## **Residential Market Trends**

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# Research, Analysis & Consulting

# Parks Associates is a market research and consulting firm...

- focused on digital living and connected home
- the segment leader for 20 years
- validating industry data with primary research



### **Markets Researched**

- Home Systems & Controls
  - Security & Access Control Systems
  - Lighting & Environmental Controls
  - Home Theater & Multi-room Audio
  - Structured Wiring & Advanced Home Infrastructure
  - Other Low-voltage products
- Broadband Access & Internet Services
- On-Demand Entertainment (gaming, music, video)
- Home Networking & Residential Gateways
- Wireless Connectivity
- Multimedia Applications & Digital Entertainment
- Consumer Electronics



# **Primary Research Conducted**

### **Home Systems Integrators**

- 11 surveys since January 2002; next survey this month
- 200 to 400 respondents per survey

#### **Residential Home Builders**

- 4Q04 Survey > 400 Builders participated
- 1Q06 Survey > 1,000 Builders participated

### Residential Security System Installers/Integrators

- Survey I: Characterizing the Security Dealer Channel
- Survey II: Quantifying Low-voltage Opportunities in the Security Channel (Fall 2006)

#### Consumers

- US: ALL Households; Internet HHs; Gamers; etc., etc.
- Global Digital Living: Research in 13 countries

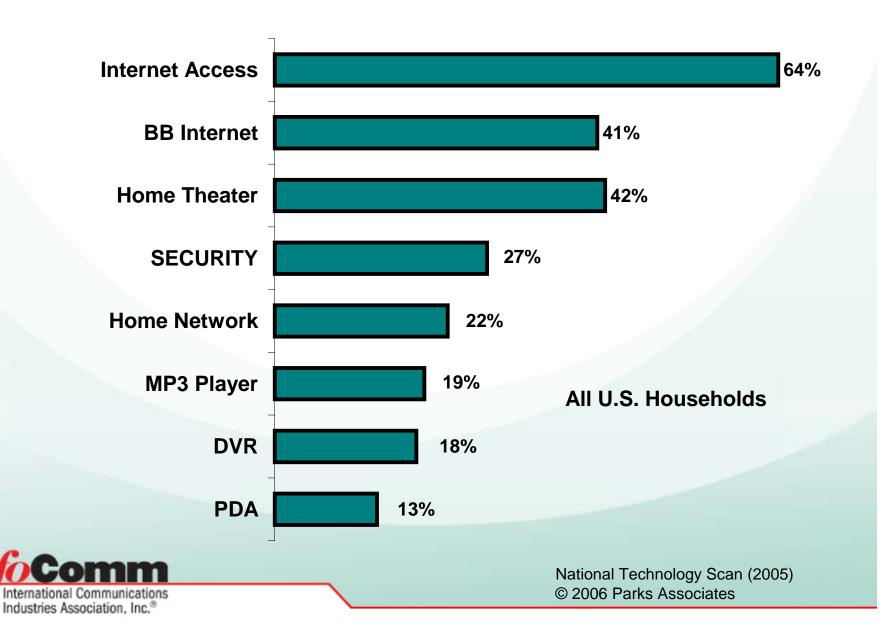


# **Home System Integrator Research**

- Configurations of Entertainment Systems; adoption of advanced components
- Probe into Integration and Installation Processes
- Adoption of Internet-connected Audio & Security systems
- Implementation of No-New-Wires Networking
- Wireless Remote controls
- Control Systems: applications, configurations, technologies employed
- Certification & Training
- Profiles of Dealers' Customers: demographics, family composition, decision makers/influencers; price sensitivity
- Media Servers: brands sold, typical configurations, average selling prices, margins, time to install
- Integration of iPods and MP3 players into multi-room audio installations
- Entertainment PCs: brands sold, how connected to entertainment/control systems, average selling prices, reasons for offering
- IT Experience of staff



### Here's Where We Are as of 4Q05



# **Key Trends**

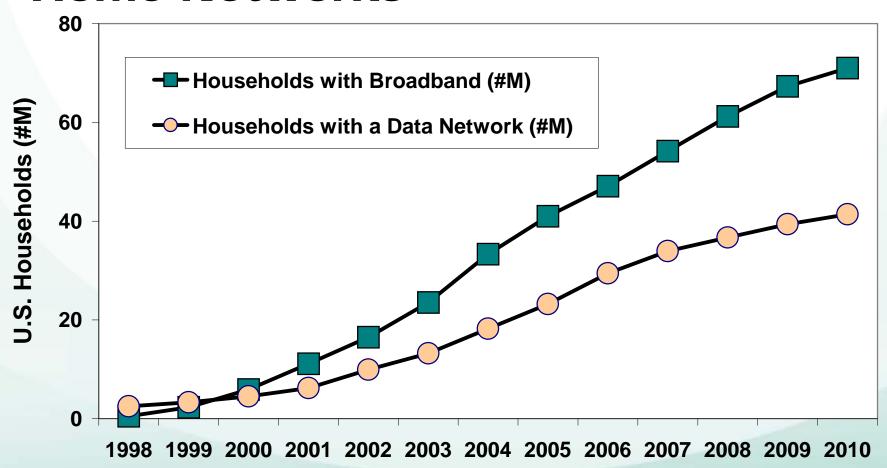
- Broadband Internet access is becoming pervasive
- Online content is challenging all other forms
- Consumers want "interoperability"

### **BOTTOM LINE**

Broadband + Content + Interoperability = Connected Systems



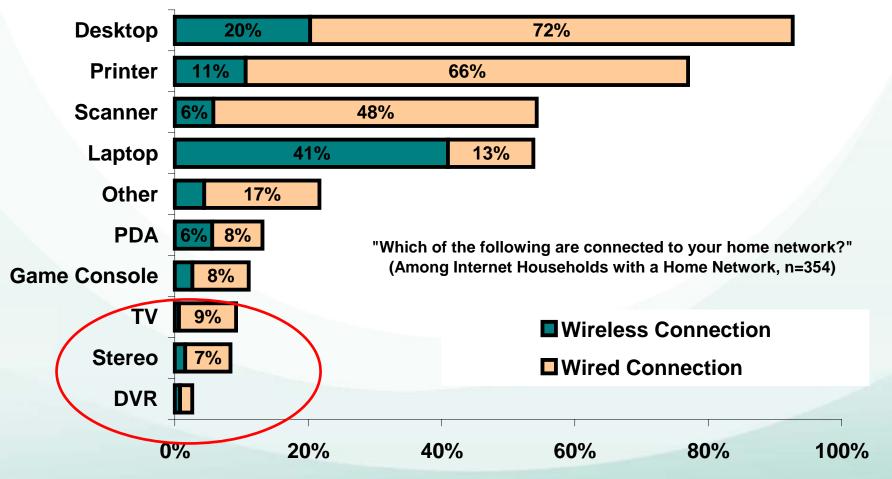
# **Broadband Adoption Pulls Home Networks**





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### What's Connected to the Network?

