

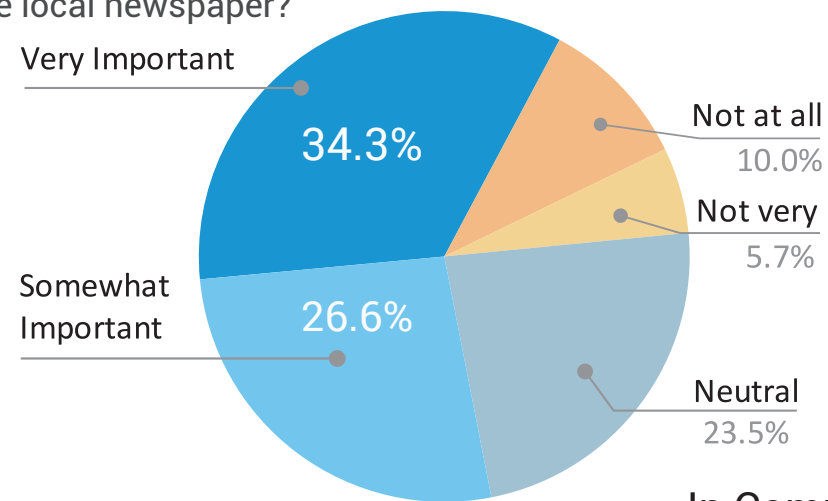
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## Importance of Supporting Newspaper Advertisers

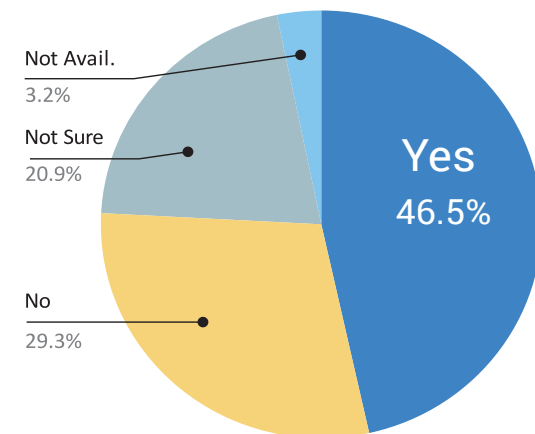
How important is it to buy from companies that advertise in the local newspaper?



This response of value and trust was shared equally between Men & Women and all three polled age groups (Under 45, 45- 64 and 65 & older)

In Communities <100,000 people said they **value their local newspaper and its advertisers.** They intend to turn that value and trust into patronage

Will you be more likely to buy from companies that advertise in your local newspaper?



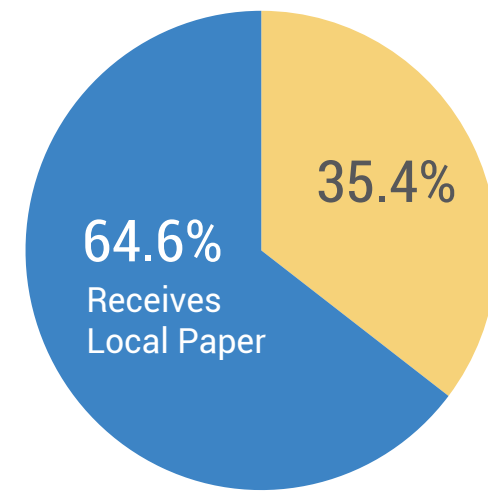
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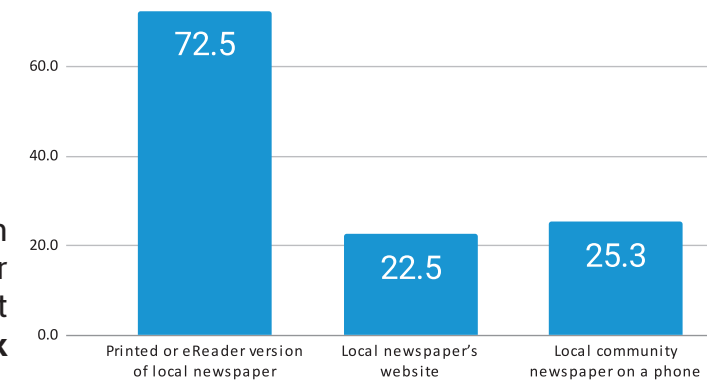
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## Receipt of and Readership of the Community Newspaper



