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# US scripted series declined 14% in 2023

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Note: excludes children's programs, daytime dramas, library, non-English language/English-dubbed programs, short-form content (<15 mins), and 1-episode specials Source: FX Networks as cited by IndieWire, Feb 9, 2024

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**Key stat:** 516 US original scripted TV series were released in 2023, down from 600 in 2022, according to February 2024 data from FX Networks.

#### Beyond the chart:

- Until 2023, content production increased every year over the past decade, with the exception of 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- TV studios had to halt production and delay fall lineups due to the writers' and actors' strikes,
  which ended last September and November, respectively.
- The strikes have forced studios to pay a combined \$1.7 billion in payouts over the next three years, adding to the increasing pressure to turn a profit. Studios may look to ad-supported subscription tiers to drive additional revenues.

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