

#### Our Mobile Planet: United States of America

Understanding the Mobile Consumer

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# **Executive Summary**



Smartphones have become an indispensable part of our daily lives. Smartphone penetration has risen to 56% of the population and these smartphone owners are becoming increasingly reliant on their devices. 67% access the Internet every day on their smartphone and most never leave home without it. Implication: Businesses that make mobile a central part of their strategy will benefit from the opportunity to engage the new constantly connected consumer.



**Smartphones have transformed consumer behaviour.** Mobile search, video, app usage and social networking are prolific. Smartphone users are multi-tasking their media with 82% using their phone while doing other things such as watching TV (53%). **Implication:** Extending advertising strategies to include mobile and developing integrated cross-media campaigns can reach today's consumers more effectively.



**Smartphones help users navigate the world.** Appearing on smartphones is critical for local businesses. 94% of smartphone users look for local information on their phone and 84% take action as a result, such as making a purchase or contacting the business. **Implication:** Ensuring that clickable phone numbers appear in local results and leveraging location based services on mobile make it easy for consumers to connect directly with businesses.



**Smartphones have changed the way that consumers shop.** Smartphones are critical shopping tools with 77% of users having researched a product or service on their device. Smartphone research influences buyer decisions and purchases across channels. 46% of smartphone users have made a purchase on their phone. Implication: Having a mobile-optimised site is critical and a cross-channel strategy is needed to engage consumers across the multiple paths to purchase.



**Smartphones help advertisers connect with consumers.** Mobile ads are noticed by 89% of smartphone users. Smartphones are also a critical component of traditional advertising as 56% have performed a search on their smartphone after seeing an offline ad. **Implication:** Making mobile ads a part of an integrated marketing strategy can drive greater consumer engagement.

# **Understanding the Mobile Consumer**

This survey is designed to gain insights into how consumers use the Internet on their smartphones

In detail:

- Facts and figures about smartphone adoption and usage
- Internet usage in general, search, video, social networking, mobile advertising and m-commerce behaviour via smartphones
- This country report is part of a global smartphone study conducted in multiple countries. Visit *thinkwithgoogle.com/ mobileplanet* for access to additional tools and data



How are smartphones used in daily life?



How do consumers multi-task with their smartphones?



What activities are consumers conducting on their smartphones?



What role do smartphones play in the **shopping** process?



How do consumers respond to ads, offline and on mobile?

### Agenda

Smartphones are Indispensable to Daily Life

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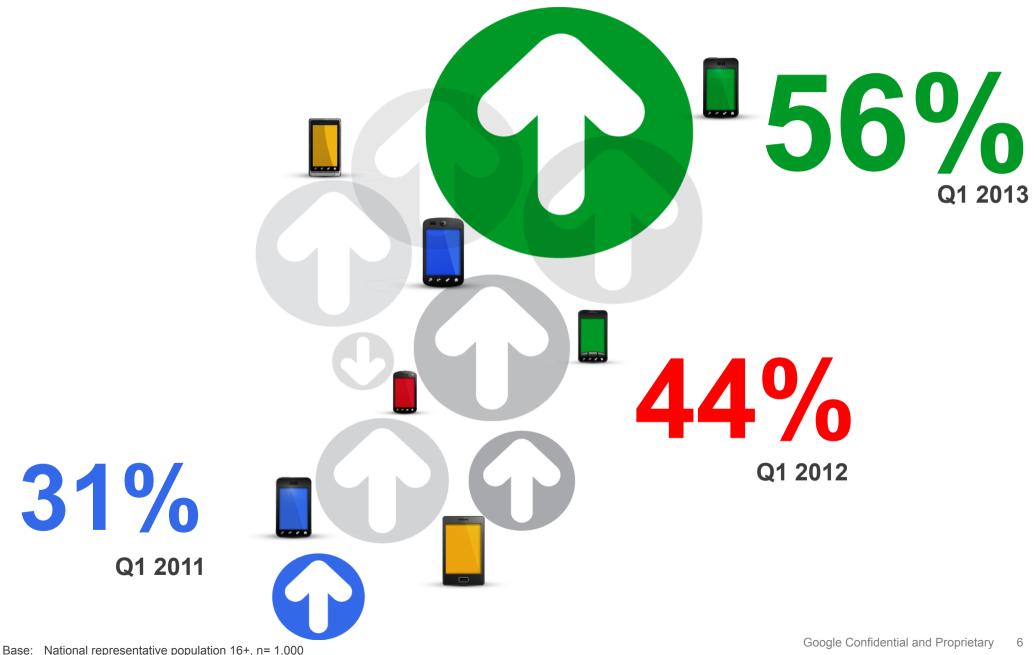
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4 Smartphones Change the Way that Consumers Shop

