

UPS Pulse of the Online Shopper™

A Customer Experience Study

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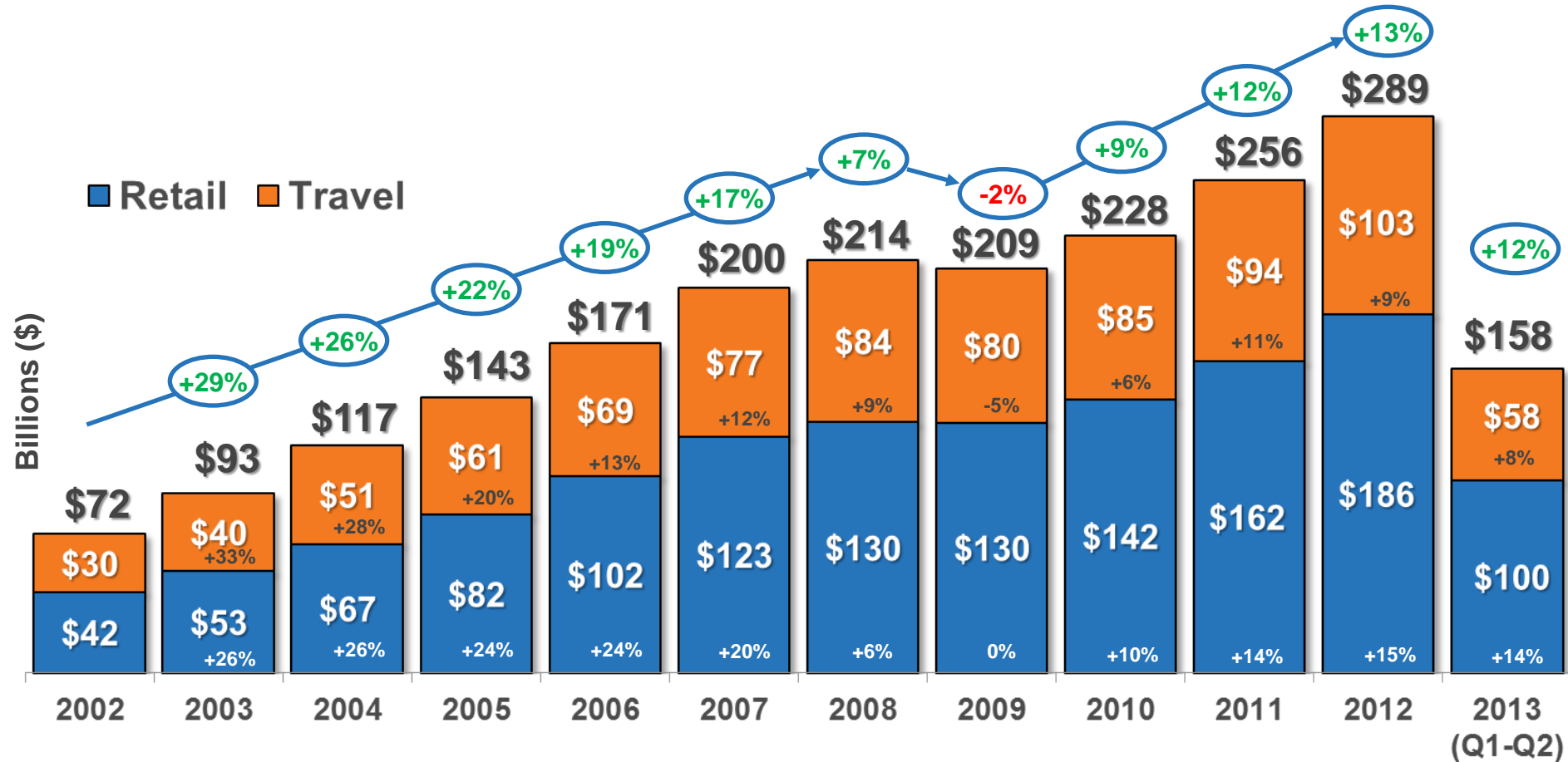
Q2 State of Retail



Retail e-Commerce is on pace to easily eclipse \$200 billion in 2013, with \$100 billion of spending through first six months of the year

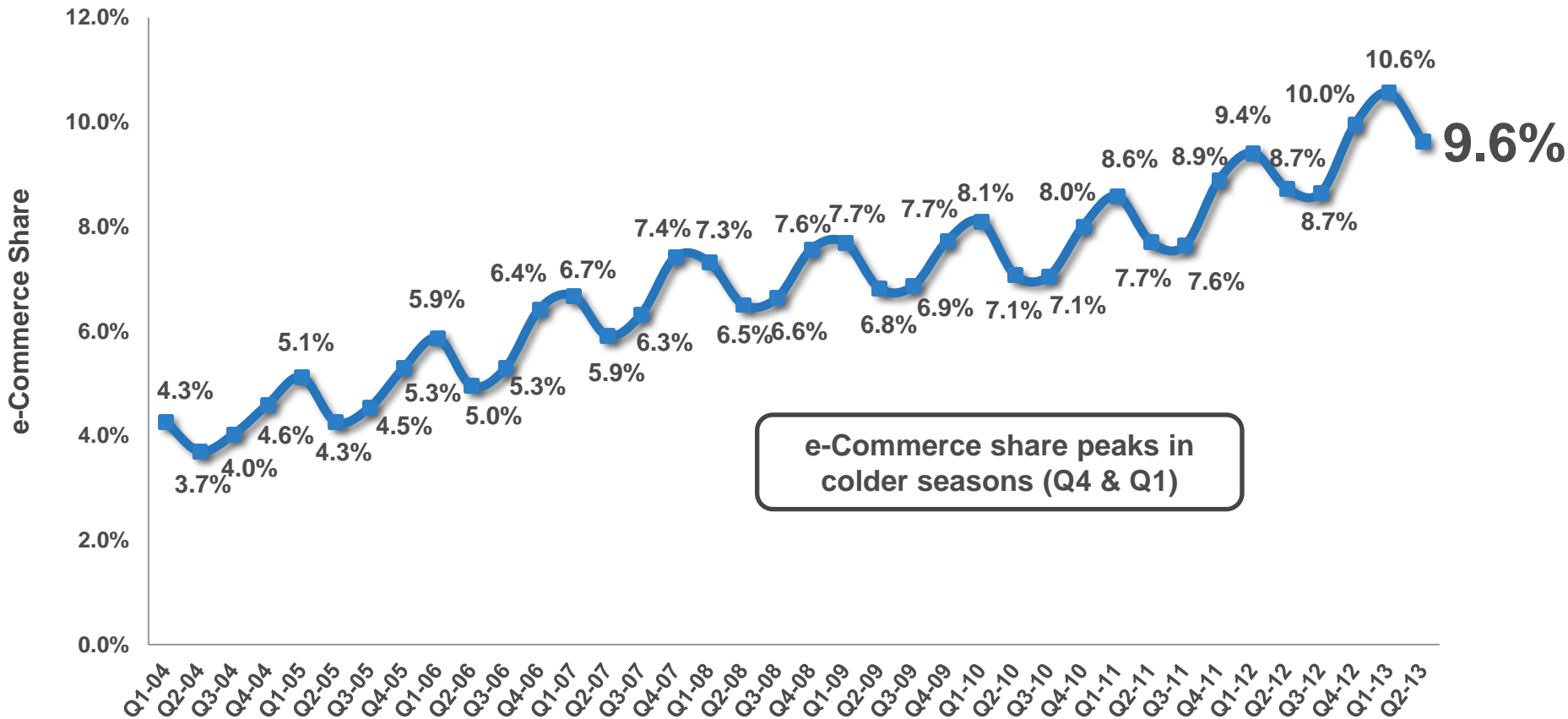
Desktop e-Commerce Dollar Sales (\$ Billions)

