TRAVEL NEVADA MARKETING COMMITTEE UPDATE

February 10, 2021



MARKETING COMMITTEE - Update



TRAVEL NEVADA

- Consumer-facing name of the Nevada Division of Tourism, which operates within the Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.
- Mission: Effectively promote statewide tourism to enhance the economic vitality of the state
- Vision: Vibrant quality of life for all Nevadans
- Manages statewide tourism efforts through consistent brand integrity.
- Provides communities and businesses with development resources, training, and grant assistance that help bolster local economic bases and diversify regional economies.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

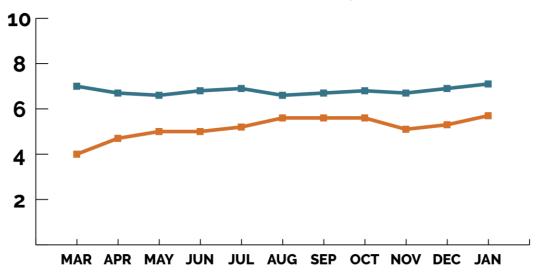
- Serves in an advisory capacity
 - Bridges communication between the Travel Nevada marketing department and the Commission on Tourism.
 - Provides a quarterly update to the Commission on Tourism on metrics identified as best represent.
- Collaborates as a working group
 - Delivers communication from individual perspectives and generates ideas.
 - Discusses overall strategic direction on marketing initiatives.

QUARTERLY REPORT—State of the Industry



TRAVEL SENTIMENT

Source: Destination Analysts



Personal concern about contracting virus
(0 = Not at all concerned; 10 = Extremely concerned)

Excitement to take a weekend getaway in next month (0 = Not at all excited; 10 = Extremely excited)

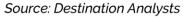
What is the current appetite for travel consideration?

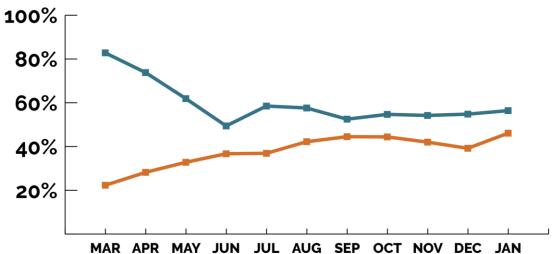
- Information on sentiment is reported weekly.
- Measures concerns surrounding travel intent during the virus, future planning, and activity interest/safety importance.
- Provided quarterly, this will inform on the overall willingness to travel and where we may be most competitive in the marketplace.
- As we continue to monitor, we are looking for concern of contracting the virus to lower and metrics around trip planning/intent to increase.

QUARTERLY REPORT—State of the Industry



TRAVEL CONFIDENCE





I'm planning to avoid all travel until the coronavirus situation blows over

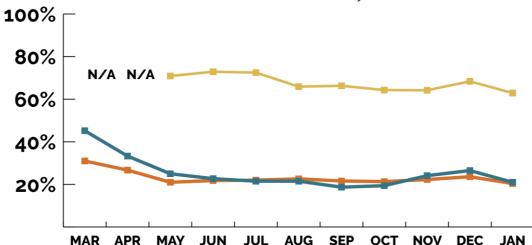
(% agree or strongly agree)

I feel comfortable going out in my community to restaurants, local attractions, and undertaking local activities
(% agree or strongly agree)

TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

At this moment, how safe would you feel doing each type of travel activity (% somewhat unsafe or very unsafe)

Source: Destination Analysts



Going to a casino

Non-team outdoor activity (biking, hiking, etc.)

____ Taking a road trip

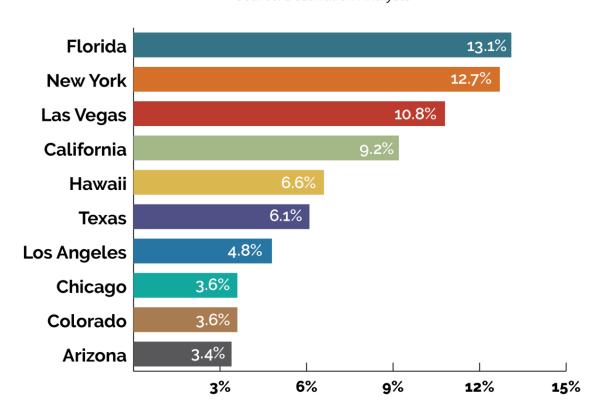
QUARTERLY REPORT—State of the Industry



DESIRED DESTINATIONS

Which domestic destinations do you want to visit this upcoming year?

