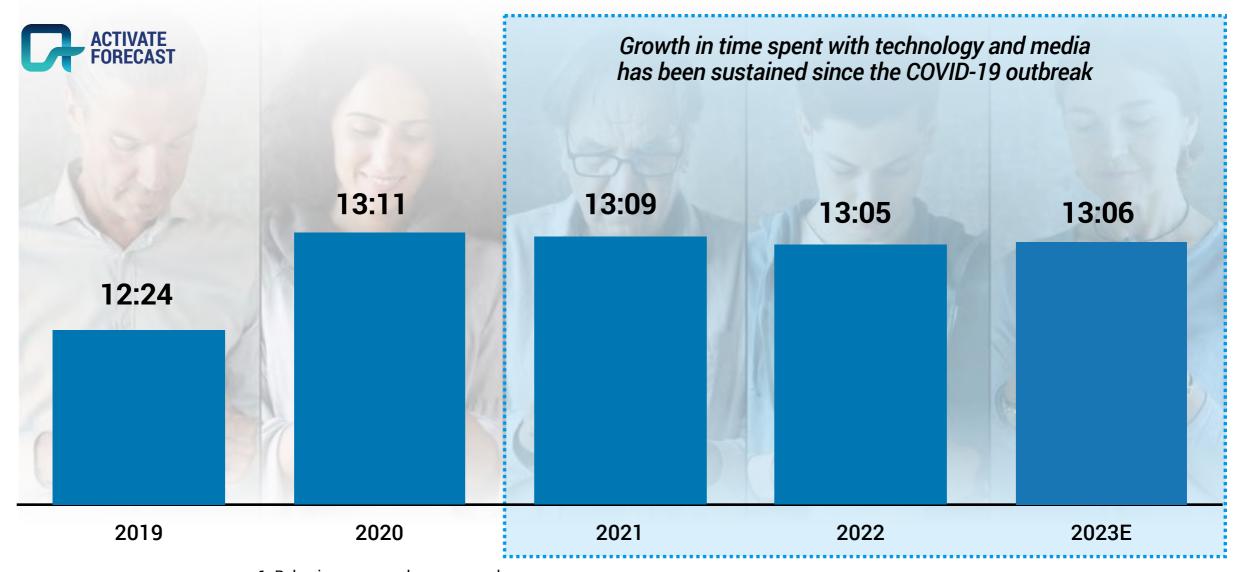






The growth in daily time spent with technology and media since the COVID-19 spike has largely been sustained

AVERAGE DAILY TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA ATTENTION PER ADULT AGED 18+1, U.S., 2019-2023E, HOURS:MINUTES





1. Behaviors averaged over seven days.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2019 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,006), Activate 2020 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,018), Activate 2021 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,018), Activate 2021 Consumer Video Research Study (n = 2,014), Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Company filings, Comscore, Conviva, data.ai, eMarketer, Gallup, GWI, Interactive Advertising Bureau, Music Biz, National Sleep Foundation, Newzoo, Nielsen, NPD Group, Omdia, Pew Research Center, PricewaterhouseCoopers, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, YouGov



We project that people will increase their daily time spent with technology and media, adding 12 minutes per day by 2027

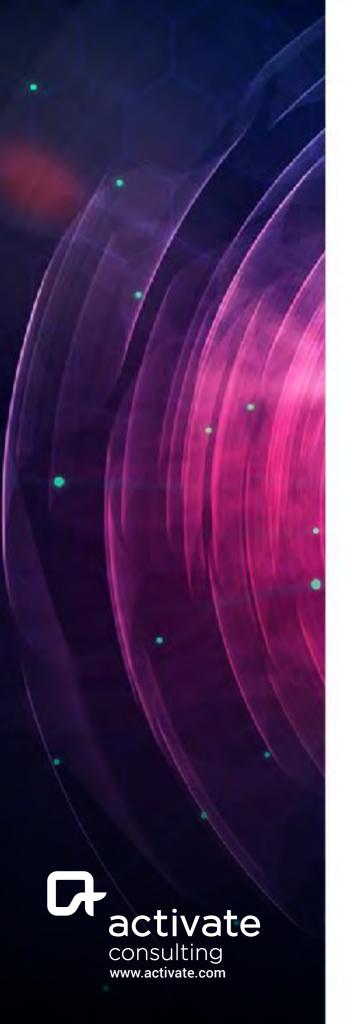
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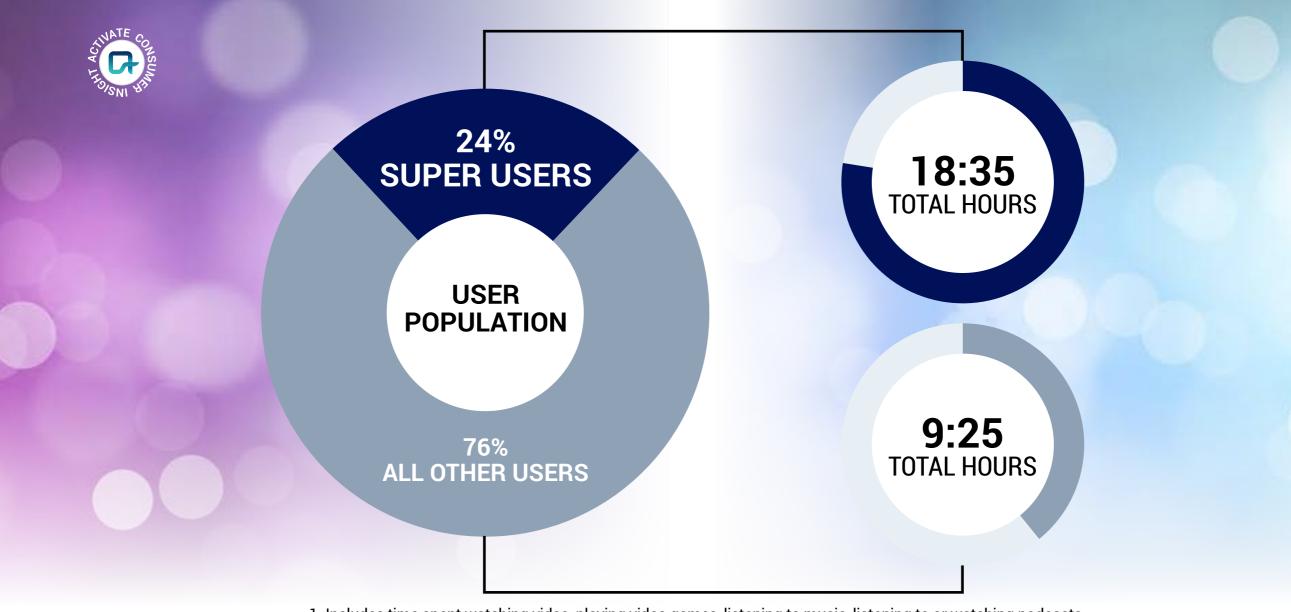




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Representing 24% of the U.S. population, Super Users spend nearly double the amount of time consuming media as all other users

AVERAGE DAILY TIME SPEND WITH MEDIA PER USER1, U.S., 2023E, % ADULTS AGED 18+ / HOURS:MINUTES





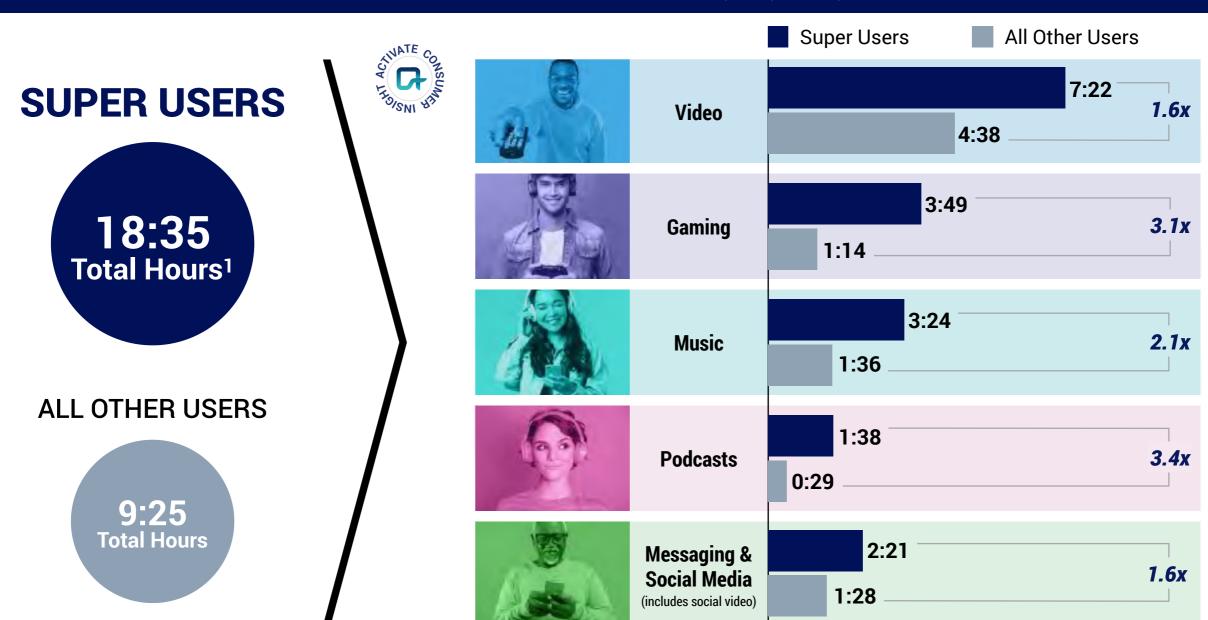
1. Includes time spent watching video, playing video games, listening to music, listening to or watching podcasts, and using messaging / social media services.

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Super Users spend significantly more time across most major technology and media activities

AVERAGE DAILY TIME SPEND PER USER BY MEDIA TYPE, U.S., 2023E, HOURS:MINUTES





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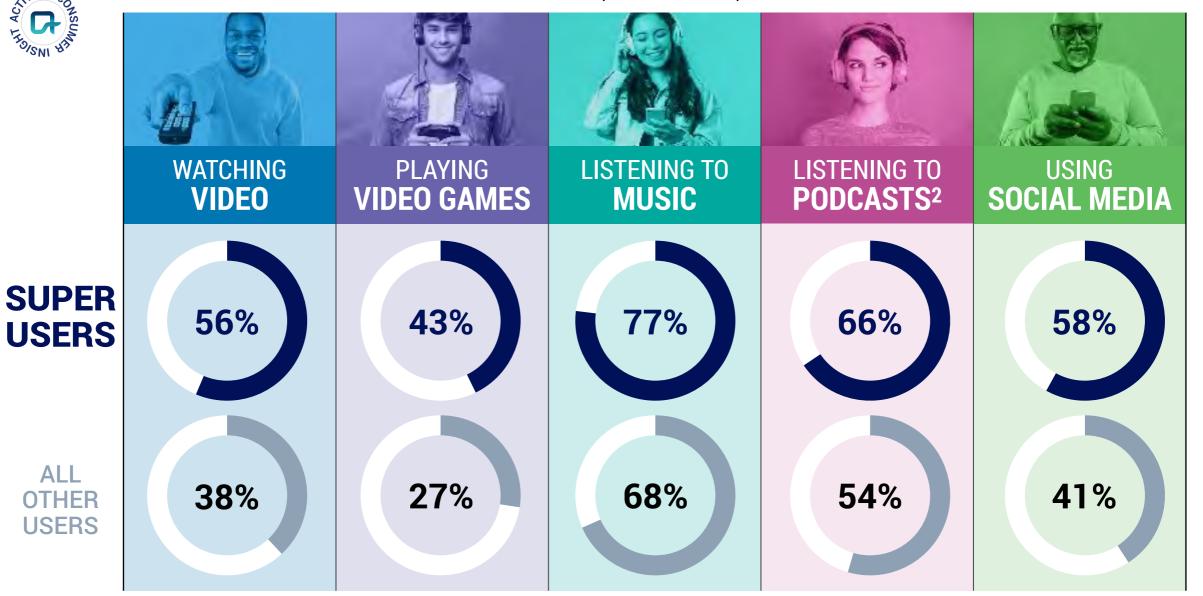


Super Users are considerably more likely to multitask, enabling them to spend more time with technology and media each day

MULTITASKING¹ BEHAVIOR BY MEDIA ACTIVITY, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO ENGAGE IN EACH ACTIVITY

CONSUMERS WHO MULTITASK¹ ALL, ALMOST ALL, OR MOST OF THE TIME WHEN...



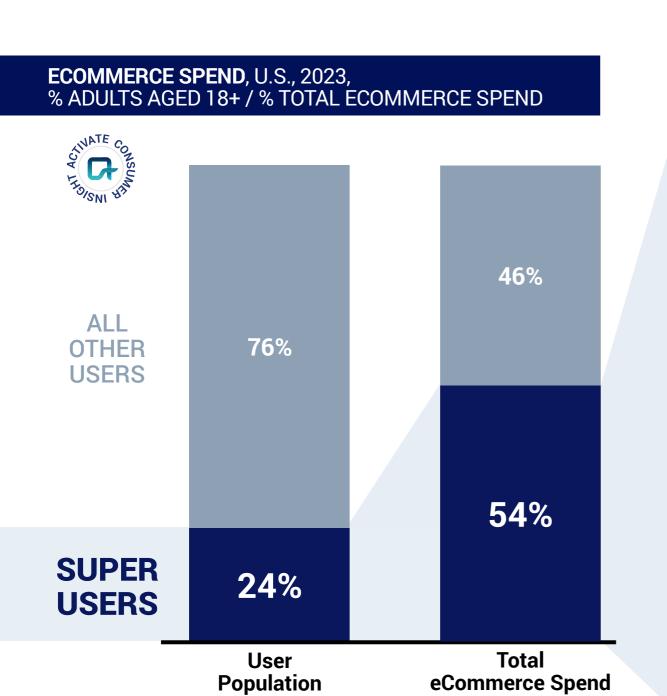


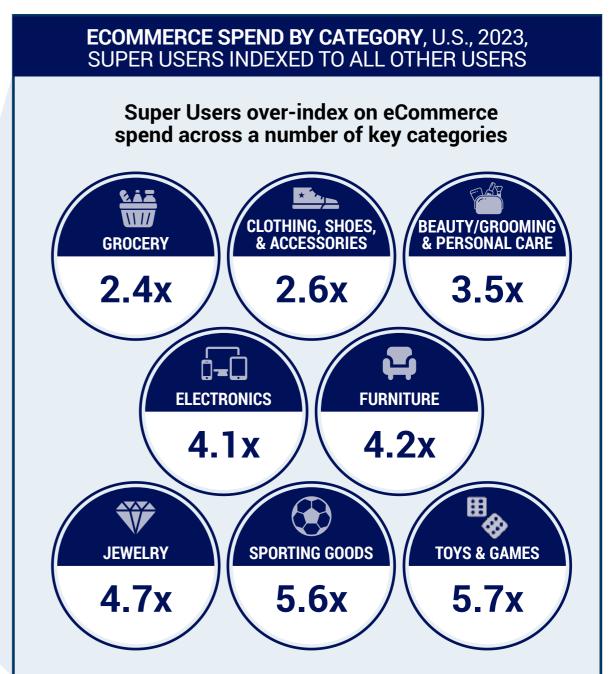


ALL

^{1. &}quot;Multitasking" is defined as simultaneously doing another activity, such as working, cleaning, cooking, or exercising. 2. Includes listening to or watching podcasts.

Super Users represent a disproportionately high share of total eCommerce spend





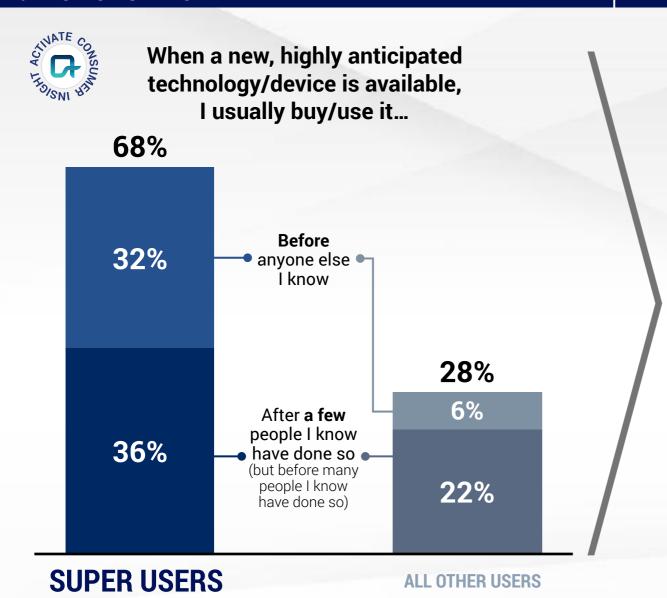




Super Users are the first to try and buy new technology and devices

PROPENSITY TO BE AMONG THE FIRST FEW TO BUY/USE NEW TECHNOLOGY/DEVICES, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+

REASONS FOR EARLY ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGY/DEVICES, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO ARE USUALLY AMONG THE FIRST FEW TO BUY/USE NEW TECHNOLOGY/DEVICES¹



% Super Users % All Other Users

I WANT TO <u>BENEFIT FROM THE NEW FEATURES</u>
OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY/DEVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



I <u>ENJOY THE EXCLUSIVITY</u> OF BEING AMONG THE FIRST FEW PEOPLE TO BUY/USE THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY/DEVICE



While early technology adopters overall are driven by the ability to benefit from new features, Supers Users are also significantly influenced by exclusivity



^{1.} Includes consumers who usually buy/use new technology/devices before anyone else they know and consumers who usually buy/use new technology/devices after a few people they know have done so (but before many people they know have done so).

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)



Super Users will lead all other users into emerging technology behaviors such as AR, VR/MR, Metaverse, and generative Al

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY BEHAVIORS, U.S., 2023, SUPER USERS INDEXED TO ALL OTHER USERS

Virtual Reality (VR) / Mixed Reality (MR)

EXAMPLE VR/MR HEADSETS









HP REVERB G2



6.9x

AS LIKELY TO USE A VR/MR HEADSET AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH

3.8x

AS LIKELY TO USE A GENERATIVE AI TOOL AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH

EXAMPLE GENERATIVE AI TOOLS

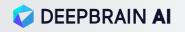


Generative Al

Google Bard Al









Metaverse

EXAMPLE METAVERSE PLATFORMS









3.2x

AS LIKELY TO HAVE USED A METAVERSE PLATFORM IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

2.1x

AS LIKELY TO HAVE USED AN AR APPLICATION OR TOOL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

Augmented Reality (AR)

EXAMPLE AR APPLICATIONS/TOOLS

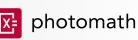








SEPHORA Virtual Artist

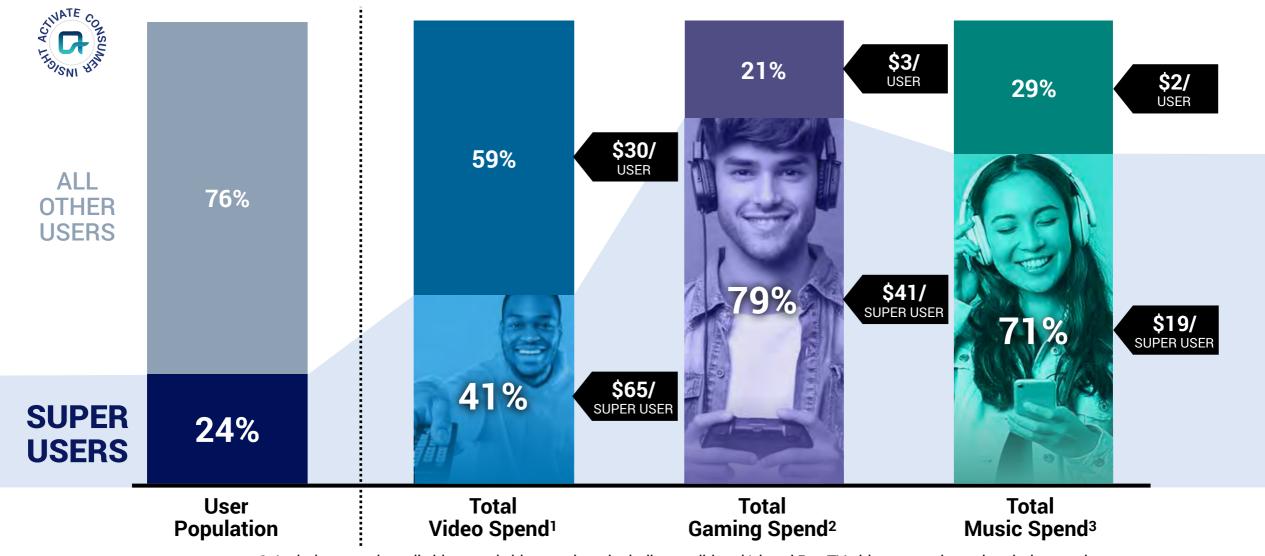






Across major technology and media verticals, Super Users over-index on dollar spend versus all other users

MONTHLY DOLLAR SPEND BY MEDIA TYPE, U.S., 2023E, % ADULTS AGED 18+ / % TOTAL SPEND BY MEDIA TYPE / USD PER USER



^{1.} Includes spend on all videos and video services, including traditional/virtual Pay TV, video streaming subscription services, and video purchases/rentals. 2. Includes spend on video games and other video gaming purchases (e.g. in-game purchases, video gaming subscription services) across all devices. Excludes spend on gaming devices and accessories. 3. Includes spend on music and music services.

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Super Users tend to be younger, more affluent, and more likely to be employed full-time

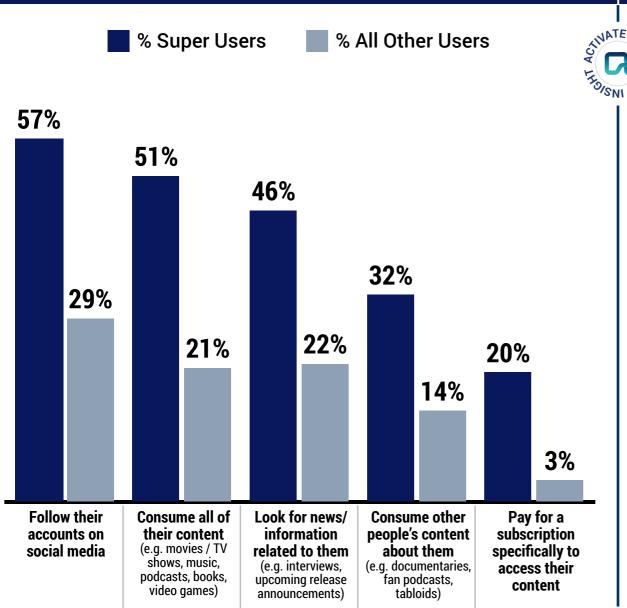
USER DEMOGRAPHICS, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+ % Super Users % All Other Users 43% Are aged 18-34 24% Have a household 40% income of \$100K 31% or greater Hold an associate degree or higher 62% **Are employed** full-time 36%



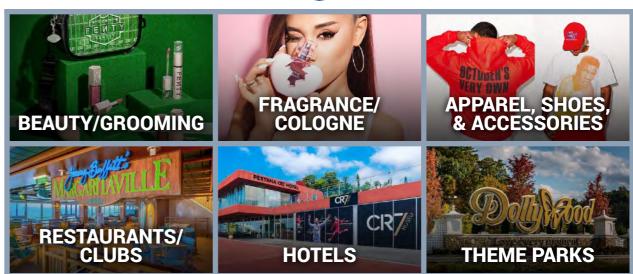
Super Users are more likely to be loyal to their favorite celebrities/influencers – from following their accounts on social media to purchasing products created or endorsed by them

METHODS USED TO FOLLOW FAVORITE CELEBRITIES/INFLUENCERS, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+

CONSUMER BEHAVIORS TOWARDS PRODUCTS/DESTINATIONS TIED TO FAVORITE CELEBRITIES/INFLUENCERS, U.S., 2023, SUPER USERS INDEXED TO ALL OTHER USERS







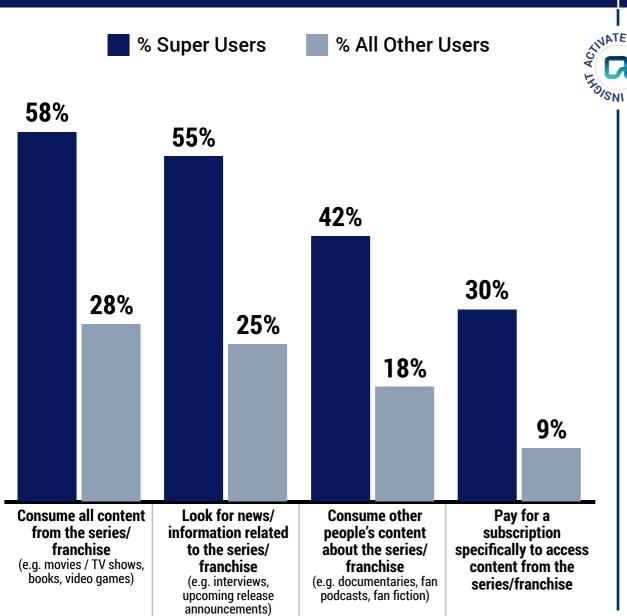




Super Users demonstrate a higher degree of loyalty to their favorite series/franchises

METHODS USED TO FOLLOW FAVORITE SERIES/FRANCHISES, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+

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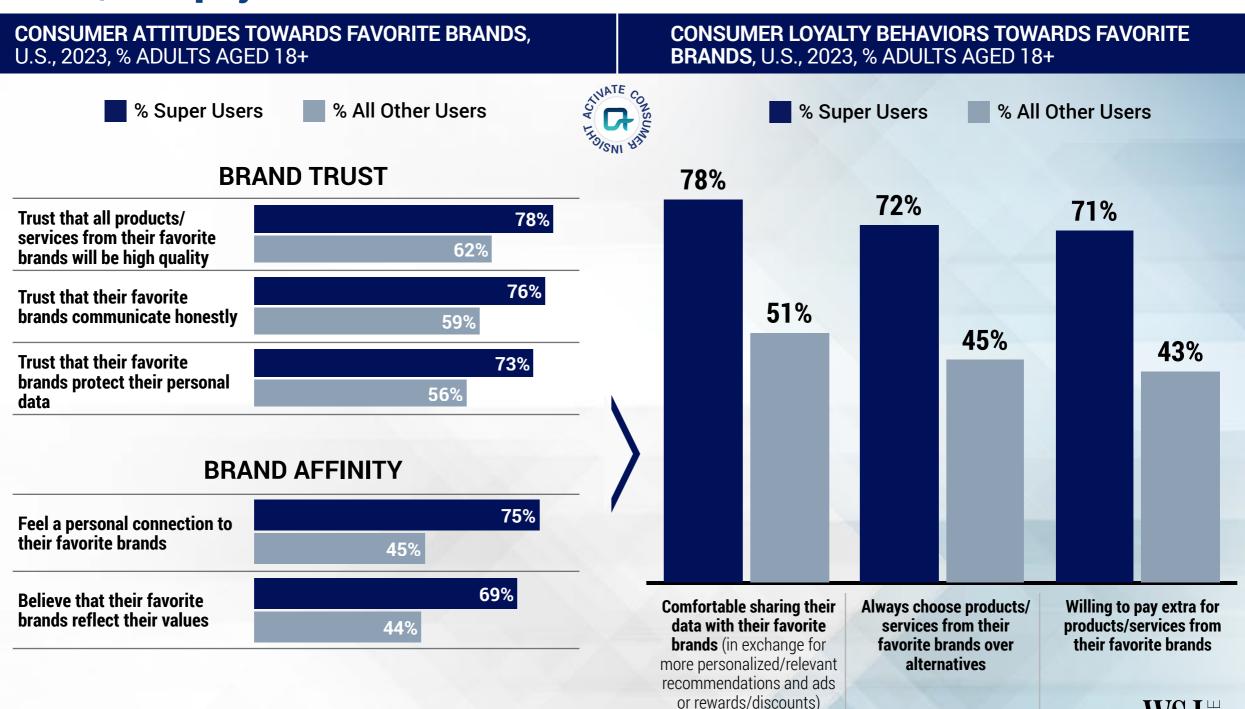






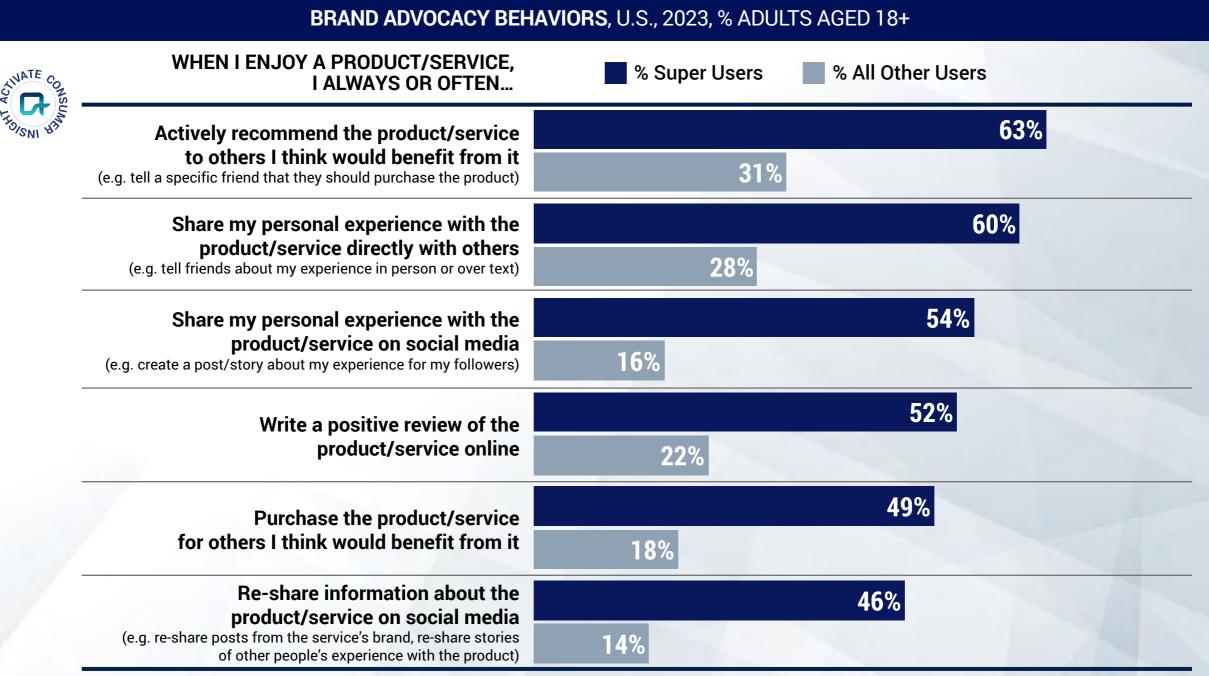


Super Users show higher brand trust and brand affinity, leading to an increased willingness to share data with, exclusively purchase from, and pay more for their favorite brands





For consumer brands, Super Users are especially valuable, as they are significantly more likely to serve as brand advocates





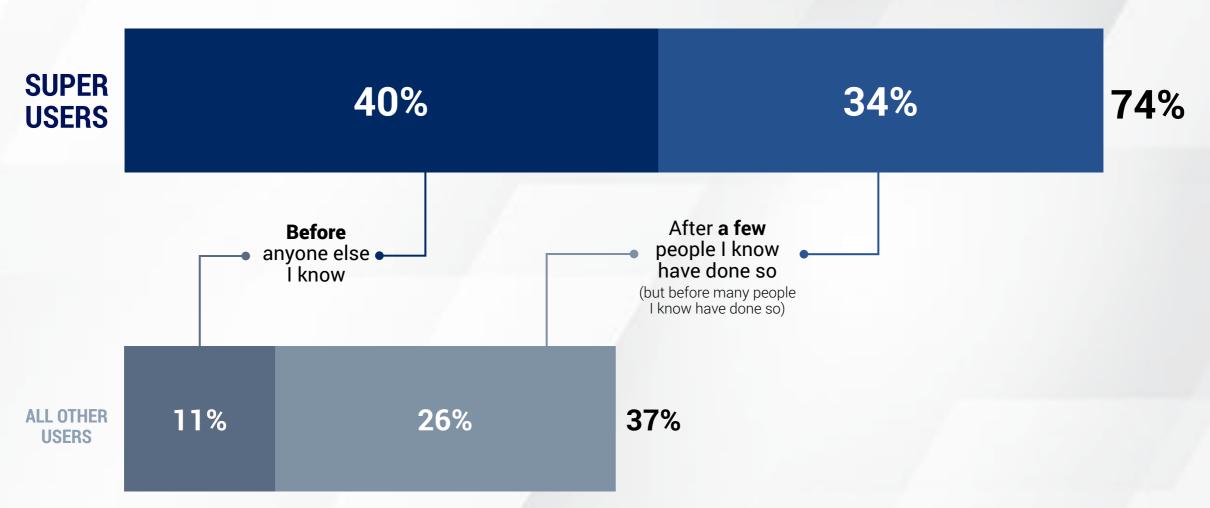


In addition to being early adopters of technology, Super Users are also typically among the first to consume newly released content

PROPENSITY TO BE AMONG THE FIRST FEW TO CONSUME NEW CONTENT, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+



When a new, highly anticipated piece of content (e.g. song, movie, TV show, video game) is released, I usually listen to / watch / play it...

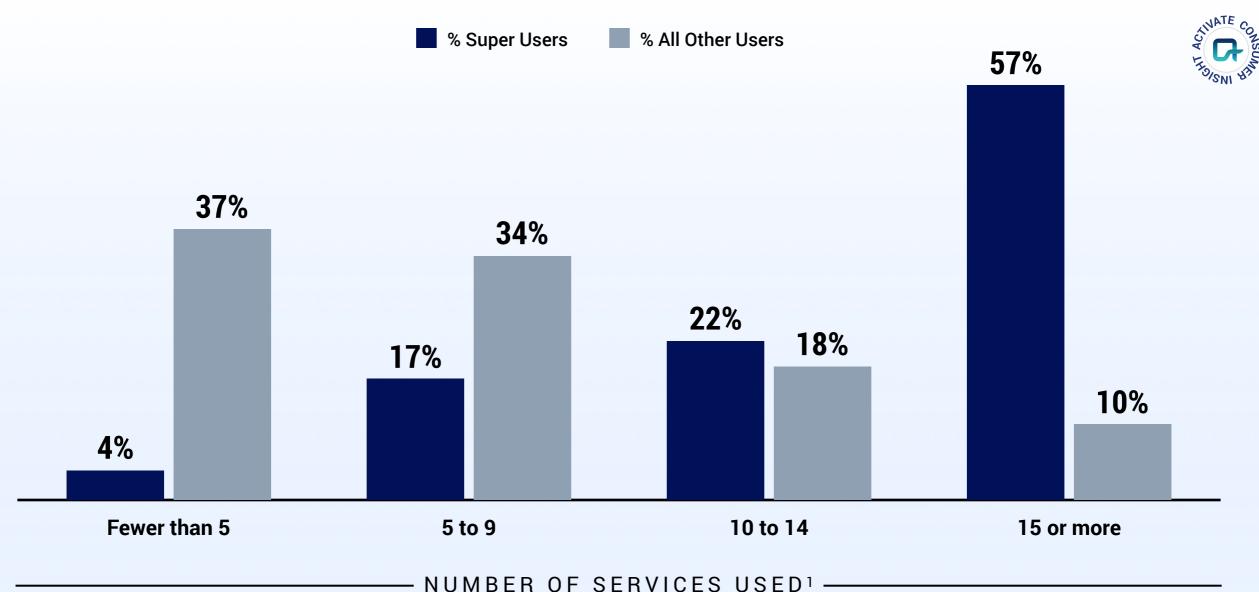






Super Users use significantly more digital media services compared to all other users

NUMBER OF DIGITAL MEDIA SERVICES USED PER USER¹, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+



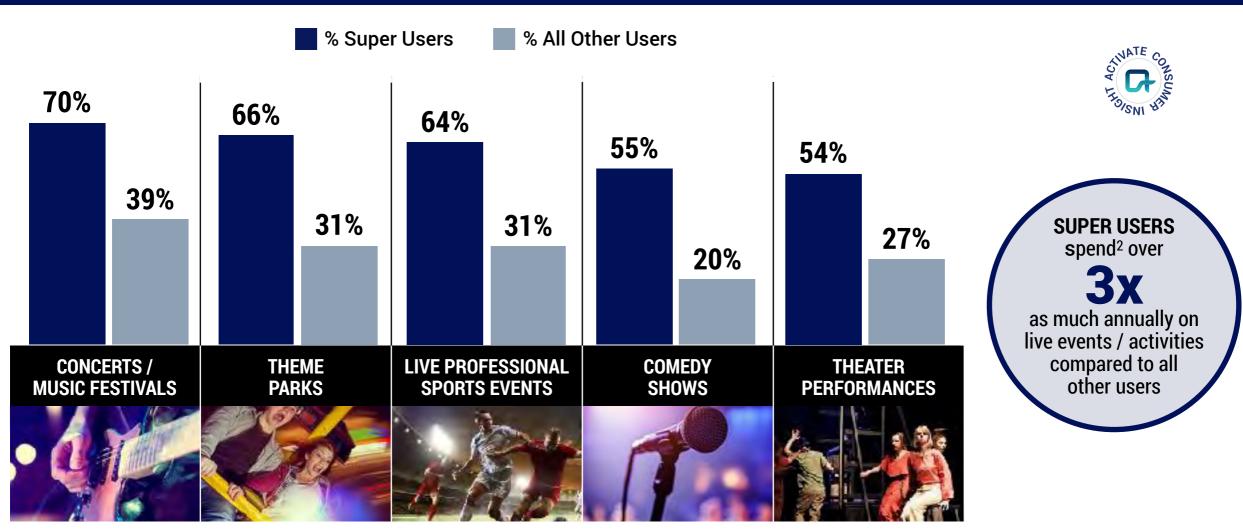






Beyond digital activities, Super Users attend more live events and experiences, while spending 3x as much annually as other users

LIVE EVENT / ACTIVITY ATTENDANCE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS BY TYPE1, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+



















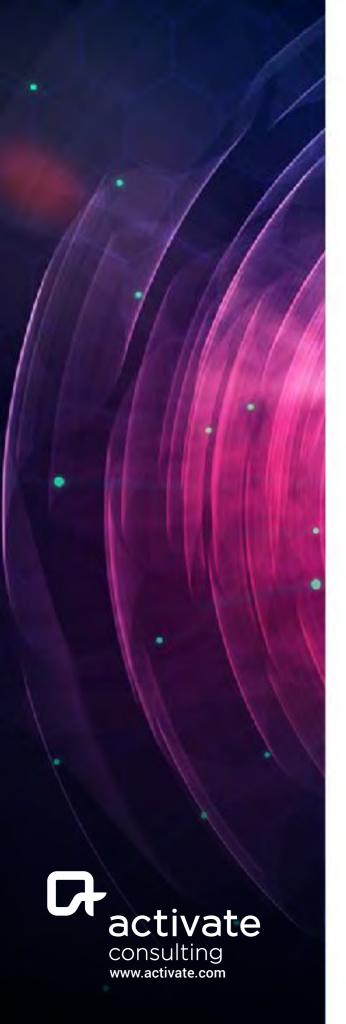






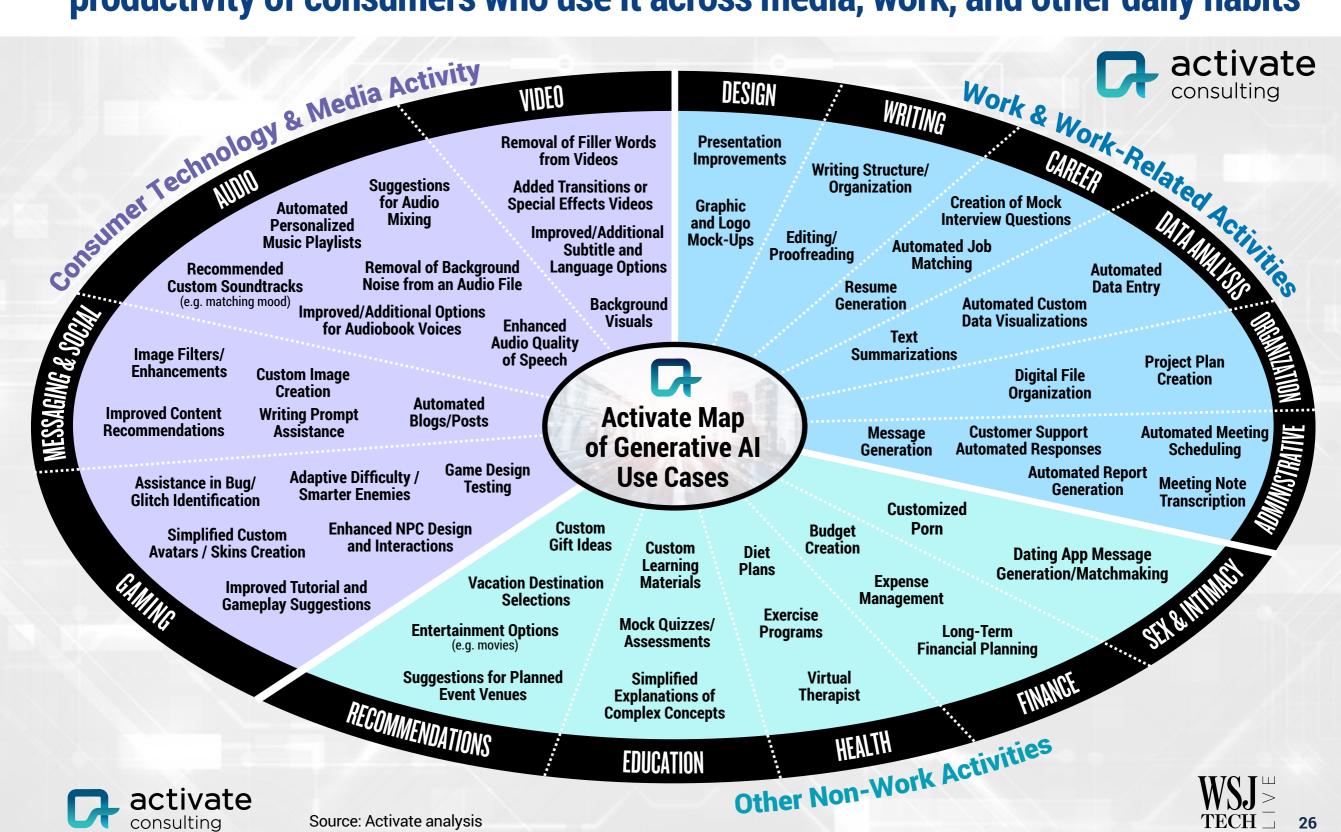


^{1.} Reflects adults aged 18+ who attended at least one event in the specific category in the last 12 months. 2. Includes total spend on live events / activities (e.g. tickets, food/beverages, merchandise, parking, accommodations/lodging, transportation fees).



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Source: Activate analysis

Generative AI will bring paradigm shifts across search, content creation, and enterprise use cases

Artificial Intelligence / **Machine Learning**

1950s - 1990s

Computing shifts from input-output to being more intelligent and adaptive, as machines are programmed to perform complex tasks

KEY EVENT:

IBM's Deep Blue computer beats the world chess champion in 1997

Deep Learning

1990s - 2010s

Machines are programmed to learn, make decisions, and improve using deep neural networks, powering a wave of new technology such as facial recognition, autonomous vehicles, and more

KEY EVENT:

AlexNet Model wins ImageNet image classification challenge using convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture in 2012

Generative Al

Current

Large language and diffusion1 models enabled by transformers2 that are trained on large bodies of text/media showing emergent and human-like content

GENERATIVE AI WILL LEAD TO THE KEY PARADIGM SHIFTS OF THE FUTURE

SEARCH & INFORMATION



Search engines will shift towards conversational Al-driven interfaces that power online information searches and lead to a total transformation in discovery and search advertising for brands

Bing Chat

CONTENT CREATION



R runway Adobe **Firefly**

Text-to-text, -image, -video, and -audio tools will be the lifeblood of developers, artists, marketers, and all creators, producing content at scale that is indistinguishable from that produced by humans

ENTERPRISE & THE WORKPLACE

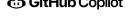


ada



GitHub Copilot

Text-to-code, administrative, process automation, and other AI tools will drive efficiencies, increase margins, make organizations more lean, and fully automate workflows





1. "Diffusion models" estimate the probabilistic distribution of image data by gradually noising and de-noising images.

2. "Transformers" are a deep learning architecture capable of translating text and images in near-real time by identifying relationships between unlabeled data elements rather than being trained on sequential labeled data. Sources: Activate analysis, Ars Technica, Dartmouth, Dataversity IBM, NVIDIA, Quartz



Today's generative AI capabilities have been developing since at least 2009

ACTIVATE TIMELINE OF MAJOR AI MILESTONES



Model Research Breakthroughs



Business Developments / Model Releases

Graphics processing units (GPUs) make previously-theoretical models computationally possible

Generative adversarial networks (GANs) are developed, enabling deepfakes and face-swapping apps

OpenAl is launched as a nonprofit Al research company Google researchers introduce transformer models that become the architecture for most of today's generative Al

Large language (LLMs) and diffusion models using transformer architecture show emergent behavior, leading to the term "foundation models"

JUNE 2009

JUNE 2014

DECEMBER 2015

JUNE 2017

AUGUST 2021

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SEPTEMBER 2012

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) emerge as best-inclass image classification models after AlexNet model wins ImageNet challenge

MARCH 2015

Diffusion models are introduced, empowering breakthroughs in image generation

MAY 2016

Google develops its own chips, called Tensor Processing Units (TPUs), to accelerate the training of deep neural networks

JANUARY 2021

OpenAl releases
text-to-image
diffusion model
DALL-E, enabled by
contrastivelanguage image pretraining (CLIP)

NOVEMBER 2022

After turning forprofit, OpenAl releases ChatGPT, the fastest-growing consumer platform in modern history

BEYOND

- In Oct. 2023, OpenAI will integrate DALL-E 3 with ChatGPT, creating the company's first multimodal consumer platform
- Google is expected to release Gemini by the end of 2023, to compete with OpenAl's GPT-4
- Google is currently testing the integration of generative Al features into its Google Search engine
- Apple is rumored to make a significant Al announcement in 2024



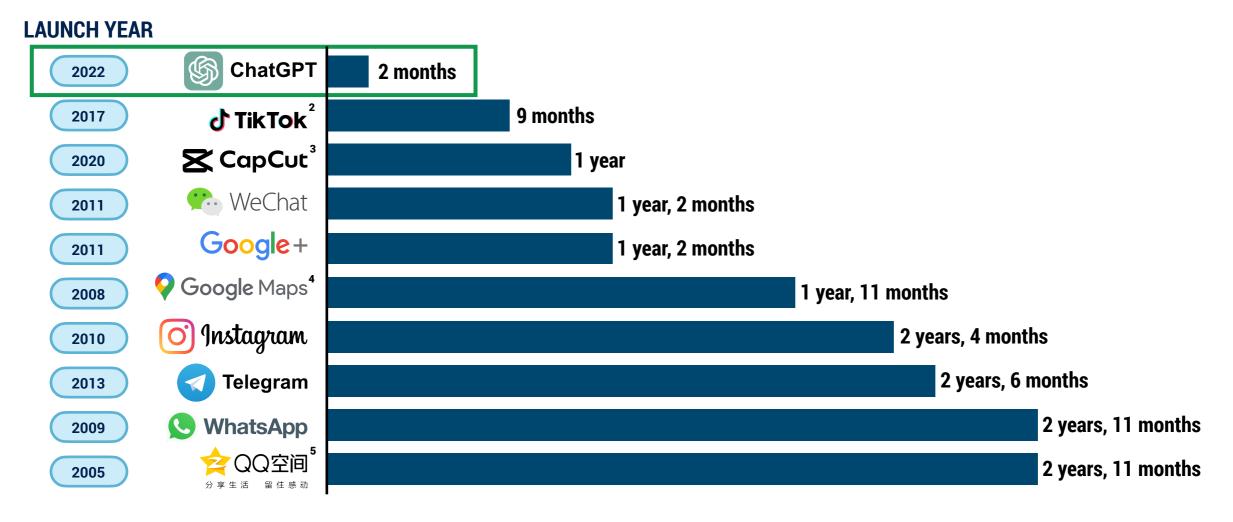
Note: Timeline is not sized to scale.

Sources: Activate analysis, Analytics India Magazine, Dataversity, G2, Intelygenz, Medium, OctoML, Pitchbook, Reuters, TechCrunch, TELUS, Wired



ChatGPT has been adopted faster than any other platform in modern history (100M MAUs in two months)

TIME TO REACH 100M MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS FROM LAUNCH BY PLATFORM¹, GLOBAL, ALL TIME, YEARS AND MONTHS





Note: Analysis completed by evaluating the top 50 most visited websites (all time, as of Jan. 27, 2021, via Visual Capitalist) and top 50 apps with the most cumulative downloads (all time, as of May 30, 2023, via data.ai). List limited to companies that publicly announced surpassing 100M MAUs. Does not include announcements of total accounts, downloads, or (non-monthly) users.

1. Analysis excludes Threads, as all Instagram users (2B+ MAUs) were prompted to join Threads the day of its release, July 6, 2023, and Threads is not a "new platform," as the platform is a clone of another app (X/Twitter).

2. Refers to the international release of TikTok.

3. CapCut is a video editing app launched by ByteDance in Apr. 2020.

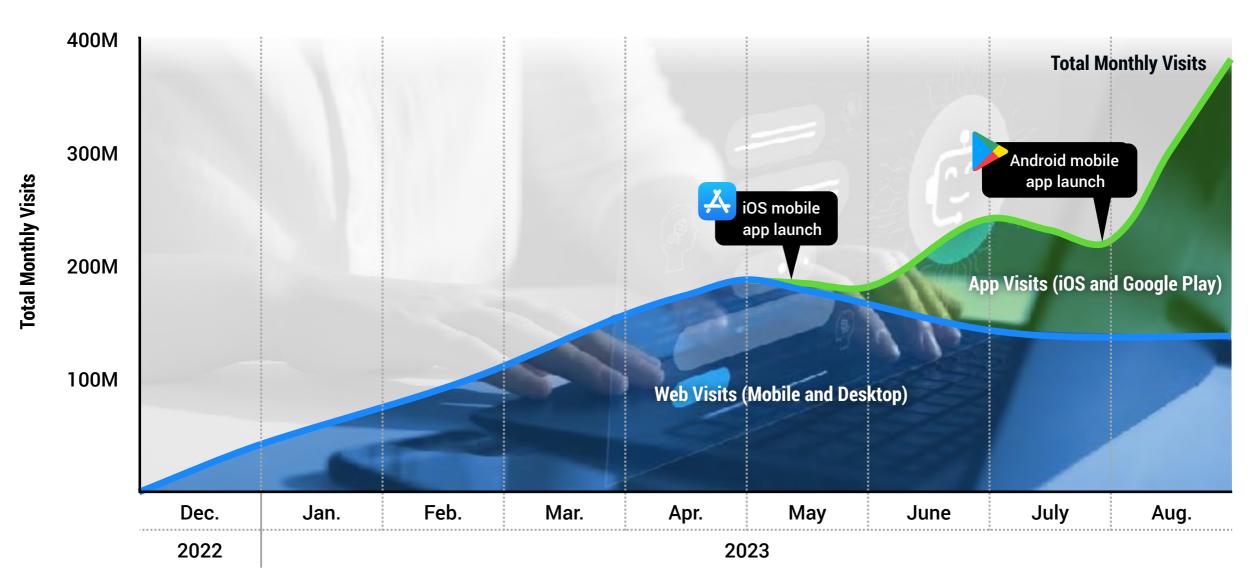
4. Refers to the Google Maps mobile GPS navigation app, not the Google Maps website.

