How effective is SMS marketing?

2013 U.K. - Deloitte Consumer review "Beyond the Hype: the true potential of mobile" (6)

"A mobile-centric world is rapidly becoming a reality.

Businesses need to adapt to the way consumers are using their smartphone to shop for products and services or simply to interact with brands. "

According to the survey

66% have their phone is with them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

50% of U.K. consumers have **used their phone to buy** goods

2013 Oxugen8 Group "SMS Marketing Statistics 2014" (7)

According to the survey

5 secs Text messages are read on average **within 5 seconds** (Frost & Sullivan)

10X SMS coupons are 10x more likely to be redeemed & shared than email or newspaper coupons (Slick Text)

150X The average person looks at his/her phone 150 times per day (Nokia)

5% SMS Marketing campaigns are **opted out less than 5%** of the time (Slick Text)

19% The average click through rate (CTR) of URLs included in SMS messages, compared to just 4.2% CTR for Emails (TextBoard and Mailchimp)

90% of mobile users who participated in an SMS loyalty program felt they had gained value from it (Hipcricket)

98% of text messages are read, compared to 22% of emails opened, and 12% of Facebook posts. (Frost & Sullivan)

2013 G.E. Capital Retail Finance, "Mobile Shopping Habits" (8)

According to the survey

40% said they would **shop a retailer more often** if it delivered offers to mobile devices

2013 Forbes "Pulling Back The Curtain On Text Message Mobile Marketing" (9)

"...it appears as if marketers would rather plan a campaign using Morse Code than do anything related to mobile and in particular, text message marketing.. "

According to the article

90 secs average response time for a text message, compares to an average of 2.5 days for an email

22% of mobile coupons are shared with at least one friend

75% of people **prefer** to receive mobile ads via SMS

83% of people receiving mobile coupons would like 2 messages per month

95% of customers opted into your text messaging program OPEN and READ your mobile messages within 3 mins

2014 Exact Target - Salesforce, "Mobile Behaviour Report" (10)

According to the survey

41% of consumers who don't opt into text messages from brands say it's because they don't provide meaningful content.

48% of respondents subscribed to text marketing because they "Liked being in the loop"

of respondents have signed up for a brand's text messages in past 6 months

91% of respondents that have signed up say it is useful

Data sources

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