



### **TrendVision**

## **Review of State Statistics and Consumer Trends**

Forecasts based on data for 2000-2014

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## Background

#### Key objectives

- provide a brief overview of Russia's current social and economic situation
- single out key political and economic events
- study any changes in population strata and consumers' behavior for 2000-2014 to forecast possible future trends



SynovateComcon's annual report since 2005, based on these sources:

- RF formal state statistics
- RosIndex, SynovateComcon's syndicated study

### RosIndex

Synovate Comcon's annual syndicated research (since 2005) into Russia's target groups

#### Target groups

Urban population: 100K+ aged 10-75

#### Deliverables

Quarterly

#### Methodology

Random household sample. In-home interviews with HHs + print questionnaire for self-completion

#### Sample

Respondents: 7,000 per wave = 28,000 annually Households: 3,600 per wave = 14,400 annually

#### Universe

60.2 million people

#### Data

- For over 400 consumer categories
- For about 3,000 brands
- For more than 60 communication channels



#### Years researched

1995 - 2015

#### Geography

50 towns 100K+ 13 cities 1m+

12 economic regions

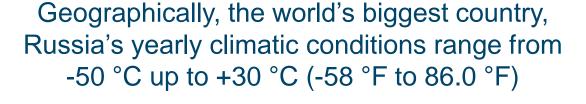
9 federal districts





## Is it actually as cold there?













This looks the typical Russian landscape in people's mind, though

# Russia has both strengths and weaknesses. This makes it an appealing huge market!

Vast territory
Natural resources
Human capital

Lagging behind other countries due to technology/ political/ economic issues (e.g. crisis)

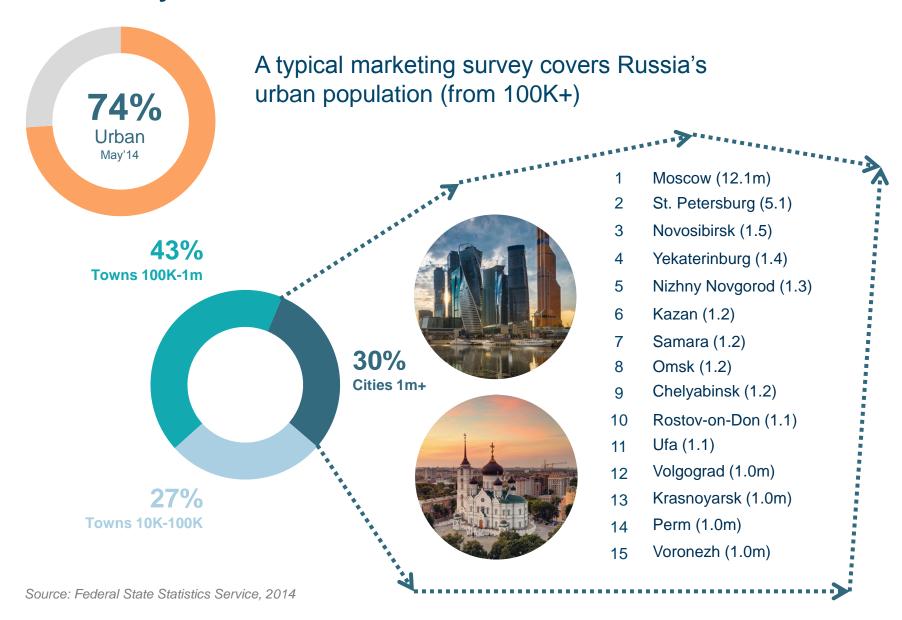


Even facing recession currently, Russia remains a

huge market

People consume a vast majority of imported goods or those made in Russia using a foreign technology

## Definitely urban!



### 'New Moscow'

2.4 times as big

(after 1 July, 2012)



41% of Moscow's population approve of the city getting bigger (July'11)

250k people residing in new territories 148k added to Moscow No more up-to-date data available yet

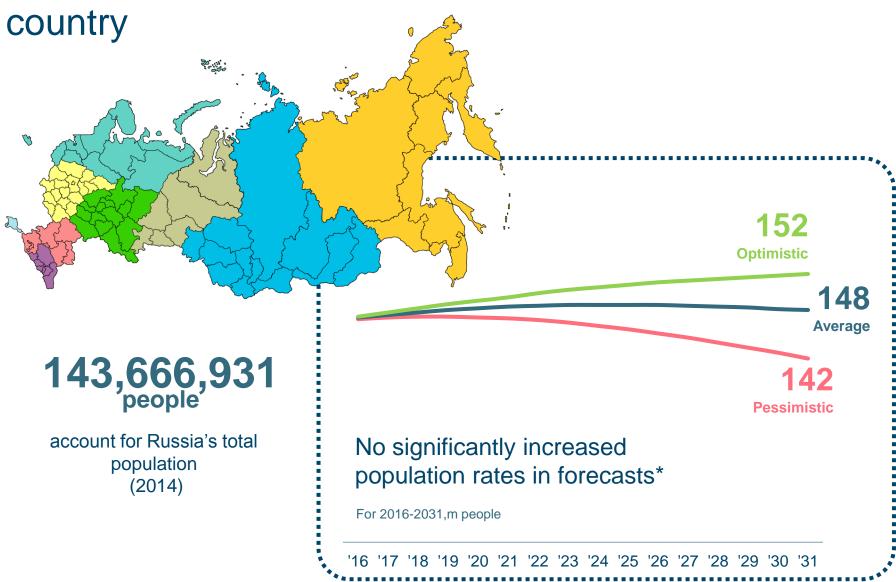
Source: Federal State Statistics Service, 2012

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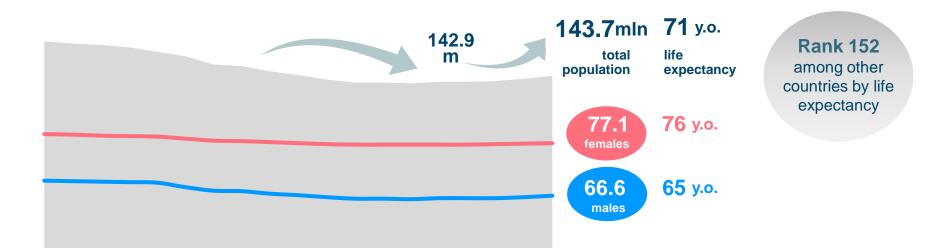


\*including the population of the Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol, Federal city Source: Federal State Statistics Service, 2014

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## Population growth is slow, men are in demand

- After some decrease before 2011 (from 146.9 to 142.9), population rates increase, not fast, though
- 30 y.o.+ reveal a counterbalance, with 11mln more females than males overall

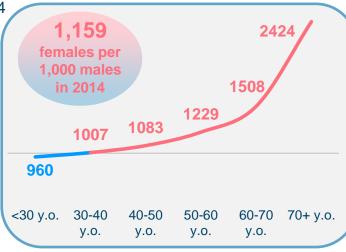


'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14

Population in 1996-2014, mln people\*

\*not including the Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol Federal city





Source: Federal State Statistics Service, 2014

## Population density is low in non-European Russia

62% of Russia's citizens reside in its European part (about 21% of the whole territory)

 Even though this country is developing its Eastern regions gradually, population in Siberia still claim their desire to move to Western cities for better living

by 1.5 mln. people

decreased population in Siberia since 2000

## approx. every second

person living in Tomsk, Omsk, and Kemerovo claims the desire to move to another place to live in

## tax holidays

used to reduce population deflux from Siberia

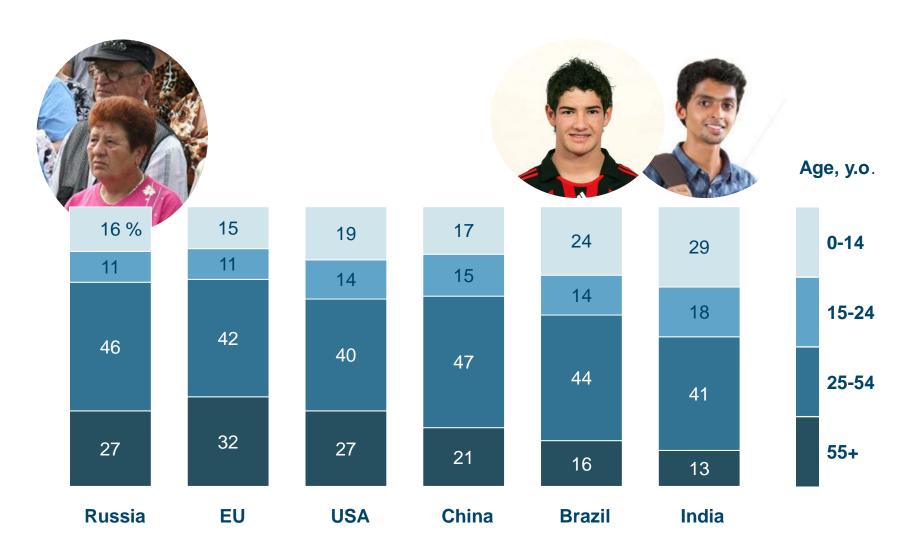
\*as of early 2014, not including the Crimean Peninsula

