

HEALTH & FITNESS GOING MOBILE



In 2014 Opera Mediaworks conducted a focused study of mobile advertising and consumer use of mobile Health & Fitness sites and applications. This study leveraged insights from the over 500 million impressions per month over a 4 month period from 400+ sites and applications focused on Fitness & Health content. It also leverages findings from Opera Mediaworks Consumer Survey completed in May 2014.

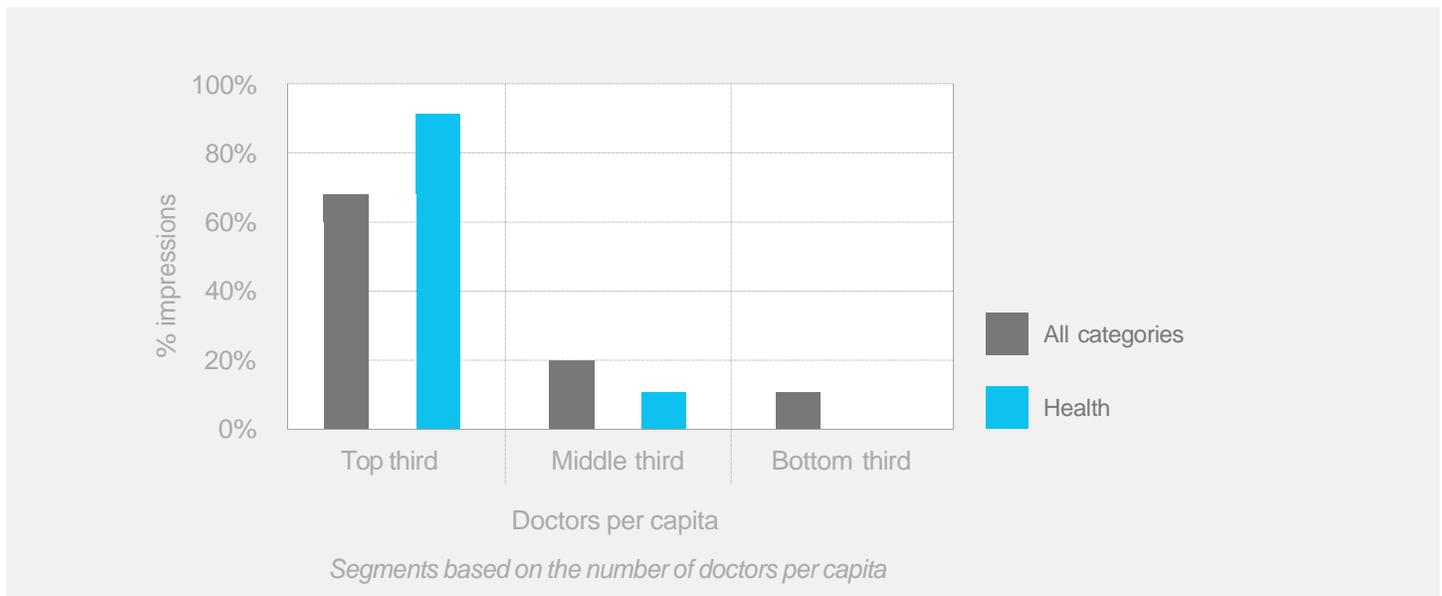
Is the audience for Health the same as the Fitness audience?

The difference between the audience using “Health” and those using “Fitness” sites and apps, Opera Mediaworks defines “Health” sites and applications as the sub-category focusing on medical and healthy lifestyle issues. “Fitness” sites are those catering to exercise interests or weight control.

Opera Mediaworks found that in the majority of cases audience interest in Health and Fitness is closely linked. Countries showing above-average interest in health or fitness also show an average or above-average interest in the other sub-category. However, there are a few cases where Opera Mediaworks saw a divergence.

Those few cases where the two sub-categories moving in opposite directions from the country average led Opera Mediaworks to investigate whether the availability or lack of advanced medical care results in more or less interest in health sites.

For the investigation the comparison against percentage of traffic from Health & Fitness sites and apps for each country with that country’s share of total impressions and then grouped all of the countries into three segments based on estimates of their number of doctors per capita.¹ The table below details our findings.



