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Advertising
Facts about the advertising industry

Advertising is an indispensable element of the market economy and a part of our everyday lives. The proven value of commercial communication and the positive effect it has for the community support this claim. We have a wider range of products available on the market than ever before thanks to market growth and the establishment of new markets. Without advertising, neither of these things would be possible.

No competition without advertising

In Germany, at least 46 bn. euros are invested in advertising every year.

Source: ZAW

Investment in advertising 2016

Germany generates the most advertising revenue in Europe next to Britain, and the fifth most in the world after the USA, China and Japan.

Source: Global Ad Trends 2017, World Advertising Research Center Ltd. (www.warc.com) | ZAW

Sponsoring promotes sport, culture and much more.

Sponsorship forecast for total market development in 2017

Basis: 181 sponsorship decision-makers in Germany

Source: Sponsor-Trend 2017, Nielsen Sports | VSA
Media diversity only with advertising.

Advertising investments guarantee independent media in Germany, and thus a diversity of opinions.

Free papers
1,856.75 mil. euros

Outdoor advertising
1,150.78 mil. euros

B2B press
834.27 mil. euros

Television
4,591.10 mil. euros

Cinema
92.84 mil. euros

Radio
784.46 mil. euros

Online and mobile
1,638.76 mil. euros

Consumer magazines
965.00 mil. euros

Daily newspapers
2,386.19 mil. euros

Directory media
790.22 mil. euros

Weekly and Sunday newspapers
137.71 mil. euros

Newspaper supplements
79.30 mil. euros

2017 total
15,307.38 mil. euros

In 2016, the culture and creative industries in Germany generated an estimated 154 bn. euros in revenue.

Of all the submarkets in the culture and creative industries, advertising generated the most revenue:

- Commercial advertising 45.87 bn. euros (2017) - Source: ZAW
- Software and games 35.8 bn. euros* (2016)
- Press 30.5 bn. euros* (2016)
- Design 19.0 bn. euros* (2016)

*estimated

Source: BMWi, Monitoring 2017: Selected economic facts and figures for the culture and creative industries, Dec. 2017

Competition to win the consumer’s favour has never been fiercer. The consumer benefits from this development with:
- A comprehensive market overview,
- Appropriate prices,
- Major innovations,
- High-quality products and services.

897,800 jobs in commercial advertising

Source: destatis, BVDW, preliminary ZAW calculation
Advertising promotes economic growth and prosperity, realises innovations and correlates positively with the quality of products. The comprehensive 2016 DIW Econ study “Die ökonomische Bedeutung der Werbung” (“The economic significance of advertising”) provides empirical evidence of these facts. The study was commissioned by ZAW and GWA.

Key study results

1 Advertising investment significantly influences GDP development.

A one-percent increase in advertising spending (relative to the GDP) generates a direct average GDP growth impulse of around 0.02 percentage points. To illustrate this effect: In 2014, Germany’s GDP was 1.6 per cent up on the previous year. If advertising expenditure had been reduced by 10 per cent, the GDP growth rate would have been reduced to just 1.4 per cent. In other words, 100 million euros less in advertising expenditure would have meant 300 million euros less in GDP growth.


Advertising expenditure and advertising intensity in selected OECD countries, 1995 and 2014

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Information was collected relating to advertising expenditure in the following media: newspapers, consumer magazines, TV, radio, cinema, outdoor advertising and, since 2004, the internet. The countries are sorted according to their average advertising intensity from 1995 to 2014.

Source: WARC (ZAW, 1997-2016) and OECD.Stat (2016), DIW Econ calculations.
Advertising investments promote innovation within companies.

The market success of product innovations is significantly influenced by the amount of advertising expenditure. Research and development would be brought to a halt without advertising.

Illustration of the influence of advertising expenditure on innovation success

When innovation spending and advertising expenditure are correlated, the probability of innovations being successfully introduced to the market (vertical axis) increases with the amount of advertising expenditure (horizontal axis) for a given amount of innovation spending.

Source: DIW Econ calculation based on ZEW (2016) and Nielsen Media Research (2016).

Advertising intensity and product quality are directly correlated.

Advertising sets quality products apart from competing products; advertising intensity is an indicator of product quality.

Correlation between advertising expenditure and product quality, 2010–2015

Winter tyres

Television

Digital cameras

Quintile 1: lowest advertising expenditure, Quintile 5: highest advertising expenditure. The quintiles were determined according to the year and brand. One is the best possible score.

Most Germans believe their interests as consumers are well protected, possess high advertising literacy, and do thorough research before making a purchase. These are the central results of the study “Die Mündigkeit des Verbrauchers” (“The autonomy of the consumer”)\(^1\), conducted by the Allensbach Institute on behalf of ZAW in spring 2016.

The significance of advertising and other sources of information on everyday products\(^2\)

- **78%**
  - Personal conversations, experience of friends and acquaintances

- **53%**
  - Advertising, brochures, product information provided by companies

- **42%**
  - Information provided by Stiftung Warentest

- **39%**
  - Information, suggestions and recommendations from the internet

- **21%**
  - Information provided by consumer protection organisations

- **12%**
  - Social networks such as Facebook and Twitter

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\(^1\) The representative survey of Germans aged 16 and up was performed in March 2016 and took the form of 1,400 face-to-face interviews.

\(^2\) National average.
Consumers’ self-evaluation of their purchasing decisions

- **73%** I would never base my purchasing decisions on advertisements alone.

- **78%** I generally do thorough research before making bigger purchases.

- **77%** I mainly buy products and brands I have already had a good experience with.

- **61%** I typically know exactly what I want and others cannot change my mind.

- **31%** I often make impulse purchases.

- **12%** I am often unsure about whether I have made the right purchase.

Consumers are **experienced, confident, and typically well informed** when purchasing products. They are familiar with and can **expertly navigate** the **diversity of products**. An overwhelming majority of consumers is **well informed** when it comes to making bigger purchases. Consumers are also highly skilled in terms of advertising: they possess a **high level of advertising literacy** and do not **make their purchases** based on advertisements alone, but instead take their **previous experiences** into account.

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