Breaking Bad - What's it all about?

Most Increase between 1st 8 Last Episode of Any Similar Series A Detailed Look at the Ratings

Cast by Episode Count

The Most Watched Episodes

Lookin g for a n Epis..

Breaking Bad is an American crime drama television series created and produced by Vince Gilligan. The show originally aired on the AMC network for five seasons, from January 20, 2008, to September 29, 2013.

#### Awards

- \* 16 Primetime Emmy Awards
- \* 8 Satellite Awards
- \* 2 Golden Globe Awards
- \* 2 Peabody Awards
- \* 1 People's Choice Award
- \* 4 Primetime Emmy Awards Cranston for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series
- \* In 2013, Breaking Bad entered the Guinness World Records as the highest rated show of all time, citing its season 5 Metacritic score of 99 out of 100.

The American Film Institute listed Breaking Bad as one of the top ten television series of 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. By its end, the empost-watched cable shows on American television, with audience numbers doubling from the fourth season to the fifth.

In his review of the second half of season 5, Seth Amitin of IGN stated, "This final batch of Breaking Bad is one of the best run of episodes TV has ever offered", and praised "Ozymandias" in particular, referring to it as "maybe the best episode of TV [he's] ever seen."

Jonah Goldberg of National Review called it "the best show currently on television, and perhaps even the best ever."

The veteran actor Sir Anthony Hopkins wrote a letter of praise to Bryan Cranston, telling him that his "performance as Walter White was the best acting I have seen – ever." He lauded the rest of the cast and crew as well. The letter first appeared on Steven Michael Quezada's (who portrayed DEA Agent Steven Gomez) Facebook page, and in spite of it being taken down, the letter soon went viral.

\*\*\*Warning: Plot spoilers are found throughout.\*\*\* Some content may not be suited for all audiences. Viewer discretion is advised.

Breaking Bad - What's it all

Most Increase between 1st & Last Episode of Any Similar Series

A Detailed Look at the Ratings

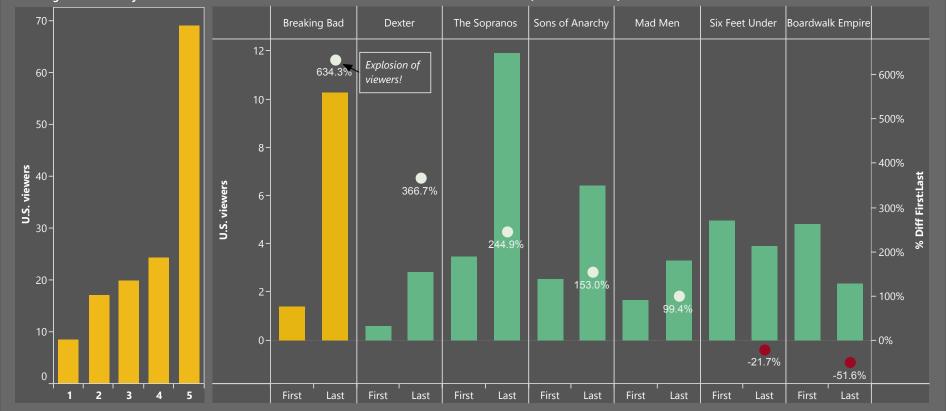
Cast by Episode Count

The Most Watched Episodes

g for a n Epis..

Breaking Bad had steady increases in viewers over the 1st four seasons with an explosion of viewers in the last season thanks to Netflix viewers. Breaking Bad creator Vince Gilligan told Mashable that the show may have met its demise after season two, had it not been for streaming video on demand. It ushered in new viewers and encouraged time-starved people to keep watching at their own pace, resulting in enormous growth from season to season, reaching its climactic end in September 2013 with 10.3 million viewers — the show's highest viewership ever. Compared to similar series, Breaking Bad had the biggest increase between first and last episodes of any of the other completed series.

