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Audio will remain a critical part of consumers' daily technology and media attention

AUDIO CONSUMPTION BEHAVIORS FOR ADULTS AGED 18+, U.S., 2024E





Audio consumption is...

Among the top technology and media activities



Among the technology and media activities with the highest consumer time spend



The most multi-tasked technology and media activity

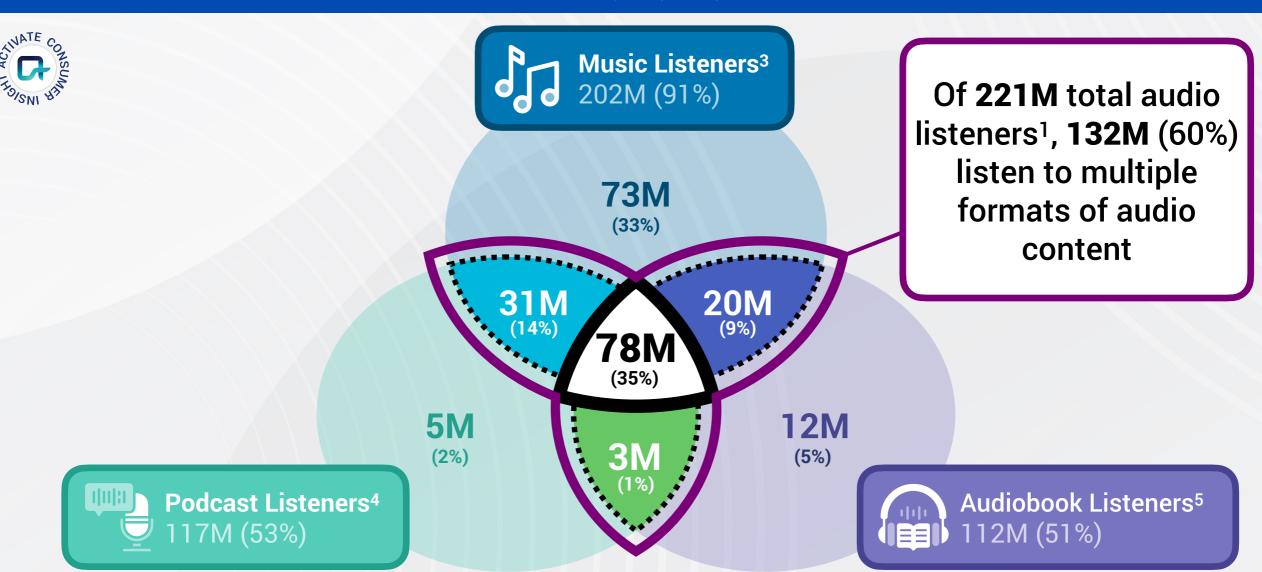




1. "Total technology and media consumption" includes time spent watching video, listening to audio, gaming, using social media and message apps, and time spent with other media, such as browsing websites, reading, and attending live events. 2. Includes audio streamed via mobile and desktop/laptop, podcast streaming, audiobooks, and radio. Excludes audio streamed on social media platforms (e.g. Snapchat, TikTok) and digital radio. 3. Does not include audiobook listeners. 4. "Multi-tasking" is defined as simultaneously doing another activity, such as working, cleaning, cooking, or exercising. 5. Does not include time spent listening to audiobooks. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2024 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,004), data.ai, eMarketer, GWI, Music Biz, Nielsen

Most people listen to multiple audio formats

AUDIO LISTENERS BY AUDIO FORMAT2, U.S., 2024, MILLIONS LISTENERS AGED 18+

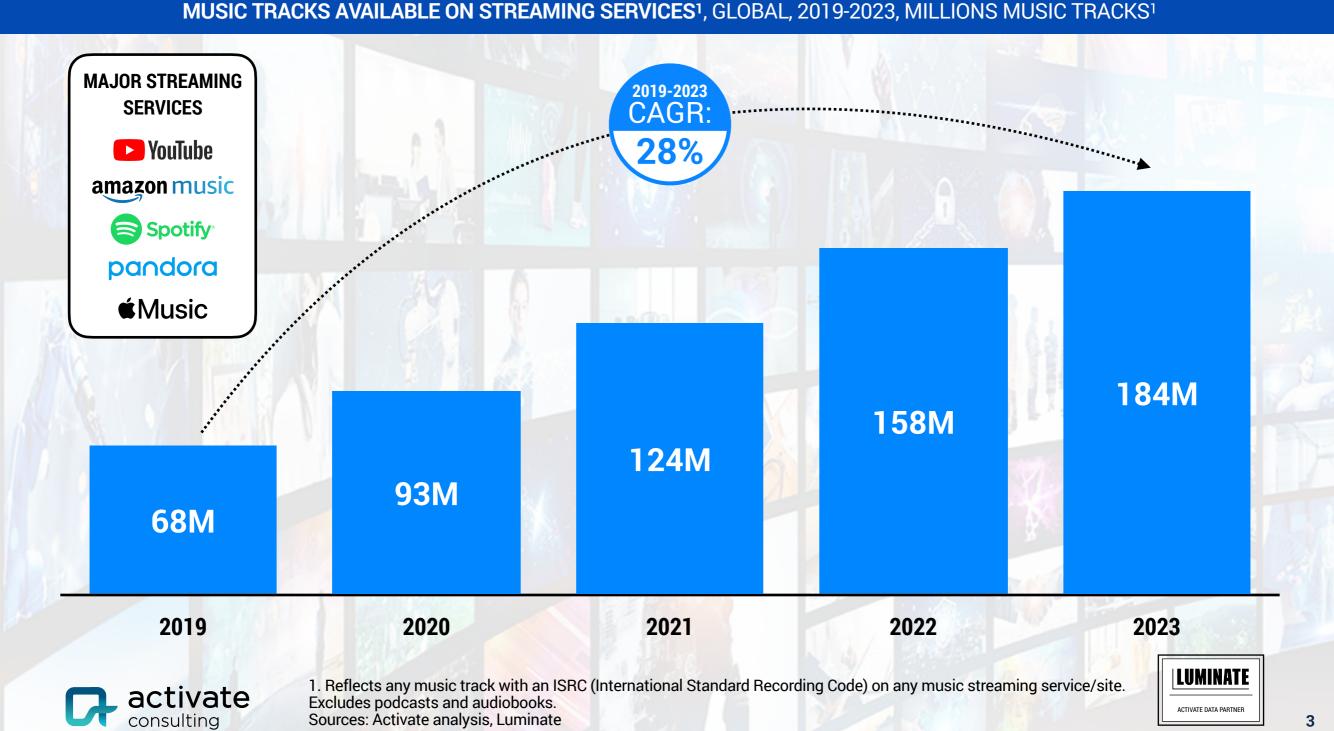




1. "Audio listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who currently listen to music, podcasts, or audiobooks. 2. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 3. "Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music. Includes time spent listening to music through AM/FM radio, satellite radio (e.g. SiriusXM), music streaming services (e.g. Apple Music, Spotify), and owned music (e.g. through Apple iTunes Store, CDs). 4. "Podcast listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to podcasts. 5. "Audiobook listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who currently listen to audiobooks.

