# Holiday Shopping Study 2023

**Connected TV, Shopper Trends & Intended Behaviors This Holiday Season** 





## **Executive Summary**



Respondents believe Streaming TV ads are more helpful for holiday shopping than mobile ads (for the first time)

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satellite)

Over three quarters plan to spend the same or more on purchases relative to last holiday season despite potential economic concerns

Streaming ranks as the #1 for

TV (over broadcast, cable and

method of watching holiday

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Streaming TV delivers an engaged audience for marketers with the vast majority doing some online holiday shopping while watching TV

## Study Methodology



#### **Objective:**

LG Ad Solutions conducted an online survey in the US to determine consumer perceptions and behaviors related to holiday TV content and shopping habits.

### Survey field period:

August 2023

### Sample: n=886

Online panel balanced to US Census.





## Most US consumers view holiday content with friends or family

Coviewing indicates increased opportunities for engaging multiple viewers at the same time



Watch holiday-themed content during the holidays

Do not watch holiday-themed content during the holidays

Q:To what extent do you watch holiday themed content during the winter holiday season? Select one. Q:To what extent do you watch winter holiday TV content with other people (i.e. friends and family) during the holidays? Select one

## Thanksgiving marks the start of peak holiday content viewing and hits a high on Christmas Day

### Cumulative Holiday Content Watch Time Trends



## Home Alone 2 takes the most watched holiday movie spot

Most Watched Holiday Movies 2022 (by Cumulative Watch Time)







## Streaming ranks #1 for method of watching holiday TV



### Top Types of Holiday Movie Content Watched

LG Channels offer a plethora of holiday hontent, especially holiday classics that are free and ad-supported



Note: All numbers are calculated based on those that have a preference Q: How would you primarily watch winter holiday content on your TV? Select one. Q: Please select which of the following holiday content you typically watch during the winter holiday season. Please select all that apply.

### 2023 Streaming TV ads were 2.3X more helpful relative to 2022

Type of Ad Most Helpful at Informing Holiday Purchases





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Note: All numbers are calculated based on those that have a preference Q: Which of the following types of advertising do you find provides helpful / useful information on products / services to purchase during the winter holiday season? Please select all that apply.

### Free Ad-Supported Streaming is a favorable advertising environment

57%

Advertising on LG's exclusive FAST service, LG Channels, enables brands to drive impact

feel more favorable to brands that advertise on Free, Ad-Supported Streaming Platforms





## FASTs allow for improved consumer experience and increased brand favorability

#### LG Channels

Viewers can stream hundreds of free linear-like channels and content including exclusive and original content, movies, TV, news, sports, comedy and more.

**#1** FAST Service on webOS 120% YoY Increase of Global MAU

FAST environments mirror Linear TV's channel surfing capability, which is the #1 pull for those who watch Linear TV\*



## Search Engines remained the top research method in 2023

Preferred Method for Researching Holiday Gifts



By advertising on Connected TV (CTV) over the holidays, brands can improve awareness and drive searches and ultimately purchases

#### \*The Big Shift (US): Wave II Note: All numbers are calcu Q:Which of the following do Plane aclest all that rank

Note: All numbers are calculated based on those that have a preference Q:Which of the following do you typically use to find or research products / services to purchase during the winter holiday season? Please select all that apply. Second Screen Activities\*



Actions taken after seeing a CTV Ad\*

39% Searched Online

37% Visited Website

## Mobile is the top device for purchasing during the holidays, but Smart TVs are on the rise

Top Device Used for Holiday Purchases

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Note: All numbers are calculated based on those that have a preference Q: Which of the following devices would you use to purchase products / services this winter holiday season? Please select all that apply.

## Brands can engage with holiday shoppers using relevant TV ads

53%

remember holiday shopping ads on streaming TV Ranking of What People Want/Believe Regarding Holiday Shopping TV Ads

1 Deals

2 Personalized, Relevant Ads

- **3** Ads that streamline direct buying
- 4 Streaming TV ads are relevant for holiday shopping

**5** Video Ads

LG Ad Solutions' Dynamic QR-Enhanced Ads can lead viewers from TV to mobile to prompt action

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Q: To what extent do you agree with the following statements when it comes to TV advertisements during the upcoming winter holiday season. Select one per statement Q: To what extent do you do you agree with the following statement: I remember winter holiday shopping ads on streaming TV

## Brands can engage with holiday shoppers using relevant QR Enhanced Ads

Brands can convert passive ad exposures into engagements.

