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3 Digital Media Platforms

- Online Media
- Mobile Media
- Other Digital Media

8 Traditional Platforms

- Live Television
- Physical Film & Video
- Physical Recorded Music
- Print Books
- Print Magazines
- Print Newspapers
- Terrestrial Radio
- Traditional OOH

22 Digital Channels

- Streaming Audio
- eBooks
- eCommerce
- Online & Mobile Games
- Digital Magazines
- Online & Mobile News
- Online & Mobile Search
- Social Media
- Online & Mobile Video
- Console/PC Games
- Digital Out-of-Home
- Streaming (OTT) Video
- Satellite Radio



Top 20 Global Markets

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|------------|---------------|
| *U.S. | *Japan |
| *Argentina | *Mexico |
| *Australia | *Netherlands |
| *Brazil | *Poland |
| *Canada | *Russia |
| *China | *South Africa |
| *France | *South Korea |
| *Germany | *Spain |
| *India | *Taiwan |
| *Italy | *U.K. |

7 Consumer Groups

- aiGen (2025-) NEW**
- mGen (2013-2024)
- iGen (1997-2012)
- Millennials (1981-1996)
- GenX (1965-1980)
- Baby Boomers (1946-1964)
- Great Generation (Pre-1946)

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Segmentation & Definitions

Global Consumer Digital & Traditional Media Usage: The average number of hours per week an end user views, reads, accesses, engages, interacts with, or listens to digital or traditional media content, advertising, or services for personal entertainment or informational purposes, or as a result of consumer brand advertising or marketing through various media platforms and channels.

PQ Media's data and analysis included in this report is specific to the average total time an individual spends each week with media content developed primarily for consumer/personal use, as opposed to business/employee use. While consumption primarily occurs in the home, digital media devices have increasingly allowed consumers to access content in many other indoor and outdoor locations. PQ Media's methodology, algorithms, data collection, and analysis for this Report were based on proprietary research, experiences, and exclusive input from industry leaders, which resulted in a unique approach to provide our clients with the most comprehensive, consistent, and actionable global media consumption datasets available.

To be consistent and to accurately reflect consumer usage of digital and traditional media by platform, channel, and country worldwide, several original techniques were used. For example, we included the entire population, or universe, of end users for all ages (0+) worldwide, contrasting with the 17+ or 23+ populations, or consumers of a particular medium used in other media consumption research. As a result, PQ Media was able to distinguish between media usage of developed and emerging countries, as well as among the five major cultural generations of the population. Additionally, our final data indicates consumer media usage in average hours per week, compared with daily or annually. Input from our industry leader panel revealed that this view is the most actionable media usage metric because weekly results are most often used by major advertisers and marketers to plan and buy media.

PQ Media's methodology and data differ significantly from other sources that collect and publish media usage data in the following ways: using certain technologies to capture time spent with media for a day; performing simple online surveys based on usage recall; aggregating research published by other sources to create a median outcome; only counting end users of a specific media platform or channel, which often results in inflated figures for media consumption.

Digital Media Usage Platforms & Channels

Internet Media Usage: Consumers accessing digital content and data (C&D) that was developed using the appropriate internet browser and coding configurations, such as html. Internet media C&D is most often, but not exclusively, consumed on computers that are tethered through access connections like cable modems, DSL/T-Lines, and dial-up, or password protected networks associated with the tethered device. Additionally, a majority of internet media C&D is consumed in enclosed locations like homes, schools, and businesses. It also includes any materials that are downloaded onto a PC, and then are transferred to an online device, such as music and books.

eBooks: Also known as online long-form text C&D, this content is accessed and read by consumers in multiple viewings, at times related to a specific vertical, such as cooking. The C&D can be released as a one-time product, such as a book, an annual update with new & revised information, such as yellow page listings, or updated more regularly due to the vertical's seasonality, such as professional sports databases of the league's player performance to date. It also includes online downloads of long-form text C&D that is download on PCs, but transferred to a wireless device for reading.

eCommerce & Other Online Content: Time spent by consumers on retail websites, including any customer reviews, with online catalogs, paying bills or checking statements online, miscellaneous websites, such as online dating services, and any emails that are not produced daily or linked to a specific brand.

Online Audio & Podcasting: Content developed for listening online, including music downloads that can be transferred to another device, such as an mp3 player; listening to songs on a PC or laptop; tuning into on online radio station, including digital extensions of terrestrial and satellite radio stations and networks; and any audio podcasts on news and information sites, such as interviews.

Online Games: Consumers playing videogames, casual games and games of chance online, including the massive multi-player online game (MMOG) extensions of console, PC and handheld videogames, as well as games developed exclusively for the internet. These games can be played individually, with friends, or with multi-player functionality that includes microtransaction components that provide advantages to players for a fee.

Online Newspapers: Consumers reading text-formatted digital content and data that is published online in real time, usually on a daily basis, updated when necessary, and can include news, weather, sports, public interest, analysis, opinions, expert reviews, daily e-mail newsletters, and theme-related topics, such as finance, healthcare, entertainment, travel, and technology. It also includes time spent by consumers reading the online archives of the articles after the subject of the story is no longer a real-time issue.

Internet Media Usage (cont.)

Online Magazines: Also known as online short-form text C&D, it differs from online news & information in that the content and data are specific to a vertical market (e.g., sports, women) and its consumers are aware that it is usually posted online on a designated schedule, such as weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly, often corresponding with the distribution of an accompanying print product, such as a magazine, newsletter, shopper or trader. Real-time updates might be available, particularly when the target audience expects coverage of an important event in the vertical.

Online Search & eMail: Also known as lead generation and online business-to-consumer promotions, search and email include time spent by consumers online to find products and services, contact and location information, and/or reviews of products and services. Also included are search engines, product/service listings by vertical, and promotional and custom content distributed via email.

Online Social Media: Consumer-generated content posted online, often to be shared within a certain community of friends and colleagues or posted by brands to loyal or potentially new customers. It also includes using any video teleconferencing service to connect with a social media community. It does not include any content originally posted to an online social media site, which has gone viral after being highlighted by a third-party source. It also does not include social media posted or viewed using a wireless device, which is included in the Mobile Social Media category.

Online Video: Accessing, viewing, and/or downloading motion-based content, including repurposed TV programs, news, sports, films, trailers, webisodes, video podcasts, and consumer-generated video that goes viral after being highlighted by a social media website or other third-party publisher.

