



# Community Newspapers Drive Results *Engagement* 2017



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## Engagement

### *Study Objectives*



- Profile community newspaper readers.
- Examine readership by platform – print, web, phone, tablet.
- Measure engagement with community newspapers
  - Time spent with print and digital community newspaper
  - Reasons for reading community newspapers
  - Source of information about local community news and information
  - Trust in advertising
  - Actions resulting from exposure to newspapers



# Study Details

## Study Timing

December 2016

## Online Panel

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## National Scope

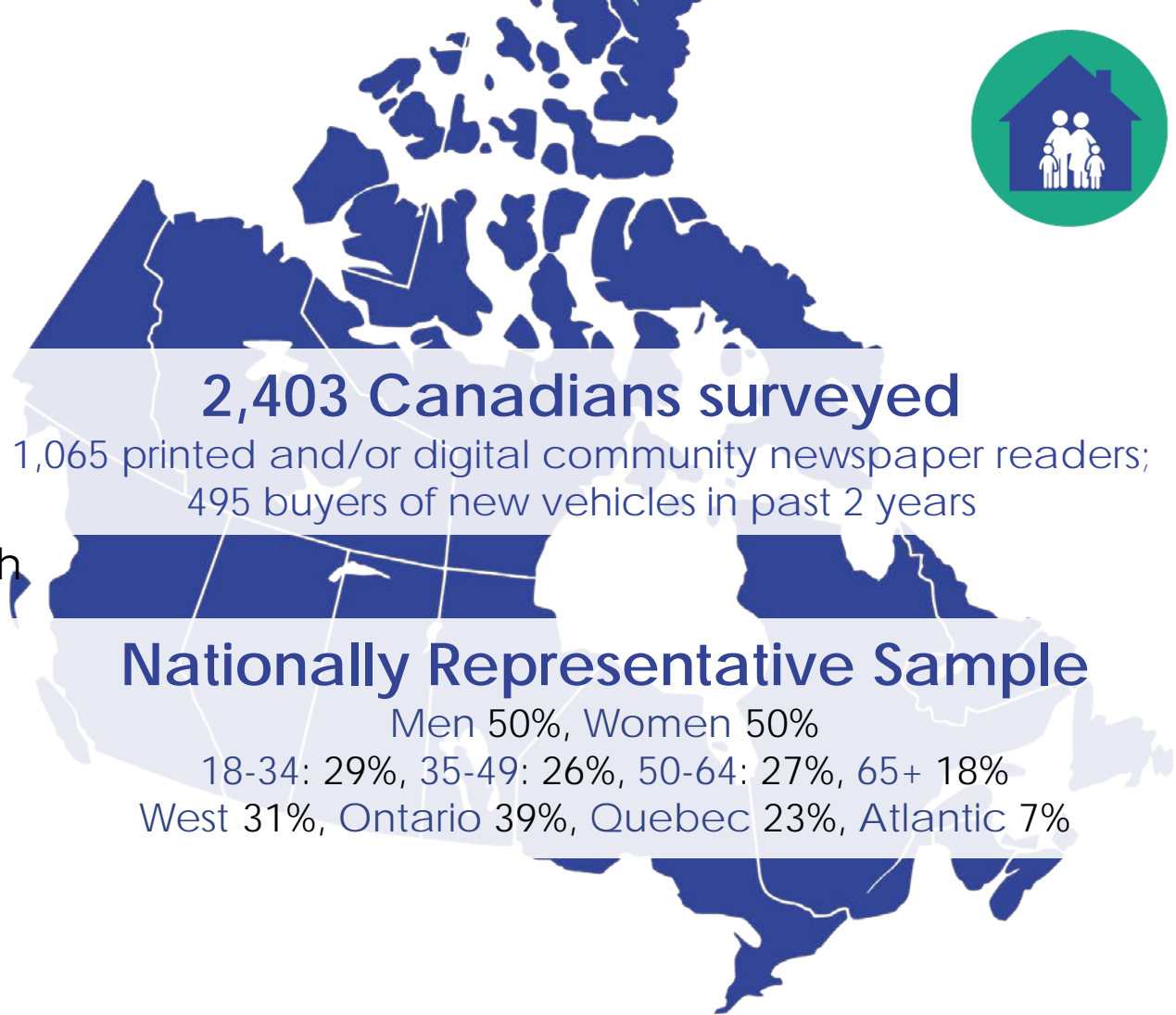
78% English / 22% French

## Study Management

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## Margin of Error

±2.0% at the 95%  
confidence level



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# Community Newspapers Drive Results



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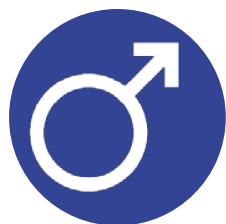
More than four in ten community newspaper readers access content across ALL FOUR platforms (print, desktop/laptop, tablet, phone).



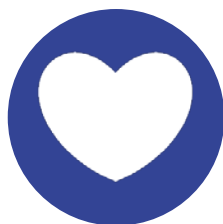
Community newspaper engagement is strong.