Source: Destination Analysts



As people do begin to travel more widely, we will monitor their intent to stay **competitive** in the marketplace.

This data shows both **city and states** that have vastly different offerings, but we note that **Las Vegas** is in the **top three** in the consideration set.

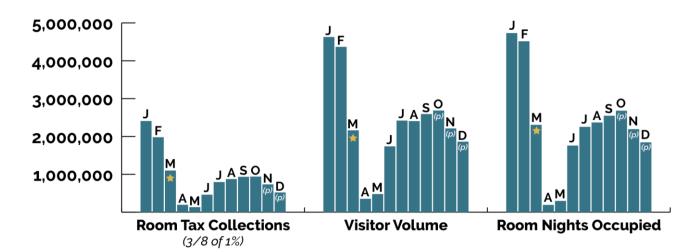
Staff will continue to monitor comprehensive competitor information that may be proprietary in nature. High-level data will be provided on a quarterly basis.

QUARTERLY REPORT—State of the State



MONTHLY REPORT DATA

January thru December 2020



Room tax collections (directly impacts our budget)

Visitor volume (economic impact)

Room nights occupied (percentage of total inventory)

We began to see an upward trend, after closures in the spring.

Unfortunately, the projected drop in November continued into December to account for the lowest month since reopenings in June.

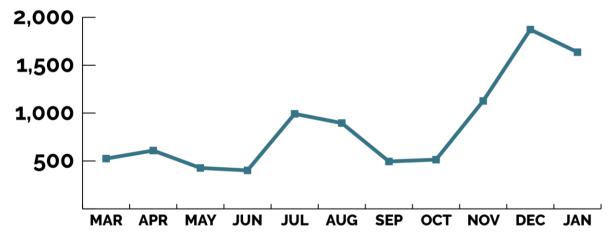
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NEVADA COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS

Daily Average





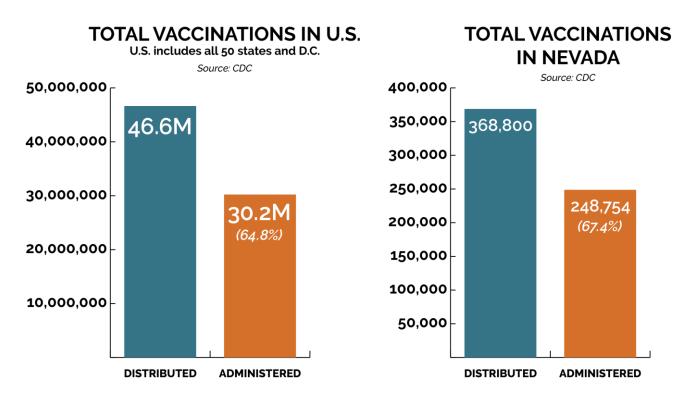
Nevada COVID-19 hospitalizations have been tethered to state restrictions and the ability and desire for consumers to **travel safely**.

As hospitalizations increase, so do restrictions, and subsequently, we see a **drop in room nights, visitor volume, and general traveler confidence**.

As the **vaccine rollout** continues, we hope to see **progressive improvement** across COVID-19 health metrics.

QUARTERLY REPORT—State of the State





Nevada's rank for % of shots administered (out of all 50 states plus D.C)

22

Vaccination data shown as of 2/1/21.

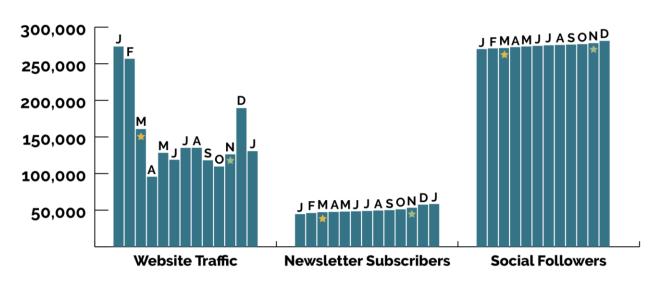
These numbers will be monitored regularly by staff. The quarterly report will be less relevant, as we hope vaccine administration will be swift.