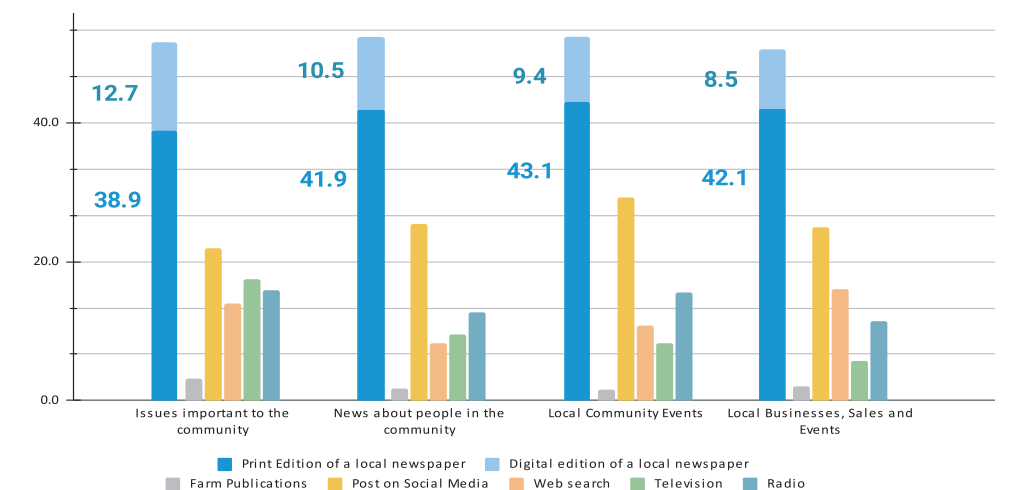
14.7% via Subscription | 8.8% via Newsstand  
28.3% via Free Delivery | 12.8% via Free Pickup

**78%** Engage with their local paper in some format **every week**



Community Newspapers are well received and remain the **preferred platform** for local topics of interest

## Preferred Media to Receive Information



**64%** of respondents said each edition had multiple readers in the household



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Totum Research: Interview timing **July/August 2021**. Random sample adults 18+ using Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) method with a margin of error of +/- 3.1% at 95% confidence level with 1005 interviews

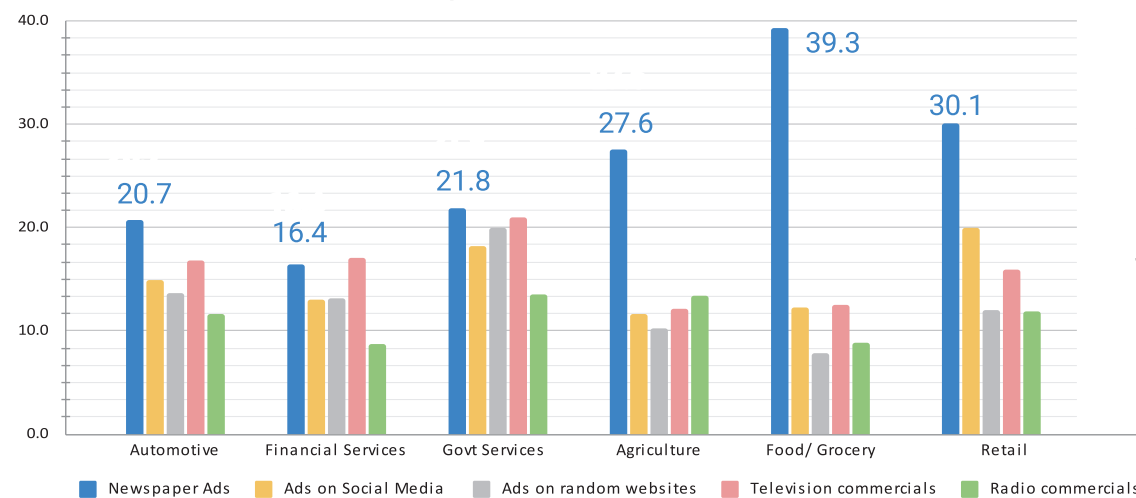
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## Community Newspaper Advertising

Media in which Ads Inspire Action



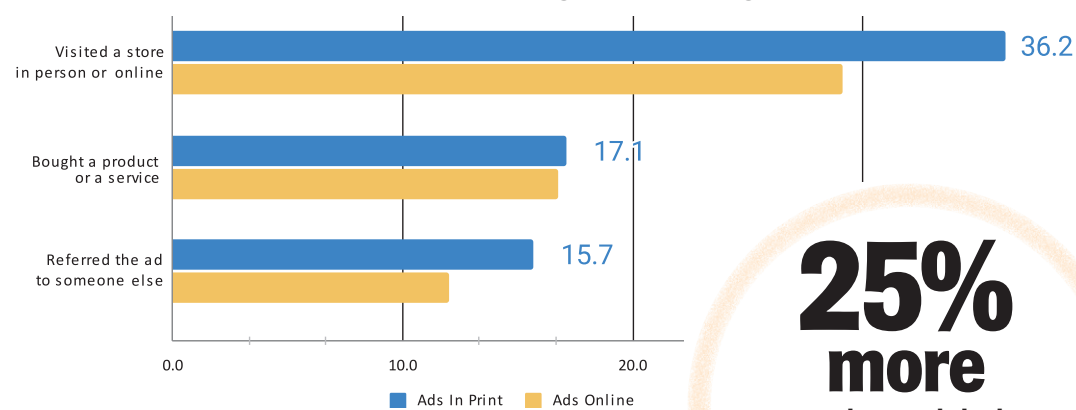
Ads in their Community Newspapers were **more likely to inspire action**

These actions include seek more info, visit a store in-person or online or make a purchase

