

# **Bespoke Survey Research**

January 2024

# **Oil Changes**

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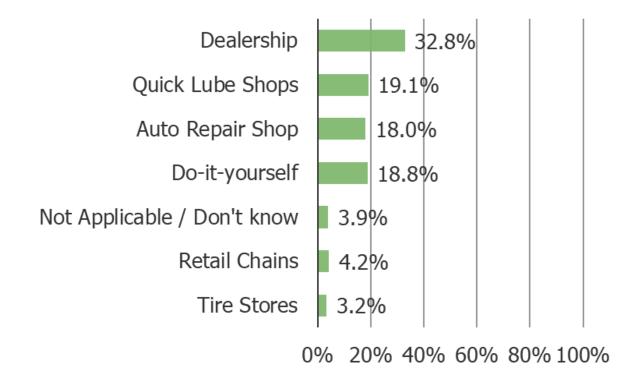
## Key Takeaways:

- □ A plurality of respondents prefer to get their oil changes done at the dealership (32.8%). Quick Lube shops ranked second, at 19.1%.
- □ Higher income respondents prefer dealerships and auto repair shops. Lower income respondents prefer retail chains. Do it yourself and Quick Lube shops both over-index to lower income a bit.
- Top reasons for preferring Quick Lube shops include the convenience and supporting local / small business.
- □ Among those who prefer Quick Lube Shops, a plurality would choose Jiffy Lube (34.3%) followed by Valvoline (23.8%). There is a large gap between the top two choices and the third (Firestone, at 7.2%).
- □ Those who prefer Valvoline tend to be a bit younger, on average, and higher income compared to those who prefer Jiffy Lube.
- Respondents say they prefer Valvoline because of the location, how quick it is, because they like the brand, and because of the rewards.
- □ Respondents say they prefer Jiffy Lube because of the location and speed.

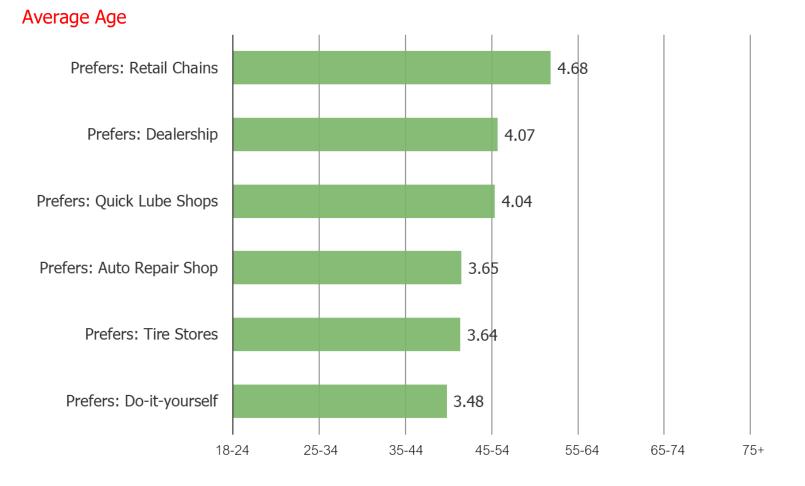
## **NEW QUESTIONS**

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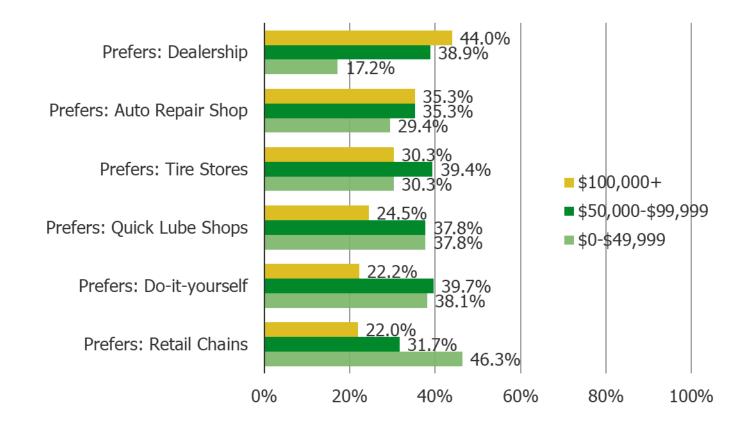
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## Income Breakdowns



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#### FILL-IN: REASONS RESPONDENTS PREFER EACH...

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### Prefers Dealership

- □ They have a rewards system so sometimes it's free.
- □ I trust them to give me good prices.
- Because they will do it right
- Trusted
- **G** get the best service
- □ I trust them the most.
- □ Have good deals.
- They know vehicle vy well
- convenient
- I tend to have newer vehicles, and the oil changes would occur while the vehicle is still under warranty
- □ It ensures the warranty is valid on car. It also looks good when using as trade in later or selling the car.
- I have always got it dealer cause they know when something wrong
- □ I trust the dealership over the instant oil change shops.
- I feel like the dealership knows about the car more so they'll have everything the car needs
- □ We have a powertrain warranty at the dealership.

