

Friends fans fuming as show is dumped from Netflix on New year's Day in the US

Fans of *Friends* in the United States are having a meltdown after the show is no longer available to stream on [Netflix](#) .

The 1990s sitcom, which had been available on Netflix since Jan. 1, 2015, will disappear into the streaming ether until May, when *Friends* will be available domestically exclusively on WarnerMedia's new HBO Max service.

According to reports, this will be a five-year deal estimated to be worth \$425 million.

WarnerMedia is believed to have previously paid a combined \$1.5 billion for *The Big Bang Theory* and *Two And A Half Men*.

Netflix, is widely credited with introducing the sitcom to a new generation, making sure the obsession continues almost 30 years later.

Friends was so popular – second only to *The Office* – that Netflix reportedly paid another \$100 million in 2018 to keep the rights for another year.