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# 2023 Alcohol-iday Preview



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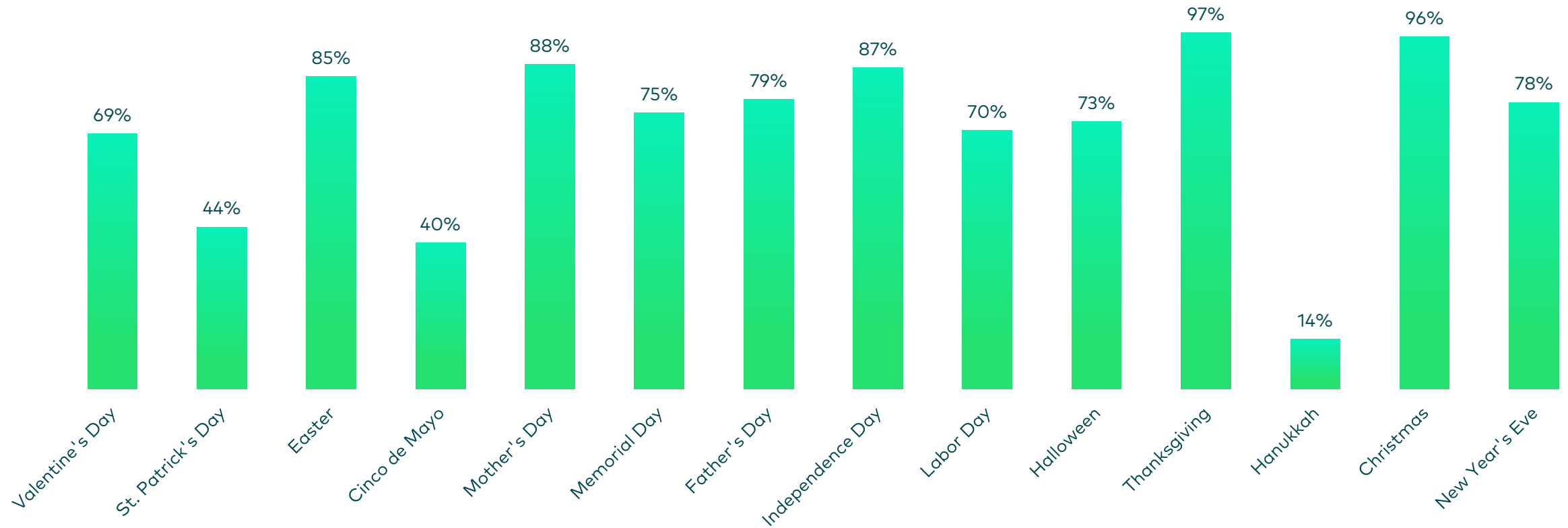
## **We asked 5,200 consumers about their 2023 holiday intentions – including their planned alcohol purchases.**

Numerator's 2023 Holiday Preview survey was fielded to 5,263 consumers in January 2023, and highlights consumers' celebration, shopping and spending plans for 14 key holidays through the end of the year. In this report, we dive deeper into consumer intentions surrounding holiday-related Alcoholic Beverage purchases.