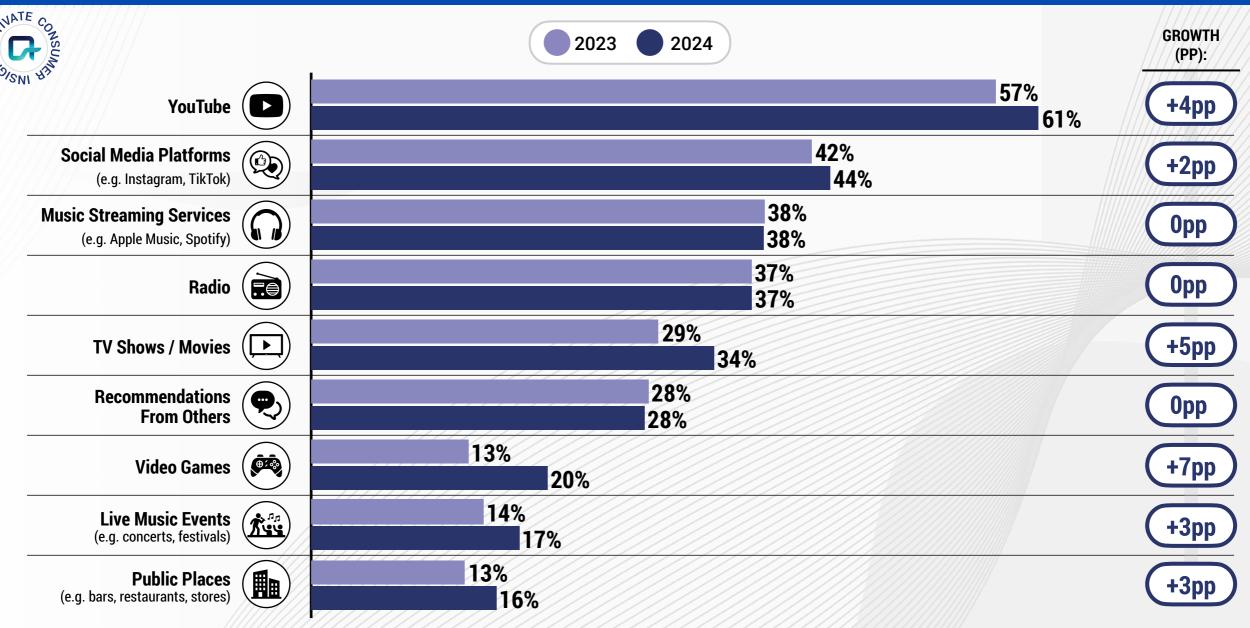
Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2024 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,004)

The number of tracks on streaming continues to grow



Our research shows that consumers are increasingly discovering music across a broad set of channels

SOURCES OF MUSIC DISCOVERY¹ IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2023 VS. 2024, % MUSIC LISTENERS²





^{1. &}quot;Music discovery" is defined as discovering new music / music artists. 2. "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), Activate 2024 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,004)

Al is now a powerful tool for listeners to discover music and create playlists

SELECT MAJOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS THAT PERSONALIZE MUSIC CONSUMPTION

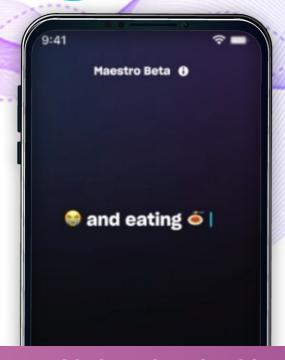
Amazon debuted their AI playlist generator, Maestro, allowing users to create custom track lists using emojis, emotions, activities, sounds, or suggested prompts Apple Music overhauled their Al suite, Apple Intelligence, enabling users to create personalized compilations with their most-streamed songs

Spotify launched their AI playlist generator, enabling users to create a custom catalog with limited functionality (e.g. no functionality for current events or brands)

amazon music











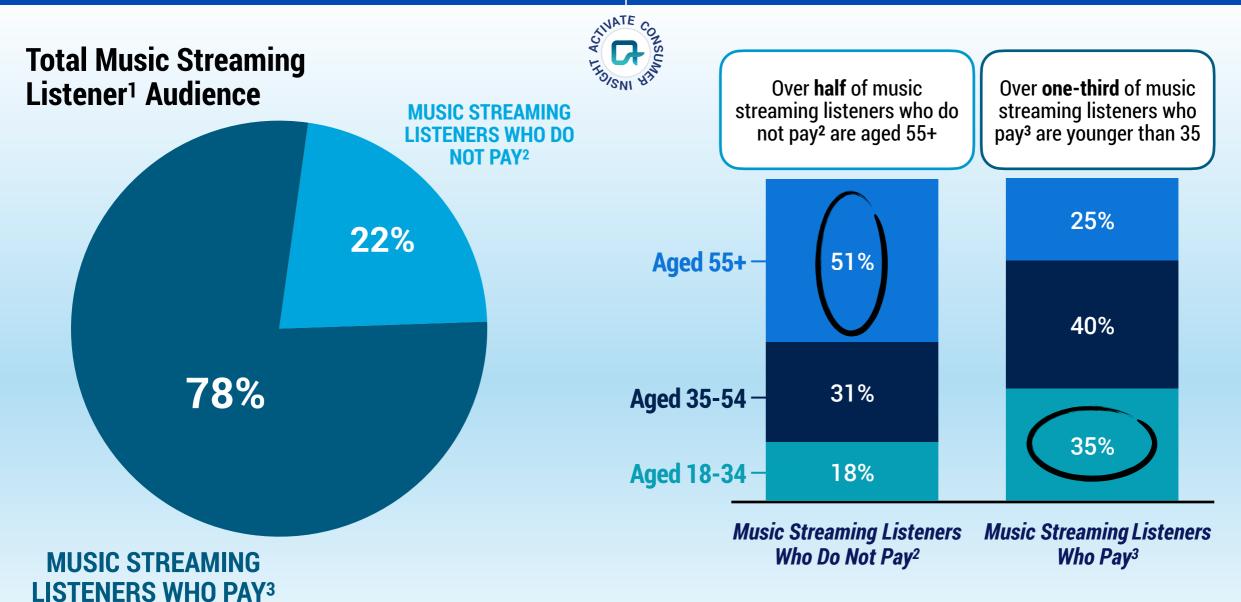
More sophisticated AI algorithms are increasingly able to tailor music recommendations to the tastes of individual consumers to create a personalized catalog of songs based on an idea or hyper-specific input (e.g. moving from passive playlist recommendations to more active and customizable user-prompted content)



The majority of people who stream music pay for it; younger users are willing to pay while older users listen to music via free streaming