5 Smartphones Help Advertisers Connect with Customers

### SMARTPHONES ARE INDISPENSABLE TO DAILY LIFE

# **Smartphone Penetration is on the Rise**



Q1: Which if any of the following devices do you currently use?

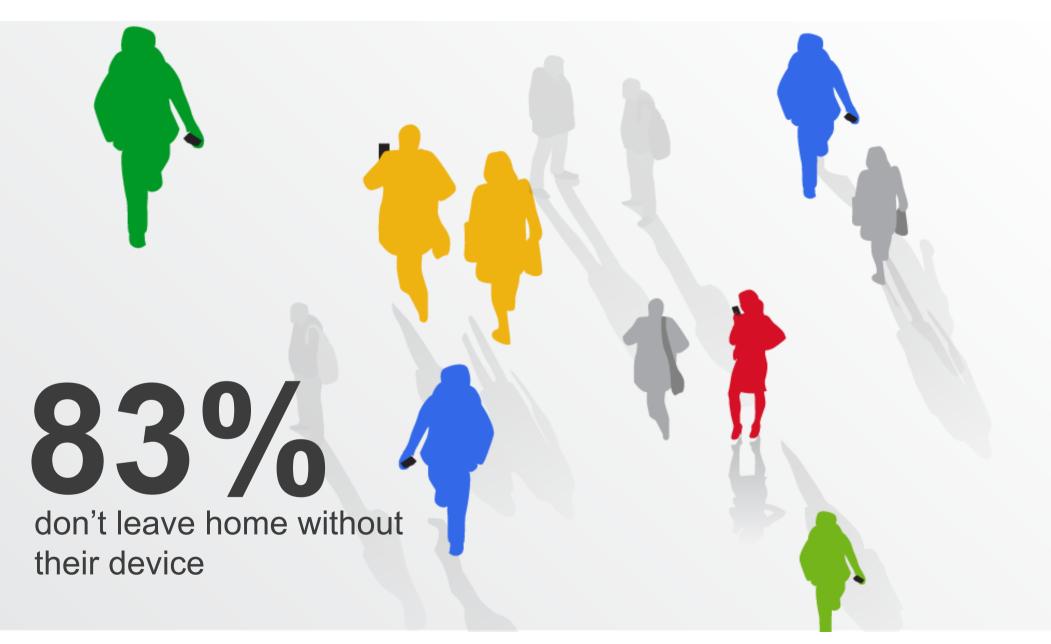
### Smartphones are a Central Part of Our Daily Lives

# 67%

have used their smartphones every day in the past 7 days

Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, Smartphone n= 1.000 Q18: Thinking about the last seven days, on how many days were you online with ...?