Mobile Media Usage: Consumers accessing digital content and data that was developed using the appropriate mobile browser and coding configurations, such as WAP 2.0. Mobile media C&D is most, but not exclusively, consumed using telecommunications data plans or external WiFi networks, although consumers can use the networks associated with tethered devices referenced in internet media usage. Mobile media C&D can be consumed in any location but is most often associated with accessing the materials while outside the home, such as while commuting, near or in local retail outlets, and close to entertainment establishments, like bars and sporting arenas. It does not include accessing internet C&D using wireless devices, unless the material has been reconfigured for wireless devices, such as gaming apps.

mBooks: Long-form text C&D directly downloaded onto wireless devices and read by consumers using their wireless technology. (see eBooks, directories, and databases for examples of long-form text C&D)

mCommerce & Other Mobile Content: Mobile commerce, also known as mCommerce or mWallet, includes time spent by consumers on their wireless devices to pay bills, shop, and to purchase products or services, including on-site at retailers, accessing content from retailers formatted specifically for wireless devices, such as proximity services or brand-related texts, using mobile apps not associated with games or the three text categories, and any GPS functionality included on personal mobile devices

Mobile Audio & Podcasting: Time spent listening to audio content developed specifically for wireless devices, such as ringtones downloaded directly on wireless handheld devices, or listening to various radio programming and audio podcasts developed for wireless devices.

Mobile Games & Applications (Apps): Consumers playing various games developed for wireless devices, often through gaming apps or the mobile extensions developed by console, PC, and handheld videogame publishers for the smaller screens of personal mobile devices.

Mobile Newspapers: Consumers reading digital, real-time news and informational text, content or data formatted specifically for wireless devices, often through a subscription service, such as the Android app developed by a newspaper publisher.

Mobile Magazines: Time spent by consumers with short-form text C&D formatted specifically for wireless devices, often through a subscription service, such as an iPhone app developed by a magazine publisher.

Mobile Search & Texts: Consumers accessing lead generation tools that are designed for wireless devices, such as smartphones, often use them near the point-of-decision or purchase. Also included in this mobile usage channel is time spent by consumers with non-social texts, primarily from brands attempting to reach individuals with text-based promotions.

Mobile Media Usage (cont.)

Mobile Social Media: Time spent by individuals with consumer generated content either developed for or created on wireless devices or shared within the social media community using apps developed specifically for wireless devices, including any video teleconferencing among the community members.

Mobile Video: Motion-based content produced exclusively for download on wireless devices, content produced elsewhere and transfigured for wireless devices using a third-party technology solution available exclusively from the telecommunications provider, or is downloaded via a video-based app, including those from subscription services, like Netflix or Hulu.

Other Digital Media Usage: Consumer access, engagement, or interaction with digital content, advertising or services for personal entertainment use or consumer brand advertising through various other digital media. Does not include digital media or content developed for workflow efficiencies or created specifically for internet-accessible computers or wireless mobile devices. These media and devices include videogame-playing systems, television time-shifting hardware, and digital out-of-home advertising networks, billboards, and signage in various indoor and outdoor locations.

Console, PC & Handheld Videogames: Time spent by consumers playing videogames available on some type of physical disc. It does not include the time that consumers link to the online or mobile extension of the games to compete with players in other locations in MMOG formats. However, it does include the time consumer might spend going online to download additional content that becomes available when players complete certain tasks, such as scoring enough points to download a faster car in a racing title. It also does not include time spent viewing downloaded TV programs or films on console hardware using services such as Netflix, which is included in over-the-top (OTT) video below.

Digital Out-of-Home (DOOH) Media: Consumer engagement with content and advertising while outside the home, provided by a third-party operator. Digital out-of-home includes three types of platforms: 1) digital place-based networks, in which content is telecast on screens in specific venues, such as theaters, transit hubs and vehicles, retail outlets, medical offices, corporate towers, sports arenas, and entertainment venues, such as bars, restaurants and fitness clubs; 2) digital billboards & signage, which are exclusively ad-based, but messages change in a pre-determined timeframe; and 3) ambient out-of-home media, including messages often embedded onto objects using digital technology, such as 3-D printers.

Over-the-Top (OTT) Video: Consumers using digital technology to access and view video content on-demand, such as time-shifting and saving TV content through digital video recorders (DVR) for convenient viewing, accessing movies and TV programs at specific times using video-on-demand (VOD) services, or downloading video content through videogame consoles. It also includes interactive games available through cable subscription services and satellite TV providers.

Satellite Radio: Radio programming primary consumed in automobiles using specific digital equipment and is available only in two countries, the United States and Canada.

Traditional Media (TM) Usage: For purposes of this report, PQ Media grouped together consumer time spent with key traditional media platforms for personal use, such as reading print-based news, data and other information publications; viewing or listening to entertainment content at home or in theaters through electronic hardware and using physical discs that were considered analog media when first developed as a medium, and engaging with out-of-home advertising via non-digital billboards and other signage; watching live broadcast or cable video on a programmed schedule primarily at home, or listening to audio content from terrestrial radio stations and networks through broadcast radio devices, such as stereo receivers.

Traditional Media Platforms

Live Television: Viewing television programming on TV receivers found primarily in the home, on a predetermined schedule set by the TV stations, cable providers, and broadcast, cable, and regional sports networks. It does not include time-shifted viewing or consumer-controlled viewing using VOD.

Over-the-Air (OTA) Radio: Also known as terrestrial radio. Listening to radio stations and network music, talk, and sports programming, not including digital-related satellite radio, using broadcast radio devices, such as stereo receivers, conventional and HD car radios, clock radios, and portable radio devices, like Walkmans and boom boxes.

Physical Film & Home Video: Viewing feature-length films in person, or watching them through electronic hardware, such as DVD and VHS players, when they became available on physical discs and cassettes. It also includes consumers viewing TV programs that have become available in multi-episode editions that are tied to a specific season when the program aired on broadcast or cable television networks.

Physical Music: Consumers listening to recorded music on CDs, cassettes, and vinyl using electronic equipment and physical discs that are primarily multiple tracks from specific artists, groups, performance ensembles, and multi-artist themed titles determined by the recording studio.

Print Books: Reading one-time consumer-focused book releases from specific authors, editors, and publishers, as well as students reading textbooks, consuming information that pertains to a specific vertical from publications that are printed and updated annually, such as yellow page directories, Census Bureau statistical abstracts, and sports-related yearbooks.

Print Magazines: Reading print-based publications that include information content that is aimed towards a specific demographic, such as women, or shared activity, like hunting. It also includes consuming print-based publications that retail or product oriented. Print periodicals & serials are distributed based on a pre-determined annual subscription schedule, usually weekly, monthly, or quarterly, and can include consumer-targeted magazines and newsletters, as well as catalogs, shoppers, and traders.

Traditional Media Usage (cont.)

Print Newspapers: Reading print-based news and other information publications with a primarily local focus that distributed by subscription or single copy at a pre-determined time each day or week, with content regarding events that occurred within the past day or week, but also includes general articles on key verticals, like business and cooking.

Traditional Out-of-Home Media: Consumer engagement with out-of-home advertising via non-digital billboards and other signage. It is normally in place at a specific location for a predetermined amount of time, depending on the contract, for a week, a month, or quarterly. It requires physical labor to deploy and subsequently replace.

Media Hybrid Silo Usage: For purposes of this report, PQ Media combined the consumer usage and exposure of the digital and traditional, when applicable, extensions of a media platform on the various devices on which the content is consumed, such as TV programs on TV sets, via OTT video, on PCs, laptops, smartphones, and tablets. As a result of the combination, internet and mobile media usage is limited to content available on digital devices, such as online search and mobile applications, which is considered legacy content, also known as pure-play.