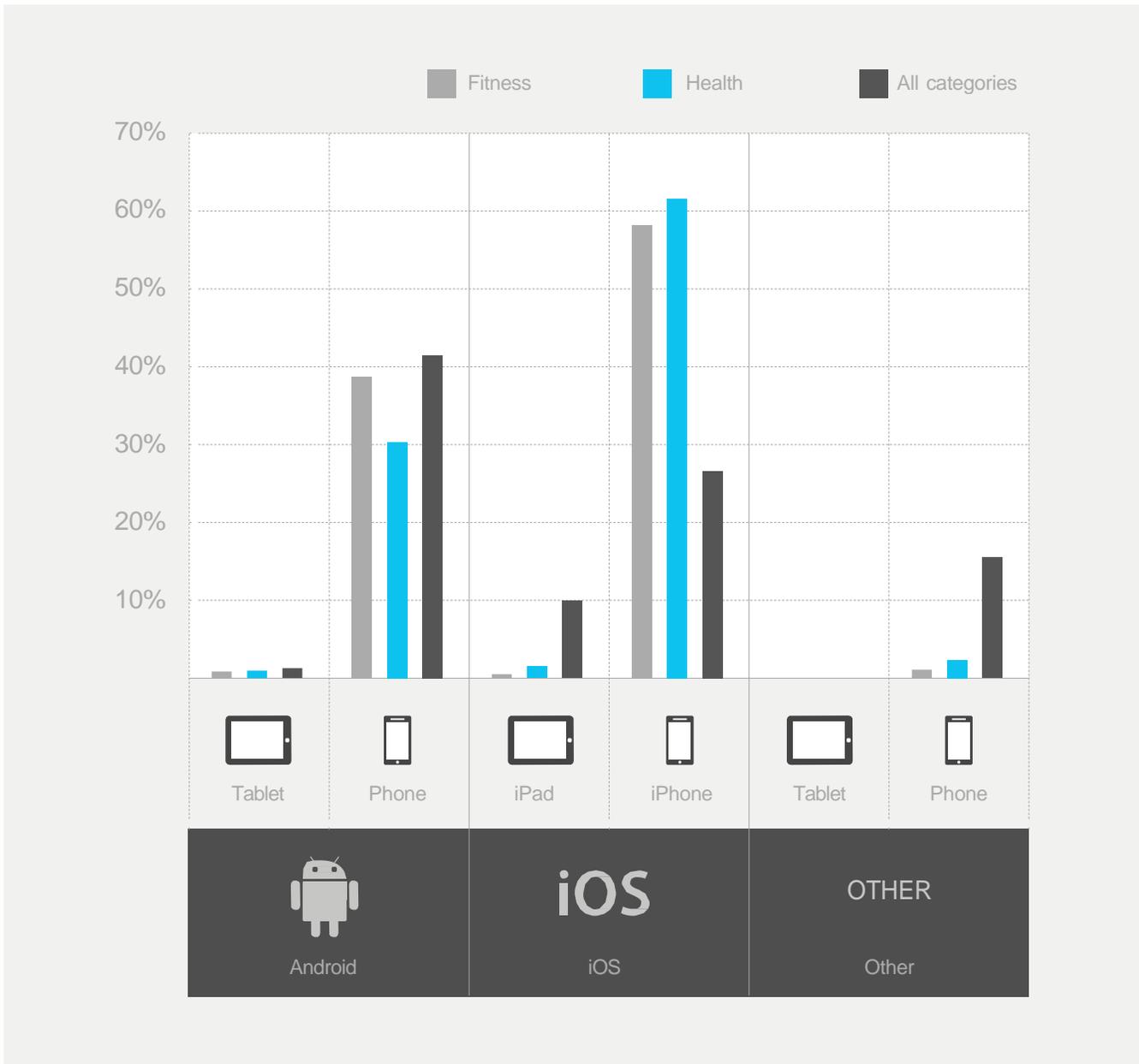
While countries with the most doctors per capita account for 67% of the total impressions across all categories, they consume over 90% of impressions to health sites. In contrast, 11% of the total impressions are destined for countries with the fewest doctors per capita, and that audience consumes less than 1% of the health-oriented impressions. While this highlights the global healthcare gap, it also reveals an extremely large, untapped audience for healthcare-related sites and apps.

1. The source for the estimate of doctors per capita came from the World Bank. See (<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SH.MED.PHYS.ZS>).

How do the Health and Fitness audiences differ?