#### **Dynamic Creative**

- Scan to web
- Scan to app
- Scan to video

#### **Outcomes**

- Website visit
- App visit / download
- Coupon download
- Product purchase



## Viewers' inclination to holiday shop while watching TV enables relevant advertising opportunities

Not only do

73%

prefer ads relevant to their interests\*

But

86%

Do some type of holiday shopping while watching TV

Household Extend allows brands to effectively re-target audiences on mobile / desktop / tablet devices, surrounding the household and driving conversion

Which creates an appropriate, relevant time to communicate brand and message

Q: To what extent do you holiday shop while watching TV? \*Source: <u>Big Shift Wave II</u>

### Household Extend: Extends media footprints onto other devices in LG TV homes

The LG Household Identity Graph is is used to target other internet-connected devices by derived ID profiles across phones, tablets, computers and HDMI.

Address audiences beyond LG Smart TVs and extend reach to 250 million mobile, tablet and desktop devices within the US household.



## Holiday Shopping Behaviors

## The majority of holiday shopping starts in October and November

### When Holiday Shopping Starts



Communicate holiday deals early to capture attention for those who plan ahead...but there are also opportunities





### Apparel, Gift Cards, and Toys/Books/Video Games are the top planned holiday gifts

### Categories of Holiday Gifts



## Understanding LG TV Users' Consumption Habits

63%	24%	21%
tend to hold off on buying things until they go on sale (Index 101)	purchase holiday greeting cards / decorations <i>(Index 109)</i>	spend more \$100 on gift cards or prepaid cards <i>(Index 111)</i>
52%	23%	
are likely to travel domestically or internationally in the next 12 months (Index 110)	are likely to buy electronics in the next 12 months <i>(Index 103)</i>	



Source: MRI-Simmons 2023 March Cord Evolution Study; Target: LG TV users Despite the economy, more than three out of four respondents' holiday budgets are stable *or higher* relative to last year

76%

will spend *more* or *the same* on gifts relative to last year







## **Online is the preferred** shopping channel



**1 in 3** 

primarily do their holiday shopping in-store



Q: Where do you primarily do most of your winter holiday shopping? \*Among those who shop for the holidays



## While people are split about in-store Black Friday deals...



take advantage of in-store Black Friday deals

### ...a large majority takes advantage of Black Friday & Cyber Monday Deals

79%

take advantage of <mark>online</mark> Black Friday deals

### take advantage of Cyber Monday deals

## Consumers believe post Thanksgiving is the best time for deals

### Best Time of Year for Deals



Q: When do you think you get the best deals? Select One



### Holiday shopping doesn't end with the holidays



are likely to look for additional deals after the holiday season

**54%** are likely to **return or exchange** a holiday gift

are likely to use a <mark>gift card</mark> they received during the holiday 92%

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Q: To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding in-store and online shopping

## Key Takeaways

**Capitalize on holiday TV content as an opportunity to connect with audiences** as 95% of audiences watch holiday content and of those, 97% watch with friends / family

**Reach audiences via streaming ads as in 2023 consumers view them as** 2.3x more helpful relative to 2022

**Increase ad spend during the holiday season** because despite the current economy, 76% of people plan to spend the same or more on holiday shopping this year relative to last year

**Don't stop spending on ads post the holidays** as 85% are still looking for additional deals and 92% are likely to use received gift cards in the new year

#### CHRISTMAS

LG Ad Solutions is a global leader in connected TV and cross-screen advertising, helping brands find hard-to-get unduplicated reach at optimal frequency across the fragmented streaming TV landscape. We bring together LG's years of experience in delivering world-class smart TVs to consumers with big TV audience data and Video AI designed to connect brands with audiences across all screens.

Contact us at info@lgads.tv for more information.



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