AdWest Marketing Inc.

A Research Study Highlighting the Differences Between Urban and Rural Populations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan in five key geographic segments:

How Geography Impacts Media Access, Usage and Engagement

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750 Phone Interviews Between March 1 – March 15, 2018 Conducted by Random Sample:

- -150 Farms
- -150 Hamlets/Rural (Communities Under 1,000 Population)
- -150 Villages (1,000-5,000 Population)
- -150 Towns (5,000-10,000 Population)
- -150 Small Cities (10,000-50,000)

The survey uses a probability sample of adults 18 years of age or older. The qualifying person in the household with the most recent birthday will be selected for the interview. For the Farmers segment, the questionnaire will screen for most recent birthday among those in the household involved in farming decisions.

ABOUT THE SUPPLIER:

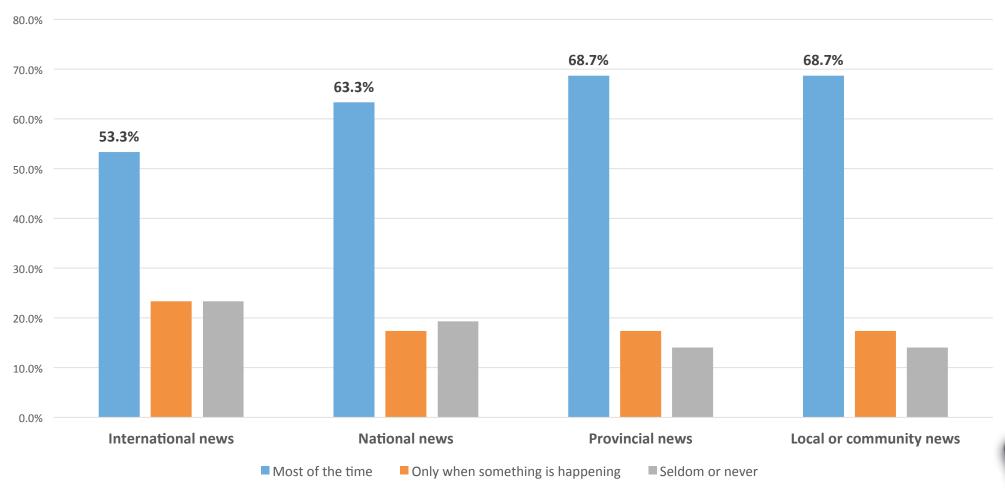
Totum Research is Canada's leading research firm specializing in the media. Since 1985, Totum has produced reliable and actionable data for a wide variety of clients ranging from national daily newspapers to small market radio stations, from million+ circulation consumer magazines to e-commerce websites and from advertising agencies to multinational corporations. Totum has conducted marketing and communications research for beverage, information technology (IT), women's products, financial institutions, automotive and government departments.

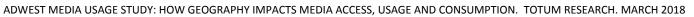
TOWNS (5,000-10,000 POPULATION)



NEWS REMAINS A STRONG PLATFORM WITH RESPONDENTS IN TOWNS INDICATE THEY FOLLOW MOST TYPES OF THE NEWS 'MOST OF THE TIME'

Personally Follow Specific Types of News

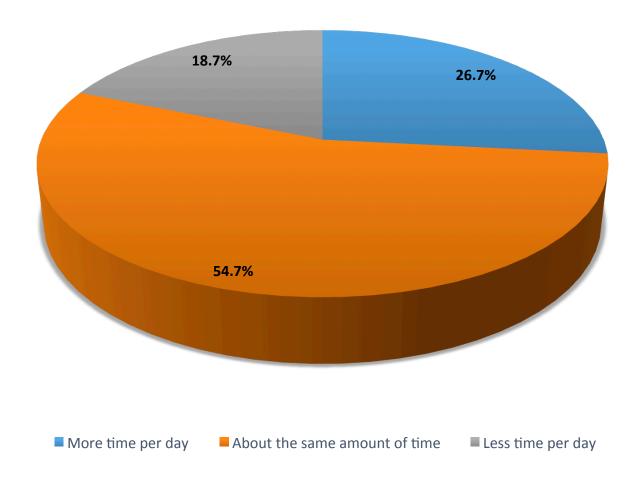






THE MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS IN TOWNS INDICATE THEY SPEND ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME CONSUMING NEWS AS THEY DID 2 YEARS AGO. 27% SAID THEY ACTUALLY SPEND MORE TIME WITH NEWS TODAY