TYPES OF MUSIC STREAMING LISTENERS¹, U.S., 2024, % TOTAL MUSIC STREAMING LISTENERS¹

SHARE OF MUSIC STREAMING LISTENERS¹ BY AGE GROUP, U.S., 2024, % TOTAL MUSIC STREAMING LISTENERS¹ BY TYPE





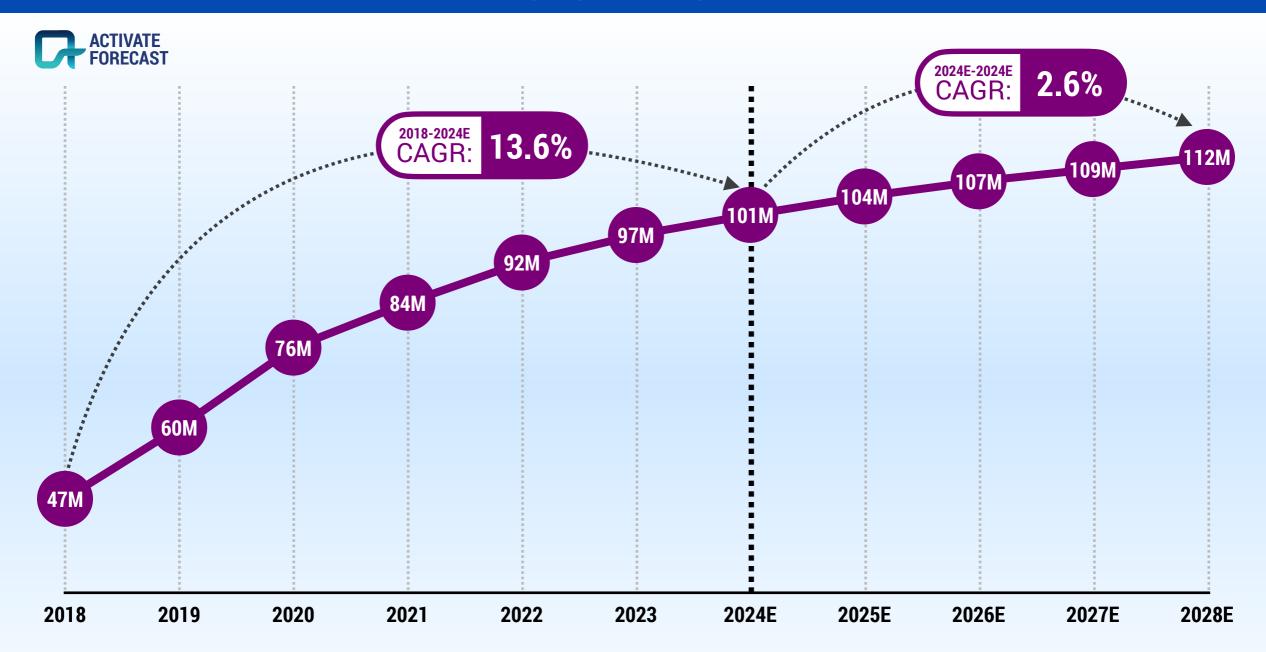
^{1. &}quot;Music streaming listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who listen to music at least once a month on a streaming service.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2024 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,004)

^{2. &}quot;Music streaming listeners who do not pay" are defined as music streaming listeners whose household does not pay for a music streaming subscription. 3. "Music streaming listeners who pay" are defined as music streaming listeners whose household pays for a music streaming subscription.

Paid subscriptions to music streaming services will continue to increase, albeit at a slower pace than before

TOTAL MUSIC STREAMING SUBSCRIPTIONS¹, U.S., 2018-2028E, MILLIONS MUSIC STREAMING SUBSCRIPTIONS¹

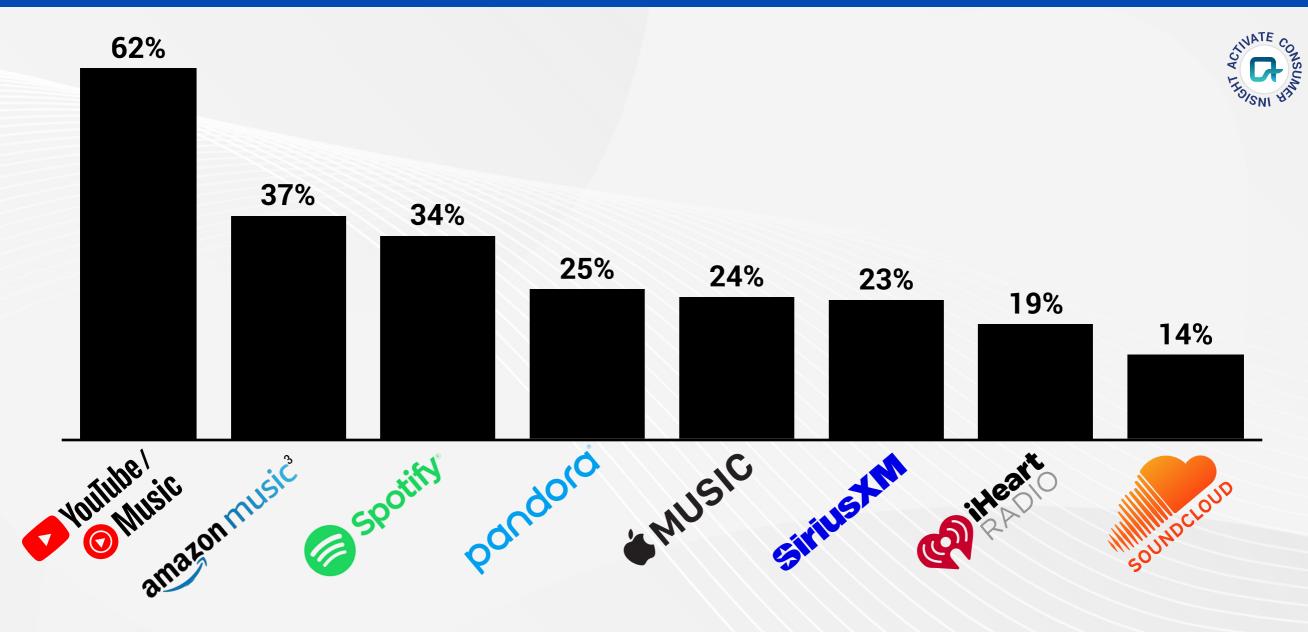




^{1.} Excludes limited-tier services, and counts multi-user plans as a single subscription.
Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2024 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,004), eMarketer, RIAA, Statista

YouTube is the most used music service among music listeners, followed by Amazon and Spotify

MUSIC SERVICES¹ USED AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH, U.S., 2024, % MUSIC LISTENERS²