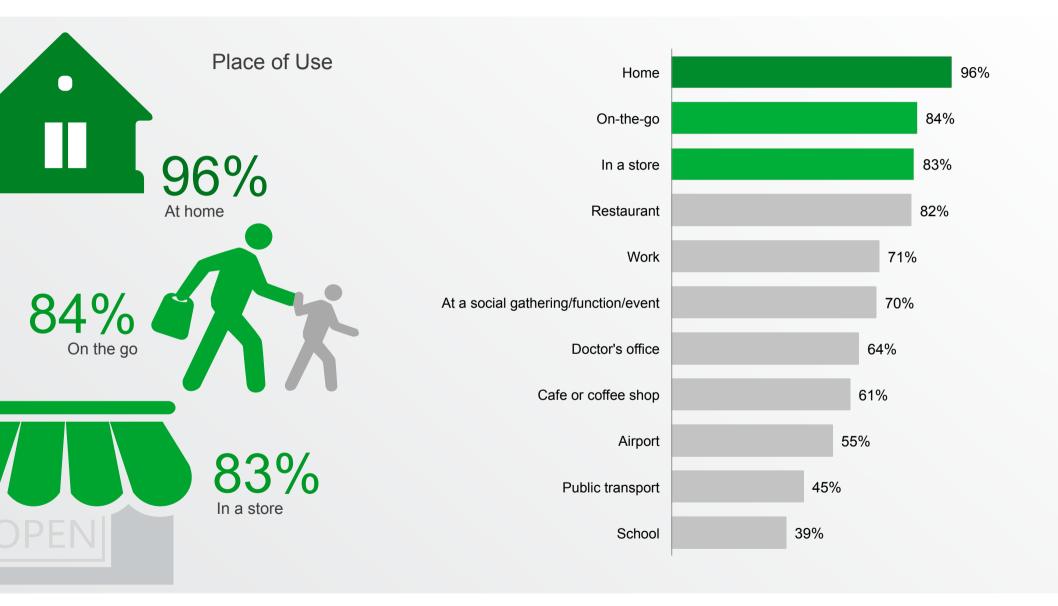
### Smartphones are Always On, Always with You



Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, Smartphone n= 1.000

Q52: To what extent do you agree to each of these statements?, Top2 Boxes; scale from 5 – completely agree to 1 – completely disagree. "I don't leave house without my smartphone"

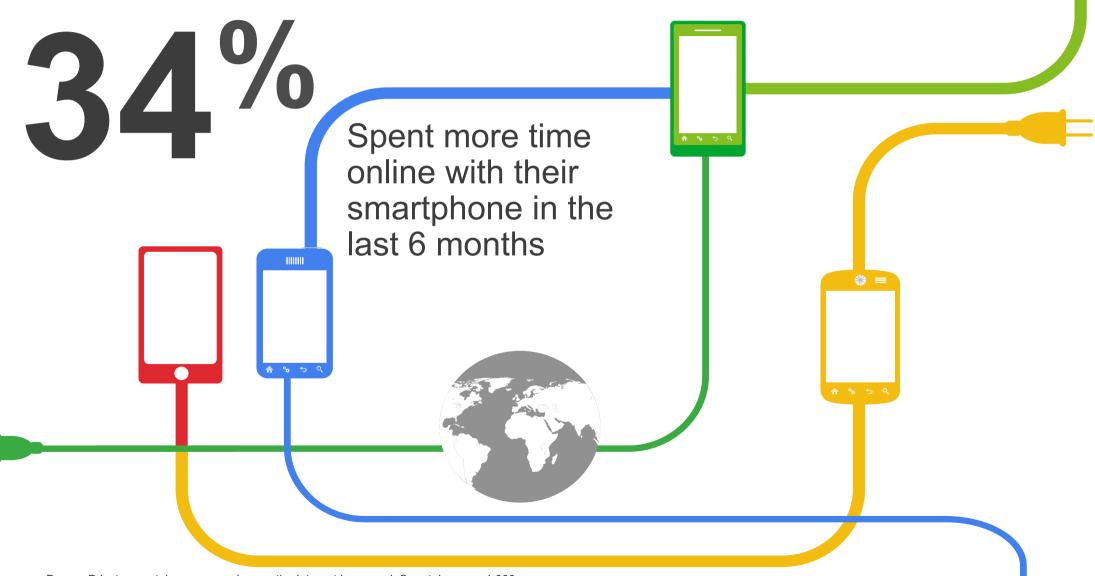
# **Smartphones Are Used Everywhere**



Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, Smartphone n= 1.000

Q16: Where do you tend to use your smartphone? Please first select at which locations you ever use it - even if only seldom.

# Perceived Smartphone Usage Intensity increased in last six months



Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, Smartphone n= 1.000 Q21: Thinking about the last 6 months, have you been using your smartphone to access the Internet more or less than you had before?

