

Survey of Cable Industry Prices, FCC Form 333 (Not Yet Approved)**Estimated Time Per Response: 7 hours****Cable Price Survey Questionnaire
FCC Form 333****Section A. Community****Community**

The information in entries A1 through A3 below has been imported from the Cable Operations & Antenna (COALS) database. Please review this data and make any necessary corrections.

- A1.** 6-digit community unit identification (CUID)
- A2.** Name of the community associated with this CUID
- A3.** Name of county in which the community is situated
- A4.** List one of the 5-digit Zip Codes in this community

Some questions ask for two years of information (Jan. 1, 2021 and Jan. 1, 2022):

- A5.** Did you operate a video service in this community on 1/1/2021? (yes/no)

System

The information in entries A6 through A8 was imported from the Cable Operations & Antenna (COALS) database. Please review the data and make any necessary corrections. If the name of the system or the address is incorrect, you should also make changes/corrections directly into the COALS system.

- A6.** Name of cable system
- A7.** Street address and/or P.O. Box
- A8.** City, State, and Zip Code

Parent Company

- A9.** Name of ultimate parent entity
- A10.** Name of survey contact person
- A11.** E-mail address of contact person
- A12.** Area Code & telephone number
- A13.** Number of video subscribers nationwide of parent entity on 1/1/2022

Certification

I certify that I have examined this report and all statements of fact herein are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and are made in good faith. Willful false statements made on this form are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment (US Code, Title 18, Section 1001) and/or forfeiture (US Code, Title 47, Section 503).

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A14. Name

A15. Title

A16. Date

Local Broadcast Stations and Retransmission Consent Fees

The next questions refer to local broadcast stations that your cable system carries. The questions are required by Congress and refer to retransmission consent fees paid to broadcasters. Please provide information at the community level or the smallest system level at which records are kept. Below are several terms you'll need to understand to answer the questions.

Cable systems carry local broadcast stations under either retransmission consent agreement or must-carry rights. Under **retransmission consent**, any cable operator that offers a station to its subscribers must pay retransmission consent fees to the station or obtain another agreement allowing it to carry the station. Under **must-carry rights**, the cable operator must carry the station, but the station cannot require fees.

A **broadcast station** is identified by its call sign; e.g. WXYZ. It is important to note, however, that one broadcast station may transmit multiple channels. For example, in addition to WXYZ's **primary channel** of network programming (e.g. CBS network), WXYZ may transmit multiple **multicast sub-channels** (e.g. WXYZ-DT2 and WXYZ-DT3) which your cable system carries on separate channels. A multicast sub-channel often shows a different network (e.g. QUBO, Comet, MeTV, etc.) than the primary channel. Multicast sub-channels are often identified in the channel lineup by network name, and not always by call sign. To answer these questions, you'll need to find out which channels in your channel lineup are multicast sub-channels of broadcast stations.

| Local Broadcast Stations* | 1/1/2021 | 1/1/2022 |
|---|----------|----------|
| A17. How many stations were carried under retransmission consent agreement? | | |
| A18. How many stations were carried under must-carry rights? | | |
| Multicast Sub-channels** | 1/1/2021 | 1/1/2022 |
| A19. For the stations carried under retransmission consent agreement, how many multicast sub-channels were carried? | | |
| A20. For the stations carried under must-carry rights, how many multicast sub-channels were carried? | | |

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* In the example above, WXYZ would count as one station under either A17 or A18, depending on its retransmission consent/must-carry status.

** In the example, WXYZ has two multicast sub-channels, WXYZ-DT2 and WXYZ-DT3.

| Retransmission Consent Fees | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|------|------|
| A21. Total annual amount paid to local broadcasters in retransmission consent fees* | | |
| A22. Number of subscribers subject to retransmission consent fees** | | |
| Average Annual Fees per Subscriber (automatically calculated) | | |

* Do not include other fees paid to broadcasters such as copyright royalties.

** If subscriber counts are available at the monthly level, report average monthly subscribers under retransmission consent agreement in each year.

| Number of Local Broadcast Channels | 1/1/2022 |
|--|----------|
| A23. How many primary channels of local broadcast stations are carried with basic service? (If channel is shown in both SD and HD, count only once.) | |
| A24. How many multicast sub-channels of local broadcast stations are carried in your channel lineup with any programming service (do not include the primary channel reported above)? (If channel is shown in both SD and HD, count only once.) | |

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Section B. Prices, Channels, and Subscribers**Cable Service Tiers*****Basic Service***

Basic service is the entry level video (cable) TV programming service that subscribers can purchase. Typically, basic service is a "limited basic" which consists only of local broadcast channels; any public, educational, and governmental access channels; and sometimes a few national and/or other channels. In contrast to "limited basic", some operators only offer a "bundled basic" with many popular national networks that other operators might offer separately as expanded basic service. For operators who do not offer limited basic, the bundled basic should be reported as both the basic service and the expanded basic service. Whether limited basic or bundled, basic service is the entry level service that is required for all customers.

B1. Is basic service in this community a "limited basic" as described above? (1/1/2021, 1/1/2022)

Expanded Basic Service

In most cases, expanded basic service includes the limited basic channels plus many popular national networks. However, if you answered "no" to Question B1 (your basic service is not a limited basic) then basic service and expanded basic service are the same.

