

THE COX AUTOMOTIVE 2018 SERVICE INDUSTRY STUDY

CONSUMER SERVICE
EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH
PRESENTATION



About the Study...

WE INTERVIEWED

3,550 consumers that had at least 1 service visit in the past 12 months

404 employees of franchise dealers who have input into decisions on service operations



A technician in a grey and blue uniform is talking on a phone in a car service bay. The background shows other technicians and car parts.

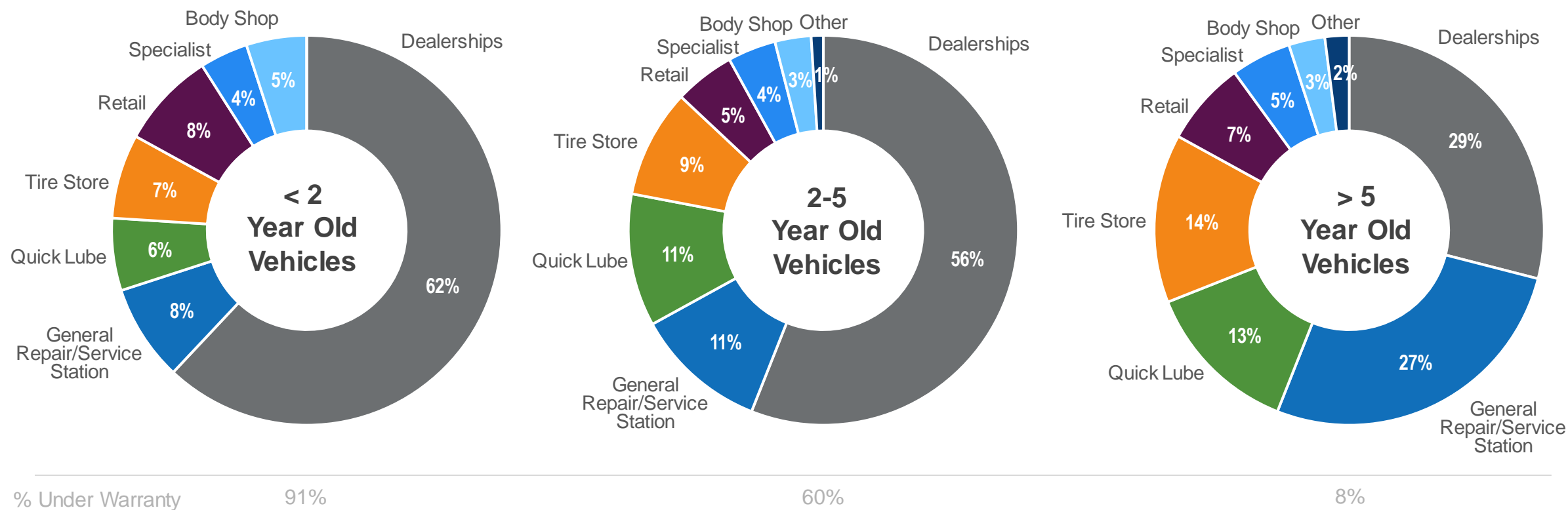
POSITIVE NEWS, NEGATIVE NEWS

DEALERS LEAD IN SHARE
OF SERVICE VISITS AND
THEIR LEAD IS GROWING

HOWEVER...
DEALERS STILL ONLY CAPTURE
1 IN 3 SERVICE VISITS

Dealership Usage Declines as Vehicles Age

SHARE OF SERVICE VISITS BY VEHICLE AGE (AMONG THOSE WHO PURCHASED FROM A DEALERSHIP)



Dealers Struggle with Retention



70%

of consumers who purchased or leased from a dealer did not return for service in the past year

Lack of Retention Costs Franchise Dealers...

\$266B

annual lost revenue
across all franchise dealers¹

\$15.9M

annual lost revenue
per franchise dealer²



¹estimate based on revenue calculations from NADA Data 2017: Annual Report and the 2018 Cox Automotive Service Industry Study.

² Based on an estimated 16,800 franchise dealers in the United States

Fixed Ops is Critical to Retaining Customers for Future Vehicle Sales

LIKELY TO RETURN TO DEALER OF PURCHASE FOR NEXT VEHICLE

74% — vs — **35%**

of those who
RETURNED
for service within the
past 12 months

of those who
DID NOT return for
service within the
past 12 months

Cost and Location Being the Top Barriers to Retention

TOP REASONS TO NOT USE DEALER OF PURCHASE FOR SERVICE

Total cost is **NOT** reasonable
NOT a convenient location
They will overcharge me
Unreasonable labor charges
Unreasonable parts charges



Enhanced Service Experience Can Overcome Barriers

IF THE PROVIDER OFFERED ANY ENHANCEMENTS

ENHANCEMENTS:

Request service
visit add-ons online

Review/approve
estimates
electronically

Ride-sharing
services provided

Valet service

Guaranteed
loaner vehicle

Minimal-click
scheduling via
mobile device

Video or pictures of
recommended
service

Online bill pay

In-lane bill pay
via mobile device

60%

of consumers are more willing to
travel further for service

54%

of consumers are willing
to pay more for service

Dealers Agree that the Service Experience is a Critical Focus Now and in the Future

NOW...

97%

of dealers agree that the customer's experience in the service department is very important to their dealership

FUTURE...

96%

of dealers agree that improving the customer's experience in the service department is an important focus moving forward

