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# The Impact of Digital Claims on Customer Satisfaction

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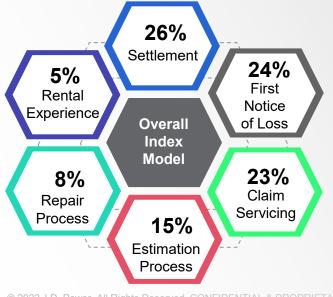
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#### **Impact of Satisfaction**

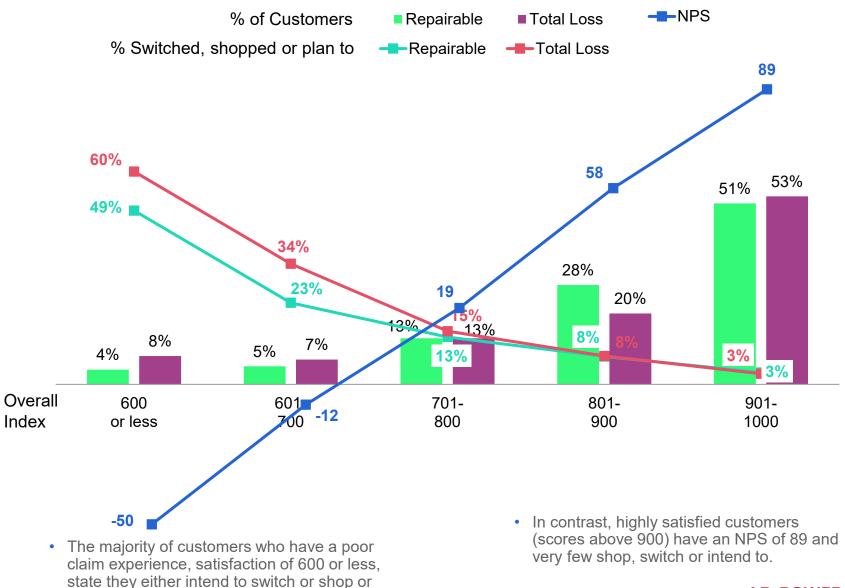
# Claim satisfaction is highly correlated with outcome metrics: Shopping, Switching, Recommending

- What we do: Independently gather feedback from 8,000+ recent Auto claim customers across the top 25 insurers
- Study includes claims from Q2 '21 Q2 '22
- Ask comprehensive questions across the entire experience—focused on 6 key factors:

#### **Drivers of Satisfaction**



#### Impact of Satisfaction on Shopping, Switching and NPS

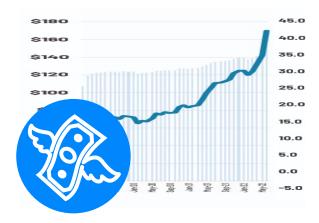


have already done so.



#### **Key Industry Trends Impacting Auto Claims**

The 2022 combined ratio for Personal Auto was approx. 112%—the worst result in 20+ years—and 11 points higher year-over-year<sup>1</sup>



#### **Increasing Costs**

- Increasing vehicle technology/complexity;
   more luxury vehicles, trucks, and SUVs now
- Inflation, supply chain disruption, & labor shortages impacting labor and parts costs
- Sharp rise in used-vehicle prices (particularly Trucks and SUVs), lead to higher total loss costs—and more vehicles repaired
- State Farm announced \$13B underwriting loss for '22 (combined ratio ~128%)



#### **Increasing Delays**

- Shop backlog national average peaked at 5.8 weeks in Q1'23 vs. pre-pandemic average of 1.7<sup>3</sup>
- Days from reporting claim to vehicle fixed was 53 days in '22—repair time accounted for 16.7 days<sup>2</sup>
- Average rental days peaked at 18.7 days in Q1'23 (+5.4 days from Q1'21)<sup>4</sup>



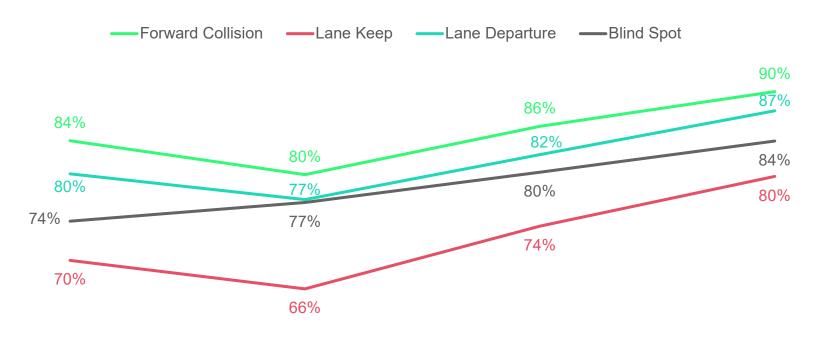
# Impact on Customer Experience

- Insurers also experience staffing shortages/delays; increased focus on technology for process (photos/AI) and communication
- The accelerated shift to technology has mixed results (photos + inspection + supplements vs. more texting)
- Longer claims = higher likelihood of issues; customers are critical of timing and communication
- Claim Satisfaction hit low point in Q4'21-Q1-'22, but has since rebounded



