

2020 Memorial Day Promotions

The events of 2020 have significantly changed the way that consumers are able to observe major holidays like Memorial Day, and consequently retailers have had to adjust their promotional strategies around key events to better support their customers and attract new ones. To see how Memorial Day general merchandise promotions may have shifted this year, we analyzed our Promotions Intel data for the two weeks preceding the holiday.

Memorial Day Circular Promotions

In advance of Memorial Day 2020, retailers promoted fewer products overall within their circulars than in 2019. The average discount across all categories was also lower in 2020, and private label circular promotions were significantly decreased this year.

Average Discount 24% Index: 71

Promoted Products
1895
Index: 47

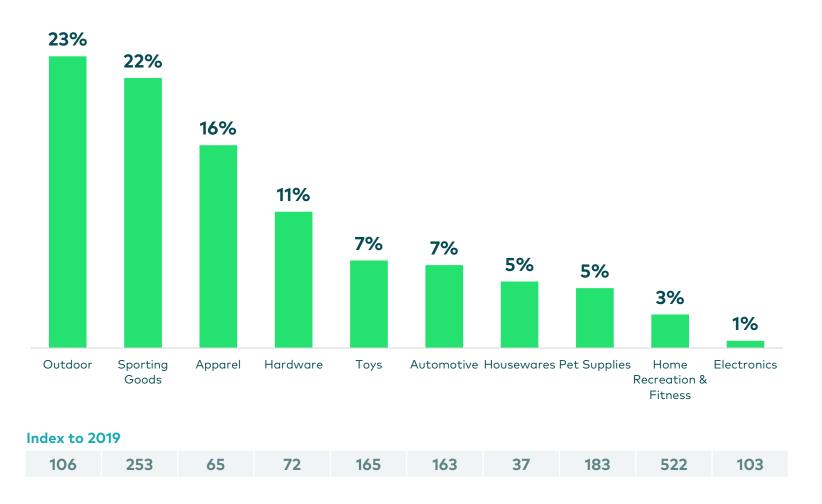
Private
Label Share

6%
Index: 33



Top Promoted Categories, Circulars

These categories received the most circular promotional support in the two weeks preceding Memorial Day 2020.



Source: Numerator Promotions Intel, Weeks Ending 5/16/20 and 5/23/20. General Merchandise & Sporting Goods circular promotions across a representative set of Mass, Department, Club, Internet & Specialty Retailers

Top 5 Categories, Memorial Day 2019



APPAREL

Share: 25%



OUTDOOR

Share: 15%



HARDWARE

Share: 15%



HOUSEWARES

Share: 15%



SPORTING GOODS

Share: 9%



Average Discount by Category

Electronics were discounted most heavily within Memorial Day circulars, followed distantly by Housewares & Sporting Goods.











ELECTRONICS

HOUSEWARES

SPORTING GOODS

APPAREL

OUTDOOR

58%

28%

26%

24%

21%







TOYS & GAMES

HARDWARE

AUTOMOTIVE

PET SUPPLIES

20%

20%

20%

16%



Category Snapshot: Outdoor

Within the Outdoor category, items geared towards spending down time at home in the backyard, such as outdoor furniture and grills, were promoted most.

Top Promoted Subcategories

| SUB-CATEGORY | SHARE |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Outdoor Furniture | 21.4% |
| Barbeque Grills & Accessories | 14.0% |
| Outdoor Power Equipment | 13.3% |
| Fertilizers & Chemicals | 9.9% |
| Bird Feeders & Food | 9.5% |
| Landscaping Equipment & Supplies | 7.2% |
| Hoses, Sprinklers & Accessories | 4.7% |
| Coolers/Jugs & Accessories | 3.4% |
| Pool/Spa Accessories & Chemicals | 2.9% |
| Charcoal & Grilling Consumables | 2.7% |

Top Promoted Brands

| BRAND | SHARE |
|--------------------|-------|
| Backyard Creations | 6.8% |
| Kaytee | 4.5% |
| Scotts | 2.9% |
| Char-Broil | 2.3% |
| Miracle-Gro | 2.3% |
| Weber | 2.3% |
| Kingsford | 2.0% |
| Gilmour | 1.8% |
| Perky Pet | 1.8% |
| Traeger | 1.8% |



Category Snapshot: Sporting Goods

Non-team sports were the focus of promotions within Sporting Goods, with Fishing and Firearms & Hunting taking the top two promoted subcategory spots.

