HDTV Status

Grand Alliance 10th Reunion

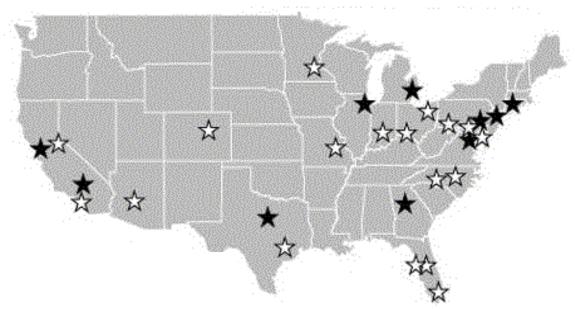
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DTV Market Progress

Price

1997 - FCC Required DTV Introduction



Top 10 Markets

New York Boston

Los Angeles Washington

Chicago Dallas/Ft Worth

Philadelphia Detroit
San Francisco Atlanta

30% US Households

Additional Top 30 Markets

Houston

Seattle/Tacoma

Cleveland

Minneapolis/St. Paul

Miami/Ft Lauderdale

Phoenix

Tampa/St Petersburg

Denver

Pittsburg

St. Louis

San Diego

Raleigh/Durham

Hartford/New Haven

Orlando/Daytona

Charlotte

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Cincinatti

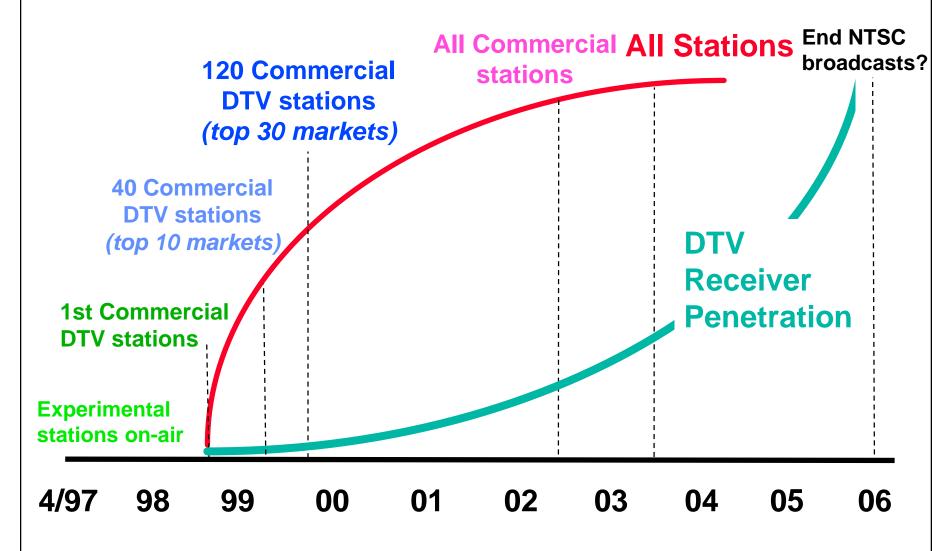
Indianapolis

Sacramento/Stockton

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FCC - DTV Broadcast Milestones

...availability of content drives receiver penetration...



Broadcaster Progress

- Top 10 Markets, 4 Major Network Affiliates
 - 38 out of 40 on air (-NY)
- Markets 11-30, 4 Major Network Affiliates
 - 75 out of 79 on-air
- 1586 commercial stations (94%) have been grated a DTV construction permit
 - 843 requested first extension
 - 772 granted, 71 admonished
 - 602 requested second extension
 - 527 granted, 68 dismissed
 - 58 requested third extension

