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# What Customers Want from Wi-Fi (Brazil)

Insights from Cisco IBSG Customer Research



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# Background

- Wi-Fi represents a significant new opportunity for mobile and broadband service providers in Brazil
- However, there is very little market insight into customers' perceptions and needs related to Wi-Fi
- Cisco IBSG undertook primary research to understand key customer needs, behaviors, and perspectives

—Online survey of 650 customers age 18 and older

-Representative of Brazilian broadband customer population

-Study was fielded in May 2012

 Study was replicated in Canada, United Kingdom, Mexico, and the United States

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

# Key Research Insights: Wi-Fi Is an Attractive Alternative for Mobility

#### Has Greatest Value When Integrated with Cellular

- Its all about home: Home is #1 place where mobile devices are connected to the Internet, and this trend is growing
- The device world is Wi-Fi: Most devices are Wi-Fi enabled; Wi-Fi is preferred way to connect to the Internet, even for smartphones
- People prefer Wi-Fi to mobile: Customers see the benefits of Wi-Fi vs. mobile
- **Ubiquity**: Customers want Wi-Fi everywhere—indoors and outdoors
- A seamless experience: Customers want seamless hand-off and integration between mobile and Wi-Fi
- New ways to make money: Users would like new Wi-Fi services that enhance the retail experience and provide roaming and secure access to remote content
- Wi-Fi can fight churn: Offering free Wi-Fi may help retain existing broadband customers and attract new ones from competitors
- New business models: Customers are open to accepting advertising and personalized marketing messages in order to have free Wi-Fi
- Wi-Fi + mobile = "new mobile": Customers are interested in a combined Wi-Fimobile offering that provides pervasive, cost-effective, seamless mobility

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012



# Wi-Fi Represents Significant Opportunity for Brazilian Operators

#### Brazil Wi-Fi Market Is Underserved, Little Understood

- Brazil has only 0.5% of the world's 777,000 hotspots\*
- Global Wi-Fi trends imply significant opportunity for Brazilian operators:
  - Wi-Fi is a viable complement to mobile: coverage, user experience, quality, price
  - Mobile operators are looking to Wi-Fi as an offload strategy for congested networks
  - Mobile operators are trying to understand new business models around Wi-Fi
- Almost no understanding of Brazilian customers' perceptions of Wi-Fi
- Cisco IBSG research—primary customer research for insight into:
  - Customer behavior
  - Current and future use
  - Customer needs and level of interest
  - Requirements for Brazilian service providers to achieve success

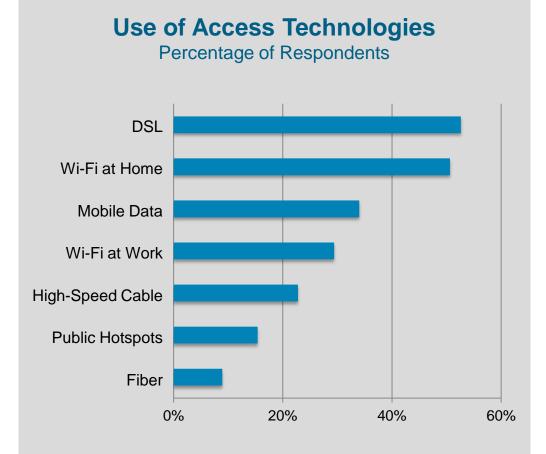
Source: \*JiWire, June 2012; Cisco IBSG, 2012

#### **Research Objectives**

- Determine how and where mobile users access mobile and Wi-Fi networks
- Understand future growth of Wi-Fi-enabled devices
- Understand what drives mobile users' choice of mobile vs. Wi-Fi network
- Determine the "stickiness" of Wi-Fi in relation to mobility and broadband services
- Test and evaluate new and innovative business models that leverage Wi-Fi

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

# Research Addressed Key Technologies, Customer Characteristics, and Attitudes



#### **Key Areas Analyzed**

- Demographics
- Devices used (frequency and duration)
- Primary locations (frequency and duration)
- Network preferences
- Attitudes toward innovative business models
- Attitudes toward service providers

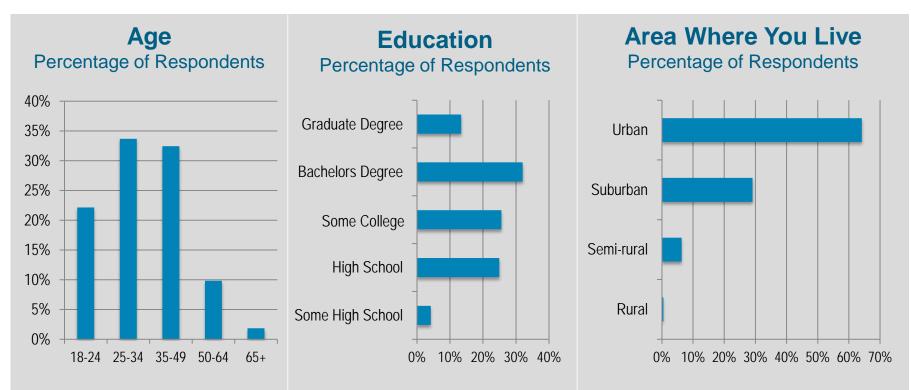
Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

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Base: 650 Brazilian broadband consumers

# **Survey Represents Brazilian Home Broadband Population**

#### 55 Million People (29% of Households) Have Home Broadband Access

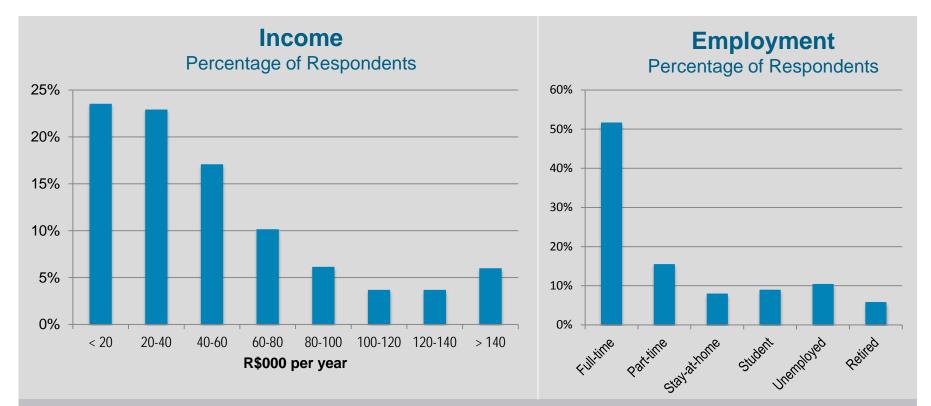


This segment of the Brazilian population is on average younger, better educated, and somewhat more urban than the total population

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

Base: 650 Brazilian broadband consumers

# **Income and Employment: Home Broadband Population**



This segment of the Brazilian population has higher income and better employment situation than average Brazilian

