UNDERSTANDING CONSUMERS' LOCAL SEARCH BEHAVIOR

Every day, people search for things nearby by conducting **local searches**—these are searches for products or services near where they happen to be. Research on U.S. smartphone users shows that local searches happen everywhere, on every device, and present unique opportunities for Google advertisers to reach consumers.*



consumers use search engines to find local information.

Mexican Restaurant Q



search on smartphone



search on computer/tablet



On smartphones:

54% search for business hours



53% search for directions to a local store



50% search for local store address

Advertiser ImplicationFeature your address

and directions in your ads across smartphone and computer/tablet.



Consumers search for local information from a variety of places places, including:



53%

On the go (car, bus, etc.)

51%



Workplace







33%

16% 15% 24

1% 12%

Advertiser Implication

Tailor your ad copy for the variety of locations and contexts in which your consumers are searching.

% of consumers who visit a store within a day of their local search:



smartphone



computer/tablet



smartphone

computer/tablet 76%

of local smartphone searches led to a purchase within a day.



Advertiser ImplicationUse radius bidding

Use radius bidding to reach consumers near stores and build an attribution model for local searches.



consumers want ads customized to their city, zip code, or immediate surroundings.

>70%

say it's important to have directions and a call button in ads.



Advertiser Implication
Use location bid
adjustments to fine-tune
bids for specific areas,
likes cities or zip codes.