

In its recently released 2022 Winter Olympics Viewing Insights Report, Amdocs surveyed consumers across the U.S. to uncover how they prefer to watch the Games this February. With nearly half of respondents (49%) planning to tune into the events – and another 27% still undecided – the research highlighted growing changes in expectations and concerns as the athletes head to Beijing.

Consumers are excited to tune in, but fear missing out.

Consumers are just as excited about the Winter Games as they were the Summer Games (48%) earlier this year. When asked which events they're most looking forward to, figure skating was the most favored option (48%), followed by opening/closing ceremonies (44%) and skiing (41%).

Most plan to watch live on TV (68%), however, another 29% will be streaming their favorite events. Notably, 21% are bothered they do not have access to all events with their cable/streaming provider and another 17% feel their network connection isn't strong enough to consistently stream.

How are you planning to watch this year's 2022 Winter Olympics



The location of the Games presents some challenges for viewers.

With the Olympics being held in Beijing this February, **42%** find time zone issues to be a top concern. We saw similar responses around the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, with **40%** echoing these sentiments. The time zone differences are impacting if/what they'll watch, too. **24%** said they are less likely to watch the events if they see highlights ahead of time and **31%** are frustrated when they see event outcomes before the event's primetime viewing slot.

Beijing is also stirring up some controversy. **10%** of consumers are completely boycotting the Games due to what they said were personal concerns around human rights issues. **90%** still plan to watch, though **45%** of these same responders cited concern for what is happening.

Are you less likely to watch because of time zone differences?



3 Consumers are willing to spend money for a more expansive experience.

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With more than 100 events planned for the Winter Olympics, getting access to all the different channels and platforms can become a problem. Because of that, **52%** of respondents said they would pay more money to have every event on demand.

To make the Games more interactive this time around, nearly a quarter said they'd be willing to invest in more services that offer virtual reality or augmented reality (23%). Another 23% would pay more for in-game challenges with redeemable

rewards.

Which features would you pay extra for from TV/streaming providers to enhance your viewing experience?



*Source: December 2021 Dynata survey of 1,000 U.S. consumers.



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