DEVICE USE

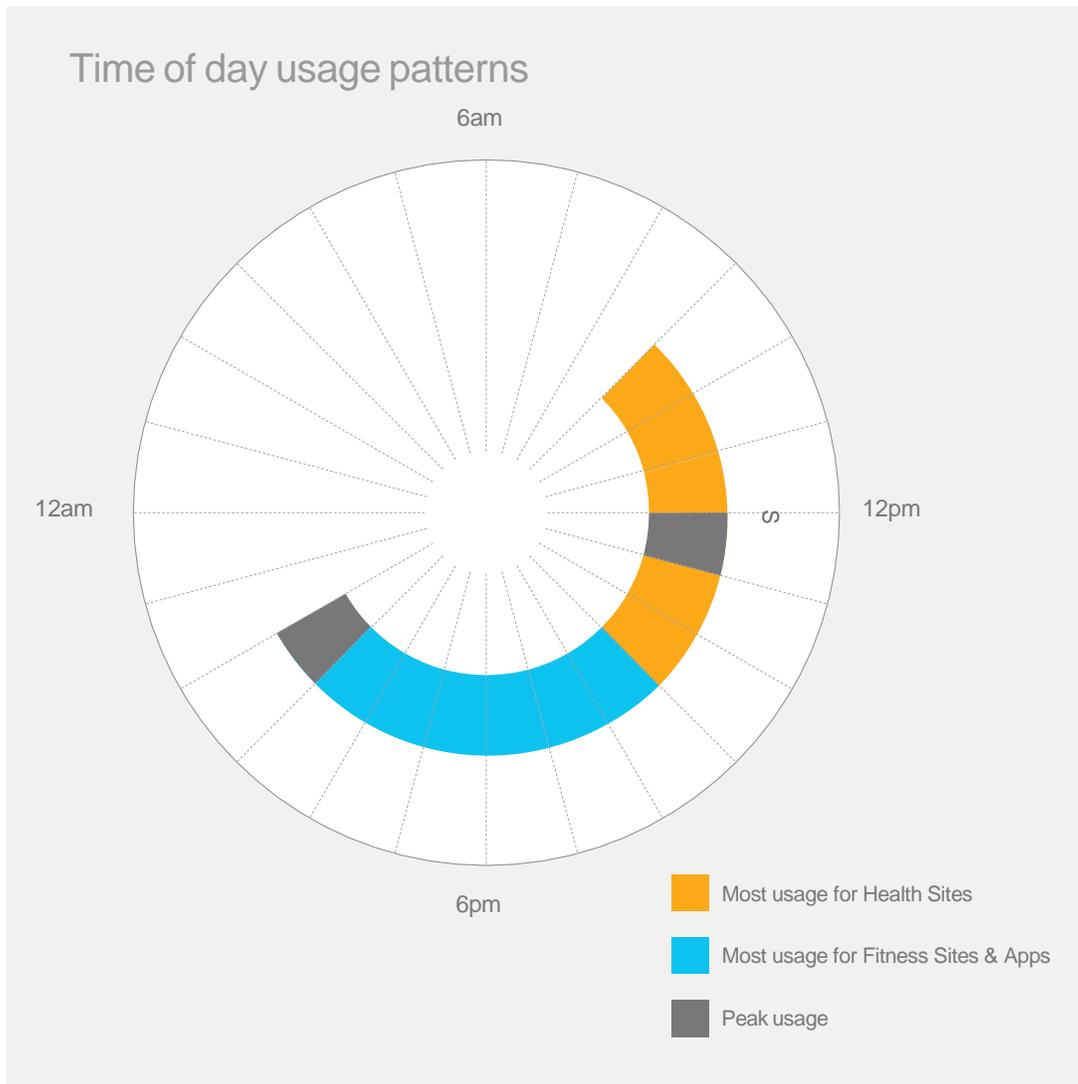
The Health & Fitness audience is far more likely to use an iPhone than other devices and far less likely to use a tablet than a phone. Among Android users, the Fitness audience was significantly larger than the Health audience.