Media Hybrid Silo Platforms

Books: Combined reading print consumer books, textbooks, local yellow page directories, abstracts, and sports yearbooks, with consuming similar material on digital devices, including PCs, laptops, smartphones, tablets, and e-Readers, such as internet yellows and e-Books.

Film & Home Video: Combined viewing feature-length films in theaters, on DVDs, and VHS, with viewing on OTT Video, such as DVRs, VOD, PPV, and videogame consoles, as well as streaming on digital devices, such as PCs, laptops, smartphones, and tablets.

Magazines: Combines reading print-based publications purchased from newsstands, distributed via subscription, received in the mail, and available at local services, like doctor's offices with reading the same material via digital devices, including PCs, laptops, smartphones, tablets, and e-readers, such as digital extension of popular magazines and e-zines.

Music: Combined consumers listening to recorded music on CDs, cassettes, and vinyl with streaming on MP3 players, PCs, laptops, smartphones, feature phones, such as ringtones, and tablets.

Newspapers: Combined reading print-based news and other information publications, such as business newspapers, with consuming similar material on digital devices, including PCs, laptops, smartphones, tablets, and e-Readers, such as brand extensions of popular newspapers, news aggregators, and blogs.

Media Hybrid Silo Usage (cont.)

Out-of-Home Media: Combines consumer engagement with static billboards, street furniture, and transit posters with digital billboards, digital place-based networks, kiosks, interactive screens, and ambient out-of-home.

Pure-Play Internet Media: Combines content and services that are specific to the internet and viewed on PCs and laptops, such as online search, e-mail, e-commerce, online social media, and content not found on traditional media platforms, such as e-Harmony and credit report sites. It also includes any content downloaded on PCs and laptops, but then transferred to wireless devices, such as an e-Book copied to a tablet. It does not include content developed by traditional media companies within another media Hybrid Silo and often repurposed for internet viewing, such as television videos placed on ESPN.com, as well as pure-play digital companies that are identified with a media Hybrid Silo, such as Huffington Post in News & Information.

Pure-Play Mobile Media: Combines content and services that are specific to the wireless devices, such as mobile search, texts, m-commerce, mobile apps, and mobile social media. It only includes content downloaded onto the wireless devices, such as an m-book, and not copied or transferred from a PC or laptop. It does not include content developed by traditional media companies within another media Hybrid Silo and often repurposed for wireless devices, such as television videos placed on ESPN Mobile.

Radio: Combines listening to radio on broadcast radio devices, such as stereo receivers, conventional and HD car radios, clock radios, and portable radio devices, like Walkmans and boom boxes, with listening on satellite radio, digital audio broadcasting (DAB) receivers, and online radio stations on digital devices, such as PCs, laptops, smartphones, and tablets.

Television: Combined viewing broadcast and cable television programming on TV sets with viewing via OTT video, such as DVRs, VOD, and videogame consoles, PCs, laptops, smartphones, and tablets. It also includes PPV events produced specifically for TV, like wrestling and concerts.

Videogames: Combines playing videogames titles published for consoles, PCs, and handheld devices with playing the extensions of those titles on PCs, laptops, smartphones and tablets, usually in massively multi-player online or mobile games (MMOG/MMMG), as well as games produced specifically for digital devices like MMOG games like *Runescape*, social/casual games, and mobile gaming apps.

Demographics: Clusters within an overall population that share one or more common characteristics.

Gender

Dividing the entire population by the end user's sex.

Male: For the purpose of this study, the entire male population (men and boys) globally, regionally, and by market, ages 0+ annually from 2020 to 2030.

Female: The entire female population (women and girls) globally, regionally, and by market, ages 0+ annually from 2020 to 2030.

Generation

All living male and female consumers grouped by a specific year-to-year range, spanning approximately 13 to 18 years in length per cluster, who share similar cultural characteristics, such as experiencing significant social, political, economic and/or technological events or advancements that contributed to the formation of commonalities, such as behaviors, perceptions and/or habits that have shaped the direction of their lives.

Greatest Gen: (pre-1946): First generation born soon after the advent of broadcast radio, which provided news and entertainment programming scheduled at specific intervals. As children, they experienced major global events that required great sacrifices, including the Great Depression in the 1930's, World War II in the 1940's, and the post-war boom in the US, depending on when and where they were born. Greatest Gen is also known as Depression Babies, Lost Generation, Post-War Cohorts, and Silent Generation, among others..

Baby Boomers: (1946-1964): First generation born after broadcast television was introduced, bringing images into the household during a time of great domestic and international upheaval. As children, they experienced the height of the Cold War; they witnessed the role of women change dramatically; citizens of developed countries enjoyed the greatest economic boom on record; many were greatly impacted by political and cultural events of the 1960's, including assassinations of beloved leaders; and regional wars with great social and political consequences. Baby Boomers are also known as Boomers, the Boom Generation, Alpha Boomers, Generation Jones, and Mega Boomers

GenX: (1965-1980) The first generation to be significantly impacted by a deluge of multimedia news, information, entertainment, and advertising options. As children, they grew up as the primary consumers of on-demand and digital media alternatives that would reshape the media and technology ecosystem, such as widespread media multitasking using devices including home computers, cable TV, videogames, VHS, and CDs. They also witnessed iconic technology-driven events, such as the first human landing on the moon, experienced the end of the Cold War, and the rise of the Middle East as an economic power, leading to a more competitive global economy. GenX, also known as Generation X, MTV Generation, Latchkey Kids, among others

Generations (cont.)

Millennials: (1981-1996) The first generation born after the internet was introduced, expanding the notion of targeted media content and expanded coverage of significant events. As children, they experienced a higher incidence of single-parent households, witnessed a technology-driven economic rebound that drove a status-symbol culture for consumers worldwide, Millennials are also known as Echo Boomers, Generation Next, and Generation Y..

iGen: (1997-2012) The first generation born with broadband internet access and the introduction of the cell phone with text messaging, allowing consumers to stay connected during the entire day at home, school and work. As children, they dealt with the rise of international terrorism and the weakest economic condition in 80 years. iGens are also known as Digital Natives, Generation@, Generation Z, Net Gen, and Pluralist Generation.

mGen: (2013-2024) The first generation born after wireless devices provided access to data, such as smartphones and tablets, allowing consumers to stay connected during the entire day in all locations. As children, they dealt with the rebound from weakest economic condition in 80 years, the COVID pandemic, and the introduction of smart technology – artificial intelligence (AI), voice-activated audio (VAA), augmented reality (AR), internet of things (IoT), and virtual reality (VR). mGens are also known as Gen Alpha.

aiGen: (2025+) The first generation born with AI tools that are used to personalize content to increase engagement and to more accurately distribute the messages to the correct target audience. As children, they will have to deal with the impact of climate change, demographic, economic, and geopolitical headwinds. aiGens are also known as Gen Beta.

Common Acronyms Used in Report

CAGR: Compound annual growth rate, or the year-over-year growth over a specific period time, which for this report was a 5-year period.

