

Week of Feb. 2 Evening News Ratings: World News Tonight Leads

The first week of February saw ABC World News Tonight with **David Muir** remain the most-watched evening newscast in total viewers and the Adults 25-54 demo. However, it was the only broadcast to lose viewers when compared to the previous week in both measured categories.

NBC Nightly News with **Tom Llamas** finished the week of February 2 as the only broadcast to see across-the-board viewership gains. It also significantly narrowed the demo viewership gap between it and WNT, with 50,000 demo viewers separating the two newscasts.

Note: The weekly averages of ABC World News and CBS Evening News are based on four days (Monday – Thursday). Friday's (02/06/26) ABC News broadcast was retitled to WNT-ABC, while Friday's CBS News' broadcast was retitled to CBS Evening Nws. These broadcasts were excluded from the weekly and season averages.

According to national live+same-day big data plus program ratings from Nielsen, ABC World News Tonight averaged 8.987 million total viewers and 1.15 million Adults 25-54 demo viewers for the week of February 2. The evening newscast regressed by -3% in total viewers and the A25-54 demo compared to the previous week. Looking at its performance for the same week in 2025* (the week beginning February 3), WNT was up +10% in total viewers but saw a -2% fall in the demo.

NBC Nightly News finished second in total viewers and the

demo, averaging 7.233 million and 1.1 million viewers, respectively. A 50,000 demo-viewer difference separated it from WNT, with NBC News' broadcast receiving a boost courtesy of Llamas' exclusive sit-down with President **Donald Trump** on Wednesday, February 4, with Nightly News finishing in first place in the advertiser-coveted demo. Compared to the previous week, Nightly News was up +1% in total viewers and +6% in the demo—the only broadcast with across-the-board gains. When comparing its performance to the same week a year ago, Nightly News grew by +8% in total viewers and +10% in the demo.

CBS Evening News with **Tony Dokoupil** had 4.576 million total viewers and 579,000 viewers in the demo for the week of February 2. CBS News' newscast was up by +1% in total viewers but fell by -7% in the demo compared to the previous week. Its year-ago week numbers showed the newscast growing by +1% in total viewers but dropping by -13% in the demo.

**Please note that year-over-year comparisons are based on Nielsen Big Data+Panel (2025) vs. Panel (2025) measurements.*

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	ABC	NBC	CBS
• Total Viewers:	8,987,000	7,233,000	4,576,000
• A25-54:	1,150,000	1,100,000	579,000

Source: Nielsen, NTI Total Viewers, Adults 25-54, and Adults 18-49 National Live + Same Day Big Data Plus Panel Program Ratings. Current Week (w/o 2/2/26), Previous Week (w/o 1/26/26), and Year-Ago Week (w/o 2/3/25). Season to date: Most Current Data Stream: 2025-2026 Season (9/22/25 – 2/8/26) and 2024-2025 Season (9/23/24 – 2/9/25).

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