

**WJZ-TV**  
**Baltimore, MD**

**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**  
**1st Quarter 2024:**

## **Quarterly Issues and Programs Report**

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of community issues during the 1st quarter of 2024.

### **Regularly Scheduled Programs**

During the reported quarter, the station broadcast the following regularly scheduled programs that routinely address issues of importance to the station's community:

CBS Mornings, CBS Saturday Morning, CBS Sunday Morning, CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell, WJZ Morning News, WJZ at 9, WJZ News at Noon, WJZ News at 4, WJZ News at 5, WJZ News at 6, WJZ News at 7, WJZ News at 11, WJZ News Saturday Morning, WJZ News Saturday Evening, WJZ News Sunday Morning and WJZ News Sunday Evening

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half-hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health-related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health-related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements – The station airs PSAs in rotation from various organizations that include topics such as, Suicide Prevention Month, Breast Cancer Awareness and LGBTQ+ Awareness.

In addition, the station makes community responsive coverage available via CBS News Baltimore, a 24/7 direct-to-consumer service that streams anchored news coverage and live breaking news events of interest to viewers in the local market.

## WJZ-TV Quarterly Issues and Programs List

**Community of License:** Baltimore, MD

**Issue:** *Crime & Safety: reporting on crimes that impact viewers in local communities/neighborhoods*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
WJZ 5pm News	1/4/2024	5:41p	1:45	WJZ Investigator is at the scene of Baltimore's second homicide of the new year at the Hippodrome.
WJZ 4pm News	2/1/2024	4:19p	2:24	Bolton Hill residents are growing concerned about crime after an attempted carjacking that left one of their neighbors severely injured.
WJZ 7pm News	3/3/2024	7:26p	2:15	WJZ talks to the family searching for answers in a cold case that has stumped Baltimore County detectives for nearly three decades.
WJZ 11pm News	3/6/2024	11:07p	2:35p	One neighborhood is celebrating a major milestone. It's been over one year with no homicides in the Penn North neighborhood: an area that was once the epicenter of unrest in the city. WJZ speaks with the mayor and neighbors in the area.
WJZ 11pm News	3/12/2024	11:56p	2:20	WJZ spoke to the community after a Baltimore man faces charges for conspiring to murder his aunt's estranged husband.

WJZ 7pm News	3/13/2024	7:54p	2:02	WJZ reports on a search underway for the person responsible for shooting a man in a grocery store parking lot in Edmondson Village around lunchtime.
WJZ 11pm News	1/2/2024	11:36p	2:17	WJZ is live from a vigil of a transgender woman who was shot and killed in the parking lot of her apartment complex last week by a food delivery driver.
WJZ 4pm News	1/4/2024	4:23p	1:42	WJZ asked local and federal leaders about the nine percent drop in Baltimore City's non-fatal shootings and 20 percent decline in homicides.
WJZ 11pm News	1/17/2024	11:24	2:15	WJZ speaks to police after a renter invited four men into his apartment to escape the cold but wakes up to find a knife in his torso.

**Issue:** *Economy: reporting on economic issues/concerns that directly impact viewers' money*

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WJZ 6pm News	03/13/2024	5:02p	2:16	Thousands more state correctional workers will be getting checks for wages Maryland failed to pay them for hours they worked. It's one of the nation's largest cases of wage theft... and WJZ's investigator Mike Hellgren has covered the issue extensively in collaboration with the CBS News Innovation Lab.
WJZ Morning News	3/15/2024	7:13a	2:29	WJZ breaks down a recent study revealing almost half of parents are financially supporting their adult children
WJZ 4pm News	1/3/2024	4:05p	2:10	WJZ spoke with a Lyft driver who says she never received her earnings from New Year's Eve, and she isn't the only one.