Source: Federal State Statistics Service, 2014 Federal Migration Service, 2014



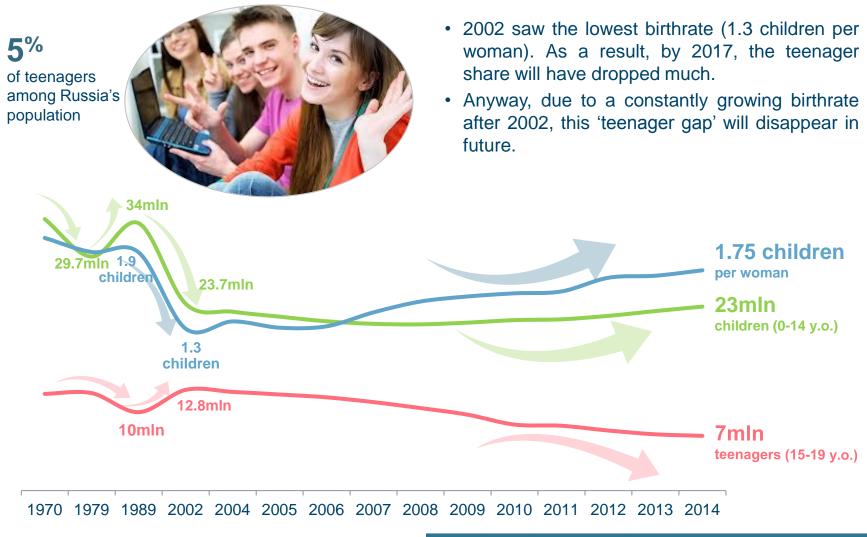
Top-4 claimed appealing destinations for population in Siberia to move to

# With a rather aged population, Russia appears more similar to the developed countries



Source: Central Intelligence Agency World Factbook, 2014

## A 'teenager gap' expected in 2017



See more information on kids in **New Generation Study**(as described on the next slide)

Source: Federal State Statistics Service. 2014

- 5-15 y.o. children/ teenagers and their moms
- Geography: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Ekaterinburg
- Sample:
  - 700 children and 700 moms in Moscow
  - 600 children and 600 moms in St. Petersburg/ Ekaterinburg (each) per wave
- Semiannually

New Generation research into children and teenagers



children and teenagers aged 5 to 15 y.o.

## Population is getting older

- Over the last 12 years, the number of working age people has decreased by 4mln.
- The latest changes about funding pensions have made retired population feel less secure now

#### **Retirement age**





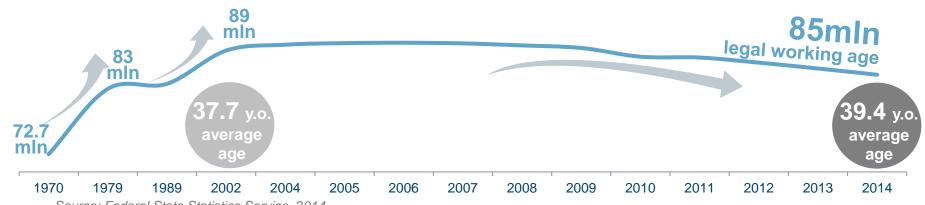


#### **Insufficient Pension Fund budget**

In 2014, the government froze the funded pension part.

With a lacking budget, it had to pay this amount to current retirees. In mid 2014, finance minister declared zero resources to pay back to retirees in future.

#### Working age population, mln people



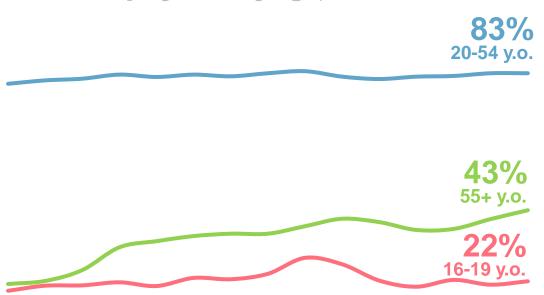
Source: Federal State Statistics Service, 2014

# Quite high employment rates among retired people

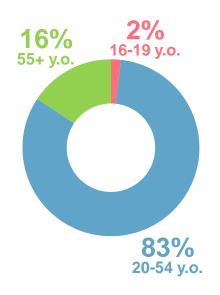
- In 2000s, population aged 55+ tend to continue their job.
   Pension sums are obviously not enough for living.
- Currently, fewer teenagers start work vs. 2008. Their households seem to become better off.





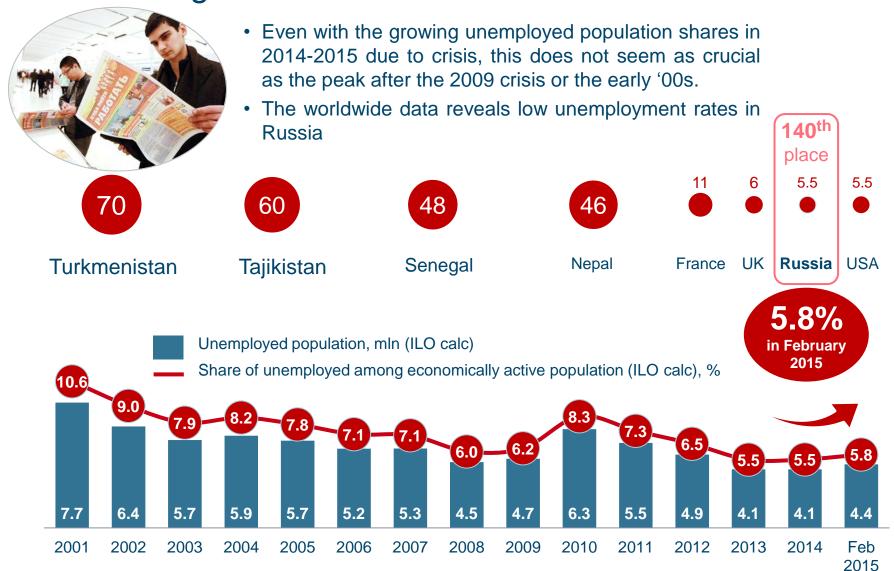


Among all employed, 2014



2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

## Russia reveals relatively low unemployment rates even during economic crisis



Source: Federal State Statistics Service, 2014

## Russia has the highest share of population with a higher education degree



- 54% of all Russia's population over 23 y.o. have higher education (2014)
- Due to the growing trend for over the last few years, this share seems likely to increase
- Student numbers are decreasing each year after 2008 for demographic reasons, though. This can lead to the state's lacking qualified employees in future.





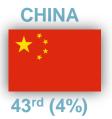












2014

#### Students, k people



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Source: Federal State Statistics Service, 2014. RosIndex, 23 y.o.+, 2014. OECD, 2012

## Russians only?

Russia is home for 180 nations



who speak
150
languages





Migration seems to provoke intolerance. Two in three Russians link increasing migrant numbers with elevated corruption and crime.



Migrant road workers having lunch

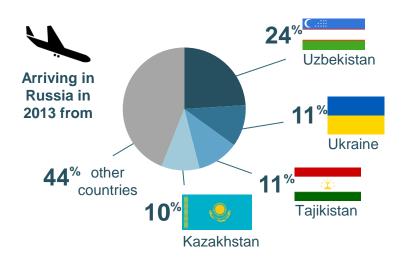


This ad says 'A flat/ room for rent. Russians only'.

