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Cumulus Media and Signal Hill Insights' Podcast Download – Spring 2025 Report

Key areas of focus

Cumulus Media | Westwood One and Signal Hill Insights commissioned Quantilope to survey weekly podcast consumers in April 2025 for our latest Podcast Download Report. Here are the major questions we sought to address:

- What is the profile of weekly and heavy podcast consumers?
- How are Podcast Newcomers (started listening in past year) distinct from Podcast Pioneers (4+ years)?
- Do podcast consumers go back and listen to the back catalogue of episodes?
- Platform usage: What are the latest shifts in preferred platform? How does that vary by segment?
- Podcasts with video: What are consumer preferences? To what extent do they watch or listen to them?
- How interested are podcast consumers in engaging and interacting with their favorite hosts and podcasts?
- How engaged are podcast consumers with ad-free video streaming services?
- Advertiser Perceptions: What is the current state of podcast advertising consideration and usage?

Methodology

Cumulus Media and Signal Hill Insights' Podcast Download – Spring 2025 Report represents the fourteenth installment in the series, with the inaugural report dating back to July 2017. This study is conducted twice a year in Spring and Fall.

This study was fielded online using a nationally representative sample of 603 respondents who met the following criteria:

- Persons 18+
- All respondents spent at least one hour listening to, or watching*, podcasts within the past week
- Respondents were not employed in the advertising, public relations, marketing, market research, AM/FM radio, television, digital, or podcasting industries
- Surveys were conducted from April 21 to 30, 2025

* This is the 6th wave where respondents could qualify for the Download by saying they "watched" a podcast in the past week. In total, 4% of the sample qualified by saying they watched but didn't listen to podcasts in the past week. Wherever trending comparisons are made to previous waves, the difference in samples is noted.

Key takeaways

- **Once you're in, you're in:** Even podcast newcomers (listening 1 year or less) consume nearly as many episodes a week as podcast pioneers (4+ years).
- **Because of co-listening, downloads and listens underestimate the actual audience:** A sizeable minority of consumers listen to podcasts with friends or family – something not captured by download or impression numbers.
- **The three leading platforms serve differing audiences:** Spotify skews young, Apple skews to Podcast Pioneers and YouTube leans male.
- **Podcast newcomers are more diverse and more likely to be women.**
- **Podcast advertising captures hard-to-reach, ad-free video streamers:** Weekly podcast consumers are also heavy viewers of ad-free video streaming services (i.e., Netflix, Amazon Prime, ad-free Hulu, etc.).
- **Advertiser adoption of podcast ads continues to grow at a breakneck pace:** In the Advertiser Perceptions study, advertisers say their use of podcasts has jumped from 15% to 59% in the past eight years.



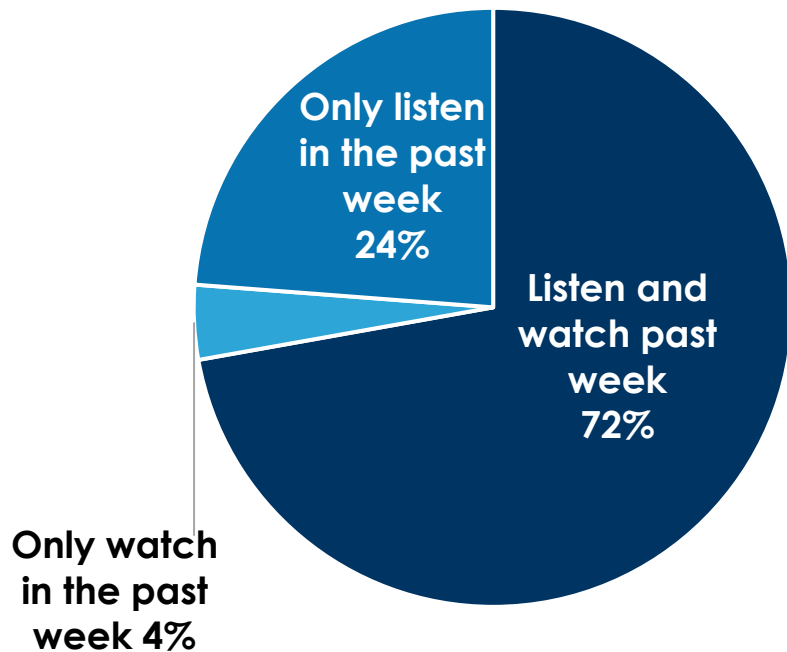
5 Key takeaways: Watchable podcasts

- **YouTube is not a walled garden of podcasts:** 72% of weekly podcast consumers who have consumed podcasts on YouTube say they would switch platforms from YouTube if a podcast were to become available only on another platform. 51% of YouTube podcast consumers say they already have listened to the same podcasts they consume on YouTube in another place.
- **YouTube is the leading podcast platform for the third year, but no single platform dominates:** Continued interest in video podcasts keeps YouTube ahead of Spotify as the most used platform. However, a diverse ecosystem of podcast platforms means no single one captures a majority as most used.
- **Watchable podcasts have grown in popularity:** Driven by Podcast Newcomers, more consumers prefer podcasts with video they can actively watch or minimize to listen in the background vs. podcasts that are just audio.
- **Podcast Discovery: YouTube is the place to be found:** YouTube acts as an entertainment search engine. 44% of weekly podcast consumers who listened to a new podcast in the past 6 months started listening to their latest podcast on YouTube.
- **Audio remains the primary mode of consumption, despite the growing option of video:** Podcasts are unique among other media platforms, offering flexible multimedia opportunities. Podcast consumers have the option to either watch or listen, and the vast majority continue to choose to listen.
- **With the rise of podcast watching, Smart TV's are big for podcast consumption:** A third of consumers are using a Smart TV for podcasts, which is only outranked by smartphones



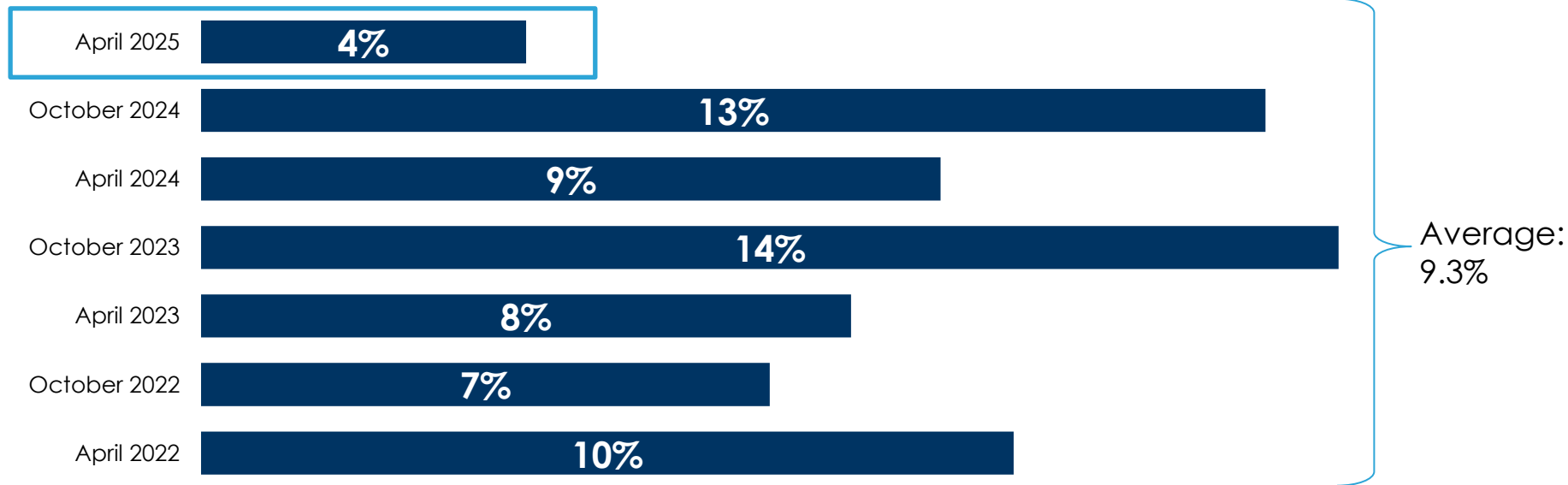
4% say they only watched podcasts; 96% of podcast consumers say they listened to podcasts in the last week

Expanding the definition of the podcast audience to those who “watch” rather than just “listen” increased the podcast universe by 4%



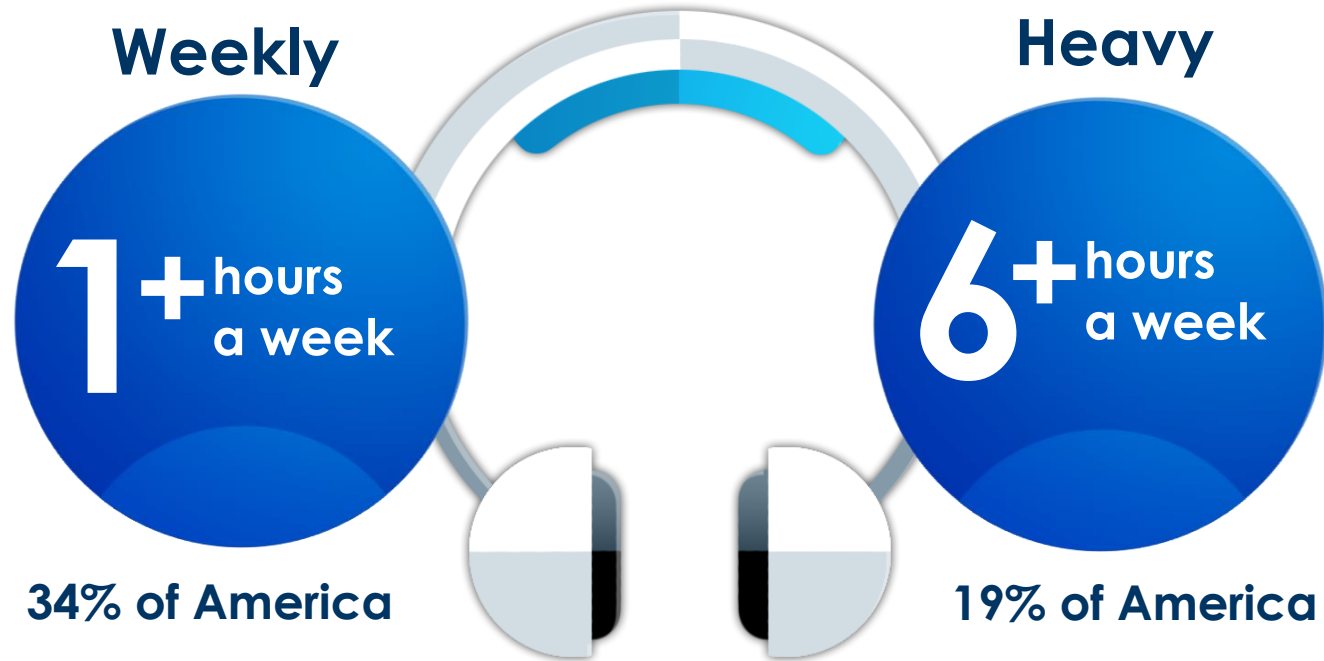
Exclusive podcast watching has stayed consistent at 10% with the exception of April 2025

% of weekly podcast consumers who only watch podcasts



How to read: 4% of weekly podcast consumers only watched podcasts in April 2025. This is an outlier from what has stayed consistent from 10% in April 2022 when podcast watching was first introduced to the Podcast Download.

Podcasts: Who's listening?



Source: Weekly podcast listening sourced from Edison Research, "The Infinite Dial 2024," persons 12+ Heavy podcast listening based on multiplying heavy podcast consumers size by total America. Source: Cumulus Media and Signal Hill Insights' Podcast Download – Spring 2025 Report, Cumulus Media, Quantilope National Study – Spring 2025; Q: "In the past week, approximately how many hours, if any, did you spend listening to podcasts?"

Study terminology and definitions

Term	Definition
Weekly podcast consumers	Listened to or watched podcasts in the past week.
Heavy podcast consumers	Listened to or watched 6+ hours of podcasts in the past week.
Podcast watchers	Those who have watched podcasts with a video component in the past week.
Watchable podcasts	Podcasts with a video component.
Podcast Pioneers (4+ years ago)	Started consuming podcasts 4 or more years ago.
Podcast Intermediates (2-3 years ago)	Started consuming podcasts 2-3 years ago.
Podcast Newcomers (past year)	Started consuming podcasts in the past 12 months.
Distribution platforms	Destination where podcasts are available for consumers, e.g., Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and YouTube.
Apple Podcasts	Podcasts accessed on iTunes or Apple Podcasts.

Podcast
origin
timeline

**Podcast Pioneers spend more time with
podcasts and consume more episodes.
Podcast Newcomers are more female and
more likely to be Hispanic.**

State of weekly podcast consumers

Profile of the 34% of Americans who are weekly podcast consumers

Heavy podcast listening

% who listened to 6+ hours

55%

of total weekly podcast consumers are heavy users

Average weekly time spent with podcasts

Weekly podcast consumers consumed an average of

6.9 hours

of podcasts

Average number of podcast episodes listened to

Weekly podcast consumers tuned into an average of

4.3

podcast episodes in the past week

Average number of podcast shows listened to

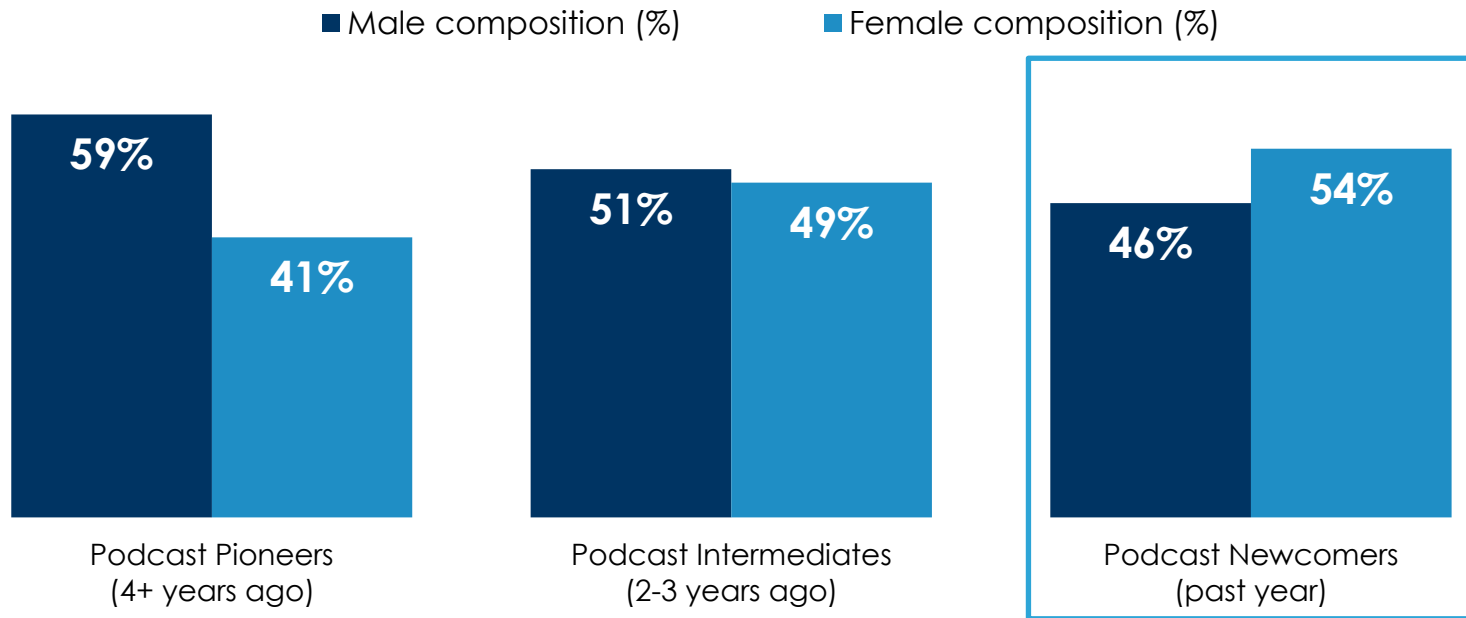
On average, weekly podcast consumers listen to

3.1

different shows per week

Women are more likely to be among Podcast Newcomers

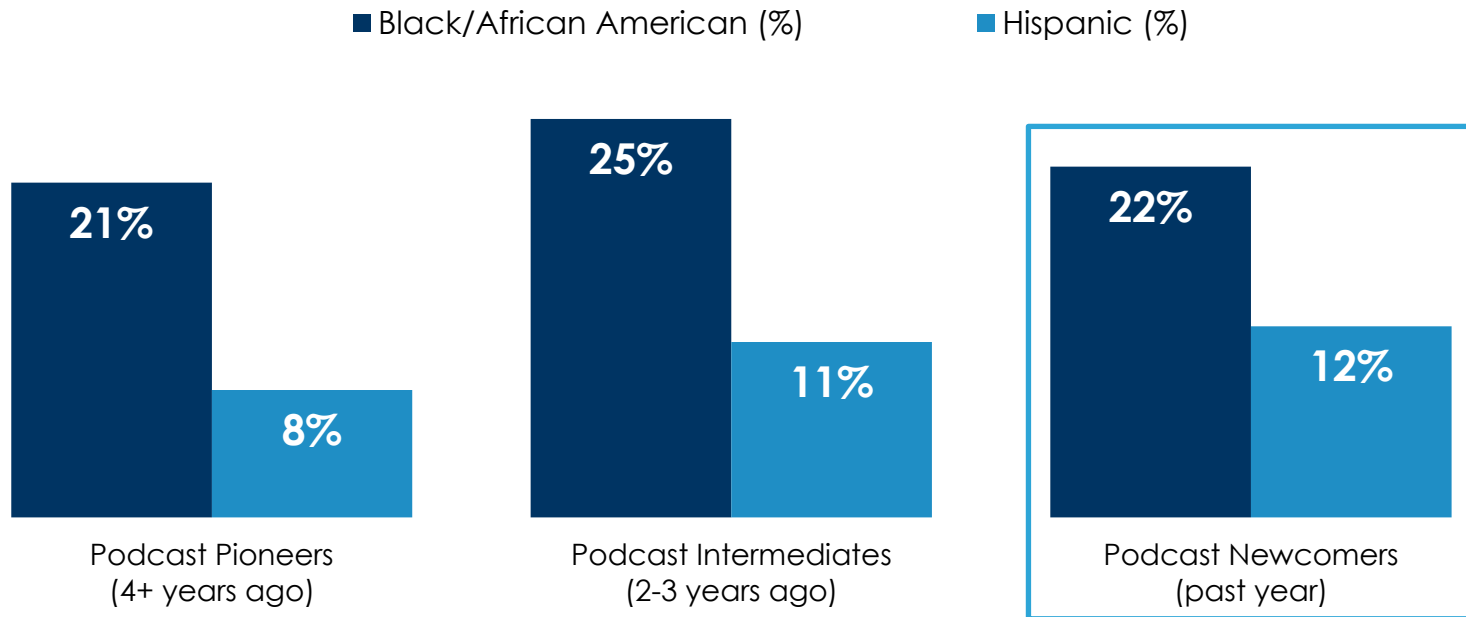
Q: "When did you first start listening to podcasts?" – gender composition (%)



How to read: 51% of Podcast Intermediates (those who began listening 2-3 years ago) are men.

Podcast Newcomers are more likely to be Hispanic; A third of newcomers are multicultural

Q: "When did you first start listening to podcasts?" – race/ethnicity composition (%)



How to read: 25% of Podcast Intermediates (those who began listening 2-3 years ago) are Black/African American

Once you're in, you're in: Even Podcast Newcomers consume 3 average shows (distinct podcast titles) per week

Average number of weekly shows

(Pioneers 4+ years)

3.3

(Intermediates 2-3 years)

3.1

(Newcomers <1 year)

2.8

(Heavy consumers
6+ hours)

3.7

Q: "How many podcast shows have you listened to in the past week?"