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

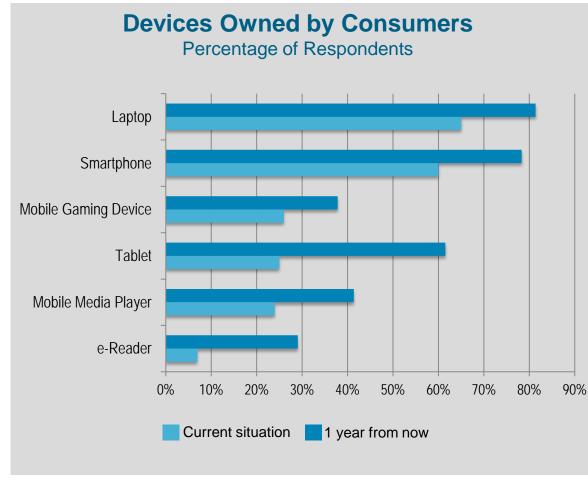
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Base: 650 Brazilian broadband consumers



# **Brazilians Love Their Mobile Devices**

#### High Penetration of Laptops and Smartphones; Explosive Growth of Tablets



Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

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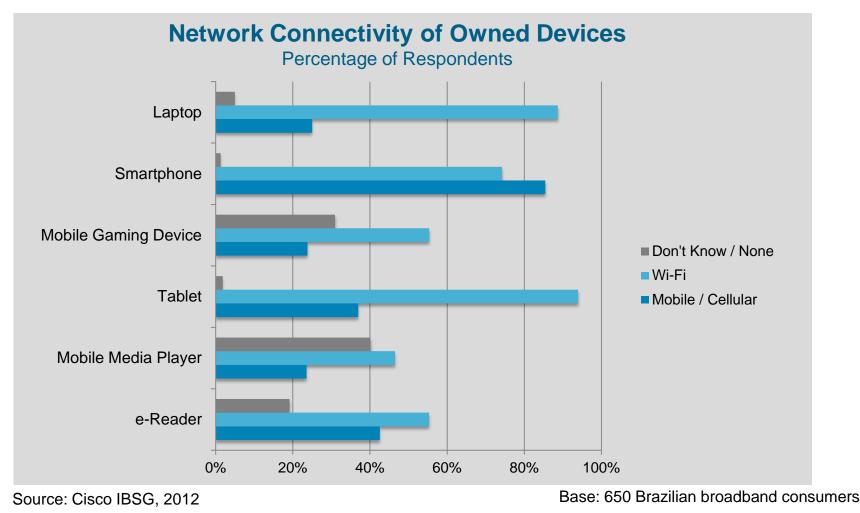
On average, Brazilian broadband consumers own more mobile devices than their counterparts in more developed countries:

- Mexico: 2.85 devices
- Brazil: 2.74 devices
- United Kingdom: 2.62 devices
- United States: 2.59 devices
- Canada: 2.43 devices

Base: 650 Brazilian broadband consumers

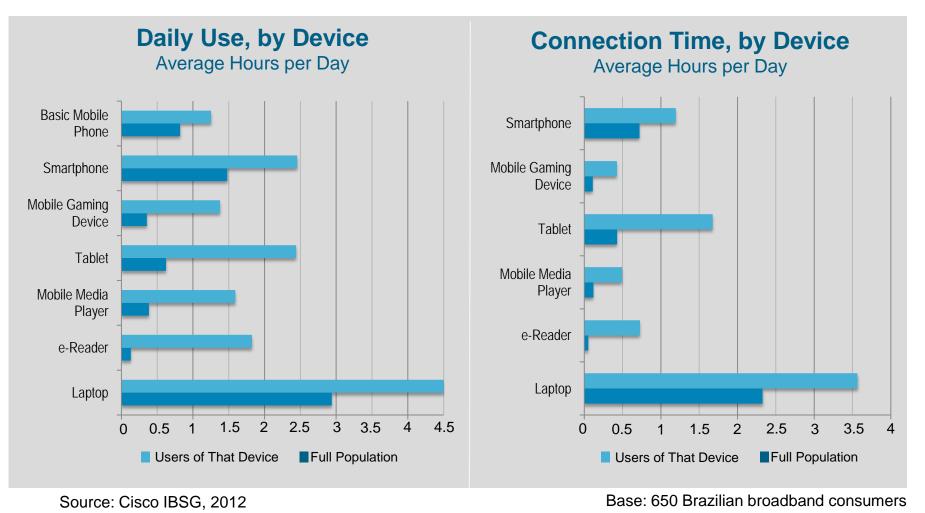
## Wi-Fi Is Primary Access Technology for These Mobile Devices

#### **Only Smartphones Use Cellular Technology More than Wi-Fi**



# **Consumers Use Mobile Devices More** than an Hour per Day

#### **Connected About Half the Time; Laptops Are Predominant Device**

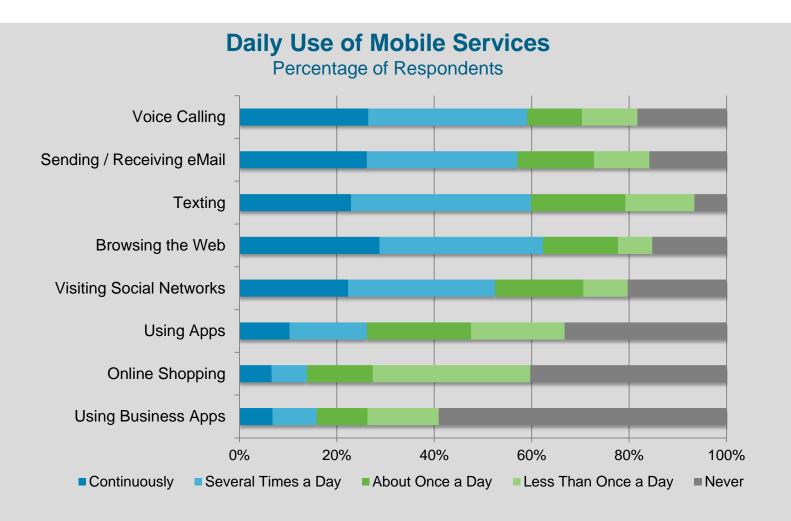


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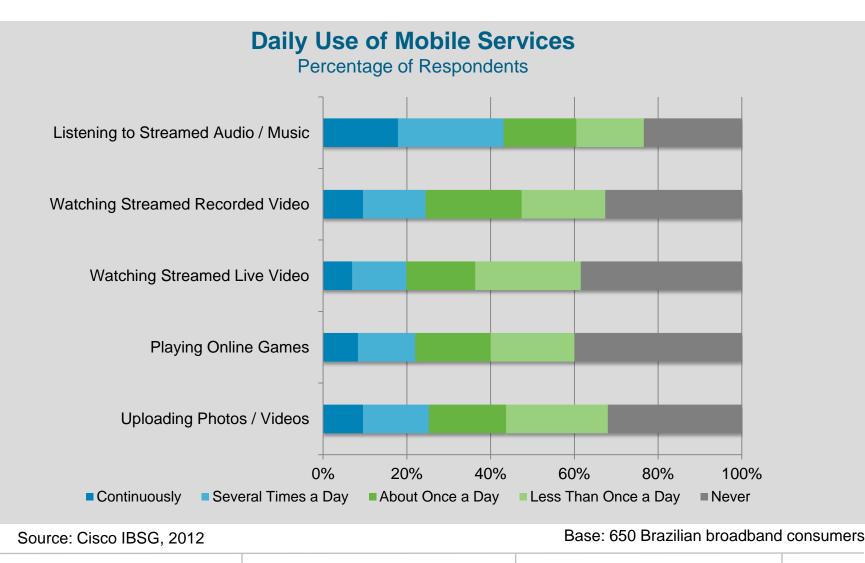
# These Devices Are Used Daily for a Wide Variety of Online Activities