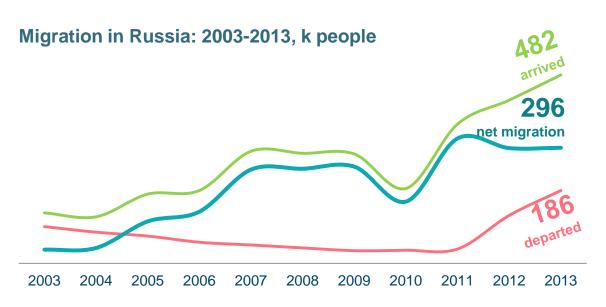
Source: Federal State Statistics Service, 2014

Source: WCIOM, 2013

## Ongoing tangible migration from the CIS and Ukraine



- Many migrants leaving Russia by 1 January, 2014 due to new legislation to control their staying in Russia
- Migrant influx continues to increase anyway
- Migrants mainly arrive from Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Tajikistan, and Kazakhstan
- (Former) CIS citizens coming back home account for rising emigrant shares after 2011



13%

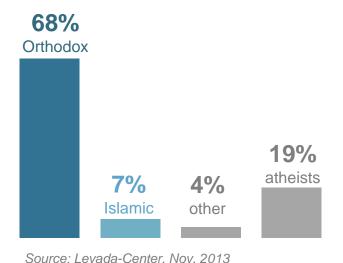
of Russians would consider emigration AND

only 0.03%
of them do leave

Source: Federal State Statistics Service. 2013, WCIOM, 2013

No more up-to-date data available yet

## An increasing role of religion



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Orthodox church is supported by Putin

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60% claim more religion related aspects seen over the past 10 years

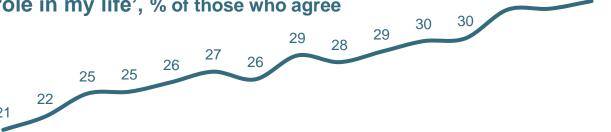
11 June, 2013
Blasphemy law

passed in Russia



Timophey Kulyabin, young Novosibirsk theater director, was sued at law for Tannhauser opera seen as offensive by orthodox church

'Religion does play an important role in my life', % of those who agree

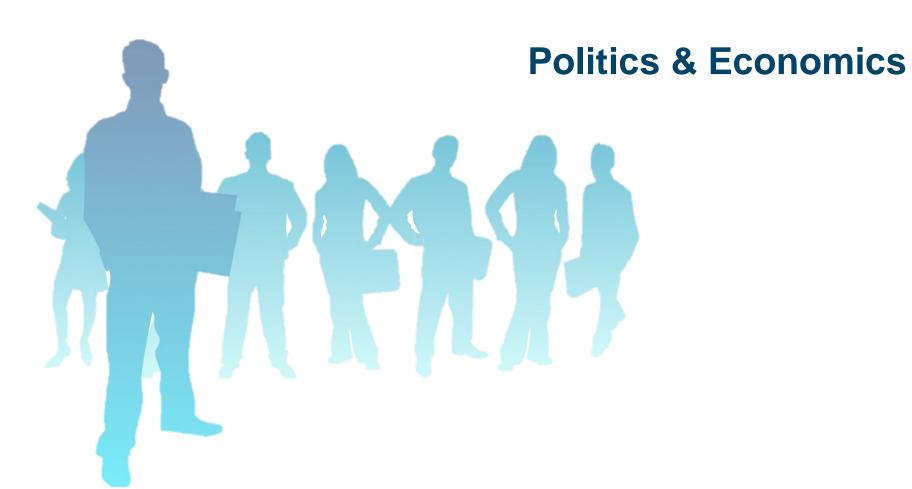


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Source: RusIndex, 16+, cities 100k+, 2014







## Key events

Crimea annexation March'14



War in Donbass since April'14



Financial sanctions
August'14



Food embargo since August'14



Russian ruble collapse
December'14



**Economic recession** since December'14



## Attitude toward national politics and economics



Source: http://wciom.ru/public-mood/

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# Crucial issues for Russia and a splash of national pride caused by Crimea annexation

91% approve of Crimea annexation Feb'15

2.3 mln. people living in Crimea (2014)

> consider Crimea annexation profitable for Russia Dec'14



377 billion rub.

of Russia's budget to be invested in the region

30% fewer people travelling to Crimea in 2014 vs. 2013 due to

- transportation issues
- unmet price expectations







consider Crimea annexation worsening Russia's international standing Dec'14

Source: http://wciom.ru/, http://government.ru/news/14199/, http://fom.ru/

## Nostalgic trends linked to the USSR. 'Stalinization'

- An increasing number of USSR styled foodstuffs are coming out these days (GOST ice-cream, Zhiguli beer, soda vending machines, etc.)
- In addition, consumers can recollect the Soviet time through several other ways available to them. These
  include toys (Soyuzmultfilm), museums of game playing machines, cafés, new TV series about life in the
  USSR, etc.
- Some 'stalinization' related examples: discussions about creating Stalin monuments and similar memorials in Russia's several areas (including Crimea) to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> WWII Victory anniversary



'GOST' ice cream brand (hinting to USSR's Quality Standard)



Sparkling water vending machines like those in the USSR



Stalin, Roosevelt, and Churchill Memorial opened in Yalta (Crimea) on 31 January, 2015



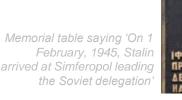
Zhiguli beer and pub brand



Soviet like game playing machine

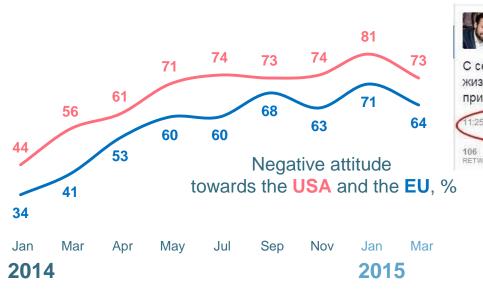


'The 80s' TV series related to the Soviet time





## Increasing negative attitudes towards the USA and the EU do not affect actual brands selected for consumption as much

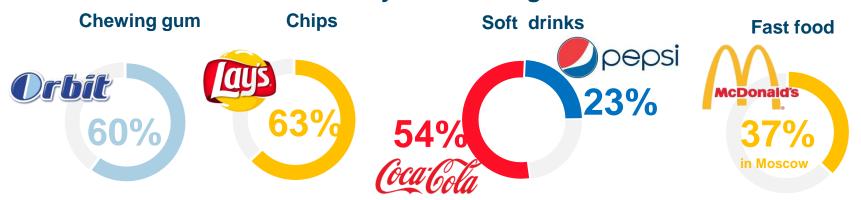




M. Dvorkovich, blogger, writes this via his iPhone: 'From now on, I exclude American goods from my life. Join me, guys!'

claim they prefer Russian food.
They especially value local dairy category products.

#### "Western" brands lead in many FMCG categories\*



Source: http://www.levada.ru, RusIndex, 16+, cities 100k+

\*brands category users choose most often

## Food embargo

**72%** approve of embargo

30% of them hope on Russian agriculture development

Source: Public Opinion Foundation, 9th November'14

"Mozzarella cheese is replaced by Russian-made analogues, but it costs the same as Italian!"

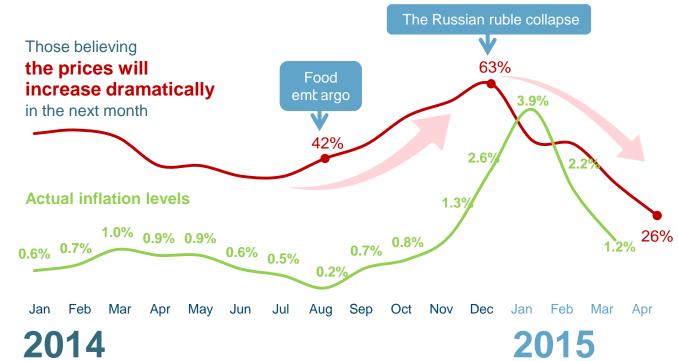
"Now we spend 1,5-2 times more on food than it was before crisis. Cheese (even Russian) and sausage are kind of delicacy now."

Source: Comcon AntiCrisis, April, 2015

Foods undergoing embargo



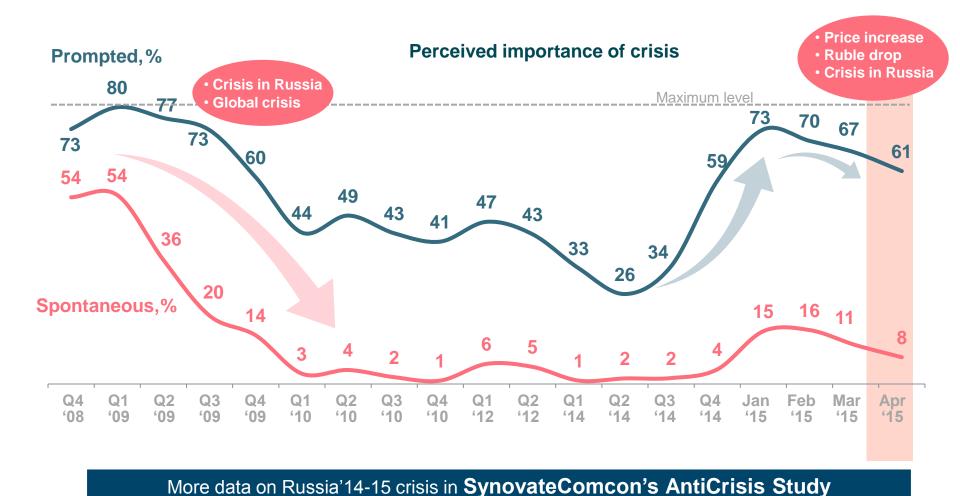
- In August'14, Russian government had to respond to financial sanctions through embargo on foodstuffs from the USA, the EU, Australia, Norway, and Canada. The embargo is expected to last until August'15.
- The majority of Russia's population approved of the embargo hoping on Russian economy and agriculture development.
- Now wave of patriotic feelings goes down and people confess harsh prices increase especially on imported products.



