

# [***Top Podcasts 2023: Joe Rogan Tops Crime Junkie And The Daily***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68M7-CDJ1-JBCM-F3V7-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** The Joe Rogan Experience kept its title as top podcast on Spotify, despite controversy around the show and several artists leaving the platform last year.

**Body**

**Topline**

Joe Rogan s controversial but highly rated podcast**The Joe Rogan Experience**continued its reign at the top of Spotify s podcast charts in 2023, while a group of comedy, ***politics*** and true crime podcasts rounded out the top podcasts on both Apple Music and Spotify.

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Comedian and UFC commentator Joe Rogan's The Joe Rogan Experience was the most listened-to podcast in 2023 so far.

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**Key Facts**

**The Joe Rogan Experience**, which has an exclusive deal with Spotify, sat comfortably on top of Spotify s U.S.podcast chartsas of the end of June, and had the biggest weekly audience in the U.S. so far this year, according toEdison Research the show, which has a loyal fanbase, is widely estimated to bring in11 million listenersper episode.

Rogan s podcast thetop podcastworldwide on Spotify each of the last three years nearly doubled the second-place podcast, true crime series**Crime Junkie**, which has an estimated 5.9 million listeners per episode, according to Rephonic.

Coming in behind**Crime Junkie**was the**New York Times** daily news show**The Daily**, with an estimated 1.9 million listeners per episode, according to Rephonic, and NPR s**This American Life.**

Those shows were followed by**Morbid: A True Crime Podcast** and **Stuff You Should Know** with Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant(at anestimated1.2 million listeners per episode), and**Call Her Daddy**, a comedy show hosted by Alex Cooper, according to Edison.

**SmartLess**, a comedy show hosted by Will Arnett, Jason Bateman, Sean Hayes, came in at No. 10 on Edison s list through March (1 million listeners), but was third on Spotify s top podcasts chart to end the month of June and No. 2 on Apple Music, ahead of**Crime Junkie**and behind recently released**Scamanda**, about a woman who faked a cancer diagnosis to trick her friends and family into giving her more than $100,000.

**Top 5 Podcasts By Weekly Audience, According To Edison Research**

* .The Joe Rogan Experience (Spotify)

1. Crime Junkie (Audiochuck)
2. The Daily (The New York Times)
3. This American Life (Serial Productions)
4. Morbid: A True Crime Podcast (Wondery)

**Surprising Fact**

After brieflyunseating for Spotify s top podcast after its first episode last August, Meghan Markle s long-form sit-down style podcast,**Archetypes,**came to an end last month, after Spotify endedits deal with Markle, who described the podcast as a series that aims to dissect, explore and subvert the labels that try to hold women back. Markle and Prince Harry s three-year deal with Spotify, which they signed in December 2020, was estimated to be worth $18 million.

**Big Number**

$100 million. That s the estimated value of Rogan s exclusive multi-year contract with Spotify, which he signed in 2020, though sources familiar with the matter told thehis contract could be as high as $200 million.

**Further Reading**

Meghan Markle s Archetypes Podcast Unseats Joe Rogan For Top Spot On Spotify(Forbes)

Neil Young Demands Spotify Pull His Music Over Joe Rogan Covid Vaccine Fake Information (Forbes)

The Joe Rogan Experience Was Spotify s Top Podcast Despite Protests About Him Being On The Platform(Forbes)

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