

TRUST IN ADVERTISING

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RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY



TARGET GROUP

• **Gender**: Male (50%) :Female (50%)

• Age: 18-25 years (33%), 26-40 years (33%), Above 40 years (33%)

• **SEC**: A(26%), B(30%), C (44%)



TOTAL SAMPLE COVERED

n =2002



METHODOLOGY

Computer Assisted telephonic interviews (CATI) considering above TG definition

• LOI: 10 mins Survey

Pan India coverage (Metro + Urban Non-Metro + Rural)

Metro (>40 lacs)
Urban Non-Metro (10 to 39 lacs)

Rural (< 10 lacs

Mumbai	Delhi	Kolkata	Chennai	Bangalore	
Nashik	Lucknow	Patna	Vijaywada	Indore	
Aurangabad & Navsari	Fatehgarh & Firozabad	24 Parganas & Madhubani	Belgam & Krishna	Mandasur & Khandwa	
Udgir & Dessa	Shamli & Modi Nagar	Jehanabad	Palakkad	Betul	

Note: Respondents from rural areas are recruited from centres/ surrounding villages where population is less than 1 lac

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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01

OVERALL TRUST IN ADVERTISING

- Around 8 in every 10 people exhibit trust in advertising across various media
- Trust levels have improved towards ads displayed on TV, Newspaper, Search Engine and Radio vs 2015

02

TRUST IN ADVERTISING BY DIFFERENT FORMS

- Ads on television and newspapers are the most trusted, whereas Text / SMS ads are the least trusted
- East Zone people show lesser trust in most forms of advertising, as compared to other Zones

TRUST IN ADVERTISING BY INDUSTRY

03

 Audience have displayed higher level of trust for ads from Educational Institutions and Home Care Products, whereas they don't show a lot of trust in Real Estate Advertisements

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CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS & ACTION TAKEN

04

- 70% people trust in advertisements endorsed by celebrities, however the trust is significantly lesser in the East Zone
- When people see any misleading content in an advertisement, they most likely discuss it with their family / friends or post it on Social Media. However, almost 1/3rd of the people do not take any action

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ASCI AWARENESS

- Only 1/4th of the audience are aware about Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)
- In the Central Zone, the awareness is significantly lower

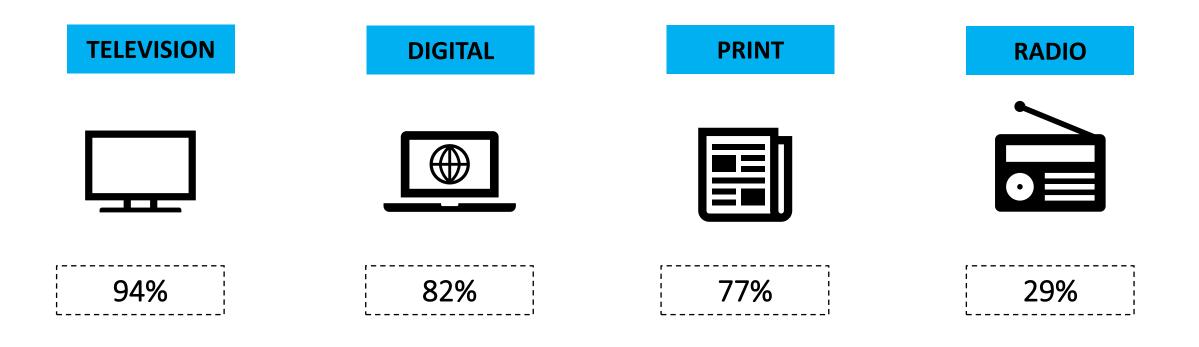
MEDIA USAGE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

Let's understand various media types on which audience view / listen to / read ads...

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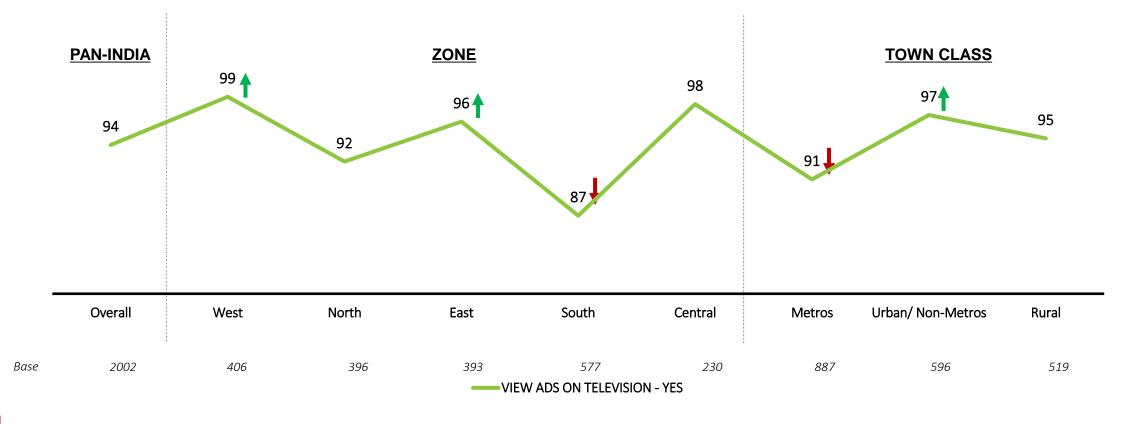
MEDIA USAGE FOR ADS

- TV is the most common medium used by audience for viewing advertisements. Almost 9 in every 10 people are viewing ads on TV followed by digital platforms (such as Online / Social Media ads)
- Radio is the least used medium amongst all platforms



VIEWERSHIP OF TELEVISION ADS

- Viewership of TV ads is significantly higher in the West and East Zone whereas its significantly lower among audience in South zone
- Pan-India, viewership of television ads is significantly driven by Urban Non-Metro Cities, while its significantly lower in Metro cities



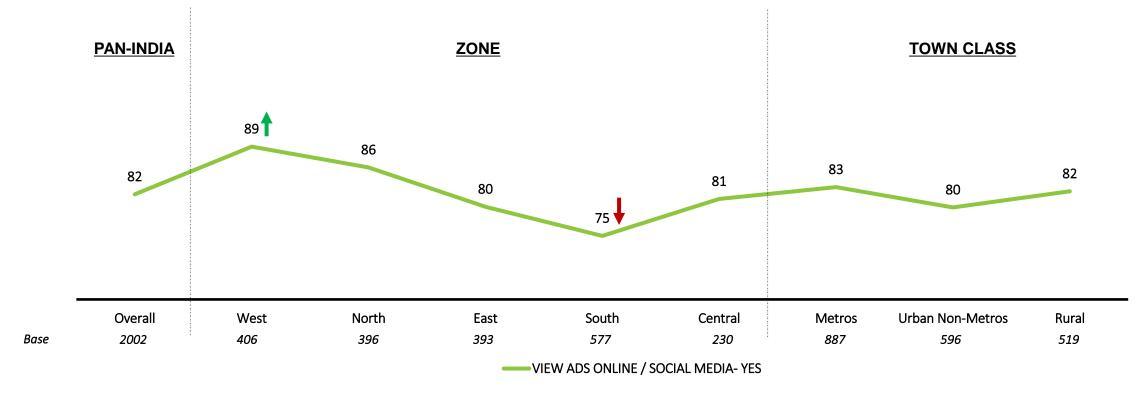
Q: On which media types, do you generally view / listen to / read any advertisement? [MA]



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VIEWERSHIP OF DIGITAL ADS (ONLINE / SOCIAL MEDIA)

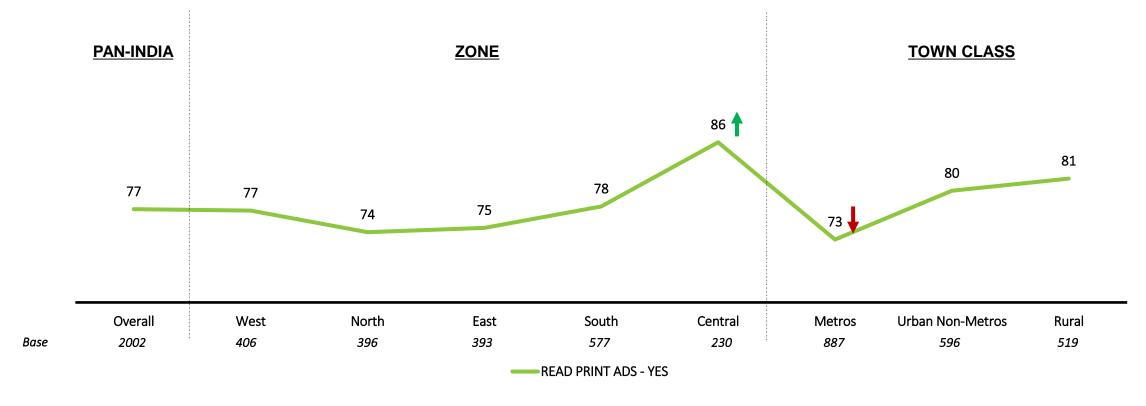
- For viewership of digital ads as well, **West** Zone is the significant contributor while **South** Zone continues to be the lowest contributor
- Notably, viewership of digital ads at rural centres is at par with that of metro





READERSHIP OF PRINT ADS (NEWSPAPER / MAGAZINES)

- Readers of print ads in Magazines / Newspapers are significantly higher in **Central Zone** as compared to the rest of the country
- Metro Cities in India have a significantly lower ad readership of print medium than Urban/Non-Metro and Rural
 Cities

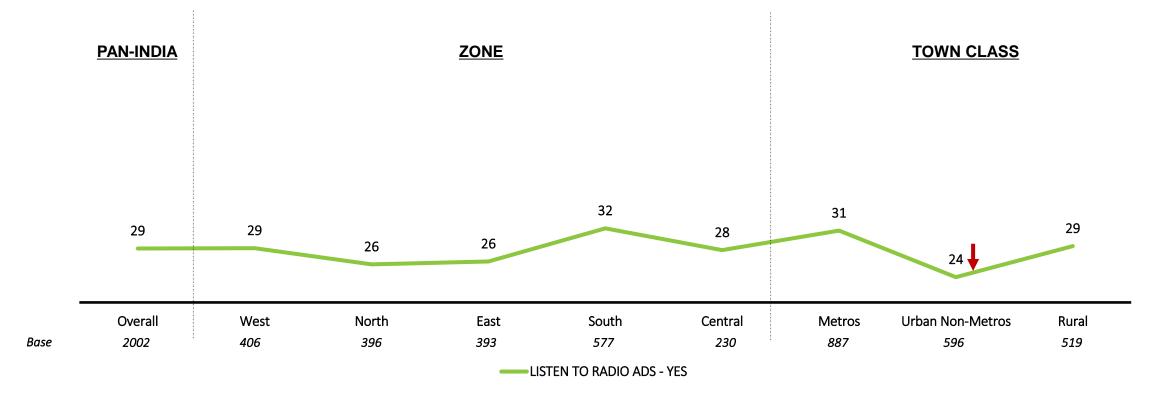




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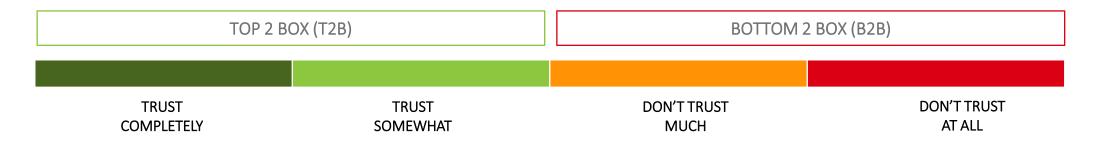
LISTENERS OF RADIO ADS

- Interestingly, South Zone is inclined towards Radio for listening ads
- Listeners of advertisements on Radio are significantly lower in Urban Non Metros as compared to the rest of the Country





OVERALL TRUST IN ADVERTISTING



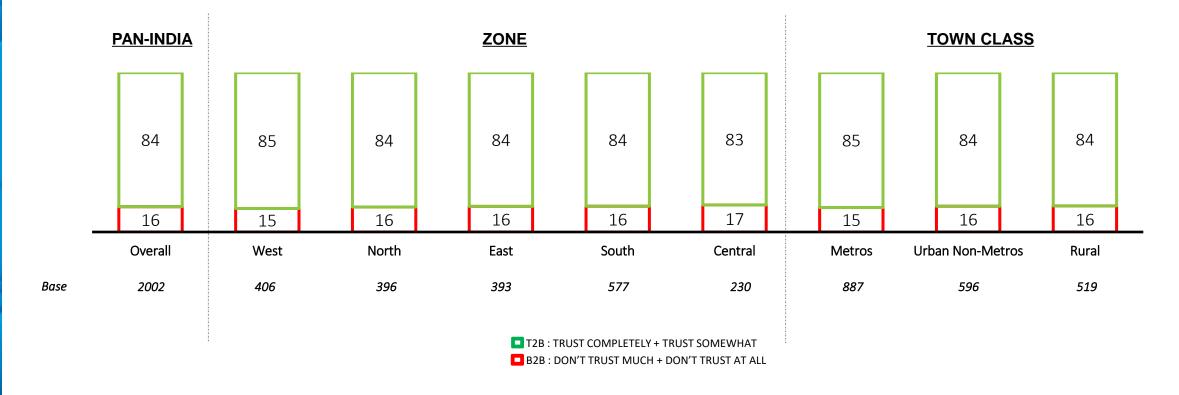
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OVERALL TRUST IN ADVERTISING (1/2)