Source: Bank of Russia, http://wciom.ru/inflation/, http://kremlin.ru/, fom.ru, Comcon AntiCrisis, April, 2015

## Still feeling anxiety about crisis, though less vs. 2009

• Currently, the population is attributing less importance to the latest events during this crisis. The peak indices in January 2015 appear lower than the 2009 peak ones.



(as described on the next slide)

SynovateComcon's AntiCrisis, April 2015

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- Aged 18-45 years
- Covers 13 cities (1m+)
- Sample: 1,000 per wave
- Methodology: online
- Monthly (2015)



Monitoring consumers' behavior



- Crisis in Russia: opinion
- Changes in behavior patterns: food, non-food FMCG, durables, and services

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## Economy in 2014 / early 2015

GDP grew by 0.6% in 2014. Anyway, several factors matter.





As the baseline trend, lacking investment in 2012-2014 lead to **stagnation** in Russian industry with limited consumption-driven growth

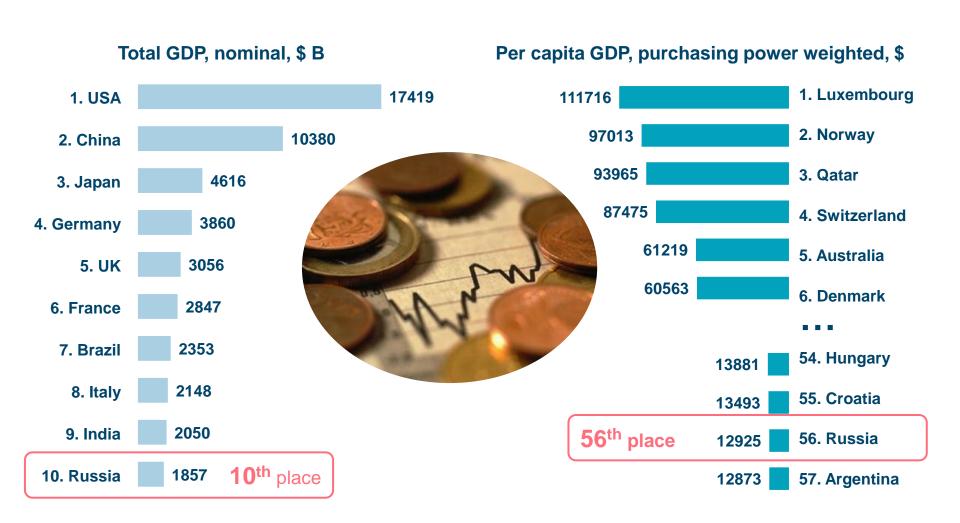
Decreased oil prices and politically driven economic sanctions resulted in rapid inflation and consumers' actual income drops





As a result, Q4 2014 made consumers store up **very actively** and started a **negative trend** for the future

# Russia is among the top-10 largest countries by overall economy volume

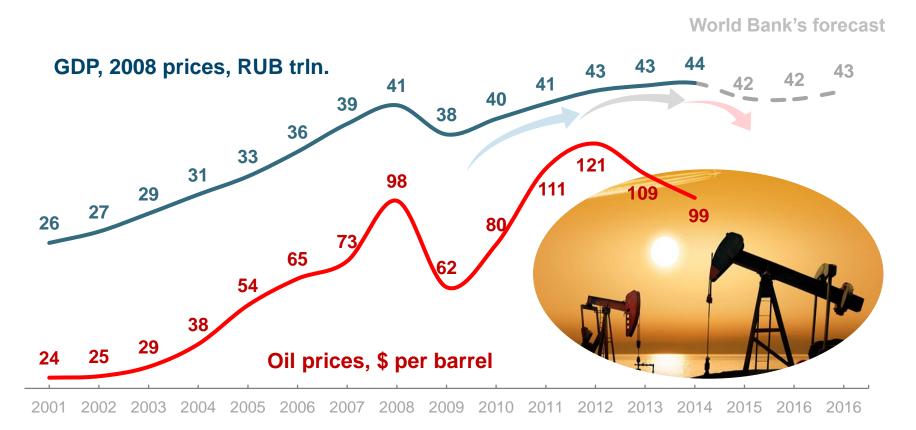


Source: International Monetary Fund, 2014

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# Starting in 2015, recession seems likely to bring the economy several years back

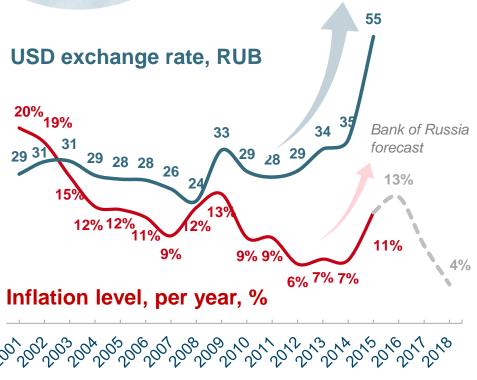
- Lacking investment leads to stagnation in 2012-2014. GDP for 2014 increases by 0.6%.
- · Still, economy depends on oil prices quite a lot



## Once devaluated, the ruble leads to inflation and consumers' worries about crisis



- Several shocking inflation related events in 2014 maintain inflation levels up to 11%-13% for 2014-2015 not allowing any evident forecasts. Targeting inflation currently, The Central Bank intends to reach the medium 4% by sacrificing currency exchange rates.
- April 2015 manages to stabilize exchange rates and come down inflation
- Anyway, consumers feel worried about the economic situation, but less than on the peak of inflation and exchange rate in February'15





Source: Bank of Russia, 2014

## Russia boasts the 13% friendly "headline" tax rate but conceals other charges

- Personal incomes taxed 13% flat rate
- Employers still pay off 30% of employees' salaries to centralized social insurance funds. The actual tax turns out much higher than what the population perceives.
- Budget issues imposed several new taxes in 2014-2015



Personal income tax



Value added tax



**Corporate income tax** 



Mandatory social insurance

#### New developments in 2014-2015

- Real estate tax based on market values
- Shifting the burden to finance renovating apartment blocks from the state to homeowners through a new tax
- New fixed payments for small business owners

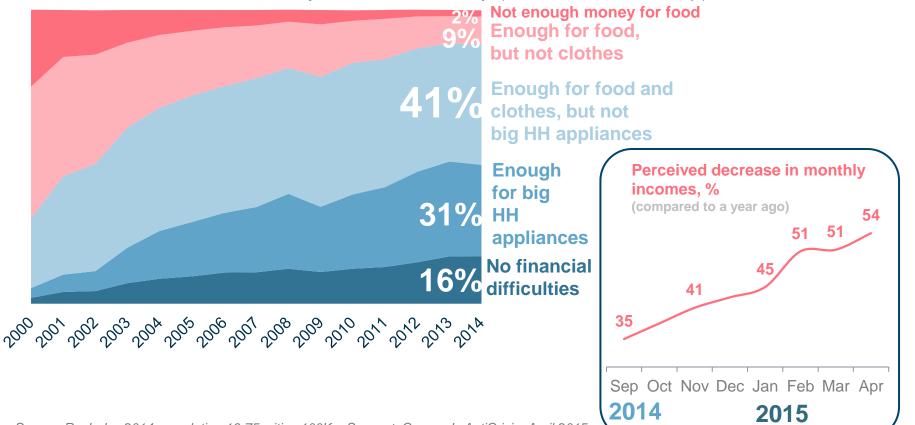




## The crisis has made people feel they are poorer than before. However, it's not about lack of money for food



- HHs' financial status self-assessments almost reach a plateau.
   90% of the population in 100k+ cities can afford to buy foodstuffs and clothes now.
- The economic crisis makes more people claim their decreased monthly incomes currently (due to the ruble drop)



Source: RusIndex 2014, population 16-75, cities 100K+; SynovateComcon's AntiCrisis, April 2015

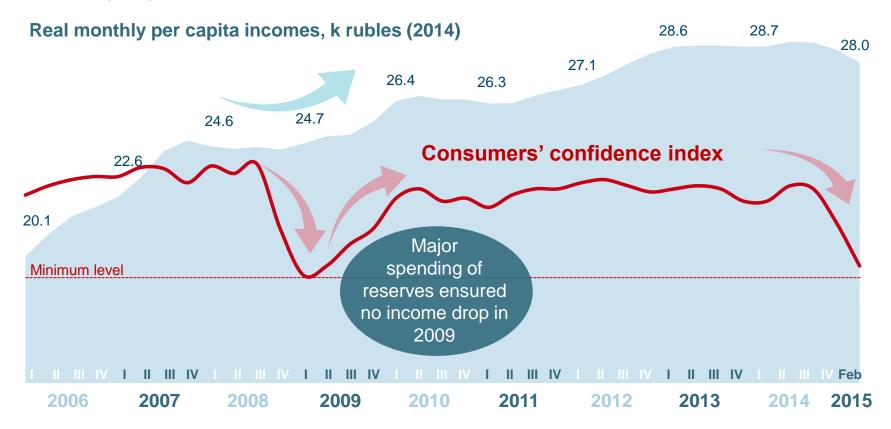
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#### No growing incomes and optimism anymore



"Stock up on optimism"

- Consumers' actual incomes has grown by 50% since 2006
- Stagnated incomes after 2012 and yet no changes due to 2014 crisis
- Stagnated consumers' confidence index for 2010-2014 followed by a sharp drop in 2015



Source: Federal State Statistics Service (data), HSE (adjusting income data to inflation and seasonality).

