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Celebrating 50 Years as America's LGBTQ News Source



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OCTOBER 1969

The Gay Blade first published as a monthly newsletter.

JULY 1974

Blade printed in newsprint for first time.

OCTOBER 1980

Name changed to The Washington Blade.

SEPTEMBER 1995

Online edition of Washington Blade launched.

APRIL 2010

Washington Blade purchased by Brown, Naff, Pitts Omnimedia.

OCTOBER 2019

Washington Blade celebrates 50th Anniversary.

JUNE 1972

Blade publishes first multi-page edition.

1979

Blade changes publication from monthly to bi-weekly.

JANUARY 1983

Washington Blade publishes weekly.

OCTOBER 2008

John McCain becomes first Republican presidential nominee to do interview with LGBT publication.

2013

Washington Blade admitted to White House pool rotation (First LGBT publication ever).

TIMELINE

50 Years of the Washington Blade

The *Washington Blade* was founded in 1969 as a black & white, one-sheet community newsletter. In 2019 the *Blade* celebrates its 50th anniversary as America's LGBT News Source. The *Washington Blade* was selected to join the pool rotation for the White House Press Corps, becoming the first LGBT publication to participate in these duties. Readers locally and globally rely on the *Blade's* unmatched coverage, which has garnered scores of local and national journalism awards. The *Blade* is recognized as the nation's "Newspaper of Record for the LGBT Community."

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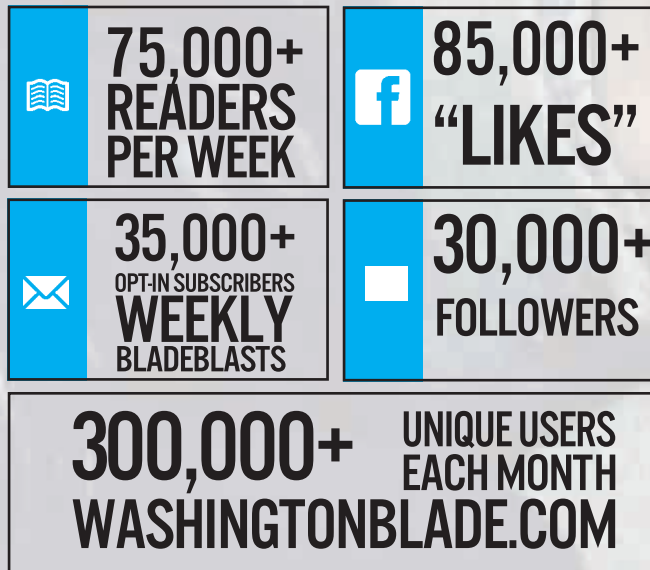
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READERSHIP



TOTAL REACH **700,000+** QUALIFIED CLIENTS
A MONTH

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PURCHASING POWER

TRAVEL

68% Short Vacation
(1-3 Nights)

60% Long Vacation
(4+ Nights)

DINING

87% of Blade readers eat
dinner out at least
once during the week.

55% of Blade readers spend at
least \$100 a week on meals
and drinks at restaurants and bars.

65% of Blade readers
eat dinner out
2-5 times a week.