ENGAGEMENT BY TIME OF DAY AND DAY OF WEEK

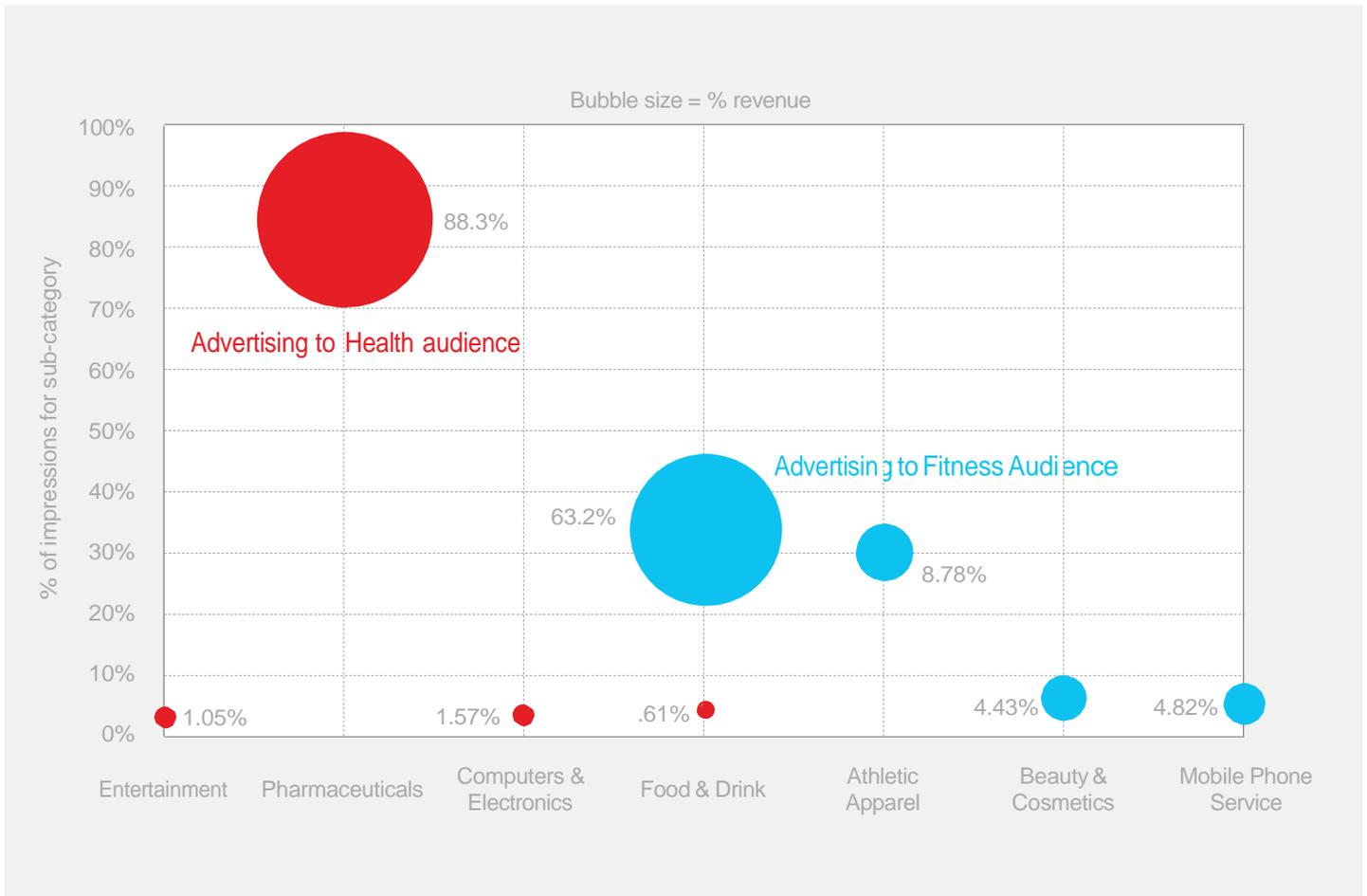
The Health & Fitness audience is significantly more active midweek (Tue-Wed) and least active on the weekend (Fri-Sun).

The Health & Fitness audience segments into two distinct sub-groups when viewing usage by time of day. Fitness sites and applications have the most usage during the afternoon and evening, with peak usage and engagement occurring between 9 and 10 PM. Health sites have the most usage during the early afternoon, with traffic peaking around 12 noon to 1PM.



INTERACTION WITH AD CAMPAIGNS

Successful campaigns in the Health sub-category come from very different advertiser and brand verticals than those in the Fitness sub-category. Only one ad vertical, Food & Drink, is a top vertical for both audiences.

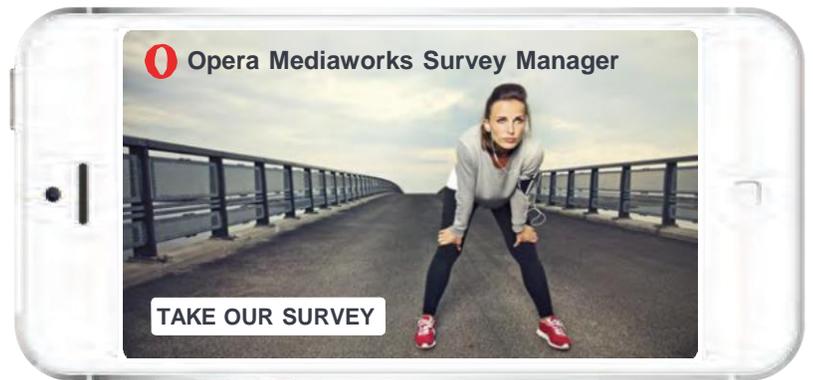


How are users interacting with their mobile devices to meet their Health & Fitness needs?

For the final part of the report, Opera Mediaworks focused on the United States, as it provides the greatest quantity of traffic to on their platform from Health & Fitness sites and applications. To find out how mobile users in the U.S. use their mobile device to meet their Health & Fitness needs, they conducted two research projects.