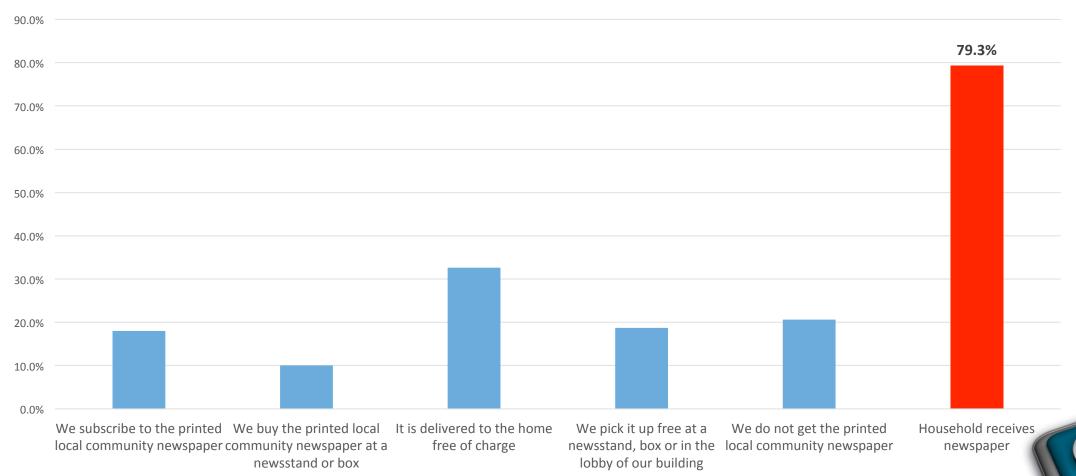
Time Spent With News Compared to Two Years Ago





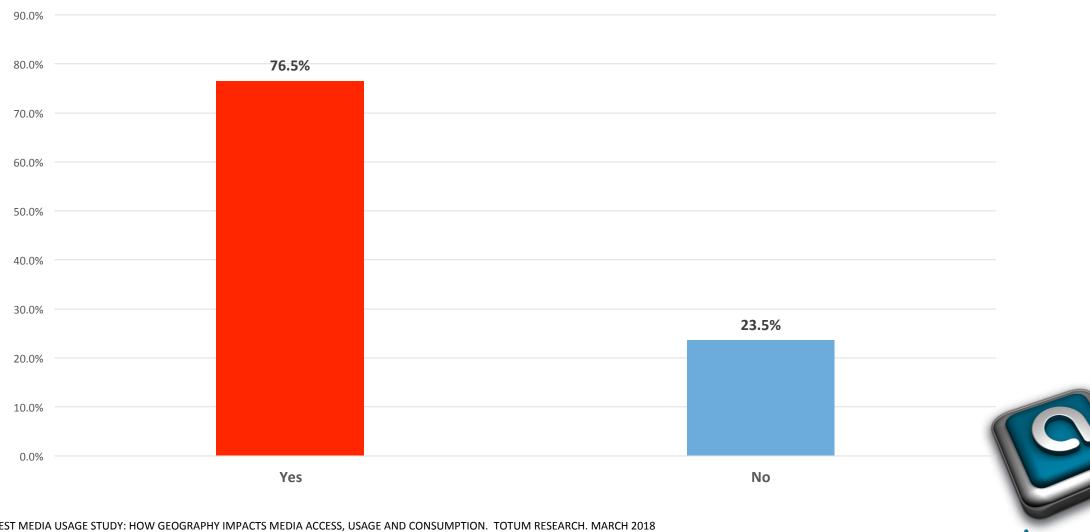
IN 2018, NEARLY FOUR IN FIVE HOUSEHOLDS IN TOWNS RECEIVE A PRINTED LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER



