

#### The High Cost of Invisibility

For Multi-Location Brands

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# The High Cost of Invisibility





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#### **AGENDA**

- 1. What is the Local Visibility Index (LVI)?
- 1. 2023 LVI results
- 1. Key Takeaways
- 1. Q&A







#### What is The LVI?

The 5th Annual LVI is a collaborative research project conducted by:



**SOCi, Inc.:** The leading CoMarketing Cloud built for multi-location enterprises



**PlacesScout**: the industry standard for conducting actionable local SEO analysis at scale

The report examines how top multi-location brands perform in the most influential digital channels, including search, reputation, and social.





# Methodology 2023 I VI

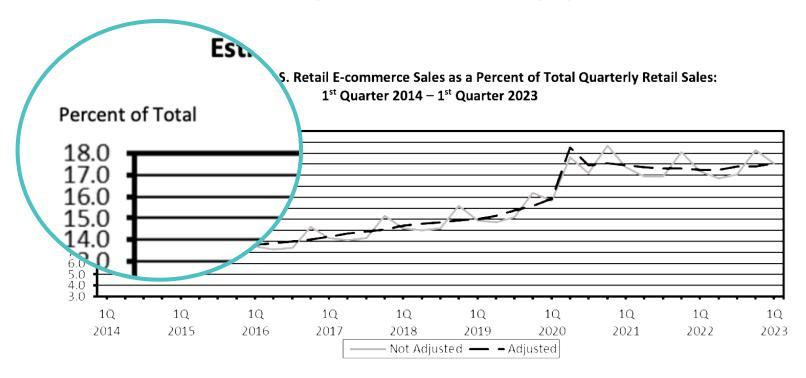
- Analysis of nearly 600 multi-location brands in 39 industries
- Quantifies the risk and reward of visibility in search, rep and social
- Provides success benchmarks and tactics brands can follow to outpace the competition and achieve top local visibility





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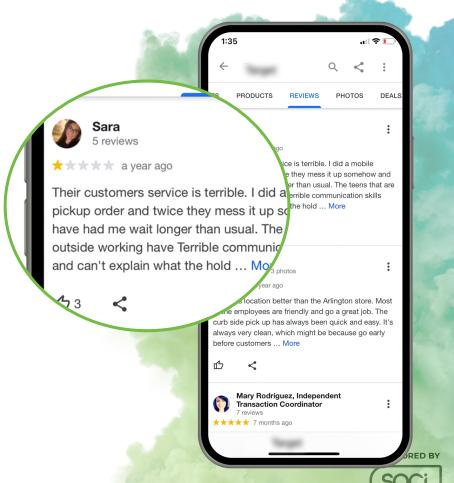






#### Brick & Mortar Brands Are Struggling

to keep up with consumer expectations







#### According to the 2023 LVI

The average U.S. business:

**92%** of Consumer Questions

No Response to 50% +

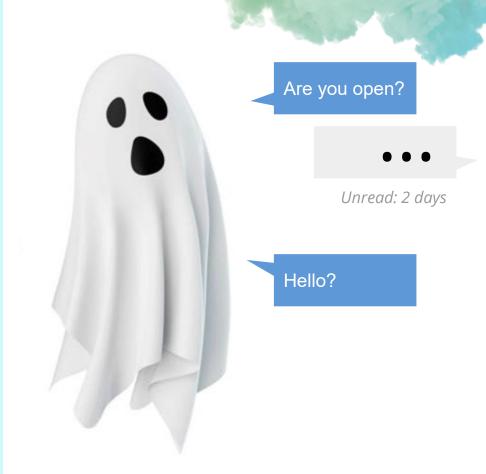
Invisible in 2 out of 3
Local Searches



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## Brands are effectively

## GHOSTING CONSUMERS











#### 8 out of 10 of consumers are less likely to do business with brands who ignore them online.

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Low visibility in digital channels is costing the U.S. retail industry

\$2.4B every year.

