



TRAVELOK.COM

2016 Tourism Advertising Accountability Research

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### **Research** Objective

- The purpose of this research was to provide an evaluation of Oklahoma's tourism advertising in terms of:
  - Awareness of the advertising
  - The bottom line return on Oklahoma's investment in the campaign in terms of:
    - Incremental travel to Oklahoma
    - Incremental visitor spending in Oklahoma
    - Incremental state and local taxes

### Background

- Oklahoma advertising markets in 2016:
  - Houston, TX, Dallas-Ft. Worth. TX, St. Louis, MO, San Antonio, TX, Kansas City, MO, KS, Austin, TX, Oklahoma City, OK, Little Rock-Pine Bluff, AR, Tulsa, OK, Wichita-Hutchinson. KS, Springfield, MO, Ft. Smith-Fayetteville-Springdale-Rodgers, AK, Amarillo, TX, and Wichita Falls-Lawton, TX, OK DMAs. A map follows on the next page.
- Total advertising investment was approximately \$2.26 million
- Media used included TV, Online Video, Digital, and Print.

### Oklahoma's 2016 Advertising Markets



### **Research** Method

- The study was conducted among a representative sample of adult travelers residing in Oklahoma's advertising markets.
  - 'Travelers' mean respondents had taken a day and/or overnight pleasure trip anywhere in the past 3 years and intend to take another in the next 2 years. (70% of those sampled met these requirements.)
- The study was conducted online with a sample demographically balanced to represent the population in the markets surveyed.
  - 1,407 individuals participated in this research.

## Research Method (Cont'd)

### • Questionnaire content included:

### • Travel to Oklahoma

 Respondents reported trips they took to Oklahoma during and shortly after the advertising campaign.

### • Advertising Awareness

- Actual creative from the Spring/Summer 2016 campaign was exposed and respondents reported recall of each.
  - We use this forced exposure approach to ensure that we are measuring the Oklahoma's sponsored advertising only not that of Oklahoma's attractions and accommodation facilities.

### Research Method (Cont'd)

### • ROI calculation:

- The Longwoods R.O.EYE™ method quantifies the relationship between awareness of campaign elements and trip taking.
- A baseline measure is generated to estimate the level of visitation that would have occurred in the absence of advertising activity.
- Using the principles and techniques of experimental design, we control for the effects of internal and external factors that could otherwise influence the result, such as economic conditions, weather, prior visitation, etc.

### Advertising Impacts

- For the 2016 campaign, Oklahoma's advertised markets, awareness across all media was 52%. The awareness level increased 5% from 47% in 2015. For the individual media types, Digital and Online Video had the highest awareness at 37%. Print and Television awareness were slightly lower at 31%.
  - Among the individual media types, for the Digital ad awareness was similar for four of the six digital ads, with the travel guide and outdoor guide ads being lower.
  - Similarly, the two of the four Online Video ads had similar awareness, with the travel guide and outdoor guide ads being lower.
  - Each Print ads had similar awareness levels. Similarly, each of the Television had similar awareness levels.

### Advertising Impacts (Cont'd)

- Based on Longwoods methodology, we estimate that the investment of \$2.26 million dollars generated in the short term, increasing:
  - 1.42 million new visitors to Oklahoma who would not otherwise have come, this up 16.3% from 2015
  - these incremental visitors spent approximately \$210 million in Oklahoma, this increased 2.6% from 2015
  - the incremental spending resulted in \$16.6 million in incremental state and local taxes up 7.1% from 2015 but still generating but with the same return on investment of 7:1
    - the incremental spending resulted in \$9.7 million in incremental state taxes or return on investment of 4:1 and \$6.9 million in incremental local taxes or a return on investment of 3:1.

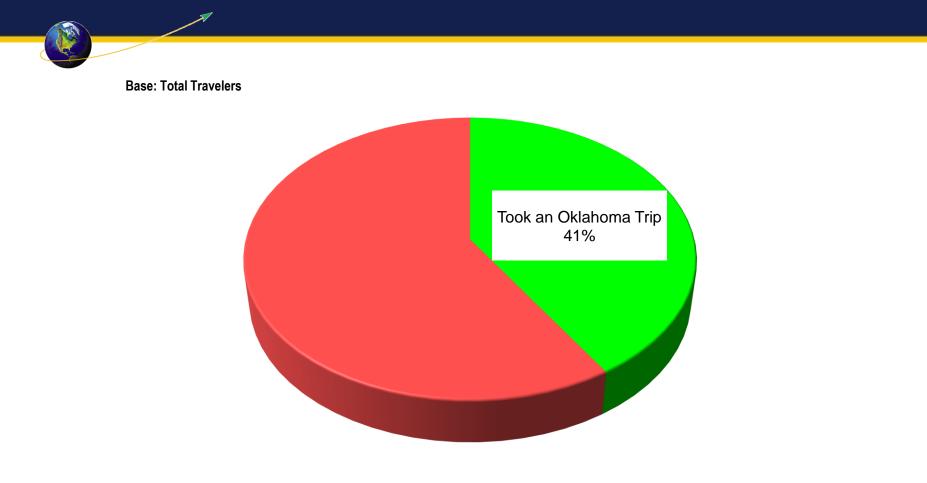
### Advertising Impacts (Cont'd)