FCC Scorecard

April 16, 2003

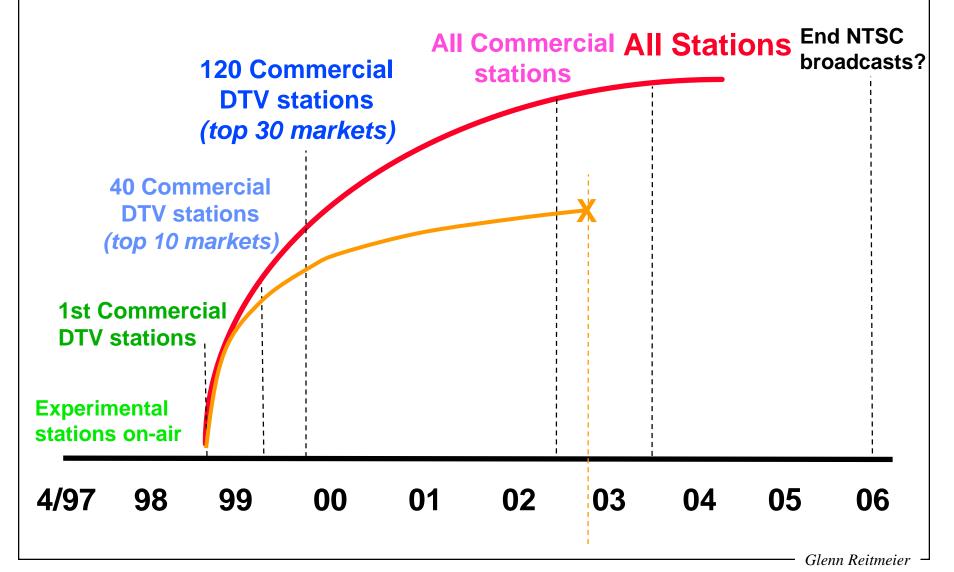
CATAGORY	# DTV STATIONS ON AIR	# DTV CHANNELS	% ON THE AIR	WITH LICENSED FACILITY OR PROGRAM TESTS	WITH STAs
TOP 30 MARKET NET AFFIL.	113	119	95.0%	107	6
OTHER COMMER.*	717	1196	59.9 %	229	488
NC EDU.**	120	373	32.2%	72	48
TOTAL	950	1688	56.3%	408	542

^{*} May 1, 2002 Build Out Deadline

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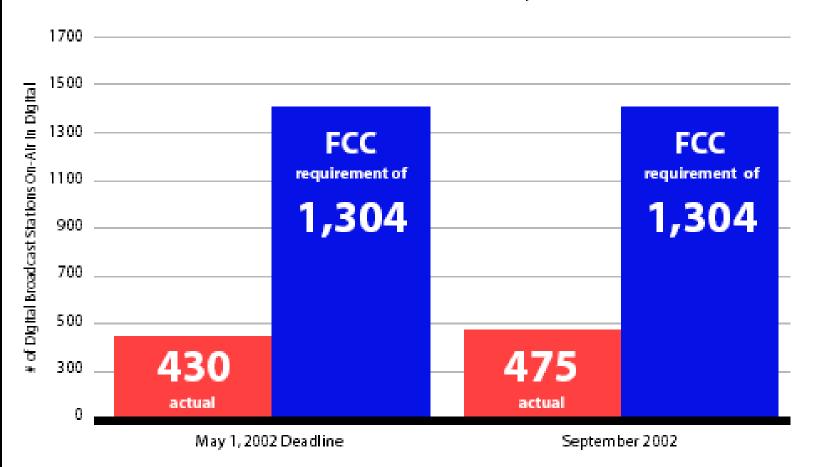
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Broadcasters Miss the Mark

Actual DTV Stations vs. FCC Requirement



Source: CEA Market Research





Content Distribution

- DBS early lead in HDTV distribution
- Cable coming on strong
 - Recent MSO CEA agreement on Cable-Ready HDTV sets
 - Cable industry ramping up to more aggressive marketing
 - Cable-ready sets deemed crucial to consumer adoption (significant impact of Plug and Play Agreement)
 - HDTV service is available in at least 1 cable system in 73 of the top 100 DMAs
 - Comcast target is to have 50% of their homes passed by HD by the end of the year
 - Co-marketing with retailers touted as highly successful (e.g., Comcast/BestBuy in Philadelphia)
 - HDTV will be a focal point of 2003 NCTA convention