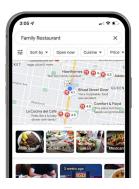






#### The High Cost of Low Visibility

#### **Per Location / Per Brand**

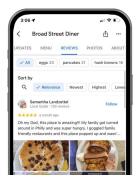


**Local Search** 

#### -\$17.7M

Low visibility in local search costs the average U.S. chain/franchise location \$42,660 in lost revenue per year -

\$17.7M for the average retail brand.



**Local Reviews** 

#### -\$5.3M

Non-response to negative reviews costs the average U.S. chain/franchise location \$12,830 in lost revenue per year.

\$5.3M for the average retail brand



#### **Social Media Presence**

#### -\$1.1M

Neglecting your local social community costs the average U.S. retail location \$2,700 in lost value per year.

\$1.1M in lost media value for the average retail brand

## How To Take Back Your Share of Millions in Lost Revenue?

2023 LVI Results





#### **Achieving Top Visibility Takes Work**

- You can't pay to play
- Requires a combination of ranking factors optimized across search, social and top review sites
  - Expertise, Experience, Authority and Trust: E.E.A.T.
- Need to keep pace not only with the platforms but your competition
  - From 2021 to 2023 the average brand increased their profile optimization by 16 points!
  - Average LVI of 50 in '23 up from 43 in '21









#### Visibility Benchmarks Vary by Channel

#### LOCAL SEARCH BENCHMARK

54

- Search claiming
- Search profile optimization
- Reviews
- Search ranking
- Onsite SEO

#### REPUTATION BENCHMARK

46

- Reputation ratings
- Reputation volume
- Reputation velocity
- Reputation variety
- Review response

#### SOCIAL BENCHMARK

**50** 

- Social claiming
- Social profile optimization
- Social audience
- Social content
- Social engagement

2023 LVI Average:

**50** 







#### **Key Metrics for Search & Reputation**

	2022	2023	2022	2023	
Metric	Google	Google Local		Yelp	
% Profiles Claimed	99%	98%	97%	94%	
% Profiles Complete	98%	94%	90%	89%	
% Locations in 3-Pack/Page 1	24%	33%		32%	
Avg. Review Count	224	179	20	15	
Avg. Rating	4.2	4.2	3.2	3.2	
Review Response %	36%	46%	6%	6%	
Avg. Response Time (Days)	27	6	13	8	
Metric	Google	Organic			
% Locations on Page 1		2%			
% Has Local Business Schema	60%	30%			





#### **Key Metrics for Social Presence**

	2022	2023
Metric	Facebook	
% Profiles Complete	85.7%	88.4%
Avg. Followers per Page	523.1	457.3
Avg. Posts per Month	7.3	8.9
Avg. % Image Posts	72.6%	69.7%
Avg. % Video Posts	10.0%	2.4%
Avg. Likes per Post	9.8*	2.5
Avg. Comments per Post	1.9*	0.3
Avg. Shares per Post	1.1*	0.4
Avg. Engagement Rate	2.5%*	0.7%
Metric	Google	
Avg. Posts per Month	0.2	0.3
% Q&A Answered	6.6%	8.3%