Moving forward, this is a **strong metric** to gauge **traveler confidence**.

Key markets will also be monitored, as we determine our **media buys**.



JAN 2020-JAN 2021



- ★ Full paid media paused in March
- **★** In-State (DYN) paid media resumed in November

The Marketing Committee identified **key metrics** that are most **directly tied to marketing efforts**.

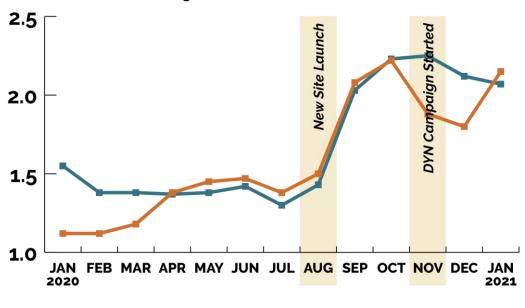
Supporting metrics are reviewed and updated frequently by staff.

While these performance measures can reflect organic efforts, smaller budgets will impact the most high-level data, so we will be looking at monthly and quarterly growth as well as engagement.



WEBSITE ENGAGEMENT

Average Session Duration in Minutes



Organic Traffic (Direct and Organic Search)

Sitewide Total

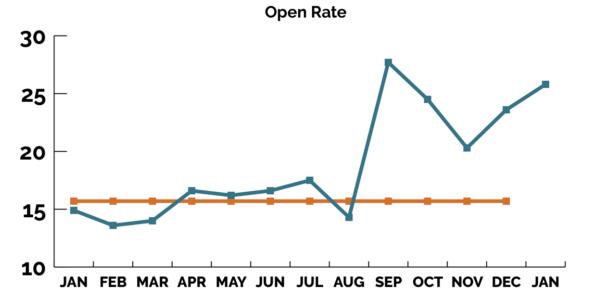
Engagement is a nuanced metric in that the rate tends to be higher for organic and direct traffic rather than from paid efforts, where users may be responding to a singular call-to-action. When paid efforts increase, although site traffic increases, time on site tends to decline.

The redesign of TravelNevada.com resulted in a large jump in overall engagement.

When **paid efforts** resumed, there was an **expected loss**, though the rate is noticeably higher than before the relaunch.



EMAIL ENGAGEMENT



2020 benchmark (per Campaign Monitor)

Our email audience has continued to **engage** well with our content.

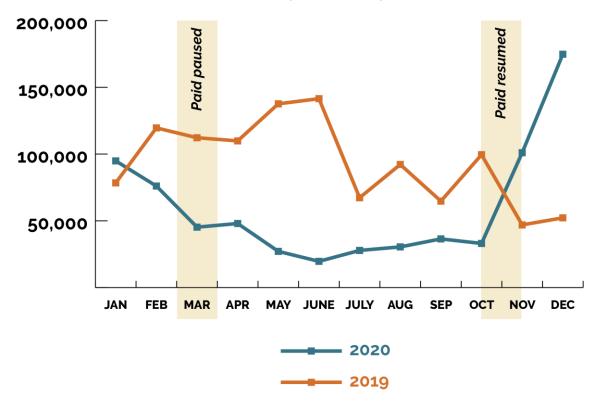
Subscribers have signed up to hear about Nevada because they are **interested**, so a **deeper engagement** is always the goal.

By cleaning and segmenting lists, obtaining new subscribers, and presenting content in a new layout, we are able to improve on the engagement metric.



SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Likes, Comments, Shares



Social media behavior continues to **evolve** as more features and restrictions come into play.

2020 was not only impacted by a **global pandemic**, but the volatile **socio-political** environment.

Social efforts had to be **timed appropriately** and hit the **right tone**, as any online communications could be misperceived, result in argumentative conversation, or **damage brand reputation**.

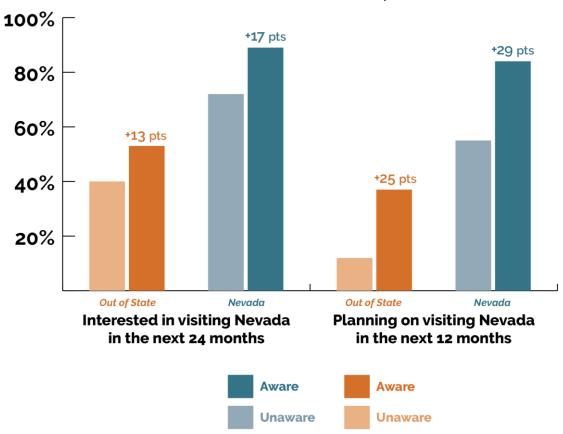
When paid efforts did resume (October/November), more people could be reached, resulting in better engagement.

