



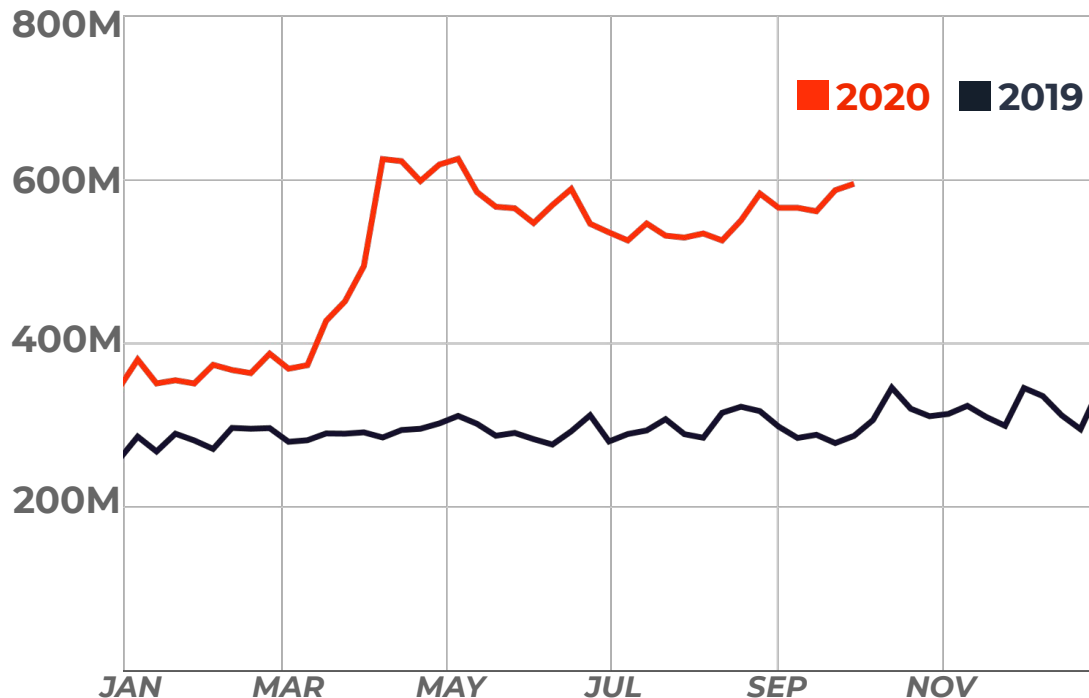
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# VIDEO GAME STREAMING TRENDS REPORT

Q3 - 2020

## WEEKLY STREAMING HOURS WATCHED INCREASE 73% YOY

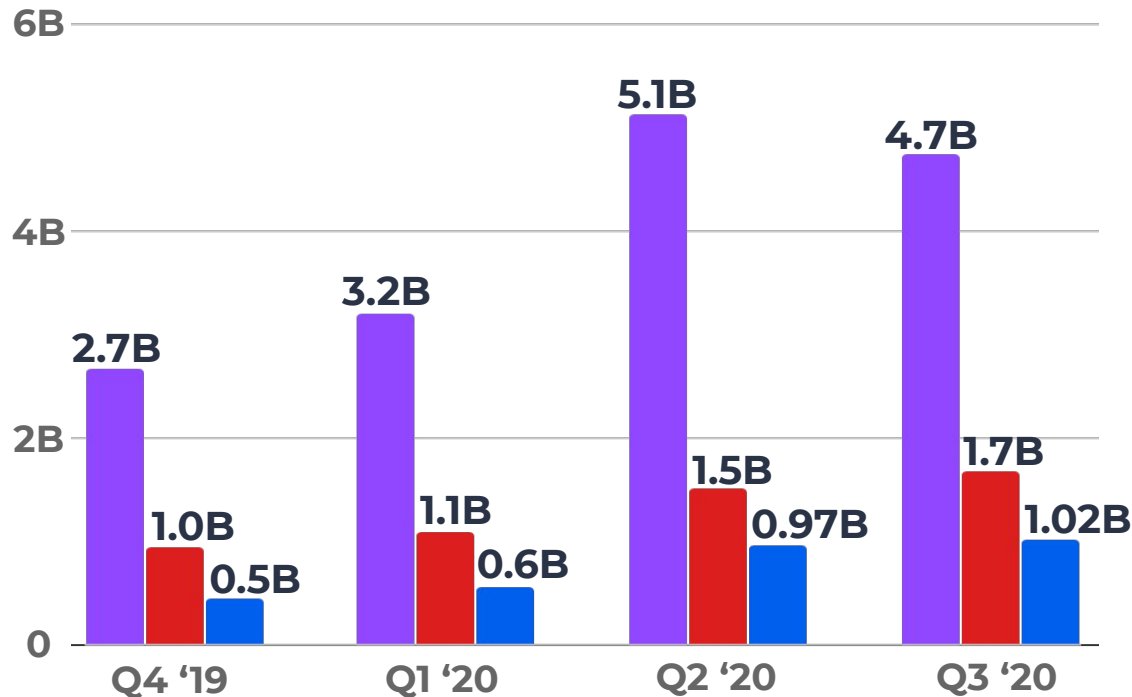
JAN 2019 - OCT 2020 |  TWITCH,  YOUTUBE GAMING,  MIXER, AND  FACEBOOK GAMING