#### Prefers Auto Repair Shop

- Good local mechanic
- Used to do it myself using my brother's tools but he moved away and it's not economical to buy my own tools considering how frequently I would get a change
- □ I have my own mechanic
- Ease
- $\hfill\square$  Dealerships usually charge you more for their services.
- convenient, not too much more money than doing it by yourself. that way you don't have to worry about disposing of the oil too

## Prefers Quick Lube Shops

- Convenient
- $\hfill\square$  support independent small business in our county
- $\hfill\square$  I support local businesses, and this is an easy way.
- □ The local Quick Lube shop in my area that I trust.
- $\hfill\square$  Less time consuming, quick and easy
- □ JIFFY LUBE QUICK & GREAT PRICE
- Convenient

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## **Do-It-Yourself**

- □ I know it's done right and cheaper.
- People always mess up my cars
- □ I know it is done right.
- □ I can't afford to have someone else do it.
- □ spouse does it for us
- □ Makes me feel self sufficient
- □ cheaper & I trust I can do the job
- One of the few things I can do now. I enjoy learning about my devices, etc
- □ After two really bad experiences with a quick lube shop and an auto repair shop, I don't trust anyone to do my oil changes other than my husband and/or my son.
- L lt is cheaper
- Rely on a close friend who owns a shop.

## Prefers Retail Chains

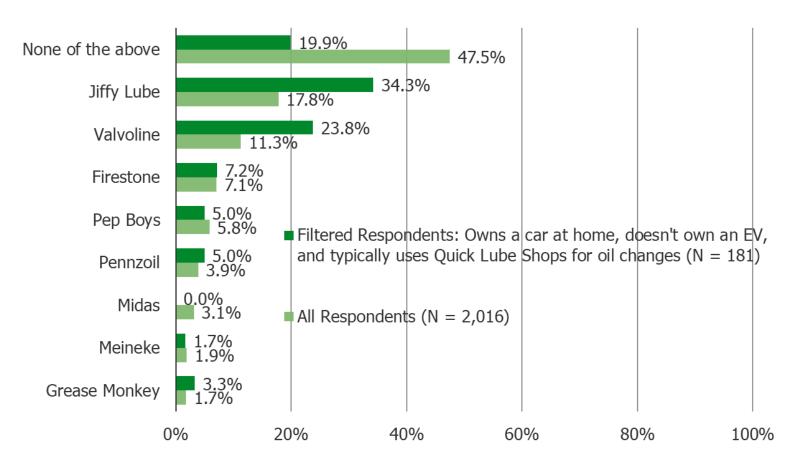
- □ Other engine fluids can be topped off along with the oil change
- $\hfill\square$  i go with the best price and hope for good service
- $\Box$  convience

## **Prefers Tire Shops**

□ they do a good job.

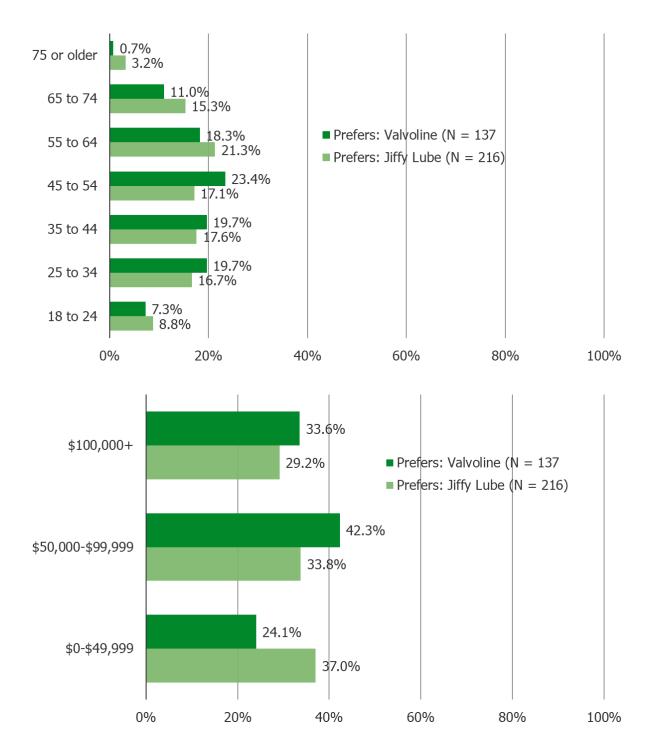
□ itis 2 minutes from my house, closest option

Posed to all respondents, cross-tabbed below....



DEMOS OF THOSE WHO PREFER VALVOLINE AND JIFFY LUBE AMONG QUICK LUBE OPTIONS...

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## Prefers Valvoline

- Rewards
- Closest to me
- In my town
- □ They are quick, affordable and professional.
- Closest to my house
- past use
- □ I like the valvoline brand
- □ friend's recommendation

## Prefers Jiffy Lube

- convenient location to my house
- □ it's well known and trusted
- Quick
- □ 5 minutes
- Past experienced has been good
- Location

## Prefers Other Quick Lube Companies Listed (Other than Valvoline or Jiffy Lube)

- □ I like the people who work there
- Convenience
- $\hfill\square$  That's just where we go and they are good
- □ They are fast and always have same day appointments
- Because they have great deals
- □ My husband's decision
- Because it is what my partner preferes
- They haven't let me down from my previous visits
- □ They have always done quality work
- My husband has huge trucks for his vending business and those and our private vehicles were taken care of at firestone