WJZ Morning News	1/4/2024	5:25a	3:45	WJZ reports what you can expect from housing market in 2024 and what to keep in mind.
WJZ 4pm News	1/7/2024	4:43p	1:25	WJZ speaks with a local author and business owner hoping to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs.
WJZ 4pm News	1/11/2024	4:42p	2:12	WJZ covers a new bill that would raise wages for tipped workers.
WJZ 11pm news	1/30/2024	11:15p	2:36	WJZ is live at Camden Yards covering the \$1.7 billion sale of the Baltimore Orioles baseball team and how fans are feeling.
WJZ 7pm News	2/7/2024	7:09p	2:36	WJZ covers a new Harvard study that found a record number of Americans struggling to afford rent and How Marylanders are feeling the pinch.

**Issue:** *Health: reporting on stories that affect viewers' overall well-being both physical and mental*

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WJZ 4pm News	1/3/2024	4:35p	3:09	WJZ reports one local hospital system will soon be re-instating a mask mandate amid a winter surge of respiratory-related hospitalizations.

WJZ 11pm News	2/27/2024	11:20p	3:56	The FDA just approved the first therapy to lessen severe and life-threatening reactions in adults and kids exposed to certain foods. The work to get that drug approved was done right here in Maryland.
WJZ 4pm News	3/10/2024	4:01p	1:12	WJZ speaks with AAA about how best to adjust to the time change and avoid bad habits while on the road.
WJZ 4pm News	3/11/2024	4:57p	2:18	WJZ covers the installation of Narcan vending machines in Anne Arundel County.
WJZ 5pm News	3/12/2024	5:58p	3:02	WJZ reports on a board meeting that found the average emergency room wait time is around eight hours. In Howard County, the community's only hospital is trying to solve the issue.
WJZ 4pm News	1/2/2024	4:15p	2:07	WJZ spoke with an expert in pediatric sports medicine from Johns Hopkins Children's Center to learn how parents can help their children improve habits for a healthier and happier lifestyle in 2024.
WJZ 7pm News	1/16/2024	7:54p	2:05	WJZ breaks down a State Department of Agriculture program that connects people to local farms offering fresh produce and other goods.

WJZ Morning News	1/30/2024	6:15a	2:43	WJZ spoke to a local pediatrician who says containing measles is difficult because often times people with highly contagious disease are unaware that they are exposing others.
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**Issue:** *Education: reporting on developments within the education system across Maryland and the impacts on viewers*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
WJZ 11pm News	2/6/2024	11:40p	2:53	Hundreds of students, parents and staff of Cecil County public schools show up for a county council meeting to demand changes to the proposed 2025 fiscal year budget.
WJZ Morning News	2/12/2024	6:35a	3:30	A Maryland school funding law is on the brink of extinct. WJZ investigates why education advocates are demanding legislators to assure this law is upheld and receives funding in the future.
WJZ 4pm News	2/14/2024	4:21p	2:19	Anne Arundel County Public Schools says it's time to re-evaluate their relationship with Chromebooks. WJZ reports the reason the school district is cutting back on Chromebooks and why some parents say they are relieved.
WJZ 4pm News	2/28/2024	4:19p	1:33	WJZ reports on Baltimore County's Board of Education passing the school district's multi-billion-dollar budget. It comes with some major job cuts and changes to class sizes.
WJZ 11pm News	2/28/2024	11:28p	2:18	WJZ reports on Baltimore City School Board approving 6 million dollars to install weapons detection systems - hoping to curb the violence in the classrooms.

WJZ 6pm News	3/4/2024	6:42p	2:39	WJZ investigator reports on University of Maryland action against most fraternities and sororities on the College Park campus as they suspend recruiting and all social activities involving alcohol.
WJZ 7pm News	1/25/2024	7:21pm	2:48	After receiving a slew of emails regarding Cecil County Public School budget cuts, WJZ breaks down what's being cut and why parents are concerned.
WJZ 4pm News	1/3/2024	4:55p	1:40	WJZ visits a local school as a professional basketball player from Baltimore comes home to inspire kids.