# Smartphones Have Become so Important to Consumers that ...

# **36%** would rather give up TV than their smartphone

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Smartphone n= 1.000 ?, Top2 Boxes; scale from 5 – completely ag er give up my TV / desktop P0 than my sma

#### SMARTPHONES HAVE TRANSFORMED CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR

### Smartphones are a Major Access Point for Search



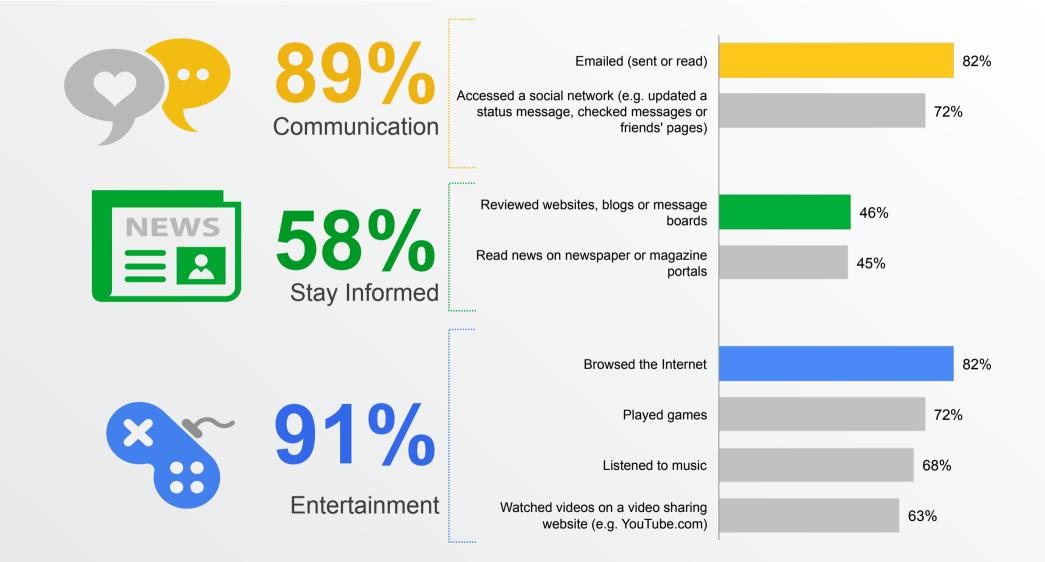
# **610/0** search on their smartphones every day

Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general and who are searching via search engine, Smartphone n= 945 Q31: How often do you do searches (via Google, Yahoo!, Bing, etc.) on your smartphone?

# **Smartphones Inform Our Daily Life**



# **Smartphones are a Multi-Activity Portal**



Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, Smartphone n= 1.000

Q23: Which of the following activities do you do with your smartphone? Please indicate whether you ever do this at all.



Q25: And of the apps that you currently have installed on your smartphone, how many have you used actively in the last 30 days?

Q26: And of the apps that you currently have installed on your smartphone, how many have you purchased for a certain amount in an app distribution platform ?

### **Smartphones Users are Avid Video Watchers**



#### **CLICK TO WATCH VIDEO**



watch video



use video at least once a day

Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, Smartphone n= 1.000 Q35: How often do you watch videos via websites or apps (e.g. short video clips, videos of TV shows, TV movies online, etc.) on your smartphone?

### **Smartphone Users are Frequent Social Networkers**

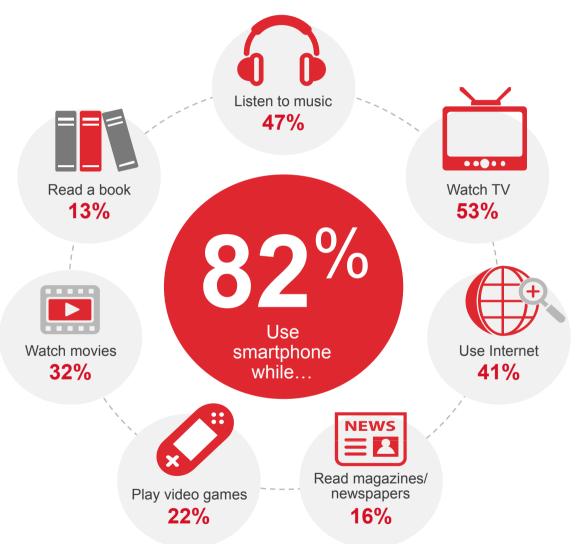
83%

56%

visit at least once a day

Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, Smartphone n= 1.00 How often do you visit a social network (via websites or apps) on your smartph

# Smartphones Are Used While Multi-tasking with Other Media



#### SMARTPHONES HELP USERS NAVIGATE THE WORLD AROUND THEM



# 94%

of smartphone users have looked for local information

**84%** have taken action as

a result

Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, Smartphone n= 1.000

Q33: How often do you look for information about local businesses or services on your smartphone? (Ever)

Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general and who look at least less than once a month for information their smartphone, Smartphone n= 941

Q34 Which of the following actions have you taken after having looked up this type of information (business or services close to your location)?