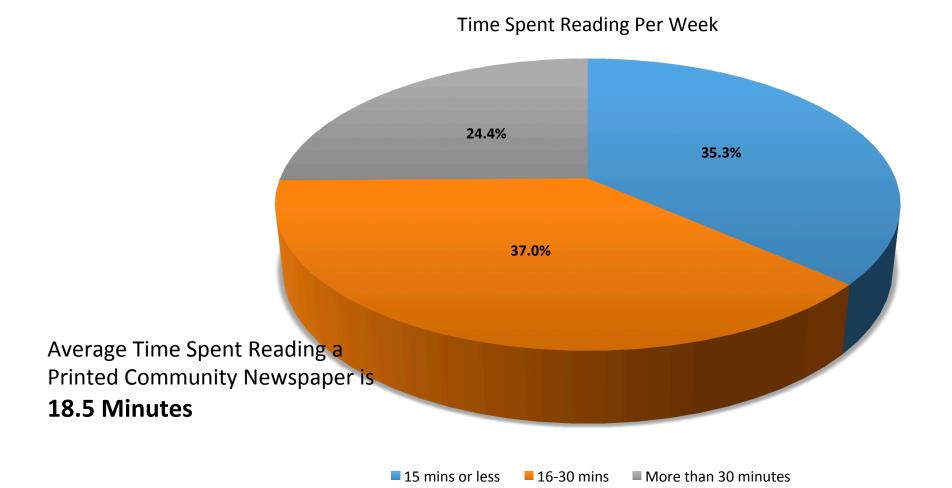


OVER THREE-QUARTERS OF RESPONDENTS IN TOWNS SAID THEY READ OR AT LEAST LOOKED INTO A PRINTED **COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER IN THE LAST WEEK**

Personally Read or Looked Into a Printed Local Community Newspaper in the Last Week



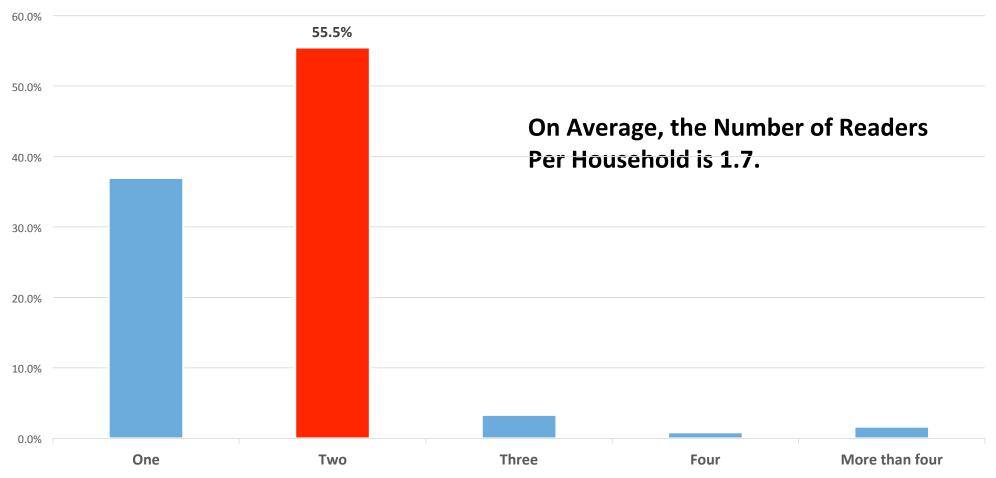
61% of Respondents Towns Spend More Than 15 Minutes Reading the Printed Community Newspaper Each Week. Nearly One Quarter Spend More Than 30 Minutes Reading Each Week.





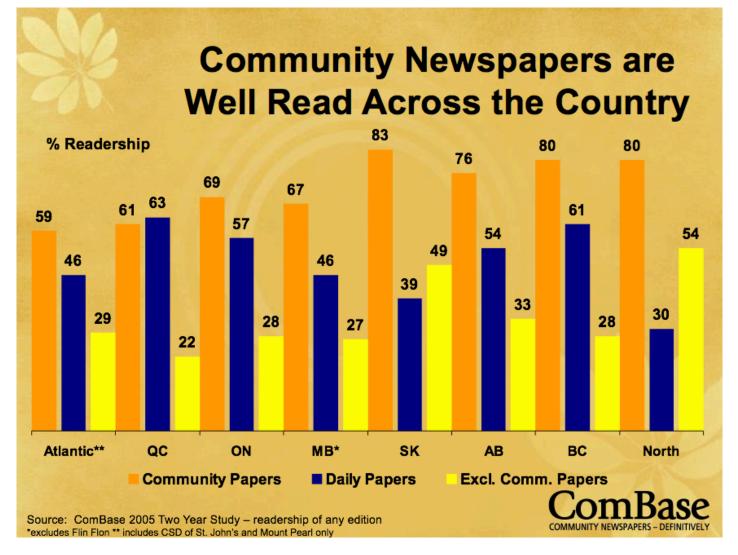
In Over Half of Households in Towns, the Printed Community Newspaper is Read by Two People.