Source: comScore e-Commerce Measurement



e-Commerce share of total consumer discretionary spending in Q2 2013 shows nearly a full point increase vs Y/A

Desktop e-Commerce Share of Corresponding Consumer Spending*
 Source: comScore for e-Commerce & U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) for Retail



Over half of retail categories showed very strong growth of +15% or more versus a year ago, led by apparel/accessories and digital content

Q2 2013 Desktop e-Commerce Sales Growth vs. YA by Retail Category

Source: comScore e-Commerce Measurement

Product Category	Q2 2013 Growth vs. YA
Apparel & Accessories	Very Strong
Digital Content & Subscriptions	Very Strong
Sport & Fitness	Very Strong
Consumer Packaged Goods	Very Strong
Home & Garden	Very Strong
Furniture, Appliances & Equipment	Very Strong
Event Tickets	Very Strong
Consumer Electronics (x PC Peripherals)	Very Strong
Computers/Peripherals/PDAs	Strong
Jewelry & Watches	Strong
Flowers, Greetings & Misc. Gifts	Moderate
Office Supplies	Moderate
Video Games, Consoles & Accessories	Moderate
Books & Magazines	No growth

Mobile phones and plans
+25%

Cameras and equipment
+11%

Portable devices
(e.g. tablets)
+22%

Desktop computers
+0%

Growth rate definitions:

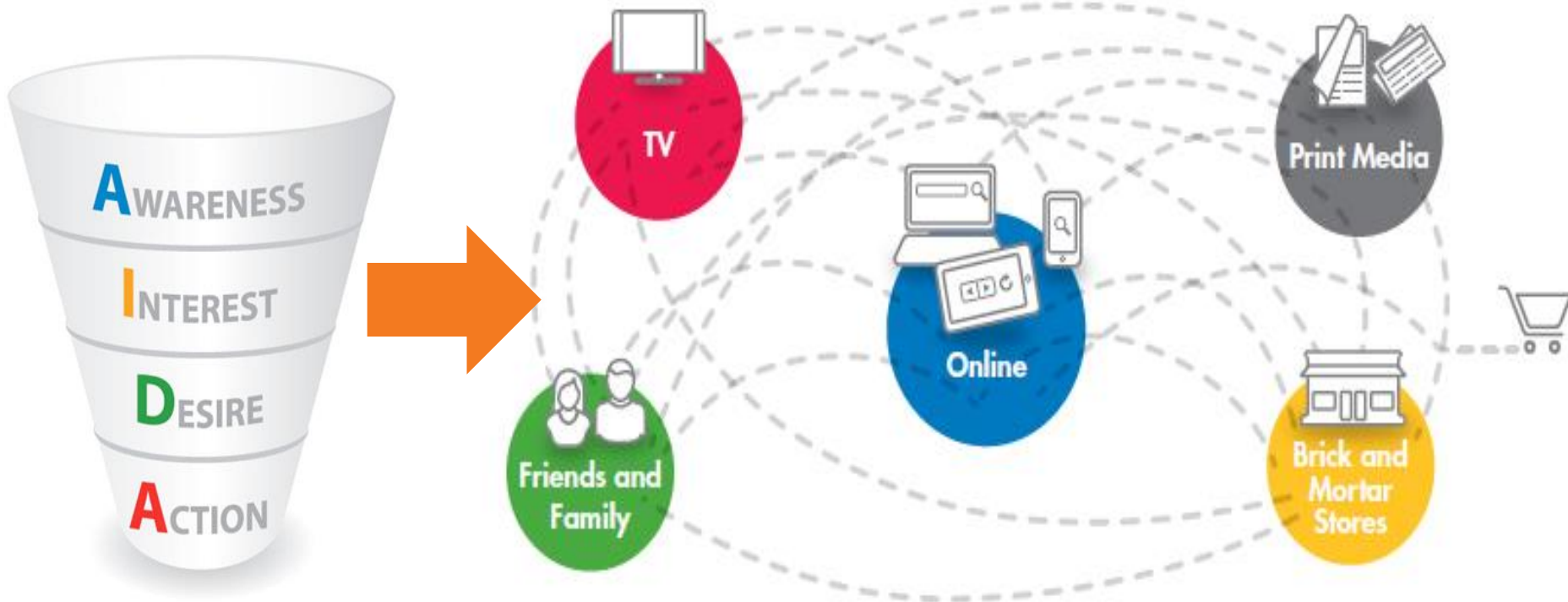
Very Strong: +15% or higher

Strong: +10-14%

Moderate: +5%-9%

Low: +1%-4%

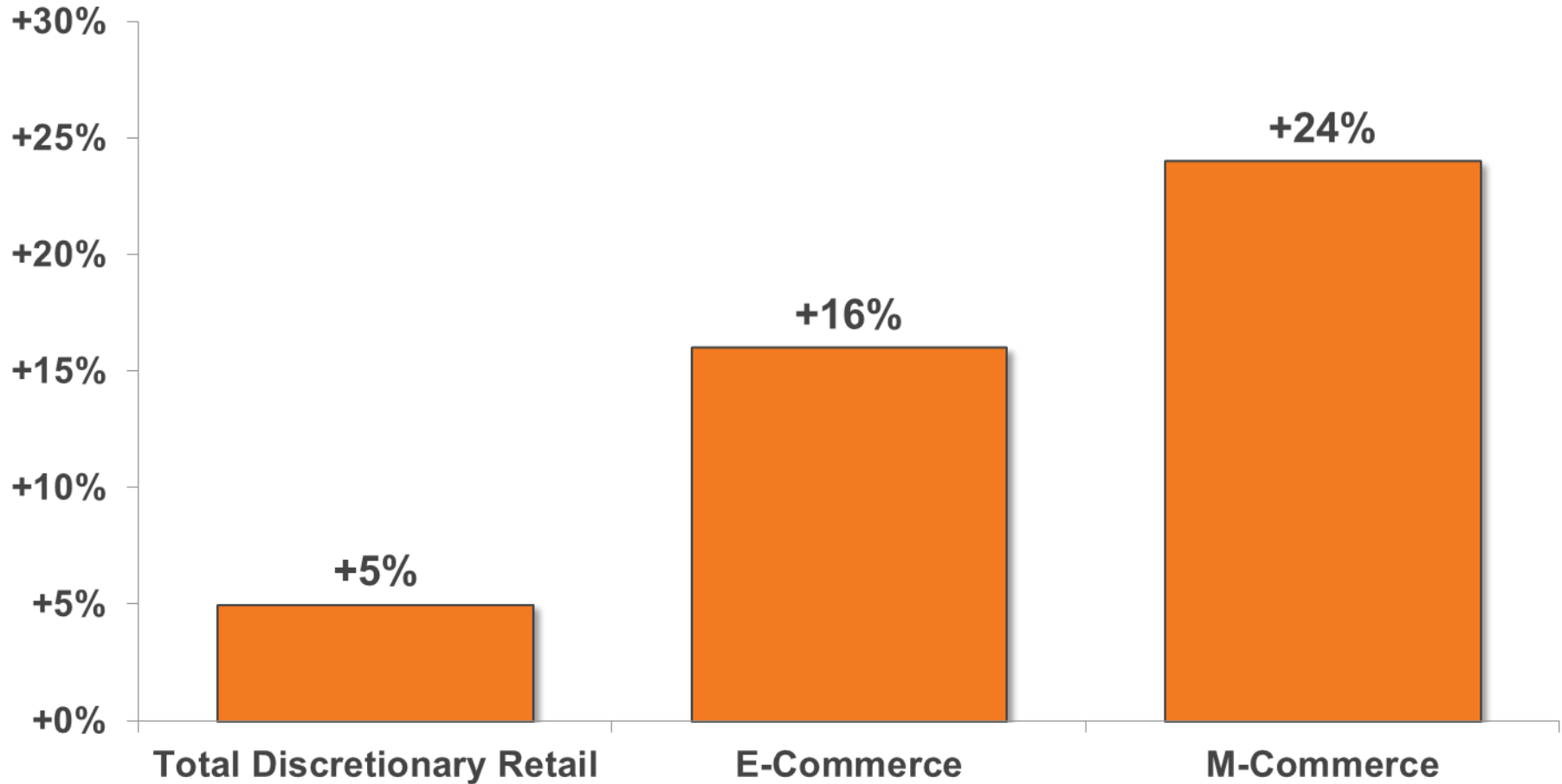
The Shopper's Multi-Channel Journey Today: Not so much a funnel, more like a flight map



In terms of discretionary spending, m-Commerce growth is significantly outpacing e-Commerce & Bricks-and-Mortar

Q2 2013 Y/Y Retail Spending Growth by Channel

Source: Dept. of Commerce, comScore e-Commerce & m-Commerce Measurement



Research Study Findings



Research Objectives

- To gain insights into consumers' online shopping preferences and understand what pre-purchase, purchase and post-purchase services enhance the customer experience
 - What do consumers want in an online shopping experience?
 - What are category-specific (e.g., clothes, books, medications, etc.) preferences?
 - How are mobile and social media channels changing consumers' shopping habits and expectations?
 - What do consumers want to see from retailers in the online check-out and delivery experience?
 - What do consumers want in returns options and how important are returns?
 - What drives repeat customers and retailer recommendations?



Research Methodologies

Quantitative — Online Survey

- comScore panelists were sent emails inviting them to participate in a survey
- The email link re-directed participants to a 20-25 minute custom online survey designed by comScore in conjunction with UPS
 - Data collection occurred between 5-12 February, 2013
- A total of 3,043 respondents were surveyed and the following quota groups were observed:
 - 2-3 online purchases in a typical 3 months: 1,237
 - 4-6 online purchases in a typical 3 months: 992
 - 7+ online purchases in a typical 3 months: 814
- Data were balanced to reflect the age/gender distribution of the total online population



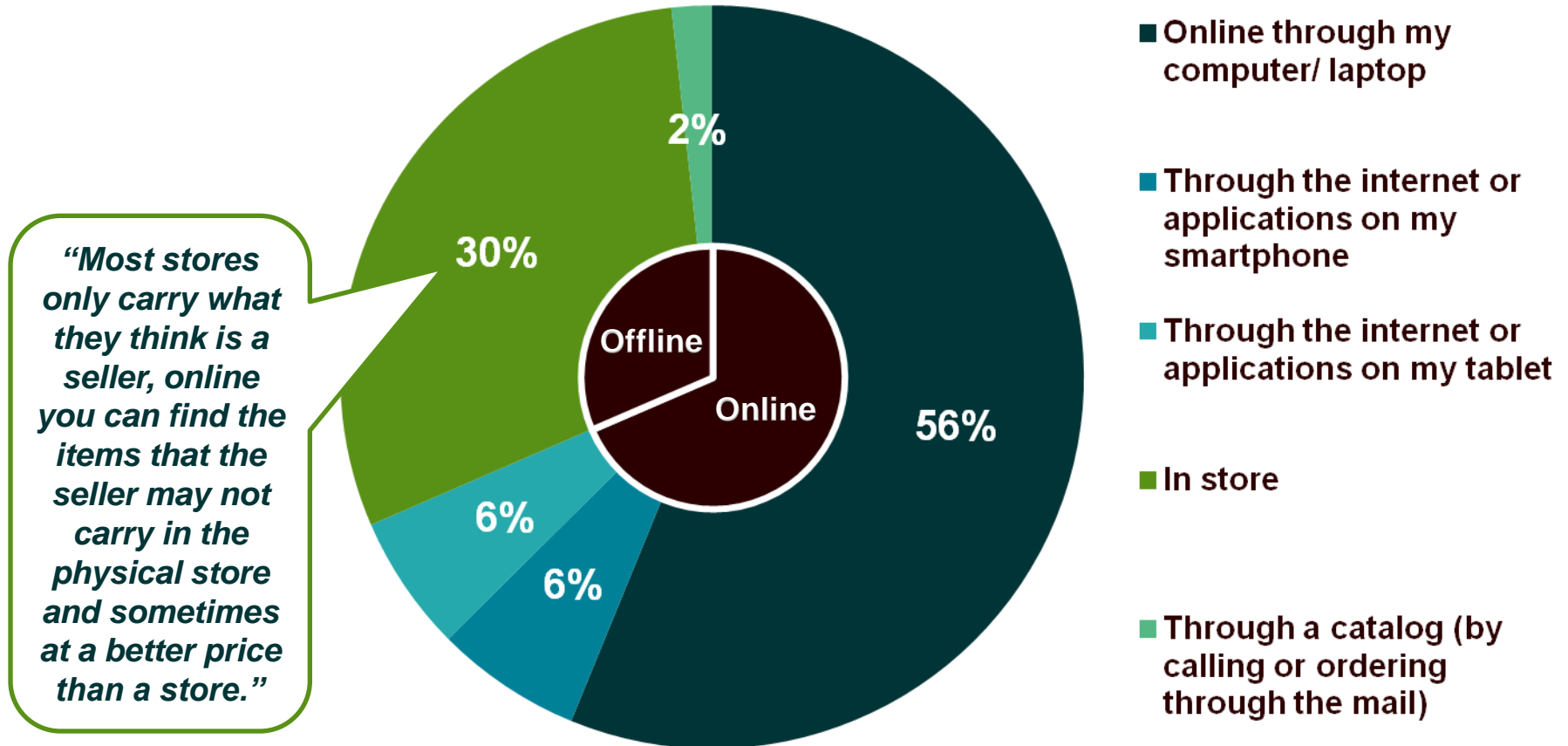
Online Shopping Experience and Satisfaction