1-3 shows

74%

4-9 shows

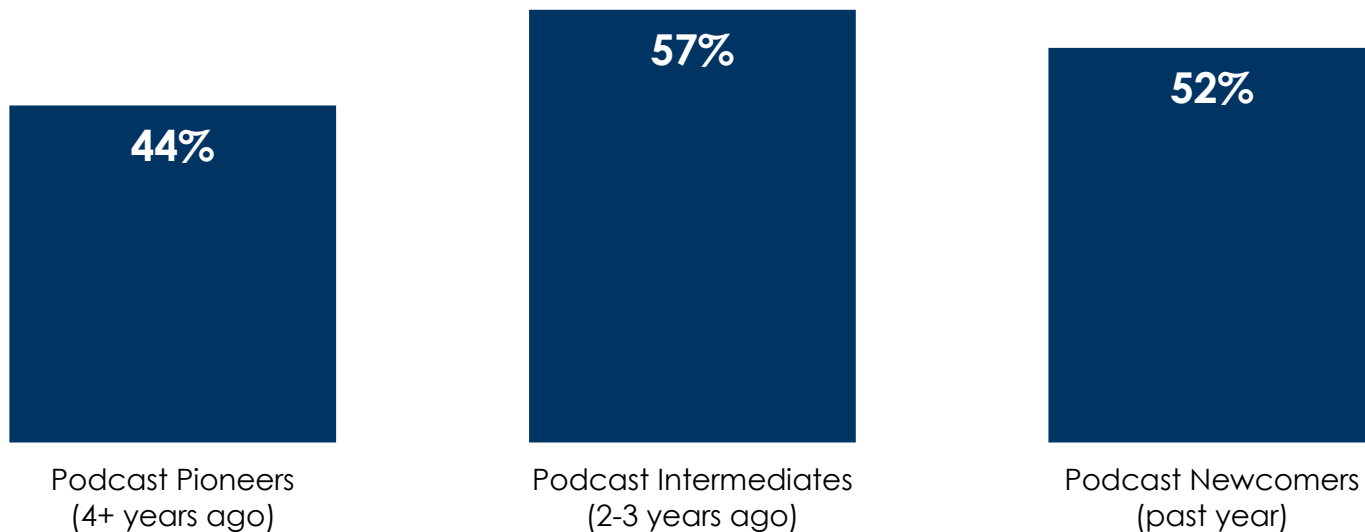
24%

10+ shows

3%

Podcast Newcomers aren't the only ones finding new podcasts to listen to

Q: "Have you started listening to any new podcasts over the past 3 months?"
(% who said yes)

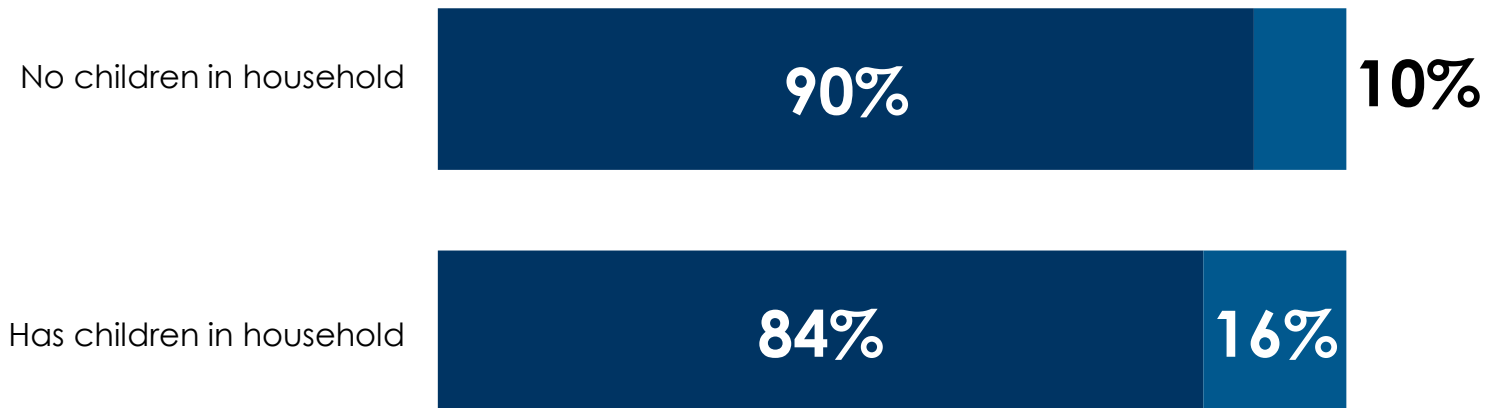


How to read: 44% of Podcast Pioneers have started listening to new podcasts in the past 3 months.

Weekly podcast consumers with children in the household spend more time listening to podcasts with others

Q: "Of all the podcast listening you do, what percentage would you say you do by yourself and with others?"

■ By myself ■ With others



How to read: Weekly podcast consumers with children in the household spend 84% of their time listening by themselves.

Almost one-third of weekly podcast consumers with children have ever listened to podcasts with their kids

Among weekly podcast consumers with children in household

Podcast co-listening:
Ever listened with
children

29%

of weekly podcast
consumers with children say
they have ever listened to
podcasts **with their children**

Those with children listen
frequently with their
children

4%

of weekly podcast
consumers with children say
they listen to podcasts with
their children **"frequently"**

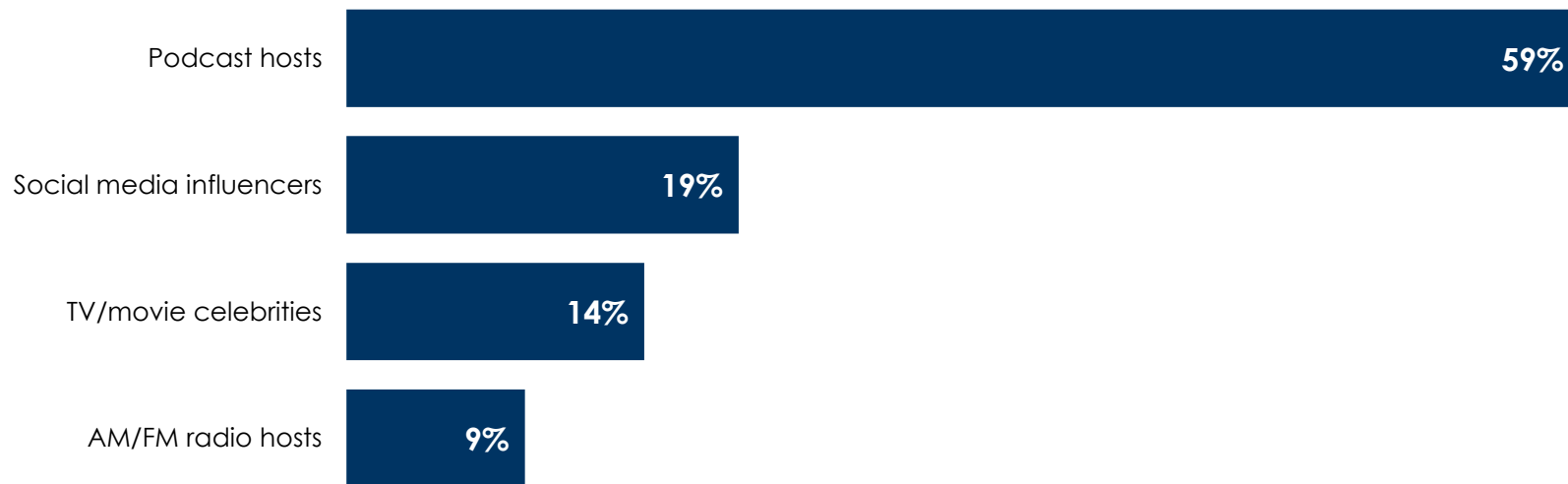
Weekly podcast consumers listen to podcasts with friends and family

Among weekly podcast consumers

Q: Do you listen to podcasts with...				Q: How frequently do you listen with ...			
% who said 'yes'				% who said 'frequently'			
Friends	Family	Net: Friends or family	Net: Friends/family/children	Friends	Family	Net: Friends or family	Net: Friends/family/children
30%	29%	42%	43%	3%	5%	7%	7%

Weekly podcast consumers find podcast hosts more influential than social media influencers and celebrities

Q: "From the list below, whose influencer matters most to you?"
(% of weekly podcast consumers)

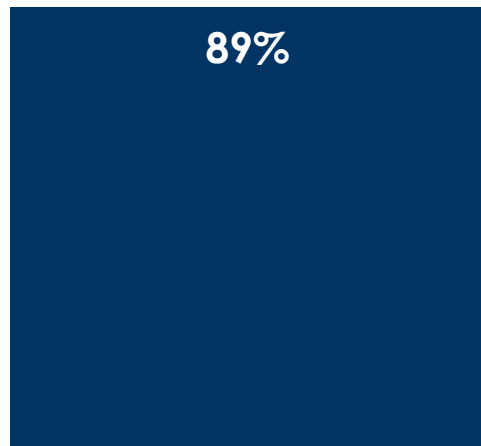


How to read: 59% of weekly podcast consumers say they find podcast hosts influence matters most to them.

Podcasts reach voters.

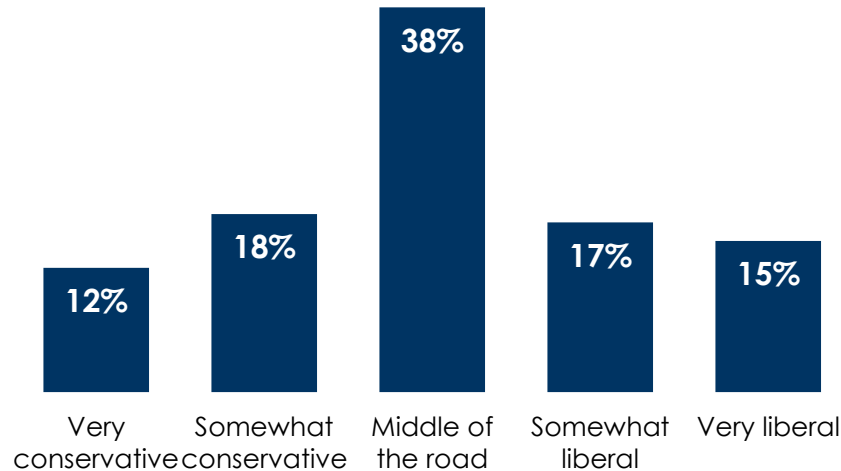
Weekly podcast consumers are registered voters and evenly split among the spectrum of liberal to conservative

Q: "Are you registered to vote in your district of residence?"
(% who said yes)



Total weekly podcast consumers

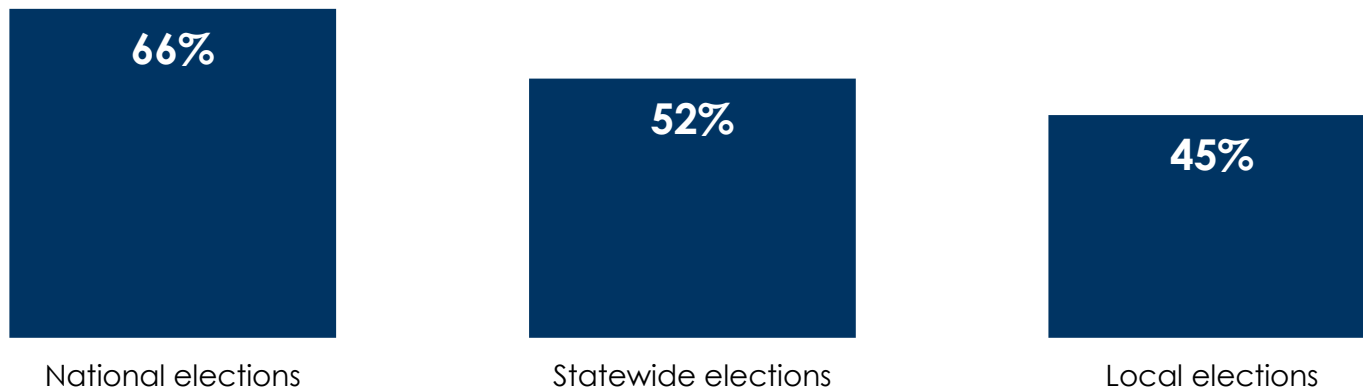
Q: "Thinking of your political outlook, which best describes how you usually think of yourself?"



How to read: 18% of podcast consumers consider themselves "somewhat conservative."

2 in 3 weekly podcast consumers always vote in national elections

Q: "How often do you vote in the following types of elections?"
(% who said always)



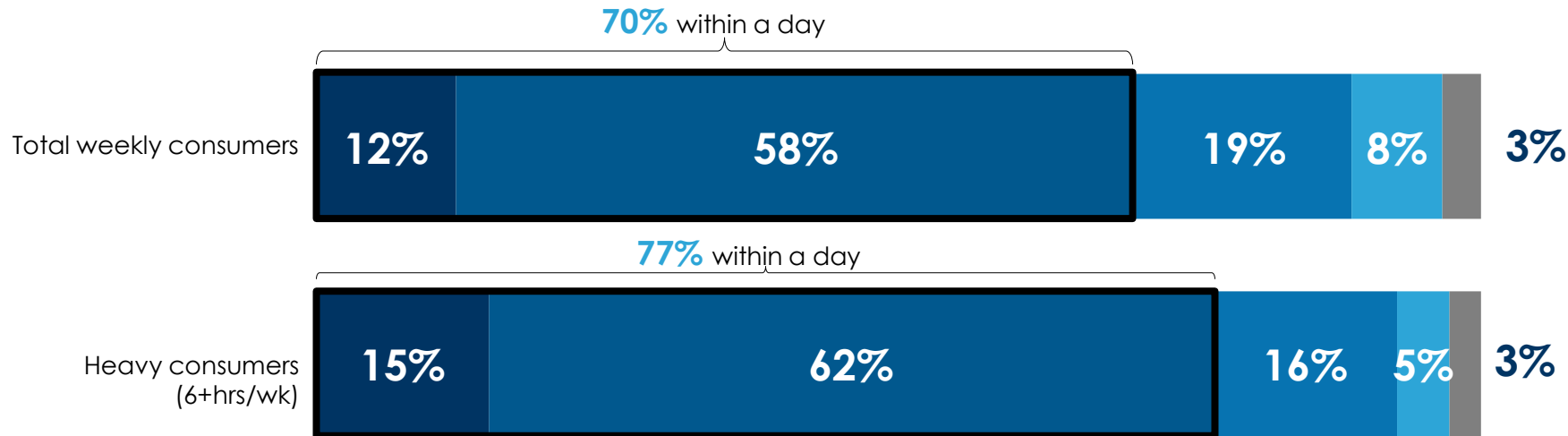
How to read: 66% of weekly podcast consumers say they always vote in national elections.

Podcast Pioneers and women like to go back to listen to old episodes and episodes they missed.

Over two-thirds of weekly podcast consumers and three-fourths of heavy podcast consumers listen to new episodes within 24 hours

Q: "Thinking about your favorite podcasts, which of the following describes how you listen?"

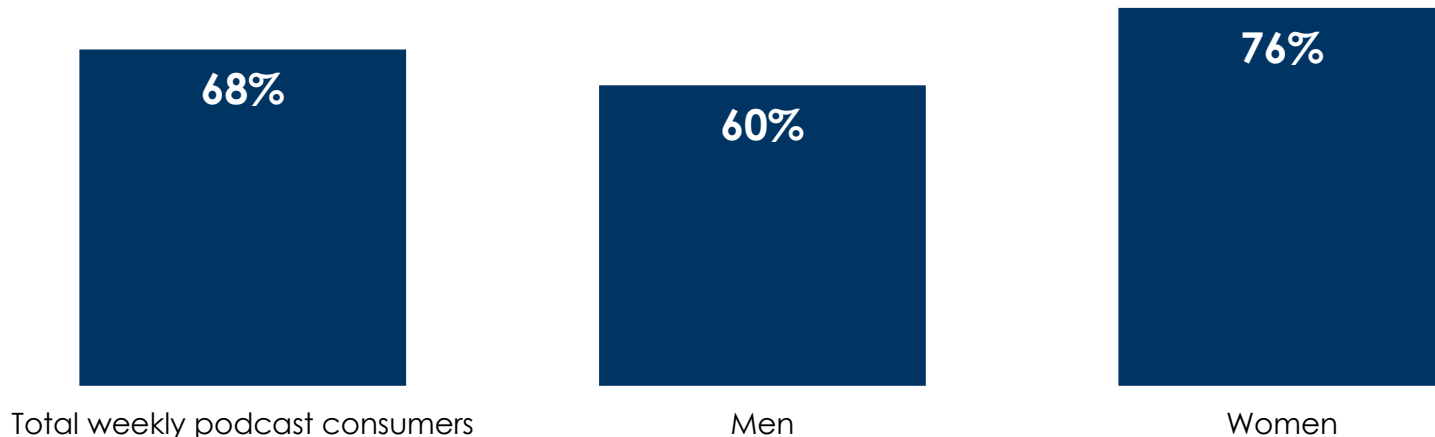
■ Listen immediately after release ■ Within 24 hours ■ 1 to 3 days after release ■ 4 to 7 days after release ■ More than 7 days



How to read: 12% of weekly podcast consumers selected "I listen to the podcast immediately after it is released."

Women are more likely to go back and listen to older episodes when they start listening to a new podcast

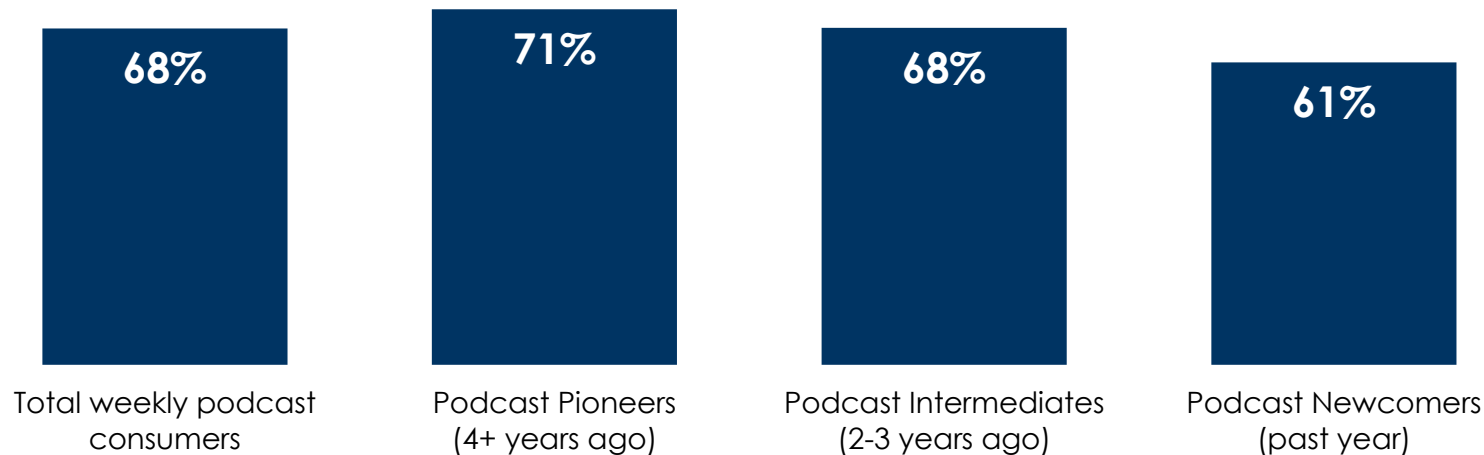
Q: "When you start listening to a new podcast do you listen to only current episodes, or do you go back and listen to older ones?" (% who said 'go back and listen to older ones')



How to read: 68% of weekly podcast consumers say they would go back and listen to older episodes.

