

Where to Get
HDTV  **ON CABLE**

Listings compiled by Gary Merson.

All information was supplied by cable operators and was current at press time. Basic cost includes leasing an HDTV-compatible cable box but not any premium channels.

STATE	CITY/REGION	CABLE CO.	NETWORK	PREMIUM	ADDITIONAL	BASIC MONTHLY COST
AK	East Arkansas	Time Warner	CBS, ABC, and NBC (pending)	HBO, Showtime	none	\$63 with 106 channels
AL	Birmingham	Charter	none	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Decatur	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
AZ	Phoenix	Cox	ABC, PBS	HBO, Showtime, Discovery HD	Discovery HD	not available
CA	Alhambra	Charter	none	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Burbank	Charter	ABC	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD, HDNet	\$63 with digital cable
	Coronado	Time Warner	CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$23
	Glendale	Charter	ABC	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD, HDNet	\$63 with digital cable
	Hesperia	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Long Beach	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Los Angeles	Time Warner	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$17 to \$19
	Pasadena	Charter	none	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Riverside	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	San Diego	Time Warner	CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$18
San Diego	Cox	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$26 to \$29	
	Turlock	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
CT	Ashford	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Danbury	Comcast	ABC, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15
	Fairfield County	Cablevision	none	HBO, Showtime	Sports NY, MSG	\$22 (average)
	Newtown	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
Willimantic	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable	
DC	Washington, DC	Comcast	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	SportsNet	\$17 to \$20
DL	Kent County	Comcast	ABC, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	SportsNet	\$17 to \$20
	Northern Delaware	Comcast	ABC, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20

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	Miami Beach	Charter	none	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Tampa/Sarasota	Comcast	ABC, CBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
HI	Hilo, Maui, Oahu	Time Warner	ABC	HBO, Showtime	none	\$49
IL	Decatur	Insight	none	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$36
	Lincoln	Insight	none	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$36
	Springfield	Insight	none	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$36
IN	Anderson	Insight	ABC, CBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$36
	Evansville	Insight	NBC	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$36
	Indianapolis	Comcast	CBS, NBC	Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Kokomo	Insight	ABC, NBC	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$36
	Lafayette	Insight	ABC, NBC	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$36
	Noblesville	Insight	ABC, CBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$36
KS	Kansas City	Time Warner	ABC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$20
KY	Covington (and northern KY)	Insight	none	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$26
	Lexington	Insight	CBS, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$26
	Louisville	Insight	ABC, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$26
LA	Monroe	Time Warner	ABC	HBO, Showtime	none	\$20 to \$23
MA	Athol	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19
	Boston	Comcast	ABC, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Chicopee	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Pittsfield	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19
	Shrewsbury	Cablevision	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD	\$48
	Worcester	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
MD	Baltimore County	Comcast	ABC, NBC	Showtime	SportsNet, PBS (pending)	\$17 to \$20
	Charles County	Comcast	ABC, NBC	Showtime	PBS (pending)	\$17 to \$20
	Chesapeake Bay area	Comcast	ABC, NBC	Showtime	PBS (pending)	\$17 to \$20
	Harford County	Comcast	ABC, NBC	Showtime	PBS (pending)	\$17 to \$20
	Howard County	Comcast	ABC, NBC	Showtime	PBS (pending)	\$17 to \$20
	Montgomery County	Comcast	ABC, NBC	Showtime	PBS (pending)	\$17 to \$20
	Prince George County	Comcast	ABC, NBC	Showtime	PBS (pending)	\$17 to \$20
	Prince William County	Comcast	ABC, NBC	Showtime	PBS (pending)	\$17 to \$20
ME	Cumberland County	Time Warner	PBS, local HDTV testing	HBO, Showtime	none	\$65 with digital cable
	York County	Time Warner	PBS, local HDTV testing	HBO, Showtime	none	\$63 with digital cable
MI	Allendale	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Detroit	Comcast	ABC, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Flint	Comcast	ABC	HBO, Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Kalamazoo	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
MO	Kansas City	Time Warner	ABC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$20
MS	Jackson	Time Warner	ABC	HBO, Showtime	none	\$20 to \$23
	North Mississippi	Time Warner	CBS, ABC, NBC (pending)	HBO, Showtime	none	\$63 with 106 channels
NB	Omaha	Cox	CBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$16 to \$19 (\$499 box purchase required)
NC	Charlotte	Time Warner	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	University of NC-TV	\$48 to \$52
ND	Fargo	Cable One	none	HBO, Showtime	none	\$51
NJ	Central and Northern	Comcast	ABC, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Central and Northern	Cablevision	none	HBO, Showtime	Sports NY, MSG	\$22 (average)
	Ocean and Monmouth counties, South Jersey	Comcast	ABC, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
NV	Las Vegas	Cox	CBS, PBS	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD	\$26 to \$29
NY	Albany	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19
	Bronx	Cablevision	none	HBO, Showtime	Fox Sports NY, MSG	\$22 (average)
	Brooklyn	Cablevision	none	HBO, Showtime	Fox Sports NY, MSG	\$22 (average)
	Brooklyn	Time Warner	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$20
	Essex	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19
	Fulton	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19
	Long Island	Cablevision	none	HBO, Showtime	Fox Sports NY, MSG	\$22 (average)
	Montgomery	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19
	New York	Time Warner	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$20
	Queens	Time Warner	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$20
	Rensselaer County	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19
	Saratoga County	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19
	Schenectady County	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19