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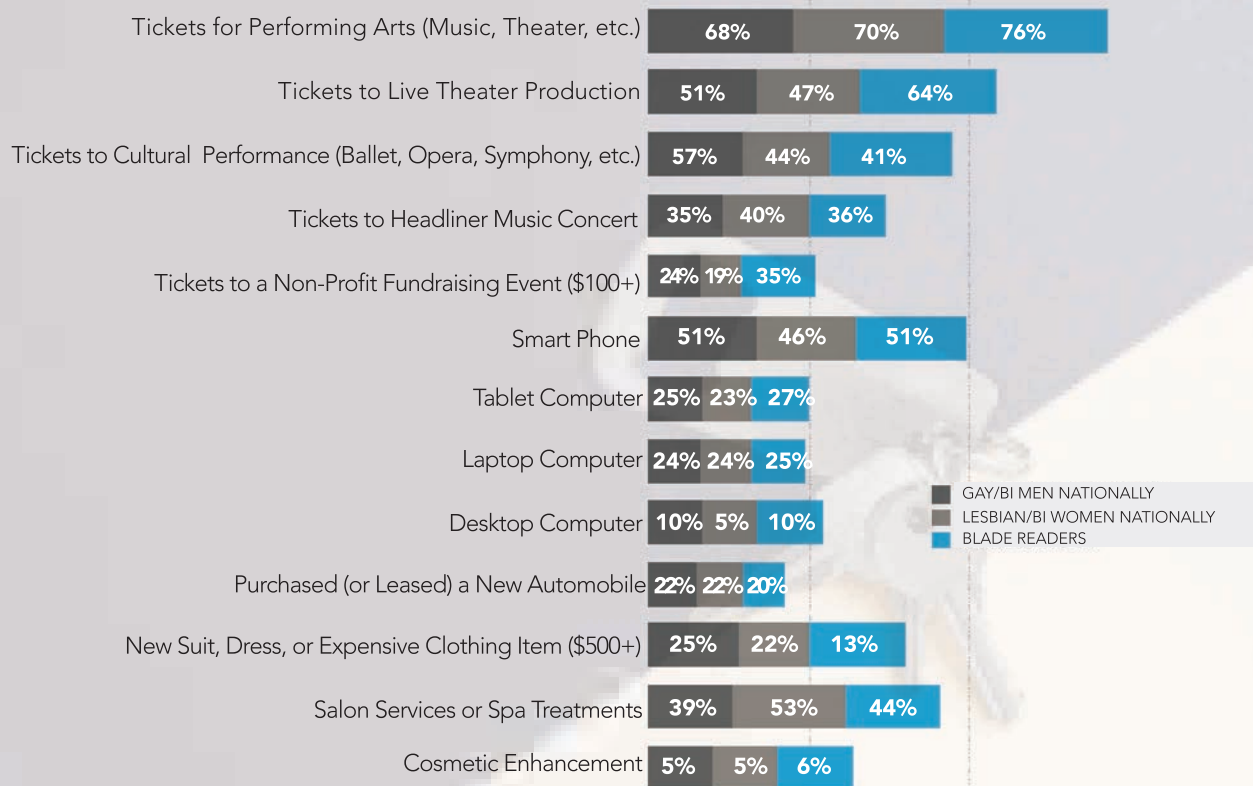
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BLADE READERS HAVE MADE THESE PURCHASES

IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS



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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

GENDER

♂ 60%

♀ 40%

EDUCATION

92% COLLEGE
EDUCATED

46% POST-GRADUATE
STUDIES

STATUS

31% IN A
RELATIONSHIP

33% LEGALLY
MARRIED

36% SINGLE

MEDIAN AGE

36

80% MAKE 50K
OR MORE
45% MAKE 100K
OR MORE

AVG HHI:

\$115,000

- 10% of DC residents identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender - **highest percentage in the country.**
- Gay consumers are 3.4 times more likely to have a household income over \$250,000.
- 89% of gay men & lesbians are highly likely to seek out brands that advertise uniquely to them.
- 55% of gay consumers prefer to buy from the "top-of-the-line."

