## The most watched TV shows of 2018 have been revealed.

As we start 2019, here's a look back at the biggest TV moments of the past 12 months based on official consolidated catch up figures.

Unsurprisingly, England's 2018 World Cup matches top the numbers with over 20 million watching the semi-final against Croatia.

Outside of the football, BBC One drama The Bodyguard beats ITV's <a href="I'm A Celebrity">I'm A Celebrity</a> to top the list.

I'm A Celeb, which saw guest show Holly Willoughby step in for Ant, enjoyed its biggest EVER series this year with a consolidated figure of 13.7 million viewers for the launch. The series as a whole averaged just under 12 million viewers across its three weeks.

Behind I'm A Celebrity, Strictly eclipsed <u>Britain's Got Talent</u> but both shows managed to record figures in excess of 11 million.

Meanwhile, Doctor Who's new series broke records with over 10 million viewers - its best rating since the 2005 revival.

Great British Bake Off continues to bring in big numbers for Channel 4 after moving from BBC One while Call The Midwife rounds off the top 10 countdown.

## **UK's Most Watched Shows Of 2018**

Up to start of December. Official <u>BARB</u> 7-day catch up figures including +1 and HD channels.

Highest rated single episode, instalment or match per channel.

- 1. World Cup: Croatia vs England 20.7 million (ITV)
- 2. World Cup: Sweden vs England 17.4 million (BBC One)
- 3. Bodyguard 14.3 million (BBC One)
- 4. I'm A Celebrity 13.7 million (ITV)
- 5. Strictly Come Dancing 12.9 million (BBC One)
- 6. New Year's Fireworks 12.3 million (BBC One)
- 7. Britain's Got Talent 11.2 million (ITV)
- 8. Doctor Who 10.5 million (BBC One)
- 9. The Great British Bake Off 9.9 million (Channel 4)
- 10. Call the Midwife 9.6 million viewers (BBC One)

Meanwhile, although not part of the Top 10, The Royal Wedding was a big hit across a number of channels.

A peak audience across all of ITV, BBC and Sky of 18 million viewers tuned in on the day. Just missing out on a place on the top 10, the BBC's coverage topped the ratings with a consolidated figure of just under 9 million viewers.