# Setting the Stage

## CELEBRATION INTENTIONS

% of US consumers planning to celebrate



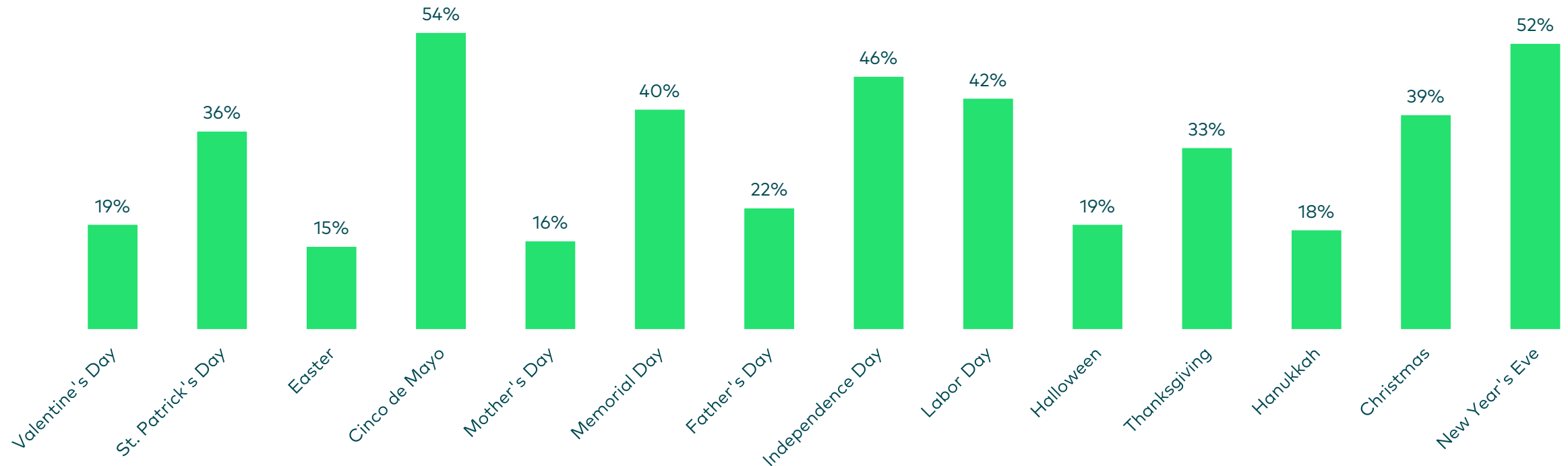
Source: Numerator 2023 Holiday Preview 1/19/2023 (n=5,263) | Do you expect to celebrate the following 2023 holidays? "Definitely" or "Probably" shown

# Cinco de Mayo and New Year's Eve are top holidays for alcohol purchasing...

Cinco de Mayo and New Year's Eve are the top holidays for which celebrators plan to purchase alcohol. Traditional grilling holidays, like Independence Day and Labor Day, will also be popular for alcohol purchases.

## ALCOHOL PURCHASE INTENTIONS

% of intended celebrators



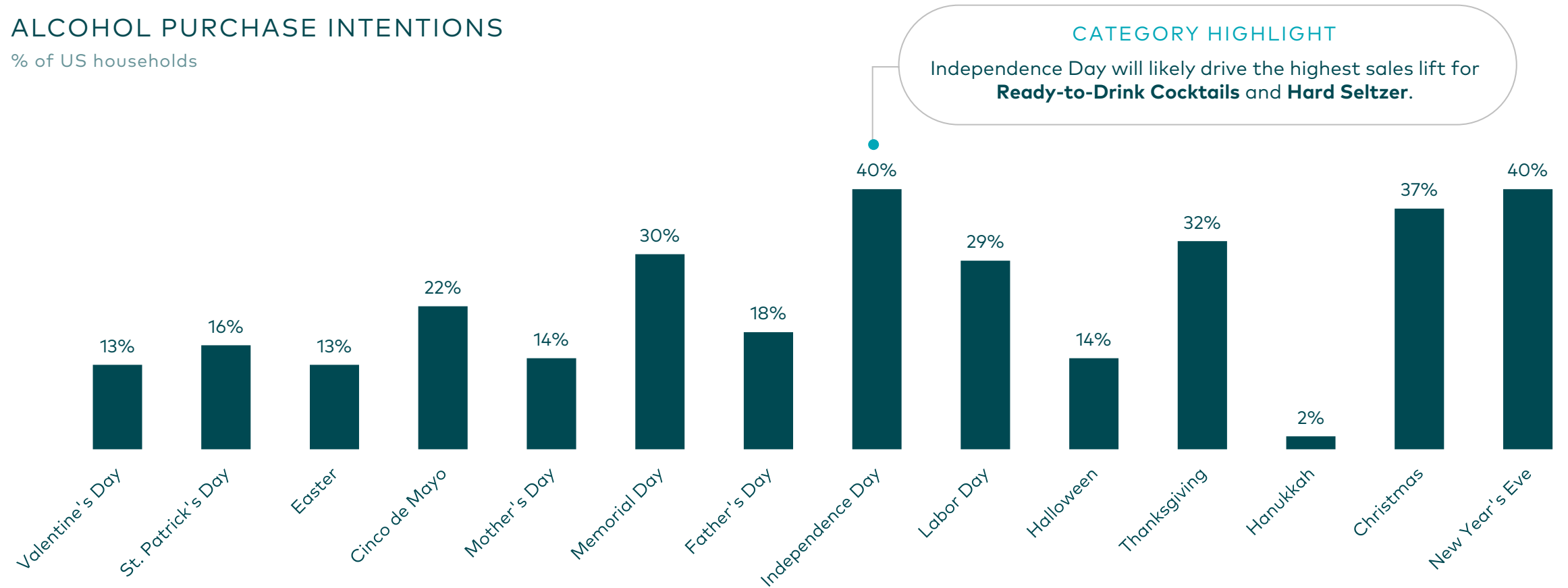
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## ... but New Year's Eve & Independence Day will likely see highest alcohol sales.

