

2024 US Annual Holiday Preview

CONSUMER SURVEY REPORT





We asked 5,000 consumers about their 2024 holiday plans.

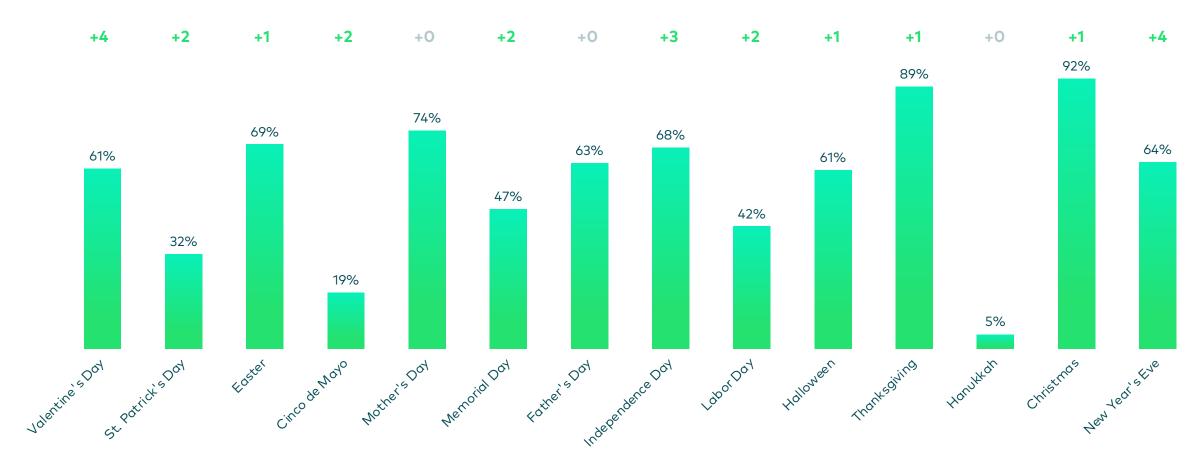
Numerator's 2024 Holiday Preview survey was fielded to 5,132 consumers in January 2024, and highlights consumers' celebration, shopping and spending plans for 14 key holidays through the end of the year. It also dives deeper into three upcoming holidays: Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter.



Setting the Stage

CELEBRATION INTENTIONS

% of US consumers planning to celebrate | point change vs. 2023

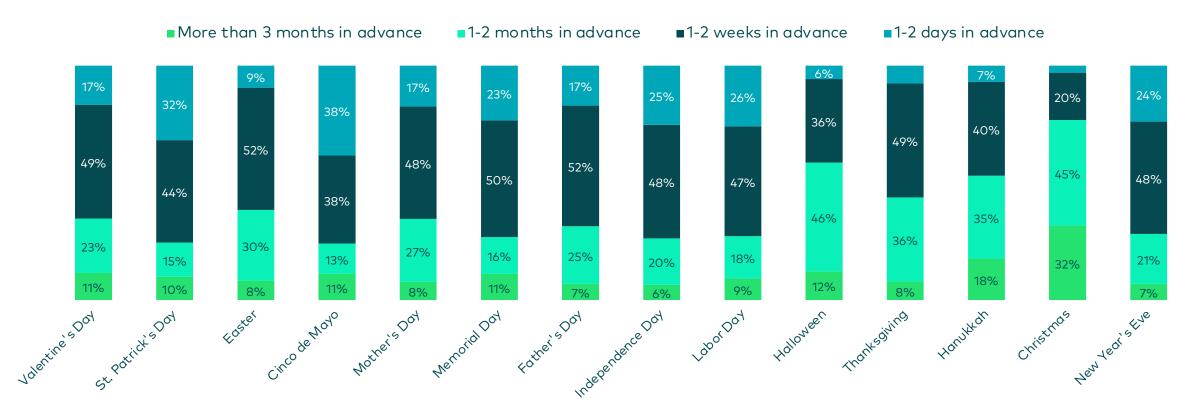




Most consumers make their plans within two weeks of a given holiday.