Podcast Pioneers are more likely to go back and listen to older episodes when they start listening to a new podcast

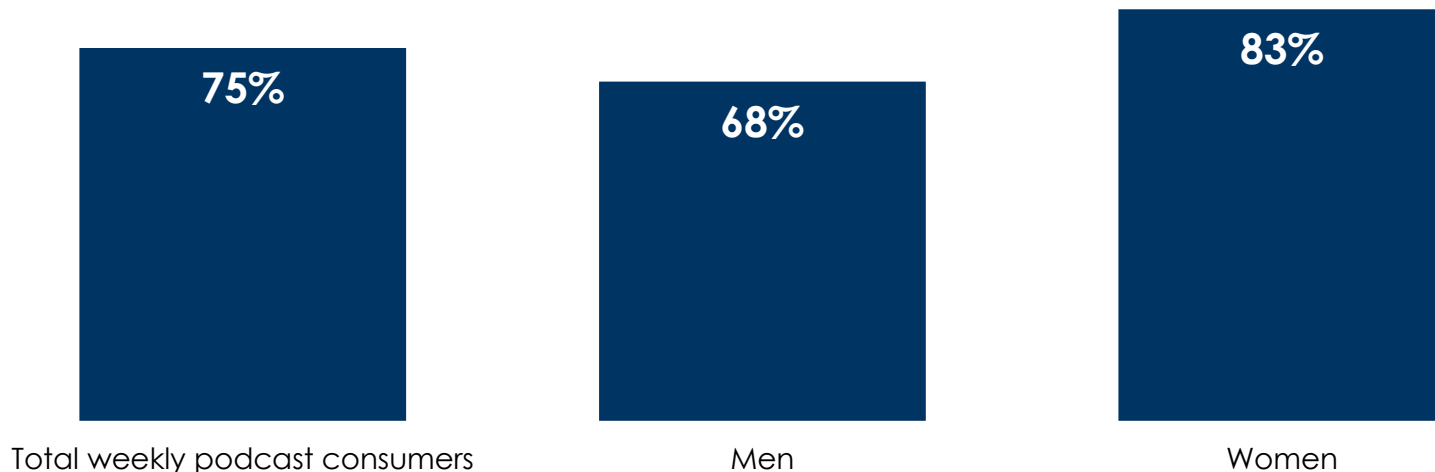
Q: "When you start listening to a new podcast do you listen to only current episodes, or do you go back and listen to older ones?" (% who said 'go back and listen to older ones')



How to read: 71% of Podcast Pioneers say they would go back and listen to older episodes.

Women are more likely to go back and listen to episodes they've missed

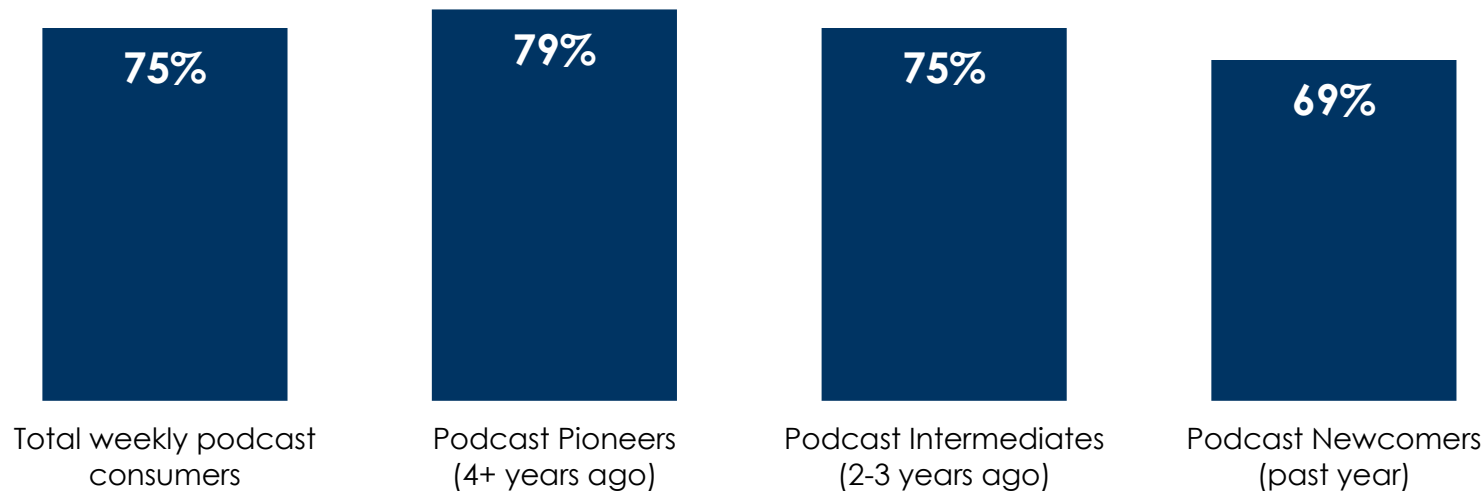
Q: "Thinking of the podcasts you usually listen to, do you go back and listen to podcasts you've missed?"
(% who said 'go back and listen to episodes I've missed')



How to read: 75% of weekly podcast consumers say they would go back and listen to episodes they've missed.

Podcast Pioneers are more likely to go back and listen to episodes they've missed

Q: "Thinking of the podcasts you usually listen to, do you go back and listen to podcasts you've missed?"
(% who said 'go back and listen to episodes I've missed')



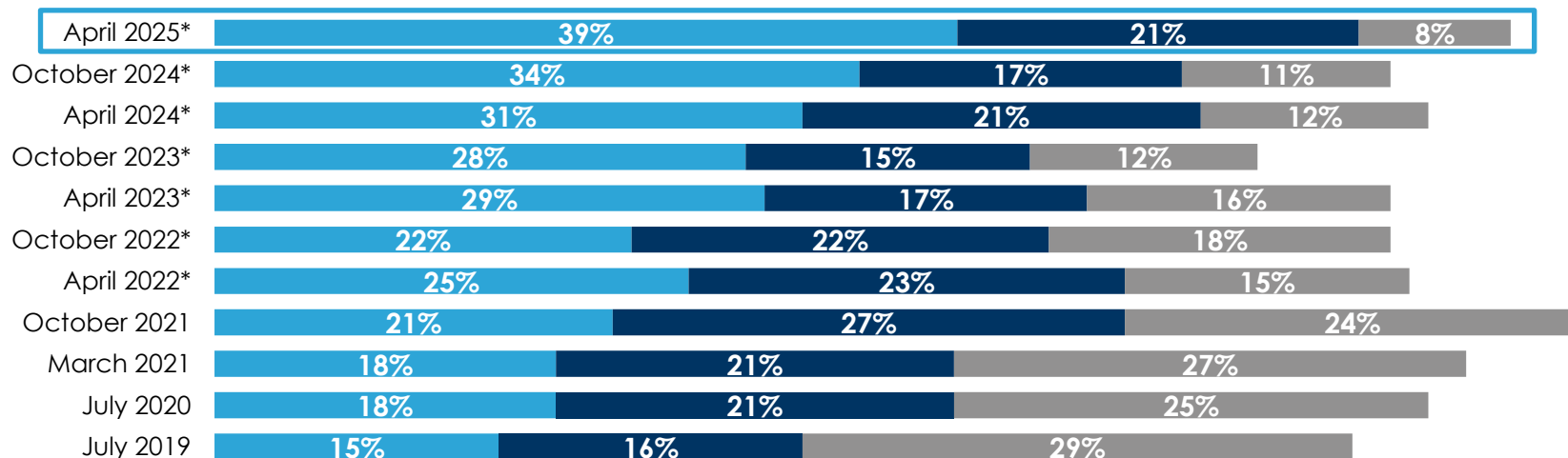
How to read: 79% of Podcast Pioneers say they would go back and listen to episodes they've missed.

More disruption in podcast platform wars: Video podcasts and YouTube continue to grow as a podcast platform.

YouTube as a podcast platform reaches an all time high

% of weekly podcast consumers who use platform the most for podcast consumption

■ YouTube ■ Spotify ■ Apple Podcasts



* April 2022, October 2022, April 2023, October 2023, April 2024, October 2024, and April 2025 surveys include those who watch podcasts weekly in addition to weekly listening (4% of sample).

How to read: 39% of weekly podcast consumers used YouTube the most in April 2025. The big three make up 68% of weekly podcast consumers' most used platforms in April 2025.

Triton Digital: YouTube grows as most used platform over the past year while Spotify softens

Q: "Which of the following places do you use *the most* to access the podcasts you listen to?"

(% of weekly podcast consumers, Triton Digital Podcast Metrics Demos+)

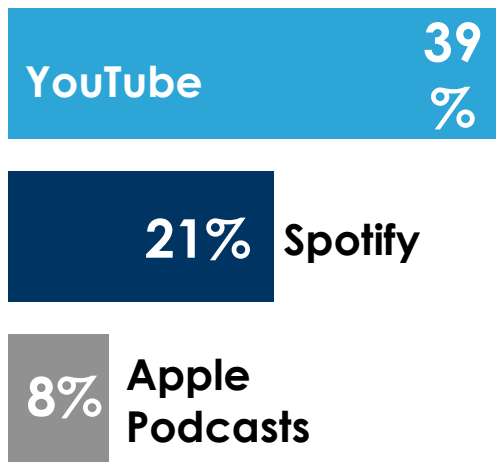
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YouTube	27%	28%	26%	28%	29%	33%	34%	34%	30%	34%	36%
Spotify	27%	25%	27%	26%	22%	25%	26%	27%	28%	27%	25%
Apple Podcasts/ iTunes	19%	16%	14%	15%	16%	16%	12%	13%	14%	12%	11%

How to read: 36% of weekly podcast consumers in the Triton Digital Podcast Metrics Demos+ study from Q1 2025 used YouTube the most to access podcasts.

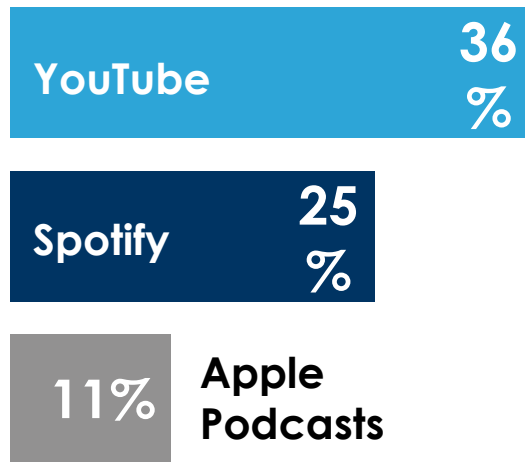
A tale of three studies: Weekly podcast consumers use YouTube and Spotify most often

% of weekly podcast consumers who use platform the most for podcast consumption

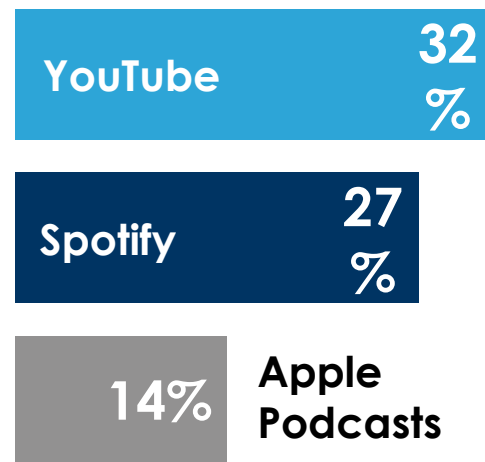
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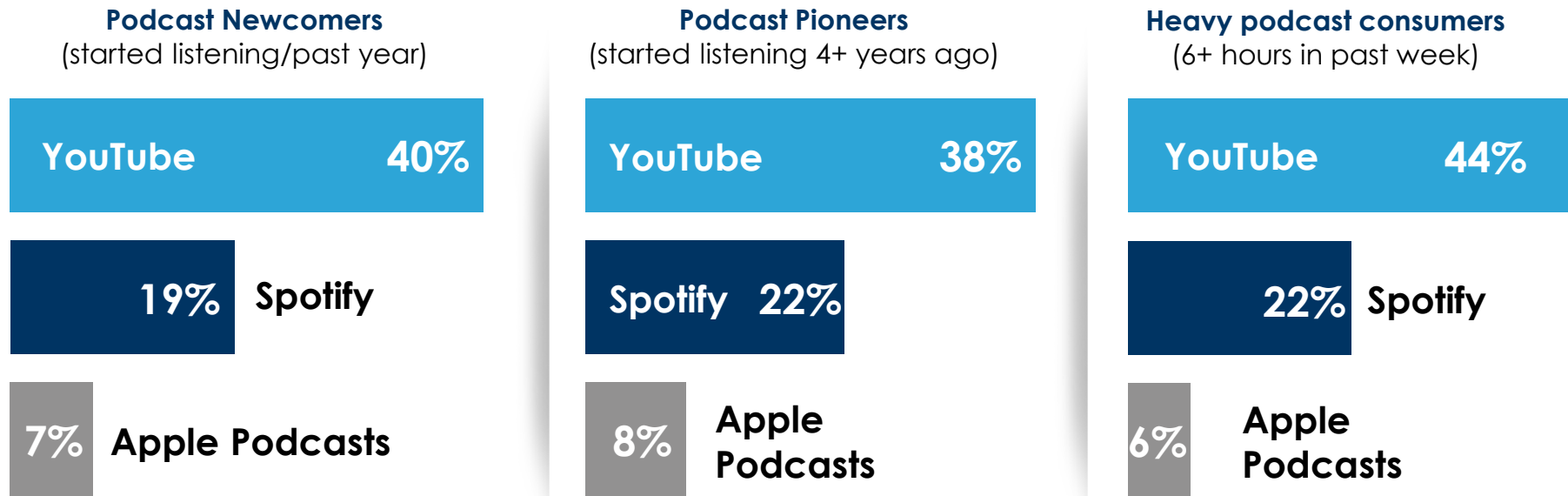
Edison Podcast Metrics
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YouTube is the #1 most used platform among consumers regardless of tenure or heavy use

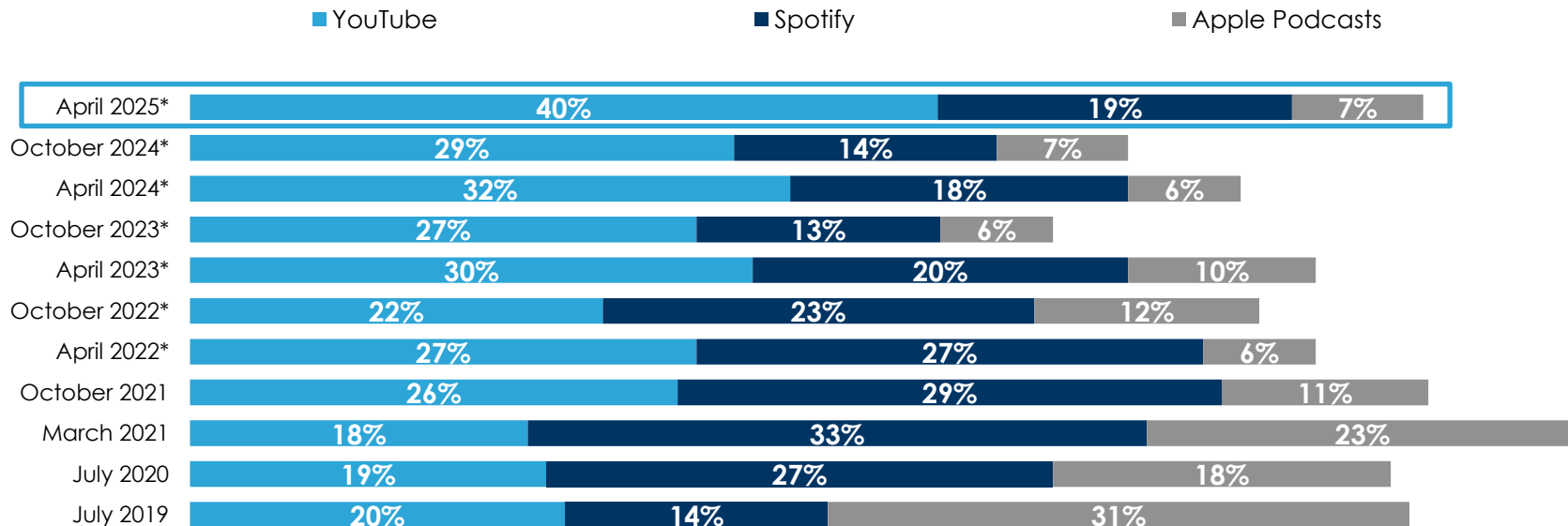
% of weekly podcast consumers who use platform the most for podcast consumption



How to read: 40% of Podcast Newcomers use YouTube the most to access podcasts.

Among Podcast Newcomers: YouTube and Spotify have been growing among at the expense of Apple Podcasts

% of Podcast Newcomers who use platform the most for podcast consumption



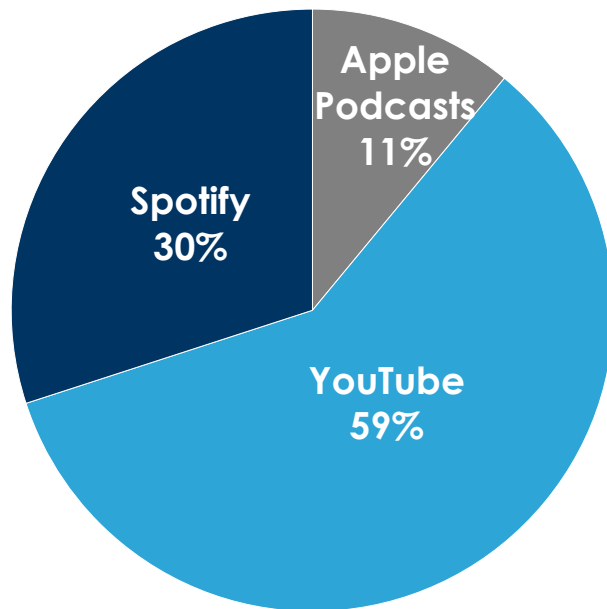
- April 2022, October 2022, April 2023, October 2023, April 2024, October 2024, and April 2025 surveys include those who watch podcasts weekly in addition to weekly listening (4% of sample).

How to read: 40% of Podcast Newcomers (started listening/past year) used YouTube the most in April 2025.

Share of time spent listening: More than half of minutes spent consuming podcasts you listen to the most are with YouTube

Q: "Now thinking of the listening you did to the podcast you listened to the most last week, how many minutes did you spend with the following platforms?"

(Share of minutes spent listening)



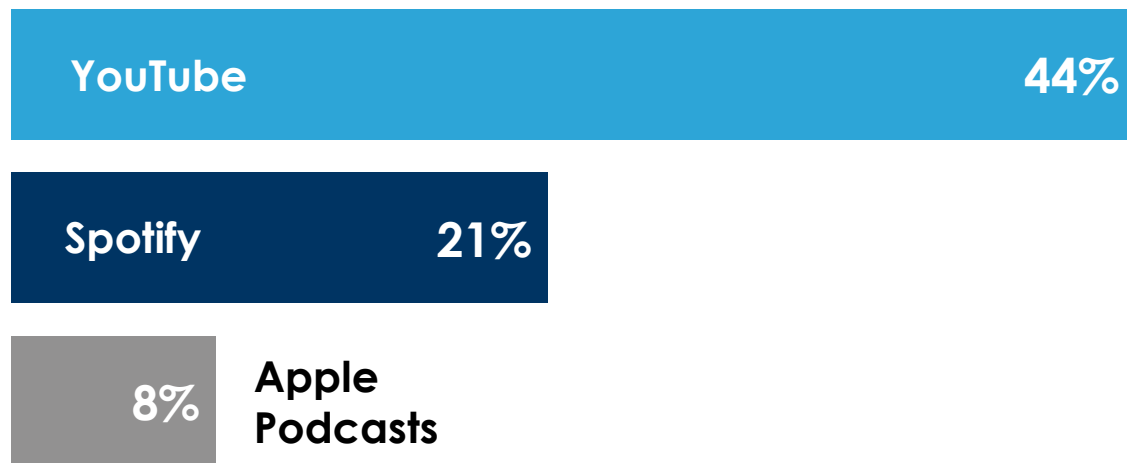
Spotify skews young, Apple skews to Podcast Pioneers and YouTube leans male (61%)

	Q: "Which of the following places do you use the most to access the podcasts you listen to?"			
	Total weekly U.S. podcast consumers	% of weekly podcast consumers, by most used		
		YouTube	Spotify	Apple Podcasts
18-34	40%	42%	54%	27%
35-49	33%	32%	28%	44%
50+	28%	26%	19%	29%
Mean age	40.9	40.5	35.9	43.8
% male	54%	61%	43%	29%
% female	47%	39%	57%	71%
% non-binary	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Podcast Newcomers	24%	24%	21%	21%
Podcast Intermediates	35%	36%	36%	35%
Podcast Pioneers	42%	40%	43%	44%

How to read: 61% of weekly podcast consumers who use YouTube the most to listen to podcasts are male.