While Cinco de Mayo celebrators are most likely to indulge in an adult beverage, Independence Day, New Years Eve and Christmas will likely drive the highest lift in alcohol sales, since more consumers plan to celebrate those holidays overall.

### ALCOHOL PURCHASE INTENTIONS

% of US households



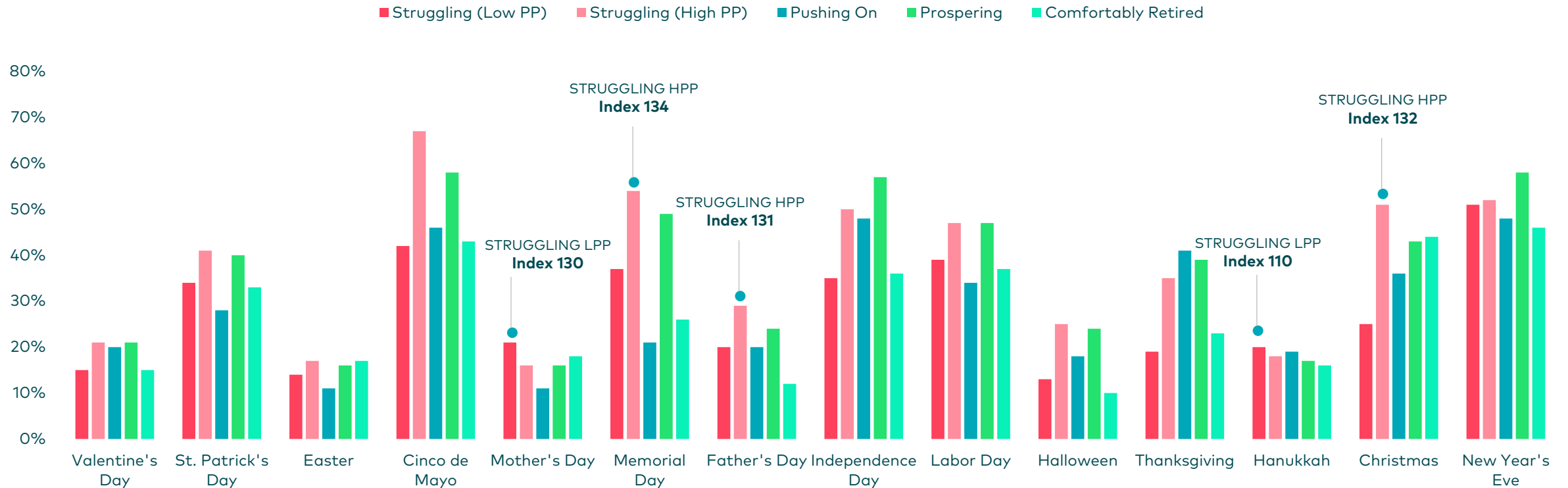
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# Holiday alcohol purchases will span across consumer financial segments.

Struggling households with high purchase power are the most likely to buy alcohol for 11 out of 14 holidays, particularly for Memorial Day, Father's Day and Christmas, while Prospering households will drive alcohol sales on Independence Day & NYE.

## ALCOHOL PURCHASE INTENTIONS

% of intended celebrators by 'New Realities' inflation segment (see appendix)



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Learn more about Numerator's New Realities Financial Segments in the [appendix](#)

# The top types of alcohol vary between holidays.

Wine will be the preferred alcoholic beverage for holidays with more formal hosted gatherings or meals, while beer will be the top choice for summer grilling holidays and St. Patrick's Day.