- Time spent with the printed paper little changed
- Local information main reason for reading
- Favourite source for local news and information
- Community newspaper ads most trusted
- Readers respond to advertising

# Profile of Community Newspaper Readers



**MALE**  
50%



**MARRIED**  
64%



**BOOMERS**  
(52-70 years)  
33%  
Millennials 18-34 (29%)



**BUSINESS  
DECISION  
MAKERS\***  
41%



**INFLUENCERS**  
44%



**AVERAGE  
HOUSEHOLD  
INCOME**  
\$80,341



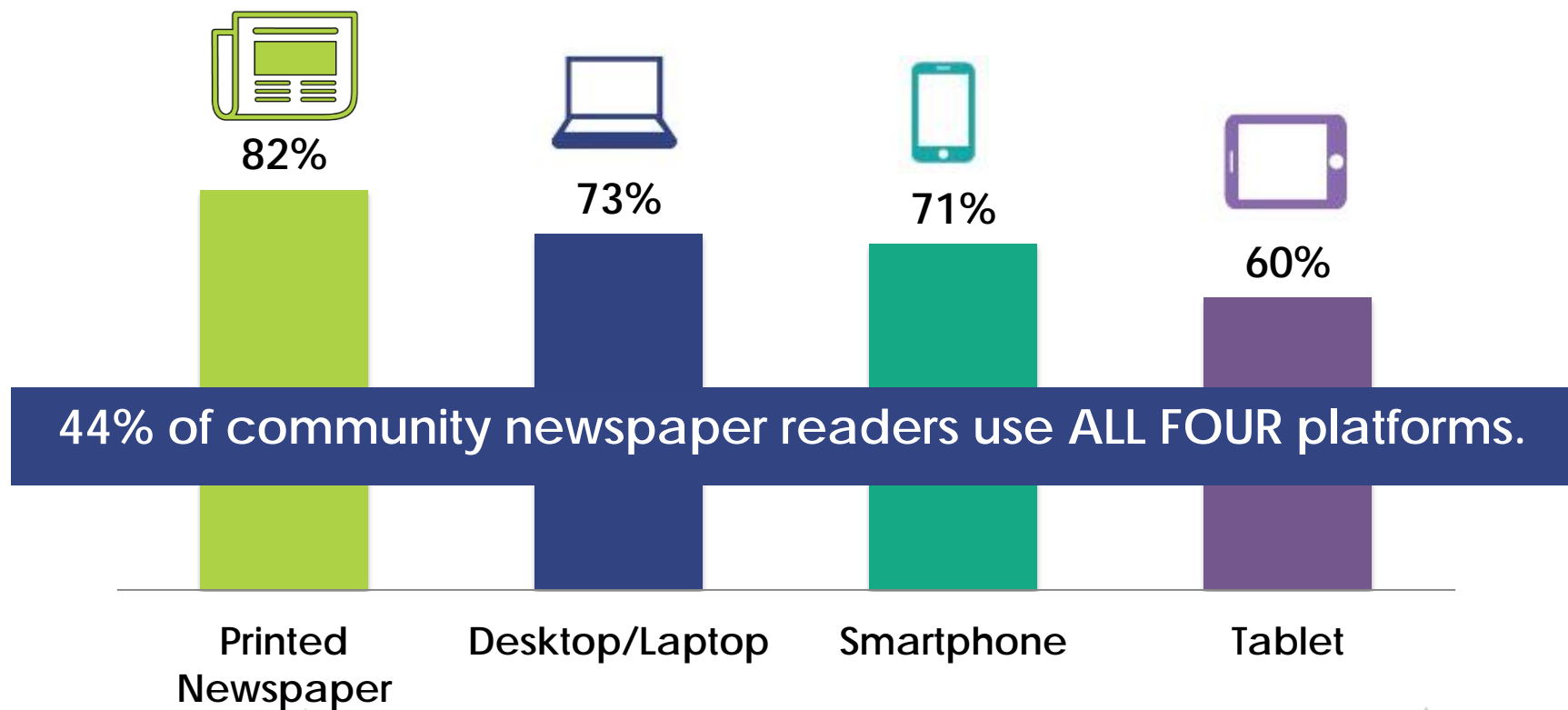
