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1. eMarketer, US time spent with mobile
SPEND, CONSUMPTION AND ENGAGEMENT

The share of time spent inside mobile apps is growing, so is the video viewing time inside apps. North America leads the world in both ad spend and views.\(^2\)

As the number of digital video viewers increase by 10% between 2016 – 2020 to 235.9 million, brand marketers especially in North America and USA in particular will turn more to mobile devices to take advantage of connected devices.\(^3\)

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2. InMobi Video Insights Report
3. Statista, Mobile Video in USA; Y-o-Y Change refers to the change between 2016 – 2017, based on H1’17 data from the InMobi network
VIEWABILITY AND INVALID TRAFFIC

Viewability metrics continue to evolve on connected devices. To truly capitalize on ad spends, there are several technical ways brands can ensure viewable, buffer-free ads with no trade-offs in media performance. With the right technologies in place, marketers can achieve up to 2x the industry standard for viewability.⁶

By integrating the device’s native player, we can precache video and deliver a buffer-free user experience. With a fast ad-load speed, advertisers see higher user engagement, completion rates, and viewability metrics. Viewability can be measured as:

- Played
- Seen
- Seen by Human

The Media Rating Council’s industry standard for acceptable invalid traffic levels are around 0.3%.⁵

5. IAS Q3 2017, over 2x average viewability across a sample of desktop campaigns during the same period; Moat Q3 2017.
6. Based on 2017 data from the InMobi network
THE ADVANTAGE OF VAST

VAST-tagged mobile video ads can deliver a seamless, truly native and immersive user experience with engaging end cards and social sharing within the app-environment itself. Moreover, since the VAST standard supports ad caching, users enjoy faster load times and better completion rates.

Advertisers are seeing the immediate performance increase by using VAST ads over VPAID. In 2018, more advertisers are expected to adopt the interactive end card approach for further performance gains in their mobile video creative.

With the VAST standard, the average human and viewable rate for InMobi advertisements is 92%, 2x MOAT’s benchmark (46.3%).

Unlike the web-browser VPAID model, VAST video enables buffer-free experiences, performing well on connected devices. By adding an interactive end card, advertisers provide a stronger call to action and additional interactive elements.

VAST drives better:
• Media performance (0.06 seconds load time, vs. 2.6 seconds VPAID)*
• Viewability (2x industry average)
• Engagement (4% CTR)**

USER ENGAGEMENT (CTR) ACROSS MOBILE-FIRST VIDEO AD FORMATS?

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7. Engagement, as measured by CTR. Video Indexed CTR = (CTR/Global Average Video CTR)*100. The Global average CTR Index = 100. Based on H1’17 data from the InMobi network
8. MRC Mobile Viewable Ad Impression Measurement Guidelines, 2016. Based on H1’17 data from the InMobi network
Programmatic transacting of video combines the benefits of rich and diverse data sources, efficiencies of automation, and transparency of targeting and reporting. The entire mobile advertising industry is moving towards programmatic buying of inventory to satisfy the growing need for higher transparency, efficiency and control.

At InMobi we are witnessing similar trends, with programmatic buying increasing by 136% YOY. As programmatic gains popularity, advertisers across verticals are eagerly adopting programmatic as part of their advertising strategy.

136% Year-over-year growth in programmatic buying, from InMobi insights.

$10.65M In 2018, programmatic digital video ad spending is estimated to reach $10.65 million. 9

91% Programmatic represents 91% of total video ad spend in 2017.

9. eMarketer, Most US Digital Video Ads will be Transacted Programmatically This Year
TAKEAWAYS ON NORTH AMERICAN MOBILE INSIGHTS

Include in-app video in your programmatic buys to maximize your video opportunity
Move from a desktop-based video experience to a native in-app video solution when buying programmatically.

Adopt VAST-tagged mobile video technology in order to future-proof your investment
Switch to a Video Ad Serving Template, VAST with a load time of 0.06 seconds. This leads to higher completion rates.

Invest in third-party verification partners to ensure brand safety
Incorporate SDK integration for best-in-class video plus viewability solutions. Our SDK integration with IAS and Moat enables InMobi's viewability to be 2x the industry average.

Invest in a partner with no trade-off between media performance and viewability
Pre-cached and buffer-free ads deliver high completion rates and high viewability.