QUARTERLY REPORT—State of Awareness



INTEREST IN FUTURE TRAVEL Q1-FY21

Source: OmniTrak Group



Awareness measures the percent of respondents who **recall** Travel Nevada's efforts.

Awareness is tied to **perception**, which we can affect based on our creative, content, and strategy.

Even with little to no spending in Q1, those who were aware of any efforts (including owned and earned), were still more likely to consider

Nevada as a travel destination. The impact was greater among Nevada residents than out-of-state residents.

QUARTERLY REPORT—Approval



Any questions?

Need for edits in this report?

Will provide consistent reporting to the Commission quarterly.

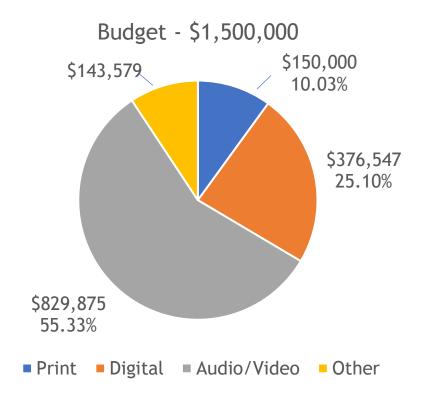
DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Campaign





DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Budget



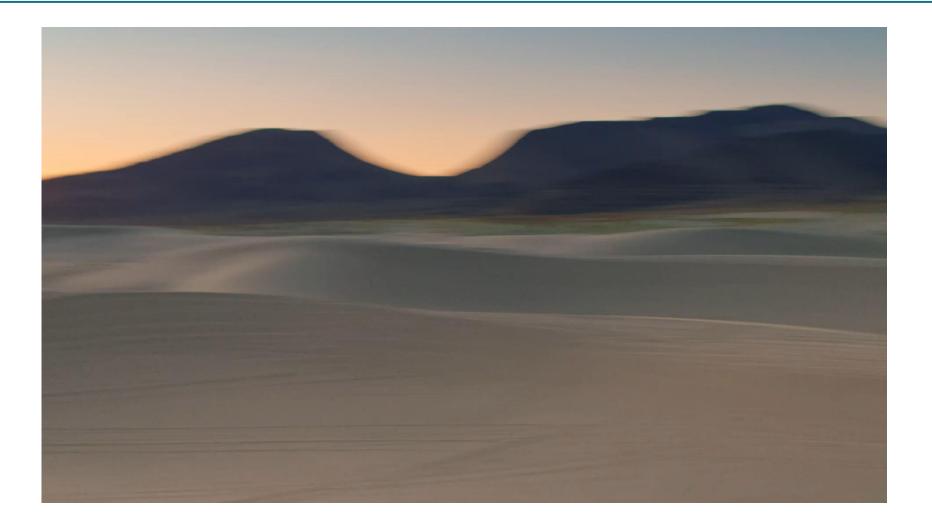


Print - includes newspaper, magazines, and digital enhancements for each Digital programs - includes search and social efforts as well as online travel agencies (OTA), and other online companies Audio/Video - includes full broadcast and online streaming for tv and radio

Other - includes printed collateral and specialty items, as well as services and influencer hosting

DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Broadcast Spot





DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Digital ads, 1st wave









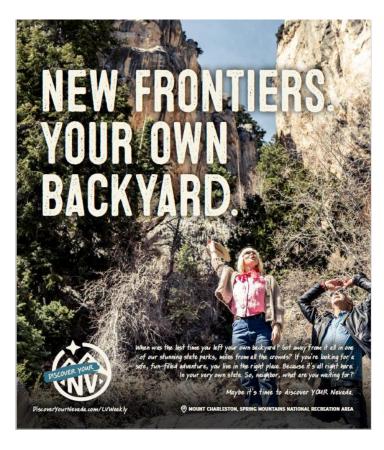


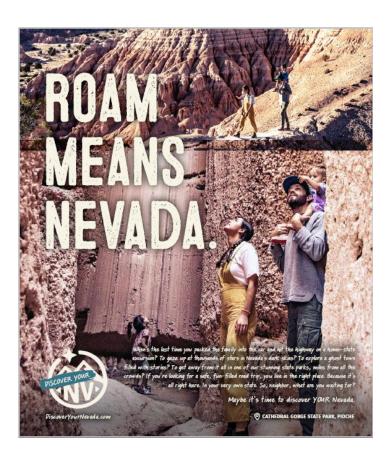


DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Print ads, 1st wave









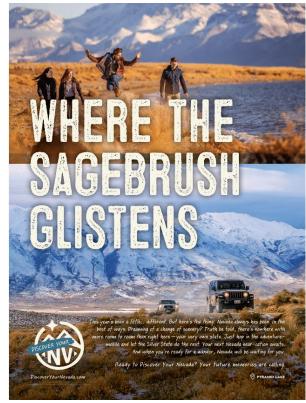
DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—2nd wave