**NO  
CHILDREN IN  
HOUSEHOLD**  
66%



# Community Newspaper Readers Access Content Across All Platforms



## Eight in Ten Readers Choose Print



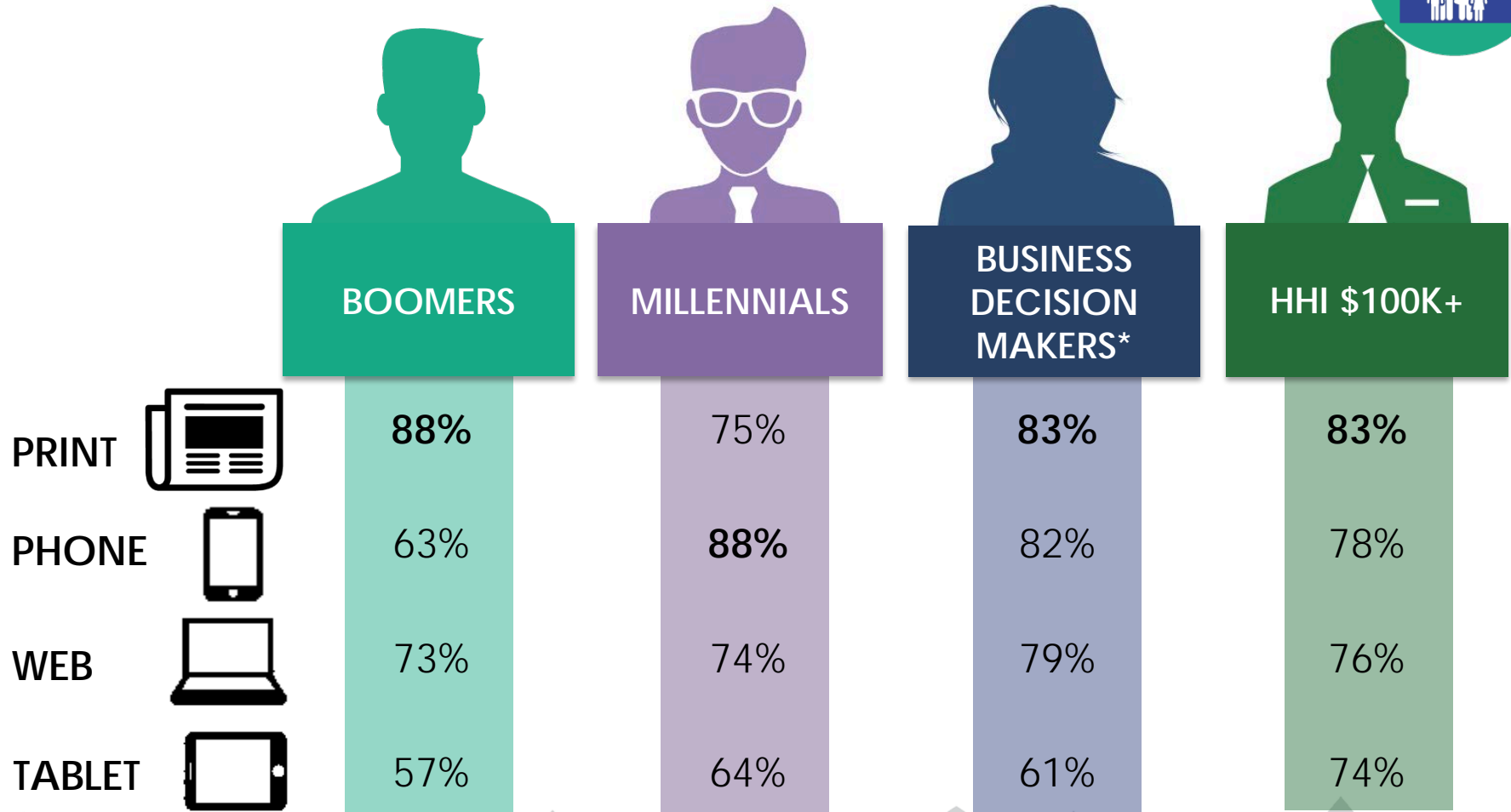
Printed  
Newspaper

Desktop/Laptop

Smartphone

Tablet

# Multi Platform Readers



PRINT



88%

75%

83%

83%

PHONE



63%

88%

82%

78%

WEB



73%

74%

79%

76%

TABLET



57%

64%

61%

74%



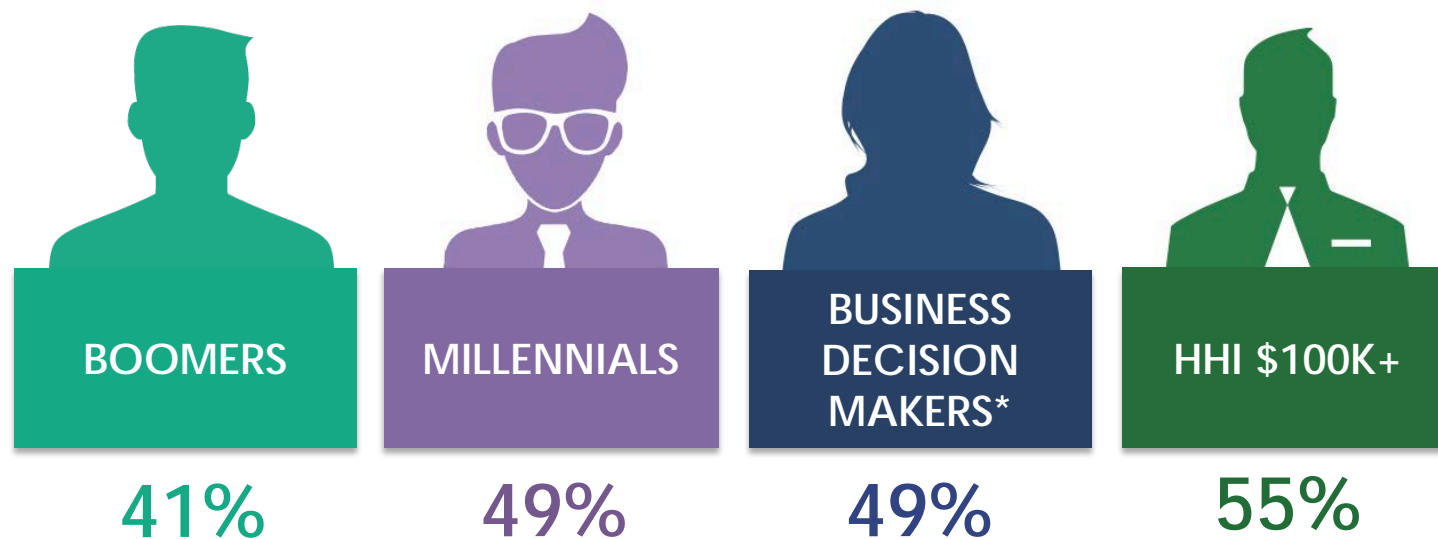
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# Multi Platform Readers