While consumer plans for Cinco de Mayo and St. Patrick's Day are the most spontaneous, holidays in the final few months of the year get advanced planning, with a third of shoppers planning their Christmas celebrations 3+ months ahead of time.

ADVANCED PLANNING

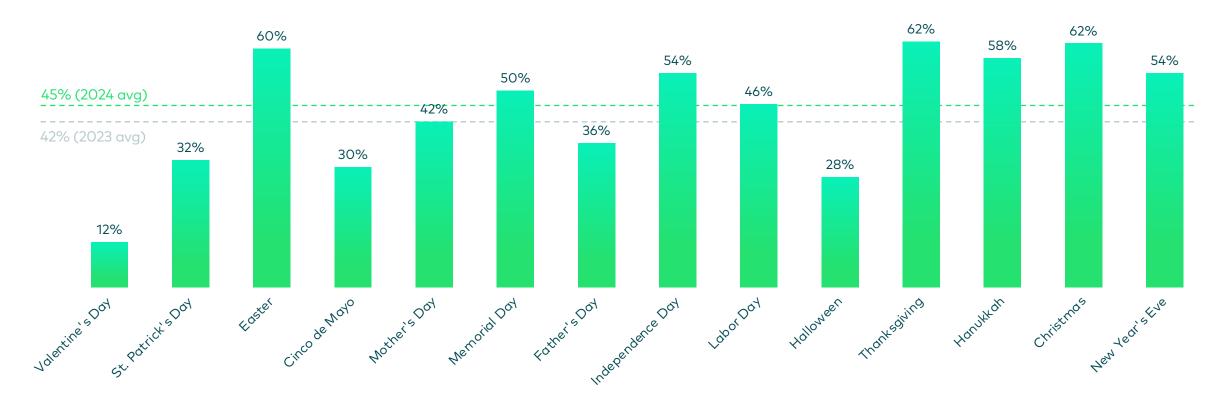




Holidays are a time for consumers to gather and enjoy time with others.

Gathering with friends and family is the #1 way consumers say they'll celebrate most holidays this year. Across holidays, an average of 45% say they'll gather with others to celebrate, up from 42% in 2023.

GATHERING WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

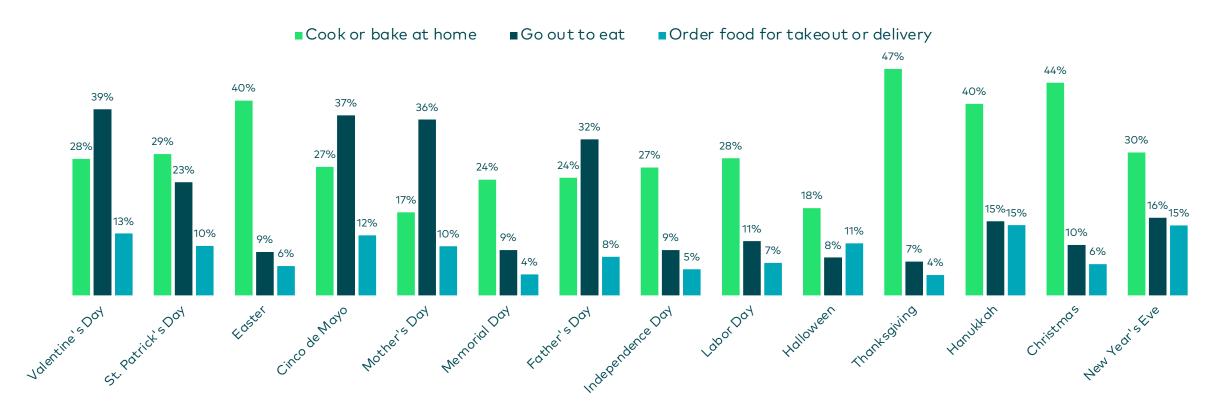




Food is a core component of many holiday celebrations, but prep methods vary.

