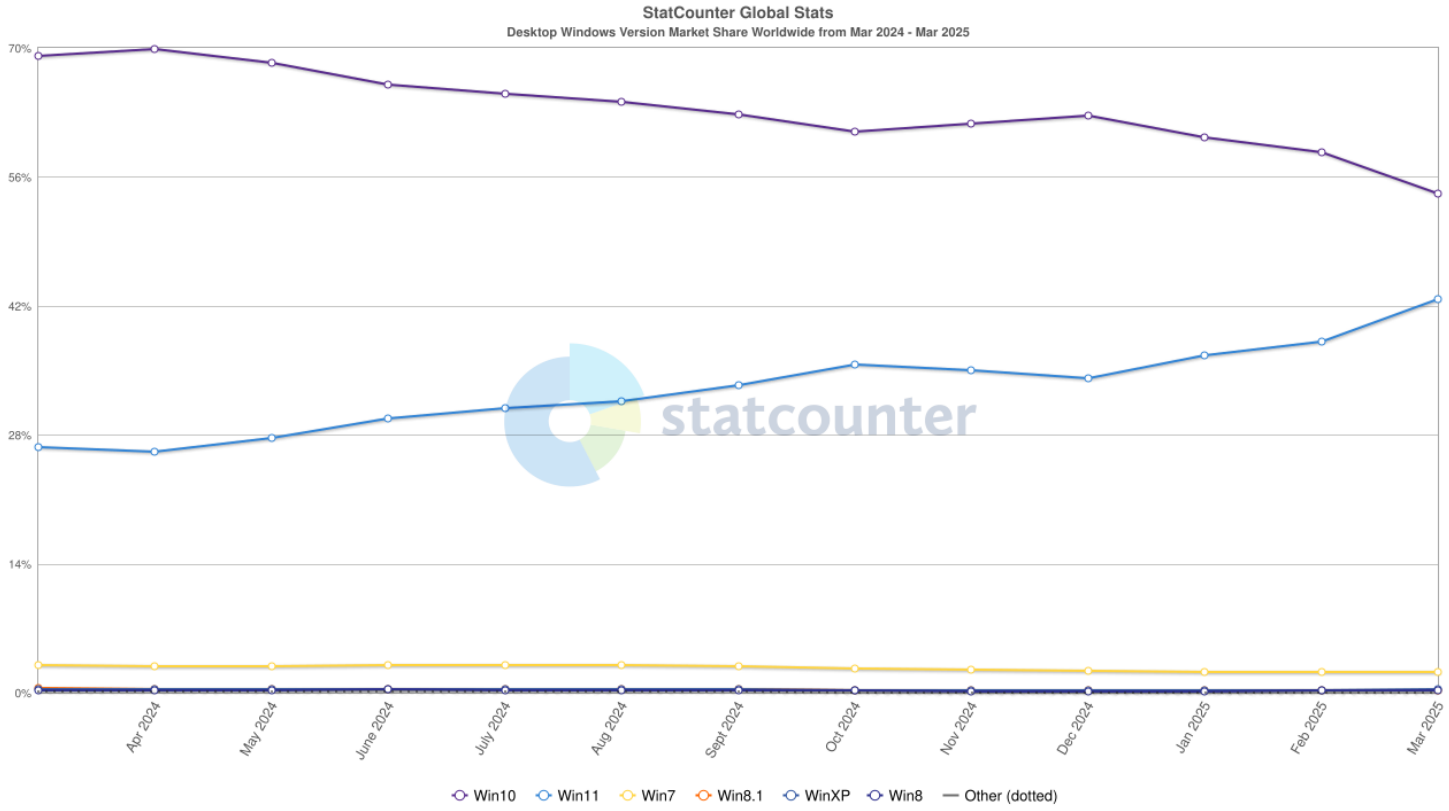
Today’s Topics

- End of Microsoft support for Windows 10.
- Connect 3.0 coming soon.

