

RADIO AND TELEVISION

R 90-119

Series R 90-98. Radio and Television Stations, Sets Produced, and Families With Sets: 1921 to 1956

[Census figures in italics]

Year	Operating broadcast stations					Sets produced		Families with—		Year	Operating standard broadcast stations (AM) ¹	Radio sets produced	Families with radio sets
	Standard broadcast (AM) ¹	Frequency modulation (FM) ²		Television (TV) ³		Radio	Television	Radio sets	Television sets				
		Commer- cial	Non- commercial	Commer- cial	Non- commercial								
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98				
1921	2,824	540	123	442	16	13,982	7,387	46,800	34,900	1928	639	7,142	26,667
1922	2,669	553	122	411	10	14,529	7,757	45,900	30,700	1927	645	8,063	24,500
1923	2,521	560	112	349	2	10,400	7,847	45,100	26,000	1926	616	8,249	22,889
1924	2,391	616	98	125	-----	13,369	7,216	44,800	20,400	1925	585	6,090	21,456
1925	2,331	637	85	108	-----	10,935	6,096	42,800	15,300	1924	583	4,479	20,400
1926	2,232	676	73	107	-----	12,627	5,335	41,900	10,320	1923	599	4,157	19,250
1927	2,086	733	48	97	-----	14,590	7,464	40,700	3,875	1922	604	2,448	18,450
1928	1,912	700	30	50	-----	11,400	3,000	39,800	940	1921	612	3,594	16,700
1929	1,821	374	22	17	-----	16,500	975	37,623	172	1920	618	3,789	13,750
1930	1,062	140	8	7	-----	20,000	179	35,900	14	1919	-----	-----	13,049
1931	948	48	6	6	-----	15,955	6	33,998	8	1929	606	4,428	10,250
1932	919	46	6	6	-----	(⁴)	-----	33,100	-----	1928	677	3,250	8,000
1933	910	43	6	6	-----	(⁴)	-----	32,500	-----	1927	681	1,350	6,750
1934	910	12	6	4	-----	(⁴)	-----	30,800	-----	1926	528	1,750	4,500
1935	837	2	5	4	-----	4,307	-----	30,600	-----	1925	571	2,000	2,750
1936	831	1	4	2	-----	13,642	-----	29,300	-----	1924	530	1,500	1,250
1937	765	-----	-----	-----	-----	11,831	-----	28,500	-----	1923	558	500	400
1938	722	-----	-----	-----	-----	10,763	-----	27,500	-----	1922	30	100	60
1939	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1921	* 1	-----	-----

¹ As of Sept. 15 for 1921; Jan. 1, 1922; Mar. 1, 1923; Oct. 1, 1924; June 30, 1925-1932; Jan. 1, 1933-1956.

² As of May 1 for 1941; June 30, 1942; Jan. 1, 1943-1956.

³ As of July 1, 1941; June 30, 1942-1943; Jan. 1, 1944-1956.

⁴ "Freeze" on new TV authorizations Sept. 1948-July 1952; only stations authorized before Sept. 30, 1948, permitted to operate in these years.

⁵ Authorization of new radio stations and production of radio receivers for commercial use halted from April 1942 until Oct. 1945.

⁶ First station to receive regular license as of Sept. 15; other stations in operation experimentally.