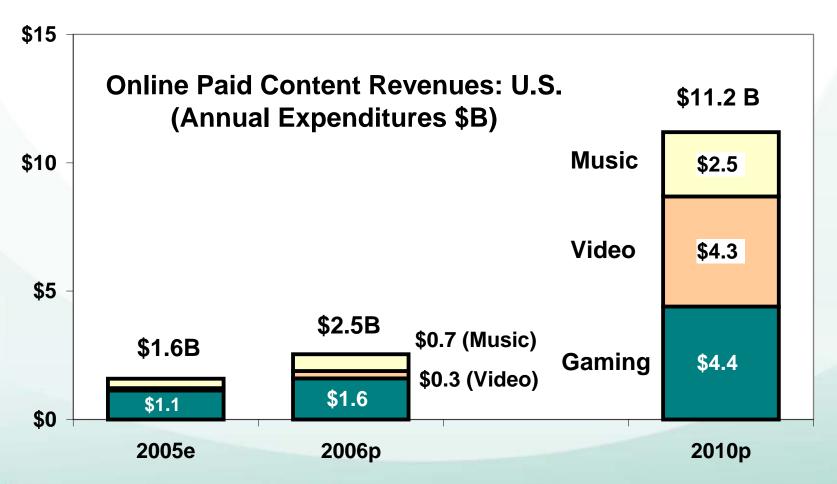






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# **Expenditures for Online Content Will Soar**

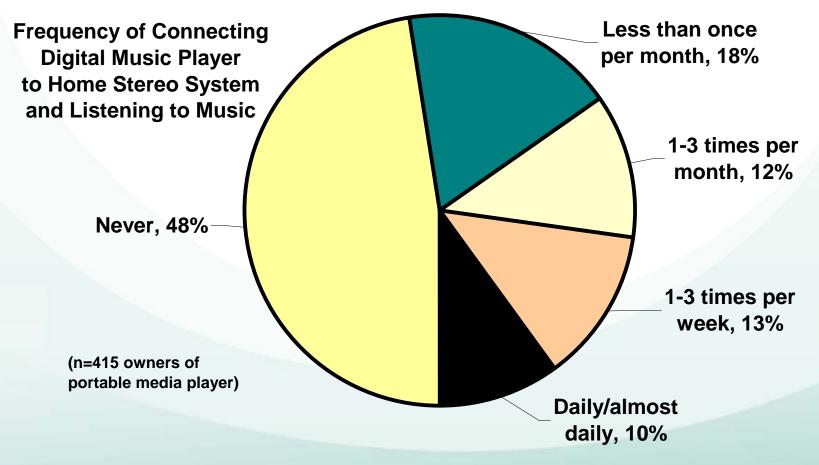




Source: Digital Lifestyles: 2006 Outlook

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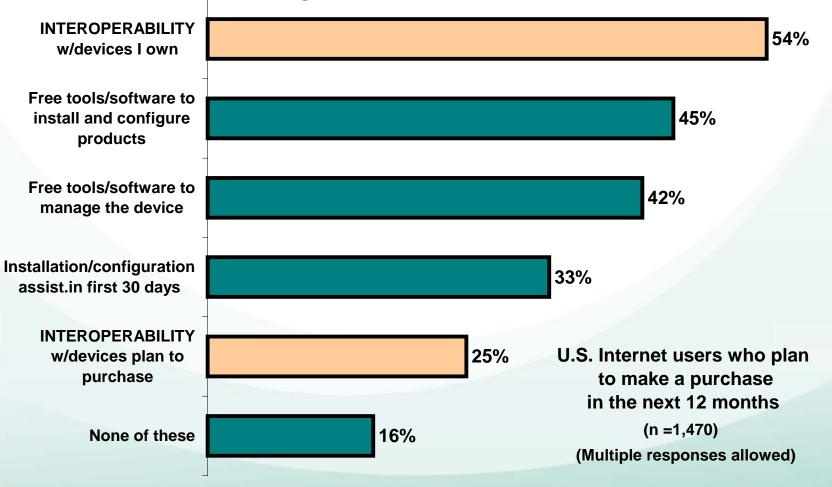
# Consumers Are Connecting Digital Devices to Their Legacy Systems





Source: *Mobile Entertainment Platforms and Services*, a survey of 2,112 Internet users © 2006 Parks Associates