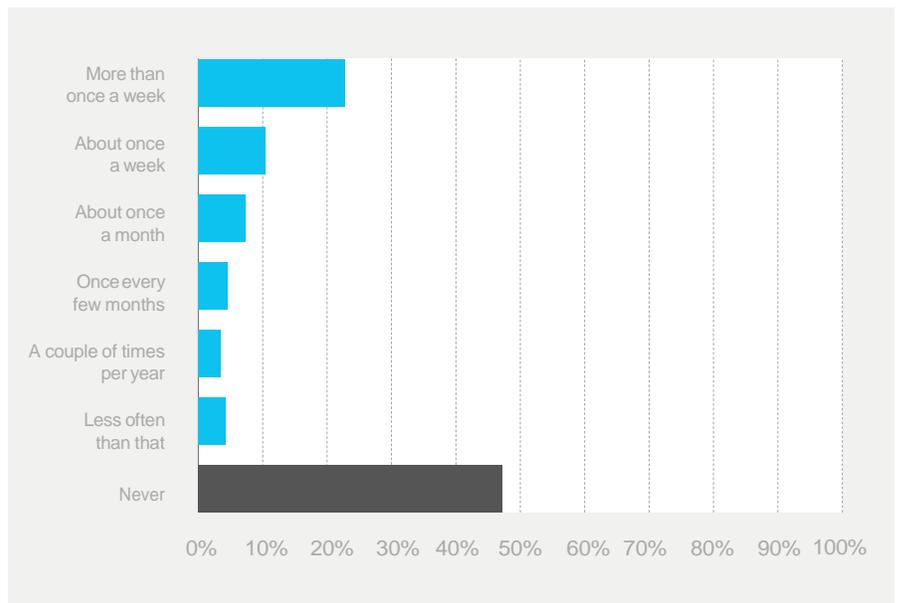
- Analyzed traffic from over 49,000 unique smartphones interacting with Health and Fitness sites.
- Using their Survey Manager Service, they conducted a mobile online survey of over 2,000 U.S. smartphone consumers.

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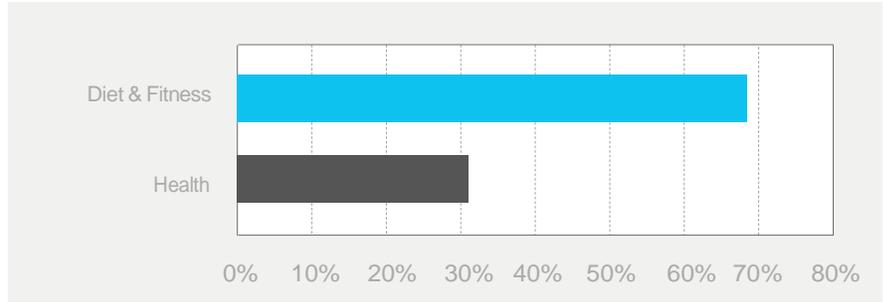
How often do people use Health & Fitness sites and apps?

The survey revealed that over 50% of smartphone users use their device to learn about diet, exercise or other health and wellness topics. However, less than a quarter of them (22.45%) can be considered regular users (greater than 1x per week).



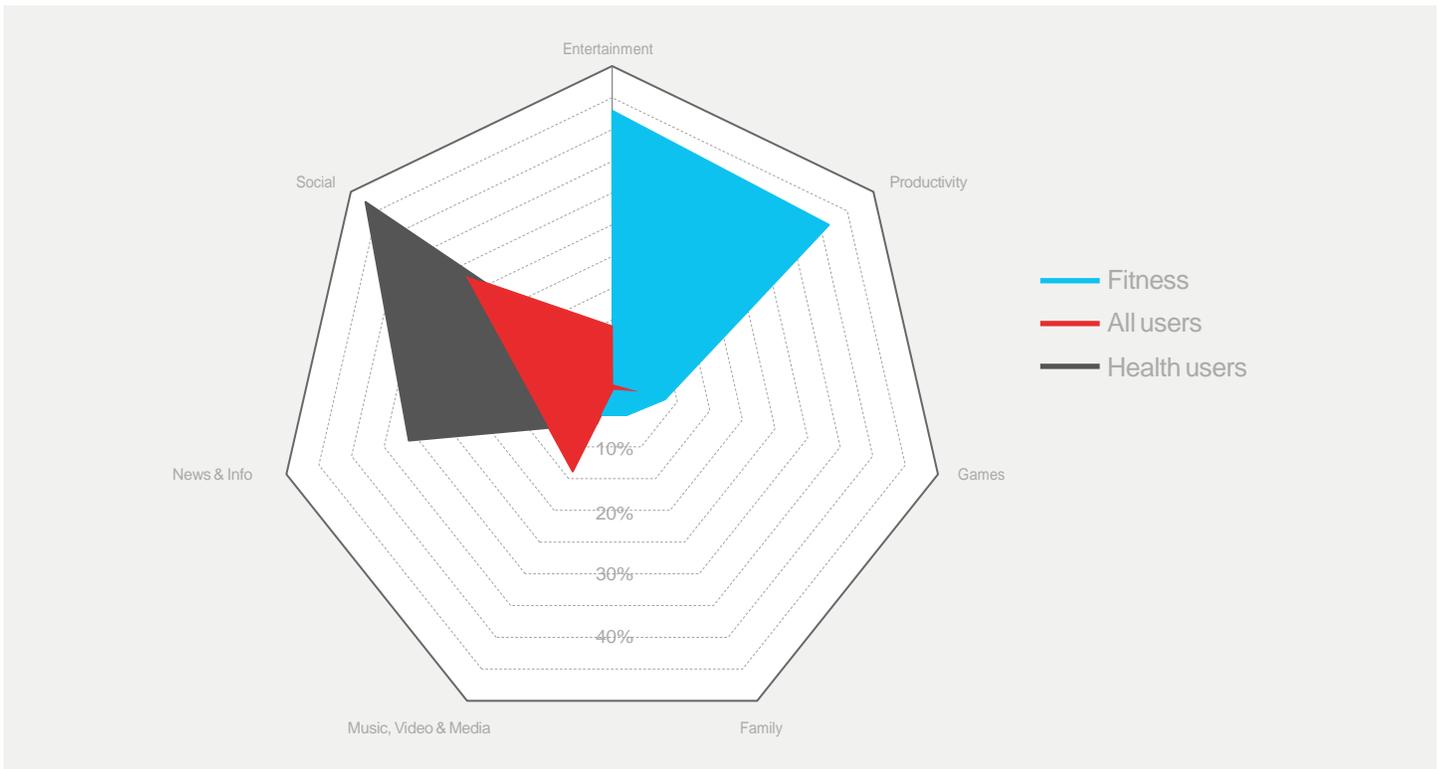
What activities do Health & Fitness users focus on?

