## Growth of Television Ownership

Each September, The Nielsen Company releases current estimates of television's audience and its characteristics.

The most significant increases from the previous year continue to be seen in digital cable, DVR and HD receivable and HD capabale homes as they continue to prepare for the digital transition. VCR penetration, as would be expected, continues to decline.


Key:

| ‘ 70 | '75 | '80 | '85 | $\mathfrak{\prime} 9$ | $\mathfrak{\prime} 9$ | ${ }^{\prime} 00$ | ${ }^{\circ} 05$ | ${ }^{\prime} 06$ |  | ${ }^{\prime} 08$ | '09 |
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| \% of TV Households |
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| TV Households |
| Broadcast Only |
| Wired Cable |
| Cable Plus ADS |
| Cable Plus ADS w/Pay |
| Total ADS |
| Digital Cable |
| DBS |
| DVR |
| HD Receivable |
| HD Capable |
| HD Display Capable |
| Multi-Set |
| DVD |

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Trends in Television Ownership


Television Set Ownership
Number of Sets per Household


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## Station Growth

For comparison purposes to historical data reported, the following station growth data is based on October 2008 data. As the country continues to prepare for the digital transition, we continue to see a decrease across the VHF and UHF stations. Digital stations continue to increase, as to be expected.

## VHF

UHF
Digital


Network Affiliates

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## Stations and Channels Receivable Per TV Household

## Distribution of TV Households

The average TV household in the U.S. receives 17.7 broadcast TV stations. $42 \%$ of all homes can receive up to 14 stations, and $37 \%$ receive 20 or more stations. Homes that receive 30 or more stations have risen to $9 \%$.

Growing digital cable and satellite penetration increased the tuning options in the average household. In 2008, the average home received 130.1 channels, an increase of almost twelve channels. The percentage of homes receiving 100+ channels rose from $58 \%$ in 2007 to $64 \%$ in 2008.

|  | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
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| Broadcast Stations | 11.7 | 13.5 | 16.3 | 17.5 | 17.0 | 17.7 |
| All Channels | 33.2 | 61.4 | 96.4 | 104.2 | 118.6 | 130.1 |



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## Broadcast Stations Receivable vs. Tuned

The vast majority, $93 \%$ of sample homes, receive between 1 and 30 broadcast stations, while $66 \%$ of these homes receive 1 to 20 broadcast stations. More than $5 \%$ of the sample homes receive more than 30 stations. Homes receiving 1 to 10 stations tune to $41 \%$ of their available options. The average household receives 17.7 broadcast stations.

## Receivable Stations

Share of Sample \%

| $1-10$ | $11-20$ | $21-30$ | $31-40$ | $41-50$ | $51-60$ | $61-70$ | $71-80$ | $81-90$ | Total US |
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| 20.8 | 45.2 | 26.5 | 5.6 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 | LT | LT | 100 | 82.0



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## Channels Receivable vs. Tuned

As the number of channels available to a household increases, so does the number of channels tuned. In 2008, the average household tuned to almost 18 channels or $14 \%$ of the 130.1 channels available. Homes receiving over 40 channels tuned between 12.5 and 21 channels on average. In homes with 121 or more channels, where an average of 178.3 are available, 21 of those channels ( $12 \%$ ) are actually tuned.

Share of Sample \%

| $1-10$ | $11-20$ | $21-30$ | $31-40$ | $41-50$ | $51-60$ | $61-70$ | $71-80$ | $81-90$ | $91-100$ | $101-110$ | $111-120$ | $121+$ |
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| 3.0 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 59.5 |




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