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level in advertisements? [SA]

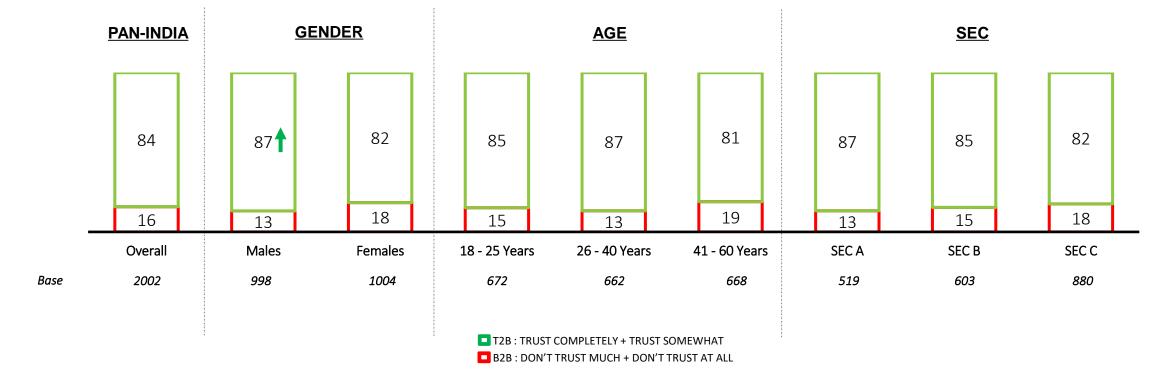
The overall trust in advertising across different zones and town class of cities is more or less consistent with the National Average





OVERALL TRUST IN ADVERTISING (2/2)

The overall trust in advertisements is driven by Males, 26-40 YO and SEC A



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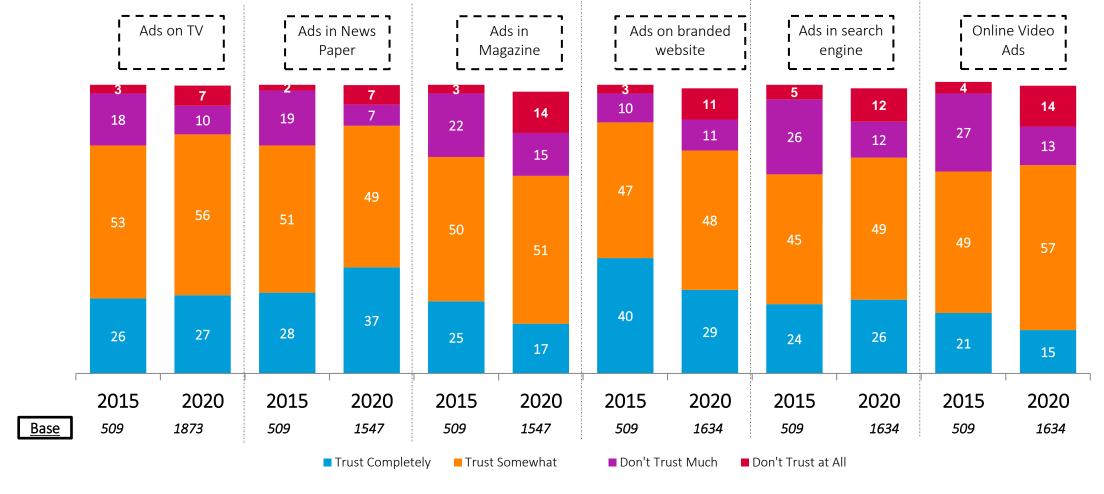
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TRUST LEVELS IN DIFFERENT FORMS OF ADVERTISTING



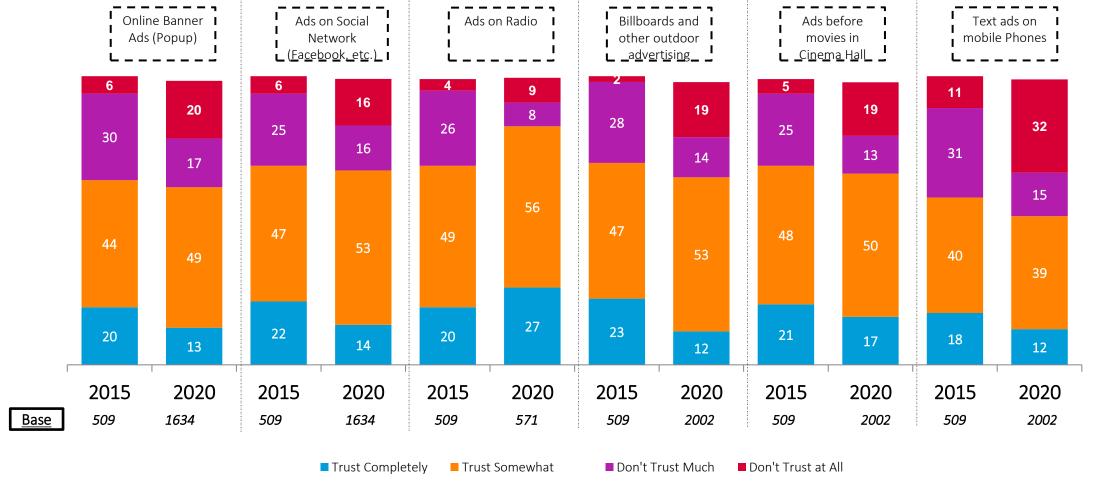
OVERALL TRUST IN DIFFERENT FORMS OF ADVERTISING (2015 V/S 2020)

- The audience has shown improved trust levels in TV, Newspaper and Search Engine Ads in 2020 vis-à-vis 2015
- Trust levels in Magazine Ads and Branded Website advertisements has dropped as compared to 2015



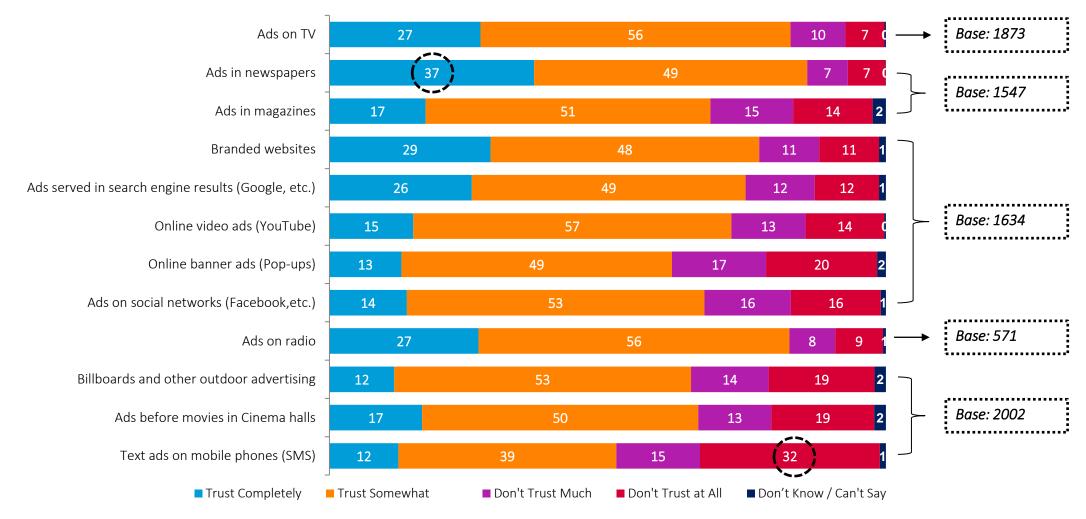
OVERALL TRUST IN DIFFERENT FORMS OF ADVERTISING (2015 V/S 2020)

- Over a span of 5 years, we can see that the audience listening to advertisements in 2020 on Radio has significantly increased their overall trust levels to that in 2015
- However, trust levels on text ads via SMS have largely dropped in these 5 years



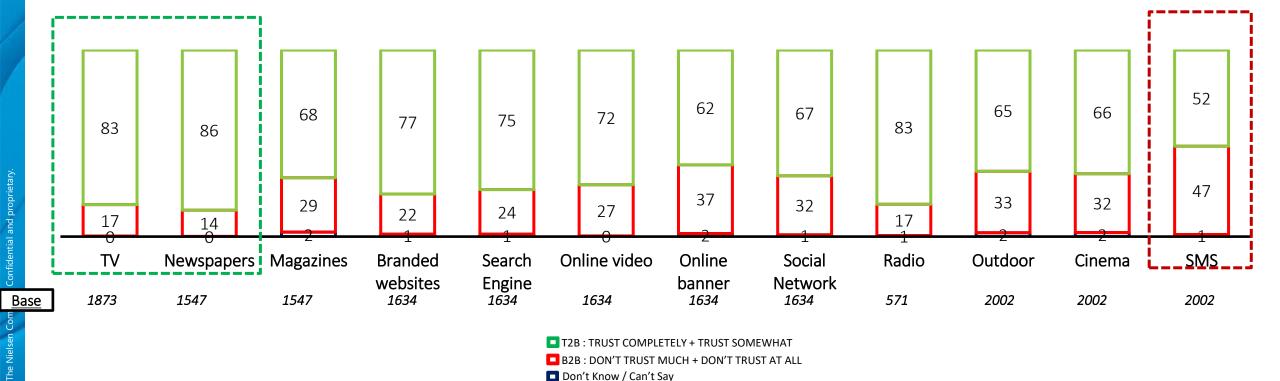
OVERALL TRUST IN DIFFERENT FORMS OF ADVERTISING

Large number of people are completely trusting ads published in newspapers, whereas they don't seem to have
a lot of trust text / SMS ads on Mobile phones



OVERALL TRUST IN DIFFERENT FORMS OF ADVERTISING

• Newspaper (86%) appears to be the most trusted form of advertising closely followed by TV (83%) and Radio (83%)



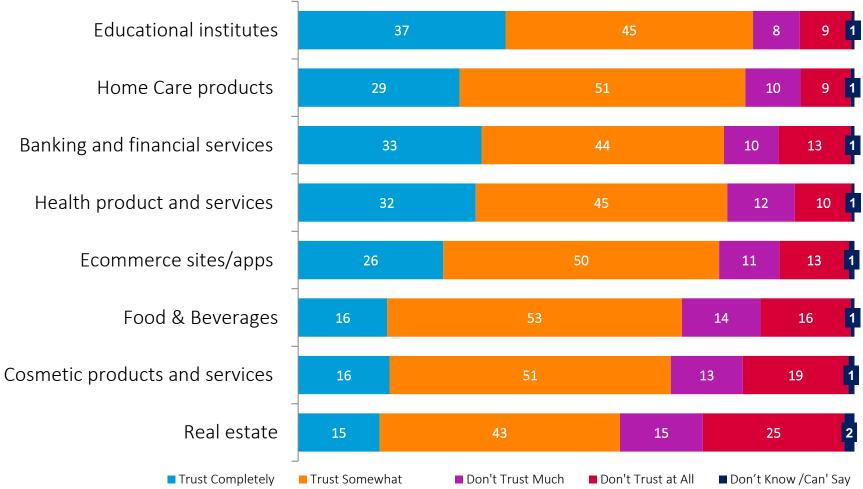
TRUST LEVELS IN ADVERTISTING – BY INDUSTRY



Q: Now I will read out certain industry types one by one. Do let me know to what extent do you trust the advertisements by these industry types? [SA]

OVERALL TRUST IN ADVERTISING – BY INDUSTRY

- Ads by Educational institutes have grabbed relatively higher trust among others
- On the other hand, audience have depicted lower trust towards **Real Estate** ads

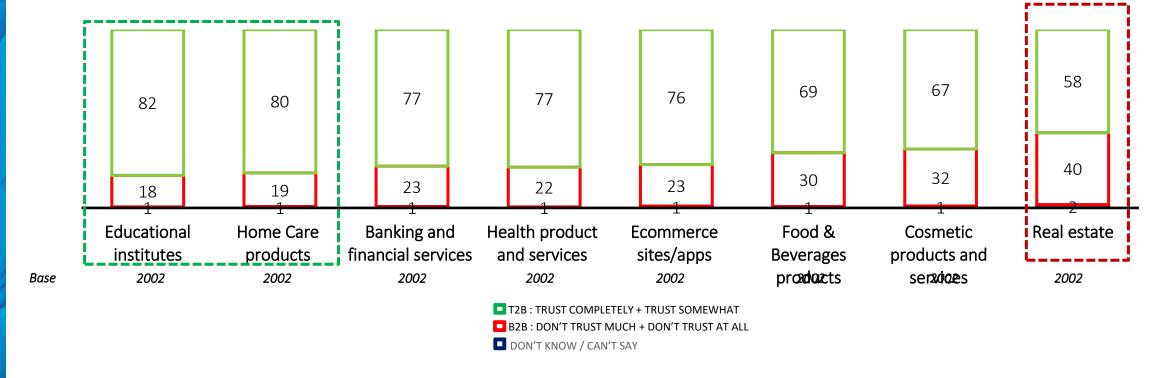


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Base: 2002

OVERALL TRUST IN ADVERTISING – BY INDUSTRY

- Respondents have shown higher trust towards advertisements for educational institutes (82%) and home care products (80%)
- Real estate advertisements faced a dent in their trust levels





