Problematic Journeys: Utilities

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

+ The journey utilities users most want to see improved is 'getting help from the customer service department', with 17% saying this journey is broken.

+ The journey the fewest consumers think needs improvement is 'using the utilities'.

ABOUT

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

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

(Select up to two options)

Getting help from customer service department	17%	
Receiving useful updates	16%	
Understanding account statements	15%	
Using online customer service resources	15%	
Finding and selecting the right service	13%	
Completing the service application	8%	
Receiving status on the application	7%	
Installing the new service	6%	
Using the utilities	5%	

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

How Journeys Impact NPS: Utilities



NPS difference when consumers identify a utilities journey that needs improvement

NPS when	1 selected	NPS when not selected	NPS difference
Getting help from customer service department	-12	20	32
Using online customer service resources	4	17	21
Receiving useful updates	-1	17	18
Installing the new service	2	15	13
Understanding account statements	4	16	12
Using the utilities	3	15	12
Receiving status on the application	4	15	10
Completing the service application	11	14	4
Finding and selecting the right service	12	14	2

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- + When none of these journeys are identified as broken, consumers provide utilities companies with an NPS of 39. When one or journey needs improvement. more consumers give an NPS of 0.
- + Consumers who say 'getting help from customer service department' is a broken journey provide an NPS 32 points lower than those that didn't say so.
- + 'Finding and selecting the right service' is the journey that, when broken, has the least impact on a utilities company's NPS.

ABOUT

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

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 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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