While many celebrators focus on cooking at home for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, going out to eat is much more popular for holidays like Valentine's Day, Cinco de Mayo and Mother's & Father's Days. Ordering in sees its peak on New Year's Eve.

HOLIDAY FOOD INTENTIONS



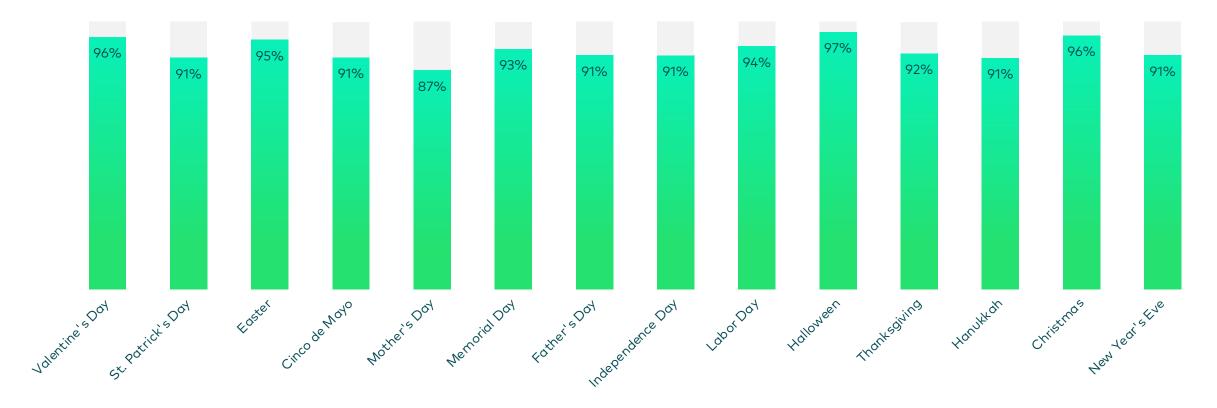


Nearly all consumers say they'll buy something for their holiday celebrations.

Nine-in-ten celebrators say they'll make a purchase related to a given holiday. Purchase intentions are lowest for St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day, and highest for Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter.

PURCHASE INTENTIONS

% of intended celebrators who expect to buy something



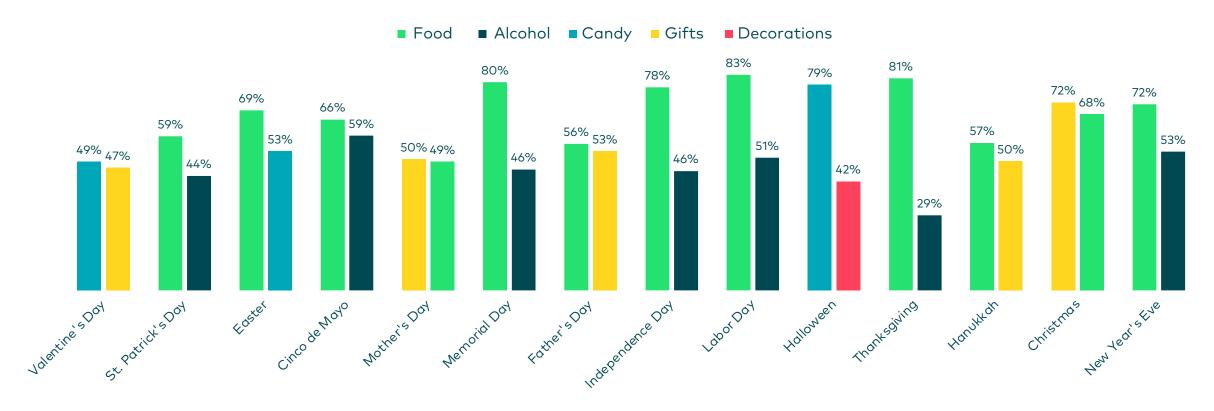


Food and alcohol are the top two items purchased across most holidays.

Food is the most popular item consumers say they'll purchase for 10 out of 14 key holidays, followed by alcohol for half of these holidays. Candy and gifts are also widely purchased, taking top spots for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Halloween & Christmas.