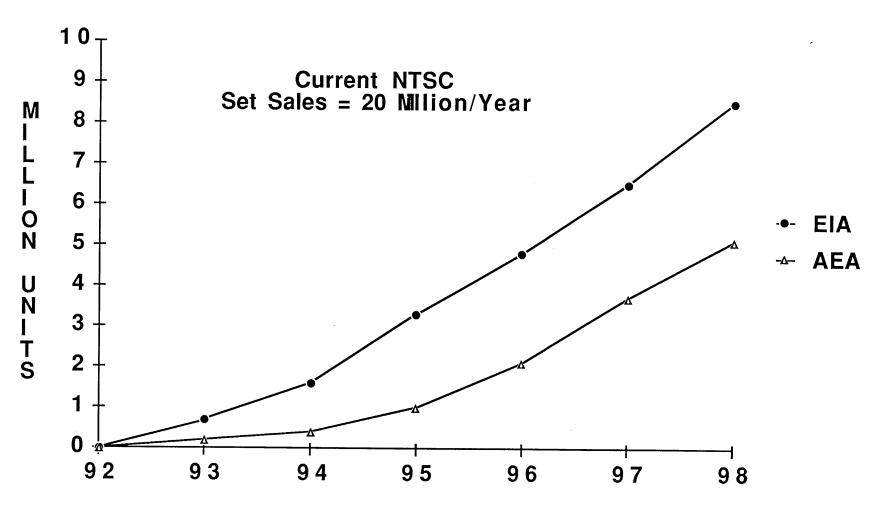
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HDTV Sales Projections - 1989

HDTV PROJECTED SALES



Digital TV* Sales to Dealers

As the digital revolution continues, sales are increasing and prices are dropping.

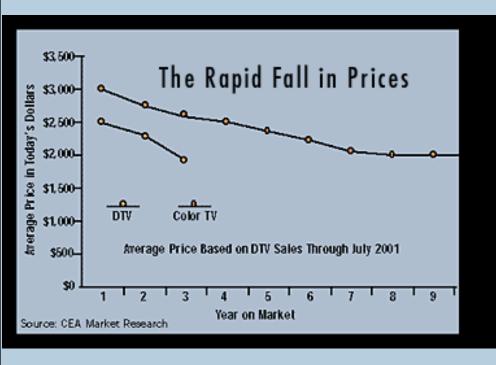


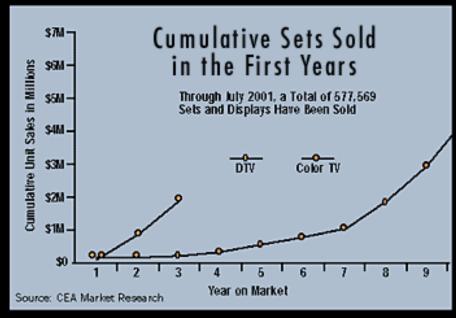
*includes direct-view and projection digital TVs with integrated digital decoders and stand-alone digital TV displays

