

National Owners Dominate Local Cable News: Local Cable News Channels Do Not Significantly Contribute to Source or Viewpoint Diversity

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Abstract

Supporters of media consolidation argue that rules limiting local ownership of broadcast licenses are no longer necessary to protect the public interest. A justification of this argument is that consumers have access to previously unavailable sources, chiefly local cable networks. Several comments filed by media companies in the current FCC ownership proceeding argue this point, and cite over one hundred regional cable-only networks to illustrate non-traditional media available to consumers.

This study, using official FCC reports and industry comments, compiles a comprehensive list of local and regional cable-only networks operating in the U.S. and determines that few of them provide local news and information:

- Almost one-third of the regional cable-only networks are sports networks, airing no local news reporting (38 of the 119 regional cable networks in our sample).
- Nearly half of the regional cable-only stations that do air local news are owned by a traditional local news outlet such as a broadcast television station or a daily newspaper (26 of the 57 regional cable networks that air local news reporting).
- Almost 40 percent of the independent regional cable-only stations that air local news reporting are based in the New York City television market (12 of the 31 stations).
- Nearly all of the 31 independent regional cable-only stations that air local news reporting have operating and cross-promotional relationships with traditional local news operations.

To assess the impact of these cable news operations we compared their staffing to the staffs of the traditional media outlets – daily and weekly newspapers plus local TV news operations. The resources that these cable-only stations bring to reporting local news are minimal.

- Our analysis shows that the local/regional cable-only news staff represents an addition to the local resource pool (newsroom staff) of less than 3 percent in the regions they serve.
- Because these stations serve about one-fifth of the total population, on a national basis they represent an addition to the local news resource base of approximately one-half of one percent.

Contrary to the claims of the industry, these cable news outlets have not significantly changed the landscape of local news and information and do not provide a justification for abandoning media ownership limits in local markets.

BACKGROUND

In separate comments filed by the National Association of Broadcasters, Media General, Sinclair, Nexstar, and KVMD (“NAB et. al.”), these commenters suggest that the presence of regional cable networks has altered the media marketplace to the point where FCC broadcast ownership limits are no longer in the public interest¹:

“Cable has even emerged as a significant source of local news... The Nielsen survey also demonstrated that many (although not all) consumers viewed broadcast television, cable and satellite news channels, daily newspapers and radio all as substitutes for each other in obtaining local or national news” (NAB, page 51).

“In addition to these national programming networks, local cable systems also are providing many regional/local programming networks, 96 of which were identified by the FCC in 2005” (NAB, Attachment A, page 12).

“Scores of national cable networks, whether news or entertainment, are also powerful players. Some 110 regional cable networks have emerged, along with at least 26 local cable news services” (Media General, page 44).

“This dramatic increase in cable penetration has spurred a corresponding growth in program offerings, particularly locally and regionally originated program offerings, by all the different cable systems available in each Media General convergence market. These extensive sources of local and regional information are detailed at length in Appendix 8 (*Note: The channels listed by Media General that were not listed in the FCC’s 2006 MVPD Report were added to our database*)... This locally originated content now competes with sources unheard of in 1975” (Media General, pages 47-48).

“Cable operators offer a wide variety of different national news networks and are also increasingly becoming a separate source of local news” (Sinclair, page 22).

“In some markets, local television stations are competing with cable companies with respect to local news. For example, Time Warner produces local news channels in several of its markets” (Nexstar, pages 7-8).

¹ Comments of the National Association of Broadcasters, In the Matter of *2006 Quadrennial Regulatory Review—Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, MB Docket No. 06-121; In the Matter of *2002 Biennial Regulatory Review—Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, MB Docket No. 02-277; In the Matter of *Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers*, MB Docket No. 01-235; In the Matter of *Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets*, MB Docket No. 01-317; In the Matter of *Definition of Radio Markets*, MB Docket No. 00-244. Also, “Comments of Media General Inc.” in the above proceedings; “Comments of Nexstar Broadcasting Inc.” in the above proceedings; “Comments of KVMD License Co., LLC” in the above proceedings; “Comments of Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc.” in the above proceedings.

“Cable companies provide more than a 100 programming channels, are producing local news channels and are competing directly with local television for advertising revenues” (Nexstar, page 20).

“As the Commission record demonstrates, broadcast television stations face fierce competition from various non-broadcast media outlets, including cable, satellite, the Internet and newspapers” (KVMD, page 7).

The central theme to the claims by NAB et. al. is that these regional cable channels offer consumers a plethora of previously unavailable media choices, and that these channels have undermined the audiences of the traditional broadcast and print media outlets.

However, as this study demonstrates, many of the cable channels cited by NAB et. al. do not produce local news reporting. And the majority of those that do are stations owned, affiliated, or have business relationships with local broadcast television news stations or local newspaper outlets. Furthermore, of the few truly independent cable stations that do air local news content, the amount of this content is low, their audiences are small, and the resources they devote to local news is miniscule compared to that devoted by the traditional outlets in the same markets. Finally, the geographic reach of the few independent local cable news stations is low, with much of the country remaining unserved by this alternative.

METHODOLOGY

A list of regional cable networks was compiled using information from the 12th Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for the Delivery of Video Programming (“2006 MVPD Report”).² In addition to this initial list of 96 stations, we identified 12 additional regional networks not captured by the FCC’s 2006 report, and 13 channels listed by Media General, bringing the total list to 121 regional networks. Using local listings, corporate financial filings, news articles, trade association websites, station websites, and phone interviews, we determined ownership, content information, and where possible, the number of employees for each station. Employee data was compared with employee totals of traditional news outlets using 2003 industry data.³

² “Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for the Delivery of Video Programming, Twelfth Annual Report”, MB Docket No. 05-255, Released March 3rd 2006 (“2006 MVPD Report”).

³ Bacon’s Information, Inc., *Newspaper Directory: 2003* and *TV Cable Directory: 2003*.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Identifying Cable Networks that Air Local News

Two of the 96 stations listed in the *2006 MVPD Report* were determined to be no longer active (Chicagoland Korean TV and Cowboys TV). Almost one-third of the regional networks are programmed with sports content and lack local news reporting (38 out of the 119 active channels; see Appendix B, Figure B1). Seven networks air national-only content, or local entertainment-only content, with no local news programming (see Appendix B, Figure B4).

After the exclusion of the two non-operational networks, the sports-only networks, and the non-local reporting channels, 74 networks remain. Seventeen of these 74 are PEG channels (“public/educational/government”) that do *air* local content such as live city council feeds, but do not *produce* local *news* content (defined as content based on “original reporting”; see Appendix B, Figure B5).⁴

Of the 57 stations remaining, 26 are owned by a local broadcast television station or newspaper operating in the same market, and do not constitute an additional diverse source of local news (see Appendix B, Figure B2).

Thus there are just 31 independently owned regional cable channels operating in the U.S. that air some form of local news reporting. These 31 stations are owned and operated by 10 unique firms, with just 4 firms owning 25 of the 31 stations (see Appendix B, Figure B3). Twenty-eight of these stations are “local”, and operate in 15 different Designated Market Areas (New England Cable News and Comcast Network CN8 are truly “regional” networks, both covering multiple markets in the northeast, with very little local-specific content; Washington Korean TV actually produces one 25-minute broadcast with DC and Chicago-specific local content). Of the 28 local cable news networks, 15 operate in the state of New York, with 12 serving the New York City DMA. Of the 13 remaining networks, 4 are in North Carolina (3 owned by TimeWarner), 6 are in Florida (all owned by Advance/Newhouse), and one each in Austin, TX, Troy, AL, and Boston, MA.

