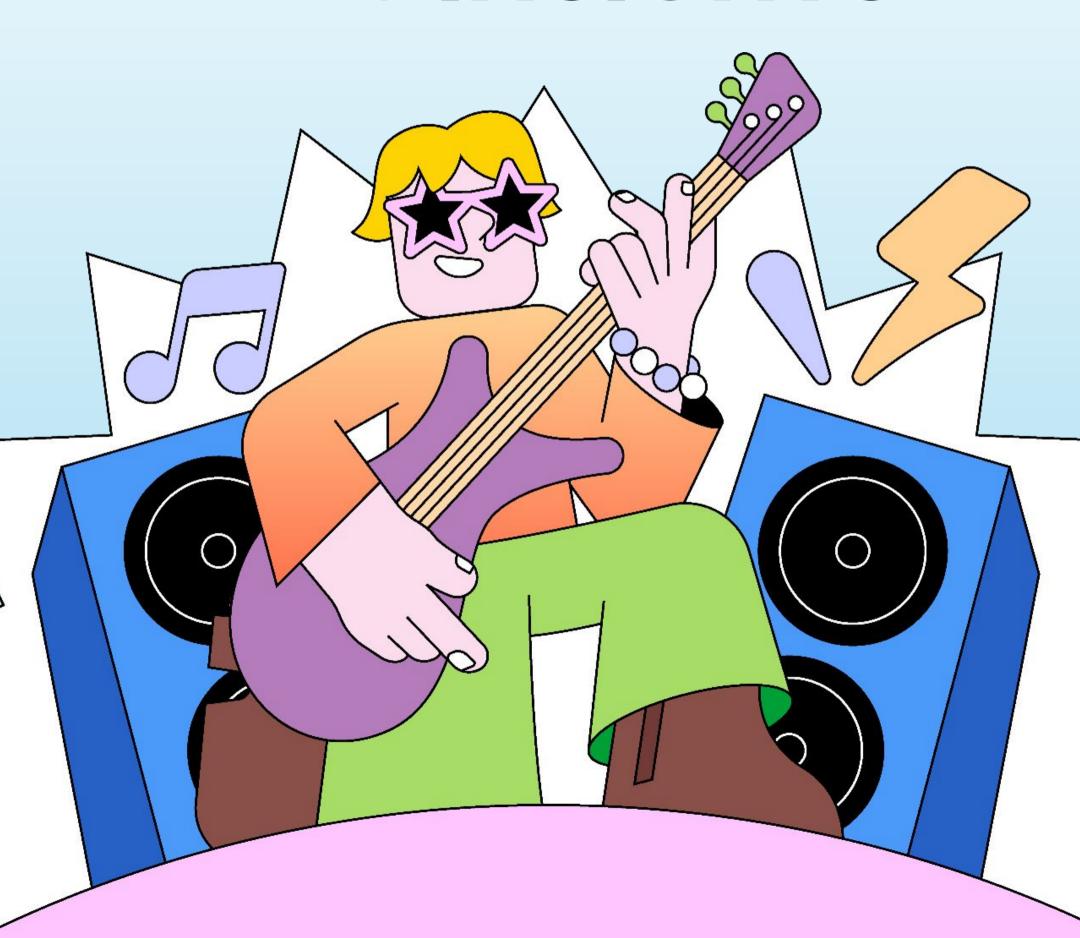


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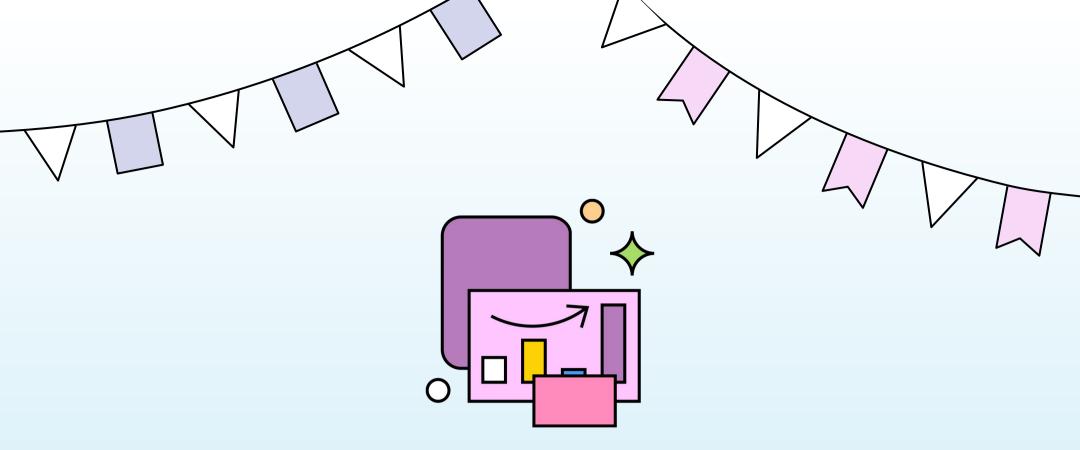