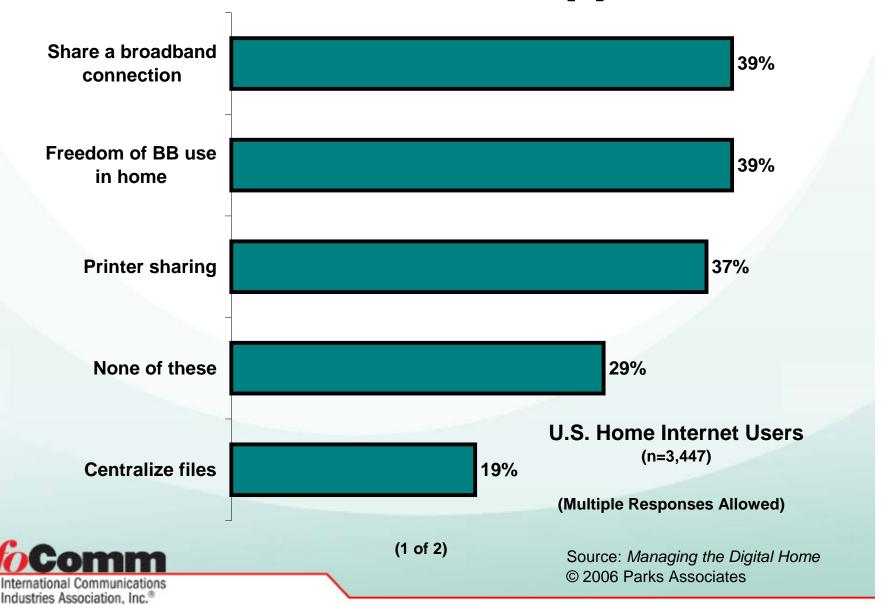
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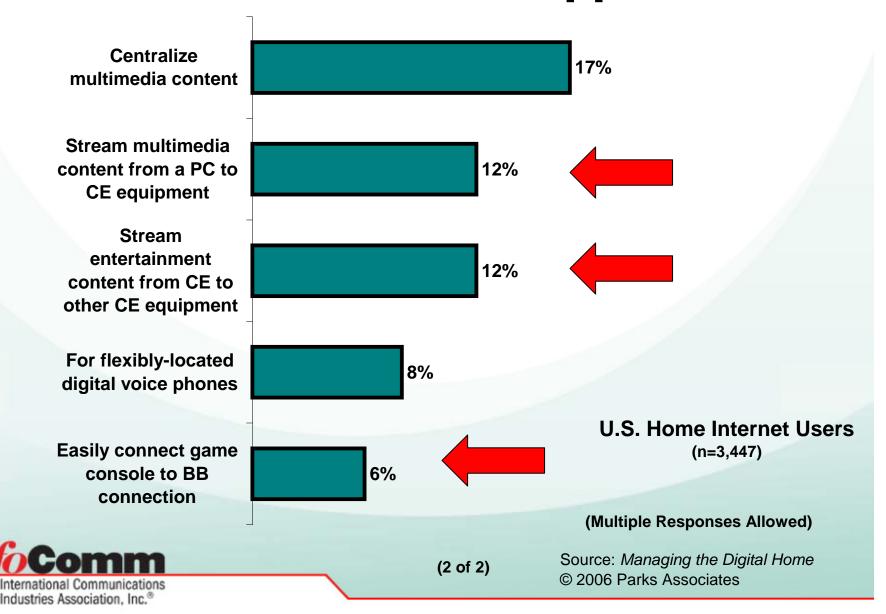


Source: *Managing the Digital Home*, a survey of 3,400 U.S. home Internet users © 2006 Parks Associates

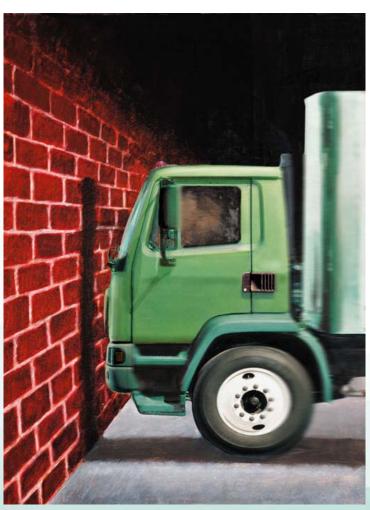
# **Most Valuable Network Applications**



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### BUT are we about to hit a WALL...



On the way to the CONNECTED Home?

## **Residential Installation & Support Pyramid**





WEALTHIEST 3-5% OF HOUSEHOLDS

#### THE OPPORTUNITY GAP

#### **TWEETER**

BASIC PC SERVICE & SUPPORT GEEK SQUAD

**COMPUSA** 

ALL PC HHs

GEEKS ON CALL

**IQ CREW** 

NERDS-ON-SITE

**DELL** 



## View From the Top of the Pyramid

#### **Channel Revenues**

- All categories
- Selected breakouts: Audio, Video

### **Characteristics of Home System Integrators**

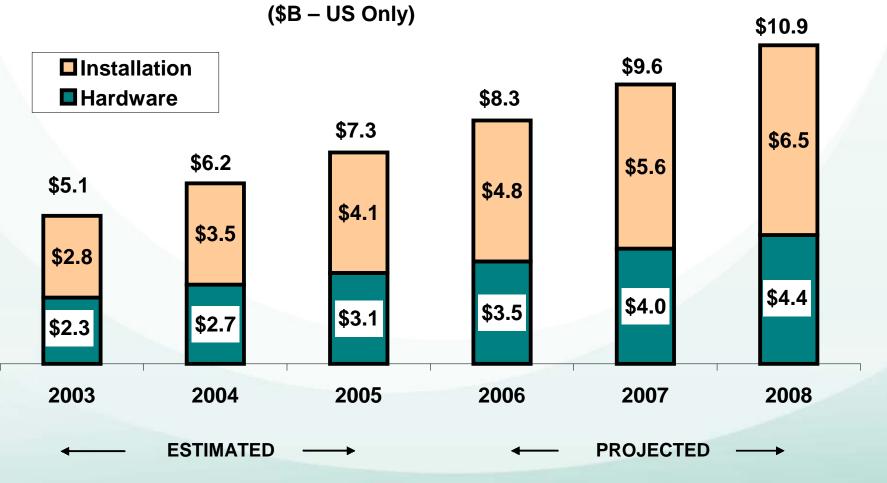
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- Sales cycle, decision makers, price sensitivity