Though these 31 stations are not owned and operated by local broadcast TV or newspaper firms (26 of the 31 are owned by cable operators), nearly every single network has operating and cross-promotional relationships with traditional local media outlets (see Appendix A, Appendix B, Figure B3). This raises concern about whether these networks are actually diverse sources of local news reporting.

Our analysis did not identify specific audience marketshare data for these specific stations, but previous survey results seem to indicate, in general, that cable television is not an important source of local news. In our original comments, we provided survey data from 2004

⁴ PEG channels are of course a valuable community resource, but we do not agree with Sinclair when it states that PEG channels “must also be considered a separate and independent source of local news” (Sinclair, page 22). These channels provide raw information, but do not conduct reporting that constitutes the production of local news. A PEG channel does not compete with a local broadcast news channel, daily newspaper, or other traditional local news media. If these channels are considered to be an independent source of local news, then they should be assigned their appropriate weight based upon their audience share, which is minimal in comparison to traditional broadcast and print media.

that showed only 6 percent of respondents reported that cable television was their most important and most often used source for local news.⁵

Employment at Local Cable News Networks

Our analysis of the employment at local cable networks (detailed in Appendix A) shows that there are a small number of cable news networks that bring new resources to the local reporting marketplace, and the geographic reach of these few stations is quite limited. These resources are a welcome addition where they operate, but they are thinly spread across a very large area. In fact, compared to the existing infrastructure of news reporting of the traditional media in the geographic area served by these cable news operations, the new resources brought to the table by cable are minuscule and do not provide a basis to abandon current restrictions on media ownership consolidation.

The analysis focuses in on the specific DMA's where the cable news operations appear to have bureaus or reporters. Including the regional operations that serve a much broader area would make the cable news operations look even less significant. As shown in Figure 1, we identified 16 designated market areas in which cable operators' produce news and where news staff numbers could be found. We count less than 500 newsroom staff. This number is quite small when compared to the total number of newsroom staff in the traditional media outlets (daily and weekly newspapers and broadcast television news operations). Because the staff data is from our 2002 database, (used in our earlier comments in this proceeding), we also estimate the staff levels of the traditional media assuming a 10 percent decline in the staffing of all three traditional media.⁶ Even with this adjustment, we place the newsroom staff of the traditional outlet in the markets at over 16,000.

Thus, the cable news staff represents an addition to the local resource pool of less than 3 percent in the markets served. The individual markets range from an increase of less than a percent, to seven percent. Over two-thirds of the pool of newsroom staff are accounted for by dailies and over three-quarters are accounted for by dailies and weeklies combined. In short, there is a vast infrastructure of reportorial resources in local dailies and weeklies, while cable operators try to cover a vast area with a meager staff.

⁵ See Comments of Consumers Union, Consumer Federation of America, Free Press et. al., Study 7, Exhibit 5, page 130.

⁶ The Project for Excellence in Journalism, *State of the News Media 2006: Overview*, p. 10, puts the decline in newspaper jobs between 2000 and 2005 at 7 percent. However, the chapter on *Local Television*, p. 32, shows local TV newsroom staffs actually growing over this period. Similarly, the chapter on *Alternative/Ethnic Media*, shows stable circulation. Thus, an assumed 10 percent decline across the board leads to a very conservative estimate of the number of traditional media staff.

These 16 markets constitute one fifteenth of the total number of Designated Market Areas.⁷ They have one-tenth of the total number of TV stations providing local news in the country.⁸ They represent one-fifth of the national population⁹ and about one-quarter of the traditional newsroom staff.¹⁰ Therefore, while cable represents a small (2.5 percent) addition to new resources in a part of the country, from the national perspective their contribution is even smaller, about one-half of one percent.

Figure 1: Cable News Staff Compared to Staff of Traditional Media

Area	Households (thousands)	Cable News Staff	Traditional Media News Staff	Cable as a Percentage of Traditional
New York City, Philadelphia	10,422	152	7,063	2.2
Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro	2,609	62	2,185	2.5
Albany, Rochester, Syracuse	938	73	1,140	6.4
Austin, TX	583	30	455	6.6
Boston, Springfield, Bangor, Portland, Burlington	3,537	36	5,446	0.7
Tampa, Orlando	2,953	70	2,356	3
Cable Served				
100% of 2002	20,751	423	18,645	2.3
90% of 2002	N/A	423	16,781	2.5
National Total	109,925	423	~75,000	0.6

Source: Station websites; BIA, 2004; Bacons 2003.

⁷ There are 210 DMAs

⁸ *Economic Study A: News and Public Affairs Programming Offered by the Four Top-Ranked Versus Lower-Ranked Television Stations*, Table A1.

⁹ BIA Financial, 2004.

¹⁰ Bacons, 2003

CONCLUSION

This study demonstrates that the presence of regional cable-only networks do not provide justification for the relaxation of important FCC ownership rules that continue to serve the public interest. There are actually a very small number of these networks that air local news reporting, and these stations are concentrated in just a few of the nations' media markets. An overwhelming majority of American citizens do not have access to these traditional media alternatives.

Furthermore, given that many of the few independent regional cable-only networks have partnerships with traditional broadcast and print media, it is questionable whether these sources constitute actual additions to source and viewpoint diversity. Also, even if some of these networks are diverse sources of local news, their audience share is quite small compared to broadcast television and local newspaper outlets. Finally, the resources these networks devote to local news reporting is an extremely small fraction of that devoted by the traditional local news operations.

Any reasonable consideration of these stations contribution to local news diversity should take these factors into account. Currently local cable news networks do not significantly contribute to source or viewpoint diversity, and their limited presence should not be a justification for the elimination of important ownership limits.

Appendix A

Qualitative Analysis of Non-Affiliated Local Cable News Channels

To assess the role of the local/regional cable news channels we examined the staffing and functioning of the news operations.

Run by Advance/Newhouse:

Bay News 9
Bay News 9 en Espanol
Bay News 9 Travel Weather Now
Central Florida News 13
Central Florida News 13 En Espanol
News 13 Weather NOW

Shown on Bright House Cable systems. The cable systems were previously owned by Time Warner but a deal made in 2003 has Advance/Newhouse taking control of the company's day-to-day operations. Nonetheless, Time Warner retains a stake in the company.¹¹

Bay News 9 (Tampa-St. Petersburg (Sarasota) DMA

Bay News 9 partners with a number of newspapers,¹² including a full partnership with the St. Petersburg Times.¹³ Tampa Bay Business Journal (owned by Advance Publications) and the St. Petersburg Times have at least one employee who hosts a show on Bay News 9,¹⁴ with the St. Petersburg Times promoting the program in their newspaper.¹⁵ Also, at least one newspaper's reporters participate in broadcasts.¹⁶

Bay News 9 has a total of 38 newsroom employees. Of these 38, there are 15 reporters, with 4 based in the studio, 4 in Pinellas County, 2 in Manatee County, and one in Citrus, Polk, Hernando, and Pasco Counties.¹⁷ Both Bay News 9 and Central Florida News 13 use the same reporter at the Tallahassee Bureau.¹⁸

