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## Client report

## Audio today 2023

A focus on Black consumers
December 2023


## Comparing monthly reach



## In the audio universe, only AM/FM radio can deliver the scale advertisers need

All audio services (ad-free and ad-supported)
Monthly reach \% among U.S. population
YouTube Music
Pandora
Spotify
Satellite radio
Amazon Music
Apple Music

## Radio's impact among Blacks is even more pronounced when comparing reach among ad-supported options for audio marketing campaigns.

## Ad-supported audio

Monthly reach \% among U.S. population


## Radio also leads all audio sources in share of time spent listening among Blacks

Similar to the reach comparisons, radio's impact is also more pronounced when comparing time spent with ad-supported audio.

Share of Ear ${ }^{\circledR}$
Share of daily time spent listening to all audio sources among U.S. population, Black Adults 18+


Radio
Streaming audio
YouTube
Podcasts
Satellite radio
Other
(music channels on TV,
audiobooks, etc.)
Owned music
(CDs, digital music files, etc.)

Share of daily time spent listening to ad-supported audio sources among U.S. population, Black Adults 18+



Ad-supported streaming audio
Podcasts
Ad-supported satellite radio channels

[^0]
## Radio use spans the bulk of the day, reaching Black consumers on the path to purchase; it is the dominant audio source in the car.

A daily habit for millions, radio is a particularly effective medium for advertisers due to its legacy of reaching listeners during the prime hours of the day while they are out of home and closest to the point of purchase (commuting, working, shopping). Furthermore, radio is also the top audio source in the car. More than $60 \%$ of all time spent with audio in vehicles goes to AM/FM radio as of the Q3 2023 Edison Share of Ear study.


75\% of all Black radio use during morning and afternoon drive times happens in the car; 79\% on the weekends also occurs behind the wheel.


Black consumers use radio when they're away from home


Source: Nielsen National Regional Database, Black Adults 18+ - Q4 2022

Most away-from-home listening happens in the car
Percent of all out-of-home listening, by location



[^1]Radio's share of total time spent with media during the week is highest during morning drive and mid-day, while overall listening peaks in the afternoon hours (between 3-5pm).


## Monday-Friday



Saturday-Sunday


Source: Nielsen National Regional Database - Q4 2022

## Podcasting today - yearly listening trends

Around half of all Black podcast consumers listen at home, making podcasting a natural compliment to radio in an audio marketing strategy. Another third listen while on the go and at the same time heavier podcast usage is growing ( $5+$ weekly hours of listening time) while lighter usage is in deline (less than an hour per week).

Time spent listening to podcasts in typical week

Less than 1 hour
1-4 hours
5-7 hours
8-10 hours
Over 10 hours

Where listen to podcasts most often
May 2022 May 2023


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## Appendix

The following pages detail the monthly reach of radio and top formats among key Black audience groups, as well as a qualitative profile of the top 20 largest-reaching formats.


## Monthly radio reach and top formats

| Black 18+ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Monthly reach (000) 29,720 <br> 89\% of population |  |
| Top 3 formats (audience share) |  |  |
| 1 | Urban AC \| R\&B .................................... | 31.1\% |
| 2 Urban Contemporary \| Hip-Hop/R\&B ........ 19.2\% |  |  |
| 3 AC ........................................................ 5.5\% |  |  |
| Black 18-34 |  |  |
|  | Monthly reach (000) $9,175$ <br> $86 \%$ of population |  |
| Top 3 formats (audience share) |  |  |
| 1 Urban Contemporary \| Hip-Hop/R\&B ........ 30.7\% |  |  |
| 2 Urban AC \| R\&B ...................................... 21.9\% |  |  |
| 3 Rhythmic CHR ....................................... 8.8\% |  |  |
| Black Men 18-49 |  |  |
| Monthly reach (000) $8,195$ <br> 92\% of population |  |  |
| Top 3 formats (audience share) |  |  |
| 1 Urban Contemporary \| Hip-Hop/R\&B ....... 27.6\% |  |  |
| 2 Urban $\mathrm{AC} \mid \mathrm{R} \mathrm{\& B}$...................................... 21.7\% |  |  |
| 3 | Rhythmic CHR ........................................ | 8.1\% |