Dealers Think They Have Already Made Progress

71%

of **dealers** think their service
experience has improved

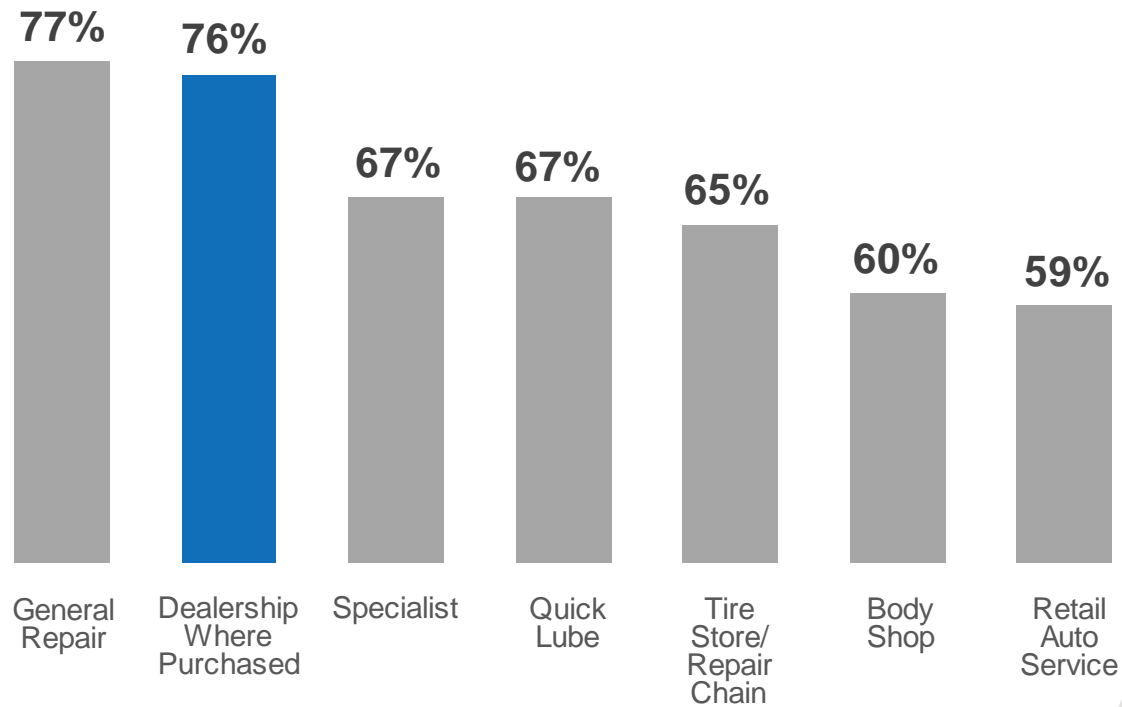
TOP REASONS WHY

Better staff
Improved customer service
Better employee training



Dealership Experience Remains at Parity with General Repair

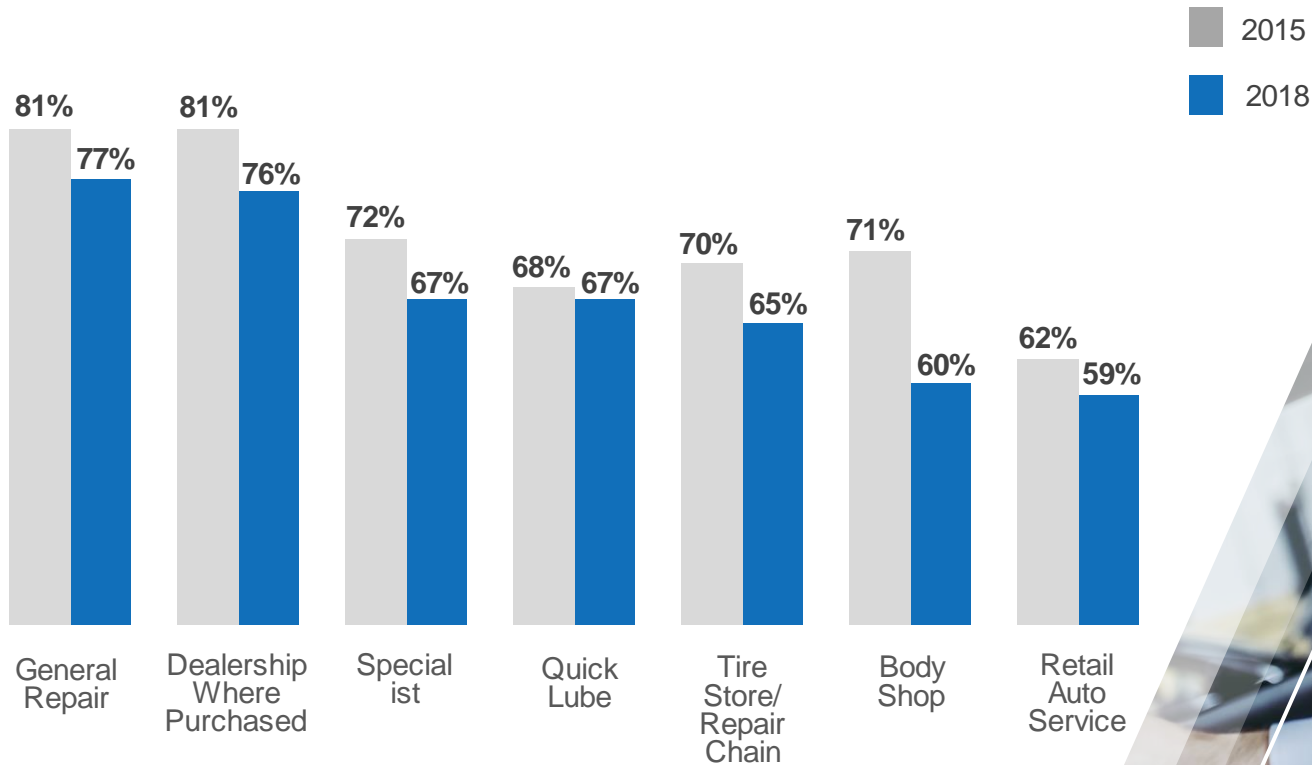
**% OF CONSUMERS WHO ARE
VERY SATISFIED & EXTREMELY LOYAL**
(AMONG THOSE WHO VISITED EACH PROVIDER)



Source: 2018 Cox Automotive Service Industry Study

Consumer Satisfaction and Loyalty Have Dropped Across All Providers

% OF CONSUMERS WHO ARE VERY SATISFIED & EXTREMELY LOYAL (AMONG THOSE WHO VISITED EACH PROVIDER)



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Millennials Are the Most Dissatisfied with the Current Experience