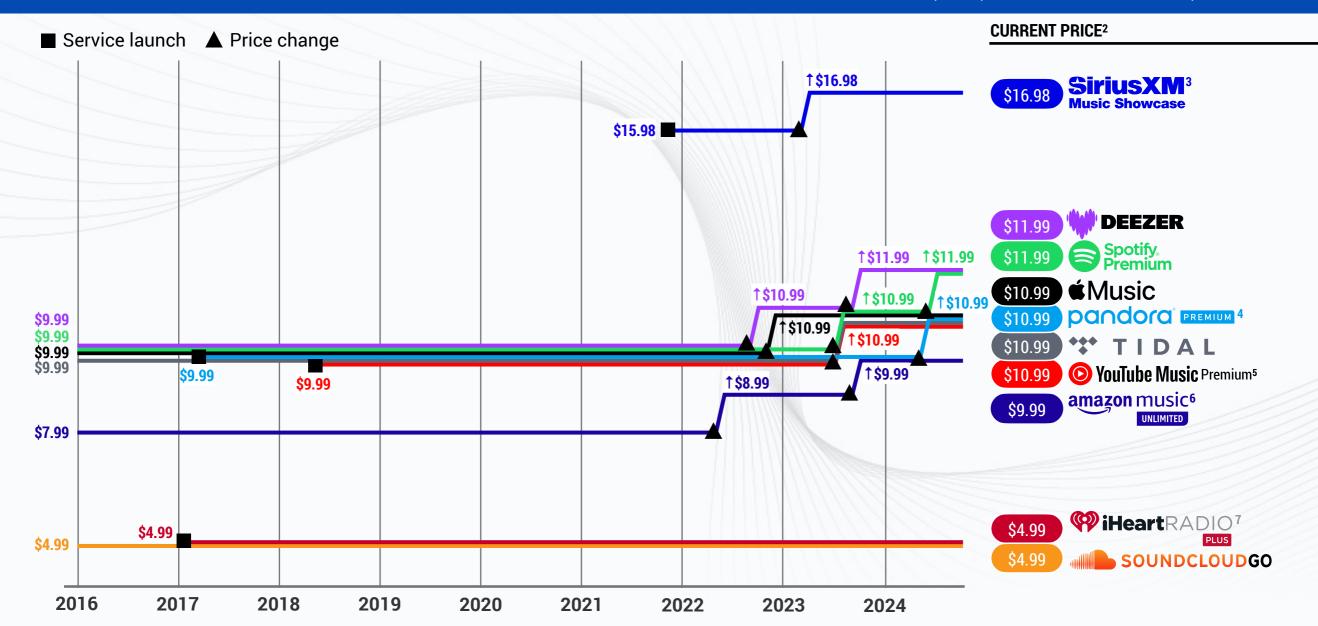




 [&]quot;Music services" include free and paid services used for listening to music through any format, excluding terrestrial radio.
 "Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music.
 Includes consumers who use Amazon Music through an Amazon Prime subscription and consumers who use the standalone Amazon Music service.
 Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2024 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,004)

After a long period of price stability, streaming services recently began raising prices

MONTHLY STANDARD SUBSCRIPTION PRICES OF SELECT PAID MUSIC STREAMING SERVICES¹, U.S., JAN. 2016-0CT. 2024², USD

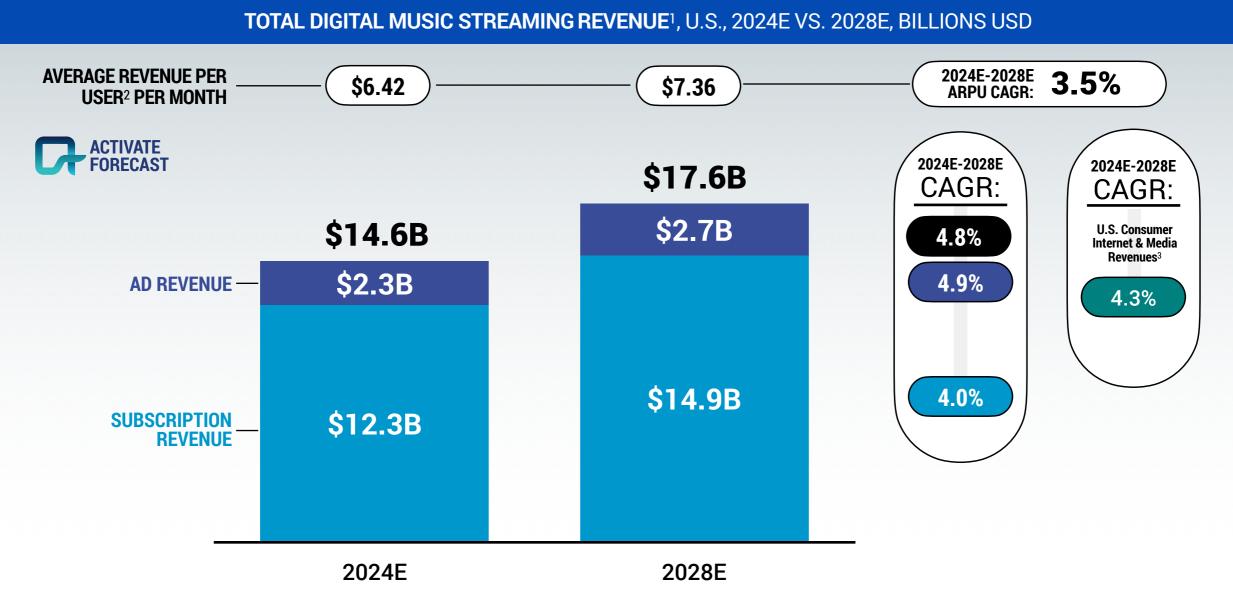




^{1.} Subscription tiers were chosen to be comparable between streaming services. 2. As of Oct. 7, 2024. 3. Service launched Nov. 2021.

^{4.} Service launched Mar. 2017. 5. Service launched May 2018. 6. Reflects price of Amazon Music Unlimited with an Amazon Prime subscription. 7. Service launched Jan. 2017.

