

Barometer Report: The State of Digital OOH Advertising in Canada 2022

Member Survey Results: 5th Year

April 2022



## **Defining Location Based Advertising**

Leveraging mobile and location data capabilities and delivering digital ads in various out-of-home environments.













#### Key Messages

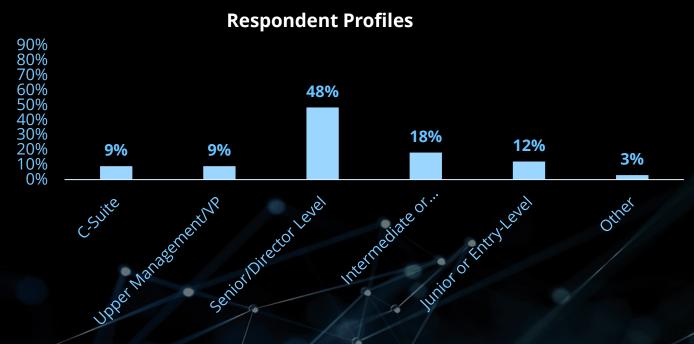
#### DOOH comes roaring back post-pandemic

- As we enter a post-pandemic era, the Out-of-Home space is seeing a resurgence in investment.
- There is a renewed sense of optimism within the space.
- DOOH shows promising creative opportunities, as data enhancements fuel both media and marketing strategies.



#### **Barometer Respondents**

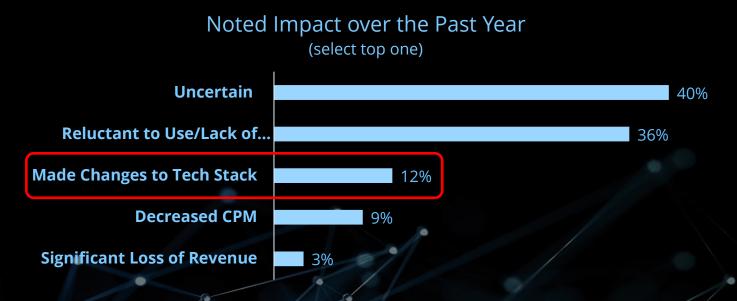
Almost 50% of respondents are senior level - half from the buy-side.





## **General Sentiment on Cookie Independence**

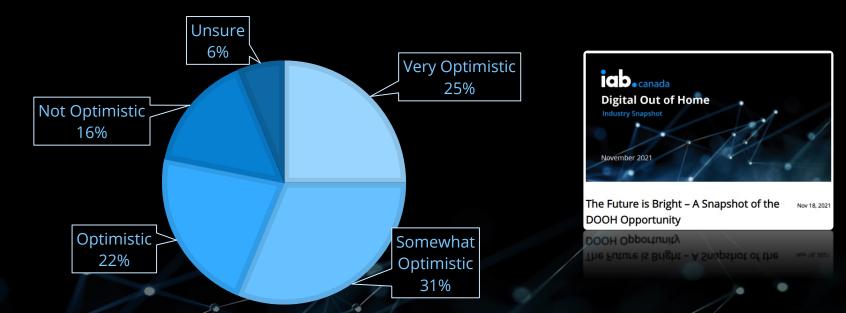
Uncertainty cast a shadow on the market, but change is a foot – the tech stack is evolving to accommodate.





#### The Future is Bright: Location Data Remains a Viable Currency

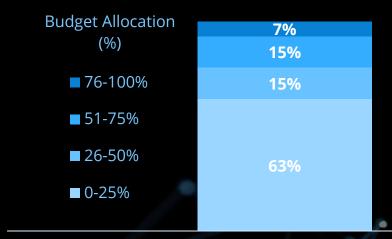
Despite the uncertainty, almost half of respondents are feeling optimistic overall, with a quarter feeling very optimistic.





## **Growth in Budget Allocations**

Those looking to spend in DOOH are allocating more to the channel comparatively YoY.



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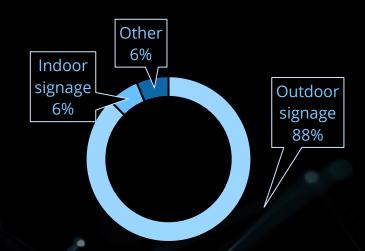
2022: Anticipated Spend



#### A Sign of the Times. Outdoor is Back.

88% of the OOH investment was placed against Outdoor Signage – a rather dramatic transition year-over-year.