YouTube is #1 for podcast discovery

% of weekly podcast consumers who listened to a new podcast in past 6 months who used place/app start listening to their latest podcast



How to read: 44% of weekly podcast consumers who listened to a new podcast in the past 6 months, started listening to their latest podcast on YouTube.

Weekly podcast consumers stick with YouTube for the video element, info/entertainment, recommendations, comments, community, and platform features

Q: “For the podcasts you started on YouTube, why do you continue to watch/listen to any/all of them on YouTube?”
(% of weekly podcast consumers)



How to read: 21% of weekly podcast consumers continue to watch/listen to podcasts they started on YouTube because they like the video part of the podcasts.

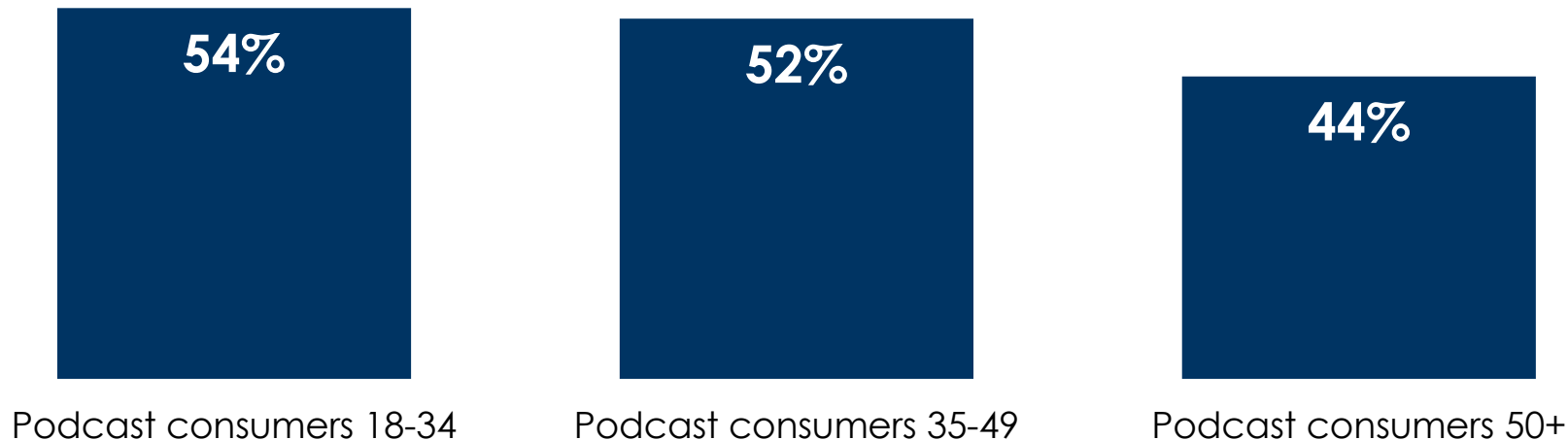
Edison Podcast Metrics: The vast majority of the Apple and Spotify platform audience uses the smartphone, while a third of YouTube's podcast audience uses laptops and TV

Method used most	Total weekly podcast audience	YouTube	Apple	Spotify
Mobile phone	70%	58%	85%	80%
Computer/laptop	12%	17%	5%	8%
A TV	8%	18%	2%	3%
Tablet	5%	6%	4%	3%
Smart speaker	4%	1%	3%	5%

18-34 podcast consumers are more inclined to seek out new podcasts.

18-34 podcast consumers are more likely to have started a new podcast in the past 3 months

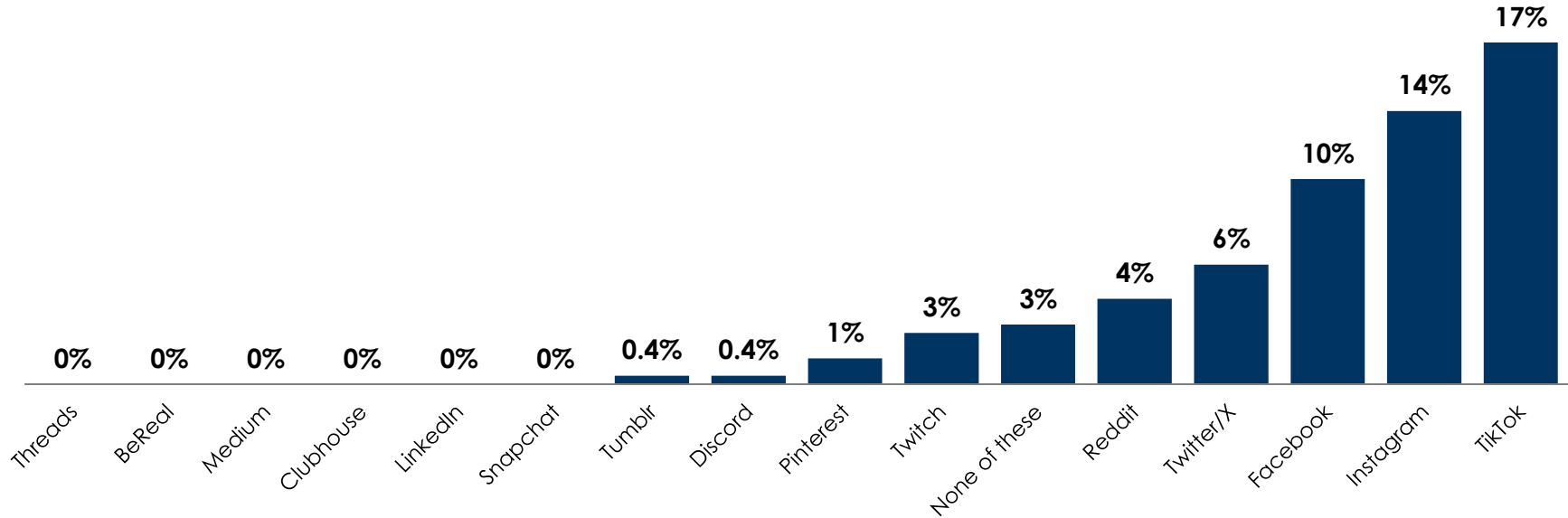
Q: "Have you started listening to any new podcasts over the past 3 months?"
(% who said yes)



How to read: 54% of 18-34 podcast consumers have started listening to new podcasts in the past 3 months.

Weekly 18-34 podcast consumers find the most podcasts on Instagram and TikTok

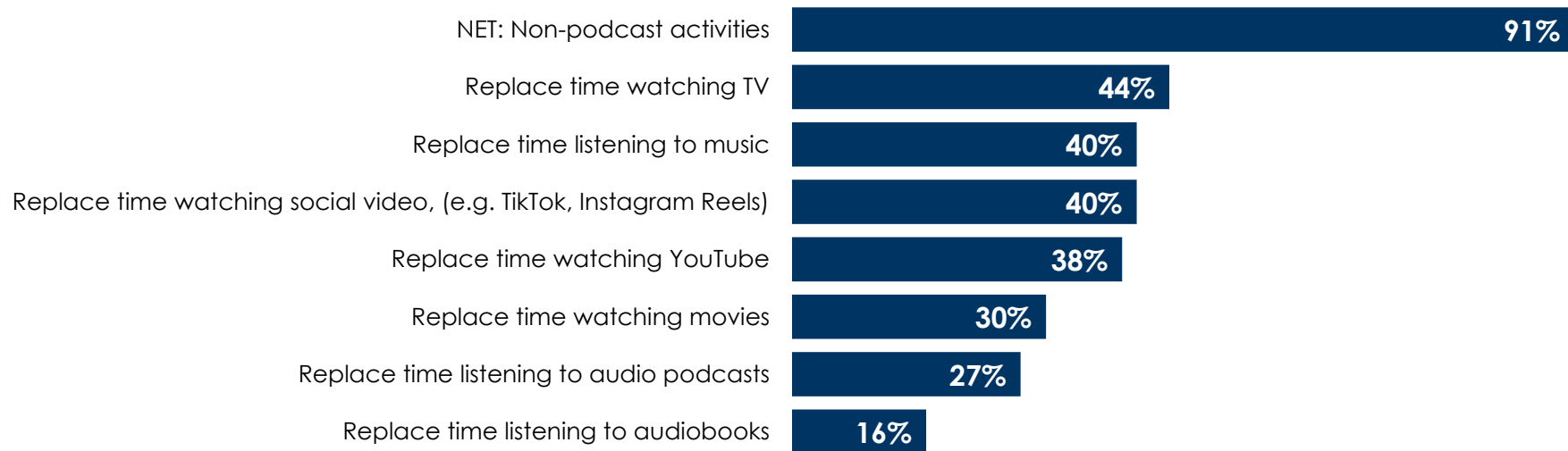
Q: "Where have you found the most podcasts?"
(% of weekly podcast consumers 18-34)



How to read: 17% of weekly 18-34 podcast consumers found the most podcasts on TikTok out of all social media platforms.

Podcast consumers 18-34: Podcast watching is more likely to replace time spent with non-podcast activities

Q: “Does watching a podcast replace time you would spend watching or listening to something else?”
(% of weekly podcast consumers 18-34)

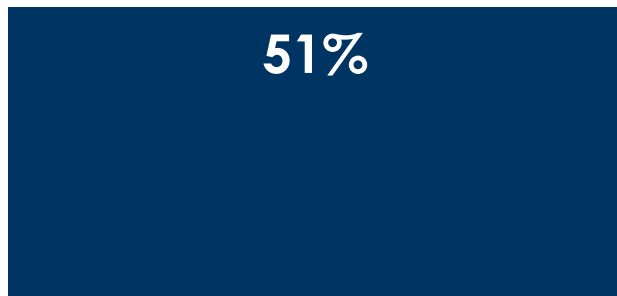


How to read: 44% of weekly podcast consumers 18-34 replace time spent watching TV with watching podcasts.

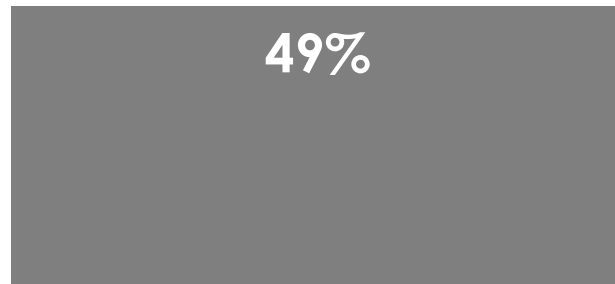
**Content wears the crown:
YouTube podcast consumers are
not tied to the platform.**

Half of YouTube podcast consumers listen to the same shows on other platforms

Q: “Again, think about all of the podcasts you listen to/watch on YouTube. Do you ever listen to the same podcasts in another place?”
(% who have listened to/watched podcasts on YouTube)



Yes

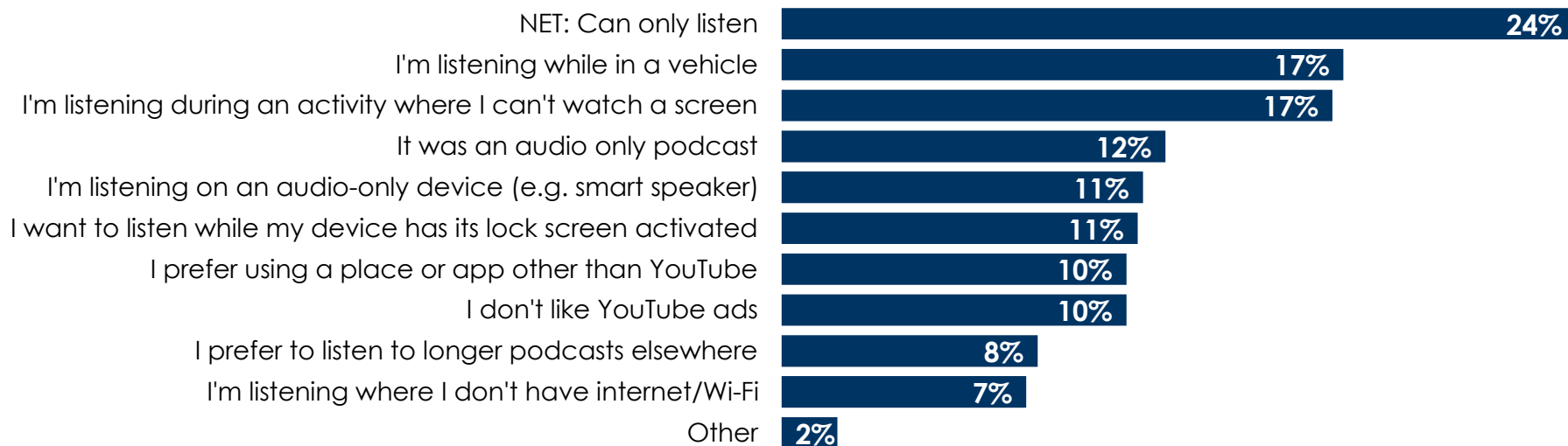


No

How to read: 51% of weekly podcast consumers who have listened to/watched podcasts on YouTube say they have listened to the same podcasts they listen to/watch on YouTube in another place.

Utility is the main reason podcast consumers listen to the same podcasts on platforms in addition to YouTube

Q: "Why do you listen to these podcasts somewhere other than YouTube?"
(% of weekly podcast consumers)

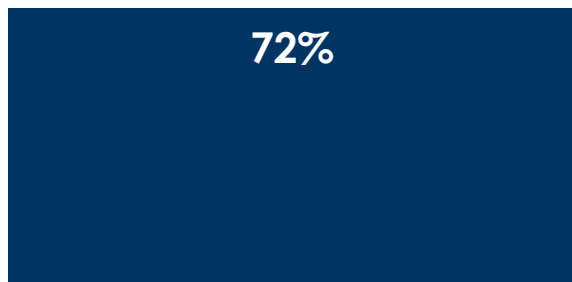


How to read: 17% of weekly podcast consumers listen to the same podcasts they watch on YouTube on other platforms because they are listening while in a vehicle.

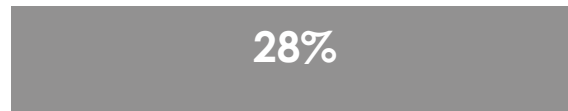
YouTube podcast consumers will switch platforms to follow their shows

Q: “Think of the podcast you access most often on YouTube. If that podcast were to become available ONLY on another platform (such as Spotify or Apple Podcasts), which best describes how your relationship with that podcast would change?”

(% who have listened to/watched podcasts on YouTube)



I would use the new platform to listen to that podcast



I would stop listening to/watching that podcast and find other content on YouTube

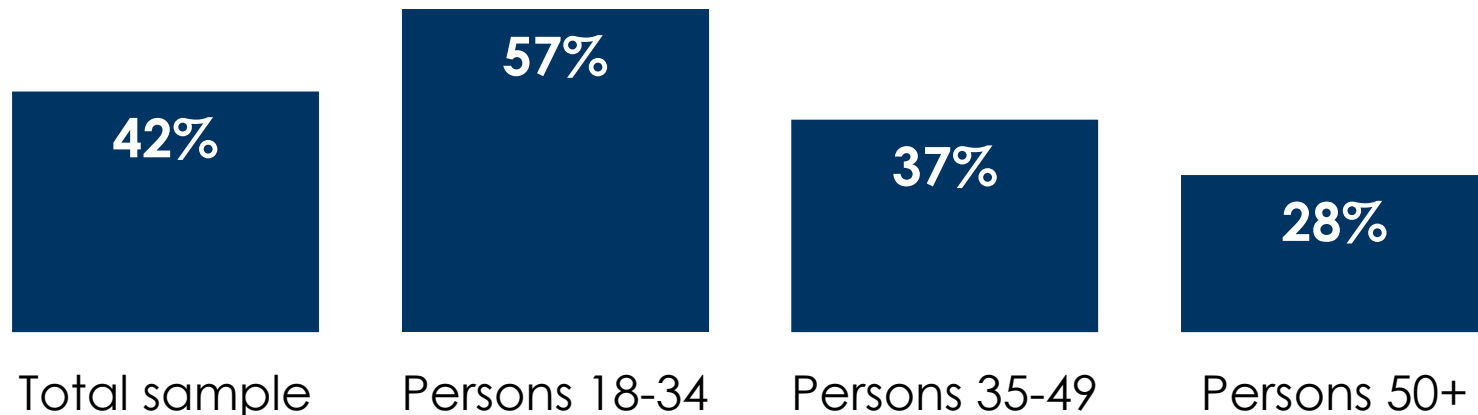
How to read: 72% of weekly podcast consumers who have listened to/watched podcasts on YouTube say they would switch platforms from YouTube if a podcast were to become available only on another platform.

YouTube thumbnails matter: Thumbnails help draw in podcast consumers.



Persons 18-34 are more likely to consume a podcast on YouTube because of the thumbnail

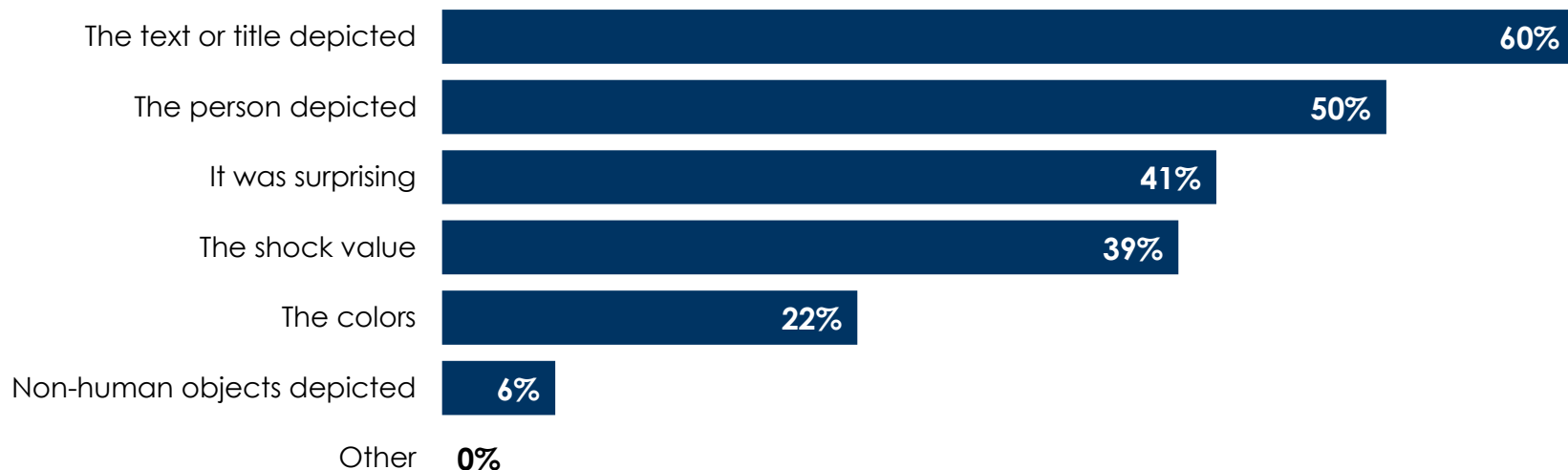
Q: "Have you ever consumed a podcast on YouTube because of the thumbnail?"
(% who have listened to/watched podcasts on YouTube who said 'yes')



How to read: 42% of weekly podcast consumers who have listened to/watched podcasts on YouTube say they have consumed a podcast on YouTube because of the thumbnail.

The text/title is the biggest reason podcast consumers chose to consume a podcast on YouTube due to the thumbnail

Q: "What about the thumbnail made you consume the podcast?"
(% who have consumed a podcast on YouTube due to the thumbnail)



How to read: 60% of weekly podcast consumers who consumed a podcast on YouTube due to the thumbnail say it was because of the text or title.

