## The Podcast Consumer

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## Methodology Overview

- In January/February 2015, Edison Research conducted a national telephone survey of 2002 people aged 12 and older, using random digit dialing techniques.
- Survey offered in both English and Spanish languages.
- Both landlines and cell phones were called.
- Data weighted to national $12+$ population figures.
- This is the 23rd study in the series dating to 1998.
- These studies provide estimates of digital platforms and their impact on the media landscape based on self-reported consumer behaviors and attitudes.


## Awareness of the Term "Podcasting" is Flat

"Are you familiar with the term Podcasting?"


## Podcast Consumption

## \% Who Have Ever Listened to a Podcast



## Monthly Podcast Consumption

\% Who Have Listened to a Podcast in the Last Month


## Who Listens to Podcasts?


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Base: Podcast Consumers (listened to a podcast in the last month)

## Who Listens to Podcasts?

## Age Composition



## Podcast Consumers are Affluent

## 2015 Household Income - \$75,000 or More



## Podcast Consumers are Highly Educated

## 2015 Education Levels

■U.S. Population 18+ ■Podcast Consumers 18+


## Weekly Podcast Consumption

## \% Who Have Listened to a Podcast in the Last Week



## Weekly Podcast Consumers Listen to an Average of Six Podcasts per Week

Number of Podcasts Consumed in the Past Week


## "Serial" Podcast



## Podcast Consumers Index Higher for Apple Products Than Android-based Products



## Smartphones Ownership Correlates with Podcast Consumption

\% Who Have Listened to a Podcast in the Last Month

Own a Smartphone


Do Not Own a Smartphone


## Nearly Two-thirds of Podcast Consumers Listen Most on Mobile Devices

\% of Podcast Consumers Who Listen to Podcasts Most Often On...


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## Podcast Consumers are Active in Social Media

"Do you currently ever use/have a profile on...?"


## Podcast Consumers are Active in Social Media

How often do you use any social networking site or service?
U.S. Population $12+$


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## Podcast Consumers are More Likely to Follow Brands

"Do you follow any companies or brands on any social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter?"
U.S. Population $12+$


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## Podcast Consumers nearly Twice as Likely to Listen to Online Radio as the General Population

\% Listening to Online Radio (AM/FM Streams \& Internet-Only) in Last Week
U.S. Population $12+$


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## Podcast Consumers are Bringing Digital Media Into Their Cars

"Have you ever listened to Internet Radio in a car by listening to the stream from a cell phone that you connected to a car audio system?"
U.S. Population $12+$



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## Share of Ear

## Survey Methodology:

- 2021 respondents
- Completed 24-hour audio listening diary
- Can be tracked with Spring 2014 study
- National sample 13+
- Online and offline
- Online conducted: 11/5/2014-11/15/2014
- Offline conducted: 10/14/2014-10/20/2014
- Offered in English and Spanish
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## Share of Ear:



AUDIO
AM/FM Radio
Owned Music
Streaming Audio
SiriusXM
Music Channels on TV
Podcasts


LOCATION
Home
Work
Car/Truck
Somewhere else


CONTENT
Music
News
Talk/Personalities
Sports


DEVICE
AM/FM Radio
Computer
Mobile Device
TV Audio Channels
SiriusXM Receiver
Internet-connected TV
device
Wireless streaming
speakers

Internet Radio/Music
(Pandora, Spotify, etc.)

Share of Time Spent Listening to Audio Sources

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                AM/FM Radio
                21%
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                    Podcasts
                    30\%
    (CDs, Digital music files, etc.) 23\%

Streaming Audio (Pandora,
Spotify, etc.)

TV Music Channels (e.g. Music Choice) of 6 hours and 8 minutes each day consuming audio. This graph represents the share of time Podcast Listeners spent with each (N=117). Based on a nationally representative sample of 2,021 Americans ages 13+ who completed a 24-hour audio listening diary, Fall 2014. For more information contact info@edisonresearch.com

## Summary

- Podcast consumption continues to steadily climb, though awareness of the term stalls
- Demographics of the Podcast Consumer are now equally male/female, and strong 18-44
- Podcast Consumers are affluent and well-educated
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## Summary

- People who listen to podcasts are more likely to take digital media with them in the car
- Podcast Consumers exhibit strong social (and brandfollowing) behavior
- According to Share of Ear data, daily podcast consumers listen to more podcast audio (by time) than any other form of audio
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How you know.


[^0]:    Base: Ever listened to a podcast