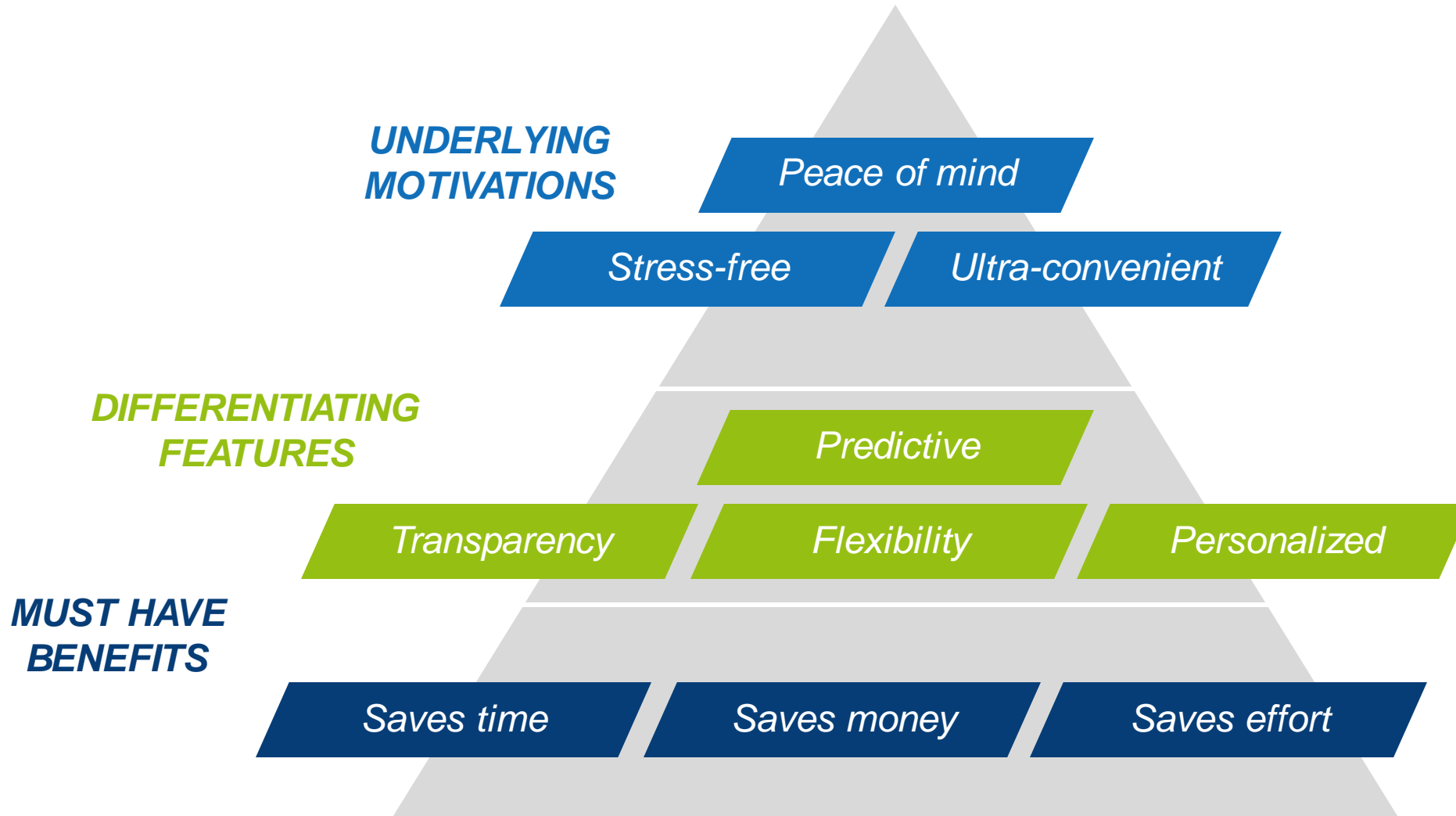
**% OF CONSUMERS WHO ARE DISSATISFIED
& PROBABLY NOT RETURNING**
(ACROSS ALL PROVIDERS)

25%
of millennials

14% of gen x **8%** of baby boomers



Service Needs Hierarchy: Consumers Ultimately Want Ease



5 Key Service Opportunities Based on Consumer Needs



ENABLE EASE OF MAINTENANCE



PROVIDE PRICE TRANSPARENCY



**UPGRADE OFFLINE SERVICES TO
ONLINE FEATURES**



CLOSE THE DISTANCE GAP



SERVICE VALUATION ANALYSIS





EASE OF MAINTENANCE

Maintenance is First to Mind When Consumers Think of Ownership

clean milage Rewarding
style speed **Comfort** looking
Safety **Reliability** pride
Zoom **Maintenance** Quality
Gas deal **Exciting** Luxury
Insurance **Space** Love **Fun**
time appearance **Freedom** Necessary **Pride** Easy



Source: KBB Ownership Study

Consumers Less Proactive With Maintenance as Their Vehicle Ages

53%

of consumers who purchased their vehicle NEW always get their vehicle serviced according to manufacturer guidelines



75%

< 2 year old vehicles



64%

2-5 year old vehicles



43%

> 5 year old vehicles

Most Vehicles Visited a Provider in 2018 for Maintenance at Least Once

82%

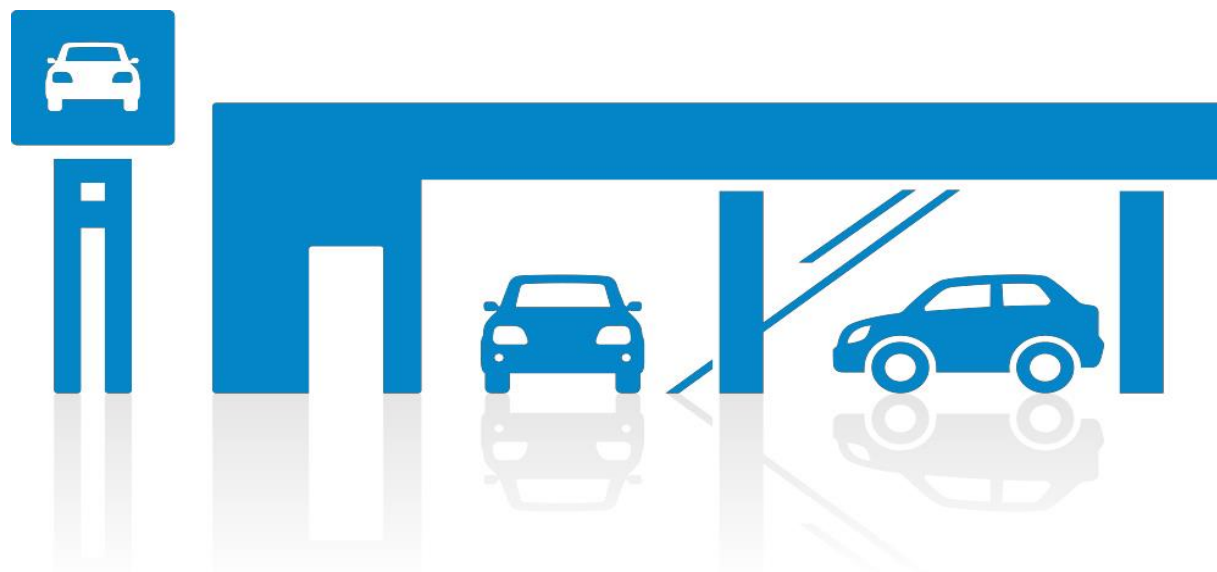
of registered vehicles were serviced in the past 12 months by a third party

% OF VISITS THAT INCLUDED...