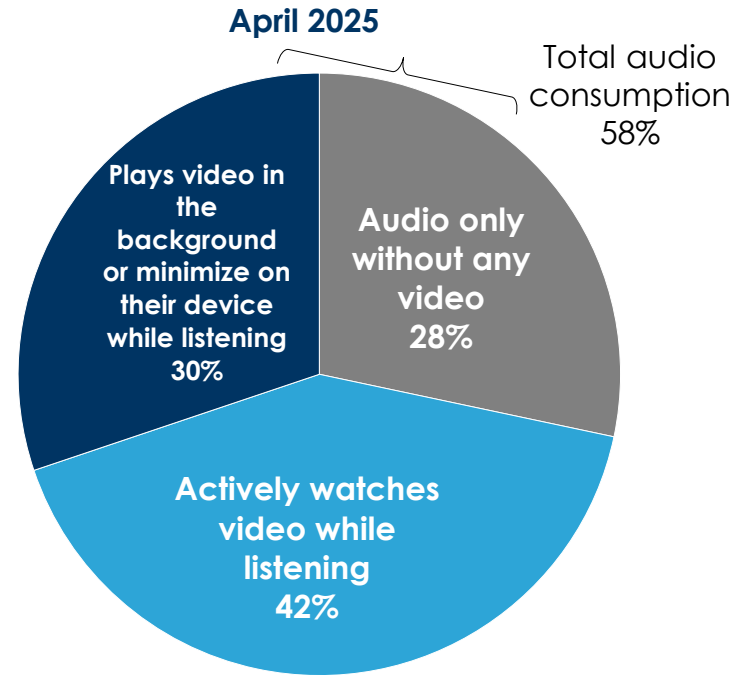
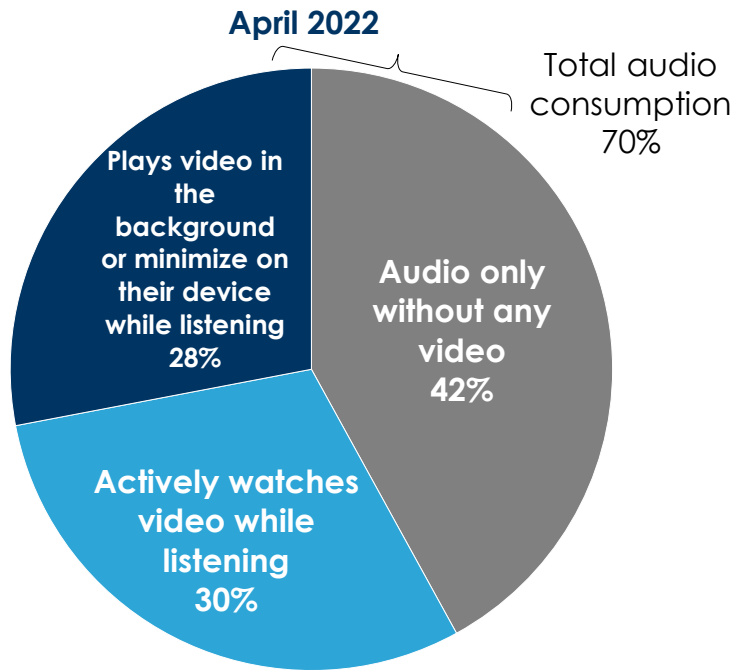
A man with dark hair and a beard is wearing large black headphones. He is smiling and looking down at a laptop screen. He is wearing a dark button-down shirt over a light-colored t-shirt. The background is a blurred office or home setting with a bookshelf. The entire image has a blue color overlay.

**Podcast watching is
an established
segment of podcast
consumption.**

Watchable podcasts are growing in popularity; 2 in 5 now say they prefer actively watching podcasts with videos

Q: "How do you prefer to listen to podcasts?"

Podcast audience preference in listening



Advertiser Perceptions: Advertisers believe that podcast consumers prefer podcasts without video components slightly more than reality

Podcast audience preference in listening

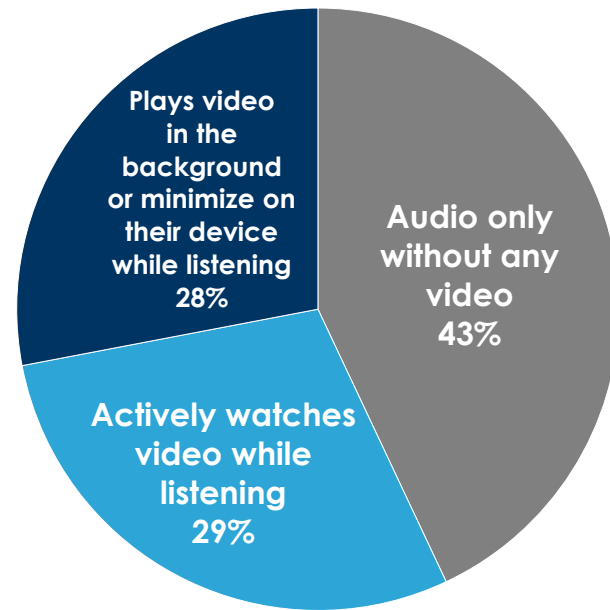
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Advertiser Perceptions July 2024: Podcast audience

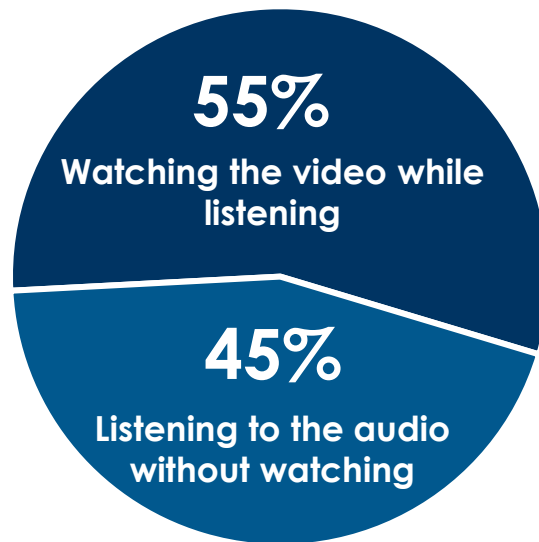
preference in listening

Q: Of the following three options, what percentage of the podcast audience do you think prefer listening to podcasts in the following ways?



Podcast consumers like video components but it is not the deciding factor; Consumers will also listen without actively watching

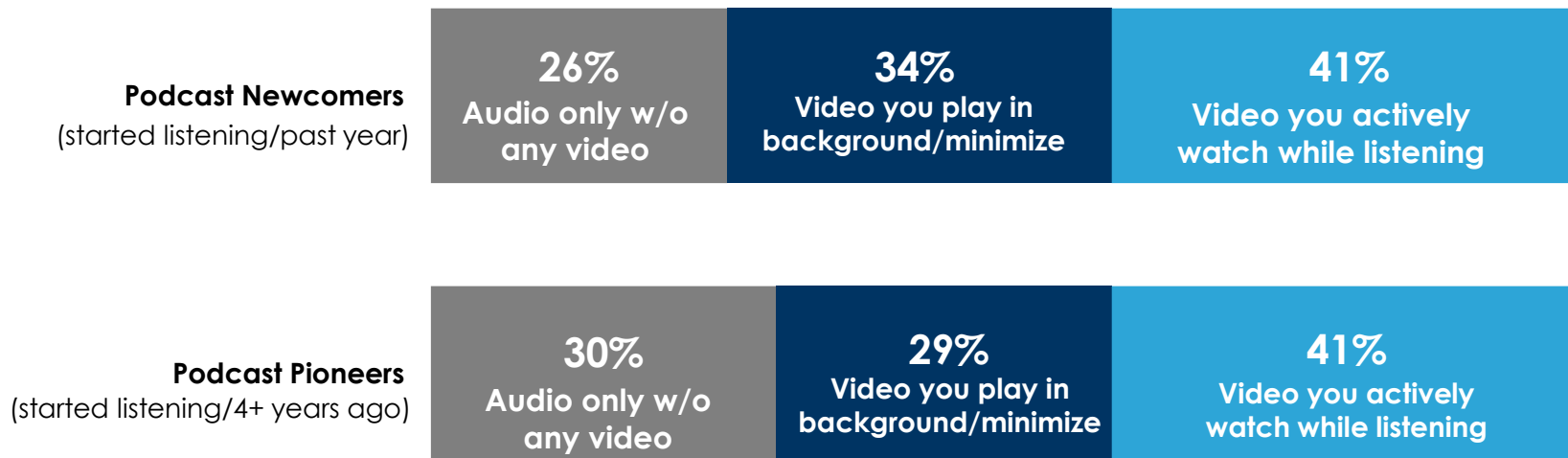
Average % of time spent accessing podcasts on YouTube



Source: Cumulus Media and Signal Hill Insights' Podcast Download – Spring 2025 Report, Cumulus Media, Quantilope National Study – April 2025; Q: "Thinking about all the time you use YouTube for podcasts, what proportion are you...?"

Podcast Newcomers are slightly more interested in watchable podcasts

Q: "How do you prefer to listen to podcasts?"

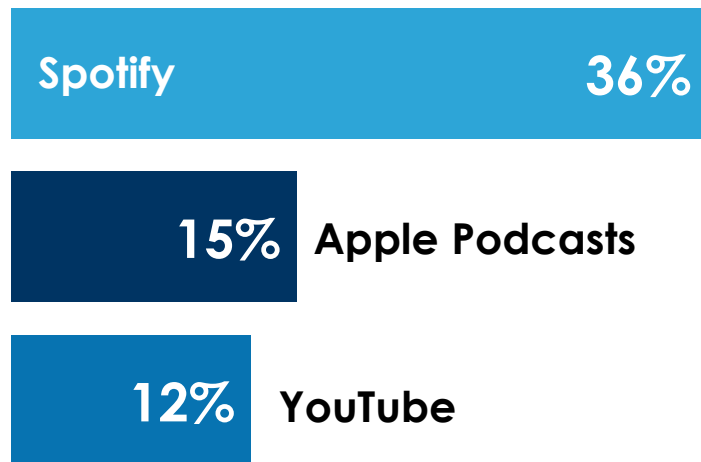


How to read: 30% of Podcast Pioneers prefer audio-only podcasts.

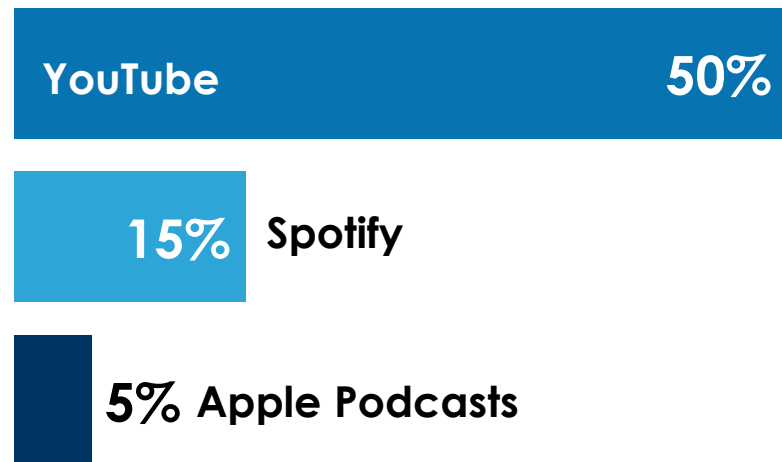
Preference for watchable video is a key driver in platform used most: YouTube is a runaway #1 among podcast consumers who prefer video

% of weekly podcast consumers who use platform the most for podcast consumption

Among people who prefer podcasts with audio only
(28% of total weekly consumers)



Among people who prefer podcasts with video you
actively watch or minimize/listen in background
(72% of total weekly consumers)



How to read: 50% of weekly podcast consumers who prefer podcasts with video name YouTube as the podcast platform they use the most.

Podcast video ads are seen more: TV ads aren't seen 61% of the time

% of time TV ads are airing

Eyes on the screen

39%



Eyes on a second screen

40%



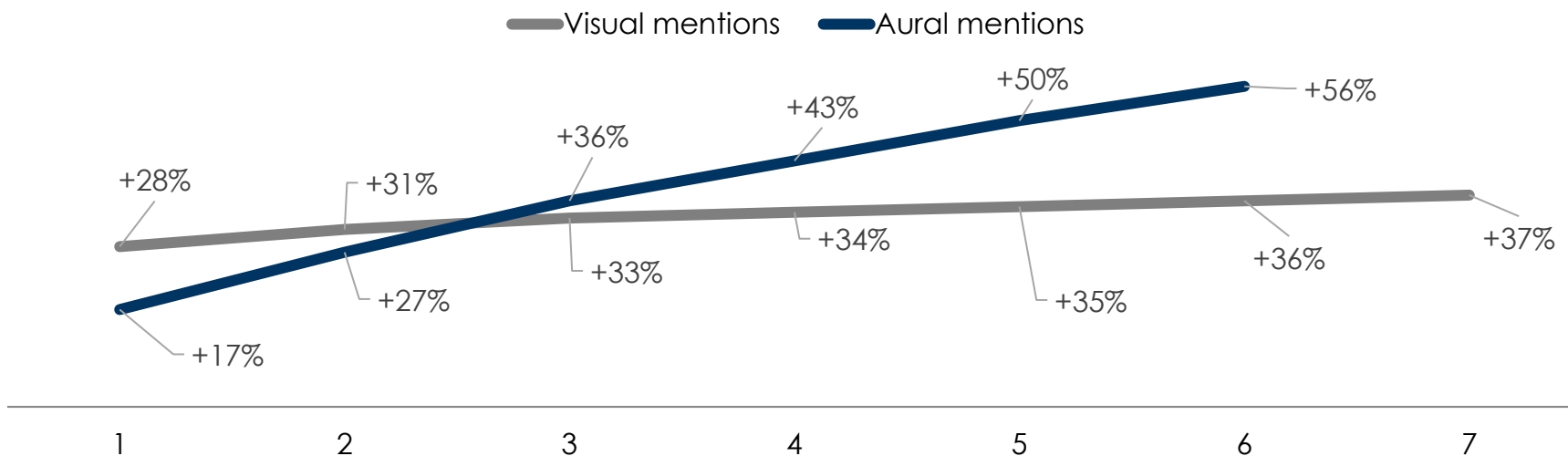
Out of the room

21%



In TV ads, audio does all the heavy lifting for brand recall; As audio brand mentions increase, brand recall explodes and soars

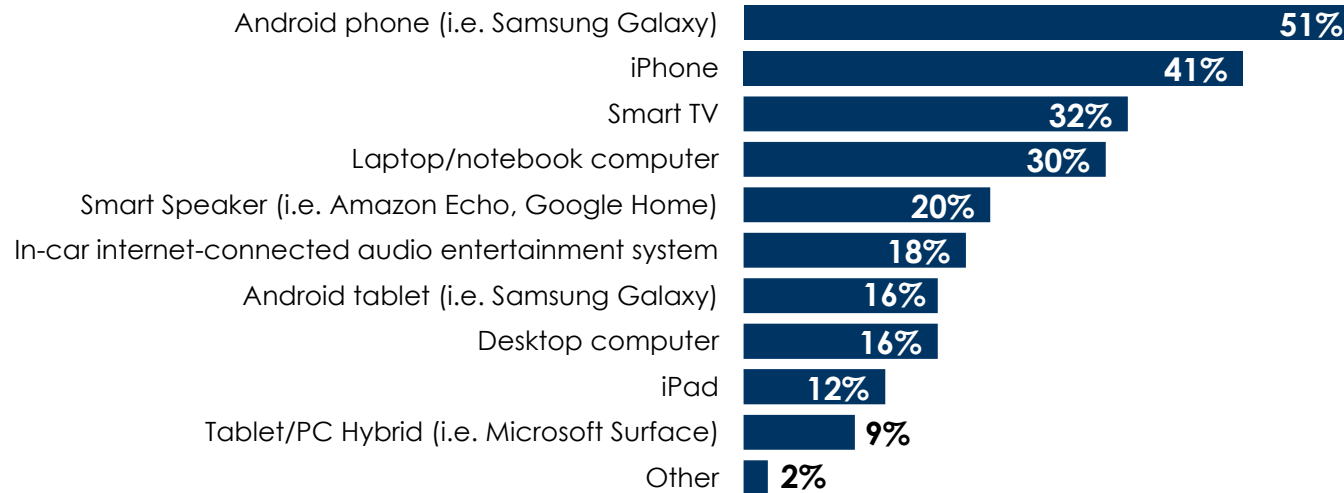
Increase in likelihood of brand recall by # of brand mentions



How to read: TV ads with 2 audio brand mentions have a 27% brand recall. TV ads with 5 audio brand mentions have double the brand recall (50%).

A third of weekly podcast consumers use Smart TV's to consume podcasts

Q: "Which devices do you use to listen to podcasts?"
(% of total weekly consumers)

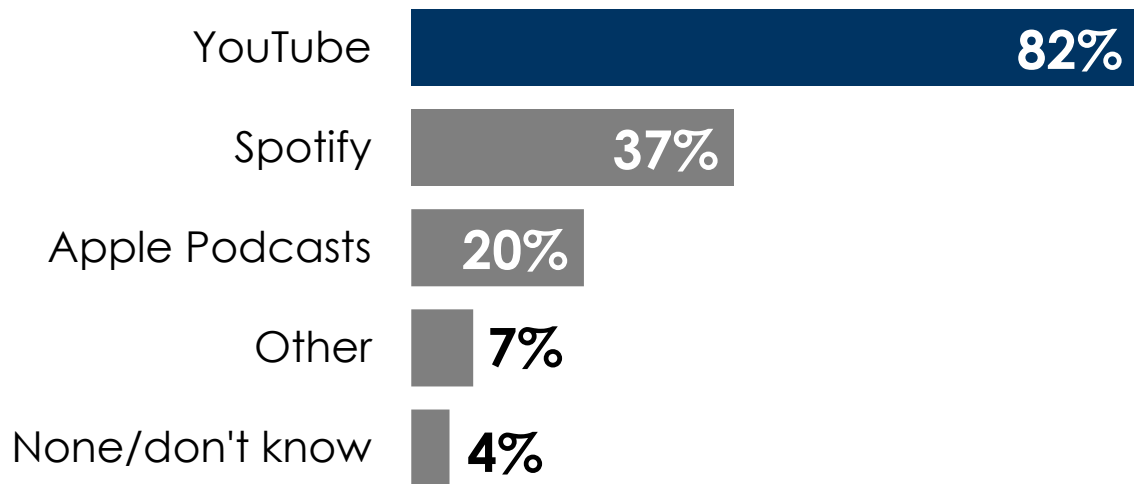


How to read: 32% of weekly podcast consumers use a Smart TV to consume podcasts.

Weekly podcast consumers overwhelmingly associate YouTube with watching podcasts

Q: "Please identify which podcast platform or platforms, if any, you would associate with each of the following? Can watch as well as listen to podcasts."

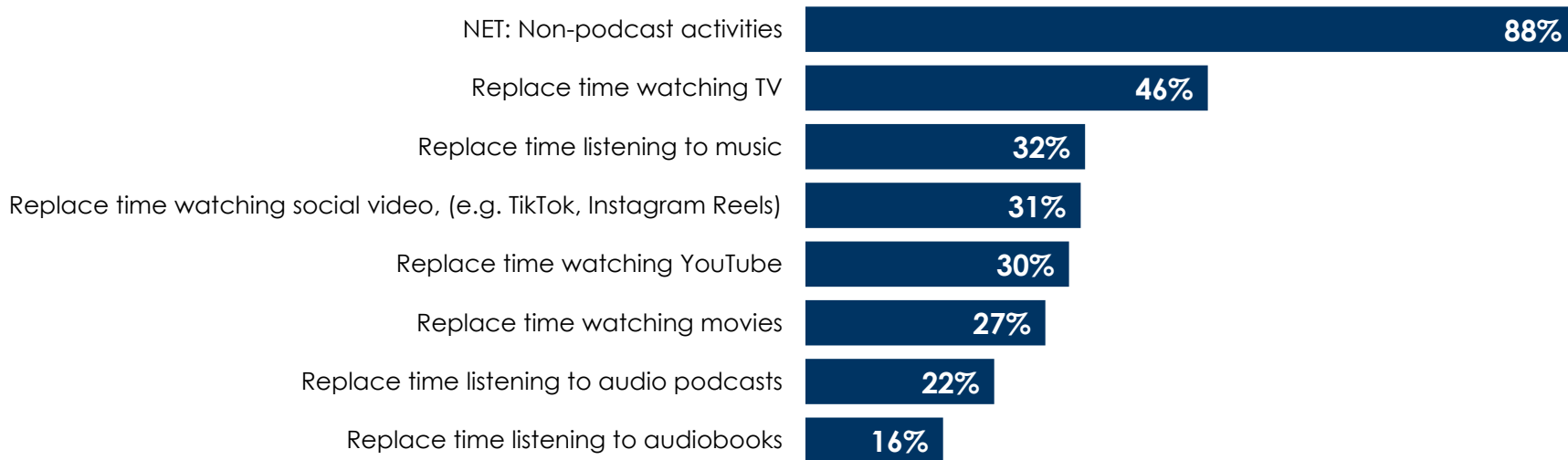
(% of total weekly consumers)



How to read: 82% of weekly podcast consumers associate YouTube with watching as well as listening to podcasts.