Of the survey respondents using Health and Fitness sites and applications, over 68% engage with diet or exercise sites.



What categories of media publishers do Health & Fitness users favor?

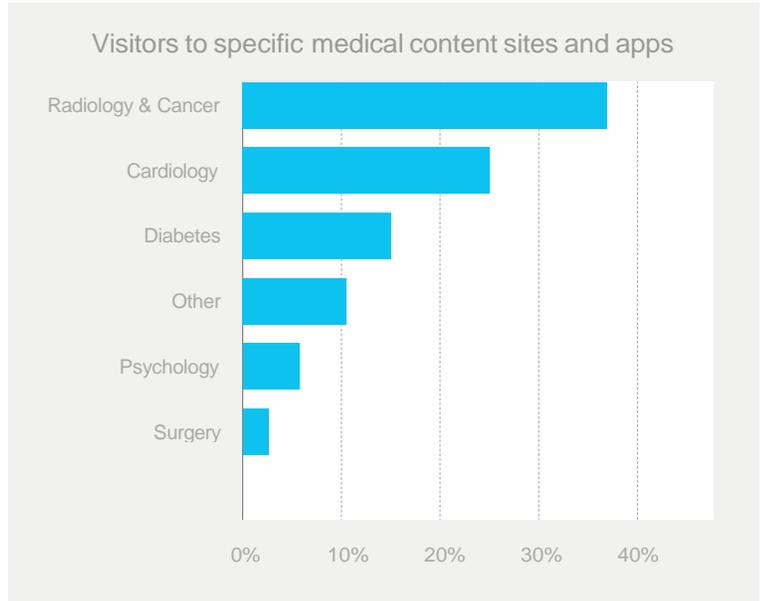
Health and Fitness audience profiles are very different. As shown in the graphic below, when Fitness users are not engaged on a Fitness site or app, they focus their attention on the Entertainment and Productivity categories. The Health audience is most likely to place their attention on Social Media activities and News sites.



Opera Mediaworks found very few people using both Health and Fitness sites. Similarly, within the sub-categories very few Fitness users visit multiple Fitness media properties and very few members of the Health audience visit multiple Health properties.

How does the Health-focused audience use their device?

Within the Health sub-category over 90% of users visit sites where the publisher addresses a broad range of health-related information. There is also significant traffic to sites with specific medical content. The table below details the subject matter of the content-specific sites with the most traffic.

