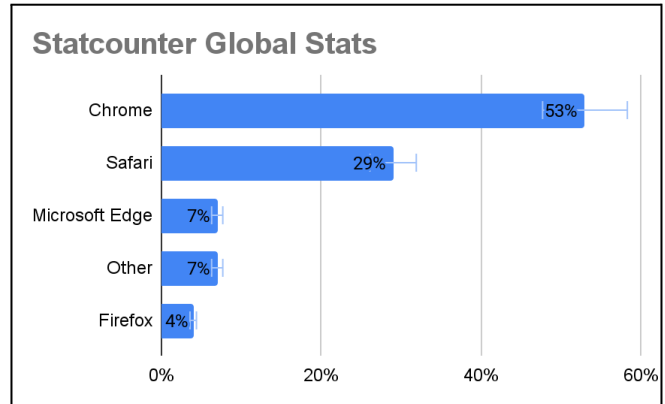
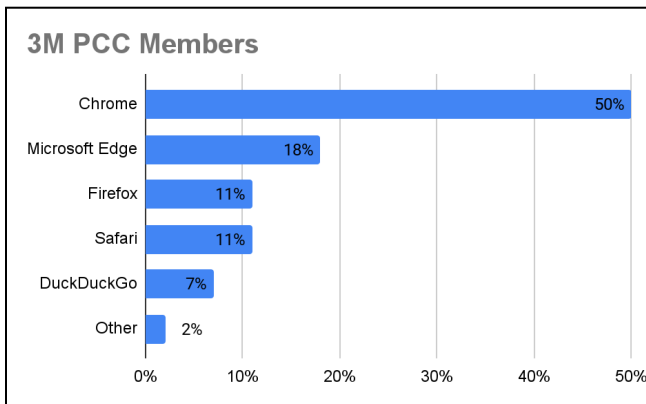


Internet Browsers Differences

A browser is one of the most important applications on any device that lets you display content from the Internet. It's the main app/program used to access websites and their information. Although browsers and search engines are often used together, they are not the same thing and you can use any search engine with any browser. Every browser claims to be the best, but the fact is they all are more alike than they are different. Pick the one that best fits your internet workflow, and then fill in the gaps through third-party extensions and a second browser. The average PC user will be satisfied with Microsoft Edge. Power users usually prefer Firefox. Cloud oriented and Android users prefer Google Chrome. Apple users prefer Apple Safari. Many users use multiple browsers, taking advantage of the unique interfaces, features, performance, and privacy features each has. The reviews below highlight the key elements of each browser to help you decide which browser(s) may be best for you.

Most Popular Browser



Google Chrome

Chrome is an integral part of Google's cloud syncing across multiple hardware platforms, Google applications, and services.

Pros	Cons
• Most used, most compatible with sites. • Has a great number of extensions in the Chrome store. • Runs on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android, and iOS. • Sync tabs, bookmarks, browsing history, and passwords across all devices. • Offers the best compatibility with Google's range of products and services like Google Docs and Drive. • Google Lens for searching images on webpages • AI-powered tools to organize tabs. • Safety and security.	• Not as quick to get new features. • No built-in VPN, cryptocurrency locker, notes feature, screenshot tool, or reading mode. • Has Ad Topics, Site-Suggested Ads, and other that send info about you unless you turn off. • Uses more CPU/RAM than other browsers.

Microsoft Edge

Microsoft Edge was introduced in 2015 with Windows 10 to replace the old Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE).

Pros	Cons
• Built from the same code base as Google Chrome. • Runs on Windows, macOS, Android, and iOS. • Best in disk usage, performance, and thrifty memory management. • Offers the best compatibility with Microsoft's range of products and services like Office and OneDrive. • Copilot AI - summarize the web page, create an image or essay based on a text prompt, or find more info.	• Cluttered - too many tools. • Collects browsing history and favorites. • Limited extension library compared to Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox.

• Copilot Vision, share tabs to discuss both the visuals and text aloud. • Sidebar for messaging, productivity, search, and social networking with 3rd party tools. • Collections uses a sidebar onto which you can add images, notes, and web pages and then share the whole assemblage to Excel, OneNote, or Word.	
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Apple Safari

Safari is Apple's default web browser. It is good, but not great with some nonstandard elements.

Pros	Cons
• Runs only on macOS and iOS. • Offers the best compatibility with Apple's ecosystem. • AI Reading - summaries and tables of contents for long articles. Highlights option that summarizes business webpages with contact info, hours, and a small map. • Only one here that disables third-party cookies by default. • For iCloud+ subscribers it enables Private Relay to obscure your IP address, similar to a VPN.	• Only Apple devices. • Limited customization features. • Limited data synchronization options. • Fewer add-ons and extensions available. • Some sites have problems. Sites avoid tests and instead focus on Chrome. • Fingerprinting, by which web trackers identify you, is only partially protected. • Useful features are often hidden.

Mozilla Firefox

Firefox is an open-source project from the nonprofit Mozilla Foundation.

Pros	Cons
• Only major browser that's not from a giant tech company. • Runs on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android, and iOS. • Most openly developed browser. • Most customizable of all the browsers. • Has PDF editing and the Firefox View button.	• Mostly used by Developers and Tech people. • Slower. Put on a few pounds over the years. Sometimes the increased file size and memory requirements result in a sluggish, and perhaps less stable, experience on older systems.



Additional Links and Information

Carondelet Tech Help Resources: <https://carondeletvillage.org/tech-help-resources/>
 Questions or comments can be sent to: TCKreuzer@gmail.com

Some browsers with less than 1% share:

- Brave - Integrated ad blocker, Advanced tracking protection, and Optimized speed.
- DuckDuckGo - Minimalist design, Non-tracking policy, and Streamlined browsing.
- Opera - Data saver mode, VPN options, and Feature-rich.
- Tor -Best browser for privacy, but it has a poor reputation due to its associations with the dark web.
- Vivaldi - Lots of control over the look and layout, plus unique tab management and customization.

Tips:

- Chrome Incognito mode and the Microsoft InPrivate browsing can be turned on. Keeps your browsing session private by not saving your browsing history, cookies, and site data. It does not make you invisible; your internet service provider (ISP), employer or school, and the websites you visit can still see your activity. It is useful for browsing without others who use your device seeing what you've done, and for getting a fresh, untracked view of websites.
- Adding extensions to your browser is a fine line between an improved user experience, and a sluggish browsing nightmare. Extensions include ad blockers, password managers like Bitwarden, AI tools, and 180,000+ more.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_web_browsers
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