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# **New Insights About Today's Local Ad Buyers**

Findings from Borrell's Q2 Survey August 2023

Unique insights on marketing habits of

- Retailers
- A&E Marketers
- √ Health Care
- ✓ Content Marketers
- ✓ Master Marketers ✓ Novice Marketers
- OTT/CTV Buyers
- Broadcast TV Buyers
- ✓ Local Ad Agencies✓ And more!

# Survey Methodology

Want to know what YOUR advertisers are planning?



- > 14th year conducting local advertiser surveys
- Now conducted 2x per year, in Q2 and Q4
- > Current survey was fielded in Q2 2023
- > Solicited through client/prospect lists of media cos.
- > 4,184 starts
  - > 1,779 partials (we use only fully completed surveys)
  - > 204 disqualified
- > Two completed surveys:
  - ➤ Direct Buyers, 1,938 respondents
  - > Ad Agencies, 380 respondents

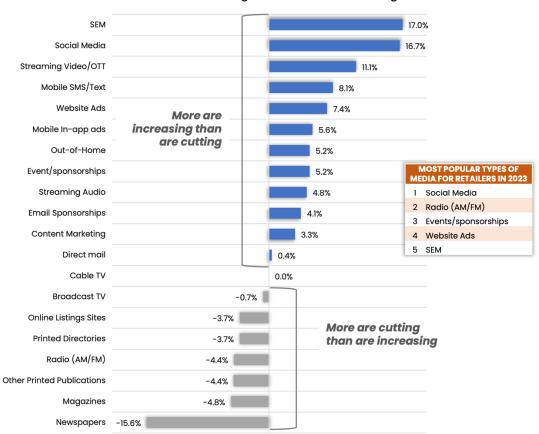
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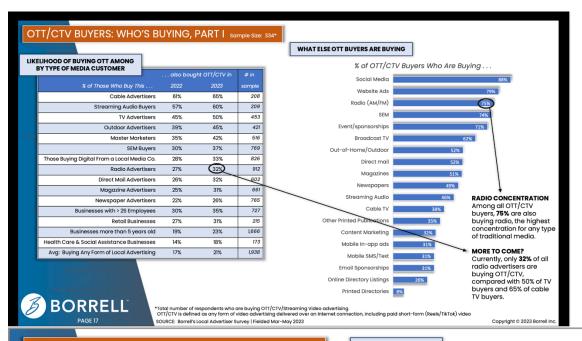
Types of Media Used			
	%	#	
Radio (AM/FM)	78%	296	
Social Media	78%	296	
Website Ads	76%	287	
Broadcast TV	72%	274	
SEM	71%	270	
Streaming Video/OTT	69%	262	
Out-of-Home/Outdoor	62%	234	
Events/sponsorships	61%	233	
Cable TV	59%	225	
Streaming Audio	56%	211	
Magazines	55%	208	
Newspapers	52%	198	
Direct Mail	44%	166	
Email Sponsorships	39%	150	
Other printed publication	38%	146	
Content Marketing	38%	146	
Mobile In-app ads	36%	137	
Mobile SMS/Text ads	24%	91	
Online Directory Listings	23%	89	
Printed directories	8%	29	
Other Non-Digital	14%	53	
Other Digital	13%	49	