Going forward, digital music streaming revenues will be driven by ARPU expansion



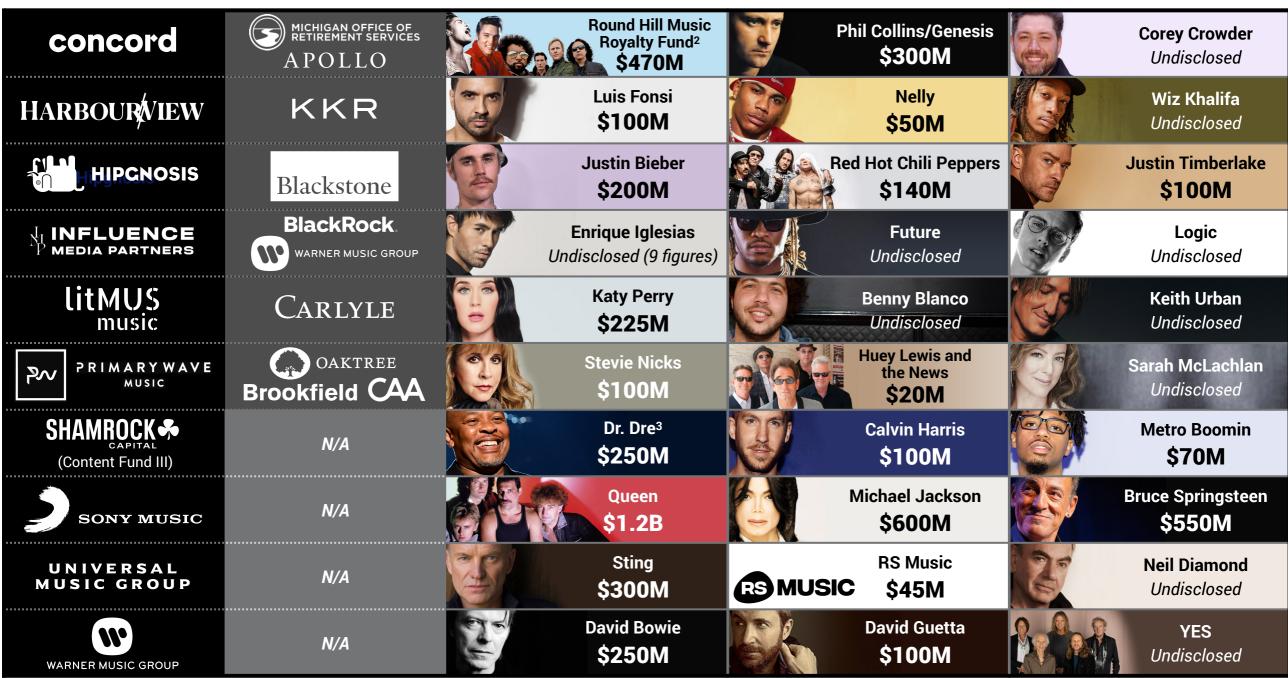
^{1. &}quot;Digital music streaming revenue" includes paid subscriptions, digital & customized radio services, and ad-supported music streaming. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 2. "Average revenue per user" includes revenue from all music streaming listeners. 3. "Consumer internet and media revenues" include revenues from book publishing, magazine publishing, newspaper publishing, video games, filmed entertainment, TV subscription and licensing fees, internet access, digital advertising, and traditional advertising on these platforms. Excludes radio subscription and licensing fees and recorded music.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2024 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,004), Alliance for Audited Media, Dentsu International, eMarketer, GroupM, IBISWorld, Newzoo, Omdia, Pew Research Center, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Recording Industry Association of America, Zenith Media



Major institutional investors are investing heavily in music

FUND SELECT INVESTORS SELECT RECENT MUSIC CATALOG ACQUISITIONS¹



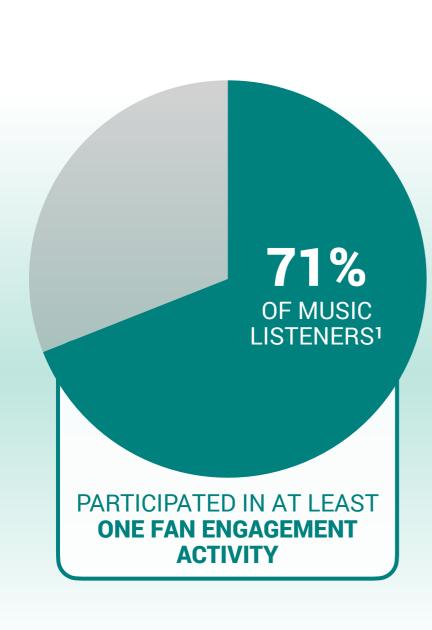


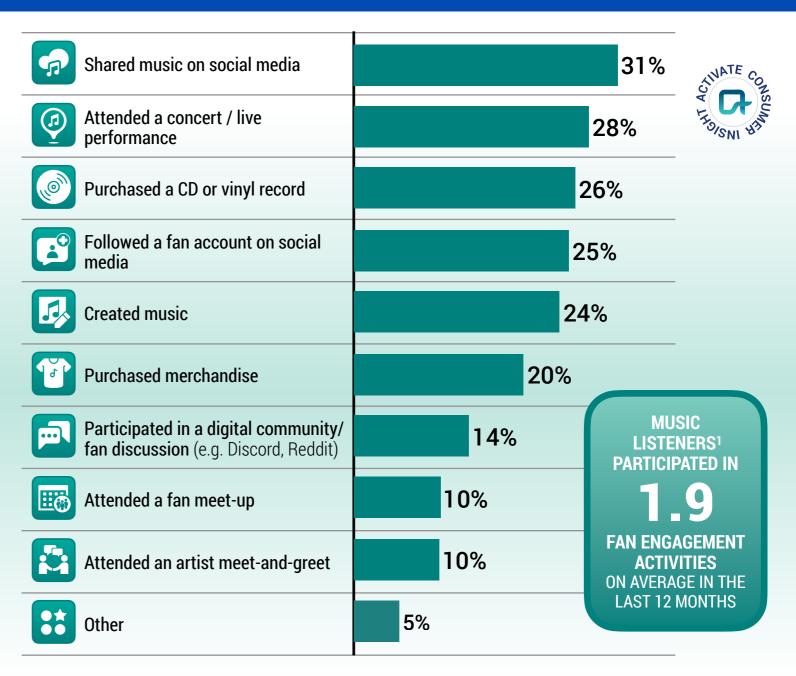
^{1.} Includes partial or full catalog acquisitions. 2. Concord acquired Round Hill Music Royalty Fund for \$470M, which includes over 150,000 songs and 51 catalogs. The collection features works by Alice in Chains, Billie Holiday, Elvis Presley, and James Brown. 3. Dr. Dre's collection was sold for \$250M to Shamrock Capital and Universal Music Group in two separate transactions.

Sources: Activate analysis, Billboard, Music Business Worldwide, PitchBook, Variety

Music fans are connecting with their favorite artists through a broad set of channels

FAN ENGAGEMENT WITH ARTISTS AND MUSIC, U.S., 2024, % MUSIC LISTENERS1

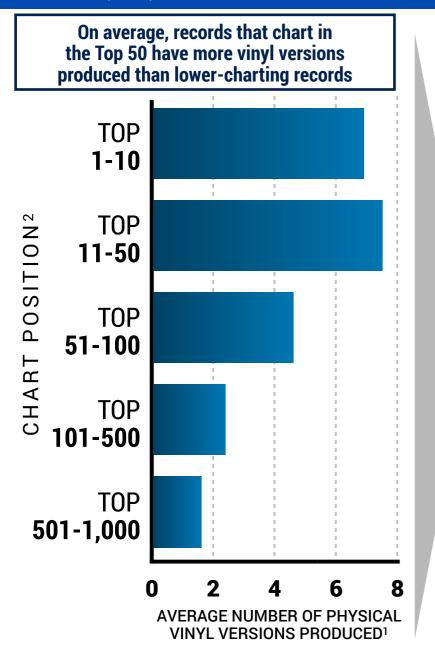






People buy vinyl records for the listening experience and collection value

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PHYSICAL VINYL VERSIONS PRODUCED¹ PER ALBUM BY CHART POSITION², U.S., H1 2024