# The penetration rates of ADAS features continues to climb with 80% of owners reporting having all 4 primary ADAS features

#### JDP IQS: Driving Assistance % Have Feature: Industry



#### Impact on Claim costs

- Cost of repair is 15-19% higher for vehicles with AEB and Level 2 ADAS¹
- % of claims with Mechanical Labor (highest labor rate) has nearly doubled in last 5 years to 47%
- Nearly 28% of Appraisals for new vehicles have Fees for Calibrations (reflash/Camera/ Distance sensor/ADAS)—Avg. Fee \$388

Source: CCC;

<sup>1</sup> Comparison based on '21 MY vs. '15 MY without same tech;

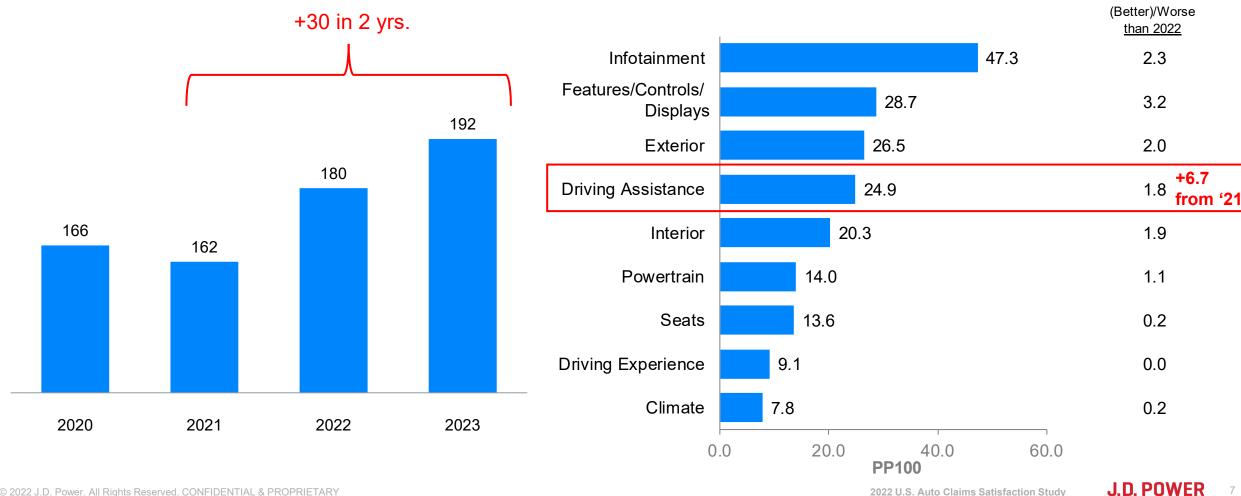
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## JDP IQS: PP100 experiences 2<sup>nd</sup> largest increase in study history after last year's 18 PP100 increase

#### **Total Problems (PP100) Trend: Industry**

#### **Total PP100 by Category: Industry**





#### **Overall Satisfaction Trend**

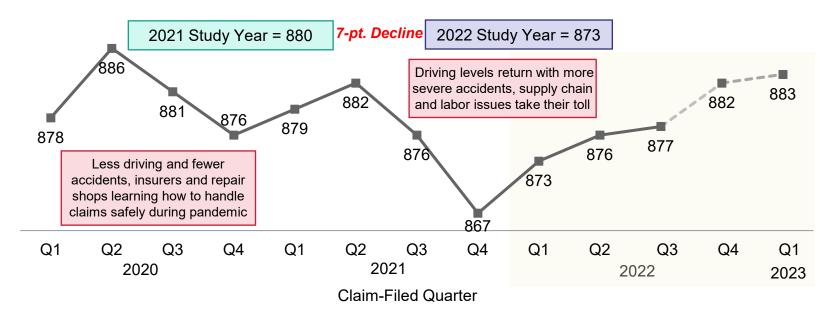
### Lingering pandemicrelated supply chain issues drive Auto Claim Satisfaction down in 2022

- Early fielding shows the worst is behind us and satisfaction is trending upward
- Customers report their claim took
   7 days longer in the '23 YTD study compared to the '22 results (and nearly 2 weeks longer than '21)
- Repair process declines the most for repairable vehicles
- Claim Servicing declines the most for Total Loss

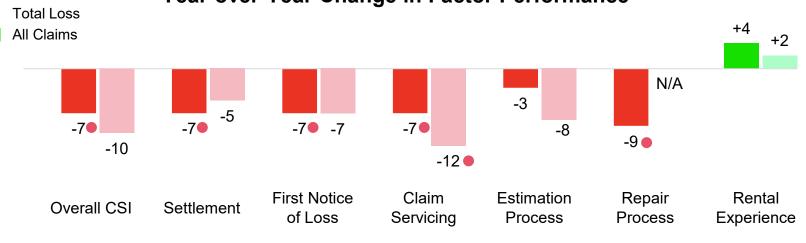
Notes: •/• Significant difference at the 90% confidence interval; Change is better/(worse).

