

## enigma research

## 2016 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

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## Highlights

## Most popular reasons for attending

(1) To eat a meal or try new food
(2) For midway rides and games
(3) To see the auto and truck show

## Top on-site beverages consumed

## (1) Soda or soft drinks

(2) Bottled or boxed water

3 Beer

## Most visited Truck Zone exhibits

(1) Chevrolet
(2) Ford
(3) Toyota

## Preferred brands

- Auto insurance: State Farm
- Domestic airline: American Airlines
- Energy drink: Monster


## Tourism and economic impact

- Percentage non-local: 25\%
- Estimated hotel room nights: 65,200
- Estimated economic impact: \$93.9M


## Best comments

- "Been attending every year since I was a child. Our group even wears matching shirts!"
" "I really love the new wine and beer gardens and sitting areas."
- "I proposed in front of Big Tex!"


## Event experience



Main Stage performances watched (among those who watched Main Stage)


## Event experience

Feature attractions visited
Food court building
Shopping areas
Family activities (Barnyard,
Farmyard, etc.)
Starlight Parade

## Event ratings

Variety of food and beverage


Variety of entertainment


Cleanliness


- excellent

Quality of entertainment


Quality of food and beverage


Value for admission price


## Sponsor recall and appreciation



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Sponsor recall
(top 3 unaided among those who could recall sponsors)
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## Brand activation evaluations



## Brand activation evaluations



Extent enhanced event
experience
(among those who entered)


More likely to conduct business with Bank of America than before the fair (among those who entered)
Activities participated (among those who entered)


## Kids' Boardwalk sponsored by McDonald's



Activities participated (among those who entered)


More likely to visit a McDonald's restaurant than before the fair (among those who entered)


## Brand activation evaluations





Extent enhanced event experience
(among those who entered)


## Auto and truck show

Attended Auto and Truck Show


Sections of show visited (among show visitors)


Reasons for visiting Auto and Truck Show (among show visitors)


Next brand-new vehicle purchase (among those seriously considering)



## Outdoor Truck Zone exhibit evaluations

## Chevrolet Truck Exhibit



## Ford Truck Exhibit



## Outdoor Truck Zone exhibit evaluations



## GMC Truck Exhibit



## Outdoor Truck Zone exhibit evaluations



Participation (among show visitors)


## RAM Truck Exhibit



## On-site beverage consumption

| Beverages consumed on-site | Percentage <br> consumed <br> on-site | Average consumed <br> at event <br> (among consumers) |
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| Soda or soft drinks | $69 \%$ | 2.6 |
| Bottled or boxed water | $64 \%$ | 3.0 |
| Beer | $30 \%$ | 2.9 |
| Juice | $11 \%$ | 2.0 |
| Liquor or spirits | $11 \%$ | 1.8 |
| Wine or wine coolers | $9 \%$ | 1.9 |
| Energy drinks | $4 \%$ | 1.7 |
| Coffee or coffee drinks | $3 \%$ | 1.8 |
| Other beverages | $19 \%$ | 2.4 |

Type of liquor or spirits consumed most on-site (among those who consumed liquor or spirits)


## Product ownership and use



## Vehicle preferences

Vehicle ownership


Type of vehicle driven (among owners)


## Brand of vehicle driven (among owners)




## Telecommunications brand preferences

Smart phone or tablet use most often (among owners)


Wireless service provider (among users)


## Beverage brand preferences



Soda or soft drink brand drink most often (among soda drinkers)


Preferred liquor or spirits brand (among liquor drinkers)


Preferred energy drink brand (among energy drink consumers)


## Bank, Insurance, and Airline brand preferences

## Bank use most often



Preferred US airline (among those flying within 30 days)


Auto insurance company


## Demographics of attendees




## Current living situation



Household income (before taxes)


## Tourism and economic impact

| Estimated attendance |  |
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| Total person-visits <br> (from published attendance) | $2,400,000$ |
| Average visits per person | 2.1 visits |
| Estimated unique attendees | $\mathbf{1 , 1 4 0 , 0 0 0}$ |
| Total locals |  |
| (Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington) | 855,000 (75\%) |
| Total non-locals <br> (outside Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington) | $285,000(25 \%)$ |
| Estimated unique attendees | $\mathbf{1 , 1 4 0 , 0 0 0}$ |
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| Average nights stayed (all non-locals) | $\mathbf{6 5 , 2 0 0}$ |
| Estimated hotel/motel room nights |  |