TOP ITEMS BY HOLIDAY

% of intended celebrators who expect to buy





Most holiday shoppers say they'll spend over \$50 on their celebrations.

About a third of shoppers say they'll spend between \$50 and \$100 per holiday throughout the year. Thanksgiving and Christmas are the holidays with the highest expected spending, with 70% of shoppers planning to spend \$100+ on Christmas.

HOLIDAY SPENDING

% of holiday shoppers





Grocery stores are the top shopping destination across holidays.

Holiday shoppers are most likely to visit grocery stores for Thanksgiving, Labor Day and Independence Day, while more will shop at big box retailers and online for Christmas and Halloween.

SHOPPING LOCATIONS

% of holiday shoppers





A closer look at Q1 holidays:



VALENTINE'S DAY



ST. PATRICK'S DAY



EASTER

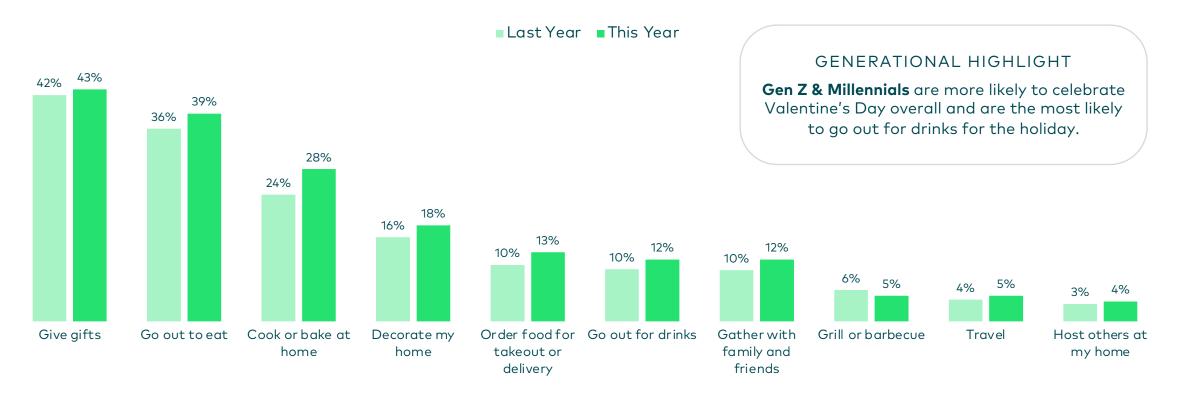


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More consumers expect to dine out and give gifts this Valentine's Day.

Among the 61% of consumers who plan to celebrate Valentine's Day, giving gifts and going out to eat will be the top activities, followed by cooking or baking at home and decorating their homes.

CELEBRATION INTENTIONS



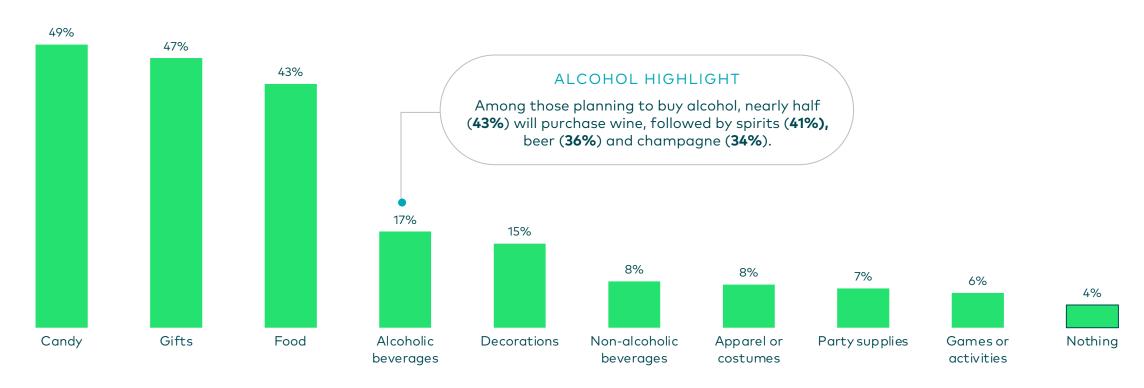


Candy, food and gifts are at the top of Valentine's Day shoppers' lists.