#### **Overall Claim Experience Satisfaction Trend by Claim-Filed Quarter**

(Based on a 1,000-point scale)

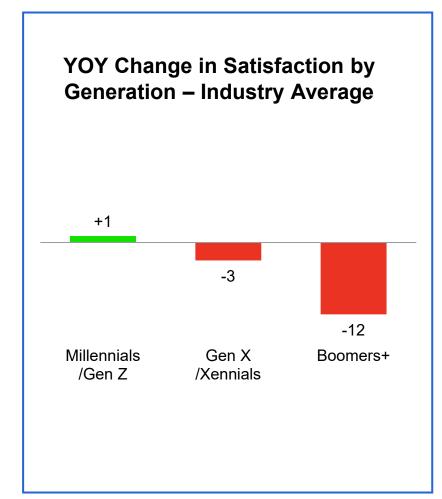


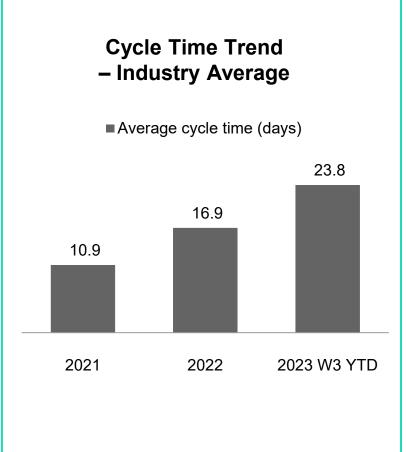
#### **Year-over-Year Change in Factor Performance**

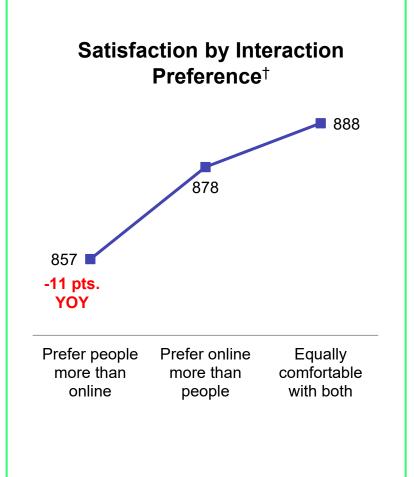


#### **Claimant Characteristics**

Satisfaction among Boomers declines the most—this group reported longest cycle times and has higher preference for dealing with people more than digital





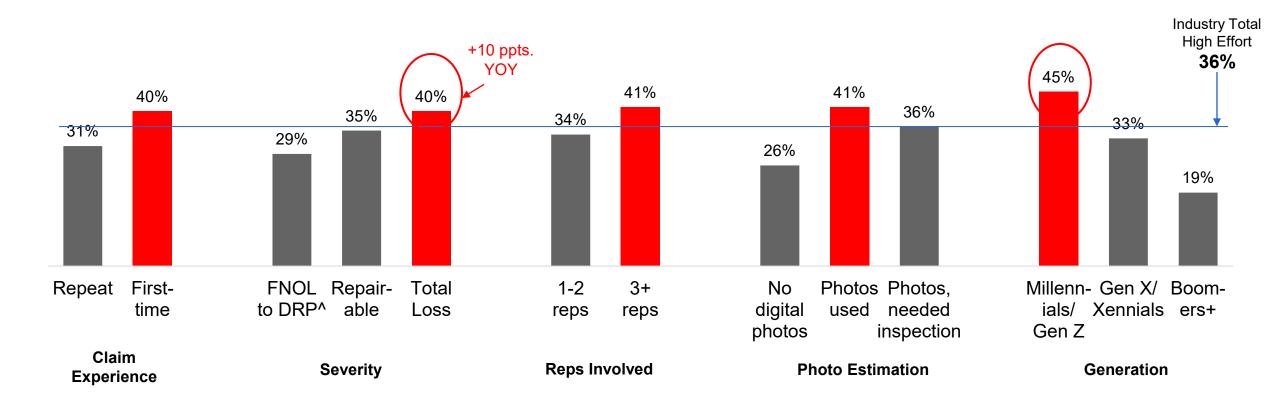


#### **Effort in Resolving Claim**

The effort involved in claim resolution has increased—highest levels reported from youngest customers, submitting photos, dealing with 3+ reps and total loss

#### **Effort by Claimant Characteristics**

(% High Effort)