Podcast watching is more likely to replace time spent with non-podcast activities

Q: “Does watching a podcast replace time you would spend watching or listening to something else?”
(% of weekly podcast consumers)

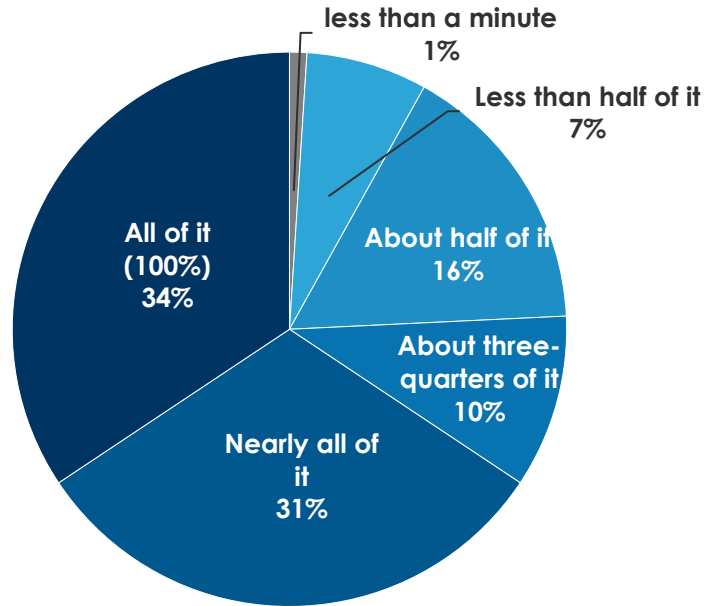


How to read: 46% of weekly podcast consumers replace time spent watching TV with watching podcasts.

Over 90% of those who consume podcasts on YouTube watch at least half of it

Q: "Generally speaking, when you consume a podcast on YouTube, what portion do you watch?"

(% who have listened to/watched podcasts on YouTube)



Podcast watchers skew younger and more male than those who prefer audio only.

(Podcast watchers are podcast consumers who have *watched* podcasts with a video component in the past week.)

Those who prefer to have the video component in the background skew younger and more male

	Q: "How do you prefer to listen to podcasts?"			
	Total weekly U.S. podcast consumers	% of weekly podcast consumers, by preference		
		Audio only without any video	Video you actively watch	Video you minimize/listen in background
18-34	40%	34%	35%	51%
35-49	33%	32%	32%	34%
50+	28%	34%	33%	15%
Mean age	40.9	43.2	42.3	37.0
% male	54%	43%	57%	58%
% female	47%	57%	43%	42%
% non-binary	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Podcast Newcomers	24%	22%	23%	27%
Podcast Intermediates	35%	34%	36%	33%
Podcast Pioneers	42%	44%	41%	40%

How to read: 57% of weekly podcast consumers who prefer audio-only podcasts are female.

Source: Cumulus Media and Signal Hill Insights' Podcast Download – Spring 2025 Report, Cumulus Media, Quantilope National Study – April 2025; Q: "How frequently do you use each of the following places to access the podcasts you listen to?" Podcast Newcomers: Started consuming podcasts in the past 12 months, Podcast Intermediates: Started consuming podcasts 2-3 years ago, Podcast Pioneers: Started consuming podcasts 4 or more years ago.

Consumers who prefer actively watching podcasts are more likely to say they like to listen to Comedy and Entertainment podcasts than the audio-only consumers who lean towards News and True Crime

Q: Which types of podcasts do you like to listen to on a regular basis?

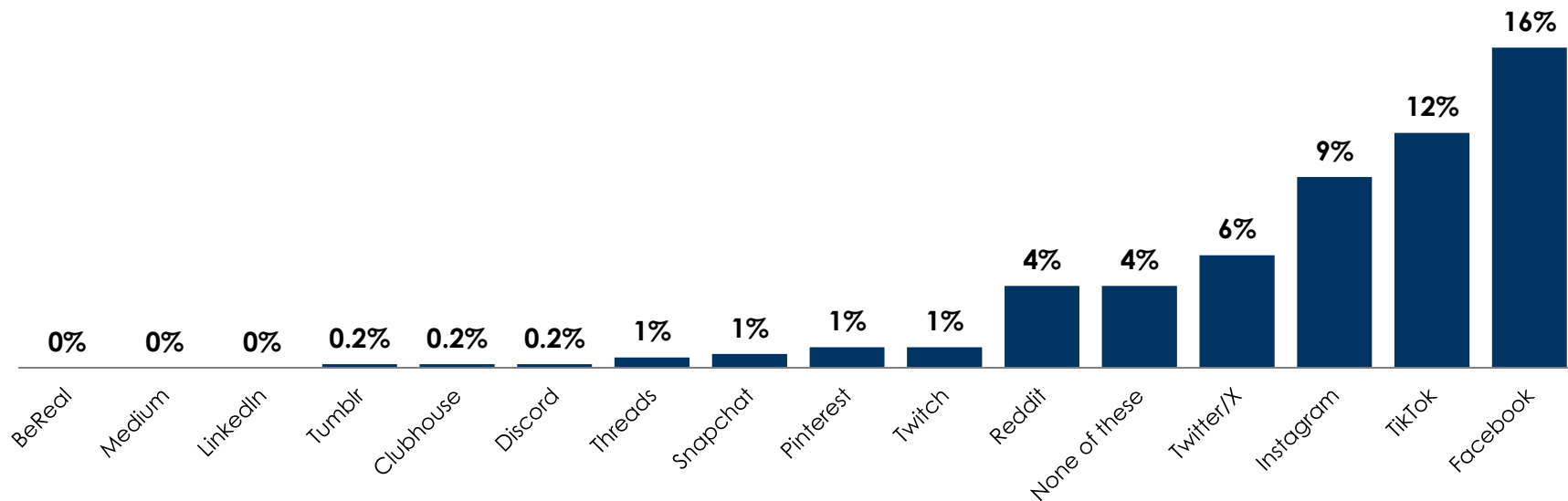
Rank	Prefer audio only	Prefer actively watching videos	Prefer videos in the background
1	News/Current Events	Entertainment/Pop Culture	Comedy
2	True Crime	Comedy	Entertainment/Pop Culture
3	Comedy	True Crime	True Crime
4	Entertainment/Pop Culture	News/Current Events	News/Current Events
5	Music	Music	Technology
6	Fiction	Sports	Music
7	Health/Fitness	Technology	Sports
8	Technology	Health/Fitness	Health/Fitness
9	Education	Business	Fiction
10	Sports	Education	Business
11	Business	Fiction	Education
12	Kids/family	Rewatch podcasts	Rewatch podcasts
13	Rewatch podcasts	Kids/family	Kids/family

How to read: True Crime is the #2 genre listened to on a regular basis for weekly podcast consumers who prefer audio.

Podcast consumers seek out social media to keep up with their favorite podcasts.

Weekly podcast consumers find the most podcasts on Facebook out of all social media platforms

Q: "Where have you found the most podcasts?"
(% of weekly podcast consumers)

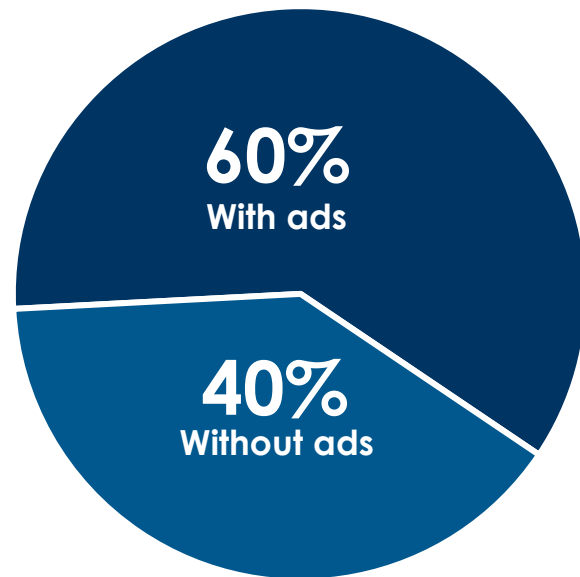


How to read: 16% of weekly podcast consumers found the most podcasts on Facebook out of all social media platforms.

Podcast advertising is a great way to reach the ad-free video streaming audiences of Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Disney+.

**Podcast consumers
spend two-fifths of
all viewing time with
ad-free video**

**Average % of time spent watching video
(TV, streaming, etc.) among total weekly
podcast consumers**



Source: Cumulus Media and Signal Hill Insights' Podcast Download – Spring 2025 Report, Cumulus Media, Quantilope National Study – April 2025; Q: "Thinking about all the time you spend with video (TV, video streaming, online video, etc.), how much of your video time are you...?"

Heavy podcast consumers are massive users of ad-free video streaming

+20% more likely to be a heavy ad-free TV streamer

Watch 11+ hours in past week



Spend **+16%** more time with ad-free TV streaming services

Average weekly time spent with ad-free TV streaming services



■ Total weekly podcast consumers ■ Heavy podcast consumers (6+ hrs/week)

How to read: 18% of heavy weekly podcast consumers are heavy ad-free TV streaming viewers (watch 11+ hours of TV programs using a streaming service).

Podcasts reach cord cutters: Over one in three weekly podcast consumers do not subscribe to pay TV

Q: "Which one of the following statements best describes how you currently get your TV:"
(% of total weekly podcast consumers)

I don't have a subscription with any pay TV company

37%

I have a subscription with a cable company

34%

19%

I have a subscription with a TV service from a phone company

10%

I have a subscription with a satellite TV service

How to read: 37% weekly podcast consumers don't have a subscription with any pay TV company.

Weekly podcast consumers are avid users of video streaming services

Q: "When is the most recent time, if ever, you spent time doing the following types of activities?"
(% of total weekly podcast consumers)

Used a video streaming service in the past month

97%

Used an ad-free video streaming service in the past month

88%

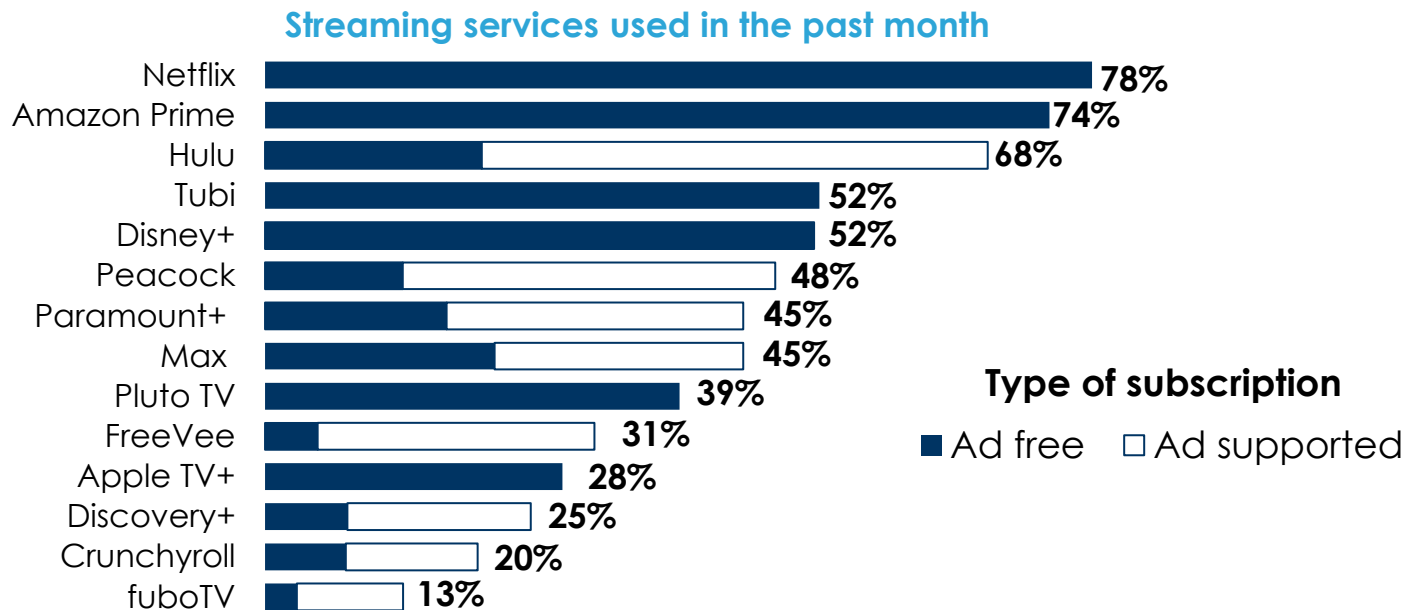
Used an ad-supported video streaming service in the past month

91%

How to read: 88% of weekly podcast consumers used an ad-free streaming service in the past month.

3 of the top 4 video streaming services watched by weekly podcast consumers are mostly ad free

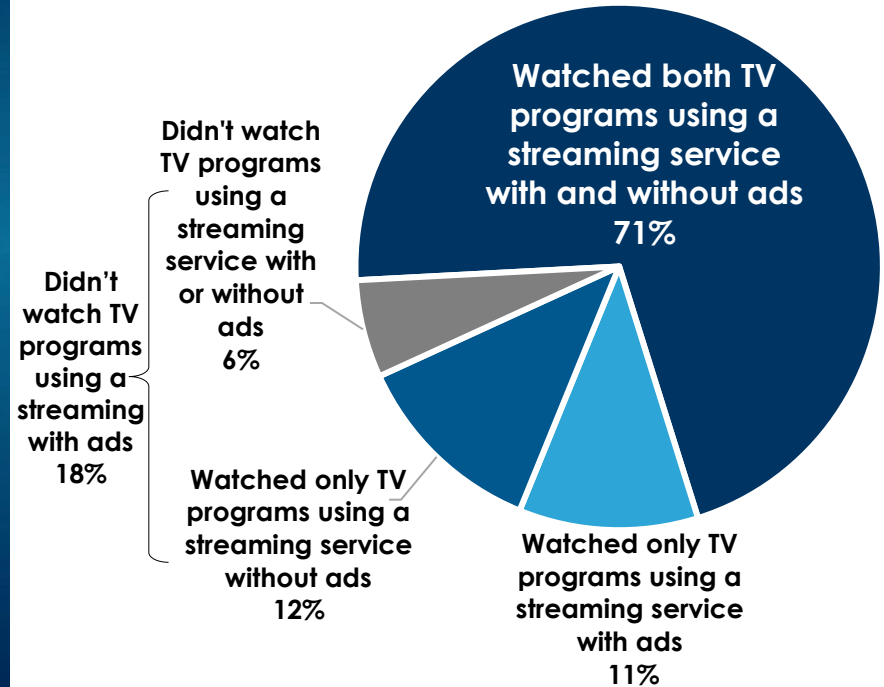
Q: "When is the most recent time, if ever, you used the following streaming services on any device?"
(% of total weekly podcast consumers)



How to read: 78% of weekly podcast consumers used Netflix in the past month.

**18% of weekly
podcast consumers
are not reached
weekly by TV
streaming service
ads**

**When is the most recent time, if ever, you
spent time doing the following types of
activities? (% who said 'past week')**



Source: Cumulus Media and Signal Hill Insights' Podcast Download – Spring 2025 Report, Cumulus Media, Quantilope National Study – April 2025; Q: "When is the most recent time, if ever, you spent time doing the following types of activities?"

Podcast advertising reaches heavy users of ad-free subscription video

Among weekly podcast consumers

Ideal medium for reaching ad-free streaming audiences



88%

of weekly podcast consumers used an **ad-free video streaming** service in the past month

Strong TV streaming tune-in

67%

of weekly podcast consumers spend at least **3 hours per week** watching TV programs via ad-free streaming services

Reach cord-cutters and linear TV “ad-nevers”

37%



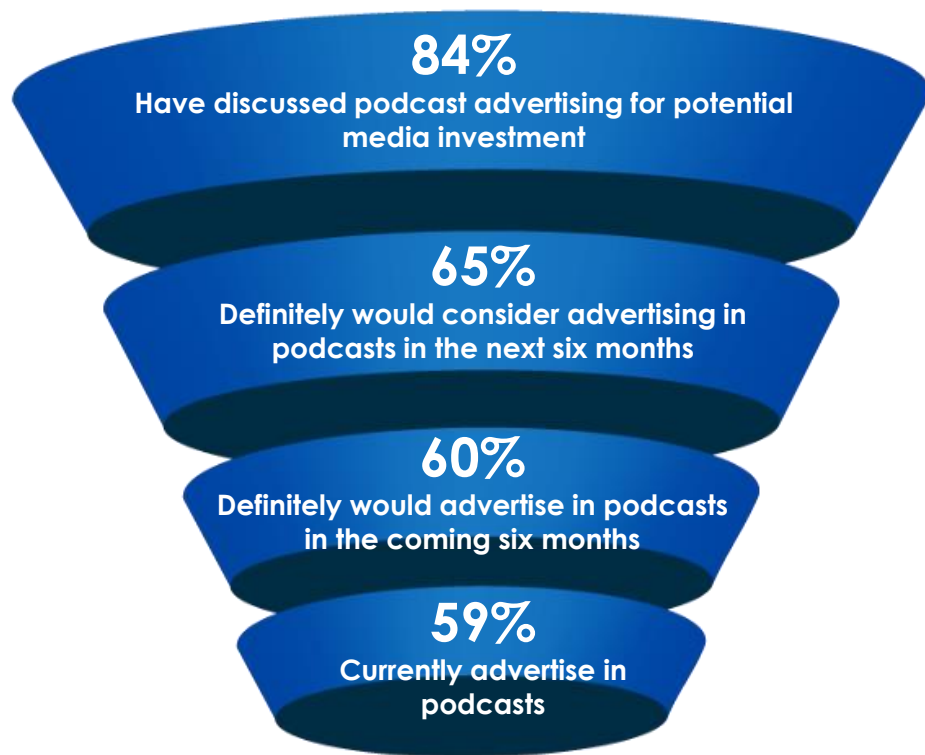
of weekly podcast consumers **do not have pay TV** to see network or cable TV ads

**Advertiser Perceptions June 2023 study of 302
media agencies and marketers: Podcast
advertising consideration, intention, and
usage are high.**



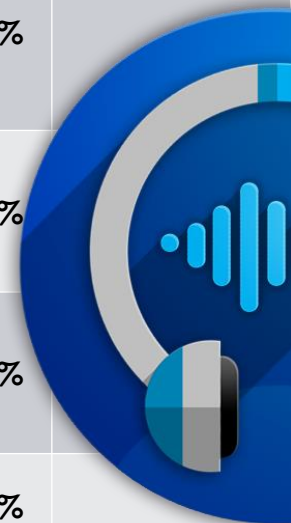
Agency/advertiser interest is significant at every stage of the podcast ad purchase funnel

Among agencies and brands



Advertiser Perceptions: Advertiser discussion, intention, and usage of podcast continue to be high

Advertiser Perceptions	Sept 2015	July 2016	May 2017	May 2018	May 2019	July 2020	Nov 2021	June 2022	June 2023	June 2024	
Have you and your colleagues discussed podcast advertising for potential media investment?	41%	58%	68%	70%	75%	66%	71%	87%	77%	84%	
How likely are you to consider advertising in podcasts in the next six months?	18%	28%	37%	43%	42%	46%	53%	51%	62%	65%	
How likely are you to actually advertise in podcasts in the coming six months?	10%	21%	27%	36%	34%	37%	44%	48%	58%	60%	
Do you currently advertise in podcasts?	15%	21%	29%	32%	39%	34%	45%	61%	58%	59%	



Source: Advertiser Perceptions study of agencies and advertisers. Sample size: September 2015 310, July 2016 284, May 2017 316, May 2018 300, May 2019 302, July 2020 300, Nov 2021 300, June 2022 300, June 2023 302, June 2024 301

Key takeaways

- **Once you're in, you're in:** Even podcast newcomers (listening 1 year or less) consume nearly as many episodes a week as podcast pioneers (4+ years).
- **Because of co-listening, downloads and listens underestimate the actual audience:** A sizeable minority of consumers listen to podcasts with friends or family – something not captured by download or impression numbers.
- **The three leading platforms serve differing audiences:** Spotify skews young, Apple skews to Podcast Pioneers and YouTube leans male.
- **Podcast newcomers are more diverse and more likely to be women.**
- **Podcast advertising captures hard-to-reach, ad-free video streamers:** Weekly podcast consumers are also heavy viewers of ad-free video streaming services (i.e., Netflix, Amazon Prime, ad-free Hulu, etc.).
- **Advertiser adoption of podcast ads continues to grow at a breakneck pace:** In the Advertiser Perceptions study, advertisers say their use of podcasts has jumped from 15% to 59% in the past eight years.