Nearly half of Valentine's Day shoppers expect to buy candy, food, or gifts this year, and a fifth will purchase alcohol. Wine is the most popular alcohol for Valentine's Day shoppers, followed closely by spirit-based beverages.

PURCHASE INTENTIONS





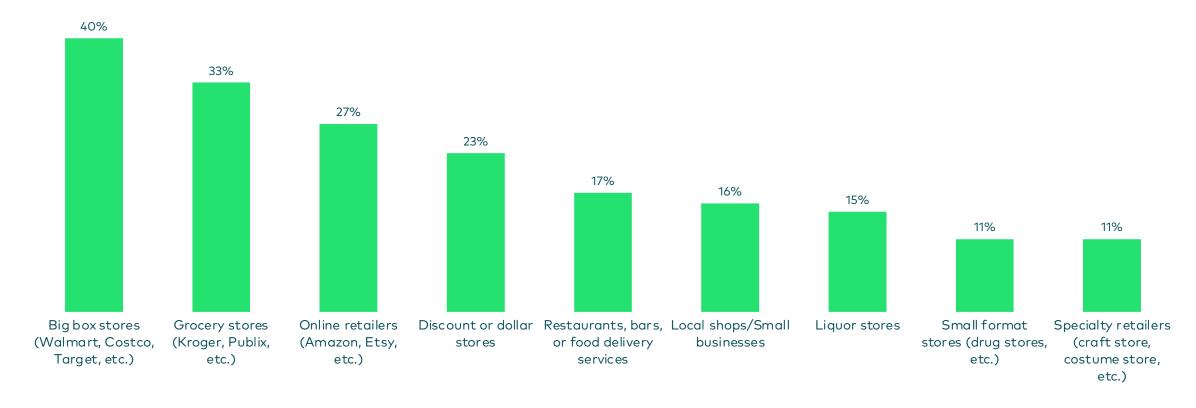
Valentine's Day shoppers will visit big box retailers & grocery stores.



Valentine's Day purchases will be spread across retail channels including big box stores, grocery stores, and online retailers.

SHOPPING LOCATIONS

% of Valentine's Day shoppers

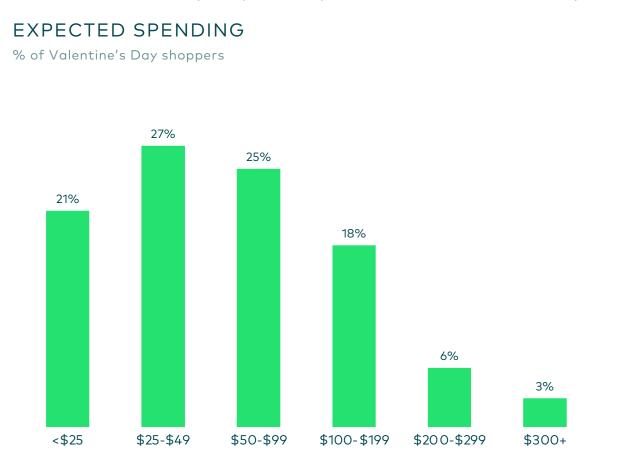


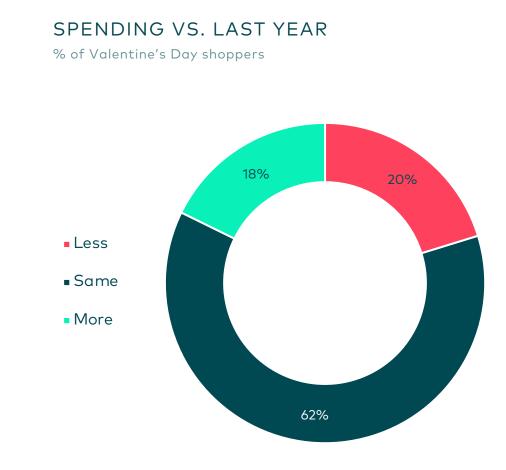


Valentine's Day shoppers expect to spend the same as 2023.



