## Sustained behaviour change through financial education

Innovative approaches to educating consumers

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#### Presentation overview

- Methodology
- The impact of budgeting on financial outcomes and attitudes
- Barriers to budgeting
- Improving non-budgeters' money management





## 2016 Budgeting pilot study

#### Purpose:

Does providing financial education messaging via a mobile platform lead to changes in behaviour?







## 2018 Follow up study

Offered to pilot participants who:

- 1. Had a budget at the beginning of the pilot
- 2. Had a budget by the end of the pilot
- 3. Planned to budget by the end of the pilot

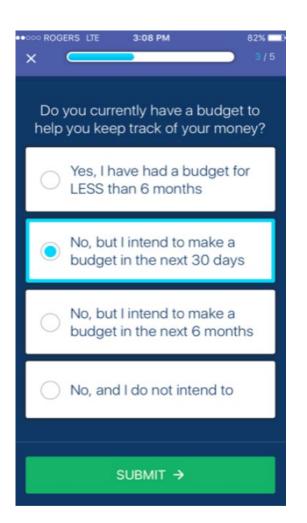




#### Budgeting and financial education

54%

of those who began budgeting during the pilot were still budgeting 18 months later







## People who budget have better financial outcomes

People use their budgets to...

- Pay down debts
- Save for the future
- Save for emergencies





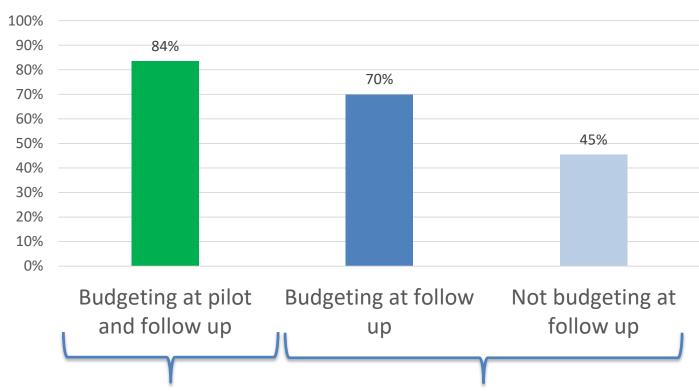


## Keeping up with bills

Finding: Budgeters are more likely to keep up with their financial commitments

Keeping up with financial commitments within the past 12 months

Proportion keeping up well or very well



Reference group

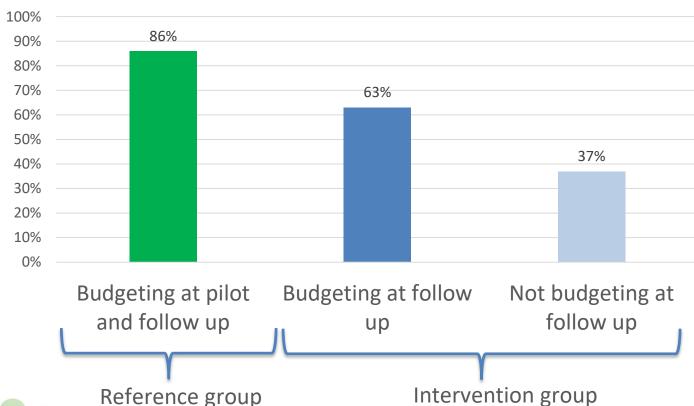
Intervention group

## Budgeting confidence

<u>Finding:</u> Budgeting confidence is positively related to budgeting behaviours

How confident are you in your ability to make and follow a budget?

Proportion who are confident or very confident



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## People face barriers to budgeting



- Overwhelmed managing money
- Don't need a budget to manage money





# Non-budgeters can improve their money management with a budget



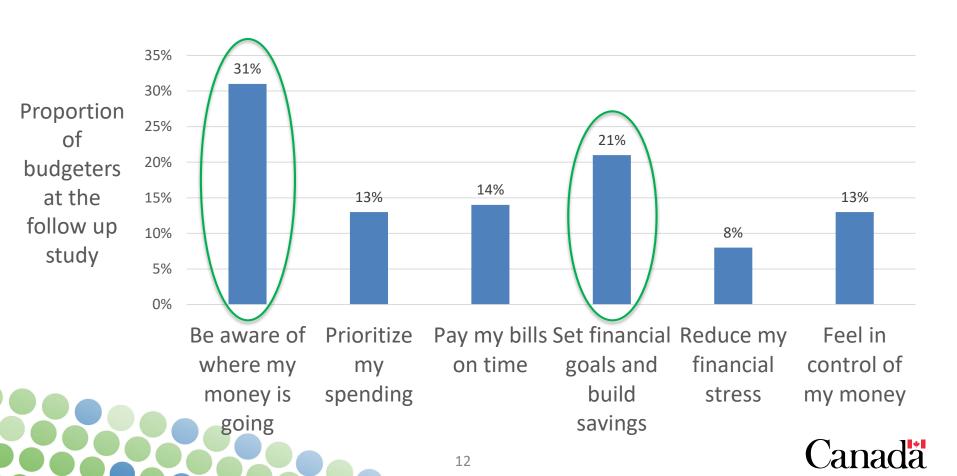
Non-budgeters wish to...

- Set financial goals and build savings
- Prioritize their spending
- Have a higher awareness of where their money is going



#### Budgets help achieve financial goals

My budget helps me to..



## Key findings

- Financial education delivered using a mobile platform can have a sustained impact in improving financial behaviours
- Budgeting behaviours are linked with positive financial attitudes and outcomes
- Budgets can help non-budgeters achieve their money management goals





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