SELECT ARTIST VINYL VERSIONS

TAYLOR SWIFT



BEYONCÉ



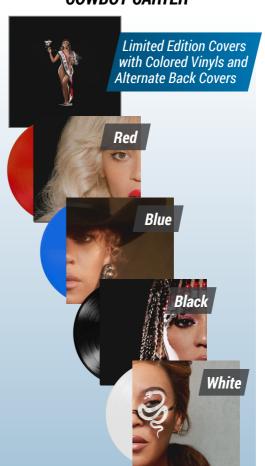
PEARL JAM



THE TORTURED POETS DEPARTMENT



COWBOY CARTER



DARK MATTER

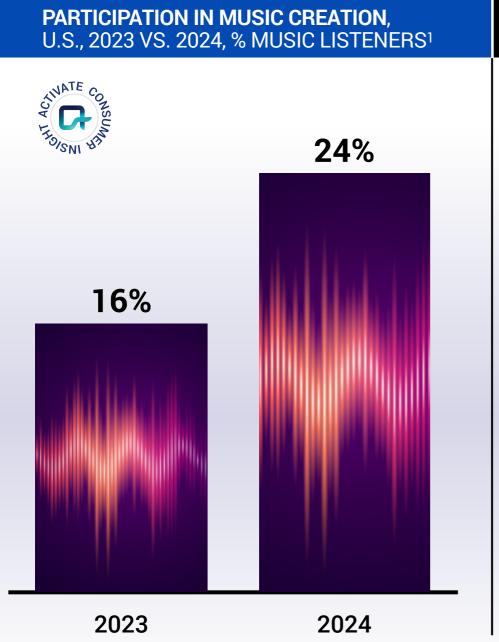




1. Reflects the number of physical UPCs (unique product codes) per album release, averaged among chart position categories. 2. Reflects Billboard chart position based on cumulative album-equivalent unit sales over H1 2024. Sources: Activate analysis, Billboard, Company sites, Luminate

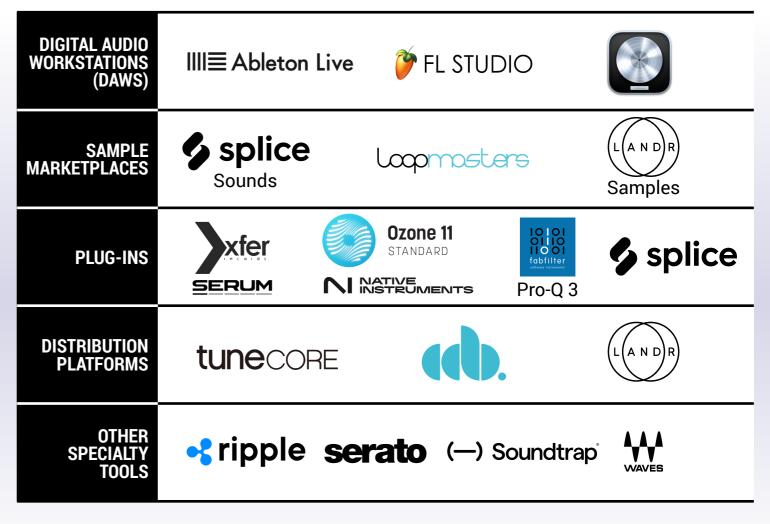


An increasing number of people are becoming music creators, using Al-supported creation and distribution tools



LANDSCAPE OF SELECT AI-SUPPORTED DIGITAL MUSIC CREATOR TOOLS²

SELECT EXAMPLE TOOLS





1. "Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music. 2. "Al-supported digital music creator tools" are defined as tools which can utilize Al to edit, enhance, manipulate, or record music, or that host Al-based samples within the platform. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2023 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,023), Activate 2024 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,004), Company sites

Al may have made music creation too easy, enabling song clones, a new form of piracy

EXAMPLES OF SONG CLONES



Al-generated song "Heart On My Sleeve" based on vocals from Drake and The Weeknd received **over 15M views on TikTok** in less than a week before being removed from all streaming platforms



A Rolling Stone song generated from the prompt "Mississippi Delta blues song about a sad AI" using ChatGPT gained more than **36,000 plays in four days**





generated Tupac Shakur voice, prompting Tupac's estate to



Scam artist sold Al-generated Frank Ocean songs for thousands of dollars



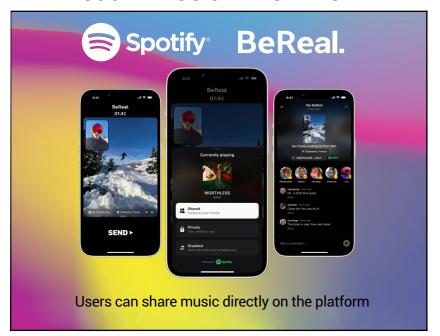
"Leaked" version of Taylor Swift's "Fortnight" featuring Post Malone is determined to be Al generated



send a cease and desist letter

Audio streaming services will add partnerships and collaborations to capture value from artist engagement

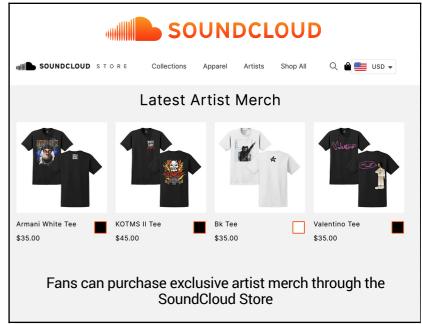
SOCIAL MUSIC INTEGRATION



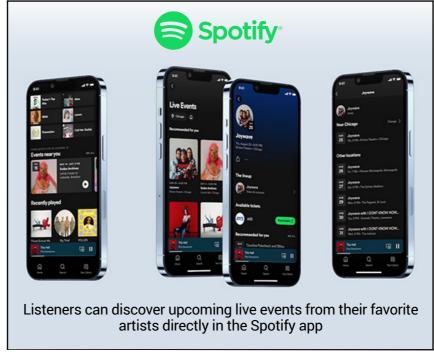
CONCERT TICKETS



MERCHANDISE



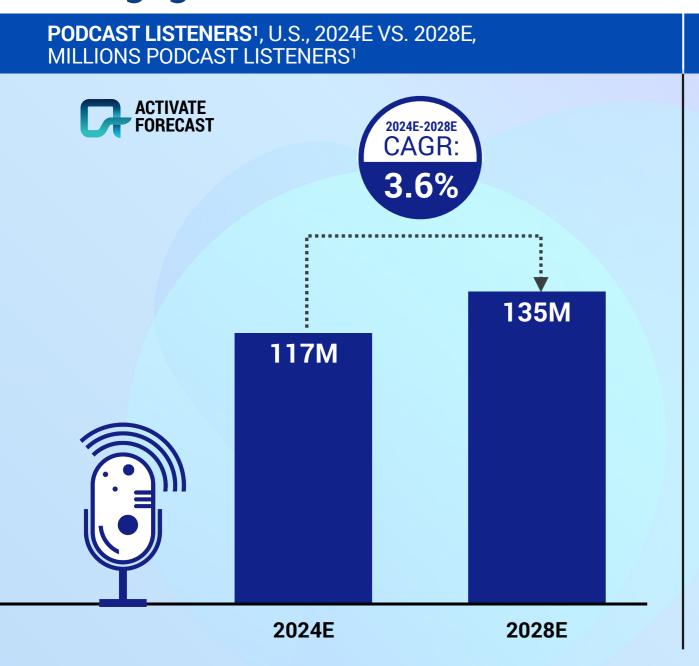




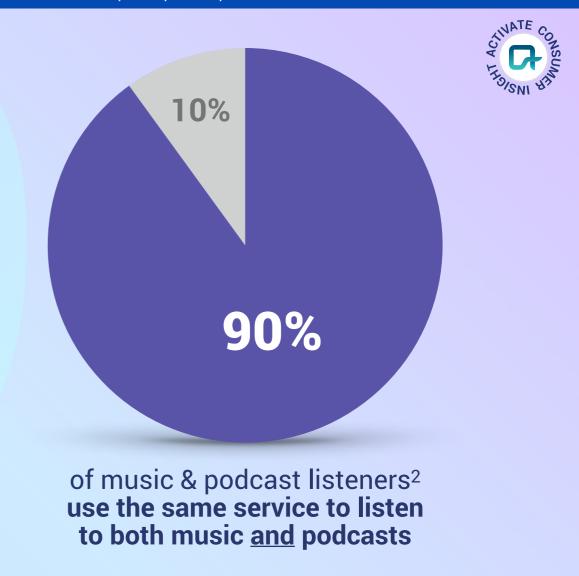




Almost half of American adults are listening to podcasts; not surprisingly, podcasts are an important way for streaming services to engage listeners