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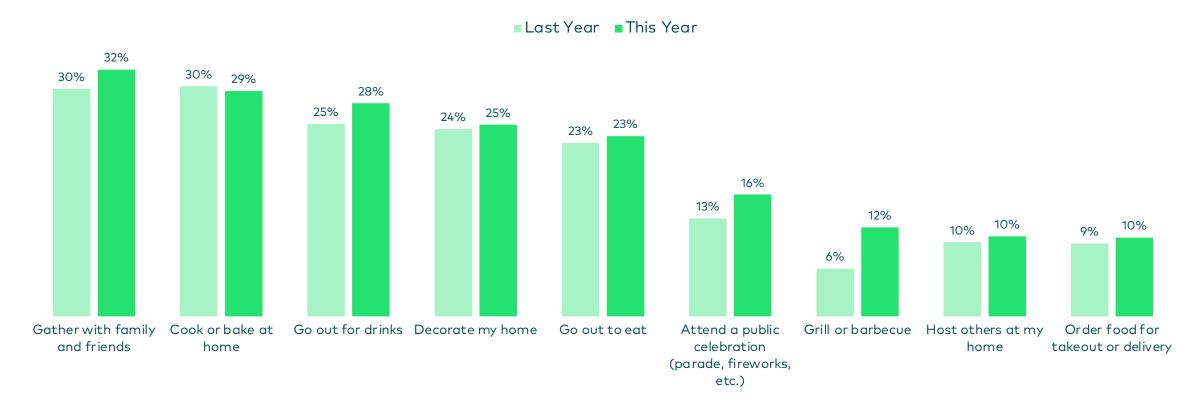


More consumers expect to gather and go out this St. Patrick's Day.



Among the 32% of consumers who plan to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, gathering with friends & family or going out for food or drinks will be the top activities.

CELEBRATION INTENTIONS





Food and brews will account for most St. Patrick's Day spending.

Half of St. Patrick's Day shoppers expect to buy food this year, and two-fifths will purchase alcohol. Among those planning to purchase alcohol, most will opt for beer—specifically Irish beers like Guinness or Smithwick's.

PURCHASE INTENTIONS





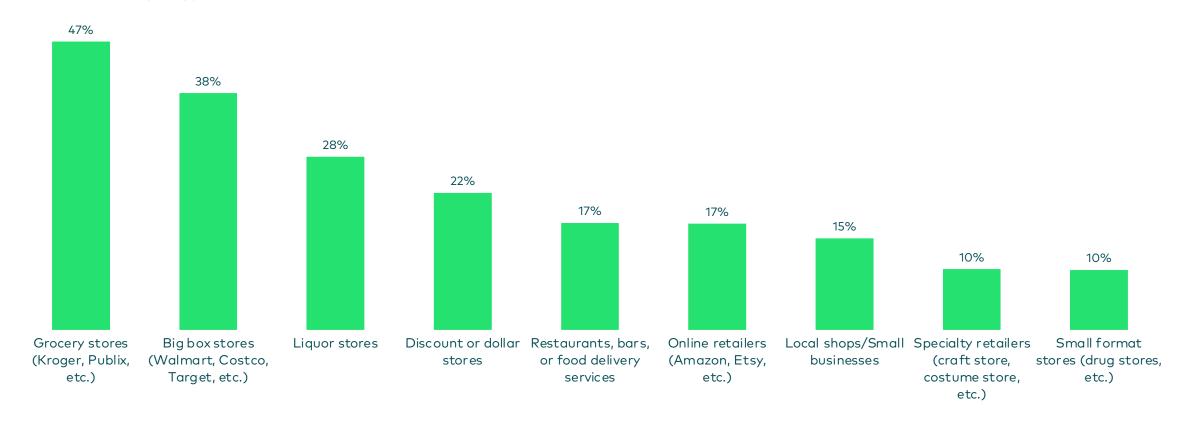
Shoppers will visit grocery stores for their St. Patrick's Day supplies.