Maintenance
85%

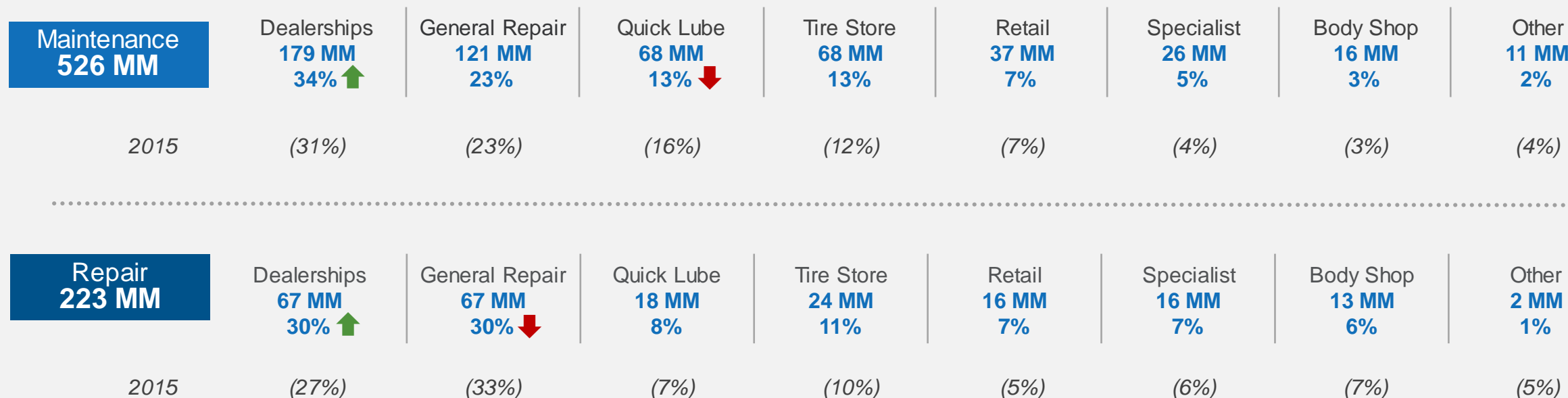
Repair
36%

Enhancement
7%



Dealers Improve Lead in Maintenance Visits But Still More Room to Grow

SHARE OF VISITS BY TYPE OF SERVICE



Indicates a significant difference from previous time period at the 95% confidence level
() = 2015

Consumers Visit Dealers for Maintenance Because of Their Connection to the Customer and Vehicle

TOP REASONS CONSUMERS PREFER PROVIDER FOR MAINTENANCE

DEALERSHIP

They know my vehicle

Prior experience

They know me

GENERAL REPAIR

Cost / Price

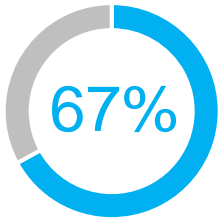
Prior experience

Convenient location



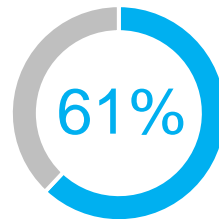
Many Consumers Want the Dealer Website to be Their Primary Touchpoint for Maintenance

DEALER WEBSITE FEATURES CONSUMERS FEEL ARE IMPORTANT TO IMPROVE THEIR EXPERIENCE



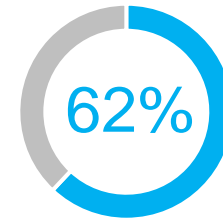
of consumers want to **track service history** via the dealer website

18% of dealers have feature



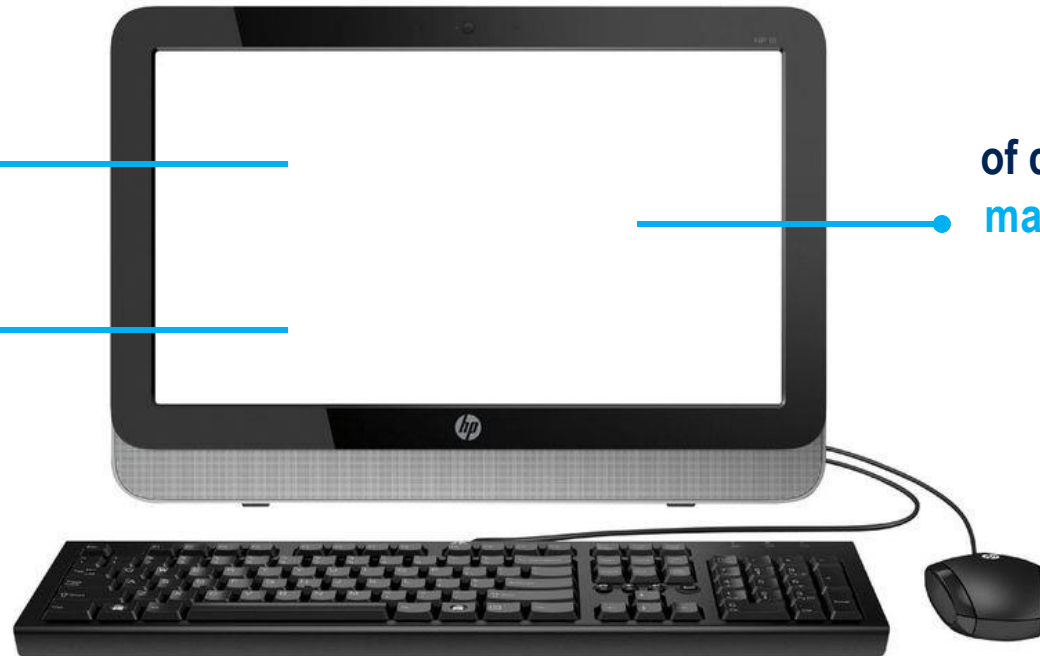
of consumers want **recall updates & service reminders** via the dealer website