5. Qzone is a social networking website launched by Tencent in Apr. 2005. Sources: Activate analysis, data.ai, Insider, Reuters, TechCrunch, Tech in Asia, Tencent, VentureBeat, Visual Capitalist



Although ChatGPT web traffic has declined in recent months, traffic is increasingly shifting towards mobile; total monthly ChatGPT visits have doubled from April to August 2023

TOTAL MONTHLY CHATGPT VISITS BY PLATFORM, U.S., DEC. 2022-AUG. 2023, MILLIONS MONTHLY VISITS

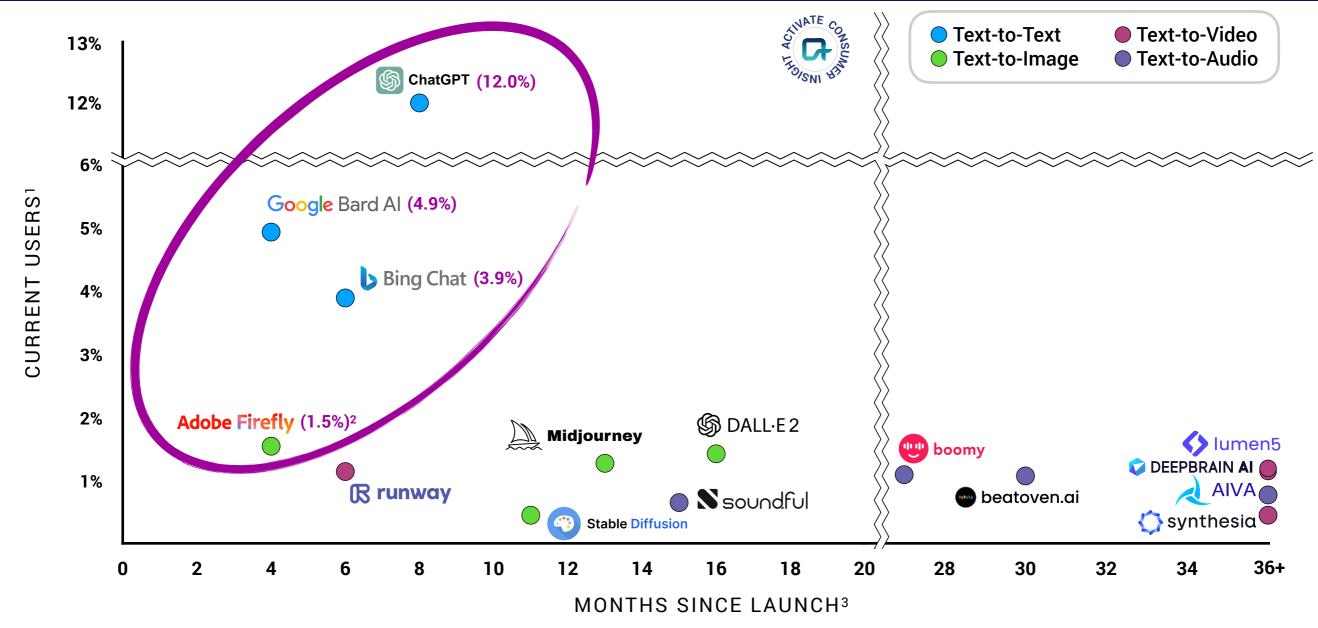






ChatGPT, Google Bard, and Bing Chat are seeing significant usage within a year of launch, while Adobe Firefly has exhibited fast growth in just a few months

USAGE OF SELECT GENERATIVE AI TOOLS, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+ / MONTHS



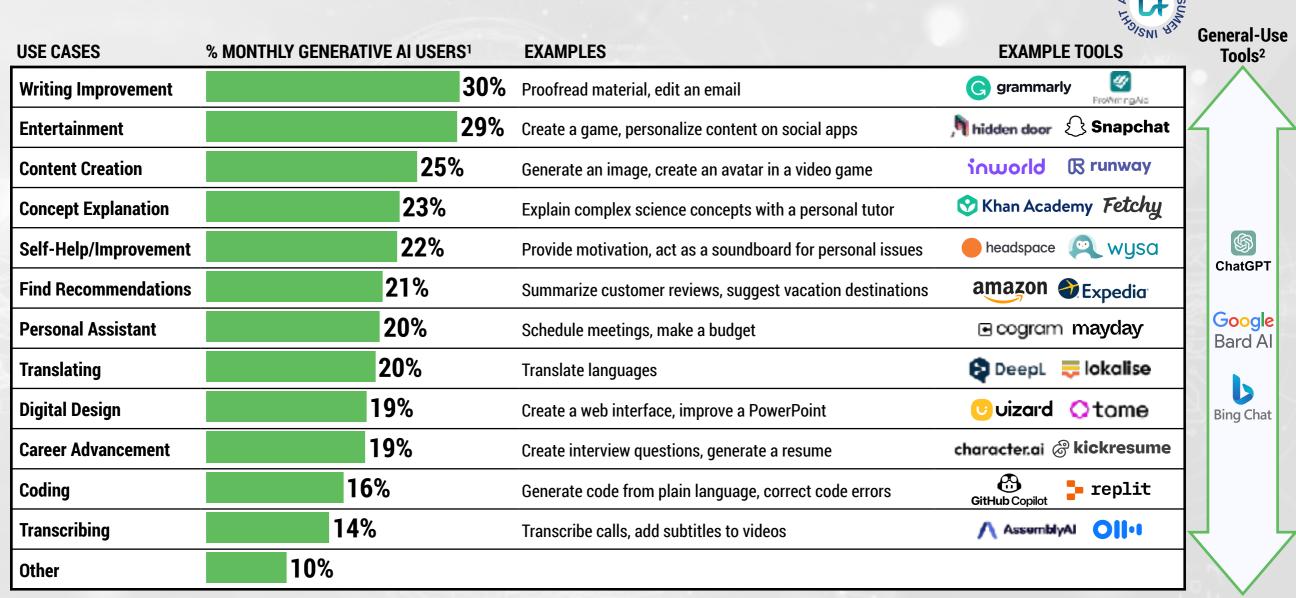


^{1. &}quot;Current Users" are defined as those who use the generative AI tool at least once per month.
2. Tool has created over 1 billion assets and supports over 100 languages. 3. As of Aug. 2023.
Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Company sites, Crunchbase



Consumers are using generative AI tools to support a broad range of personal and professional use cases today

CONSUMER GENERATIVE AI TOOL USAGE, U.S., 2023, % MONTHLY GENERATIVE AI USERS1

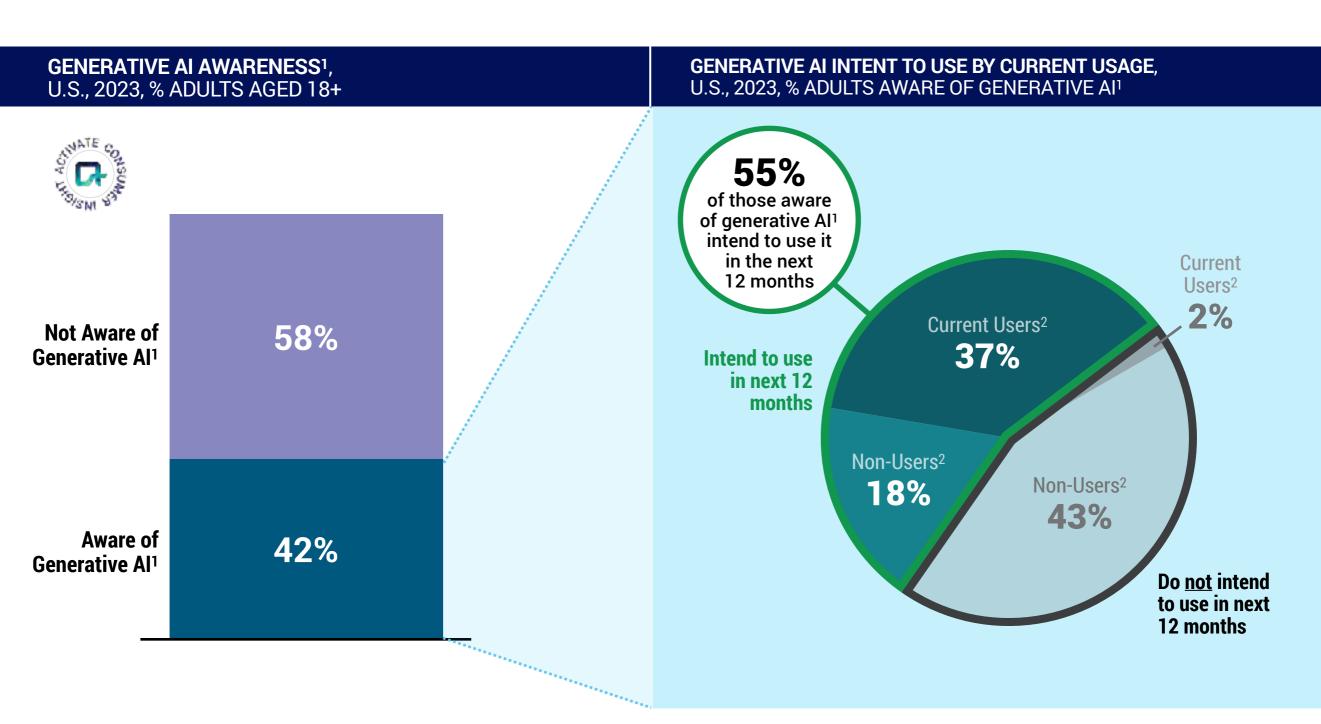




^{1. &}quot;Monthly generative AI users" are defined as adults aged 18+ who use at least one generative AI tool at least once per month. 2. Includes generative AI tools primarily known in a multipurpose way.

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Over half of people who are aware of generative AI tools today intend to use them in the future





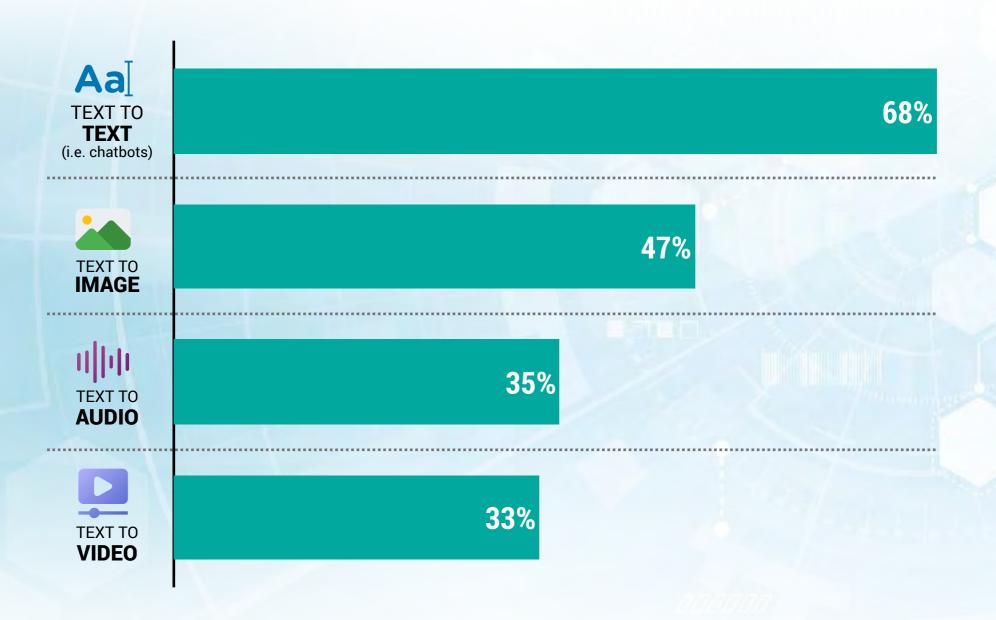
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Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)

People are most interested in using text-to-text and text-to-image generative Al tools

INTENT TO USE GENERATIVE AI BY AI TOOL TYPE, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO INTEND TO USE GENERATIVE AI¹









There are four fundamental building blocks to consider within the greater ecosystem of generative AI, with different companies expected to benefit from the importance of each: models, data, compute, and interfaces & software tools

FUNDAMENTAL BUILDING BLOCKS FOR GENERATIVE AI

MODELS

WHY: Models are the algorithms that receive inputs, process them, identify patterns, and ultimately create output

WHO WILL BENEFIT: Historically, major technology companies and well-funded startups, but currently an area of disruption











Generative Al

DATA

WHY: Data with sufficient breadth and depth is critical to train AI models, with more / higher-quality data resulting in better output

WHO WILL BENEFIT: Training infrastructure providers, major technology companies with vast customer data, and industryspecific players with access to highly-tailored data (e.g. healthcare)



COMPUTE & PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

WHY: Al models can be very computationally expensive, even when using optimized hardware such as GPUs or ASICs

WHO WILL BENEFIT: Chip companies, foundries, cloud providers, and companies building AI supercomputers





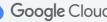














INTERFACES & SOFTWARE TOOLS

WHY: Strong interfaces are needed for adoption, especially for areas with high complexity of rules (e.g. law, healthcare), given Al's stochastic nature; tools are also needed for databases, fine-tuning models, and data generation/labeling (among others in MLOps)

WHO WILL BENEFIT: Safety-focused AI companies (i.e. those with a focus on content moderation), advanced industry-specific interfaces, data infrastructure tools, and tailored use-case-specific interfaces







The generative AI playing field will not be limited to the major technology players, particularly with the rise of open-source Al models opening the door for new, smaller entrants

ONGOING DISRUPTION: OPEN-SOURCE MODELS LEADING TO COMMODITIZATION





Pre-trained models ■ **!!!** ■ have become publicly available:

- Meta models (LLaMA, LLaMA 2, and Code LLaMA), Falcon LLM, and StableStudio are prominent examples
- As of August 2023, Hugging Face has over 300,000 available opensource models



Open-source models become increasingly high-quality and

- Training for LLMs such as GPT-4 are estimated at upwards of \$100M1
- Training costs for recent open-source models can be in the hundreds. (e.g. \$600 for Alpaca)



Open-source communities rapidly innovate and improve models:

- Researchers in the open-source community are improving models faster (by some accounts) than many major technology companies
- Models are already showcasing similar results with much lower costs (e.g. Vicuna-13B achieving ~90% of GPT-4 quality for \$300 in training)





Modern Service Independence from Major Technology Players

Companies do not need to go to major technology players such as Meta, Google, or Microsoft for paid access to high-quality generative models



More Accessibility for **Custom Models**

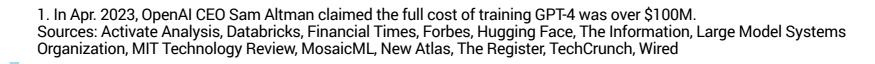
Companies can create more custom high-quality generative AI models for significantly lower costs



Potential Commoditization of Models as Base Layer

Generative AI models may follow a path similar to technologies like Linux, where paid applications are built off of a free and open-source base

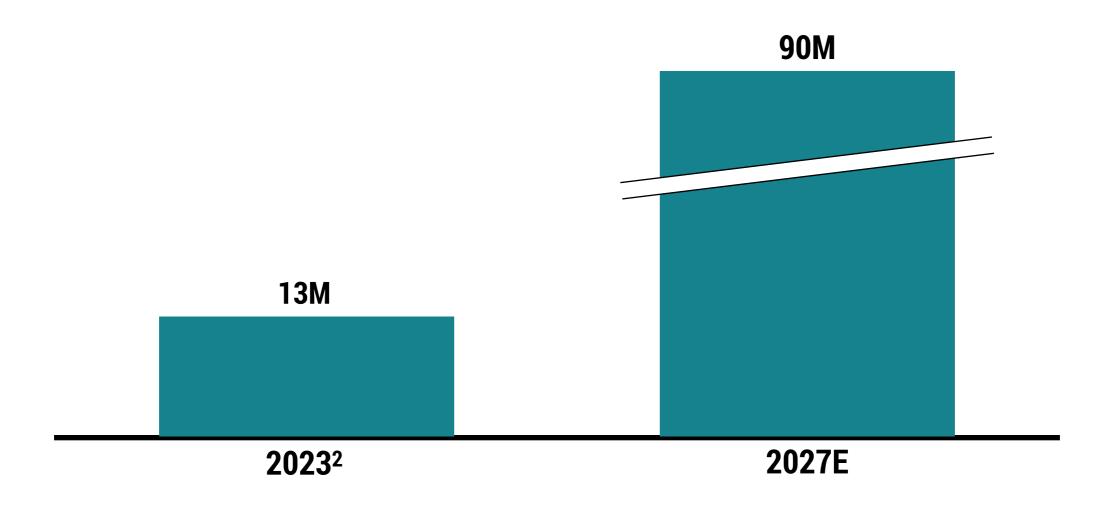




Today, over 10M U.S. adults begin their web search with generative AI; this will grow to 90M by 2027, promising to reshape the largest technology businesses

USAGE OF GENERATIVE AI AS A FIRST STOP FOR ONLINE SEARCH1, U.S., 20232 VS. 2027E, MILLIONS ADULTS AGED 18+





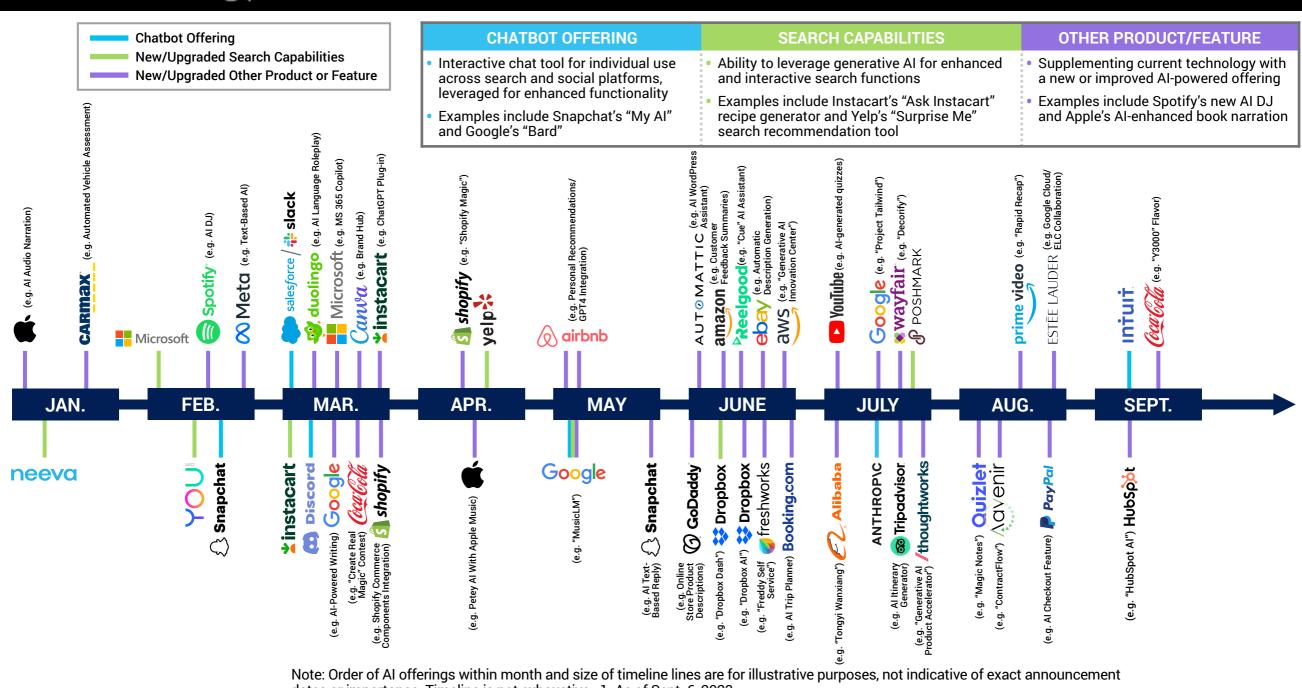


^{1. &}quot;Using generative AI as a first stop for online search" is defined as typically starting search at a generative AI tool when looking for information online. Includes normal search with a generative AI summary at the top of a search results page. 2. Reflects Aug. 2023.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), U.S. Census Bureau

Brands across a broad set of industries have already integrated generative AI into their consumer offerings

ACTIVATE TIMELINE OF AI CONSUMER BRAND OFFERINGS, U.S., JAN. 2023-SEPT. 2023

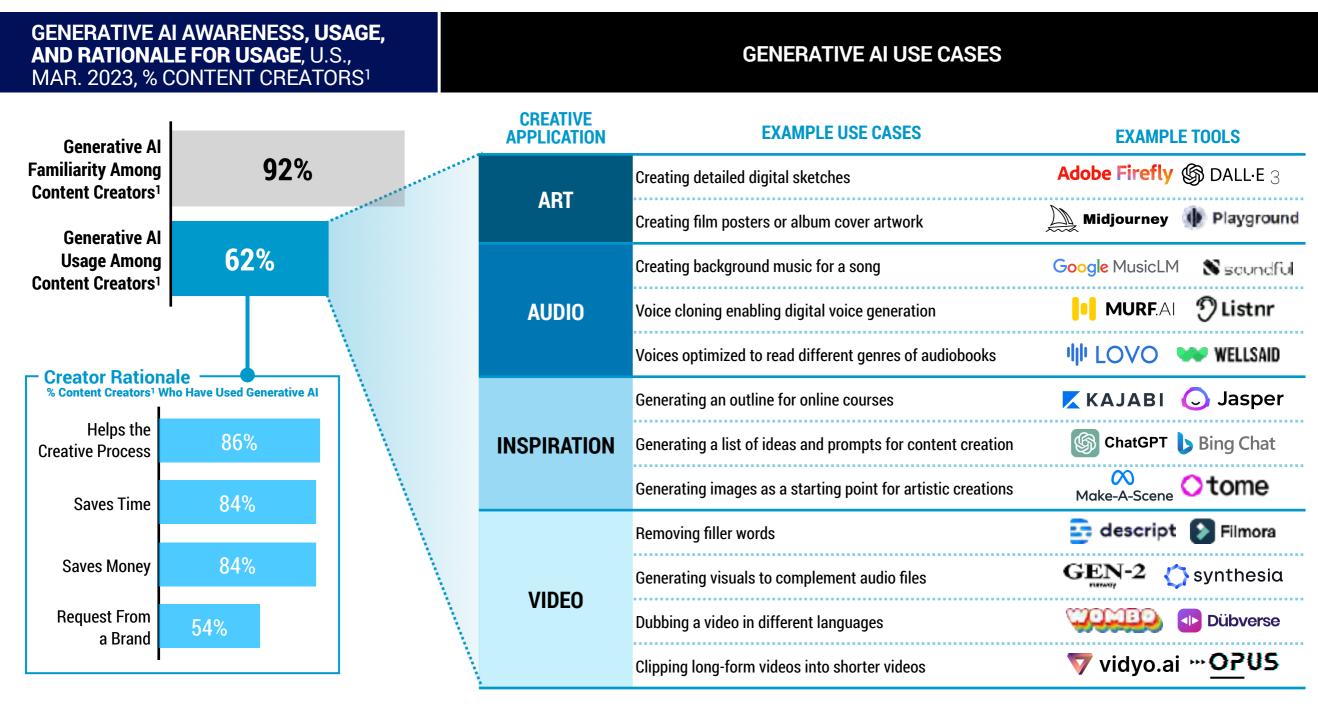




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Sources: Activate analysis, ABC News, Businesswire, CNBC, CNN, Company press releases, Company sites, Hospitality Net, The Motley Fool, NASDAQ, PRNewswire, Retail Brew, Retail Dive, Skift, TechCrunch, TVTech, VentureBeat, The Verge, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, ZDNet

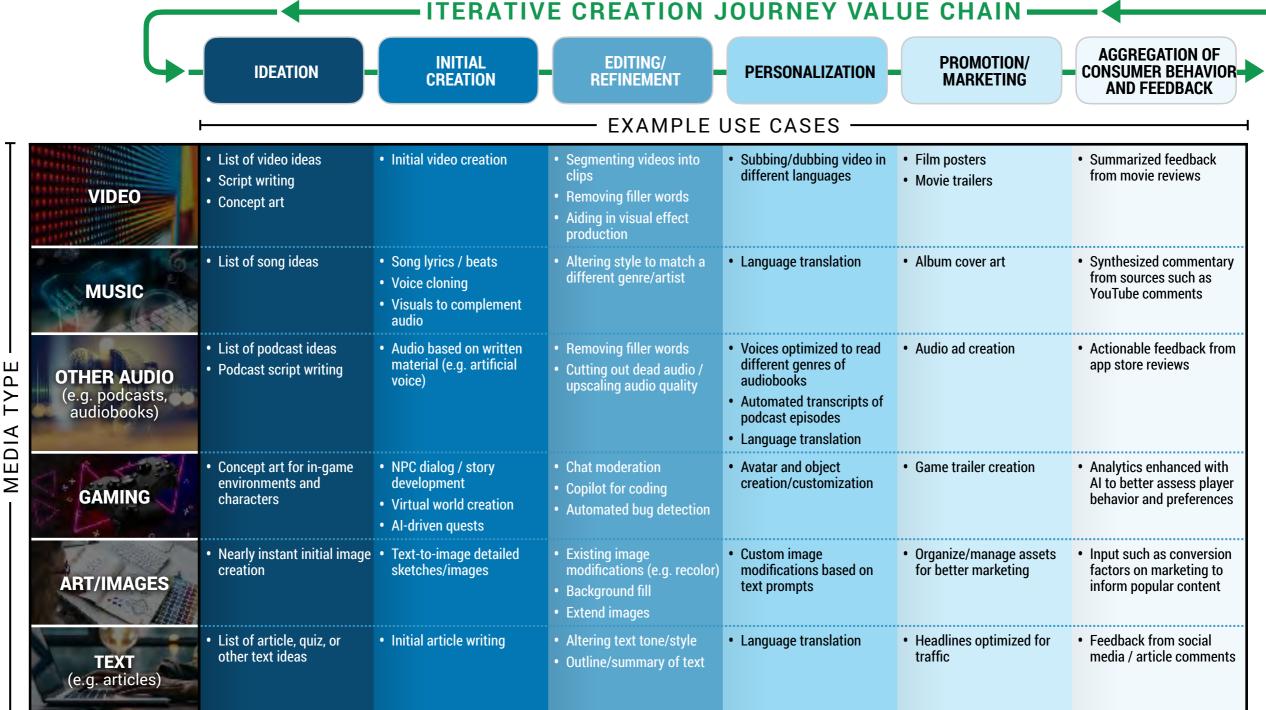
Over 60% of creators already use generative AI today





^{1. &}quot;Content creators" are defined as those who edit and share photos or videos online that generated income. Sources: Activate analysis, Company sites, Forbes, The Information, Lightricks / YouGov 2023 Creator Economy Report (n = 1,000+), Mashable, Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence

The capabilities of generative AI will revolutionize the creation journey value chain across media and entertainment





WSJ =

Generative AI is also expanding into the workplace, especially among younger and higher-income employees; 16% use generative Al in their workplace today, with 21% expecting to use it in the next 12 months

EXPECTED USAGE² OF

GENERATIVE AI IN THE

12 MONTHS

21%

Expect to

use at work

AWARENESS¹ VS. USAGE VS. EXPECTED USAGE² OF GENERATIVE AI IN THE WORKPLACE, U.S., 2023, % EMPLOYED ADULTS³

AWARENESS OF GENERATIVE AI1 **USAGE OF GENERATIVE AI IN** THE WORKPLACE IN THE **LAST 12 MONTHS**

16%

Have used

WORKPLACE IN THE NEXT

18-44 are

Employed adults³ aged

as likely to have used generative AI at work than those aged 45+



48% **Aware**

52%

Not aware

at work 84% Have not used at work

79% Do not expect to use at work

Employed adults³ with annual household income of \$100K+ are

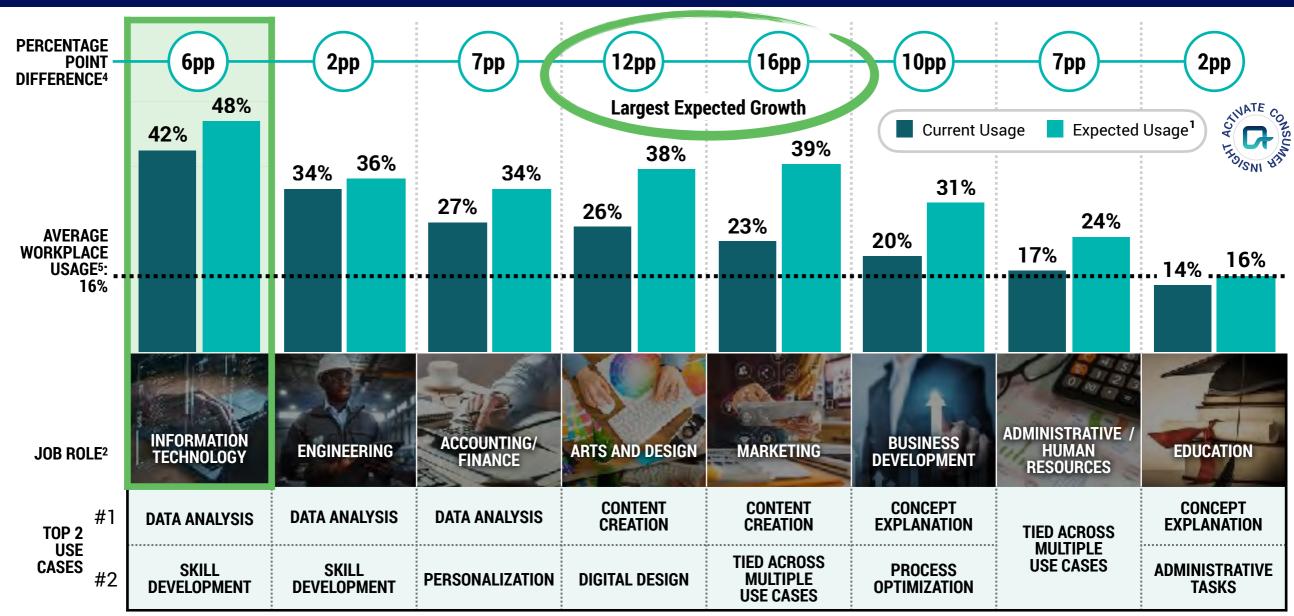
as likely to have used generative AI at work than those with annual household income <\$100K



Note: Images created using Midjourney. 1. "Aware of generative AI" is defined as knowing what generative AI tools are. 2. "Expected usage" is defined as those expecting generative AI to be a part of their job in the next 12 months. 3. "Employed adults" are defined as adults aged 18+ that are employed full-time, employed part-time, self-employed, or in the military. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Midjourney

Knowledge-based and creative functions, such as information technology and marketing, are seeing the greatest generative Aluse along with high expected future growth

CURRENT USAGE VS. EXPECTED USAGE OF GENERATIVE AI IN THE WORKPLACE BY SELECT JOB ROLE2, U.S., 2023, % EMPLOYED ADULTS3 BY JOB ROLE2





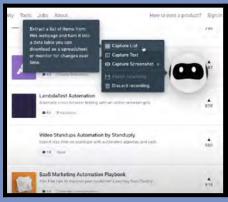
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 Included job roles based on those with highest self-reported generative AI usage.
 "Employed adults" are defined as adults aged 18+ that are employed full-time, employed part-time, self-employed, or in the military.
 Figures do not sum due to rounding.
 Represents average workplace usage of generative AI across all job roles.
 Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)



Generative AI work use cases: Data, Process, and Coding

EXAMPLE AI WORK USE CASES AND EXAMPLE COMPANIES AND TOOLS

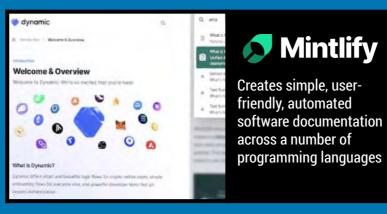
DATA COLLECTION



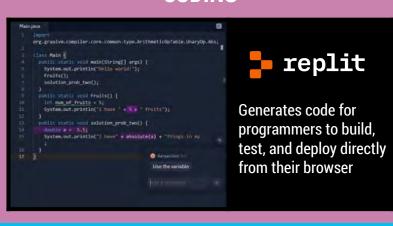


Extracts specific visual and text data from websites, converting it into spreadsheet form for the user

PROCESS OPTIMIZATION



CODING





Polymer

Creates data visualizations, builds dashboards, and presents data for agencies, marketers, eCommerce companies, and more

DATA MANAGEMENT

DATA ANALYTICS





Allows non-developers to collect, parse, act on, and share raw data within their workplace with a no-code tool



zignal

Monitors and analyzes brand conversations synthesizing data across social, broadcast, digital, and traditional media channels





Aids in the cleaning, building, and analyzing of datasets by plugging into Google Sheets and other tools





Generative AI work use cases: <u>Support/Training and Moderation/</u> **Fraud Detection**

EXAMPLE AI WORK USE CASES AND EXAMPLE COMPANIES AND TOOLS

ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS



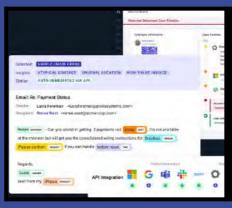
xembly

Supports scheduling, collaboration, and productivity needs for enterprise teams through AI "Chief of Staff" conversational assistant

docebo°

Creates companyspecific learning plans to upskill employees in software, financial services, and other industries

MODERATION / FRAUD DETECTION



/\bnormal

Prevents, detects, responds to, and predicts email and email-like fraud attacks through behavioral AI engine



CUSTOMER SUPPORT



PolyAl

Provides customerfacing voice assistants and generates relevant insights and potential operational improvements to internal customer support teams



A ada

Offers customer support chatbots while powering customer support teams through assisted content generation, training suggestions, and generative replies



Sana Sana

Accelerates employee acquisition of internal data and knowledge with chatbots trained on company data

CONCEPT **EXPLANATION**





ChatGPT

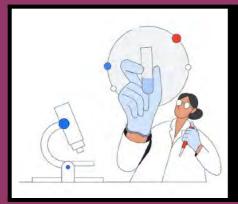
Provides explanations on complex topics and serves as a virtual tutor with generalist chatbot



Generative AI work use cases: Creation and Design

EXAMPLE AI WORK USE CASES AND EXAMPLE COMPANIES AND TOOLS

PRODUCT INNOVATION





Helps companies predict and understand protein structure with Target and Lead Identification Suite



VIZCOM

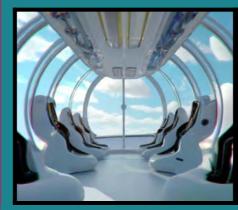
Translates 2D sketches into 3D photorealistic renders for prototypers or product designers

DIGITAL DESIGN





Generates wireframes, mockups, and prototypes for UI designers



tome

Creates presentations with premade templates and themes with a collaborative Al assistant using OpenAl's GPT-4 and DALL-E 2

PERSONALIZATION





salesforce

Creates personalized content emails and other content using Salesforce CRM data through Einstein GPT tool



Smartwriter.ai

Automates entire outreach process for email marketers with personalized messaging, icebreakers, and contextual pitches







Allows advertisers to produce high-quality commercial creative including images, videos, and 3D renders through partnership with NVIDIA





Generates and tests copywriting for written advertisements using proprietary large language models





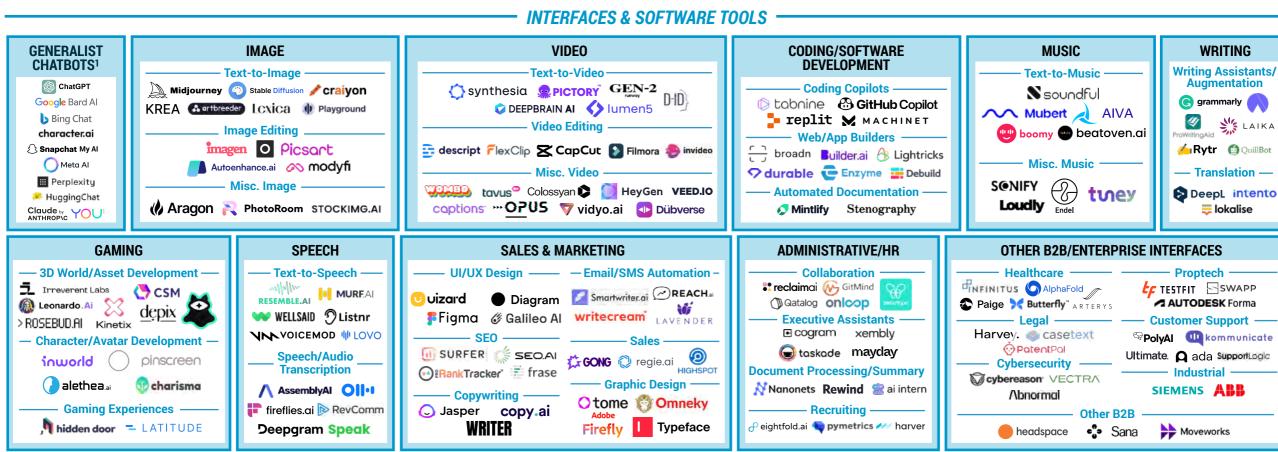
Generates game assets such as characters, environments, and items for video game designers in addition to other forms of 3D art





The AI ecosystem has exploded in the past year; many of the current companies will not last as the space continues to grow more competitive

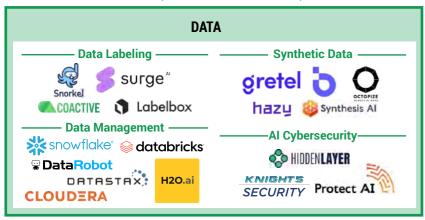


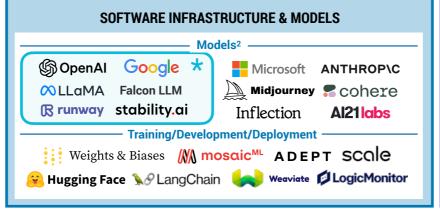


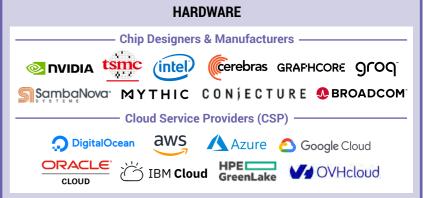














^{1.} Includes chatbots primarily known in a multipurpose way (e.g. for search, companionship). 2. Includes models and companies/divisions developing models. Sources: Activate analysis

Includes specific open source models and companies that have developed and released at least one open source model

Major technology companies are building capabilities across the AI tech stack but are not currently fully leveraging their consumer data

★ = Announced, not yet released		Alphabet	amazon	Ć	∞ Meta	Microsoft	⊚ NVIDIA		
\sim	GENERATIVE AI	CLOUD SERVICE PROVIDER	Google Cloud Platform	amazon webservices	N/A¹		⚠ Azure²	DGX CLOUD	
11	INFRASTRUCTURE AND HARDWARE	AI CHIP ³	Google TPU Chip ⁴ (e.g. TPU v5)	aws inferentia aws trainium	N/A ⁵		Microsoft *\times Athena	NVIDIA. H100 Tensor Core GPU	
↔/ ≫	CORE SOFTWARE & GENERATIVE AI MODELS	ML FRAMEWORK/PLATFORM ⁶	K Keras TensorFlow vertex.ai	amazonbedrock Amazon Lex AWS DeepComposer Amazon SageMaker		○ PyTorch	Microsoft Cognitive Toolkit	NVIDIA. DIGITS NVIDIA. PICASSO NVIDIA. NEMO	
		MULTIMODAL MODEL	○GEMINI *	Leveraging models from: ANTHROP\C	⊈ GPT ⁷	 CM3leon	Leveraging models from: OpenAl	NVIDIA. EDIFY	GPT-4
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		TEXT-TO-AUDIO MODEL	Google MusicLM				Microsoft VALL-E		Jukebox
		TEXT-TO-VIDEO MODEL	Google Imagen Video			™ Make-A-Video	Microsoft GODIVA		
•	GENERATIVE AI PRODUCT OFFERINGS	APP STORE	Generative AI apps available in Play Store		Generative AI apps available in App Store		The Microsoft Store introduced its AI hub in the app's left sidebar		Reportedly planning to offer a generative Al app store
		CONSUMER OFFERINGS	Google Bard Al	alexa **		Meta Al	Bing Chat		
		ENTERPRISE OFFERINGS	Duet Al				Bing Chat Enterprise		ChatGPT Enterprise
	DATA INPUTS	DATA USED TO TRAIN GENERATIVE AI MODELS	Common Crawl, Wiki, code, public forum dialog	Multilingual speech data, opted in Alexa user-device conversations ¹⁰	Reportedly Common Crawl, web articles, and books	Publicly-shared Facebook and Instagram posts, Common Crawl, books, Wiki	Not reported	Common Crawl, WebText2 ¹¹ , books, Wiki	ChatGPT user interactions, Common Crawl, WebText2 ¹¹ , books, and Wiki
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⁼ Closed Source, Available Through API

⁼ Not Yet Disclosed

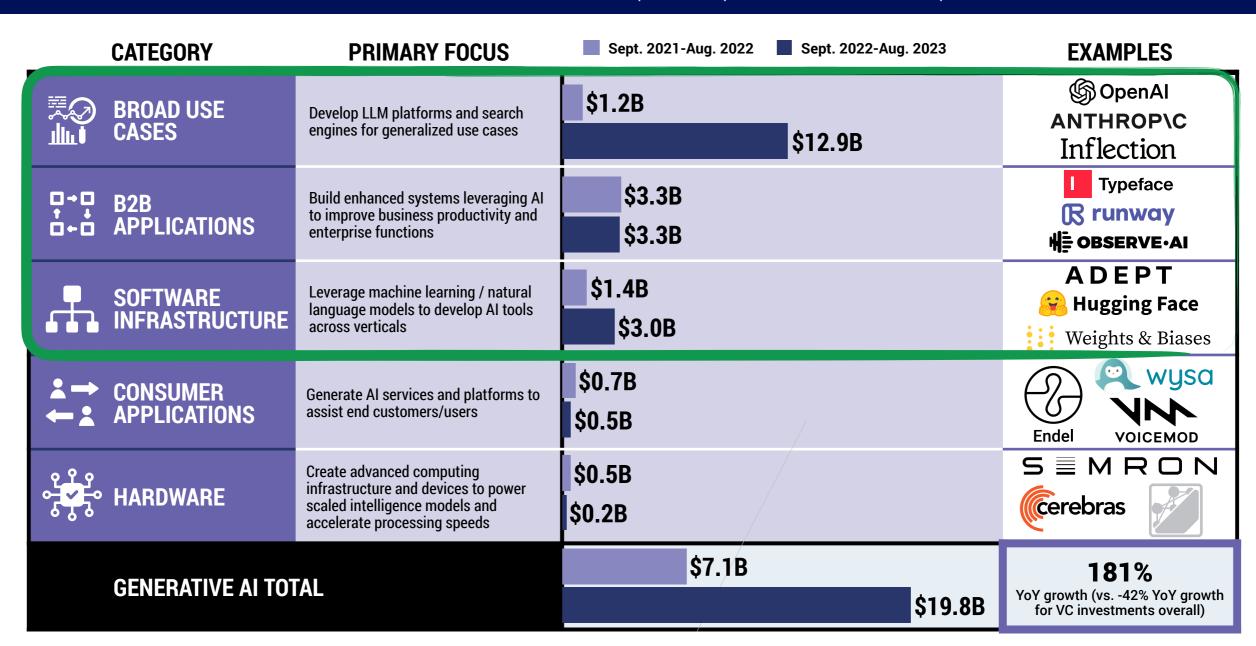


Note: Not exhaustive. As of Oct. 10, 2023. 1. Apple's system runs on Google Cloud, which Apple uses to power cloud services alongside its own infrastructure and AWS. 2. As part of its partnership with OpenAl, Microsoft is OpenAl's exclusive cloud provider. The increased workloads on Azure represent a significant revenue opportunity. 3. A custom-designed chip to specifically address Al problems. 4. "Tensor Processing Units (TPUs)" are Google's custom-developed application-specific chips used to accelerate machine learning workloads. 5. Apple develops its own "systems-on-chips" for its devices (e.g. M2, A17), but no Al-dedicated chips. 6. An interface that allows developers to build and deploy machine learning models more quickly and easily. 7. It is reported that Apple is testing a new chatbot; different entities refer to it as Apple GPT. 8. Amazon announced generative Al features for its Alexa products powered by a new multimodal Alexa LLM in September 2023 that have not yet been released. 9. Benefits include access to ChatGPT during peak times, faster response times, and priority access to new improvements. 10. Only refers to Alexa LLM. Users can opt in to having their voice data and conversations used for training the Alexa LLM. Not revealed for Titan models. 11. WebText2 is a dataset created using links from Reddit posts that have at least three upvotes. Sources: Activate analysis, Business Insider, Company sites, Financial Times, Reuters, The Verge

⁼ Closed Source, Not Available Through API

As of August 2023, generative Al-related ventures saw nearly 200% growth YoY, with broad use case platforms, software infrastructure, and B2B applications making up over 95% of investments

INVESTMENTS IN GENERATIVE AI BY CATEGORY, GLOBAL, SEPT. 2021-AUG. 2023, BILLIONS USD







Companies will not need to build AI in-house to leverage the benefits; major AI companies are building plug-ins and integrations to bring AI to a broader ecosystem

PATH FOR COMPANIES CONSIDERING AI INTEGRATIONS WITH EXISTING APPLICATIONS AND SERVICES

CONSIDERATION 1: SOFTWARE LICENSING/DATA AGREEMENTS

The approach on both data and underlying models are core to any Al partnership:

- Models offered by AI companies can be either closed source (e.g. GPT-4) or open source (e.g. LLaMA)
- Data from licensee can be used to customize/ supplement AI models
- Data from end users can continually fine-tune training
- Data control policies are critical to ensure sensitive data (e.g. PII) is protected and used appropriately

CONSIDERATION 2: PLUG-INS/INTEGRATIONS

There are two primary paths to integrate AI into existing products:

- Integrate AI functionalities into a third-party source (e.g. "Ask Instacart" feature within app)
- Embed product into existing AI interface such as ChatGPT as a plug-in¹ (e.g. Expedia plug-in expanding ChatGPT trip planning capabilities)

CONSIDERATION 3: SUBSCRIPTIONS

The pricing structure for Al follows an "aaS" subscription model; companies can integrate Al into subscriptions in two ways:

- Restrict select AI tool features
 (e.g. priority access to new
 integrations, faster response times)
 to higher tiers (e.g. ChatGPT Plus)
- Embed AI as a feature/functionality within existing platforms (e.g. Microsoft Designer application)

THIS PATHWAY IS DRIVING
INCREASED
EXPERIMENTATION/
INVESTMENT IN GENERATIVE
AI AMONG MEDIA
COMPANIES

tubi

Tubi announced in September 2023 that it was partnering with Rabbit AI to offer a **chatbot-based search function** to allow users to **go beyond simple search keywords** to discover video content on its platform



Google announced an initiative in May 2023 to leverage generative Al (specifically their PaLM LLM) to automate advertising services and suggest videos for YouTube creators to develop

NBCU

Comcast NBCUniversal launched the LIFT Labs: Generative Al Accelerator in May 2023 to partner with / develop startups working across the generative Al ecosystem





Despite the promise, there are barriers to realizing the full market potential of generative Al



COMPETITIVE CONSIDERATIONS

Al platforms owning company data potentially allows them to become a competitive threat



DATA SECURITY/ PRIVACY

Sensitive and private data (e.g. PII) used in training can sometimes leak into output



LACK OF TRAINING DATA

Major language models may eventually run out of optimal training data



MODEL BIAS

Human-made input datasets used for training generally contain difficult-to-combat biases



SAFETY CONCERNS

Platforms do not always reject prompts that can lead to individual or societal harm



POTENTIAL REGULATION

Governments may enact policies to exercise significant oversight and regulatory control on Al



INABILITY TO COPYRIGHT OUTPUT

It is unclear if Al-generated content can be protected under copyright law, potentially slowing adoption



IP CHALLENGES

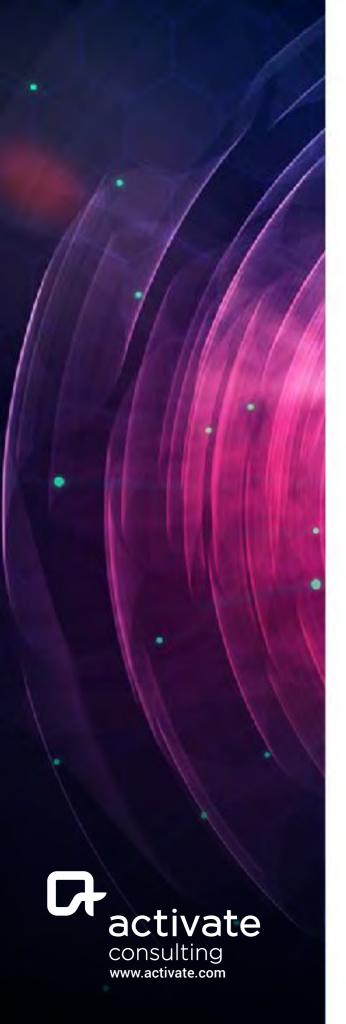
There are several legal challenges to generative Al due to potential IP violations (e.g. training data)



INACCURACIES/ MISINFORMATION

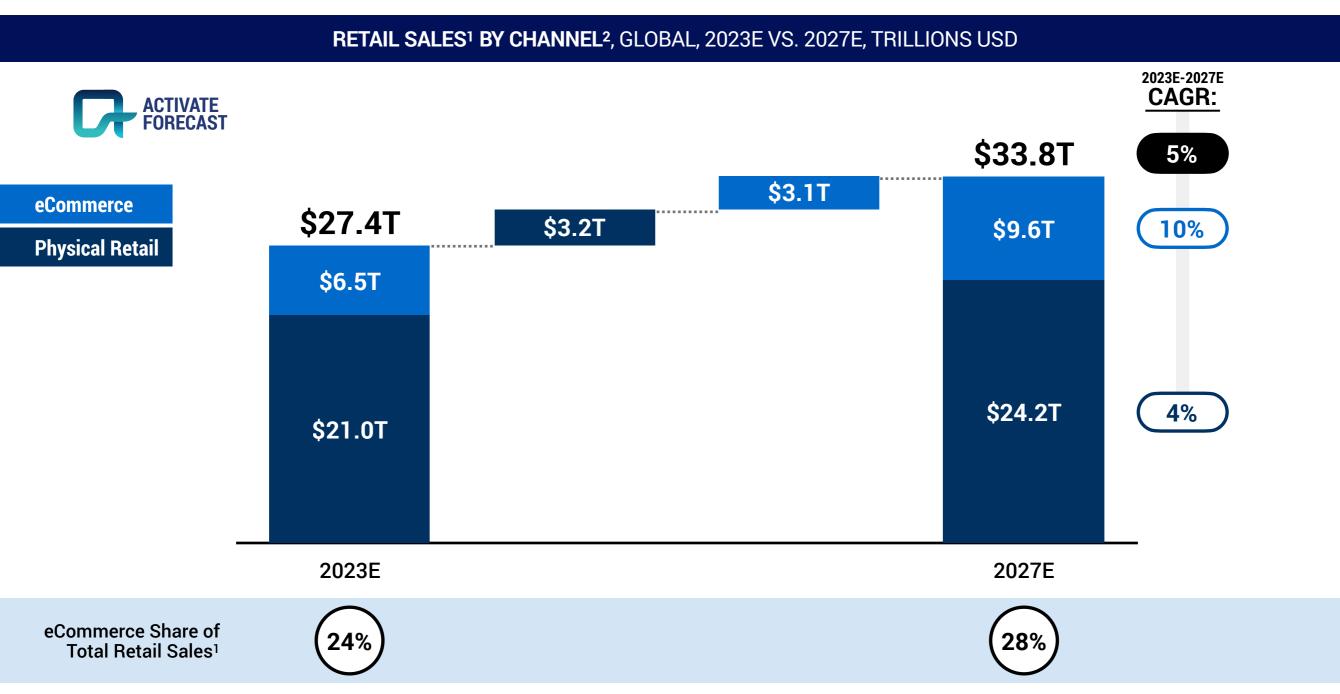
Given the stochastic nature of generative AI, it is prone to factual errors





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Global eCommerce will reach nearly \$10T by 2027, growing more than twice as fast as physical retail





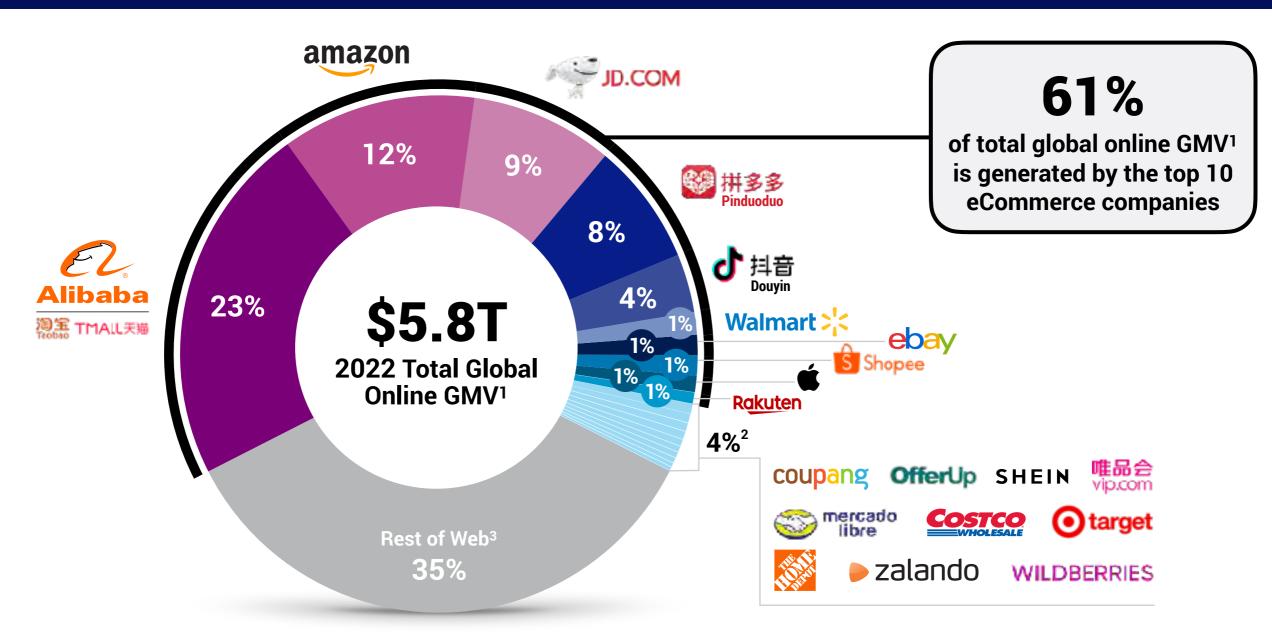
^{1.} Excludes travel and event tickets, food and drink services, and vice goods and activities.