- In addition to the short term impacts, we estimate that the advertising influenced the planning of 1.22 million additional trips to Oklahoma in the next 12 months.
- While not all of these planned trips will actually happen, those that do will add to the return on Oklahoma's investment in tourism marketing.



# Oklahoma Past Visitation & Intent

### Took a Trip to Oklahoma Since January 1, 2016



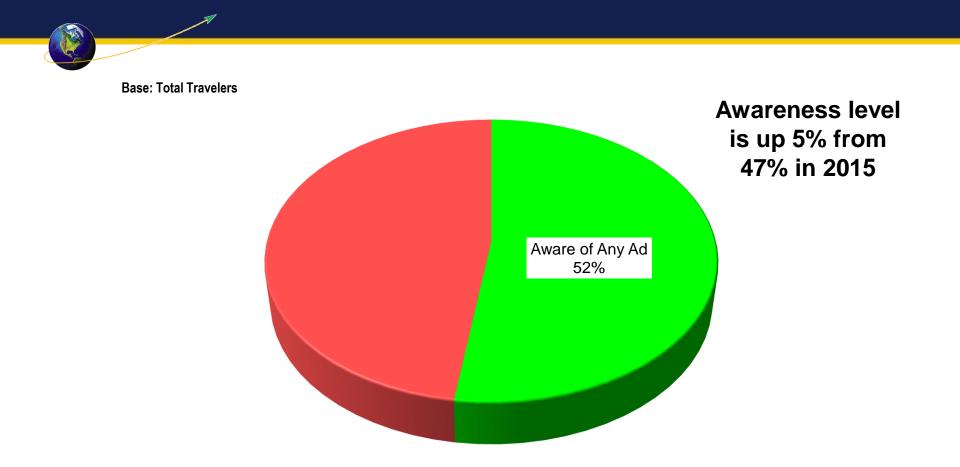
### Intent to Visit Oklahoma in the Next Year