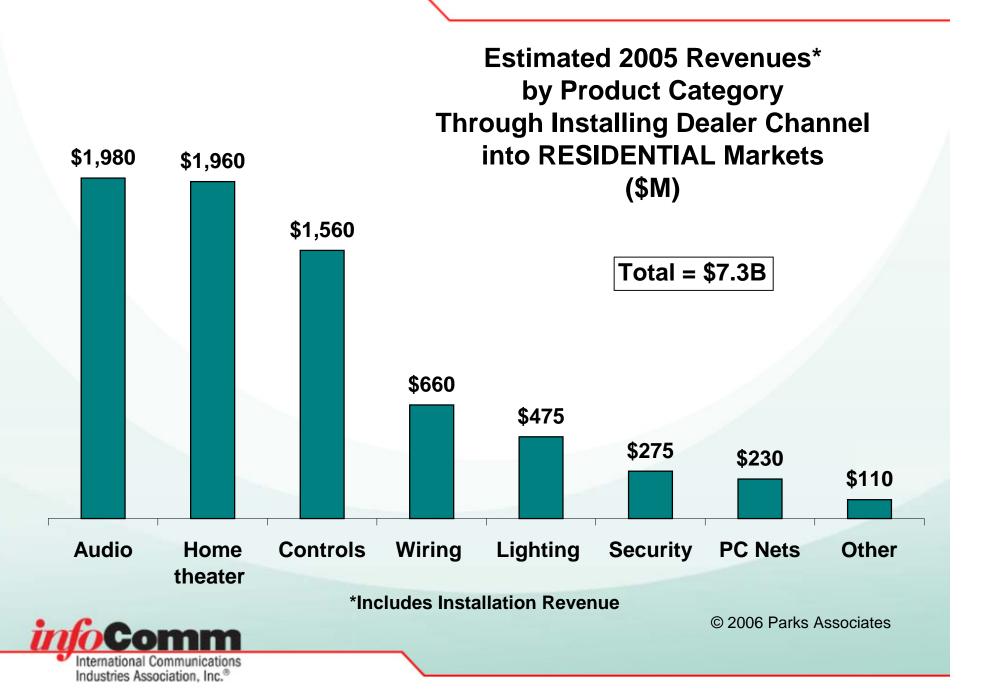


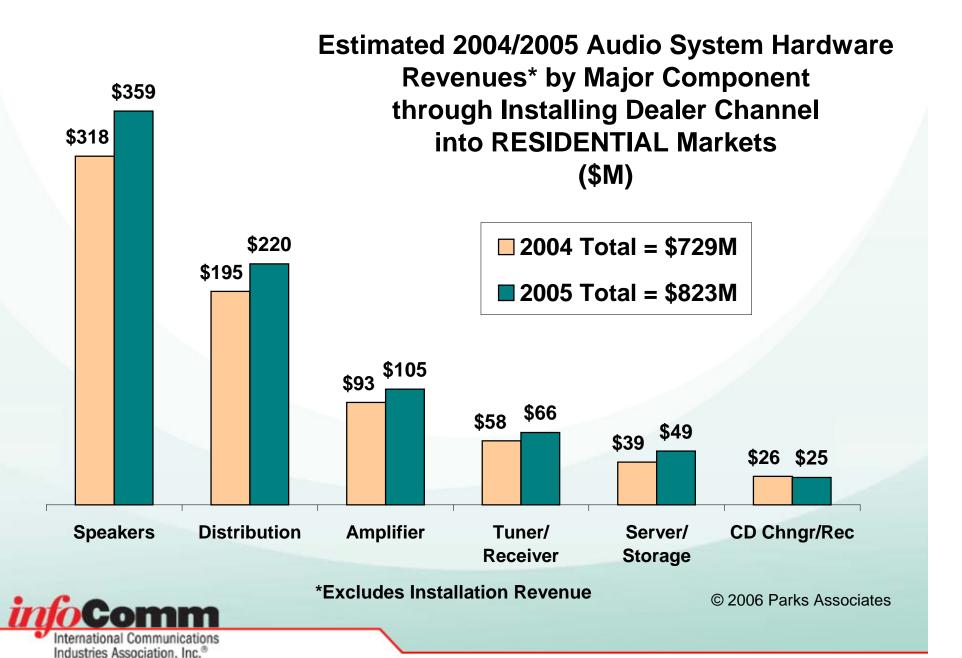
# Breakdown of Revenue\*: Hardware vs Installation High-end Home Systems

