

## Browser Market Share

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As IE8 replaces IE7, we are entering a period where no browser has more than a 25% marketshare. Soon IE8 will overtake IE7 as a priority 1 browser. Unfortunately, IE6 doesn't appear to be moving, and it might remain a priority 1 browser. FF3 is slowly climbing, following the release of v3.5. Safari remains consistent, while its cousin, Chrome, continues to get more users.

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
▼IE7: 20-25% IE6: 20-25%	▲FF3: 18-22% * ▲IE8: 8-11% Safari: 5-7% ▼FF2: 3-5% * ▲Chrome: 3-4%	Opera: <1% iPhone: <1% New Browsers (watch out) N8: <1% Old Browsers (forget 'em) IE5 (PC & MAC): <1% N4: <1% AOL: unknown

\* Only Hitslink breaks up FF2 and FF3. This is a best guess estimate.

### Sources:

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**NOTE:** update template spec when priorities change

## Screen Resolution (800x600 or 1024x768)

### 800x600 is still valid for development

Programmers might not like it, but nationally after falling steadily for a number of years, 800x600 resolution has leveled out at a hefty 7%. As much as we want to always use 1024 x 768, we can't "assume" that's the smart choice for every client at this point.

Another very interesting trend in browser resolution is how quickly the "Unknown" category has increased. This is partly due to people having larger monitors, or non-standard monitor sizes, but also due to the fact that many Netbooks and PDAs (iPhone, Blackberry, etc.) have screens which are 800x600 or smaller. We feel it's safe to assume that as much as half of the "unknown" resolutions that have shown up in the past few years are 800x600 or smaller, bringing the total browsers which are 800x600 or smaller to an estimated 7%-12%.