^{2.} Figures do not sum due to rounding.

Sources: Activate analysis, eMarketer, Research and Markets, Statista

Global eCommerce merchandise volume is heavily concentrated among a small group of players

SHARE OF ONLINE GROSS MERCHANDISE VOLUME (GMV)1 BY COMPANY, GLOBAL, 2022, % TOTAL ONLINE GMV1

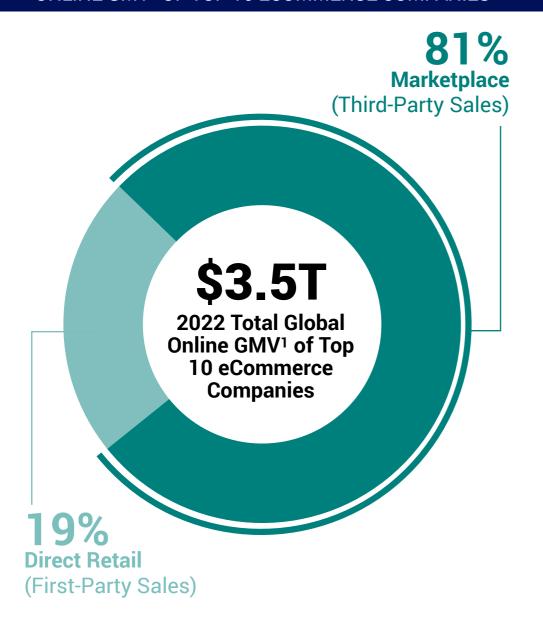




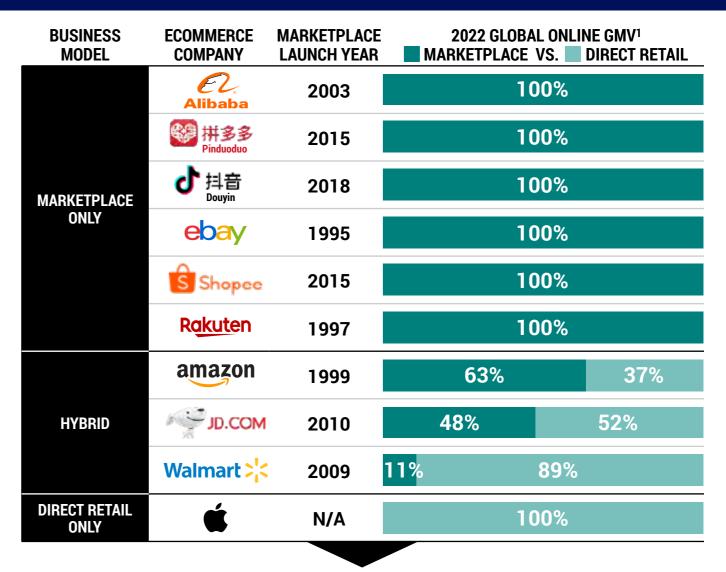
^{1.} Excludes travel and event tickets, food and drink services, and vice goods and activities. 2. Each company accounts for less than 1% of the total online GMV. 3. Includes all of online GMV not covered by the top 20 eCommerce companies. Sources: Activate analysis, Company filings, Company press releases, Company sites, Digital Commerce 360, eMarketer, The Information, Statista, U.S. Internal Revenue Service

eCommerce is a marketplace business; third-party sellers generate over 80% of online sales for the top 10 eCommerce players

SHARE OF ONLINE GMV¹ OF TOP 10 ECOMMERCE COMPANIES BY SALES TYPE, GLOBAL, 2022, % TOTAL ONLINE GMV¹ OF TOP 10 ECOMMERCE COMPANIES



SHARE OF ONLINE GMV¹ BY SALES TYPE FOR TOP 10 ECOMMERCE COMPANIES, GLOBAL, 2022, % TOTAL ONLINE GMV¹ BY COMPANY



9 of the top 10 global eCommerce players operate a marketplace



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In the U.S., a growing number of major eCommerce companies beyond Amazon and Walmart are launching their own marketplaces to enhance their customer value proposition and retail media potential

STRATEGIC DRIVERS FOR LAUNCHING A MARKETPLACE



Enable or accelerate the retail media opportunity



Create new revenue streams through marketplace seller fees



Increase product assortment in existing categories to drive customer engagement and spend



Expand into adjacent categories to build a more holistic offering and acquire new customers



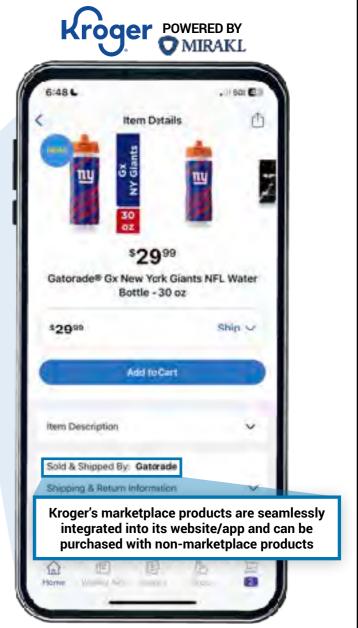
Test customer demand for new products with limited inventory risk and minimal costs



Localize supply chains for international retailers to improve delivery speed

EXAMPLE MARKETPLACE LAUNCHES BY MAJOR ECOMMERCE COMPANIES IN THE U.S. OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS¹

ECOMMERCE COMPANY	MARKETPLACE LAUNCH YEAR	
target	2019	
Kroger	2020	
Ahold Delhaize	2021	
★ macy\$	2022	
KOHĽS	2023	
SHEIN	2023	







U.S. retail media revenue is expected to more than double over the next four years, reaching nearly \$100B by 2027; we expect most major retail companies will have their own retail media network

RETAIL MEDIA NETWORK ADVERTISING REVENUE¹ BY COMPANY². U.S., 2019 VS. 2023E VS. 2027E, BILLIONS USD \$97B **ACTIVATE** \$19B Rest of Market Walmart > '< \$10B 2023E-2027E CAGR: 22% \$44B 2019-2023E CAGR: 24% \$8B \$3B 35% amazon \$68B 35% 32% \$13B \$33B 20% 60% \$0.5B \$10B 34%

2027E

2023E





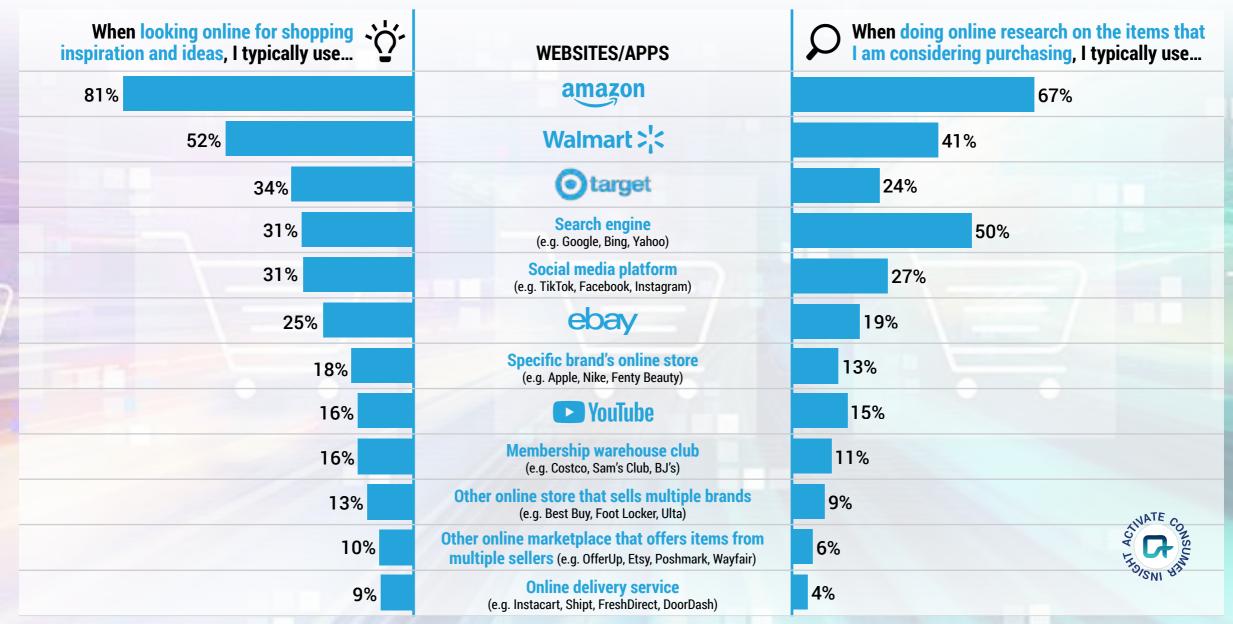
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1. Includes digital advertising that appears on a retailer's on-premise signage, either in-store or in the immediately adjacent exterior (e.g. parking lot), appears on websites or apps that are primarily engaged in eCommerce, or is bought through a retailer's media network or demand-side platform. 2. Figures do not sum due to rounding. Sources: Activate analysis, Company filings, Company press releases, Company sites, eMarketer, Forrester, GroupM



Today's consumers are multi-channel shoppers, using a range of online channels for shopping inspiration and research

WEBSITES/APPS TYPICALLY USED FOR SHOPPING INSPIRATION AND RESEARCH, U.S., 2023, % ONLINE SHOPPERS1





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Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)

TikTok is disrupting online shopping, quickly emerging as a top inspiration and research source among younger consumers

TOP WEBSITES/APPS TYPICALLY USED FOR SHOPPING INSPIRATION AND RESEARCH BY AGE GROUP, U.S., 2023, % ONLINE SHOPPERS BY AGE GROUP¹

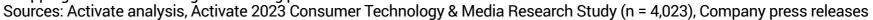
THOSE CONSUMULE	Top 5 websites/apps typically used for shopping inspiration and ideas			Top 5 websites/apps typically used for doing research on items being considered for purchase		
FS/SNI WIT	Aged 18-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55+	Aged 18-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55+
1	amazon 78%	amazon 83%	amazon 82%	amazon 62%	amazon 70%	amazon 69%
2	Walmart >¦< 59%	Walmart >¦< 56%	Walmart >¦< 44%	Walmart >¦< 45%	Search engine (e.g. Google, Bing, Yahoo) 54%	Search engine (e.g. Google, Bing, Yahoo) 51%
3	target 48%	target 39%	Search engine (e.g. Google, Bing, Yahoo) 30%	Search engine (e.g. Google, Bing, Yahoo) 44%	Walmart >¦< 44%	Walmart >¦< 34%
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Capitalizing on its
popularity as a source
for online shopping
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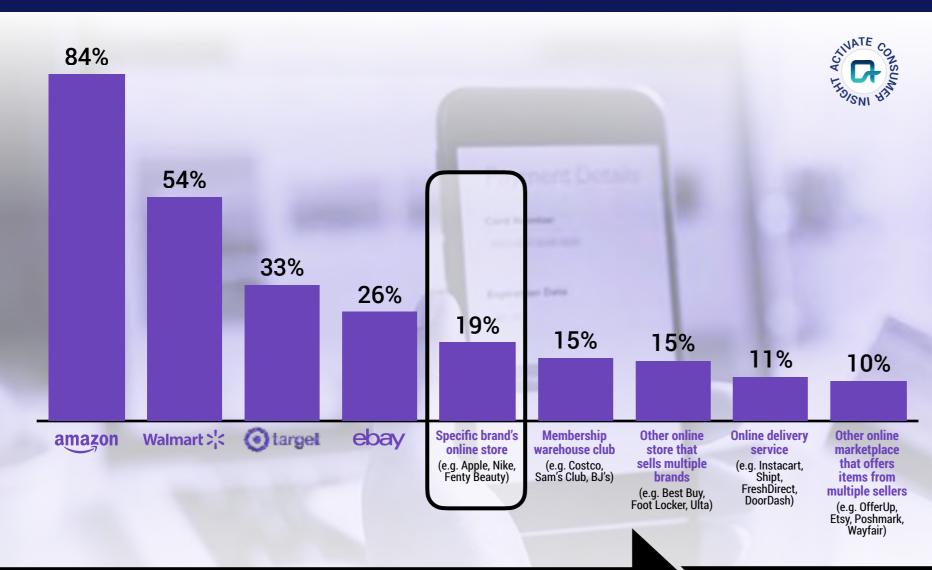


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To scale, brands will need to pursue a multi-channel strategy, as less than 20% of online shoppers are purchasing from D2C channels

WEBSITES/APPS PURCHASED FROM IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2023, % ONLINE PURCHASERS1



CHALLENGES OF MULTI-CHANNEL MANAGEMENT

- BRANDING AND VALUE PROPS
 Maintaining the same brand identity across online channels
- DEMAND & SUPPLY PLANNING
 Optimizing assortment and inventory allocation across online channels
- PRICING
 Ensuring consistent prices and promotions across online channels
- EXPERIENCE
 Coordinating across online channels to deliver a uniform customer experience
- DATA ANALYTICS
 Unifying customer data and insights across online channels

Brands cannot rely on D2C alone to scale; they will need to sell through marketplaces and other online channels

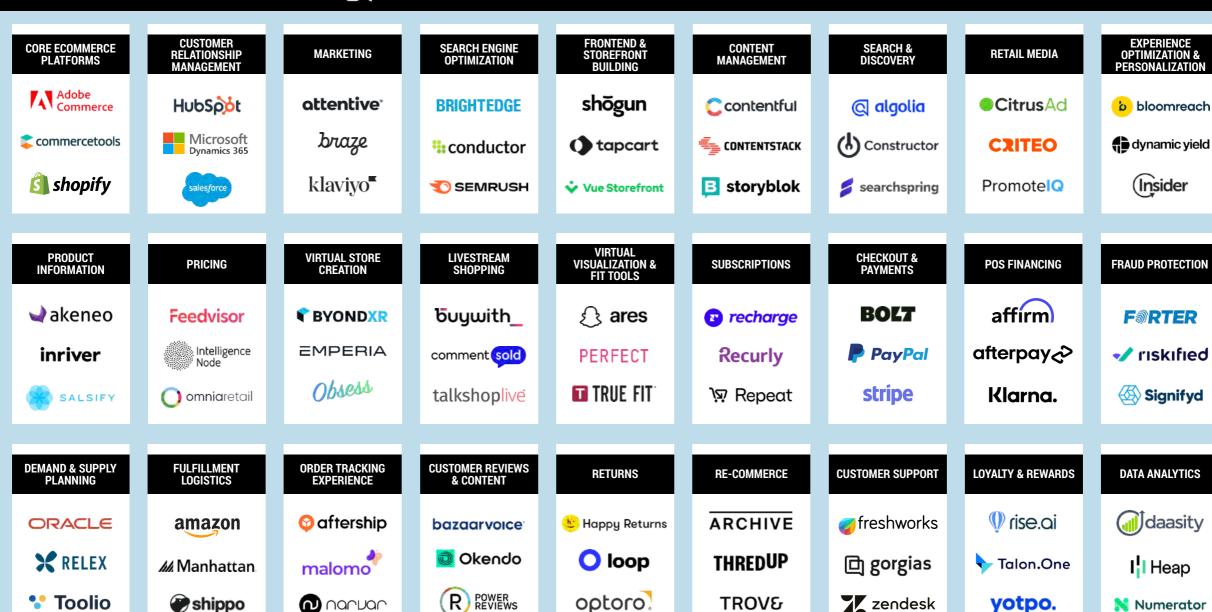
Winning brands will be those that can navigate the unique set of challenges related to multi-channel management





eCommerce enablement solutions will continue to drive growth across online channels

ACTIVATE ECOMMERCE ENABLEMENT FRAMEWORK

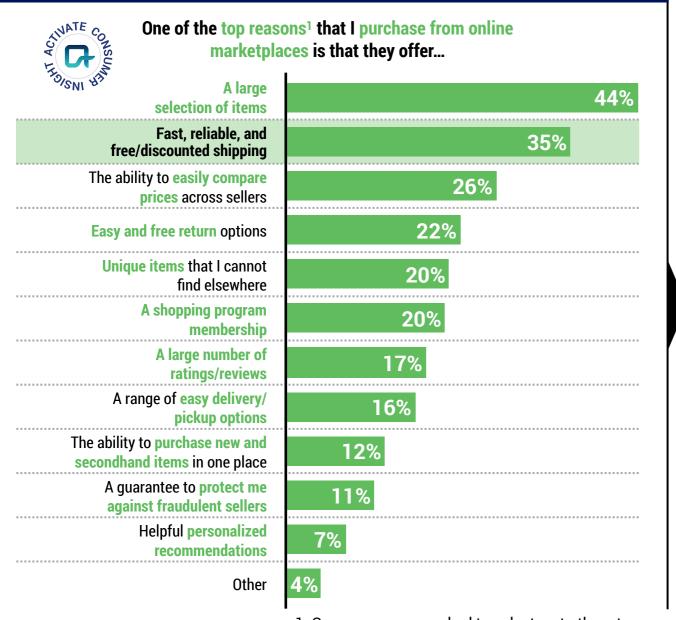






With fast, reliable, and low-cost delivery among the top reasons why consumers purchase from online marketplaces, optimizing fulfillment will be especially critical for marketplaces and competing online channels

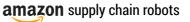
TOP REASONS¹ FOR PURCHASING FROM ONLINE MARKETPLACES, U.S., 2023, % ONLINE MARKETPLACE PURCHASERS²



EXAMPLES OF FULFILLMENT LOGISTICS INNOVATION BY RETAIL COMPANIES IN RESPONSE TO HIGH CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS AROUND DELIVERY Autonomous robot systems used in warehouses and **Supply Chain** fulfillment centers for tasks such as sorting, picking, packing, **Robotics** and transporting to increase productivity and safety Small-scale fulfillment centers positioned in densely populated Micro-Fulfillment areas (often within or attached to the retail company's stores), shortening the distance to customers to enable faster and Centers more reliable delivery Zero-occupant transportation modes such as drones, ground Alternative robots, and self-driving vehicles used to streamline last-mile **Last-Mile Delivery** delivery logistics for improved speed, cost-effectiveness, Methods and sustainability White-label fulfillment solutions, enabling the retail company **Fulfillment**to monetize its supply chain network and capture valuable as-a-Service data to further optimize and scale its delivery operations









Walmart > delivery drone

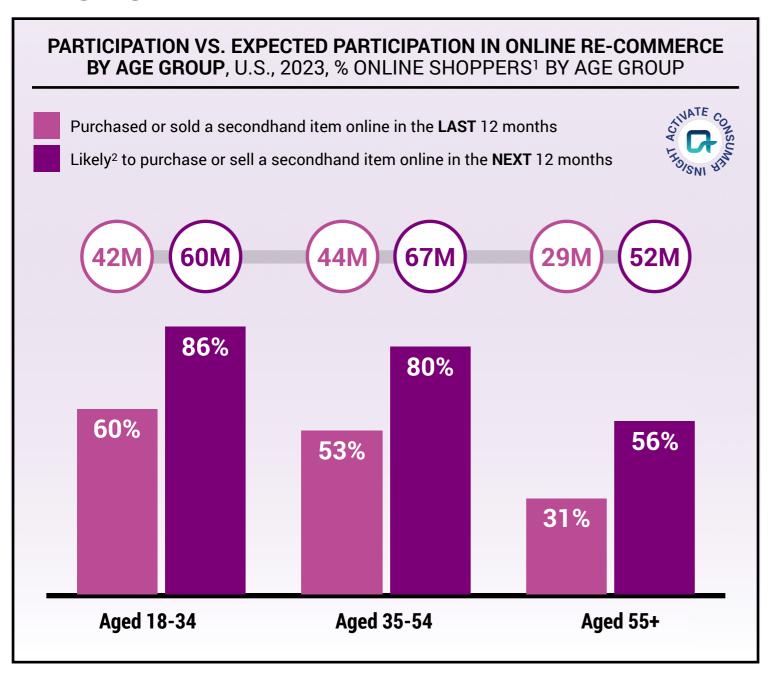


1. Consumers were asked to select up to three top reasons. 2. "Online marketplace purchasers" are defined as adults aged 18+ who purchased from an online marketplace at least once in the last 12 months.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Company press releases, Company sites



Looking ahead, online re-commerce will continue to play a key role in growing the overall eCommerce pie, with strong adoption across all age groups



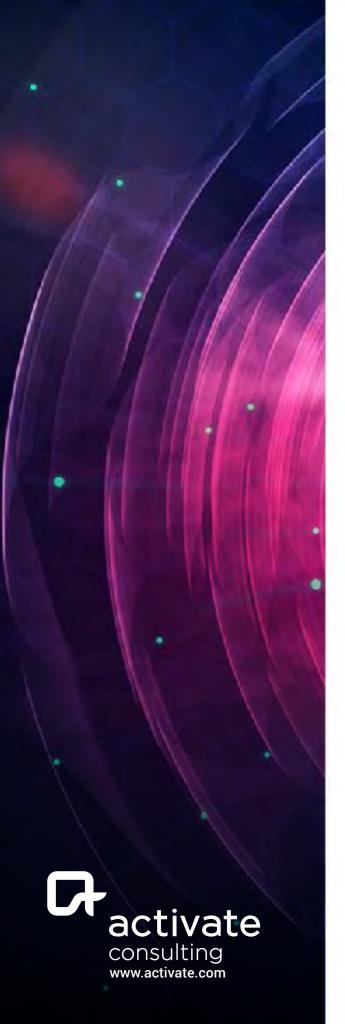




1. "Online shoppers" are defined as adults aged 18+ who shopped online at least once in the last 12 months. Shopping includes browsing and making purchases. 2. "Likely" is defined as extremely, very, somewhat, or slightly likely. 3. "Online re-commerce platforms" are defined as websites/apps through which secondhand items can be purchased or sold.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Company press releases, Company sites, U.S. Census Bureau





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Growth in enterprise IT and software will be driven by increasing demand to solve companies' major business problems; technology buyers' expectations are significantly changing











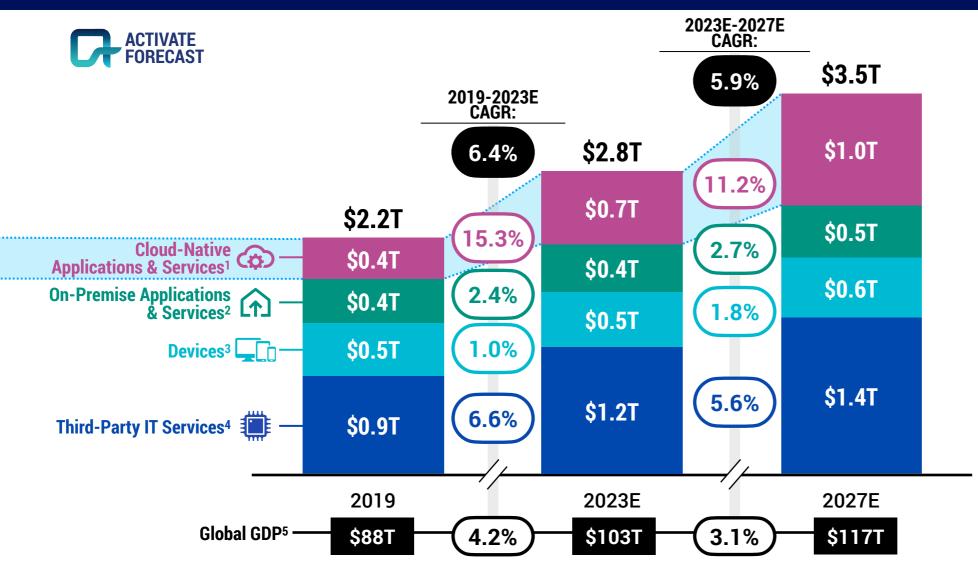
- In the next 4 years, we expect global enterprise technology spend to increase by over \$0.7T; this
 will be part of a new paradigm where buyers are increasingly focused on value, utility, ROI, and AI
- The way enterprises buy software is changing, characterized by:
 - Full-enterprise decision making
 - Increased complexity for procurement teams
 - Shorter contract lengths
 - **Time to value** being prioritized over cutting-edge features
- In addition, the industry is shifting to meet the demands of new buyers:
 - Major platforms are launching Al-based features that will increase utility
 - New innovators are developing point solutions to solve unaddressed pain points across both IT processes and functional business challenges
- This change is enabled in part by AI-based innovations (e.g. LLMs, GPU compute, connectivity) from major technology companies and a new generation of innovators
- These shifts will require technology companies and their customers to tackle key business challenges:
 - Technology companies will need to adapt their overall go-to-market approach (e.g. emphasize value and AI, update sales tactics, launch new pricing models)
 - Enterprise software buyers will need to ensure that they have the organization, operating model, and data strategy in place to deploy AI-based solutions at scale and ensure their software investments realize their promised ROI



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B2B technology spend will continue to grow and outpace total economic growth, increasing by over \$0.7T globally by 2027; cloud-native applications and services will drive the highest growth

B2B TECHNOLOGY SPEND BY CATEGORY, GLOBAL, 2019 VS. 2023E VS. 2027E, TRILLIONS USD



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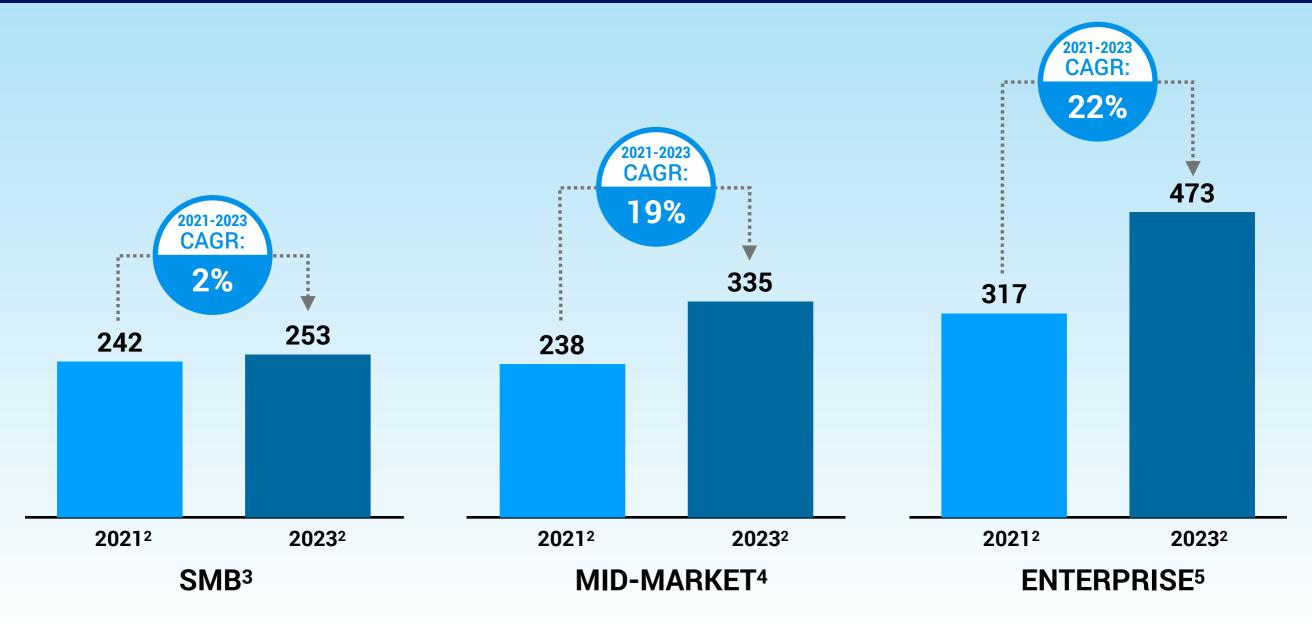
- In spite of market headwinds and the macroeconomic slowdown impacting technology, global spend will continue growing as companies look to deploy AI solutions at scale
- Spend on cloud-native applications and services will still grow at a double-digit pace; however, growth will slow down compared to the 15.3% CAGR from 2019 to 2023E
- Technology spend growth will outpace global GDP growth over the next four years, driven by advancements in Al-based tools

^{1. &}quot;Cloud-native applications & services" is defined as spend on software, data storage, and compute hosted on a public cloud platform or remote data center. 2. "On-premise applications & services" is defined as spend on software, data storage, and compute hosted on-site, including servers and enterprise network equipment. 3. "Devices" is defined as enterprise spend on PCs, mobile phones, tablets, and printers. 4. "Third-party IT services" is defined as spend on any service offering that assists enterprises in implementing, managing, and operating systems, software, and equipment used in modern IT environments. Does not include spend on the software, storage, and devices themselves. 5. Currency neutral; represented in Aug. 2023 USD. Sources: Activate analysis, Analysys Mason, Company filings, Fortune Business, Gartner, HG Insights, IBIS World, International Data Corporation, International Monetary Fund, Precedence Research, Synergy Research Group, The World Bank



Growth of IT and software budgets are driven by companies adopting new applications and deploying them across organizations

AVERAGE SAAS APPLICATION PORTFOLIO SIZE¹ BY COMPANY SIZE, U.S., 2021 VS. 2023, TOTAL SAAS APPLICATIONS





^{1.} Includes actively managed SaaS applications (i.e. actively tracked by companies, and not shadow IT).
2. Data represents actuals for the end of Q1 for each given year. 3. Fewer than 500 employees. 4. 500 to 2,000 employees. 5. Greater than 2,000 employees.
Sources: Activate analysis, Gartner, Productiv

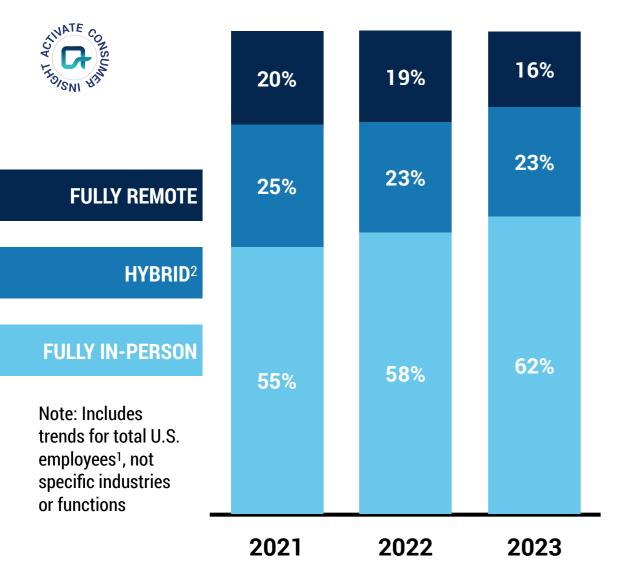


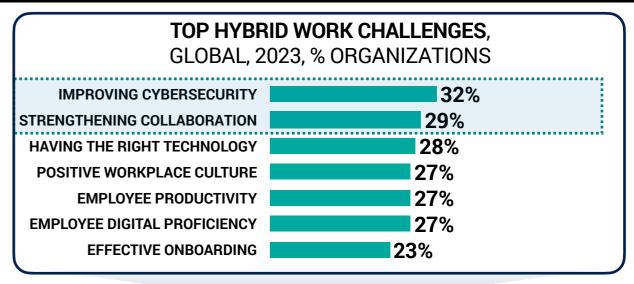


IT and software spend will be sustained by the need to address outstanding pain points; for example, the challenges of maintaining a hybrid workforce remain a priority for technology decision makers

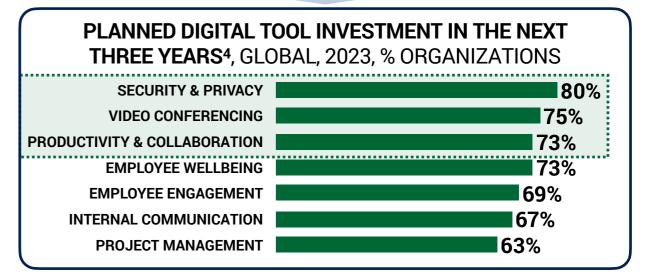
EMPLOYEES¹ WORKING FULLY REMOTE VS. HYBRID² VS. FULLY IN-PERSON³, U.S., 2021-2023, % EMPLOYEES¹

THE TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES OF THE HYBRID WORKFORCE ARE HERE TO STAY AND WILL CONTINUE TO DRIVE SPEND





Unsolved security & collaboration challenges will increase spend



^{1. &}quot;Employees" are defined as adults aged 18+ who are employed full-time, employed part-time, or self-employed. Does not include military. 2. "Hybrid" is defined as working a non-zero number of days both in-person and remote. 3. Figures do not sum to 100% due to rounding. 4. Respondents indicating that they will increase or significantly increase their organization's investment in each area.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Gartner, National Bureau of Economic Research, Okta





These challenges are so critical for businesses that purchasing enterprise technology and software is no longer just an IT problem — it's an organization-wide decision



END USERS

Ensure software fulfills major use cases, integrates into existing workflows, and offers necessary enablement and training



LINE OF BUSINESS LEADERS

Manage spend and software utilization as part of specific department P&Ls



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Assess technology, features/functionality, and security

FINANCE

Scrutinize budget and incremental value delivered compared to existing solutions

THE MODERN ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE BUYING TEAM:

It takes a village to select a solution

LEGAL

Ensure compliance with data protection, privacy, and security regulations

PROCUREMENT

Evaluate vendor capabilities, negotiate MSA terms, and manage implementation

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As part of the new software buying process, full-organization decision makers will:

- Apply greater scrutiny to future software investments, ensuring that they are able to address enterprise needs
- Carefully weigh the promises of innovation made by new software companies against tangible ROI goals
- Actively monitor utilization of licensed software to identify inefficient spend
- Continue spending on software at high levels to maximize productivity while also prioritizing value, utility, accessibility, and sustainability goals

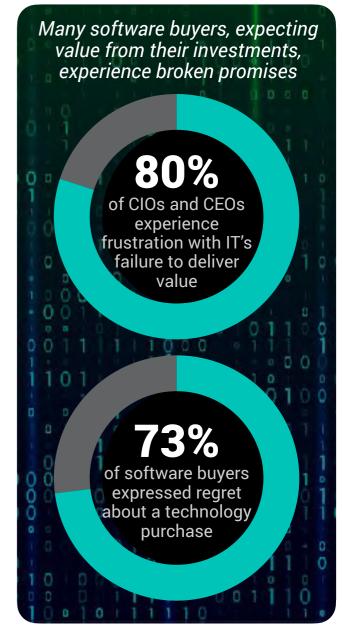




A broader set of technology and software decision makers means a reshuffling of decision-making priorities; time to value, ROI, and ease of implementation are top concerns going forward

TOP 10 CONSIDERATIONS FOR PURCHASING SOFTWARE BY COMPANY SIZE, GLOBAL, 2023

E	Ease/Accessibility ROI/Value Scalability Features of Solution Price						
	SMB ¹	MID-MARKET ²	ENTERPRISE ³				
#1	Ease of Implementation	ROI Within Six Months	Ease of Implementation				
#2	Ease of Use	Ease of Implementation	ROI Within Six Months				
#3	ROI Within Six Months	Ability to Scale	Ability to Scale				
#4	ROI Within One Year	Ease of Use	ROI Within One Year				
#5	Ability to Scale	ROI Within One Year	Ease of Use				
#6	Weekly Usage by All Users	Weekly Usage by All Users	Weekly Usage by All Users				
#7	Customer Support Quality	Customer Support Quality	Customer Support Quality				
#8	Number of Features	Ease of Integration	Ease of Integration				
#9	Ease of Integration	Number of Features	Number of Features				
#10	Cost of Software	Cost of Software	Security				





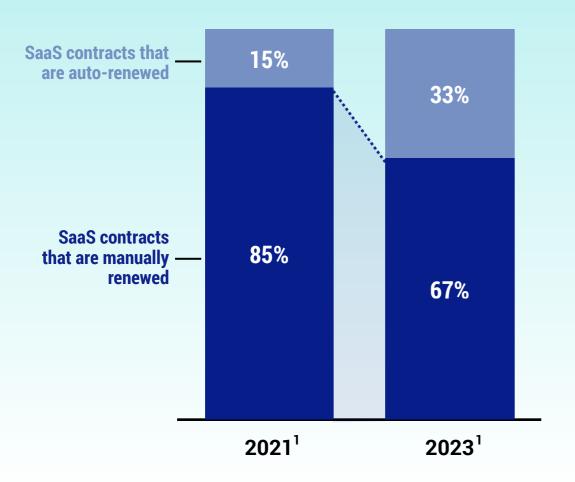


The growing complexity of SaaS portfolios has increased the automation of renewal processes, and the emphasis on value has decreased the length of contracts

SHARE OF SAAS CONTRACTS THAT ARE MANUALLY RENEWED VS. AUTO-RENEWED, U.S., 2021 VS. 2023, % SAAS CONTRACTS



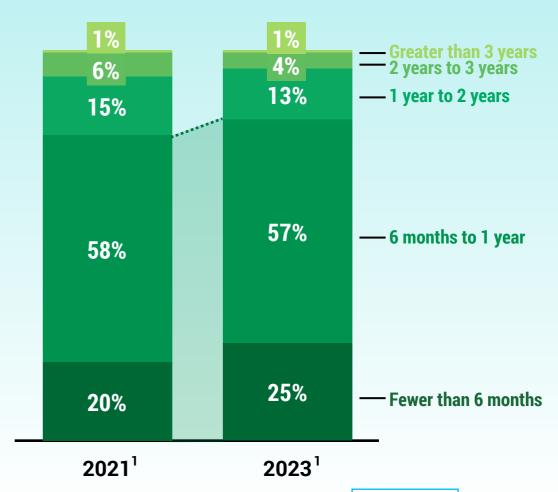
An increasingly high number of SaaS contracts and growing IT complexity require automation for procurement teams to effectively manage renewals, decreasing the share of contracts manually renewed



LENGTH OF SAAS CONTRACTS, U.S., 2021 VS. 2023, % SAAS CONTRACTS



Software contracts are becoming shorter as buyers are more risk averse and can pressure sellers to agree to favorable terms





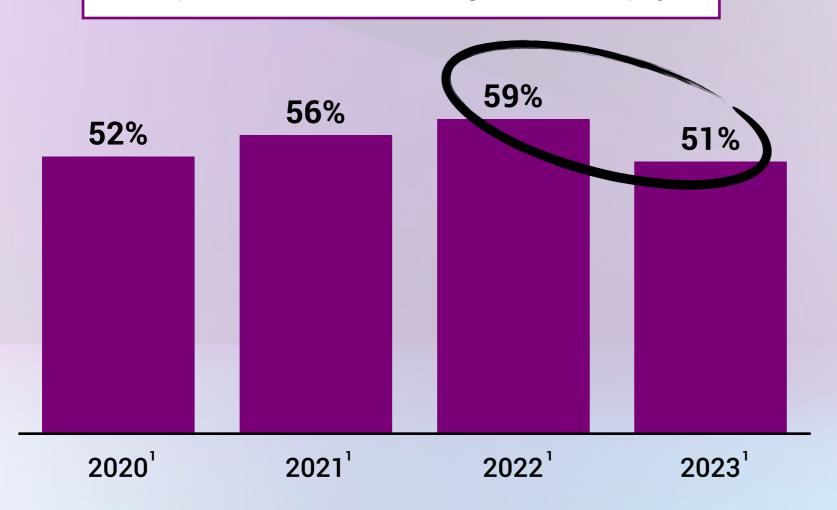




We already see the impact of this new way of buying, as Shadow IT has fallen; nevertheless, Shadow IT still remains a significant problem for enterprises to solve going forward

SHADOW IT APPLICATIONS, U.S., 2020-2023, % TOTAL SAAS APPLICATIONS

<u>Shadow IT Applications:</u> SaaS applications that are **not** managed as part of a centralized enterprise contract and are instead purchased and licensed through individual employees



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IT leaders are starting to address shadow IT concerns, and it will need to be a continued priority due to:

- Need For Visibility: Organizations require a clear line-of-sight on software utilization and performance to evaluate ROI and identify new areas for investment
- Security & Governance Risks: Shadow IT presents security and access management vulnerabilities that are difficult to monitor through enterprise security; 54% of software buyers report purchasing software without IT team approval

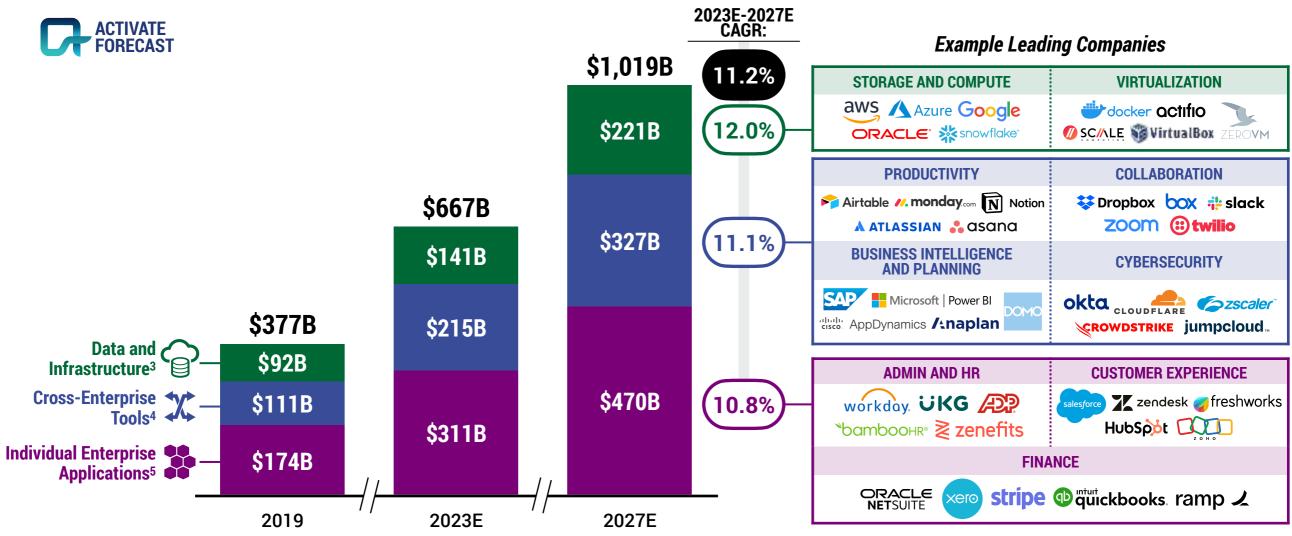






There is high growth in demand for the full set of cloud-native software and services, with all applications, tools, and infrastructure forecasted to grow at a double-digit pace over the next four years

CLOUD-NATIVE APPLICATION & SERVICE SPEND1 BY CATEGORY2, GLOBAL, 2019 VS. 2023E VS. 2027E, BILLIONS USD

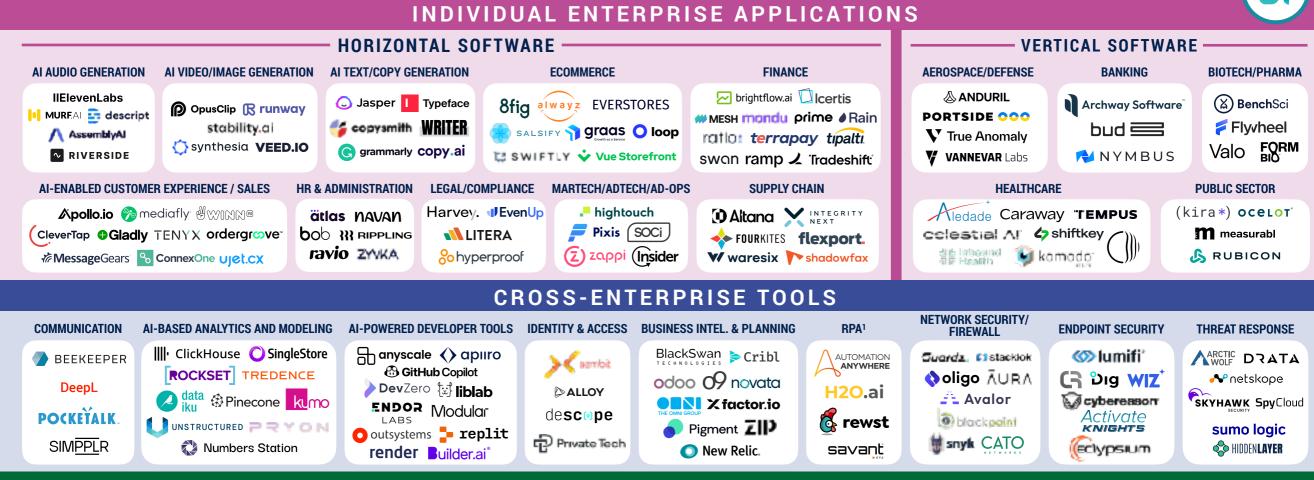


1. "Cloud-native application & service spend" is defined as spend on software, data storage, and compute hosted on a public cloud platform or remote data center. 2. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 3. "Data and infrastructure" is defined as any spend on services that enable storing data, files, and compute capabilities on a remote system, as well as virtualization services. 4. "Cross-enterprise tools" is defined as any spend on software that enhances operations across business functions, including productivity, collaboration, business intelligence, data analysis, and cybersecurity tools. 5. "Individual enterprise applications" is defined as any spend on software that enhances specific business functions, including HR, customer service, finance, and marketing, as well as any industry-specific line-of-business tools.