# Breaking Bad Viewers by Season \_\_\_\_\_\_1st and Last Episodes for Completed Series



Breaking Bad - What's it all

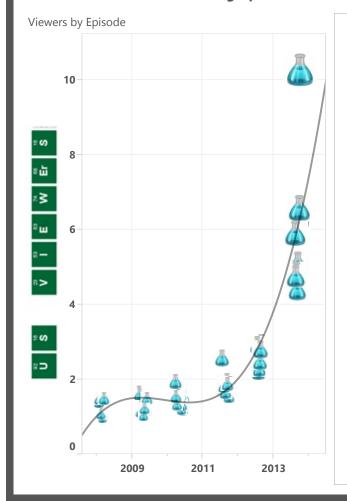
Most Increase between 1st & Last Episode of Any Similar Series A Detailed Look at the Ratings

Cast by Episode Count

The Most Watched Episode

g for a n Epis.

# Click on a marker on the left graph to view the Wikipedia description for that episode on the right



Most Increase between 1st 8
Last Episode of Any Similar
Series

A Detailed Look at the Rating

Cast by Episode Count

The Most Watched Episode

ooking for an Episode?

akin



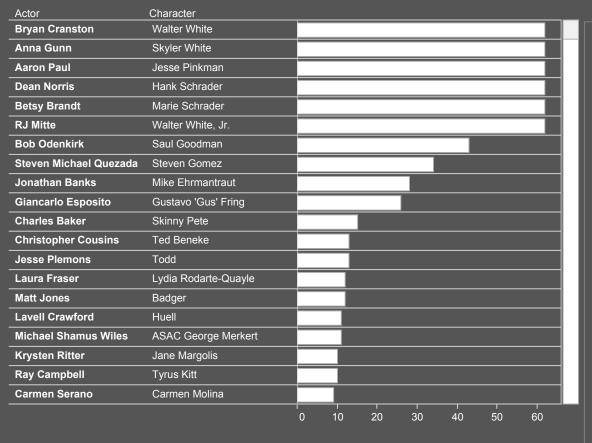
# by Episode Count

#### **Search for an Actor:**

Episodes

# **Bryan Cranston**

Walter White



. A Detailed Look at the Ratings Cast by Episode Count The Most Watched Episodes Looking for an Episode? Breaking Bad Spinoff? Enjo y th e ...

# All of the top 10 most watched episodes are from the Final Season

# Search for a keyword:

Αl

Tial -	U.S. viewers	Original air date	
Title "Felina"	10.28	29/09/2013	Walt locates Gretchen and Elliott and gives them the money to give to Walt Jr. when he turns 18, threatening that he has hired hitmen who will kill them should they fail to do so. He then crashes a meeting between Lydia and Todd, putting the ricin in Lydia's stevia. He trav
"Granite State"	6.58	22/09/2013	Walt is relocated to a cabin in New Hampshire. After being interrogated by the DEA, Skyler is threatened by Todd not to talk about Lydia.  Jesse tries to escape from the Aryan Brotherhood's compound, but is caught. He's then held bound and gagged and taken to Andrea's h
"Ozymandias"	6.37	15/09/2013	Jack and his team remain unscathed while Agent Gomez lies dead and Hank has been shot in the thigh. Walt begs Jack not to kill Hank, offering Jack \$80 million in cash in exchange for Hank's life. Nonetheless, Jack executes Hank and his men dig up all seven barrels, leaving one for Walt. At Todd's suggestion, they take Jesse as a hostage in order to get information from him about how much he told the DEA
"Blood Money"	5.92	11/08/2013	In a flashforward, Walter arrives at his dilapidated and fenced off abandoned house to grab the vial of ricin. In the present, Hank requests all files of the Fring case and matches the handwriting in Walter's copy of Leaves of Grass with that of Gale. Meanwhile, Jesse throws his
"To'hajiilee"	5.11	08/09/2013	Walt calls Todd to negotiate a hit on Jesse. Todd's uncle agrees on the condition that Walt cook again so that Todd can observe him.  Hank attempts to learn the whereabouts of Walter's money through Huell. Walt attempts to lure Jesse out of hiding by having Andrea ca
"Confessions"	4.85	25/08/2013	Jesse refuses to cut a deal with Hank. At an arranged meeting in public, Walt, Skyler, Hank, and Marie try to negotiate. When Walt's attempts to negotiate with Hank fail, he leaves Hank and Marie with a DVD of Walt implicating Hank as the mastermind of the methamp.
"Buried"	4.77	18/08/2013	Hank reaches Skyler before Walt. He attempts to obtain a statement from Skyler, but she refuses. Walter buries his money in the desert at the Tohajiilee Indian Reservation. Lydia tries to convince Declan to use Todd as his chemist, but when he refuses, Uncle Jack's gang kills
"Rabid Dog"	4.41	01/09/2013	Walt finds Saul's car crashed in his driveway, and his house unoccupied and doused in gasoline. He leaves a message on Jesse's voice mail to meet in order to explain himself. Skyler pushes Walt to kill Jesse. Backtracking, Hank is seen stopping Jesse from torching the Whites' house. Jesse agrees to cooperate with Hank, who videotapes Jesse's confession. Jesse goes to meet Walt while wearing a wire. He instea
"Say My Name"	2.98	26/08/2012	Walter, Jesse and Mike meet with Declan, so that Walter can negotiate a deal to cook with Jesse and pay off Mike. Jesse decides to quit instead and so Walter employs Todd as his assistant. Told to end his pursuit of Mike, Hank instead follows the lawyer, Dan Wachsberger,
"Live Free or Die"	2.93	15/07/2012	In a flash-forward, a ragged bearded Walt has breakfast at a Denny's restaurant in Albuquerque, on his 52nd birthday (a little over a year into the future). In the present, news of the three deaths at the senior center Casa Tranquila spreads as Walt heads over to see his family