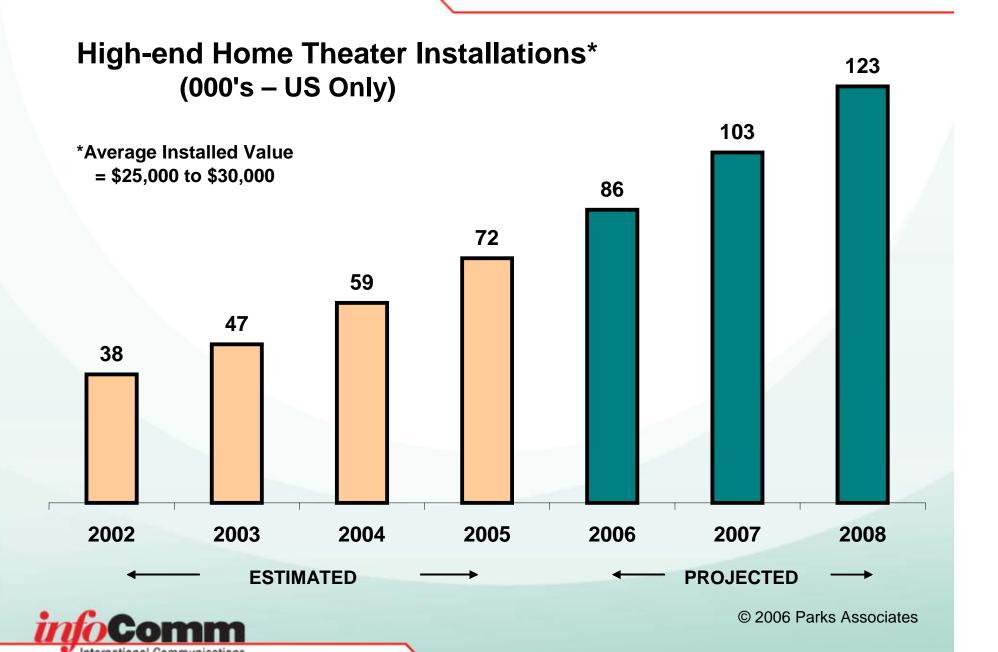


\*Among Installing Dealers Selling into Residential Markets

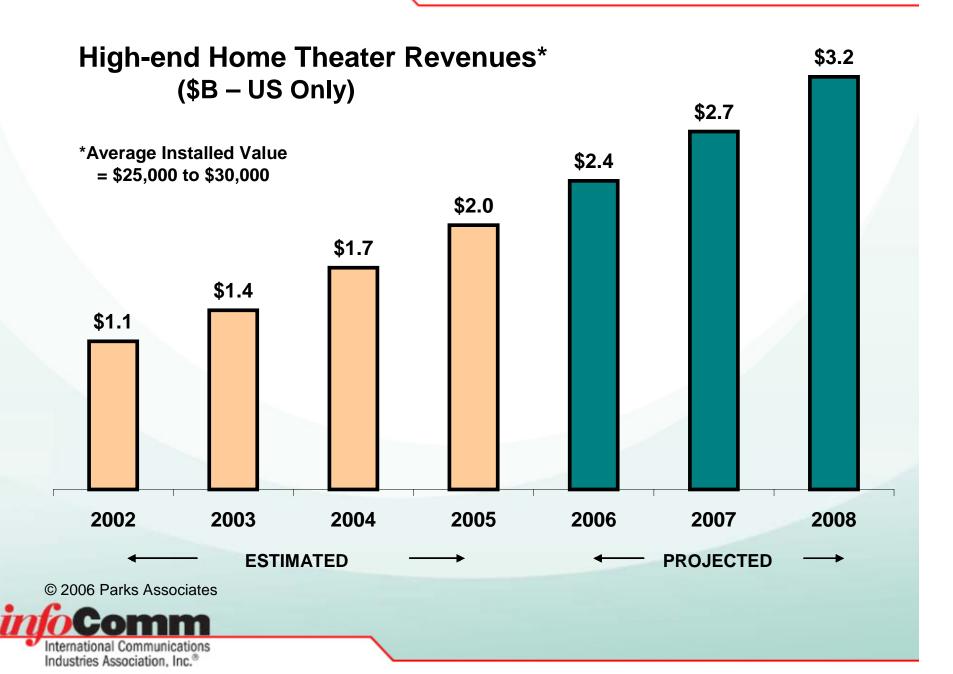
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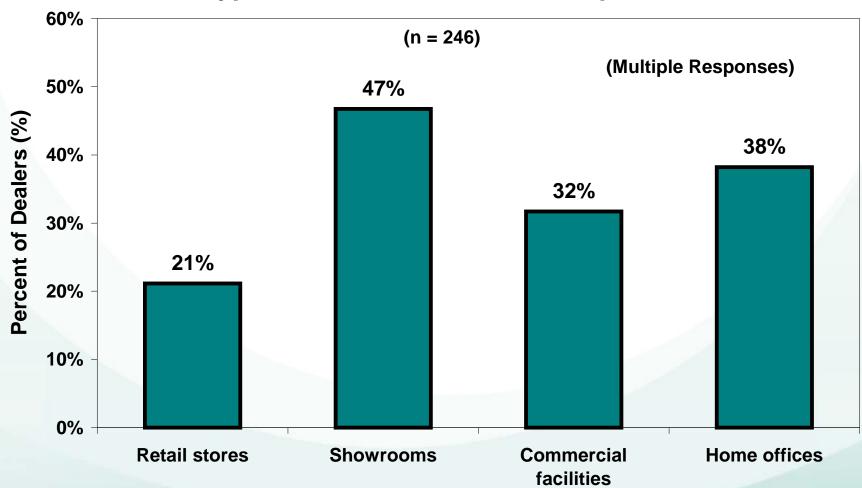
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### **Types of Business Locations Operated**



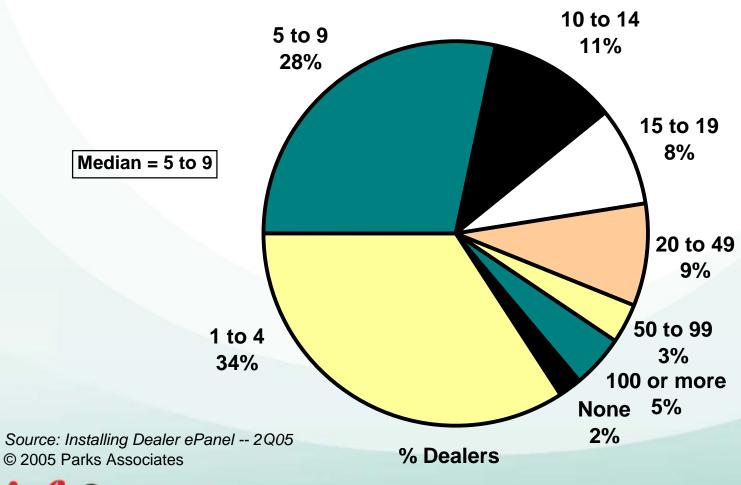
Source: Installing Dealer ePanel -- 2Q05

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### **Number of FULL-TIME Employees**

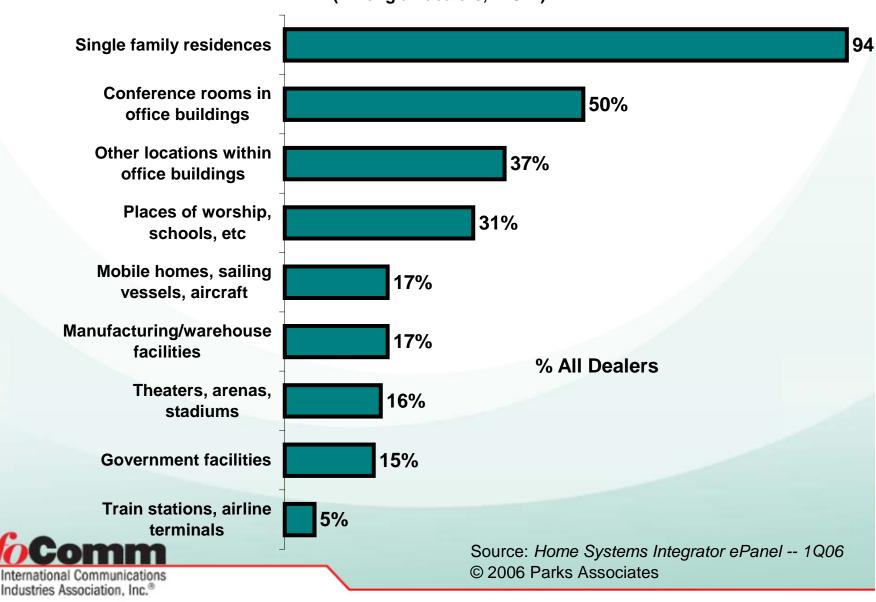
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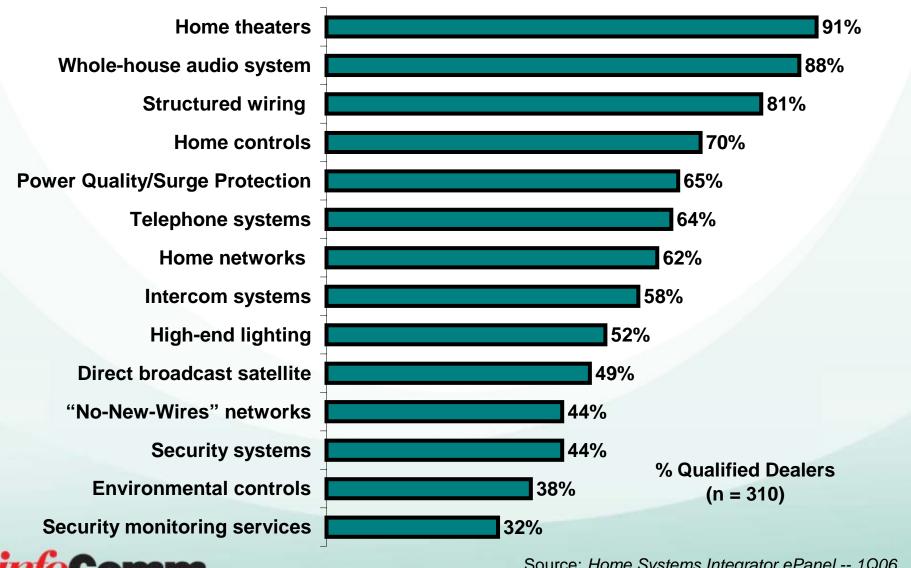


