

# **Insight into NASCAR Fans**

Prepared by NASCAR Market and Media Research



# The Most Loyal, Active, and Engaged Fans



- Audience of millions
- Heart and soul of the sport, a cross-section of America
- A lot like all of us: neighbors, co-workers, hardworking, involved in the community
- Emotional connection to the sport, having favorite drivers, favorite auto manufacturers, etc.
- Loyal to sponsors!

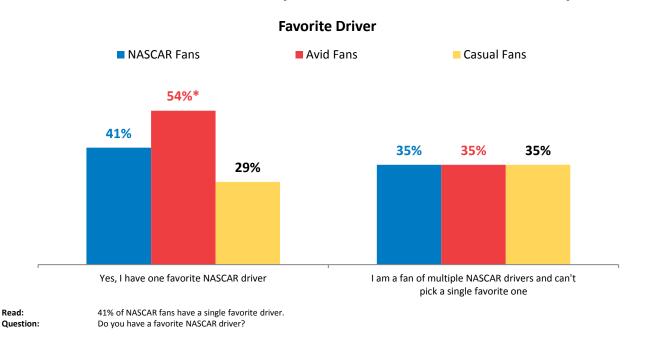


No other major sport in the U.S. delivers a higher quality of fan when it comes to supporting sponsors.

# **Drivers: Having a Favorite Impacts Consumption**



## NASCAR drivers are an important connection to the sport



**Impact on Consumption** 

(Having a single favorite driver vs. no favorite)

+7 hours

more NASCAR media consumed per week

2.5x

as likely to claim to
attend NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
races

+63%

more likely to have a favorite auto manufacturer

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## **Car Culture**



## NASCAR fans have a strong connection with cars



#### **Consume More Auto-Related Content**

+86%

more likely than non-fans visit auto-related websites



2.5x

As likely as non-fans to read auto-related magazines





+40%

more likely than non-fans to **own a pick-up truck** 



+24%

more likely than non-fans to change their own oil



Positive Attitudes Toward Car Maintenance & Technology	% Who Agree Index vs. non-fans
"I am interested in what goes on under the hood of a car"	62% / 135*
"I perform the routine maintenance on some or all of the cars in my household"	46% / 131*
"I keep up on the latest advances in automobile technology"	29% / 171*
"Friends and family always ask my advice on what car they should buy"	21% / 150*

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Claimed auto websites visited in the last 30 days, including: autotrader.com, cars.com, edmunds.com and kbb.com. Auto magazines based off of claimed net readers.\*Indicates results are statistically significant at a 95% confidence level.



# **NASCAR Fan Base Demographics**



62% Male 38% Female









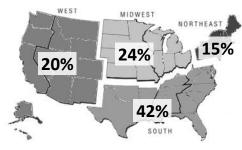
Multicultural

23%



5 OF 5 Employed (full or part-time)







\$71,000

Average Household Income



 $1_{OF}^{OUT}$  3

Households with Children



 $1_{OF}^{OUT} 2$ 

Some College or Beyond



 $2_{of}^{out} 3$ 

**Homeowners** 

### **Top 5 NASCAR Markets**

(by number of people interested in the sport)

- 1. Los Angeles
- 2. New York
- 3. Chicago
- 4. Dallas
- 5. Atlanta

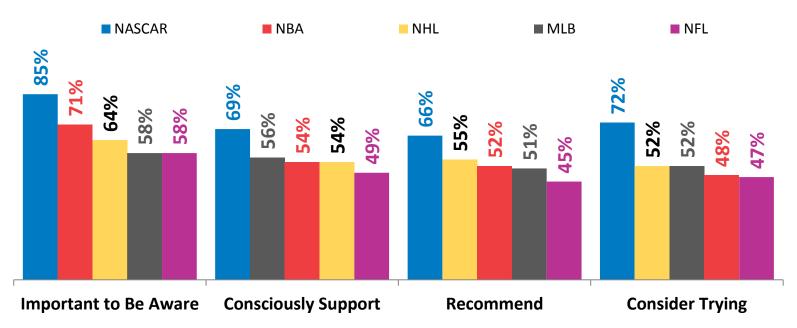
Source: Nielsen Scarborough (USA+ Release 1, 2015). Field dates: February 2014-March 2015. Sample size is approximately 47,000 NASCAR fans. Fandom is determined by using the following question: "How interested are you in [NASCAR]?" ("very", "somewhat", "a little bit", or "not at all"]. NASCAR fans are those respondents who indicate they are at least a little bit interested in NASCAR. CONFIDENTIAL – FOR NASCAR USE ONLY