# Looking for Local Information is a Frequent Smartphone Activity



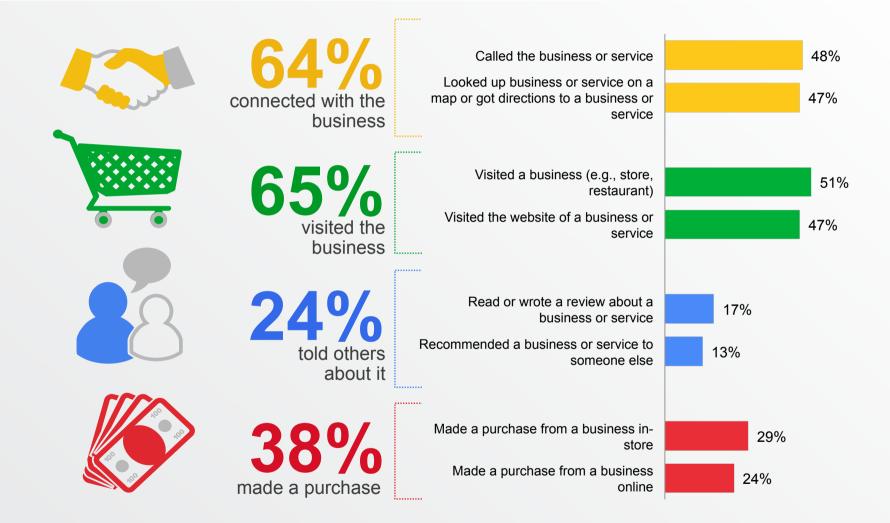


**57%** Look for local information at least once a week

Look for local information daily

25%

# **Local Information Seekers Take Action**



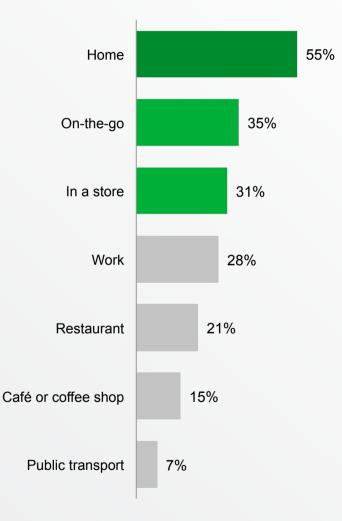
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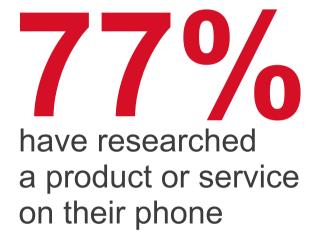
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#### SMARTPHONES CHANGE THE WAY THAT CONSUMERS SHOP

# **Smartphones Allow Users to Research Products Anytime, Anywhere**









Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, Smartphone n= 1.000 Q51a: And where were you when you researched for products or services with your smartphone?

### **Smartphones are Our Primary Shopping Companions**

#### I have changed my mind about purchasing a product or service

in a shop as of a result of information that I gathered using my smartphone.