Nearly 7 of 10 Online Shoppers Prefer to Access Multi-Channel Retailers via Online Channels

Preferred Method of Access to Multi-Channel Retailers

(n=3,043)



NEWQ_OC1. Thinking of your favorite retailer that has physical stores and an online presence (website/app), how do you prefer to access them? Please select your preferred method.



Omni-channel shoppers are looking for a convenient cross-channel experience.

Aspects Driving Likelihood to Shop with a Retailer

7-point scale (n=3,043)



Shoppers who use location-based social/deal services are much more interested in a cross-channel experience with significantly higher Top 2 Box agreement across the board.

■ Top 2 Box

NEWQ_OC3. On a scale of 1 to 7, how likely would you be to shop with a retailer if the following were made available to you?



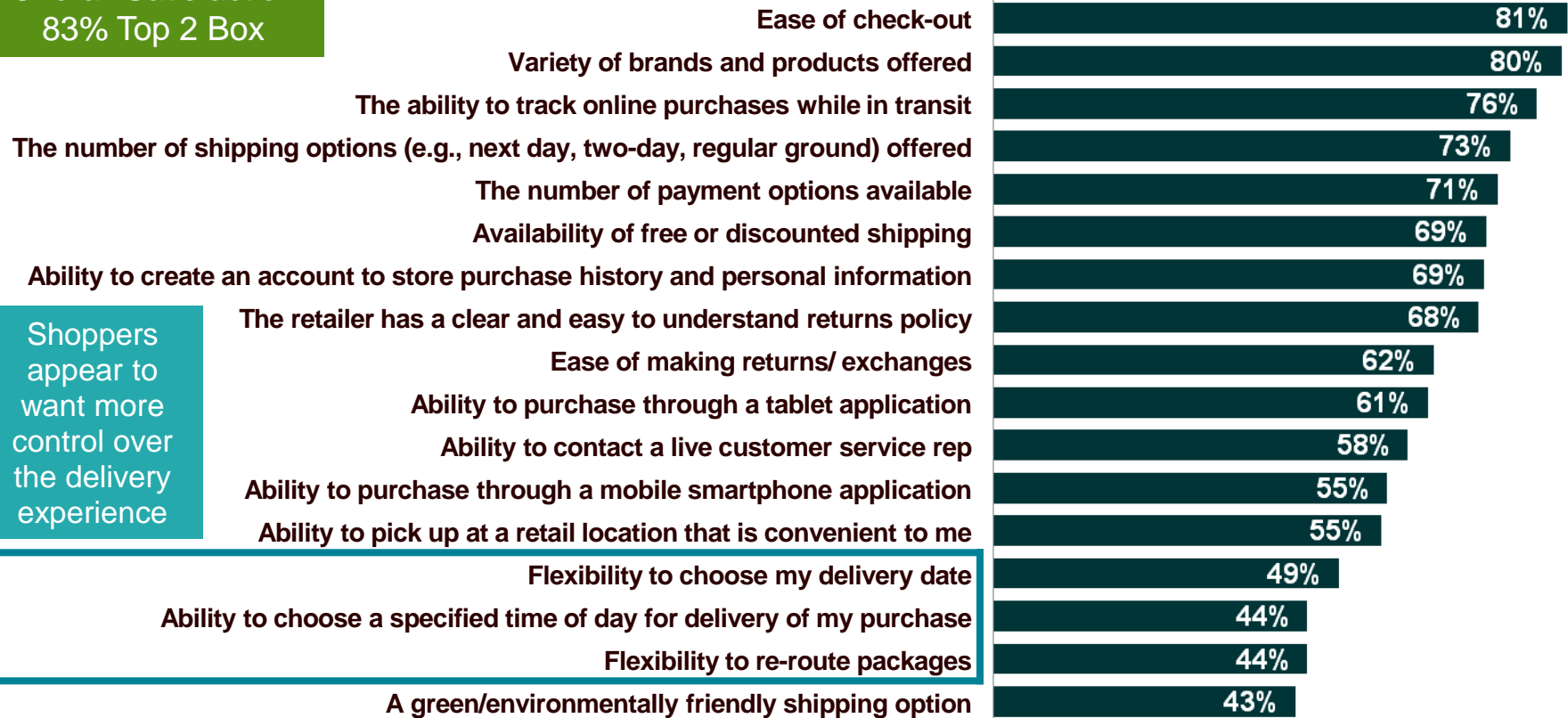
Overall Satisfaction with Online Shopping Is 83%

Options Around Delivery Flexibility Are an Opportunity

Satisfaction With Aspects of Online Shopping

7-point scale (n=2,532)

Overall Satisfaction
83% Top 2 Box



Shoppers appear to want more control over the delivery experience

Q10. Overall, how satisfied are you with your previous online purchasing experiences in the past three months?
Q11. Based upon your previous experience, how satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of online purchasing?