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## Monthly radio reach and top formats (continued)

Black Adults 25-54
Monthly reach (000)
15,862
$89 \%$ of population
Top 3 formats (audience share)
1 Urban AC | R\&B ..... 27.7\%
2 Urban Contemporary | Hip-Hop/R\&B ..... 25.3\%
3 Rhythmic CHR ..... 7.2\%
Black Women 25-54
Monthly reach (000)
8,338
94\% of population
Top 3 formats (audience share)
1 Urban AC | R\&B ..... 30.8\%
2 Urban Contemporary | Hip-Hop/R\&B ..... 25.4\%
3 Rhythmic CHR ..... 6.9\%

## Top 20 AM/FM Radio formats

(ranked by reach)

Black 18+

Median
age
\% Employed
(full or part time)

1 Urban AC | R\&B
2 Urban Contmporary | Hip-Hop/R\&B

| 11,162 | 52 | $58 \%$ | 2.9 | $34 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 8,711 | 43 | $67 \%$ | 3.2 | $45 \%$ |
| 4,892 | 47 | $67 \%$ | 3.2 | $41 \%$ |
| 3,759 | 41 | $72 \%$ | 3.2 | $41 \%$ |
| 3,617 | 39 | $72 \%$ | 3.3 | $42 \%$ |
| 2,336 | 55 | $63 \%$ | 2.9 | $26 \%$ |
| 2,103 | 39 | $67 \%$ | 3.3 | $48 \%$ |
| 2,087 | 51 | $59 \%$ | 2.9 | $28 \%$ |


| 8 Classic Hits | 2,087 | 51 | $59 \%$ | 2.9 | $28 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 9 All Sports | 1,971 | 54 | $66 \%$ | 3.0 | $33 \%$ |
| 10 Country | 1,649 | 42 | $61 \%$ | 3.2 | $35 \%$ |
| 11 Contemporary Christian | 1,642 | 47 | $67 \%$ | 3.0 | $37 \%$ |
| 12 Rhythmic AC | 1,454 | 50 | $64 \%$ | 2.9 | $29 \%$ |
| 13 Classic Rock | 1,247 | 48 | $60 \%$ | 3.1 | $27 \%$ |
| 14 All News | 1,161 | 55 | $64 \%$ | 2.7 | $25 \%$ |
| 15 Gospel | 1,125 | 58 | $46 \%$ | 2.9 | $22 \%$ |
| 16 Contemporary Inspirational | 971 | 56 | $62 \%$ | 3.0 | $35 \%$ |
| 17 Urban Oldies | 908 | 52 | $66 \%$ | 3.1 | $43 \%$ |
| 18 Adult Hits/80s Hits | 886 | 45 | $65 \%$ | 3.0 | $43 \%$ |
| 19 Alternative | 667 | 48 | $71 \%$ | 3.3 | $37 \%$ |
| 20 Jazz | 665 | 63 | $45 \%$ | 2.5 | $18 \%$ |

Source: Nielsen National Regional Database Q4 2022, Black Adults 18+. M-SU 12M-12M
Age, Employment, HHLD size and \% w Children via Nielsen Scarborough USA+ Rel 1 2023, current 6 months, Black Adults 18+.
AC stands for Adult Contemporary | CHR stands for Contemporary Hit Radio | AC = Adult Contemporary + Soft Adult Contemporary; Country = Country + New Country; News/Talk = News/Talk/Information + Talk/Personality and includes both commercial and non-commercial stations

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[^0]:    Source: Edison Research, "Share of Ear," Q3 2023; Black Adults 18+

[^1]:    Source: Nielsen National Regional Database, Black Adults 18+, Audio Diary markets only - Q4 2022

[^2]:    Source: Nielsen Scarborough Podcast Buying Power, R2 2021 (May 2022) to R2 2022 (May 2023), Black Adults 18+

[^3]:    Nielsen RADAR 158 Sep 2023 (Contiguous U.S.) + Nielsen National Regional Database Q4 2022 (AK \& HI). M-Su 12M-12M AC stands for Adult Contemporary \| CHR stands for Contemporary Hit Radio; AC = Adult Contemporary + Soft Adult Contemporary

