

YouTube Trends

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1 Summary

Each hour, I collect the top fifty trending videos for each of the categories that YouTube publishes trend lists for via the YouTube Data API. These categories include Autos & Vehicles, Comedy, Education, Entertainment, Film & Animation, Gaming, Howto & Style, Music, News & Politics, People & Blogs, Pets & Animals, Science & Technology, and Sports. For each category, I report the videos during the week that trended at #1 at the time of collection, the channel the videos came from, and the number of hours they spent at #1 on the trending list, and the number of views they had when they appeared on the trending list¹.

2 Top Trending Videos

Below are the videos that trended at #1 in each of their respective categories. I report for each category the videos that trended, the channel they were from, the number of hours they spent at #1, and the number of views at the last hour it trended at #1.

¹These are the trending categories as defined by YouTube. Due to the proprietary black-box nature of YouTube's trending categories, it is sometimes unclear why certain videos appear in certain categories

Table 1: Top Trending Videos for Autos & Vehicles

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
Danny Duncan	We Sent a Car to Space!	85	2,174,931
WhistlinDiesel	I bought 2 R32 Skylines and blew them both up instantly	44	1,506,626
Beast Reacts	Lamborghini Made From Cardboard!	28	7,645,443
Forever Self Employed	What To Do If The Customer Doesn't Pay	6	8,066,260
FaZe Rug	Self-Driving Empty Tesla in Drive Thru! (Autopilot)	4	1,436,062

Table 2: Top Trending Videos for Comedy

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
Saturday Night Live	Christmas Cards - SNL	99	2,919,831
Dhar Mann	Rich Kid Makes POOR KID Set Up CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, What Happens Is Shocking — Dhar Mann	46	8,064,472
Paramount Pictures	Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (2022) - "Official Trailer" - Paramount Pictures	14	9,460,318
First We Feast	Tom Holland Calls for a Doctor While Eating Spicy Wings — Hot Ones	7	4,832,932
Saturday Night Live	Fauci Holiday Message Cold Open - SNL	1	1,239,000

Table 3: Top Trending Videos for Education

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
Dhar Mann	Little Person TEACHER Is LAUGHED AT, They Instantly Regret It — Dhar Mann	118	12,977,032
ms_pam_a_cake_official	Sarah's Secret Friend PART 3	49	2,045,100

Table 4: Top Trending Videos for Entertainment

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
Saturday Night Live	Christmas Cards - SNL	67	2,919,831
Dhar Mann	Cop PLANTS DRUGS On INNOCENT MAN, What Happens Is Shocking — Dhar Mann	52	7,807,586
Dhar Mann	KID FAKES Broken Arm To SKIP TEST ft. @Lethal Shooter — Dhar Mann	28	10,599,340
Dhar Mann	Rich Kid Makes POOR KID Set Up CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, What Happens Is Shocking — Dhar Mann	20	8,064,472

Table 5: Top Trending Videos for Film & Animation

Channel Title		Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
Saturday Live	Night	Christmas Cards - SNL	92	2,919,831
Dhar Mann		Rich Kid Makes POOR KID Set Up CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, What Happens Is Shocking — Dhar Mann	46	8,064,472
Paramount Pictures	Pic-	Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (2022) - "Official Trailer" - Paramount Pictures	13	9,460,318
Dhar Mann		Cop PLANTS DRUGS On INNOCENT MAN, What Happens Is Shocking — Dhar Mann	8	7,807,586
First We Feast		Tom Holland Calls for a Doctor While Eating Spicy Wings — Hot Ones	8	4,832,932
Saturday Live	Night	Fauci Holiday Message Cold Open - SNL	1	1,239,000

Table 6: Top Trending Videos for Gaming

Channel Title		Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
Markiplier		Five Nights at Freddy's: Security Breach - Part 1	27	4,628,813
Aphmau		Adopted By SANTA In Minecraft!	25	1,952,145
Aphmau		The Boy BITTEN By HUGGY In Minecraft!	20	2,020,421
MrBeast		I Got Hunted By The Military	18	25,258,107
CoryxKenshin		SCREAMING ALREADY [FNAF Security Breach Part 1]	17	2,193,617
SSundee		How To Craft an Infinity Stone Beacon in Minecraft (Insane Craft)	17	1,794,758
Aphmau		My Mermaid's FORBIDDEN LOVE In Minecraft!	16	1,659,597
SSundee		Hitman Role in Among Us	12	2,462,999
Kurzgesagt – In a Nutshell		Why We Should NOT Look For Aliens - The Dark Forest	4	1,897,275
YouTube		One Trillion Minecraft Views on YouTube and Counting	4	3,364,725
Aphmau		One Night At SECURITY BREACH In Minecraft!	2	704,963
SSundee		Playing Poppy Playtime!	2	1,119,821
CoryxKenshin		FUNNIEST GAMEPLAY OF 2021 — The Matrix Awakens	1	1,152,848
Markiplier		Inscription - Part 5	1	452,024
SSundee		Lego Imposter Mod in Among Us	1	1,621,951