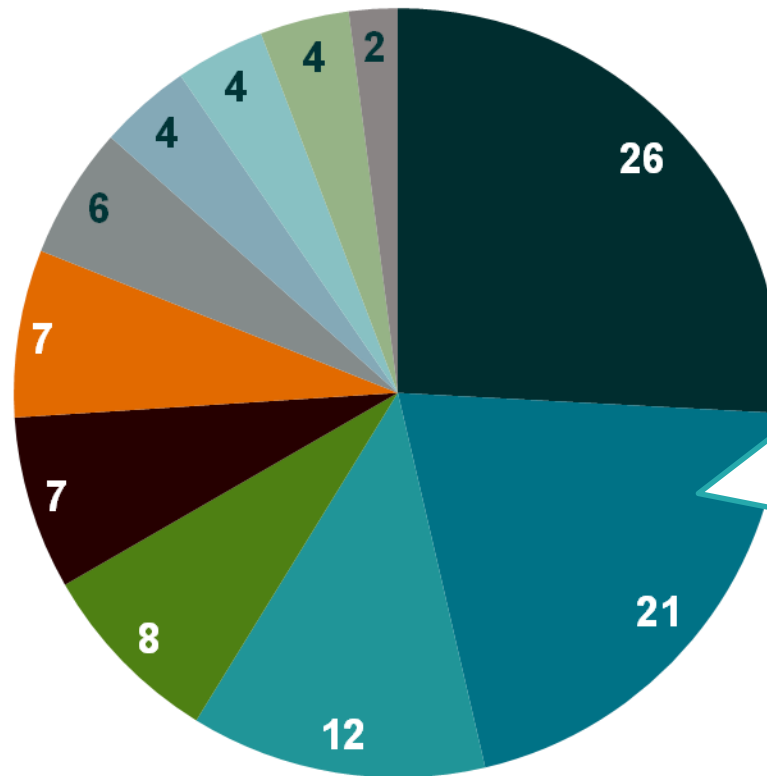


Shipping Costs Are Taken into Consideration Almost as Much as Product Price

Considerations When Comparison Shopping

~ Avg. Chip Allocation Out of 100 ~ (n=3,043)

- Product price
- Shipping charges
- Product selection
- Retailer reputation
- Returns policy
- How quickly I can receive the product
- Consumer/ peer reviews
- Number of shipping options offered
- Ability to pick up at a retail delivery location that is convenient to me
- Delivery time flexibility
- Friends' reviews through social media sites (Facebook, Pinterest, etc.)



“The cost of the shipping itself is the biggest influencer of how, when, where and why I am going to purchase the item.”

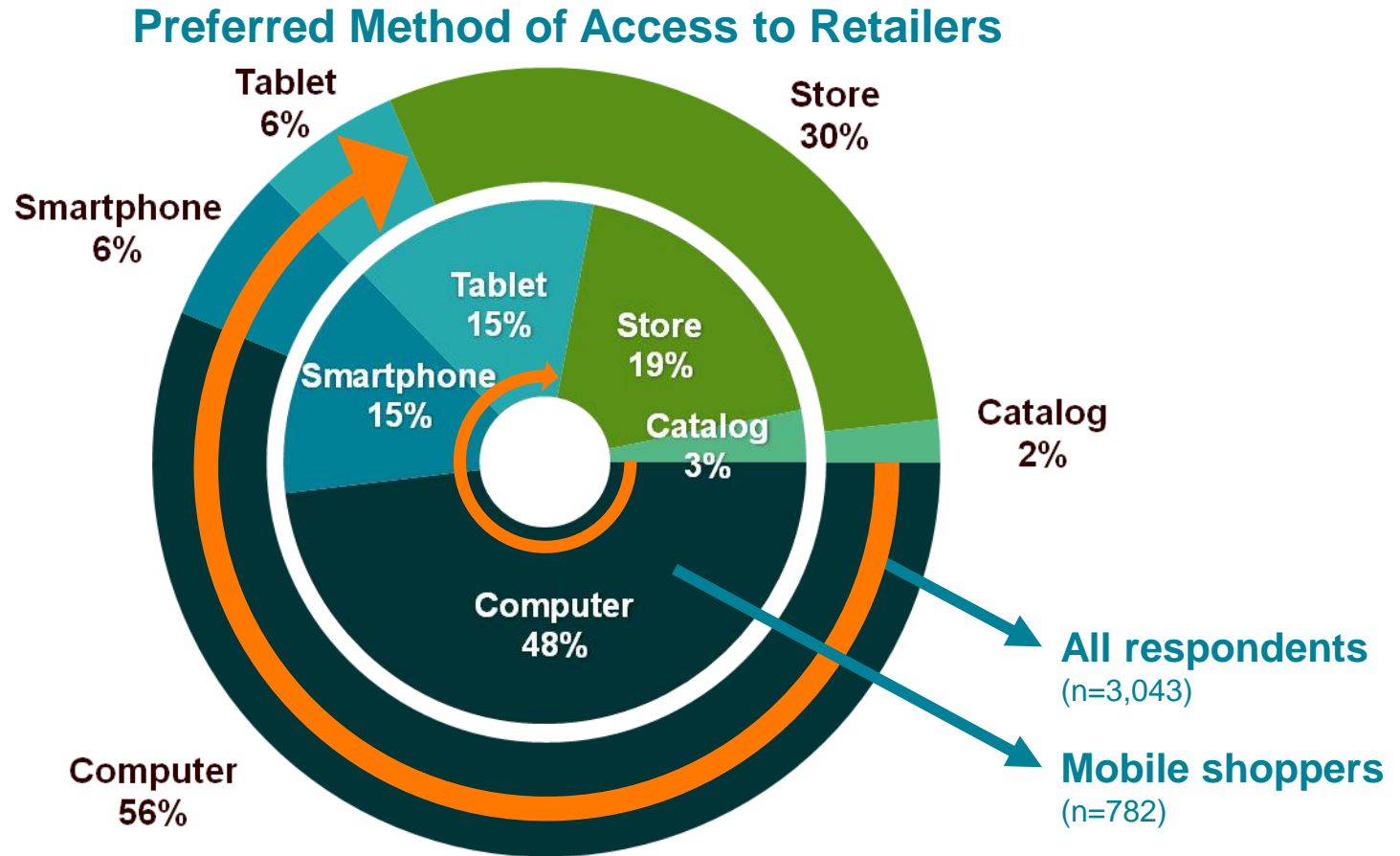
Q34. Thinking of factors that you take into consideration when comparison shopping, how likely are you to consider each of the following factors? Please distribute 100 points across these factors.