44% of community newspaper readers access content on ALL FOUR platforms





# Media Engagement is Important



The primary goal of advertising is to reach a defined audience to affect behaviour and influence potential consumers.



## Engagement:

- Shows readers are paying attention.
- Demonstrates a level of connection.
- Sets the stage for influence to occur.
- Necessary for community to form.





# Community Newspaper Engagement



Time spent with a printed community newspaper is virtually unchanged compared with two years ago.



Time spent with digital community newspaper content has increased significantly compared with two years ago.



The predominant reason for reading a community newspaper is local news.



The printed community newspaper is the favourite source of local news and information.

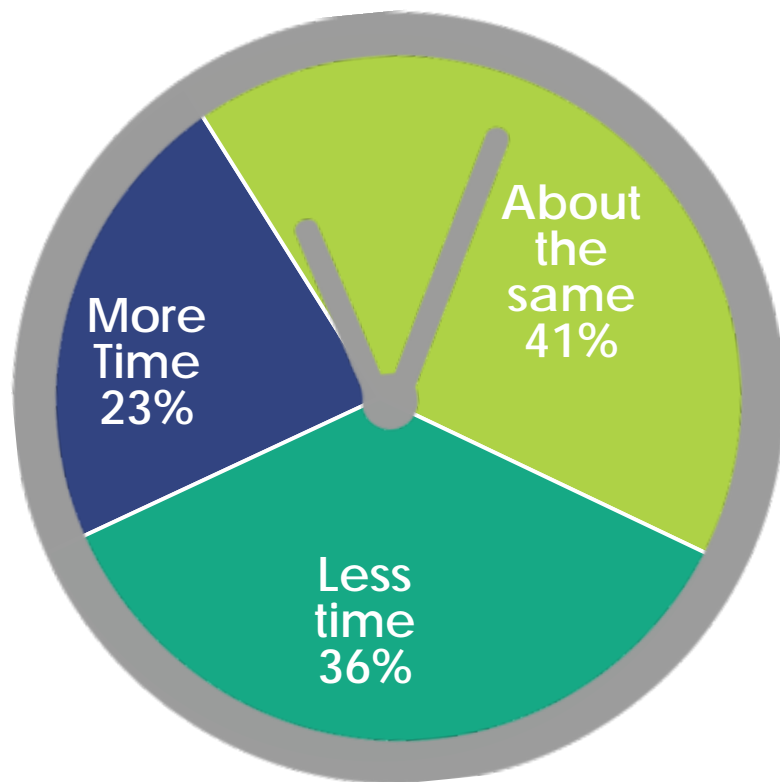


PRINTED



# Community Newspaper Engagement

## Time Spent Reading (vs. 2 years ago)



The time spent with a printed community newspaper is **little changed** compared with two years ago.

**64%** spend about the same amount of time or more with their printed community newspaper.

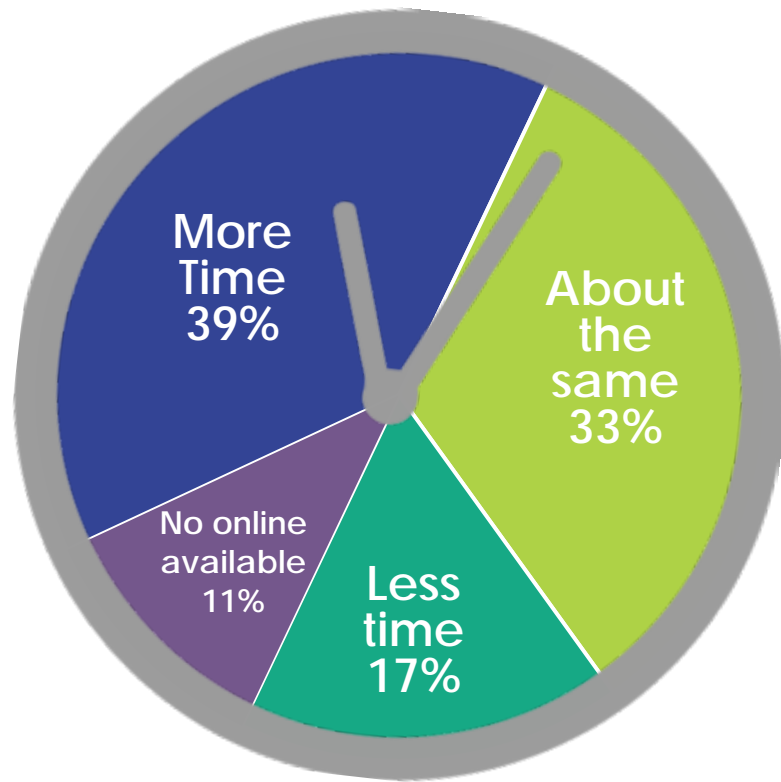


DIGITAL



# Community Newspaper Engagement

## Time Spent Reading (vs. 2 years ago)



The time spent with digital community newspaper content has increased significantly compared with two years ago.