**Base: Total Travelers** Percent who Definitely/Probably Will Visit Overnight/Day Overnight Day

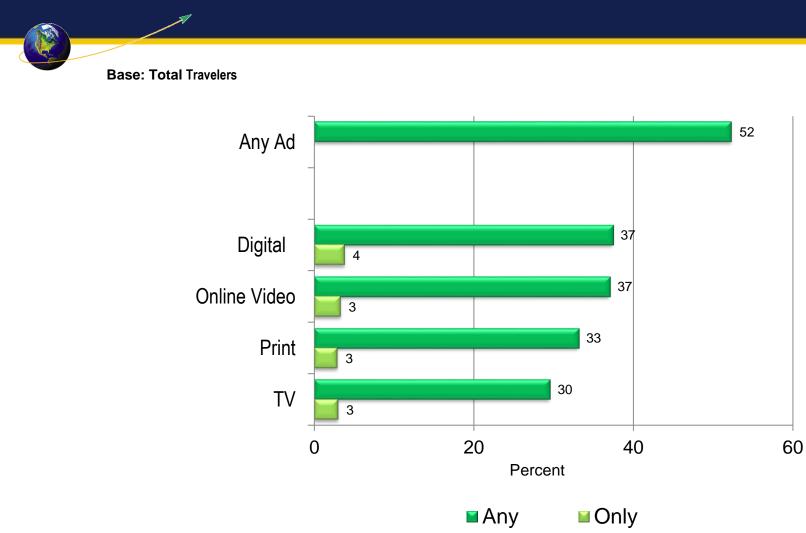


### Advertising Awareness

### Awareness of Oklahoma's Advertising

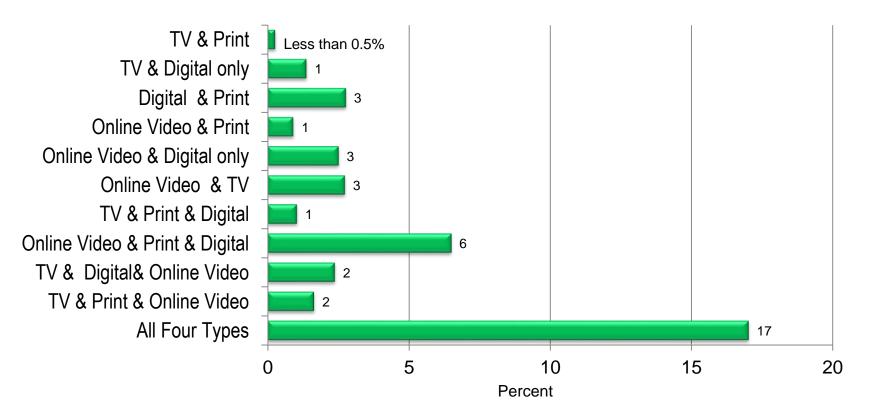


### Awareness by Media



### Awareness by Media Combinations





### **Digital Creative**



### **Camping & Hiking**



#### Kayaking & Lakes





#### **Outdoor Guide**



### Travel Guide



#### Route 66 & State Parks

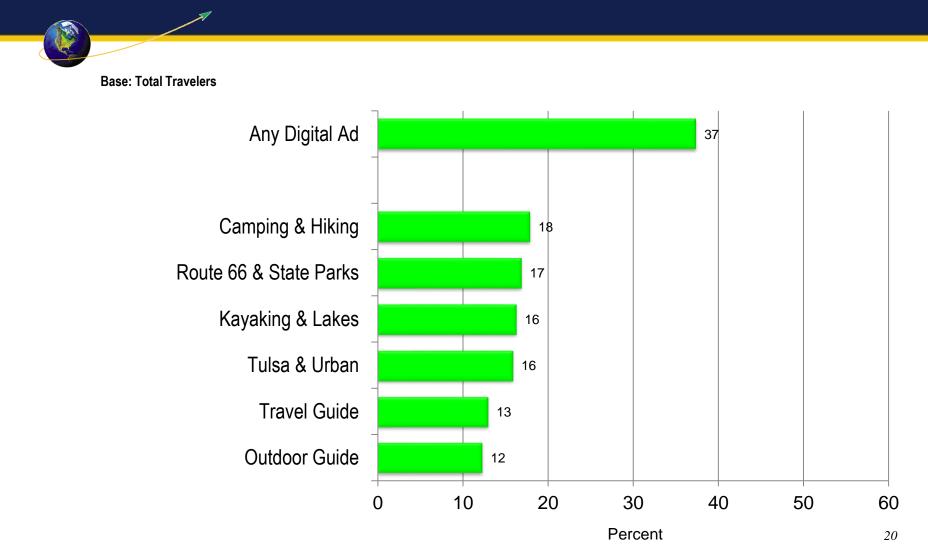


#### Tulsa & Urban

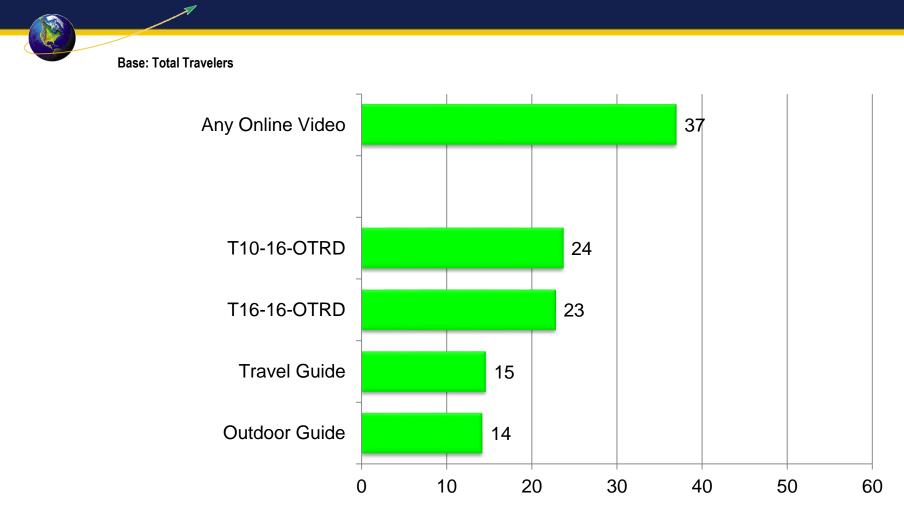




### Awareness of Individual Ads — Digital



### Awareness of Individual Ads — Online Video



### Print Creative

#### **Midwest Living/American Road**

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#### **AAA Texas/AARP**



#### Missouri Life/AAA Home & Away





State Parks #1





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OKLAHOMA STATE PARK

BLAZE A TRAIL TO

State of Success



### **Tulsa Visitor Guide**



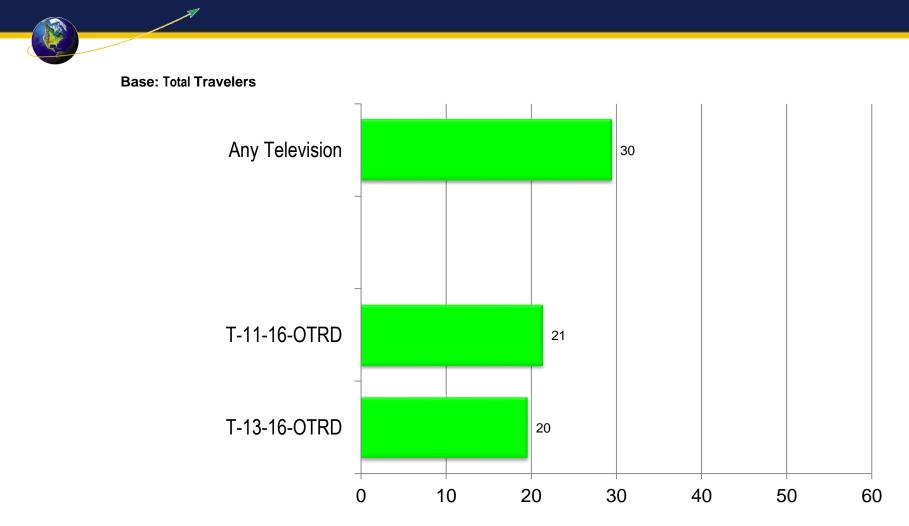


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### Awareness of Individual Ads — Print

Base: Total Travelers						
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State Parks #1		15				
Tulsa Visitors Guide		14				