Sources: Activate analysis, Analysys Mason, Company filings, Fortune Business, Gartner, HG Insights, IBIS World, International Data Corporation, Precedence Research, Statista Market Insights, Synergy Research Group



Alongside the major technology companies, a new set of solutions is emerging to address evolving buyer needs, supported by new fundraising for Al-driven technology innovation



DATA & INFRASTRUCTURE











Note: Not exhaustive. Includes B2B and enterprise software companies that have either launched in the past two years and raised at least \$10M or have had a deal size of at least \$50M in the past two years. 1. Robotic Process Automation. 2. Includes innovators driving improvements to semiconductors, data center technology, and IoT hardware. Sources: Activate analysis, Axios, Company sites, Crunchbase, Pitchbook, TechCrunch



Significant technology breakthroughs, especially in AI (e.g. generative AI, compute optimization, connectivity), will continue to be major growth enablers for the enterprise technology space

		TECHI	NOLOGICAL	BREAKTHRO	UGHS		
LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS (LLMs)	DIFFUSION MODELS	AI MODEL COMPRESSION	GPU CLOUD SERVICES	INTELLIGENT AGENTS (RPA)	5G & CONNECTIVITY	CHIP INNOVATIONS	QUANTUM COMPUTING
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These technology breakthroughs will drive significant productivity improvements across organizations' key business functions

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SHIFTS IN IT OPERATING MODELS AND SUSTAINABILITY

Key Example: Desktop virtualization and extended IT assets expanding device refurb and renewal cycles

4

NEW RISKS AND RESPONSES

Key Example: Al-driven cybersecurity products helping organizations prepare for sophisticated security threats





EXAMPLES OF INDUSTRY
SHIFTS DRIVEN BY
INNOVATION AND
MARKET DYNAMICS

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EMERGING BUSINESSES

Key Example: Enhancements in GPU technology enabling cloud providers to run Al-based applications at scale

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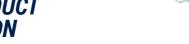
NEW FEATURE DEVELOPMENT ON LARGE-SCALE PLATFORMS

Key Example: Conversational chatbots enabling natural communication between users and software

2

NEW PRODUCT INNOVATION

Key Example: Launch of automation products simplifying workflows and boosting productivity







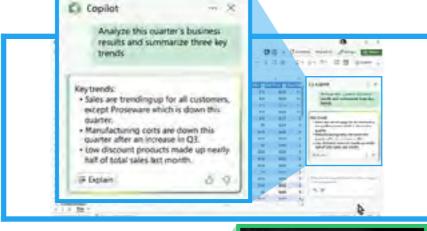


Conversational software experiences backed by generative AI (from both established and new companies) will drive increased ease of use, utility, and speed of onboarding

EXAMPLES OF INNOVATORS LAUNCHING COPILOTS AND CONVERSATIONAL TOOLS



FOUNDED: 1975 **MARKET CAP1:** \$2.4T



NEW TOOLS & FEATURES

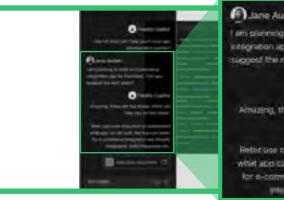
Copilot launched for Microsoft 365 as an in-program AI assistant enabled by OpenAI's GPT-4, improving Word, PowerPoint, and Excel through draft and idea creation, presentations and visuals with simple prompts, and data analysis and visualization with basic commands

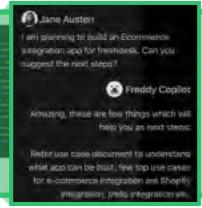
VALUE DELIVERED

Improved productivity and efficiency through reduced output time for documents and analysis



FOUNDED: 2010 MARKET CAP1: \$5.7B





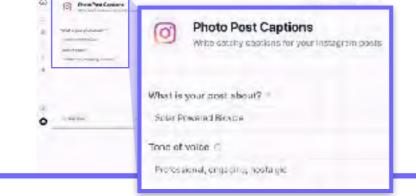


Freddy Copilot launched as a conversational Al-enabled tool able to automate mundane tasks (e.g. IT incident resolution, customer support analytics prompts), with specific applications for customer experience, sales, marketing, IT service management, and developer workflows

Enhanced employee and customer experiences through boosted productivity, automation, and specific recommendations



FOUNDED: 2021 LATEST VALUATION²: \$1.5B



Copilot tool for copywriters and content creators, able to take topics, articles, and style & tone recommendations as inputs to generate marketing copy, campaigns, and social media posts able to be automatically launched through integrations

Accelerated pace of marketing and media content creation, saving significant time in idea generation; dedicated prompt engineers will be important to maximize value delivery



1. Market capitalizations as of market close on Oct. 6, 2023. 2. Latest valuation from Series A funding on Oct. 18, 2022. Sources: Activate analysis, Company sites, Crunchbase, CX Today, TechRadar, VentureBeat, Yahoo Finance





Technology platforms are launching AI-based automation features that improve workflow productivity and orchestration across both high-volume simple tasks and complex processes

EXAMPLES OF INNOVATORS LAUNCHING AI-BASED AUTOMATION CAPABILITIES



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FOUNDED: 1999

FOUNDED: 2003

MARKET CAP¹: \$202B

MARKET CAP¹: \$114B

LATEST VALUATION²: \$6.8B

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MARKET CAP¹: \$114B

LATEST VALUATION²: \$6.8B

NEW TOOLS & FEATURES LAUNCHED IN 2023:

Salesforce Flow launched as an automation tool for the Salesforce platform, allowing users to orchestrate workflow processes with specific flowcharts and automate repetitive tasks (e.g. email outreach, manual customer data entry) with Flow RPA³

Newly launched **Utah platform** showcasing ability to **improve workflows with Process Automation tools** and **team efficiency with Workforce Automation tools**

Launched Automation Copilot and Generative Al for Automators functions, allowing users to create orchestration of complex tasks (e.g. reviewing of expense and invoices, document revisions) through translation of simple language and steps

EXAMPLE USECASES:

- Customer Engagement: Orchestration of specific responses to CRM data triggers to deliver personalized outreach
- Communication and Collaboration: Integration with Slack triggers responses based on messages
- Workforce Efficiencies: Visibility into employee productivity and forecasting for staffing demand requirements with dynamic scheduling
- IT Incident Resolution: Mapping of IT operational processes to identify causes of incidents and speed up future processes
- **Admin and HR Tasks:** Automation of timeintensive back-office processes including expense management, accounts payable, and tax compliance
- **Finance Operations:** Efficiency and error prevention for accounting and invoicing



^{1.} Market capitalizations as of market close on Oct. 6, 2023. 2. Latest valuation from Series B funding on Nov. 21, 2019.

^{3.} Robotic Process Automation.

Sources: Activate analysis, Business Wire, Company sites, Forbes, TechTarget



New AI capabilities are giving rise to a new cloud compute and storage ecosystem focused on GPU compute and solutions to access AI infrastructure (e.g. generative AI models, training tools)

SEMICONDUCTOR FABRICATORS

Growth driven by increasing complexity of chip design and manufacturing and accelerated public sector funding (e.g. CHIPS and Science Act)

CHIP DESIGNERS

Growth driven by necessity of highly efficient GPUs/ TPUs for model training workloads, facing scarcity today

CLOUD PROVIDERS

Growth driven by emergence of specialized AI-focused cloud providers alongside legacy cloud providers, offering more efficient GPU compute highly tailored for AI workloads, delivering more attractive cost of compute compared to running the same workloads on CPUs

GENERATIVE AI MODELS

Growth driven by development of increasingly sophisticated model capabilities, with ongoing adoption across enterprises

MODEL TRAINING TOOLS

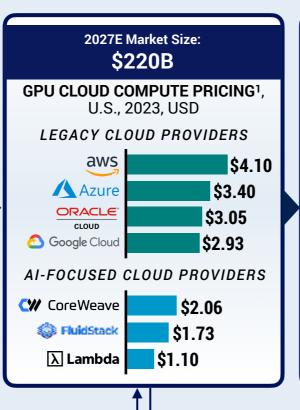
Growth driven by requirements for companies to enhance and tailor models to address specific use cases and data sets

EXISTING AI SOFTWARE LAYER

Growth driven by software companies building AI capabilities through existing tools, API access, and easy to use functionality











Provide API-driven

Produce contracted semiconductors for...

Supply chips to power the data centers of...

Provide the compute for the training and workloads of...

Are refined and optimized by...

Deliver a use-case tailored model for...

Provide API-driv access for...



END

APPLICATION



Acceleration of enterprise technology and software complexity presents cybersecurity risks; in response, innovators are launching new products to address these threats

EXAMPLES OF INNOVATORS LAUNCHING CYBERSECURITY TOOLS

MAJOR CYBERSECURITY CHALLENGES



- Potential risk for AI to be used as a force-multiplier in cyberattacks in the future
- Sophistication of threats will be increased by generating malicious code, reverse-engineering security offerings, and complex phishing



- Data breaches caused by poor cloud management, unauthorized access, and insecure data are often unnoticed due to a lack of visibility
- Breaches create data and privacy compliance challenges (e.g. localization requirements)



- Network-connected devices are more vulnerable to security threats than core networks
- Remote working environments and shadow IT applications heighten endpoint security risks

RESPONSES FROM INNOVATORS



FOUNDED: 2011
MARKET CAP1: \$42B

Counter Adversary Operations product launched to actively monitor and track potential Al-based threats, leveraging Al trained on network events and signals to spot irregularities



FOUNDED: **2020**LATEST VALUATION²: **\$10B**

Wiz Integration Platform released to plug into and observe all cloud access points, monitoring users, data, and workloads to mitigate risk as customers scale



TANIUM

FOUNDED: **2007** LATEST VALUATION³: **\$9B**

SBOM for Comply launched to give full visibility into software and endpoint supply chains (including devices and software licenses), ensuring proper use and access



^{1.} Market capitalization as of market close on Oct. 6, 2023. 2. Latest valuation from Series D funding on Feb. 27, 2023.



^{3.} Latest valuation from funding round on June 26, 2020.

Sources: Activate analysis, Business Wire, Check Point Software, Company sites, Crunchbase, CSO Online, Forbes, IBM. Pitchbook



Improvements in cloud technology have enabled virtualization services to reach scale, extending device refresh cycles, increasing sustainability, and enabling organizations to reduce hardware spend

ENABLERS AND IMPACT OF VIRTUALIZATION SERVICES

ENABLERS OF VIRTUALIZATION



Higher speed of data transfer enables more devices to be run off of one network



Strong compute capabilities allow virtual machines to perform optimally and handle higher workloads



Heightened cloud and endpoint cybersecurity protects the users and data of end devices across networks

EXAMPLES OF MAJOR VIRTUALIZATION SERVICES

(e.g. Cloud PCs, Next-Gen Virtual Desktops)

Microsoft Windows 365

Provides cloud-based access to Windows interface and software on any device, improving efficiency of IT through faster onboarding and setup, ease of access, and less reliance on hardware







Enables virtual desktops for users with specific software installations and user permission, allowing for quick onboarding and customization for employees

ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

The continued adoption of and advancements in virtualization will drive:

Lower requirements for hardware performance and refresh, as virtualization will allow users to access the same compute capabilities on used devices

A focus on IT refurb and renewal, increasing the sustainability of IT operating processes

Greater investments in the circular IT economy by hardware companies

Example Circular IT Programs





D&LL Dell Refurbished





In the coming years, enterprise software companies will need to address key growth questions and challenges to fully capitalize on these innovation trends

MAJOR GROWTH QUESTIONS AND CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS

PRODUCT DIFFERENTIATION & SCALE

- Product Distinctiveness: How can software companies develop offerings that are distinguished enough from competitors to address specific customer needs?
- Roadmap and Expansion: Which product features and market adjacencies should be prioritized to complement and enhance current capabilities?
- M&A Opportunities: How should technology companies augment their capabilities through acquisitions to have the platform scale needed to fully reap the benefits of innovation?

PRICING MODELS

- Usage-Based Pricing: How should companies evolve traditional SaaS pricing approaches (e.g. per seat) as software buyers are increasingly prioritizing value, utilization, and efficiency?
- Outcome-Based Pricing: As buyers emphasize ROI and business outcomes, can pricing based on achievement of key metrics incentivize adoption?

CHANNEL PARTNERS & RESELLERS

- Partner Incentives: How can software companies engage channel partners and resellers to distinguish their solutions and position them as top offerings to their customers?
- Implementation and Support: How can vendors, partners, and implementation providers most effectively provide the enablement, training, and support to ensure buyers realize the full value of their technology investments?

SALES & MARKETING APPROACH

- Salesforce Structure: What are the optimal ways to structure sales teams (e.g. incentives, vertical alignment) to equip them for success and allow them to showcase product ROI benefits?
- Marketing Strategies: How should software companies shift marketing narratives, materials, and channel-based tactics to better align with the needs of value-conscious buyers and overcome skepticism of new product features?



WSJ = TECH =

All enterprises that buy technology will require refinements to their organizational structures, processes, and data strategies to harness the full potential of Al-enabled software



How should enterprises adapt their organizations and technology processes to ensure that newly adopted AI-based solutions are fully incorporated into enterprise workflows to deliver the most value?



How can enterprises **optimize internal evaluation and purchasing processes** to ensure their organizations' **digital transformations are balanced with ROI and productivity goals?**



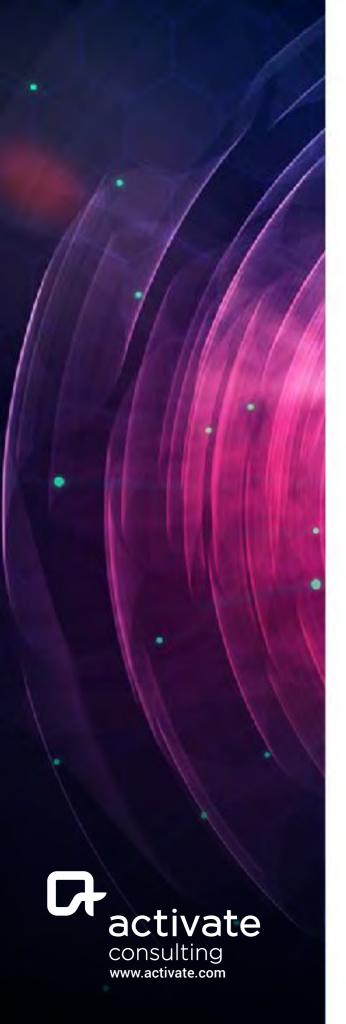
What changes to **enterprise data strategy and processes** should be made to **maximize the utility and value of AI-based technology**, including:

- Necessary tools to fully capture and ingest data
- Data unification and standardization processes
- Approach to ensuring Al-based software leverages data appropriately, is in compliance with regulatory frameworks, and produces high-quality, accurate output



What changes should be made to **enterprise operating models** as they increasingly **evolve into technology-enabled businesses?**





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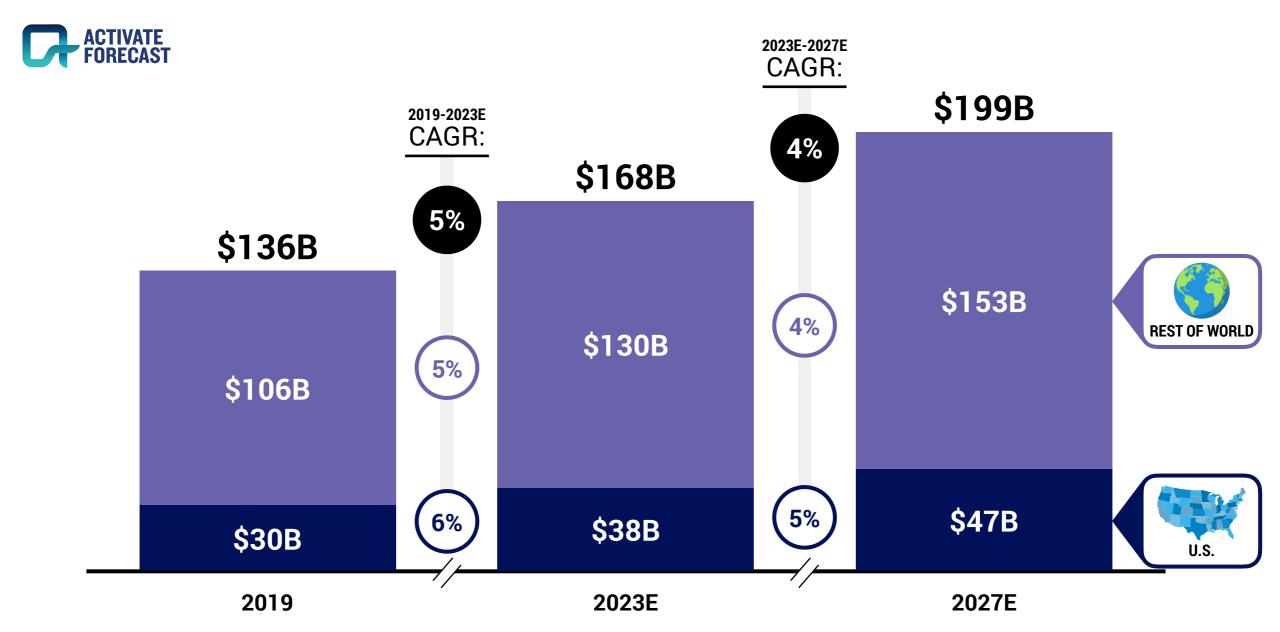
Video gaming is one of the most widespread digital behaviors, with over 2.6B active global gamers, up from 2.0B in 2019





We forecast that the global video game market will grow to nearly \$200B by 2027, with close to \$50B generated in the U.S.

CONSUMER VIDEO GAME REVENUE BY REGION¹, GLOBAL, 2019 VS. 2023E VS. 2027E, BILLIONS USD





Excludes hardware and device sales, augmented reality / virtual reality content, and advertising.
 Figures do not sum due to rounding.
 Sources: Activate analysis, Newzoo, Omdia, PricewaterhouseCoopers



Technology companies will continue to build out their capabilities and assets to become full-stack gaming players

SELECT MAJOR TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES' PRESENCE IN GAMING

Announced, not yet release	amazon	Ć	Google	∞ Meta	Microsoft	NETFLIX	Nintendo	SONY	Tencent	VALVE
GAME PUBLISHE	games			studios oculus publishing	ACTIVISION XBOX BLACK STUDIOS	night school spryfox BOSSFIGHT	Nintendo	Sony Interactive Entertainment	Tencent Games	VALVE
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Note: Not exhaustive. Information as of Oct. 2023. Does not include areas in which company is a majority stakeholder.

1. Engine created by Valve and game eventually published by Valve, but independently developed by Garry Newman and Facepunch Studios.

2. Excludes devices with a primary purpose other than gaming (e.g. Apple TV).

3. Meta does not offer a standalone cloud service but allows streaming of select games through Facebook on Android and web. The standalone Facebook Gaming app for iOS and Android was shut down in Oct. 2022, but gaming features will remain available in the main Facebook app.

4. Only available through a bundle with Xbox Game Pass Ultimate.

5. On a game-by-game basis, not as a subscription or service.

Sources: Activate analysis, Company press releases, Company sites



Super Gamers have the highest level of engagement with video games and represent nearly a quarter of all U.S. gamers; these gamers will be the most critical segment for companies to target

OUR RESEARCH SHOWS THAT U.S. GAMERS1 FALL INTO ONE OF THREE SEGMENTS...



AVERAGE DAILY

TIME GAMING (HOURS:MINUTES)

GAMING

BEHAVIORS/

TENDENCIES

HIGHER ENGAGEMENT

LOWER ENGAGEMENT



4:19

Play video games as their primary source of entertainment

GAMING ECOSYSTEM (e.g. watch playthroughs, read reviews)

Follow gaming content online (e.g. watch playthroughs,



43% OF U.S. GAMERS¹

GWI, Newzoo, Nielsen, NPD Group, Omdia, PricewaterhouseCoopers, U.S. Census Bureau

70M IN THE U.S.

3:05

Play video games as **one of a few equivalent sources** of entertainment

May follow gaming content online



33% OF U.S. GAMERS¹

54M IN THE U.S.

1:46

Play video games **only when other sources** of entertainment
are **unavailable**

Unlikely to follow gaming content online



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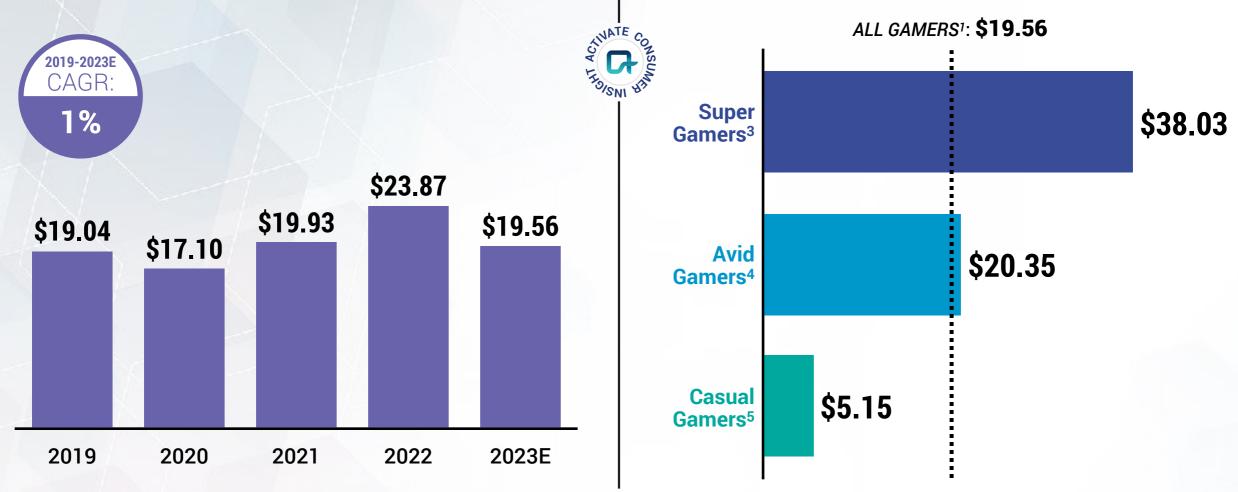
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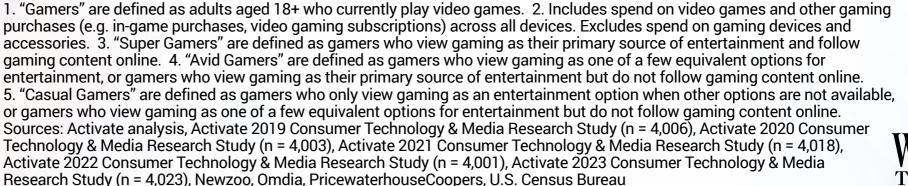


The average gamer spends nearly \$20 per month on video games; Super Gamers spend nearly 2x as much as Avid Gamers and nearly 8x as much as Casual Gamers

AVERAGE MONTHLY SPEND PER GAMER¹ ON VIDEO GAMES², U.S., 2019-2023E, USD PER MONTH

AVERAGE MONTHLY SPEND PER GAMER¹ ON VIDEO GAMES² BY SEGMENT, U.S., 2023, USD PER MONTH BY SEGMENT

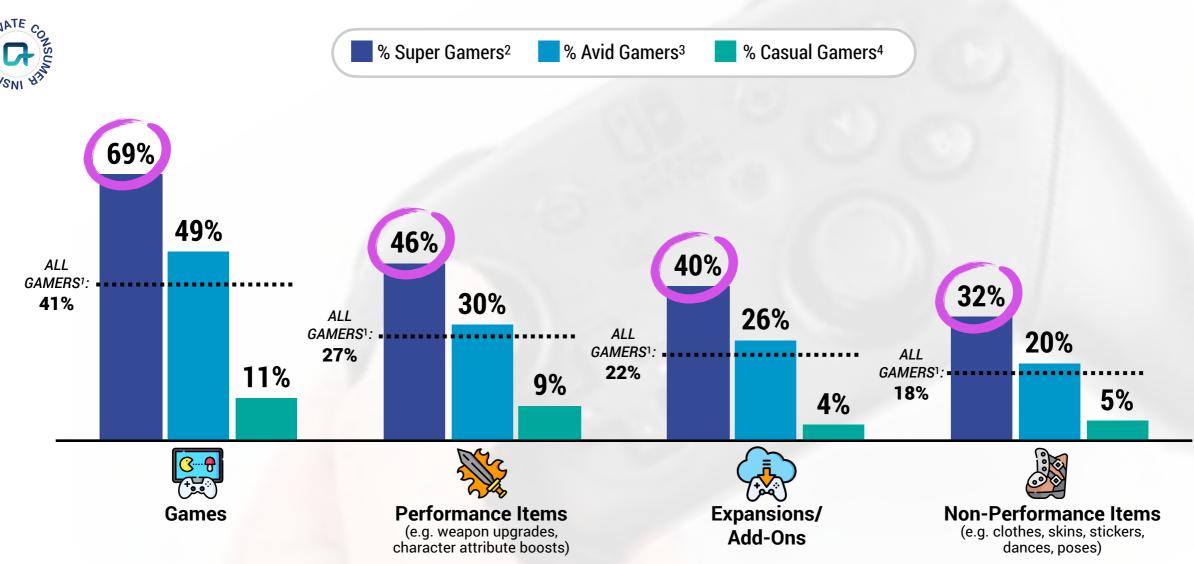






Super Gamers are also more likely to spend on in-game purchases to enhance their gaming experience, including performance items, expansions/add-ons, and non-performance items

GAMING PURCHASES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS BY TYPE, U.S., 2023, % GAMERS BY SEGMENT

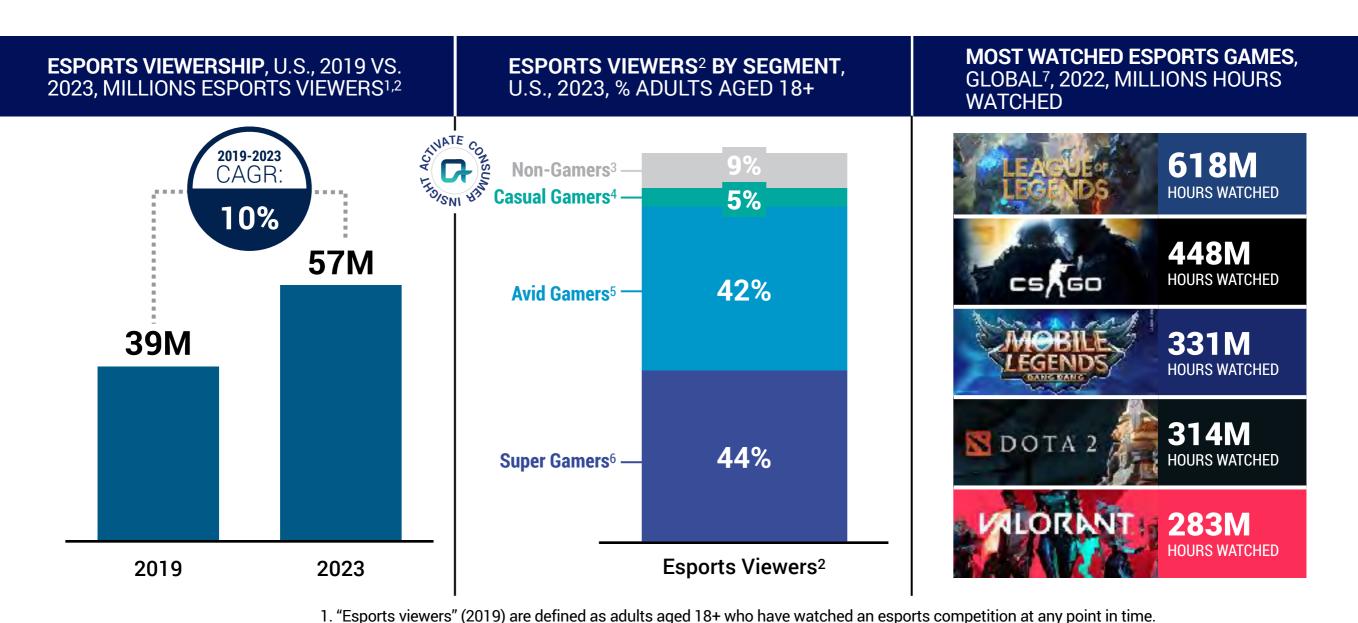


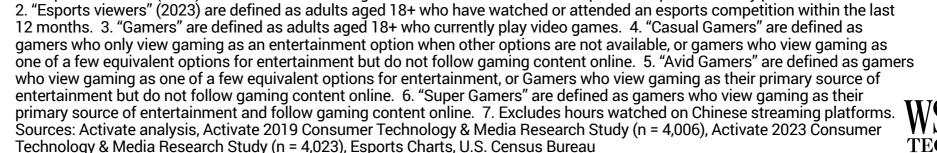


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Super Gamers and Avid Gamers make up the vast majority of the 57M esports viewers in the U.S. today

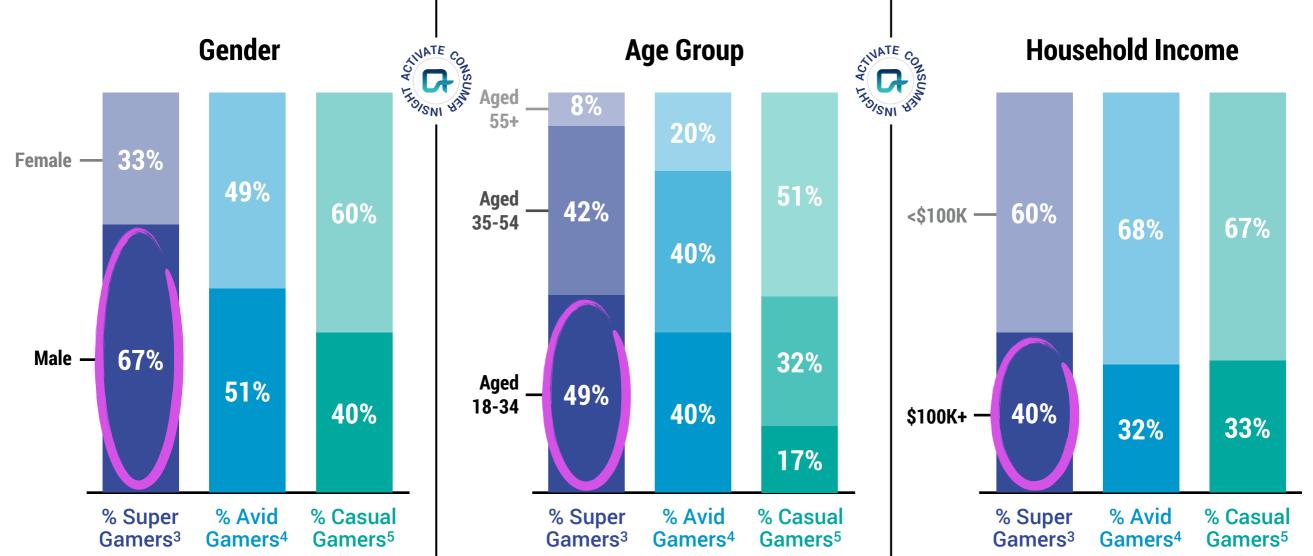






Gamers in each segment are behaviorally and demographically distinct; Super Gamers are more likely to be male, young, and high-income







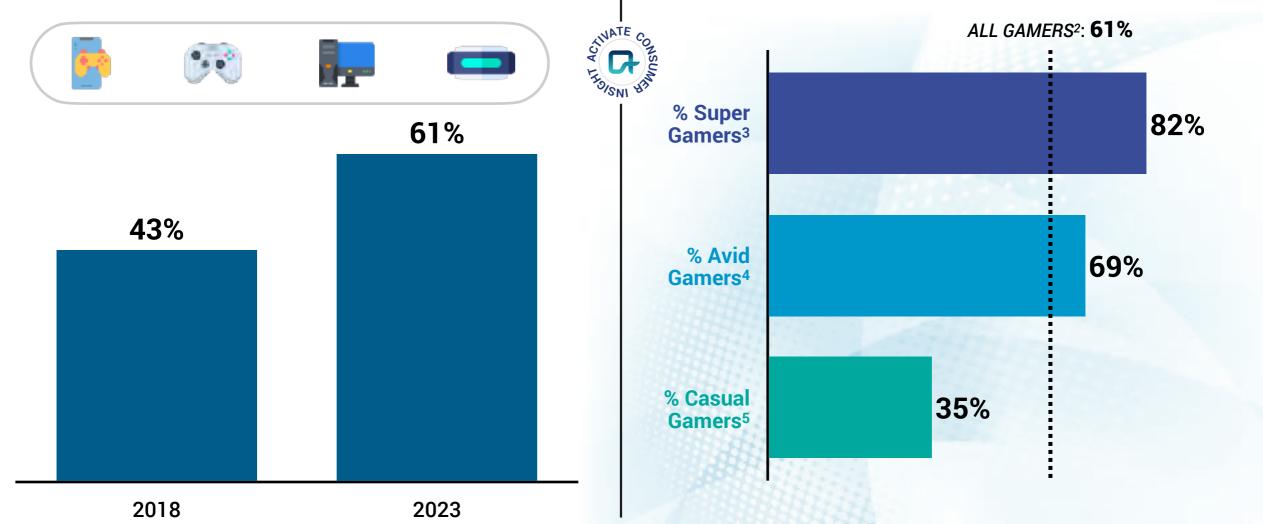
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Gamers have increasingly become multi-platform, with over 60% using more than one platform today; Super Gamers are the most likely to play across two or more platforms

MULTI-PLATFORM GAMERS¹, U.S., 2018 VS. 2023, % GAMERS²

MULTI-PLATFORM GAMERS¹ BY SEGMENT, U.S., 2023, % GAMERS² BY SEGMENT





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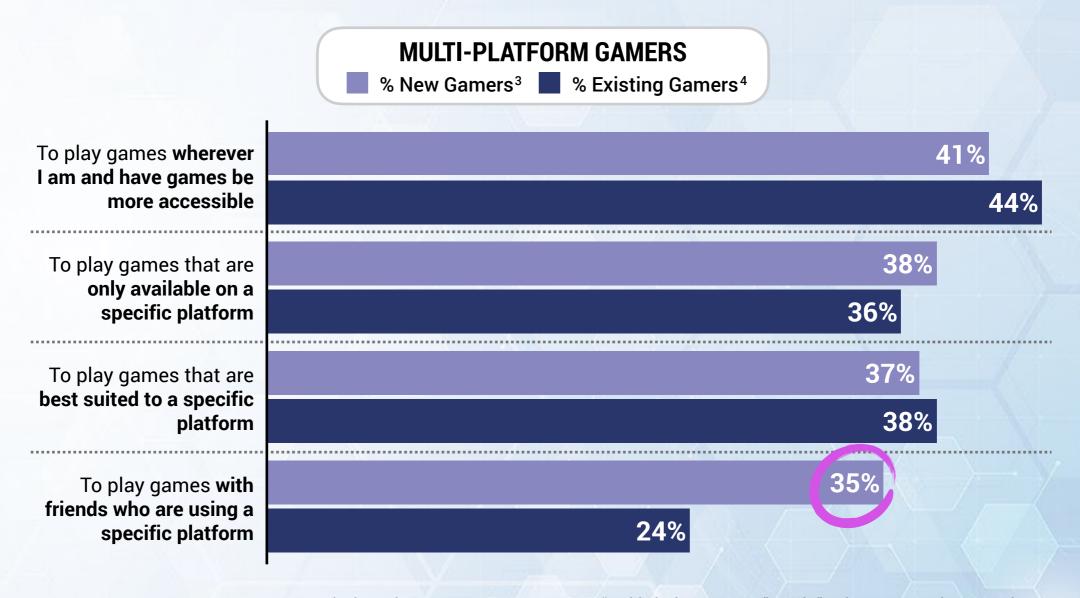
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New gamers are more likely to start using an additional platform to play with friends

TOP REASONS¹ FOR USING MULTIPLE GAMING PLATFORMS BY GAMER TYPE, U.S., 2023, % MULTI-PLATFORM GAMERS² BY GAMER TYPE





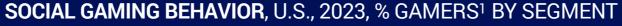


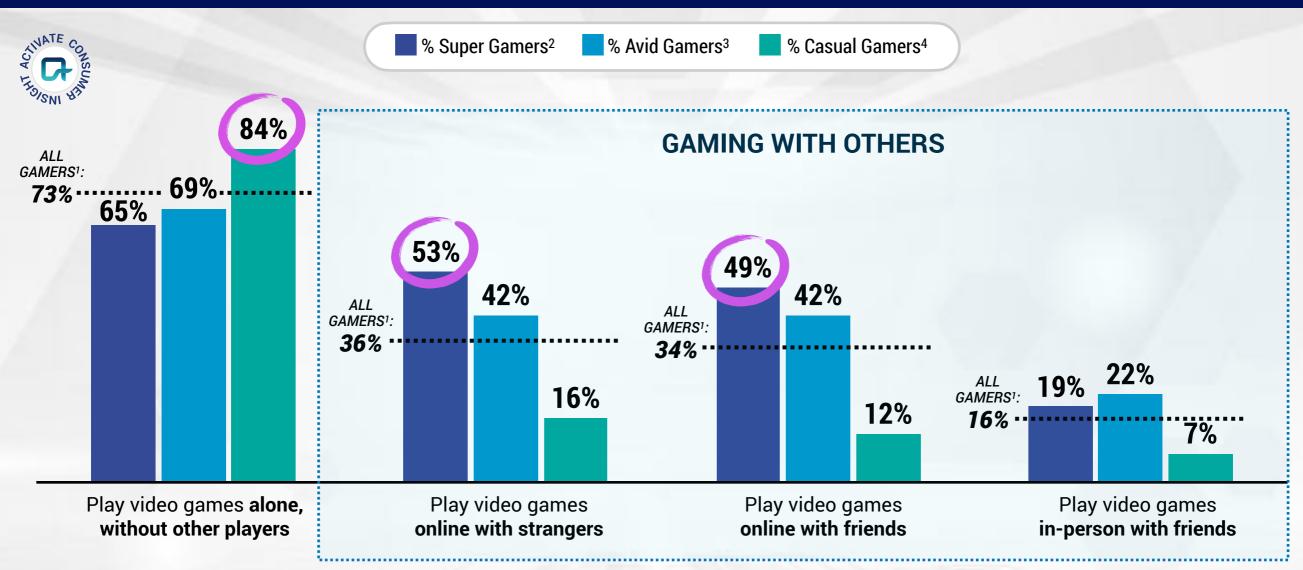
1. Consumers were asked to select up to two top reasons. 2. "Multi-platform Gamers" are defined as gamers who currently play video games across two or more platforms (i.e. mobile, console, PC, VR device). 3. "New Gamers" are defined as adults aged 18+ who started playing video games in the last 12 months. 4. "Existing Gamers" are defined as adults aged 18+ who started playing video games more than 12 months ago.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)



Super Gamers are more likely to play games online with friends or strangers, highlighting multiplayer functionality as a critical value driver, while Casual Gamers are more likely to play alone







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The top-performing PC and console game titles of the last year offer multiplayer, open-world, and cross-platform features to enable creative and connected experiences for gamers

TOP-EARNING PAID PC AND CONSOLE VIDEO GAME TITLES, U.S., 2022

















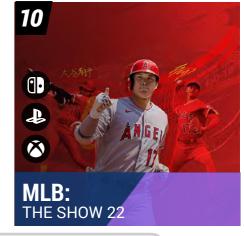














Includes Open World (i.e. ability to freely explore and interact with environment) **Includes Cross-Platform Compatibility** (i.e. ability to play online with players using different platforms)



1. Refers to 2022 reboot seguel. Gameplay is primarily linear but features an open-world, narrative-focused extraction mode called DMZ. 2. Gameplay is primarily linear but features side guests with an open-world, exploration element. 3. Multiplayer functionality only includes trading between players. Sources: Activate analysis, Company sites, NPD Group



The top-earning mobile game titles offer integrated social features and unique rewards for playing online with friends, suggesting that gaming is increasingly a community-driven behavior

TOP-EARNING¹ MOBILE GAME TITLES, GLOBAL, 2022, BILLIONS USD

MADDILE OALVING TITLE DEVENUE

OCCUPIE FEATURES / DEWARDS

MOBILE GAMING TITLE	REVENUE	SOCIAL FEATURES/REWARDS
HONOR	\$2.8B	Integration with social appsPlay in ranked matchmaking system
PATTLEGROUNUS	\$2.1B	 In-game voice chat with friends Invite and compete against other users
GENSHAN	\$1.9B	Cross-platform playExplore open world with friends
	\$1.3B	 Competitive leaderboards Gift lives and help friends beat levels
ROBLEX	\$1.1B	Spatial voice chatTrade with other players
MASIER	\$1.0B	 Competitions with teams of up to 50 people Send free spins to friends

KEY FEATURES ENABLING SOCIAL INTERACTION

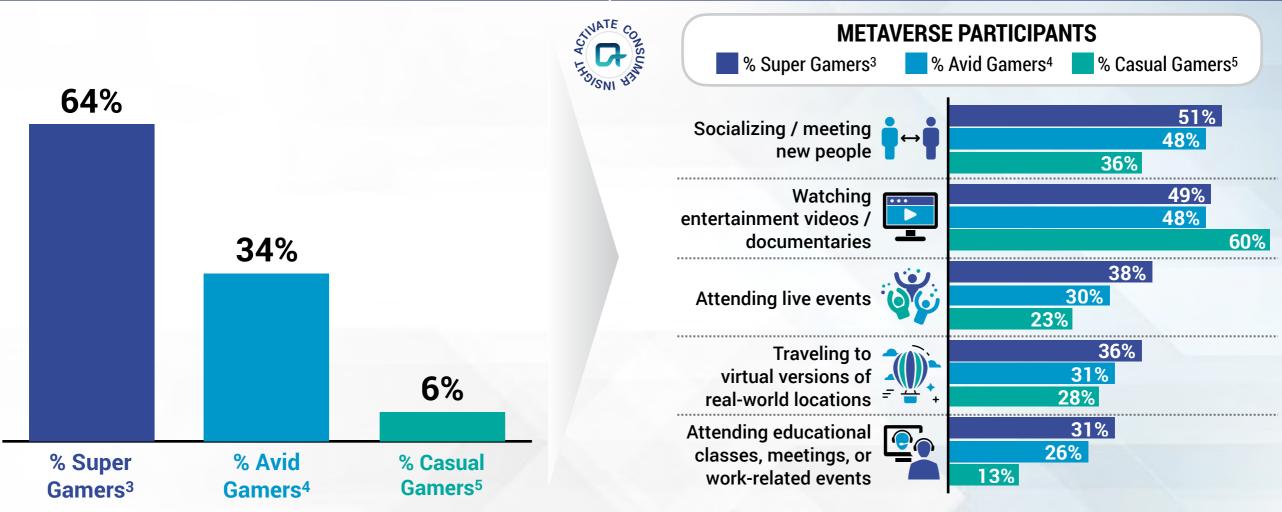
- Native integrations with social apps/networks allow players to easily invite friends to form teams or compete in games
- Voice chat and messaging features within games allow users to communicate in real time during sessions
- Options for users to exchange in-game goods (e.g. free lives, free spins) further encourages socializing within mobile games

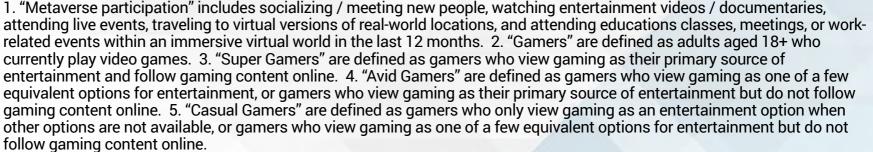


Super Gamers are the earliest adopters of the Metaverse, as they are the most likely to participate in Metaverse activities within games today

METAVERSE PARTICIPATION¹ IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2023, % GAMERS² BY SEGMENT

METAVERSE PARTICIPATION¹ IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS BY ACTIVITY, U.S., 2023, % METAVERSE PARTICIPANTS¹ BY SEGMENT









In-game advertising, integrated sponsorships, and placements seamlessly drive brand awareness and sales

EXAMPLES OF IN-GAME ADVERTISING, SPONSORSHIPS, AND BRAND PLACEMENTS



Fortnite partnered with **Ralph Lauren** to offer Lauren-branded in-game outfits for players to purchase for their characters



Roblox launched **TOMMY PLAY**, an immersive community space in which users can collect Tommy Coins to trade in for virtual **Tommy Hilfiger** apparel and accessories



NBA 2K23's MyCareer mode allows gamers to customize their basketball players using digital versions of real gear from brands like Adidas, Nike, Puma, and Under Armour



Minecraft collaborated with fashion brand Burberry to launch an in-game experience that allowed players to explore a Burberry-themed map and access exclusive branded skins



Super Gamers are the most receptive to in-game advertising, especially in mobile and console games

WILLINGNESS TO VIEW IN-GAME ADVERTISEMENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR FREE IN-GAME CONTENT BY GAMING PLATFORM,
U.S., 2023, % GAMERS¹ WHO USE EACH PLATFORM BY SEGMENT





Extremely or very willing to view in-game ads in exchange for free in-game content on...