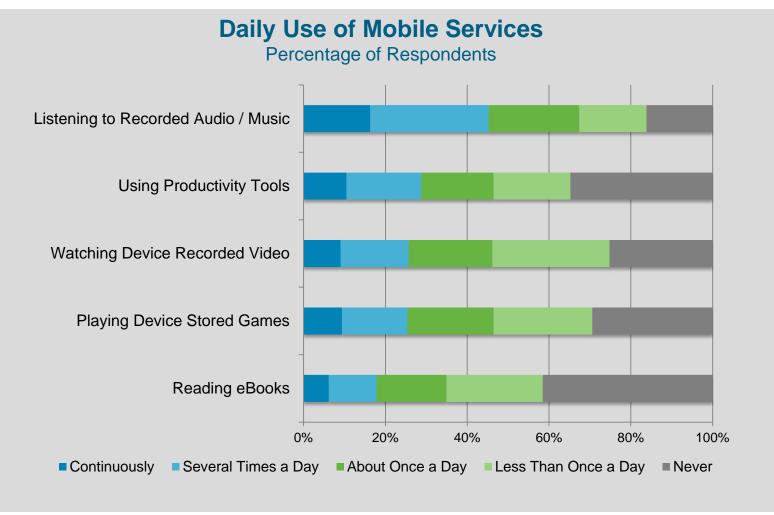
Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

Base: 650 Brazilian broadband consumers

# Significant Use of Mobile Devices for Streaming and/or Uploading Content



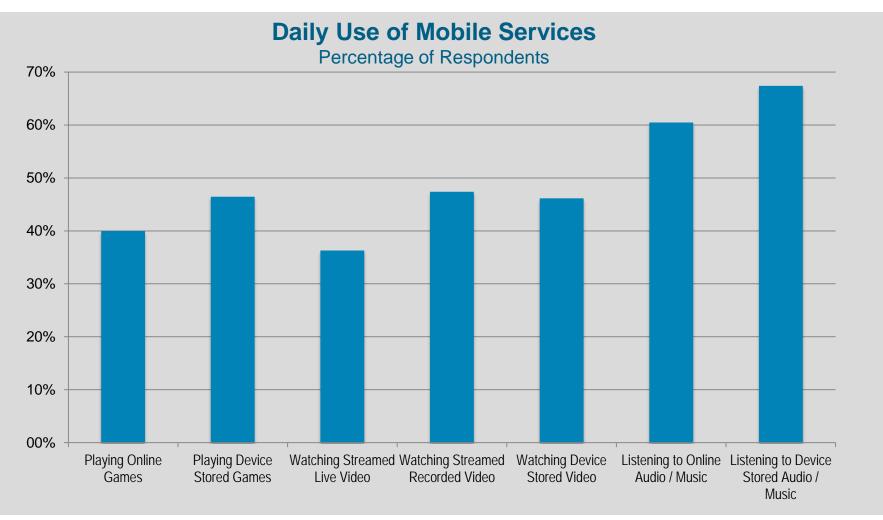
# Music/Audio Is Most Frequently Accessed Type of Stored Content



Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

Base: 650 Brazilian broadband consumers

# Both Online and Stored Music/Audio Are Accessed More than Games or Videos

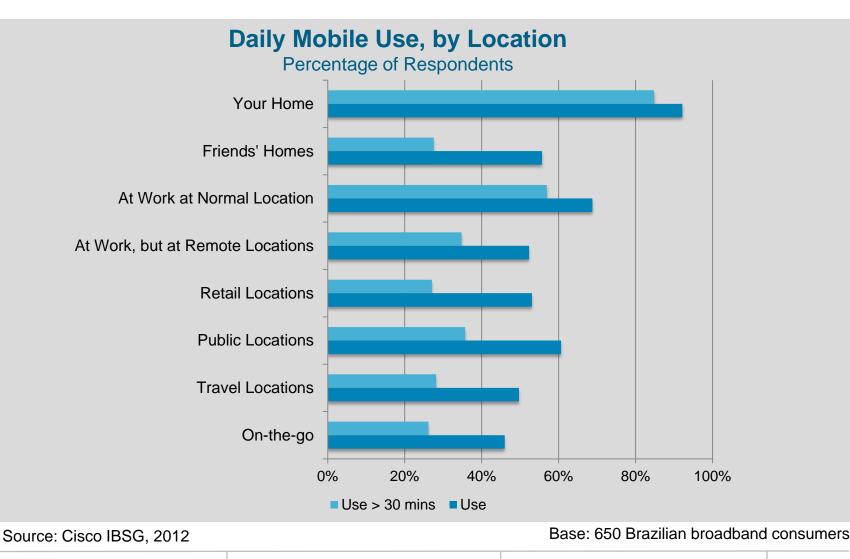


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# People Use Mobile Devices Across a Range of Locations During the Day

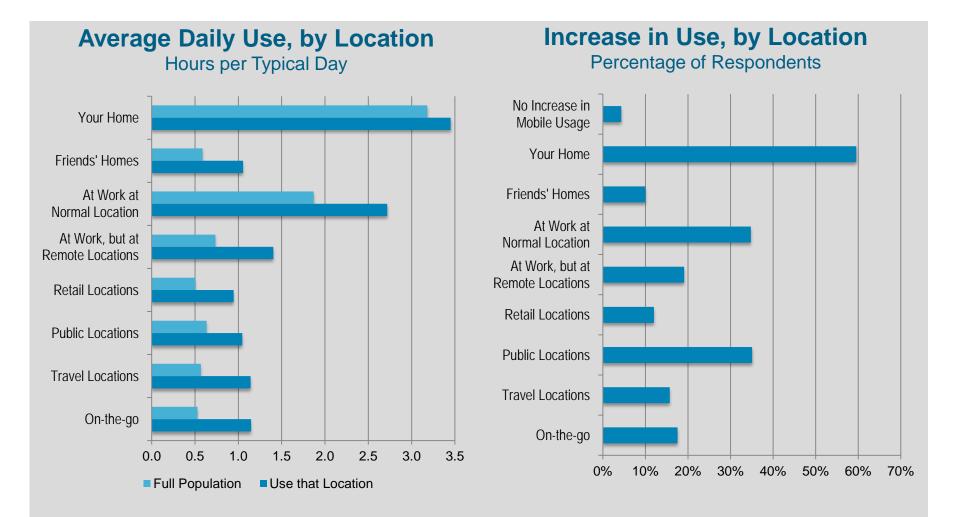


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### Most Connected Use Is at Home, and Home Use Is Growing