Bay News 9 runs 7 county bureaus. Four are located in the newsroom of a local paper (The Lakeland Ledger, The Citrus County Chronicle, The Bradenton Herald, and the Tampa Bay Business Journal (owned by Advance Publications)).¹⁹ The Tallahassee bureau created in

¹¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bright_House_Networks

¹² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bay_News_9#Local_Partnerships

¹³ <http://sptimes.com/connect/pressroom/pdfs/061011-bn9-pr.pdf>;

http://www.sptimes.com/2006/10/12/Tampabay/Times_Bay_News_9_wi.shtml

¹⁴ <http://tampabay.bizjournals.com/tampabay/stories/2006/02/27/story9.html?page=3>

¹⁵ <http://www.multichannel.com/article/CA6308559.html?display=Special+Report>

¹⁶ <http://www.theledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061108/NEWS/611080358>

¹⁷ News Reporters-Citrus County-Jonathan Petramala, Pinellas County-Josh Rojas, Summer Smith, Anna Tataris, Dalia Dangerfield, Hillsborough County-Chief Chuck Johnson, Steve Russell, Laurie Davison, Jason Lanning, Polk County-Melissa Sogegian, Hernando County-Ferdinand Zogbaum, Manatee County-Jennifer Anderson, Emily Maza, Pasco County-Michelle Kay. See profile pages at <http://www.baynews9.com/OurPeople.html>, for Summer Smith see <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0610/06/cnr.01.html>.

¹⁸ <http://www.cfnews13.com/Templates/Bio.aspx?id=8752>;

<http://www.baynews9.com/content/13/2006/2/2/142227.html>

¹⁹ <http://www.multichannel.com/article/CA6308559.html?display=Special+Report>

February of 2006 (only TV outlet operating a local news bureau in the state capital) is located in the studios of public TV station WFSU and shared with Central Florida News 13.²⁰

Bay News 9 en Espanol (Tampa-St. Petersburg (Sarasota) DMA)

Bay News 9 also broadcasts in Spanish and has 3 newsroom employees; a news producer/sports reporter and two reporters.²¹ In 2003, the channel had a 15-minute news wheel with half the content produced specifically for Bay News 9 en Espanol and the other half repurposed from Bay News 9.²² The channel appears to be available in all the same markets as Bay News 9.

Bay News 9 Travel Weather Now (Tampa-St. Petersburg (Sarasota) DMA)

Bay News 9 Travel Weather Now targets travelers and focuses on travel delays, airport closings, and national weather.²³ The channel partners with the Bradenton Herald, Citrus County Chronicle, Lakeland Ledger, St. Petersburg Times, and WSJT 94.1 FM.²⁴ The channel looks to use the existing weather staff at Bay News 9.²⁵

Central Florida News 13 (Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne DMA)

The channel began as a partnership between the Orlando Sentinel (Tribune owned) and Time Warner, both owning 50 percent. The channel used Orlando Sentinel reporters and editors for some programming and shared stories and news tips.²⁶ Orlando Sentinel sold their stake in 2003 with the cable channel continuing to reside in a building owned by the Sentinel until late 2005.²⁷

Central Florida News 13 partners with the Daytona Beach News Journal for weather and news tips.²⁸ The Orlando Business Journal (owned by Advance Publications) is also a partner for news tips.²⁹ Bay News 9 is also a partner.³⁰

Central Florida News 13 has 26 newsroom employees. Of these 26, 4 are anchors, 1 is an anchor/reporter, 5 are meteorologists, 3 are sports reporters, 1 is the general manager and the other 12 reporters. Of these 13 reporters, 6 work from the studio with 3 in Volusia County, 1 in Brevard County, and a reporter in Tallahassee who also works for Bay News 9. The other

²⁰ <http://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/stories/2006/02/27/daily10.html>

²¹ Profile pages at <http://www.baynews9.com/OurPeople.html>

²² <http://www.wsi.com/corporate/newsroom/accolades/media/accolade8.asp>

²³ <http://www.baynews9.com/TravelWeatherNow.html>

²⁴ <http://www.baynews9.com/Weather.html>

²⁵ http://tampabay.mybriighthouse.com/products_and_pricing/digital_cable/programming/exclusives/default.aspx

²⁶ <http://www.asne.org/index.cfm?ID=2736>

²⁷ <http://www.rogersimmons.com/tv/cfn2006/>

²⁸ <http://www.news-journalonline.com/Scripts/weather/weather.cgi;>

<http://72.14.205.104/search?q=cache:rdRriCpJx2cJ:www.cfnews13.com/weatherman.aspx+central+florida+news+13+ask+the+weatherman&hl=en&gl=us&ct=clnk&cd=1> ; http://64.233.187.104/search?q=cache:h_F1-l3DTzUJ:www.news13weather.com/story.aspx%3Fid%3D50%26sid%3D19396+central+florida+news+13+partner+daytona&hl=en&gl=us&ct=clnk&cd=6

²⁹ <http://72.14.205.104/search?q=cache:wzrsG1z1cNEJ:www.cfn13.com/StoryHeadline.aspx%3Fid%3D20668+central+florida+news+13+partner+orlando+business+journal&hl=en&gl=us&ct=clnk&cd=2>

³⁰ <http://www.cfnews13.com/>

two report on traffic and health and fitness.³¹ Central Florida News 13 runs 3 county bureaus: Volusia (Daytona Beach), Brevard (Melbourne), and Tallahassee.³²

Central Florida News 13 En Espanol (Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne DMA)

Central Florida News 13 En Espanol recently began with the news staff consisting of 4 employees.³³ Of the 4, 2 fill both anchor and reporter roles with the other 2 acting solely as anchors.³⁴

News 13 Weather NOW (Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne DMA)

News 13 Weather NOW appears to just provide “weather all the time...for people on the go”.³⁵ Nonetheless, Bay News 9 Travel Weather makes a similar pronouncement.³⁶ The channel looks to use the existing weather staff of Central Florida News 13.³⁷

Run by Time Warner Cable:

Capital News 9

News 10 Now

R News

News 14 Carolina

Charlotte, Raleigh, Triad

News 8 Austin

NY 1 News

NY 1 Noticias

Capital News 9, News 10 Now, and R News production operations are merged. Capital News 9 studios in Albany, NY serve as the “news production hub”, with News 10 Now producing “select weathercasts”. Nonetheless, the outlets retained their local news crews and facilities.³⁸ However, Capital News 9 and News 10 Now use the same anchors.³⁹ Also, all of News 10 Now’s six meteorologists work for Capital News 9, with three working for all three channels.⁴⁰ The three outlets also share some sports content and the politics program Capital Tonight.⁴¹ Additionally, all three outlets share news content with NY 1.⁴²

³¹ News Reporters- Karen Castillo (Traffic), Stephanie Coueignoux, Scott Fais, Lauren Johnson, Nancy Gray (health/fitness), Ron Lee, Paul Milliken, Carolyn Scofield, Volusia County-Jennifer Roberts, Saul Saenz, Jackie Shutack, Brevard County-David Waters. See profile pages at <http://www.cfnews13.com/About/OurPeople/Default.aspx>; For General Manager: <http://newschannels.org/Members.html>

