

Browser Market Share Q1 2011

Internet Explorer 8 still leads the pack with little change. Both Firefox and Internet Explorer 7 have lost market share in the past quarter while Safari and Chrome (Webkit) continue to gain ground on Firefox.

The disparity between sites is becoming more pronounced though. For instance, some geek sites have Firefox over 40%, and Webkit at 30%, with all flavors of IE combined at only 25%. Conversely some government sites are still showing IE6 over 10% and IE7 at over 25%.

More than ever you should **Look at your own analytics** before deciding what browsers to support.

Also be sure to look at your site's mobile numbers. They can fluxuate from 1% of your traffic to as much as 15% of your traffic based on your site.

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
IE8: 30% FF3x: 18% Chrome/Safari: 12%	IE7: 12%	IE6: 8%

New Browsers to Look Out for:

Firefox4 and Internet Explorer 9 are both showing up. They're currently both below 1% market share, but be ready for them to jump up soon.

Old Browsers you can safely forget about

Internet Explorer 5, Netscape, AOL, and Firefox 2 have all fallen below 1% market share, and Opera has never made it past that point. Don't waste your time with these...

Sources:

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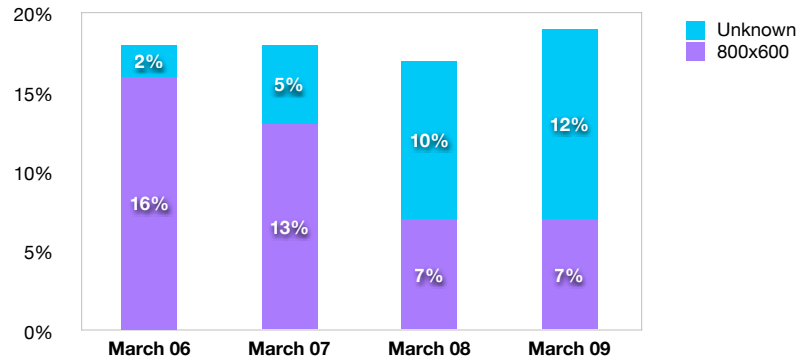


Screen Resolution (800x600 or 1024x768)

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.



Source: The Counter

And now, thanks to the ever increasing popularity of mobile devices, it's looking like a "smaller screens" are creeping UP in the ranks.

Our resolution prediction? Sites designed with less fixed units and thus more flexibility.

What do you think?

The World Of Mobile Browsing

Check out what's happening in the mobile browsing world!



Skyfire: A mobile browser that runs on Windows Mobile (smartphones and PPC) letting you browse the web using the full-featured PC versions of your favorite websites. (<http://www.skyfire.com>)

Android: A mobile development platform created by Google. Android offers all the "intuitive pizzazz" that Google is known for, right on your mobile device. It is also the only true competitor to the iPhone. (<http://www.android.com>)

Bolt: A WebKit based browser directed towards "lower end" (i.e. non-smart) phones, allowing even the most basic mobile user to view the web in all it's glory. (<http://www.boltbrowser.com>)