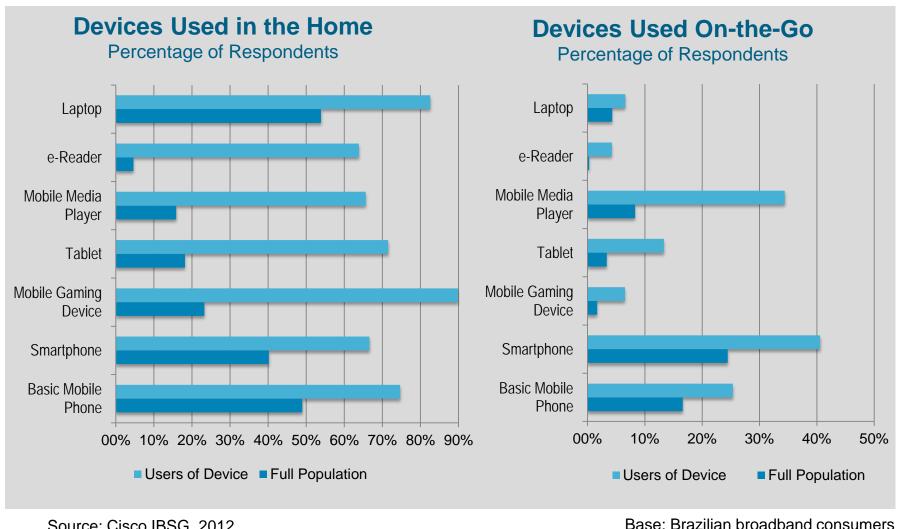


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Base: Brazilian broadband consumers

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# **Mobile Media Players and Phones Have Highest Use On-the-Go**

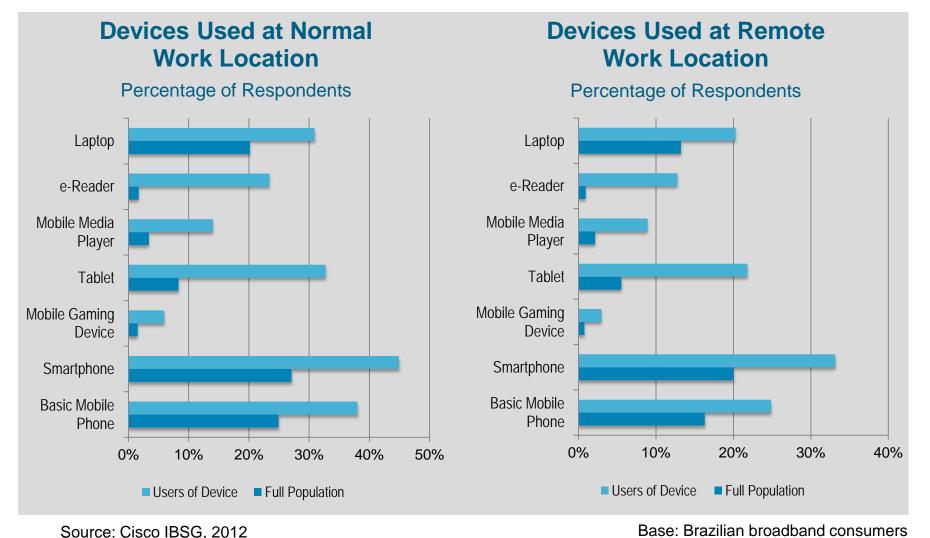


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#### Phones, Laptops, and Tablets Are Primary Work Devices



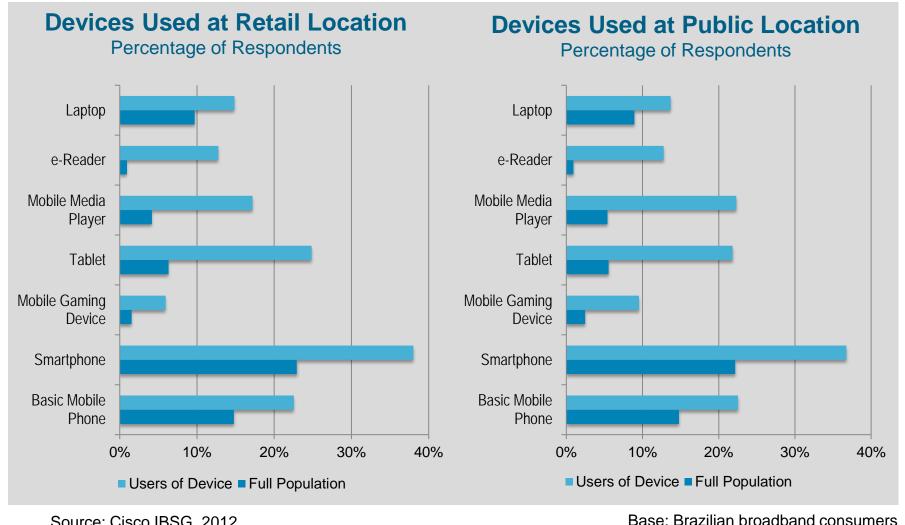
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# Phones Are Used Most in Retail and **Public Locations; Tablets Growing**

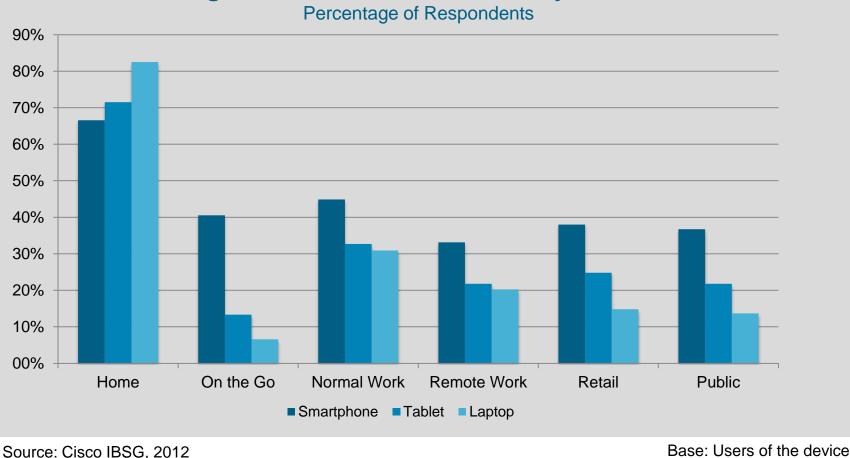


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## Home Is Place of Highest Use for Multi-Function Devices