- Weekly game streaming hours watched have dramatically increased year over year
- Esports streaming hours had a large increase at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, but has maintained the momentum since the return of traditional sports
- The average weekly hours watched this year eclipsed ½ billion, a 73% increase from last year's average (291M)
- Q4 is positioned to close off a record breaking year in streaming with major esports events and fall video game release slate

## HOURS WATCHED TOP WESTERN STREAMING PLATFORMS

Q4 2019 - Q3 2020 |  TWITCH,  YOUTUBE GAMING, AND  FACEBOOK GAMING

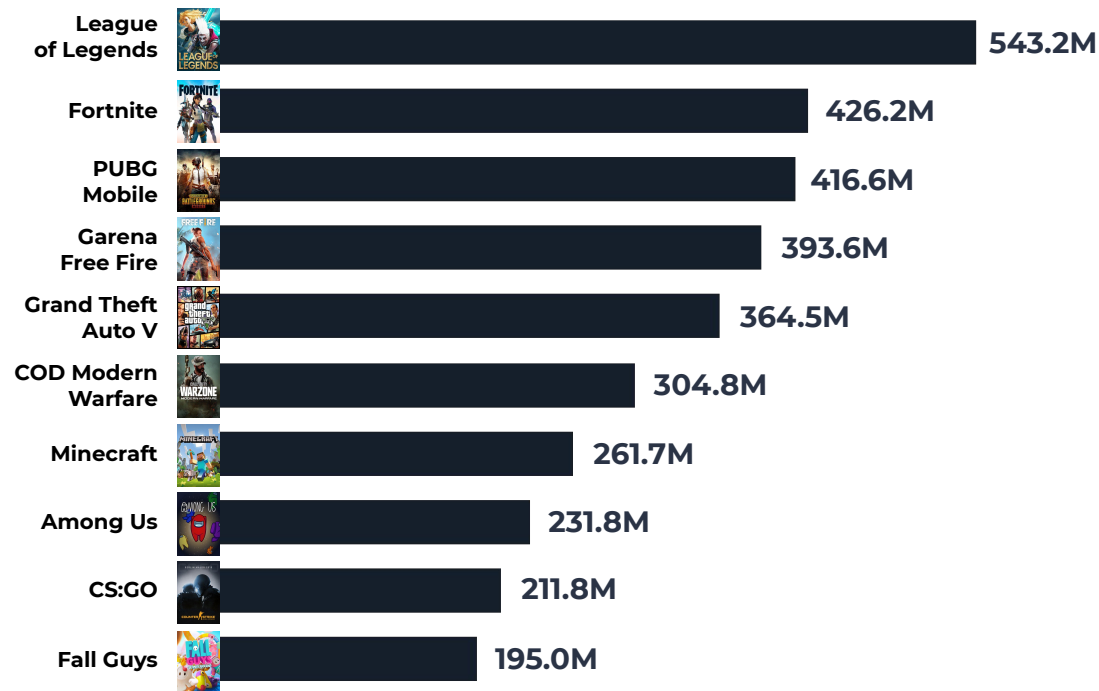


- The top game streaming platforms reached a total of 7.4B hours watched this quarter
- YouTube Gaming experienced the strongest growth with an increase of more than 150 million hours in Q3
- Facebook Gaming is on track to even bigger market shares after eclipsing 1B quarterly hours watched
- In spite of securing partnerships with major influencers like Ninja and Shroud, Twitch decreased its quarterly hours watched by about 375M million