. Cast by Episode Count The Most Watched Episodes Looking for an Episode? Breaking Bad Spinoff? Enjoy the Music of Breaking Per Bad Ser

# Looking for your favorite episode? First filter by season and select the episode from the list on the left.

### Seasor

#### **Episodes in Season**

Title	
"To'hajiilee"	13
"Say My Name"	7
"Rabid Dog"	12
"Ozymandias"	14
"Madrigal"	2
"Live Free or Die"	1
"Hazard Pay"	3
"Granite State"	15
"Gliding Over All"	8
"Fifty-One"	4
"Felina"	16
"Dead Freight"	5
"Confessions"	11
"Buyout"	6
"Buried"	10
"Blood Money"	9

All Bad things must come to an end.
The second second

Original air date	No. in series	Season - Episode	Title	Written by	Directed by	IMDB User Rating	IMDB User Votes	U.S. viewers
15/09/2013	60	5 - 14	"Ozymandias"	Moira Walley-Beckett	Rian Johnson	10	67,628	6.37

#### **Episode Synopsis**

Jack and his team remain unscathed while Agent Gomez lies dead and Hank has been shot in the thigh. Walt begs Jack not to kill Hank, offering Jack \$80 million in cash in exchange for Hank's life. Nonetheless, Jack executes Hank and his men dig up all seven barrels, leaving one for Walt. At Todd's suggestion, they take Jesse as a hostage in order to get information from him about how much he told the DEA. As Jesse is taken away, Walt tells him that he watched Jane die. Marie tells Skyler that Hank has Walt in custody, and Skyler agrees to tell the truth to Walt Jr. When they return home, they find Walt packing and insisting the family leave immediately. Skyler resists, holding a knife to defend herself. Skyler and Walt fight over the weapon, with Walt Jr. defending his mother and eventually calling the police on his father. Walt escapes with Holly. After taking full responsibility for the meth business during a call to Skyler that is monitored by the police, he leaves Holly at a fire station and assumes a new identity through Saul's contact. After being beaten and tortured for information, Jesse is forced by Todd to help him cook meth when he sees a picture of Andrea and Brock in the lab.

The Most Watched Episode

Looking for an Episode

Breaking Bad Spinoff?