Coachella, Lollapalooza, and Summerfest may steal headlines, but 14% of festival-goers over-index for hitting up obscure or indie festivals — 44% higher than the national average.

The cool kids are off





Festivals = A Grown-Up Game

Despite the Gen Z hype, festival-goers skew older: 35-44 (22%, 131i), 45-54 (20%, 122i), 25-35 (18%, 100i)

Why? Disposable income. The festival experience — flights, hotels, passes — adds up. That \$700 Coachella weekend? It's the millennials footing the bill.





Music Is Life for Festival Fans

For the average American, festivals are a "sometimes" activity. Just 7% of the general population who list festivals as a favorite activity.

But for festival-goers, music isn't just a vibe — it's a lifestyle. 55% of festival goers say music is one of their top pastimes (248i).



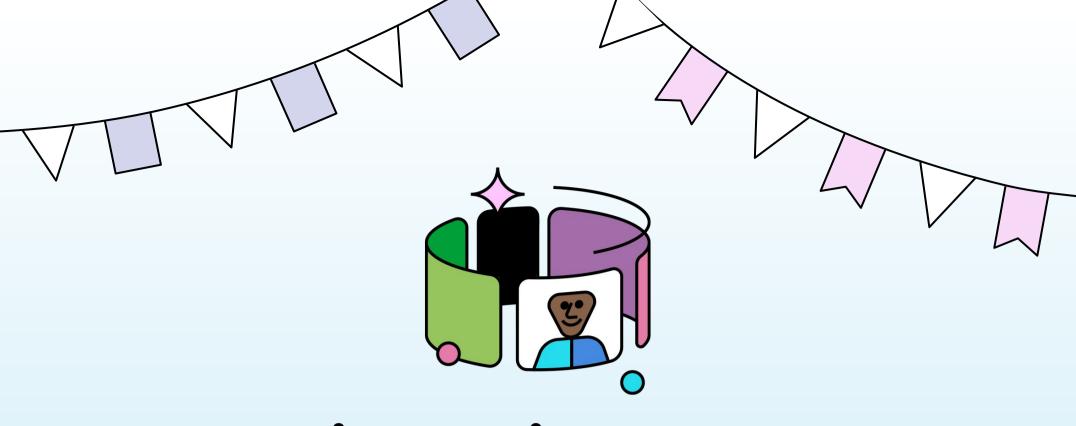


Big Cities, Big Crowds

The festival scene is powered by metro energy: Seattle (149i), Miami (145i), Chicago (145i), SF Bay Area (138i)

These hubs overindex for festival attendance. Brands should geo-target where the music's loudest.





Serial Festival-Goers = The Power Audience

62% of festival fans attend more than one festival a year (210i) — that's 2–3x more than the national average. They're not casual — they're committed. Perfect targets for fashion, travel, and beverage brands with multi-event reach.





Music with a Mission

Festival-goers aren't just here to party — 33% believe festivals have a positive effect on the environment (132i). Sustainability messaging resonates. Eco-conscious activations, merch, and refillable bottle stations? Big W.





The Next 12 Months Are Packed

Festival-goers are locked and loaded with plans: Summerfest (151i), Lollapalooza (153i), Burning Man (145i), SXSW (149i).

Coachella may be the "Influencer Olympics," but the real fans are already mapping out multiple stops on the circuit.





Ready to Plug Into the Circuit?

The shelf life of a festival trend is short — but the opportunities aren't. Talk to our team about how to turn seasonal moments into multi-stop momentum.

You can explore more trend insights <u>here</u> or get them sent to you <u>here</u>.

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