18% of dealers have feature



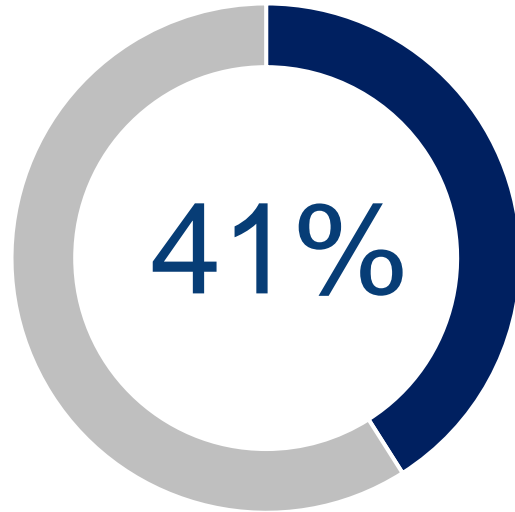
of consumers want to view **OEM maintenance recommendations** via the dealer website

50% of dealers have feature



2 in 5 Consumers Want an Ongoing, Remote Connection to the Dealer

% OF CONSUMERS INTERESTED



**remote monitoring of vehicle health &
predicting part replacement**

13% of dealers currently offer
21% of dealers considering it





PROVIDE PRICE TRANSPARENCY

The Internet is Becoming a Resource for Information on Service

**35% OF CONSUMERS USED THE INTERNET
FOR A SERVICE RELATED ACTIVITY**

57% Gen Z

52% Millennials

33% Gen X

25% Boomers



Source: 2018 Cox Automotive Service Industry Study

Pricing Research Top Online Activity Across All Generations

TOP 5 ONLINE ACTIVITIES BY GENERATION



GEN Z

1. Research a specific problem
2. Find approximate price ranges
3. Find a telephone number
4. Compare prices of multiple companies
5. Find hours of operation

MILLENNIALS

1. Research a specific problem
2. Find hours of operation
3. Find a telephone number
4. Find approximate price ranges
5. Find how-to videos

GEN X

1. Research a specific problem
2. Schedule an appointment
3. Find hours of operation
4. Find coupons
5. Find approximate price ranges

BOOMERS

1. Research a specific problem
2. Schedule an appointment
3. Find hours of operation
4. Find a telephone number
5. Find approximate price ranges

Value Surpasses Quality as Most Important When Selecting Providers

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT WHEN CONSIDERING SERVICE PROVIDERS?

2015



Quality



Value



Trust



Convenience

2018



Value



Quality



Convenience



Trust

TOP VALUE ATTRIBUTES:

They won't overcharge me

Total cost is reasonable

Provides total cost upfront

Price Transparency is a Top Consumer Frustration

#1 Service took longer than expected

#2 Tried to push additional services

#3 Had an appointment but waited in line

#4 Finding out how much they charge

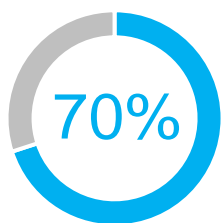
#5 Did not provide a loaner vehicle



Source: 2018 Cox Automotive Service Industry Study

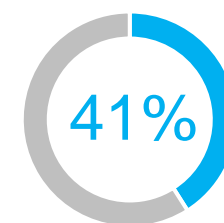
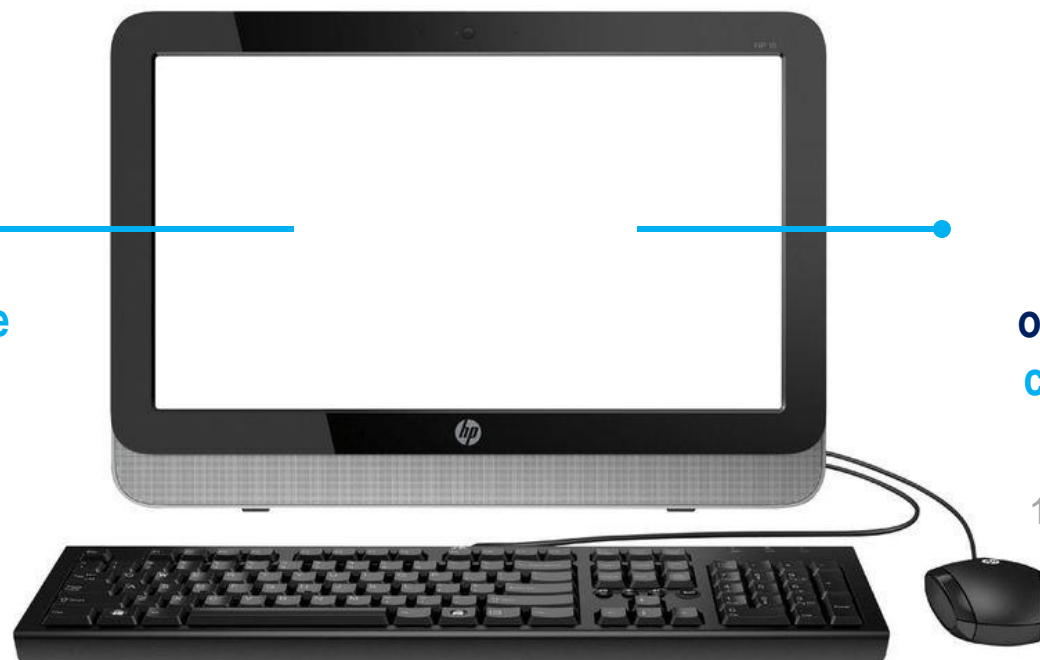
Consumers Want Price Transparency Earlier in the Experience

CONSUMER INTEREST IN WEBSITE FEATURE OR CONCEPT



of consumers want to **view price ranges for various services via dealer site**

43% of dealers have feature



of consumers want a **website comparing prices for nearby service departments**

17% of dealers currently offer

A Dealer Can Create a Competitive Advantage By Providing Price Transparency

55%

of **consumers** would chose one dealership for service over another if it provided online estimates of service costs