³² <http://72.14.205.104/search?q=cache:enZ743PaXqJ:www.cfnews13.com/bureau.aspx+central+florida+news+13+bureau&hl=en&gl=us&ct=clnk&cd=1> (Website recently renovated)

³³ <http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/Business/Headlines/bizBIZ04121806.htm>

³⁴ <http://www.cfnews13.com/About/OurPeople/Default.aspx>

³⁵ http://cfl.mybriighthouse.com/products_and_pricing/digital_cable/programming/exclusives/default.aspx

³⁶ http://tampabay.mybriighthouse.com/products_and_pricing/digital_cable/programming/exclusives/default.aspx

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<http://209.85.165.104/search?q=cache:jVnzGHoc68cJ:weatheronthe1s.com/weather.aspx+%22News+13+weather+Now%22+weather&hl=en&gl=us&ct=clnk&cd=9&client=safari>; <http://www.cfnews13.com/About/OurPeople/Default.aspx>

³⁸ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/News_10_Now

³⁹ http://news10now.com/content/About_Us/Julie_Chapman/;

http://news10now.com/content/About_Us/Ryan_Peterson

⁴⁰ http://news10now.com/content/about_us/our_team/;

http://www.capitalnews9.com/content/contact_us/news_9_staff/; http://www.rnews.com/profile_2006b.cfm

⁴¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capital_News_9

⁴² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/News_10_Now

The websites of News 10 Now and Capital News 9 (and News 8 Austin) integrate the movies currently on demand on Time Warner Cable and a variety of links to Time Warner Cable services into a sidebar displayed on all their web pages.⁴³

News 10 Now (Syracuse DMA)

News 10 Now partners with WKRT, Eagle Newspapers, and Central New York Business Journal.⁴⁴ The business headlines for News 10 Now come directly from Central New York Business Journal.⁴⁵ The cable channel serves four areas Central New York, Rome/Mohawk Valley, Tompkins/Cortland, and Watertown/North Country. The channel has 30 newsroom employees with one employee listed twice as both an anchor and reporter. Of these 29, 7 are anchors, 6 are meteorologists, 3 are sports reporters, 1 is the news director and the other 12 are reporters. Of these 12, 5 reporters are in the studios in Syracuse, 2 in Watertown, and one in Cortland, Tompkins County (Ithaca), Mohawk Valley, Oswego, and North Country (Potsdam).^{46,47} The channel has six regional newsrooms.⁴⁸ The Cortland reporter also anchors radio reports on WKRT 920 AM, based in Cortland.⁴⁹ Note that 6 of the anchors and all 6 meteorologists that work from News 10 Now also work for other outlets, as referenced above.

Capital News 9 (Albany-Schenectady-Troy DMA)

Capital News 9 has 37 newsroom employees with three listed twice as anchors and reporters.⁵⁰ Of these 34, 6 are anchors, 2 are sports anchors, 8 are meteorologists, 2 are traffic reporters, and 10 are reporters with one covering health. The last 6 make up manager and producer positions.⁵¹ Reporters are located in the Albany studio, Berkshire County, Saratoga County, Mohawk Valley, and North Country.⁵² Also, note that all 6 of the anchors and 6 of the meteorologists also work for other outlets, as referenced above.

R News (Rochester DMA)

Along with R News, Time Warner owned a cable only WB channel, WRWB-TV in the Rochester Market. This ownership appears to have stopped with the recently formed CW and the station is now owned by Clear Channel.⁵³ However, R News still links to WRWB-TV on their webpage.⁵⁴ The station has a news staff of 25. Of these 25, 4 are anchors, 3 are sports reporters, 4 are meteorologists, 13 are reporters, and the last employee the news director.⁵⁵

⁴³ <http://www.news10now.com>; <http://www.capitalnews9.com>; <http://www.news8austin.com>

⁴⁴ http://news10now.com/content/about_us/our_partners/

⁴⁵ <http://www.news10now.com/content/business/>

⁴⁶ See profile pages at http://www.news10now.com/content/about_us/our_team/; News Director <http://newschannels.org/Members.html>

⁴⁷ North Country bureau in Potsdam, see http://news10now.com/content/About_Us/Nick_Cowdrey/

⁴⁸ http://www.news10now.com/content/contact_us/jobs/

⁴⁹ http://news10now.com/content/About_Us/Ryan_Dean/

⁵⁰ Julie Chapman, JoDee Kenney, and Ryan Peterson. See http://www.capitalnews9.com/content/contact_us/news_9_staff/

⁵¹ General Manager Alan Marlin, News Director Chris Brunner, Assistant News Director Mary Rozak, Traffic Manager Melissa Preston, Executive Producer Gary Holmes, Executive Producer/Special Projects Alicia Jacobs. See http://www.capitalnews9.com/content/contact_us/news_9_managers/

⁵² News Reporters- Studio-Steve Ference, Jaime Kazlo, Jola Szubielski, Sumi Somaskanda, Berkshire County Bureau-Karen Honikel, Saratoga County Bureau-Curtis Schick, Mohawk Valley Bureau-Kathy Young, North Country Bureau-Ken Jubie, Jessica Mokhiber. See profiles at http://www.capitalnews9.com/content/contact_us/news_9_staff/

⁵³ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WRWB-TV>

⁵⁴ <http://www.rnews.com/>

⁵⁵ http://www.rnews.com/profile_2006b.cfm

Three of the meteorologists also work for Capital News 9 and News 10 Now, as referenced above.

News 14 Carolina (Charlotte DMA; Raleigh-Durham (Fayetteville) DMA; Greensboro-High Point-Winston Salem DMA)

News 14 Carolina has two web addresses, with one serving the Charlotte segment and Raleigh and Triad on the other. The two addresses bring up the same format web page with a constant link to the other three geographic sections covered by the cable outlet; slight differences outside of the web address exist. The network of cable channels maintains three newsrooms in Triangle (Raleigh), Triad (Greensboro), and Charlotte.⁵⁶ The two production facilities are in Charlotte and Raleigh with Triad newscasts going to one of the two.⁵⁷ The three outlets have a newsroom staff of 55 with the traffic reporter the same for Triangle and Triad. The three channels use the same anchors, meteorologists, sports reporters, and franchise reporters that total 29 employees.⁵⁸ News 14 Charlotte has seven reporters, with one in Salisbury, five in Charlotte and a traffic reporter. News 14 Triad has five reporters with one doing traffic and News 14 Triangle (based in Raleigh) has eleven with four in Raleigh, three in Fayetteville, one in Durham/Chapel Hill, one in Goldsboro/Wilson, a traffic reporter (same as above), and a senior political reporter.⁵⁹ The senior political reporter appears to write for all three.⁶⁰ The other three employees are the Triad and Charlotte news directors, and the general manager.⁶¹ Also, the Raleigh and Triad channels partner with Social the magazine, apparently only as far as links on each other's websites.⁶²

News 8 Austin (Austin DMA)

News 8 Austin operates two bureaus, each employing one person and each covering two counties (Williamson & Bell and Hays & Caldwell).⁶³ Both of these bureaus operate in the local Time Warner Cable offices.⁶⁴ News 8 Austin has a newsroom staff of 30. Of those 30, 3 are anchors, 4 are weather anchors, 4 are sports anchors, and 18 are reporters (8 feature reporters).⁶⁵ The last employee is the general manager.⁶⁶