Top Promoted Subcategories

| SUB-CATEGORY | SHARE |
|---------------------|-------|
| Fishing | 21.7% |
| Firearms & Hunting | 20.0% |
| Water Sports | 10.2% |
| Tents | 5.1% |
| Camping Accessories | 4.4% |
| Air Beds/Cots | 3.2% |
| Bicycles | 2.9% |
| Optical Goods | 2.4% |
| Furniture | 2.2% |
| Sleeping Bags | 2.2% |

Top Promoted Brands

| BRAND | SHARE |
|-------------------|-------|
| Coleman | 2.4% |
| Leupold | 2.2% |
| Rapala | 2.2% |
| Ruger | 1.7% |
| Triumph Sports | 1.7% |
| Daiwa | 1.5% |
| Northland Fishing | 1.5% |
| Plano | 1.5% |
| Vortex Optics | 1.5% |
| Winchester | 1.5% |



Category Snapshot: Hardware

Paint & Home Decorating was the top promoted subcategory within Hardware, with Masterforce taking the top promoted brand.

Top Promoted Subcategories

| SUB-CATEGORY | SHARE |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Paint & Home Decorating | 17.9% |
| Electrical Accessories | 11.6% |
| Plumbing/Heating/Home Improvement | 11.6% |
| Power Tools & Accessories | 10.6% |
| Hand Tools & Accessories | 9.2% |
| Fans | 4.8% |
| Pressure Washers | 4.8% |
| Batteries | 3.4% |
| Flashlights | 3.4% |
| Fasteners, Nails, Nuts, Bolts, Screws | 2.9% |

Top Promoted Brands

| BRAND | SHARE |
|---------------|-------|
| Masterforce | 14.0% |
| DeWalt | 4.8% |
| Southwire | 4.8% |
| Thompson's | 3.9% |
| T-Rex | 2.9% |
| First Alert | 2.9% |
| Woods | 2.9% |
| Cabot | 2.4% |
| Energizer Max | 2.4% |
| Milwaukee | 2.4% |
| Rust-Oleum | 2.4% |



Category Snapshot: Apparel

Men's Athletic Shoes were the top promoted subcategory within apparel in 2020 - replacing Kid's Casual Apparel, which dropped from 12.7% of Memorial Day apparel promotions in 2019 to only 4.2% in 2020.

Top Promoted Subcategories

| SUB-CATEGORY | SHARE |
|------------------------|-------|
| Men's Athletic Shoes | 8.1% |
| Men's Casual Shirts | 8.1% |
| Women's Casual Apparel | 7.1% |
| Kids' Casual Shoes | 6.8% |
| Kids' Sports Apparel | 6.8% |
| Kids' Athletic Shoes | 6.5% |
| Men's Casual Shoes | 6.2% |
| Men's Sports Apparel | 6.2% |
| Women's Athletic Shoes | 5.8% |

Women's Casual Shoes

Top Promoted Brands

| BRAND | SHARE |
|------------------|-------|
| Nike | 16.2% |
| Adidas | 7.8% |
| Under Armour | 7.8% |
| Crocs | 5.8% |
| Champion Apparel | 2.3% |
| Coleman Footwear | 1.6% |
| Berne | 1.3% |
| Body Glove | 1.3% |
| Field N' Forest | 1.3% |
| Free Country | 1.3% |



5.8%

Memorial Day Web & Email Promotions

Email & web discounts overall were not as deep in 2020 when compared with 2019. However, total number of promoted products and private label share of promotions both increased significantly in 2020.