Online Shopping via Mobile Devices



Consumers That Adopt Mobile and Tablets Are Less Likely to Prefer In-Store Shopping (30% vs. 19%)



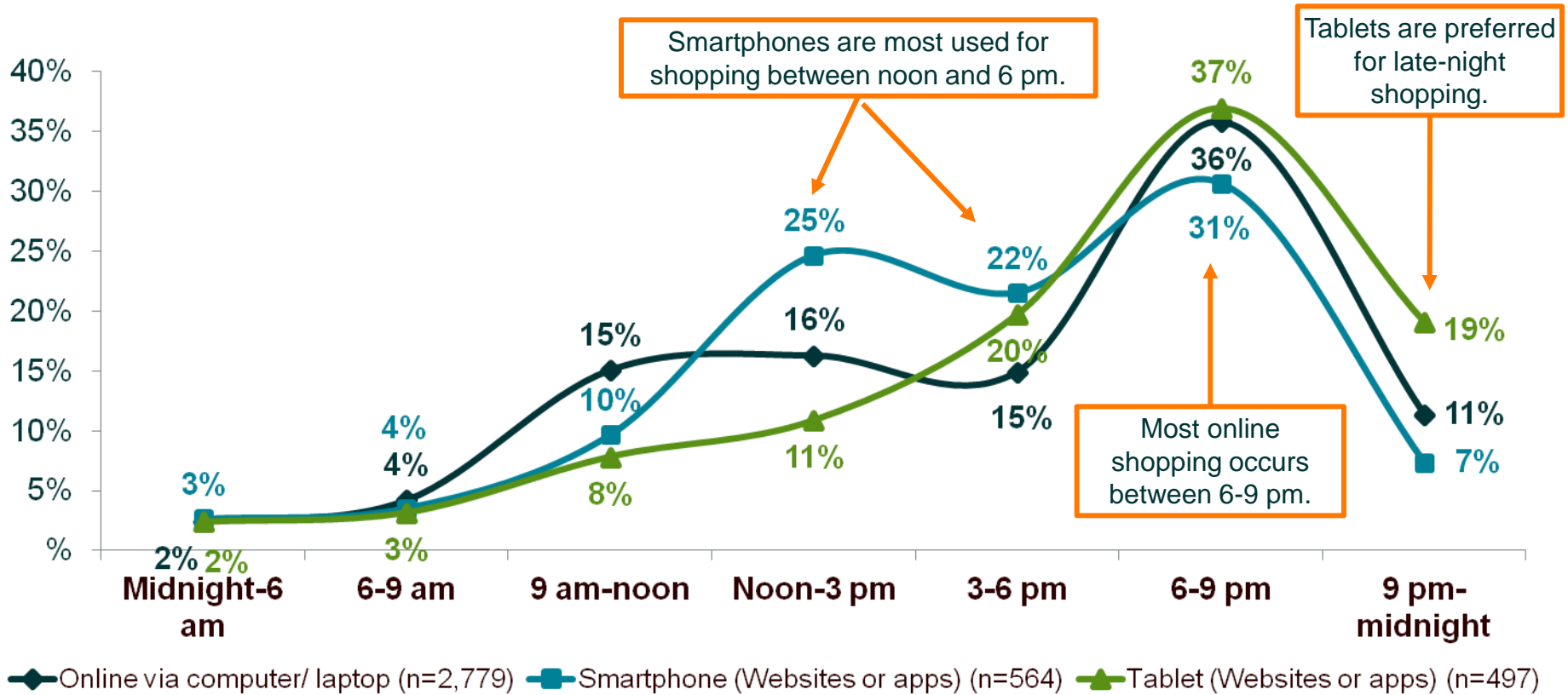
NEWQ_OC1. Thinking of your favorite retailer that has physical stores and an online presence (website/app), how do you prefer to access them? Please select your preferred method.
NEWQ_MOB3. Since you indicated that you do not currently shop with a retailer using your tablet or smartphone (either on their website or their app), what is your likelihood to do so in the next 6 months?



Shoppers Tend to Use Their Smartphones Earlier in the Day and then Switch to Tablets at Night

It Is Likely that Phones Are Used While at Work or Away from Home

Online Shopping by Time of Day and Device



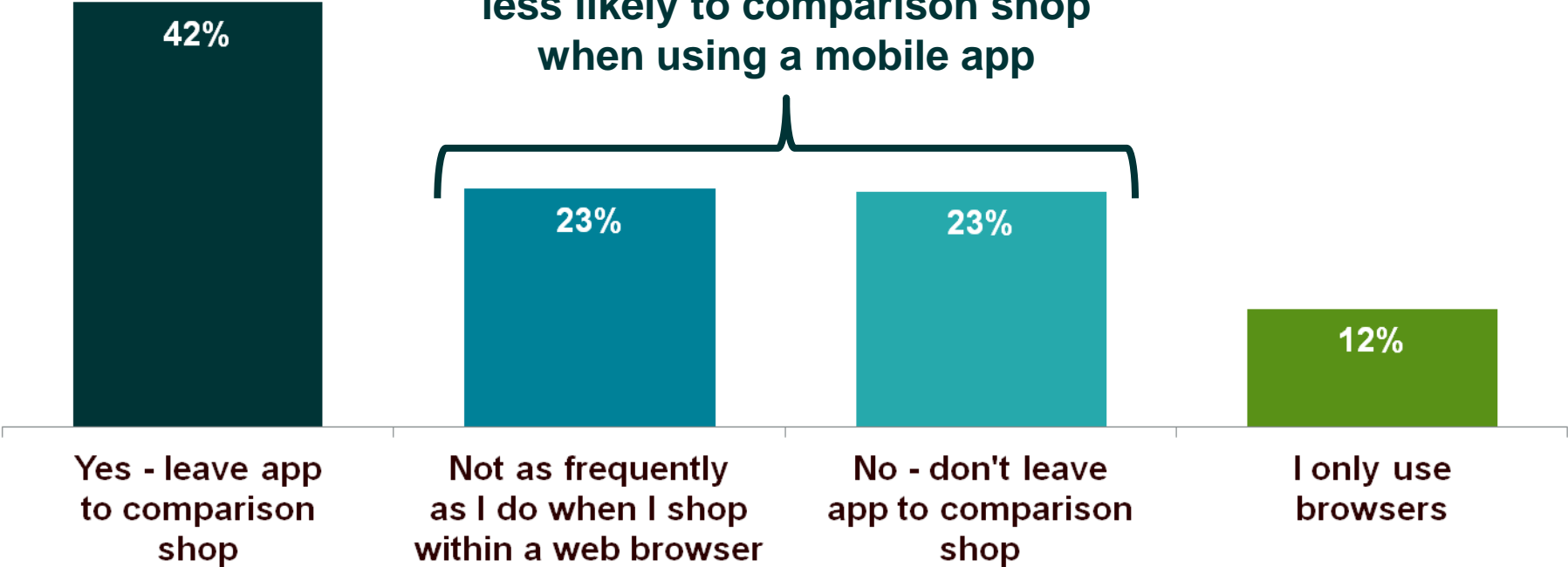
NEWQ3A. In general, when you are making purchases online (whether through your computer/ laptop, smartphone or tablet), at what time of day do you make the majority of your purchases?