NY1 (New York DMA)

NY1 is a 24-hour news channel that offers some public affairs programs but mostly news in half hour blocks. The outlet has a newsroom staff of 35 with 27 reporters, 2 anchor/reporters, 5 anchors and a general manager.⁶⁷ Of these 29 reporters, 3 cover sports

⁵⁶ http://rdu.news14.com/content/contact_us/

⁵⁷ Phone conversation with receptionist at main phone # (336-856-9497)

⁵⁸ http://www.news14charlotte.com/content/about_us/news_14_staff/;

http://rdu.news14.com/content/contact_us/news_14_staff/

⁵⁹ http://rdu.news14.com/content/contact_us/news_14_staff/

⁶⁰ <http://www.news14charlotte.com/content/politics/?ArlD=130322&SecID=244;>

<http://rdu.news14.com/content/politics/?ArlD=94883&SecID=480>

⁶¹ <http://newschannels.org/Members.html>

⁶² <http://rdu.news14.com>; <http://www.socialthemagazine.com/>

⁶³ <http://www.austinchronicle.com/gyrobase/Issue/story?oid=oid%3A227255>

⁶⁴ [http://www.news8austin.com/content/contact_us/contact_news_8/;](http://www.news8austin.com/content/contact_us/contact_news_8/)

<http://www.timewarnercable.com/austin/customer/contactus/default.html>

⁶⁵ http://www.news8austin.com/content/contact_us/news_8_staff/

⁶⁶ <http://newschannels.org/Members.html>

⁶⁷ http://www.ny1.com/ny1/AboutNY1/staff_profiles.jsp; <http://newschannels.org/Members.html>

and one covers weather. Another 11 cover topics outside standard news.⁶⁸ The remaining 14 are general assignment, cover a geographic area, or cover politics.⁶⁹

NY1 Noticias (New York DMA)

While utilizing the staff of NY1, the channel also employs specific reporters covering the New York Latino community for NY1 Noticias.⁷⁰ NY1 reporters prepare both Spanish and English versions when the content is relevant to the Spanish language channel.⁷¹ NY1 Noticias has 7 employees with 3 anchors, 3 reporters, and an executive editor.⁷² The channel also has at least one politics program shown solely on NY1 Noticias.⁷³ NY1 Noticias has its own control room.⁷⁴ The channel appears to only be available to digital cable customers.⁷⁵

Run by Comcast:

New England Cable News (NECN) (50%), (Hearst 50%)
CN8

New England Cable News (NECN) (Boston (Manchester) DMA; Springfield-Holyoke DMA; Burlington-Plattsburgh DMA; Portland-Auburn DMA; Bangor DMA)

The channel receives national news updates from ABC News; some news video comes from WMUR (Hearst owned) and also uses resources and maintains a bureau in the building of WMTW (Hearst owned) in Portland, ME. In the past, the channel has produced newscasts for WFXT and WSBK-TV. NECN simulcasts from 8-10 pm on Boston radio station WBIX 1060 AM.⁷⁶ The NECN website is operated by the Boston Globe and NECN and imbedded as a section within the Globe's website. The channel produces news programs throughout the evening. NewsNight is billed "an in-depth news analysis program" and the Chet Curtis Report "a review of the day's tops stories".⁷⁷ NewsNight host Jim Braude also has a radio show on Boston radio station WTKK 96.9 FM.⁷⁸ Available in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont, with access to 3.5 million homes in more than 1,021 communities. NECN operates bureaus in Manchester, NH; Hartford, CT; Worcester, MA;

⁶⁸ Society Reporter-George Whipple, Arts Reporter-Stephanie Simon, Home Reporter-Jill Scott, Health & Fitness Reporter-Kafi Drexel, Transit Reporter-Bobby Cuza, Technology Reporter-Adam Balkin, Police Reporter-Solana Pyne, NY1 For You Reporter-Susan Jhun, Travel Consultant-Valarie D'Elia, Movie Critic-Neil Rosen, "The Call" Host-John Schiumo. See the profiles at <http://www.ny1.com/ny1/content/index.jsp?stid=37&aid=4169>

⁶⁹ News Reporters- Queens Reporter-Ruschell Boone, Inside City Hall Host/Senior Political Reporter-Dominic Carter, General Assignment Reporter-Roger Clark, Political Reporter-Sandra Endo, Staten Island Reporter-Amanda Farinacci, Reporter-Shazia Khan, Bronx Reporter-Dean Meminger, Political Reporter-Rita Nissan, Brooklyn Reporter-Jeanine Ramirez, Anchor/Reporter-Gary Anthony Ramsay, Political Reporter-Josh Robi, Political Reporter-Michael Scotto, Weekend Anchor/Reporter-Kristen Shaughnessy, Manhattan Reporter-Rebecca Spitz. See staff profiles at <http://www.ny1.com/ny1/content/index.jsp?stid=37&aid=4169>

⁷⁰ Conversation with receptionist at 212-379-3311

⁷¹ http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0DIZ/is_2005_April_4/ai_n13653912; Also see <http://www.wsi.com/corporate/newsroom/accolades/media/accolade8.asp>

⁷² <http://www.ny1noticias.com/>; http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0DIZ/is_2005_April_4/ai_n13653912

⁷³

<http://tvlistings5.zap2it.com/tvlistings/ProgramDetailAction.do?method=getProgramDetails&programId=5H7794240000&lineupId=NY31519:X&stnNum=33844&channel=95>

⁷⁴ http://www.avid.com/resources/articles/050105_NY1.pdf

⁷⁵ <http://www.timewarnercable.com/InvestorRelations/PressReleases/TWCPressReleaseDetail.ashx?PRID=1&MarketID=0>

⁷⁶ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NECN>

⁷⁷ http://www.boston.com/news/necn/About/station_NEW/

⁷⁸ <http://www.boston.com/news/necn/About/bios/braude/>;

<http://www.969fmtalk.com/Personalities/EaganandBraude/tabid/62/Default.aspx>

Portland, ME; and Burlington, VT.⁷⁹ The Hartford Bureau operates out of the Hartford Courant (Tribune owned).⁸⁰

NECN has 36 newsroom employees with 10 acting as anchors, 3 covering sports, 3 covering weather, 3 talk show hosts, 16 reporters, and a station manager.⁸¹ Four reporters jobs are to cover digital media/website, traffic, health/science, and business.⁸² Also, one reporter is based out of Worcester, MA.⁸³ However, I found nothing to suggest she also worked with WCTR-TV 3.