State Parks #2		14				
Missouri Life/AAA Home & Away		14				
Midwest Living/American Road		13				
AAA Texas/AARP		13				
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### Awareness of Individual Ads — Television





## Short-Term Impacts of the Advertising

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	2015	2016	% Change
Ad Investment	\$2,249,972	\$2,255,337	+0.2%
Incremental Visits	1,222,257	1,422,071	+16.3%
Incremental Spending	\$204.6 M	\$210.0 M	+2.6%
State and Local Taxes	\$15.5 M	\$16.6 M	+7.1%
Spending ROI*	\$91	\$93	+2.2%
Total Tax ROI**	\$7	\$7	nil
State Tax ROI**	\$4	\$4	nil
Local Tax ROI**	\$3	\$3	nil

 Incremental visitor spending per ad \$ invested. Spending is based on \$192.31 per person for overnight trips and \$45.15 per person for day trips in 2015
\*\* Incremental taxes per ad \$ invested 7.9% (4.6% state and 3.3% local)

# Campaign Efficiency

	2015	2016
Incremental Visits	1,222,257	1,422,071
Ad Investment	\$2,249,972	\$2,255,567
Ad \$'s per Trip	\$1.84	\$1.59
Trips per Ad \$	0.5	0.6

## Longer-Term Impact of Advertising — Intent to Visit Oklahoma in Next 12 Months

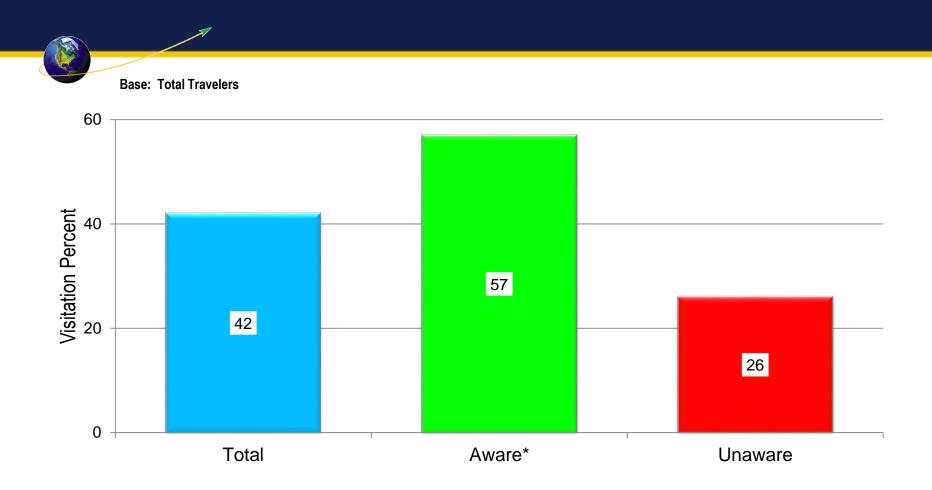
	2016
Overnight	791,471
Day	432,489
Total Intenders	1,223,959

Difference in markets between 2015 and 2016 does not allow a comparison.