Access to Mobile Applications Reduces Cross-Shopping and Drives Loyalty

App-Based Mobile Comparison Shopping (n=782)

46% of shoppers say they are less likely to comparison shop when using a mobile app



NEWQ_MOB1. When you shop within a retailer's mobile app, do you leave that app to comparison shop across other retailers?



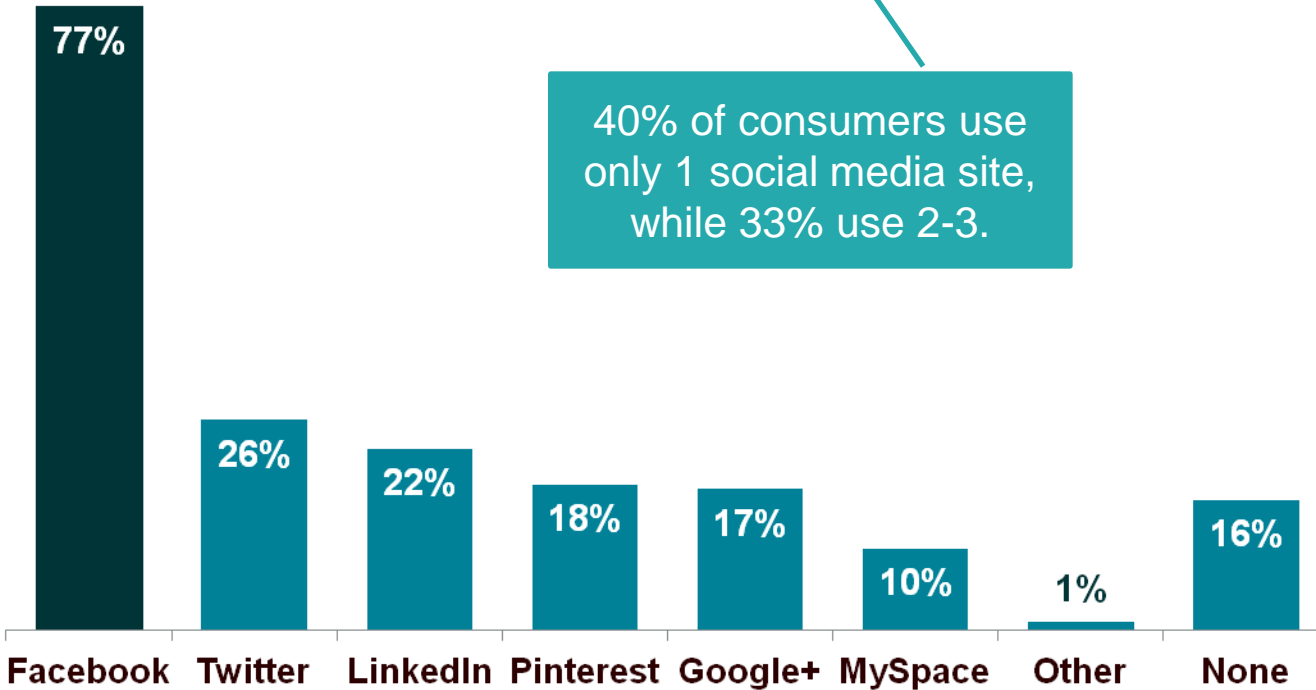
Social Media



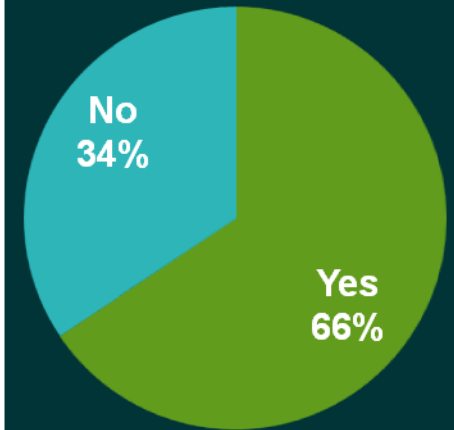
84% of Online Shoppers Use at Least One Social Media Site with Facebook Being by Far the Most Popular

Use of Social Media Sites
(n=3,043)

40% of consumers use only 1 social media site, while 33% use 2-3.



Facebook Users Who "Like" a Brand
(n=2,327)



SM1. Do you use any of the following social networking sites? Please select all that apply.
SM2. Do you "Like" any retailers on Facebook?

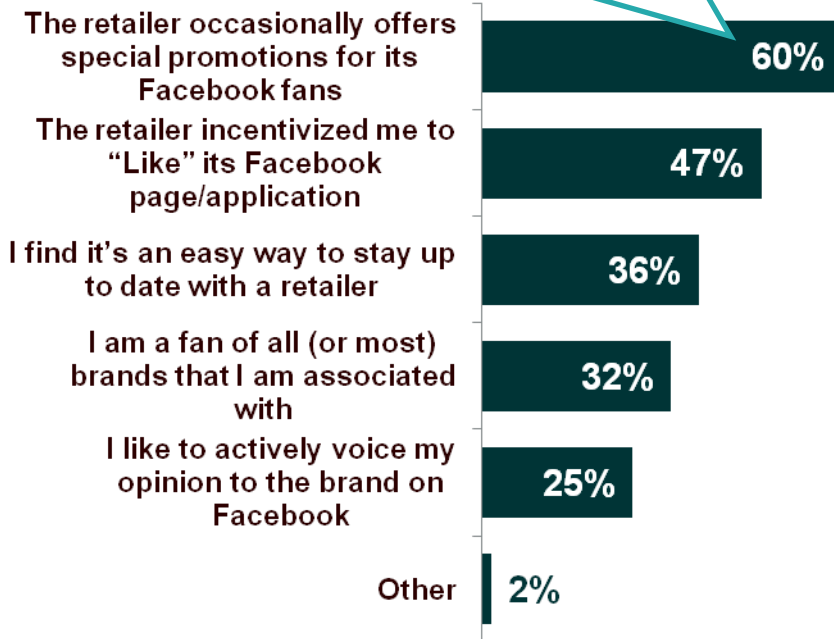


The Majority of the 66% of Facebook Users Who “Like” a Brand do so to Receive a Promo/Incentive