#### **Smartphone Is Most Used Device Outside of Home**

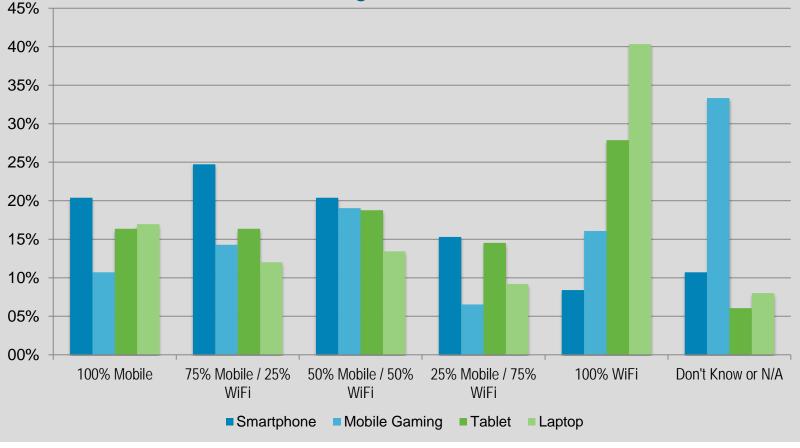


Usage of Multi-Function Devices by Location



# Most Mobile Users Employ Some Wi-Fi, Including 80% of Smartphone Owners

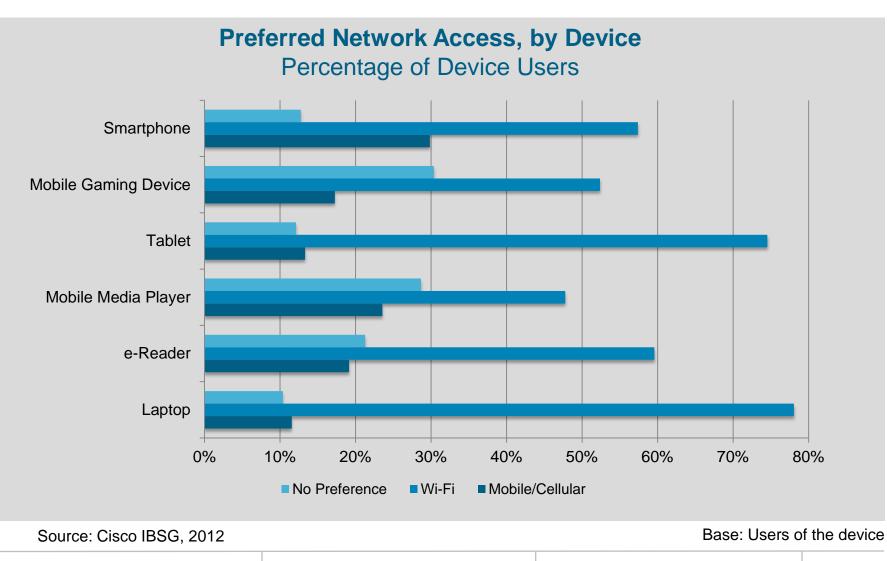
#### Current Distribution of Network Connectivity Time Percentage of Device Users



Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

Base: Users of the device

### Even Smartphone Users Prefer Connecting Devices via Wi-Fi



# Wi-Fi Is the Preferred Means of Mobile **Network Access Across All Attributes**

#### **Preferred Network Access, by Attribute**

Attribute	Mobile / Cellular	Wi-Fi	No Difference	Sample Size*
Lower cost	27%	61%	12%	575
Speed of network	16%	71%	13%	577
Best reliability	30%	53%	17%	573
Best performance for my applications	22%	61%	17%	572
Best coverage	41%	46%	12%	583
Most secure	31%	<b>50%</b>	19%	563
Easier to use	29%	53%	18%	589

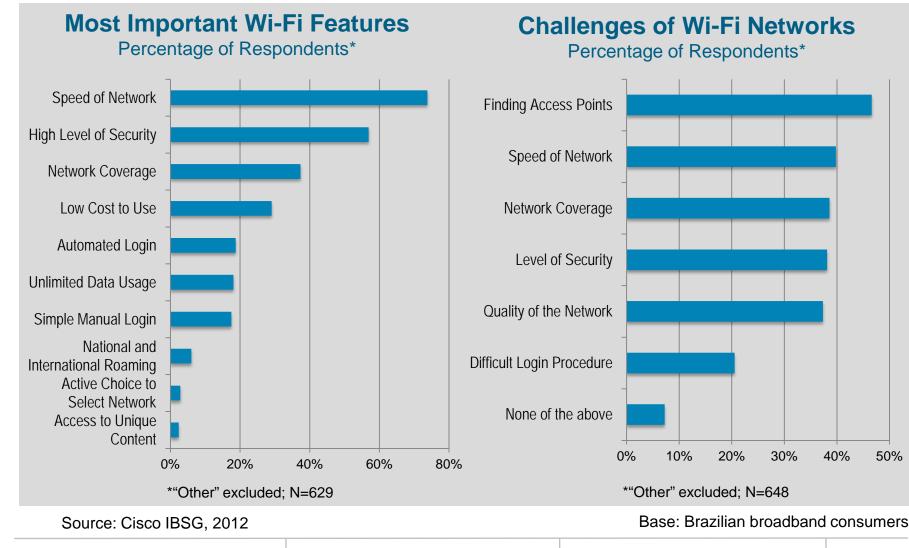
\* "Don't know" responses removed from sample.

Base: Brazilian broadband consumers

#### Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

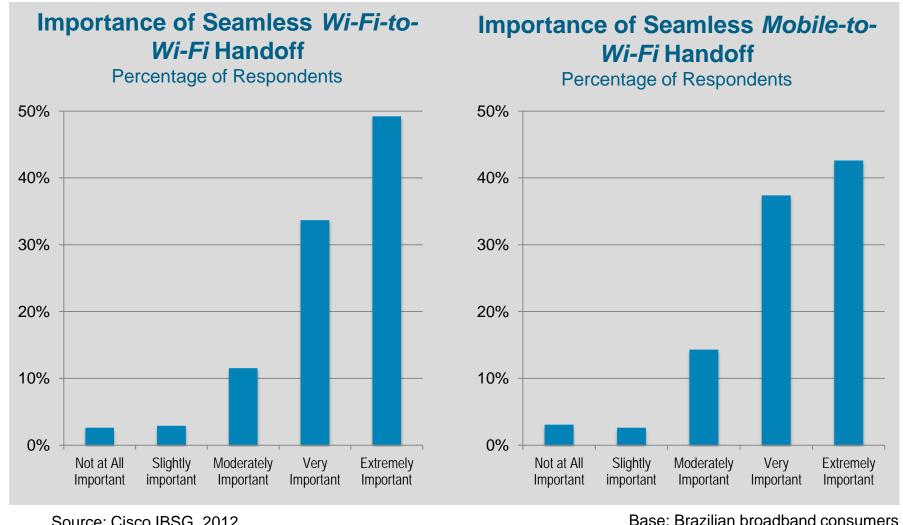
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# Users Like Wi-Fi's Speed and Security, but Face Several Challenges



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# Seamless Handoff and Integration of **Mobile and Wi-Fi Are Very Important**