Source: CEA Market Research, 1/01

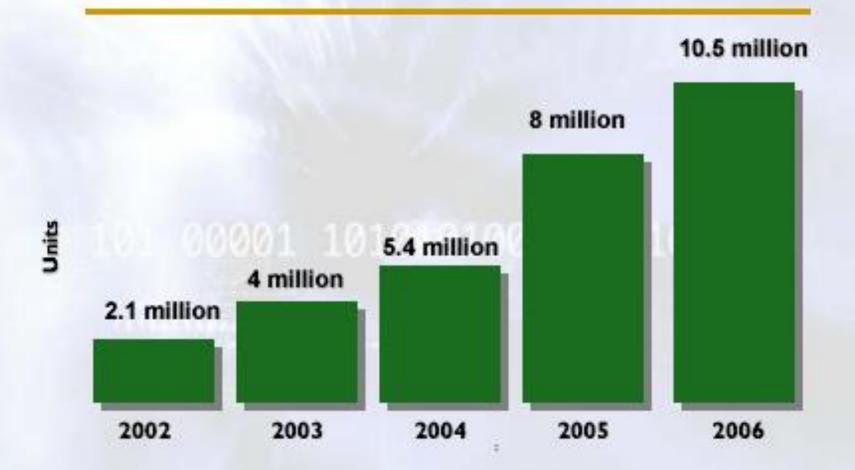
CEA – DTV Prices & Sales

through July 2001





Projected Sales 2002-2006

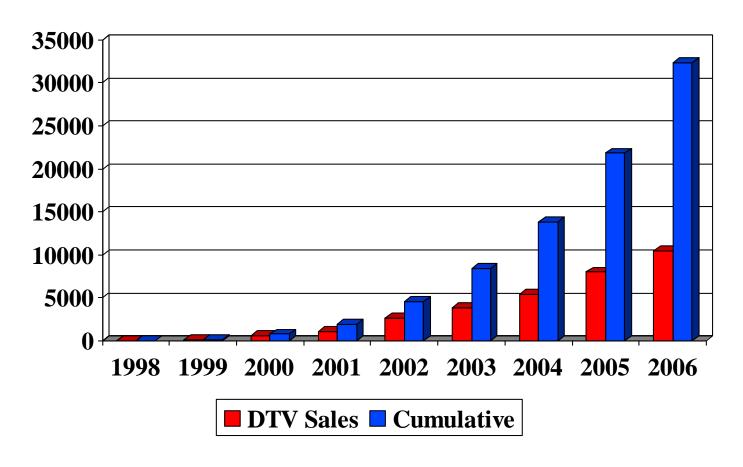






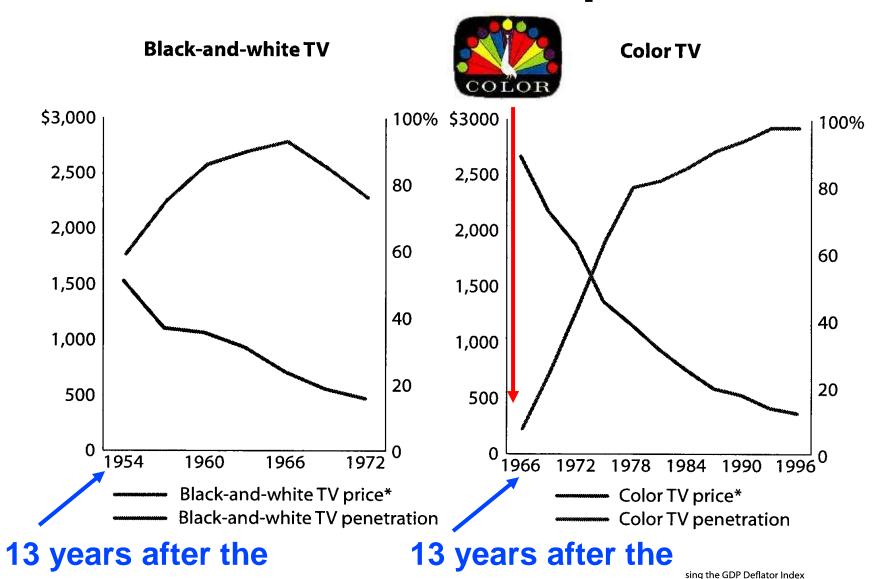


HDTV Adoption



- 1998 First receivers introduced
- 2002 \$ volume of DTV > NTSC; 4M HD screens

Consumer Adoption



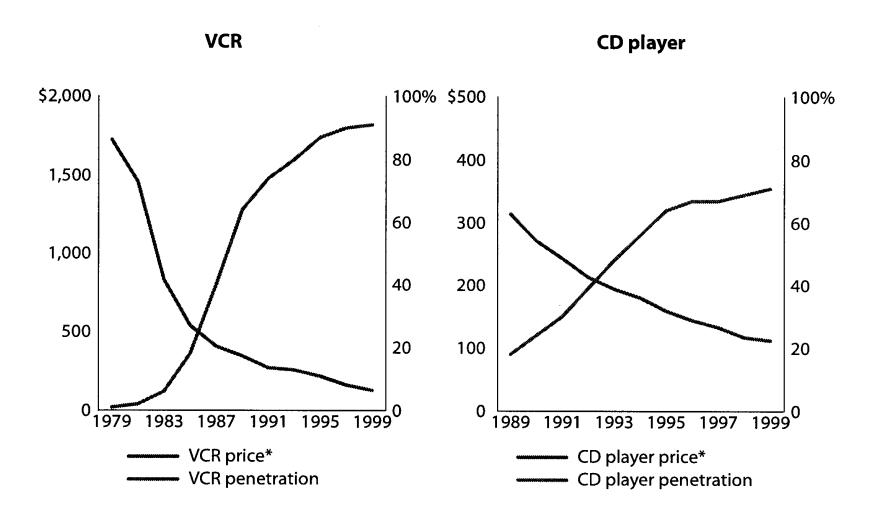
NTSC standard

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Source: Forrester Research, Inc. with historical data from Statistical Abstracts of the United States and the

penetration are not available after 1972

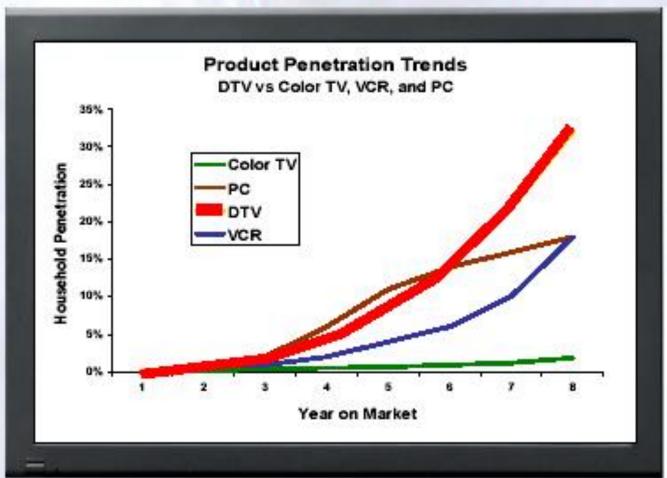
More Consumer Adoption



*All prices are in constant 1999 dollars using the GDP Deflator Index
Note: Numbers for black-and-white TV prices and penetration are not available after 1972

DTV In Perspective

The DTV adoption rate surpasses that of the PC, the VCR and the Color TV.









Growing Consumer Awareness

- 71% familiar with HDTV terminology (up from 62% in 2001)
- Video-on-Demand (44%) and HDTV (40%) top the list of TV technologies that interest consumers
