

Considering "Cutting the Cord" and Streaming TV?

Use this helpful chart when choosing your streaming platform

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CNET article: <https://www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/hulu-vs-youtube-tv-vs-sling-tv-vs-at-t-tv-vs-philos-vs-fubotv-100-channels-compared/>

Below is a list of TV streaming services, along with costs and channels provided by each service (April 9, 2024)

PHILO VS. SLING TV VS. FUBO VS. HULU VS. YOUTUBE TV VS. AT&T TV: TOP 100 CHANNELS COMPARED							
Channel	Philo (\$25)	Sling Orange (\$40)	Sling Blue (\$40)	YouTube TV (\$73)	Hulu with Live TV (\$77)	DirecTV Stream (\$80)	Fubo (\$80)
	See at Philo	See at Sling	See at Sling	See at YouTube TV	See at Hulu	Stream	See at Fubo
Total channels:	42	24	35	78	75	57	56
ABC	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CBS	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fox	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NBC	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PBS	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
CW	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (limited)	Yes
MyNetworkTV	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
A&E	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$	No
ACC Network	No	\$	No	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Accuweather	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
AMC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Animal Planet	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BBC America	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
BBC World News	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	No	\$	No
BET	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Ten Network	No	No	\$	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Bloomberg TV	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boomerang	No	\$	\$	No	\$	Yes	No
Bravo	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cartoon Network	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
CBS Sports Network	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Cheddar	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Cinemax	No	No	No	\$	\$	\$	No
CMT	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CNBC	No	No	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CNN	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Comedy Central	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cooking Channel	Yes	\$	\$	No	\$	\$	\$
Destination America	Yes	\$	\$	No	\$	\$	\$
Discovery Channel	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Disney Channel	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Disney Junior	No	\$	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Disney XD	No	\$	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E!	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ESPN	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ESPN 2	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ESPNEWS	No	\$	No	Yes	Yes	\$	\$
ESPNU	No	\$	No	Yes	Yes	\$	\$
Food Network	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fox Business	No	No	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fox News	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FS1	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FS2	No	No	\$	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Freeform	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

FX	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FX Movies	No	No	\$	Yes	Yes	\$	\$
FXX	No	No	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FYI	Yes	\$	\$	No	Yes	\$	No
Golf Channel	No	No	\$	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Hallmark	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HBO/Max	No	No	No	\$	\$	\$	No
HGTV	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
History	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$	No
HLN	No	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
IFC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Investigation Discovery	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lifetime	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$	No
Lifetime Movie Network	Yes	\$	\$	No	Yes	\$	No
Magnolia Network	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
MGM+ (formerly EPIX)	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	\$	No
MLB Network	No	\$	\$	No	Yes	\$	\$
Motor Trend	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MSNBC	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MTV	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MTV2	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	\$	Yes	\$
National Geographic	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nat Geo Wild	No	No	\$	Yes	Yes	\$	\$
NBA TV	No	\$	\$	Yes	No	\$	\$
NFL Network	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
NFL Red Zone	No	No	\$	\$	\$	No	\$
NHL Network	No	\$	\$	No	No	\$	\$
Nickelodeon	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nick Jr.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Nicktoons	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	\$	\$	\$
OWN	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Oxygen	No	No	\$	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Paramount Network	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Science	Yes	\$	\$	No	\$	\$	\$
SEC Network	No	\$	No	Yes	Yes	\$	\$
Showtime	No	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Smithsonian	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Starz	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Sundance TV	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	No	Yes	No
Syfy	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tastemade	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	No	\$	Yes
TBS	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
TCM	No	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
TeenNick	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	\$	Yes	\$
Telemundo	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
Tennis Channel	No	\$	\$	No	No	\$	\$
TLC	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TNT	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Travel Channel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$	Yes
TruTV	No	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
TV Land	Yes	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
USA Network	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
VH1	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vice	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$	No
WE tv	Yes	\$	\$	Yes	No	Yes	No
Weather Channel	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Source (April 9, 2024)	https://try.philo.com/	https://www.sling.com/channels	https://www.sling.com/channels	https://tv.youtube.com/	https://www.hulu.com/live-tv	https://www.att.com/channels/att-tv/	https://www.fubo.tv/

Some more stuff to know about the chart:

Yes = The channel is available on the cheapest pricing tier. That price is listed next to the service's name.

No = The channel isn't available at all on that service.

\$ = The channel is available for an extra fee, either a la carte or as part of a more expensive package or add-on.

YouTube TV

Best channel selection

YouTube TV has more top channels than any competitor at this price, and it's one of three services with local PBS stations currently -- Hulu is the latest arrival.

The basic \$73 YouTube TV service has an excellent cloud DVR, including both unlimited storage and a generous nine months to watch recordings (most rivals offer 30 days). The interface is no-nonsense, even if a little drab, and yet it offers most of the features a cable service can give you.