Windows 10 and Windows 11

After October 15, 2025, Microsoft will no longer support Windows 10 or earlier versions of Office

Nonetheless, as of March 2025, there continue to be more users of Windows 10 than Windows 11



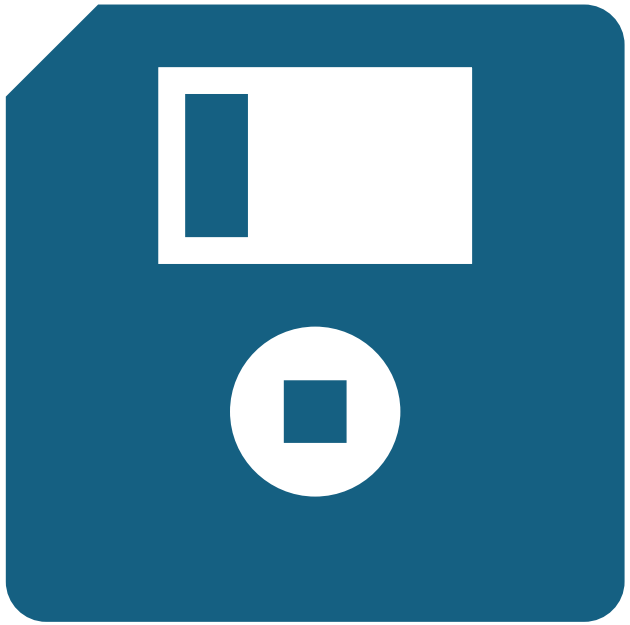
Source: https://gs.statcounter.com/windows-version-market-share/desktop/worldwide

Windows 10 Risk

- Without Microsoft support you are open to attack from “bad actors”.
- It is a concern for your security and privacy.

Make a Plan

- Now is the time to start preparing and planning.
- Explore possible replacement computers. Or tablets?
- Get your files, docs, photos, etc. arranged to move from old to new machine.
- Decide if you are going to need assistance to do this and setup the new machine.
- Act before October 15.



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I saved it. Where is it?

What is your system for saving files?

- Is it this?



All My Files are Here

Drawer 1: Pictures

Drawer 2: Videos

Drawer 3: Music

Drawer 4: Documents



Where are Files Stored?

- Data storage drive built into your computer
- External storage drives
- “Flash” or “thumb” external drives
- “The cloud” (**OneDrive** for Windows users)
  - It’s just storage space assigned to you on the vendor’s systems
  - Microsoft first introduced OneDrive with Windows 7 in 2009. It’s been lurking there ever since, but it’s unavoidable with Windows 11.
- Each one (except the first) can be used to store and move files

Cloud Storage > OneDrive



OneDrive is Microsoft’s cloud storage service.
Business and Government find cloud storage to be essential and secure.
OneDrive works seamlessly with Microsoft 365 to give a person the same benefits.
Easiest way to move files to new computer.

Can you deal with your files?

- Can you copy your files onto one of these portable storage devices?
  - Yes
  - No – I am going to need help.
- Can you setup OneDrive?
- But we are getting ahead of ourselves. You should select a new Windows 11 computer first.

Choosing a new Computer

- Ergonomics
  - What size screen best suits my vision?
  - Is weight and portability a factor?
  - Is a touch screen desirable?
  - Is a keyboard essential? Will a tablet be OK?
- Cost
  - Lower price machines OK with enough memory & storage.
  - Consumer Reports generally finds higher cost = higher rating.
- Begin browsing for deals.
  - Weekly sales on some models.

Tech Specs

- Desirable Minimum Specs
  - 16 GB RAM memory
  - 256 GB, 512 GB, or 1 TB SSD storage

Where can I get Help?

- Many local stores and services offer this.
- Erickson IT offers this.
  - Upfront cost estimate
    - Depends on how messy your machine is.

One Way to Do This

- Go to Amazon.com > Laptop Computer
- Search by price category
  - Less than $450
  - $450 to $600, etc
- Prices and models change weekly, so browse several weeks.
- Order from Amazon
- When it is delivered, call Connect and schedule appointment for setup and moving your documents and files from old to new.

Connect 3.0

- A new wi-fi service for Riderwood will begin to be installed starting in August.
- It requires changing the Access Point in each apartment.
- Appointments to be scheduled.
- It provides more control over printers and other devices such as Alexa, Smart TVs, thermostats, music systems, mattresses, and robo vacuum cleaners.