## TOP 10 GAMES IN STREAMING

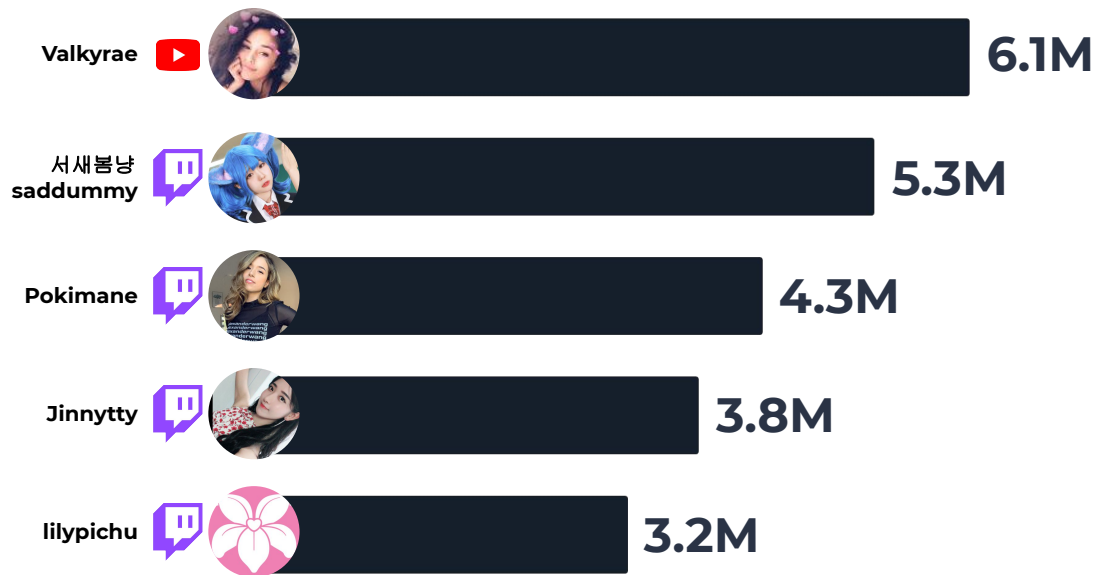
Q3 2020 HOURS WATCHED | ON  TWITCH,  YOUTUBE GAMING, AND  FACEBOOK GAMING



- League of Legends was the most watched game of Q3 with a sizeable portion of the viewership coming from its esports leagues
- Mobile games continue to grow each quarter as PUBG Mobile and Garena Free Fire secured the third and fourth spots on the list
- The Battle Royale genre maintains a large market share with three of the top five games in Q3
- Party games like Among Us and Fall Guys have demonstrated that gaming audiences crave personalities as much as they do skill