YouTube TV is also the only one to offer surround sound on live broadcasts.

YouTube TV is the exclusive home of NFL Sunday Ticket through the 2029-2030 season, with monthly payment plans available. In addition, the video streaming service has a \$20 monthly upgrade that lets you watch 4K livestreams, of college football in particular. Given a lack of 4K content otherwise, it's not a great value for a resolution boost alone, but it does add an unlimited number of simultaneous streams (up from three) and offline DVR downloads.

While Sling TV is cheaper, YouTube TV is still worth subscribing to if you want a tightly integrated search and a great channel selection.

Top channels not available: A&E, History, Lifetime and MLB

Hulu Plus Live TV

Best live TV streaming service with hefty on-demand catalog

If you want the best mix of live streaming and on-demand, Hulu Plus Live TV is it. Its channel selection may not be as robust as YouTube TV or Fubo, but it's almost there -- especially with the addition of PBS and Magnolia. Yet, it's Hulu's significant catalog of on-demand content that helps set it apart. Not only does the \$77 service include Hulu Basic but also Disney Plus and ESPN Plus, plus an unlimited DVR. Hulu's exclusive titles, plus its massive catalog of broadcast programming, grant it a content advantage no other service can match. Given that Hulu Plus Live TV offers more with its live channels, it's the service to choose for live TV streaming. Hulu Plus Live TV's base plan includes the ad-supported version of the Disney Bundle, and if you want the ad-free bundle, the price is now \$90.

Top channels not available: AMC, BBC America, and NBA TV.

Sling TV Blue

Best TV streaming on a budget

If you're looking for the cheapest live TV streaming service and one that is still able to offer a usable amount of channels, then it's without a doubt Sling TV Blue.

Yet, things are a little more complicated than they are for Sling's competitors. You see, Sling tenders two different \$40-ish-per-month live TV streaming channel packages, Sling Orange and Sling Blue. While a number of live TV channels are common to both, Orange is essentially the ESPN/Disney package, while Blue is the Fox/Discovery package. Meanwhile, Orange & Blue combines the two offerings for \$60.

Further, the addition of ABC to eight markets has increased its price there to \$45 -- while it remains \$40 in others. As a result, Sling TV may cost up to \$20 more than Philo, but it still has better channels, more options and a comparatively better live TV streaming interface. Sling is also cheaper than most other streaming services, let alone cable. In addition to a relatively affordable price, Sling TV has two new feathers in its cap: an upgraded DVR (increased to 50 hours) and a new interface (as seen above), which makes the service a lot more fun to use.

While Sling doesn't have a free trial, it does offer a cut-down version called Freestream with a number of included channels.

Top channels not available on Sling Blue: CBS, Animal Planet, Disney Channel, ESPN and Nickelodeon. ABC, Fox and NBC are available in select markets.

Top channels not available on Sling Orange: ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, Animal Planet, Bravo, CNBC, Discovery Channel, Bravo, Fox News, Fox Sports 1, FX, MSNBC and USA.

DirectTV Stream

Best for channel flippers, sports fans

DirectTV Stream is the most expensive service at \$85, but it does have some pluses, including the flipper-friendly ability to swipe left and right to change channels.

The service also offers unlimited DVR capability to new users, while existing subscribers need to pay an extra \$10 a month.

For cord-cutters who want to follow their local NBA or MLB team, DirectTV Stream's \$109 Choice package is our live TV sports pick, because it has access to more regional sports networks than the competition. Additionally, DirectTV Stream includes channels some other services can't, including almost 250 local PBS stations.

Top channels not available in base package: MLB Network, NFL Network and Travel Channel.

FuboTV

There's a lot to like about Fubo -- it offers a wide selection of channels, and its sports focus makes it especially attractive to football fans of all kinds. For NFL in particular, it's one of three services, alongside YouTube TV and Hulu, with NFL Network and optional RedZone. In addition, it's also suited to NBA, NHL and MLB fans who live in an area served by one of Fubo's RSNs. The biggest hole in Fubo's lineup is the lack of Turner networks, including CNN, TNT and TBS -- especially since the latter two carry a lot of sports content. Those missing channels and the upcoming 2024 price increase that will bump plans by \$5 (plus additional RSN fees), make it less attractive than YouTube TV or Hulu for most viewers.

Philo

This \$25 live TV streaming service offers a variety of channels, but it lacks sports channels, local stations and big-name news networks -- although Cheddar and BBC news are available. Philo offers bread-and-butter cable staples like AMC, Comedy Channel, Nickelodeon and Magnolia Network (formerly DIY), and specializes in lifestyle and reality programming. It now includes an unlimited cloud DVR and optional add-ons from Epix and Starz. We think most people are better off paying extra for Sling TV's superior service, but if Philo has every channel you want, it's a decent deal.