Nominal GDP (Gross National Product): Includes all changes in market prices, such as inflation or deflation, also known as current prices. Real GDP uses constant prices that does not include inflation and compares the price of goods against a base year (e.g., 2020 vs. 2025). Nominal GDP is used in the media industry analysis rather than Real GDP because media growth combines increased use of content, and its distribution methods, which normally have an inflationary annual price increase for the content and distribution.

AMER: Americas

RoAM: Rest of Americas

APAC: Asia Pacific

RoAP: Rest of Asia Pacific

EU: Europe

RoEU: Rest of Europe

ME&A: Middle East & Africa

RoMEA: Rest of Middle East & Africa

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Key Highlights

Global Media Usage Results 2025

- **Overall Media Usage**

- Global overall consumer media usage rose 0.3% in 2025 to 57.65 hours per week (HPW)
- Total usage by males grew 0.5% in 2025 at 58.91 HPW, female usage grew 0.2% to 57.37 HPW
- Consumer media usage by generations in 2025 was as follows:
 - Greatest Generation overall usage grew 3.3% to 102.20 HPW
 - Baby Boomer overall consumption increased 0.4% to 73.06 HPW
 - GenX overall media usage compressed 28% to 46.82 HPW
 - Millennial overall usage grew 1.3% to 53.19 HPW
 - i-Gen overall media consumption gained 2.5% to 39.72 HPW
 - m-Gen overall media usage increased 8.1% to 34.35 HPW
 - ai-Gen is new in 2025, with overall media usage reaching 6.30 HPW
- Overall consumer media usage is on pace to rise 2.4% in 2026 to 59.02 HPW

- **Traditional Media Usage**

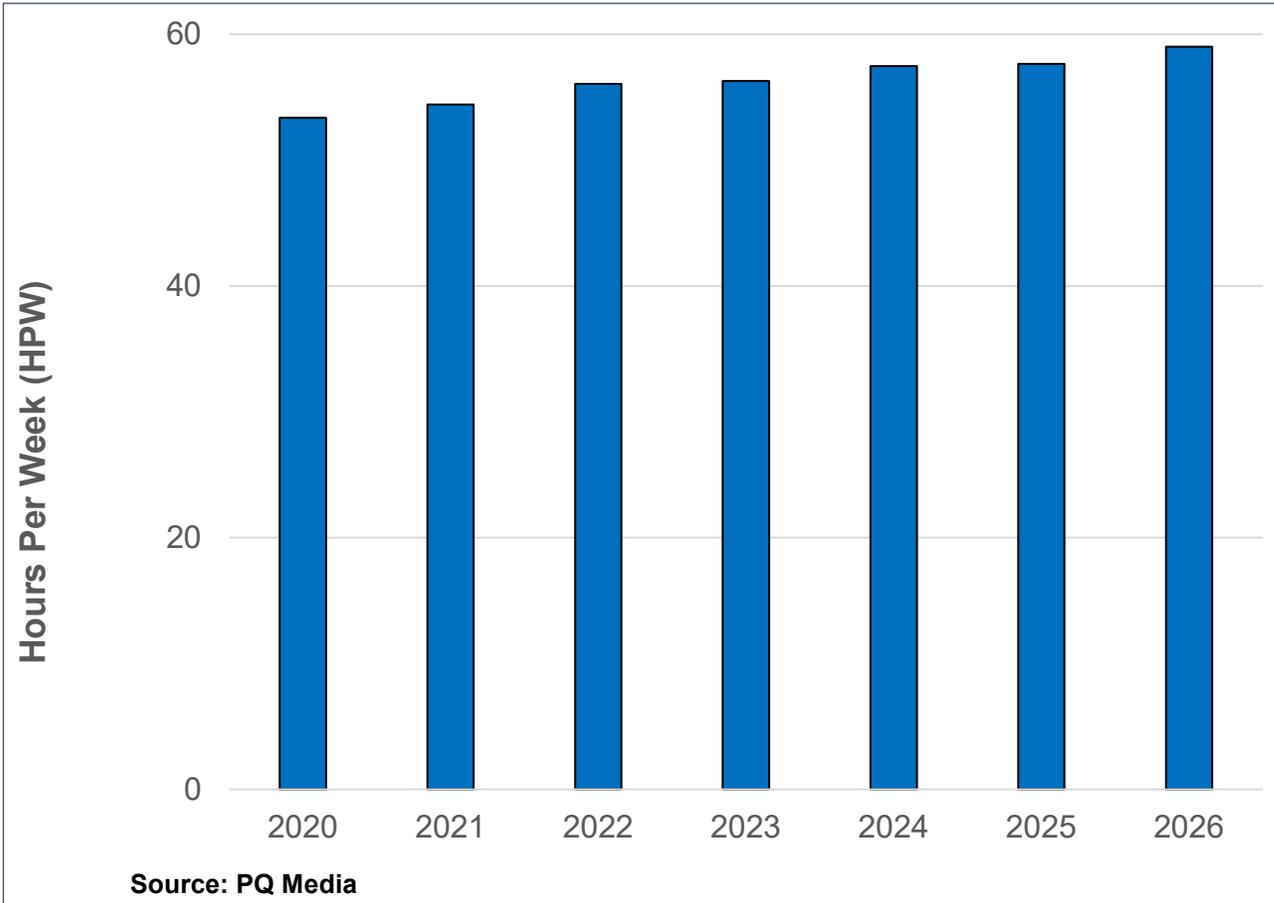
- Global traditional consumer media usage fell 4.1% in 2025 to 33.10 hours per week (HPW)
- Traditional usage by males decreased 3.9% in 2025 to 33.21 HPW, and female usage fell 4.3% to 33.18 HPW