## TOP 5 FEMALE GAMING INFLUENCERS

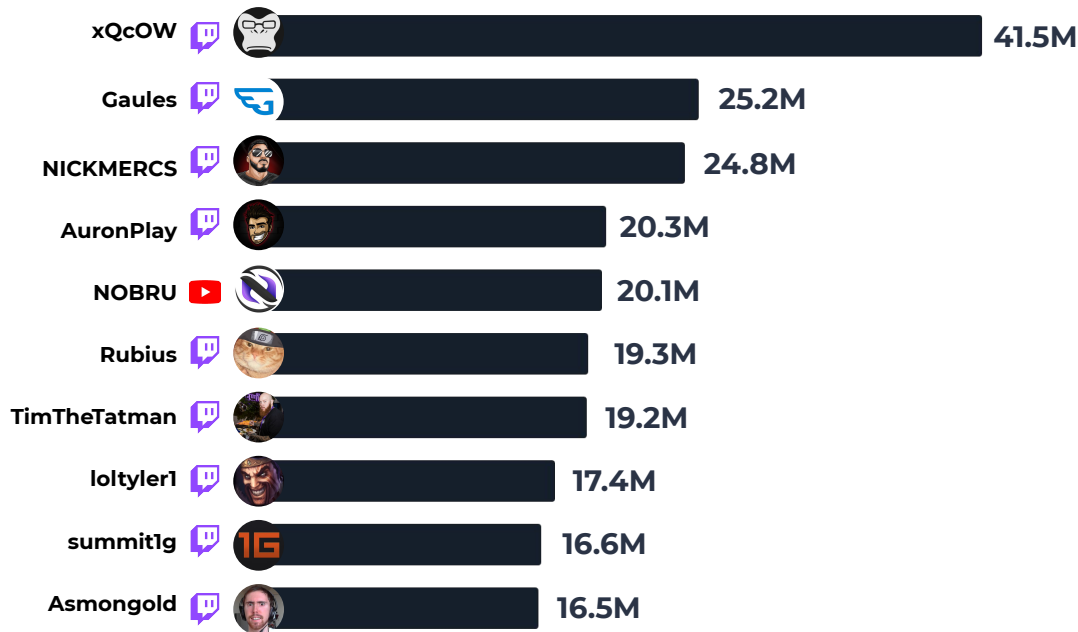
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- Finishing in the #1 spot for female gaming influencers is Valkyrae, a variety streamer from esports organization 100 Thieves
- Valkyrae streamed 13 unique game titles this quarter ranging from Apex Legends to Dungeons and Dragons
- Three of the top female gaming influencers live in the United States, with the remaining from South Korea

## TOP 10 GAMING INFLUENCERS

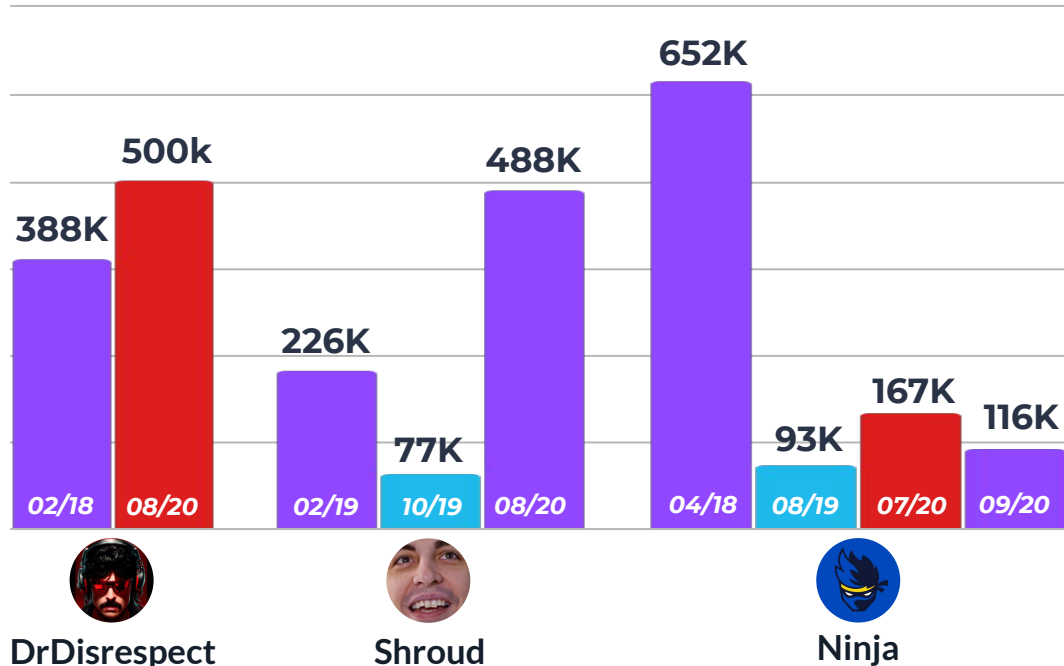
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- Variety streamer, xQcOW, tops the charts as the most watched influencer of Q3 2020
- xQcOW streamed more than 100 unique game titles this quarter and reached a peak audience of 124k viewers
- NOBRU was the only YouTube Gaming influencer to top the charts this quarter
- Live streaming continues to expand to global audiences with 4/10 creators living outside the United States