Nearly half of St. Patrick's Day shoppers plan to buy their holiday items from grocery stores, followed by big box stores.

SHOPPING LOCATIONS

% of St. Patrick's Day shoppers

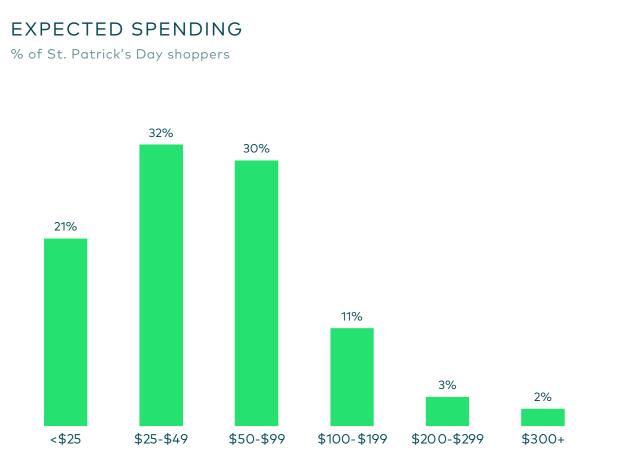


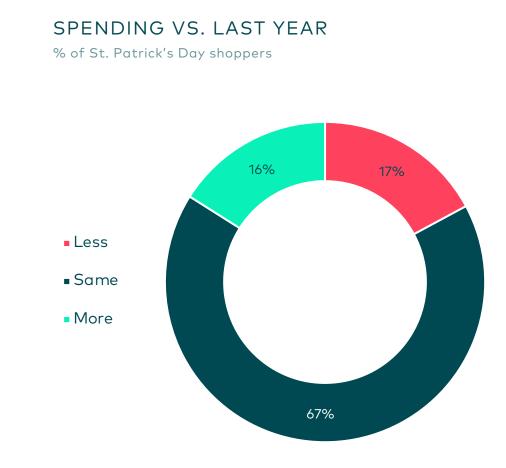


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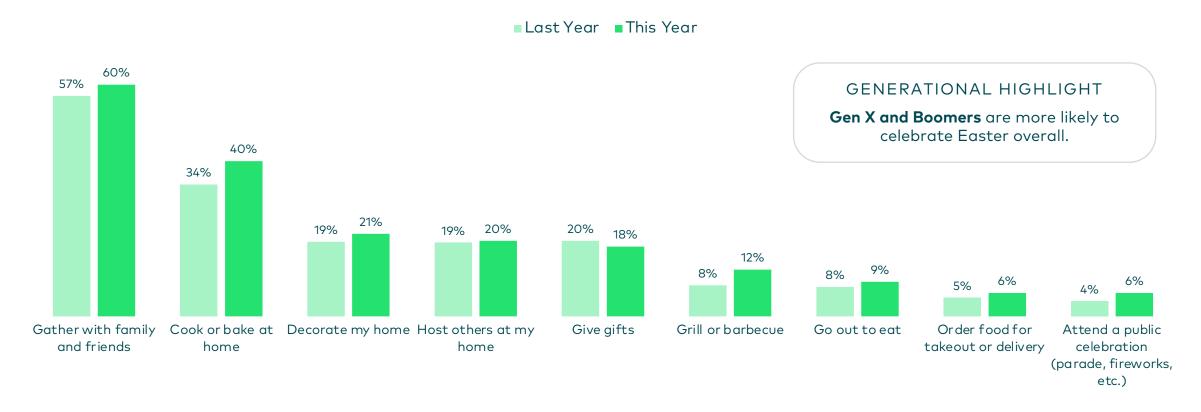


Easter gatherings and meals are expected to grow this year.



Among the 69% of consumers who plan to celebrate Easter, gathering with family & friends will be the top way to celebrate, followed by cooking or baking at home.