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Movie studios will increasingly leverage gaming IP in all forms of media and entertainment to capitalize on growing consumer affinity and demand

SELECT TV/FILM ADAPTATIONS OF GAMING IP



THE LAST OF US JANUARY 2023

HBO's *The Last of Us* premier drew 4.7M viewers in the U.S. (HBO's secondlargest debut¹) and the series averaged over 30M viewers per episode



THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE APRIL 2023

The Super Mario Bros.
Movie brought in over
\$1.3B in global box office,
now ranking as the
second-largest animated
film of all time¹



THE WITCHER (SEASON 3) JUNE 2023

Netflix's *The Witcher* has had three seasons ranking in Netflix's top 10 shows; following the release of Season 2, *The Witcher* video game spiked to 71K concurrent players



TWISTED METAL
JULY 2023

Sony's adaptation of Twisted Metal became one of the top five original series launched on Peacock² and was one of the streamer's "most-binged" comedy premieres

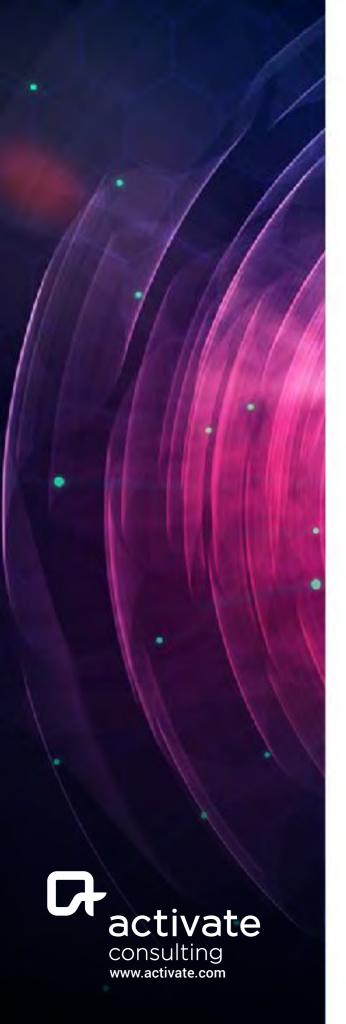


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3SCHEDULED: DECEMBER 2024

After Sonic the Hedgehog 2 surpassed \$400M at the global box office, Paramount announced Sonic the Hedgehog 3, set for release at the end of 2024







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Enabled by generative AI, the Metaverse is closer to realization than ever; we expect that there will be over 600M Metaverse users by 2026

- >> Generative AI will accelerate the development of the Metaverse, enabling faster creation and scaling of virtual worlds, lowering barriers for entry and creation for all users, and allowing for a broad set of immersive social interactions
- > The Metaverse is already here in video games: virtual worlds, users at scale, social interactions, and sophisticated user creation already exist today inside of video games
- >> Today, there are already 300M+ active users in Metaverse video games and virtual world platforms; with generative AI as the enabler, we forecast that there will be over 600M people in the Metaverse within three years
- > The line between physical and virtual experiences is blurring; most digital behaviors and daily activities are already taking place inside of Metaverse video games and virtual world platforms – this is just the beginning
- Now that the Metaverse is beyond its peak hype cycle, companies will need to create practical and future-proofed Metaverse strategies, prioritizing investments in the context of their companies' broader consumer engagement and technology development agendas





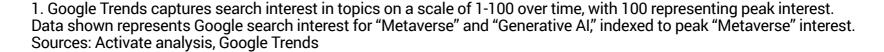
The Metaverse is past its peak hype cycle; we are at an inflection point where AI will accelerate its realization, and companies will need to begin sustained development and investment

GOOGLE SEARCH INTEREST¹ IN THE METAVERSE AND GENERATIVE AI, U.S., JAN. 2021-AUG. 2023, SEARCH INTEREST INDEXED TO PEAK METAVERSE INTEREST **PEAK OF THE HYPE CYCLE** Rush of interest initially 100 triggered during the pandemic and heightened by substantial investments from major industry players **GENERATIVE AI WILL SPUR DEVELOPMENT AND** INVESTMENT Generative Al is a Metaverse accelerant 50

2021 2022 2023 TIME

METAVERSE

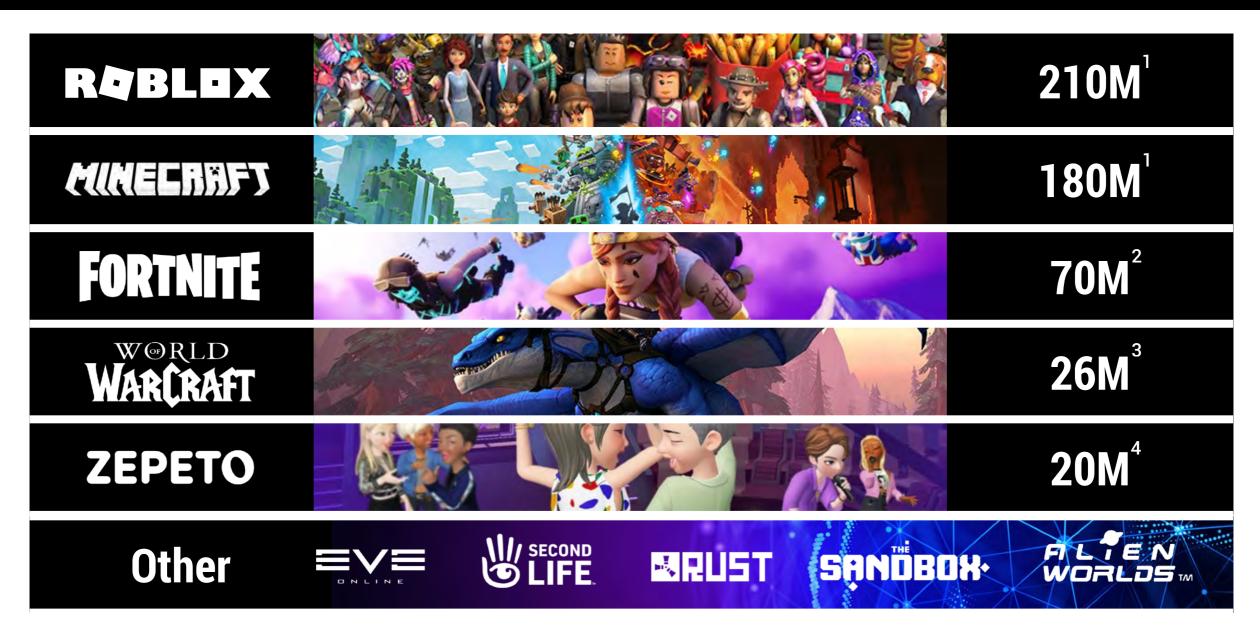






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MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS OF SELECT METAVERSE GAMES, GLOBAL, 2023, MILLIONS MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS







Elements of the Metaverse: Shared Immersive Experiences, Social Interactions, and Workplace Collaboration

SHARED IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

WORKPLACE COLLABORATION



EXPLORE THE OPEN-GAME SPACE UNIVERSE OF EVE ONLINE; ENGAGE IN PLAYER-DRIVEN ECONOMIES AND MULTIPLAYER BATTLES



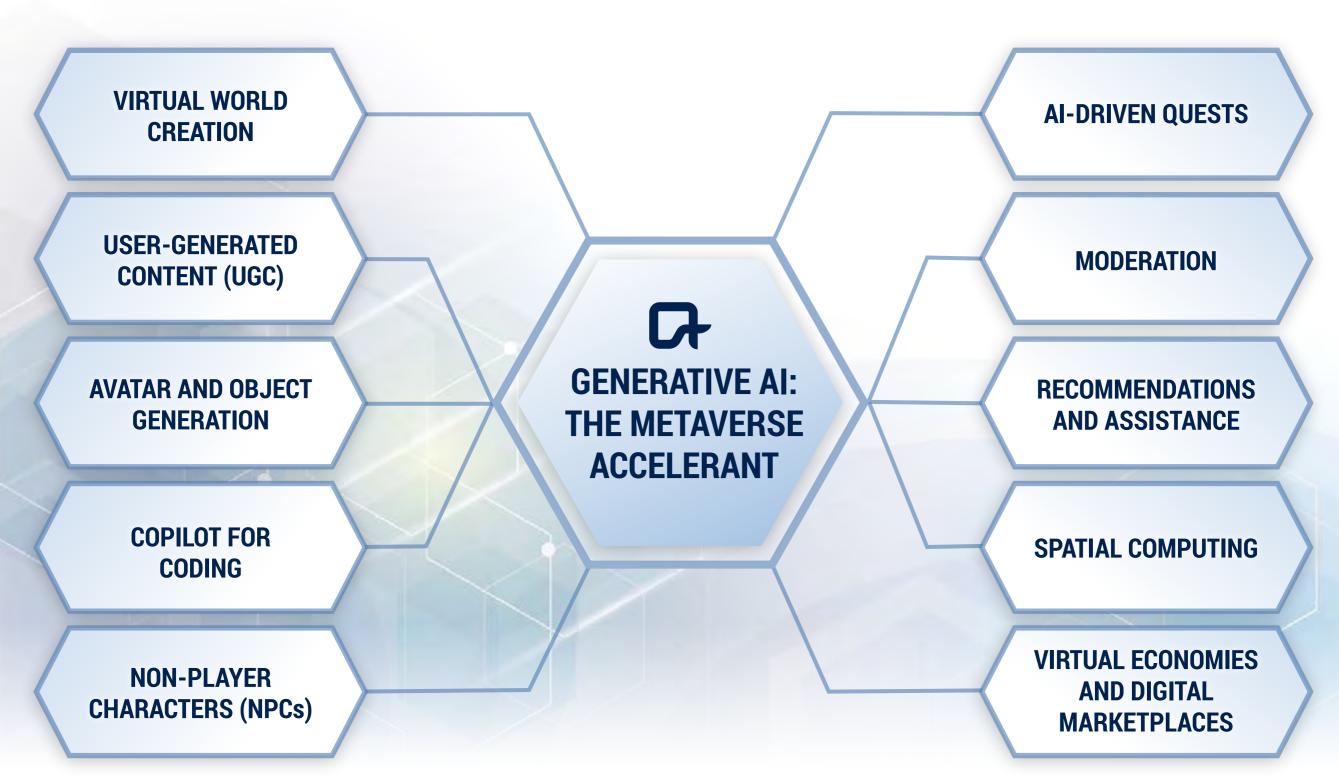
BUILD, EXPLORE, AND COLLABORATE WITH FRIENDS AND ONLINE COMMUNITIES IN MINECRAFT'S VIRTUAL WORLDS



BUILD IMMERSIVE WORKSPACES TO GATHER WITH COWORKERS AND ATTEND MEETINGS USING MICROSOFT MESH FOR TEAMS



Generative AI will accelerate the realization of the Metaverse





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Generative AI will turn all users and companies into developers with the power to create professional-level graphics and experiences via plain language text and image inputs, requiring little to no coding skills

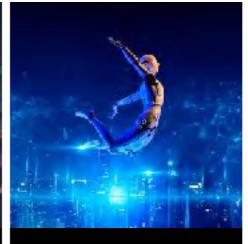
GENERATIVE AI METAVERSE USE CASES



CREATE INSTANT
LANDSCAPES TO SCALE
METAVERSE WORLDS



CUSTOMIZE AVATARS
TO SPECIFICATIONS
OF USERS



POWER SOPHISTICATED, HYPER-REALISTIC NPCs



GENERATE ONE-OF-A-KIND ART PIECES



DESIGN ENGAGING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS



CRAFT ADAPTABLE, USER-SPECIFIC STORYLINES



PRODUCE UNIQUE AUDIO TRACKS IN REAL TIME



BUILD 3D REPLICAS OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD



DELIVER VIRTUAL SERVICES



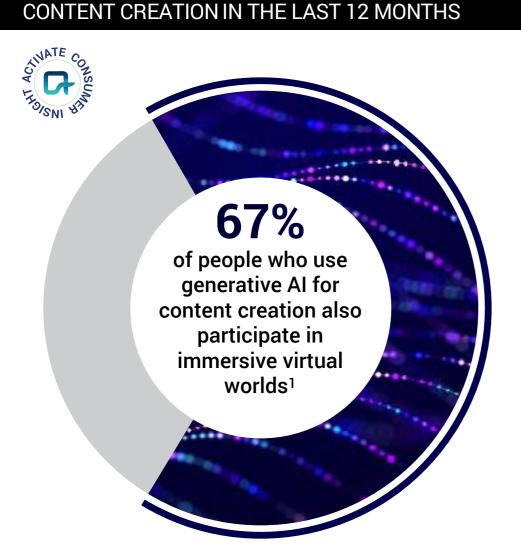
CREATE CUSTOM
PERSONALITIES AND
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* IMAGES CREATED USING GENERATIVE AI

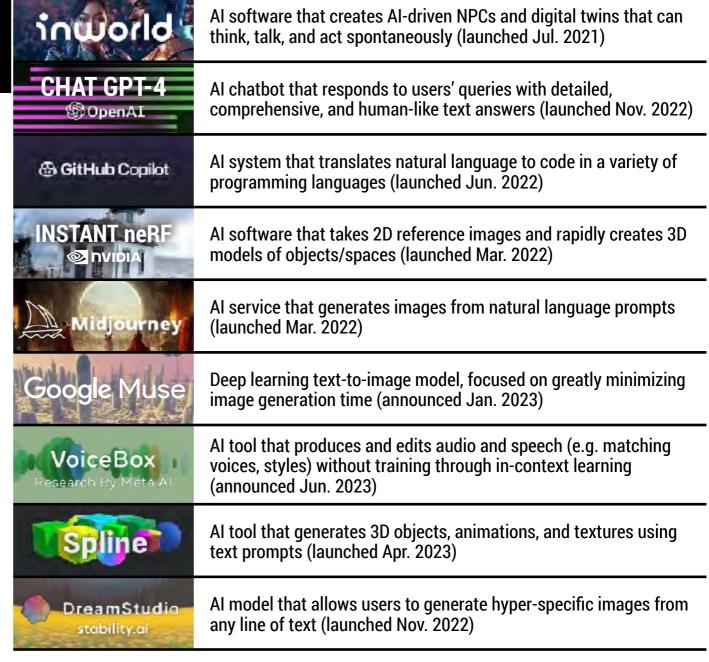


Generative AI tools significantly lower the barrier to entry for user creation and agency across the full set of creator use cases

IMMERSIVE VIRTUAL WORLD¹ PARTICIPATION IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO HAVE USED GENERATIVE AI FOR



EXAMPLE GENERATIVE AI COMPANIES & TOOLS





^{1. &}quot;Immersive virtual world" is defined as a computer-simulated environment in which a user can explore with a personalized character/avatar, interact with other users, and participate in a range of activities (e.g. Roblox, Minecraft, Fortnite). Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Company sites

Enterprise-grade developer tools are becoming more consumerized, enabling further creation for virtual worlds

EXAMPLES OF CREATOR TOOLS FOR THE METAVERSE



- Unity's ProBuilder is a hybrid design tool with tutorials for beginners and a consumer-friendly interface, providing easy access to world generation and object modeling
- Unity offers a visual scripting alternative to text code, allowing programmers, artists, and designers to collaborate more effectively
- Users have access to the largest VR asset library





- Unreal Engine Blueprints Visual Scripting system allows users to create game elements without coding
- Unreal focuses on hyper-realism, with more realistic textures, environments, and high-end assets
- Unreal is known for top-tier graphics and performance, creating an optimized immersive experience

A Adobe



- Adobe Substance 3D, available on desktop and in VR, allows users to design and simulate 3D models without coding
- Users can sculpt models, transform photos to 3D models, and incorporate a variety of lighting, material, and texture settings
- Adobe offers seamless switching between desktop and VR modes

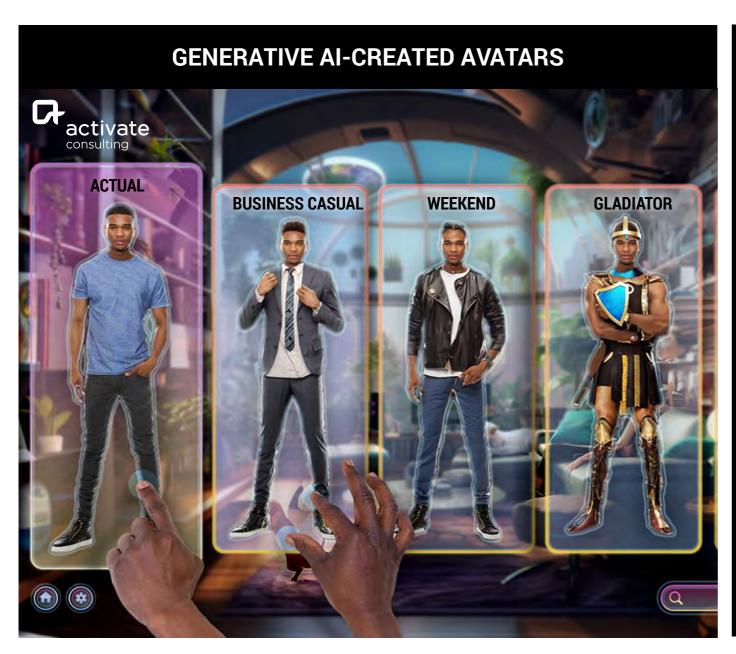
ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

Developer tools will evolve to include:

- User-friendly interfaces and tools to accommodate developers with varying levels of expertise and technological requirements
- Enhanced realism capabilities and optimized object interactivity with real-world elements
- More automation and personalization using generative Al
- Improved real-time collaboration tools for artists, designers, programmers, and third parties



People will have an expansive set of AI-enabled options to define their avatar or Metaverse identity, as a photorealistic representation of themselves today, an idealized version, or an entirely new person





ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

- Al will enable almost instant avatar creation
- Growing customization tools empower users to explore their creativity and curate their personalized identities
- Photorealistic renditions will continue to improve, achieving near-identical visual resemblance to humans and accurately portraying body movements and non-verbal communication
- Metaverse development will rely on platforms' ability to safeguard identities, protect personal data, and mitigate cyber threats



Generative AI will enable rich interactions and conversations with Non-Player Characters (NPCs), supplementing human interactions as Metaverse usage scales

EXAMPLE OF GENERATIVE AI ENABLING RICH, INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES WITH NON-PLAYER CHARACTERS (NPCs)



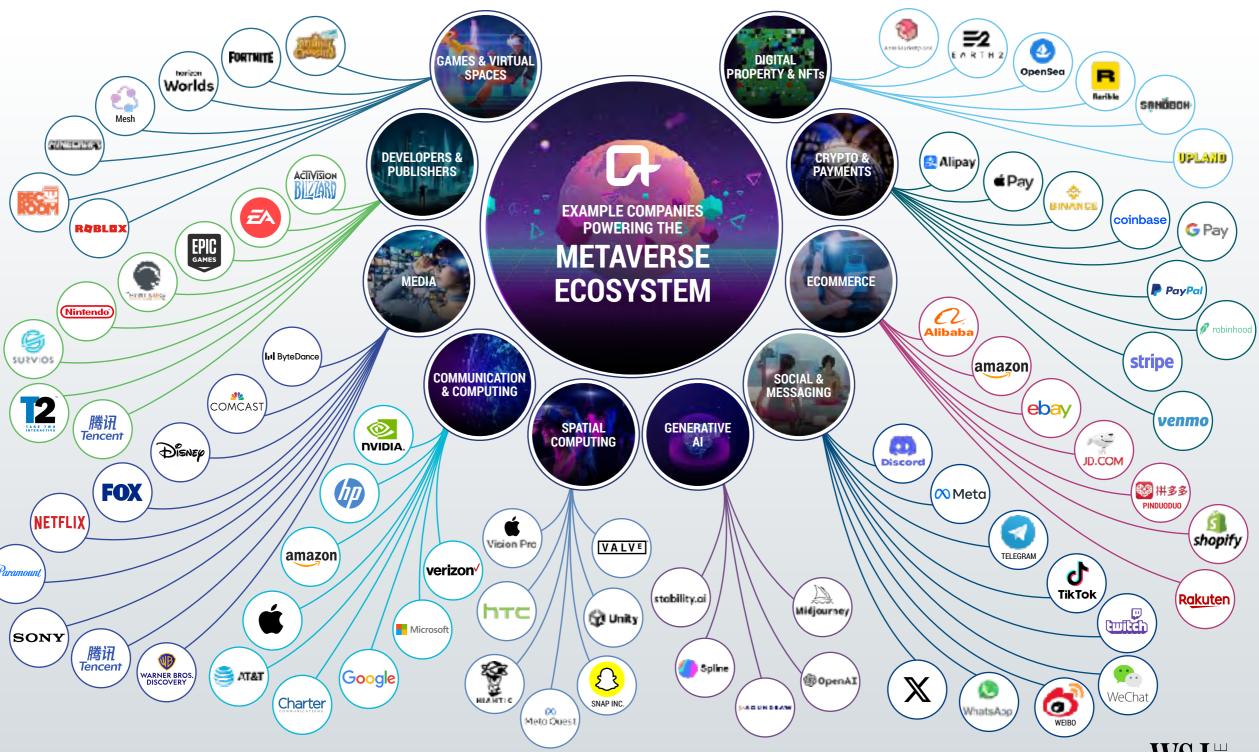
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Generative AI will enable rich interactions with NPCs

- NVIDIA provided the world a glimpse at the potential impact Al could have on gaming and Metaverse experiences with its demo at Computex 2023
- Leveraging NVIDIA's Avatar Cloud Engine (ACE), gamers can now speak naturally to NPCs and receive appropriate responses
- The technology is scalable, can be used to power interactions with more than one character/ NPC at a time, and enables NPCs to talk to each other



Over the coming years, companies building the Metaverse will be part of an extensive ecosystem





The major technology and gaming companies will build out their capabilities across each element of the Metaverse

EXAMPLE METAVERSE CAPABILITIES OF MAJOR TECHNOLOGY AND GAMING COMPANIES

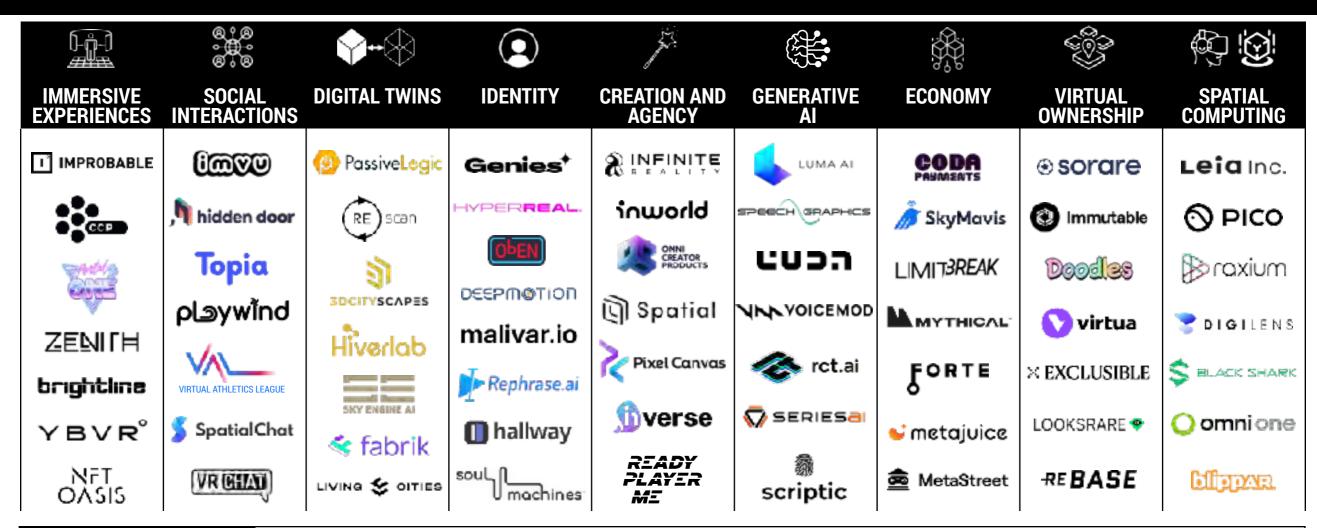
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Immersive Experiences	games		FORTNITE	Google Maps Immersive View	worlds	ACTIVISION &XBOX	R4BL0X	PlayStation Plus BUNGIE	Tencent Games
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! Identity		Memaji	Fortnite Avatars	Google Chrome Avatar	Meta 3D Avatar	Teams and Mesh Avatars	Roblox Avatars		
Creation & Agency		ARKit Reality RoomPlan Composer	Unreal Engine	ARCore YouTube VR	Meta Spark	GUNIA TIDIA	Roblox Studio	_dreams	
Generative Al	Amazon Bedrock Amazon Titan	Apple GPT (Rumored)		Google Bard Al Google Workspace Google Muse Google MusicLM	∝ CM3leon	Copilot*	Material Generator Code Assist	Sony Al	Tencent 腾讯 Hunyuan
Economy	amazon pay amazon anywhere	≰ App Store ≰ Pay	EPIC FORTNITE ITEM SHOP	Google Play	Meta Quest Store Meta Pay	Microsoft Store	Game Shop Robux	PlayStation Store	✓ WeChat Fay ✓
Virtual Ownership	Build NFT Applications		Enable NFT Games via Epic Games Store (e.g. Blankos Block Party)	Google Play Allows Integration of NFTs			\simite Limiteds		
Spatial Computing: AR/VR	AR View	≰ Vision Pro*	RealityScan	Google Maps Live View Google Lens Google Earth VR VouTube VR	Meta Quest 3* Worlds	HoloLens 2 Mesh HP REVERB G2 Co-development	RØBLEX VR	Partnership PlayStation VR2	





We expect to see significant and sustained investment in innovation in the coming years

EXAMPLE COMPANIES BUILDING GENERATIVE ELEMENTS OF THE METAVERSE



EXAMPLE INVESTORS

3G Capital andreessen. horowitz



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Note: Not exhaustive. Companies listed by primary category but may have capabilities in other categories listed. Information as of Sept. 2023.

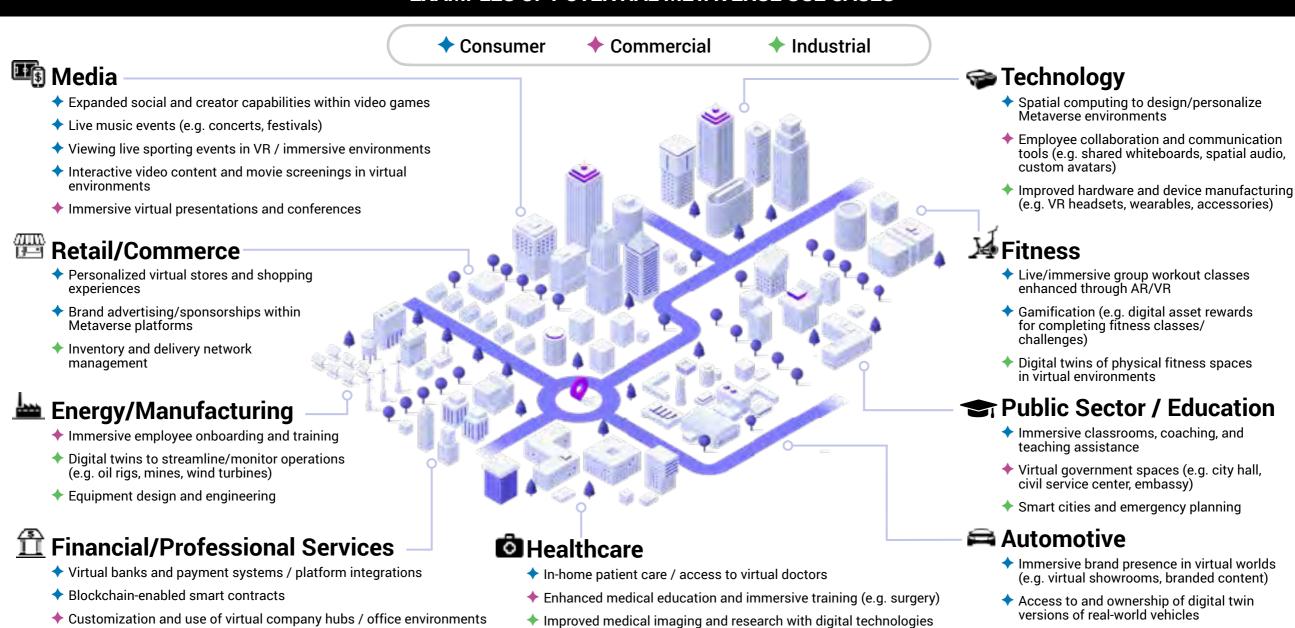
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Sources: Activate analysis, Company press releases, Company sites



Companies across a broad set of industries will need to develop strategies to exploit and profit from Metaverse opportunities

EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL METAVERSE USE CASES



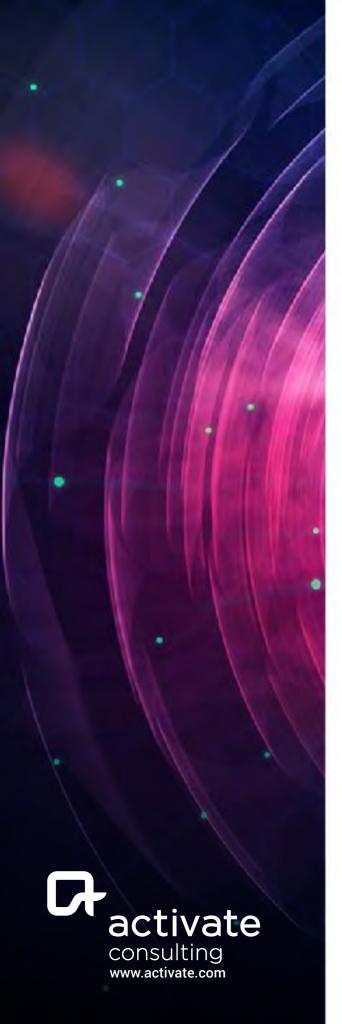


Enhanced vehicle design/engineering with

mixed-reality technology

There will not be one single Metaverse platform; interoperability between platforms will take place through third-party companies and applications, creating significant opportunities for all businesses to capitalize on the potential of the Metaverse





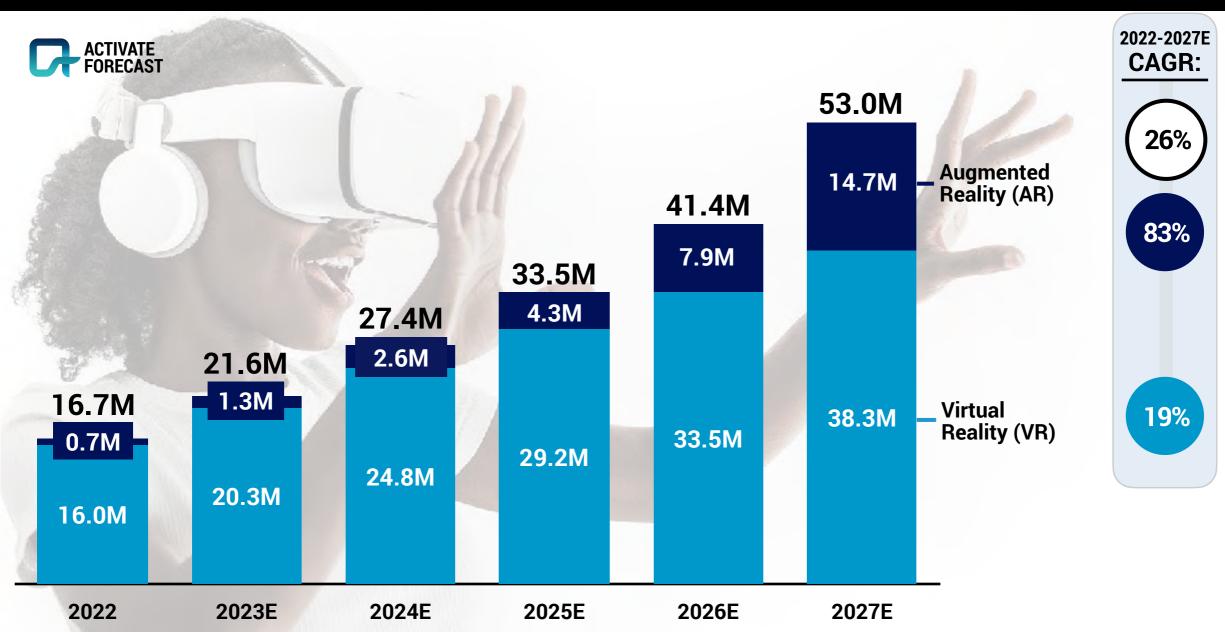
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Spatial computing will become ubiquitous as all screens become spatially-enabled devices — technology for people to interact with the three-dimensional space around them

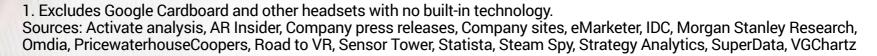
EXAMPLE CURRENT AND FUTURE SPATIAL-ENABLED DEVICES **GLASSES CAMERAS PHONES TABLETS COMPUTERS GAMING CONSOLES SMART TVs** SPATIAL SPEAKERS **WEARABLE HEALTH MONITORS SELF-DRIVING CARS / SENSORS KITCHEN APPLIANCES GYM EQUIPMENT** NAVIGATION SYSTEMS SECURITY SYSTEMS **PUBLIC DISPLAYS DOOR LOCKS** KIOSKS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

Headsets are only one part of the spatial computing equation; Activate's projections for augmented reality and virtual reality headsets indicate that they will be far from reaching ubiquity in the next years

AUGMENTED REALITY AND VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSET UNIT SALES¹, GLOBAL, 2022-2027E, MILLIONS UNITS







The use cases of spatial computing will span a broad set of daily activities – similar to the way that smartphones created an entirely new paradigm of computing as part of people's everyday lives

SPATIAL TECHNOLOGY ACROSS DIGITAL TOUCHPOINTS

DAILY HABITS WORK **SEARCH** COMMUNICATION **NEWS PRODUCTIVITY COLLABORATION MANUFACTURING** LIVE EVENTS **SPORTS GAMING AUTO MASS TRANSIT AIRLINE ENTERTAINMENT TRANSIT**

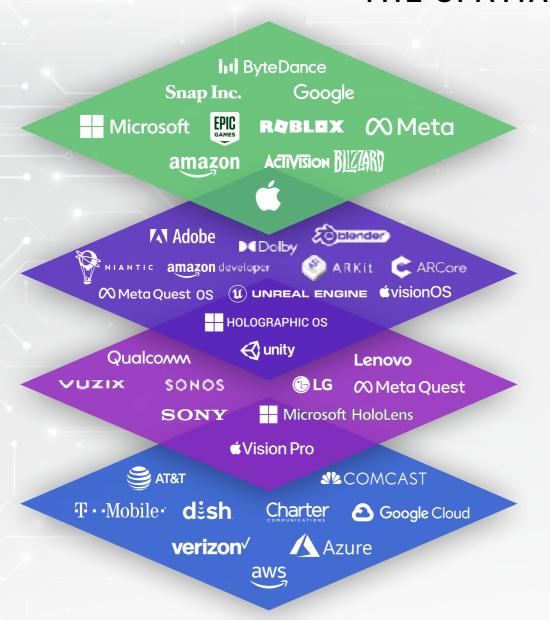
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- Spatial computing will not rely on specific headsets or glasses; instead, all devices will become spatial-enabled
- Spatial computing will consolidate next-generation technologies (e.g. edge computing, 6G), increasing accessibility for consumers and enhancing consumers' computing resources
- Investment in spatial technology will accelerate the ecosystem development (e.g. software, services, devices) and expand the set of potential use cases



Technology companies are establishing positions across the spatial computing stack

THE SPATIAL COMPUTING STACK





CONTENT, EXPERIENCES, & SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

Consumer use cases (e.g. 3D video calls, immersive maps, games) **Enterprise applications** (e.g. interactive virtual training, digital twins)



PLATFORMS & ENABLERS

Operating system layers | App ecosystems | Developer platforms 3D engines | Security & identity | Payment platforms



HARDWARE & DEVICES

Headsets & glasses | Headphones & speakers | Auto HUDs | Mobile phones Consoles & PCs | Accessories & components | Wearables | Cameras | TVs



INFRASTRUCTURE

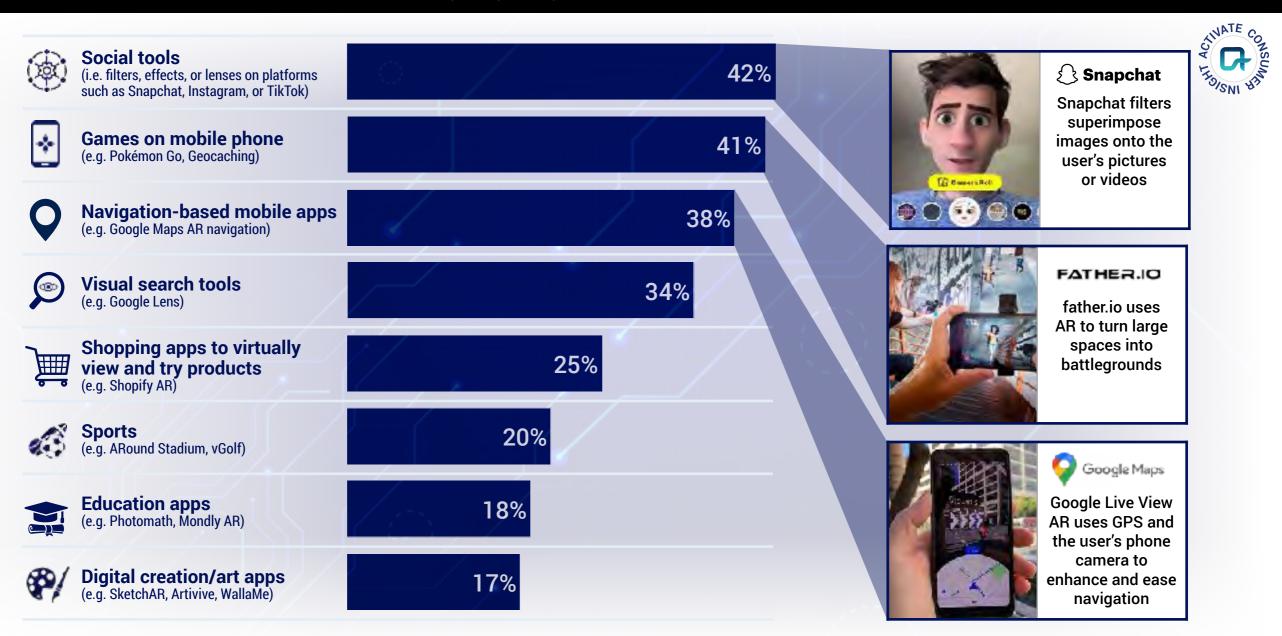
Network/connectivity | 5G/6G | Cloud | WiFi-8

Edge solutions (e.g. MEC) | Semiconductors (e.g. GPUs)



Today, practically every smartphone is an AR-enabled device, resulting in widespread usage

USAGE OF AR TOOLS, U.S., 2023, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO ARE AWARE OF AR1

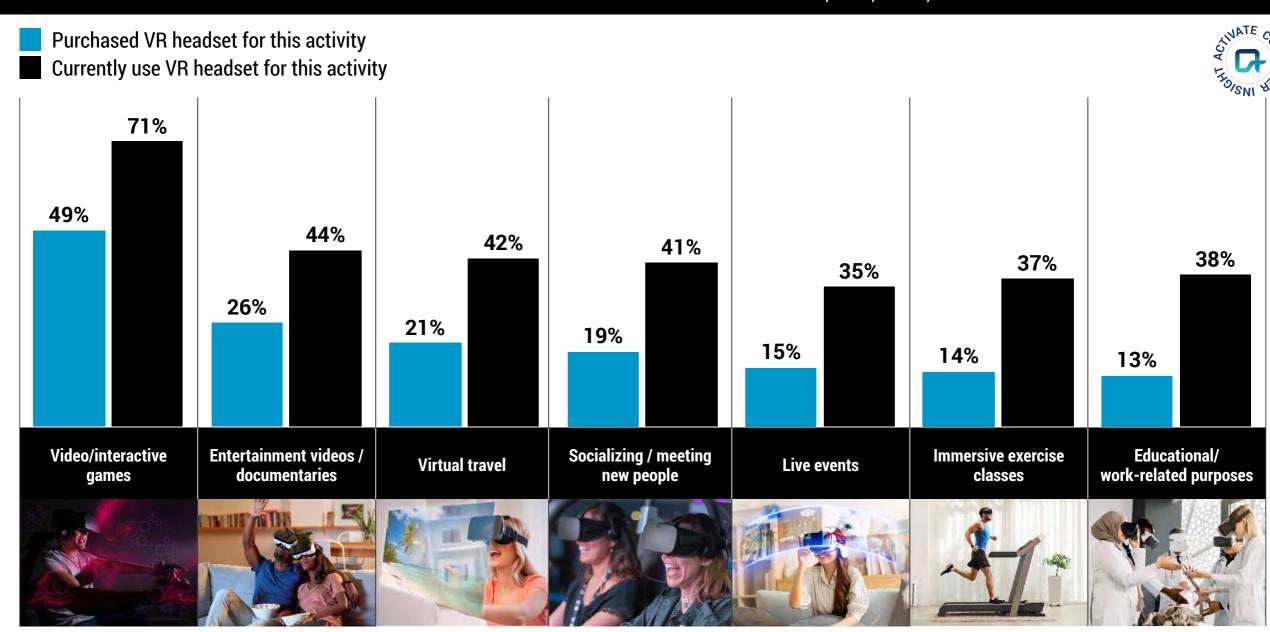






People purchased VR headsets for gaming but are now using them for a richer set of activities beyond the original purchase intent

TOP REASONS FOR PURCHASING1 VS. CURRENT USAGE OF VR HEADSETS, U.S., 2023, % VR HEADSET USERS2





^{1.} Consumers were asked to select up to two top reasons. 2. "VR headset users" are defined as adults aged 18+ who have used a VR headset in the last 12 months. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)

Enterprise spatial computing will increasingly break free from the constraints of a headset

EMERGING ENTERPRISE USE CASES OF SPATIAL COMPUTING

MANUFACTURING & MAINTENANCE





- Spatial technology simplifies product design, modeling, and maintenance processes by enabling AR overlays, real-time guidance for workers, and remote collaboration
- Spatial technology optimizes the utilization of physical space, machines, and workforces (e.g. hands-free video calling, projected instructions)

HEALTHCARE





- Spatial technology can improve patient treatment through enhanced visualization and collaboration
- Spatial technology can be incorporated into healthcare with immersive simulation, 3D scans and medical imagery, real-time overlays, and surgical aids (e.g. x-rays, MRI scans, vitals)

TRAINING & EDUCATION





- Spatial technology provides a controlled and risk-free environment for learning and practicing complex tasks
- Holographic models, simulations, and visualizations can be incorporated for increased classroom interactivity (e.g. virtual field trips, simulated science experiments)

RETAIL



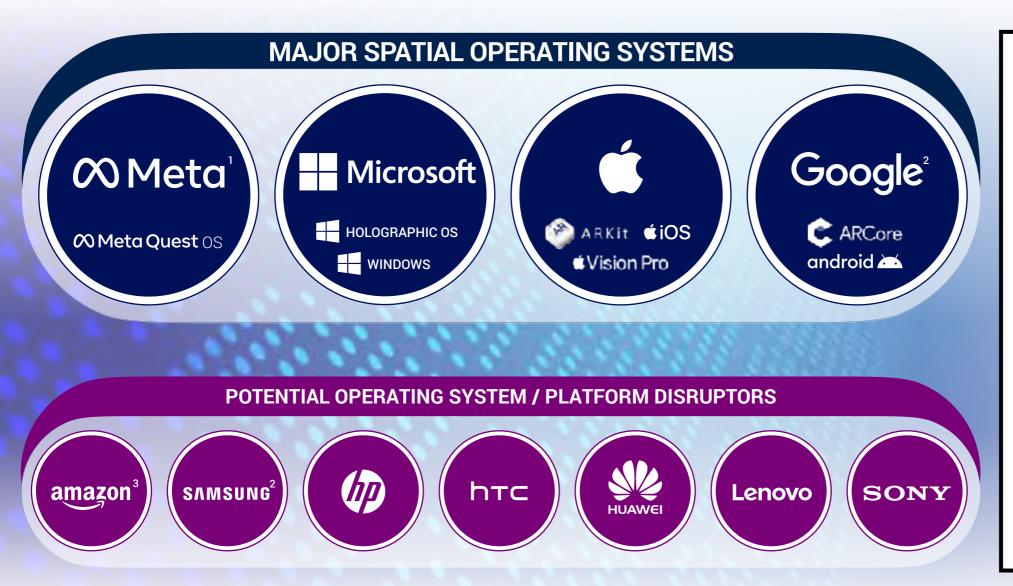


- Spatial technology enables consumers to virtually visualize or test products using AR
- Spatial technology eases in-store navigation by combining AR and Al to help consumers find their desired product (e.g. directing shoppers to the aisle with the correct size shoes, navigating consumers to the shortest checkout lane)



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Four operating systems, from the major technology platforms, are driving spatial development; however, other companies have learned from the mobile platform wars and are investing heavily in the space



ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

- Spatial operating systems are in their early stages
- The release of visionOS will compel leading technology companies to invest in the development of their own operating systems
- Companies will integrate spatial development into all of the platforms in their ecosystems (e.g. Android, iOS, Windows)
- Open-source operating systems will accelerate spatial development and provide partnership opportunities



Note: Not exhaustive. 1. As of Jan. 2022, Meta Reality Labs is working on a highly specialized OS for their spatial devices. They are rumored to be collaborating on a new device with LG. 2. In Feb. 2023, Google, Samsung, and Qualcomm announced they will be partnering to develop a spatial computing platform. 3. Through AWS, Amazon owns and partners with a variety of tools for spatial computing (e.g. SimSpace Weaver, Hexa, Sumerian). Sources: Activate analysis, Company press releases, Company sites



Apple's entry into spatial computing will be the catalyst for the growth of developer ecosystems

■ visionOS ELEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INITIAL LAUNCH YEARS









Spaces

DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS



SwiftUI

(2019)



(2019)





ARKit (2017)

Accessibility (20021)

DEVELOPER TOOLS



Reality Composer (2019)



Unity (2005)



Xcode (2003)

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The underlying frameworks and tools of visionOS have been used by iOS developers for years

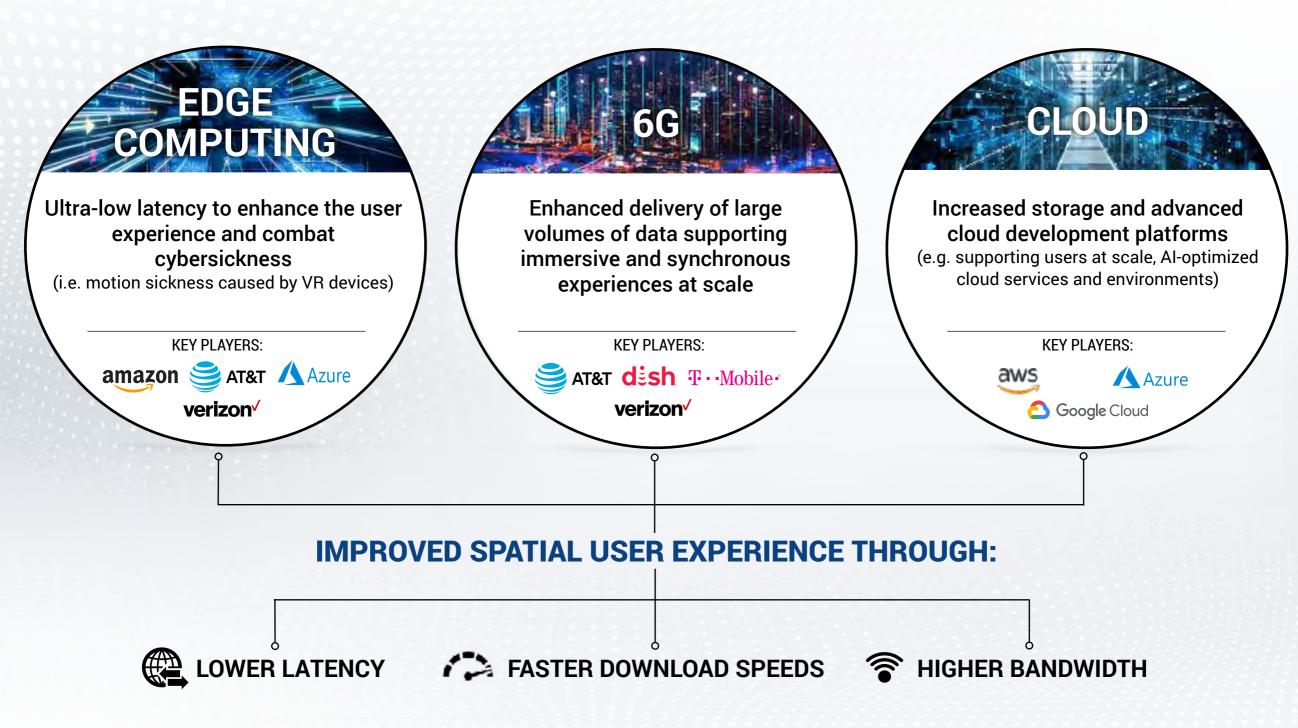
- The new building blocks, Volumes, Windows, and Spaces, unite Apple's well-established frameworks and tools
- Developers already have experience using the foundational elements of visionOS, enabling an easier transition with fewer learning obstacles
- As Apple's introduction of iOS influenced other development platforms (e.g. Android), visionOS will inspire spatial development for non-Apple operating systems
- Future iterations of visionOS and other spatial platforms could potentially incorporate AI, further accelerating development of consumer-grade use cases



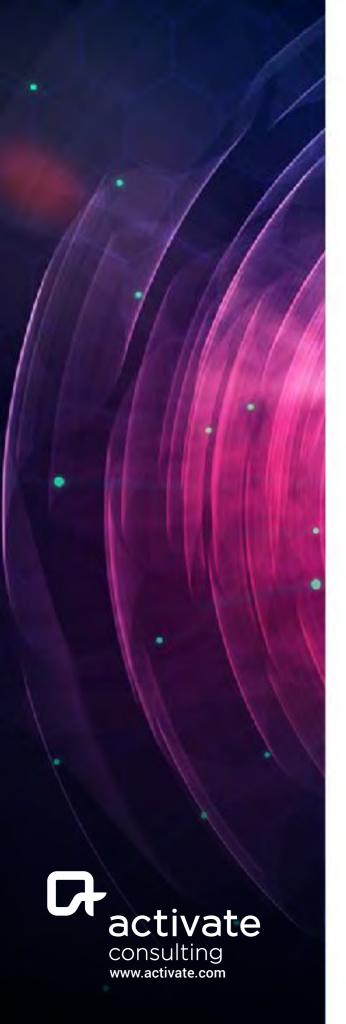
^{1.} Universal Access was first included in the 2002 release of OS X Jaguar. VoiceOver was first included in the 2005 release of OS X Tiger.

Sources: Activate analysis, Company sites

Telecom, edge, and cloud computing innovations will be required to enable more sophisticated spatial functionality and experiences



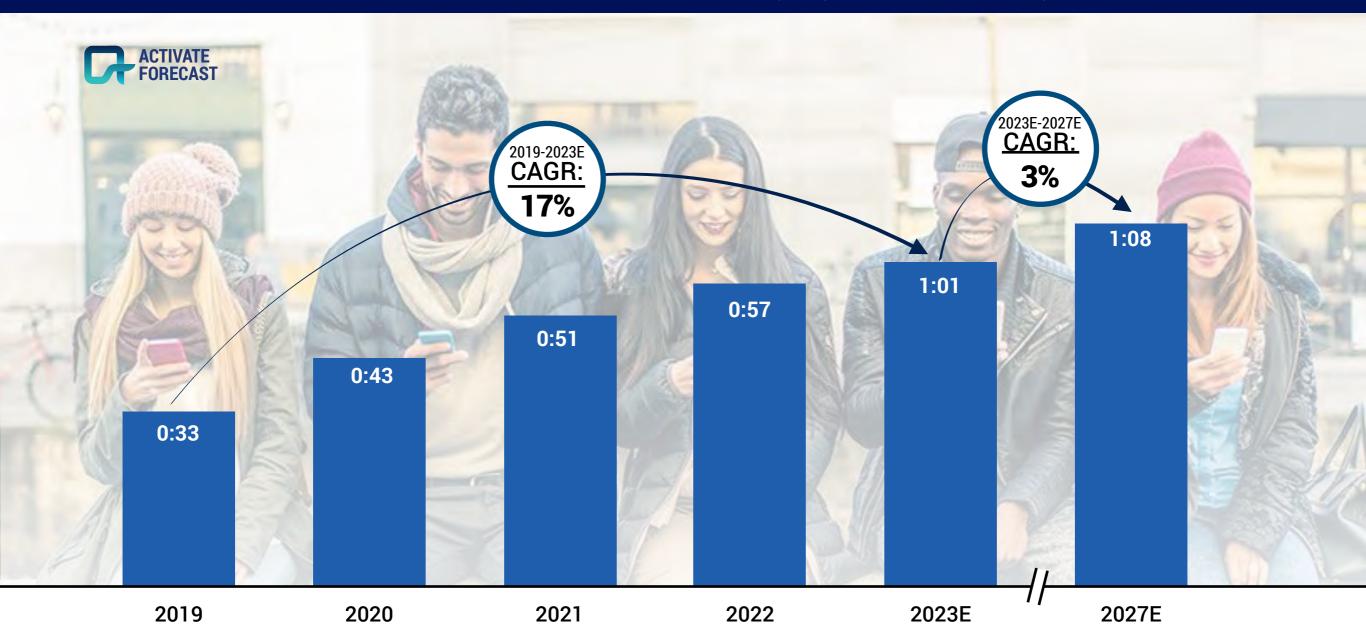




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Consumers will continue to spend more time on social video

AVERAGE DAILY SOCIAL VIDEO¹ TIME SPEND PER ADULT AGED 18+, U.S., 2019-2023E VS. 2027E, HOURS:MINUTES



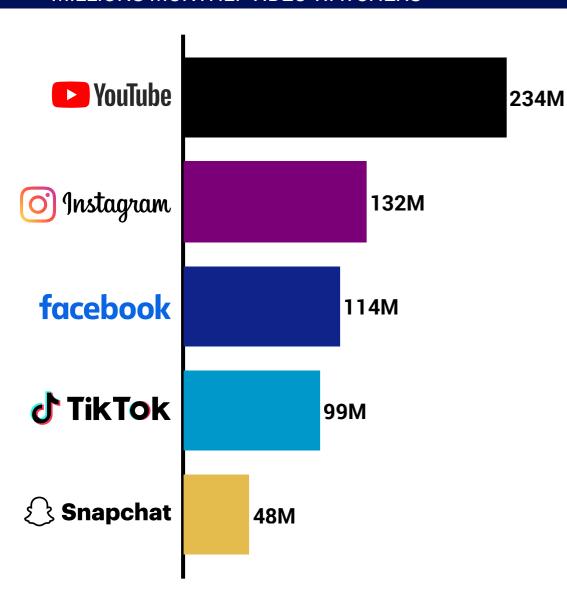


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Sources: Activate analysis, data.ai, eMarketer, GWI, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

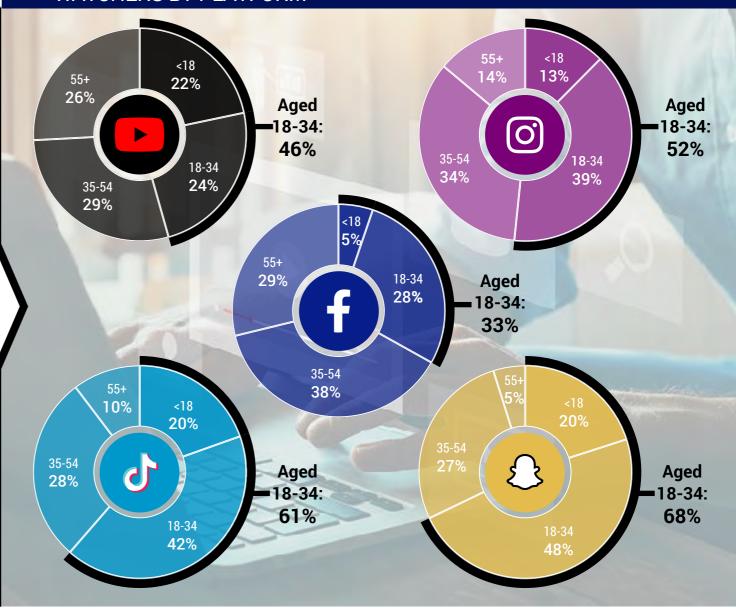


Today, YouTube has the largest user base while TikTok and **Snapchat have the youngest users**

ESTIMATED MONTHLY VIDEO WATCHERS BY SELECT SOCIAL/WEB VIDEO PLATFORM, U.S., Q2 2023, MILLIONS MONTHLY VIDEO WATCHERS



USER DEMOGRAPHICS OF SELECT SOCIAL/WEB VIDEO PLATFORMS BY AGE GROUP¹, U.S., 2023, % SOCIAL/WEB VIDEO WATCHERS BY PLATFORM

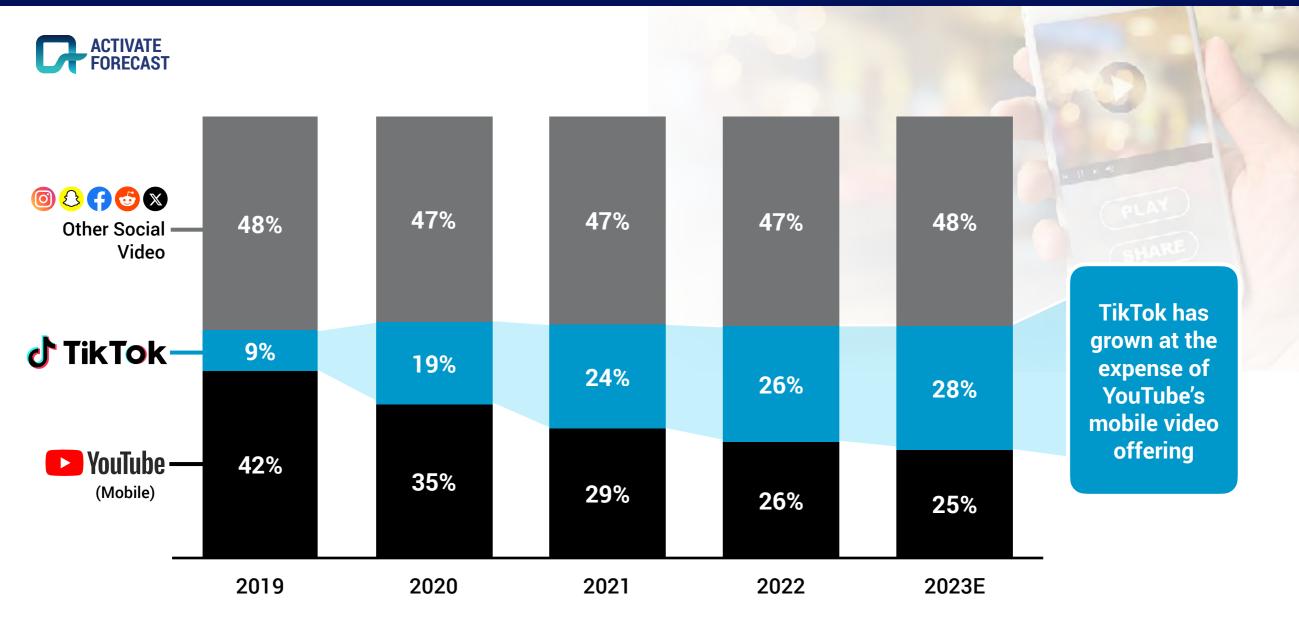




^{1.} Figures do not sum due to rounding. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Company filings, eMarketer