MUSIC & PODCAST LISTENERSHIP OVERLAP WITHIN THE SAME SERVICE, U.S., 2024, % MUSIC & PODCAST LISTENERS²

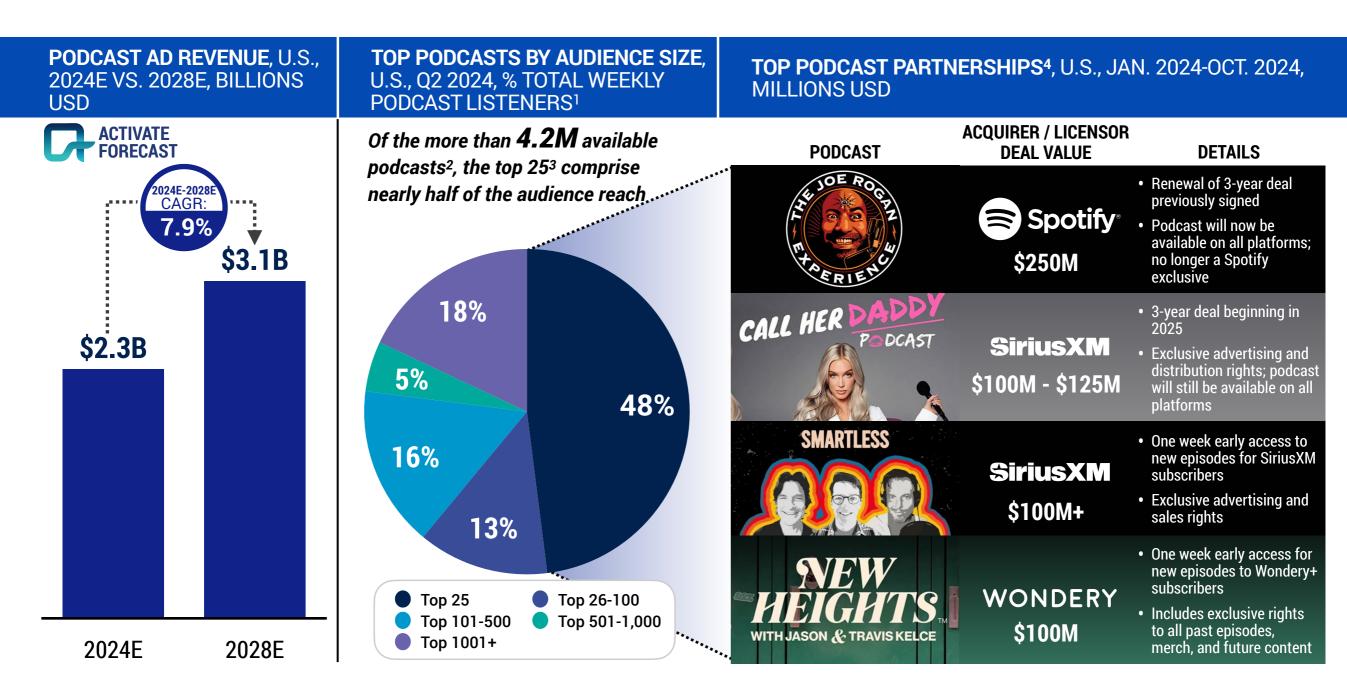




^{1. &}quot;Podcast listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to podcasts. 2. "Music & podcast listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to both music and podcasts.

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2024 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,004), eMarketer

We forecast increases in podcast advertising revenue; these revenues will primarily go to the top podcast creators

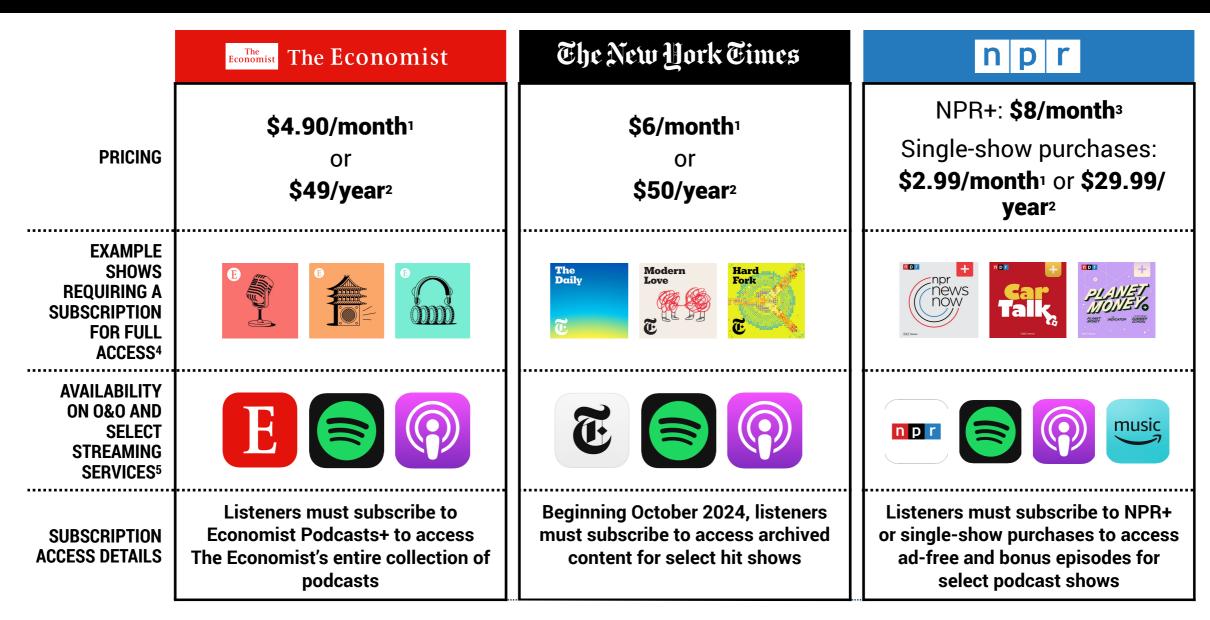




"Weekly podcast listeners" are defined as anyone aged 13+ in the US who listened to a podcast at least once per week in Q2 2024.
 Available podcasts published across all digital streaming platforms.
 Rankings were compiled by measuring the total unduplicated reach of all shows represented by a given network.
 Partnerships by dollar value among the top 25 podcasts by audience size.
 Sources: Activate analysis, Company press releases, Edison Research, eMarketer, Interactive Advertising Bureau, Podcast Industry Insights, SiriusXM, Spotify, Wondery