34%

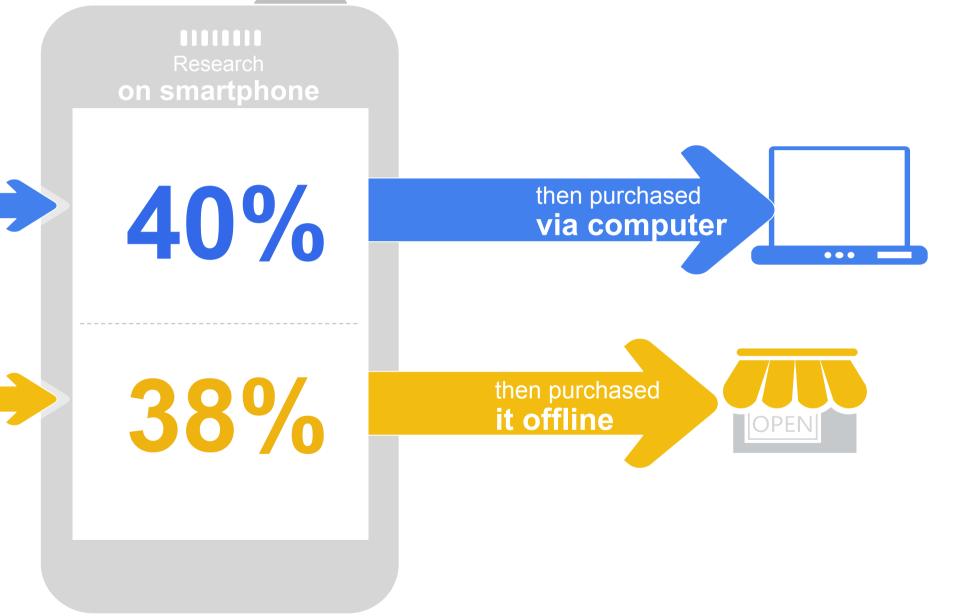
I have changed my mind about purchasing a product or service online as of a result of information that I gathered using my smartphone.

33%

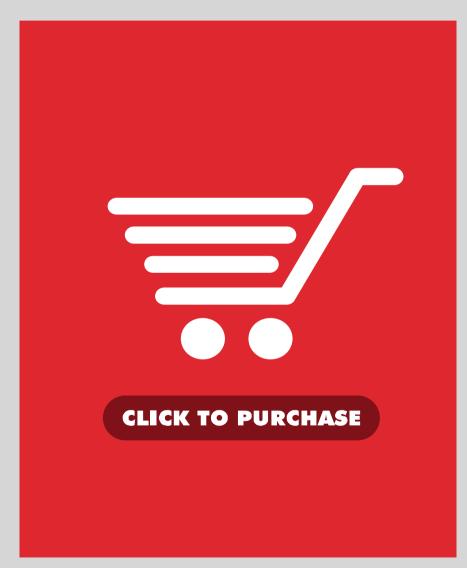
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Q52: To what extent do you agree to each of these statements? Please answer on a scale from 1 to 5. A "1" means that you completely disagree with the statement, a "5" means that you completely agree with the statement.

# Research that Starts on Smartphones Leads to Purchases Across Channels



# Smartphones Are an Emerging Point of Purchase





of smartphone users have purchased a product or service on their smartphone



of these smartphone shoppers have made a purchase in the past month

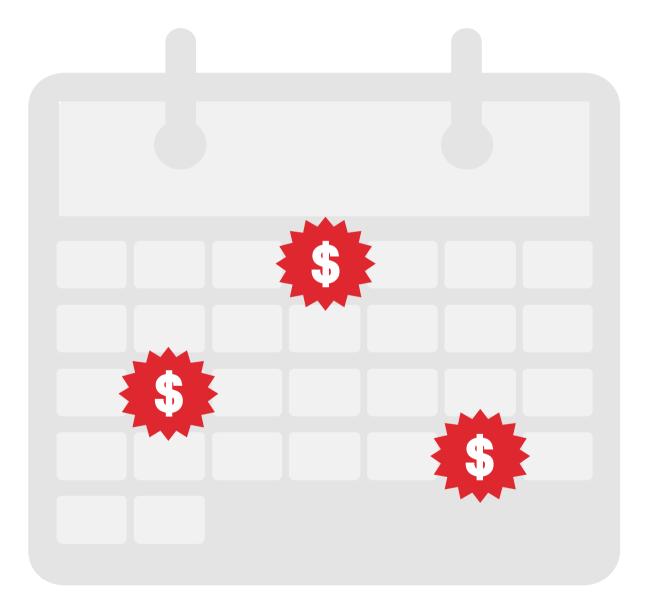
Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, Smartphone n= 1.000

Q44: Have you ever purchased a product or service over the Internet on your smartphone? By product or service we mean everything that you can buy excluding apps.

Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general and who purchased via Internet on their smartphone n= 458

Q45: Have you made a purchase by using your smartphone in the past month?