TikTok has surpassed all of the other social video services for the highest total daily time spend watching social video

SHARE OF DAILY SOCIAL VIDEO¹ TIME SPEND BY SELECT PLATFORM², U.S., 2019-2023E, % TOTAL SOCIAL VIDEO¹ TIME SPEND BY ADULTS AGED 18+





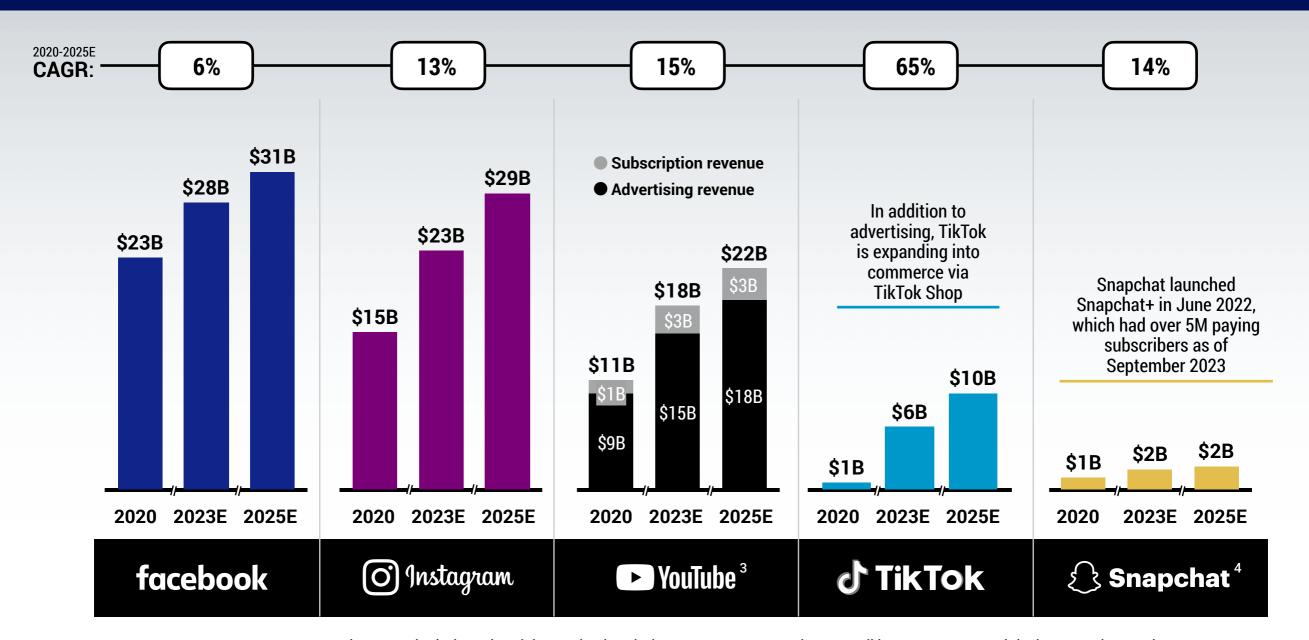
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Sources: Activate analysis, data.ai, eMarketer, GWI, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



TikTok is only beginning to monetize their user attention

TOTAL REVENUE BY SELECT SOCIAL VIDEO PLATFORM U.S., 2020 VS. 2023E VS. 2025E, BILLIONS USD

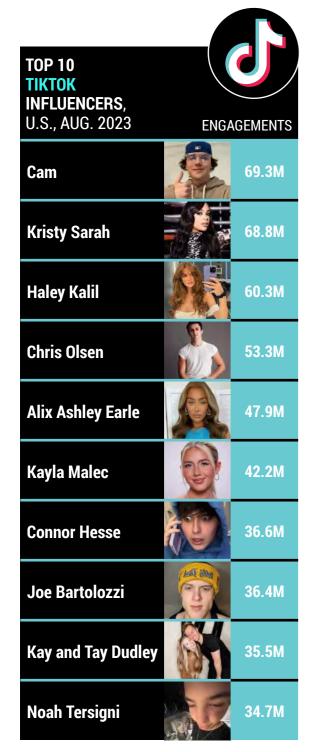




1. Total revenue includes advertising and subscription revenue generated across all internet-connected devices. 2. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 3. YouTube subscription revenue does not include revenue from from YouTube TV but does include revenue from YouTube Music. 4. Does not include subscription revenue generated from Snapchat+. Sources: Activate analysis, Company filings, Crunchbase, eMarketer



A diverse set of influencers drive viewing on social platforms



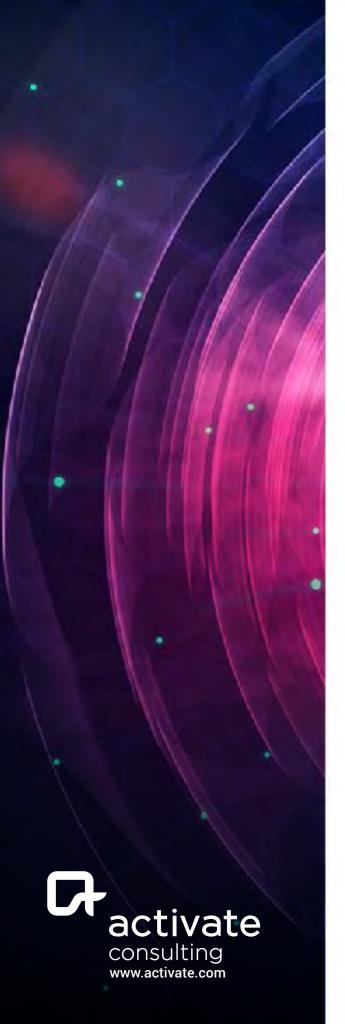
TOP 10		
YOUTUBE INFLUENCERS, U.S., AUG. 2023		30s VIEWS
MrBeast	To	1.1B
LankyBox		652.4M
Justin Flom		605.4M
Mr DegrEE	-	604.4M
Bon Bon Media		583.8M
Alan Chikin Chow		562.6M
HiFunnie	OX A	536.3M
Jason Derulo		497.4M
Baby Monster School	Baby School	489.6M
vector		487.2M

TOP 10 INSTAGRAM	(O)
INFLUENCERS, U.S., AUG. 2023	ENGAGEMENTS
Mr Moist	95.5M
Kristy Sarah	25.3M
Snoop Dogg	24.0M
AGuyAndAGolden	24.0M
Anwar Jibawi	20.5M
Haley Kalil	20.3M
Jojo Sim	18.3M
Zach King	17.3M
Selena Gomez	16.8M
Krystianatiana	16.5M

TOP 10 FACEBOOK INFLUENCERS, U.S., AUG. 2023		30s VIEWS
HotSpanish		322.4M
Life of Dad	LIFE of DAD	267.0M
Caskey	ek she cp	203.5M
Justin Flom		163.0M
xAcceptiion		158.9M
Jorge "Gamebred" Masvidal		157.6M
Torrie Wilson		125.9M
Gabby David		112.3M
Don Pets		110.5M
Riff Raff & Jody Husky		99.4M



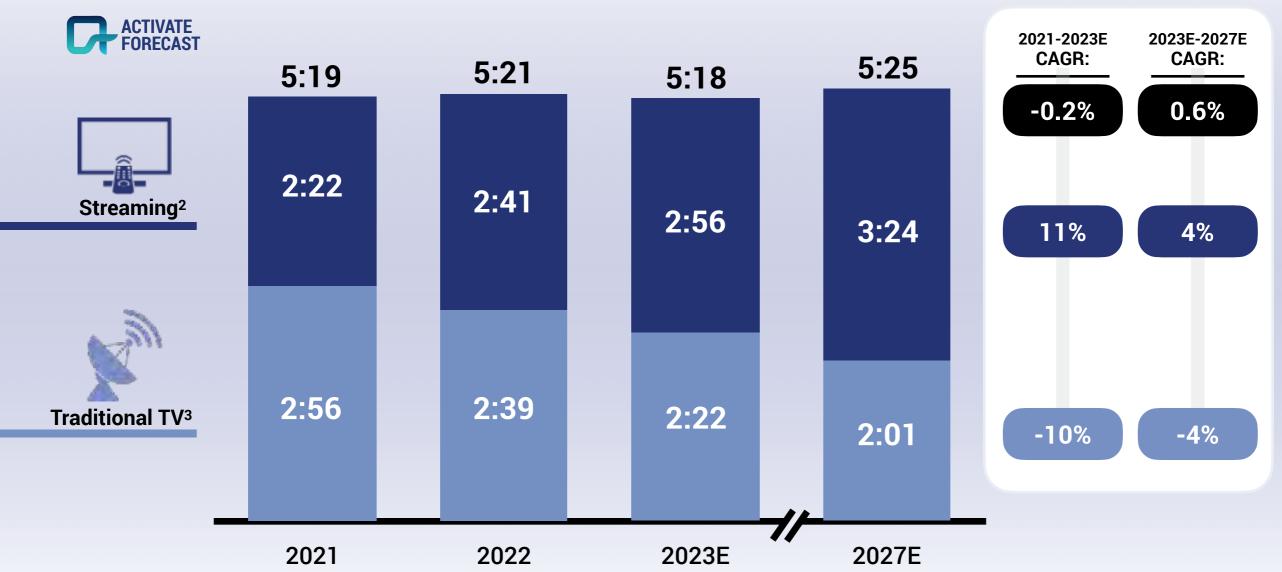




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Overall time spent with video will remain relatively flat through 2027; streaming will continue to grow at the expense of traditional TV

AVERAGE DAILY VIDEO TIME SPEND PER ADULT AGED 18+ BY TYPE1, U.S., 2021-2023E VS. 2027E, HOURS:MINUTES

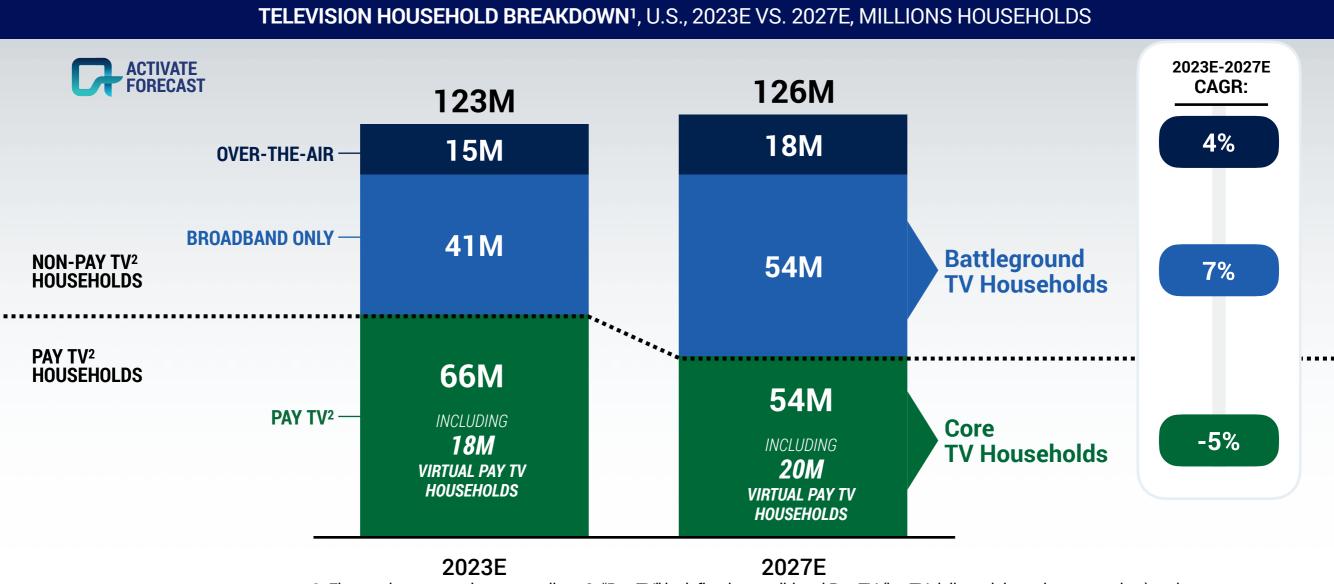


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We forecast that <u>Battleground TV Households</u> will continue to grow as Pay TV households decline through 2027



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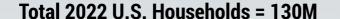
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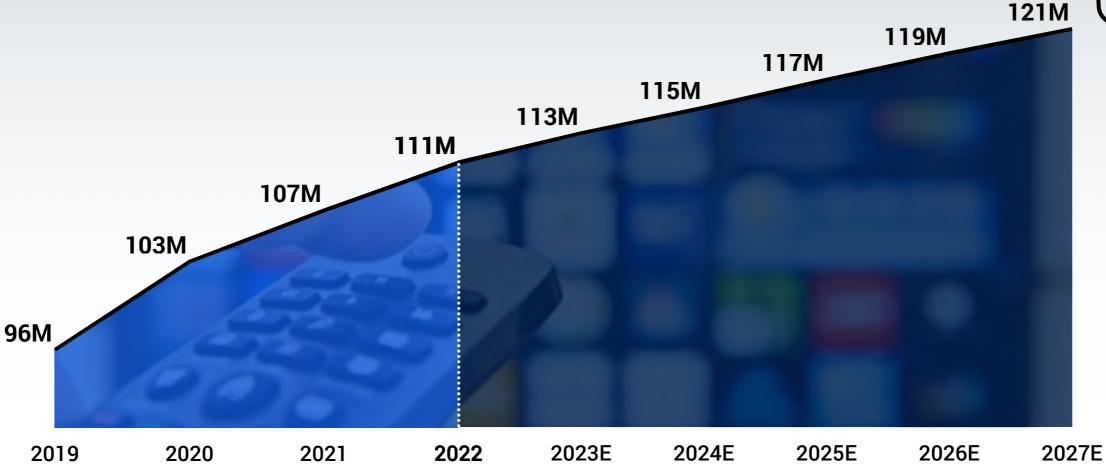


Connected TVs will play an increasingly large role in digital video consumption; by 2027, nearly every U.S. households will have a Connected TV

CONNECTED TV¹ HOUSEHOLDS^{2,3}, U.S., 2019-2027E, MILLIONS HOUSEHOLDS









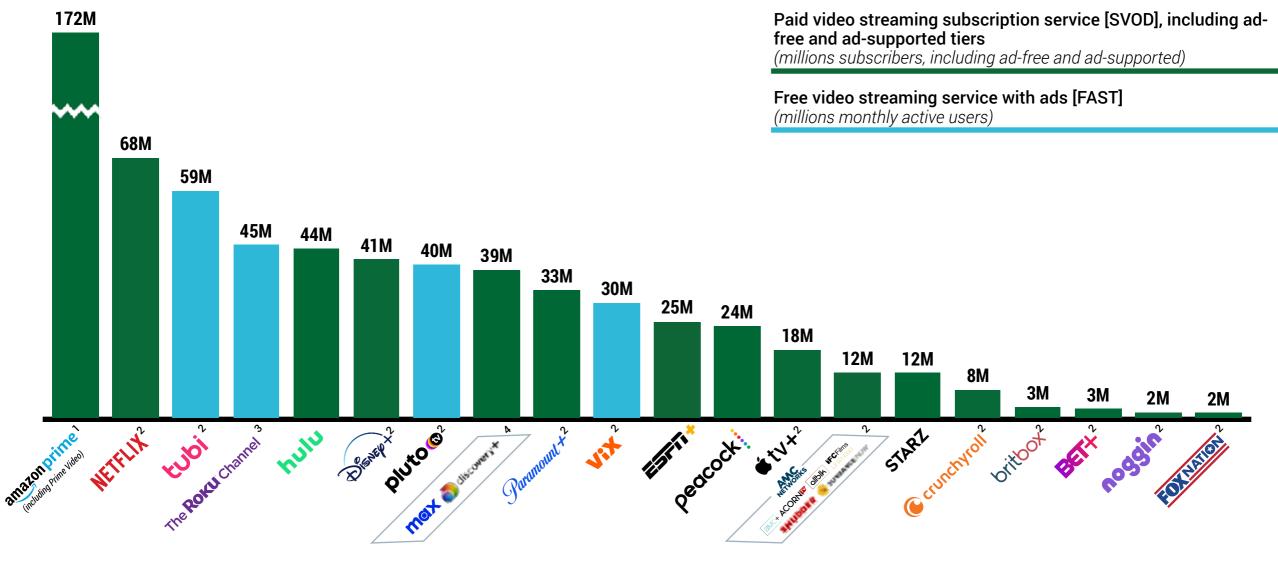
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Sources: Activate analysis, eMarketer, Leichtman Research Group, U.S. Census Bureau



The video streaming market is highly competitive

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS/USERS BY SELECT VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES, U.S., Q2 2023, MILLIONS SUBSCRIBERS / MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS





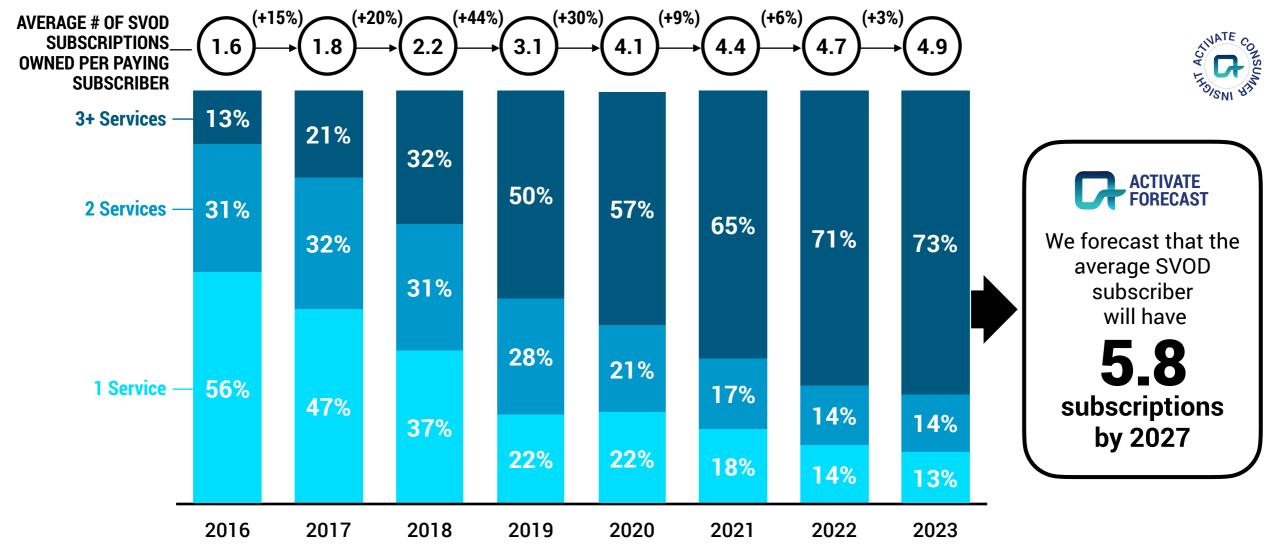
Note: Figures reflect latest publicly disclosed metrics as of Oct. 2023, unless noted otherwise. 1. Reflects estimate of total Prime users. 2. Reflects estimate. 3. Reflects estimate of Roku monthly active accounts in the U.S. viewing The Roku Channel. 4. Reflects estimate of combined Max and Discovery+ subscribers.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Antenna, Business Insider, Company filings, Company press releases, Company sites, eMarketer, Entertainment Strategy Guy, Goldman Sachs, The Hollywood Reporter, J.P. Morgan, MoffettNathanson, Morgan Stanley, Variety



By 2027, the average SVOD subscriber will have 5.8 subscriptions

NUMBER OF SVOD SUBSCRIPTIONS OWNED PER PAYING SUBSCRIBER¹, U.S., 2016-2023, % SVOD SUBSCRIPTION OWNERS AGED 18+





1. Figures do not sum to 100% due to rounding. Includes both ad-supported and ad-free SVOD subscriptions. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2016 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,000), Activate 2017 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,047), Activate 2018 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,000), Activate 2019 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,003), Activate 2021 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,018), Activate 2021 Consumer Video Research Study (n = 2,014), Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Omdia, PricewaterhouseCoopers, U.S. Department of Labor

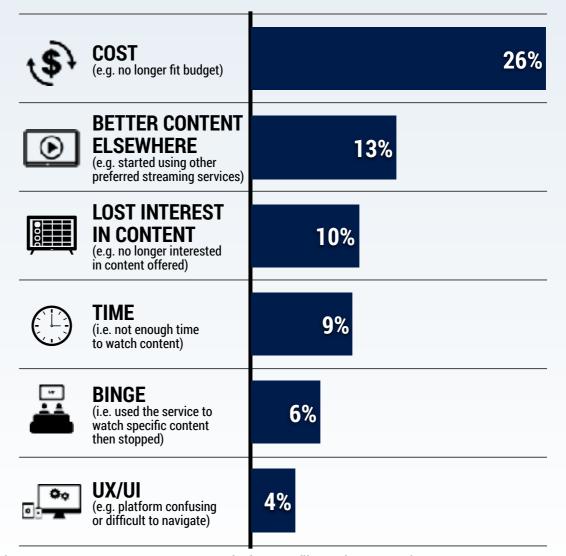


As paid streaming services continue to raise prices, churn will continue to be a major challenge

MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION PRICE INCREASES ON SELECT SVOD SERVICES, U.S., OCT. 2021 VS. OCT. 2023¹, USD PER MONTH

	OCT. 2021 PRICE	OCT. 2023 ¹ PRICE	PRICE CHANGE FROM OCT. 2021 to OCT. 2023
NETFLIX Premium (no ads)	\$17.99	\$19.99	+\$2.00 (+11%)
hulu (no ads)	\$12.99	\$17.99	+\$5.00 (+38%)
max (no ads)	\$14.99	\$15.99	+\$1.00 (+7%)
NETFLIX Standard (no ads)	\$13.99	\$15.49	+\$1.50 (+11%)
DISNEP+ (no ads)	\$7.99	\$13.99	+\$6.00 (+75%)
Paramount + (no ads)	\$9.99	\$11.99	+\$2.00 (+20%)
peacock (no ads)	\$9.99	\$11.99	+\$2.00 (+20%)
ESPN+	\$6.99	\$10.99	+\$4.00 (+57%)
hulu (ads)	\$6.99	\$7.99	+\$1.00 (+14%)
peacock (ads)	\$4.99	\$5.99	+\$1.00 (+20%)
Paramount + (ads)	\$4.99	\$5.99	+\$1.00 (+20%)

TOP REASONS² FOR STOPPING USE OF SELECT SVOD SERVICES³, U.S., 2023, % CHURNED USERS⁴ OF SELECT SVOD SERVICES



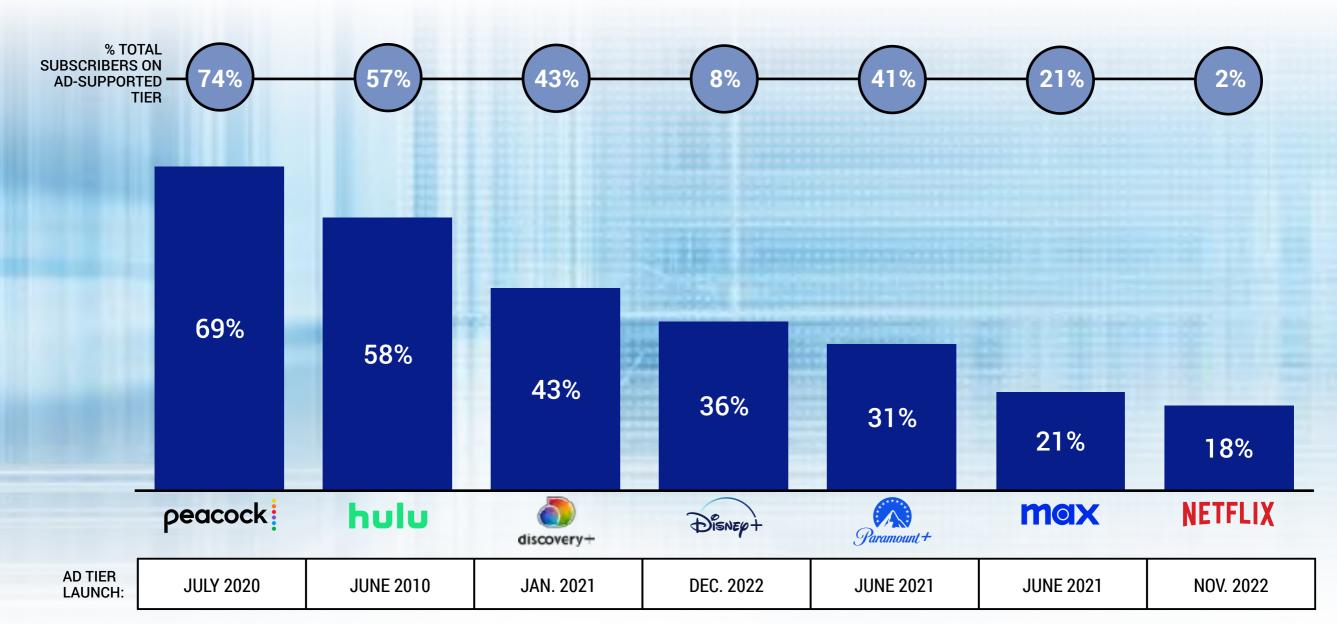


1. As of Oct. 15, 2023. 2. Consumers were asked to select up to two top reasons. 3. Includes Netflix, Hulu, Max, Disney+, Paramount+, and Peacock without ads as well as ESPN+ and Hulu, Peacock, and Paramount+ with ads. 4. "Churned users" are defined as adults aged 18+ who do not currently use a select paid video streaming subscription service but have used the service in the past. Users who churned from multiple services were asked to select top reasons for each churned service. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Company press releases, Company sites



To drive new customer acquisition, every major streaming service now offers an ad-supported tier

AD-SUPPORTED TIER SIGN-UPS BY SELECT SVOD SERVICE¹, U.S., JAN. 2023-MAY 2023, % TOTAL SIGN-UPS BY SERVICE







Streaming services are changing their pricing structures to drive people to ad-supported tiers

RECENT EXAMPLES OF SVOD SERVICES DRIVING CONSUMERS TO AD-SUPPORTED TIERS

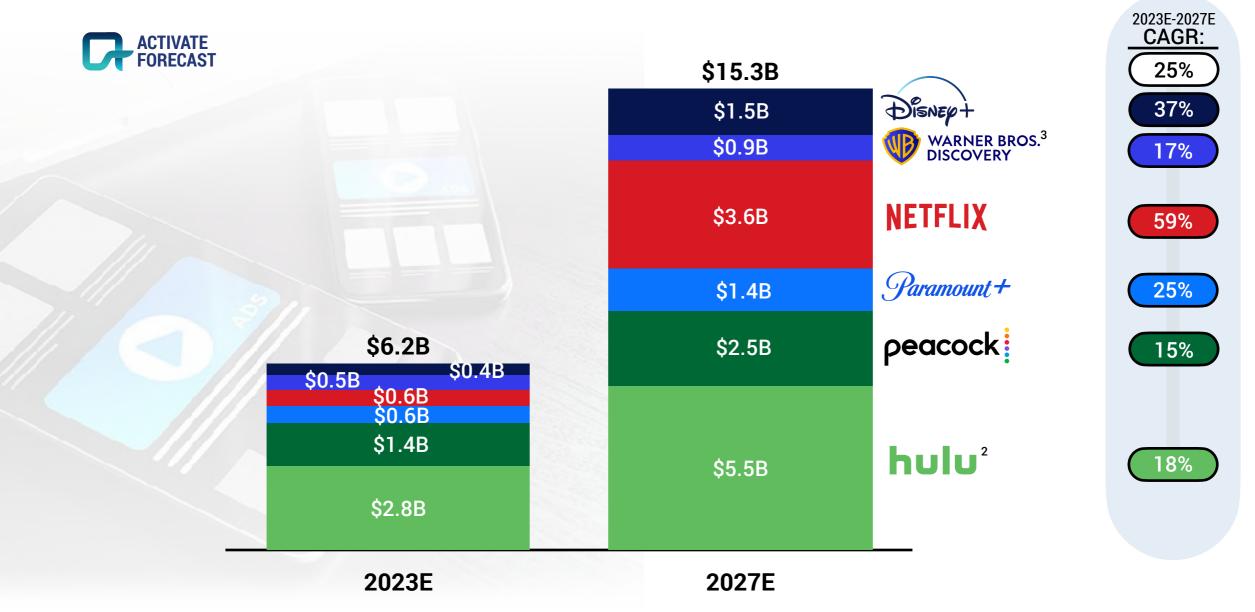
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prime video	Announced plans ³ to introduce ads on existing service and to launch ad-free add-on Sept. 2023	None	\$0 for Prime subscribers ⁴	\$0	\$0 for Prime subscribers ⁴	\$2.99 for Prime subscribers ⁴	\$2.99
DISNEP+	Increased ad-free tier price by 27% Oct. 2023	\$7.99	\$10.99	\$3	\$7.99	\$13.99	\$6
peacock	Increased price of ad-free tier by twice as much as the ad-supported tier increase Aug. 2023	\$4.99	\$9.99	\$5	\$5.99	\$11.99	\$6
NETFLIX	Removed "Basic" \$9.99/month ad-free tier July 2023	\$6.99	Basic: \$9.99 Standard: \$15.49 Premium: \$19.99	\$3	\$6.99	Basic: Removed Standard: \$15.49 Premium: \$19.99	\$8.50
Paramount+	Raised price of ad-free tier to \$11.99/month June 2023	\$4.99	\$9.99	\$5	\$5.99	\$11.995	\$6



^{1.} Represents the price difference in USD between the ad-supported tier and the cheapest ad-free option. 2. Reflects pricing structures as of Oct. 15, 2023. 3. Planned to be introduced/released in early 2024. 4. Reflects subscribers of Prime Video as part of Amazon Prime bundle, not as a standalone service. 5. Reflects the price of Paramount+ with Showtime. Sources: Activate analysis, Company press releases, Company sites, Deadline, The Hollywood Reporter, Variety

Advertising revenues across major SVOD services will grow 25% annually through 2027

ADVERTISING REVENUES FOR SELECT AD-SUPPORTED SVOD SERVICES¹, U.S., 2023E VS. 2027E, BILLIONS USD





Figures do not sum due to rounding.
 Hulu ad revenue does not include ad revenue from Hulu Live TV.
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We expect a "great re-bundling" of the video streaming market

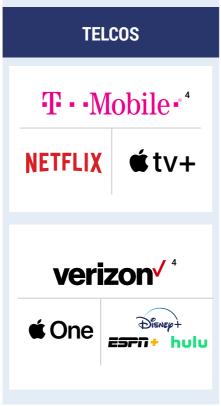
PARENT COMPANY STREAMING BUNDLES

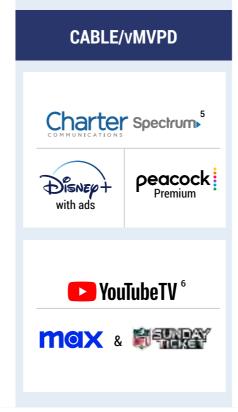


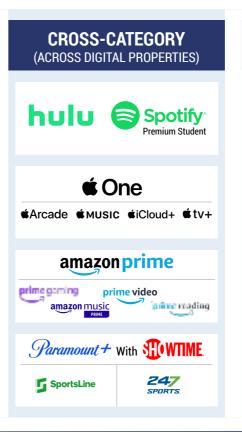


CROSS-COMPANY STREAMING BUNDLES













Note: Not exhaustive. 1. No longer available as standalone service. 2. Rebranded as Max in May 2023, including HBO Max and select Discovery+ titles within a single interface. Discovery+ still exists as a standalone service. 3. Limited-time bundle deal. 4. Bundle offered with select wireless plans. 5. Bundle offered with select TV packages. 6. Announced during Alphabet's Q2 2023 earnings call.

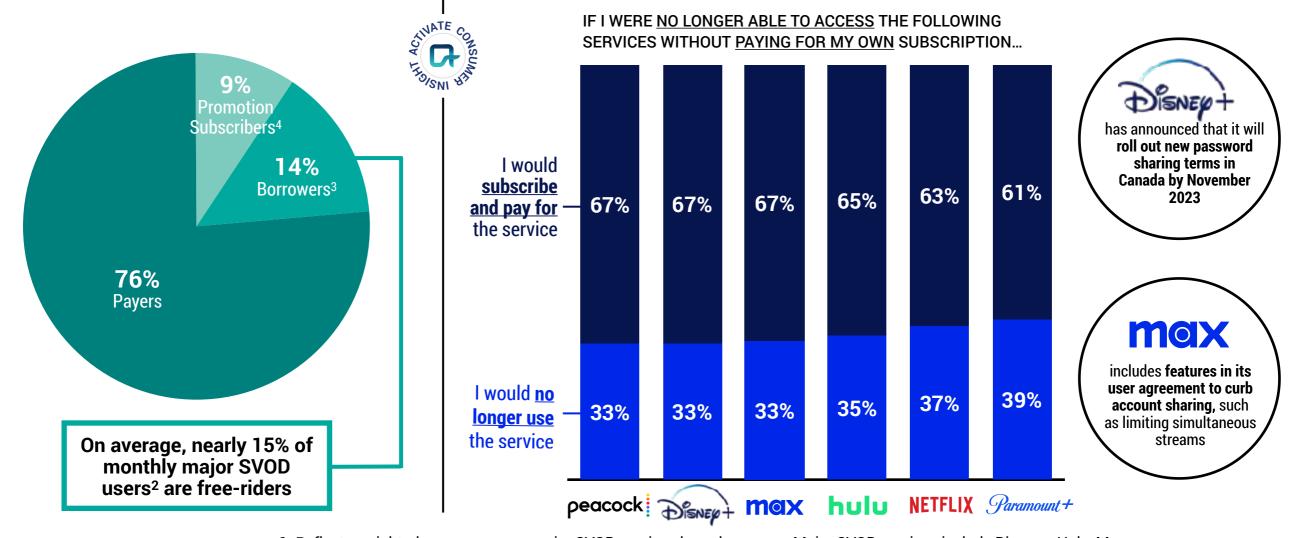
Sources: Activate analysis, Company sites, Variety



Password sharing is a common behavior across major streaming services; our consumer research indicates that password crackdowns by streaming services will lead to an increased number of subscribers

PAYMENT AND BORROWING BEHAVIOR ON MAJOR SVOD SERVICES¹, U.S., 2023, % MONTHLY MAJOR SVOD USERS²

EXPECTED RESPONSE TO PASSWORD-SHARING CRACKDOWN, U.S., 2023, % SVOD SUBSCRIPTION BORROWERS³





1. Reflects weighted average across major SVOD services based on users. Major SVOD services include Disney+, Hulu, Max, Netflix, Paramount+, and Peacock, with or without advertisements. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 2. "Monthly major SVOD users" are defined as adults aged 18+ who use a major SVOD service at least once per month. 3. "Borrowers" are defined as monthly major SVOD users who use a subscription paid for by someone outside of the household at least once per month. 4. "Promotion subscribers" are defined as monthly major SVOD users who subscribe for free via promotion. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), CNN, Company sites, Deadline, Forbes, Variety

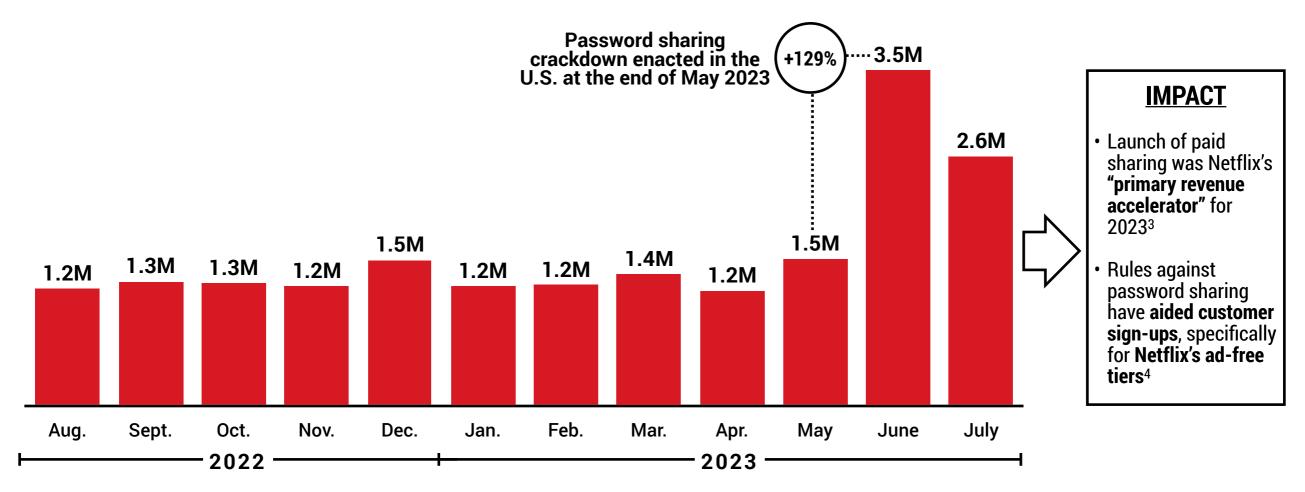


Netflix's password crackdown demonstrates that minimizing account sharing is an effective way to drive new subscriber acquisition

NETFLIX GROSS SUBSCRIBER ADDITIONS¹, U.S., AUG. 2022-JULY 2023, MILLIONS GROSS ADDITIONS

NETFLIX

- As of Q2 2023, Netflix has launched paid sharing in more than 100 countries
- Password Sharing Policy: Each account is designed to be used in "one household"
 - Features the ability to **transfer a profile** (i.e. bring over important viewing information to new membership) or **buy an extra member** (i.e. add person to existing account for \$7.99/month)²





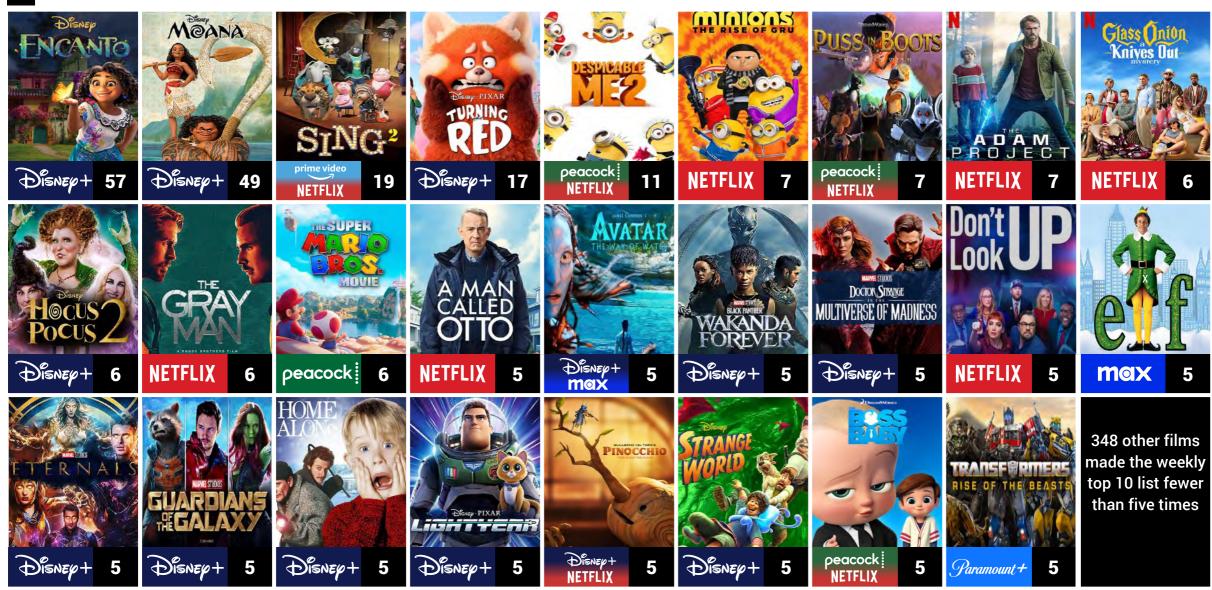
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On streaming, family films drive the most frequent engagement

FILMS MOST FREQUENTLY APPEARING ON WEEKLY TOP 10 STREAMING FILMS LIST^{1,2}, U.S., JAN. 2022-SEPT. 2023³, NUMBER OF APPEARANCES ON WEEKLY TOP 10 STREAMING FILMS LIST¹

= Number of appearances on weekly top 10 list





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Shows with large libraries are critical to driving consistent engagement

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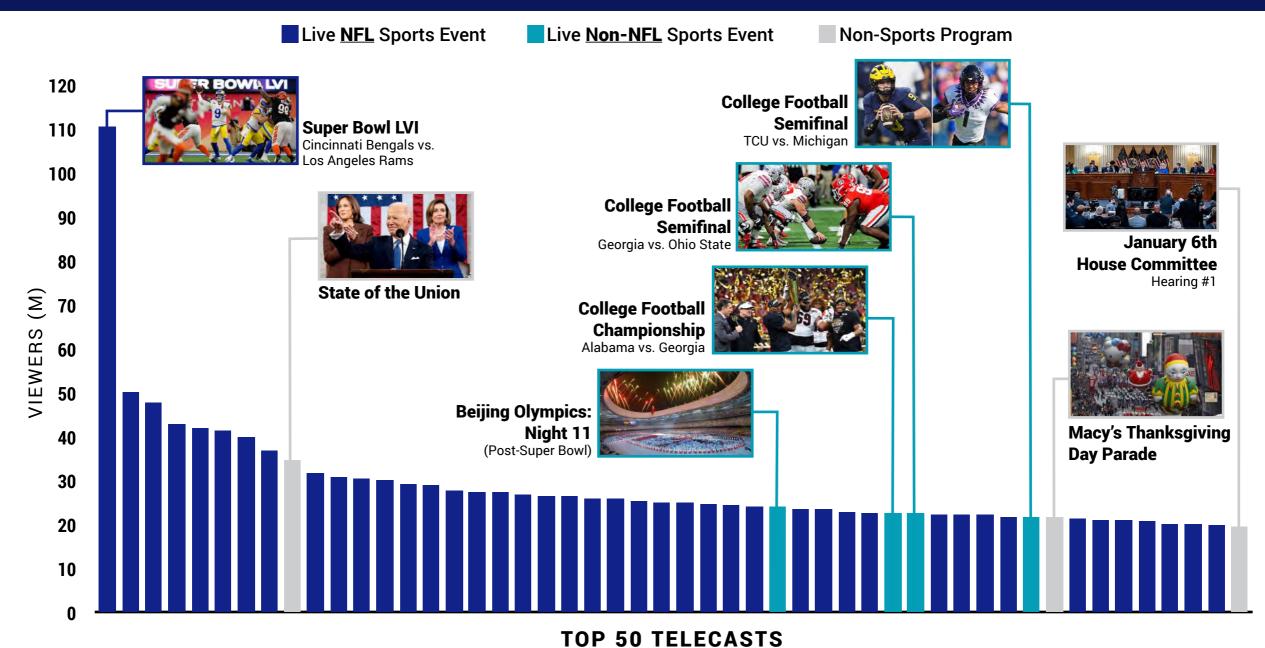
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Sports programming drives Pay TV viewing, as 47 of the top 50 most-watched programs in 2022 were live sports

VIEWERS FOR TOP 50 MOST-VIEWED PRIMETIME TELECASTS, U.S., 2022, MILLIONS VIEWERS

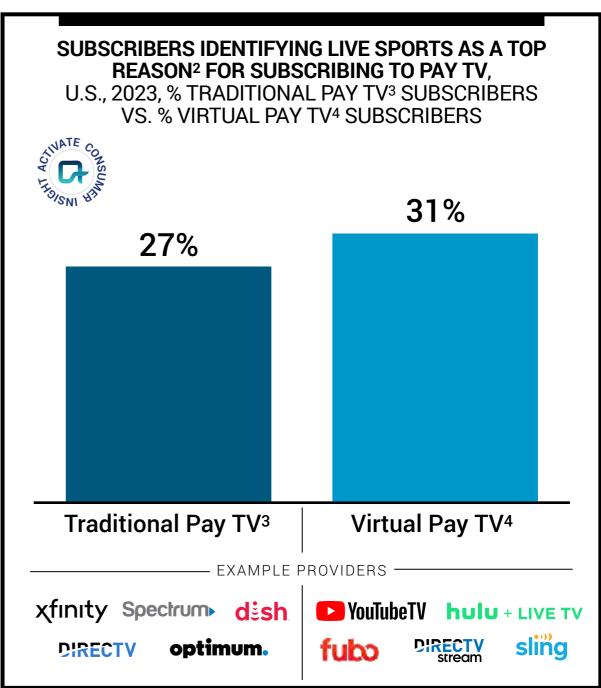




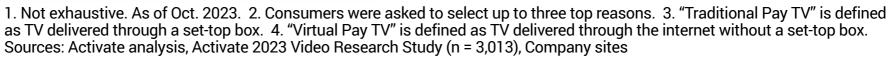
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As sports increasingly move to streaming, cord-cutting will accelerate



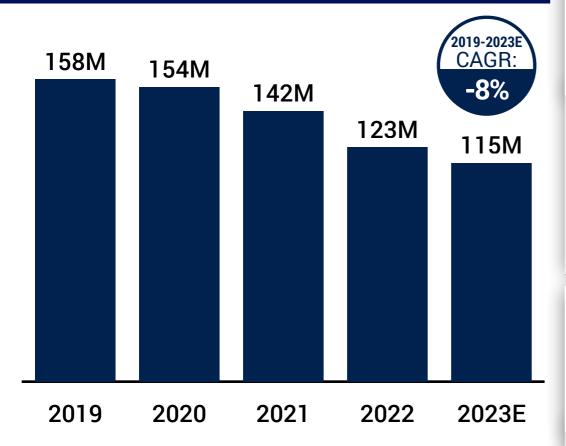






Regional Sports Network (RSN) subscribers have rapidly decreased as the cable bundle has deteriorated, leading to the dissolution of many existing rights deals and the shutdown of several networks

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO TOP 50 RSNs, U.S., 2019-2023E, MILLIONS SUBSCRIPTIONS







MARCH 2023: DIAMOND SPORTS, LARGEST OWNER OF REGIONAL SPORTS NETWORKS, FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY



MAY 2023:

MLB TAKES OVER PADRES TELEVISION BROADCASTS AFTER BALLY SPORTS MISSES PAYMENTS



MAY 2023:

MLB TAKES OVER DIAMONDBACKS GAME BROADCASTS FROM DIAMOND SPORTS



OCTOBER 2023:

BALLY SPORTS
ARIZONA BACKS
OUT OF AGREEMENT
TO BROADCAST
COYOTES GAMES



OCTOBER 2023:

BALLY SPORTS PLANS TO SHUT DOWN ITS BALLY SPORTS ARIZONA RSN



FEBRUARY 2023: WARNER BROS. DISCOVERY TELLS TEAMS IT IS PLANNING TO EXIT THE RSN BUSINESS



AUGUST 2023:

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS ACQUIRES AT&T SPORTSNET



SEPTEMBER 2023:

AT&T SPORTSNET ROCKY MOUNTAIN SHUTS DOWN, LEAVING ROCKIES BROADCASTS IN LIMBO FOR 2024



OCTOBER 2023:

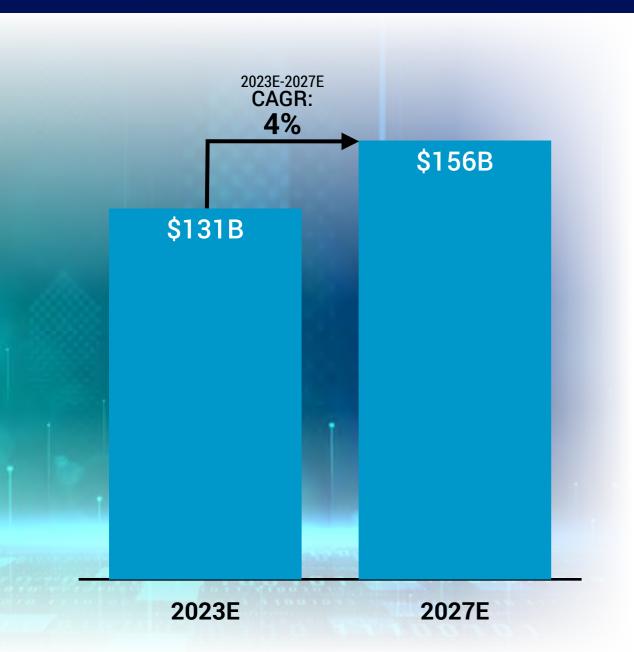
HOUSTON ASTROS AND ROCKETS OFFICIALLY ACQUIRE AND REBRAND AT&T SPORTSNET SOUTHWEST





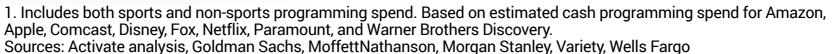
Streaming services will have no choice but to maintain or increase annual programming spend through 2027