Media companies will begin to charge for top podcasts

EXAMPLES OF MEDIA PUBLISHERS WITH PAID SUBSCRIPTION OFFERINGS

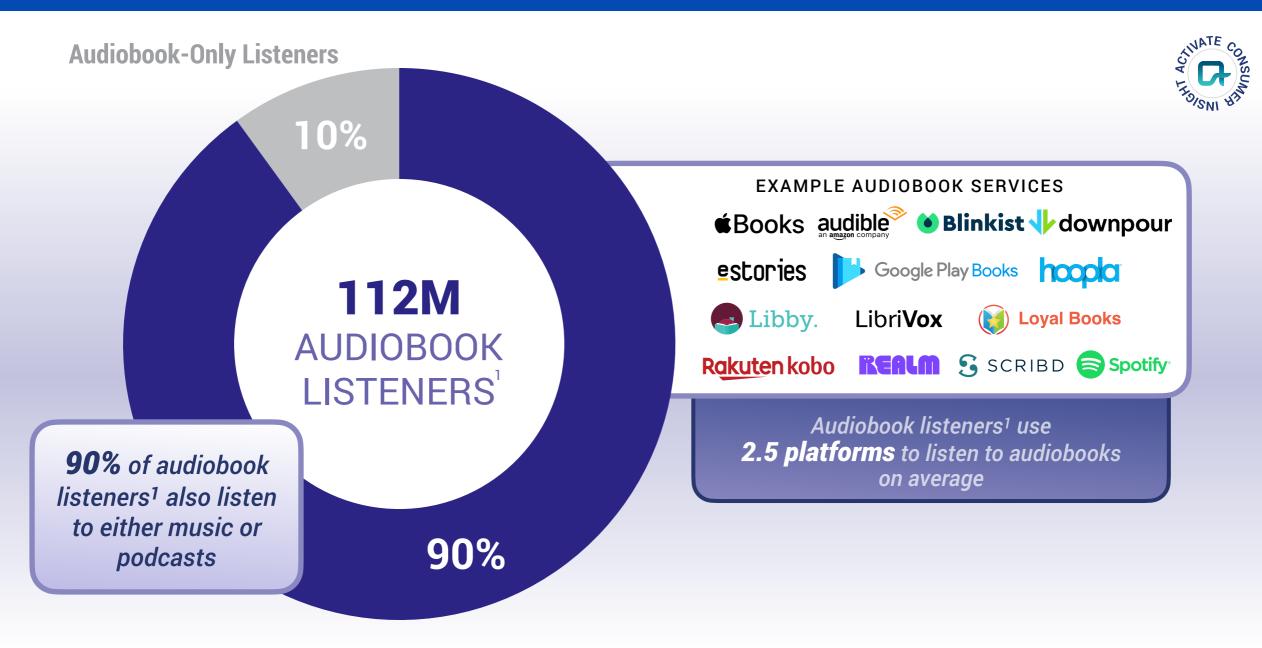




Note: As of Oct. 7, 2024. 1. Billed monthly. 2. Billed annually. 3. NPR+ offers all NPR podcast shows through one holistic bundle. NPR listeners must donate \$8/month minimum to gain access to NPR+. 4. "Full access" is defined as users having the ability to listen to / download all content episodes (including archived and bonus content). 5. Select streaming services include Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify.

Over 110M U.S. adults are listening to audiobooks; the great majority are also listening to either music or podcasts

AUDIOBOOK LISTENERS1 BY AUDIO CONSUMPTION TYPE, U.S., 2024, % AUDIOBOOK LISTENERS1

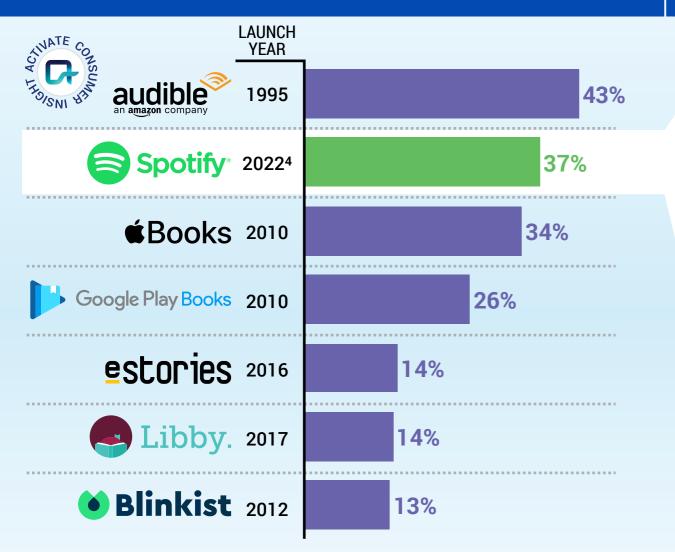




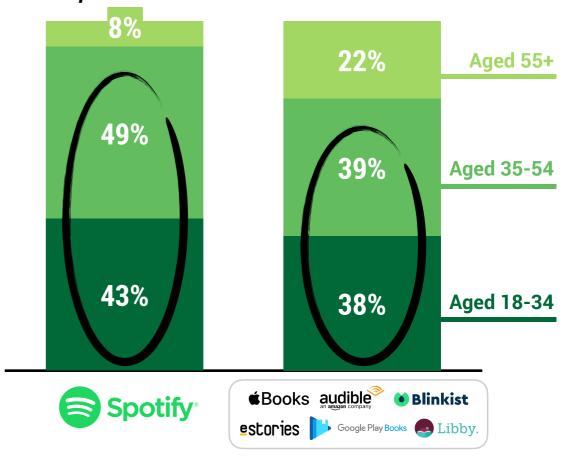
Audible, Spotify, and Apple are the industry leaders in audiobooks; Spotify is leading the way by creating an integrated experience



SPOTIFY AUDIOBOOK USERS² VS. OTHER AUDIOBOOK SERVICE USERS³ BY AGE GROUP, U.S., 2024, % AUDIOBOOK LISTENERS BY PLATFORM



Spotify audiobook users² skew significantly younger compared to those of other audiobook services³





1. "Audiobook listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who currently listen to audiobooks. 2. "Spotify audiobook users" are defined as adults aged 18+ who currently use Spotify to listen to audiobooks. 3. "Other audiobook services users" are defined as adults aged 18+ who listen to audiobooks on platforms other than Spotify, including Apple Books, Audible, Blinkist, Downpour, eStories, Google Play Books, Hoopla, Kobo, Libby, LibriVox, Loyal, Scribd, Serial Box, and others. Logos in graph are not exhaustive. 4. Spotify introduced audiobooks in 2022. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2024 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,004), Company press releases







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