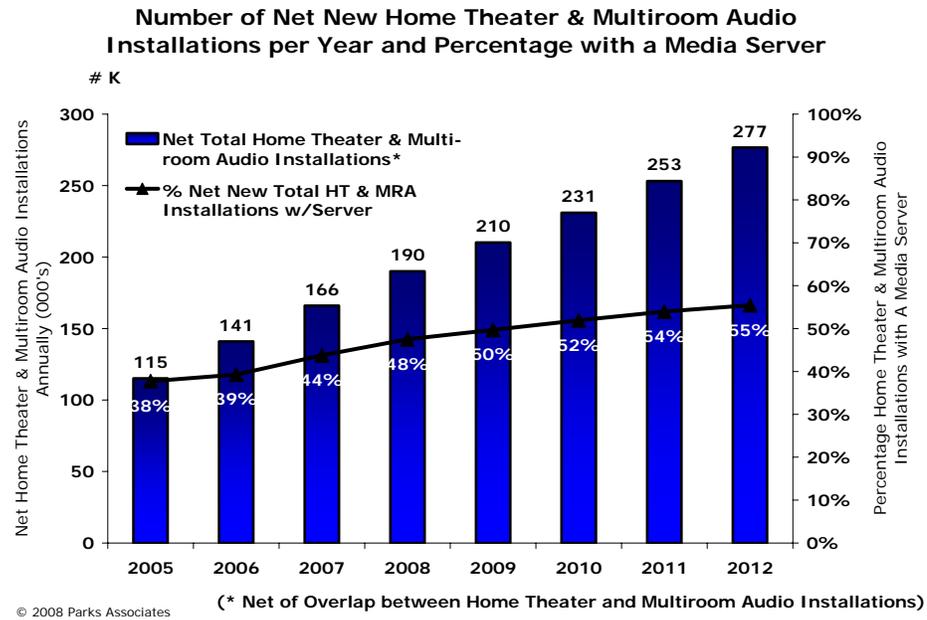


Synopsis

Capabilities of high-end audio and video systems are moving into mainstream markets spearheaded by broadband, Wi-Fi, and affordable storage systems. This report examines trends in technology and consumer preferences driving the adoption of entertainment networks and media servers. Parks Associates' latest research of consumers and home systems integrators together with market forecasts characterizes the opportunities for service providers and manufacturers.

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"Media servers have become a must-have component in high-end entertainment systems exemplifying the mass migration from the analog to the digital world," said Bill Ablondi, director of home systems for Parks Associates. "We see A/V distribution systems evolving into full-fledged, IP-based entertainment and control networks with PC-based media servers at their heart. The high-end market will be the test bed for innovations that will permeate all classes of entertainment systems."

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