Number of People in the Household Who Typically Read or Look Into a Printed Community Newspaper Each Week



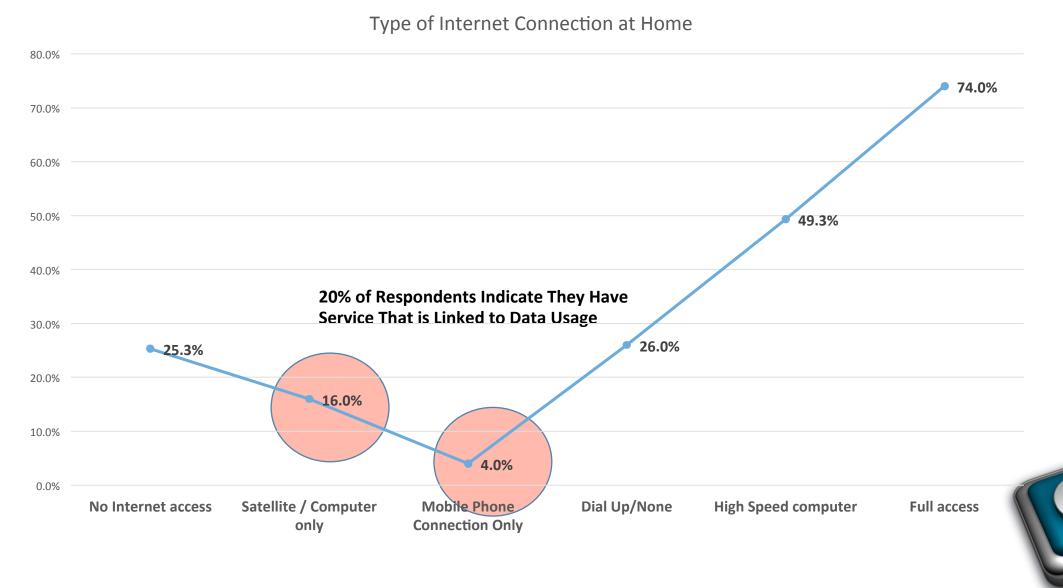


In 2005, the National Community Newspaper Readership Study (ComBase) Reported Readership of Community Newspapers in Manitoba at 67% and in Saskatchewan 83%





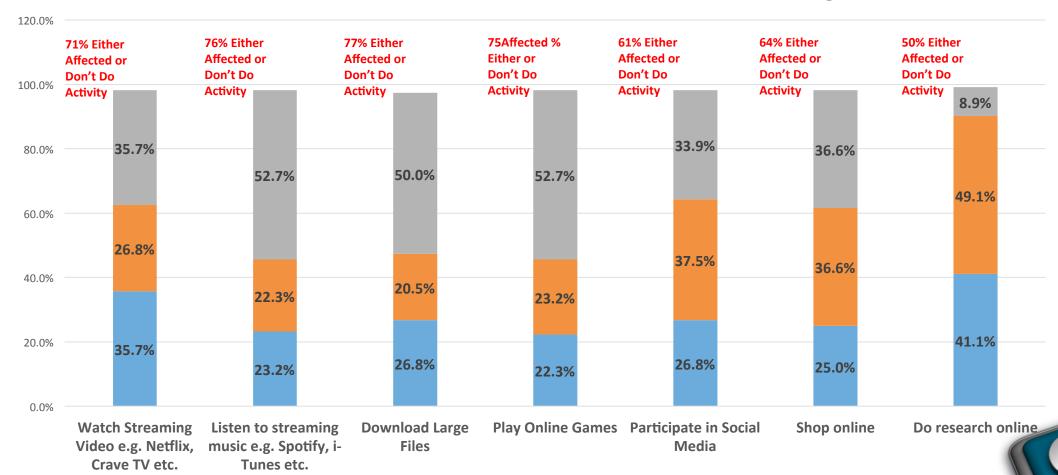
Most Households in Towns Indicate Some Form of Wired Internet Access, Although the Type of Service Varies





