



### WHO WE ARE

Radio Connects is the not-for- profit trade association for the Canadian Radio Industry. As the advocate for Canadian Radio, Radio Connects promotes and markets Radio advertising at the agency and client levels in English and French Canada





















































# RADIO CONNECTS IS SUPPORTED BY CANADIAN PRIVATE BROADCASTERS

Their financial support enables Radio Connects to invest in research and marketing initiatives that demonstrate the power of AM/FM Radio, its ability to drive business, validate ROI, and communicate Radio's role in the path to purchase to Canadian advertisers

### CANADIAN AM/FM RADIO



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest Radio Market

According to WARC 2020 Global Report, Canada was 3<sup>rd</sup> to the U.S. and China but ahead of UK, France, Germany and Australia



1<sup>st</sup> in Share of Advertising Dollars

AM/FM Radio gets almost 9 cents per dollar of ad spend compared to between 5 -7 cents in France, UK, Germany, US and Australia



\$1.5B in Revenue

Advertisers spent over \$1.5 billion in Radio advertising to reach Canadian consumers



### **FAST FACTS**

716

### **Commercial Radio Stations in Canada**

119 AM | 597 FM 529 English | 97 French | 27 Ethnic 85%

### Amount of people 12+ Radio reaches in a week

AM/FM reaches 55% of 12+ Canadians each day 8.35

### Hours each week

Canadians 12+ spend listening to AM/FM Radio.

-3

44%

### Radio has largest share of all audio formats

From audio books to YouTube for Music, AM/FM has the largest share of time spent with all audio platforms

**75%** 

### Available buyable impressions

When it comes to advertising audiences, AM/FM Radio has the most impressions available to reach Ad 2554 54%

### A1834 took action

After hearing an ad on the Radio, 54% of 1834's either went on line, told someone about it, or purchased something being advertised



# CANADIANS ARE TUNED IN TO AM/FM

**RADIO** 

Radio's Reach Ad 18+ Top 5 Markets<sup>1</sup>

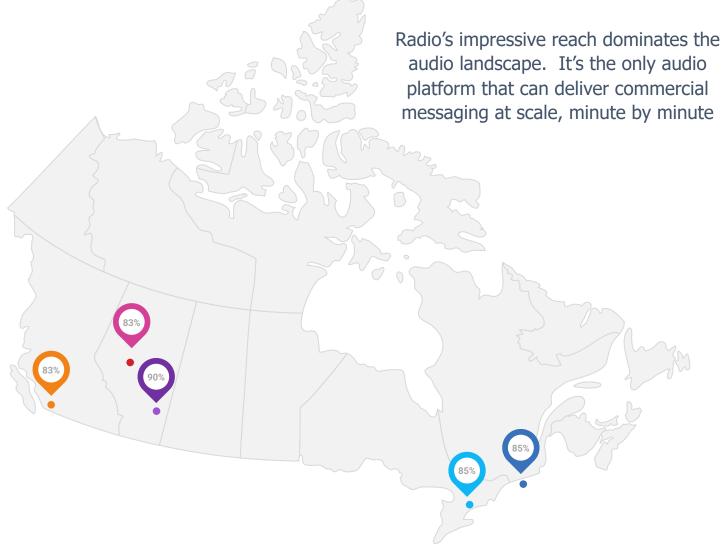
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Average Minute Audiences Ad 18+ Top 5 Markets<sup>1</sup>

794,150

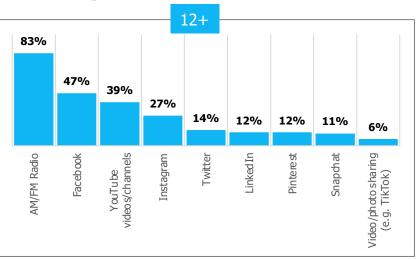
AM/FM's Share of Buyable Audio Ad18+2

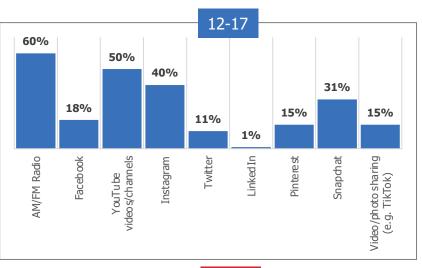
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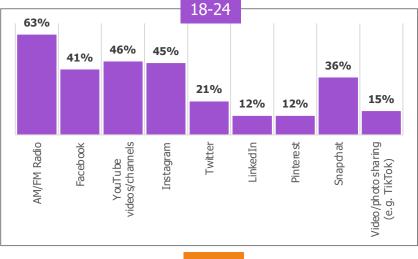