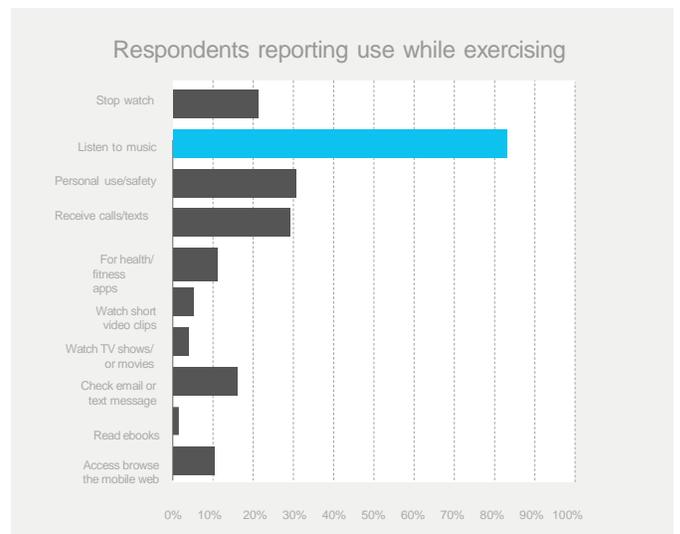
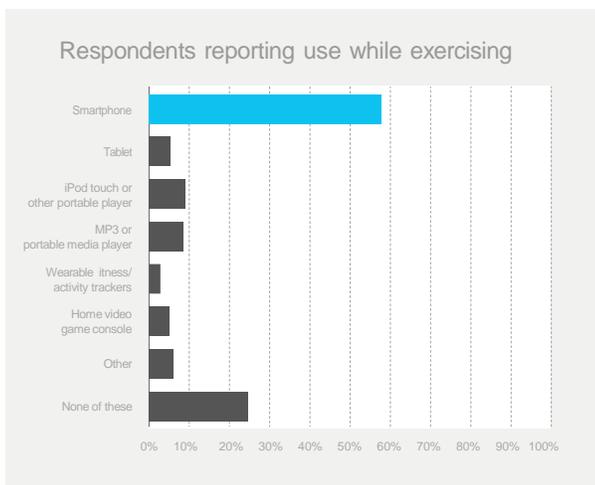


How does the Fitness audience use their device?

To investigate the Fitness audience in more detail, Opera Mediaworks focused efforts on their consumer survey. Opera Mediaworks designed the survey to address questions as to how the Fitness audience uses a mobile device while exercising. They found:

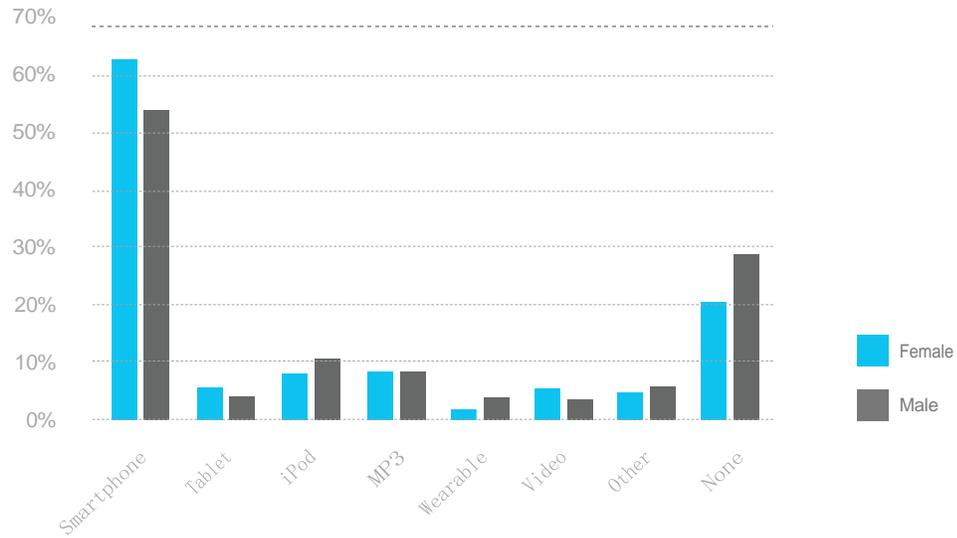
The smartphone is the most common device carried while exercising.

The most common purpose for carrying a device while exercising is to listen to music.

