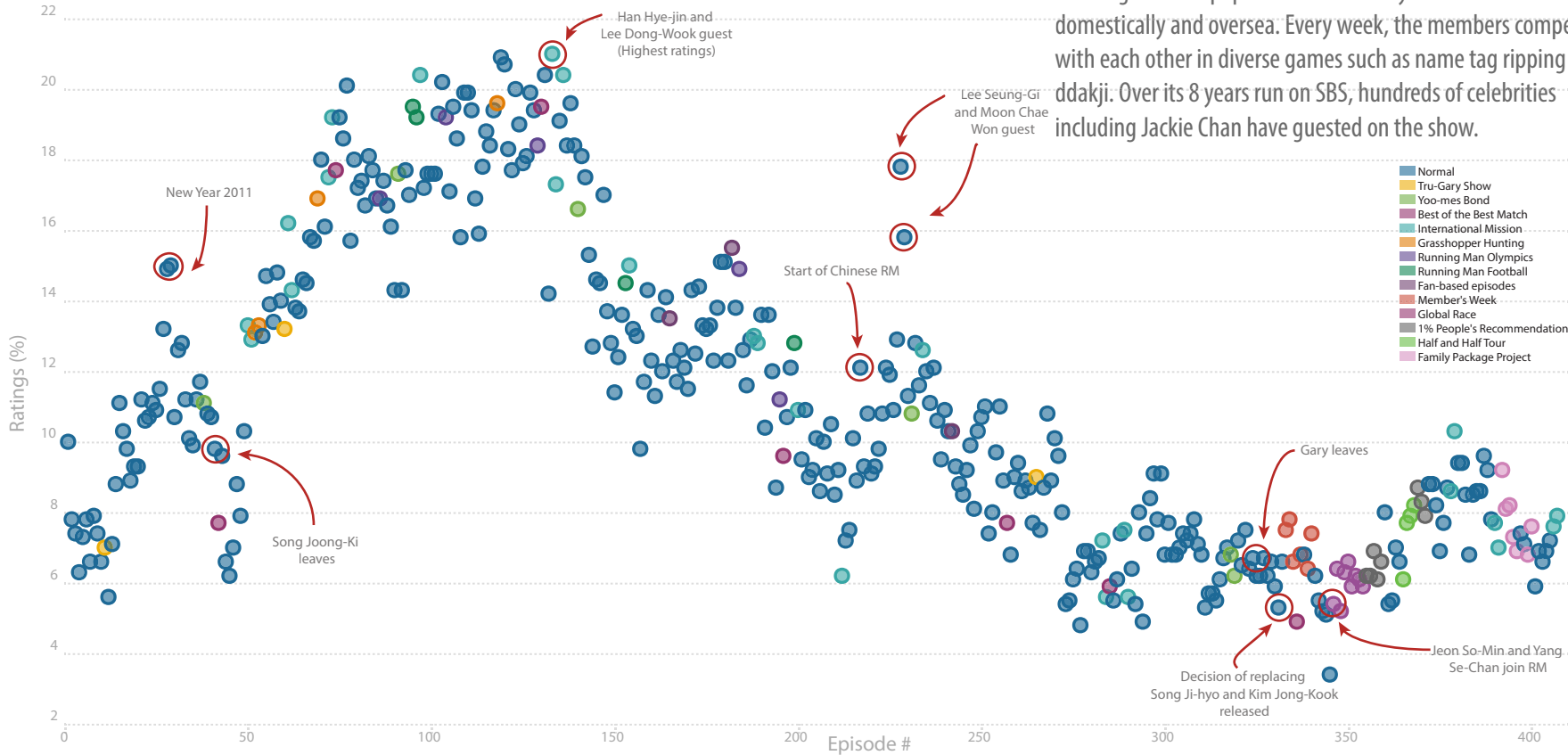


# 8 Years with Running Man

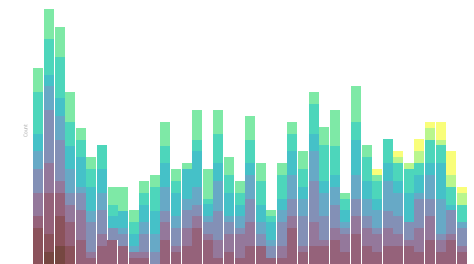
Running Man is a popular Korean variety show both domestically and oversea. Every week, the members compete with each other in diverse games such as name tag ripping or ddakji. Over its 8 years run on SBS, hundreds of celebrities including Jackie Chan have guested on the show.

The show peaked in popularity from 2011 to 2013 with a rating of 21% at its highest. However, people were getting tired of the repeated concepts. To restore its past glory, the show welcomed two new cast members in 2017: Jeon So-Min and Yang Se-Chan. During the following year, the producers reduced the number of guests and increased the number of long term projects.



Kpop artists regularly guest on the show. In the graph above, **Kpop artists** are shown in yellow and **no Kpop celebrities** are shown in blue. The size of the bubble represents how many guests came. We see a high number of Kpop idols in the first year of the show as well as in 2015.

Every week, the cast members must play a series of games to determine the winner(s). While Kim Jong-Kook, Yoo Jae-Suk and Song Ji-Hyo have the highest numbers of individual wins, every member has an episode where they shined the most.



While some hosts are more "capable" than others, overall, the number of accumulated wins is well-balanced.

Member	Start Episode	End Episode	Wins
Kim Jong-Kook	1	407	135 Wins
Haha	1	407	130 Wins
Yoo Jae-suk	1	407	127 Wins
Song Ji-hyo	2	407	118 Wins
Lee Kwang-soo	1	407	108 Wins
Gary	1	324	98 Wins
Ji Suk-Jin	1	407	90 Wins
Song Joong-ki	1	41	17 Wins
Yang Se-Chan	346	407	13 Wins
Jeon So-Min	346	407	11 Wins
Lizzy	1	25	5 Wins

Number of wins over time by member