### Type of Locations/Facilities in Which Dealers Install Systems

(Among all dealers, n=344)



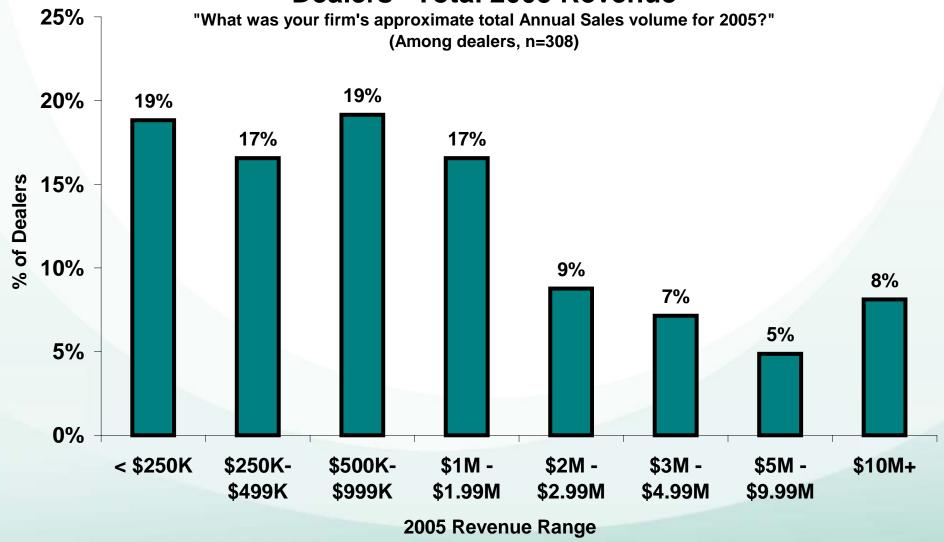
#### **Percentage of Dealers Installing Product Category**





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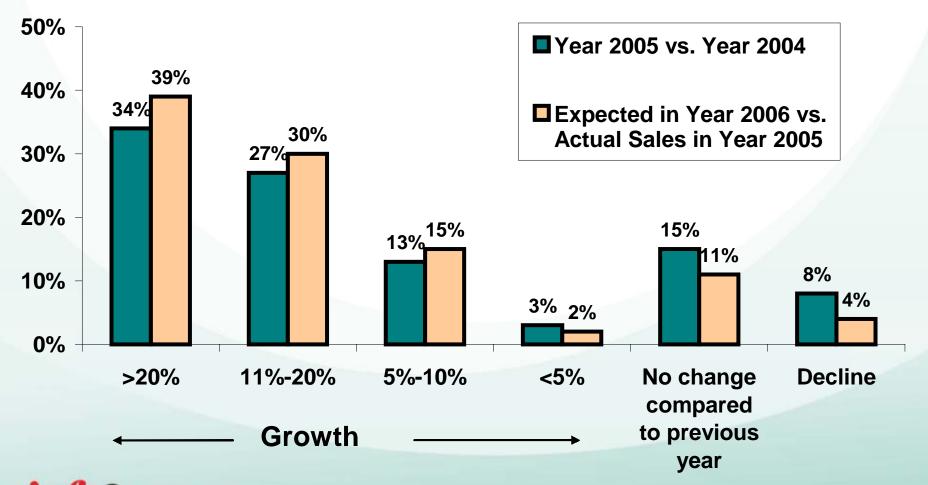


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### **Comparison of Dealer's OVERALL Residential Sales:**

"How did overall sales of your residential installation business in 2005 compare to overall sales in 2004? How do you expect sales in 2006?"

(n=198)

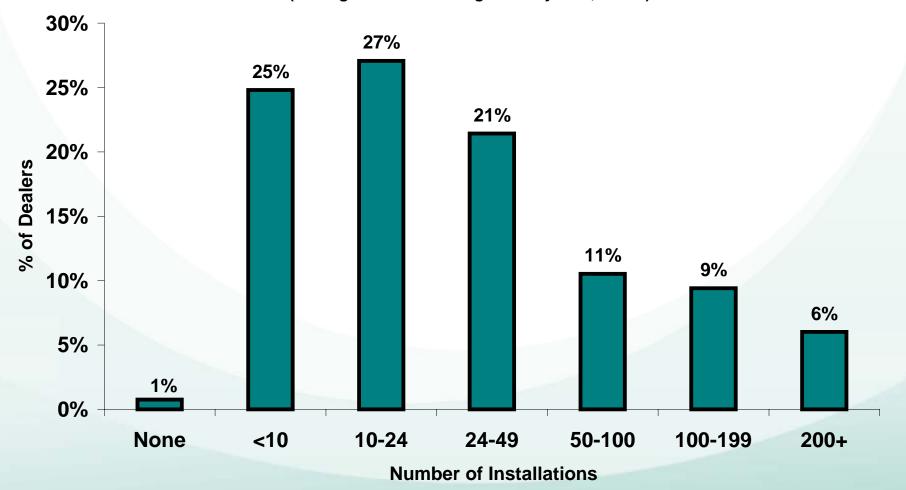




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### **Multi-Room Audio Installations Completed in 2005**

