

# How to calculate the average time spent by media type in a typical day

Base: Total Sample

2020/2021 MARS Study	elements	total	Women 50+
total	Sample (000)	40074 251696	13416 61662
Avg. hours spent/day - Newspapers[2]	Sample (000)	21112 0.16	6981 0.18
Avg. hours spent/day - Magazines[2]	Sample (000)	33082 0.33	11247 0.30
Avg. hours spent/day - TV (any platform)[2]	Sample (000)	38887 6.54	13102 6.78
Avg. hours spent/day - Live network TV[2]	Sample (000)	9010 0.79	2896 0.76
Avg. hours spent/day - Live cable TV[2]	Sample (000)	25542 2.74	9347 3.60
Avg. hours spent/day - Recorded TV/DVR[2]	Sample (000)	13474 0.85	5153 1.01
Avg. hours spent/day - Streaming/VoD[2]	Sample (000)	17747 1.81	4860 0.96
Avg. hours spent/day - Radio[2]	Sample (000)	35047 1.31	11448 1.08
Avg. hours spent/day - Internet (any device)[2]	Sample (000)	39894 6.77	13386 5.43
Avg. hours spent/day - Internet on Mobile Device[2]	Sample (000)	33987 3.54	10788 2.10
Avg. hours spent/day - Internet on Social Media[2]	Sample (000)	35190 2.73	11608 1.52

1. Using the example on the left, run in a cross-tab the mean/average time for each medium (including zeros) against your target (e.g., Women age 50+)
2. Results will populate in the weighted (000) row

Example:

- ➔ **Social Media:** 1.52 needs to be converted into hours and minutes. To calculate minutes, multiply  $.52 \times 60$  minutes = 31.2 minutes. The average time women 50+ spend on social media is **1 hour and 31 minutes** (or 91 minutes).

# Media consumption in a typical day – Women age 50+

Calculate the **average time** for each medium in minutes:

- TV - Any Platform* = 6 hours 47 minutes (407 minutes)
- Internet - Any Device* = 5 hours 26 minutes (326 minutes)
- Radio* = 1 hour 5 minutes (65 minutes)
- Magazines* = 18 minutes
- Newspapers* = 11 minutes

Calculate **the sum** of the average time spent with **any media** in an average day:

*TV + Internet + Radio + Magazines + Newspapers* = **827 minutes** or **13 hours 47 minutes**, the average (or mean) time/day spent with any media

Calculate **percentages** for **each media**:

Divide the number of minutes spent with each media by total minutes spent with any media.  
Example: *Radio*: 65 minutes/827 minutes = .079 or 8%

