

THE HIGHEST RATED TELEVISION SHOWS IN 2022

NFL

NFL continues its dominance



When Variety revealed its annual list of the most-watched television telecasts of the year, it was no surprise that the NFL reigned supreme. NFL games drew 8 of the top 10 TV audiences of the year (and 40 of the top 100). No surprise, of course, Super Bowl LVI was the top program of the year, attracting nearly 100 million viewers.

AWARDS SHOWS

The award goes to...

Awards shows have fallen off, capturing just 2 of the top 100 rated broadcasts in 2022. However, the Oscars did bounce back from 2021, when the show didn't even crack the top 100, to become the only non-sports program to rank in the top 25. The Grammys fell to 97th.



SPORTS

Live content is King



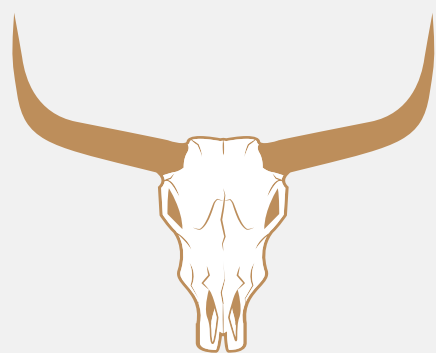
Amazon Prime Video, thanks to its NFL Thursday Night Football rights, landed four telecasts in the top 100. 66% of the most viewed telecasts in 2022 were live sports, including the NFL, NBA, MLB, Winter Olympics, March Madness, and NCAA football.

YELLOWSTONE

Roping in viewers

The Paramount Network's "Yellowstone" averaged 13.1 million viewers for its Season 4 finale, making it the most-watched regularly scheduled entertainment show of the year.

The show saw five of the top 10 entertainment shows in total number of viewers in 2022.



OTHERS

Best of the Rest...

Scripted series accounted for just 24 of the top 100 most-viewed television programs of the year, with "Yellowstone" accounting for six of them. CBS' "NCIS" led the way with nine total episodes. Other series making the cut included CBS' "FBI" (seven), and one each for NBC's "Chicago Fire" and CBS' "NCIS Hawai'i." CBS news program "60 Minutes," in its 55th season, took eight slots in the top 100. No sitcoms or reality shows ranked in the top 100 most-viewed, nor did any specials in 2022 besides the Oscars and the Grammys.