- HDTV appeared on the 2002 CEA holiday wish list for the first time (6th place)
- 31% expect to purchase a new TV within 18 months; of those, 47% expect to buy an HDTV (up from 29% in 2001)
- Movies top the list of HD content that consumers say they are willing to pay for (41%)



Predictions of the Future

- National Information Infrastructure
- Interlace causes AIDS epidemic
- Chips
- HD VCRs

Digital Developments

- DVD
- Digital Cameras > HDTV resolution
- Cable Modem
- Displays
 - Plasma
 - DLP
- PVRs
- Memory sticks
- Compression advances

Controversy – Then

- 1993 MPEG-2 compatibility
- 1993 Interlace vs. Progressive
- 1994 B Frames
- 1994 Interlace vs. Progressive
- 1995 Practicality of multiple formats
- 1996 Interlace vs. Progressive
- 1996 HDTV vs. Multicast SD

Controversy – Recent

- 1997 HDTV vs. Multicast SD
- 1998 Integrated sets vs. set-top boxes
- 1999 VSB vs. COFDM
- 2002 DTV tuner mandate
- 2003 Cable carriage & interoperability
- 2003 HDTV vs. Multicast SD
- 2003 Interlace vs. Progressive



1954







1966







over \$2600 in 1999 dollars

1998

under \$9,000









An Interactive Future

...interactivity and deeper content...