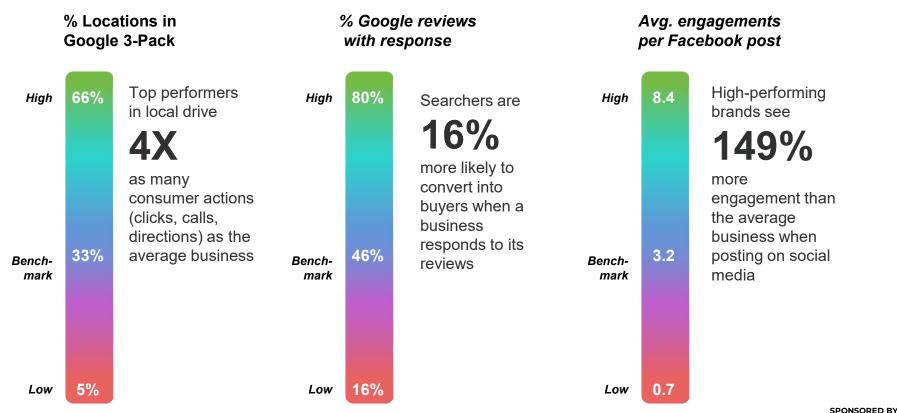




#### Visibility Benchmarks Vary by Vertical

Restaurants - Sit Down	65	Restaurants - Fast Casual & QSR	54	Moving Companies	45	
Retail - Sporting Goods	65	Hotels & Lodging	53	Services - Home Services		
Entertainment & Recreation	64	Services - Personal Care	53	Retail - Clothing & Accessories		
Retail - Pet Supply & Pet Services	60	Retail - Furniture & Home	52	Property Management		
Fitness	59	Health - Medical	49	Services - Business Services	42	
Retail - Grocery	59	Retail - Hardware & Home Improvement	49	Services - Construction and Renovation		
Restaurants - Coffee Shops	58	Storage	49	Insurance		
Retail - General	58	Health - Eyewear & Opticians	48	Financial Services		
Automotive - Dealers	57	Retail - Specialty	48	Real Estate	38	
Restaurants - Beverages & Desserts	57	Services - Repair & Maintenance	48	Retail - Convenience		
Retail - Hobby Shops & Toy Stores	57	Assisted Living	47	Services - Waste Management		
Automotive - Parts & Service	55	Education	47	Financial Services - Banks & Credit Unions	35	
Health - Dentistry & Orthodontics wednesdaywise	54	Services - Cleaning Services	46	Travel	34	

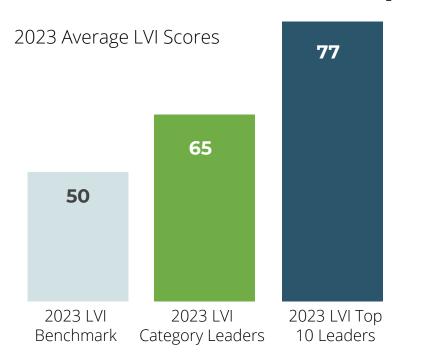
#### **Top Visibility = Value**







#### LVI Scores Map To Revenue Growth



Year-over-Year Revenue Growth Trend

LVI Leaders Grow 2x Faster than Peers









Average Growth Rate

**Top 10** 







## The Most Visible Local Brands

2023 LVI Results



#### The Most Visible Local Brands by Category

LOCAL SOCIAL	LOCAL REPUTATION	LOCAL SEARCH
Benchmark (50)	Benchmark (46)	Benchmark (54)
TGI Friday's (89)	Topgolf (92)	Road Runner Sports (88)
The Cheesecake Factory (85)	Road Runner Sports (88)	Dillard's (86)
Olive Garden (85)	Dutch Bros Coffee (87)	Urban Air Adventure Park (83)
Dutch Bros Coffee (83)	Velvet Taco (86)	ACME Markets (83)
P.F. Chang's (83)	Pet Supplies Plus (84)	Jiffy Lube (83)
Romano's Macaroni Grill (81)	True Food Kitchen (84)	Wegmans (82)
InterContinental Hotels (81)	1-800-GOT-JUNK? (83)	Extra Space Storage (82)
HTeaO (81)	College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving (83)	True Food Kitchen (82)
Fazoli's (81)	Black Bear Diner (82)	The Joint Chiropractic (82)
Club Pilates (81) SPONSORED BY	Planet Fitness (82)	Kohl's (82)

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#### The Most Visible Local Brands OVERALL

Dutch Bros Coffee (82)

Romano's Macaroni Grill (81)

Road Runner Sports (81)

Topgolf (79)

Pet Supplies Plus (78)

P.F. Chang's (75)

The Cheesecake Factory (75)

True Food Kitchen (75)

Yogurtland (74)