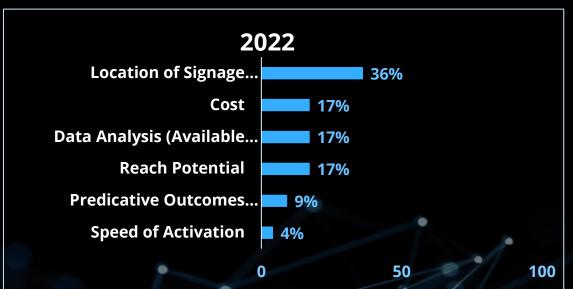
Where last year we saw expenditures being allocated toward Transit (23%) and Event/Venue locations (4%), the post-pandemic era is seeing a 200% increase YoY growth in outdoor signage (29% in 2021)

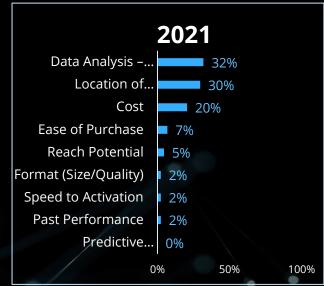




## **Most Important Factor When Buying DOOH**

With some normalcy back in the Outdoor space, Location has taken its rightful position in strategic consideration (36%).

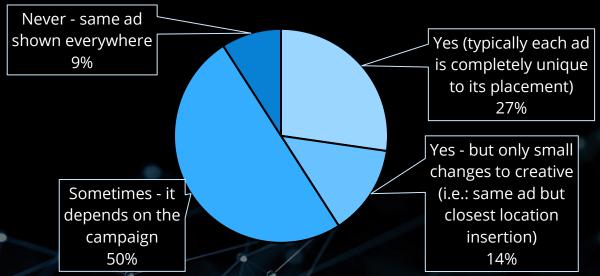






#### **Leveraging Dynamic Ad Insertion**

Over 40% report using DAI but 14% indicate only small changes to creative - not fully leveraging DAI technology for every ad. Personalization remains an untapped opportunity.



Q: Location based advertising allows brands to tailor their creative messaging to the location the ad is being seen (weather, closest store location, neighborhood identifiers, etc.).

Do your clients take advantage of this?

## **Measuring Success**

While 31% measure campaign success by Total Reach/Impressions, we anticipate a shift towards more sophistication as opportunities become more refined.





#### **Location Data in Action**

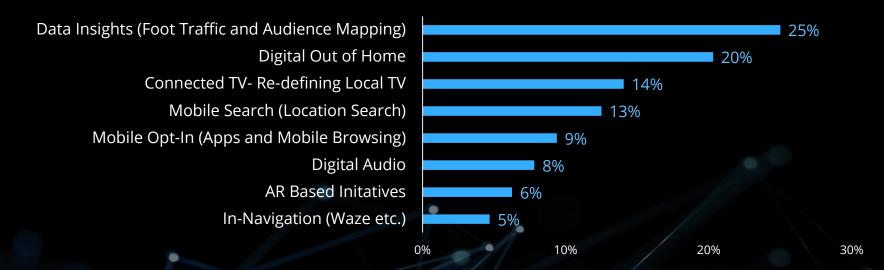
Opportunity to leverage enhancements within DOOH channel, along with informed creative messaging.

|   | Always/Essential | Regularly/Often | Sometimes | Never |
|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------|
| Conquest from Competing Stores/Services               | 17%              | 31%             | 35%       | 17%   |
| Enhanced DOOH Placements                              | 24%              | 24%             | 31%       | 21%   |
| Geo-Fencing (Understand Audiences in Certain Area)    | 20%              | 52%             | 21%       | 7%    |
| Geo-Targeting (reach Audiences in Specific Locations) | 28%              | 57%             | 10%       | 5%    |
| Inform Creative Messaging                             | 17%              | 21%             | 41%       | 21%   |



#### Data Insights Holds the Greatest Promise for LBA

25% of Respondents are eager to explore foot traffic and audience mapping, followed by the DOOH space overall.





## **What Challenge Lies Ahead?**

Data accuracy and transparency nudge themselves back into the top two spots of greatest concern for respondents, as privacy moves out from being the top priority (2021).





# Foot Traffic and Transparency - The Next Big Thing





# **Summary of Findings**

#### Location Based Advertising holds promise and untapped opportunities

- Some uncertainty on the implications that Cookie Independence but the industry is generally optimistic about location data being a viable currency for reaching addressable audiences.
- Preparations are taking place some are preparing by changing tech stacks.
- The sector is in recovery more of the marketing budget is being placed into the channel.
- Outdoor signage is following foot traffic as we get back outside signs are re-appearing.
- Top priority for advertisers is location of signage.
- Untapped opportunities to leverage DAI technology to inform creative messaging.
- Anticipate sophistication behind measurement will evolve how success could be measured, moving beyond impressions.
- Data Insights: foot traffic and Audience Mapping cited as a major growth opportunity, as data accuracy and transparency remain on industry's mind.



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