

Web Browser Market Share

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Internet Explorer 9 & Firefox 4 have started to show up in our testing data! There has been a bit of fluctuation in the last quarter, for usage but no big surprises. A slight rise in Internet Explorer 8 and Safari usage, but with a lot of new computers sold for the holidays, this is where the default browsers start out.

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Internet Explorer 8: 29%	Internet Explorer 6: 11%	Opera: 2%
Firefox 3x: 23%	Chrome: 10%	Internet Explorer 5: <1%
Internet Explorer 7: 15%	Safari: 6%	Mobile: 2%
		New Browser Versions Increasing Support
		Internet Explorer 9: <1%
		Firefox 4: <1%
		Outdated Browsers Discontinued Support
		Firefox 2x: <1%
		Netscape 4: <1%
		Other: <3%

Sources:

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- **W3Schools**: http://www.w3schools.com/browsers/browsers_stats.asp
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Screen Resolution (800x600 or 1024x768)

The evolution of development

You've got to feel for programmers & designers in the web industry: as technology trends change, "best practices" change – often heading in a direction that looks strikingly like "backwards."

The past few years have seen a distinct push towards larger designs (moving from 800x600 to 1024x786) Everywhere you looked, it seemed like you saw bigger and better monitors & screens on people's computers.

And then, recently, we talked about how 800x600 was still holding on (at about 7%) as a valid design size. And now, thanks to the ever increasing popularity of mobile devices, it's looking like a "smaller" (read as: "mobile friendly") might even be creeping UP in the ranks.

Our resolution prediction?

Sites designed with less fixed units and thus more flexibility.