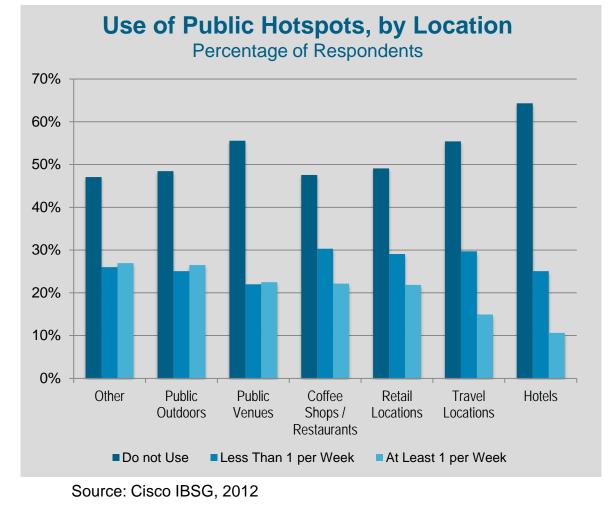


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# Mobile Users Access Wi-Fi from a Variety of Public Locations

#### They Use Different Kinds of Public Hotspots with Similar Frequency



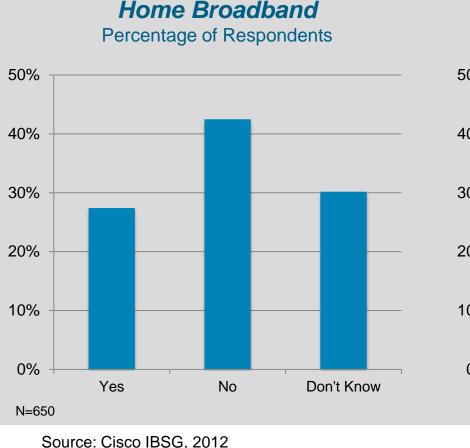
- Frequency of use is a function of availability of hotspots, not necessarily an indicator of user preference
- Likewise, use in travel locations and hotels, which is relatively low, depends on frequency of traveling
- A higher percentage of broadband consumers has used public hotspots in Brazil than in more developed countries:
  - Mexico: 88%
  - Brazil: 72%
  - United States: 58%
  - Canada: 56%
  - United Kingdom: 51%

#### Base: 650 Brazilian broadband consumers

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# Most Users Do Not Access Free Wi-Fi as Part of Mobile or Broadband Service

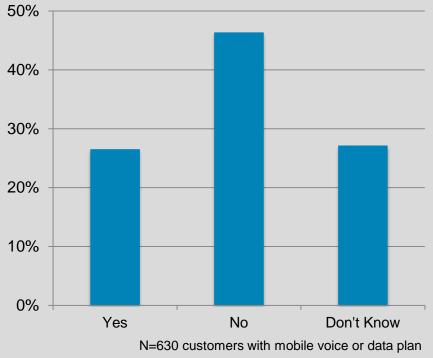
#### More than 40% Don't Have It, and About 30% Don't Know



Inclusion of Free Public Wi-Fi in

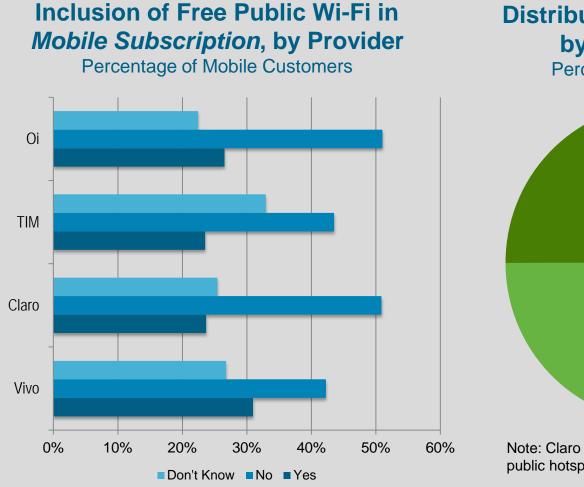
#### Inclusion of Free Public Wi-Fi in Mobile Subscription

Percentage of Respondents

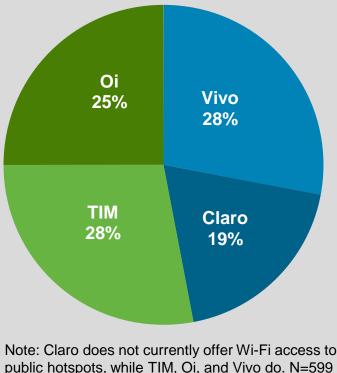


#### Base: Brazilian broadband consumers

### Mobile Customers Are More Aware that Free Wi-Fi Is *Not* Included in Plan



Distribution of Respondents, by Mobile Provider Percentage of Respondents

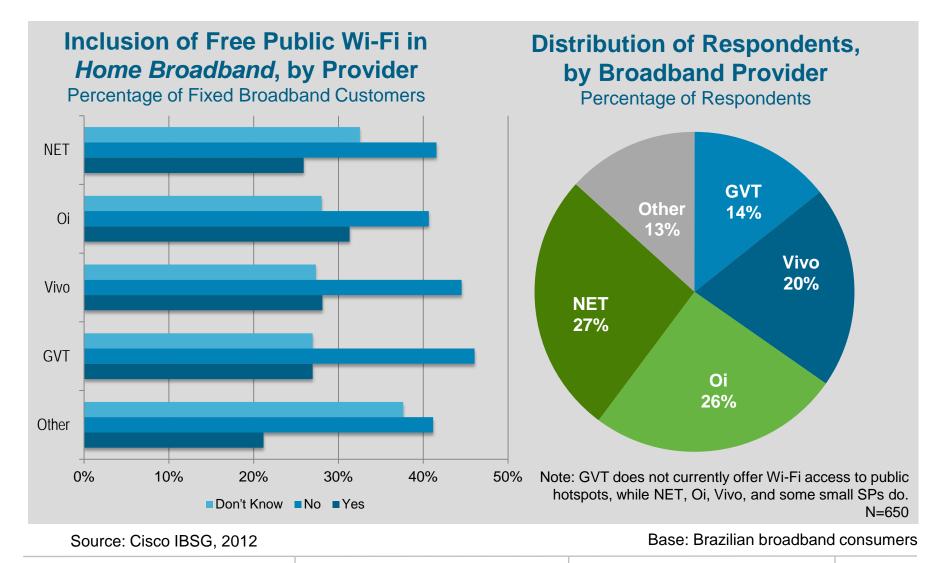


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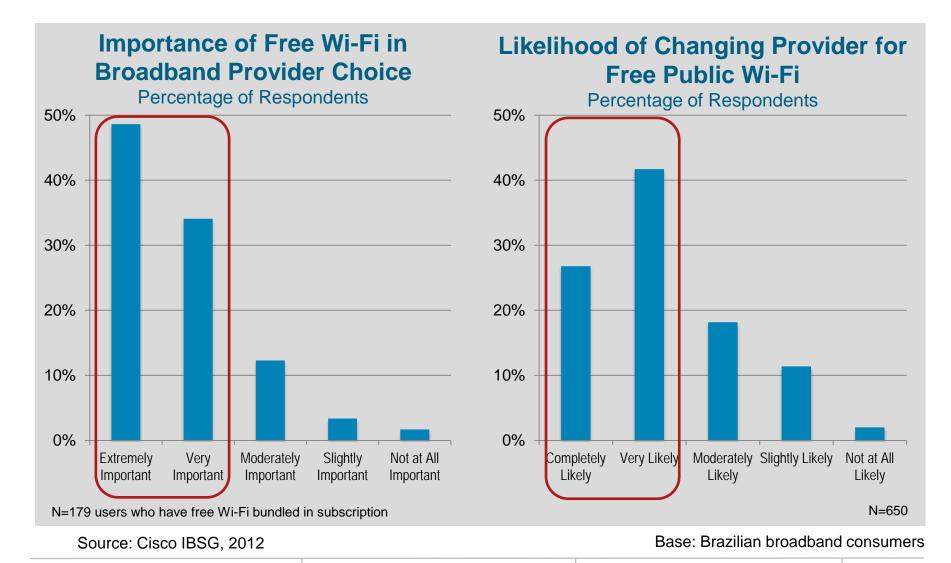
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# **Broadband Customers Are Less Clear About Inclusion of Free Wi-Fi in Plan**