WCTR-TV 3 (Cable Channel Only) Worcester, MA (Boston DMA) Charter Communications

NECN assists in the production of the evening newscast and 10pm update. The reporters work for both NECN and WCTR-TV.⁸⁴ The NECN anchorman and weatherman are used for the local broadcast with reporters segments sent to NECN studios. The producer of the newscast works in NECN studios in Newton, MA and discusses assignments daily with the news crew in Worcester.⁸⁵ However, the network also produces Mayor's Forum and Worcester Latino.⁸⁶ Worcester Latino is produced in Charter Communications local building.⁸⁷ The channel also simulcasts a WTAG radio show.⁸⁸

CN8- The Comcast Network (See DMA's Below)

Some areas overlap with both NECN and CN8.⁸⁹ Aired from Maine to Virginia, goes to 9 million homes, 12 states and 20 television markets. Studios in Baltimore, Boston, Delaware, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC with their headquarters in Moorestown, N.J. CN8's mission is "to cover events that are national in scope but regional and local in impact, with information and experts who explain how the communities CN8 serves are impacted."⁹⁰ A Comcast representative has stated the goal of CN8 is "to become Comcast's national network".⁹¹ The programming appears to be the same in all regions (Comcast claims slight differences between programming in Philadelphia and other areas).⁹² Nonetheless, in a July AP article a Comcast spokeswoman said, "Now our lineup is consistent wherever we air".⁹³ Also, CN8 airs the Newsmakers program (which interview local leaders and airs on CNN Headline

⁷⁹ http://www.boston.com/news/necn/About/station_NEW/

⁸⁰ <http://www.boston.com/news/necn/About/bios/Burnell/>

⁸¹ <http://www.boston.com/news/necn/About/teambios/>; <http://newschannels.org/Members.html>

⁸² Reporters- Studio-Ally Donnelly, Latoyia Edwards, Mont Fennel (Business), Anya Huneke (Health/Science), Alison King, Brad Puffer, Prat Thakkar, Greg Wayland, Scot Yount, Traffic-Scott Montminy, Digital media(website)-Steve Safran, Connecticut Bureau-Brian Burnell, New Hampshire Bureau- Chief Greg Navarro, Maine Bureau-Elissa Burnell, Barbara Macleod, Vermont Bureau-Josh McElveen, (See profiles at <http://www.boston.com/news/necn/About/teambios/>)

⁸³ <http://www.boston.com/news/necn/About/bios/edwardslatoyiaedwards/>

⁸⁴ <http://www.boston.com/news/necn/Shows/worcester/>; <http://www.worcestermag.com/archives/2006/04-27-06/cover.html>

⁸⁵ <http://www.worcestermag.com/archives/2004/12-09-04/current/cover.shtml>

⁸⁶ <http://tvlistings5.zap2it.com/tvlistings/GridAction.do?method=getSingleStation&stnNum=12617&lineupId=MA55456:-&zipcode=01602&channel=3>

⁸⁷ <http://www.telegram.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061119/NEWS/611190522/1116>

⁸⁸ <http://www.worcestermag.com/archives/2004/12-09-04/current/cover.shtml>

⁸⁹ See Comcast channel lineup for 06103 and 01062; <http://www.comcast.com/customers/clu/channelLineup.aspx>

⁹⁰ <http://www.cn8.tv/channel/article.asp?ChannelID=603&ArticleID=4306&subhead=netwrk>

⁹¹ <http://www.philly.com/mld/philly/entertainment/14934200.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>

⁹² <http://www.cn8.tv/channel/channelhome.asp?ChannelID=606>

⁹³ Yao, Deborah. 1 July 2006. "Comcast to unveil revamped cable news channel in September." Associated Press.

News). "CN8 has established more than 35 remote production facilities throughout its footprint to make sure that everyone in the CN8 viewing area has equal access to a nearby studio to appear on "Comcast Newsmakers." Many of these facilities are located at area universities, providing students with opportunities to gain practical work experience."⁹⁴ The network provides a variety of programs, a couple of which discuss news.⁹⁵ The channel dropped its half hour midday newscast and hour-long evening newscast in August 2006. CN8 no longer has a news team after eliminating 40 jobs, including the news director. The channel is said to be moving away from local news and focusing on the region.⁹⁶ The CN8 web page still pulls up but the five stories on the website are from the AP and appear to be updated once a week.⁹⁷ One anchor from the cancelled news program now hosts a show that is "an hour-long newsmagazine" called "Art Fennell Reports".⁹⁸ The show appears to utilize two reporters, one focusing on consumer issues and the other on "top stories and headlines". However, the show proclaims Art Fennell "tosses out the cold, impartial approach of traditional journalism and replaces it with passion and opinion."⁹⁹ Furthermore, since the shows inception in early September 2006, the Center for Media and Democracy has documented the airing of five video news releases.¹⁰⁰ "Your Morning" appears to be a typical morning show, discussing occasional news topics and "One on One" interviews a wide range of people some of which come from politics.¹⁰¹ Another program run on the channel is "On Comcast" described as "a fast paced look into today's entertainment and how to get the best entertainment value from Comcast."¹⁰²

CN8 TV Markets¹⁰³

Albany, Baltimore, Boston, Burlington, Charlottesville, Hartford-New Haven, Harrisburg, Harrisonburg, Johnston-Altoona, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Richmond, Roanoke-Lynchburg, Salisbury, Springfield, Washington, D.C., and Wilkes Barre-Scranton.

According to the AP article referenced above, CN8 will be in a 13th state by the end of this year. We believe that state is North Carolina but could find no Comcast cable system within the state. It could be an agreement such as in New York where CN8 is on Cablevision systems.¹⁰⁴

These 13 States are: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia and the District of Columbia.¹⁰⁵

⁹⁴ <http://www.cn8.tv/channel/article.asp?lArticleID=4325&lChannelID=602&subhead=abtshow>

⁹⁵ <http://www.cn8.tv/channel/article.asp?lChannelID=606&lArticleID=4783&subhead=abtfav>

⁹⁶ <http://www.philly.com/mld/philly/entertainment/14934200.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>

⁹⁷ <http://www.cn8.tv/channel/channelhome.asp?lChannelID=608>

⁹⁸ <http://www.philly.com/mld/philly/entertainment/14934200.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>

⁹⁹ <http://www.cn8.tv/channel/article.asp?lArticleID=5388&lChannelID=1022>

¹⁰⁰ [http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=CN8%2C_\(TV_Station\)](http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=CN8%2C_(TV_Station))

¹⁰¹ <http://www.cn8.tv/channel/article.asp?lArticleID=4575&lChannelID=656&subhead=abtshow>

¹⁰² <http://www.cn8.tv/channel/article.asp?lChannelID=653&lArticleID=4480&subhead=addprgm>

¹⁰³ <http://www.cn8.tv/channel/article.asp?lChannelID=603&lArticleID=4306&subhead=netwrk>

¹⁰⁴ Id.

¹⁰⁵ We did not see a market out of the 20 in West Virginia. The following are the WV towns with Comcast systems: Martinsburg, WV(in DMA 8-D.C.), Bluefield, WV, Morgantown, WV, Fairmont, WV, Keyser, WV, Moundsville, WV, Marshall County (Benwood), WV, (none of these currently carry CN8)

[http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/United_States_of_America/West_Virginia/;](http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/United_States_of_America/West_Virginia/)

Run by Cablevision:

News 12

Connecticut, Long Island, New Jersey, Brooklyn, and Westchester

News 12

The News 12 networks have independent newsrooms, their own editorial staff, studio space, and on-air personalities.¹⁰⁶ The website splits into 7 areas.¹⁰⁷ The Bronx and Brooklyn areas appear to share a newsroom, as well as Hudson Valley and Westchester.¹⁰⁸ To view news articles, the website requires you to be a subscriber to Cablevision, Comcast, Time Warner, or Service Electric.¹⁰⁹

News 12 New Jersey (New York DMA; Philadelphia DMA)

News 12 New Jersey has bureaus in Madison, Oakland, Newark, Trenton, and Wall Township. The New Jersey newsroom staffs 36 employees with 4 anchors, 3 anchors/reporters, 3 meteorologists, 3 sports reporters, a political analyst, a news director, and 21 reporters. One of these reporters covers traffic and another health. Many of the employees also host a show.