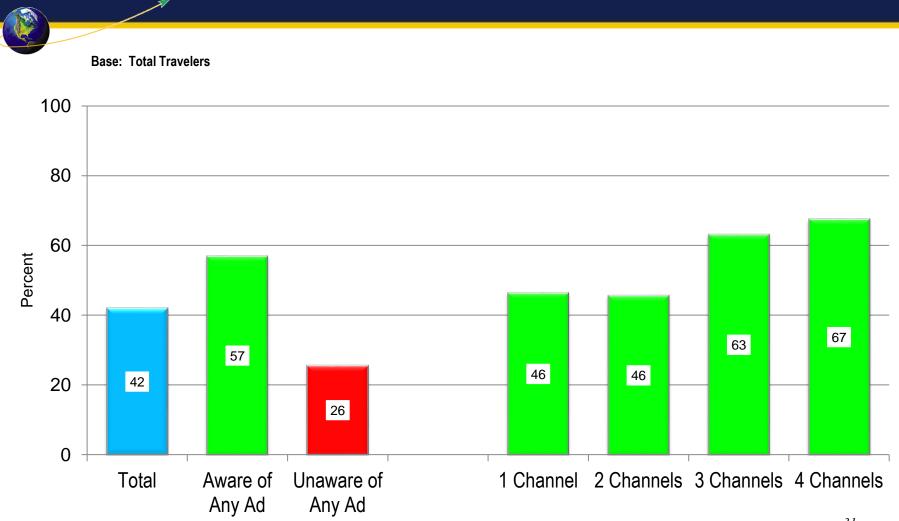


# Appendix 1: Media Considerations

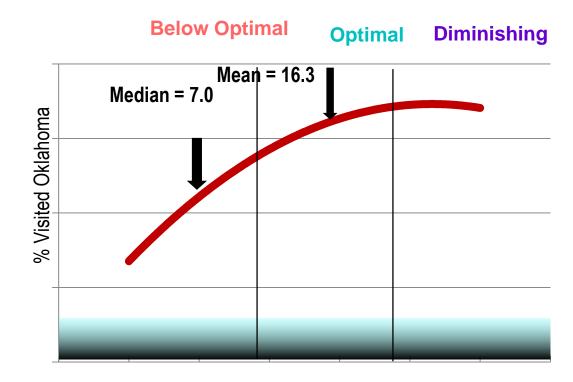
### Impact of Advertising on Trip Taking