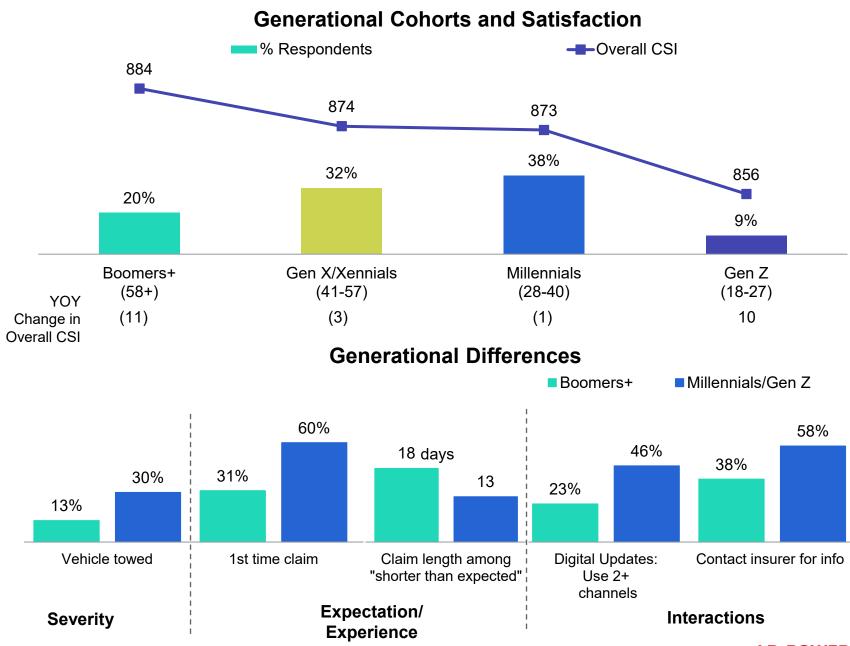


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#### **Generational Cohorts and Satisfaction**

# The oldest claimants have the highest level of satisfaction at the Industry level

- While the other end of the spectrum has Gen Z as the least satisfied
- Millennial/Gen Z are 2X more likely to use multiple digital channels, but also have higher rates of contacting their insurer for info.—a combination that leads to more effort
- Younger customers are also more sensitive to repeating information and report notably higher rates of doing so





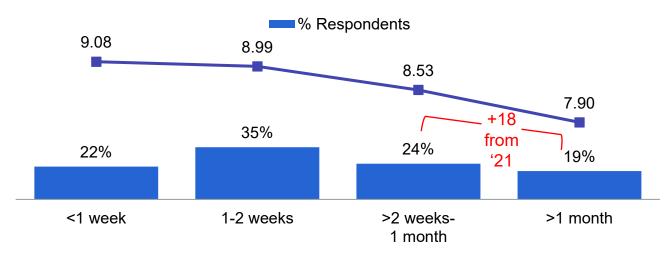
#### **Managing Claim Length Expectations**

# Managing claim length expectations can mitigate the impact of longer claims

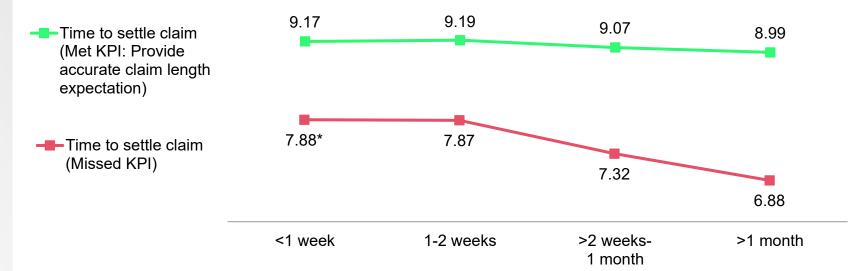
- Notable increase in claims lasting beyond 2 weeks
- Satisfaction with *Time to settle claim* drops as claim length increases
- Insurers who manage customers' expectations limit the negative impact of long claims

#### Satisfaction with *Time to Settle Claim* by Claim Length

(Time to settle claim based on a 10-point scale)



#### Impact of Managing Claim Length Expectations on *Time to Settle Claim* Satisfaction



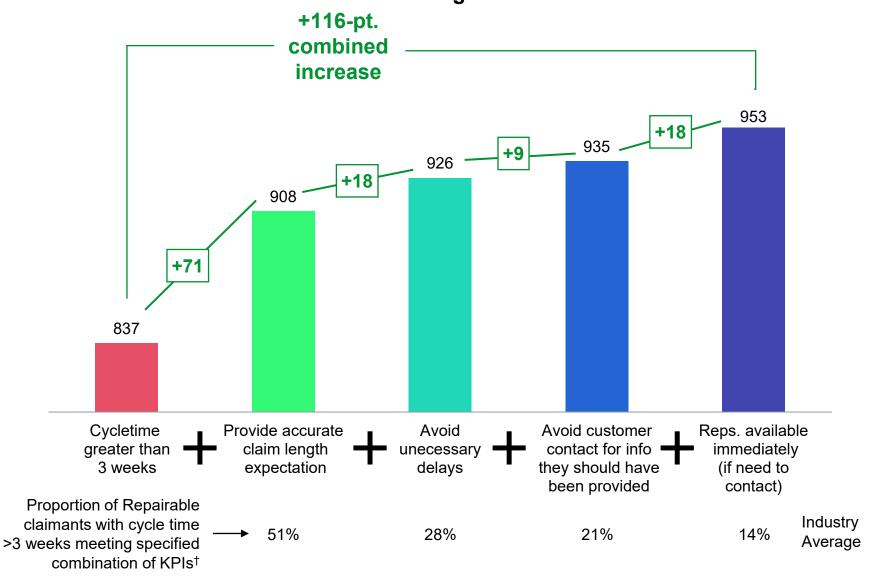
#### **Combined Impact of Meeting KPIs**

### Communication is key in handling long-tailed claims

- Satisfaction is significantly lower when a Repairable claim takes longer than three weeks
- Managing timing expectations and providing sufficient updates to avoid customers calling for info are key to delivering a great claim experience for longer-tailed claims

