10 reasons why you should ADVERTISE with COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

2011 Community Newspaper Readership Survey
Based on a nationwide telephone survey of adults in markets served by newspapers of 15,000 or less circulation, NNA examined the relationship between Main Street America and its newspapers.

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1. Community newspapers are read by a majority of the community.

74% of adults read community newspapers each week.

73% of those readers read most or all of their paper.

2. Most readers turn to their community newspaper for news before turning to other media.

- Community newspaper (51.8%)
- Television (13.2%)
- Radio and Internet (13%)
- Other (22%)
Community newspaper readers spend considerable time with their papers

38.95 minutes
average amount of time readers spend with their newspapers

67 percent subscribe to their community newspaper
The other 33 percent buy it from a newsrack or store

Readers rate the quality of writing in community newspapers very high

19% said excellent
48% said good
26% said fair
7% said poor
5 Community newspaper readers trust their newspaper

[My local newspaper] is a newspaper that I trust more than other sources of news

- Describes well: 21%
- Doesn’t describe: 9%

6 Community newspaper readers find their newspaper easy to use

[My local newspaper] is very well organized and easy to get through

- Describes well: 39%
- Doesn’t describe: 2%
Community newspapers connect with their readers

[My local newspaper] has stories for people with my particular interests

- Describes well: 21%
- Doesn’t describe: 5%

Community newspapers understand their readers

[My local newspaper] really understands the things that are of special interest & importance to people who live in the area

- Describes well: 35%
- Doesn’t describe: 4%
Community newspaper readers rely on newspaper advertising inserts

...I often use newspaper advertising inserts to help me make purchasing decisions

- Strongly or Somewhat Agree: 66%
Community newspaper readers prefer newspaper, not TV or Internet, ads

...I’d rather look through the ads in the newspaper than watch advertisements on TV

- Strongly or Somewhat Agree
- 79%

...I’d rather look through the ads in the newspaper than view advertisements on the Internet

- Strongly or Somewhat Agree
- 80%