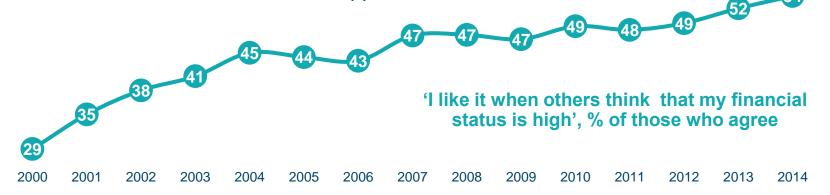
# Preferring to show off makes the market for (quasi-) premium products quite appealing

Russians tend to show off to support their status. They need premium gadgets, cars, white goods, clothing, jewelry, etc. for this.





Many people fail to afford premium products, though. This opens a niche for premium-like affordable products. Crisis makes this especially relevant and consumers start to look for mass FMCG quasi-premium products actively enough. For instance, lacking money to buy an apartment, they can choose a premium FMCG product in support of their self-confidence.

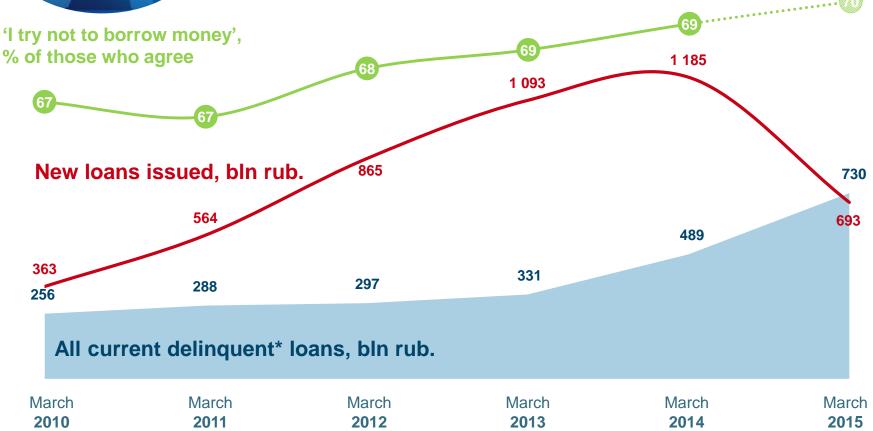


Source: RusIndex, cities 100k+, 2014

#### 2014-2015 shrink consumer loans rapidly



- In early 2015, newly issued consumer loan shares drop sharply (almost halved)
- 2014 points out to some issues with repaying loans, which leads to doubled "bad" loans vs. 2010-2013



Source: Bank of Russia, RusIndex, 16-45, cities 100k+

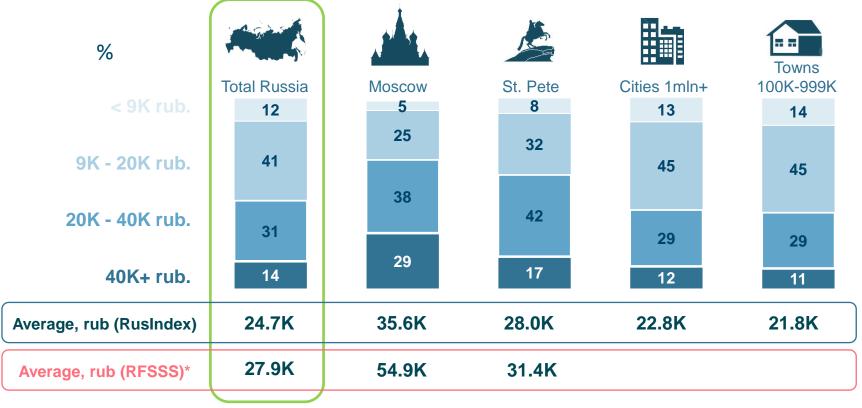
<sup>\*</sup> Delinguent loans = payment late by 90 days or more.

#### Incomes differ by strata quite a lot



- Pretty close to other 1mln+ cities, St. Pete appears significantly less affluent than Moscow
- While most Muscovites' disposable incomes exceed the country's average, the majority of those living in cities under 1mln have below-average incomes.

#### Monthly per capita incomes, split by strata, % (2014)



Source: RusIndex, 16-75, cities 100k+, 2014 \*Only 2013 FSSS data for the capital cities \*\* RusIndex Premier only covers the most affluent population residing in the capital cities

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#### Affluent Russians differ from others quite a lot



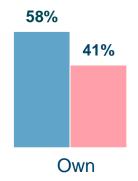
 Rich Russians differ from others significantly regarding travel abroad, smartphone use, online shopping, and using bank services



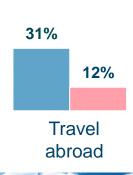
Those residing in 1mln+ cities, with a monthly per capita income over 50,000 rub.



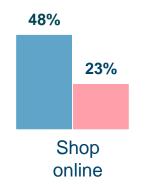
Total Russian population (not including towns under 100K)



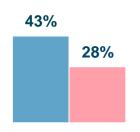












Clients of banks other than Sberbank



See data for Russia's better-off population in **Premier Study** (as described on the next slide)

Source: RusIndex, 18-54, 100k+, 2014

- Aged 18-54 y.o.
- High personal incomes
- Covers 13 cities (1m+)
- Sample: 2,500 per year
- Methodology: online
- Annually

#### Premier

Research into Russia's middle class



Complex analysis of Russian middleclass lifestyles, consumption, and media preferences

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### Main consumption trends





Gadgeting and technology



Healthy living?



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### Conscious consumption

- The current economic situation makes consumers adjust their behavior. They start to purchase more carefully by trying to save more money and paying attention to promos.
- Consumers choose among a huge variety of brands showing less loyalty to a particular brand. They would consider several more features in addition to quality and brand names.

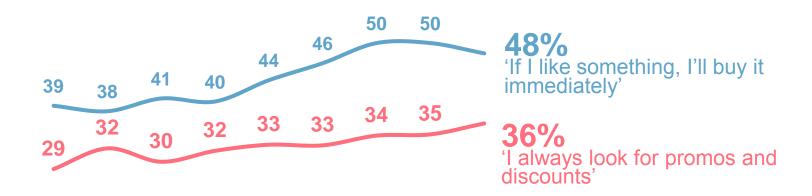






### Impulse purchases no longer as fascinating

- Consumers tend to plan their expenses more accurately
- Promos and discounts seem a little more appealing, while impulse purchases are becoming less typical now





2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014



#### Smart promo hunting

Promos become a more important purchase factor

Almost every store receipt has the average 1-3 products bought at a promo price/ on offer\*\*\*

\*\*\* All respondents send photos/scans of store receipts with all purchases made within the survey timing

(When at a store, I always pay attention to promos. For example, when I need sour cream, I'll buy a promoted one. I won't buy anything I don't need, though, even when on promo.

Female, 27, Moscowa

BUT! Shoppers don't rush for "yellow price tags" blindly.
Instead, they try to compare prices

before and after a promo, read shelf life data, can buy a product to store up, when they like a promo, etc.



Consumers would compare products in search of "the best price." They notice significantly different prices for the same promoted products per channel.



"Good" promos and gimmick.
Consumers seem aware of unfair promos.