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# Free Wi-Fi Is a Strong Way To Attract and Retain Customers



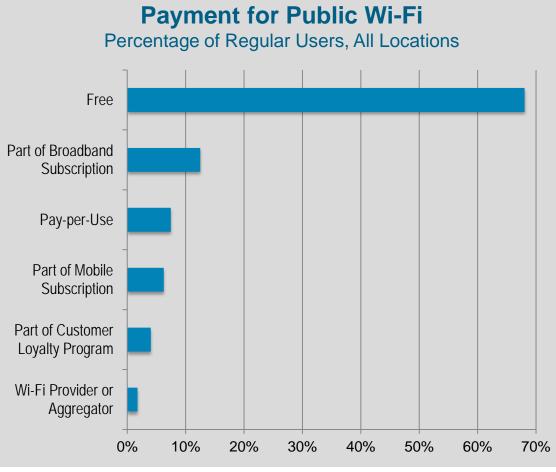
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# **Brazilians Rarely Pay for Public Wi-Fi**

### Access Is Usually Free, or Part of Subscription or Loyalty Plan



Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

- Wi-Fi as part of broadband subscription is somewhat more frequently used in outdoor public spaces (16%) and in travel locations (15%) such as airports
- Pay-per-use occurs slightly more in hotels (10%) and travel locations (9%)

Base: Brazilian broadband consumers

### Mobile Users Want Ubiquitous Wi-Fi and Have Creative Ideas for New Locations

#### **Desired Wi-Fi Access Locations** Number of Respondents (Optional Write-in Question) Everywhere Parks / Squares Streets / Roads Hospitals Restaurants/Bars/Food Courts Busses/Bus Stops & Terminals **Shopping Centers** Home Schools **Beaches** Universities Subways **Supermarkets** Stadiums Remote / Rural Areas Airports 10 20 30 40 50 60 n

#### Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

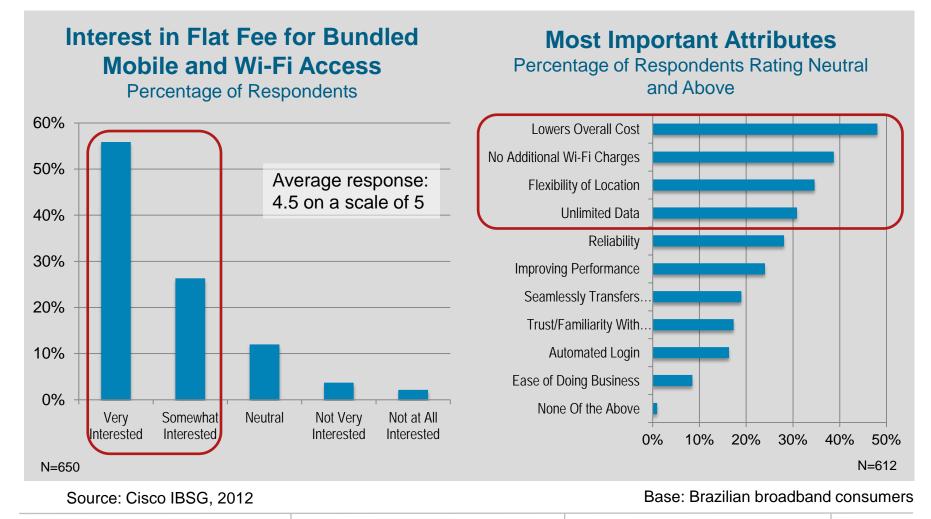
- Interesting new locations included:
  - Churches
  - Libraries
  - Museums
  - Cinema
  - Banks
- Respondent quote:

"In every place it is useful, as sometimes we need to consult a map, get information..."

Base: 312 write-in responses

# High Interest in a "New Mobile" that Combines Different Access Networks

### Pervasive, Cost-Effective, Seamless, and Unlimited Data Offering





### **Five New Wi-Fi Business Model Concepts**

### **Tested Concepts with Brazilian Mobile Users**

Most Important Wi-Fi Network Features	
Concept 1	Accepting advertising for free Wi-Fi access
Concept 2	Accepting personalized marketing for free public Wi-Fi access
Concept 3	Secure Wi-Fi access to remotely stored content
Concept 4	National/international Wi-Fi roaming
Concept 5	Enhanced in-store shopping experience

#### Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

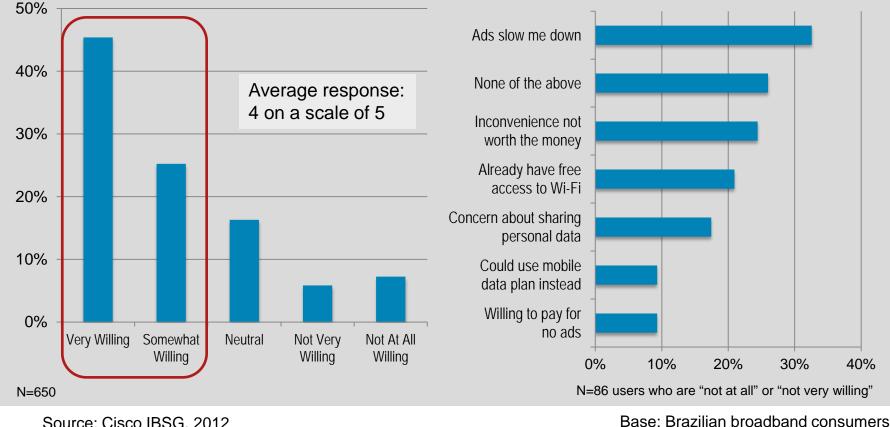
### **Concept 1: Accepting Advertising for** Free Wi-Fi Access