However, Bandwidth Limits(Cost) on Certain Types of Service Can and Does Restrict Use on Some Activities

Does the Internet Connection You Have at Home Affect Certain Activities You Might do Online



No, it does not affect how I use the internet

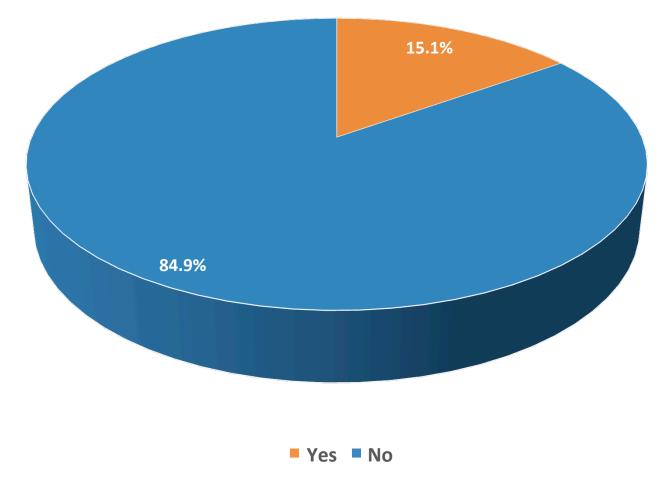
■ I don't do this activity

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Yes, it affects how I use the internet

Another Activity That Respondents in Town Households Indicate That They Are Not Likely to be Doing, is Visiting the Website of a Local Community Newspaper

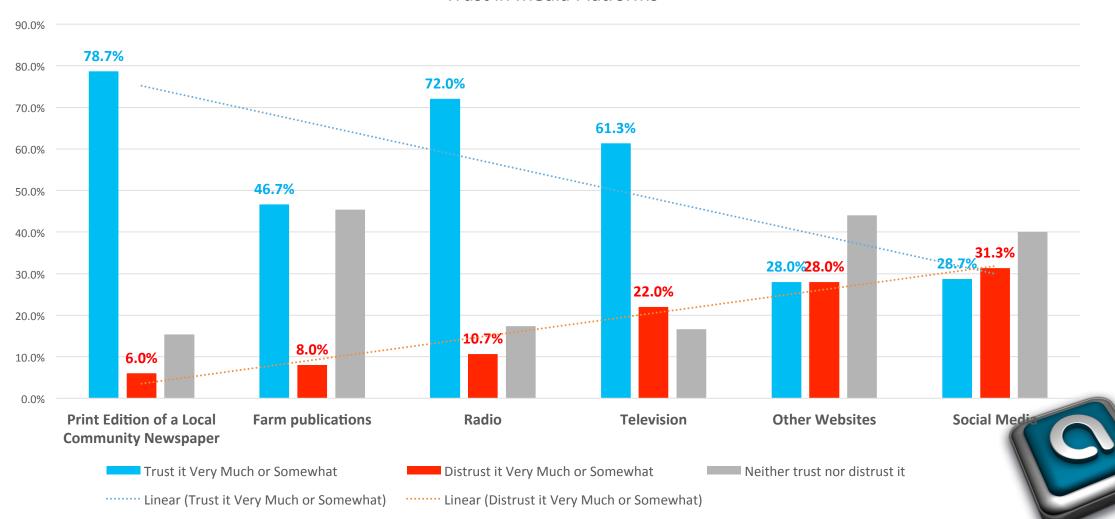
Have you Personally Looked at the Website of a Local Community Newspaper in the Last Week





Respondents in Towns Indicate Significant Trust in Traditional Media and Notable Levels of Distrust in Both Social Media and Other Websites



