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On Demand Streaming Media Services Fact Sheet






	Starting Price	Free Trial	TV during season	TV after season	Movies	Ads	Special Notes
Hulu	Free	n/a	Yes (delay)	Some	Some	Yes	Network Television Channels
Hulu Plus	\$7.99/mo	1 Week	Yes	Yes	Some	Yes	Predominately Network Television Channels \$11.99/mo for ad free
Netflix	\$7.99/mo for 1 device (SD only)	1 Month	No (Unless Netflix produced)	Yes	Yes	Netflix Pro-mos	The Crown, Orange is the New Black, House of Cards, \$9.99/mo and \$11.99/mo options
Amazon Prime Video	\$8.99/mo 1 device per title	1 Month	Fee (unless Amazon produced)	Yes	Some free, some fee	No	Full Prime Membership for \$99/yr (or \$10.99/mo) includes Prime Video, Free 2 day shipping, 1 eBook/mo, and music
iTunes	n/a	n/a	Fee	Fee	Fee	No	Family Sharing covers up to 10 devices
Google Play	n/a	n/a	Fee	Fee	Fee	No	
HBO Now	\$14.99/mo for 3 devices	1 Month	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game of Thrones, The Sopranos, The Wire
Acorn TV	\$4.99/mo	1 Week	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	British TV and movies
Showtime Anytime	\$10.99/mo for 3 devices	1 Month	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Free with Showtime Subscription New "add-on" feature

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*Playstation Vue starts at \$39.99/month

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Live Streaming Media Services

	Starting Price	Free Trial	Live Stream	DVR/On Demand	Add-Ons	Ads	Special Notes
	\$20/mo for 3 devices	Week	Yes	Limited	Packages \$5 each, HBO \$15, \$20 more for all channels	Yes	30 channels including ESPN, ESPN2, AMC, TBS, Disney, A&E, History, Food Network
	\$39.99/mo	Week	Yes	Yes	Some	Yes	Hulu Plus with 50+ live and on demand TV channels
	\$35.00/month	2 Weeks	Yes	Yes	Showtime \$15 Fox Soccer Plus \$15	Yes	More than 40 channels with add-on options. 6 users and nice DVR options
	\$5.99/mo for 2 devices	Week	Yes	Yes	\$9.99/mo for no ads	Yes	CBS content
	39.99/mo	Week	Yes	Yes	Some	Yes	Need PlayStation Console, lots of different packages









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Resolution Info

Service	Resolution	Service	Resolution	Service	Resolution
	Standard HD and 4K (depends on subscription)		Standard HD		Standard HD
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Streaming Devices Fact Sheet

Device	Cost	Pros	Cons
HD Antenna 	\$12-150	Up to 50 free channels	Limited content, Signal/location based programming
Roku Stick 	\$40	Low price	Only HD content and a little slow
Roku Premiere 	\$80	Cheapest 4K device that supports apps	Needs 25mbps internet or faster for 4k
Roku Ultra 	\$130	Supports HDR/4K	Not much 4K or HDR content available
Apple TV 	\$150-200	Fast & contains Apple's easy-to-use interface	Generation three and earlier does not support 4K/HDR
Fire Stick 	\$90	Supports most streaming apps. 4K support when available	Needs 25 mbps internet or faster for 4K and only has Amazon app store
Video Game Consoles	\$150-400	All entertainment in one device	Only certain consoles. Available apps are limited compared to other options.
Chromecast 	\$35	Cheapest streaming device	Needs another device for Chromecast to work
Chromecast Ultra 	\$70	Cheapest 4K/HDR streaming device	Needs 25mbps internet or faster for 4K and another device for Chromecast
Smart TV or Blu-ray Player	\$250+	All in one, great option if you're already in the market for a new device	Depending on the brand/model, not all apps are available
Computer in a stick plus wireless mouse & keyboard (intel stick, Chromebit)	\$80-150 for stick \$30-60 for mouse and keyboard	Provides full computer/Chromebook functionality	Most expensive and complicated option. If not tech savvy, might not be the best choice.

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Links from Presentation

Antenna Research:

Simple listing: <https://www.fcc.gov/media/engineering/dtvmaps>

Complex listing: <http://www.tvfool.com/>

Consumer Reports (search antennas): <http://elmlib.org/consumer>

AntennaWeb: <https://www.antennaweb.org/>

Elmhurst Library Catalog:

<http://elmlib.org>

Elmhurst Library eVideo:

<http://elmlib.org/evideo>

Slate Magazine's Calculator:

<http://tinyurl.com/zyf85pd>

Diary of a Cord Cutter in 2015:

<https://techcrunch.com/2015/02/01/the-diary-of-a-cord-cutter-in-2015/>

<http://tinyurl.com/z4qloak>

<http://tinyurl.com/zxzvjar>

<http://tinyurl.com/gs2cz69>

<http://tinyurl.com/zmay2pd>

<http://tinyurl.com/hbfgjzr>

<http://tinyurl.com/zowetoe>

Searching for content:

<http://www.cutcabletoday.com/watch-tv-online/>

<http://www.canistream.it/>

<https://gowatchit.com/home>

<http://justwatch.com/us>

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Where can I find my shows?

Shows I Want	Network	Where can I get it?

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