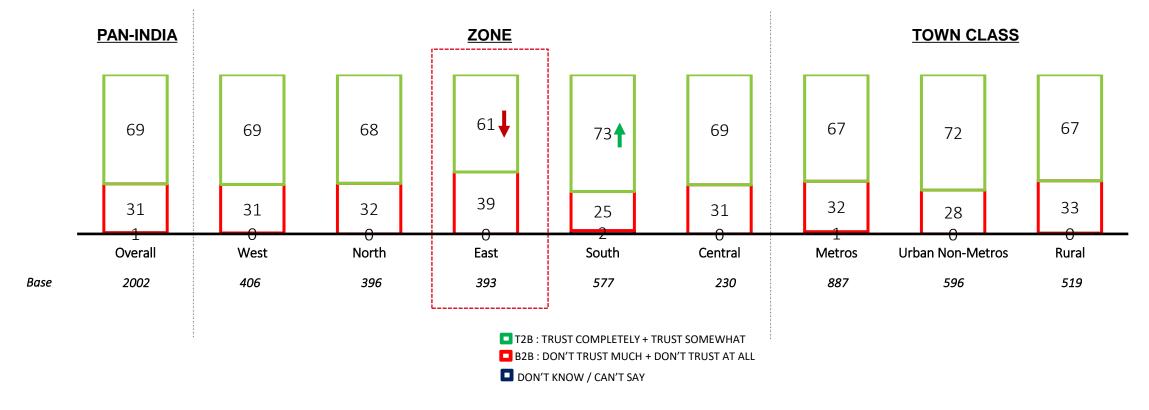
TRUST LEVEL IN ADVERTISEMENTS ENDORSED BY CELEBRITIES



Q: To what extent do you trust the advertisements endorsed by celebrities? [SA]

TRUST IN ADS ENDORSED BY CELEBRITIES

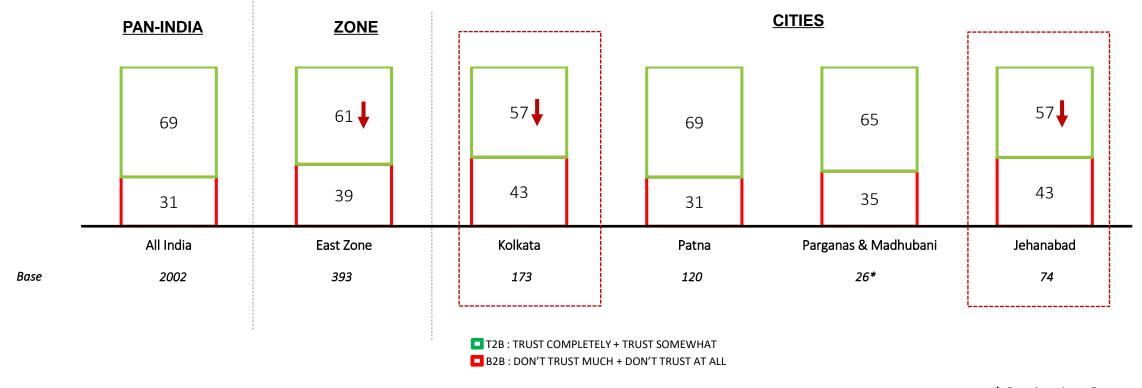
- 7 out of 10 people have depicted trust in Ads endorsed by celebrities; Trust levels are largely driven by South Zone
- Whereas dwellers of East Zone continues to show significantly lesser trust in celebrity endorsed ads





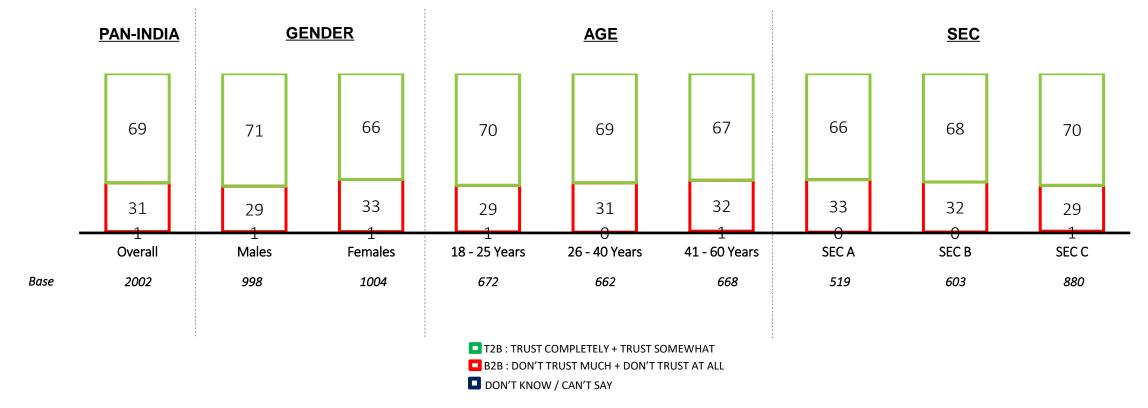
Let us see which cities in East Zone are bringing the trust level down...

In East zone, Kolkata and Jehanabad are pulling down the trust levels for ads endorsed by celebrities



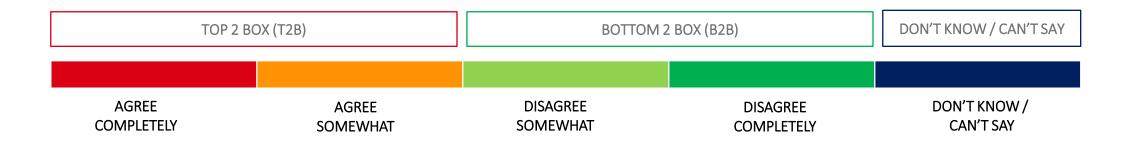


• Trust levels in ads endorsed by celebrities amongst Males & Females as well as people from different age groups and Socioeconomic Class are more or less in line with the National Average





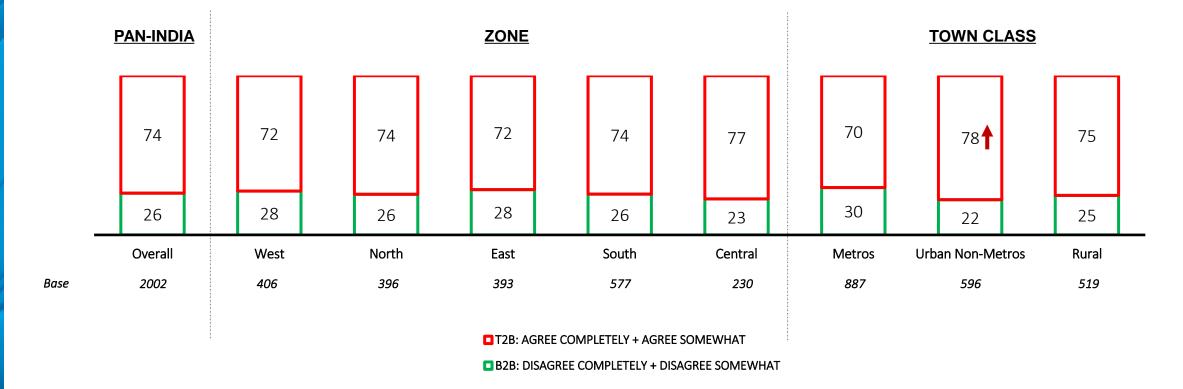
SECTION 5.2 INDECENCY IN ADS



Q. To what extent do you agree/ disagree that Advertisements in India are indecent and vulgar particularly in portraying the women?

EXTENT OF AGREEMENT ON VULGARITY IN ADS

• Worth noting that, a large chunk of people agrees to vulgarity and indecency in Ads which is particularly higher in non-metros





ACTION TAKEN ON A OBJECTIONABLE OR MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT

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ACTION TAKEN ON A MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT

- Whenever people come across any objectionable claim or any misleading advertisement, they mostly discuss it with their family / friends (34%).
- Many of them also prefer not to do anything (28%), while some of them circulate their objection on Social Media (21%).



Base: 2002

AWARENESS ABOUT ASCI



Q: There is an organization called Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) which seeks to ensure that advertisement confirms to its Code for Self-Regulation and the protection of the interest of consumers. Have you ever heard about Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) organization? [SA]

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AWARENESS ABOUT ASCI

- Only 1/4th of the audience are aware about ASCI.
- Awareness is significantly higher in Males while significantly lower in Central Zone and Females



	Zones						Town Class			
	West	North	East	South	Central	Metro	Non-Metro	Rural		
Base	406	396	393	577	230	887	596	519		
Awareness	23	25	28	30	20 ₹	29	25	24		

	Gen	der		Age	SEC			
	Males	Females	18-25 Y	26 – 40 Y	41 – 60 Y	SEC A	SEC B	SEC C
Base	998	1004	672	662	668	519	603	880
Awareness	30 🕇	22↓	27	28	24	30	24	25

Overall Base: 2002

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Significantly Higher / Lower than Overall

LANGUAGE OF ADVERTISEMENT

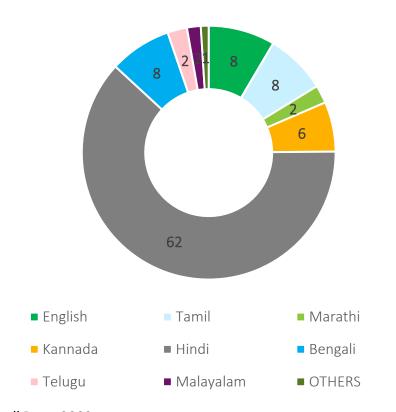
Q: In which language do you mostly see/listen/read the advertising?

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PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF ADVERTISEMENT

- Hindi is the most preferred language for watching Ads in India.
- Due to the higher inclination towards regional languages, Ads in Hindi are relatively less preferred in East and South regions.

PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF ADVERTISEMENTS



			Zones	Town Class				
	West	North	East	South	Central	ral Metro Non-Metro		Rural
Base	406	396	393	<i>577</i>	230	887	596	519
%	75	89	53ᡶ	28↓	92	45 ᡶ	80	71

	Gen	der		Age	SEC			
	Males	Males Females		18-25 Y 26 – 40 Y		SEC A	SEC B	SEC C
Base	998	1004	672	662	668	519	603	880
%	59	65	62	61	63	62	62	62

Overall Base: 2002

Q: In which language do you mostly see/listen/read the advertising?

Q: Which is the second-mostly language in which you see/listen/read the advertising



APPENDIX

SECTION 3.1

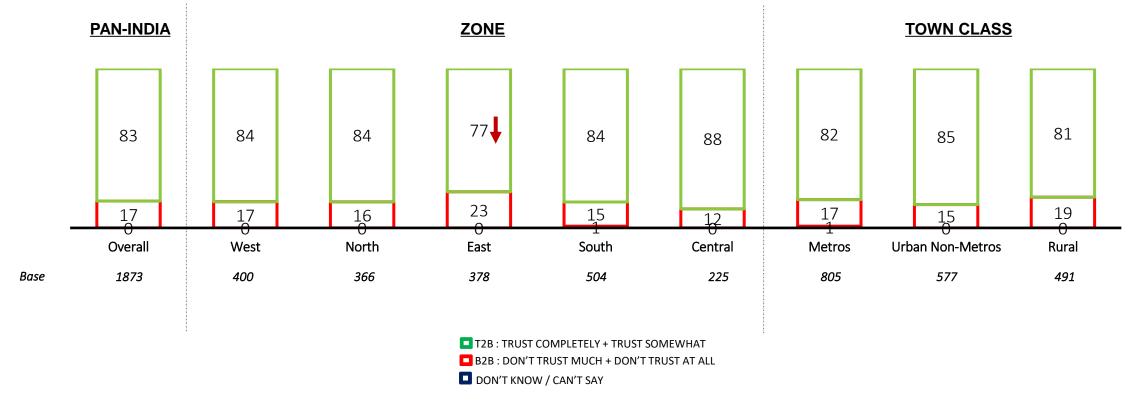
LET'S DEEP DIVE INTO TRUST IN DIFFERENT FORMS OF ADVERTSING ...