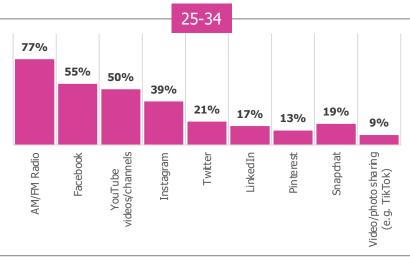


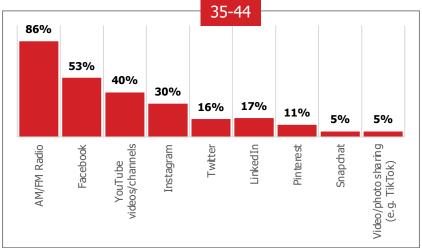
# AM/FM RADIO CAN REACH MORE CANADIANS IN ONE WEEK THAN ANY SOCIAL PLATFORM, REGARDLESS OF AGE

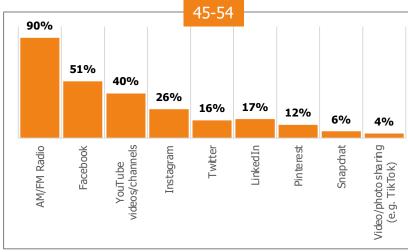














### RADIO IS DIGITAL



Listeners have never had so much access

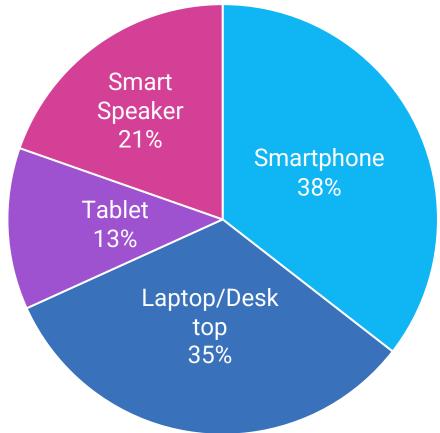


Streaming AM/FM Radio has grown in past year: +29% 18+ | +40% 1834



53% of 1834's streamed AM/FM Radio in the past week

### Devices used for listening to each media in the past week (by past week users)

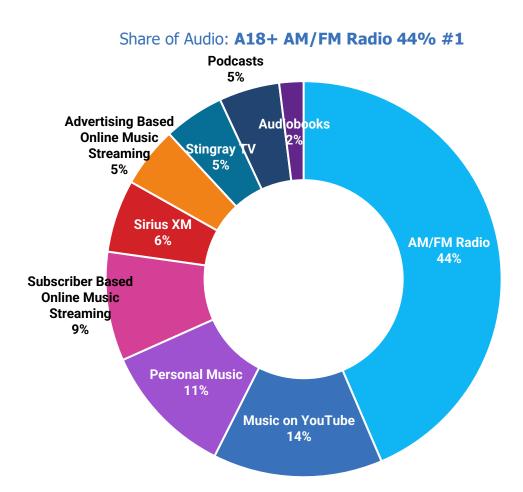


**How to read:** 35% of those who streamed AM/FM Radio in the past week used their laptop or desktop to do so. Boxes indicate most commonly used device for each media

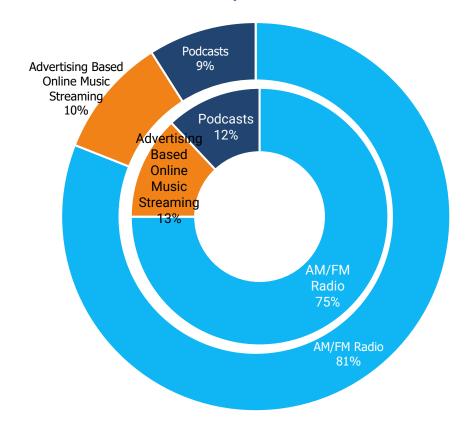


in the past week, Podcasts, Audiobooks, Free music streaming, Paid music streaming, Streamed AM/FM, Music on YouTube, Owned Music, SiriusXM

