# 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







# Who Listens to Podcasts?

#### Age Composition











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





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

#### "Do you currently own ...?"



# Smartphones Ownership Correlates with Podcast Consumption

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



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

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



# 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?



# 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?"



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





# 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?"



# 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



Source: Edison Research. Americans spend an average of 4 hours and 4 minutes each day consuming audio. This graph represents the share of time spent with each. 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



Source: Edison Research. Podcast Listeners (defined as those who reported listening to a podcast in the last 24 hours) spend an average 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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