Table 7: Top Trending Videos for Howto & Style

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
Mark Rober	EXPLODING Glitter Bomb 4.0 vs. Package Thieves	71	13,741,173
Dhar Mann	Body Builders MAKE FUN OF Little Person ft. @Dwarf Mamba — Dhar Mann	51	9,805,740
MrBeast	\$1,000,000 Influencer Tournament!	45	25,518,524

Table 8: Top Trending Videos for Music

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
YoungBoy Never Broke Again	NBA Youngboy - Heart & Soul / Alligator Walk	120	18,054,228
YoungBoy Never Broke Again	NBA YOUNGBOY - Black Ball	33	6,458,941
Juice WRLD	Juice WRLD - Burn (Official Music Video)	14	10,243,786

Table 9: Top Trending Videos for News & Politics

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
Fox News	Tucker: This is how dumb CNN is	56	3,049,690
Saturday Night Live	Weekend Update: Jussie Smollett Found Guilty - SNL	44	1,700,208
Fox News	'The Five' rips Biden for insulting Americans in explaining bad poll numbers	43	1,434,893
Fox News	Gutfeld: This is why the media fell for the Jussie Smollett hoax	24	828,543

Table 10: Top Trending Videos for People & Blogs

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
Daniel Gizmo	We Built Chad & Vy Their Dream Room But... — Spy Ninjas	98	2,199,255
onlyjayus	Websites you should NOT visit w OnlyJayus - #Shorts	24	3,588,153
ZHC	I Customized 100 Houses!	18	2,064,337
Rebecca Zamolo	Rebecca Zamolo is a Spoiled RICH Brat while Pregnant	11	1,247,901
ZHC	I Customized 100 Houses And Gave Them Away!	6	2,064,337
George Janko	Island Boys Tried to Fight me on Impulsive...	4	1,105,216
Rebecca Zamolo	Rebecca SHAMED for Being PREGNANT and HOMELESS	3	1,333,319
The ACE Family	OUR NEW HOUSE TOUR! *EXCLUSIVE*	3	3,052,744

Table 11: Top Trending Videos for Pets & Animals

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
Great Skills	Scariest close calls with death part 3 (TikTok tsezy)	87	15,738,167
onlyjayus	Weird Animal Facts w OnlyJayus - #Shorts	42	909,843
Bentist Reacts	What Happens When Opposite Animals Mate #shorts	26	10,482,997
The Pet Collective	Dog Decides to Rescue Girl Playing in Ocean	12	248,353

Table 12: Top Trending Videos for Science & Technology

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
H3 Podcast	The Wedding... - H3TV #20	62	1,519,467
NichLmao	FUNNY BOTTLE FLIP (SNOW EDITION) #shorts	60	6,595,284
SSSniperWolf	Tik Toks That Give Me Second Hand Embarrassment	25	3,520,523
FaZe Rug	First to Escape the UNBREAKABLE Box Wins! (TRAPPED INSIDE)	14	1,958,549
Stokes Twins	SURPRISING TWIN BROTHER WITH 100 GIFTS IN 24 HOURS!!	6	2,903,392

Table 13: Top Trending Videos for Sports

Channel Title	Video Title	Hours at No. 1	View Count
NFL	Rams vs. Cardinals Week 14 Highlights — NFL 2021 Highlights	57	2,315,348
NFL	Bills vs. Buccaneers Week 14 Highlights — NFL 2021	45	1,855,234
NFL	Chiefs vs. Chargers Week 15 Highlights — NFL 2021 Highlights	31	2,124,048
NFL	Steelers vs. Vikings Week 14 Highlights — NFL 2021 Highlights	29	1,902,819
FORMULA 1	Race Highlights — 2021 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	5	6,214,962