- **Digital Media Usage**

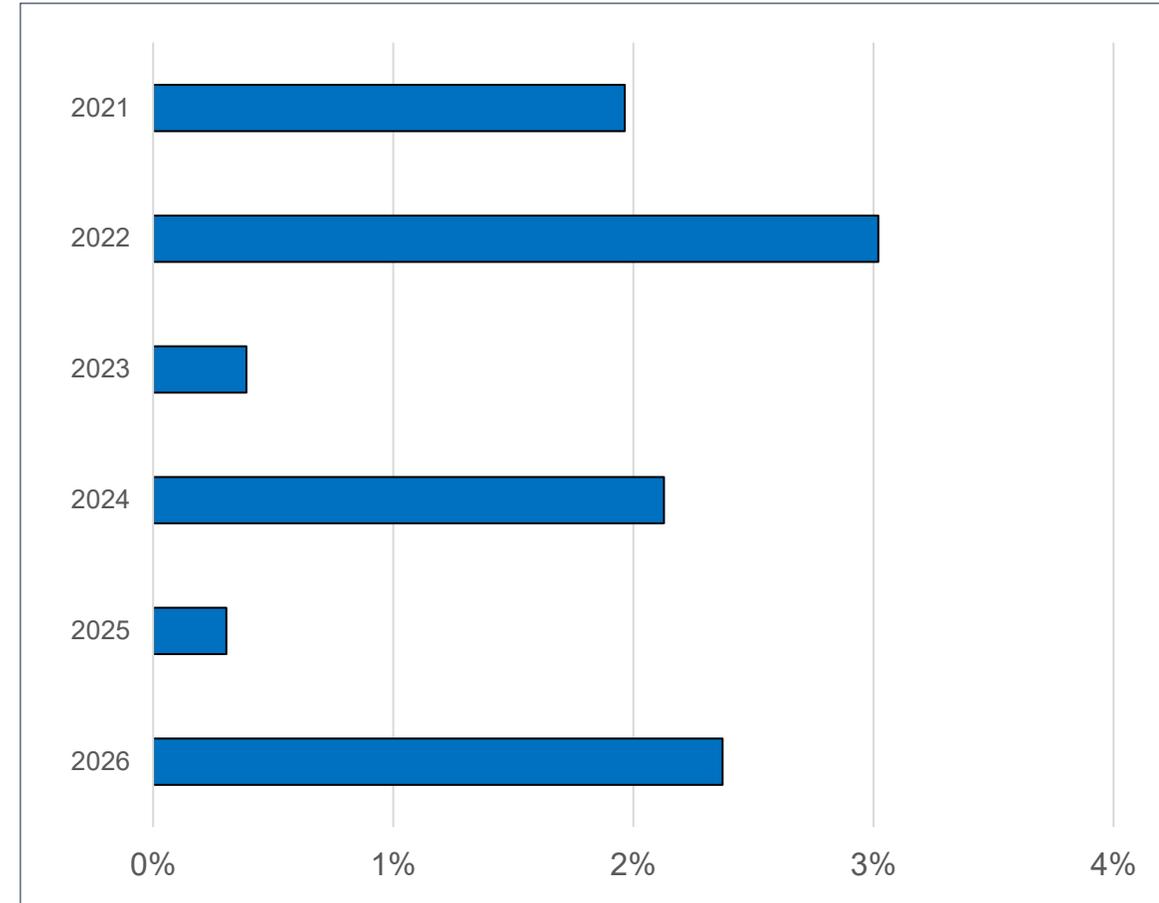
- Global digital consumer media usage rose 7% in 2025 to 24.56 hours per week (HPW), representing 42.6% of overall usage
- Digital usage by males grew 7% in 2025 to 25.70 HPW, and female usage increased 6.9% to 24.19 HPW

Global Total Consumer Media Usage Rose 0.3% in 2025 to 57.65 Hours Per Week; Projected to Rise 2.4% in 2026

Global Market Total Media Usage, 2020-26

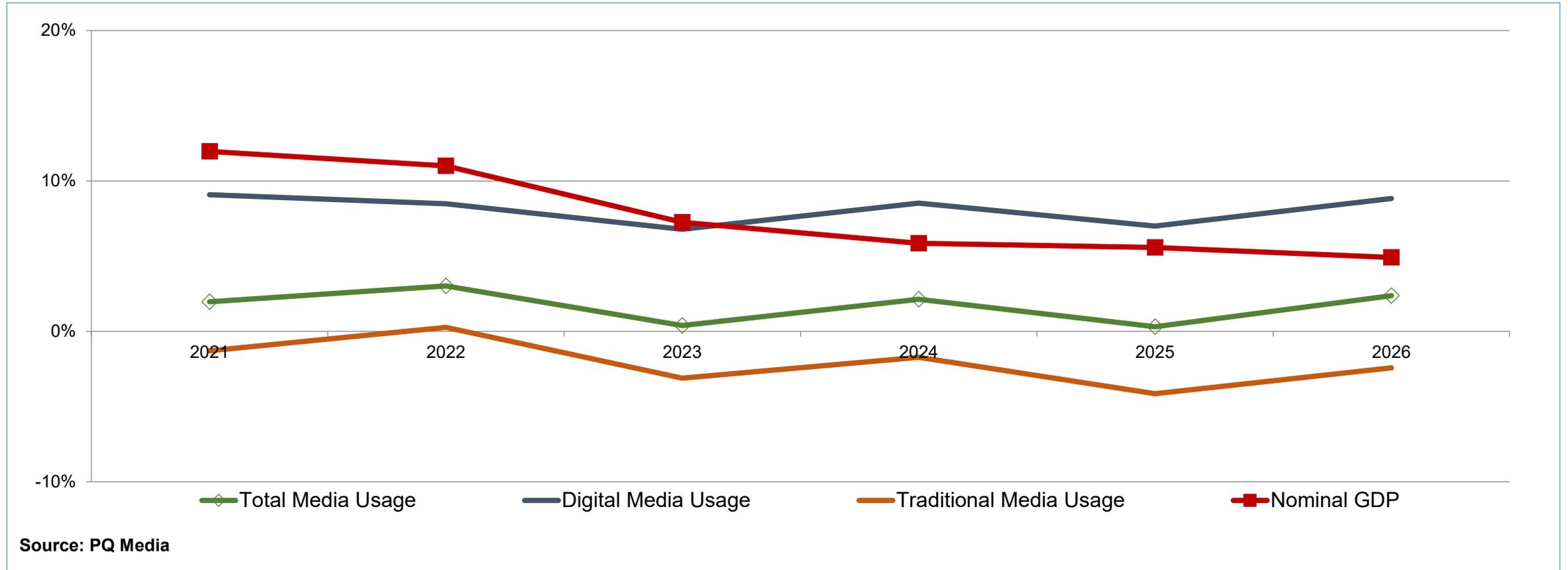


Growth of Global Market Total Media Usage, 2021-26



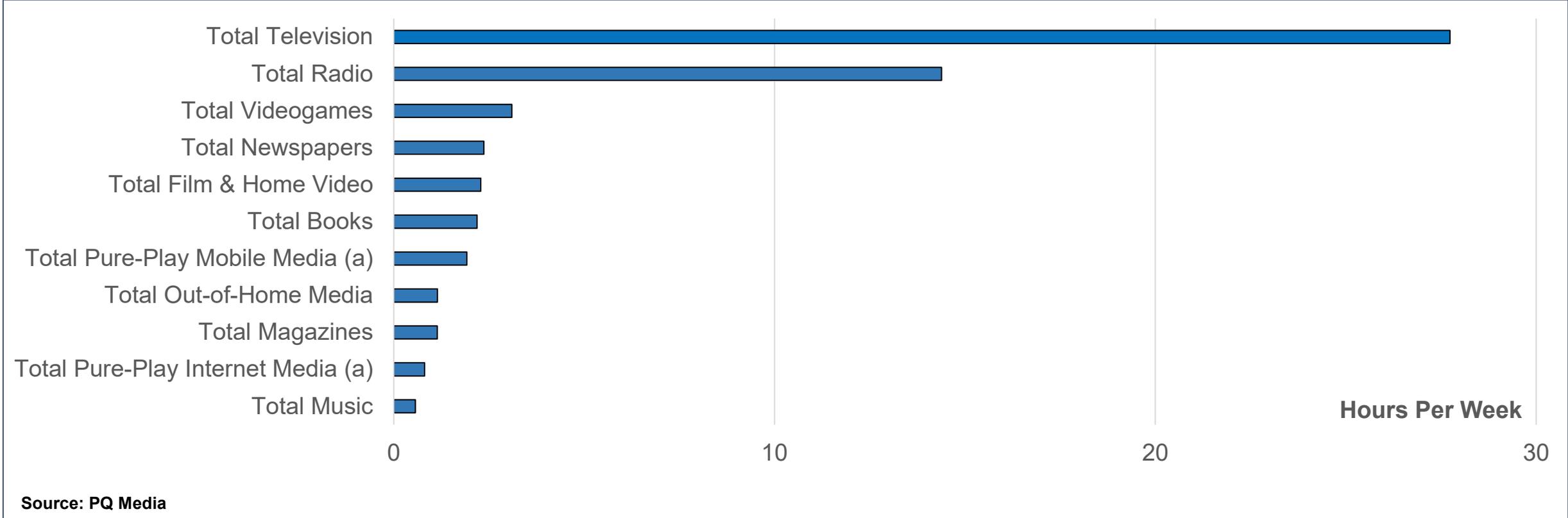
Global Overall Media Usage Underperforms Nominal GDP Growth by 4-6 Pts; Traditional Usage Underperforms Economic Growth by 6-8 Pts; Digital Usage Below GDP by 1 Pt.