ESTIMATED TOTAL CASH PROGRAMMING SPEND OF MAJOR STREAMING COMPANIES¹, 2023E VS. 2027E, BILLIONS USD

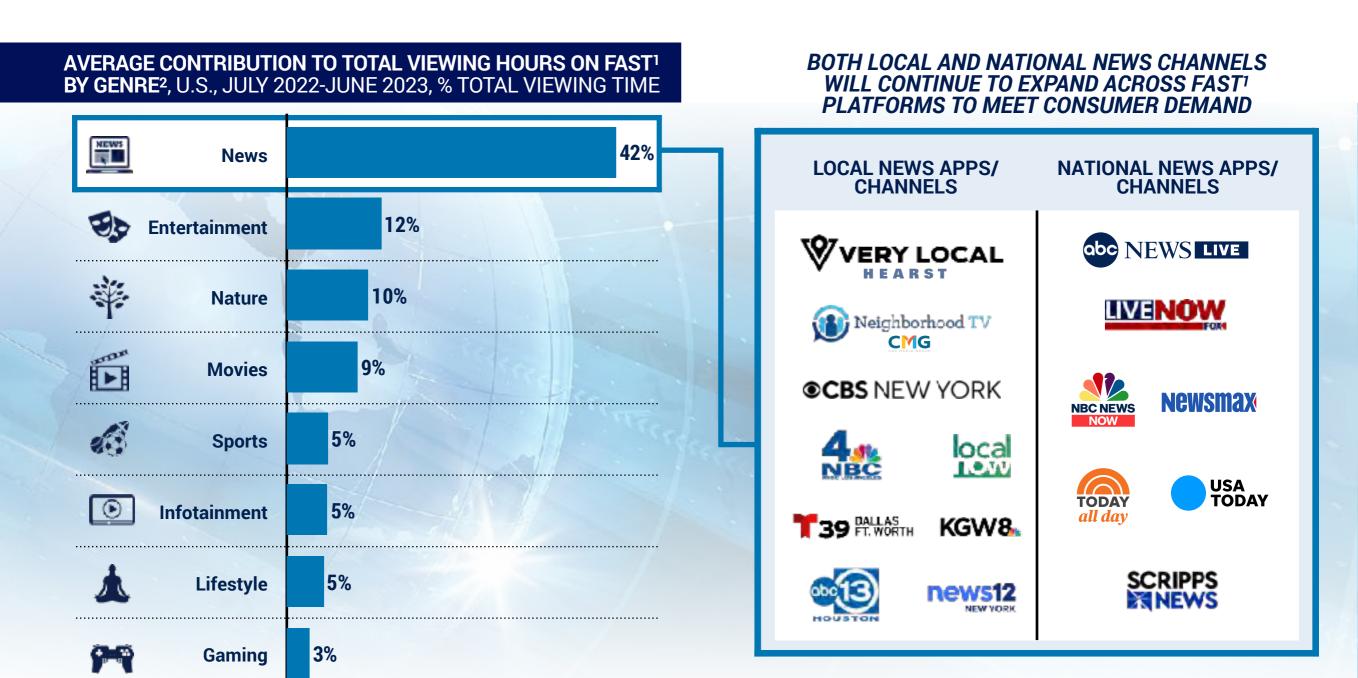


TAILWINDS DRIVING GROWTH	SPORTS RIGHTS VALUE INCREASES	Sports rights will drive 35% of growth dollars, despite only accounting for 23% of total spend
	TECHNOLOGY PLAYERS CONTINUE TO SPEND	Apple, Amazon, and Netflix will see the highest growth in spend
	COMPETITION FOR SUBSCRIBERS PERSISTS	Media companies with SVOD services will maintain film and television spend to drive subscription growth
	INTERNATIONAL MARKET GROWTH	Greater investment in local language programming will be required to drive international subscriber growth
HEADWINDS LIMITING SPEND	INVESTOR PRESSURE MOUNTS	Investors will continue to push streaming services toward profitability, limiting growth in non-sports programming spend (particularly for traditional media companies)
	TRADITIONAL TV CONTINUES TO DECLINE	As traditional TV continues to decline, the number of network and cable original series will decline





On FAST services, consumers largely gravitate towards news programming



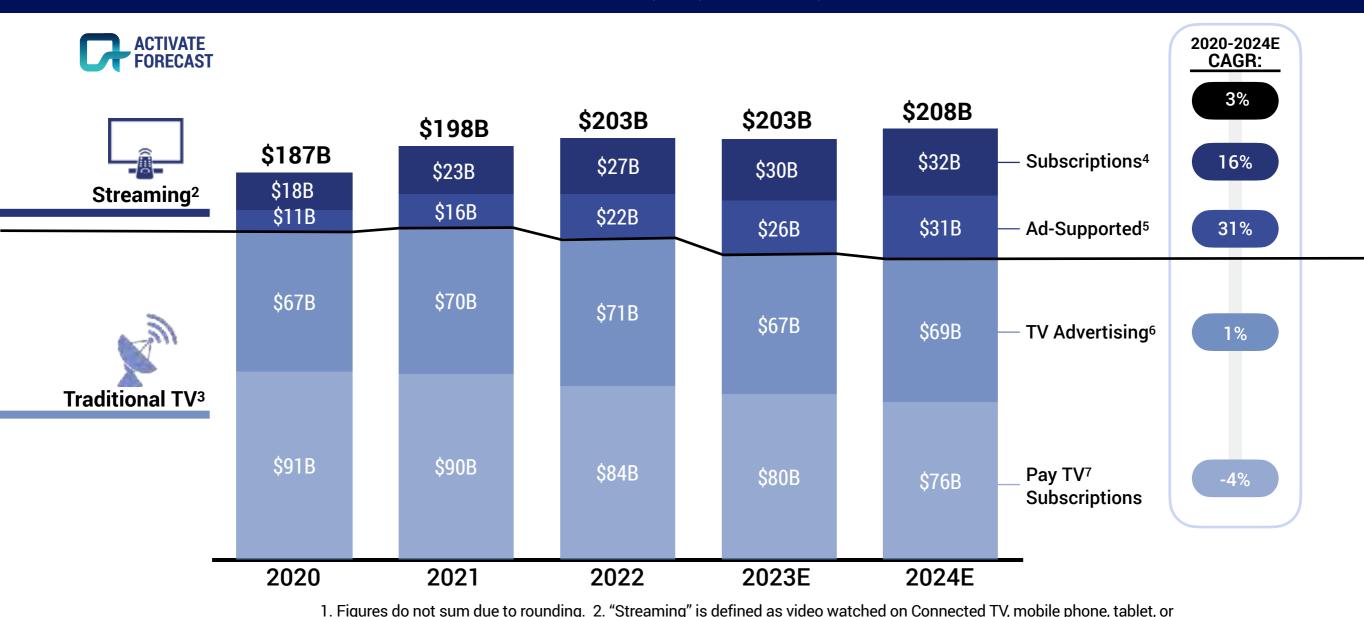


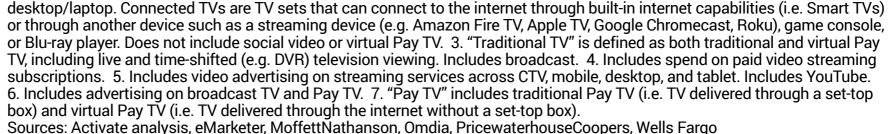




Despite the decline in traditional TV and the growth in streaming, traditional TV still drives a significant majority of video revenues

VIDEO REVENUE BY TYPE¹, U.S., 2020-2024E, BILLIONS USD





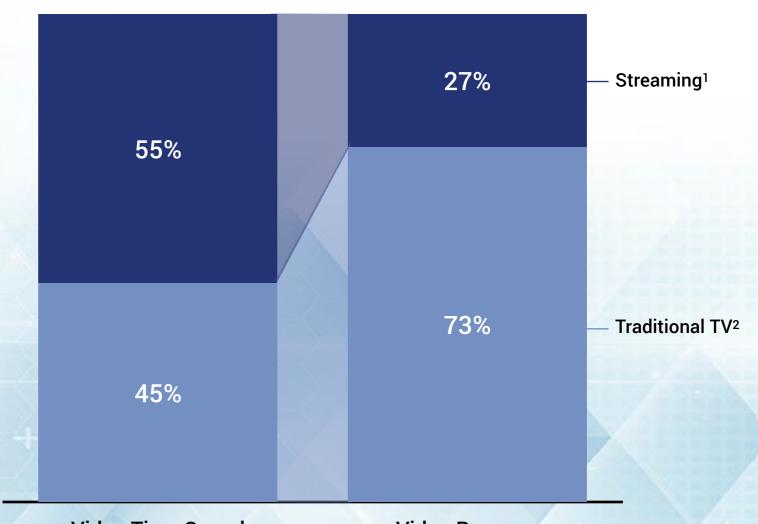




Streaming now accounts for a greater share of time spend, but revenues still accrue disproportionately to traditional TV; there remains a large opportunity for streaming video to capture additional value

SHARE OF VIDEO TIME SPEND VS. VIDEO REVENUE BY TYPE, U.S., 2023E, % VIDEO TIME SPEND BY ADULTS AGED 18+ VS. % VIDEO REVENUE





Video Time Spend

Video Revenue

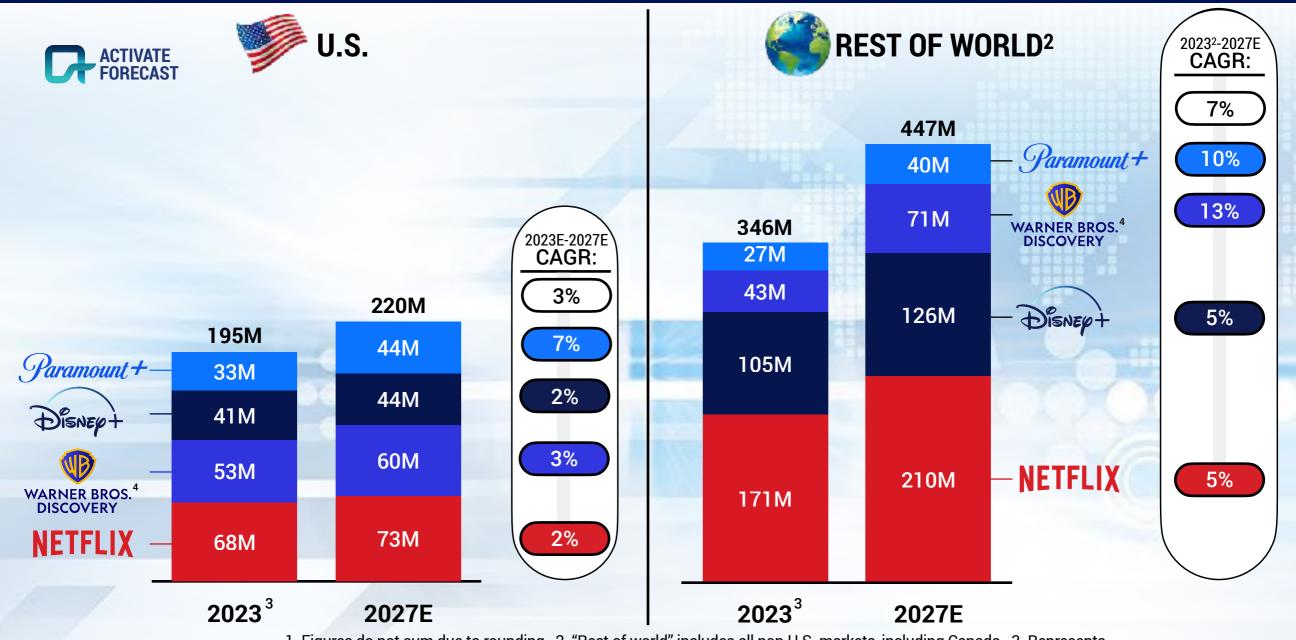
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International markets will be the primary source of future subscriber growth for video streaming services

SVOD SUBSCRIBERS BY REGION¹, U.S. VS. REST OF WORLD², 2023³ VS. 2027E, MILLIONS SUBSCRIBERS



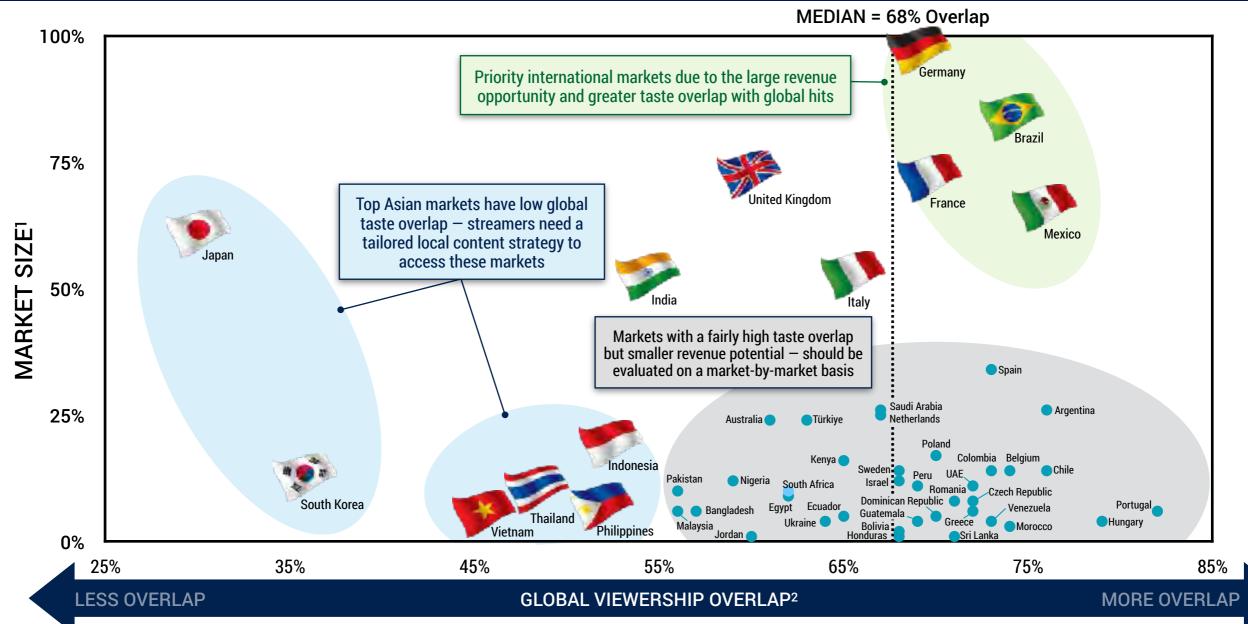


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Sources: Activate analysis, Company filings, Company sites, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, MoffettNathanson, Wells Fargo

Each international market requires its own strategy, taking into consideration market size, strategic value, and required programming investment

INTERNATIONAL STREAMING MARKET SIZE¹ VS. GLOBAL VIEWERSHIP OVERLAP², GLOBAL, 2023E, TOP 50 INTERNATIONAL MARKETS BY POPULATION



Sources: Activate analysis, IMF, Netflix, S&P Global, World Bank



^{1. &}quot;Market size" is defined as the 2023 streaming revenue opportunity across Netflix's 50 largest global markets, excluding China, Russia, U.S., and Canada. Market size estimates are indexed to the maximum market size of included markets.

2. "Global viewership overlap" measures the share of top 10 programs in major Netflix markets that also appear in global rankings. This measure is calculated using Netflix's weekly top 10 ratings (global and by country) from the week of July 4, 2021 through the week of Aug. 20, 2023.

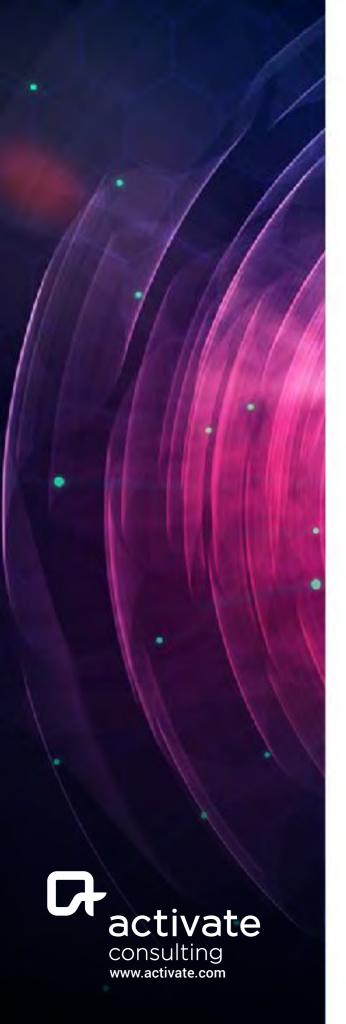
Several media companies are pursuing distribution partnerships to access international markets instead of operating standalone services

SELECT INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLES: DISTRIBUTION PARTNERSHIPS

COMPANY	PARTNERSHIP	REGION	DETAIL
	J:COM WOWOW	JAPAN	Sept. 2023: Paramount announced the launch of Paramount+ in Japan though a partnership with J:COM and Wowow, giving users access to the content at no additional cost
Paramount (1)	TVING	SOUTH KOREA	June 2022: Content licensing and distribution agreement launched Paramount+ on local streaming platform TVING in South Korea
	■ U-NEXT	JAPAN	Mar. 2023: Warner Bros. renewed content output deal with Japanese streamer to remain the home of HBO programming in Japan
WARNER BROS. DISCOVERY	JioCinema VIOCOM 18	INDIA	Apr. 2023: Multi-year agreement made JioCinema India's new streaming home for HBO, Max Original, and Warner Bros. content
NBCUniversal COMCAST Sky	MULTICHOICE	AFRICA ¹	Mar. 2023: Showmax streaming service was relaunched, powered by Peacock's technology platform, along with content from NBCUniversal and Sky



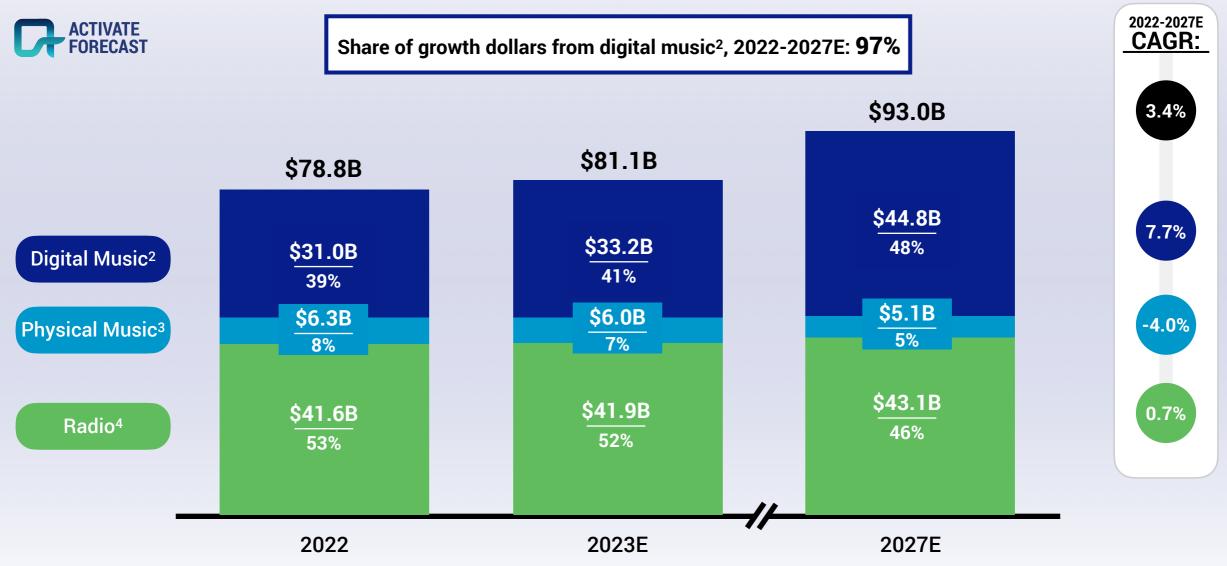




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Global music industry revenues will reach \$93B by 2027

RECORDED MUSIC AND RADIO REVENUE BY TYPE¹, GLOBAL, 2022 VS. 2023E VS. 2027E, BILLIONS USD



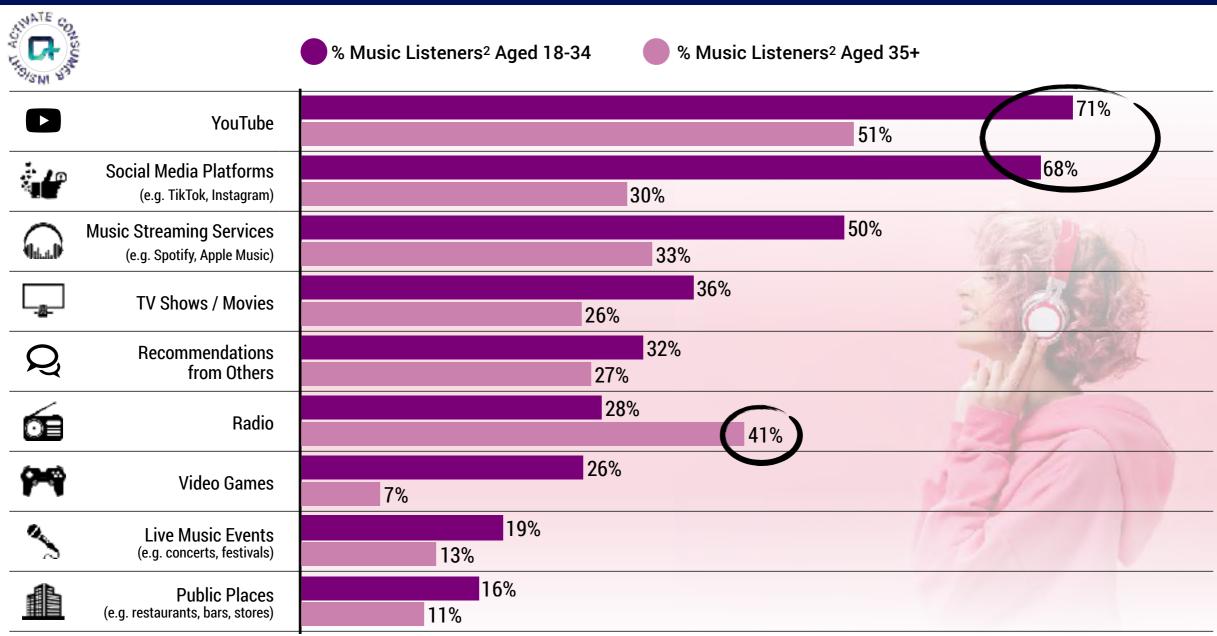


1. Excludes performance rights and synchronization royalties. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 2. "Digital music" is defined as revenue generated from paid digital downloads of any licensed recorded music and from subscriptions and advertising on music streaming services, including services that offer podcasts (e.g. Spotify). 3. "Physical music" is defined as revenue generated from any purchase of physical audio formats (e.g. vinyl). 4. "Radio" is defined as revenue generated from satellite radio subscriptions and advertising on satellite and terrestrial radio (including non-music content such as talk and sports). Sources: Activate analysis, Goldman Sachs, Grand View Research, IFPI, Omdia, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Recording Industry Association of America, SiriusXM, Statista



Music discovery is evolving: YouTube and other social media platforms have become the top discovery sources for younger adults; for adults aged 35+, radio has significant staying power

SOURCES OF MUSIC DISCOVERY¹ IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2023, % MUSIC LISTENERS² BY AGE GROUP





^{1. &}quot;Music discovery" is defined as discovering new music / music artists in the last 12 months.

^{2. &}quot;Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)

Al will transform music discovery and consumption

IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON MUSIC CONSUMPTION

INCREMENTAL

More sophisticated AI algorithms are increasingly able to tailor music recommendations to the tastes of individual consumers (e.g. hyper-specific personalized mixes and playlists)

TRANSFORMATIONAL

New innovations in AI are transforming the experience of music discovery beyond personalized song recommendations (e.g. personalized AI assistants)

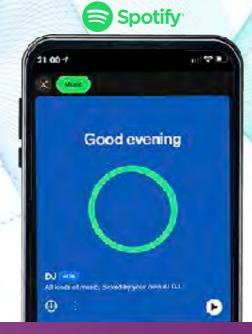


Apple Music added an algorithmic **Discovery Station**, recommending new songs to users based on their unique music taste profiles



ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES:

Deezer revamped their AI discovery tool, **Flow**, enabling users to discover songs based on their selected genre and mood

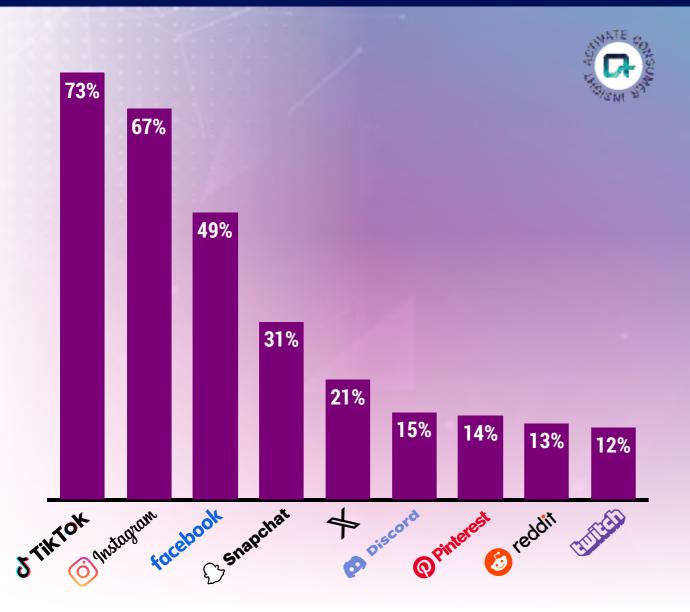


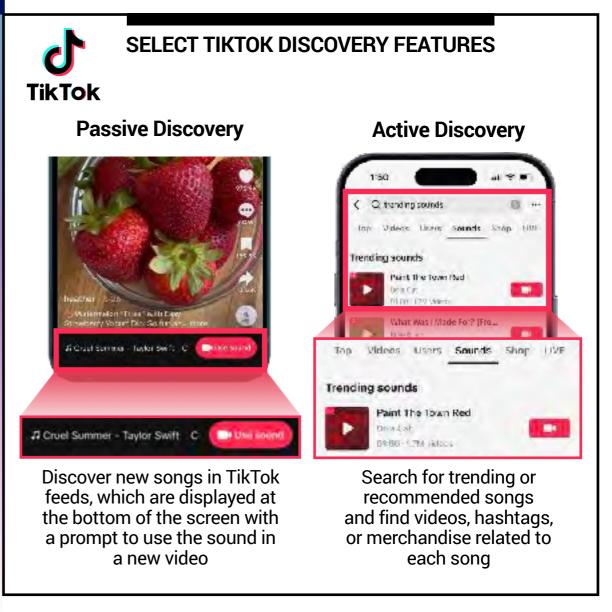
Spotify launched their AI DJ feature, which plays personalized mixes accompanied by verbal commentary in the style of a radio station host



TikTok is the top social media platform for music discovery, providing users with active and passive ways to discover new music and artists

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS USED TO DISCOVER MUSIC IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2023, % MUSIC LISTENERS² AGED 18-34 WHO DISCOVER MUSIC¹ THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS







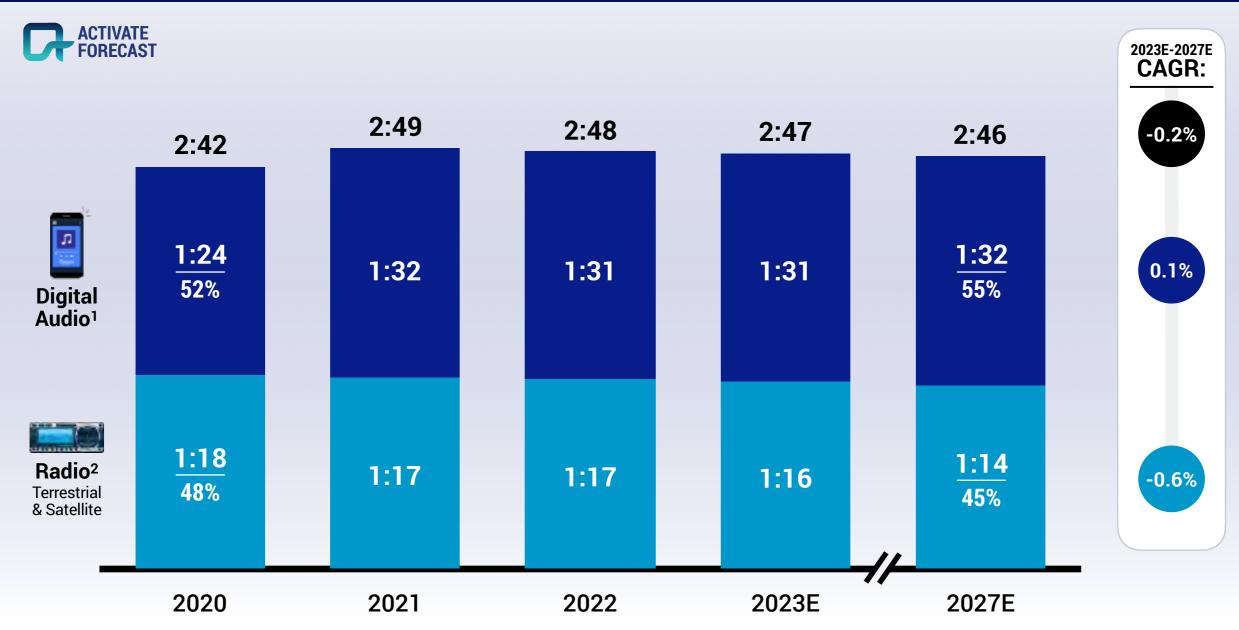
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Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Company sites

Consumer audio time will be flat going forward, with digital remaining the majority of daily audio time

AVERAGE DAILY AUDIO TIME PER ADULT AGED 18+ BY TYPE, U.S., 2020-2023E VS. 2027E, HOURS:MINUTES



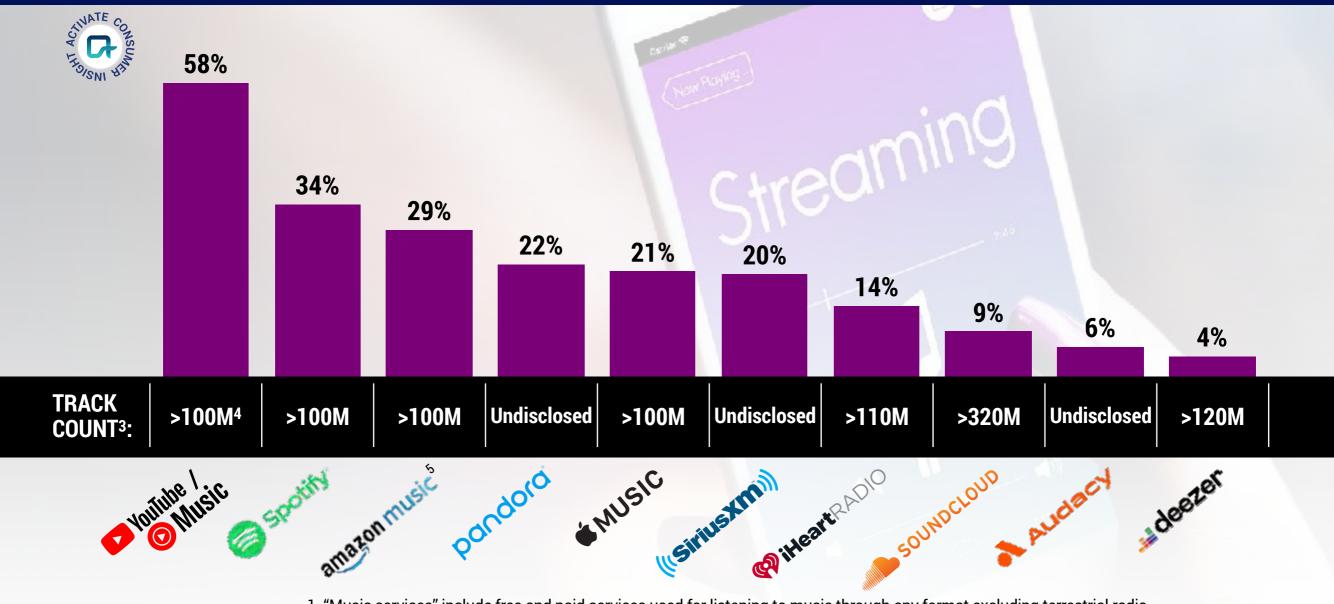


1. "Digital audio" includes audio streamed via mobile and desktop/laptop. Excludes audio streamed on social media platforms (e.g. TikTok, Snapchat). 2. "Radio" excludes digital radio.
Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), data.ai, eMarketer, GWI, Music Biz, Nielsen



The top music services, led by YouTube, offer little differentiation in terms of track count, allowing consumers to find their favorite songs on all major services





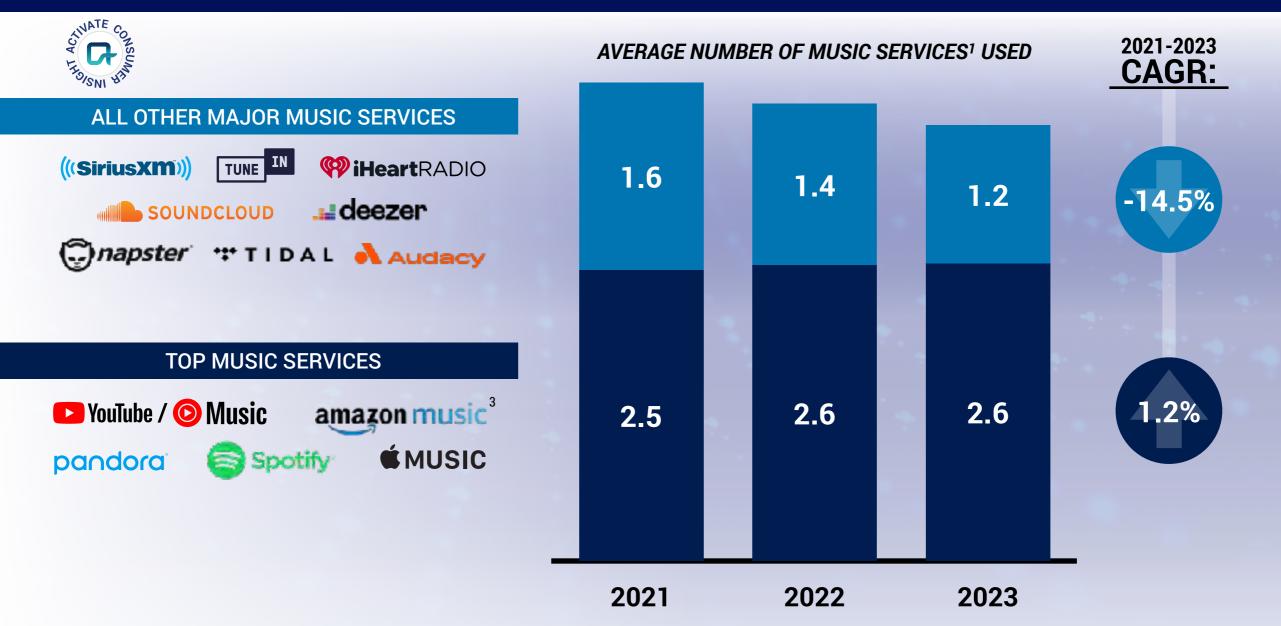


^{1. &}quot;Music services" include free and paid services used for listening to music through any format excluding terrestrial radio.

2. "Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music. 3. Number of tracks available on most premium tier of music service. 4. Number of tracks available on YouTube Music. 5. Includes consumers who use Amazon Music through their Amazon Prime subscription, as well as consumers who use the standalone Amazon Music service. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Company press releases, Company sites, Hypebot, Music Business Worldwide, TechCrunch

The average number of music services used by listeners is declining and increasingly concentrated among the largest services

AVERAGE NUMBER OF FREE OR PAID MUSIC SERVICES USED, U.S., 2021-2023, SERVICES PER MUSIC LISTENER²

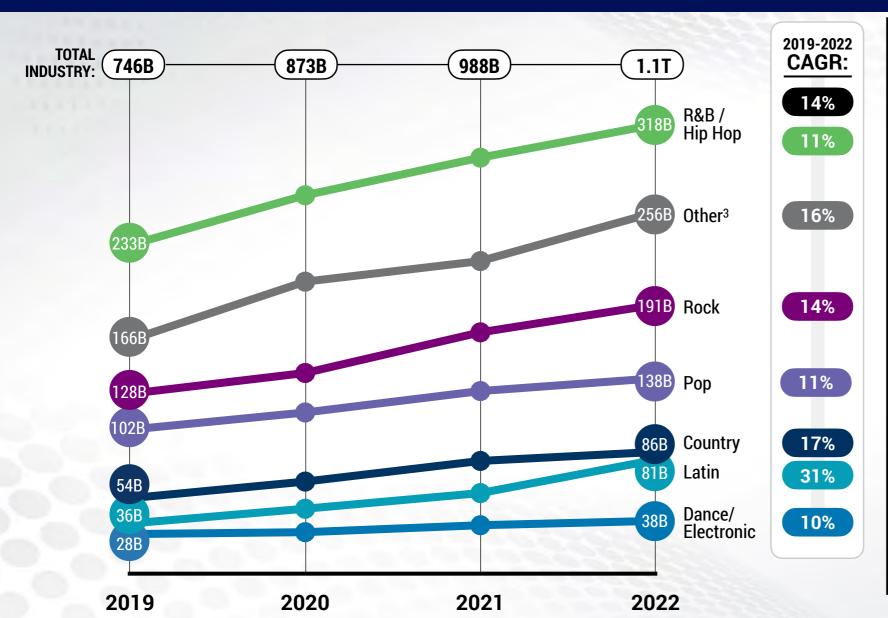




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On-demand music listening continues to grow across all genres

ON-DEMAND AUDIO STREAMS¹ BY GENRE², U.S., 2019-2022, BILLIONS STREAMS



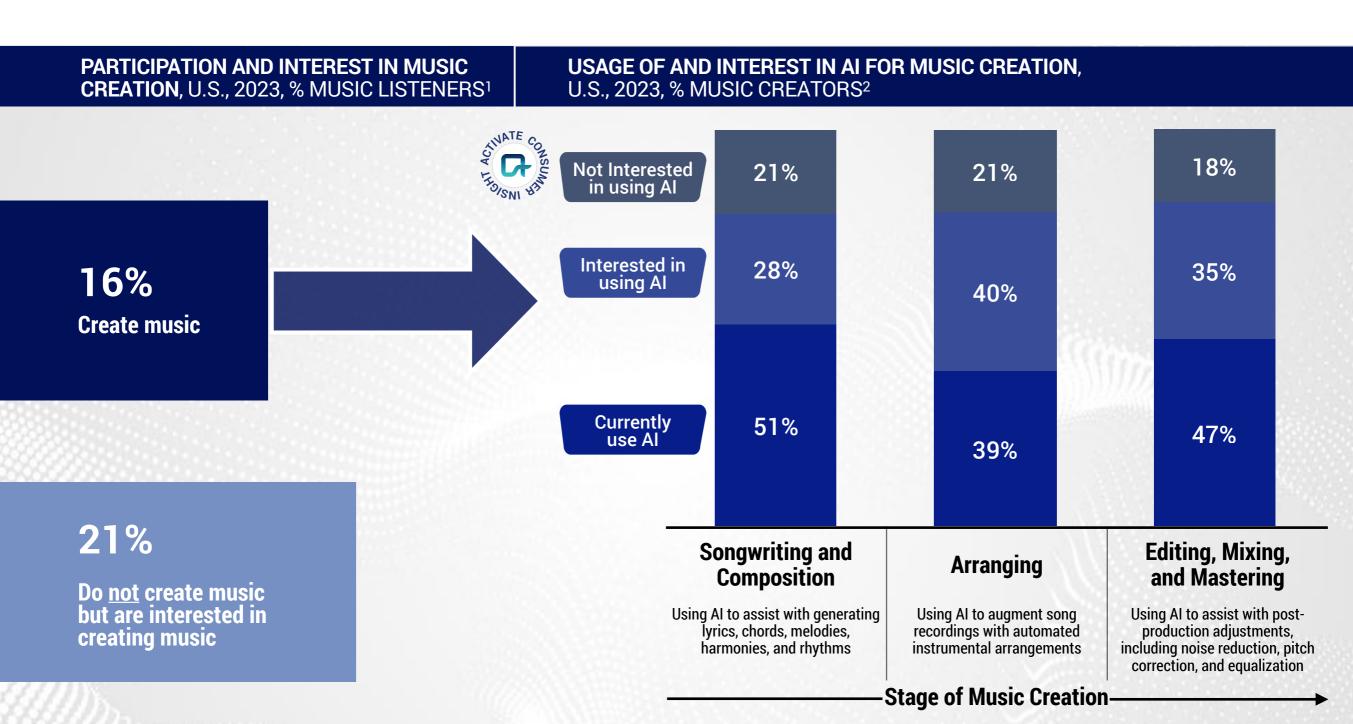




1. On-demand audio streaming activity is aggregated across Amazon, Apple, Spotify, YouTube, and many other commercial providers. Songs must be played for at least 30 seconds to count as a stream. 2. On-demand audio streams by genre reflect estimates based on total industry streams and share of streams by genre. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 3. Includes all other genres (e.g. jazz, classical, world music). 4. Between Jan. 1, 2022 and Oct. 31, 2022. Sources: Activate analysis, Luminate, Spotify



The good: A sizable share of music listeners are also music creators, many of whom are using or interested in using Al-enabled tools





^{1. &}quot;Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music.



^{2. &}quot;Music creators" are defined as adults aged 18+ who create music.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)

The good: Al-enabled creator tools are revolutionizing every stage of the music creation process

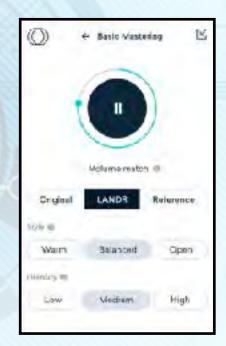
IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON MUSIC CREATION TOOLS

Al plug-ins and mobile creator tools with enhanced capabilities (e.g. lyric generation, realistic vocal synthesis, live pitch correction) are streamlining the creation process, fueling growing consumer interest in music creation

SONGWRITING AND COMPOSITION Fill in one or several fields to let Jarvis generate new lyrics. I wouldn't have anything to do If it wasn't for you I might not laugh so hard If it wasn't for you Start lyrics with 0 I might not give my love so freely If it wasn't for you I might not give my heart so fully Honey, if it wasn't for you Chaoso Reset Jarvis AI enables users to generate song JARVIS lyrics based on a set of filters or the first few lines of the song **EXAMPLE** <u></u>≪Rytr JARVIS JUNIA **CREATOR** BoredHumans.com TOOLS: Writesonic



EDITING, MIXING, AND MASTERING





LANDR's new mobile AI creation app provides tools for music collaboration and mastering on the go









The good: New generative AI technology is enabling humanless music creation

OVERVIEW OF AI-GENERATED SONGS

New generative AI technology is fundamentally altering the music creation paradigm, leveraging vast databases of music catalogs to enable seamless creation of entire songs from scratch **User inputs: Example text prompt:** "Create a **Specific** 2-minute-long pop Instrumentals **Track length/** genre/mood song with vocals **Final Song** (e.g. drums, bells, duration (e.g. classical, upbeat, that sound like acoustic quitar) road trip) Frank Sinatra"



The bad: The music industry will need to protect its IP and artists as rogue AI replicates known artists' style, compositions, and voices

OVERVIEW OF CHALLENGES TO THE MUSIC INDUSTRY POSED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The ability to create AI-generated songs with minimal human intervention poses significant challenges for the music industry; accordingly, it is imperative for major music companies to adopt a proactive approach in monitoring and regulating the usage of AI

AI-GENERATED SONGS FACE INCREASING LEGAL PRESSURE

Many Al-generated songs have been taken down from streaming services after going viral due to copyright infringement concerns (e.g. unauthorized training on copyrighted lyrics and melodies)

PROTOCOLS ARE BEING ESTABLISHED TO MODERATE AI

Record labels and music streaming services are forming partnerships to establish frameworks and principles on the role of Al in music (e.g. YouTube's Music Al Incubator with UMG)

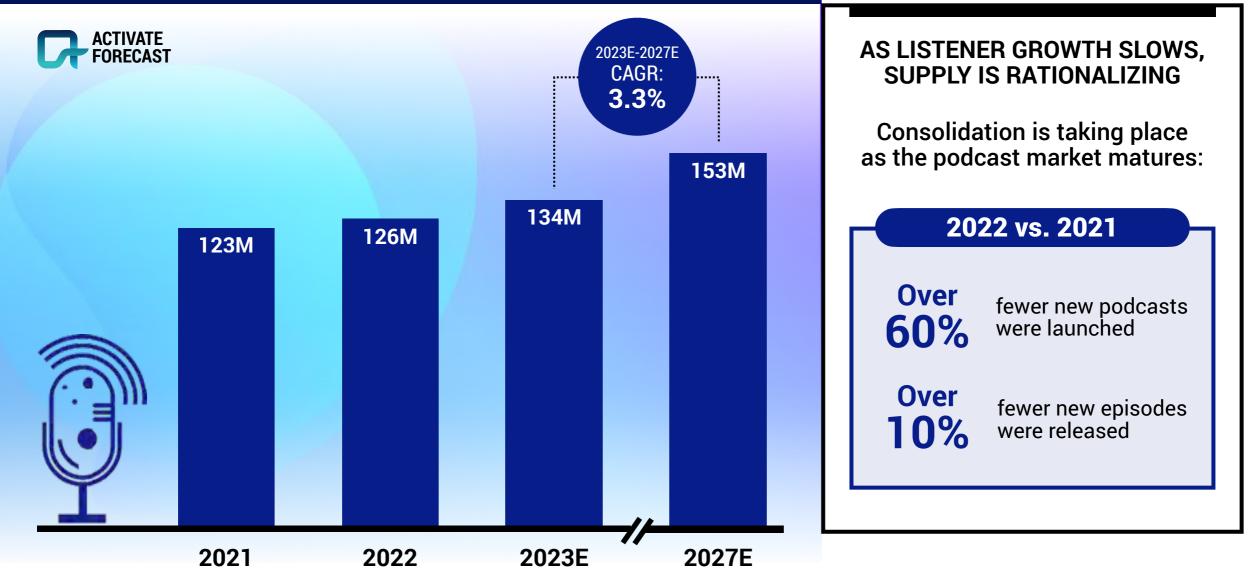
CONSUMER PERCEPTION REMAINS UNDETERMINED

Going forward, it will be critical to monitor consumer receptivity to Al-generated songs to determine whether they are perceived as an acceptable substitute or a threat to music artists



Podcast listening is a mainstream behavior and will continue to grow, but podcast creators and publishers are rationalizing supply as concerns over the business model mount







1. "Monthly podcast listeners" are defined as consumers who listen to podcasts at least once per month. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2019 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,006), Activate 2021 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,018), AdExchanger, Apple World Today, Automotive News, Car & Driver, Cox Automotive, Digital Trends, Edison Research, eMarketer, Listen Notes, Nielsen, Omdia, Pew Research Center, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Scarborough Research, TechCrunch, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau, The Verge



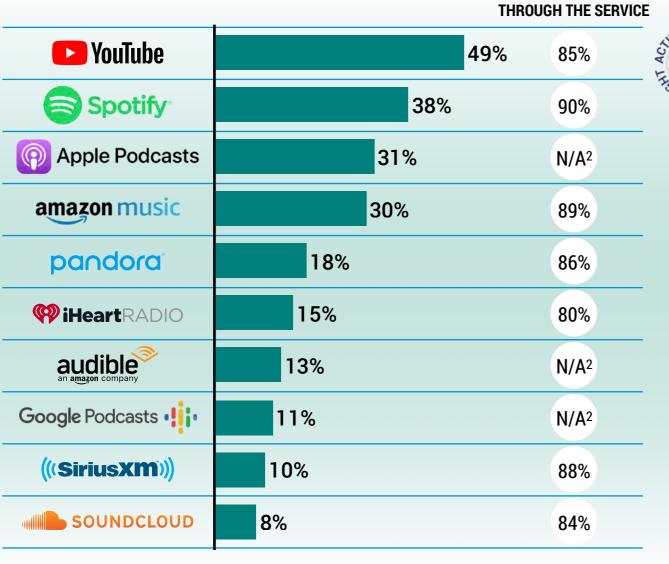
Podcast listening is closely connected to music consumption, with the vast majority of podcast listeners using the same service to listen to music and podcasts

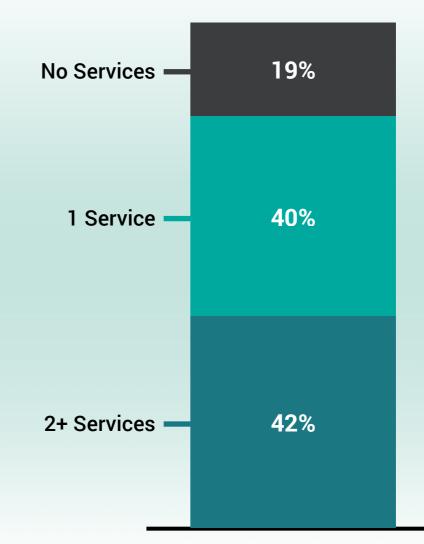


NUMBER OF SERVICES USED FOR BOTH MUSIC AND PODCASTS³, U.S., 2023, % MUSIC AND PODCAST LISTENERS⁴

PODCAST LISTENERS¹ WHO ALSO LISTEN TO MUSIC THROUGH THE SERVICE









^{1. &}quot;Podcast listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to or watching podcasts. 2. Does not provide a music offering. 3. Figures do not sum to 100% due to rounding. 4. "Music and podcast listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music and also spend any time to listening to or watching podcasts. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)

Video podcasts have emerged as a new way to consume the medium, presenting lucrative monetization opportunities

OVERVIEW OF VIDEO PODCASTS

EXAMPLES OF VIDEO PODCAST FORMATS



IN-STUDIO INTERVIEWS: RECORDINGS OF HOSTS AND GUESTS IN-STUDIO



VIDEO RECORDINGS OF SOLO PODCAST HOSTS





VIDEO PODCASTS INCREASE MONETIZATION OPPORTUNITIES



SPONSORSHIPS

Visual opportunities for mentions, logo displays, and in-episode ads



PREMIUM CONTENT

Opportunities for premium additional episodes, behind-the-scenes footage, and other exclusive material



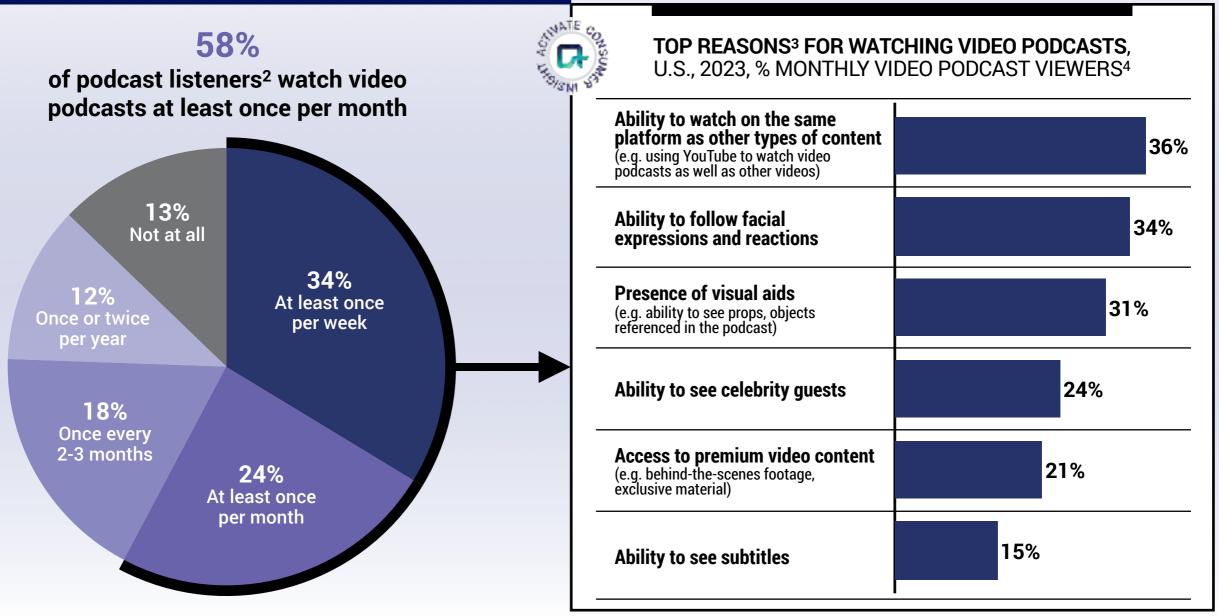
PLATFORM ADVERTISEMENTS

Ability to leverage YouTube ad placements for video podcasts



The majority of podcast listeners watch video podcasts, largely on platforms where they already consume other media

VIDEO PODCAST VIEWERSHIP¹ IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2023, % PODCAST LISTENERS²

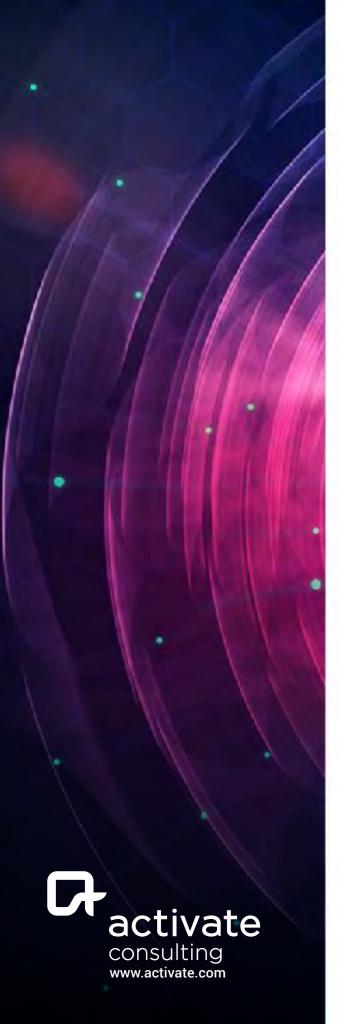




1. Figures do not sum to 100% due to rounding. 2. "Podcast listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to or watching podcasts. 3. Consumers were asked to select up to two top reasons. 4. "Monthly video podcast viewers" are defined as adults aged 18+ who watch video podcasts at least once per month.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)





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Legalization of sports betting began five years ago and has had a massive influence on the entire sports ecosystem

SCALE OF U.S. LEGAL SPORTS BETTING

35
U.S. states where sports betting is legal and live¹

147M

U.S. adults aged 21+2 live in states with legal sports betting¹

16%

of U.S. sports fans³ have placed a legal sports bet in the last 12 months

\$312B

legally wagered in the last five years⁴ in the U.S.