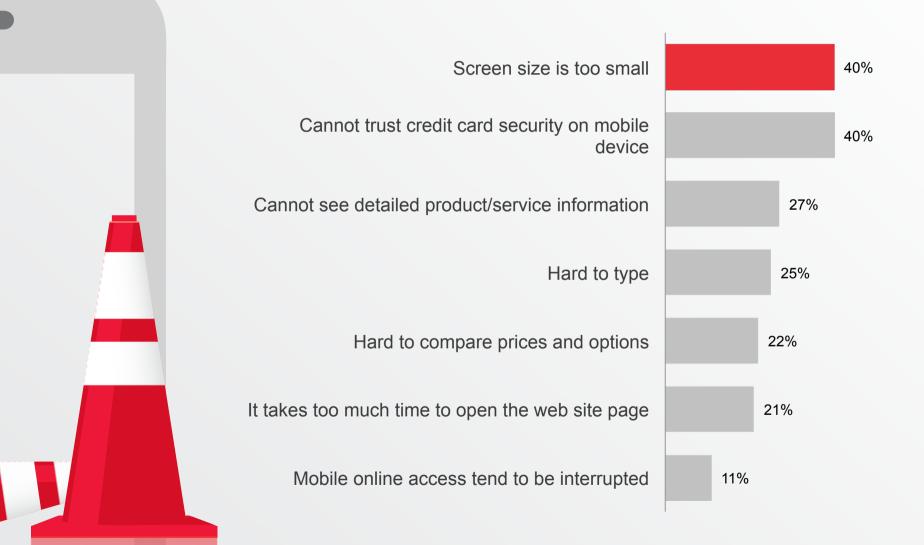
# **Smartphones Shoppers are Frequent Buyers**



# **60%** make mobile purchases

at least once a month

# **Barriers to Mobile Commerce Still Exist**



Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general and who NOT purchased via Internet on their smartphone n= 542 Q46: Why have you not made a purchase using your smartphone? – Top 7

#### Smartphones Help Advertisers Connect With Their Customers

# **Offline Ad Exposure Leads to Mobile Search**

Ad location



### have performed a mobile search after seeing an ad

56%

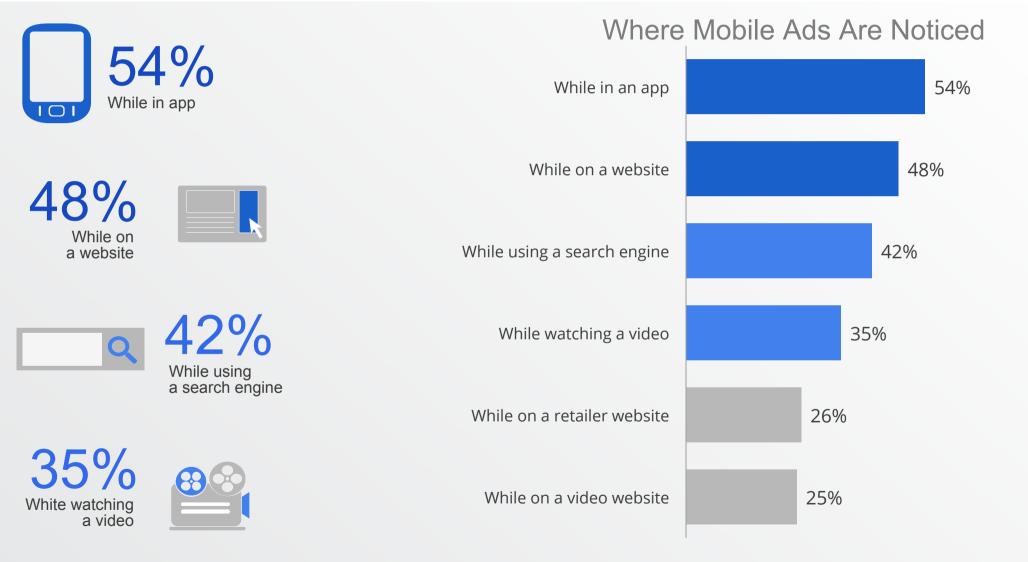
Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, n= 1000

Q43a: Thinking about the last 6 months, how often have you used your smartphone to do a search in response to an ad you have seen in a magazine, on a poster, on TV or in a shop/business?



smartphone? (Ever)

# Mobile Ads Make an Impression



Q42: Where have you noticed advertising when using your smartphone?