See more data in **Syndicated Qual Panel** (as described on the next slide)

Source: Synovate Comcon's Syndicated Qualitative Panel, May 2015

- Aged 18-50 y.o.
- 40% males, 60% females
- Low/ average+ incomes
- Moscow/ regions
- Sample: 100 per wave
- Monthly

# Syndicated Qualitative Panel: Crisis Thinking

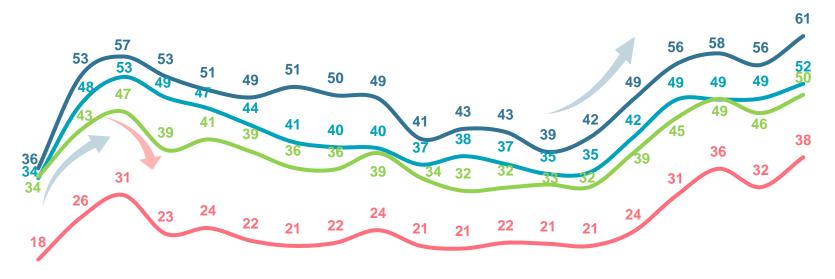
Monitoring actual trends in consumers' behavior



Qualitative study of consumers' behavior, economy strategies and current trends for food, non-food FMCG, durables, and services

## Trends to save money rising monthly due to reduced personal incomes

#### **Dynamics** (saving money on, %)





#### Aggregated index by categories











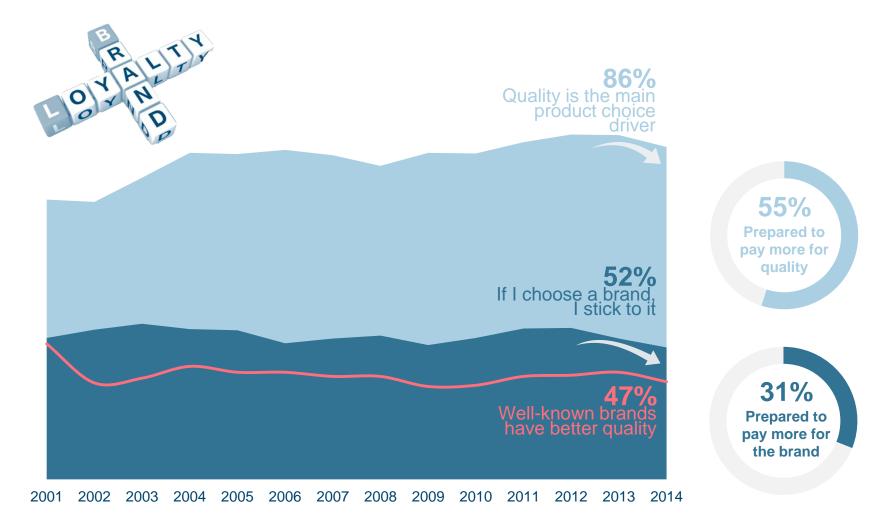






#### Less loyalty to brands

• Consumers start to show less loyalty to their chosen brands. Anyway, brands still matter, as associated with 'quality' and the chosen price segment.



Source: RusIndex, 16-45, cities 100k+, 2014

#### Going Online!

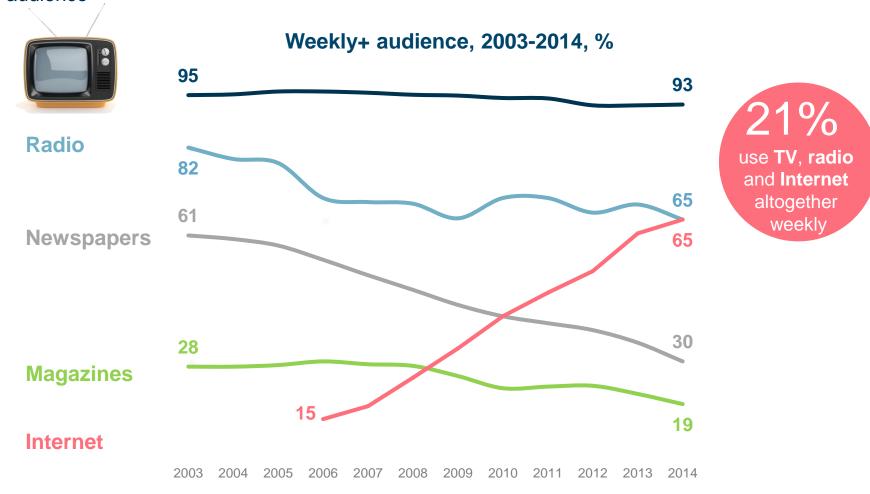
- The world's fast pace, especially during crisis, makes consumers interested in getting information daily
- Internet gets growing penetration and importance among other information channels. Using it almost daily, consumers look for online opportunities quite actively.
- The Internet helps people find reliable information about products and services they want (both through ads and reviews)





#### The Internet becoming more popular

- TV remains #1 media channel
- Internet penetration grows annually, while all the remaining media channels lose their audience

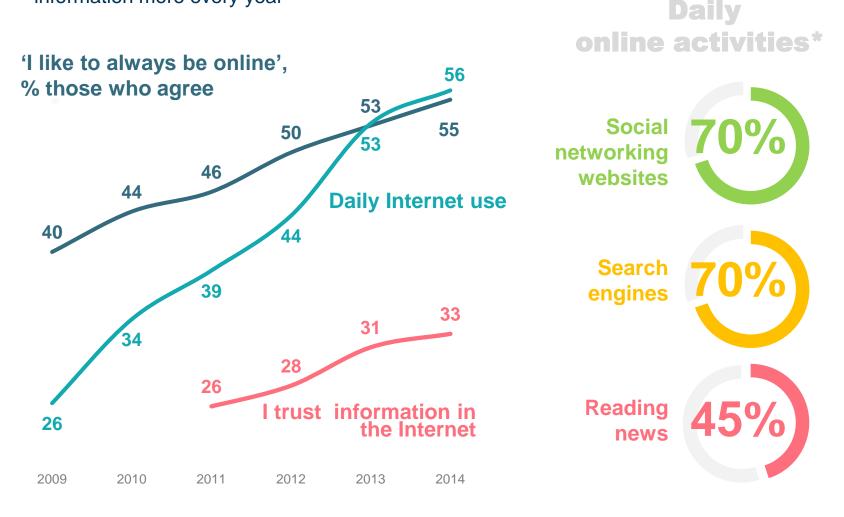


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#### Internet has become an important part of modern life

People want to always feel connected, wherever they are

 They go online daily, trusting the Internet as a source of information more every year

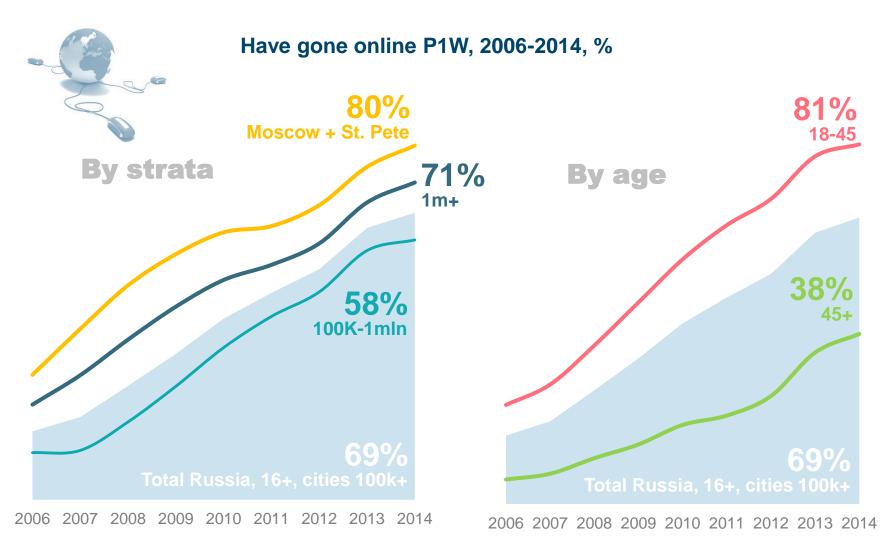


Source: RusIndex, 16+, cities 100k+, 2014

\*Among daily Internet users

#### Growing Internet penetration among all groups

 Higher Internet penetration rates among younger people and the population in the capital cities

