



Learn How to Watch or Stream Football and this Season

## Description

The NFL season is finally here.



With the thrill of the first two weeks of the 2021 NFL season behind us, it's time to focus on the most critical aspect of the season: figuring out how to watch all of the action.

As is customary, paying for cable is frequently the simplest solution. However, for cord-cutters looking to save money, NFL football streaming alternatives get a little more challenging. Your best bet is to subscribe to a live TV streaming service. Still, the sheer number of channels that carry live games — local CBS, NBC, and Fox channels, as well as NFL Network and ESPN national feeds — means you'll either have to pay for a relatively expensive service or make do with missing some games every week.

The only way to have a complete football experience is to have a plethora of channels from your

television provider. Sunday NFC games are primarily broadcast on Fox, while AFC games are broadcast on CBS and Sunday night football is broadcast on NBC. Monday night football is exclusively available on ESPN. Though Fox carries the majority of Thursday night games (with additional streaming on Amazon Prime Video), a few are only available on NFL Network.

With that in mind, here are our suggestions for the best way to watch NFL without cable.

## **The best option for everything: (\$65) YouTube TV**

Our top pick from last year is still our top pick for 2021.

FuboTV's Starter plan, Hulu Plus Live TV, and YouTube TV check all the NFL boxes for \$65 per month. Local stations CBS, NBC, Fox, ESPN, and the NFL Network are available in many markets, allowing you to watch on Sundays, Monday nights, and Thursday nights.

Want to keep track of your fantasy squad with RedZone? This is offered as an add-on to all three services. If you have a YouTube TV subscription, you may add the \$11 per month Sports Plus add-on by navigating to Settings, then the Membership page. FuboTV members can get its \$11-per-month Sports Plus with NFL RedZone package by going to My Profile and selecting Manage Add-ons.

## **Hulu subscribers may now add RedZone to their Sports add-on for \$10 per month, following the addition of the NFL Network in July.**

YouTube TV and FuboTV both allow three people to watch simultaneously (Hulu only allows two live streams), and all three offer apps on nearly every mobile device and powerful streaming platform, including Amazon Fire TV, Google Roku, and Apple TV.

While all three are relatively comparable, we choose YouTube TV for its superior DVR (unlimited storage vs. 250 hours on FuboTV and 50 hours on Hulu) and the fact that, unlike Fubo, it includes Turner networks.

Both YouTube TV and FuboTV will broadcast Thursday Night Football games in 4K resolution, but only Fubo offers the higher-quality broadcasts as part of its standard subscription. To watch YouTube TV in 4K resolution, you'll need to pay an additional \$20 per month.

It's worth mentioning that YouTube TV and Hulu are also running discounts that reduce their respective \$65 monthly costs for new subscribers to \$55 for the first three months. This should get you through most of the NFL regular season before the price increases by \$10 per month.

Streaming DirecTV AT&T TV (previously AT&T TV) provides the majority of the major broadcast channels. However, it costs \$70 per month and lacks NFL Network and RedZone.

Sling TV's Orange and Blue plans for \$50 a month get you ESPN and the NFL Network, as well as Fox and NBC in select extensive areas, but you won't receive CBS. With the Sports Extra add-on, you may also add RedZone for \$15 per month.

## The most affordable way to watch NFL RedZone

RedZone, a fan-favorite method of monitoring all NFL activity, is a chance to catch every significant play from throughout the league. The cheapest way to get into RedZone is to sign up for Sling TV Blue for \$35 per month and add the \$11 per month Sports Extra add-on.

This option is also available for streaming on various platforms such as iOS, Android, Apple TV, Roku, Chromecast, Amazon Fire TV, and web browsers.

Sling is currently providing a discount on the first month of Sling Blue, bringing the essential bundle down to \$10.