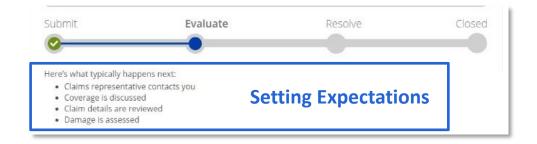
Notes: †Other KPIs may have been met, but this analysis focuses only on the KPIs/metrics that are most impacted by long cycle times

#### **Combined Impact on Overall Satisfaction When Multiple KPIs Are Met – Industry Average**



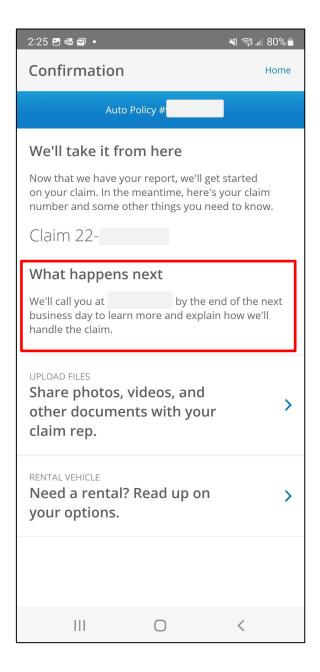
#### **Setting Expectations Early at First Notice of Loss**

Setting expectations for next steps, claim process and services, FAQs, "accident checklist", etc. all help ensure customers feel their claims are being handled correctly









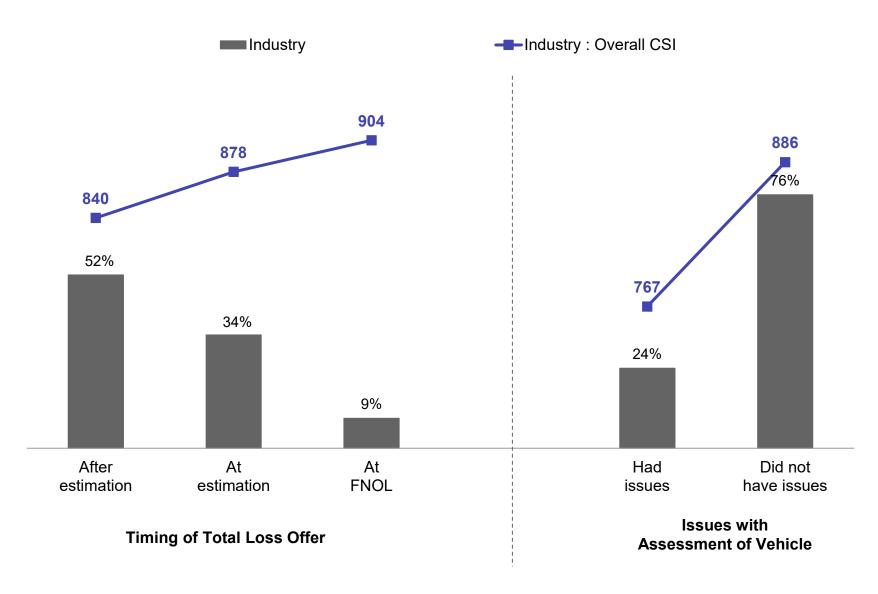


#### **Total Loss Settlement**

## CSI declines most when total loss offers occur late in process, assessments have issues, or settlement is less than expected

- · When there are issues with the insurer's assessment, satisfaction is significantly lower; common issues are:
  - Vehicle condition: mentioned by 40% and OSAT is **742** (-22 YOY)
  - Comparable vehicles used for value: 34% and OSAT is **719** (-14 YOY)