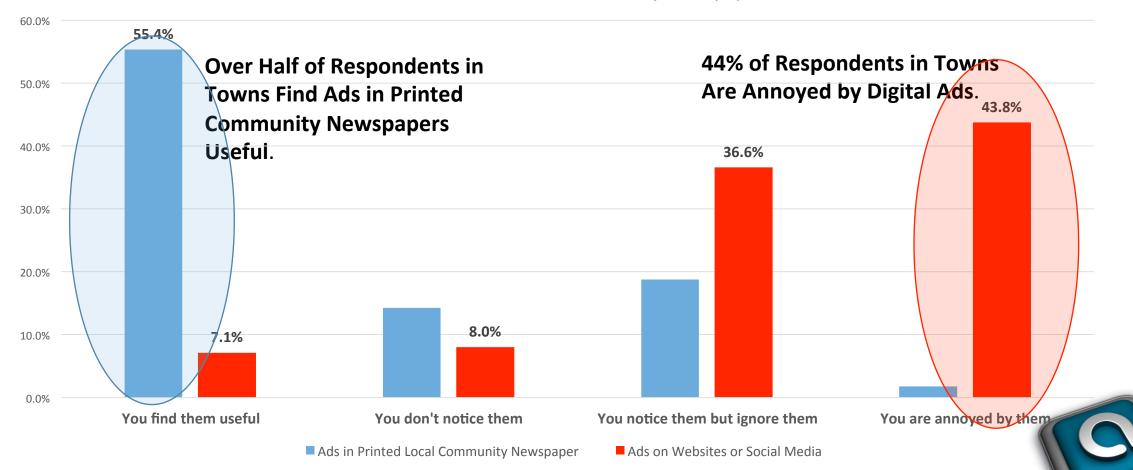


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COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS RESULTS

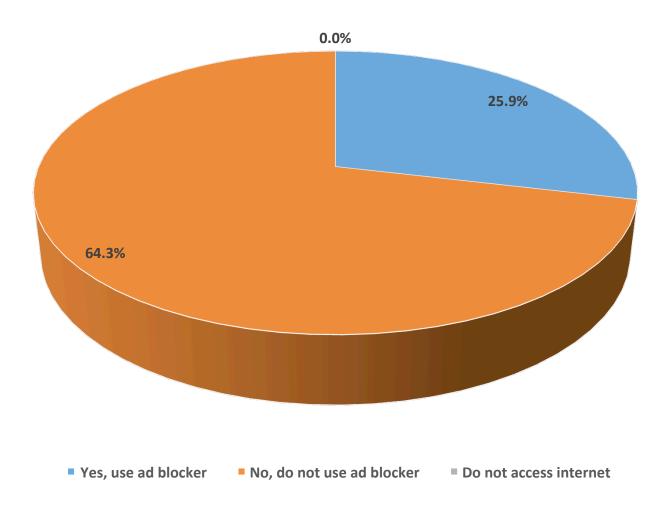
Trust in News and Advertising Content of Printed Community Newspapers Leads to a Significantly Higher % of Respondents From Town Households Finding Ads Useful Than Digital Forms of Advertising

How Do You Feel About Ads In Printed Community Newspapers VS Ads Online



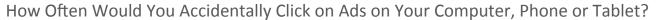
Over One Quarter of Respondents in Towns Report Usage of an AdBlocker on a Device to Block Online Ads. 10% Either Don't Know or Don't Own a Device to Access the Internet

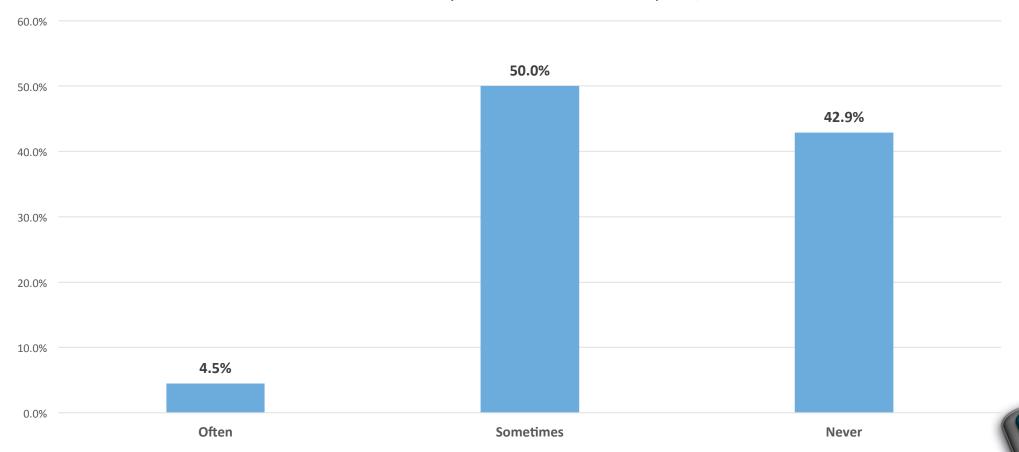
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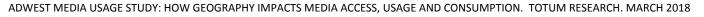