CELEBRATION INTENTIONS





Easter shoppers expect to fill their baskets with food, candy and gifts.



Two-thirds of Easter shoppers expect to buy food this year, half will buy candy, and a quarter will buy gifts.

PURCHASE INTENTIONS





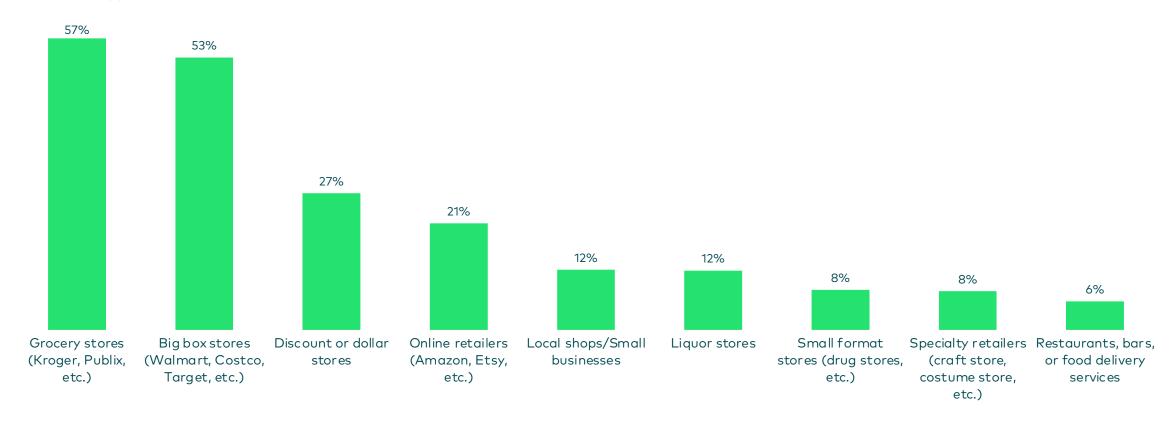
Easter shoppers will turn to grocery stores and big box stores.



Over half of Easter shoppers say they'll buy their holiday goods at grocery stores, followed by big box stores.

SHOPPING LOCATIONS

% of Easter shoppers

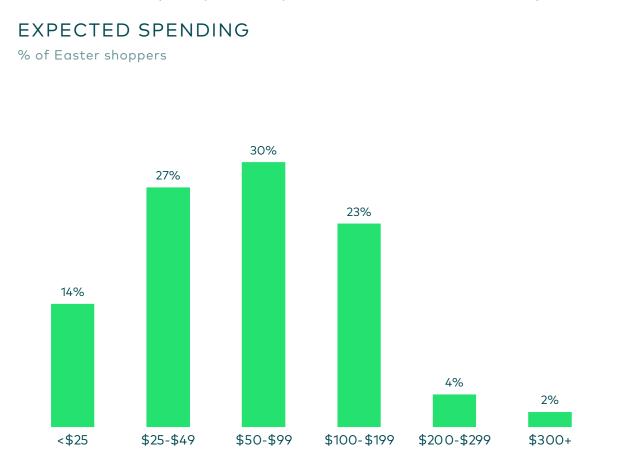


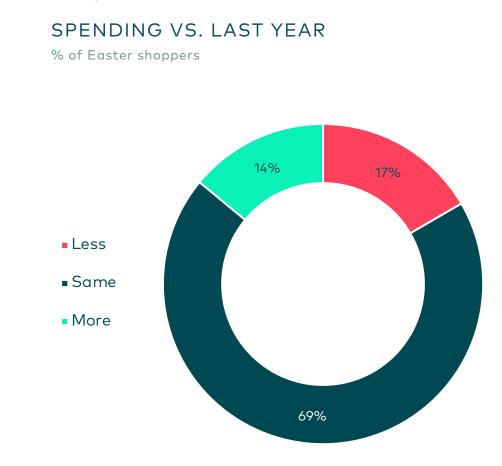


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