Problematic Journeys: Car Rental



KEY TAKEAWAYS

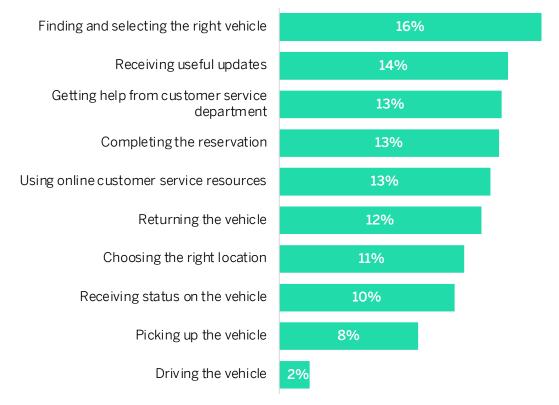
- + The journey car rental consumers most want to see improved is 'finding and selecting the right vehicle', with 16% saying this journey is broken.
- + The journey the fewest consumers think needs improvement is 'driving the vehicle'.

ABOUT

This chart shows the percentage of consumers that think each interaction with a specific car rental company needs to be improved, aggregated across all car rental companies included in the analysis.

Thinking of your interactions with [a car rental company], which of these experiences most needs to be improved?

(Select up to two options)



Base: 9,055 US consumers Source: Qualtrics XM Institute Q3 US Benchmark Study

How Journeys Impact NPS: Car Rental



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- + When none of these journeys are identified as broken, consumers provide car rental companies with an NPS of 37. When one or more journey needs improvement, consumers give an NPS of -5.
- + Consumers that say 'driving the vehicle' is a broken journey provide an NPS 29 points lower than those that didn't say so.
- + 'Choosing the right location' is the journey that, when broken, shows the NPS given by consumers is higher than when it is not broken.

ABOUT

These charts show the NPS that consumers give a car.rental company when they say a journey needs improvement, the NPS consumers give car rental companies when a journey is not in need of improvement, and the difference between those two NPS scores.

NPS difference when consumers identify a car rental journey that needs improvement

NPS when selected		NPS when not selected	NPS difference
Driving the vehicle	-20	9	29
Using online customer service resources	-12	11	23
Getting help from customer service department	-12	11	23
Picking up the vehicle	-12	10	22
Receiving status on the reservation	-4	10	14
Completing the reservation	-3	10	14
Returning the vehicle	-3	10	13
Finding and selecting the right vehicle	-1	10	11
Receiving useful updates	-1	10	11
Choosing the right location	14	8	-6

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Methodology



STUDY OVERVIEW

The data for this report comes from a U.S. Consumer study that Qualtrics XM Institute conducted in the third quarter of 2021. Using an online survey, XM Institute collected data from 9,055 consumers within the United States of America. To ensure that the data was reflective of the population, we set quotas for responses to match the gender, age, ethnicity, geographical region, and income according to the latest available U.S. Census.

DATA CALCULATION

In **Figure 1**, we calculated the chart by taking the total number of consumers that identified that journey as needing improvement for all qualifying companies within this industry and dividing it by the total number of respondents for all qualifying companies in this industry. A qualifying company had 100+ respondents that recently interacted with that company.

In **Figure 2**, we derived the NPS scores for the first chart by taking the total number of promoters and detractors that selected each journey for improvement for all qualifying companies within this industry and performing the NPS calculation using the total number of respondents in this industry that chose that journey for improvement. The second chart was calculated by taking the total number of promoters and detractors that didn't select each journey for improvement for all qualifying companies within this industry and performing the NPS calculation using the total number of respondents in this industry that didn't choose that journey for improvement. The difference was calculated by subtracting the NPS for those that did select each journey for improvement from the NPS for those that did not select that journey for improvement*.

The NPS calculated for consumers who thought none of the journeys needed improvement was calculated by using an exclusive 'none of these need improvement' option in place of the journey and calculating an NPS as was done for the first chart.

*NPS difference numbers may appear slightly different than expected due to rounding.

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