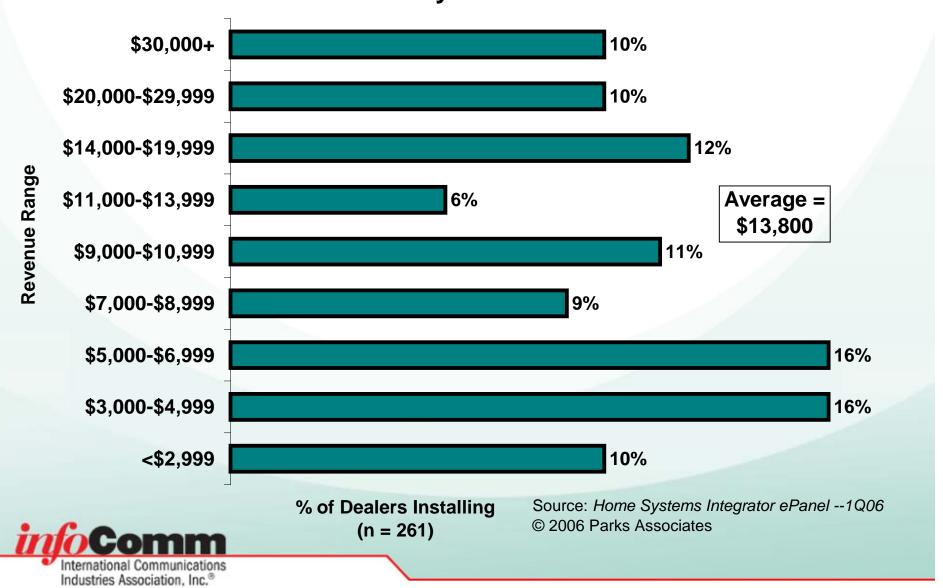
(Among dealers installing audio system, n=266)





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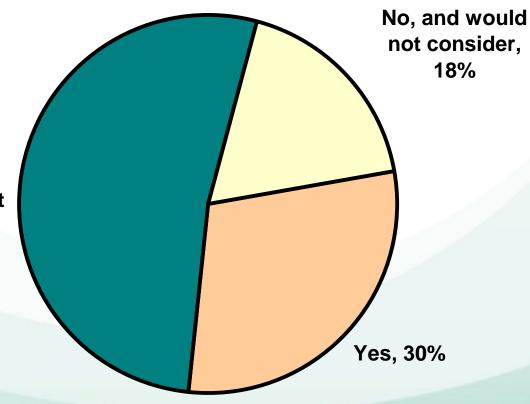
# Average Revenue Generated to Install a Multi-Room Audio System in 2005



# Do Dealers Sell/Install Pre-Configured Multi-Room Audio Systems?

"Do you sell/install pre-configured multi-room audio systems?" (n=193)

Not currently, but would consider if they offered sufficient flexibility, 52%





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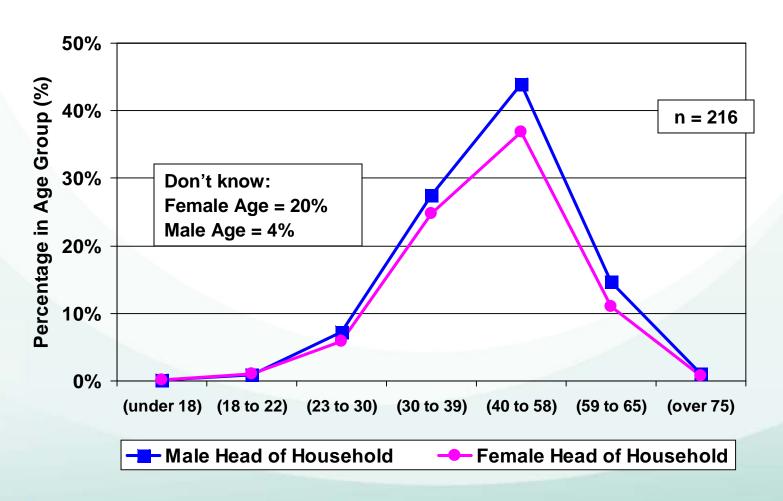
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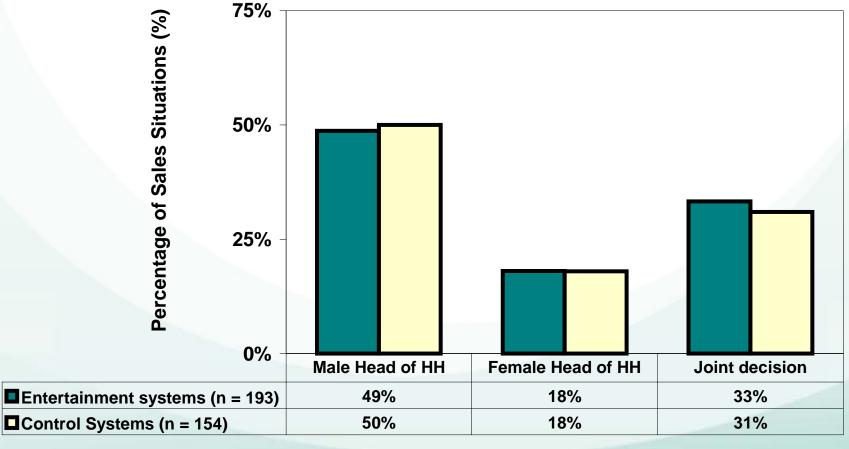


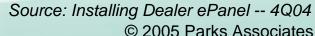
### What % of customers in each age group?





