

Impact of Organic Rank on Ad Click Incrementality



In 2011, Google released a meta study called "Search Ads Pause" that estimated that **89%** of ad clicks are incremental.



We ran a **follow-up analysis** of 390 cases to answer these two questions:

1 How often is an ad impression accompanied by an associated organic result?



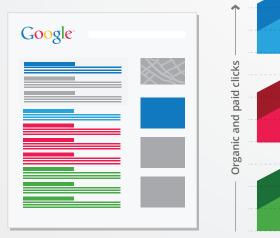
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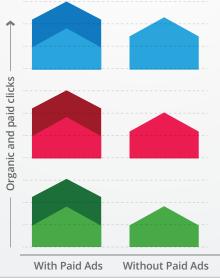


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For ad impressions with no associated organic results, 100% of ad clicks are incremental.

2 How does the incrementality of the ad clicks vary with the rank of advertister's organic results?





For associated search results in the top rank, the study shows that 50% of the ad clicks are incremental.

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For associated search results in rankings 2-4, 82% of the ad clicks are incremental.

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For associated search results with rankings 5 and higher, 96% of the ad clicks are incremental.

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The incrementality numbers we report are averages. We encourage advertisers to experiment with their own accounts to determine their individual incrementality rates.