#### Impact of Timing and Assessment Issues on Satisfaction – Total Loss

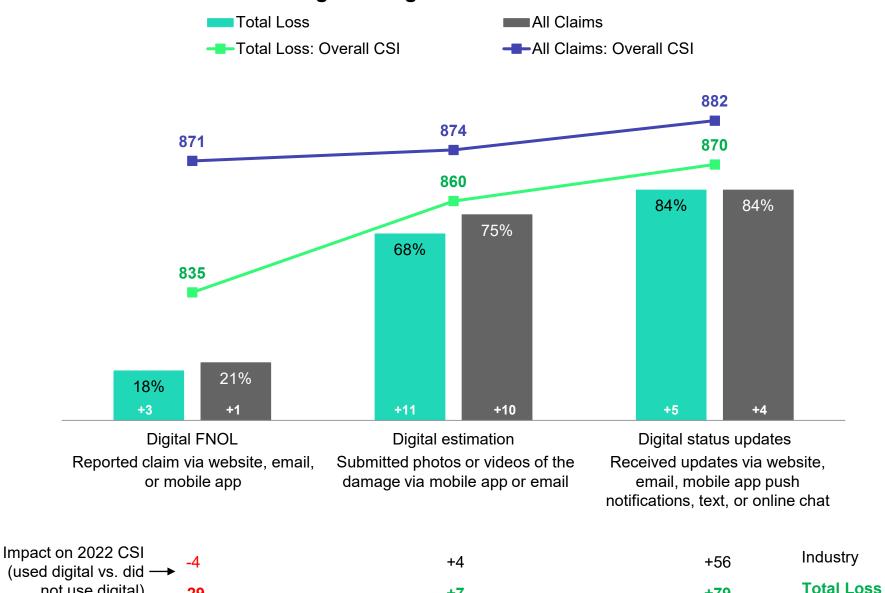


#### **Digital Claim Process**

## Digital usage has increased but the impact is mixed—Digital FNOL underperforms while status updates provide lift

- Digital FNOL excels in "Ease" and "Time" to report, but performs lower than Call Center/Agents in 2 key areas:
  - Explaining the claim process
  - Showing concern
- Digital status updates provide the biggest lift to satisfaction—a gap that has increased this year as relying on non-digital methods provides notably lower scores

#### **Digital Usage and Satisfaction**



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+79

not use digital)

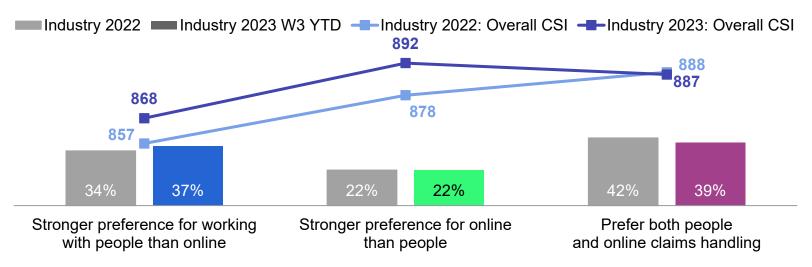
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#### **Claim Interaction Preferences**

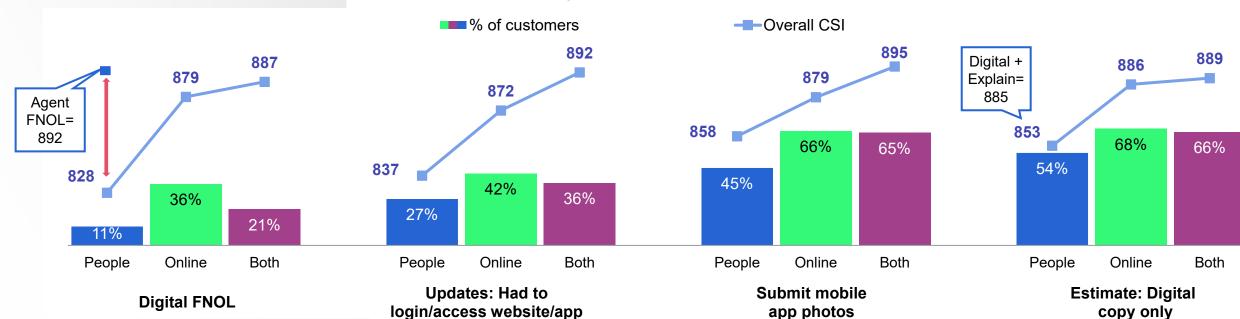
# Meeting customers' claim handling preferences is critical to satisfaction

 Claimants who more strongly prefer people have the lowest satisfaction, particularly when using digital channels

#### **Claims Process Preferences**



#### Claims Process by Preference—Impact on Satisfaction

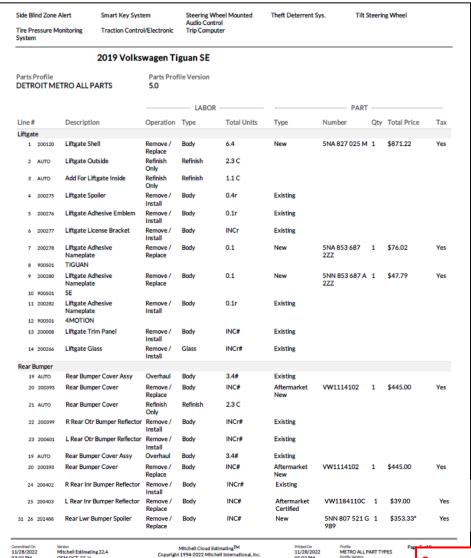


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### Estimates can be intimidating—often very long and cryptic



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<b>Estimate Totals</b>			
Labor	Units	Rate	Sublet Add'l Amount
Body Labor	11.0	\$53.00	
Refinish Labor	7.5	\$53.00	
Glass Labor	0.0	\$53.00	
Total Labor	18.5		
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**Labor Total** \$980.50 Taxable Parts \$1,852.36 \$1,852.36 \$0.00 Parts Adjustments \$111.14 Tax 6.0000% \$0.00 Non-Taxable Parts Total \$1,963.50 Amount Other Additional Costs \$3.00 \$3.00 Paint Materials \$255.00 \$255.00 Taxable \$255.00 Tax 6.0000% \$15.30 Paint Materials Rate: \$34.00 Non-Taxable \$3.00 Rate Max: 99.9 units Additional Rate: \$0.00 Costs Total \$273.30 Gross Total Gross Total \$3,217.30 \$3,217.30 Taxable \$2,107.36 Tax \$126.44 \$983.50 Non-Taxable **Gross Total** \$3,217.30