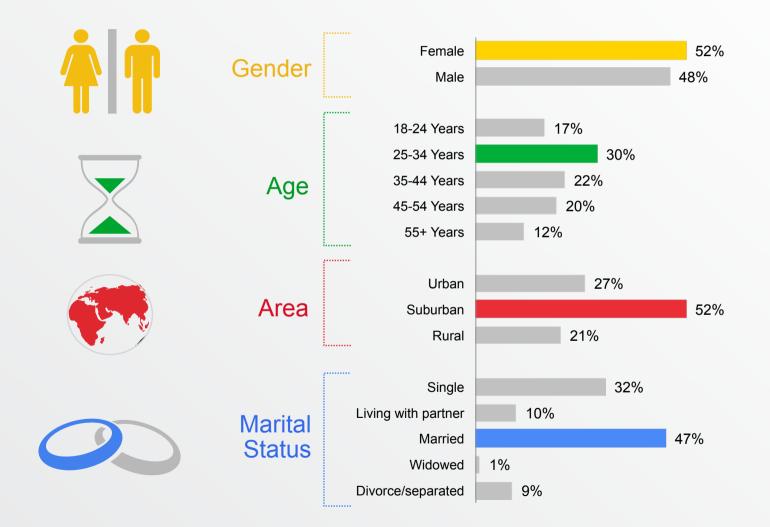
Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general and who at least rarely notice advertising n= 893



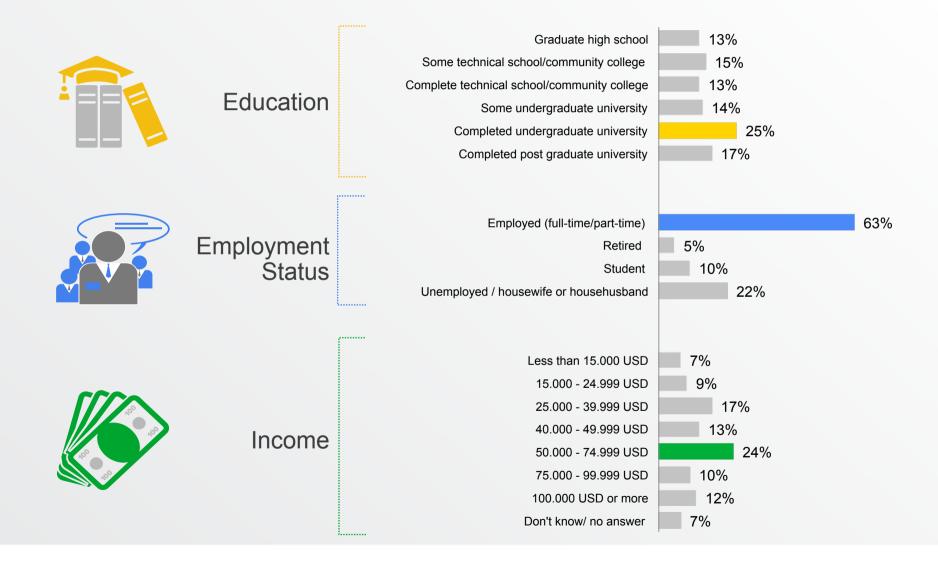
# **Research Methodology**

- In partnership with Ipsos MediaCT, we interviewed a total of 1,000 American online adults (18-64 years of age) who identified themselves as using a smartphone to access the Internet
- The distribution is according to a national representative study and the data is weighted on age, gender, region, brand of smartphone, mobile internet usage frequency and tablet usage
- A smartphone is defined as "a mobile phone offering advanced capabilities, often with PC-like functionality or ability to download apps"
- Respondents were asked a variety of questions around device usage, mobile search, video, social, web and commerce behaviour and mobile advertising
- Interviews were conducted in Q1 2013

# **Demographics**



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Base: Private smartphone users who use the Internet in general, n= 1.000 D4. What is the highest level of education that you have completed? D5. Which of the following best describes your employment status? D8. Which of these ranges comes closest to the total (annual) income of your household before anything is deducted for VAT, National Insurance (Social security), pension schemes, etc.?