PQ Media's Consumer Media Usage by Overall, Traditional, Digital & Compared Against GDP 2021-2026



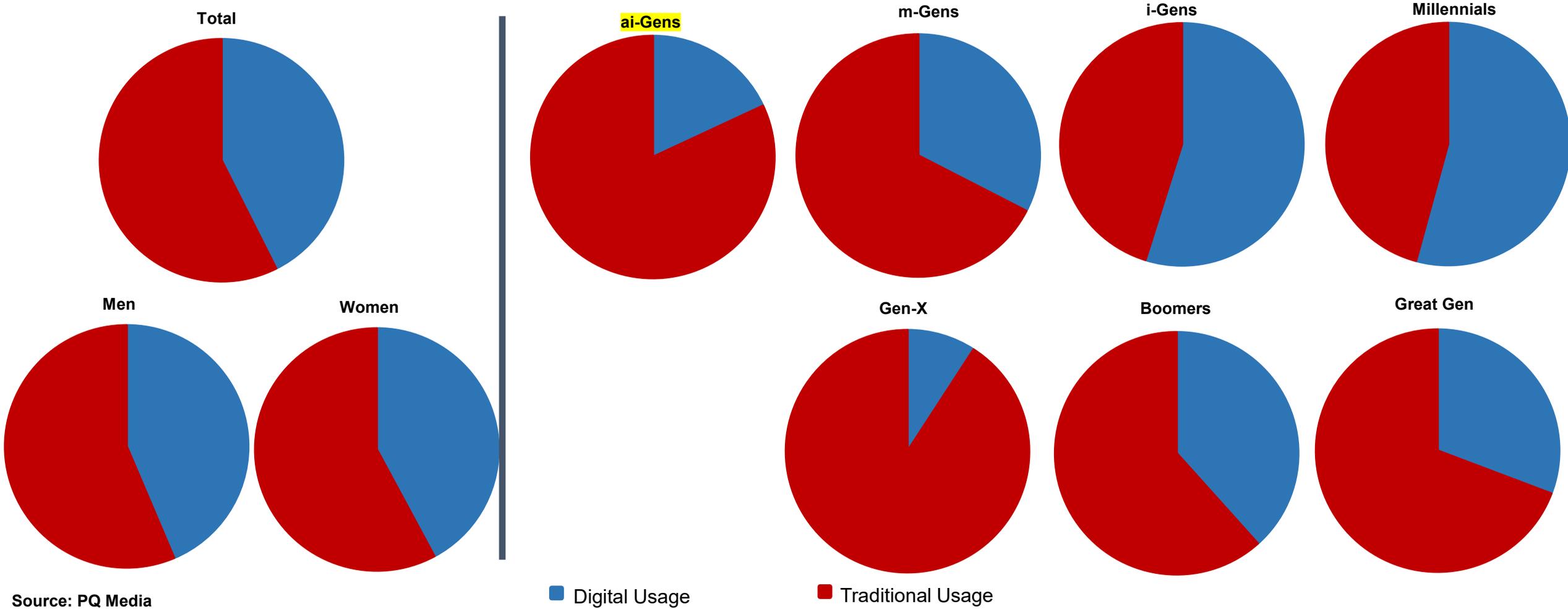
Consumers Use Television More than Any Other Media Hybrid Silo at 27.7 Hours Per Week in 2025 Pure-Play Digital Media, Content Only Available on Digital Devices, Reached 2.7 HPW

PQ Media's Total Global Media Usage by Media Hybrid Silos in 2025



(a) Pure-Play Internet & Mobile Media are specific to channels and sites that are exclusively digital, such as online search and mobile marketing apps. The digital brand extension of traditional media companies, such as videos placed on ESPN.com & ESPN Mobile, are included in the traditional media platform (e.g., TV). Additionally, all forms of the media platform, including pure-play digital companies are included in that platform, such as Huffington Post in News & Information.

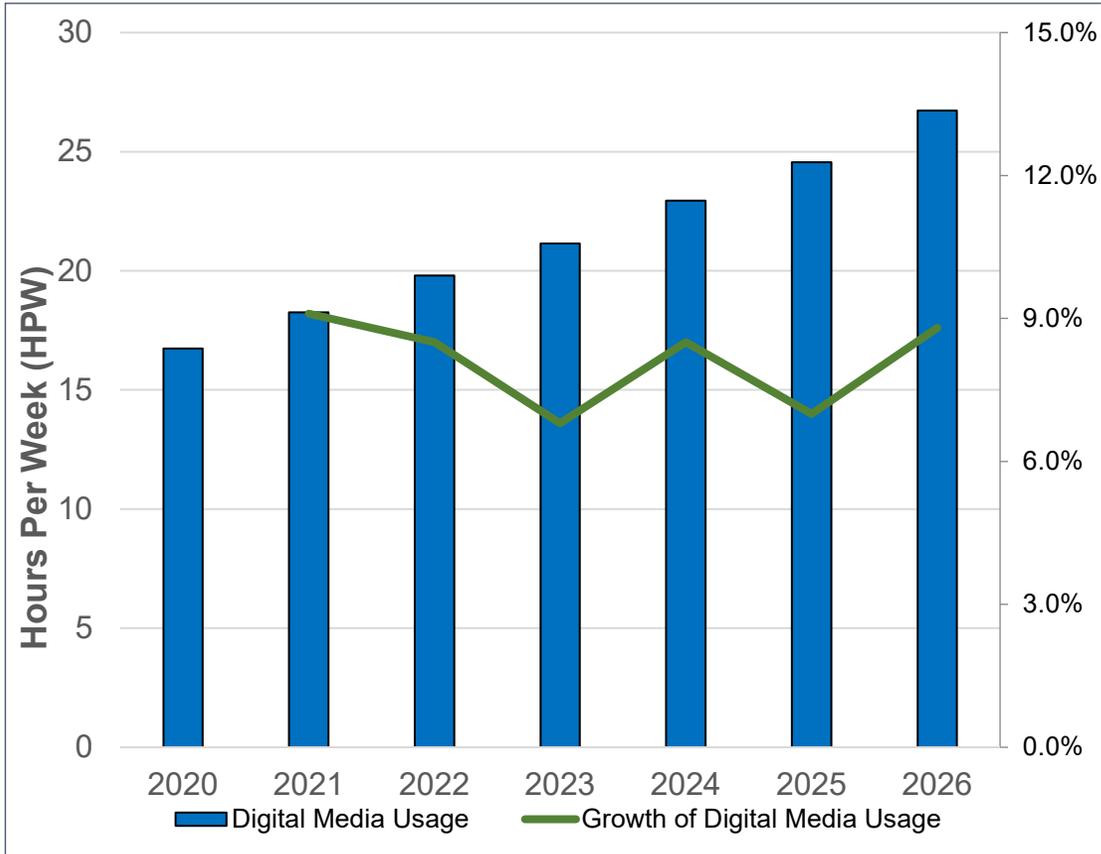
Digital Represents 42.6% Share of Total Usage in Global in 2025; Men Use Digital More than Women; iGen Highest Digital Users at 54.8% Share