### Interest in Accepting Advertising for **Free Public Wi-Fi Access**

Percentage of Respondents

### **Reasons Not Willing To Accept** Advertising

Percentage of Respondents



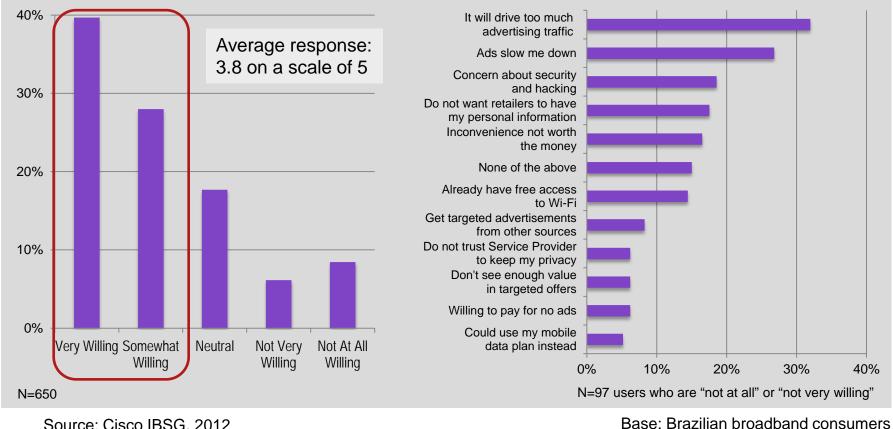
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# **Concept 2: Accepting Personalized Marketing for Free Wi-Fi Access**

#### **Interest in Accepting Personalized Marketing for Free Public Wi-Fi Access**

Percentage of Respondents

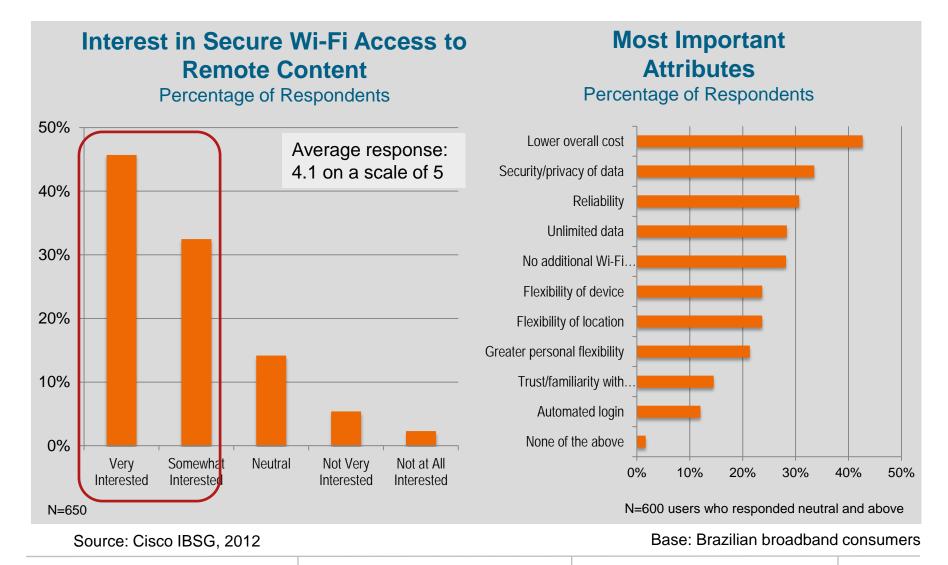
#### **Reasons Not Willing To Accept Personalized Marketing** Percentage of Respondents



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# Concept 3: Secure Wi-Fi Access to Remotely Stored Content



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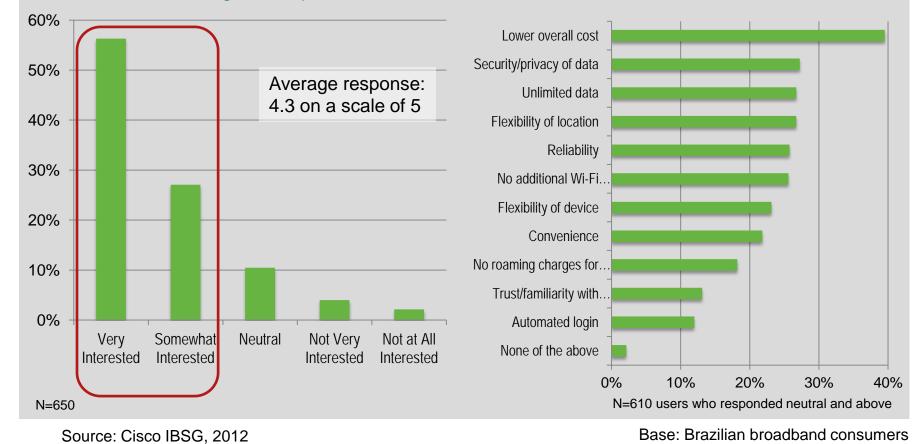
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# Concept 4: National / International Wi-Fi Roaming

### Interest in National / International Wi-Fi Roaming

Percentage of Respondents

#### Most Important Attributes Percentage of Respondents





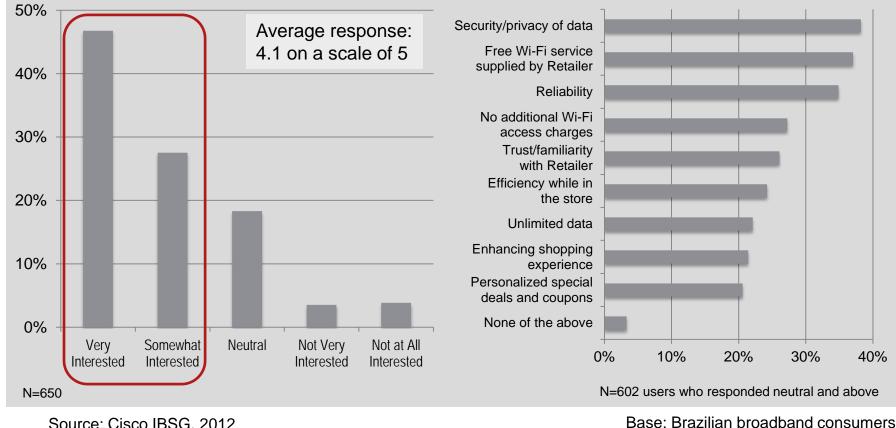
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# **Concept 5: Enhanced In-Store Shopping Experience**

### Interest in Enhanced In-Store Shopping Experience

Percentage of Respondents

#### **Most Important Attributes** Percentage of Respondents



Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

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# **Implications for Service Providers**

- Target Wi-Fi in the home
  - -Create solutions and incentives to encourage users to offload mobile traffic
- Incorporate Wi-Fi as integral part of the portfolio
  - Use pricing, marketing, and new solutions to create integrated offers
  - Create new Wi-Fi business opportunities for "nomadic" devices
- Provide a pervasive Wi-Fi experience
  - Invest in both indoor and outdoor coverage
  - Establish extensive roaming agreement with other Wi-Fi SPs, in country and abroad
- Explore new ways to make money from Wi-Fi
  - Augment the typical offload business case with new and innovative Wi-Fi services and business models – general and personalized advertising, retail application, managed services, wholesale
- Deliver on "new mobile"
  - Align network architectures and deploy appropriate technology to deliver a seamless, integrated mobile-Wi-Fi user experience

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2012

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