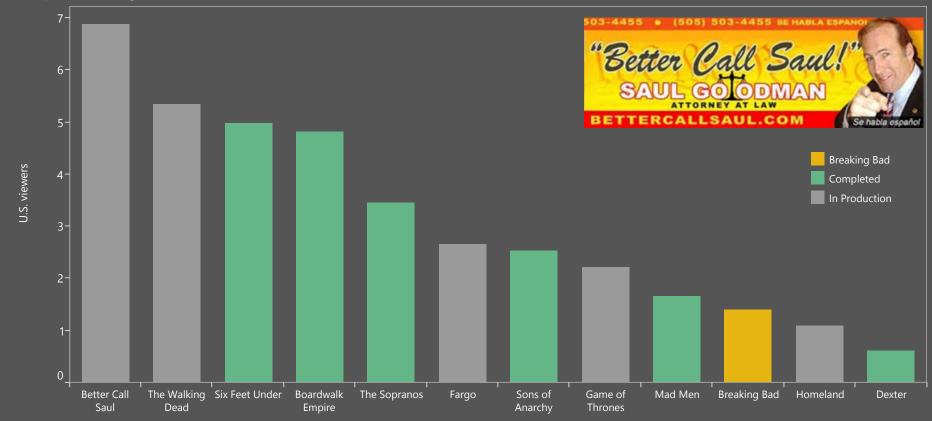
Enjoy the Music of Breaking

Per Series Stats: Avg Viewers and Running Length

rma tio..

### Spun off of Breaking Bad, Better Call Saul's 1st episode ratings are higher than any other show

# 1st Episode Ratings



Enjoy the Music of Breaking Bad



#### Intro

Dave Porter

### Click the Play buttons below to view a video on the left

Song Title	Views	
Gale's Karaoke: Major Tom	2,718K	<b>•</b>
El Paso	581K	•
Out of Time Man	357K	•
Fallacies	328K	<b>•</b>
Black	248K	<b>•</b>
	202K	<b>•</b>
On a Clear Day You Can See Forever	173K	<b>•</b>
It is Such a Good Night: Jesse selling meth monta	137K	<b>•</b>
Nine Years	59K	<ul> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt;</li> </ul>
Uh: Jessie and Badger	55K	<b>•</b>
Intro	50K	<b>•</b>
We are Born When We Die	49K	<b>•</b>
Truth	35K	<b>•</b>
Ginza Samba: Walter and Gale in the Lab	23K	<b>&gt; &gt; &gt; &gt;</b>
Negro y Azul: The Ballad of Heisenberg	17K	<b>•</b>
Lydia oh Lydia!: Todd Calling Song	16K	<b>•</b>
DLZ	7K	<b>•</b>
A Horse with No Name: Walter Singing	5K	<b>•</b>
Take My True Love by the Hand	5K	<b>•</b>
Windy	5K	<b>•</b>
Crapa Pelada: Gale's Italian Song	4K	<b>•</b>
- Bosout Vandor	-2 <i>ν</i>	

#### **Breaking Bad Vizipedia** Per Series Stats: Avg Viewers and Running Length **Average Viewers per Series Episode Series Running Length** The Walking Dead The Sopranos The Sopranos Six Feet Under Game of Thrones Dexter 4.458 Six Feet Under Mad Men 3.799 Sons of Anarchy Breaking Bad 3.213 Better Call Saul Sons of Anarchy 2.488 Boardwalk Empire Boardwalk Empire **Breaking Bad** 2.235 The Walking Dead Mad Men 2.034 Game of Thrones Fargo Homeland Dexter Fargo Homeland Better Call Saul 2002 2012 In Production Breaking Bad Completed

The Mo st Watc hed E.. Looking for an Episode?

Breaking Bad Spinoff

Enjoy the Music of Breaking

Per Series Stats: Avg Viewers and Running Length

Information Sources

#### Sources of Information.

DISCLAIMER: The author makes no representations as to the accuracy of information on this site or its suitability for any use. Plot spoilers are found throughout.

#### Wikipedia: Breaking Bad

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breaking Bad

All data on background, awards and critical reviews.

#### **IMDB: Breaking Bad**

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0903747/?ref\_=nv\_sr\_1

All cast bio links and top episode pictures. IMDB User Ratings.

### Wikipedia: List of Breaking Bad episodes

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Breaking Bad episodes

All data on episodes, characters and ratings

Wikipedia: Other Series Ratings

YouTube and Vimeo: Music of Breaking Bad

#### Licensing

All images are owned by AMC or are from an AMC show. Its use is believed to qualify as fair use under United States copyright law.

**Created by**: Beth Hurst

This Viz was inspired by David Newman's "The Simpsons Vizipedia". <a href="https://public.tableau.com/s/gallery/visualizing-simpsons">https://public.tableau.com/s/gallery/visualizing-simpsons</a>