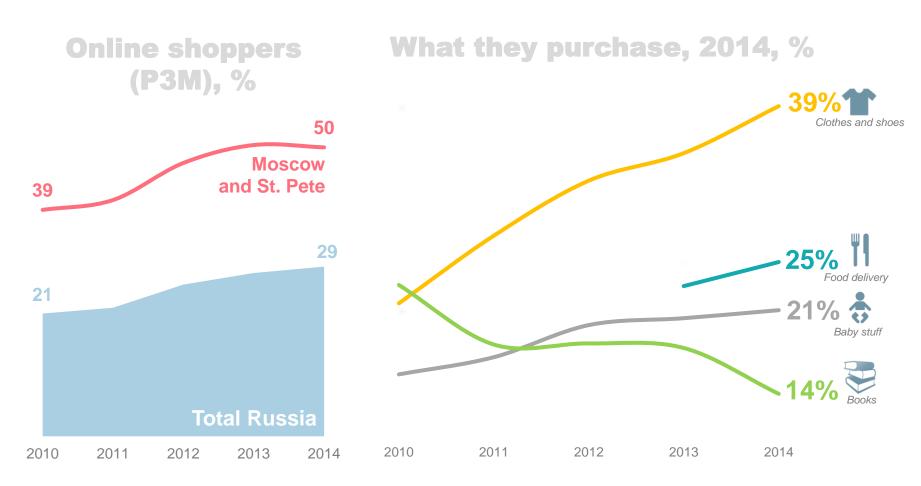


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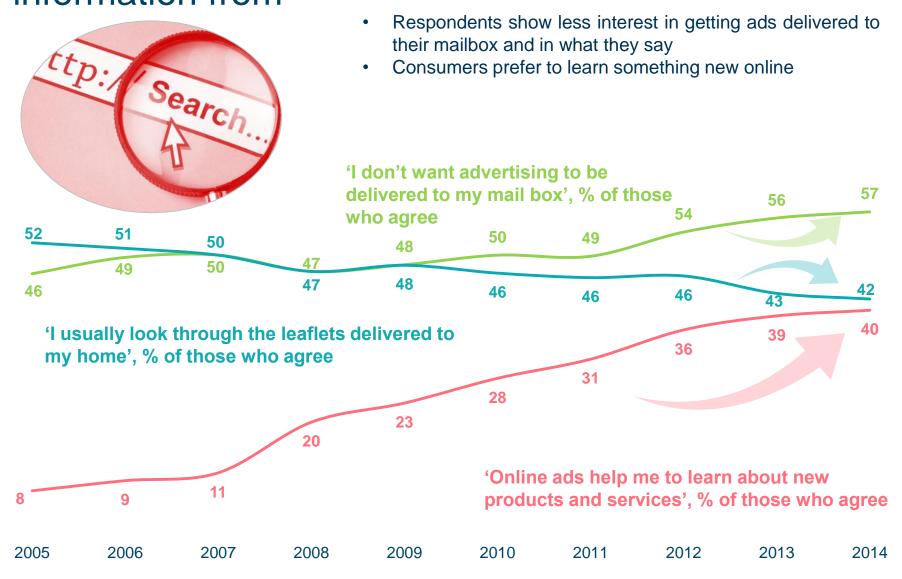
#### Becoming quite interested in online shopping

- Online shopping becomes more and more popular, mostly due to regional cities developing
- Shopping for clothes items and food delivery grows every year. Purchasing books online decreases, though.



Source: RusIndex, 16+, cities 100k+, Internet monthly users, 2014

## Consumers prefer the Internet to get product related information from



Source: RusIndex, 16+, cities 100k+, 2014

## Gadgeting and technology

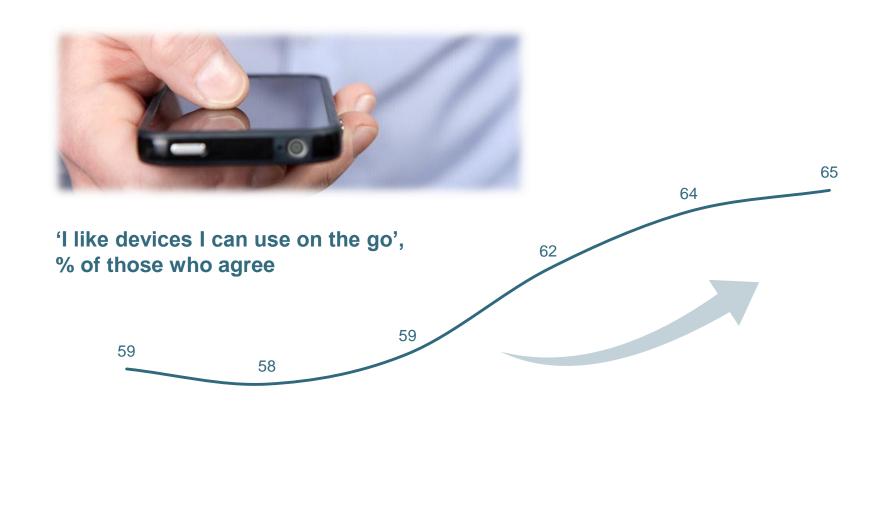
- People keep being mobile and prefer devices they can use on the go in any situation to make their life easier
- Mobile phones replace landline, laptop and tablet PCs overtake traditional computers
- Online services (social networking websites, messengers, chats) allow people to communicate wherever they are
- More consumers look for various technology solutions







#### People tend to prefer using portable devices

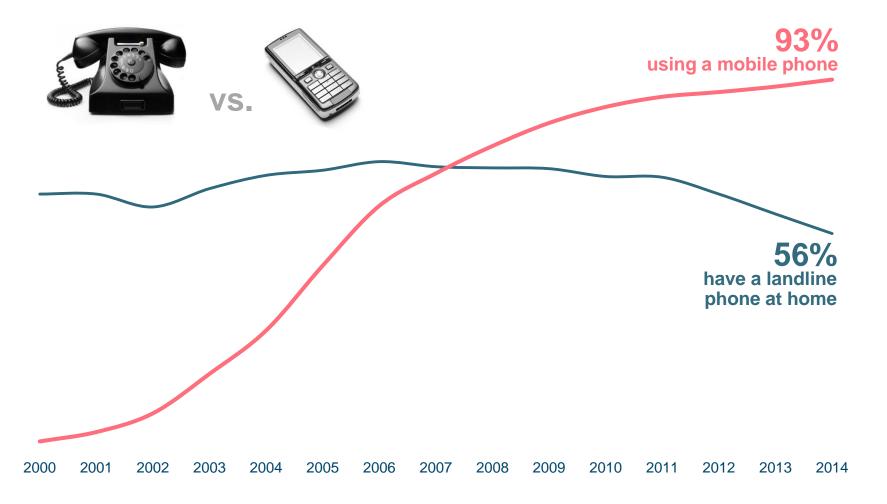


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### Almost everyone above 16 y.o. owns a mobile phone

Consumers show less interest in using their landline phone available at home

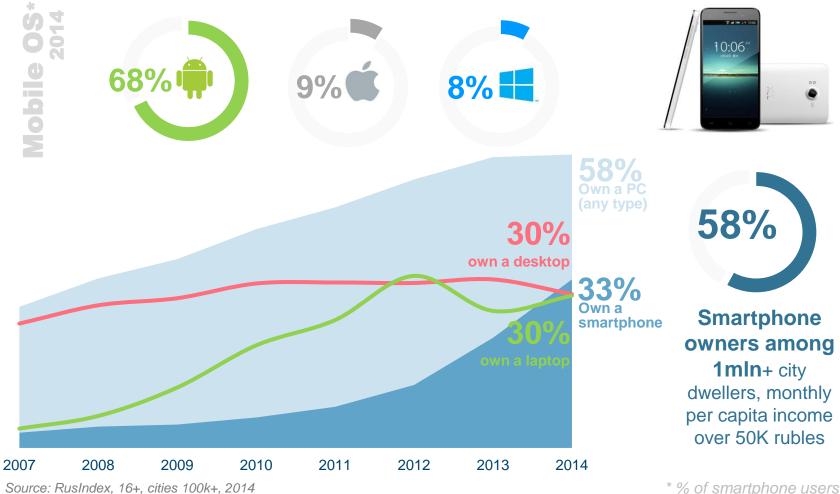


Source: RusIndex, 16+, cities 100k+, 2014

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## Smartphones continue to gain the market

- In the last two years, Russia has seen a booming smartphone use. Android based phones turn out more popular.
- Over a half of Russia's population owns a PC of any type. Laptops reveal a growing trend, while desktop PC shares tend to shrink. This results in similar penetration (30 % each).

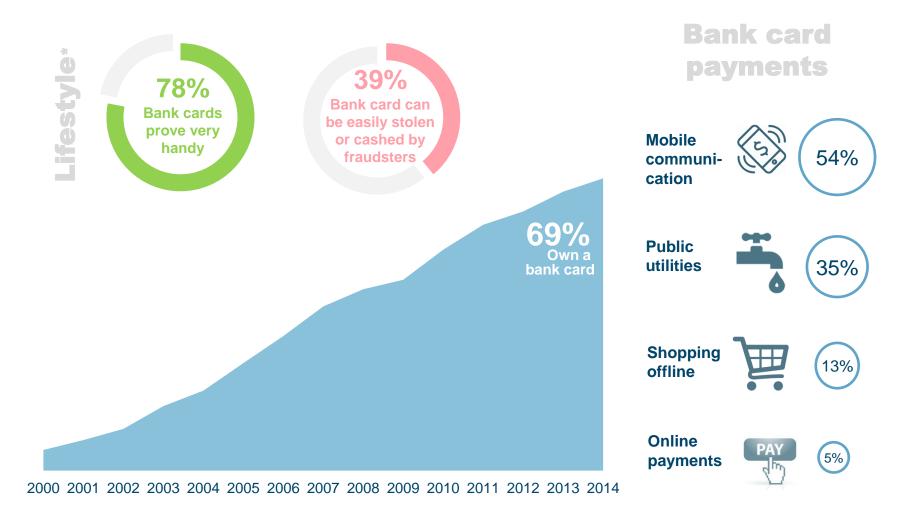


\* % of smartphone users



#### Rapidly growing shares of bank card holders

- More people use their bank cards for cashless payments and transactions
- Some still feel anxiety with regard to using bank cards in a secured way



Source: RusIndex, 16-45, cities 100k+, 2014

\* % of bank card owners

#### Healthy living?

- Currently, healthy lifestyles seem more popular in Russia than before. Any category often claims to offer natural and ecologically safe products.
- Supporting this idea consumers claim that they worry about their health and try to choose a healthy lifestyle. Actually, this is not always true.
- Half of Russians have weight problems
- Most of them avoid exercising regularly.
   These people prefer to watch a sport event sitting on the sofa. They eat healthy foods, but only when on a short diet for weight loss.
- However, the 'healthy' trend has become the reality due to decreased alcohol consumption and smoking rates.