**72%** spend about the same amount of time or more with their digital community newspaper.



# Reasons For Reading

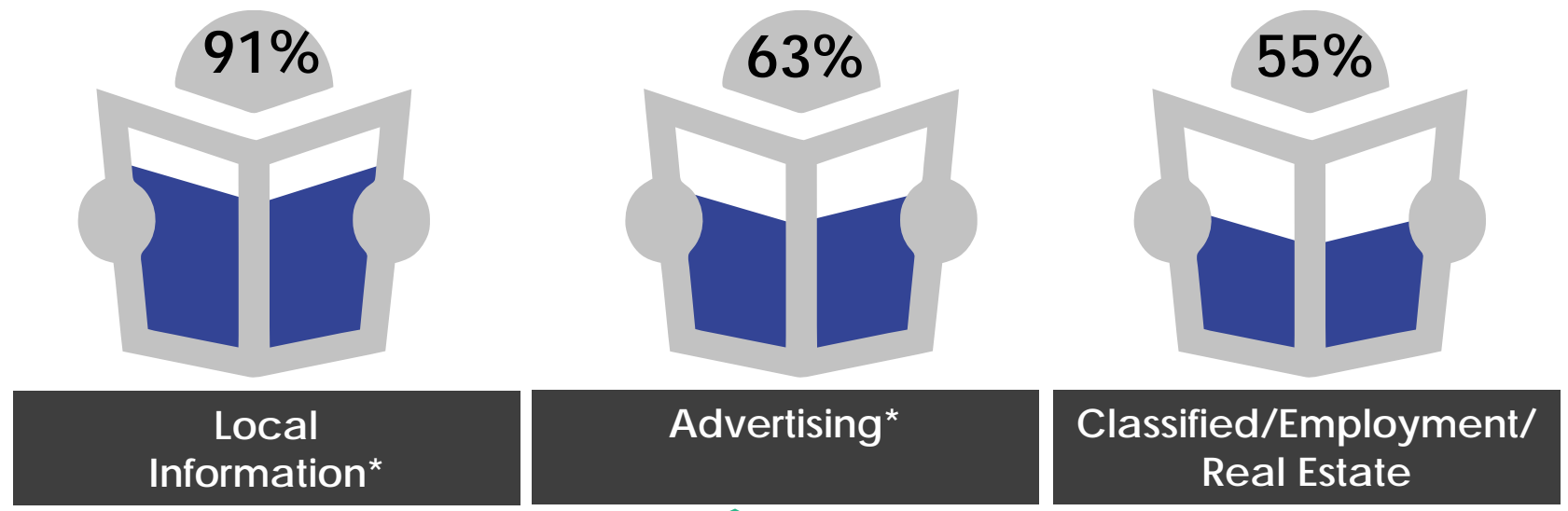




# PRINTED

## Community Newspaper Engagement

### Reasons for Reading Printed Community Newspaper



**Printed community newspaper readers are reading for local information as well as advertising.**  
 Almost two thirds of readers (63%) want to see advertising in their printed community newspaper.