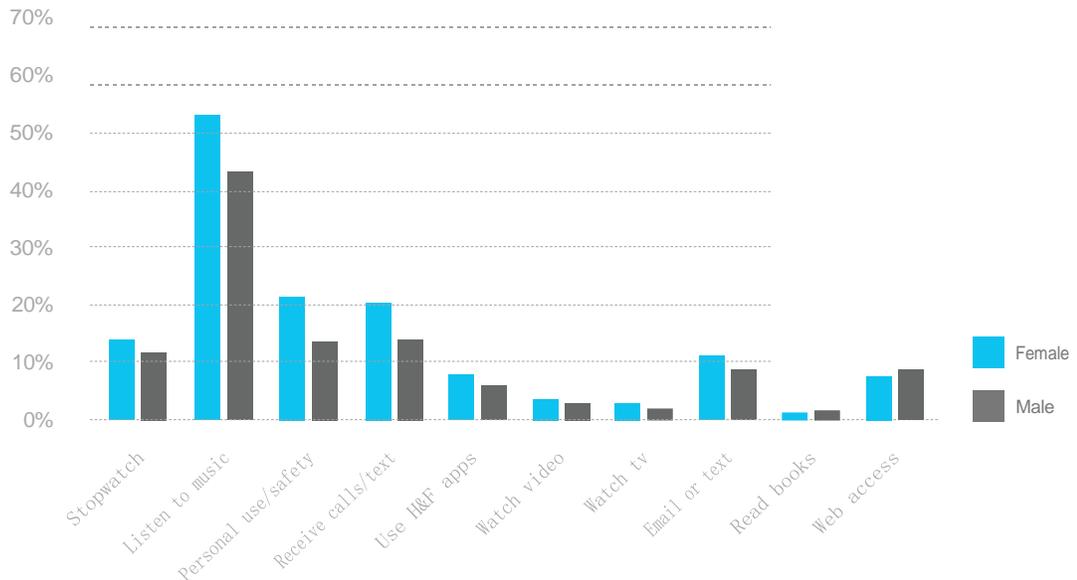


Age and gender differences

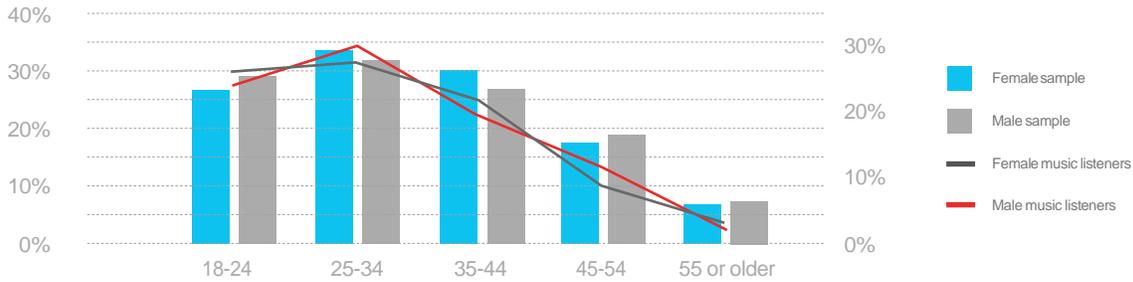
Significantly more females than males carry a mobile device while exercising. Although overall the use of wearables (e.g., fitness trackers such as Jawbone UP, Fitbit, FuelBand etc.) is minimal, significantly more males than females carry a wearable device (3.61% of males, 1.71% of females)



Women have a far greater preference for maintaining communications, either to send or receive texts and calls, or for safety, than do men. Women also report more interest in listening to music while exercising than do men.

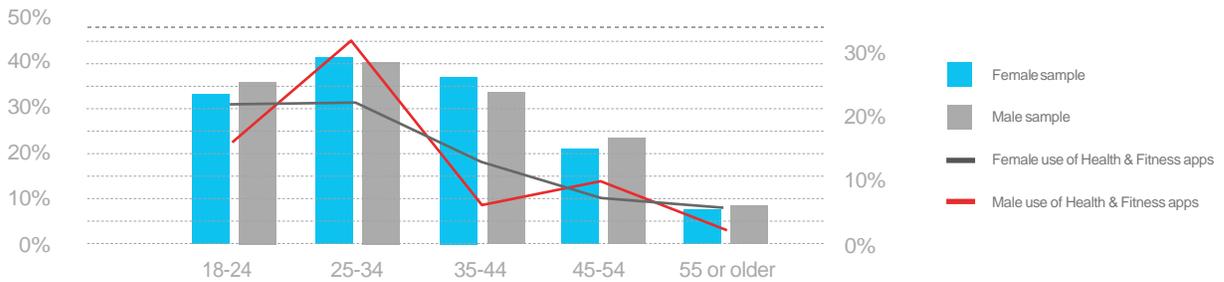


There were few pronounced age differences in the survey results. For the most part, the reported use of devices or services closely paralleled the sample's age and gender breakdown by percentage. This trend is exemplified by the graphic below, which compares overall share of responses by age and gender with the use of mobile devices to listen to music while exercising. As shown, service distribution is nearly equitable to overall share of the respondents with the exception of a slight decline in usage for the two older age demographics.



Two areas where Opera Mediaworks observed a strong divergence in reported usage rates when compared to the survey sample's overall makeup was for the use of Health & Fitness applications and engagement with TV and movie content.

Males in the 25-34 age group showed a much stronger preference for using Health & Fitness applications on their mobile devices than any other age and gender group.



Opera Mediaworks noted previously that females tend to use mobile devices as part of their fitness programs more than men, and this is the case in the area of watching TV and movies. However, this observation is strongly influenced by the behavior of the 25-34 year old group, where women show a strong preference for watching TV while men in that age group show little interest. This significant lack of interest by men 25-34 overcomes a fairly strong interest observed in the male age 18-24 group.