Please keep in mind that if you only subscribe to Sling's Orange plan, you will not be able to access RedZone in Sports Extra. To get RedZone as an add-on, your base package must be Sling Blue or its larger Sling Blue Plus Orange bundle. If you opt for the latter, the Sports Extra add-on costs \$15 a month and includes additional channels like the SEC Network, ACC Network, and PAC 12 Network.

## Sling Blue (\$35) or an antenna (\$10 or free) are two low-cost options for NFC fans in major cities.

Those trying to save money should consider Sling Blue, which costs \$35 per month. While it lacks ESPN, which means you won't watch Monday Night Football, it does have Fox and NBC in some markets. The problem is that those markets are primarily concentrated in major cities, so if you live outside of those locations, Sling Blue may not be for you.

You may also subscribe to RedZone for \$11 per month. Sports bonus.

Of course, Fox shows most NFC and Thursday night games (with the rest available on NFL Network and Amazon Prime Video), while NBC broadcasts Sunday Night Football. CBS, which broadcasts the majority of AFC games, is not available on Sling at all. An antenna, on the other hand, can cover those local channel gaps.

Local and prime-time games will also be available for free via the Yahoo Sports app on your iOS or Android phone or tablet. This broadcast, however, cannot be transmitted on your big screen.

Alternatives for AFC fans on a budget: plus the amount (or an antenna)

Some applications, such as Paramount Plus' Premium tier for \$10 per month, provide live coverage of CBS' Sunday AFC games. However, your local CBS channel (and those NFL games) may not be available, depending on where you reside. CBS provides live streaming services in many markets; you can find out if your location has live CBS streaming by clicking [here](#).

Another way to access CBS is to use an antenna or to use the Yahoo Sports app. And, as previously said, an over-the-air antenna linked to your TV provides another free option, with no need for streaming as long as you have good reception.

## Thursday Night Football is available on NFL Network, Fox, and Amazon Prime.

Thursday Night Football is most likely the most challenging aspect of the NFL streaming schedule. The majority of the games will be broadcast on the NFL Network, Fox, Amazon Prime Video, and Twitch.

A few games, though, will be televised exclusively on the NFL Network, including the Week 5 London game between the Jets and Falcons and the Week 15 Saturday doubleheader with yet-to-be-announced opponents.

As previously said, if you want to watch the NFL Network, you'll need FuboTV, Hulu Plus Live TV, Sling TV Blue, or YouTube TV, or you may utilize the Yahoo Sports app.

## How about the Sunday Ticket?

NFL Sunday Ticket is still primarily available to DirecTV satellite subscribers. However, those who reside in buildings that cannot accommodate a satellite dish can receive a streaming version starting at \$294 for its To Go subscription or \$396 for a Max package that includes the RedZone channel (a student version is also available at a discount). On the Sunday Ticket website, you can check your address.

The issue here is that even if you are eligible, your local games are not included. You can only view Sunday games that aren't being broadcast in your area on CBS, Fox, or NBC.

Best in every way

## (\$65) YouTube TV

With YouTube TV, you can receive all of the leading football channels for \$65 per month. RedZone is also available for an additional \$11 per month. On YouTube TV's welcome screen, enter your ZIP code to check which local networks are accessible in your area.

Blue Sling TV (\$35)

Sling TV's Blue plan, which costs \$35 per month, includes NBC, Fox, and the NFL Network. Enter your address to find out which local channels are available in your area.

Would you please keep in mind that this version of Sling TV does not feature ESPN? To do so, you must either switch to the similarly cost Orange plan or opt for the combined \$50 per month Orange and Blue bundle. RedZone is also an option for an additional \$11 per month.

Only on Thursday nights (starting October 7)

## Amazon Prime Video (nine dollars)

Beginning with Week 5 on October 7, most Thursday Night Football games will be accessible on Amazon Prime Video. For millions of Amazon Prime subscribers, the Prime Video channel is already included at no extra cost. But if you're not a subscriber, it might be worth it to shell out the \$9 a month for the stand-alone TV service fee.

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