

There are many ways to listen to music on your smartphone and/or tablet devices. This document compares Pandora, Spotify, Google Play Music, and Amazon Music Unlimited.

PANDORA BASICS:

- Launched in January of 2000
- Music catalog of over 1 million songs
- Free version available (ad-supported)
- Paid version available (\$4.99/mo)
- Ability to listen offline with paid subscription

PROS:

- Cost (cheapest of the services at \$4.99/mo)
- Similar Artist Algorithms
- Device Availability
- Offline listening availability with paid subscription



CONS:

- No Family Plan available
 - Free version has limited number of songs to skip (6 per hour)
 - Limited catalog of 1 million songs
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SPOTIFY BASICS:

- Launched in October of 2008
- Music catalog of over 30 million songs
- Free version available (ad-supported)
- Paid version available (\$9.99/mo)
- Ability to listen offline with paid subscription



PROS:

- Huge Music Catalog of over 30 million songs
 - Excellent selection of playlists
 - Most devices/platforms can access Spotify
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CONS:

- Cost (\$9.99/mo)
- Limited Artist availability (not all music from an artist may be available)
- Only available on Roku with paid subscription



GOOGLE PLAY MUSIC BASICS:

- Launched in November of 2011
- Music catalog of over 30 million songs
- Free version available (ad-supported)
- Paid version available (\$9.99/mo)
- Ability to listen offline with paid subscription



PROS:

- 50,000 Personal songs to upload and listen anywhere
- Family Plan available (\$14.99 for 6 accounts)
- Huge Music Catalog of over 30 million songs
- Access to YouTube Red (ad-free YouTube!!)

CONS:

- Cost (\$9.99/mo)
- No Roku Channel
- No Amazon Fire Stick App

AMAZON MUSIC UNLIMITED BASICS:

- Launched in October of 2016
- Music catalog of over 40 million songs
- \$7.99/mo with Prime (\$9.99/mo w/o)
- Ability to listen offline with paid subscription





PROS:

- Huge Song Catalog
- Great Playlist selection
- Ability to download and listen offline

CONS:

- Additional cost to Prime Membership
- No Roku channel available
- No Family plan (yet)



				
Year Launched	JAN 2000	OCT 2008	NOV 2011	OCT 2016
Music Catalog	1 million +	30 million +	30 million +	40 million +
Free Version	YES	YES	YES	NO*
Paid Version	\$4.99/mo	\$9.99/mo	\$9.99/mo	\$7.99/mo **
Offline Listening	YES	YES	YES	YES

* 30 day free trial (credit card needed)

** In addition to \$99/year Amazon Prime Membership