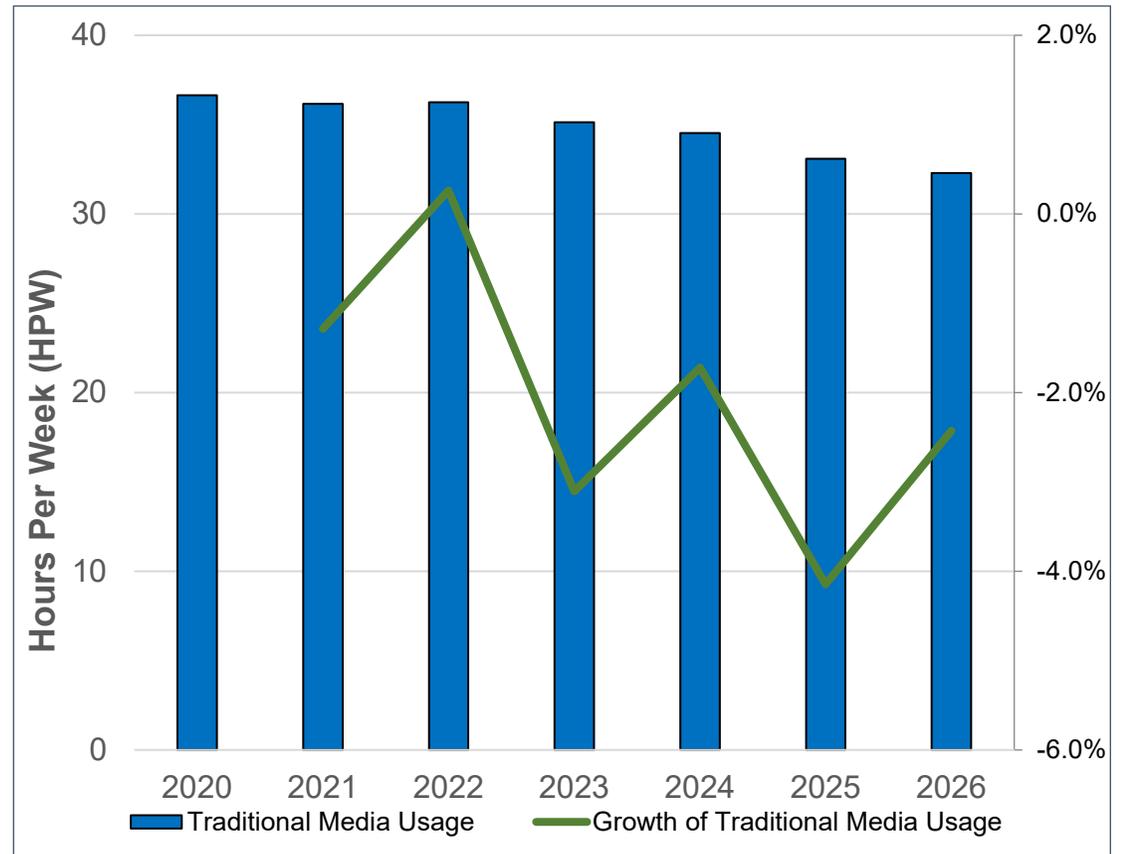
Source: PQ Media

Global Digital Consumer Media Usage Grew 7% in 2025 to 24.56 Hours Per Week; Traditional Media Usage Decreased 1.7% in 2025 to 33.10 Hours Per Week

PQ Media's Global Digital Media Usage & Growth, 2020-26



PQ Media's Global Traditional Usage & Growth, 2020-26



Source: PQ Media

In 2025, Japan Used Media Most, South Korea Fastest-Growing, & Highest Digital Media Share US Ranked 4th in Total Use, 18th Fastest-Growing Market and 7th in Digital Share of Overall Use

Total Media Usage		
2025 Usage	2025 vs. 2024 Growth	2025 Share of Digital Media
Japan	South Korea	South Korea
Netherlands	Italy	Spain
United Kingdom	Netherlands	Netherlands
United States	Japan	Italy
South Korea	Taiwan	Australia

Source: PQ Media

United States Ranks 18th in Overall Growth and 7th in Digital Usage Share of Overall Usage.

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About PQ Media

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PQ Media has accurately predicted key trends, insights and outcomes that have influenced strategic plans, investment parameters and tactical approaches for some of the world's most respected media companies, media agencies, financial institutions, and research & consulting firms:

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PQ Media's Consulting Services

Due to the global marketplace demand, we broadened and deepened our analysis of media through the lens of PQ Medianomics (see Methodology). The media industry has been expanding exponentially with more new channels being developed in the last 50 years compared with the first 5,000 years. Brands have more than 200 choices to distribute their messages compared with 50 in 1990, a fourfold increase. With the myriad of changes to the media ecosystem, key media stakeholders reach out to PQ Media for strategic intelligence to help in their decision-making process because of the unique data and trends analysis that we can offer. As a result, we developed a broader portfolio of custom consulting services to meet the growing needs of our clients. We have five types of consulting services:

- Actionable Strategic Intelligence Reports: PQM develops in-depth analysis of media industry trends, with multiple categories being analyzed or industry & segment briefs with drill-down data
- Perception Surveys: PQM develops, implements and analyzes results from a questionnaire we would prepare to ascertain how a specific end user perceives your company, brands and/or services
- Webinars & Presentations: PQM would prepare and present branded webinars and presentations that tie media industry data to your products and services
- Custom Phone Consults: PQM executives and industry thought leaders and we would provide our opinion in confidence on specific media platforms, channels, trends and/or companies.
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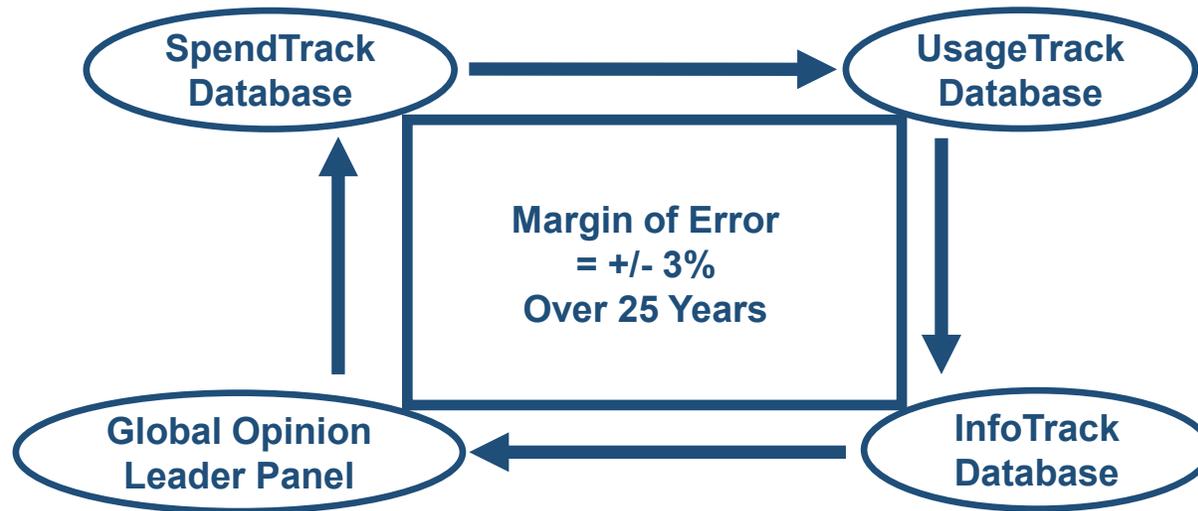
PQ Media's Approach & Methodology

- **PQ Media's** proven research methodology and proprietary mapping system – PQ Medianomics™ – utilizes proprietary data collection techniques, algorithmic models and analytical approaches to track, analyze and forecast spending, consumption and trends in all major media, platforms and channels of the media and entertainment industries. PQ Media's system, driven by our SpendTrak™, UsageTrak™ and InfoTrak™ databases, as well as our exclusive Global Opinion Leader Panel™ (GOLP), layers the impact of key data and variables, including economic, demographic, behavioral, technological and regulatory.
- **PQ Media** defines, structures, sizes and forecasts global industries and markets, such as product placement, content marketing, and digital out-of-home media based on input from our exclusive Global Opinion Leader Panel™, which includes several hundred executives at media and entertainment companies, financial institutions, consulting firms, media agencies and brands regarding various data and information driving key trends and growth in campaign media spending. We also examine thousands of public and private documents from more than 1,000 sources pertaining to regional and market-specific trends and data in content marketing, the advertising & marketing ecosystem; economic sectors & demographic profiles; and any other factors, such as technology penetration rates, that might affect the content marketing industry, overall advertising environment, the economy and consumer media usage behavior & spending patterns.
- **PQ Media** proven econometric methodology is set apart from other media research sources in numerous ways. For example, PQ Media doesn't use standard rate card data and estimated impressions as the methodological foundation of our spending and growth algorithms. Our consistent, comprehensive and in-depth mapping of the entire media and entertainment landscape provides industry stakeholders with a complete picture of how the spending and usage patterns of consumers, businesses, brands and agencies are changing at an increasingly rapid pace, driven by technology innovation and emerging digital media. .

PQ Media's Proprietary Methodology

PQ Media's proven research methodology – **PQ Medianomics** – and algorithms support our industry databases, which track and analyze three key performance indicators: media operator revenues and growth, consumer media usage and exposure, and consumer spending on media content and technology. Our unique approach is accentuated by an exclusive Global Opinion Leader Panel of influential media and technology industry stakeholders.

PQ Media analysts identify and examine critical industry trends, key growth drivers and crucial market shifts in the top 20 global markets, such as political, economic, social and technological changes, then apply our econometric methodology in a consistent manner to each media sector, platform, channel, market and demographic.



PQ Media's Methodologic Differences

PQ Media's proven econometric methodology is set apart from other media industry researchers in five important ways:

- 1) We have strong relationships with key industry opinion leaders and leading industry stakeholders worldwide. We interview and survey our panelists on a regular basis to accentuate our media spending and consumption databases with ground-level insights available nowhere else;
- 2) Our breadth and depth of data and analysis is unrivaled (4 major revenue sectors, 20 major segments, 100+ sub-segments, and consumer and business media usage);
- 3) We operate the most comprehensive historical and forecast media, entertainment and communications spending and consumption databases in the world. For example, our U.S. advertising data dates by media platform back over a century, while our global data includes over 25 years of information, which has been giving our clients an industry recession/expansion perspective available nowhere else;
- 4) We're consistent in our methodology, historical tracking and annual recalibration of data as new media segments emerge and are added to our databases, while operating an annual forecast accuracy scorecard, referenced earlier;
- 5) The accuracy rate of PQ Media's media industry spending forecasts has been calculated at + or – 3% for more than a decade.

Research Media Consumption Methodology

Specific to this Report, PQ Media's digital and traditional media usage methodology is a groundbreaking approach designed to be unique in the interest of providing our clients with the most comprehensive, consistent and actionable media consumption data available on the market. The data contained in this Report and the detailed datasets provided in the Companion Excel Workbook are unique in several key aspects:

1. This is the first media consumption research to study the entire population of end users worldwide for all ages (0+), which contrasts with the traditional focus on either 12+ or 21+ users found in most other media usage studies. This original approach allows PQ Media to distinguish between differences in digital and traditional media usage among developed and emerging countries, as well as six cultural generation segments of the current global population. This approach permitted PQM to provide a more relevant and holistic view of a rapidly changing global media ecosystem across generations of consumers;
2. Our final media usage data is presented here using average hours per week, compared with daily or annually based on feedback from our Global Opinion Leader Panel™. This input indicated that a weekly view is the most actionable media usage metric for the media industry because weekly data is most often used by major advertisers and marketers to plan and buy media;
3. This Report is the first research to break out internet and mobile media usage by the eight key media channels within each digital platform, including online video, mobile search, social media, and online & mobile gaming, among others;
4. PQ Media included at-home digital media subscriptions, such as internet access subscriptions, but also counted subscriptions from other locations in which consumer-facing media and content is also accessed, such as entertainment venues and certain businesses at particular hours of the day. This method enabled our analysts to deliver data that is consistent across all media platforms, both digital and traditional;
5. In developing the data presented here, PQ Media took into consideration the penetration rates of digital media in each of the 23 leading global markets, the strength of the technology infrastructure in each country, the domestic economic environment and its impact on digital and traditional media and technology purchases, and the media behavior patterns of different generations.

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