Q: Now I will read out certain forms of advertising, do let me know to what extent do you trust these forms of advertising? [SA]

TRUST IN ADS ON TELEVISION

- TV is the second most trusted form of advertising after Newspaper
- However, dwellers of East region show significantly lesser trust in television ads than other zones

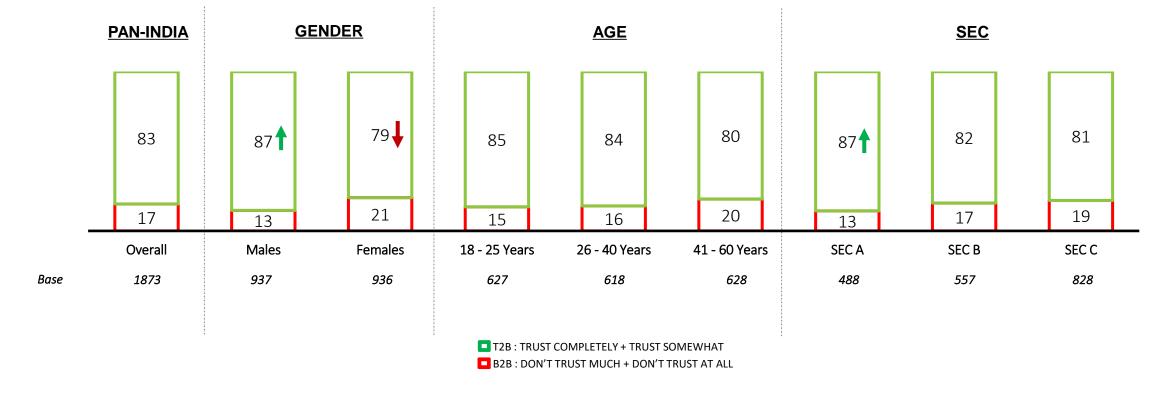


these forms of advertising? [SA]



TRUST IN ADS ON TELEVISION

- Males exhibit significant higher trust in TV ads than females
- Even SEC A respondents are substantially trust TV ads



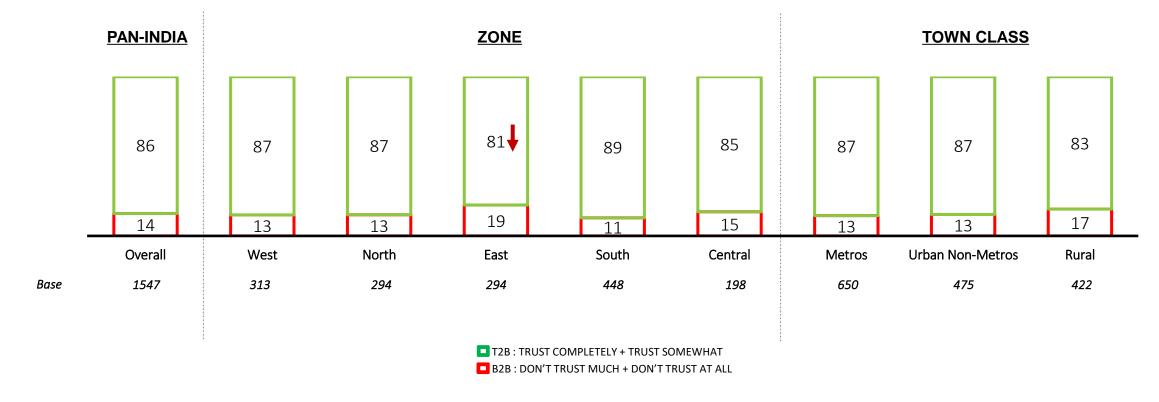
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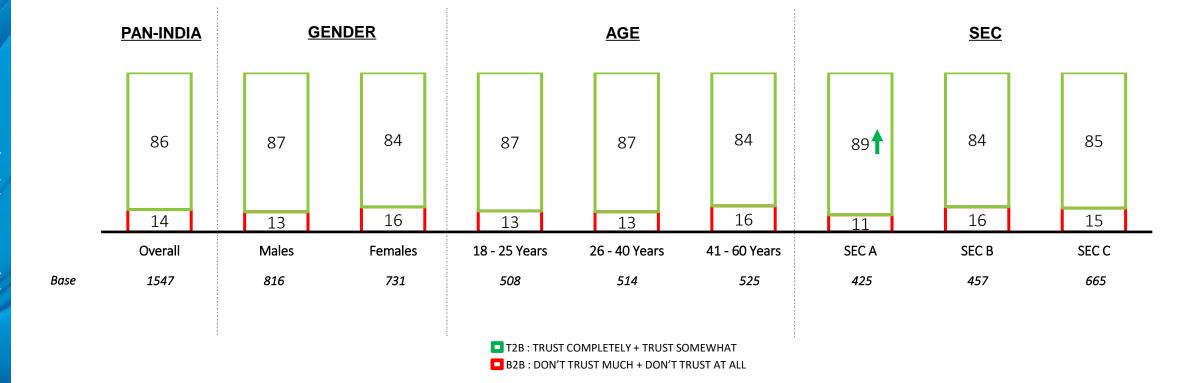
TRUST ON ADS IN NEWSPAPERS

- As compared to other forms of advertising, respondents have shown relatively higher trust in Newspaper ads
- Having said that, **East** region indicates considerably lower trust in newspaper ads





• SEC A responds are depicting higher trust in newspaper ads among others

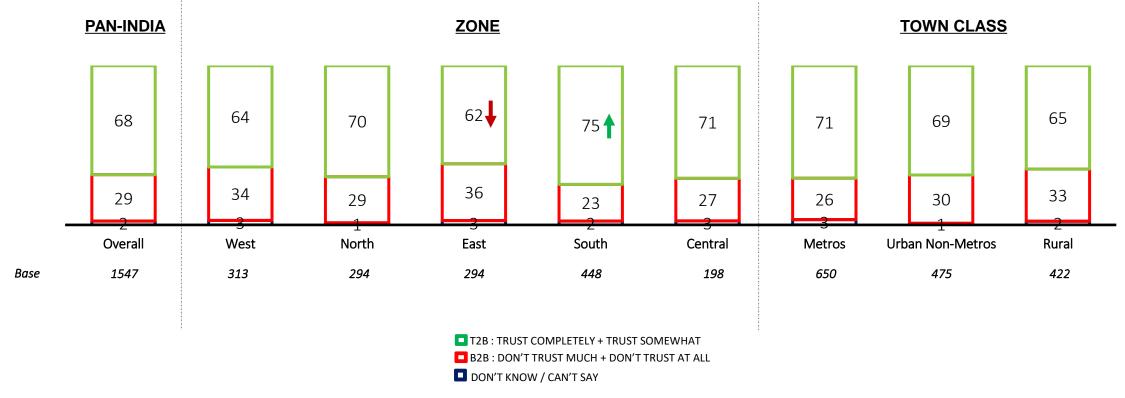




TRUST ON ADS IN MAGAZINES

- At an overall level, 2/3rd of the respondents exhibit trust in magazine ads which is particularly driven by residents of South zone.
- However, East region is lacking trust in magazine ads similar to ads in newspaper and TV

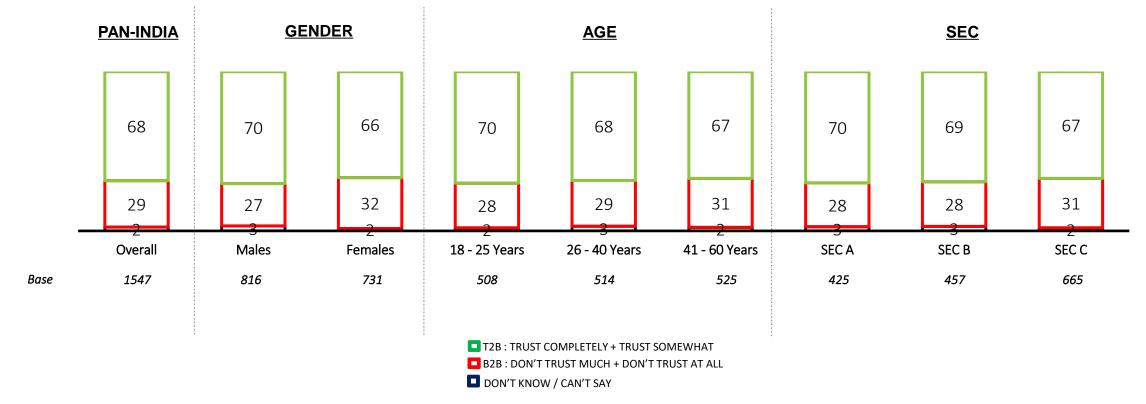
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Q: Now I will read out certain forms of advertising, do let me know to what extent do you trust



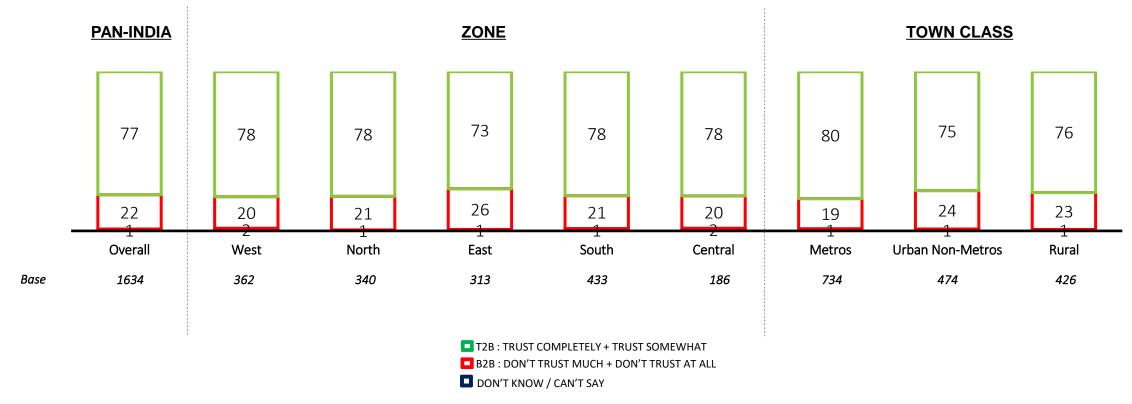
• Trust levels on ads in magazines across Males & Females, different age groups and Socioeconomic Class of people is more or less consistent with the national average





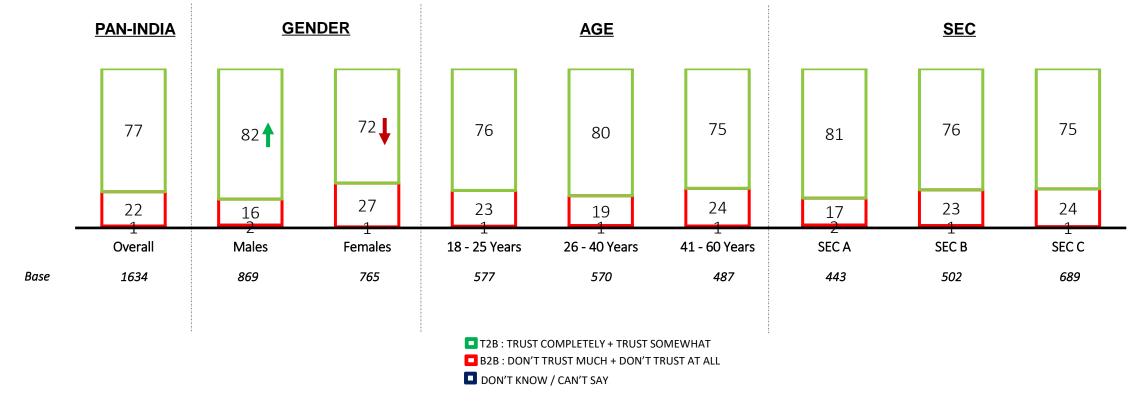
TRUST IN ADS ON BRANDED WEBSITES

- Almost 8 out of the 10 respondents are trusting ads on branded websites
- As far as trusting advertisements on branded websites is concerned, the trust levels are more or less in-line
 with the national average across Zones, except East Zone where people seem to be showing slightly lesser trust
 in ads on branded websites





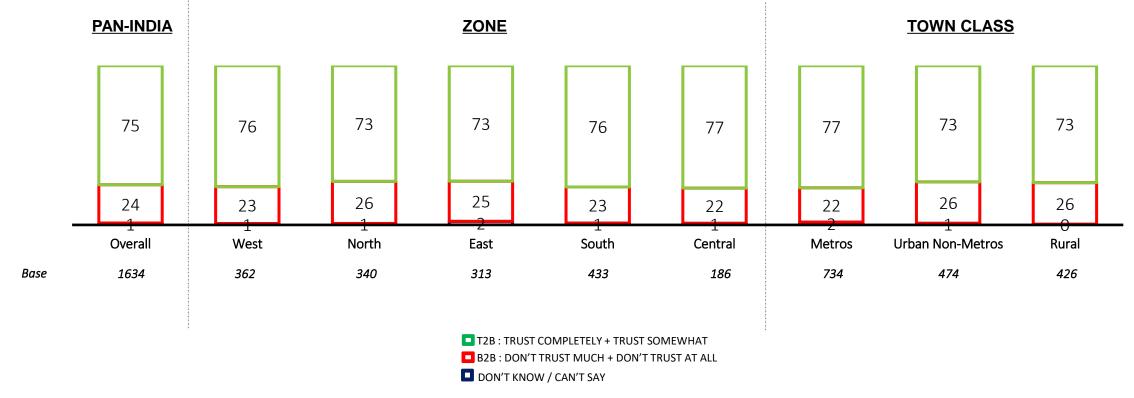
• Males trust ads on branded websites significantly higher than females