Next Most Popular Service

The next most popular service (compared to expanded basic service) offers at least seven additional non-premium, national cable networks.

B2. Check box if a next most popular service was **not offered** (1/1/2021, 1/1/2022).

Service and Equipment Costs

In the questions below, report the monthly cost to receive each service tier in high definition (HD). For **HD service cost including fees**, add the service price and all fees and surcharges required to receive the service tier in HD. Exclude only equipment lease fees, taxes, and regulatory pass-through fees. Regulatory pass-through fees refer to fees charged to cable operators by regulatory bodies that are then passed on to consumers. Fees such as Broadcast TV and Regional Sports fees are not regulatory pass-through fees and must be included in HD service cost.

In addition, report the total cost of HD service for each tier. For example, if basic service costs \$20 and expanded basic service costs an additional \$45, report a price of \$65 for expanded basic service.

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For **HD converter box and remote-control cost**, report the additional monthly lease fee for an HD-capable converter box and remote-control for a subscriber's first TV.

The **total cost of HD service and equipment** will be automatically calculated as the sum of the HD service cost and the HD converter box and remote-control cost. This amount should reflect the total cost (excluding taxes and regulatory pass-through fees) to subscribers to receive the service tier in HD using a converter box and remote control. Please check to ensure that this is the case.

If the service tier is not available in HD, report the cost of the service tier in standard definition (SD) and report the cost of an SD converter box and remote-control. Follow all other instructions above.

| Basic Service | 1/1/2021 | 1/1/2022 |
|---|----------|----------|
| B3. Is this service tier available in HD? | Y/N | Y/N |
| B4. HD service cost including fees | \$ | \$ |
| B5. Is an HD converter box and remote-control included in the HD service cost reported above?* | Y/N | Y/N |
| B6. HD converter box and remote-control cost | \$ | \$ |
| B7. Total cost of HD service and equipment (automatically calculated) | \$ | \$ |

*If you answer yes to B5, B6 is automatically filled with \$0.

| Expanded Basic Service* | 1/1/2021 | 1/1/2022 |
|--|----------|----------|
| B8. Is this service tier available in HD? | Y/N | Y/N |
| B9. HD service cost including fees | \$ | \$ |
| B10. Is an HD converter box and remote-control included in the HD service cost reported above?*** | Y/N | Y/N |
| B11. HD converter box and remote-control cost | \$ | \$ |
| B12. Total cost of HD service and equipment (automatically calculated) | \$ | \$ |

* If you answered no to B1 above (your basic service is not a limited basic), B8-B12 are automatically filled with your responses to B3-B7.

***If you answer yes to B10, B11 is automatically filled with \$0.

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|--|----------|----------|
| Next Most Popular Service | 1/1/2021 | 1/1/2022 |
| B13. Is this service tier available in HD? | Y/N | Y/N |
| B14. HD service cost including fees | \$ | \$ |
| B15. Is an HD converter box and remote-control included in the HD service cost reported above?* | Y/N | Y/N |
| B16. HD converter box and remote-control cost | \$ | \$ |
| B17. Total cost of HD service and equipment (automatically calculated) | \$ | \$ |

**If you answer yes to B15, B16 is automatically filled with \$0.

Channels

For each service, report the number of channels, including channels that may require leasing equipment such as a digital converter box. If a network is available in both standard and high definition, count it as one channel.

Do not count audio-only channels such as a music suite. Except for “All Video Channels” (Question B9), **do not count** premium, pay-per-view, or video on demand channels.

| Number of Channels | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Service | 1/1/2021 | 1/1/2022 |
| B18. Basic Service | | |
| B19. Expanded Basic Service* | | |
| B20. Next Most Popular Service | | |
| B21. All Video Channels ** | | |

* If you answered no to Question B1 (your basic service is not a limited basic), Question B19 is automatically filled with your response to Question B18.

** For Question B21, report each individual channel counted in Questions B18-B20 and any additional channels available, including premium, pay-per-view, and video on demand (VOD) channels. If a pay-per-view programming network is available, count it as one channel. Similarly, if a channel shows VOD programming, count it as one channel. For special subscription networks (e.g. MLB Extra Innings), count the network as one channel.

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Section C. Channel Lineup

| Channel Lineup on 1/1/2022 | Basic Service | Expanded Basic Service |
|--|---------------|------------------------|
| C1. Number of channels carried under FCC's public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access rules | | |
| C2. Number of channels carried under FCC's commercial leased access rules | | |

A **regional sports network (RSN)** carries a substantial number of live games from at least one nearby professional sports team that is a member of the MLB, NBA, or NHL. Examples include Comcast SportsNet Bay Area, Fox Sports Detroit, SportsTime Ohio, and Altitude Sports. Do not include MLB Extra Innings, NHL Center Ice, NBA League Pass, and NFL Sunday Ticket / Redzone, or pay-per-view events.

If a network is offered with basic service, generally the same network would be offered and counted under expanded basic. Similarly, the number under the next most popular service is generally equal to the number under expanded basic plus any additional RSNs offered. The number under "Other Services" should include any network not accounted for under basic, expanded basic, or the next most popular services.

| Channel Lineup on 1/1/2022 | Basic Service | Expanded Basic Service | Next Most Popular Service | Other Service |
|---|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| C3. Number of Regional Sports Networks | | | | |

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