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	Warren	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19
	Washington County	Time Warner	mid-2003	HBO, Showtime	none	\$15 to \$19
	Westchester County	Cablevision	none	HBO, Showtime	Sports NY, MSG	\$22 (average)
OH	Boardman	Armstrong	ABC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$52
	Columbus	Insight	ABC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$22 to \$26
PA	Butler	Armstrong	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$52
	Carlisle	Comcast	CBS, NBC, PBS	Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Harrisburg	Comcast	CBS, NBC, PBS	Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Hershey	Comcast	CBS, NBC, PBS	Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Johnstown	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Lancaster	Comcast	CBS, NBC, PBS	Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Lebanon	Comcast	CBS, NBC, PBS	Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Meadville	Armstrong	CBS, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$52
	Philadelphia	Comcast	ABC, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	SportsNet	\$17 to \$20
	Reading	Comcast	ABC, NBC, PBS	Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
TN	Bristol (Tri-Cities)	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Johnson City (Tri-Cities)	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Kingsport (Tri-Cities)	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable
	Knoxville	Comcast	ABC, NBC	HBO, Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	Nashville	Comcast	ABC, CBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$17 to \$20
	West Tennessee	Time Warner	CBS, ABC, NBC (pending)	HBO, Showtime	none	\$63 with 106 channels
	Memphis	Time Warner	CBS, ABC, NBC (pending)	HBO, Showtime	none	\$63 with 106 channels
TX	Austin	Time Warner	ABC, CBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$14 to \$16
	Central Texas	Time Warner	ABC, CBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$14 to \$16
	Fort Worth	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD, HDNet, HDNet Movies at \$10	\$63 with digital cable
	Greater Houston	Time Warner	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$51
	Highland Park	Charter	none	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD, HDNet, HDNet Movies at \$10	\$63 with digital cable
	New Braunfels	Time Warner	ABC, CBS	HBO, Showtime	ESPN HD	\$28
	San Antonio	Time Warner	ABC, CBS	HBO, Showtime	ESPN HD	\$28
	University Park	Charter	none	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD, HDNet, HDNet Movies at \$10	\$63 with digital cable
VA	Alexandria	Comcast	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	SportsNet	\$17 to \$20
	Arlington	Comcast	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	SportsNet	\$17 to \$20
	Fairfax County	Cox	ABC, NBC	HBO, Showtime	Discovery HD	\$26 to \$29
	Reston	Comcast	ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS	HBO, Showtime	SportsNet	\$17 to \$20
WA	Seattle	Comcast	none	HBO, Showtime	none	not available
WI	Greenbay	Time Warner	ABC, CBS	HBO, Showtime	none	\$16 to \$22
WV	Charleston	Charter	none	HBO	Discovery HD	\$63 with digital cable

HDTV ON YOUR CABLE BILL

Some companies have you subscribe to a "DTV" package that contains hundreds of channels. With others, you can sign up for far fewer channels and still get HDTV service. For example, in northern Mississippi, Time Warner Cable (TWC) charges \$63 a month for 106 channels, including CBS and ABC. HBO and Showtime are extra.

(All prices here include the cost of leasing an HDTV-capable cable box.) In New York City, TWC offers a \$75-a-month package with more than 300 channels, including HBO, Showtime, ABC, CBS, NBC, and PBS in high-def. But it also quietly offers a minimum-pricing option that gives you the same four network channels in high-def along with a basic tier of broadcast and community-access channels for \$20 a month.

Each system has its own way of spelling out (or burying) charges. Many throw in the high-def feeds of HBO and Showtime without an additional fee. But others will list a separate HDTV package or equipment fee (\$3.25 to \$10.95 a month) on your bill. If you're satisfied with your cable system's HDTV lineup, you don't need another tuner for over-the-air or satellite channels. Satellite subscribers, in contrast, might want cable only for local HDTV channels. Our best advice, if you don't want to subscribe to a banquet of cable channels, is to ask about a minimum-service option that includes HDTV local channels plus à la carte premium channels.

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