

About download times for the iTunes Store purchases and rentals

Learn what affects download time, and the approximate download times for various purchases or rentals.

You might notice your iTunes Store purchases download at different rates. The speed of your download depends on the file's size and your Internet connection speed. We recommend using a broadband connection to make your music purchases. Video purchases or rentals require a broadband connection.

Here are some examples of download times for various media types. Your download times might vary. Your Internet Service Provider (ISP) can help you determine your specific download speed, or use CNET's Bandwidth Meter.

Length and type of media	Approximate size	Download speed				
		Broadband ¹				
		24 Mbit/s	15 Mbit/s	10 Mbit/s	8 Mbit/s	2 Mbit/s
4-minute song	4 MB	1 second	2 seconds	3 seconds	4 seconds	16 seconds

5-minute video	30 MB	10 seconds	16 seconds	25 seconds	30s	2m
App	100 mb	34 seconds	55 seconds	1-2 minutes	1-2 minutes	7 minutes
9-hour audiobook	110 MB	38 seconds	1 minute	1-2 minutes	2 minutes	7-8 minutes
45-minute TV show	200 MB	1 minute	2 minutes	3 minutes	3-4 minutes	14 minutes
45-minute HDTV show ³	600 MB	3-4 minutes	5-6 minutes	8-9 minutes	10-15 minutes	42 minutes
2-hour movie ^{2,3}	1.0-1.5 GB	7-8 minutes	12 minutes	18 minutes	22-23 minutes	90 minutes
2-hour HD movie ^{2,3}	3.0-4.5 GB	18-27 minutes	29-43 minutes	42-60 minutes	53-70 minutes ³	322 minutes

1. Broadband speeds can range from 256 kbit/s and up. Download speeds vary depending on your Internet connection.

2. Broadband is required for movie and HD downloads.

3. A sustained 8-Mbit/s or faster Internet connection is recommended for viewing 1080p high-definition movies and TV shows, 6-Mbit/s or faster for viewing 720p content, and 2.5-Mbit/s or faster for standard-definition content.

Some content types aren't available in some iTunes Store countries.

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