This ad motivation triggering a store visit is shared equally between Men & Women and all three polled Age Groups (Under 45, 45- 64 and 65 & Older)

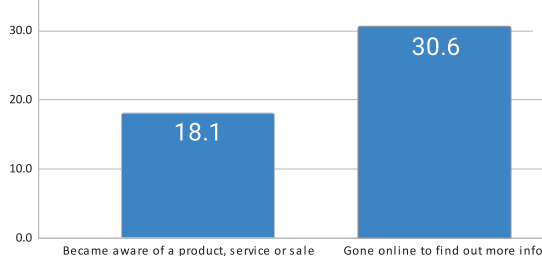


Actions taken after seeing Advertising



**25% more** people said they visited a store after seeing an ad in print versus an ad online

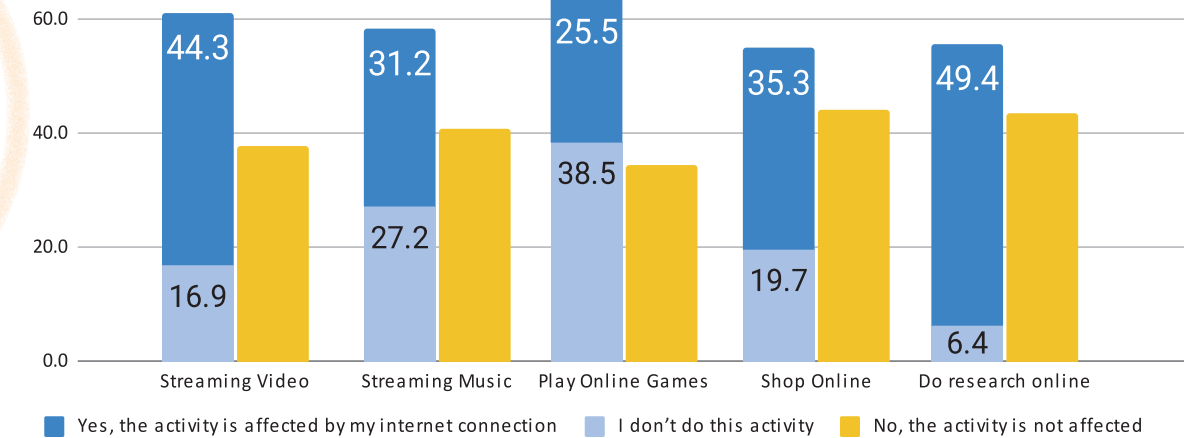
Other actions taken include



**25%**

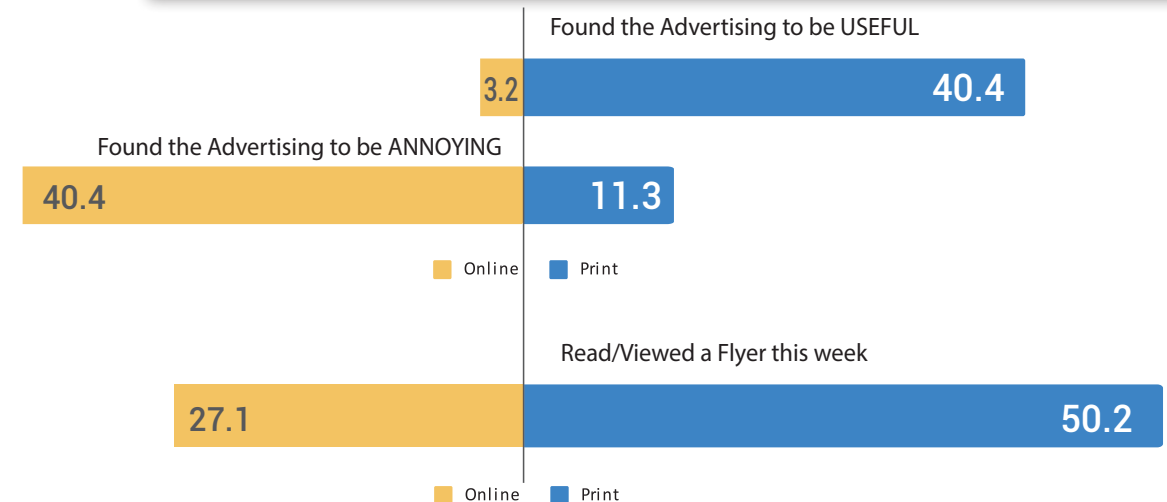
of respondents in Communities >100,000 report "No Internet" or "Internet Tied to Data Usage"

## Internet: Connection Methods and Impact



Households access the internet using various connection methods, including wired, satellite, mobile, even dial-up. The quality of internet connection often **limits many of their online activities**

## Feelings about Advertising



**60%**

of respondents admitted they do not respond well to online advertisements, saying they "never" or only "accidentally" click on ads

The combined population living in Alberta communities pop. <100,000 was 974,348, nearly 1/4 of Alberta's total population (2016 Census)

The aggregated population of adults 18+ in Alberta communities under 100,000 pop. is 974,348 (2016 Census)

In Alberta communities pop. <100,000 classification the average number of Readers per Household is 1.37