At digital switchover (DSO), TV viewers who receive a TV signal through their aerial (also known as digital terrestrial TV or DTT), will receive more than the analogue four or five channels.

Virtually everyone will be able to get around 17 TV channels, including the public service broadcasting channels (PSB) from the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and five. Most viewers will be able to choose from around 40 TV channels, depending on where you live.

Viewers who wish to receive more services can choose from a range of other digital television options, including subscription-free Freesat from Sky or freesat; or pay services on cable, satellite or IPTV.

This map shows the predicted DTT coverage for the PSB multiplexes and the commercial multiplexes in the Granada TV region – and the surrounding areas – after DSO.

In the Central TV region, some 99 percent of households will receive around 17 TV channels from the PSB multiplexes. Around 97 percent of households who receive their signals directly from the Winter Hill, Lancaster, Pendle Forest, Saddleworth or Storeton transmitters will receive around 40 TV channels from both the PSB and commercial multiplexes.

General information explaining how many TV channels consumers can expect to receive after DSO in each TV region can be found in Ofcom’s Digital Switchover factsheet issue 1.

Detailed independent advice on DSO and which channels are likely to be available at individual addresses is provided by Digital UK and can be found on their website at www.digitaluk.co.uk or by calling the Digital UK Helpline on 08456 50 50 50.

Key

Coverage from PSB and commercial multiplexes (around 40 TV channels)

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Areas with a less reliable service, no coverage or where coverage has not been calculated because area is unpopulated.

DSO Main transmitter carrying PSB and commercial multiplexes

Main transmitter carrying PSB and commercial multiplexes

DSO Main transmitter carrying PSB multiplexes

Relay transmitter carrying PSB multiplexes

DSO Main transmitter carrying PSB and commercial multiplexes outside of TV region

Main transmitter carrying PSB and commercial multiplexes outside of TV region

Relay transmitter carrying PSB multiplexes outside of TV region


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