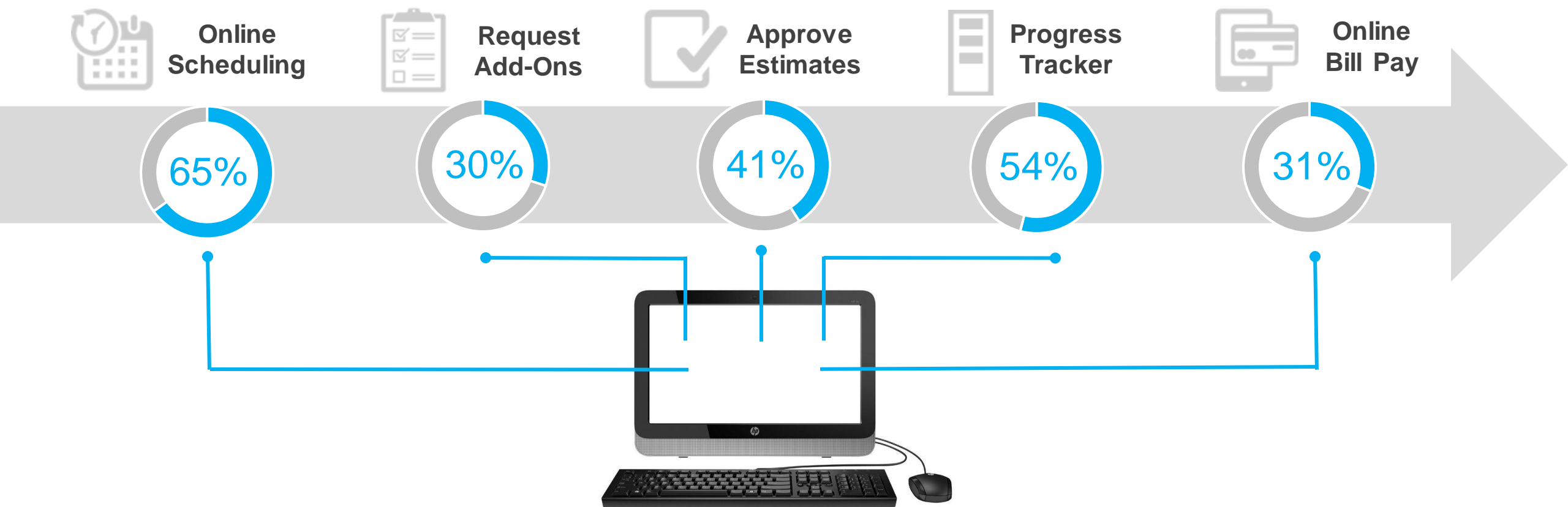




UPGRADE OFFLINE SERVICES TO ONLINE FEATURES

Consumers Feel Moving Steps Online Will Improve Experience – Especially Online Scheduling