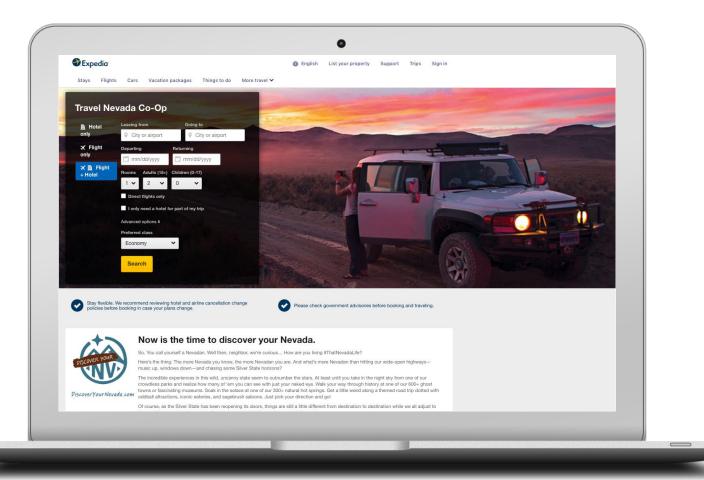






DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—OTAS



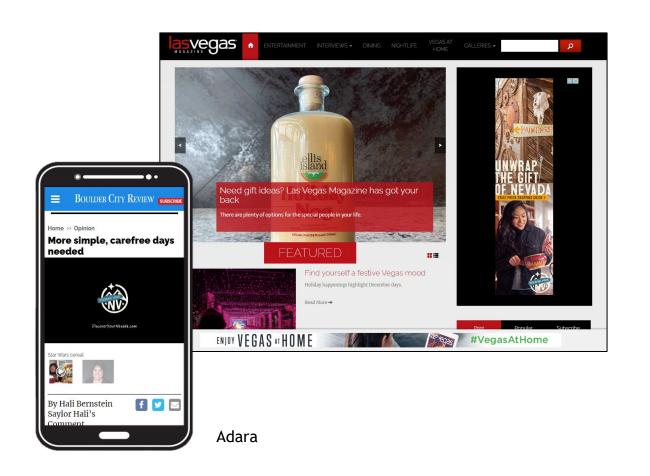


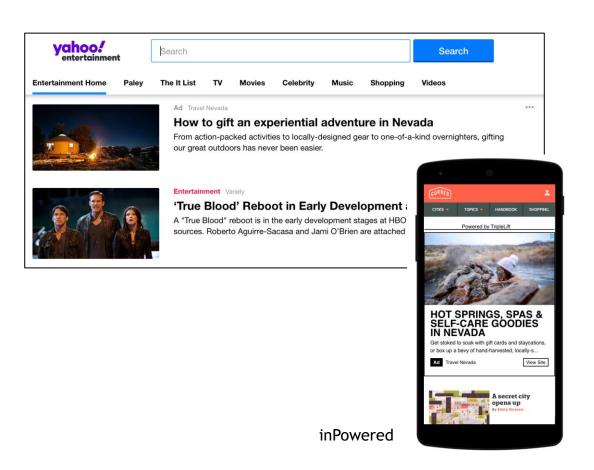


Expedia Priceline

DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Programmatic

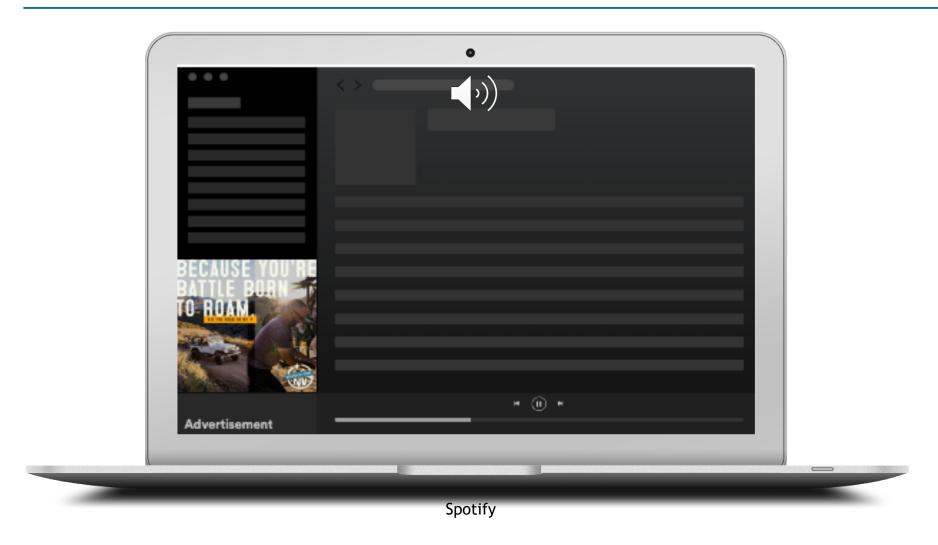


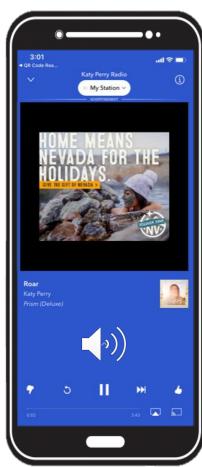




DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Digital Audio







Pandora

Click the Sound Icons (**) to Hear Each Audio Spot from the DYN Campaign

DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Digital Video







Gas Station TV

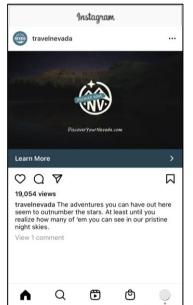
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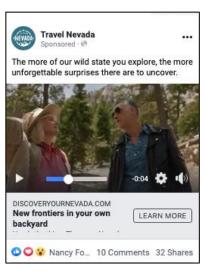


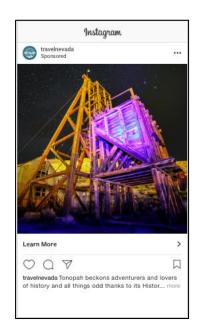
Tremor Video

DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Paid Social

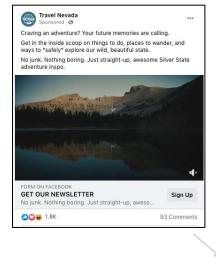


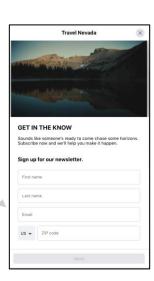












Awareness Video Campaign Optimized toward ThruPlay Video Views

Traffic Campaign
Optimized toward Driving
Landing Page Views

Lead Generation Campaign Optimized toward In-Platform eNews Sign-Ups

DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Local specialty





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DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA (plus)—Press Coverage



Travel Nevada recommends road trips for fall break

In the time of COVID, road trips to rural Nevada are becoming as popular as ever before



Discover Your Nevada

KOLO: <u>Fall Break, DYN</u>
KOLO: <u>S'Scorro's Burger Hut</u>
This is Reno: <u>Fall Getaway</u>
KOLO: Ghost Town Guide

About Town Deb's live radio show: Nevada Gift Guide

Other Tourism (pitched + earned)

Daily Mirror: Rhyolite

Sacramento Magazine: Explore Carson Valley

KRNV/Fox 11: Nevada Day celebration

RGJ: Coin Press

The Telegraph: Ski resorts

Thrillist: Fly Geyser

Travel + Leisure: <u>Best Vacations</u>

KOLO: Silver State Sights (The Eureka Opera House and Sentinel Museum)