## TOP ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CATEGORIES

% of intended celebrators planning to purchase alcohol (top) | % of alcohol buyers (bottom)



**19%**

VALENTINE'S DAY

Wine (**52%**)

Beer (**37%**)

Spirits (**33%**)

Champagne (**29%**)

Traditional Cocktails (**22%**)



**36%**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Beer (**70%**)

Spirits (**34%**)

Wine (**29%**)

Traditional Cocktails (**21%**)

Hard Seltzer (**17%**)



**54%**

CINCO DE MAYO

Beer (**61%**)

Traditional Cocktails (**41%**)

Spirits (**37%**)

Wine (**25%**)

RTD Cocktails (**21%**)



**46%**

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Beer (**72%**)

Wine (**39%**)

Spirits (**36%**)

Hard Seltzer (**28%**)

Traditional Cocktails (**21%**)



**39%**

CHRISTMAS

Wine (**63%**)

Beer (**58%**)

Spirits (**47%**)

Champagne (**29%**)

Traditional Cocktails (**22%**)



**52%**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Beer (**54%**)

Wine (**50%**)

Champagne (**50%**)

Spirits (**36%**)

Traditional Cocktails (**22%**)

# Wine is the top alcohol choice for 6 out of 14 key holidays this year.

Wine holidays include Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas .



## Christmas will be the top holiday for wine sales.

23% of US households expect to purchase wine for Christmas celebrations, followed closely by Thanksgiving.



## Older shoppers prefer wine for holiday celebrations.

Across holidays, Boomers+ are on average 24% more likely to purchase wine for their celebrations this year.



## Wine is more popular in the Northeast region.

Shoppers in this region are 15% more likely to say they'll purchase wine for their holiday celebrations.





# Beer will be the top alcohol for 8 out of 14 key holidays this year.

St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial, Father's, Independence and Labor Days, Halloween, and NYE alcohol buyers are all most likely to select beer when shopping for holiday celebrations this year.



## Independence Day will be the top holiday for beer sales.

29% of US households expect to purchase beer for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations this year.



## Beer is most popular for summer holidays.

Beer is 33% more likely to be purchased for summer holidays (Memorial Day through Labor Day) vs. non-summer holidays.



## Millennial shoppers are less likely to choose beer.

Instead, this generation is significantly more likely to opt for hard seltzers or ready-to-drink cocktails.



# In general, alcohol is not at the top of the list for 2023 holiday gift-buyers.

Among common gifting categories, alcohol is the 11<sup>th</sup> most popular item that holiday gift-buyers intend to purchase— for Father's Day, it jumps to 5<sup>th</sup>. Despite remaining lower on the list, Christmas will likely see the highest levels of alcohol gifting.

## ALCOHOL GIFTING INTENTIONS

% of intended celebrators (top) | % of gift buyers (bottom)



VALENTINE'S DAY



MOTHER'S DAY



FATHER'S DAY



HANNUKAH



CHRISTMAS

Celebrators who plan to buy gifts

**44%**

**52%**

**51%**

**39%**

**78%**

Gift buyers who plan to purchase alcohol

**12%**

**7%**

**17%**

**13%**

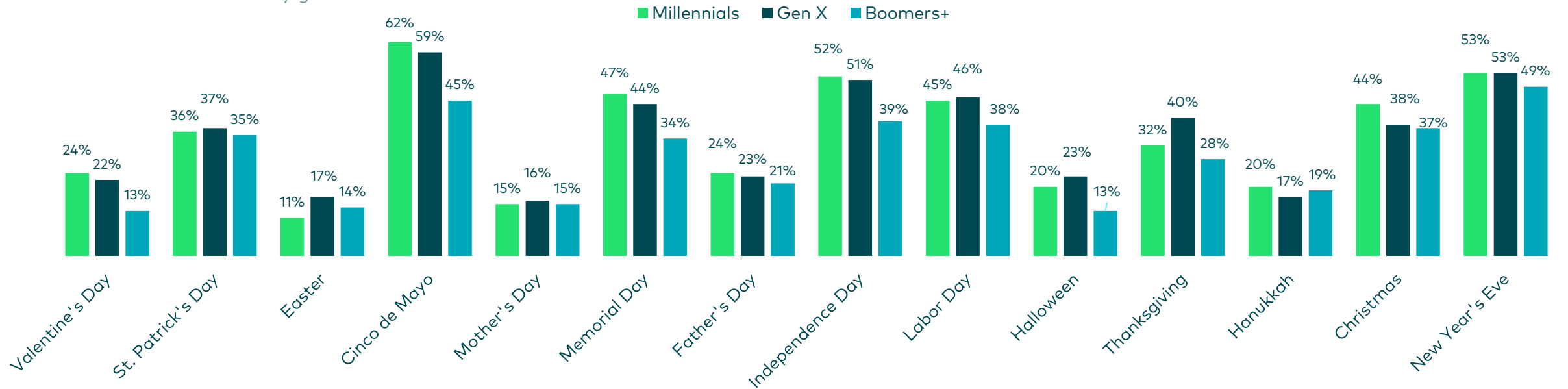
**22%**

# Generational Spotlight

Millennials are overall more likely to buy alcohol across holidays, particularly for Cinco de Mayo (index 114) and Christmas (index 114) celebrations.