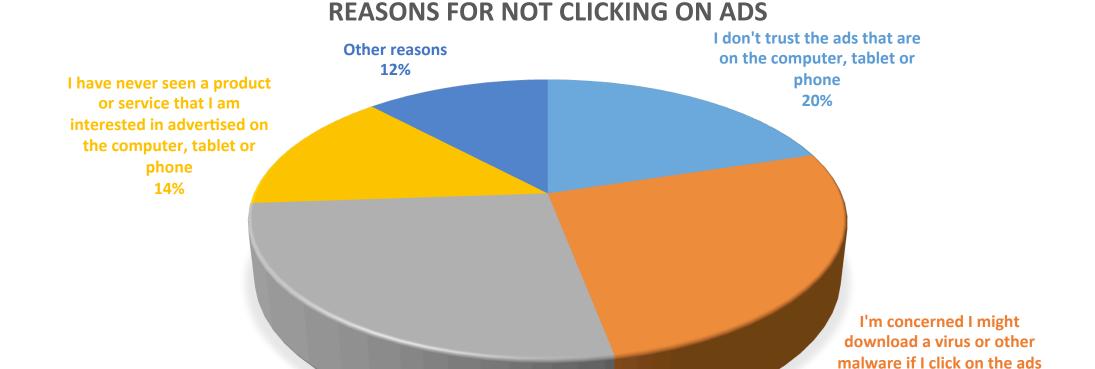
Over Half of Respondents Said They Accidentally Click on Ads on Their Computer, Phone or Tablet







Concern Over Receiving More Ads From the Advertiser and Downloading a Virus Were the Main Reasons Given for NOT CLICKING on Ads on Websites, Phones or Tablets



27%

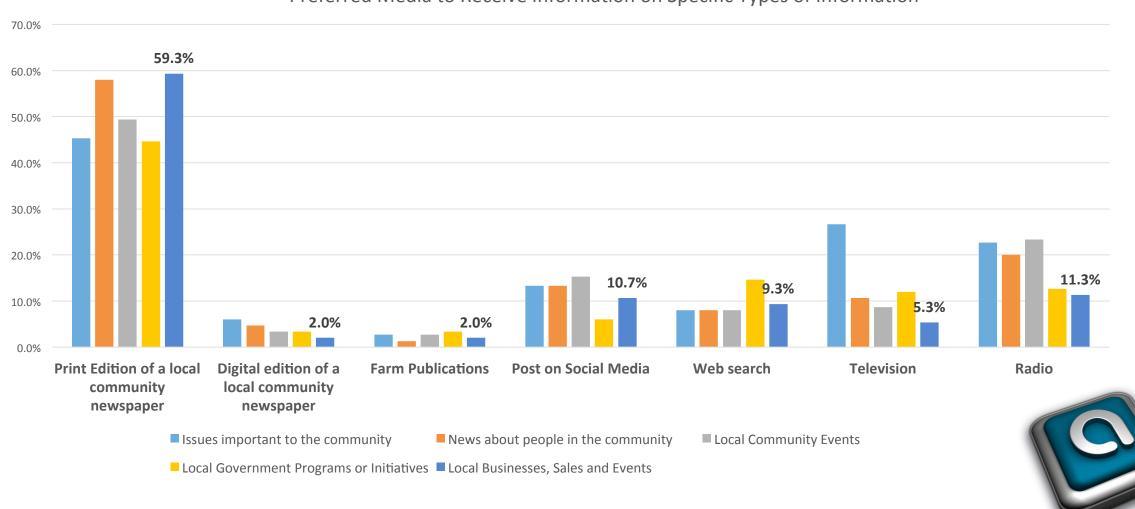
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I am concerned that, if I click on the ads, I will continually get more ads from the advertiser