Other News 12 Outlets (All in New York DMA)

News 12 Long Island has 16 newsroom employees with 8 anchors, 3 sports reporters, 3 meteorologists, 1 correspondent/anchor, and a president of news. News 12 Bronx and News 12 Brooklyn have 21 newsroom employees with 3 sports reporters, an anchor, an anchor/reporter, a news director, and 15 reporters including a crime reporter. News 12 Connecticut has 15 newsroom employees with 3 anchors, 3 meteorologists, 1 sports reporter, 4 anchors/reporters, and 4 reporters. One reporter/anchor covers health. News 12 Westchester and News 12 Hudson Valley have 22 newsroom employees with 4 anchors, 3 meteorologists, 2 sports reporters, 3 anchors/reporters and 10 reporters. News 12 Traffic and Weather is another channel shown on cable in the area and appears to use the meteorologists and traffic reporters from the news outlets.¹¹⁰

Small Owners:

TV33 Cleveland Headline News (Cleveland County, NC) (Charlotte DMA)

Produces three six-minute newscasts each weekday that run twice an hour on CNN Headline News, cover local government meetings, crime, and the business community. On weekends, they add in other cultural and sports information.¹¹¹ TV33 also airs a 15-minute newscast Monday thru Friday on a leased access channel that airs four times from 7-9 p.m. with advertisements and PSA's for the other fifteen minutes. The programming is only seen on Time Warner Cable. The programming is owned by Media AdVentures Inc, a locally owned, private corporation. The owners of Media AdVentures Inc are Gregg and Jeannie Tillman who

http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/United_States_of_America/Virginia/

¹⁰⁶ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/News_12

¹⁰⁷ <http://www.news12.com/Home>

¹⁰⁸ <http://www.news12.com/Login/about>; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/News_12, also see <http://www.news12.com/Home>

¹⁰⁹ http://www.news12.com/Login/authenticate_main?referer=http://www.news12.com%2FNFJ

¹¹⁰ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/News_12

¹¹¹ <http://www.cable33.com/About%20Us.htm>

also preside over the programming.¹¹² The channel has 8 newsroom employees: a news director, an anchor, a business reporter, an entertainment reporter, a faith/religion reporter, a sports reporter, a general manager, and a president.¹¹³

ITV (International Television Broadcasting) (New York DMA)

Owned by ITV, Inc., ITV claims to have community news targeted for the New York market and more than 60 hours/month of local programming. The channel also claims to place special emphasis on community news and local current affairs programs, among others. Carried on Time Warner cable in Brooklyn and Queens and appears to only be carried on Time Warner.¹¹⁴ ITV also has a community news contact and a Caribbean community news director.¹¹⁵

NGTV (National Greek Television) (New York DMA)

NGTV also owns a magazine, "Eseis". The channel is only available in the New York market, has an Electronic News Gathering Van, and offers live coverage of various events. NGTV appears to do some sort of local news.¹¹⁶ NGTV is a premium channel on Manhattan Time Warner Cable.¹¹⁷

Washington Korean TV (WKTV) (Washington D.C. DMA; Baltimore DMA; Chicago DMA)

WKTV provides a 25-minute local newscast that covers international news as well as local news in the Washington DC metropolitan and Chicago regions.¹¹⁸ The network is available to the Baltimore, Washington DC, and Chicago areas.¹¹⁹ Based out of Fairfax, VA.¹²⁰

TroyVision (Troy University Television) (Montgomery-Selma DMA; Dothan DMA; Columbus DMA)

The channel is a student run television station that airs a noon and a 5pm news program. Neither news program operates during the summer months or during at least the December break.¹²¹ The extent of the news operation is not known but the content is obviously heavily focused towards students and university life.¹²²

¹¹² <http://www.clevelandchamber.org/pdf/2005/01-January%202005.pdf> (page 5);

<http://www.cable33.com/About%20Us.htm>

¹¹³ <http://www.cable33.com/News%20Team.htm>; see pdf above.

¹¹⁴ <http://www.itvgold.com/profile/profile.htm>

¹¹⁵ <http://www.itvgold.com/contact/contact.htm>

¹¹⁶ See "about us" and "mobile unit" tabs at <http://www.ngtvonline.com/NGTVFrameset.htm>

¹¹⁷ zip code 10021 channel lineup channel 509, <http://www.timewarnercable.com/Localization/Corporate.ashx>

¹¹⁸ <http://www.wktvusa.com/images/schedule.pdf>; <http://www.wktvusa.com/jobopportunities.html>

¹¹⁹ <http://www.wktvusa.com/about.html>, <http://www.wktvusa.com/cablepartners.html>

¹²⁰ <http://www.wktvusa.com/contact.html>

¹²¹ <http://wtsu.troy.edu/television/student-news.html>; <http://wtsu.troy.edu/television/index.html>

¹²² <http://wtsu.troy.edu/television/videos.html>

Appendix B - Additional Data

Figure B1:

Regional Sports Networks

Altitude Sports & Entertainment
Bravesvision (Atlanta)
Buckeye Cable Systems
Comcast Local (Detroit)
Comcast SportsNet (Philadelphia)
Comcast SportsNet Chicago
Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic
Comcast SportsNet New York
Comcast SportsNet West
Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS)
Cox Sports Television
Falconvision (Atlanta)
Fox College Sports Atlantic
Fox College Sports Central
Fox College Sports Pacific
Fox SportsNet Arizona
Fox SportsNet Bay Area
Fox SportsNet Chicago
Fox SportsNet Detroit
Fox SportsNet Florida
Fox SportsNet Midwest
Fox SportsNet New England
Fox SportsNet New York
Fox SportsNet North
Fox SportsNet Northwest
Fox SportsNet Ohio
Fox SportsNet Pittsburgh
Fox SportsNet Rocky Mountain
Fox SportsNet South
Fox SportsNet Southwest
Fox SportsNet West
Fox SportsNet West 2
Madison Square Garden Network (MSG)
MetroSports - Kansas City, MO
New England SportsNet work (NESN)
Sun Sports
Turner South (STC)
Yankee Entertainment Sports Network (YES)

Figure B2:

Regional Networks that Are Owned by Traditional Local News Outlets		
Channel	Market	Comments
10 News 2	Knoxville	Affiliated with WBIR-TV; both owned by Gannett
24/7 NewsChannel	Boise	Affiliated with KTVB; both owned by Belo; channel available OTA as LP station and as digital subchannel
All News Channel	Portland-Auburn	Affiliated with WMTW; Both owned by Hearst (cable channel a partnership with TWC); not listed in 2006 MVPD report
Arizona News Channel	Phoenix (Prescott)	Affiliated with KTVK/KASW; all owned by Belo
ChicagoLand Television News (CLTV)	Chicago	Affiliated with Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV; all three owned by Tribune
Denver Channel 207	Denver	Affiliated with KMGH; both owned by McGraw-Hill
Kansas 22 Now	Multiple	Affiliated with KAKE-TV/WIBW; all owned by Gray Television
Las Vegas One News	Las Vegas	Affiliated with KLAS; both owned by Landmark Communications
Local News on Cable (LNC) - Hampton	Norfolk-Portsmouth-Newport News	Affiliated with WVEC-TV/The Virginian-Pilot; all owned by Landmark Communications
Mas Arizona!	Phoenix (Prescott)	Affiliated with KTVK/KASW; all owned by Belo; not listed in 2006 MVPD report
News Channel 3 Anytime	Memphis	Affiliated with WREG-TV; both owned by the New York Times Company; partnership with TWC
News Channel 5+	Nashville	Affiliated with WTVF; both owned by Landmark Communications
News Channel 8	Washington DC-Hagerstown	Affiliated with WJLA; both owned by Allbritton Communications Company
News Now 53 (Tulsa)	Tulsa	Affiliated with KOTV; both owned by Griffin Communications
News Now53 (Oklahoma City)	Oklahoma City	Affiliated with KWTW; both owned by Griffin Communications
News on One	Omaha	Affiliated with WOWT-TV; both owned by Gray Television
News Watch 15 (NewOrleans)	New Orleans	Affiliated with WWL-TV; both owned by Belo
North West Cable News (NWCN)	Seattle-Tacoma	Affiliated with KING/KGW/KTVB/KREM; all owned by Belo
Ohio News Network (ONN)	Multiple	Affiliated with WBNS-TV/Columbus Dispatch; all owned by The Dispatch Printing Company
Pittsburgh Cable News Channel (PCNC)	Pittsburgh	Affiliated with WPXI; both owned by Cox
Regional News Network (RNN)	New York	Actually is WRNN-TV, a digital-only OTA channel in Hudson Valley
Rhode Island News Channel	Providence-New Bedford	Affiliated with WLNE/Providence Journal; WLNE and RNN both owned by Freedom Communications
San Diego's News Channel 15	San Diego	Affiliated with KGTW; both owned by McGraw-Hill
Six News Lawrence	Kansas City	Affiliated with Lawrence Journal-World; both owned by the World Company
Six News Now	Tampa-St. Petersburg (Sarasota)	Affiliated with Sarasota Herald-Tribune; both owned by The New York Times Company
Texas Cable News	Dallas-Ft. Worth	Affiliated with WFAA/KHOU/KENS/KVUE/ Dallas Morning News; all owned by Belo

Figure B3:

Regional Networks that Are Independent Sources of Local News		
Channel	Market	Comments
Bay News 9	Tampa-St. Petersburg	Owned by Advance/Newhouse; partners with St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune
Bay News 9 Weather	Tampa-St. Petersburg	Not listed in 2006 MVPD report; owned by Advance/Newhouse; partners with St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune
Bay News en Espanol	Tampa-St. Petersburg	Not listed in 2006 MVPD report; owned by Advance/Newhouse; partners with St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune
Capital News 9 - Albany, New York	Albany-Schneectady	Owned by TimeWarner; operations merged with News 10 Now and R-News; airs some NY1 content
Central Florida News 13 (CFN13)	Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melborne	Owned by Advance/Newhouse; partners with the Daytona Beach News Journal and the Orlando Business Journal (also owned by Advance Publications)
Central Florida News 13 En Espanol	Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melborne	Owned by Advance/Newhouse; partners with the Daytona Beach News Journal and the Orlando Business Journal (also owned by Advance Publications)
Central Florida News 13 Weather	Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melborne	Owned by Advance/Newhouse; partners with the Daytona Beach News Journal and the Orlando Business Journal (also owned by Advance Publications)
CN8 - The Comcast Network	Multiple markets in the Northeast	Owned by Comcast; produces very little actual news; programming is not local, but "regional" (from Maine to Virginia)
International Television Broadcasting (ITV)	New York	Carried by TimeWarner Cable in Brooklyn and Queens
New England Cable News (NECN)	Multiple markets in the Northeast	Owned by Comcast; operating arrangements with numerous traditional outlets (WMUR, WMTW, WBIX-AM, Boston Globe, Hartford Courant, WCTR-TV3)
New York 1 News (NY1 News)	New York	Owned by TimeWarner; shares resources with NY1 Noticias
News 10 Now - Syracuse, N.Y.	Syracuse	Owned by TimeWarner; operations merged with Capital News 9 and R-News; airs some NY1 content; partners with WKRT, Eagle Newspapers, and Central New York Business Journal
News 12 Bronx	New York	Owned by Cablevision; part of News 12 operation
News 12 Brooklyn	New York	Owned by Cablevision; part of News 12 operation
News 12 Connecticut	New York	Owned by Cablevision; part of News 12 operation
News 12 HudsonValley	New York	Owned by Cablevision; part of News 12 operation
News 12 LongIsland	New York	Owned by Cablevision; part of News 12 operation
News 12 NewJersey	New York, Philadelphia	Owned by Cablevision; part of News 12 operation
News 12 Westchester	New York	Owned by Cablevision; part of News 12 operation
News 12 Traffic & Weather	New York	Owned by Cablevision; part of News 12 operation
News 14 Carolina (Charlotte)	Charlotte	Owned by TimeWarner; shares operations with Raleigh and Triad stations
News 14 Carolina (Raleigh)	Raleigh-Durham	Owned by TimeWarner; shares operations with Charlotte and Triad stations
News 14 Carolina (Greensboro)	Greensboro-High Point-West Salem	Not listed in 2006 MVPD report; owned by TimeWarner; shares operations with Charlotte and Raleigh stations
News 8 Austin	Austin	Owned by TimeWarner
NGTV (National Greek Television)	New York	Carried by TimeWarner Cable in Manhattan
NY1 Noticias	New York	Owned by TimeWarner; same operation as NY1
Rnews - Rochester, NY	Rochester, NY	Owned by TimeWarner; operations merged with Capital News 9 and News 10 Now; airs some NY1 content
TV 33	Charlotte	Carried by TimeWarner Cable in Cleveland County NC; not a full channel, in that some segments air on Headline News, while others on leased access
Washington Korean TV (WKTV)	Washington DC - Hagerstown, Baltimore, Chicago	produces a 25 minute local news program, with DC and Chicago content
Troy University Television	Columbus GA, Montgomery-Selma, Dothan	produces a news program during semester
WCTR - TV3	Boston	Not listed in 2006 MVPD report; owned by Charter, but partnered with NECN (Comcast)

Figure B4:

Regional Networks with No Local Reporting

Arabic Channel
Boston Kids and Family
Comcast Network (Chicago)
Comcast Entertainment TV (Denver)
Ecumenical Television Channel
Nippon Golden Network
Soundtrack Channel (STC)

Figure B5:

PEG Channels

Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN)
California Channel
County Television Network San Diego
Gwinnett News & Entertainment Television
City of Tampa TV
Hillsborough County TV
Pinellas 18 Television
Hernando County Government Broadcasting
Channel 3 Roanoke Valley Television
WCOX
WTOB
City-TV 20 Government Access
Martinsville Government Television 22
Appalachian Regional Community Television
Columbus Consolidated Government Television
Gulf Coast Community College (GCCC-TV)
Michigan Government Television