#### **HOW IT'S CHANGING**

### Increasers vs. Decreasers: Net Change in Planned Media Usage for Retailers





#### CONTENT MARKETERS\* BUYING PATTERNS Sample Size: 258

HOW IT'S CHANGING

WHAT THEY'RE BUYING			
	% of Content Marketers Buying	% Planning to Increase or Start	% Planning to
Type of Advertising	This	Buying	Trim or Eliminate
Social Media	82.9%	41.9%	6.6%
SEM	73.3%	39.1%	4.7%
Website Ads	68.6%	28.7%	5.4%
Streaming Video/OTT	35.3%	21.7%	5.0%
Events/sponsorships	72.1%	23.6%	8.9%
Streaming Audio	23.3%	18.6%	4.3%
Mobile SMS/Text	22.9%	14.0%	2.7%
Email sponsorships	23.6%	14.0%	4.3%
	36.0%		8.9%
Out-of-Home/Outdoor		15.1%	
Mobile in-app ads	15.5%	8.9%	2.7%
Direct mail		14.7%	10.9%
Online directory listings	36.8%	10.5%	7.4%
Broadcast TV	30.6%	9.7%	7.4%
Cable TV	17.8%	5.8%	5.8%
Radio (AM/FM)	53.1%	10.9%	14.7%
Other printed publications	35.3%	5.0%	10.9%
Magazines	49.2%	9.3%	15.9%
Printed Directories	16.7%	0.8%	8.9%
Newspapers	46.1%	4.7%	15.5%
Ne	et Planning to	77.9%	49.3%

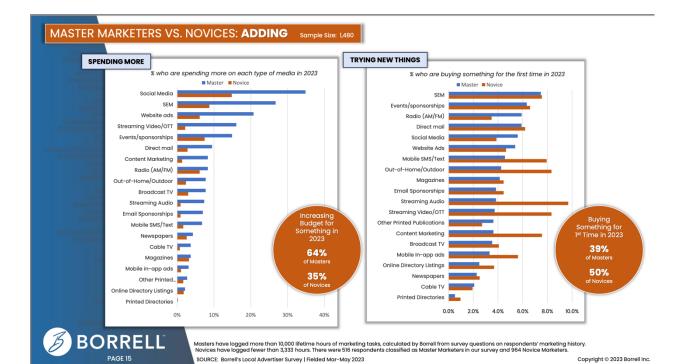
Social Media				35.3%	
SEM				34.5%	
Website Ads		23.3%			
Streaming Video/OTT			16.7%		
Events/sponsorships		1	14.7%		
Streaming Audio	More are	14	14.3%		
Mobile SMS/Text	increasing than are	11.2%			
Email sponsorships	cutting	10.1%	10.1%		
Out-of-Home/Outdoor		6.2%		MOST POPULAR TYPES OF MEDIA FOR CONTENT MARKETERS IN 2023	
Mobile in-app ads		6.2%	1		
Direct mail		3.9%	2		
Online directory listings		3.1%	3 Ever		
Orinine directory listings		3.1%	5		
Broadcast TV		2.3%	2.3%		
Cable TV		0.0%			
Radio (AM/FM)	-3.9%				
ner printed publications	-5.8%	More are a	More are cutting		
Magazines	-6.6%	than are in			
Printed Directories	-8.1%				



\*Content marketers include a cross section of businesses but are twice as likely to be involved in professional and business services, finance, or insurance.

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### Point #2: LISTEN/LEARN



#### **Understand Us**

We'd like to see a media company "taking the time to understand who the company is and the goals that already exist instead of assuming the agency knows best."

#### **Know My Industry**

We want you to "understand and research our company and industry before offering support."

Possessing "indepth knowledge of a specific industry is key."

#### My Agenda, Not Yours

"LISTEN to the needs (don't have an agenda). Be a resource."

"Listen to what the client is asking for. I get tired of companies trying to sell me what they want me to buy rather than listening to my needs."

#### Learn, Then Act

"Take time to learn my business and needs so that you can operate with little to no guidance. I am hiring you because I do not have time to do it which means I don't have time to hold your hand."

## **What Advertisers Want You To Know**

We asked respondents to let us know how media companies could improve.

This is what they said.

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### **Point #4: BRING CREATIVITY**



#### **Be Fresh**

"Being fresh, vibrant, and engaging is the most attractive thing for a media company to draw my attention."

#### **Apply New Trends**

Bring us "more knowledge for social media trends and advertising (like) Tik Tok."

#### Think Outside the Box

"Think outside of the box in ways to help companies that have small budgets."

#### **Come With Ideas**

"Come with ideas about our business at the very first meeting."

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