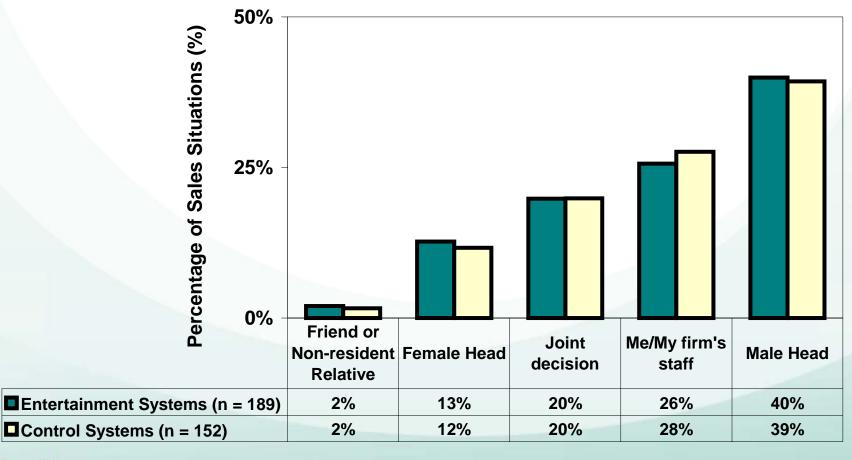
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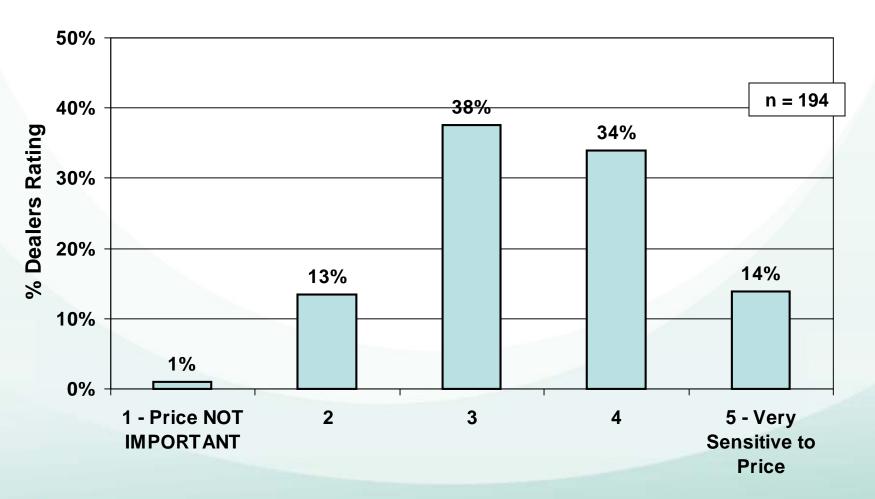


# Who is the PRIMARY decision maker for what system components/capabilities are purchased for Entertainment and Control systems?



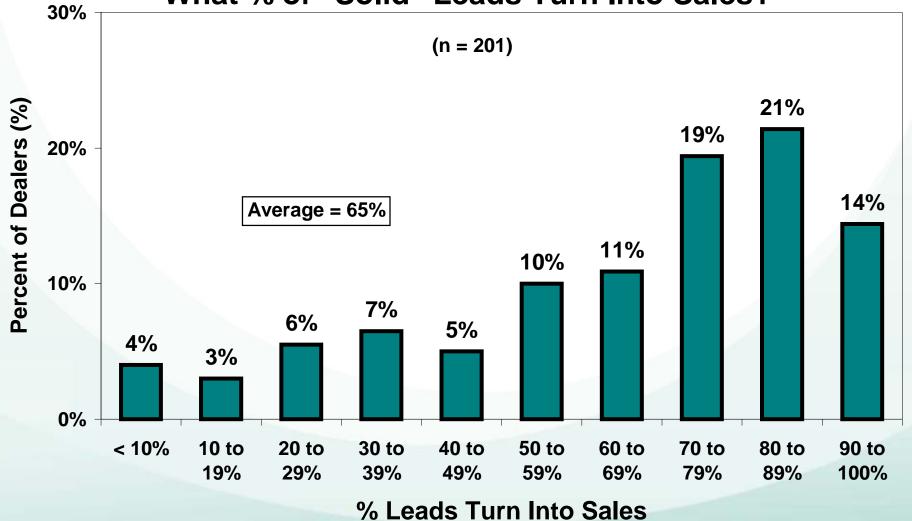


## How sensitive are your customers to price?





### What % of "Solid" Leads Turn Into Sales?





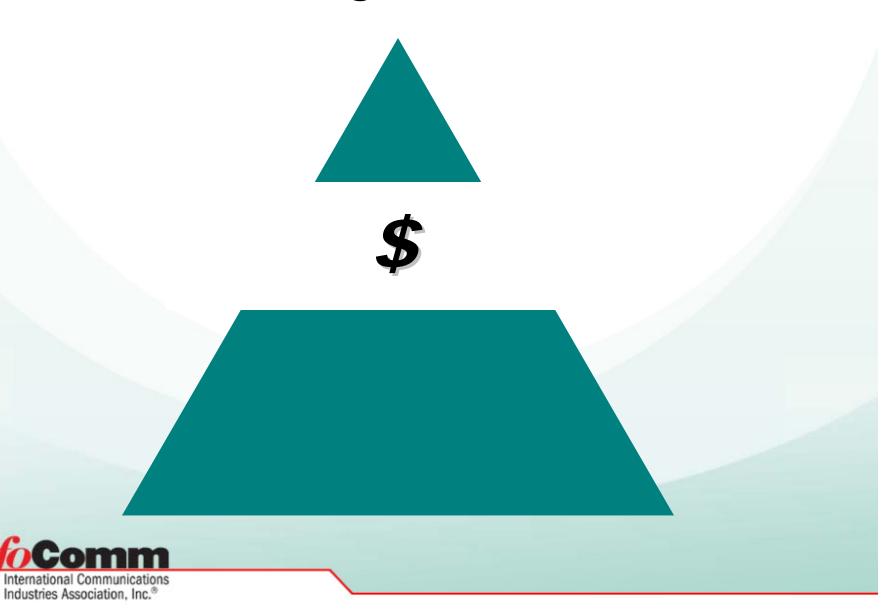
# **Bottom Line Revisited**

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BUT...



# Who's Going to Fill the GAP?



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