## DRDISRESPECT GENERATES HIGHEST AUDIENCE AMONG STREAMERS WHO CHANGED PLATFORMS

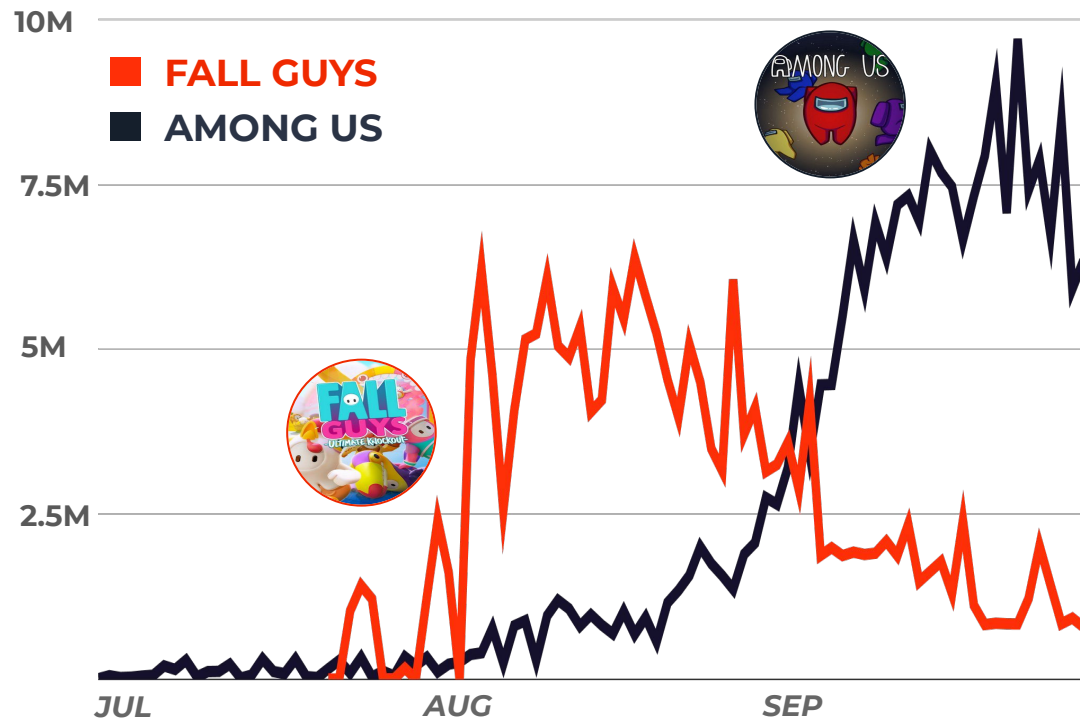
PEAK VIEWERS | ON  TWITCH,  MIXER AND  YOUTUBE GAMING



- Q3 continued the streaming influencer wars, with three of the biggest names in gaming changing platforms
- DrDisrespect has proved to be the most popular long-term influencer, reaching a peak audience of 500k on his switch to YouTube Gaming
- Ninja's 2018 peak of 652,000 viewers has yet to be surpassed by a streamer that has switched platforms

## AMONG US OVERTAKES FALL GUYS IN STREAMING

DAILY HOURS WATCHED Q3 2020 |  TWITCH,  YOUTUBE GAMING, AND  FACEBOOK GAMING



- Among Us and Fall Guys are popular party games that appeal to mass audiences due to their simplistic mechanics
- While Fall Guys appeared to be the next big thing on Twitch, Among Us has quickly replaced its popularity with streaming audiences
- Fall Guys reached a peak daily hours watched of 6 million hours whereas Among Us hit more than 9 million hours