MSN Lifestyle: The Most Stunning Scenic Byway in every state

Las Vegas Review Journal: National Parks, Outdoor Recreation Generate Big Bucks for Nevada

Dept. of Tourism and Cultural Affairs

KTVN: Stewart Indian School Reopening

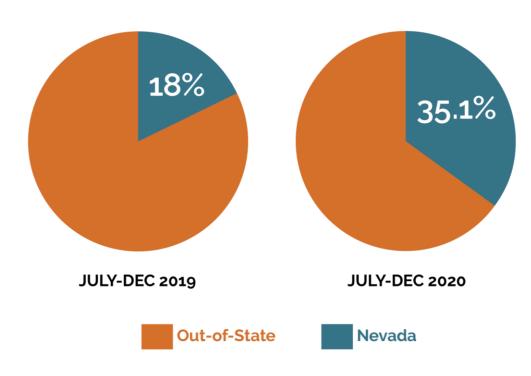
KTNV: Indigenous People's Day

Carson Now: <u>Indigenous People's Day</u>
Fox5 news clips: <u>Indigenous People's Day</u>

Pahrump Valley Times: Arts & Humanities Month



TARGET:
INCREASE IN-STATE SITE TRAFFIC



The **Discover Your Nevada campaign** was intended to **generate economic activity** while out-of-state visitation was low due to pandemic restrictions.

Content was curated to educate Nevadans about activities within their own state and offering suggestions on responsible recreation. Advertising enticed them to explore their state through branding efforts.

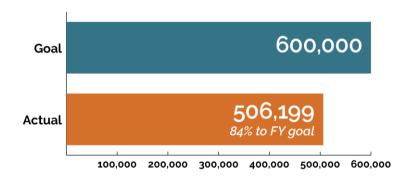
To date, the in-state traffic share has **nearly doubled** on TravelNevada.com.



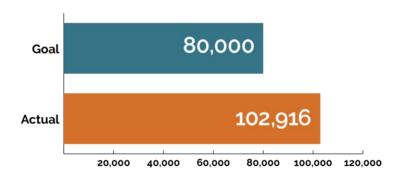
TARGET:

INCREASE IN-STATE PAGEVIEWS

(Within Nevada borders)



TARGET:
80K USERS TO DYN PAGES



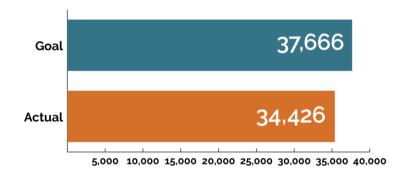
This level of **in-state efforts** in a very different environment was a **new challenge**, and we established goals based on **assumed behavior**.

Both sitewide page views within Nevada and user metrics to DYN pages have been strong, as halfway through the year we anticipate exceeding both targets.

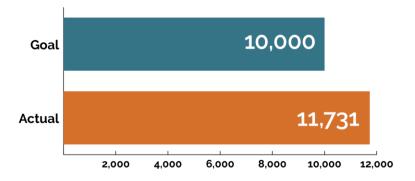
We have **reset our user goal to 200,000** and will adjust the goal of page views once we exceed it. The **greater our audience reach** and **more engagement** we see, the greater our ability to **influence travel behavior**.



TARGET:
GROW IN-STATE AUDIENCE—FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



TARGET:GROW IN-STATE AUDIENCE—NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS



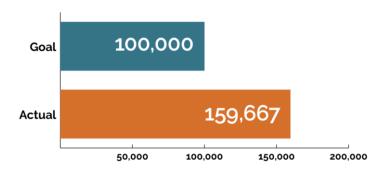
We have **solid audiences** in the **social** space and in our **e-newsletter subscribership**, though our efforts have mainly targeted out-of-state markets.

The **Discover Your Nevada** campaign shifted that focus, and we made efforts to **grow our in-state following**.

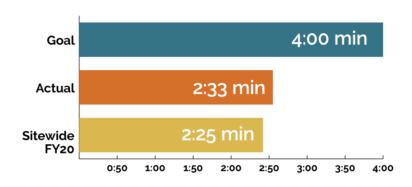
Our **e-newsletter subscribership** goal has been **reset to 15,000**. As the environment on social media improves, we anticipate reaching our Fiscal Year goal for Facebook followers while we monitor other platforms for increased activity.