Waived

Many insurers provide reference guides to understand the estimate and payment calculation (but not always easy to find and some prefer conversations)

\$980.50

Tax 0.0000%

Non-Taxable

**Net Estimate Total** 

Less Original Net Total

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Waived

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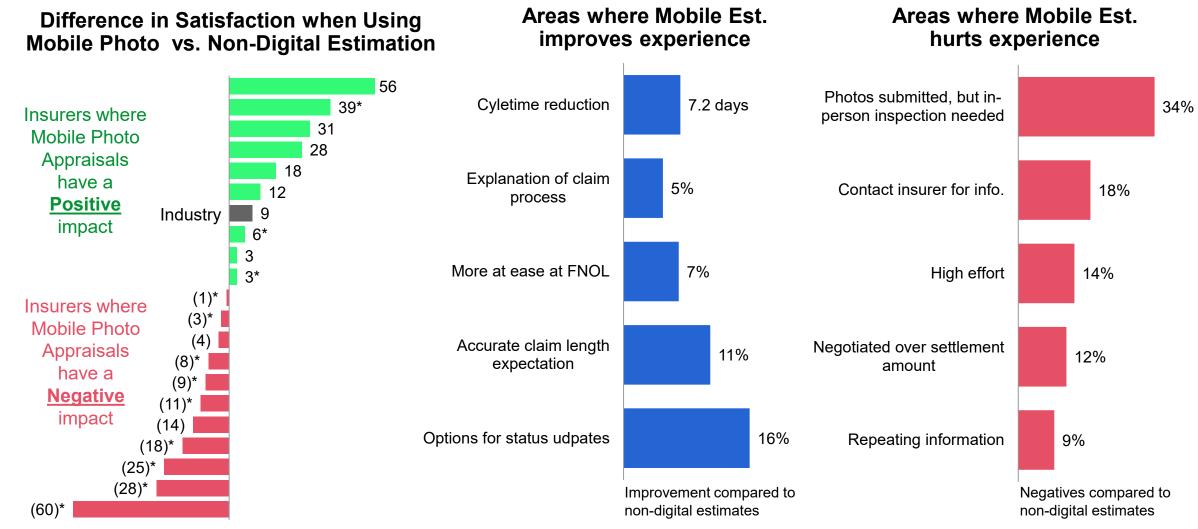
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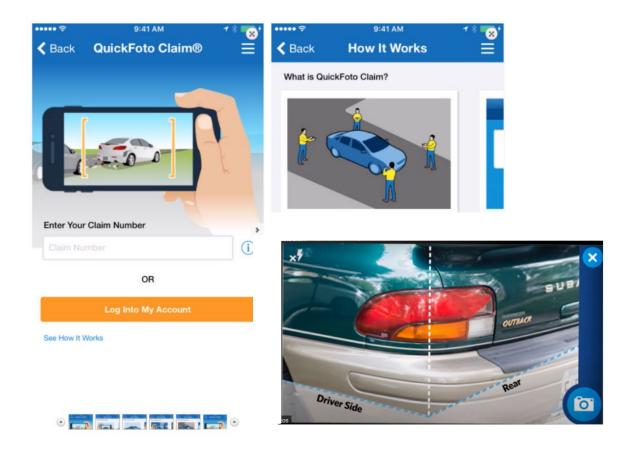
Responsibility

The impact of digital estimation is mixed—quicker claims and better understanding of process/length vs. more effort, more contact, and frustration if photos are not used

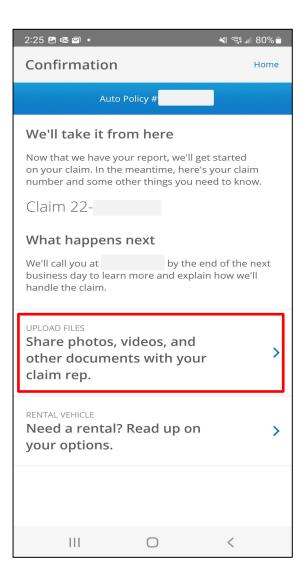


#### **Photo Submission Process**

The photo submission process can still present issues—such as submitting photos multiple times or submitting at FNOL and not being used