# **Independent Research:** NASCAR is #1 in Fan Loyalty to Sponsors



#### Proportion of Each Sport's Avid Fans who Are More Likely to Support the Sport's Official Sponsors in the Following Ways



Q: Is it important to you to be aware of which companies are official sponsors of [INSERT SPORT]? [YES / NO]
Q: Are you more or less likely to [INSERT LOYALTY METRIC] a product / service if that product / service is an official sponsor of [INSERT SPORT]?
Source: Turnkey Sports & Entertainment, results published in SBJ, n=400 for each sport's entire study
Note: Data reflects latest results for each sports property as of December 2015







# According to independent research conducted by Repucom:

- NASCAR ranks #1 among major sports in <u>sponsor consideration</u>
   3 out of 4 NASCAR fans would consider a sponsor's brand
- NASCAR ranks #1 among major sports in <u>sponsor loyalty</u>

7 out of 10 NASCAR fans said they are loyal to a sponsor's brand when the brand supports their sport

- Higher than NFL, NHL, MLB, and NBA fans
- Nearly 20% higher than a typical sports fan



# **Fans Appreciate Sponsors in NASCAR**

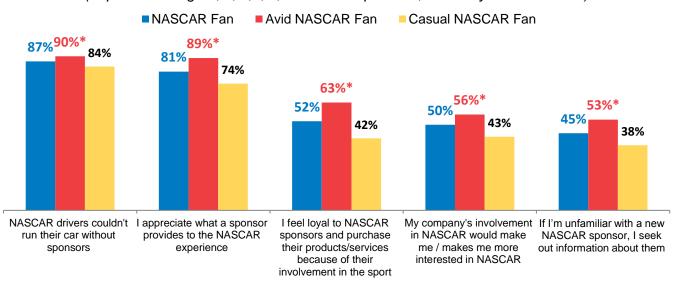






#### **Proportion who Agree with Each Statement**

(Top 5 Box % Agree, 6, 7,8, 9, or 10 on 10-pt. scale, sorted by NASCAR fans)



Read: 87% of NASCAR fans agree NASCAR drivers couldn't run their car without sponsors.

Source: NASCAR Fan Engagement Tracker (commissioned by NASCAR and conducted by Toluna, 2015), n=2,500 NASCAR Fans
Note: The asterisk (\*) indicates statistical significance between avid & casual NASCAR fans at the 95% confidence level.

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# **Avid NASCAR Fans Support NASCAR Sponsors**









Attitudes Toward NASCAR Sponsors	<b>% Who Agree</b> Top 5 Box, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 on 10 ptscale
"Brands I like are sponsors in NASCAR"	82%
"I talk positively about brands that are sponsors in NASCAR"	68%
"I support NASCAR sponsors more than sponsors of other sports"	61%
"I'm supporting NASCAR sponsors more than ever before"	57%

Source: NASCAR Fan Engagement Tracker (commissioned by NASCAR and conducted by Toluna, 2015), n=1,171 Avid NASCAR Fans NASCAR fandom is determined by using a 7-point interest question: Using a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is "not at all interested", 4 is "moderately interested", and 7 is "extremely interested", please rate how interested you are in NASCAR. Avid NASCAR Fans are 6-7.