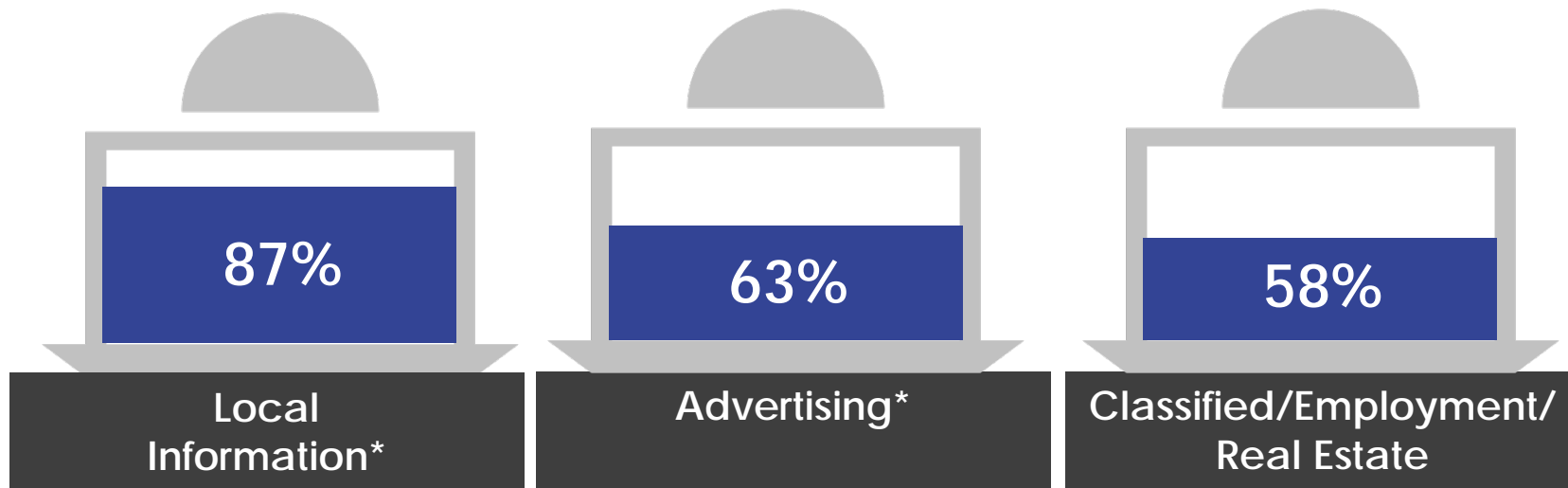


DIGITAL



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## Reasons for Reading Digital Community Newspaper



Digital community newspaper readers are reading for local information as well as advertising.

Nine out of ten digital readers want to see local information in their online community newspaper.



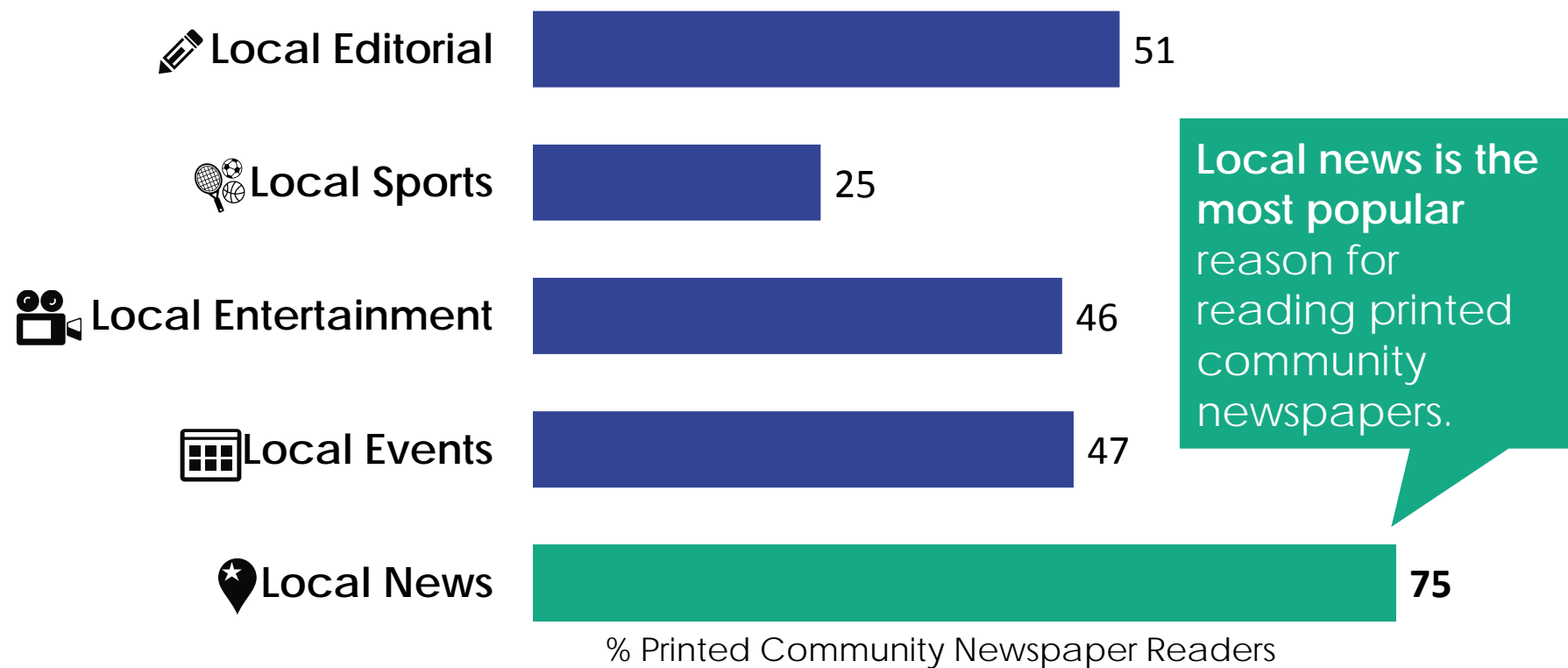
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# Community Newspaper Engagement

## Reasons for Reading Printed Community Newspaper





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# Community Newspaper Engagement

## Reasons for Reading Printed Community Newspaper



Flyers/Inserts



56



Advertising in Paper



25



Classified Ads



39



Employment



18



Real Estate



25

Almost six out of ten (56%) readers want the flyers/inserts in their printed community newspapers.