In Towns, Printed Community Newspapers Are the <u>Preferred</u> Media to Receive Information <u>About All Local Issues</u> Including <u>Local Businesses</u>, <u>Sales and Events</u>

Preferred Media to Receive Information on Specific Types of Information

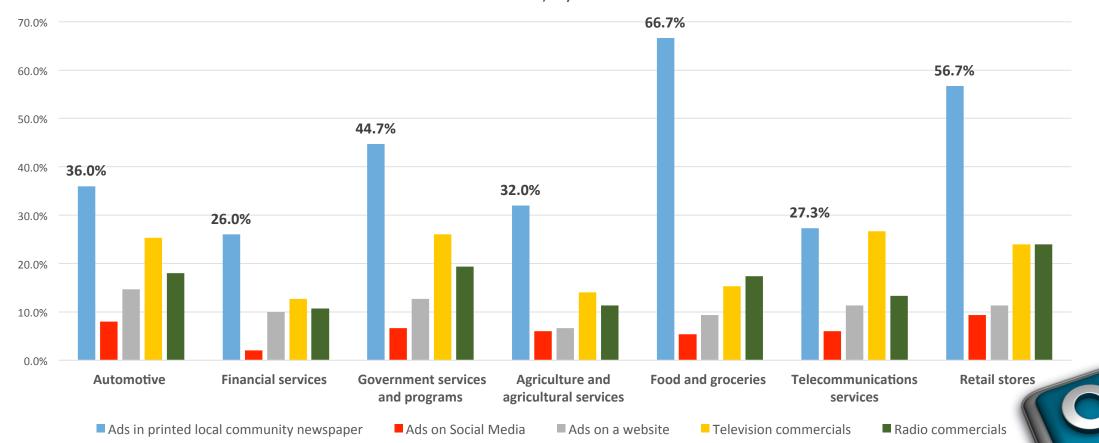






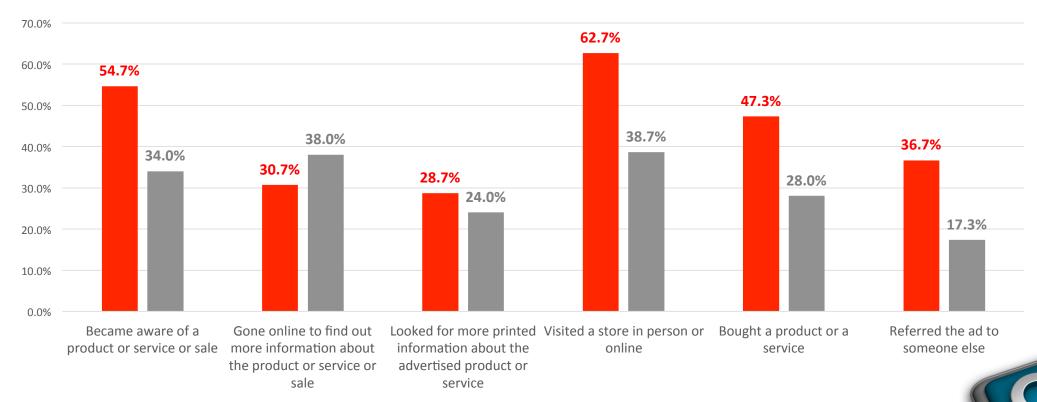
In Towns, Ads in Printed Local Community Newspapers Are More Likely to Inspire Action Than Other Mediums and SIGNIFICANTLY more Likely to inspire Action Than Social Media and Other Website Ads

Media Containing Ads Most Like to Inspire Action (In-Person Store Visit, Website Visit, Purchase Decisioin) by Sector



Of Respondents Indicating They Are Inspired by Ads, More Are Driven to Visit a Store In-Person or Online by an Ad in a Printed Community Newspaper Than Any Action Inspired by an Online Ad

Actions Taken as a Result of Seeing an Ad in Printed Local Community Newspaper Vs an Online Ad on a Website or Social Media



■ Websites or Social Media



■ Printed Local Community Newspaper