Place of residence (among non-locals)


## Economic impact



| Total spending by non-locals | $\$ 52.6 \mathrm{M}$ |
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| Economic impact <br> (Industry output) | $\$ 93.9 \mathrm{M}$ |
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| Direct and indirect | $\$ 75.7 \mathrm{M}$ |
| Induced | $\$ 18.2 \mathrm{M}$ |
|  | 1130 |
| Total employment supported <br> (full-year job equivalents) |  |


| Total taxes supported | $\$ 12.3 \mathrm{M}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Federal | $\$ 6.3 \mathrm{M}$ |
| State | $\$ 3.5 \mathrm{M}$ |
| Local | $\$ 2.5 \mathrm{M}$ |


| Spending by non-locals |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Shopping and retail | $\$ 9,000,000$ |
| Restaurants outside fair site | $\$ 8,800,000$ |
| Accommodations | $\$ 8,000,000$ |
| Admission tickets and rides | $\$ 7,900,000$ |
| Concessions at fair | $\$ 5,000,000$ |
| Parking, fuel, and repairs | $\$ 4,200,000$ |
| Groceries | $\$ 3,400,000$ |
| Retail clothing | $\$ 2,300,000$ |
| Other entertainment | $\$ 2,000,000$ |
| Public transit or taxis | $\$ 800,000$ |
| Ride share services | $\$ 700,000$ |
| Car rentals | $\$ 500,000$ |
| Total spending by non-locals | $\$ 52,600,000$ |



Spending by locals (not economic impact)

| Restaurants outside fair site | $\$ 38,000,000$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Admission tickets and rides | $\$ 34,600,000$ |
| Shopping and retail | $\$ 24,400,000$ |
| Parking and fuel | $\$ 9,200,000$ |
| Retail clothing | $\$ 3,700,000$ |
| Concessions at fair | $\$ 3,300,000$ |
| Public transit or taxis | $\$ 2,000,000$ |
| Ride share services | $\$ 800,000$ |
| Total spending by locals | $\mathbf{\$ 1 1 6 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ |

## Comments from respondents

"My husband and I have been buying the season pass package with coupons for years. We drive from California to Dallas just for the Fair and go every day with different people."
"Como siempre un gran experiencia,
siete años asistiendo y siempre quedo satisfecho"

Everything was very expensive. That's why I only go once a year."
"Have never missed a year at the State Fair
and this year was so special since we got
to take our little one for his first time!"
"So very dated. Used to really show innovation and new technology. Now it is the same every year."
"I absolutely love the history behind Fair Park and adore the traditions that my family has with the park."
"I proposed in front of Big Tex!"
"I really love the new wine and beer gardens and sitting areas."
"I really wish there was an interactive map or an app telling me where food items were located and times of events."


'Love the fair and the auto show is the big draw for us."
"Love the State Fair and we will come back next year. Y'all do a wonderful job!"
"Museum quality viewing items or shows would be wonderfu!!"
"Need to bring some more Hispanic food!!!"
"Thanks for finally bringing back the Budweiser Clydesdales. That was one of the main reasons I went this year."
"Thank you all for the wonderful experience and for having a Thrifty Thursday."

## Methodology

Enigma Independent Event Audits provide unbiased data for senior marketers. Leading event marketing brands subscribe to confidential reports. Event promoters and marketing agencies are not involved in the data collection. Unauthorized copying or distribution is strictly prohibited.

## Survey technique

Survey method Unbiased, online post-event survey
Field dates $\begin{aligned} & \text { One week commencing final Sunday evening of } \\ & \text { event }\end{aligned}$
Sampling method

Sample size

Proprietary algorithm featuring targeted pay-per-click ads and other databases

Over 1500 respondents

## Verification

- Skill-testing questions at end of survey verify actual attendance
- Names and email addresses of respondents collected
- Subscribers may request skill-testing response data or email lists for independent verification


## About Enigma Research Corporation ${ }^{\circledR}$

" World's leading event research firm
" Approximately 1000 events surveyed since 1993

- Offices in New York, Toronto, and Santa Monica


## Other Enigma Event Intelligence Reports

- No list of events is publicly distributed.
- Consultants must be contacted for a list of scheduled events.

| Incentive for <br> respondents | $\$ 200$ Visa gift card | - No list of events is publicly distributed. |
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