TRUST ON ADS IN SEARCH ENGINE

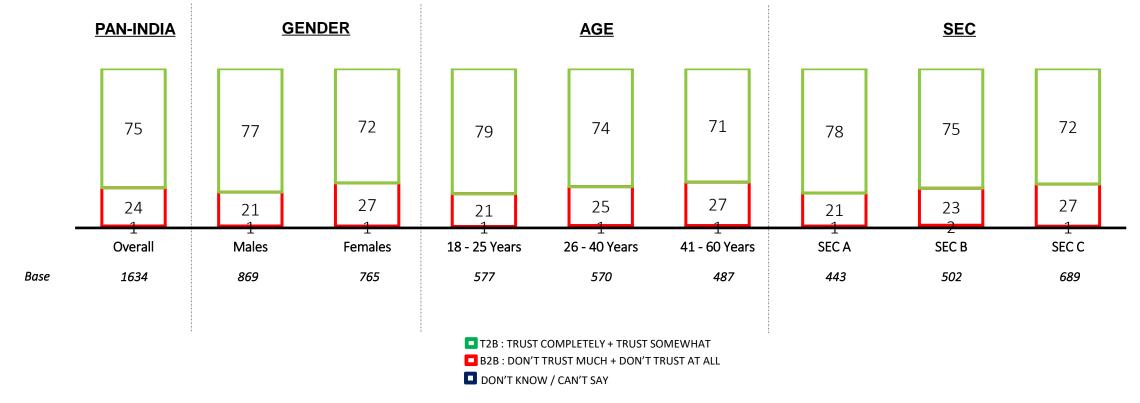
- Search engine ads are also fairly trusted across India and trust levels are consistent across zones and...
- As far as trusting advertisements on search engines is concerned, the trust levels are more or less in-line with the national average across Zones





TRUST ON ADS IN SEARCH ENGINE

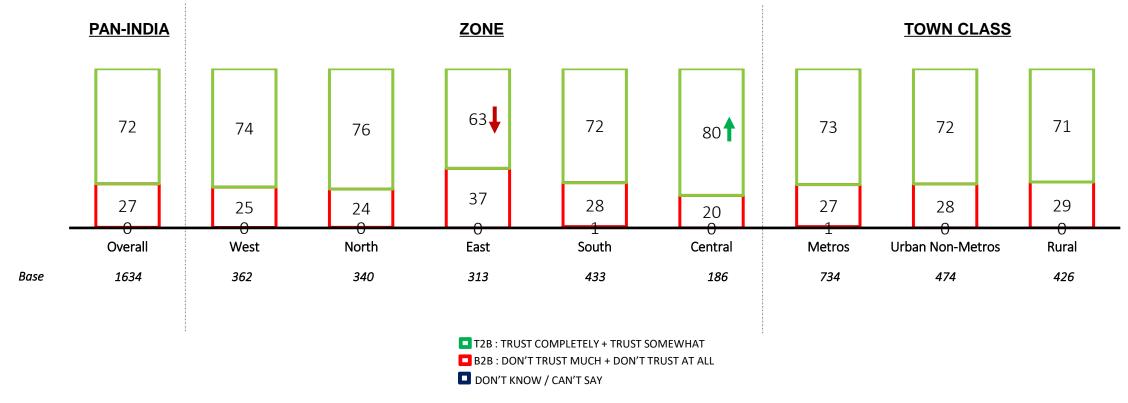
...various demographic groups.





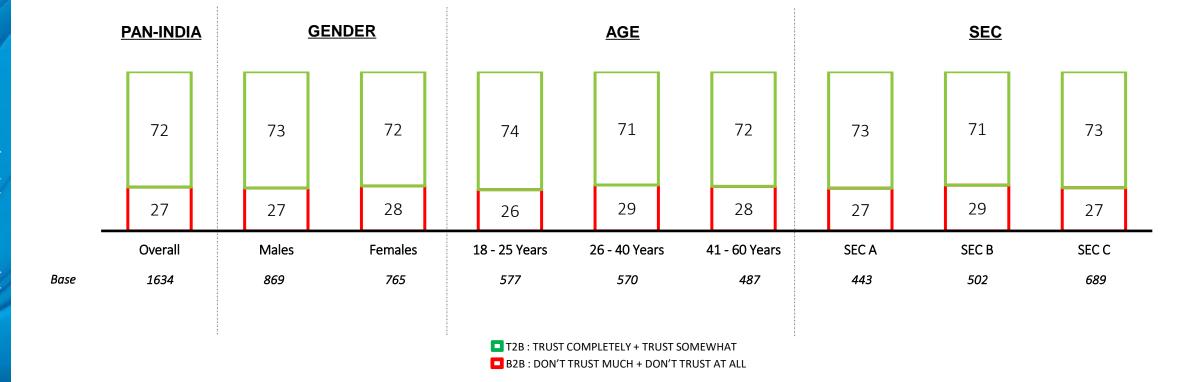
TRUST ON ONLINE VIDEO ADS

- Around 70% of the respondents have displayed trust in online video advertising (like YouTube ads)
- Central Zone has shown significantly more trust, whereas as observed in many other forms of advertisement,
 East Zone continues to pull the scores down with the trust levels





• Trust levels on online video ads amongst Males & Females as well as people from different age groups and Socioeconomic Class are more or less in line with the National Average

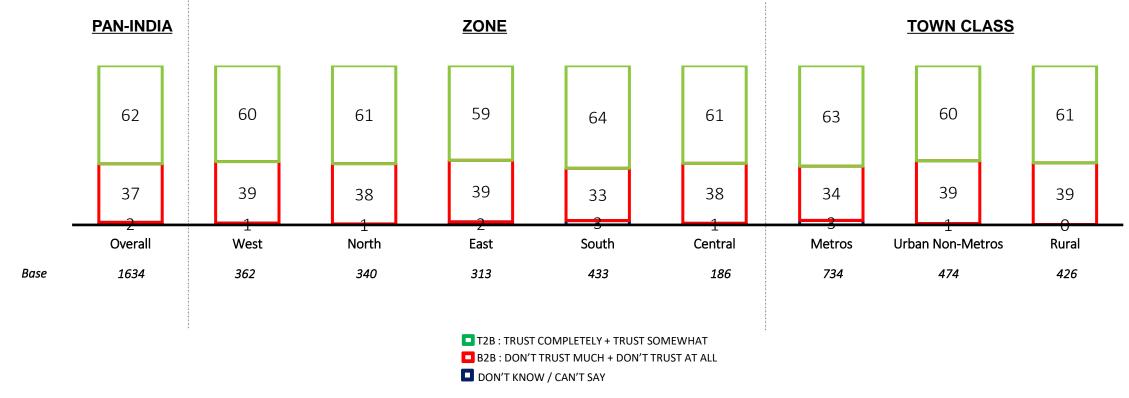




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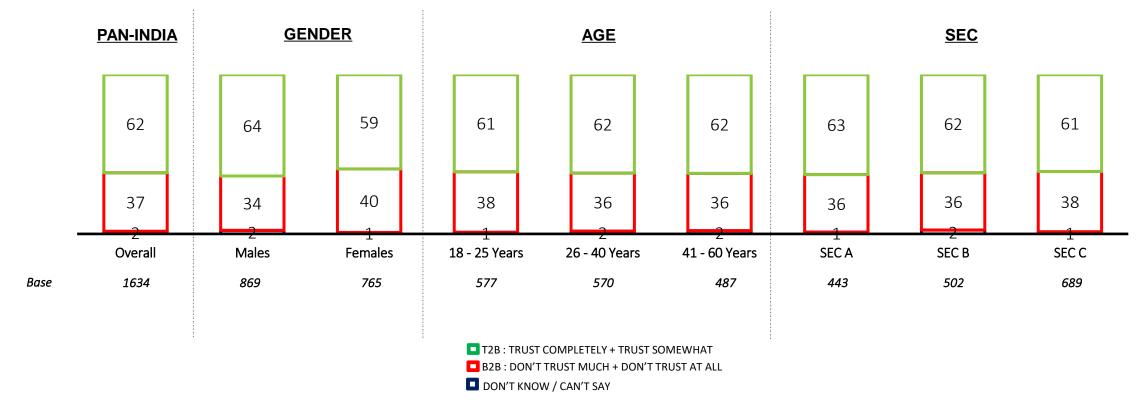
TRUST IN ONLINE BANNER ADS

- Trust in online banner ads (pop-up ads) are trusted by only 60% of the respondents
- Trust levels in online banner ads across Zones and Town Class of Cities are in-line with Pan-India average





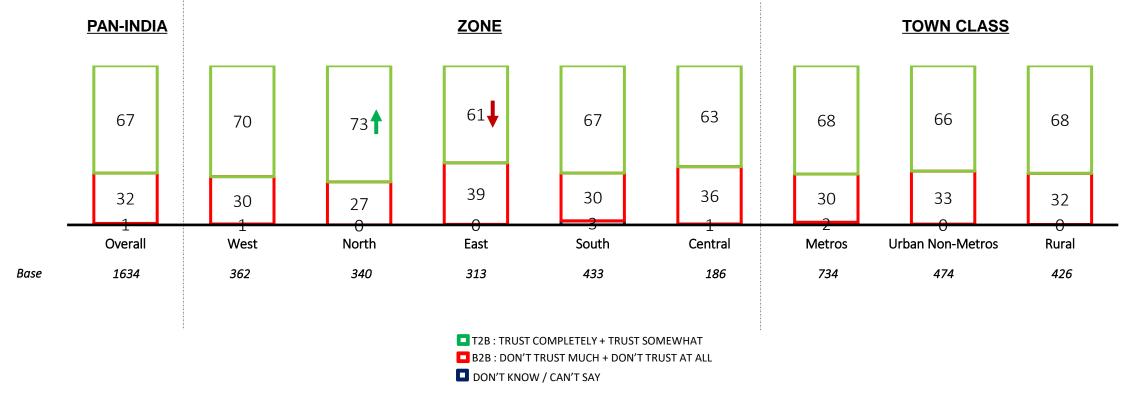
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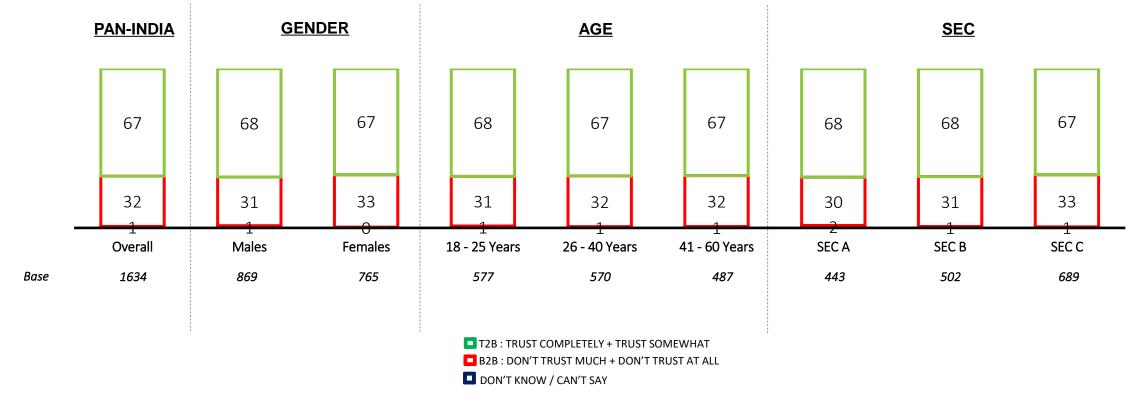
TRUST IN ADS ON SOCIAL NETWORK

- Almost 2/ 3rd of the respondents are displaying trust in social network ads
- North Zone has shown significantly higher amount trust in ads on Social Network like Facebook, Instagram, etc. whereas East Zone continues to show significantly lesser amount trust in this form of advertising as well





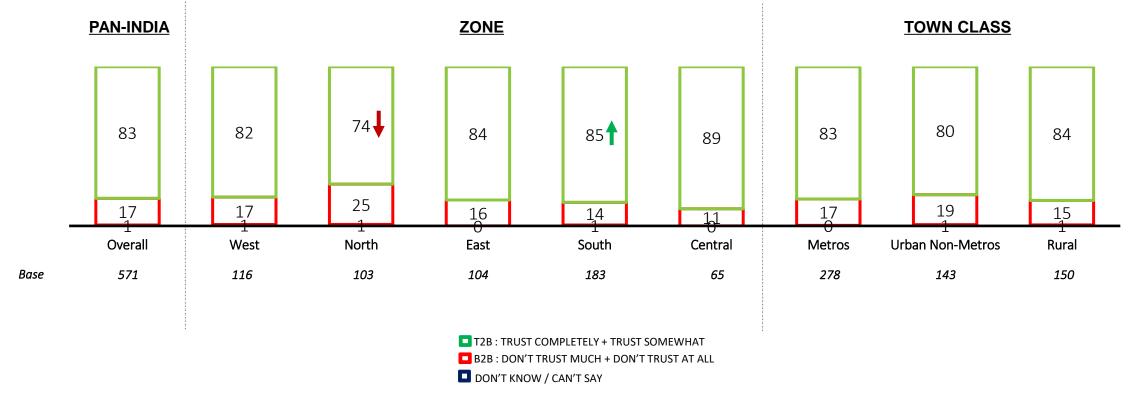
Trust levels in ads on Social Network banner ads amongst Males & Females as well as people from different age groups and Socioeconomic Class are more or less in line with the National Average