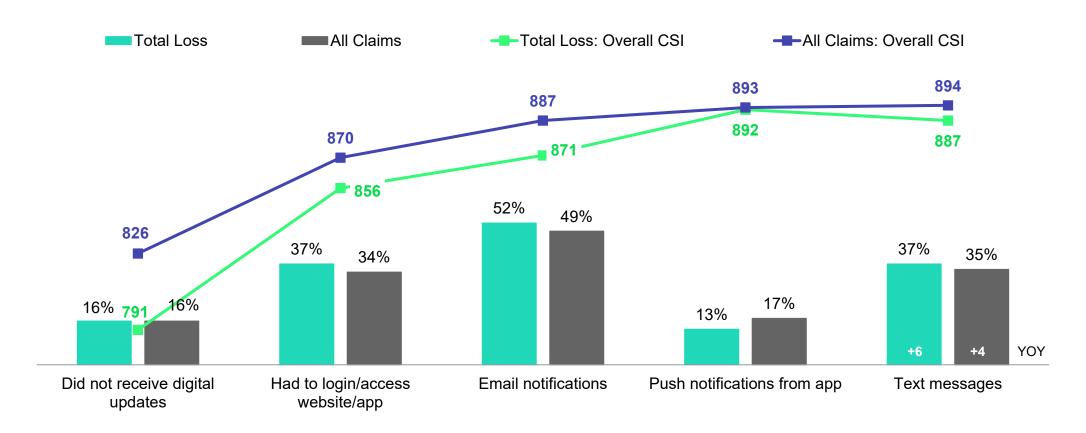




#### **Digital Status Updates**

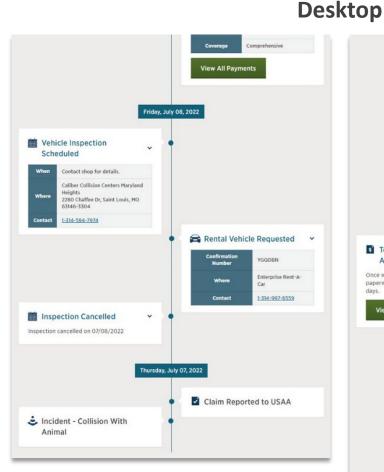
Digital status updates significantly boost satisfaction at the Industry level; the highest level of satisfaction for the Industry is among those receiving text message status updates

#### Type of Digital Updates and Satisfaction



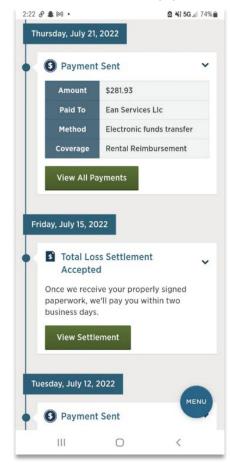
#### **Digital Status Updates**

Here is a good example of a graphical timeline that includes links to relevant documents and contact information that translates seamlessly to mobile experiences

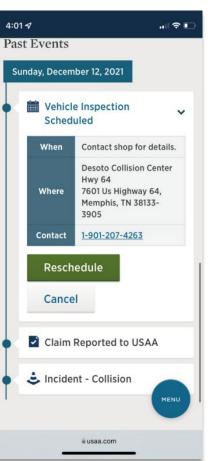




#### **Mobile App**



#### Mobile Web



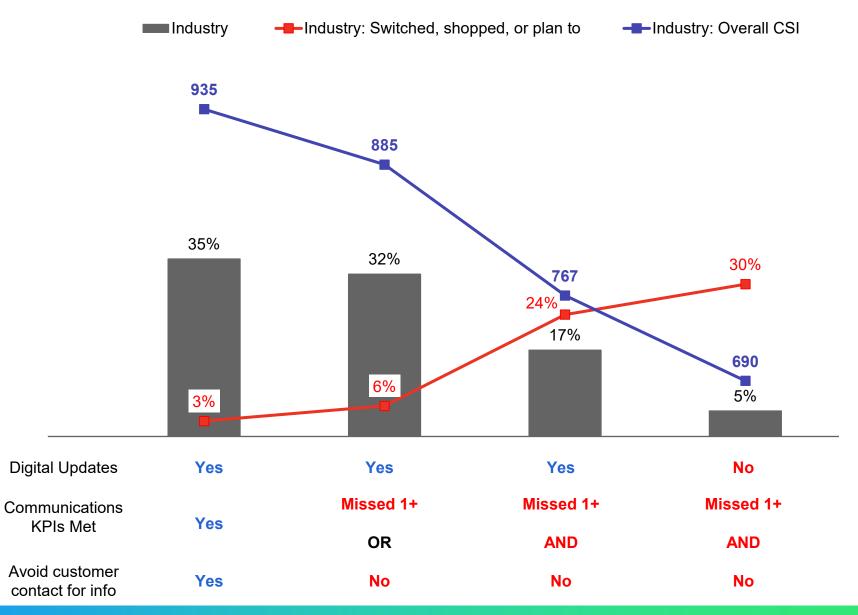
#### **Digital Status Updates and Retention**

# Digital updates and communication are critical to retention and satisfaction

- When digital status updates meet communication needs and avoid customers contacting insurer for info., satisfaction is very high
- As these metrics are missed, satisfaction drops significantly while intent to shop/switch notably increases

Notes: †Communication KPIs include Provide adequate communication, Keep customer informed, Provide accurate claim length expectation; ‡Contact insurer to get information that claimant felt should have been provided to them.

#### Impact of Digital Updates and Communication on Retention



In Summary

### **Key Take-aways**

- External factors are creating a much more challenging claim servicing environment...delays continue, and rate increases will exacerbate issues
- Showing concern, reducing effort, managing expectations and status updating are key (texting receives high scores)
- Claims is not one-size fits all—customer preferences are critical for digital strategy so have options available
  - Digital FNOL has had limited growth
  - Figuring out the right touchpoints for conversations is critical hybrid approach of human + digital provides highest scores
- Digital is an important element of service and some tools improve the experience, but there are still opportunities for fine-tuning
- Examine your own customer experiences and address opportunities