% Printed Community Newspaper Readers



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# Community Newspaper Engagement



## Top Three Media for Local Information



Printed community newspapers



Local television news broadcast



Local radio broadcast

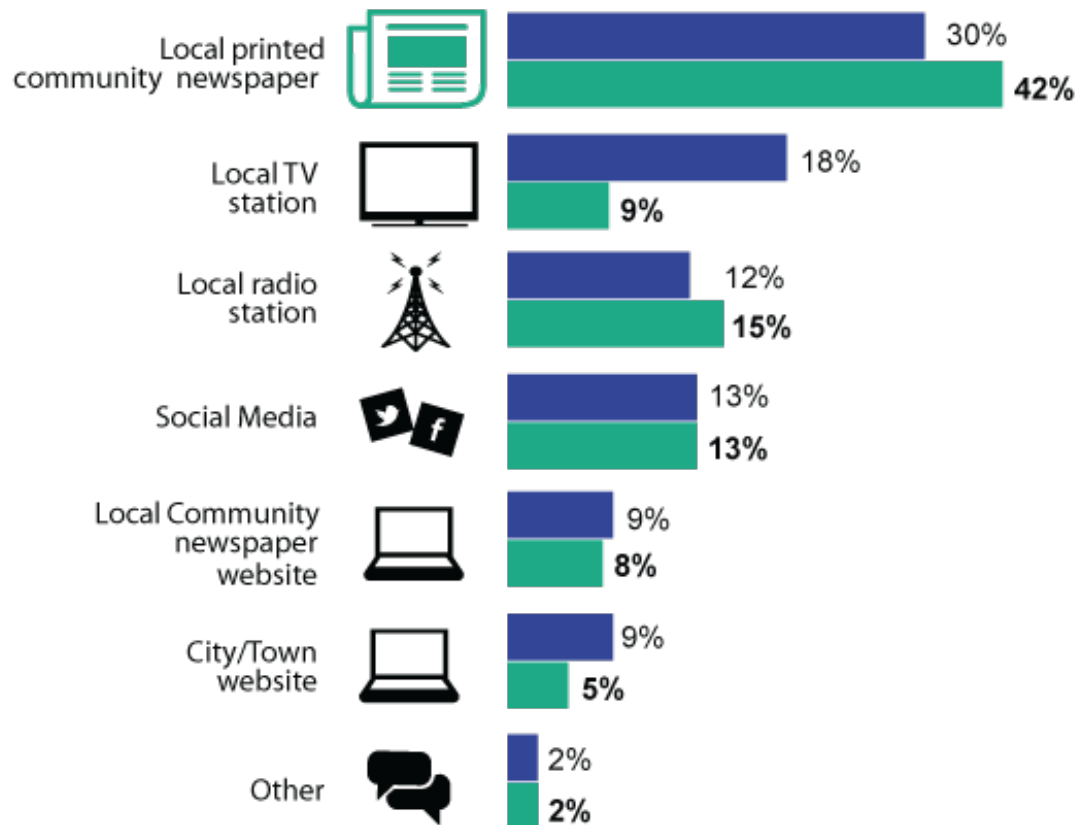
In smaller markets\* the printed community newspaper is the only medium used MORE for local information.



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# Favourite Source of Local News and Information



Adults in smaller communities are far more likely to choose community newspapers as their favourite source for local news and information.

■ Population 100K+   ■ Population <100K



# Response to Advertising in Community Newspapers



## 1. Trust in Advertising

*Readers trust advertising in community newspapers more than in any other medium.*

## 2. Traditional / Digital Formats

*Ads in community newspapers outperform other media, in print and digital formats.*

## 3. Take Action on Ad Content

*Community newspaper readers act on ads they see.*

**Community newspaper readers are responsive to advertising content.**



# Ads in Newspapers are Most Trusted

## Trust Advertising Content



Ads in Physical or Digital Format

49%



Newspaper

44%



Television

40%



Radio

39%



Magazine



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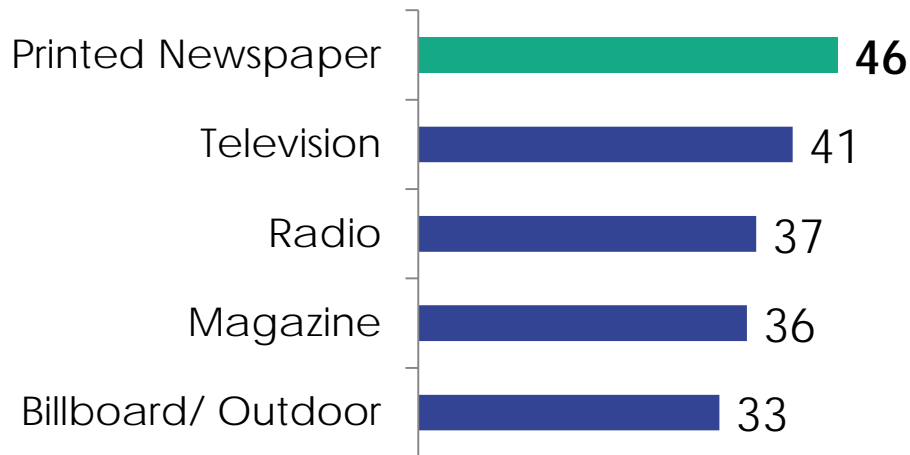


