# TPA State Study Reveals the Power of Print & Digital Newspaper Advertising

Compelling research can help newspapers close the sale In today's competitive advertising environment.

A new study sponsored by the **Texas Press Association** provides data-driven insights to help members achieve their advertising sales objectives.

The 2023 Texas State Study, conducted by the independent research firm Coda Ventures, reports that more than 19 million, or 85% of Texas adults rely on newspapers every month for local news and advertising.



**85**%



Of Texas Adults Read Local Newspapers

79% Read Digital Newspapers69% Read Print Newspapers63% Read Print and Digital

Base: Total Texas adults

Among readers of **community newspapers**, the study found that community newspapers outperformed local TV and radio as consumers' **primary source** of community news for the following topics:

## **Schools in My Community**

55% Local Newspapers

Local TV - 35% • Local Radio - 3%

#### **High School Sports**

48% Local Newspapers

Local TV - 38% • Local Radio - 8%

#### Candidates & Ballot Issues

47% Local Newspapers

Local TV - 38% • Local Radio - 8%

### **Entertainment & Dining Out**

46% Local Newspapers

Local TV - 31% • Local Radio - 14%

#### **Local Government**

46% Local Newspapers

Local TV - 41% • Local Radio - 7%

Base: Community newspaper readers; includes websites

# **Newspaper Ads Work**

Among those surveyed, **88%** believe that "Advertising in newspapers is important".

In fact, **9 out of 10** have **taken action** as a direct result of print or digital newspaper ads – from visiting a store or an advertiser's website, to purchasing a product/service.

# 60%

Of Consumers Use Local Newspapers to Make Important Buying Decisions



Local Radio

33%

Ads on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)

Local Magazines

**30**%

**32**%

Base: Total Texas adults

The study also measured the ability of local newspapers to deliver an advertiser's target audience for twenty important advertising categories.

Among consumers who plan to shop for specific products and services, the targeted reach of newspapers is unrivaled. Below are just a few examples:

## Local Newspapers Reach Among Shoppers

	Adults	Newspaper Reach
Appliances	34%	89%
Automobiles	31%	91%
Banking/Financial	36%	89%
Drug Stores	46%	85%
Home Furnishings	32%	87%
Home Improvement	29%	89%
Home Services	24%	89%
Liquor/Wine/Beer	34%	88%
Restaurants/Bars	52%	86%
Vehicle Maintenance	45%	86%
Base: Total Texas adults		

The Texas State Study provides clear evidence of the power of local newspaper advertising, and the TPA is proud to provide this essential advertising resource.

# **To learn more** about the *Texas State Study*:

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# Putting Custom Advertising Sales Sheets to Work for TPA Members

Newspaper research is an effective tool to use on calls with local advertisers. Your ability to document how many consumers your newspaper reaches across your print and digital platforms – and why your readers are ideal prospects – can help make the sale.

That's why the TPA recently commissioned a survey of Texas adults, conducted by Coda Ventures.

The **2023 Texas State Study** quantifies the powerful role that local newspapers play in generating results for advertisers. And now you can put the survey's impressive findings to work for your newspaper.

**Custom Ad Sales Sheets** are branded with your newspaper's logo and feature data that is specific to your market and your newspaper's audience delivery.

Audience Profile sheets showcase the total market reach of your print and digital products, as well as the specific reach of each individual platform.

Your newspaper's coverage of core demographic groups is also included, along with topline results from the study about the overall importance of newspaper advertising and the role newspapers play in consumers' buying decisions.

Category Profile sheets focus on key ad categories that you identify. Each category sheet presents the number of consumers in your market that purchase those specific products and your newspaper's print and digital reach among these active buyers.

Plus, results from the study compare the effectiveness of newspapers and newspaper websites to other competitive local media like TV, radio, magazines, direct mail and social media.



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