### Impact on Visitation to Oklahoma by Number of Media Channels

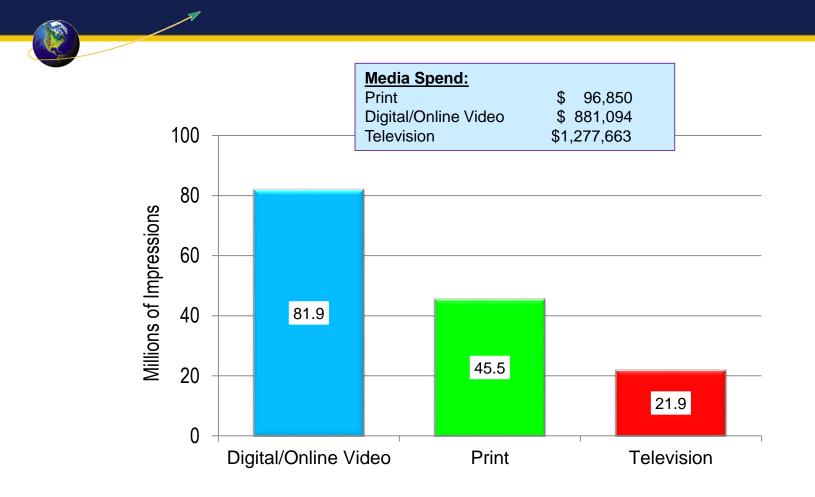


### Impact of Ad Frequency on Visits to Oklahoma



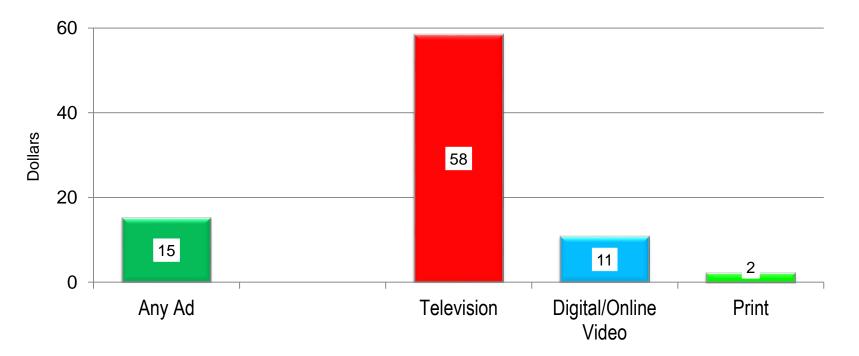
Number of Times Seen/Heard Ads

### Total Impressions by Media

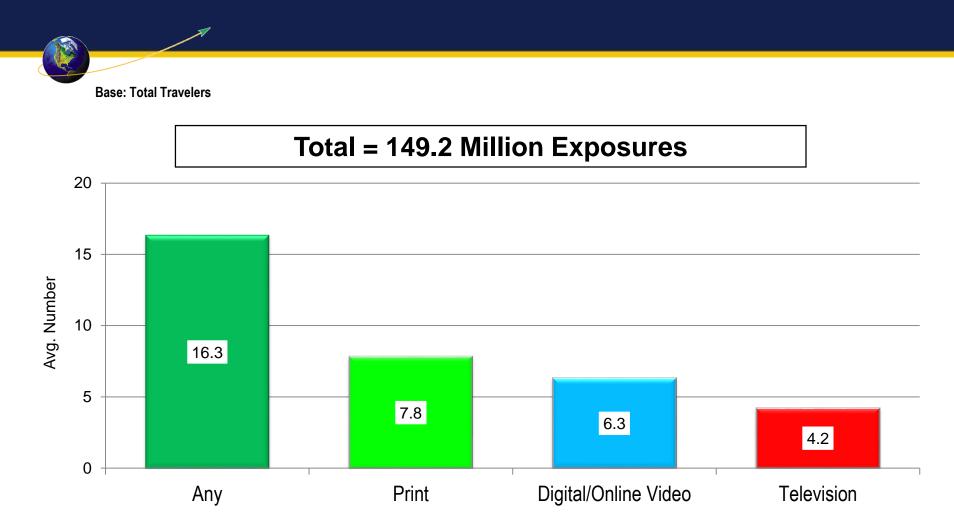


### Cost Per Thousand Exposures – By Medium

Media Spend:	
Print	\$ 96,850
Digital/Online Video	\$ 881,094
Television	\$1,277,663



### Frequency of Ad Exposure Recalled\*





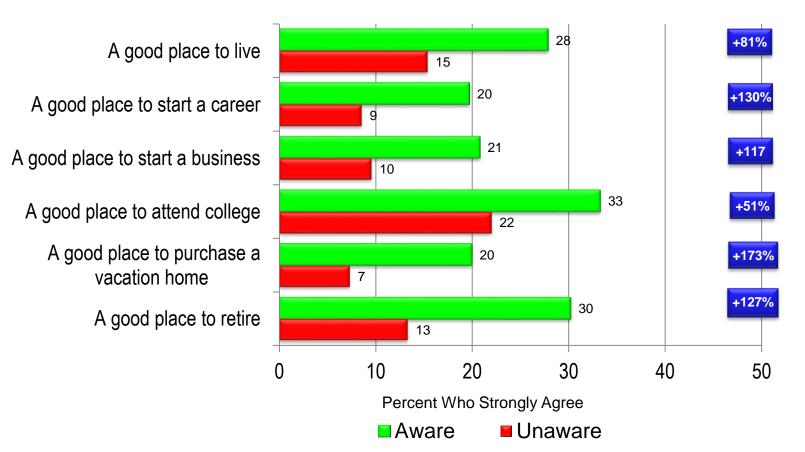
# Appendix 2: Economic Development Image Ratings

#### Economic Development Image Ratings

- Through Longwoods research, a link has been established between tourism advertising and economic development image ratings.
- This link also occurs in Oklahoma's 2016 advertised markets. On average, the Oklahoma economic development image ratings increased 113% in advertising awareness and 18% in visitation.
- The combination of the awareness and visitation provides a sizeable lift for all image attributes, especially for "a good place to buy a vacation home" and "a good place to retire."

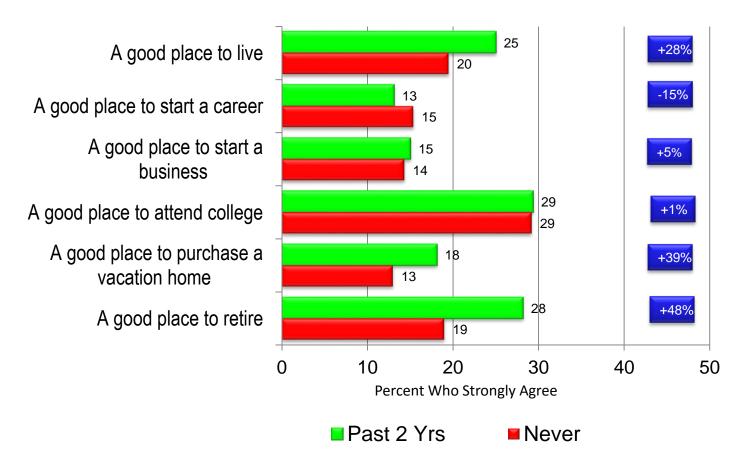
# Impact of Oklahoma 2016 Tourism Campaign on State's Economic Development Image