# Printed/Digital Newspaper Advertising Most Trusted

## Trust Advertising Content

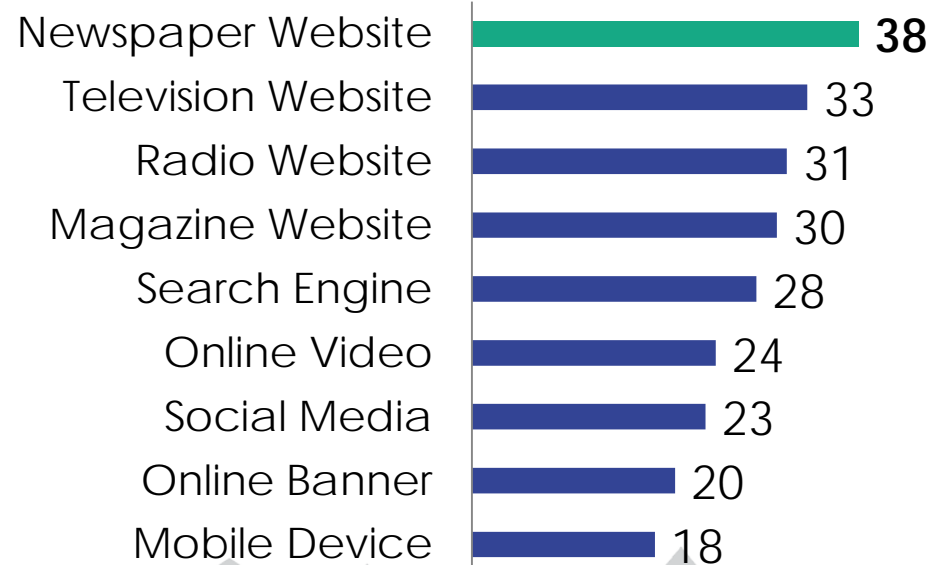


### In Traditional Media



### In Digital Media

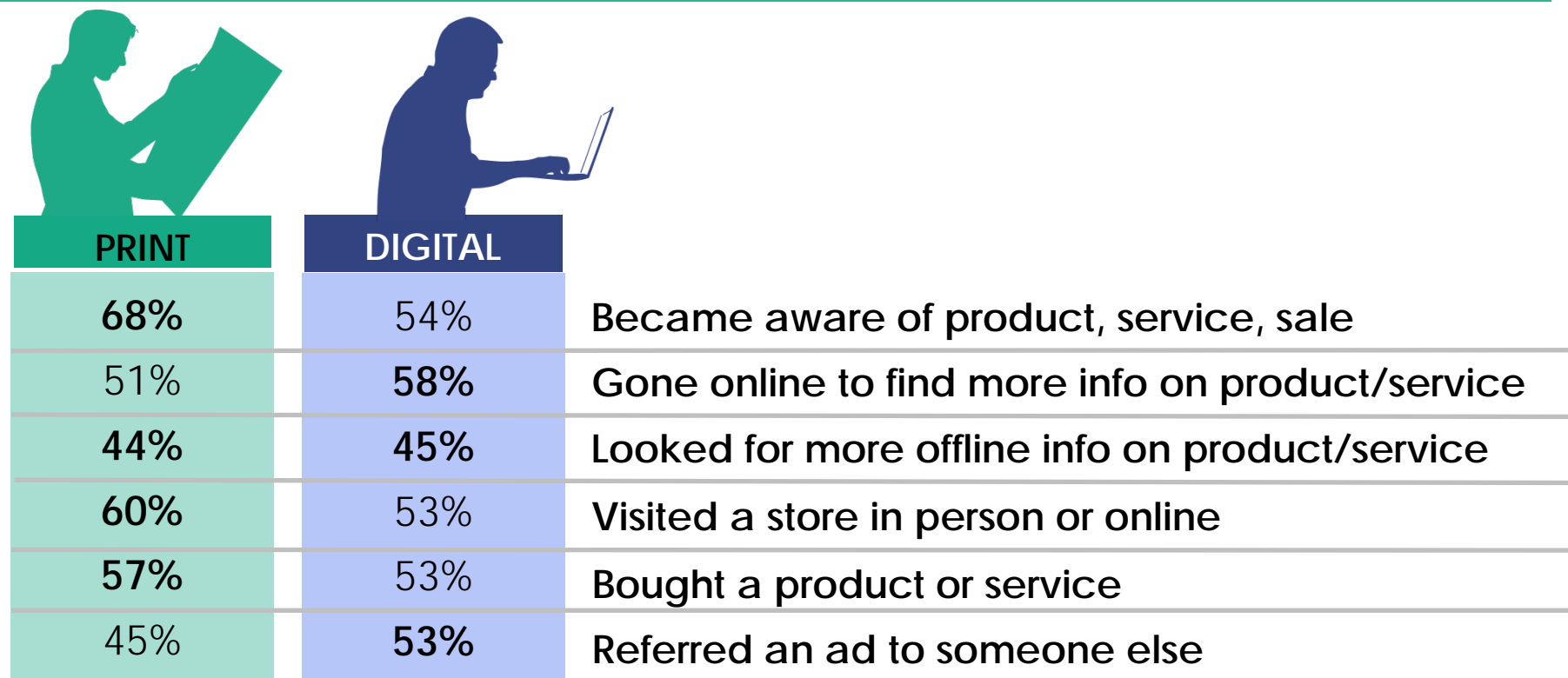
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# Community Newspaper Readers Respond to Advertising



## Action Taken as a Result of Seeing an Ad



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