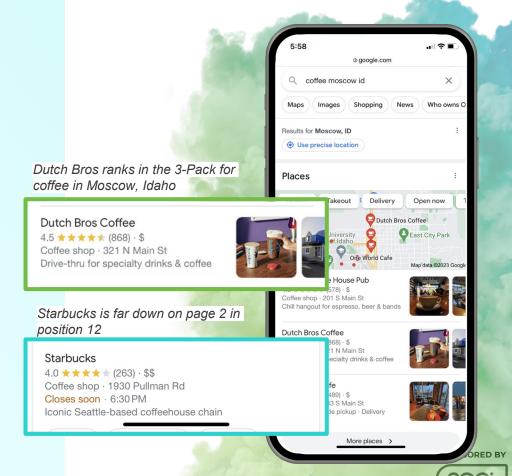
#### Real World LVI Case Studies



#### **Dutch Bros:**

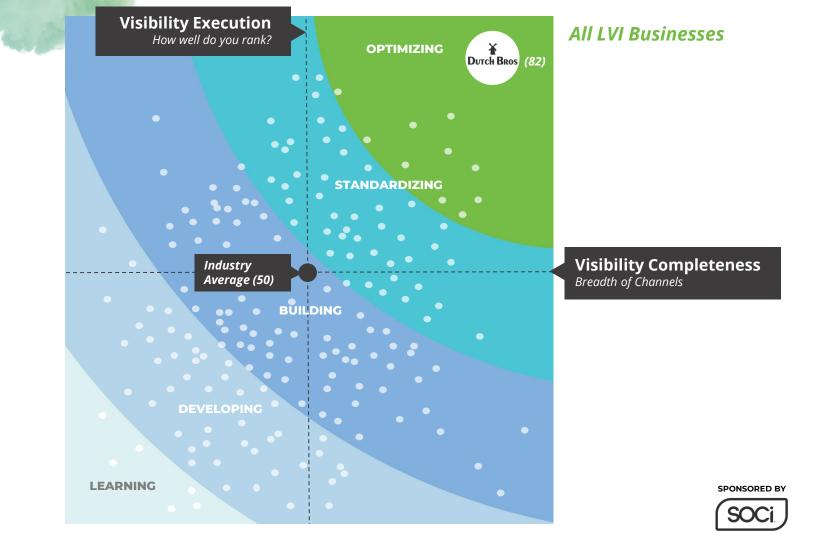
#### A Regional Success Story

- Most Visible Brand in the 2023 LVI
- Dutch Bros' IPO'd in 2021 and opened a record-breaking 133 new store openings in 2022. 838 locations as of July '23
- The brand has a strong commitment to creating great local experiences, and they've been repaid by loyal fans who rank the brand's drinks on Reddit and track new store openings on Facebook.
- Dutch Bros frequently outranks Starbucks in searches for "coffee near me" in markets where the two brands compete







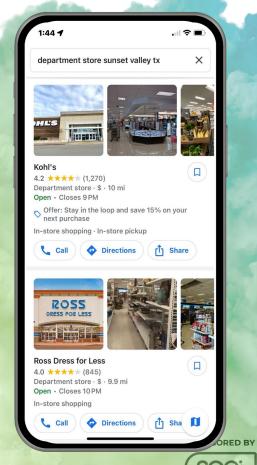


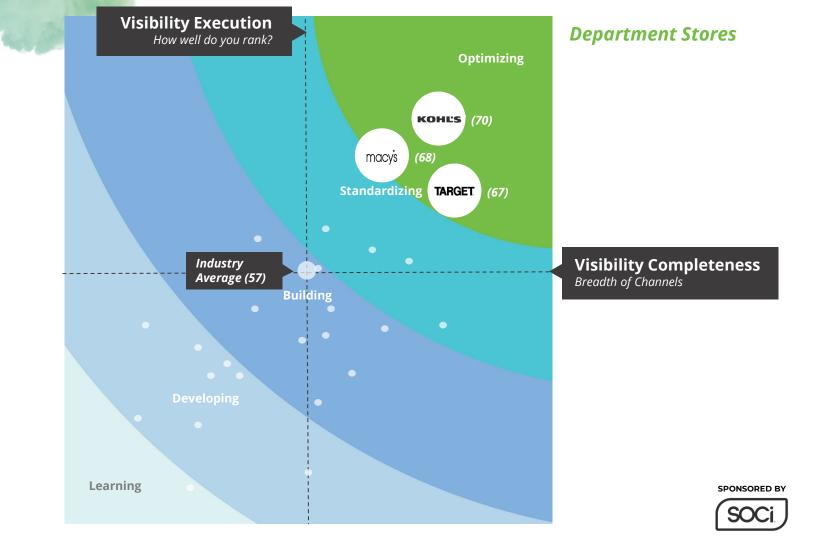
#### Kohl's:

#### Late comebacks are possible

- Top 10 Most Visible Brand in Local Search
- Kohl's, after struggling to compete in recent years, is posting record profits by listening to the needs of local consumers and expanding its cosmetics, pet, home decor, and gift offerings



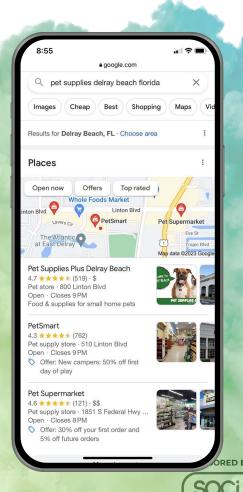




#### **Pet Supplies Plus:**

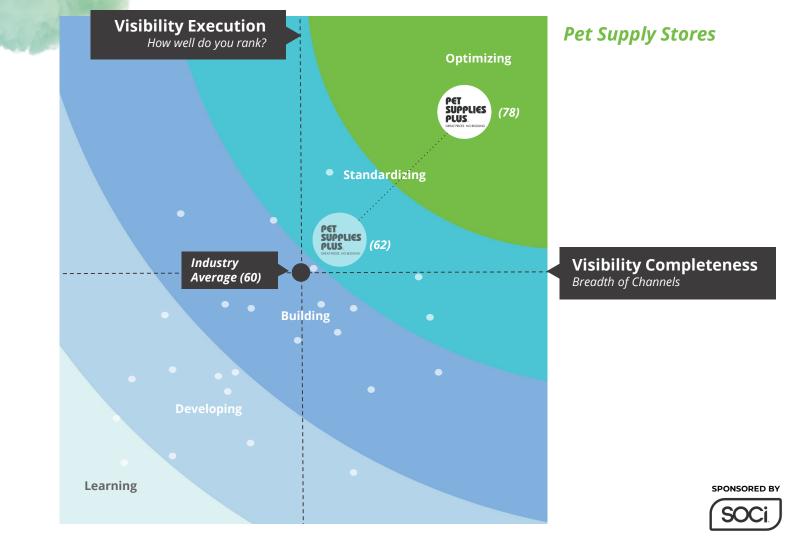
#### Most improved brand in 2023

- Top 10 Most Visible Brand Overall
- In the 2022 LVI the brand scored a 62 out of 100 and was ranked #44
- In 2023 Pet Supplies LVI score surged to 78
  gaining 16 points in just a year landing the
  brand in the Top 10 Most Visible Local Brands
  list this year with a rank of #5









## 2023 LVI SUMMARY

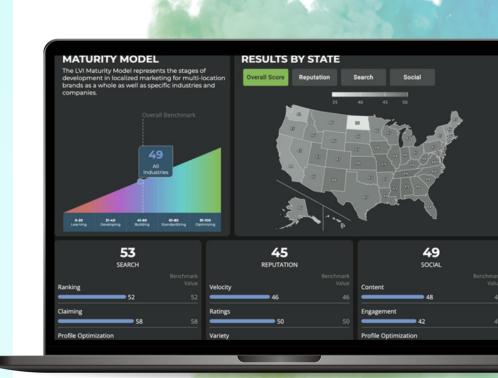
- Multi-location brands are struggling to keep pace with consumer expectations leading to millions in lost revenue
- Visibility & engagement in top digital channels lead to tangible outcomes
   (Both retained & increased revenues!)
- The time to act is now. Brands will do well to implement Al / automation wherever possible in order to improve efficiency and scalability of their efforts





## The Local Visibility Dashboard

Check it out and request you own LVI audit at <a href="https://www.nc.nc/linear.com">lvi.meetsoci.com</a>











#### **Thank You**

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