Base: Out-of-State Residents



# Impact of 2016 *Visitation* on Oklahoma Economic Development Image

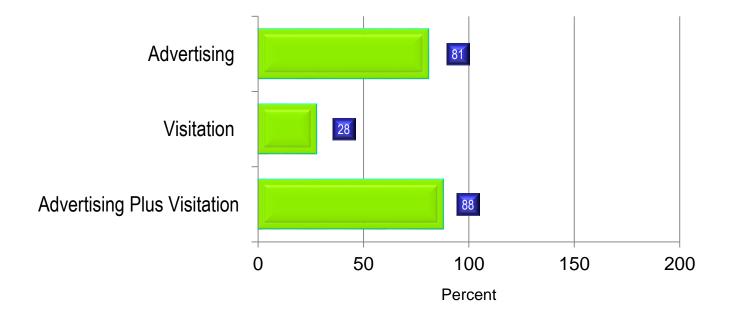




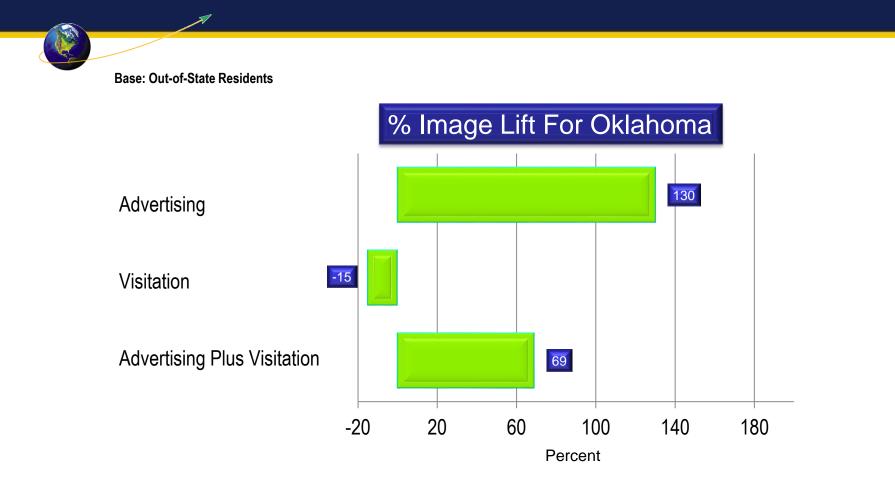
#### "A Good Place to Live"

Base: Out-of-State Residents





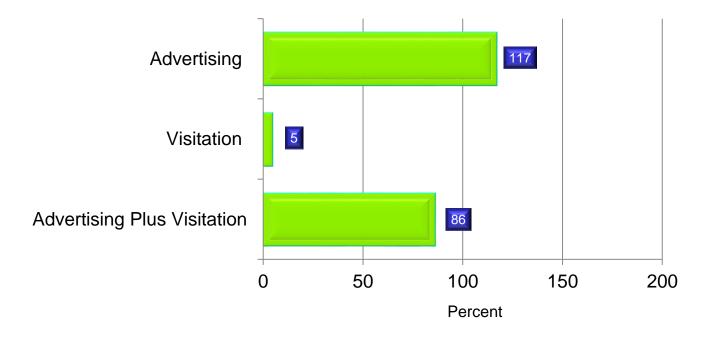
#### "A Good Place to Start a Career"



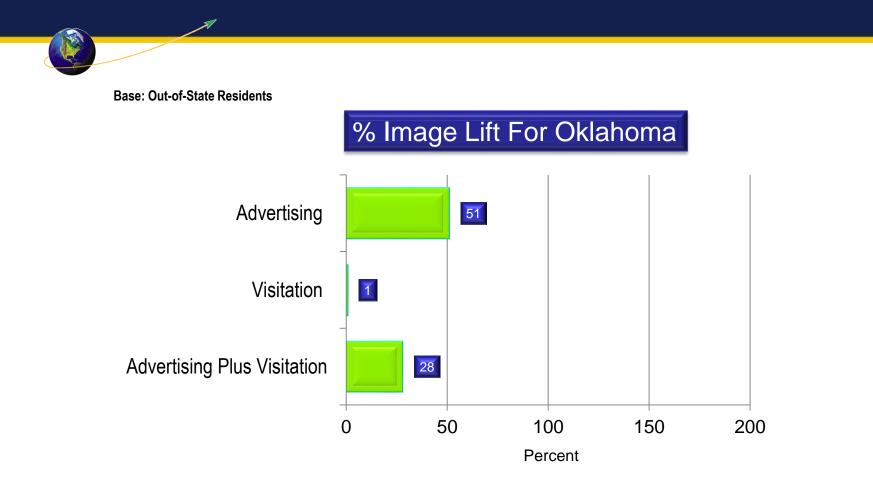
#### "A Good Place to Start a Business"