TARGET:
ENGAGE IN-STATE AUDIENCE—DYN PAGEVIEWS

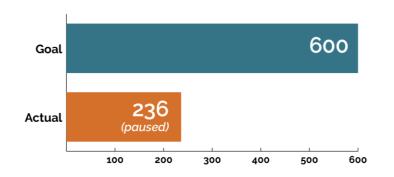


TARGET:
ENGAGE IN-STATE AUDIENCE—AVG. TIME ON PAGE



TARGET:

ENGAGE IN-STATE AUDIENCE—ITINERARY DOWNLOADS

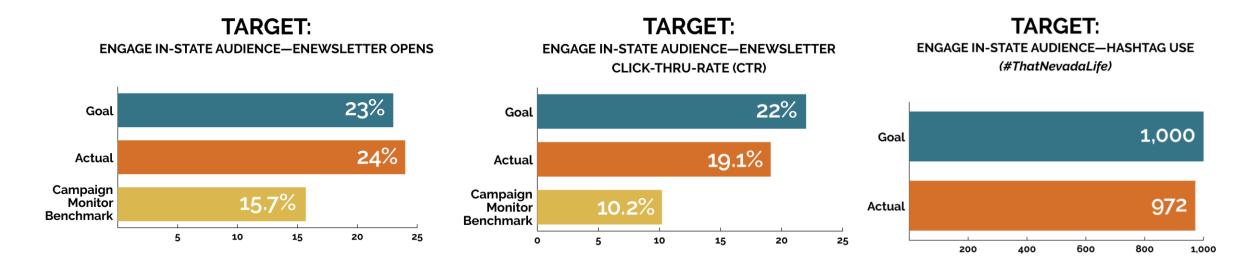


Once our **budget was expanded**, we sought to cast the widest net to **increase awareness** within Nevada. A slight drop in engagement was anticipated, but we kept our goals in place.

We found that audiences that were targeted for awareness purposes did move **further down the funnel**, and explored the Discover Your Nevada website. The time on site **exceeded the average** for the rest of TravelNevada.com, but **we did not meet our goal**.

We paused our itinerary availability due to the variable closures and resulting statewide pause. We will work towards our original goal as these come back online.





We established lofty goals for our more engaged audiences, targeting well above benchmarks.

The e-newsletter open rate exceeded goal and click-through rate came very close. The metrics are encouraging, and with new e-newsletter design and fresh content, we continue to strive for the 22% CTR.

As we focused on the shopping guide for the last 6 weeks of 2020, hashtag use lost some of its momentum. Social content will continue to include the hashtag and encourage use through 2021, and we anticipate to reach our goal.

DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Highlights



- Shift to Nevada Pride Shopping Guide allowed for new partnerships with local businesses.
- Partners responded well to collaboration efforts, allowing for stronger community messaging, positive results and awareness, and fostering future opportunities.
- Sponsored content pieces performed well in the Las Vegas market, with audiences spending 528 hours with the Park-Packed Weekend content.
- Digital video efforts drove more than 6.9 million completions, which translates to 2,402 days or 6.6 years worth of our brand video being viewed digitally during this campaign.
- Upper funnel awareness tactics like digital video and audio also drove high quality site traffic with higher-than-average time on site and e-Newsletter signups in comparison to past brand campaigns.
- Paid social drove high quantity and high-quality site traffic, resulting in more than 63,000 site sessions and an extremely low bounce rate of 3.51%, more than 87% lower than the site average during this timeframe.

DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA—Takeaways



- Contests in south were very successful, garnering strong engagement rates and opt-ins. These
 audiences showed an interest in Road Trips and exploration in the northern areas of the state.
- While much of the DYN campaign aimed to generate awareness, Nevadans positively responded to the messaging - demonstrated through strong on-site engagement metrics and lower-funnel actions like subscribing to the e-Newsletter.
- Audiences showed specific interest in content around itineraries and activities curated for them, indicating an appetite for expanded Road Trip content tailored for both in-state and smaller drive markets.
- Consistent with platform usage habits, Nevadans 45 and older showed the highest engagement across
 paid social efforts generating stronger engagement, consuming more video content and indicating
 wanting more information more than any other segment.
- When campaign efforts include upper-funnel awareness tactics that increase reach and drive site traffic volume, on-site metrics like time on site can decrease as a result. Despite this, the overall campaign still generated a strong time-on-site, and continued retargeting and reengagement efforts will continue to improve this metric in the future.