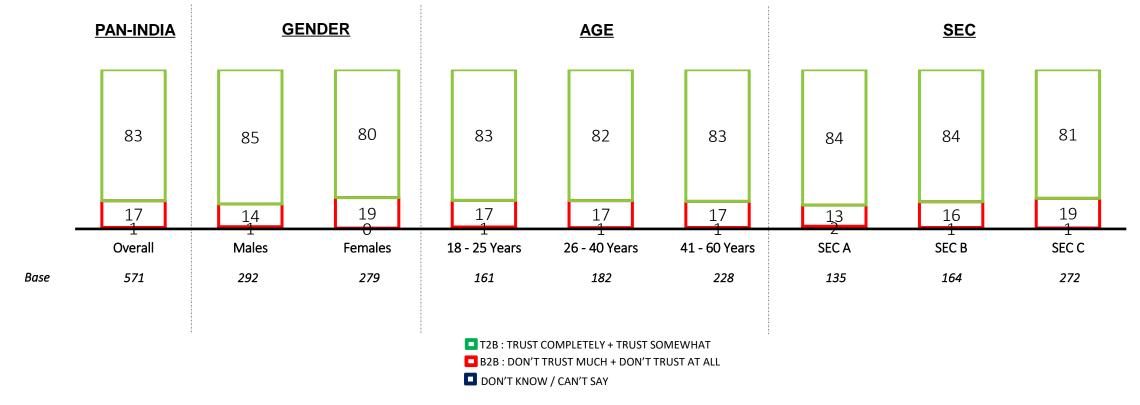
TRUST IN ADS ON RADIO

- More than 80% of the respondents have shown trust in radio ads
- Amongst listeners of Radio ads, trust levels are significantly higher in South Zones while significantly lower in North zones





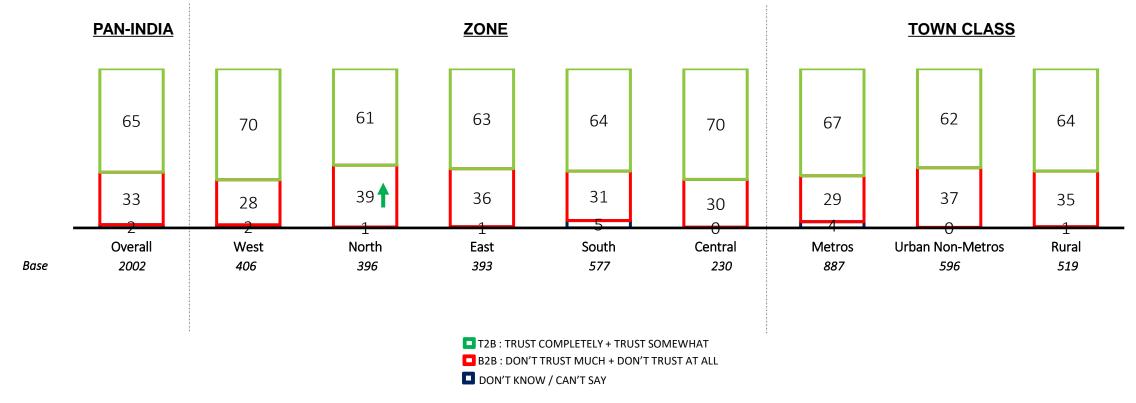
• Trust levels in ads on Radio amongst Males & Females as well as people from different age groups and Socioeconomic Class are more or less in line with the National Average





TRUST IN BILLBOARDS AND OTHER OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

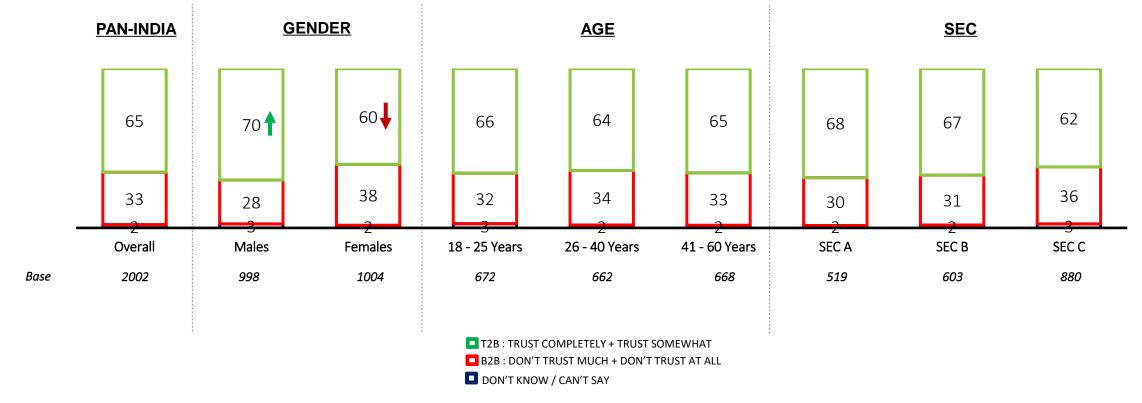
- Trust level for billboards and other outdoor advertising is bit of a challenge among North residents.
- West and Central are relatively better than other regions in depicting trust towards billboards and outdoor ads...





TRUST IN BILLBOARDS AND OTHER OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

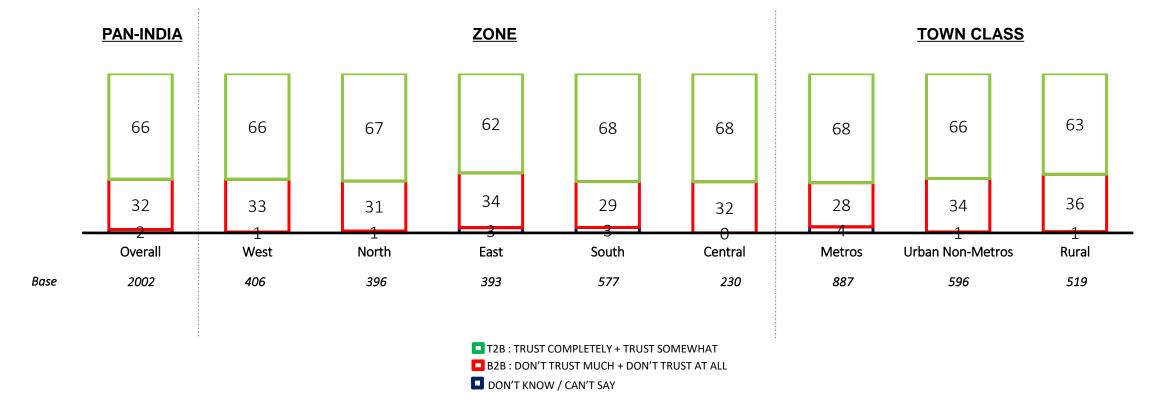
- ...also, Males trust Billboards and other outdoor advertising significantly higher than females
- The trust in Billboards and other outdoor advertising across age groups and SEC is more or less consistent



Q: Now I will read out certain forms of advertising, do let me know to what extent do you trust



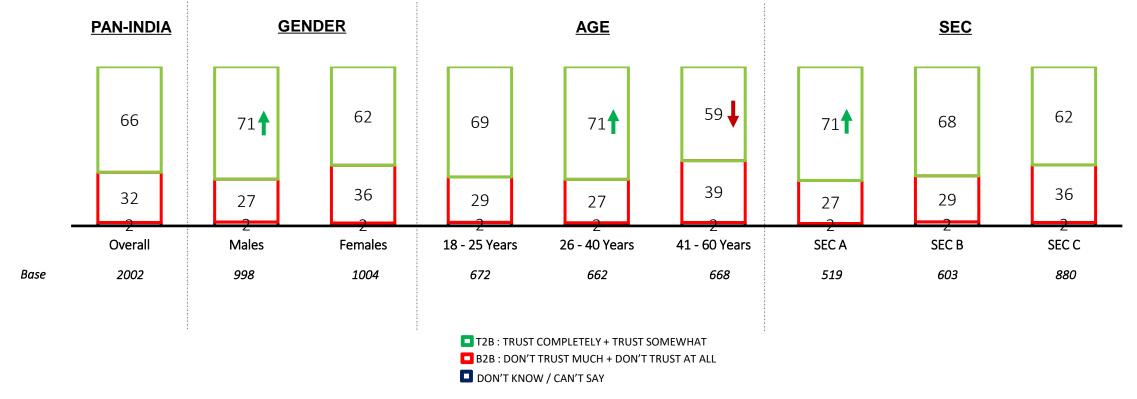
these forms of advertising? [SA]





TRUST IN ADS BEFORE MOVIES IN CINEMA HALLS

- Trust is significantly higher among Males, 26-40 YO and SEC A respondents towards ad shown before movies in cinema halls \rightarrow its probably due to they form a larger part of cinema audience
- On the other hand, older respondents (41-60 YO) are not trusting ads shown before movies in cinema halls



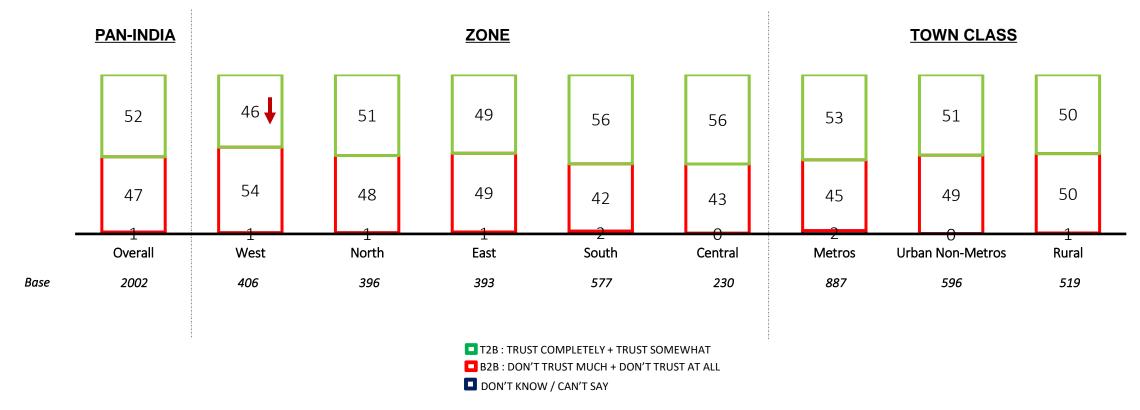
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TRUST IN TEXT ADS ON MOBILE PHONES (SMS)

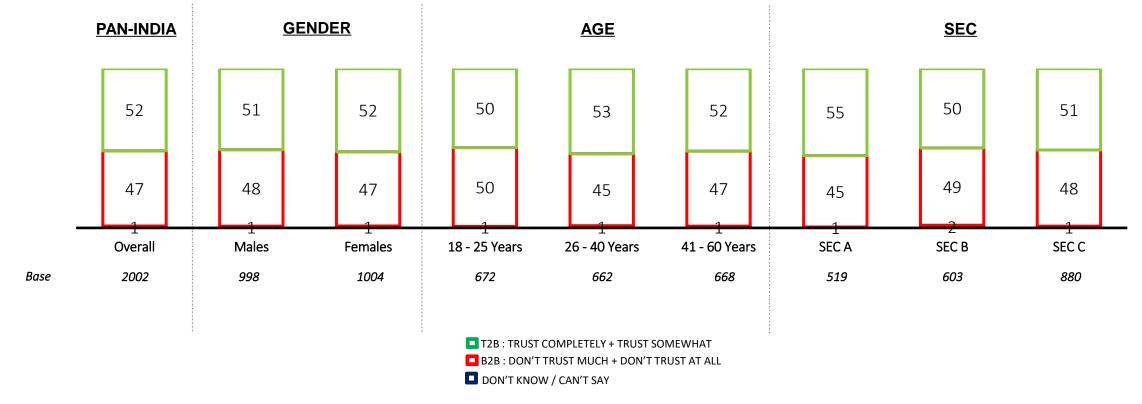
• Only ~50% of the respondents are trusting ads on mobile phones (SMS) and it is significantly lower in West region





TRUST IN TEXT ADS ON MOBILE PHONES (SMS)

• Trust levels in text ads on Mobile Phones amongst Males & Females, different age group of people and Socioeconomic Class is more or less in-line with the Pan-India average





SECTION 4.1

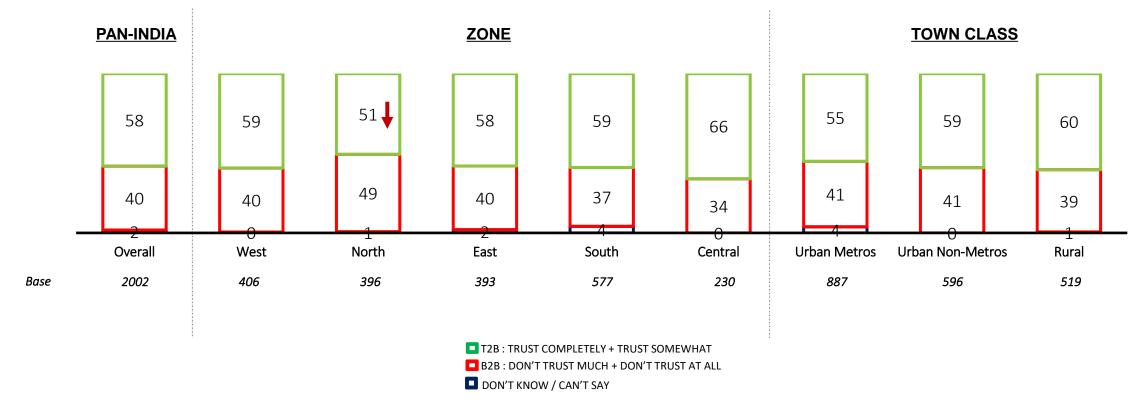
LET'S DEEP DIVE INTO TRUST IN ADVERTSING BY INDUSTRY TYPES ...