5 Key takeaways: Watchable podcasts

- **YouTube is not a walled garden of podcasts:** 72% of weekly podcast consumers who have consumed podcasts on YouTube say they would switch platforms from YouTube if a podcast were to become available only on another platform. 51% of YouTube podcast consumers say they already have listened to the same podcasts they consume on YouTube in another place.
- **YouTube is the leading podcast platform for the third year, but no single platform dominates:** Continued interest in video podcasts keeps YouTube ahead of Spotify as the most used platform. However, a diverse ecosystem of podcast platforms means no single one captures a majority as most used.
- **Watchable podcasts have grown in popularity:** Driven by Podcast Newcomers, more consumers prefer podcasts with video they can actively watch or minimize to listen in the background vs. podcasts that are just audio.
- **Podcast Discovery: YouTube is the place to be found:** YouTube acts as an entertainment search engine. 44% of weekly podcast consumers who listened to a new podcast in the past 6 months started listening to their latest podcast on YouTube.
- **Audio remains the primary mode of consumption, despite the growing option of video:** Podcasts are unique among other media platforms, offering flexible multimedia opportunities. Podcast consumers have the option to either watch or listen, and the vast majority continue to choose to listen.
- **With the rise of podcast watching, Smart TV's are big for podcast consumption:** A third of consumers are using a Smart TV for podcasts, which is only outranked by smartphones



Recommendations

- **Focus on attracting and engaging newcomers:** They're more female and diverse, and that's where the growth is. And once they get hooked on podcasting they're consuming nearly as many episodes as pioneers.
- **Have a smart YouTube strategy:** There's no one-size-fits all, and there's no reason to rush into a plan. It's good to have a presence, but do the research to find out what works for your audience, content or brand.
- **Keep ears on audio and audio platforms:** The majority of podcast consumers are using platforms other than YouTube most often, and audio is still the primary mode of consumption.
- **Don't discount the value of back-catalog in engagement:** A super-majority of consumers go back to listen to older episodes when they find a new show. Women are especially likely to catch-up on ones they missed.
- **Leverage podcasts ability to out-influence social media influencers:** 3x more podcast consumers say hosts are more influential than social media influencers.
- **Reach the less-reachable with podcasts:** Podcasts deliver heavy viewers of ad-free video streaming. 88% of weekly podcast consumers say they have watched an ad-free video streaming service in the past month.
- **Create norms for co-listening:** Current audience calculations based off downloads does not account for the percentage of podcast consumers who say they listen with others.



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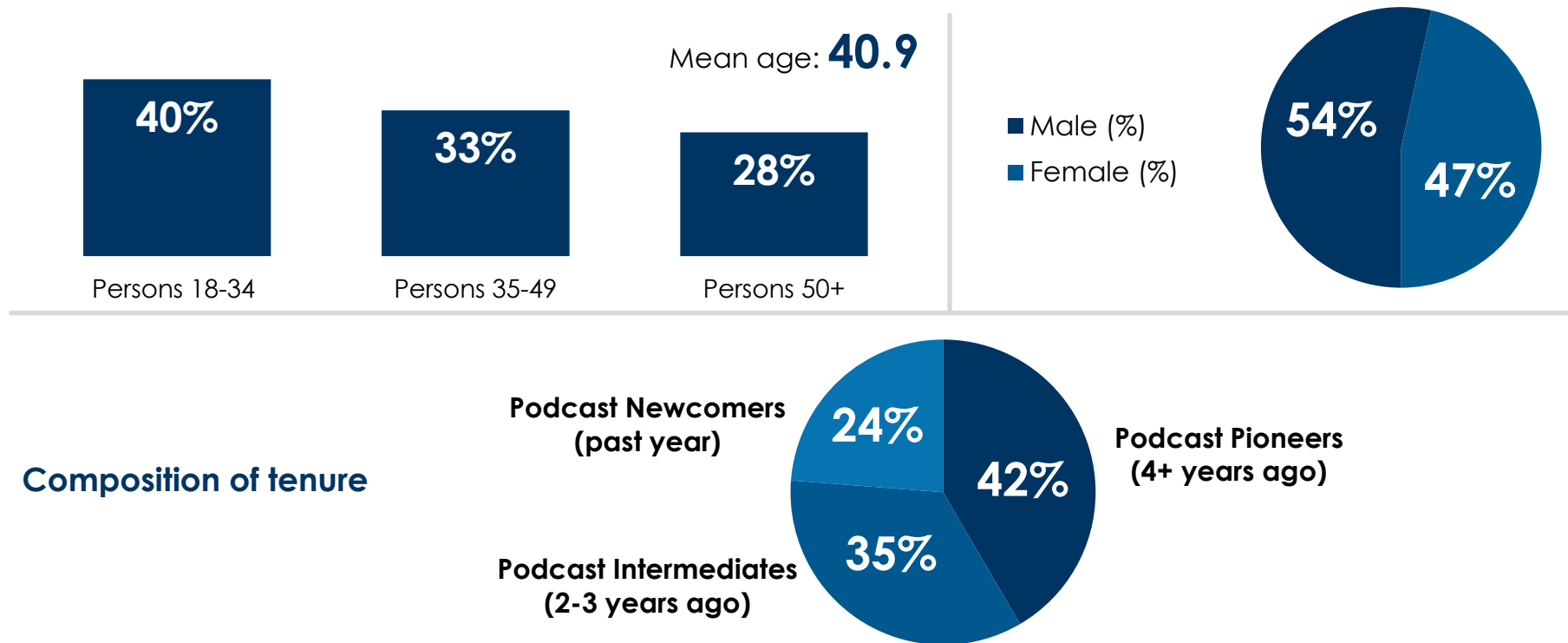
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Appendix

Weekly podcast consumers: Skew 18-34 and 24% started listening in the past year



How to read: 47% of weekly podcast consumers are women.

Heavy podcast consumers (6+ hours in past week): Spend 1.5X the time listening than average; Less than a third are Podcast Newcomers

55%

of total weekly podcast consumers
are heavy podcast consumers

Average weekly
time spent with
podcasts (hours):

10.3

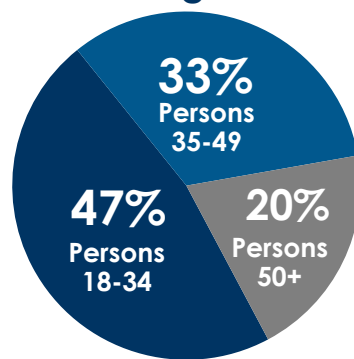
1.5X greater than
podcast consumers

Average number of
podcast episodes listened
to in the past week:

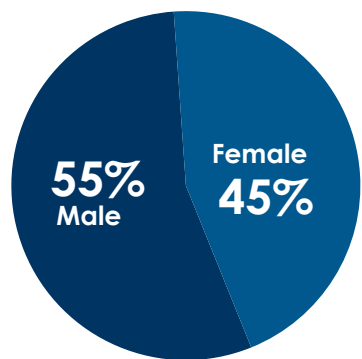
5.2

1.2X greater than
podcast consumers

Age



Gender



Q: "When did you first start listening to podcasts?"



How to read: 47% of heavy podcast consumers (those who listened/watched to 6+ hours of podcasts in the past week) are 18-34.

Podcast Pioneers (started listening 4+ years ago): Skew male and are listen to more podcast episodes than average

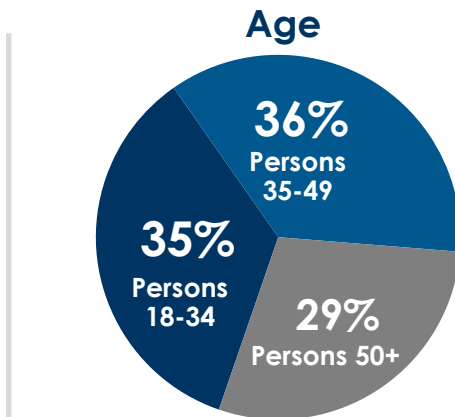
42%

of total weekly podcast consumers are Podcast Pioneers

% who are heavy podcast consumers (6+ hours/week)

55%

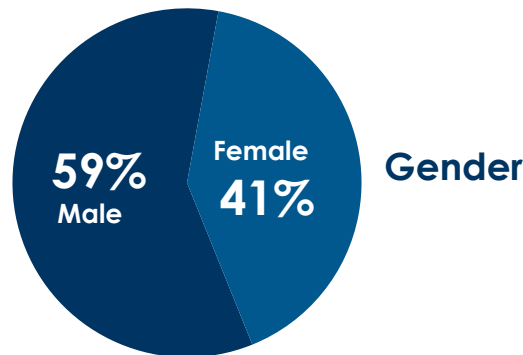
+0% greater than podcast consumers



Average weekly time spent with podcasts (hours):

6.9

+0% greater than podcast consumers



Average number of podcast episodes listened to in the past week:

4.4

+2% greater than podcast consumers

How to read: 59% of Podcast Pioneers (those who started listening to podcasts 4 or more years ago) are men.

Podcast Newcomers (started listening in past year): More likely to be female and 18-34; over 1 in 4 Newcomers are 50+

24%

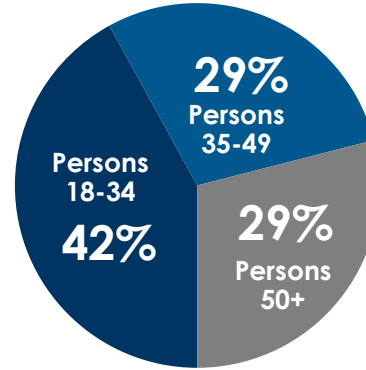
of total weekly podcast consumers are Podcast Newcomers

% who are heavy podcast consumers (6+ hours/week)

55%

-0% lower than podcast consumers

Age

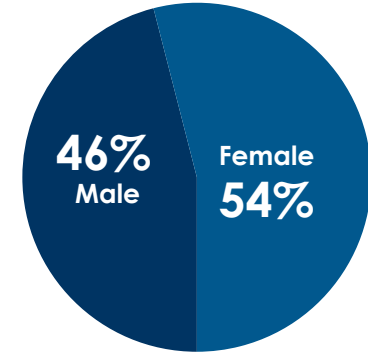


Average weekly time spent with podcasts (hours):

6.9

-0% lower than podcast consumers

Gender



Average number of podcast episodes listened to in the past week:

4.3

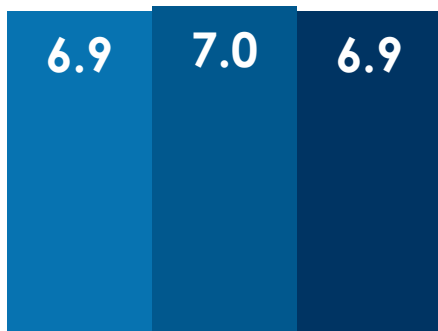
-0% lower than podcast consumers

How to read: 54% of Podcast Newcomers (those who started listening to podcasts in the past year) are women.

Podcast Pioneers listen to the same amount of podcasts and spend the same amount of time with podcasts versus Podcast Newcomers

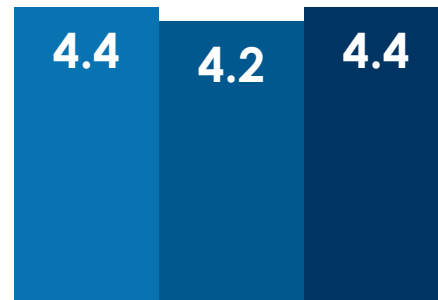
Pioneers spend +0% more time with podcasts than Newcomers

Average time (hours) spent with podcasts/past week



Pioneers listen to +0% more podcast episodes than Newcomers

Average number of podcasts episodes listened to/past week

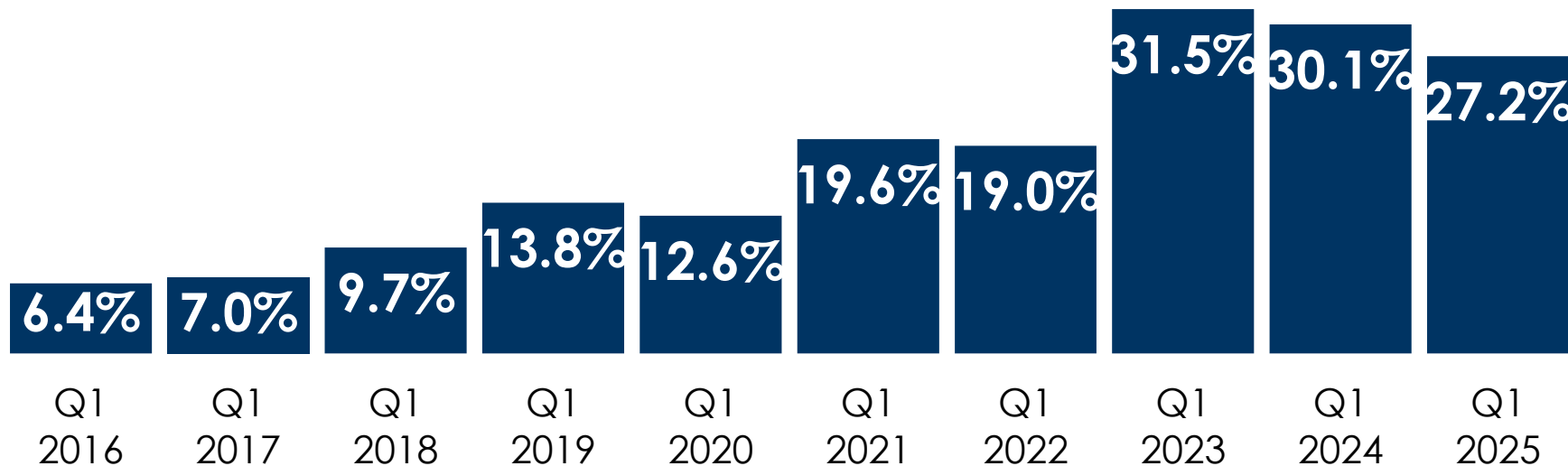


■ Podcast Newcomers (past year) ■ Podcast Intermediates (2-3 years ago) ■ Podcast Pioneers (4+ years ago)

How to read: Podcast Newcomers spent an average of 6.9 hours with podcasts/past week.

25-54 podcast reach surges: One out of four are reached daily, up 4X from 2016

% of 25-54 Americans reached daily by podcasts



How to read: In 2016, 6.4% of U.S. persons 25-54 listened to podcasts in an average day. In 2025, 27.2% of persons 25-54 listen in a typical day, a fourfold increase.

Profile of weekly podcast consumers

	% of respondents – April 2025					
	Total (weekly podcast consumers)	Persons 18-34	Persons 35-49	Persons 50+	Men	Women
Mean age	40.9	26.6	41.6	60.6	40.3	41.6
Men	54%	54%	60%	46%	100%	——
Women	47%	46%	40%	54%	——	100%
Podcast Pioneers	42%	37%	46%	43%	46%	36%
Podcast Intermediates	35%	38%	33%	33%	33%	36%
Podcast Newcomers	24%	25%	21%	25%	21%	28%
Apple mobile owner	41%	49%	40%	29%	38%	44%
Android mobile owner	57%	51%	56%	67%	59%	55%

How to read: 41% of weekly podcast consumers are Apple mobile owners.

YouTube dominates as most used platform

	Q: “Which of the following places do you use <i>the most</i> to access the podcasts you listen to?” (% of respondents) – April 2025								
	Total (weekly podcast consumers)	Heavy podcast consumers (6+ hrs/week)	Persons 18-34	Persons 35-49	Persons 50+	Men	Women	Podcast Pioneers (4+ years ago)	Podcast Newcomers (past year)
YouTube	39%	44%	41%	38%	37%	45%	33%	38%	40%
Spotify	21%	22%	28%	18%	14%	17%	26%	22%	19%
Apple Podcasts/iTunes	8%	6%	5%	11%	8%	4%	12%	8%	7%
Facebook	4%	5%	4%	6%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Amazon Music/Audible	4%	5%	2%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%
TikTok	3%	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	4%
Site/app of the people who produced the podcast	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%
iHeartRadio	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%
SiriusXM	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%	2%	2%	4%	3%
Pandora	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%
App/website of a specific radio station	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
NPR One	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Twitter	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Audacy	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Soundcloud	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Spreaker	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
TuneIn	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Podcast Addict	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
RadioPublic	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Overcast	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pocket Casts	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Castbox	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Luminary	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

How to read: 38% of Podcast Pioneers use YouTube the most to access podcasts.

Facebook is the 4th most used place for accessing podcasts the most among weekly podcast consumers despite no longer having a dedicated podcast channel

Top 10 places listed	Q: “Which of the following places do you use <i>the most</i> to access the podcasts you listen to?” (% of respondents) – April 2025								
	Total (weekly podcast consumers)	Heavy podcast consumers (6+ hrs/week)	Persons 18-34	Persons 35-49	Persons 50+	Men	Women	Podcast Pioneers (4+ years ago)	Podcast Newcomers (past year)
YouTube	39%	44%	41%	38%	37%	45%	33%	38%	40%
Spotify	21%	22%	28%	18%	14%	17%	26%	22%	19%
Apple Podcasts/iTunes	8%	6%	5%	11%	8%	4%	12%	8%	7%
Facebook	4%	5%	4%	6%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Amazon Music/Audible	4%	5%	2%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%
TikTok	3%	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	4%
Site/app of the people who produced the podcast	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%
iHeartRadio	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%
SiriusXM	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%	2%	2%	4%	3%
Pandora	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%

How to read: 38% of Podcast Pioneers use YouTube the most to access podcasts.

YouTube is consistently the most used platform for all age demos

Q: "Which of the following places do you use *the most* to access the podcasts you listen to?"
(% of respondents) – April 2025

	Total (weekly podcast consumers)	Persons 18-34	Persons 35-49	Persons 50+
YouTube	39%	41%	38%	37%
Spotify	21%	28%	18%	14%
Apple Podcasts/iTunes	8%	5%	11%	8%

How to read: 41% of persons 18-34 use YouTube the most to access podcasts.