# **Professional and Financially Responsible**



## NASCAR fans are business leaders and purchase decision makers



+20%

more likely to be business leaders (business executives and / or small business owners) +60%

more likely to work for Fortune 500 companies

500

18%



Are business purchase decision makers

Nearly +40% more likely than non-fans



24%

Consume business-related media

+36%

more likely to **read the business section** of the newspaper +25%

more likely to **research financial information** on the internet

+22%

more likely to watch CNBC



36%



Of business purchase decision makers are involved in **decisions** of \$100,000 or more a year

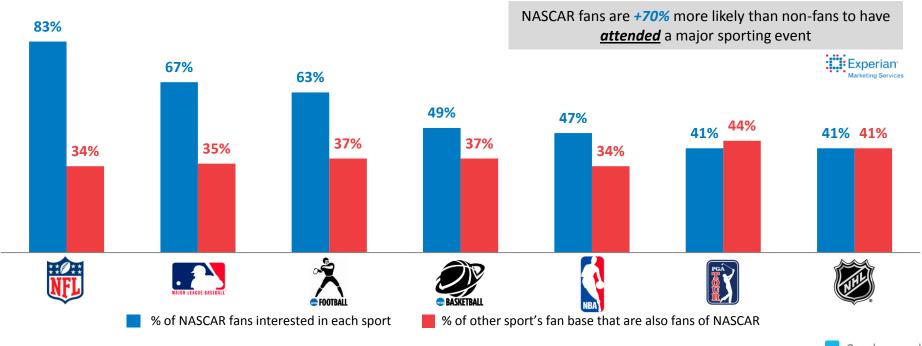
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Business-related media is defined as: reading the Wall Street Journal, Bloomburg Businessweek, Forbes, Fortune, Kiplinger's Personal Finance, Money, and / or watching CNBC.

# **Passion for Sports**



## NASCAR fans are passionate about various sports



Sources: Nielsen Scarborough Research (USA+ Release 1, 2015), n=203,988 and Experian Marketing Services (Simmons National Consumer Survey, Fall Full Year 2014), n=27,446 Fandom is determined through the use of the following question: "How interested are you in [sport]?" ["very", "somewhat", "a little bit", or "not at all" interested]. Fans are those respondents who are a little bit, somewhat, or very interested in [sport].



# **Sports**



## NASCAR fans love all things sports



**61% Enjoy playing sports** 

+17% more likely than non-fans

Play sports every 30% chance they get

+20% more likely than non-fans

+40%

more likely than non-fans to own sports equipment



+44%

more likely than non-fans to watch, listen or attend live sporting events

#### **TWICE**

as likely as non-fans to read sports-related magazines

+80% more likely than non-fans to play fantasy sports

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Sport participation claimed within the last 12 months, except for "play sports every chance they get." Sports defined as:

auto racing, baseball, basketball, bowling, boxing, football, golf, hockey, racquetball, skiing, snowboarding, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. Play in fantasy sports leagues claimed within the last 12 months. \*Indicates results are statistically significant at a 95% confidence level.

#### **Favorite Sports to Play** Percent that participate /

Index vs. non-fans



**Swimming** 35% / 109\*



**Bowling** 

24% / 120\*



Golf

18% / 164\*



Basketball

17% / 113\*



Baseball

15% / 150\*



## **Outdoor Enthusiasts**



#### NASCAR fans are outdoor enthusiasts



**54%** 

### **Enjoy outdoor activities**

Nearly +40% more likely than non-fans

2.5x

as likely as non-fans to read fishing, hunting & outdoor recreation magazines

+50%

more likely than non-fans to own outdoor-related equipment





+55%

more likely than non-fans to own a boat



+90%

more likely than non-fans to own an ATV



#### **TWICE**

as likely as non-fans to own a motorcycle

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Outdoor activities participated in the last 12 months, including: archery, backpacking/hiking, boating, biking, camping, canoeing/kayaking, fishing, horseback riding, hunting, motorcycling, mountain/rock climbing, skin diving / snorkeling and target shooting. \*Indicates results are statistically significant at a 95% confidence level.

#### Favorite Activities to Participate In

Percent that participate / Index vs. non-fans



Fishing

27% / 180\*



Camping

20% / 154\*



**Target Shooting** 

18% / 200\*



Hunting

17% / 243\*



Biking

17% / 131\*



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# **Homeowners and DIY Home Improvement**



## NASCAR fans are do-it-yourselfers





**72**%

#### **Are homeowners**

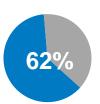
Nearly +10% more likely than non-fans



# Consider their households to be green^

Nearly +30% more likely than non-fans





#### Shop at home improvement stores

+38% more likely than non-fans

+17%

more likely than non-fans to

engage in home improvements



+25%

more likely than non-fans to own workshop equipment



+17%

more likely than non-fans to own lawn care equipment

Source: Experian Marketing Services (Simmons National Consumer Survey, Fall Full Year 2014) n=27,446 and Custom Growth Energy Tracker (commissioned by NASCAR and conducted by Toluna, 2015), n=2,000. Based on NASCAR fans compared to non-fans.