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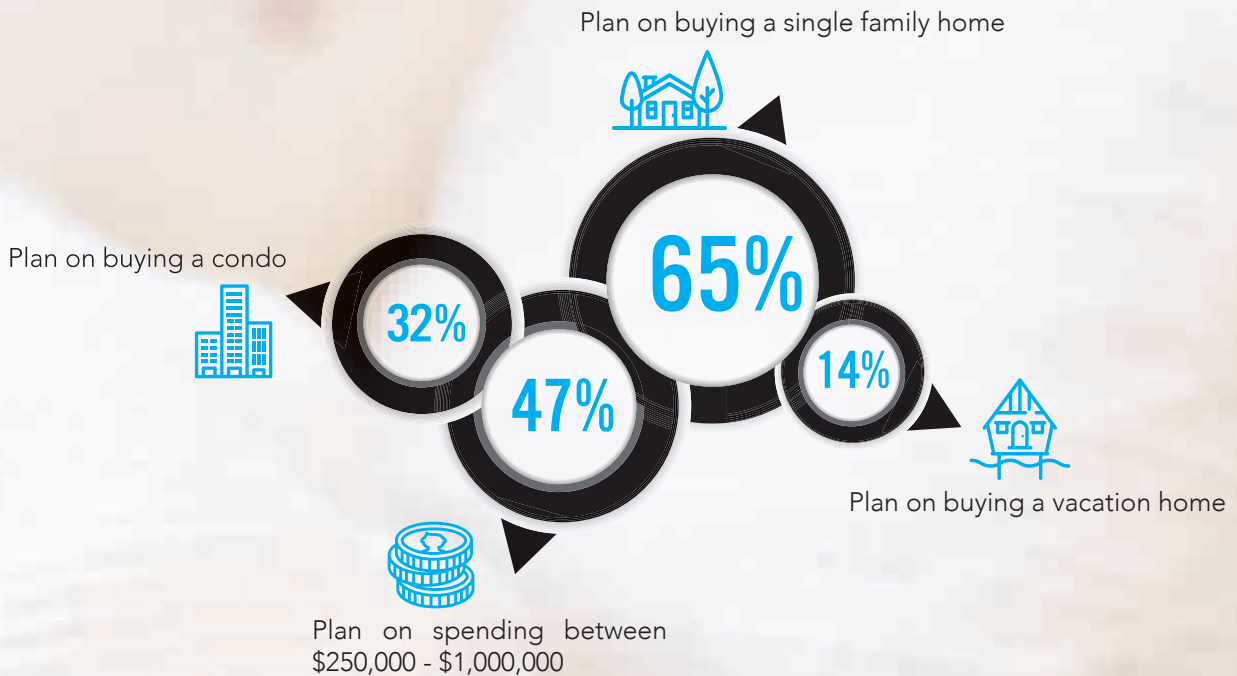
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REAL ESTATE

BLADE READERS WHO PLAN TO PURCHASE A HOUSE IN THE NEXT 3 YEARS



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2019 EDITORIAL CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 04
- 11 **New Year, New You**
Skin, Fitness, Health, Weight Loss
- 18
- 25

FEBRUARY

- 01 Valentine's Dining & Gift Guide
- 08 D.C.'S Most Eligible LGBT Singles Issue
- 09 **D.C.'S Most Eligible LGBT Singles Party**
- 15 President's Day Sales
- 22

MARCH

- 01 Spring Arts Preview
- 08
- 15 **Gay Families**
Education & Summer Camp Planning
- 22 Wedding Planning Guide
- 29

APRIL

- 05
- 12 Spring Real Estate
- 19 **Spirituality**
Easter & Pasover
- 26 Home and Garden

MAY

- 03
- 10 Mother's Day
- 17 **Rehoboth Summer Kickoff Party**
- 17 Rehoboth Summer Preview Issue
- 24 DC Black Pride
- 31 Capital Pride Preview

JUNE

- 07 Capital Pride Celebration Issue
- 08 **Pride on the Pier & Pride Parade Viewing Party**
- 14 Capital Pride Wrap-Up Issue
- 21
- 28 Independence Day Sales

JULY

- 05
- 12 Summer in the City
- 19 **7th Annual Sports Issue & Party**
- 26 Pets Issue

AUGUST

- 02 Mid City Dog Days Sidewalk Sale
- 09 Back to School
- 16
- 23
- 30 Labor Day Sales

SEPTEMBER

- 06
- 13 Fall Arts Preview
- 19 **Best of Gay DC Party**
- 20 Best of Gay DC Issue
- 27 Fall Real Estate

OCTOBER

- 04 **Gay Families:**
Private School Enrollment
- 11 National Coming Out Day/ Columbus Day Sales
- 18 **Blade 50th Anniversary Issue**
- 25 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 01
- 08 Veteran's Day Sales
- 15 Holiday Entertainment Preview
- 22 Holiday Gift Guide I
- 29 Holiday Gift Guide II

DECEMBER

- 06 Holiday Gift Guide III
- 13 Holiday Gift Guide IV
- 20 Christmas Worship
- 27 Year in Review

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