## ALCOHOL PURCHASE INTENTIONS

% of intended celebrators by generation



### CATEGORY HIGHLIGHT

In general, Boomers over-index on wine purchasing for holiday celebrations, but are less likely to purchase hard seltzers or ready-to-drink cocktails.

# Regional Spotlight

On average, shoppers in the South are least likely to purchase alcohol across all holidays (index 90)— especially Mother's Day with an index of 68. The West was the only region to over-index for Halloween alcohol purchases.

## ALCOHOL PURCHASE INTENTIONS

% intended alcohol buyers by region indexed to all buyers

### North



CHRISTMAS  
Index 138



EASTER  
Index 131

### South



ALL HOLIDAYS  
Index 90



MOTHER'S DAY  
Index 68

### Midwest



MEMORIAL DAY  
Index 119



VALENTINE'S DAY  
Index 114

### West



MOTHER'S DAY  
Index 145



HALLOWEEN  
Index 121

### CATEGORY HIGHLIGHT

There are significant regional differences in alcohol preferences among Mother's Day celebrators. Celebrators in the Northeast are 45% more likely to purchase beer for the holiday, and Midwest celebrators are 60% more likely. In the South and West regions, cocktails and seltzers are preferred.



# Let Numerator help with your holiday insights.

To dive deeper into the data outlined in this report, reach out to your Numerator representative or contact us at [hello@numerator.com](mailto:hello@numerator.com).

For full holiday insights, download our [2023 Holiday Intentions Preview](#).





# Appendix

# "New Realities" Inflation Segments



## STRUGGLING + LOW PURCHASE POWER (19%)

This group's finances are extremely tight and inflation has impacted them heavily, leading to declining financial situations. Individuals in this group have lower incomes and are highly concerned about the future & making ends meet—half of the group members are not currently employed.



## STRUGGLING + HIGH PURCHASE POWER (19%)

Finances are also tight for this group, though they have slightly higher incomes to work with than struggling low purchase power consumers. They've experienced heavy inflation impacts & declining finances over the past two years, and they are very concerned about the future.



## PUSHING ON (20%)

Neutral or comfortable with finances, this group skews a bit younger and has only experienced slight inflationary impacts. These individuals are less worried about inflation or making ends meet, and their finances have generally improved or held steady in the past two years.



## PROSPERING (31%)

This group feels comfortable with their current finances and has experienced little-to-no inflationary impact to-date. Their financial situation has generally improved over the past two years and they're more concerned with work, family and world events than they are making ends meet.



## COMFORTABLY RETIRED (11%)

Comfortable with finances, individuals in this group have an average age of 66 and none are currently employed. The vast majority say inflation has not impacted their finances, and they're not worried about it in the future. Their financial situation has stayed the same in the past two years.

**PURCHASE POWER DEFINED:** the most accurate picture of a consumer's buying power which takes annual income and controls for household size and regional cost of living.

# New Realities Segment Profiles

The layered nature of advanced segmentations allows for a more nuanced understanding of these groups and how they're truly faring. Demographically, struggling high purchase power consumers look similar to prospering consumers— high income, full-time employed, suburban homeowners— but they are living two financial realities.

## SEGMENT PROFILES

*% of group indexed vs. all shoppers*



### STRUGGLING (LOW PP)

**50%** Boomers+ (150)

**64%** Low Income (264)

**33%** Rural (120)

**43%** Retired or Disabled (200)

**36%** Rent Home (142)



### STRUGGLING (HIGH PP)

**44%** Boomers+ (133)

**64%** High Income (137)

**42%** Suburban (108)

**52%** Employed Full-time (128)

**73%** Own Home (111)



### PUSHING ON

**39%** Gen Z / Millennial (140)

**59%** Low Income (231)

**39%** Urban (117)

**16%** Student or Part-Time (153)

**37%** Rent Home (146)



### PROSPERING

**74%** Millennial / Gen X (121)

**78%** High Income (168)

**42%** Suburban (109)

**76%** Employed Full-time (151)

**73%** Own Home (110)



### COMFORTABLY RETIRED

**74%** Age 65+ (362)

**55%** High Income (117)

**43%** Suburban (133)

**87%** Retired or Homemaker (295)

**89%** Own Home (134)