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 Market research is the systematic collection, analysis and interpretation of information used to develop a marketing strategy or to solve a marketing problem.

# When is market research required? (Why we research)

- Frequently conducting market research is not required.
- Occasionally market research is required; under the following circumstances:
  - Wanted to expand
  - Wanted to increase revenue
  - Wanted to compete against a new rival
  - New opportunities
  - Determine customers needs and wants

# Types of Market Research Data

#### **Primary Data**

Primary data in market research is information you collect yourself, specifically for a certain purpose or goal. This data is new and tailored to answer a specific question or solve a particular problem.

#### **Secondary Data**

Secondary data in market research is information that was collected by someone else for a different purpose. This data already exists and can be used to support or add context to your research.

## Gathering Primary Data

- Primary data is unanalyzed current information collected by a researcher for a specific purpose.
- There are two types of primary data
  - Qualitative
    - Used to measure people's reactions, responses, feelings toward a problem
  - Quantitative
    - Data to make predictions

Examples include surveys, interviews, or observations conducted to understand customer opinions about a new product or service

Sources of Secondary Data

#### Books

Periodicals

Indexes and databases

Internet

Consultants

Market-research professionals.

Statscan.ca

## Types of Market Research

- 1. Awareness, attitude and usage studies.
- 2. Consumer segmentation analysis.
- 3. Market dimension analysis.
- 4. Product research.
- 5. Media research.
- 6. Consumer-tracking devices.
- 7. Motivation research.
- 8. Consumer satisfaction studies.
- 9. Advertising research.

# 1. Awareness, Attitude, and Usage Studies (AAU Studies) (Primary Research)

- Description: These studies assess consumer awareness of a brand or product, their attitude toward it, and how often they use it.
- Purpose: To understand brand perception and engagement levels among consumers.

## 2. Consumer Segmentation Analysis

## **Consumer Segmentation Analysis (Primary Research)**

- **Description:** Divides consumers into specific groups based on shared characteristics (e.g., age, lifestyle, buying behavior).
- Purpose: To tailor marketing strategies to different segments of the target audience

# 3. Market Dimension Analysis (Secondary Research)

- Description: Examines the size and potential of a specific market by analyzing overall industry data and trends.
- Purpose: To estimate the total demand and potential growth of a market.

#### 4. Product Research (Primary Research)

- Description: Tests new or existing products with consumers to understand preferences, features, and areas for improvement.
- Purpose: To refine products and align them with consumer needs.

#### 5. Media Research (Secondary Research)

- Description: Looks at media consumption habits across channels (e.g., TV, social media, print).
- Purpose: To determine which channels are most effective for reaching the target audience.

# 6. Consumer-Tracking Devices (Primary Research)

- Description: Uses technology, like mobile tracking, to monitor consumer behavior in real time.
- Purpose: To gather data on actual behaviors and interactions with products or services.

### 7. Motivation Research

#### **Motivation Research (Primary Research)**

- Description: Delves into why consumers make particular purchasing decisions, often through qualitative methods like interviews.
  - **Purpose:** To uncover underlying reasons behind consumer choices

# 8. Consumer Satisfaction Studies (Primary Research)

- **Description:** Measures customer satisfaction levels with a product, service, or brand.
- Purpose: To identify areas of improvement and enhance customer loyalty.

# 9. Advertising Research (Primary and Secondary Research)

- Description: Evaluates the effectiveness of advertising campaigns through feedback, impressions, or reach data.
- Purpose: To assess and improve ad performance by understanding its impact on consumers.