Average Discount 27% Index: 84

Promoted Products

10,206
Index: 141

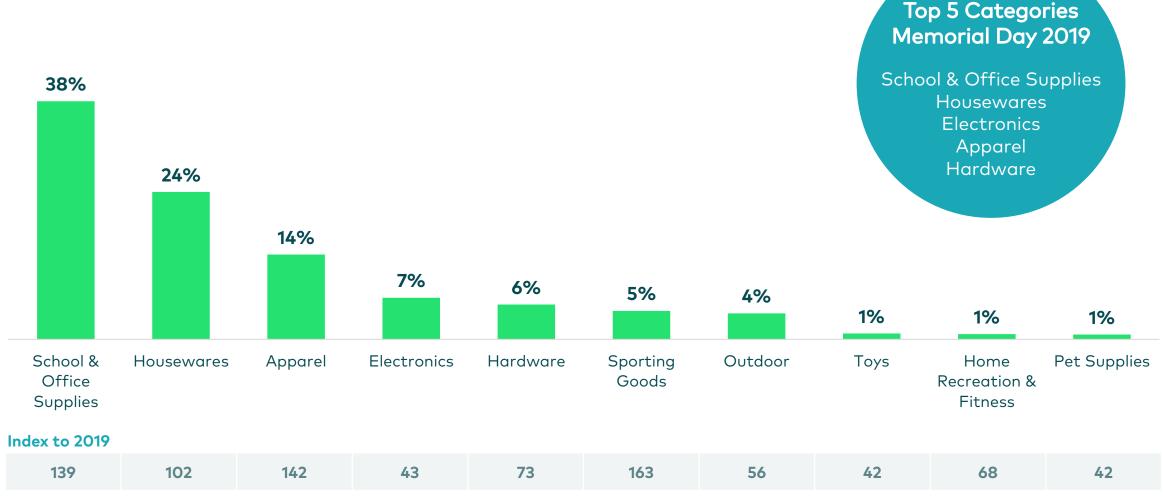
Private Label Share

18%
Index: 126



Top Promoted Categories, Web & Email Promotions

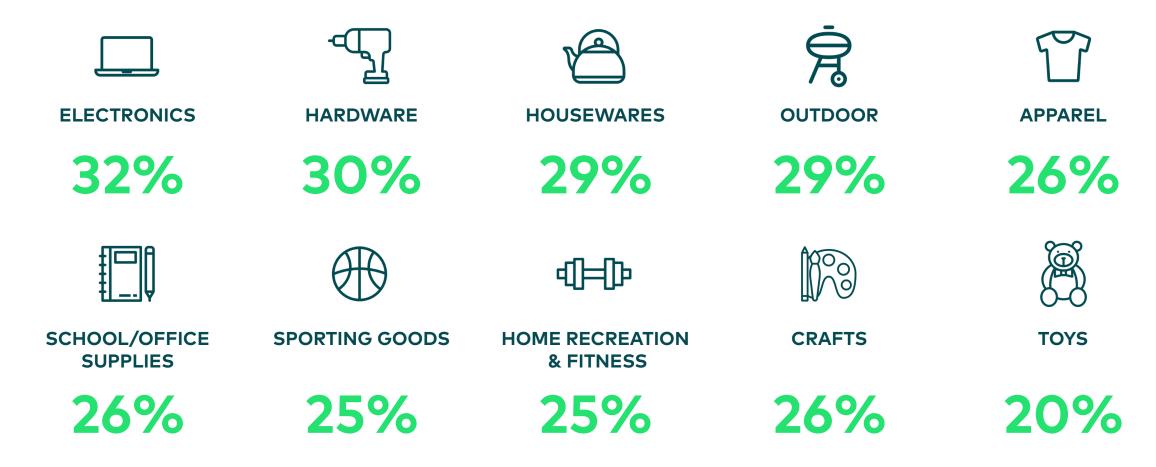
These categories were featured most in web & email promotions during the two weeks leading into Memorial Day 2020.





Average Discount by Category, Web & Email Promotions

Electronics saw the deepest discounts in web & email promotions, followed closely by Hardware.







Summary

This year retailers promoted significantly fewer products in advance of Memorial Day via circulars, but increased web & email promotions.

Circular promotions shifted away from Apparel and Housewares towards categories more geared towards spending time outside at home, like the Outdoor and Sporting Goods categories.

The average discount across categories was lower for all media types in 2020 compared to 2019.