**Issue:** *Political: reporting on the latest political issues, races, and the impact on viewers*

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WJZ 5pm News	1/30/2024	5:08p	1:53	Maryland now ranks 8 <sup>th</sup> in the country for gun law strength, according to Everytown Research and Policy. Volunteers and survivors of gun violence spoke outside the state house to advocate for additional safety and prevention measures.
WJZ 6pm News	1/23/2024	6:53p	1:39	In the state legislature today, Senator Ben Kramer and Delegates Jared Solomon and CT Wilson announced their reintroduction of the Maryland Kids Code. Lawmakers say the proposed legislation would make online technology safer for young users and prevent online platforms from collecting their data. Caroline Foreback is in your corner and tells us why one Maryland father says he wishes this bill was in place years ago.
WJZ 12pm News	2/13/2024	12:52p	3:24	Two Maryland lawmakers from Prince George's County introduced a bill that would increase penalties for violent crimes committed against sacred places.



WJZ 7pm News	2/13/2024	7:56p	1:56	Part two of the latest Gonzales poll focuses on the presidential race of this big election year and who Maryland voters think is best fit to lead the country. WJZ reports on what voters have to say about the president.
WJZ 4pm News	2/15/2024	4:26p	3:10	A change in the FAFSA application process is causing delays in getting universities critical data to create student aid packages. The university system of Maryland is responding with a decision to extend the undergraduate students' decision deadline.
WJZ 4pm News	2/20/2024	4:38p	2:27	WJZ reports how the Maryland Online Child Protection Act would protect children from harmful content.
WJZ Morning News	2/21/2024	5:38a	3:14	State lawmakers will weigh in on a bill that aims to limit gender-affirming care for children. WJZ reports why bill supporters say they want to assure parents have the final say.
WJZ Morning News	3/8/2024	5:31a	2:34	Baltimore's "complete streets" legislation is concerning neighbors and city leaders on both sides of the coin. WJZ reports the community's concerns and what they want to see changed.

**Issue:** *Community: reporting on stories that highlight local communities and the people who live there who work to help make them better*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
WJZ 5pm News	2/21/2024	5:15p	1:45	The Humane Society of Harford County needs your help. The shelter is currently over capacity and needs dogs to be fostered or adopted. WJZ is on your corner in Harford County speaking with the humane society staff about what they're doing to make sure the animals are getting the care they need.

WJZ 7pm News	2/22/2024	7:20p	2:25	WJZ takes you into one of the only black-owned movie theaters in Maryland as part of our Black History Month coverage.
WJZ 5pm News	3/14/2024	5:15p	1:48	University of Maryland fraternities are demanding a temporary restraining order against policies that have banned recruitment and social events with alcohol. They say their freedom of speech is being violated. WJZ Investigator Mike Hellgren is live on campus with the lawsuit and the university's response.
WJZ 5pm News	1/3/2024	5:35p	2:11	An Anne Arundel County woman is flying into space with her late husband or at least a piece of themselves. Through the Texas-based company Celes-tis, she is launching some of her husband's ashes and her DNA on a rocket.
WJZ Mornings	2/27/2024	6:51a	2:24	WJZ honors trailblazers in our community and recognizes black female firefighters. Nationwide, they still make up a small percentage of firefighters. WJZ speaks to two women about why that representation is needed in Baltimore.
WJZ 5pm News	2/24/2024	5:55p	2:25	A Baltimore native has created a new stage play called "What You Don't See" - that addresses the struggles black men face with mental health.
WJZ Morning News	1/8/2024	7:15a	1:27	WJZ features a local piano prodigy making strides to reach their dream in music.
WJZ 6pm News	3/5/2024	6:15p	1:52	Celebrating Women's History month, WJZ is taking you inside the pediatric wing of Sinai Hospital as they honor former co-worker and philanthropist Helene King.