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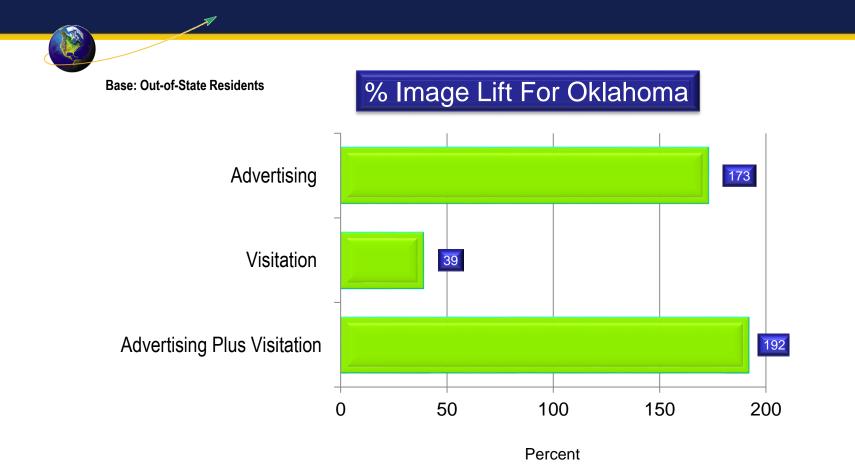
#### % Image Lift For Oklahoma



### "A Good Place to Attend College"

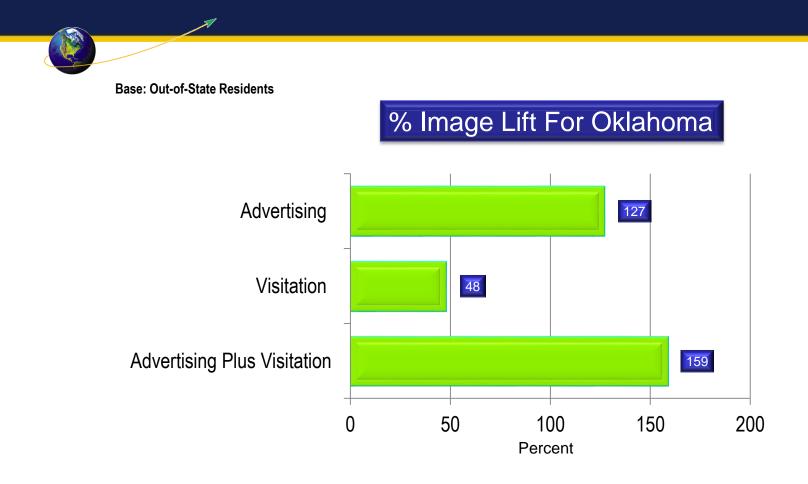


### "A Good Place to Purchase a Vacation Home"



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### "A Good Place to Retire"





Appendix 3: Impact of Ads on Visiting www.travelok.com and Trip Planning

# Visited Travel Website travelok.com by Advertising Awareness in 2016

**Base: Total Travelers** Total 20 Ad Aware 34 Ad Unaware 4 20 0 40 60

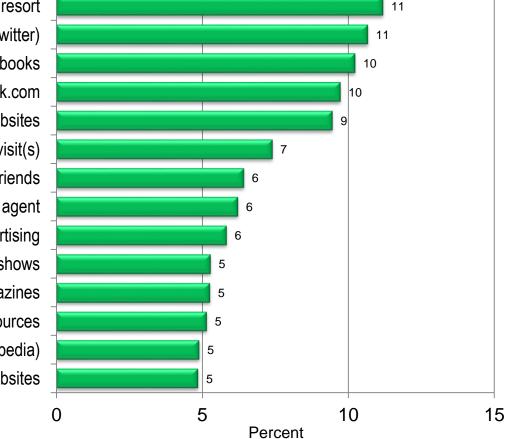
Percent

# Number of Times Visited Travel Website travelok.com in 2016 by Ad Awareness

Base: Visited travelok.com Once 2-4 times 5-7 times More than 8 times Percent Ad Aware Ad Unaware Total

# After Seeing the Ads - Information Sources Used for Planning - Detail

A hotel or resort Digital (ie: Facebook, Twitter) Travel guide books www.travelok.com Hotel websites Personal experience from past visit(s) Advice from relatives or friends A travel agent Television advertising Television travel shows Travel articles in magazines Other online sources Online booking engines (eg. Expedia) Airline websites



# After Seeing the Ads - Information Sources Used for Planning - Detail (Cont'd)