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Shop at home improvement stores claimed within the last 4 weeks.

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# **Valuable Consumers**



## NASCAR fans shop multiple retail outlets and notice various promotions





Where They Shop (Percent / Index vs. non-fans)					
Supermarkets	Drug Stores	Convenience Stores	Mass Retailers		
95% / 103*	72% / 101	70% / 132*	64% / 116*		
lome Improvement Stores	Automotive Retail Stores	Department Stores	Sporting Goods Stores		
62% / 138*	61% / 124*	43% / 116*	14% / 156*		

**Advertising** 

on Floor

54% / 120\*

**Free Standing** 

**Displays** 

68% / 119\*

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'Where They Shop' claimed within the last 4 weeks, except automotive retail stores within the last 12 months. \*Indicates results are statistically significant at a 95% confidence level.

**Messages / Offers** 

on Shelf

56% / 127\*



**Overhead Aisle** 

**Markers** 

68% / 119\*

## **Entertainment**



# NASCAR fans enjoy a wide range of activities

#### **Most Consumed Media**

**TV Networks** 







































+12%

More likely than non-fans to

own / play video games



60%

enjoy going to the movies



+27%

More likely than non-fans to

collect

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TV, magazines and websites based off of the percentage of visitors who claim to watch, read or visit. Claimed TV network viewership within the last week. Claimed

## **Favorite Hobbies**

Percent that participate / Index vs. non-fans



Listen to Music

69% / 100



**Dining Out** 

58% / 97



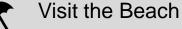
Barbequing

56% / 137\*



Reading Books

46% / 85\*



44% / 113\*

magazine readership within the last 6 months. Claimed website visitation within last 30 days and excludes search engines. \*Indicates results are statistically significant at a 95% confidence level.

# **Digitally-Enabled**

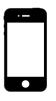




of NASCAR fans are digitally enabled

(use the Internet, a smartphone or a tablet device)

just as likely as the U.S. population



66%

of NASCAR fans use smartphones



32%

of NASCAR fans own tablets



58%

of NASCAR fans use mobile apps

## NASCAR fans visit social media websites

just as likely as the U.S. population

NASCAR fans visit NASCAR.com

similar to other sports leagues

Source: Experian Marketing Services (Simmons National Consumer Survey, Fall Full Year 2014) n=27,446. Based on claimed digital usage. Fandom is determined by using the following question: "How interested are you in [NASCAR]?" ["very", "somewhat", "a little bit", or "not at all"]. NASCAR fans are those respondents who indicate they are at least a little bit interested in NASCAR. Mobile apps on either a smartphone or tablet. Visit social media websites and visit NASCAR.com are claimed among NASCAR fans within the last 30 days.



# Fans Support the U.S. and Military



### NASCAR fans are patriotic and strongly support U.S. military personnel





80%

Are registered to vote

+4% more likely than non-fans

+30%

More likely than non-fans to agree "I buy goods produced by my own country whenever I can"



More likely than non-fans to currently serve or have served in the armed forces / military reserves





Positive Attitudes about "NASCAR: An American Salute"	% Avid NASCAR Fans Who Agree
"Patriotism is important to me"	95%
"I'm proud to see the NASCAR community support the military and their families"	94%
"Feels like the whole sport is united in supporting our troops"	91% <b>(1988)</b>

Source: Experian Marketing Services (Simmons National Consumer Survey, Fall Full Year 2014) n=27,446 and Official NASCAR Fan Council Weekly Post Race Survey Fielded July 6-7, 2015 n=2,106 avid NASCAR fans. Fandom is determined by using the following question: "How interested are you in [NASCAR]?" ["very", "somewhat", "a little bit", or "not at all"]. NASCAR fans are those respondents who indicate they are at least a little bit interested in NASCAR.



# **Thank You**

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