CONSUMER INTEREST IN WEBSITE FEATURE OR CONCEPT

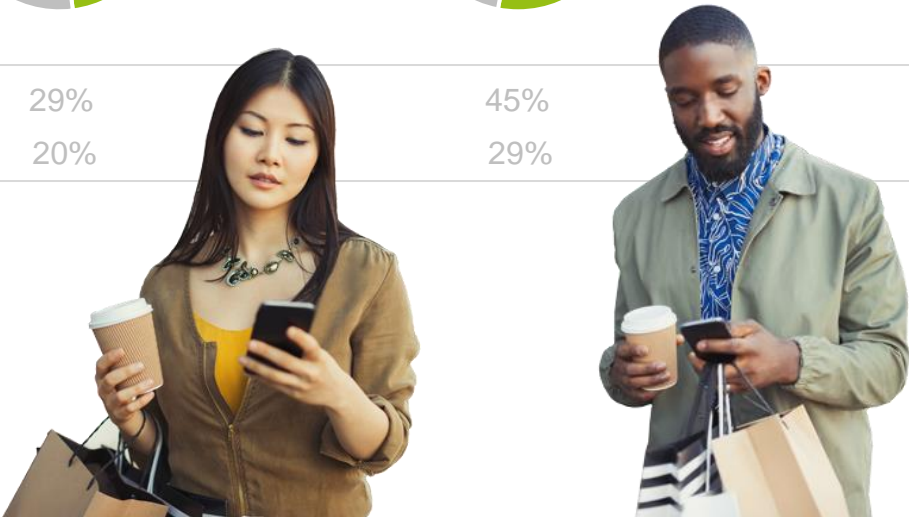


Online Experiences Are Particularly Appealing to Younger Generations

% OF GEN Z / MILLENNIALS INTERESTED IN WEBSITE FEATURE OR CONCEPT



GEN X	65%	29%	45%	56%	35%
BOOMER	61%	20%	29%	45%	16%



2 in 5 Gen Z / Millennials Find Mobile Features Appealing

GEN Z / MILLENNIAL INTEREST IN MOBILE FEATURES

45% Minimal-click scheduling
via mobile device

43% Receiving pictures
or videos of
recommended services

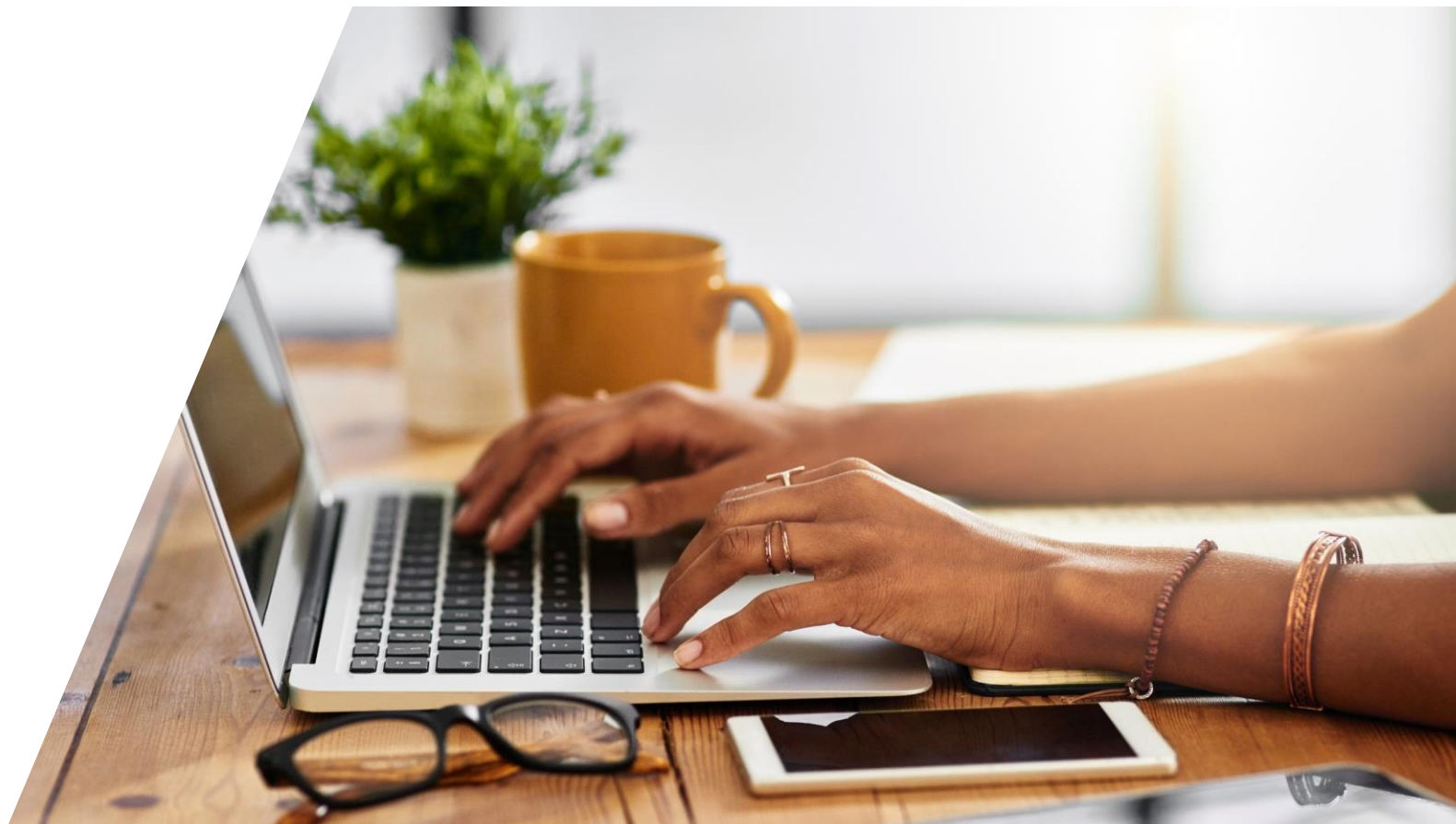
39% In-lane bill pay
via mobile device



A Dealer Can Create a Competitive Advantage By Simply Moving Scheduling Online

56%

of **consumers** would chose one dealership for service over another if it allowed them to schedule a service appointment online



Scheduling Remains Primarily an Offline Activity Due to Continued Low Awareness

ONLINE

AMONG THOSE WHO DO
NOT SCHEDULE ONLINE

91%

of dealers have a scheduling
feature on their website

21%

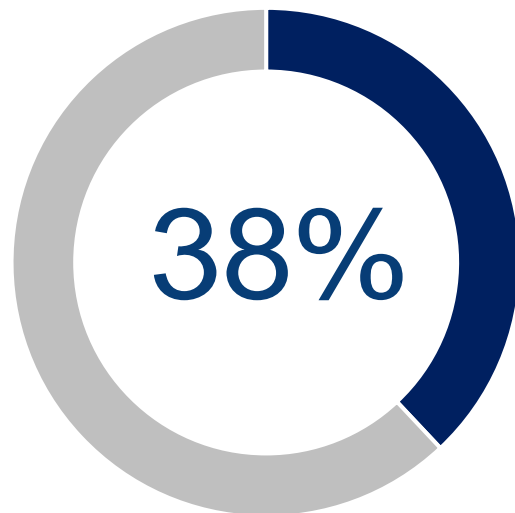
of dealership service
visits that were scheduled
via the dealer website

35%

are aware their service provider
offers online scheduling

2 in 5 Consumers Want the Dealer to Have a More Proactive Role in Scheduling Services

% OF CONSUMERS INTERESTED



**availability alerts
from dealership**

21% of dealers currently offer



Time Spent at the Dealership is the Top Consumer Frustration

#1 Service took longer than expected

#2 Tried to push additional services

#3 Had an appointment but waited in line

#4 Finding out how much they charge

#5 Did not provide a loaner vehicle

Source: 2018 Cox Automotive Service Industry Study



Consumers Who Are Most Satisfied Spend 2.5 Hours or Less at the Dealer for Service

CONSUMER TIME SPENT (HOURS)

Very satisfied,
I'll always go to them

2.4

Somewhat satisfied,
I might use in the future

3.0

Very dissatisfied,
I'll never go back

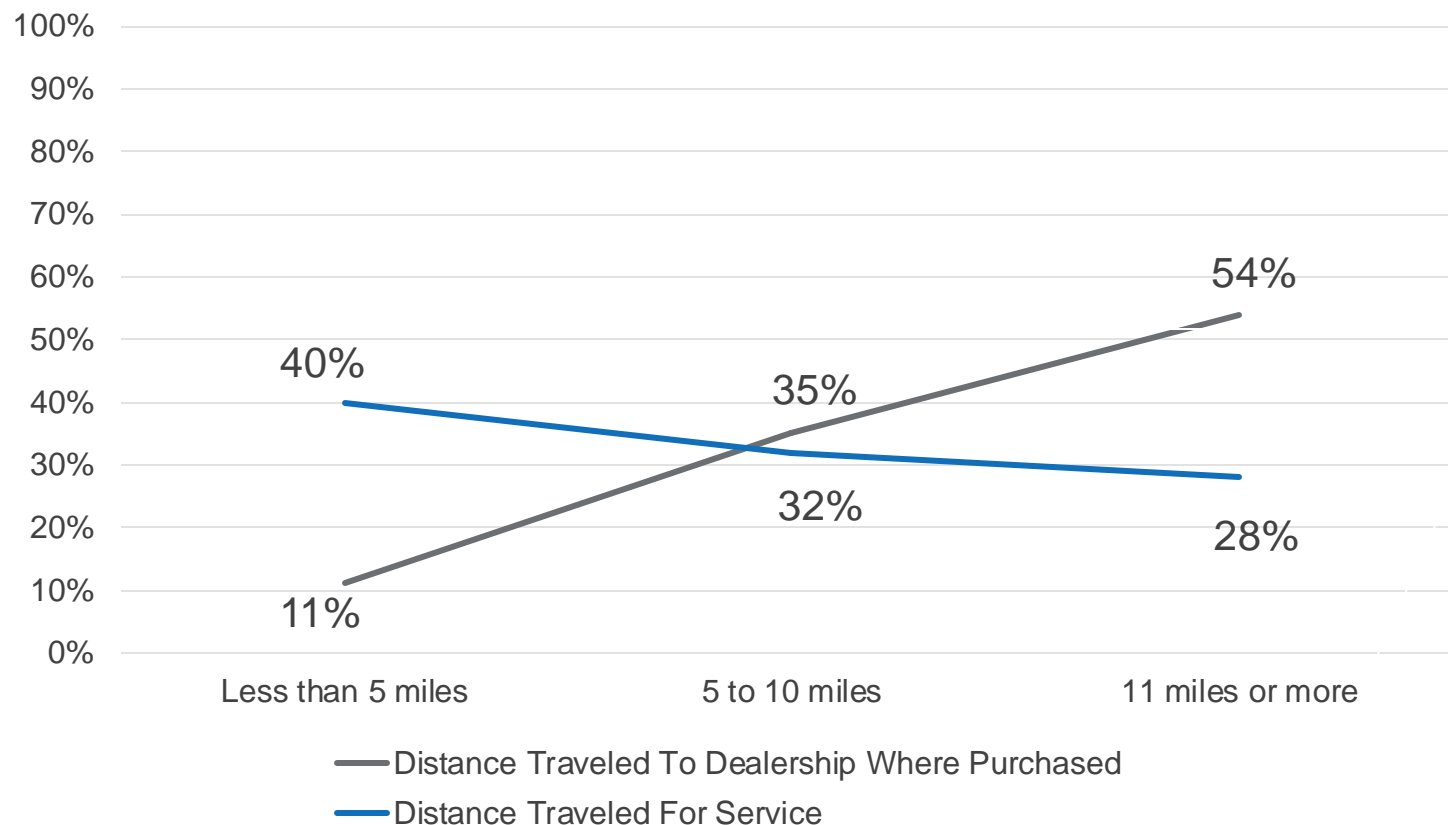
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CLOSE THE DISTANCE GAP