YouTube leads Spotify and Apple for frequently accessed podcast platforms

	Q: "How frequently do you use each of the following places to access the podcasts you listen to?" (% who answered "Frequently") – April 2025								
	Total (weekly podcast consumers)	Heavy podcast consumers (6+ hrs/week)	Persons 18-34	Persons 35-49	Persons 50+	Men	Women	Podcast Pioneers (4+ years ago)	Podcast Newcomers (past year)
YouTube	60%	67%	66%	62%	49%	64%	55%	56%	62%
Spotify	35%	39%	47%	32%	21%	32%	38%	35%	33%
Facebook	21%	23%	16%	29%	17%	20%	22%	13%	26%
Site/app of the people who produced the podcast	18%	21%	18%	16%	19%	19%	17%	19%	15%
TikTok	17%	21%	19%	22%	8%	13%	21%	12%	22%
Apple Podcasts/iTunes	16%	17%	16%	23%	10%	15%	18%	14%	17%
Amazon Music/Audible	15%	18%	13%	19%	12%	16%	13%	15%	15%
Pandora	13%	14%	11%	17%	10%	13%	12%	13%	17%
iHeartRadio	10%	10%	8%	12%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
App/website of a specific radio station	10%	11%	10%	13%	8%	10%	11%	10%	11%
Twitter	9%	12%	11%	13%	3%	14%	4%	7%	9%
SiriusXM	9%	10%	7%	8%	13%	9%	8%	8%	8%
Soundcloud	7%	8%	9%	8%	2%	7%	6%	5%	8%
Spreaker	4%	5%	4%	7%	1%	4%	4%	5%	6%
Podcast Addict	4%	5%	4%	6%	1%	4%	3%	3%	6%
NPR One	4%	2%	3%	6%	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%
RadioPublic	3%	3%	0%	7%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%
Audacy	3%	4%	1%	5%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%
TuneIn	3%	4%	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Pocket Casts	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%	4%	0%	2%	2%
Overcast	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%	4%
Castbox	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Luminary	2%	3%	0%	5%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

How to read: 60% of total weekly podcast consumers frequently access podcasts through YouTube.

YouTube, Facebook, TikTok, and Twitter are all in the top ten platforms podcast consumers frequently use to access podcasts

Top 10 places listed	Q: "How frequently do you use each of the following places to access the podcasts you listen to?" (% who answered "Frequently") – April 2025								
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iHeartRadio	10%	10%	8%	12%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
App/website of a specific radio station	10%	11%	10%	13%	8%	10%	11%	10%	11%

How to read: 60% of total weekly podcast consumers frequently access podcasts through YouTube.

Even iPhone owners use YouTube most often

	Q: "Which of the following places do you use <i>the most</i> to access the podcasts you listen to?" (% of respondents) – April 2025		
	Total (weekly podcast consumers)	iPhone owners	Android mobile phone owners
YouTube	39%	30%	45%
Spotify	21%	22%	21%
Apple Podcasts/iTunes	8%	17%	2%
Facebook	4%	4%	5%
Amazon Music/Audible	4%	1%	5%
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NPR One	1%	0%	1%
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RadioPublic	0%	0%	0%
Overcast	0%	0%	0%
Pocket Casts	0%	0%	0%
Castbox	0%	0%	0%
Luminary	0%	0%	0%

How to read: 45% of Android mobile phone owners use YouTube the most to access podcasts.

YouTube leads for most frequently accessed platform among iPhone and Android owners

	Q: "How frequently do you use each of the following places to access the podcasts you listen to?" (% who answered "Frequently") – April 2025		
	Total (weekly podcast consumers)	iPhone owners	Android mobile phone owners
YouTube	60%	55%	64%
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Site/app of the people who produced the podcast	18%	18%	18%
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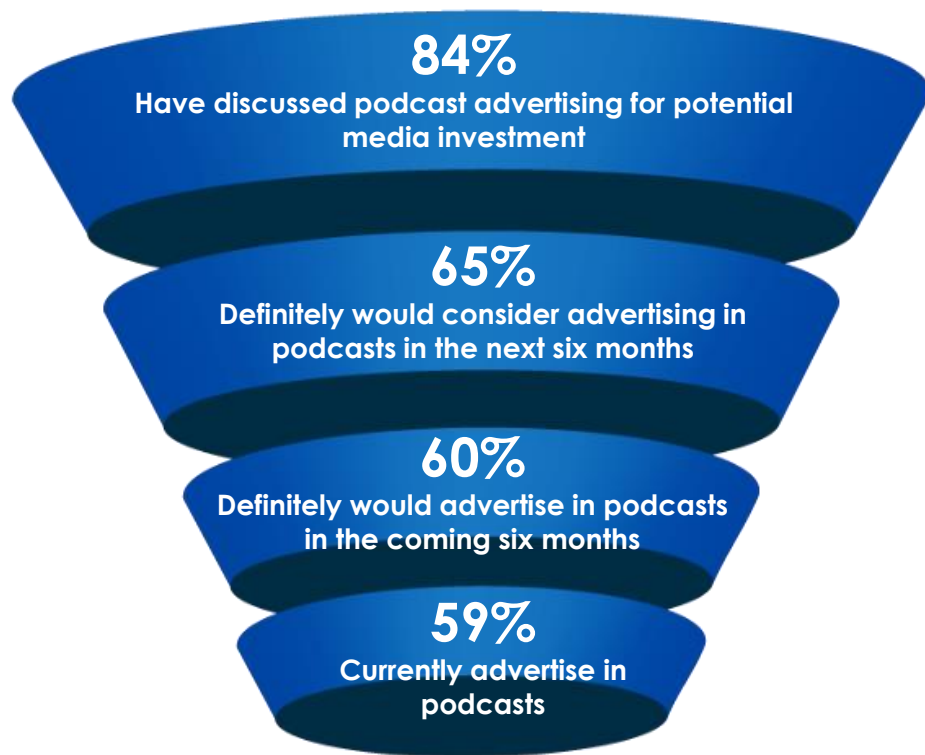
How to read: 30% of iPhone owners frequently access podcasts through iTunes/Apple Podcasts.

Source: Cumulus Media and Signal Hill Insights' Podcast Download – Spring 2025 Report, Cumulus Media, Quantilope National Study – April 2025; Q: "How frequently do you use each of the following places to access the podcasts you listen to?" Apple Podcasts defined as iTunes/Apple Podcasts; Google Podcasts defined as Google Play/Google Podcasts



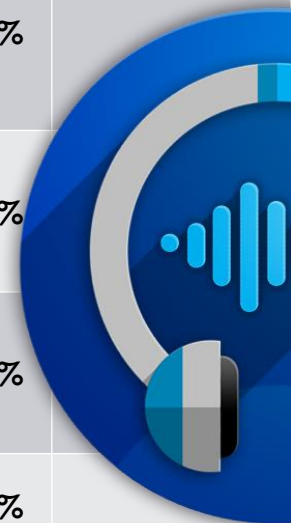
Agency/advertiser interest is significant at every stage of the podcast ad purchase funnel

Among agencies and brands



Advertiser Perceptions: Advertiser discussion, intention, and usage of podcast continue to be high

Advertiser Perceptions	Sept 2015	July 2016	May 2017	May 2018	May 2019	July 2020	Nov 2021	June 2022	June 2023	June 2024	
Have you and your colleagues discussed podcast advertising for potential media investment?	41%	58%	68%	70%	75%	66%	71%	87%	77%	84%	
How likely are you to consider advertising in podcasts in the next six months?	18%	28%	37%	43%	42%	46%	53%	51%	62%	65%	
How likely are you to actually advertise in podcasts in the coming six months?	10%	21%	27%	36%	34%	37%	44%	48%	58%	60%	
Do you currently advertise in podcasts?	15%	21%	29%	32%	39%	34%	45%	61%	58%	59%	

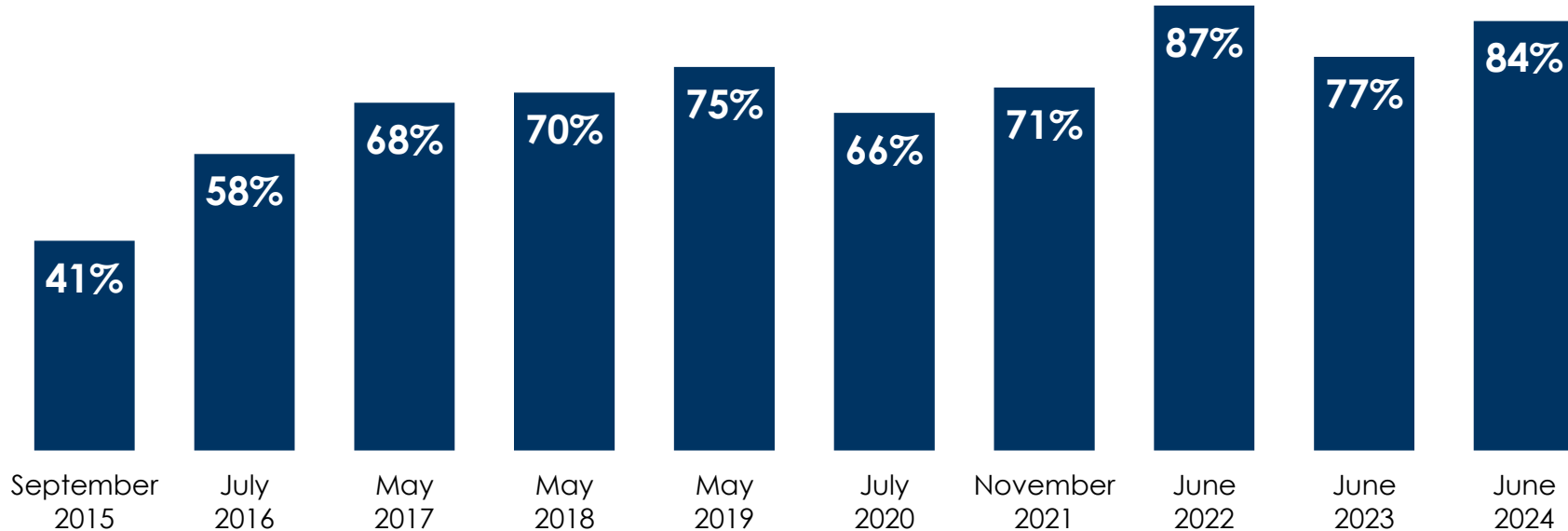


Source: Advertiser Perceptions study of agencies and advertisers. Sample size: September 2015 310, July 2016 284, May 2017 316, May 2018 300, May 2019 302, July 2020 300, Nov 2021 300, June 2022 300, June 2023 302, June 2024 301

Discussion: Over 80% of agencies/advertisers have discussed podcast advertising as a potential media investment

Q: Have you and your colleagues discussed podcast advertising for potential media investment?

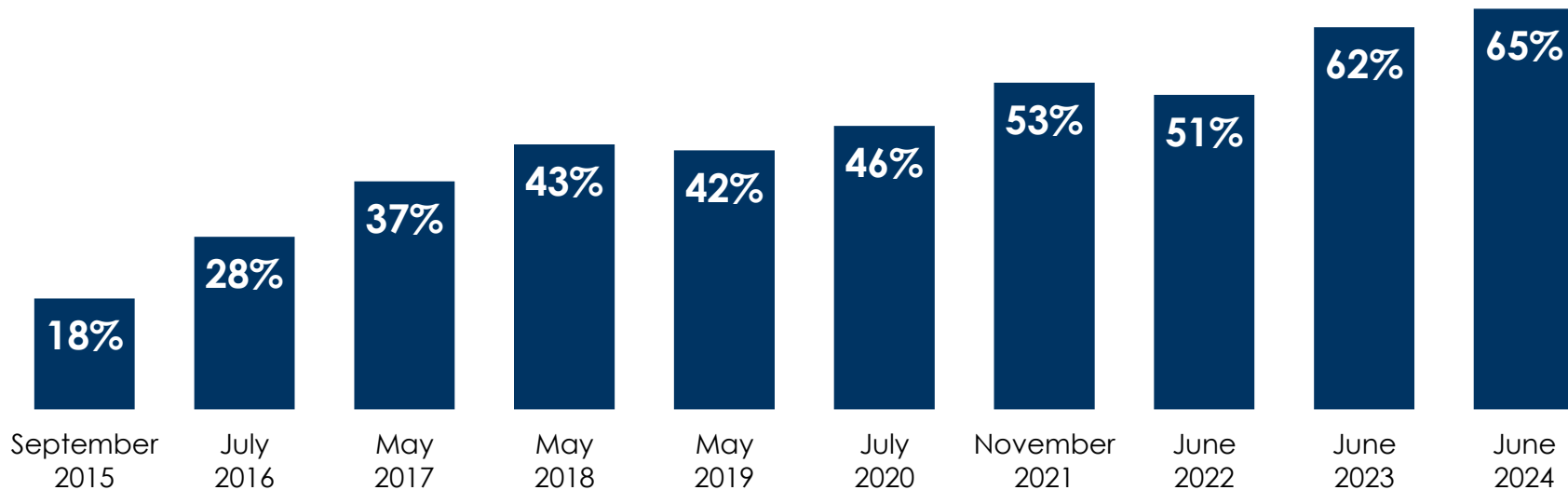
% who said yes



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Consideration: 65% of agencies/advertisers would definitely consider advertising in podcasts in the next six months, an all time high

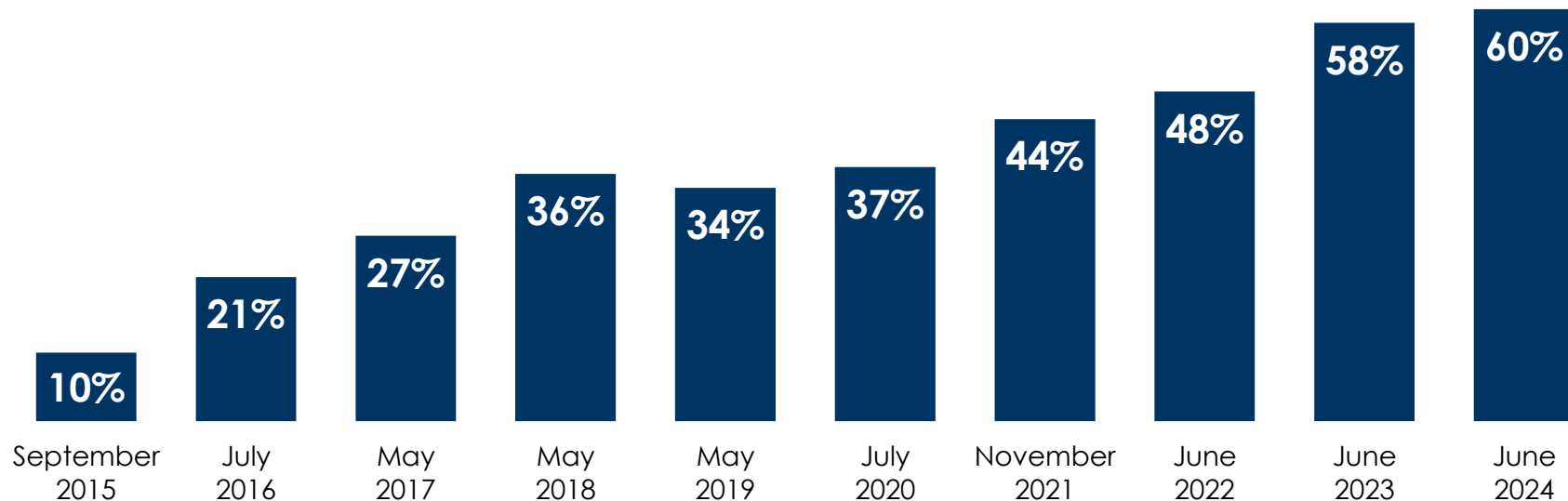
Q: How likely are you to consider advertising in podcasts in the next six months?
% who said definitely would consider



Source: Advertiser Perceptions study of agencies and advertisers. Sample size: September 2015 310, July 2016 284, May 2017 316, May 2018 300, May 2019 302, July 2020 300, Nov 2021 300, June 2022 300, June 2023 302, June 2024 301

Spend intention: 60% of agencies/advertisers say they will definitely advertise on podcasts in the next six months, an all time high

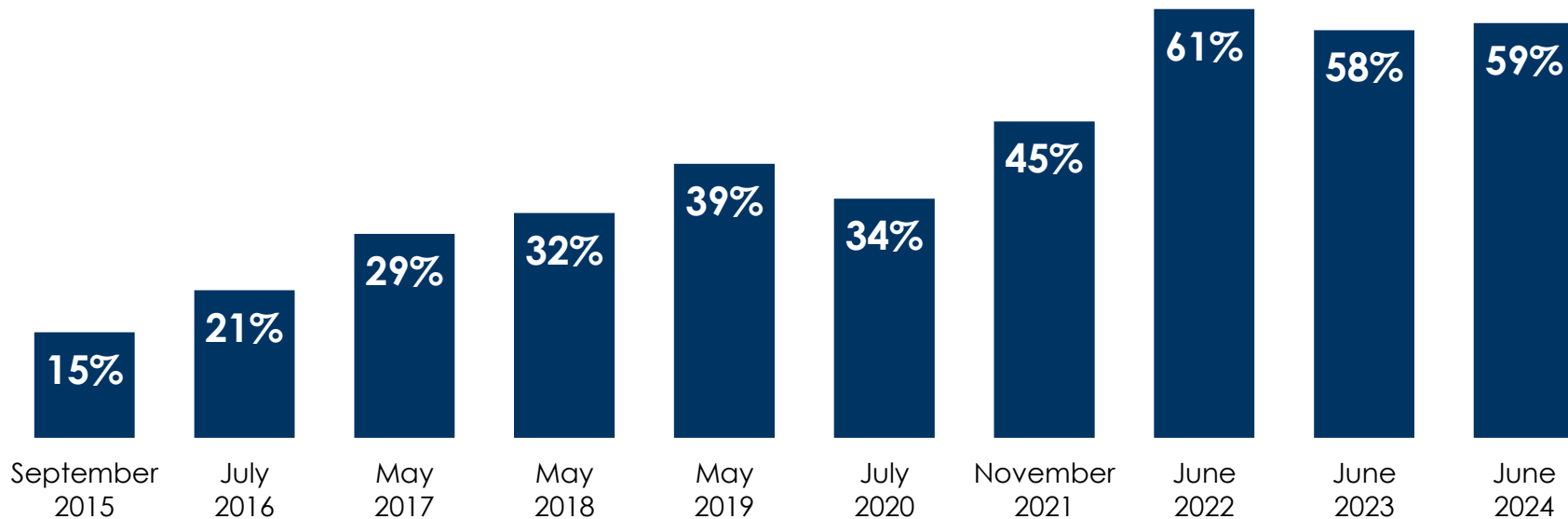
Q: How likely are you to actually advertise in podcasts in the coming six months?
% who said definitely will advertise



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Currently advertise: Nearly 60% of agencies/advertisers currently advertise in podcasts, growing substantially since 2021

Q: Do you currently advertise in podcasts?
% who said yes



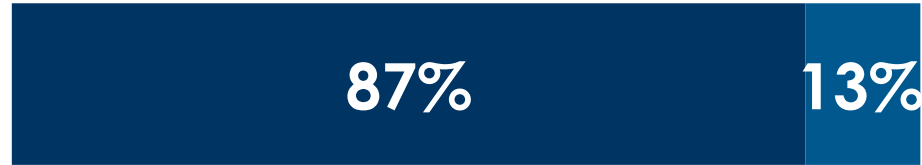
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Podcast consumers mostly listen to podcasts by themselves, even heavy consumers

Q: "Of all the podcast listening you do, what percentage would you say you do by yourself and with others?"

■ By myself ■ With others

Weekly podcast consumers



Heavy podcast consumers



How to read: Weekly podcast consumers spend 87% of their time listening by themselves.

Those who prefer the video component in the background are more likely to be heavy podcast consumers

	Q: "How do you prefer to listen to podcasts?"			
	Total weekly U.S. podcast consumers	% of weekly podcast consumers, by preference		
		Audio only without any video	Video you actively watch	Video you minimize/listen in background
Heavy podcast consumers (6+ hours/week)	55%	42%	59%	61%
Average weekly time spent with podcasts (hours):	6.9	5.6	7.6	7.2
Average number of podcast episodes listened to in the past week:	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.7

How to read: 42% of weekly podcast consumers who prefer audio-only podcasts are heavy podcast consumers.

Entertain for emotional gain

"Embrace the idea that advertising is at least as much showmanship as it is salesmanship. It is time to rediscover the fact that **advertising builds brands best when it is entertaining, popular and memorable**, when it is not just a pitch, but a performance."

Paul Feldwick

Why Does The Pedlar Sing? What Creativity Really Means In Advertising

"The buying of time or space is not the taking out of a hunting license on someone's private preserve, **but it is the renting of a stage on which we may perform.**"

Howard Luck Gossage, advertising visionary frequently referred to as "The Socrates of San Francisco"

**A majority (61%) of
podcast consumers
use another platform
other than YouTube
most often**

**Most used podcast platform among
weekly podcast listeners**