### WHEN IT COMES TO THE ABILITY TO REACH CONSUMERS ON AUDIO PLATFORMS, NOTHING OUTPERFORMS AM/FM **RADIO**



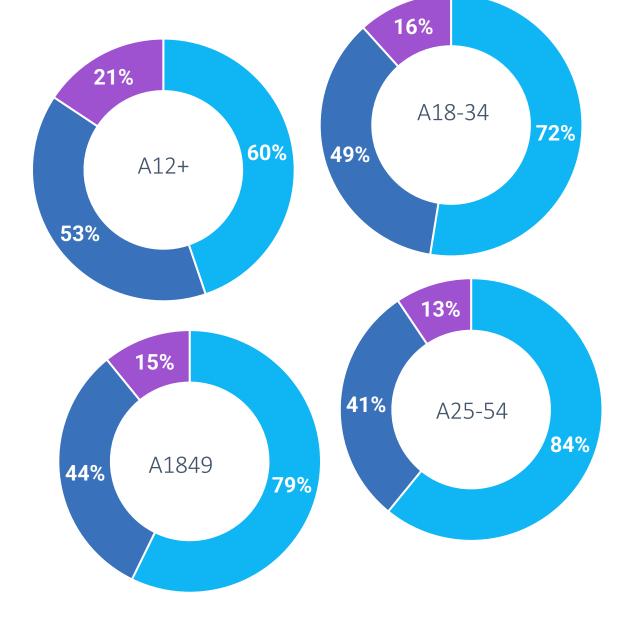
Share of Buyable\* audio time spent **A18+81% AM/FM Radio #1** | A25-54 75% AM/FM Radio #1



**ACROSS ALL KEY** ADVERTISING DEMOS, **AM/FM RADIO REACHES MORE CONSUMERS THAN** YOUTUBE FOR MUSIC OR AD SUPPORTED **SPOTIFY** 



Radio reached over 6X more A25-54 in the past 7 days than ad supported Spotify



AM/FM Radio | YouTube for Music | Ad Supported Spotify



### THE BUSINESS MODEL HAS CHANGED

Digital music revenue in Canada from 2017 to 2025, by **format** (in million U.S. dollars) Canadians have moved from "owning" their music to "renting it" from pure plays like Spotify \$530 \$499 \$462 \$419 \$371 \$305 \$245 \$210 \$177 \$84 \$85 \$84 \$84 \$85 \$78 \$80 \$78 \$76 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 ■ Downloads ■ Streaming



# SPOTIFY DOES NOT HAVE THE SCALE OF AM/FM RADIO



Despite what some marketers think, Spotify is not radio

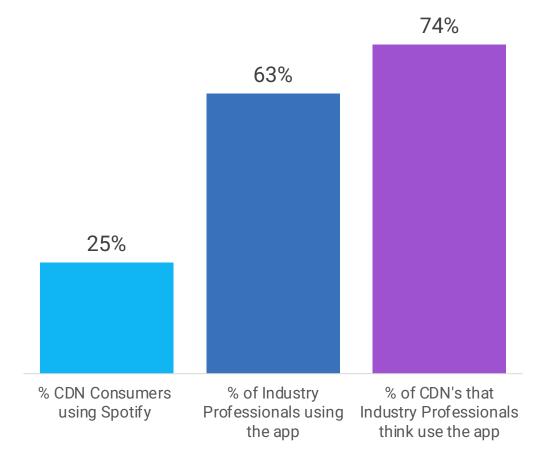


Growing % of Spotify daily users are using the ad-free service



Ads on pureplay music services do not command the same level attention of AM/FM Radio

Those in advertising and marketing overestimated how many Canadians use the app on a monthly basis by 300%