## TOP 5 ESPORTS EVENTS BY HOURS WATCHED

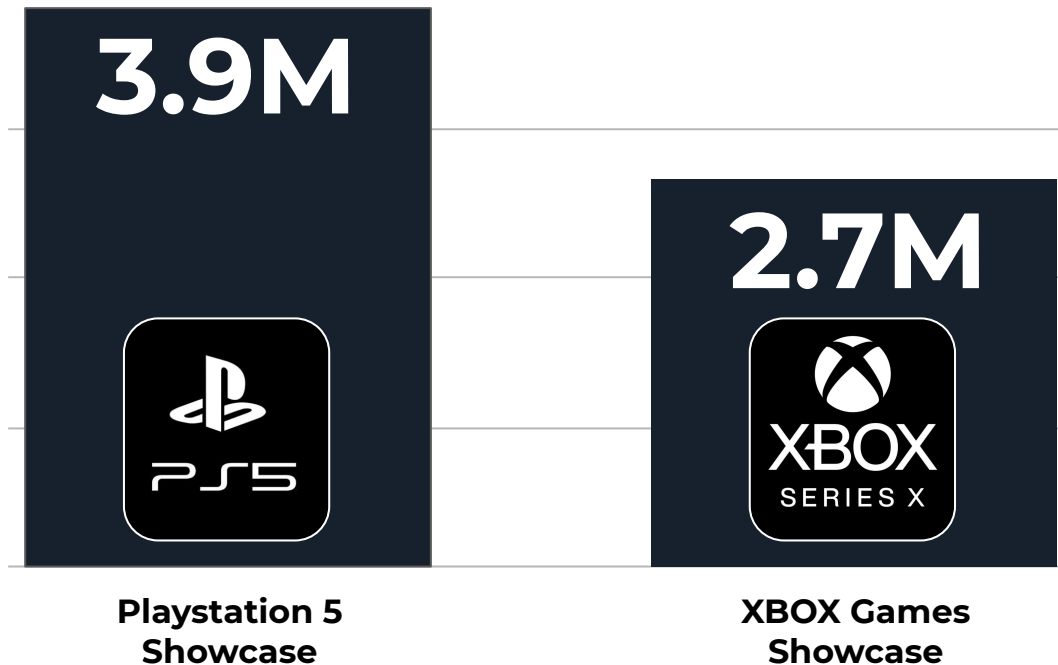
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- While many traditional sports leagues went offline due to challenges with COVID-19, the esports industry quickly pivoted to remote events to capture audiences
- League of Legends – published by Riot Games – continues to lead as the most popular global esports title
- The two most popular esports events from Q3 originated from the Asia Pacific region
- League of Legends events were responsible for more than 64% of the total hours watched of the top five events in Q3

## PS5 TOPS XBOX CONSOLE WARS LAUNCH STREAMING HOURS WATCHED

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- Let the console wars begin! With in-person events put on hold due to the global pandemic, viewers tuned into the gaming industry upfronts via streaming platforms
- The PlayStation 5 Showcase generated the most viewership in Q3; beating out rival competitor Xbox's event
- Not only did the PS5 Showcase have 3.9 million hours watched, but the event also reached a peak concurrency of 4.5 million viewers



- **Stream Hatchet** provides live streaming data analytics from the leading video game streaming sites to power data-driven solutions leading to innovation and growth through the aggregation of readily accessible data.
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Analytic dashboards of the live streaming platforms



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Custom reports for esports events, brand impact, games, sponsorship events and audience engagement

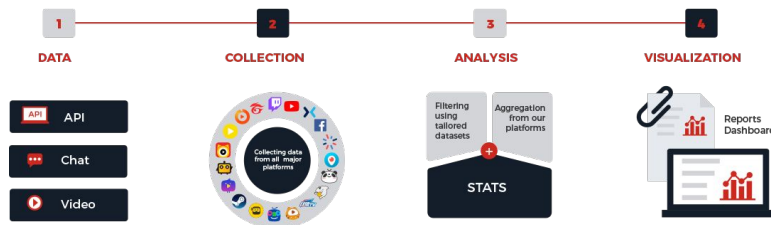


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## Methodology





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