\$25B

in revenue in the last five years⁴ in the U.S.

10M

legal sports bets placed per day in the U.S. on average



1. As of Sept. 2023. 2. 21 is the legal betting age in most states. 3. "Sports fans" are defined as adults aged 18+ who followed at least one sport in the last 12 months (e.g. attended live games in person, watched live games or game highlights, read articles or statistics). 4. Cumulative amount wagered and revenues from 2018 to 2023E. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Action Network, Legal Sports Report, The Lines, Nevada Gaming Control Board, SportsHandle, U.K. Gambling Commission, U.S. Census Bureau, The Wall Street Journal

Today, sports betting is legal and live in 35 states, accounting for approximately 60% of the U.S. population

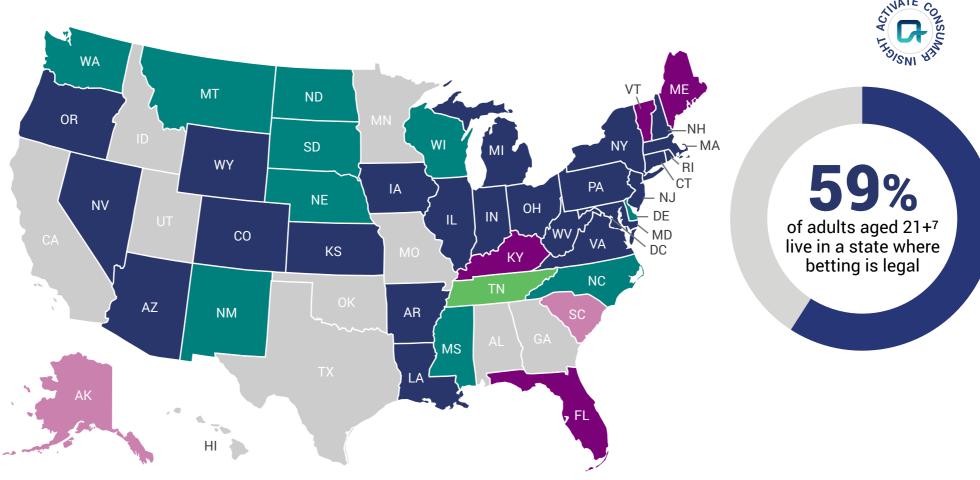
SPORTS BETTING MARKET LIVE STATES BY CHANNEL, U.S., SEPT. 2023







State regulator sites

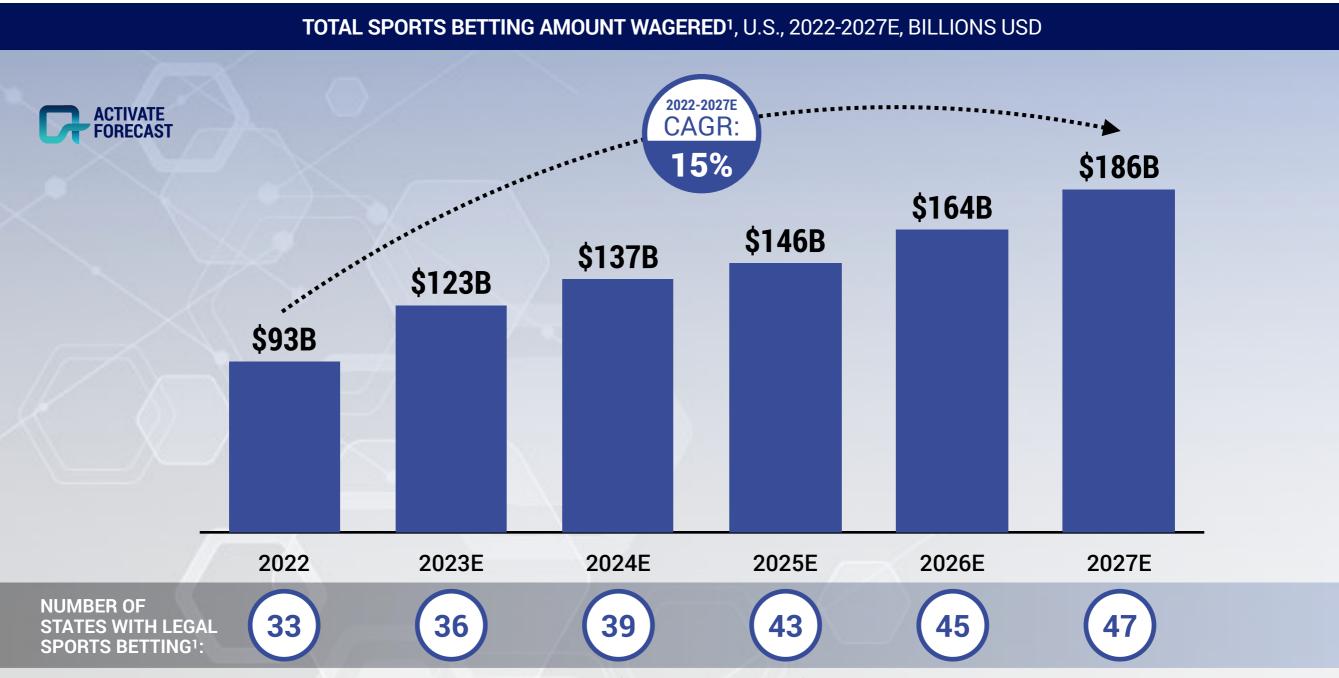


1. "Live states" are defined as states in which sports betting is legal and currently operational as of Sept. 2023. Includes Washington, D.C. as a state. 2. "Legal online & in-person" is defined as states where online sports betting and in-person sports betting is legal. 3. "Legal in-person only" is defined as states where sports betting is legal and live but permitted only within the physical boundaries of a retail-licensed sports betting operator or other geofenced location (e.g. sports venues, casinos, hotels, restaurants). 4. "Legal online only" is defined as states where sports betting is legal and live, but not permitted in-person; it is only legal online. 5. "Legal not live" is defined as states who have passed legislation legalizing sports betting, but, as of Sept. 2023, do not have any live operations to sports bet. 6. "Pending legislation" is defined as states that have active legislation to legalize sports betting. 7. 21 is the legal betting age in most states.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Legal Sports Report,



We forecast that the total amount wagered in sports betting will reach \$186B by 2027





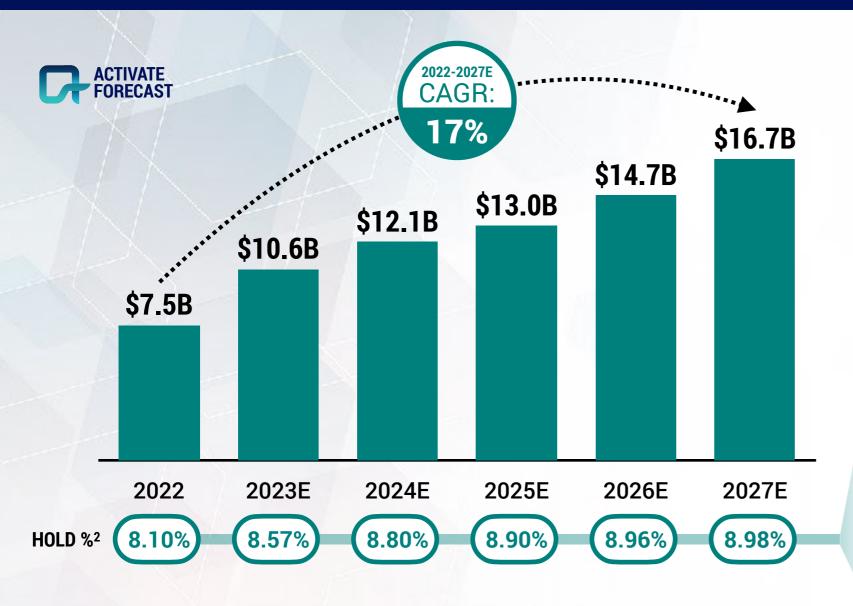
^{1.} Projection assumes 47 states will legalize (but not necessarily launch) sports betting by 2027. Includes Washington, D.C. as a state.

Sources: Activate analysis, Legal Sports Report, The Lines, Nevada Gaming Control Board, SportsHandle, U.K. Gambling Commission



Sports betting revenue will exceed \$16B by 2027 and will grow faster than the amount wagered as margins continue to improve

SPORTS BETTING REVENUE¹, U.S., 2022-2027E, BILLIONS USD





FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO AN INCREASE IN HOLD PERCENTAGE²

More accurate odds-setting due to an increase in number of sportsbooks and data availability

Increasing in-game and in-play wagering, which typically generate higher margins, driven in part by in-stadium betting lounges

Promotion of single-game parlays on major online sportsbooks (with approximately 20% margins)



^{1.} Calculated as a share of the total amount wagered, dependent on odds, type of wager, and individual sportsbooks.

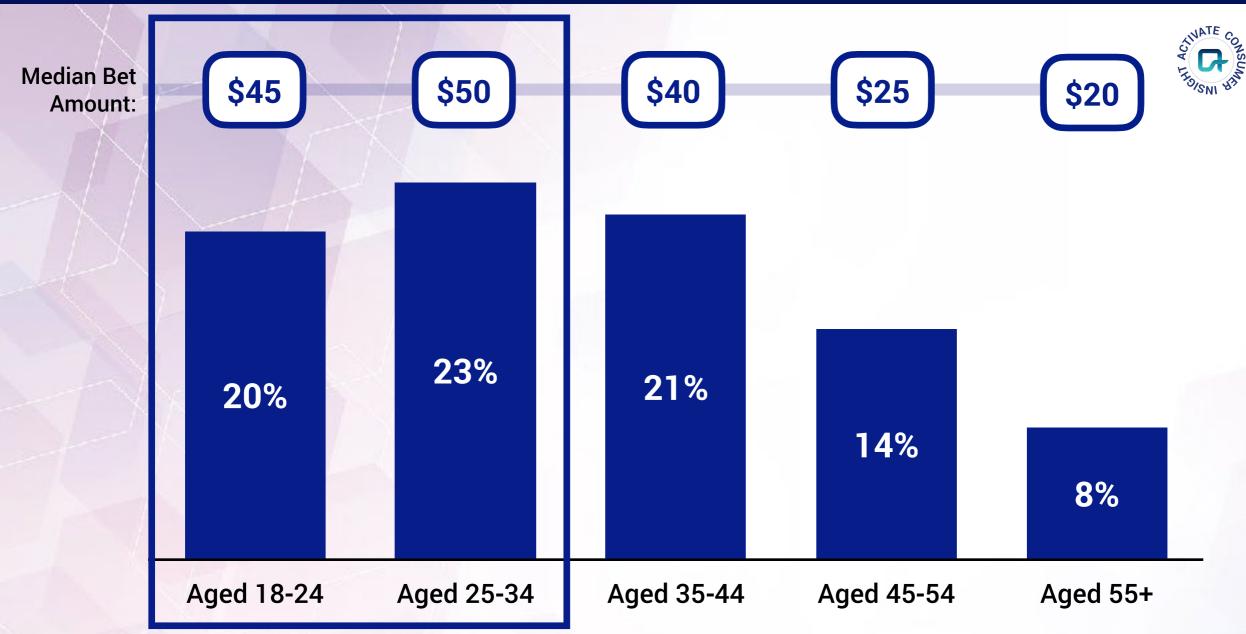
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^{2. &}quot;Hold" is defined as the margin generated by the sportsbooks and calculated as the weighted average annualized hold percentage across all reporting jurisdictions.

Younger sports fans are more likely to bet on sports and wager higher amounts than sports fans aged 35+

SPORTS BETTING PARTICIPATION AND MEDIAN BET AMOUNT BY AGE GROUP, U.S., 2023, % SPORTS FANS¹ BY AGE GROUP / USD



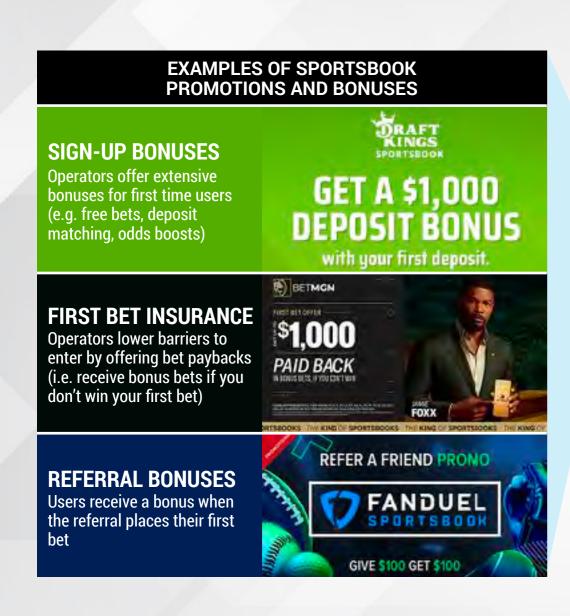


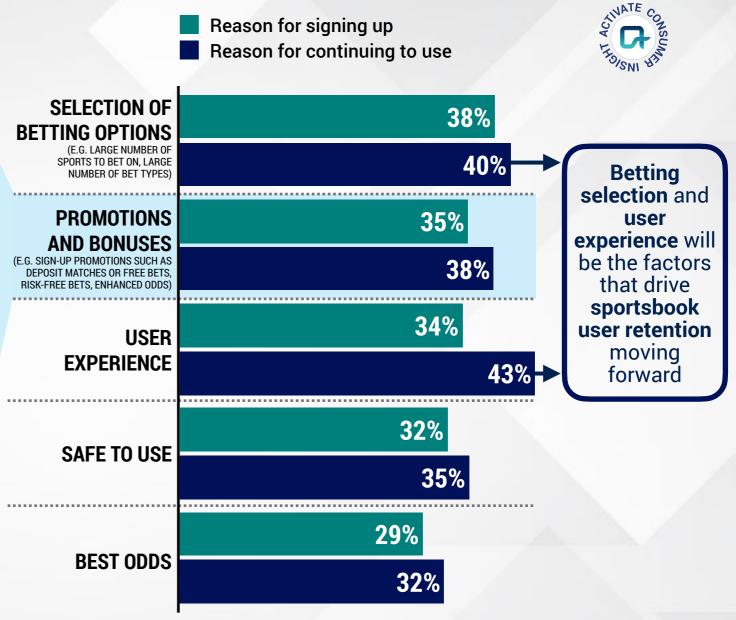
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To attract new customers, sportsbooks rely on extensive sign-up and referral bonuses; once the race to acquire new customers subsides, retention will be driven by selection of betting options and user experience

TOP REASONS¹ FOR SIGNING UP FOR AND CONTINUING TO USE A SPORTSBOOK, U.S., 2023, % SPORTS BETTORS²

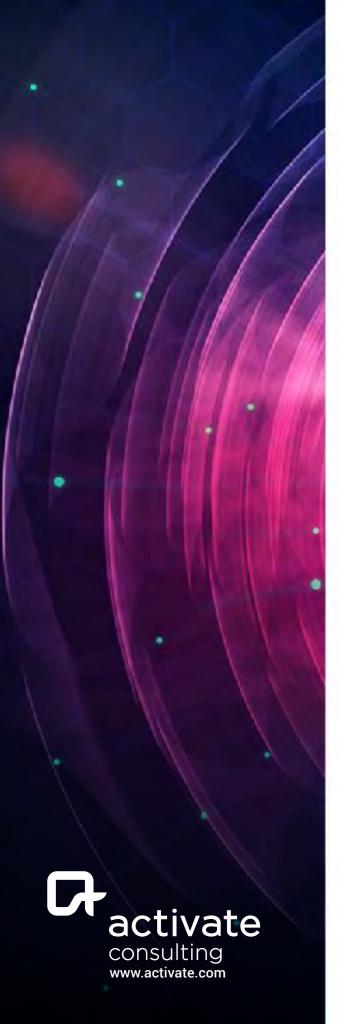






1. Consumers were asked to select up to three top reasons for signing up for a sportsbook and three top reasons for continuing to use a sportsbook. 2. "Sports Bettors" are defined as adults aged 21+ who have placed a sports bet in the last 12 months. Sources: Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)

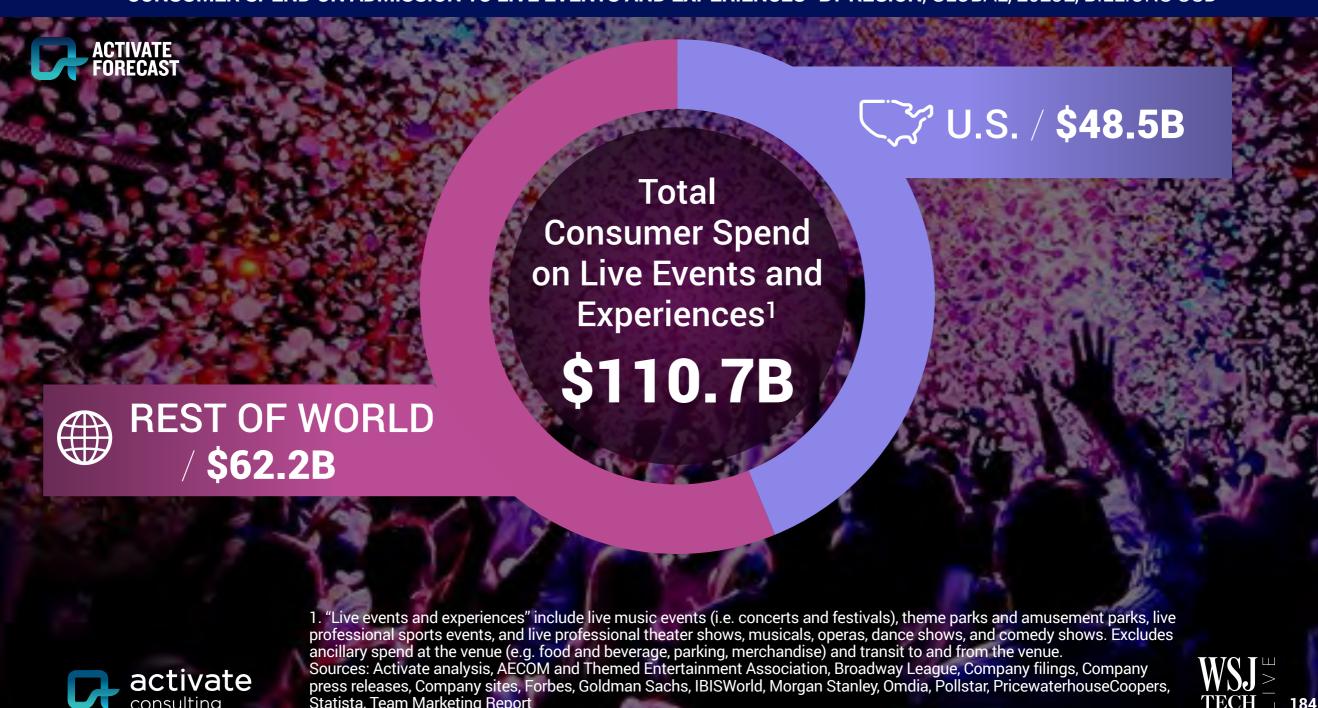




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Today, global consumer spend on admission to live events and experiences exceeds \$110B

CONSUMER SPEND ON ADMISSION TO LIVE EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES BY REGION, GLOBAL, 2023E, BILLIONS USD

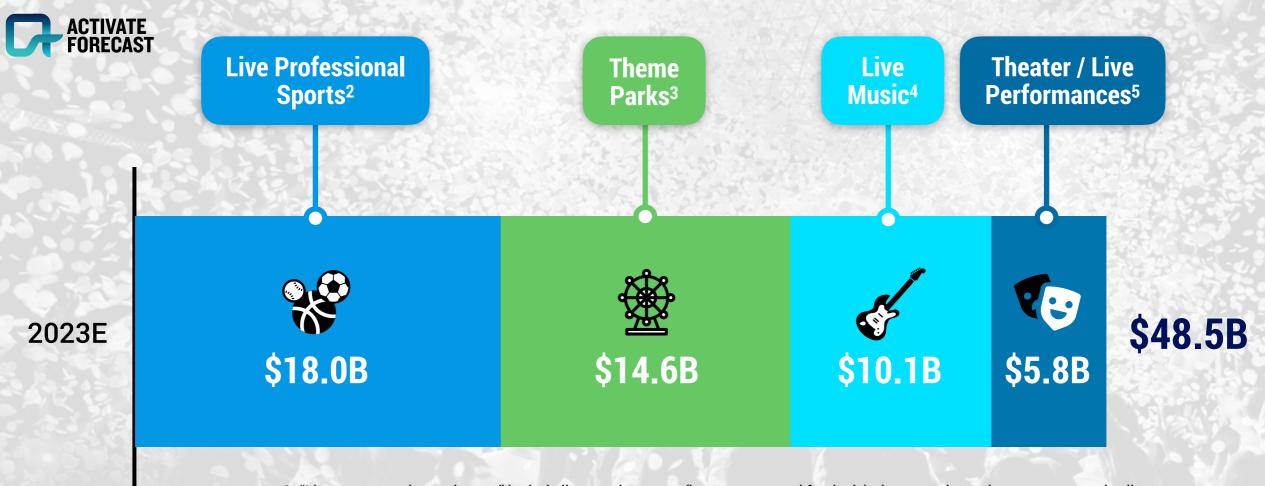


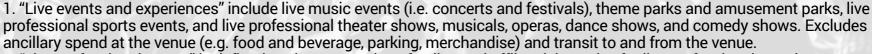


Statista, Team Marketing Report

In 2023, U.S. consumers will spend nearly \$50B on admission to live events and theme parks

CONSUMER SPEND ON ADMISSION TO LIVE EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES BY CATEGORY, U.S., 2023E, BILLIONS USD





^{2. &}quot;Live professional sports" is defined as the gross value of online and offline ticket sales for live professional sporting events purchased by consumers. 3. "Theme parks" is defined as the gross value of online and offline gate (admission) fees paid for entry to theme parks. Theme parks operate mechanical rides, water rides, game shows, themed exhibits, and other attractions. 4. "Live music" is defined as the gross value of online and offline ticket sales for live professional music events purchased by consumers. 5. "Theater / live performances" is defined as the gross value of online and offline ticket sales for live professional theater shows, musicals, operas, dance shows, and comedy shows purchased by consumers.

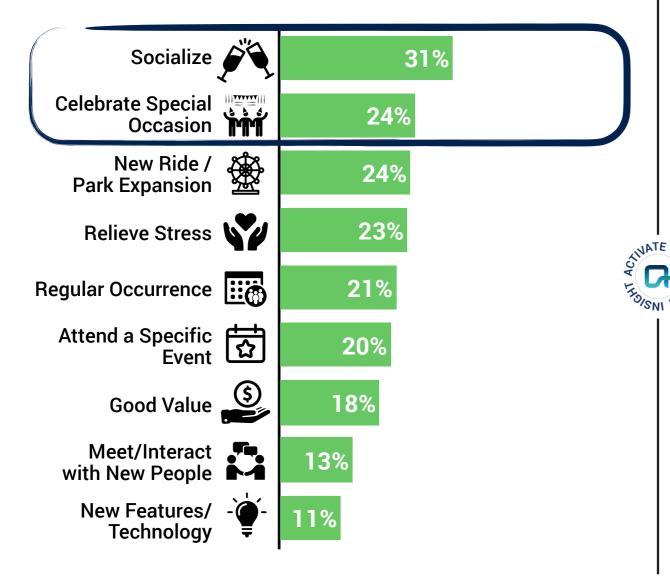
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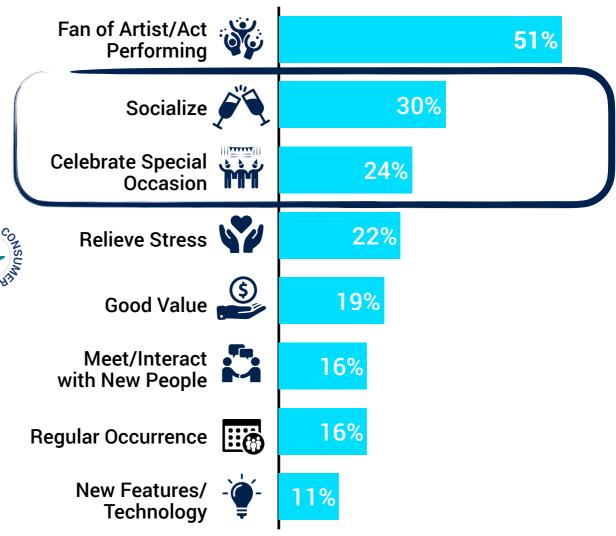


People's main reasons to visit theme parks and live music events – socialization and celebrations – will be enduring

TOP REASONS¹ FOR ATTENDING A THEME PARK IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2023, % THEME PARK ATTENDEES²

TOP REASONS¹ FOR ATTENDING A LIVE MUSIC EVENT³ IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2023, % LIVE MUSIC EVENT³ ATTENDEES⁴







^{1.} Consumers were asked to select up to three top reasons. 2. "Theme park attendees" are defined as adults aged 18+ who attended at least one theme park in the last 12 months. 3. Live music events include concerts and music festivals (e.g. Coachella, CMA Fest). 4. "Live music event attendees" are defined as adults aged 18+ who attended at least one live music event in the last 12 months.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)



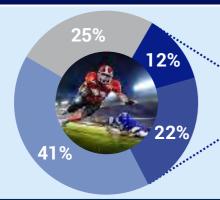
Over a third of U.S. consumers intend to increase their attendance and spend on live events and theme parks

INTENT TO ATTEND MORE LIVE EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES BY TYPE^{1,2}, U.S., 2023, % LIVE EVENT/EXPERIENCE ATTENDEES³ IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

THEME PARKS

LIVE MUSIC

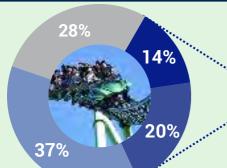


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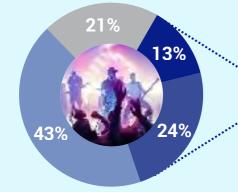
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expect to attend more live professional sports events in the next 12 months¹



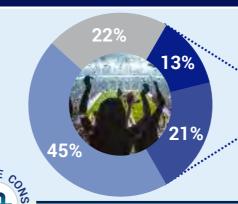
35%

expect to attend theme parks more in the next 12 months¹



36%

expect to attend more live music events⁵ in the next 12 months¹ INTENT TO SPEND MORE MONEY ON LIVE EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES BY TYPE^{2,4}, U.S., 2023, % LIVE EVENT/EXPERIENCE ATTENDEES³ WHO INTEND TO ATTEND IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



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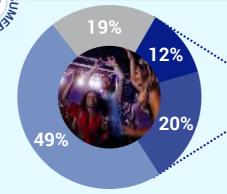
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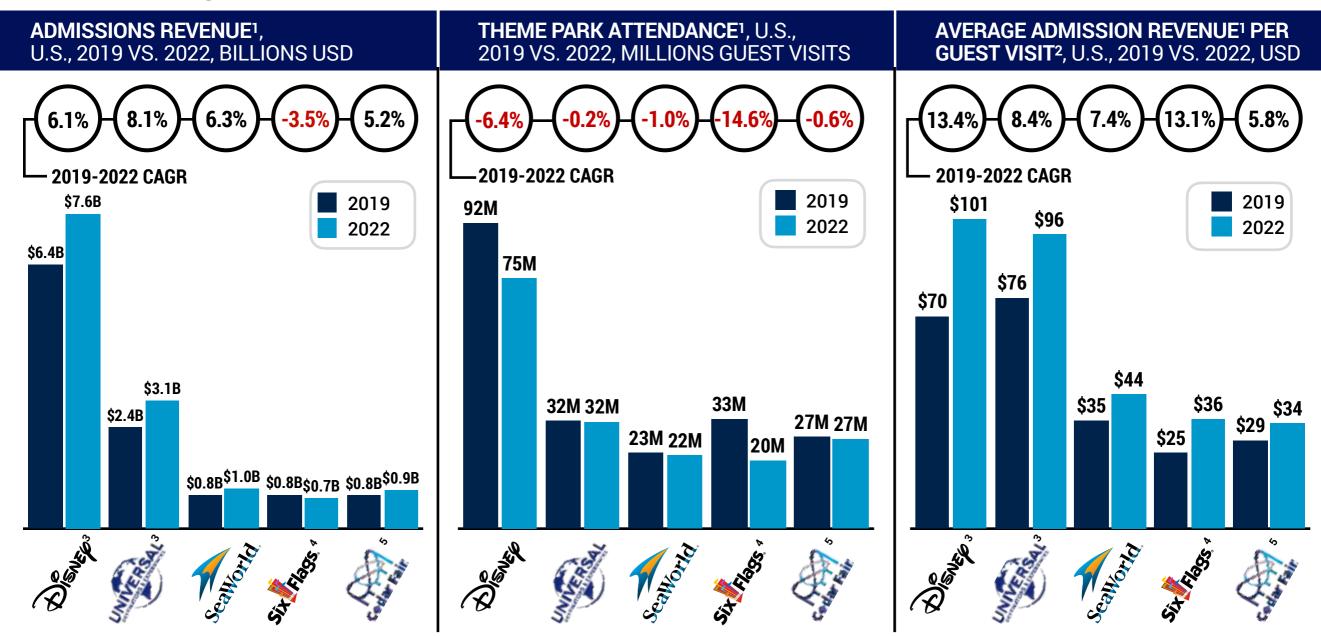
expect to spend more on live music events⁵ in the next 12 months⁴



1. Intent to attend more in the next 12 months than in the last 12 months by live event/experience type. 2. Figures do not sum to 100% due to rounding. 3. "Live event/experience attendees" are defined as adults aged 18+ who attended at least one live event/experience of the given type in the last 12 months. 4. Intent to spend more money in the next 12 months than in the last 12 months by live event/experience type. 5. Live music events include concerts and music festivals (e.g. Coachella, CMA Fest). Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023)



By increasing ticket prices, theme park operators are increasing revenues from people who have a higher willingness to pay, resulting in lower attendance



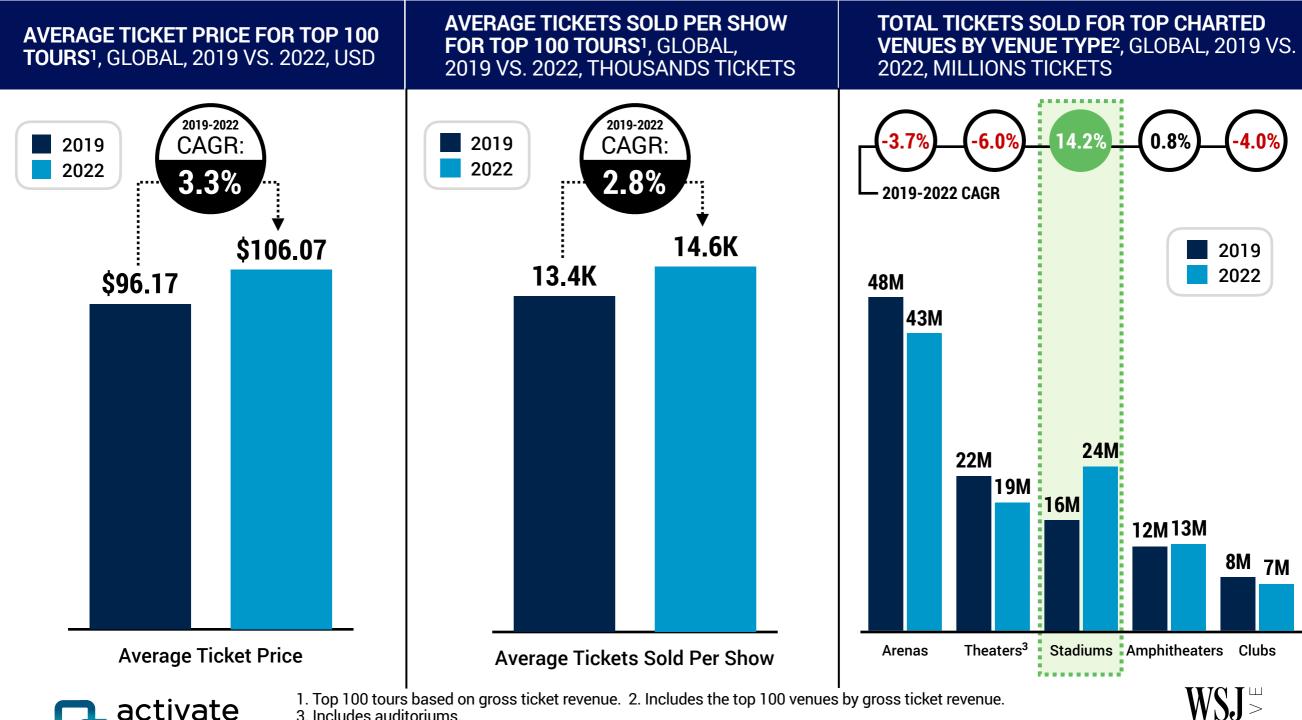


^{1.} Excludes non-theme park attractions (e.g. entertainment complexes, hotels, resorts, vacation club properties). 2. Calculated by dividing admission revenue by theme park attendance, unless reported by the theme park. 3. Reflects estimates. 4. Includes park attendance and revenue figures from three parks in Canada and Mexico. 5. Includes attendance and revenue

4. Includes park attendance and revenue figures from three parks in Canada and Mexico. 5. Includes attendance and revenue figures from one park in Canada. Includes revenue from parking fees.



Despite increased ticket prices, demand for concerts is increasing; to meet this demand, artists will turn to higher-capacity stadiums





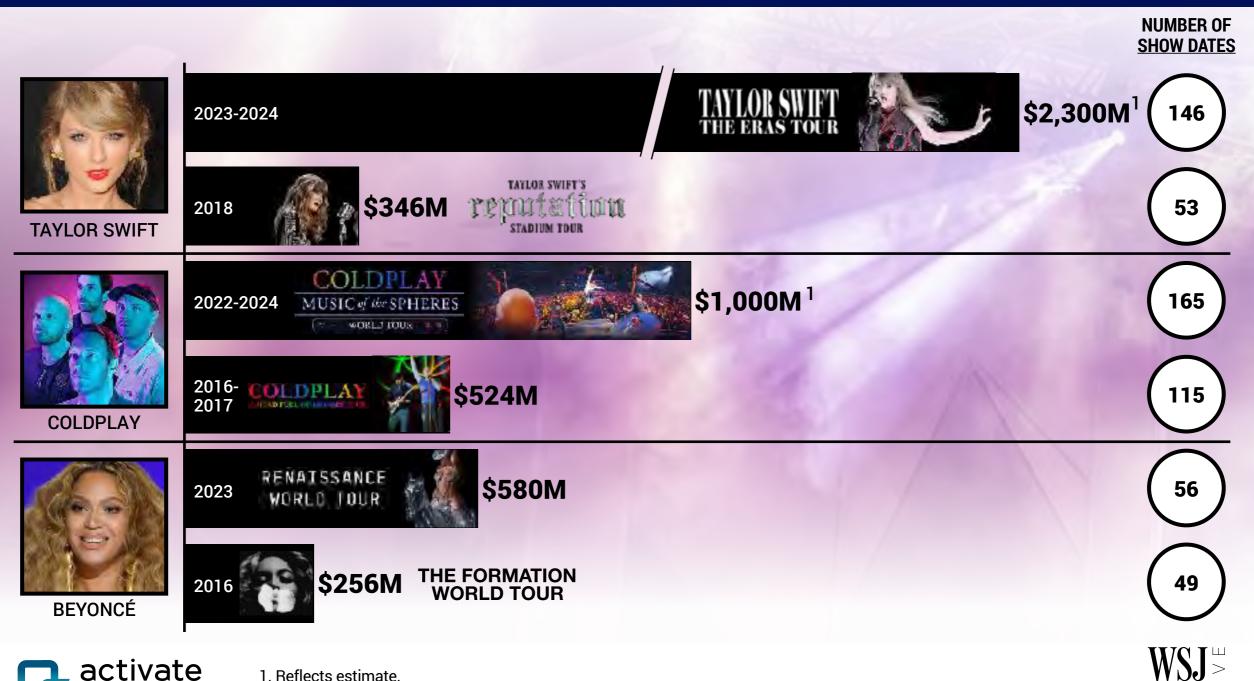
Sources: Activate analysis, Pollstar



^{3.} Includes auditoriums.

Taylor Swift, Coldplay, and Beyoncé's most recent tours are expected to be significantly higher grossing than previous tours

TOTAL GROSS TICKET SALES FROM TWO MOST RECENT TOURS BY ARTIST, GLOBAL, MILLIONS USD





To capture and maximize demand for music and sporting events, stadiums are innovating to improve customer experience, safety, and monetization opportunities

EXAMPLES OF INNOVATION IN STADIUM VENUE ECOSYSTEM

EXPANDED CONNECTIVITY



HPE Aruba launched 6E Connectivity at Chase Center via **250 under-seat access points** in 2022

DIGITAL SIGNAGE



ANC, which was acquired by C10 Media from Learfield in early 2023, is responsible for installing 13,500 sq. ft. of new digital signage at the American Airlines Center in Dallas; this will improve and increase advertising opportunities

IN-APP FAN ENGAGEMENT



Mapsted leverages location-based technology to assist fans in finding premium seats in stadiums and provides in-app upgrade options to increase monetization opportunities by **turning fans into consumers**

ORDER-TO-SEAT



Since launching order-to-seat, Ordr has found that 80% of total stadium orders are for in-seat delivery and total order spend has increased by approximately 90%

IMPROVED FAN TICKETING EXPERIENCE



Jump has raised \$30M to improve the fan ticketing experience, providing alerts for available seats as fans leave midway through an event and reminders to release tickets if fans can no longer attend

DIGITAL TWINS FOR ENHANCED SECURITY



The Paris 2024 Olympics will be the **first ever Olympic event with an official digital twin partner**; the OnePlan venue twin and GIS
mapping software will be leveraged to ensure
safety, security, and crowd control





Innovative technology that enhances the customer experience will power the growth of the industry going forward

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DIGITAL SIGNAGE



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TICKETING



VENUE MANAGEMENT AND ANALYTICS





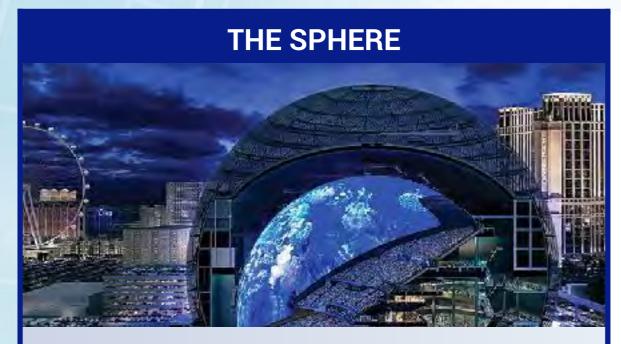






Innovative venues at the intersection of technology, architecture, and entertainment will transform the fan experience

EXAMPLES OF VENUES INNOVATING THE FAN EXPERIENCE



Multi-purpose spherical concert venue in Las Vegas which measures 366 feet tall and 516 feet wide featuring **1.2M LED pucks** (which cover its 580K-square-foot surface) and over **160K speakers**

The venue was built by **Madison Square Garden Entertainment** and cost approximately **\$2.3B** to build

18K people attended the inaugural concert featuring U2, who will have a 25-concert run at the venue

ABBA VOYAGE

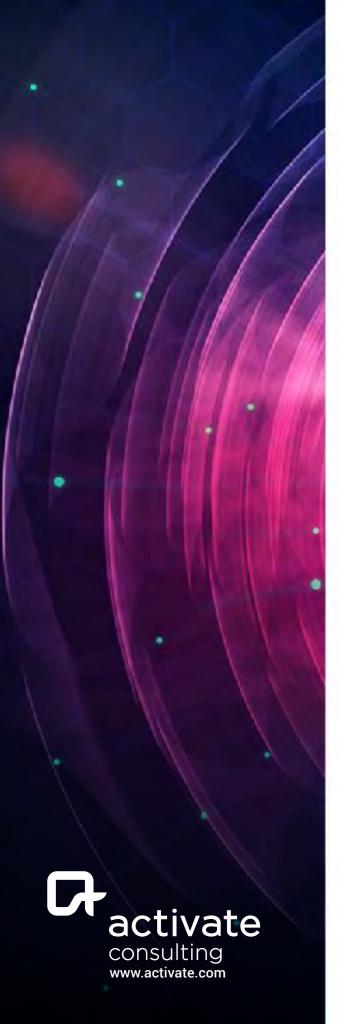


Holographic concert experience in purpose-built arena in London, with planned expansions to Las Vegas, Singapore, and Sydney

Unlike holograms of the past, which were typically projected onto bands of plastic, ABBA Voyage plays out onto **65M-pixel LED screens**

Sold **over 1.5M tickets** since launching in mid-2022, generating **over \$150M in revenue**

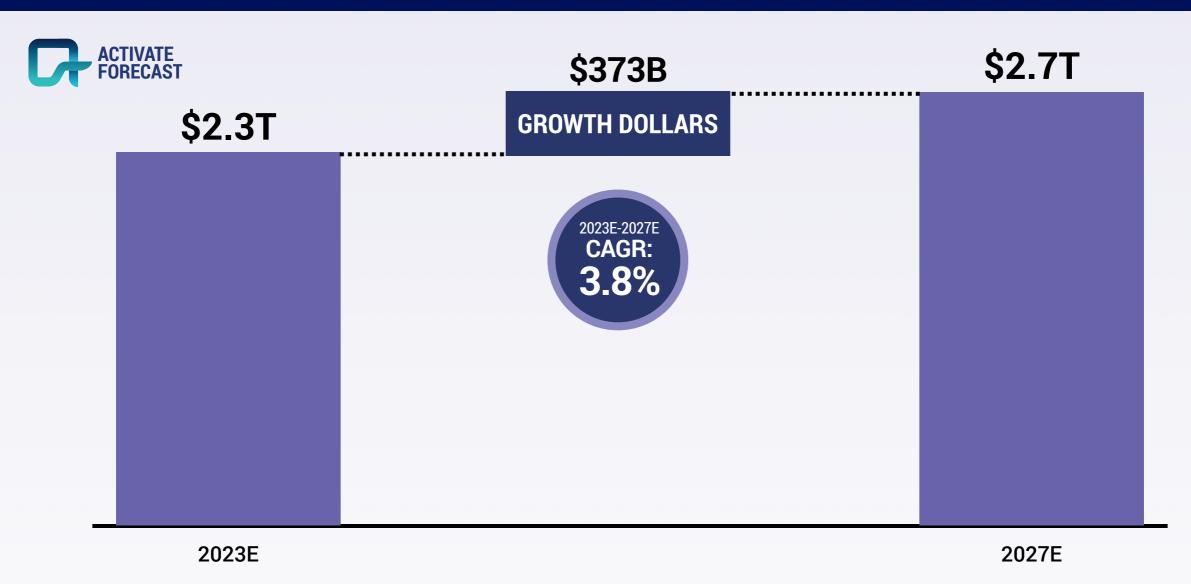




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We forecast substantial growth for the global internet and media industries, increasing by nearly \$400B between 2023 and 2027

INTERNET AND MEDIA REVENUES¹, GLOBAL, 2023E VS. 2027E, USD



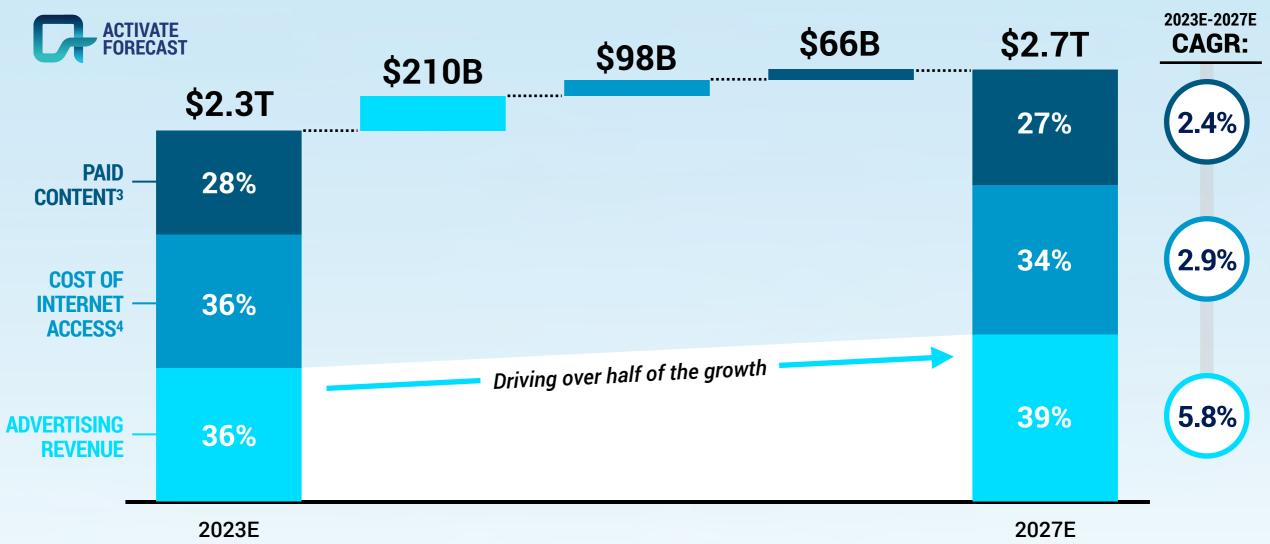


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Global advertising spend will drive more than half of the growth in internet and media revenue

INTERNET AND MEDIA REVENUE¹ GROWTH BY SEGMENT², GLOBAL, 2023E VS. 2027E, USD



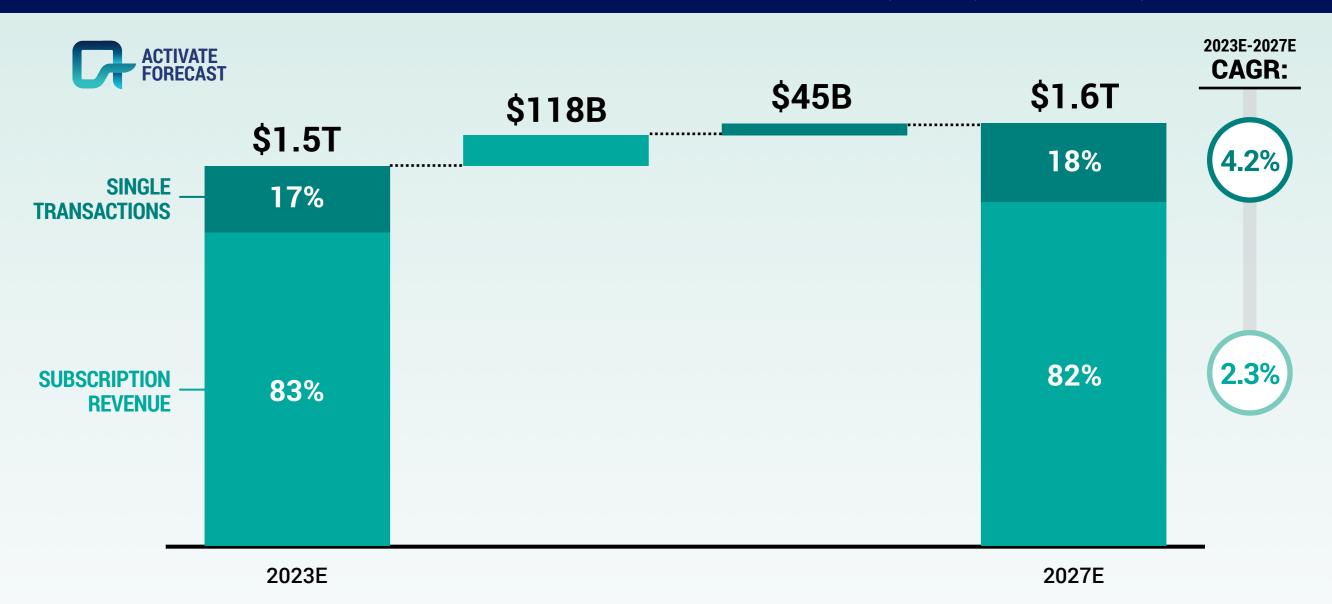


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Subscriptions will make up the vast majority of consumer spend growth, adding \$118B by 2027

CONSUMER INTERNET AND MEDIA REVENUE¹ GROWTH BY REVENUE MODEL², GLOBAL, 2023E VS. 2027E, USD





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