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TRUST IN REAL ESTATE ADVERTISING

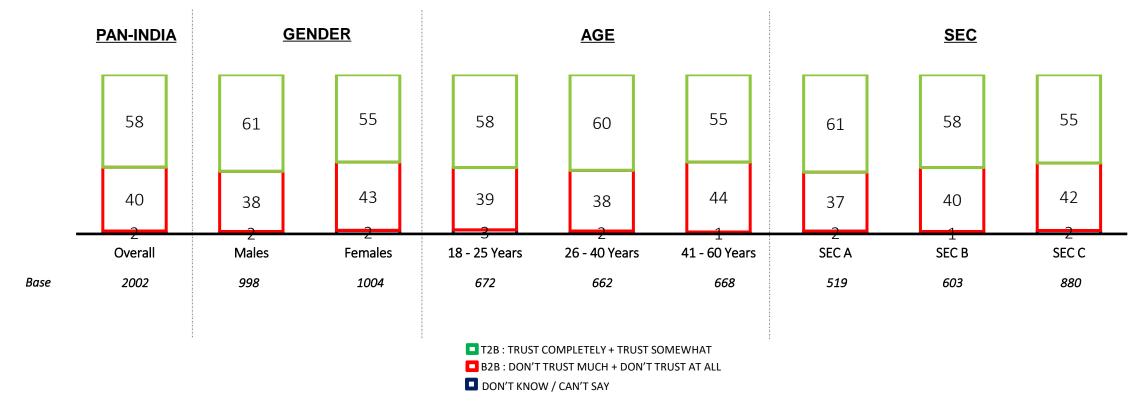
- Only 6 in every 10 respondents are trusting real estate ads. Positively, slightly higher trust in Central region
- Worth noting, distrust levels are high in North residents towards real estate sector ads





TRUST IN REAL ESTATE ADVERTISING

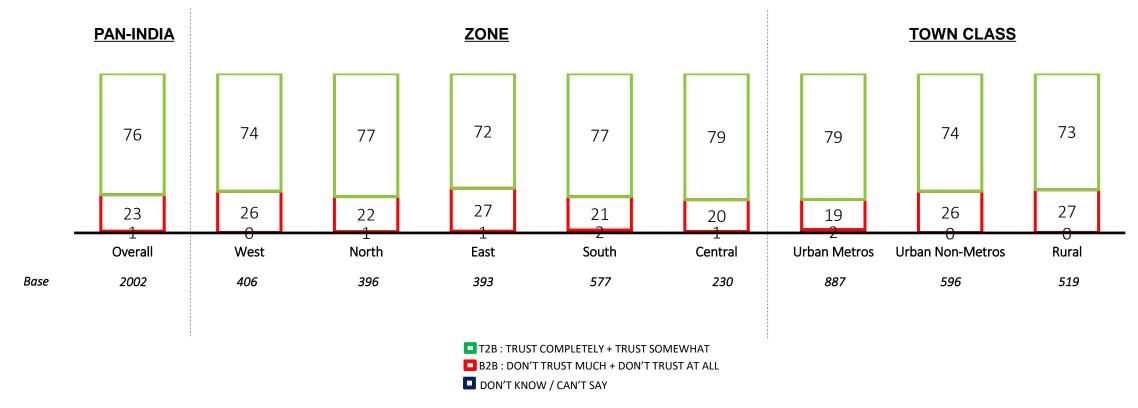
• The trust in Real estate advertising across gender, different age groups and Socioeconomic class of people is more or less consistent





TRUST IN E-COMMERCE SITES/APPS ADVERTISING

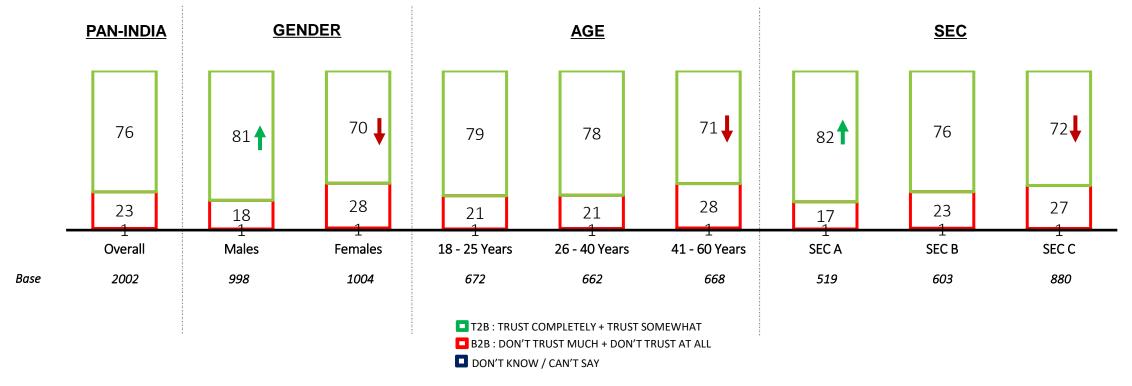
- E-com ads have grabbed noteworthy trust probably due to the boom in this sector
- The trust in Ecommerce sites/apps advertising across all the zone, town class people are same.





TRUST IN E-COMMERCE SITES/APPS ADVERTISING

- Males trust E-com sites/apps advertising significantly more than females. Even SEC A respondents are showing considerable trust probably they are the potential user of E-com sites/apps
- Understandably, 41-60 YO and SEC C have shown significantly lower trust in E-com ads \rightarrow probably led by lesser adoption of E-com sites in a said group



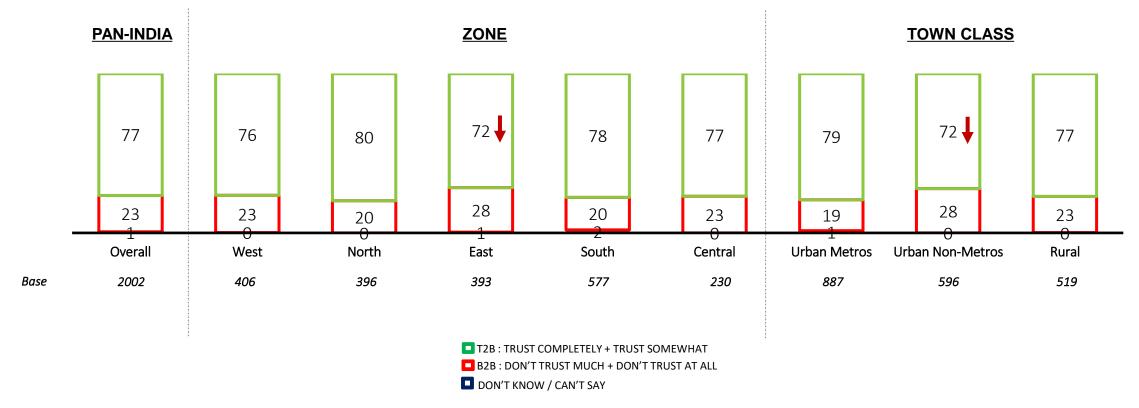
trust the advertisements by these industry types? [SA]

Q: Now I will read out certain industry types one by one. Do let me know to what extent do you



TRUST IN BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES ADVERTISING (BFSI)

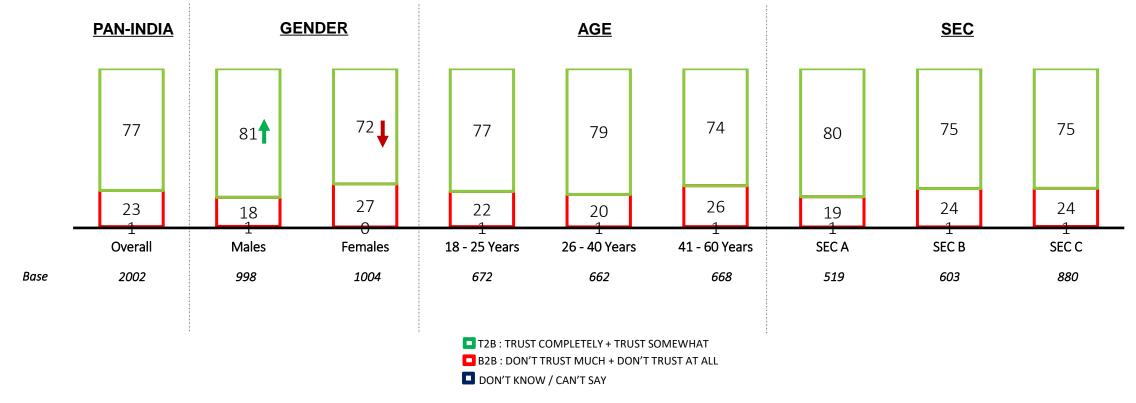
- For BFSI, ~80% of respondents trust ads from BFSI sector which is one of the highest compared to other industries
- However, East region and Urban non-metros are exhibiting significantly lower trust for ads from BFSI sector





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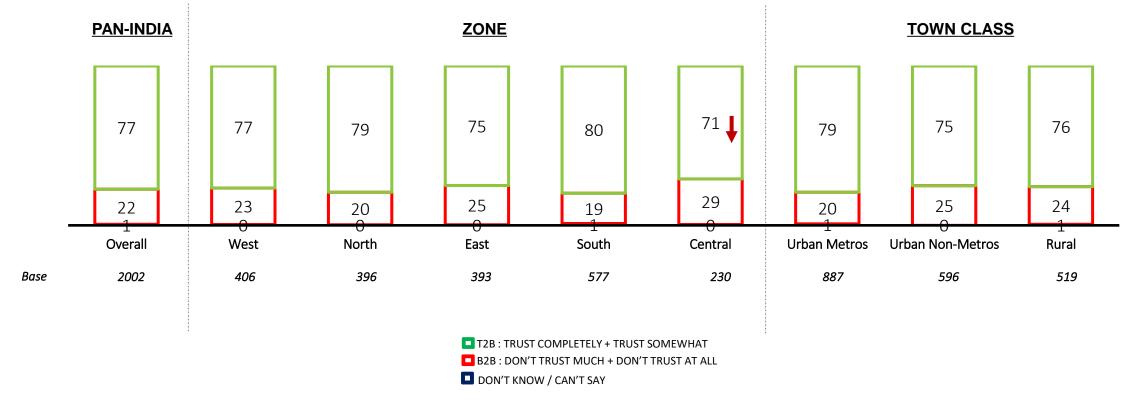
- Males trust Banking & Financial services advertising significantly higher than females
- The trust in Banking & Financial services advertising across different age groups and Socioeconomic class of people is same





TRUST IN HEALTH PRODUCT AND SERVICES ADVERTISING

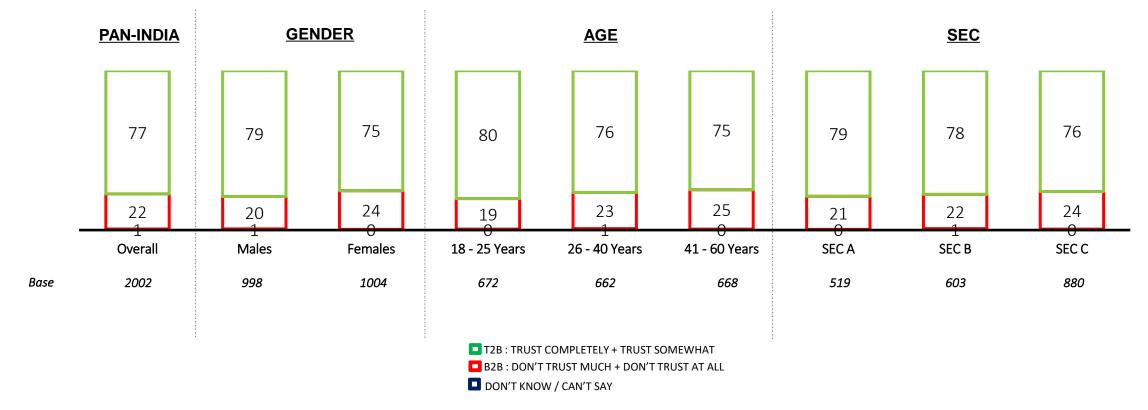
- Even, for health care industry ads, trust levels (77%) are one of the highest compared to other industries
- Nonetheless, Central region depicts lower trust towards health care industry ads