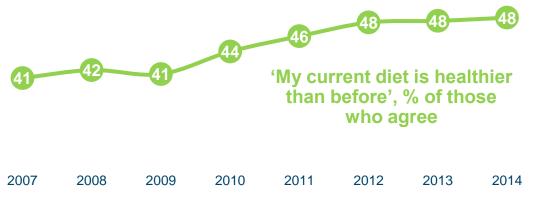




# 'Free from preservatives' and '100% natural' are the key slogans for Russians

Any category has to claim that it offers natural products (if applied). Consumers show quite negative attitudes towards GMO use.





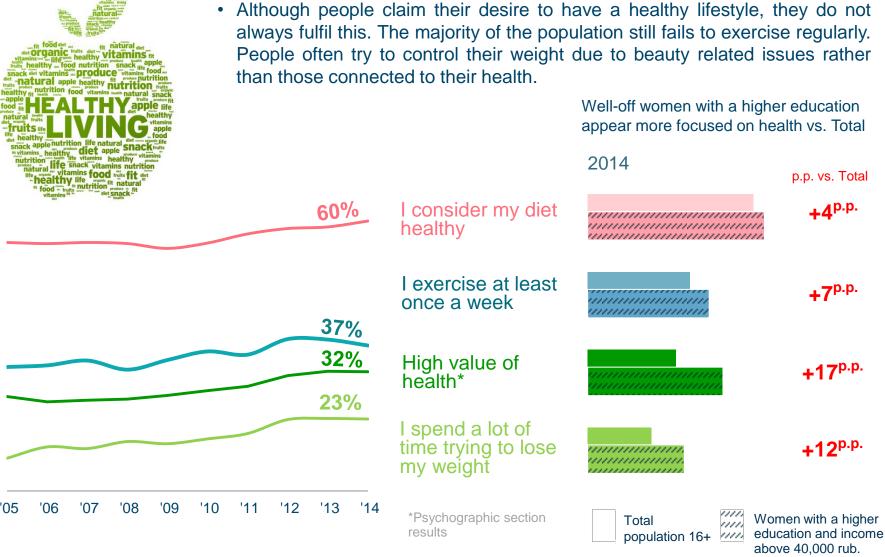


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#### Despite all reservations, healthy lifestyle is a trend





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# Winter Olympics in Sochi promoted more interest in watching winter sports rather than exercising

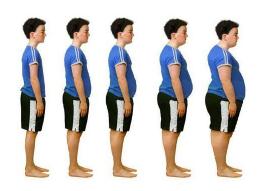
#### More involved in sports, % (2014)



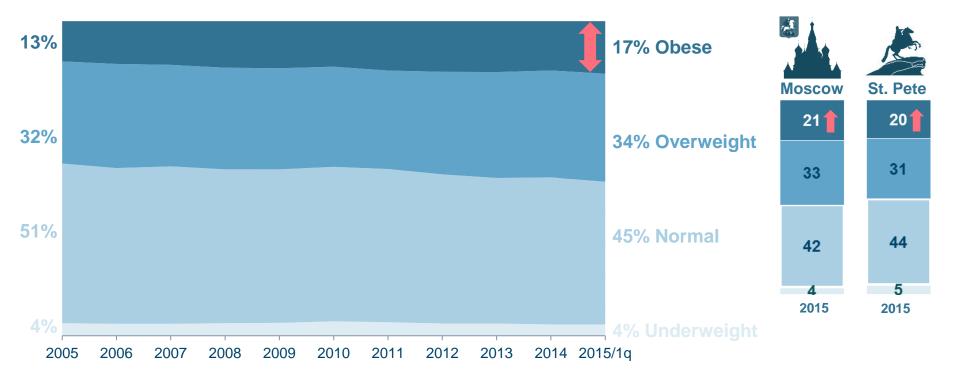
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#### Is obesity a problem?



- Despite the growing healthy lifestyle trend, the share of obese people in Russia has been growing over the past 10 years. In 2015, it reaches 17%.
- Moscow and St. Petersburg have more obese people (21% and 20%, respectively)



Source: RusIndex, 16+, cities 100k+, 2005-2015/1q

#### Half of the population has weight problems



Share of obese is higher among women, but men are more overweight in general.

The share of obese people is also higher among

- low-income targets
- lower educated groups

# Normal / underweight Normal / underweight 18% Obese Normal / underweight 40% Overweight

## **Obesity By Financial**

% of obese people among different subgroups

















Incomplete secondary

**Secondary** 

Higher

Have no financial problem

for everything

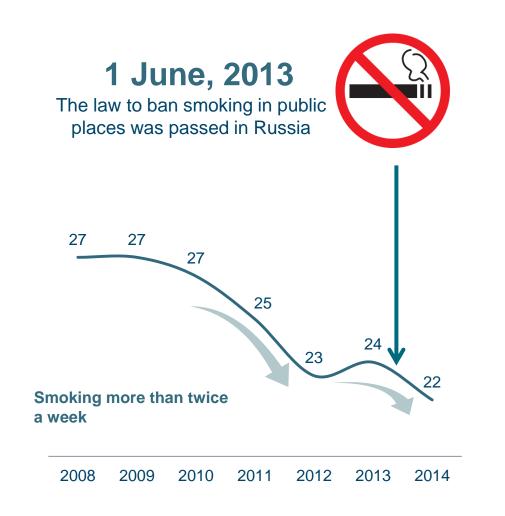


17%

Source: RusIndex, 16+, cities 100k+, 2014

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## Russia still has high smoking rates, which tend to decrease, though











Source: RosIndex, cities 100k+, 18+, 2014, European Research Council

#### Decreasing levels of alcohol consumption

- Although Russia still comes 4<sup>th</sup> by drinking alcohol, the share of non-drinking people is increasing constantly
- Beer and vodka lead along with rising consumption of premium-perceived imported spirits (brandy and whisky)
- The minimum retail price for vodka (restricted by the government) goes down for the first time in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

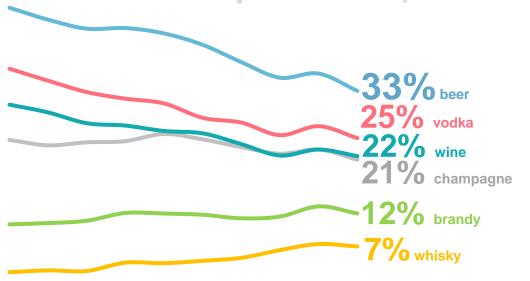


The government intends to restrict beer sale in PET-packaging



In February'15, the minimal retail price of vodka went down from 220 rubles to 185 rubles per 0.5 liter

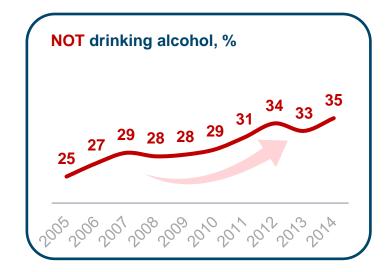




2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

Source: RosIndex, cities 100k+, 2014, World Health Organization









#### Economic crisis leads to drastic car market drops



 The rate of car owners and purchases stagnates in 2013-2014. Rush purchases in late 2014 and car prices increase car sales. The latter drop by 43% in March 2015 vs. March 2014.

41%

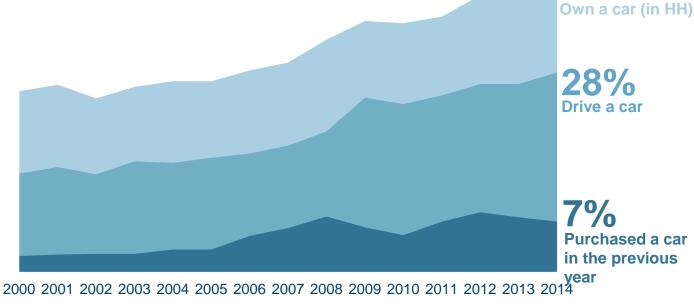
Russians' attitude to cars is rather practical, but passionate











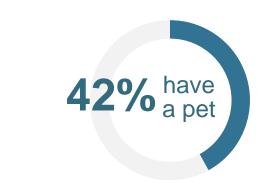
-43% car sales in March 2015 vs. March 2014

**GM** pulls Opel brand from the Russian market and cuts back **Chevrolet** production. **SsangYong quits** Russia.

\* % of car drivers

#### Cats are the most popular pets in Russia

- About a half of Russians have a pet. Three in four pets are cats.
- Watching meme-photos and videos with cute cats becomes one of the most popular ways to spend free time online.







Source: RusIndex, 16+, cities 100k+, 2014 \* % of pet owners



Consumers' behavior. Segmentation. Trends

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