The “Dealer Of Purchase” Tends to be Farther Away Than Where Consumers Are Willing to Travel for Service

DISTANCE TRAVELED BY CONSUMERS



95%

of dealers have
service facility on the
same lot as dealership

Location Moving up as a Top Reason to Not Return to "Dealer of Purchase"

TOP REASONS TO NOT USE DEALER OF PURCHASE FOR SERVICE

2015

Total cost is NOT reasonable

They will overcharge me

Unreasonable labor charges

Unreasonable parts charges

NOT a convenient location

2018

Total cost is NOT reasonable

NOT a convenient location

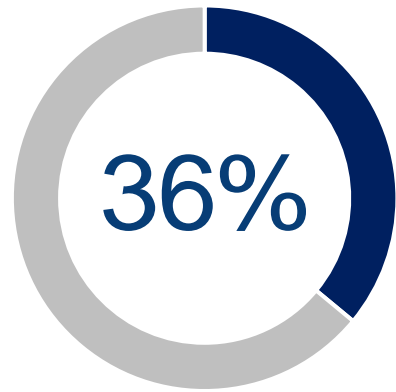
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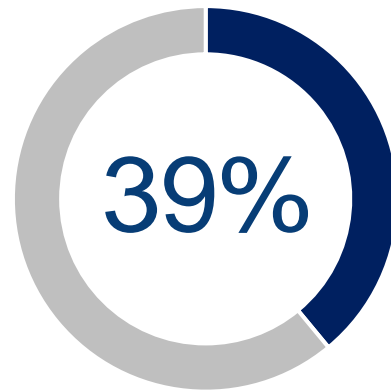
2 in 5 Consumers Interested in Service Mobility Concepts

% OF CONSUMERS INTERESTED



valet service

28% of dealers currently offer



mobile service providers

6% of dealers currently offer
14% of dealers considering it

Source: 2018 Cox Automotive Service Industry Study



Gen Z & Millennials Are Leading the Way in Interest for Service Mobility Concepts

GEN Z / MILLENNIAL INTEREST

45% valet
service

versus 36% total

50% mobile service
providers

versus 39% total





SERVICE VALUATION ANALYSIS

Negative Equity Hits All-Time High in 2018

The amount of money consumers are financing for a vehicle continues to rise

Higher loan amounts and rising interest rates outpace the ability for longer loan terms to maintain lower monthly payments

Longer loan terms continue to dominate the market



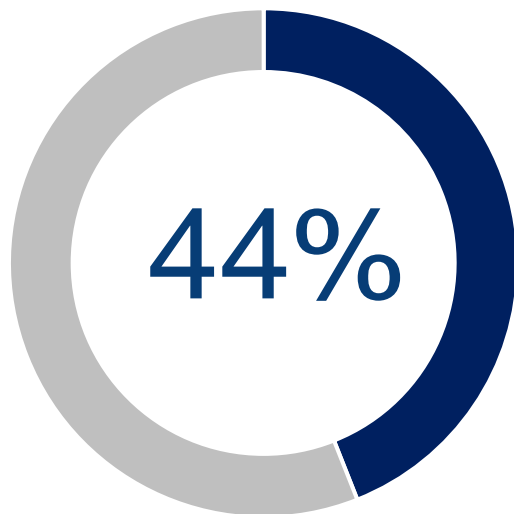
32%

of trade-ins by new vehicle buyers had negative equity

Source: Experian; Automotive News

2 in 5 Consumers Want to Understand the Relationship Between Services Needed and Vehicle Value

% OF CONSUMERS WHO FEEL THIS WEBSITE FEATURE IS IMPORTANT TO IMPROVE THEIR EXPERIENCE



**estimate impact of
service on vehicle value
via dealer site**

7% of dealers have feature



1 in 3 Consumers Are Interested In Getting a Trade-In Value During the Service Experience

32%

of **consumers** are interested in getting a trade-in value from their service provider during a service visit

44% of millennials

14%

of **consumers** say a service provider has shared the trade-in value of their vehicle with them during a service visit

24% of millennials

Dealers say 23% of trade-in value discussions lead to a follow-up discussion or completion of a trade-in

Gen Z & Millennials Are the Most Open to the Dealer Proactively Advising on Vehicle Equity

GEN Z / MILLENNIAL INTEREST

58% Estimate impact of service on vehicle value via dealer site

versus 44% total

41% Dealer helps get best return, advising when to trade-in

versus 28% total





Recap of Key Findings & Client Implications

Key Findings

Retention continues to be a challenge, but providing an enhanced experience can improve loyalty.

Dealers have increased investments in the service experience, but consumer satisfaction remains at parity with general repair shops.

The time is now to build improved experiences for future owners. Millennials are the most dissatisfied with the experience.

Consumers are motivated by an experience that is ultra-convenient and stress free.



5 Key Service Opportunities & Client Implications



ENABLE EASE OF MAINTENANCE

Provide proactive alerts & easy access to history



PROVIDE PRICE TRANSPARENCY

Enable pricing research online



UPGRADE OFFLINE SERVICES TO ONLINE FEATURES

Offer online tools for critical steps of the experience



CLOSE THE DISTANCE GAP

Offer pick-up/drop-off services & mobile service units



SERVICE VALUATION ANALYSIS

Communicate impact of services on vehicle value



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