TRUST IN HEALTH PRODUCT AND SERVICES ADVERTISING

• The trust in Health Products and Services across Males & Females, Age group of people and Socioeconomic Class is more or less in line with the National Average

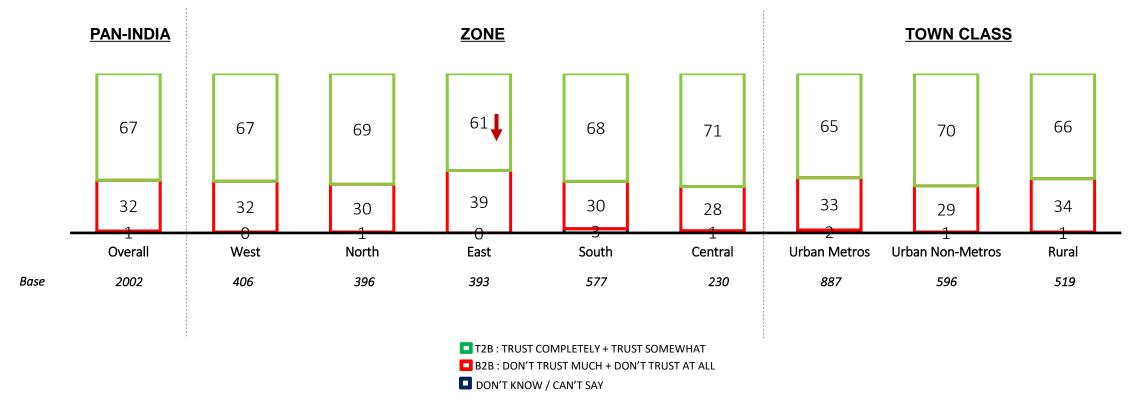




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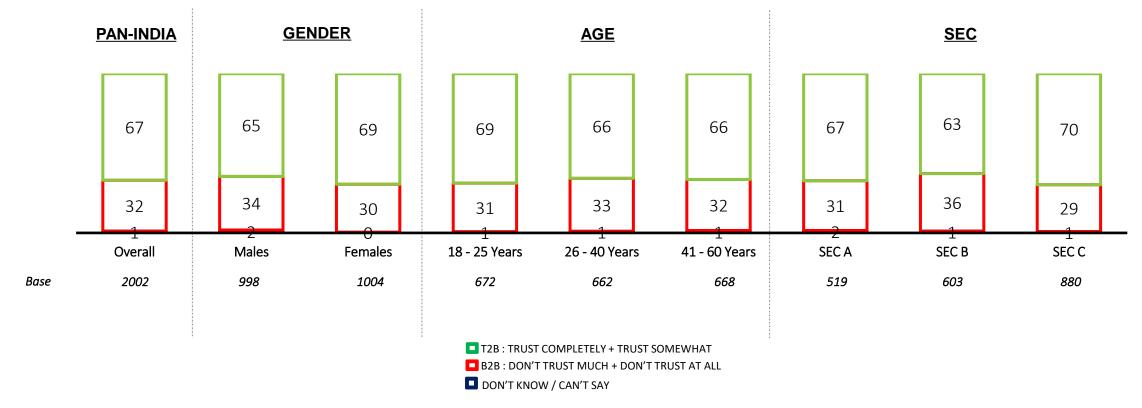
- Almost 2/3rd are trusting ads on cosmetic products and services
- Having said that, East region is bit of challenge when it comes to trust in ad on cosmetic products and services





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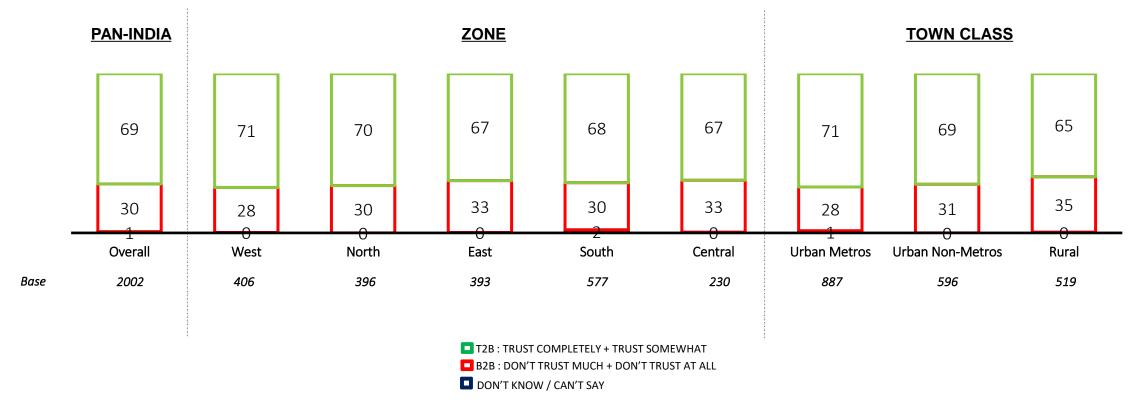
• The trust in Cosmetic Products & Services advertisements across Males & Females, Age group of people and Socioeconomic Class is more or less in line with the National Average





TRUST IN FOOD & BEVERAGES PRODUCTS ADVERTISING

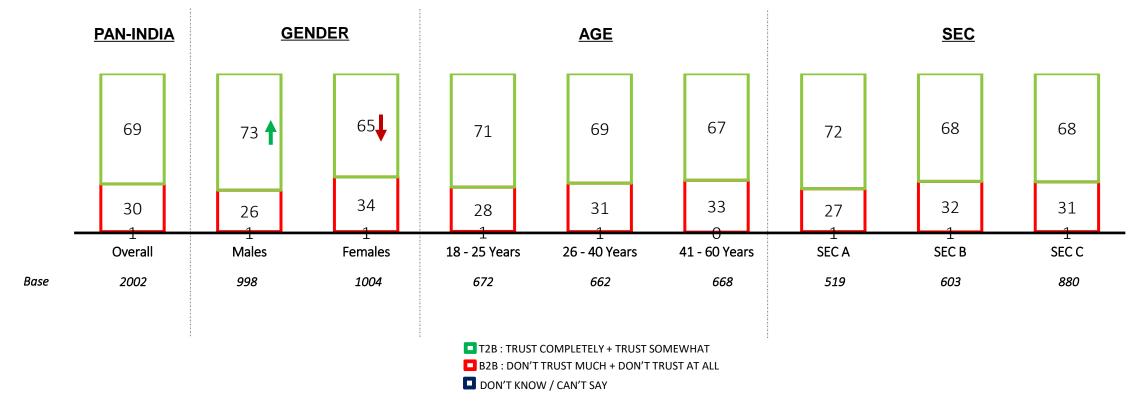
- 70% respondents garner trust in ads from Food and Beverage industry
- The trust in Food & Beverage Product advertisements across Zones and Town Class of Cities is more or less in line with the National Average





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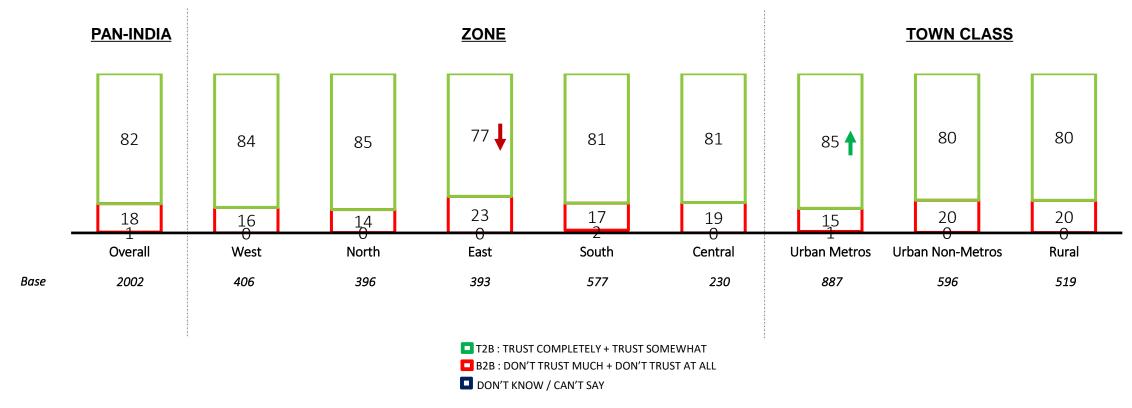
- Males trust Food & Beverages products advertising significantly more than females
- The trust in Food & Beverages products advertising across different age groups and Socioeconomic class of people is more or less consistent





TRUST IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES ADVERTISING

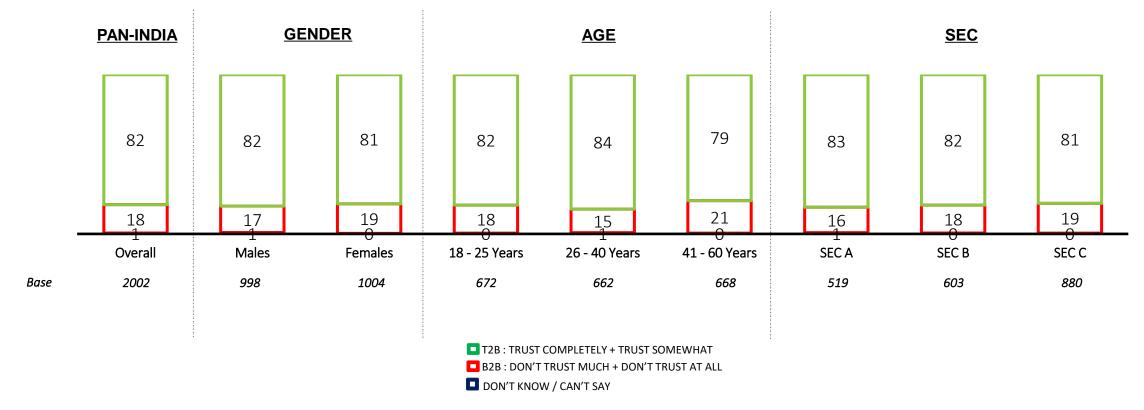
- Educational institutes have grabbed highest trust levels within the group of industries
- Urban Metros are driving scores for Educational institutes however, East continues to be the laggard in trusting ads from Educational sector





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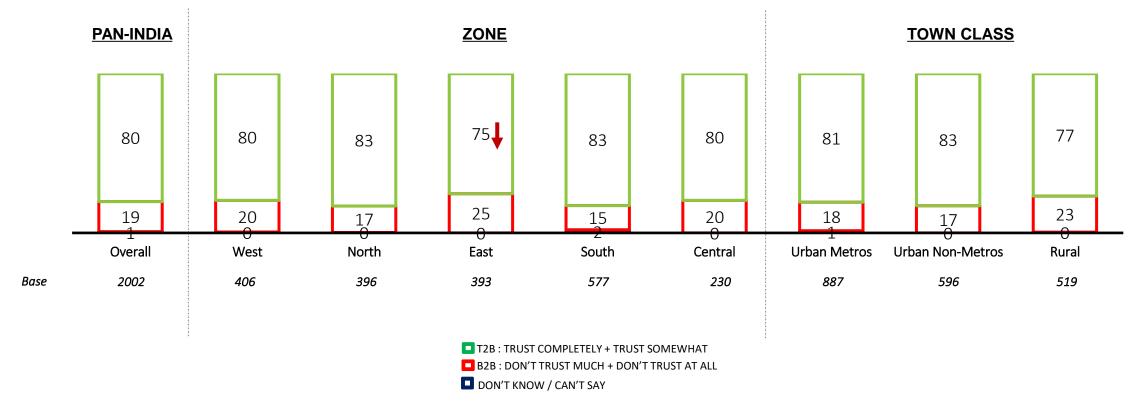
• The trust in Educational Institutions' advertisements across Males & Females, Age group of people and Socioeconomic Class is more or less in line with the National Average





TRUST IN HOME CARE PRODUCTS ADVERTISING

- Home care is also one of those sectors where trust levels are comparatively higher (80%)
- Here as well, East region continues to pull-down scores by showing significantly lower trust





TRUST IN HOME CARE PRODUCTS ADVERTISING

• The trust in Home Care Products' advertisements across Males & Females, Age group of people and Socioeconomic Class is more or less in line with the National Average