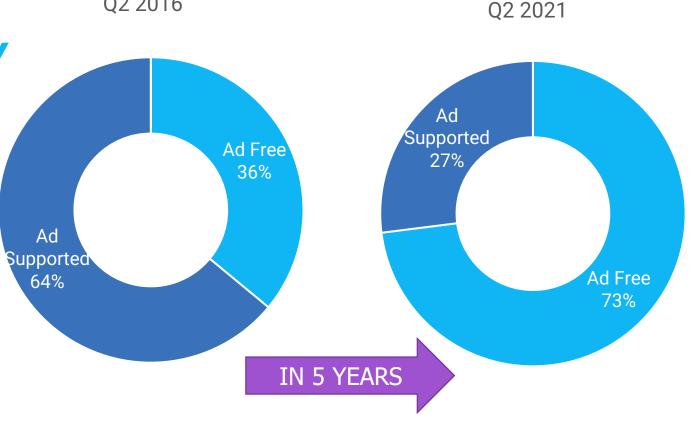




A25-54 SHARE OF TIME SPENT WITH SPOTIFY BY **SUBSCRIPTION TIER** 



73% of Spotify listeners are listening to the AD FREE subscription tier



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### **PODCAST STATS**



29% of Canadians

Canadians 18+ listen to podcasts on a monthly basis



Almost half (47%) of those who listen monthly are under 35

Age composition has held steady over the past three years

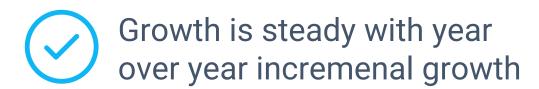


Apple falls to 3rd place as podcast platform used most often

Apple loses its seat to YouTube, while Spotify continues to show strong grows

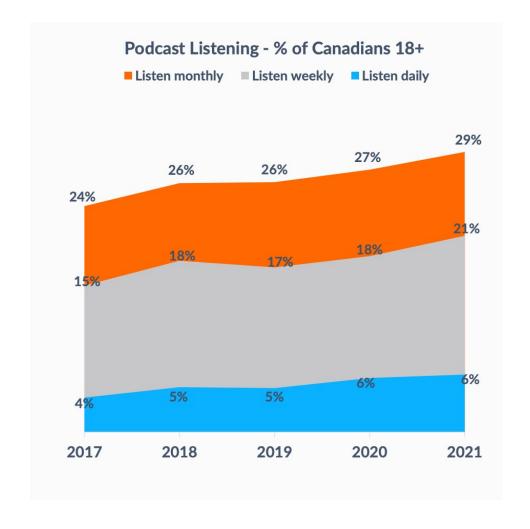


### PODCASTING IS GROWING











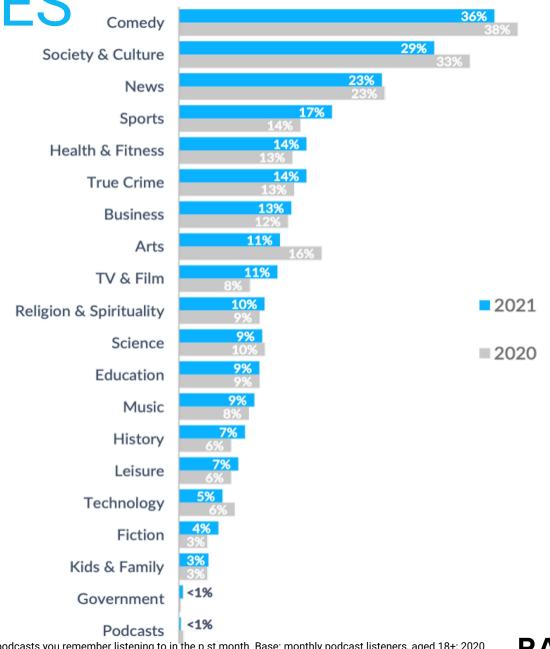
## TOP PODCAST GENRES IN 2021



Although Comedy is the most listened to genre, it's at a slightly lower incidence than in 2020



After a drought of sporting events in 2020, Sports podcasts were listened to by more Canadians in 2021, as were TV & Film podcasts.





### **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**



Canadian Podcasts tuning is increasing.



The proportion of US podcasts continues to decline, with homegrown Canadian podcasts making incremental gains, as well as podcasts from Britain and other countries

Of all the podcasts you listen to, about what proportion would you say are from:

	2019	2020	2021
USA	52%	49%	44%
Canada	38%	41%	42%
Britain	4%	5%	6%
France	2%	2%	2%
? Elsewhere	4%	4%	5%



### **SUMMARY**



### AM/FM Radio is alive and kicking

3rd largest Radio market, \$1.5B in revenue and over 700+ stations



## AM/FM Radio reaches 85% of Canadians 12+ every week

On average they are listening for 8.5 hrs/wk



# Radio reaches more Canadians in 1 week than any social platform

None of the social platforms has the scale and reach of AM/FM Radio



### **AM/FM Radio is digital**

It's available on demand and live on any device



## AM/FM Radio commands 44% of the total audio ecosystem

When it comes to advertising, AM/FM Radio has 80+% of the buyable audience.



### AM/FM Radio reaches more Canadians than YouTube for Music of Spotify

73% of Spotify listeners are listening to the AD FREE subscription tier



### **Canadians are renting their music**

The business model has changed, where subscriptions are replacing downloads



### 29% of Canadians listen to podcasts monthly

Most are males, comedy is the favourite genre and Canadian content is gaining traction



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