

How to read AV-TEST scores before you buy

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A lab window is a snapshot. Your checkout is a contract. Verify the current Windows consumer chart on AV-TEST's site. We do not invent scores.

1. Open AV-TEST's current Windows consumer page (av-test.org). Do not stop at a reseller graphic.
2. Match the exact product name and the month. Write them down. Total Security is not a free or mobile-only build.
3. Look at all three pillars (protection, performance, usability), not only protection.
4. If you use Mac or Android as daily drivers, look for those platform tests separately. A Windows result does not transfer.
5. Read the plan's VPN and device lines on checkout. Labs do not test your data cap.
6. Keep Microsoft Defender in mind as the free baseline if you decline to pay.

This site has cited AV-TEST's January-February 2026 Windows 11 window for Bitdefender Total Security. Labs add new months; open today's chart.

Editorial scores on review pages are opinions of household fit. They are not lab scores.

Bitdefender Individual, as described on our review: up to five devices; included VPN limited to 200 MB per device per day. Confirm on checkout.

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