Reasons for “Liking” a Retailer/ Brand on Facebook

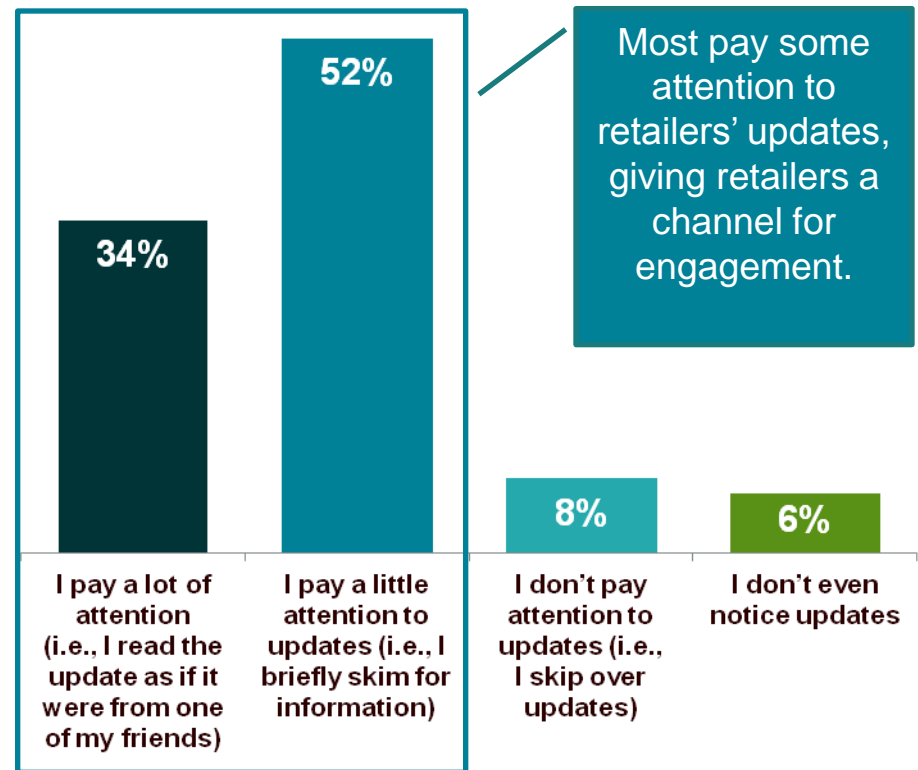
(n=1,493)

“I am friends/ liked with various retailers so I can see their latest offerings, deals, etc.”



Amount of Attention Paid to Retailer’s Updates

(n=1,493)



SM3. Why did you decide to “Like” a retailer/ brand on Facebook? Please select all that apply.

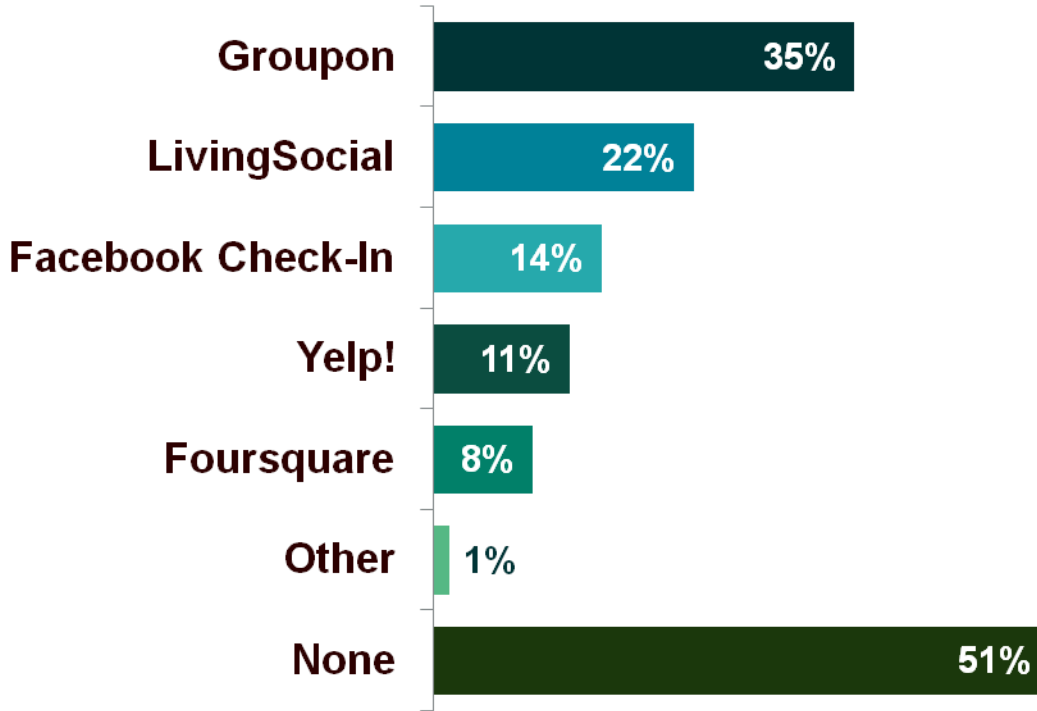
SM4. When you see updates from the retailer on your Facebook newsfeed, how much attention do you generally devote to the update?



Half of Shoppers Use a Location-Based Deal Service

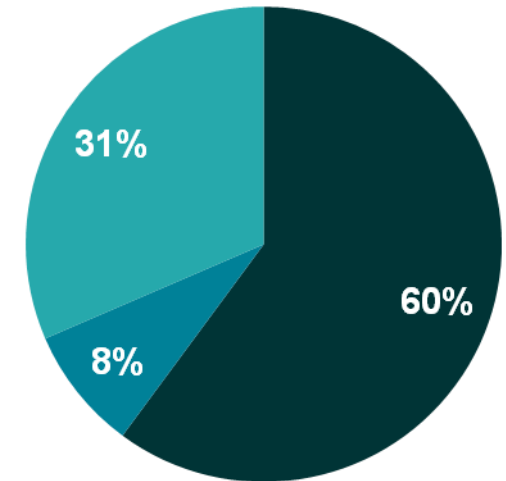
Of These, Most Would Like to Be Served Deals and Promos by Retailers

Use of Location-Based Social/ Deal Services
(n=3,043)



Interest in Having Deals/ Promos Sent by Retailer
~ Using Location & Transaction History ~
(n=1,300)

- I would like this
- I would neither like nor dislike this
- I would dislike this



SM6. Do you use any of the following location-based social/deal services? Please select all that apply.

SM7. You indicated having used a location-based social/deal service. How would you feel if your retailer were to use your location and/or transaction history to serve you relevant deals and promotions suited to your interests?



Check-Out and General Shipping Preferences



In Addition to Free Shipping, Consumers Want to Know Their Estimated Delivery Date and Shipping Costs Early in the Process

Options Considered Important in Check-Out Process (n=3,043)

Provide estimated delivery date and shipping costs early in the process so I don't have to enter all my information before finding out the shipping cost and delivery date

More than half of shoppers prefer to see estimated shipping costs and delivery dates early in the process.



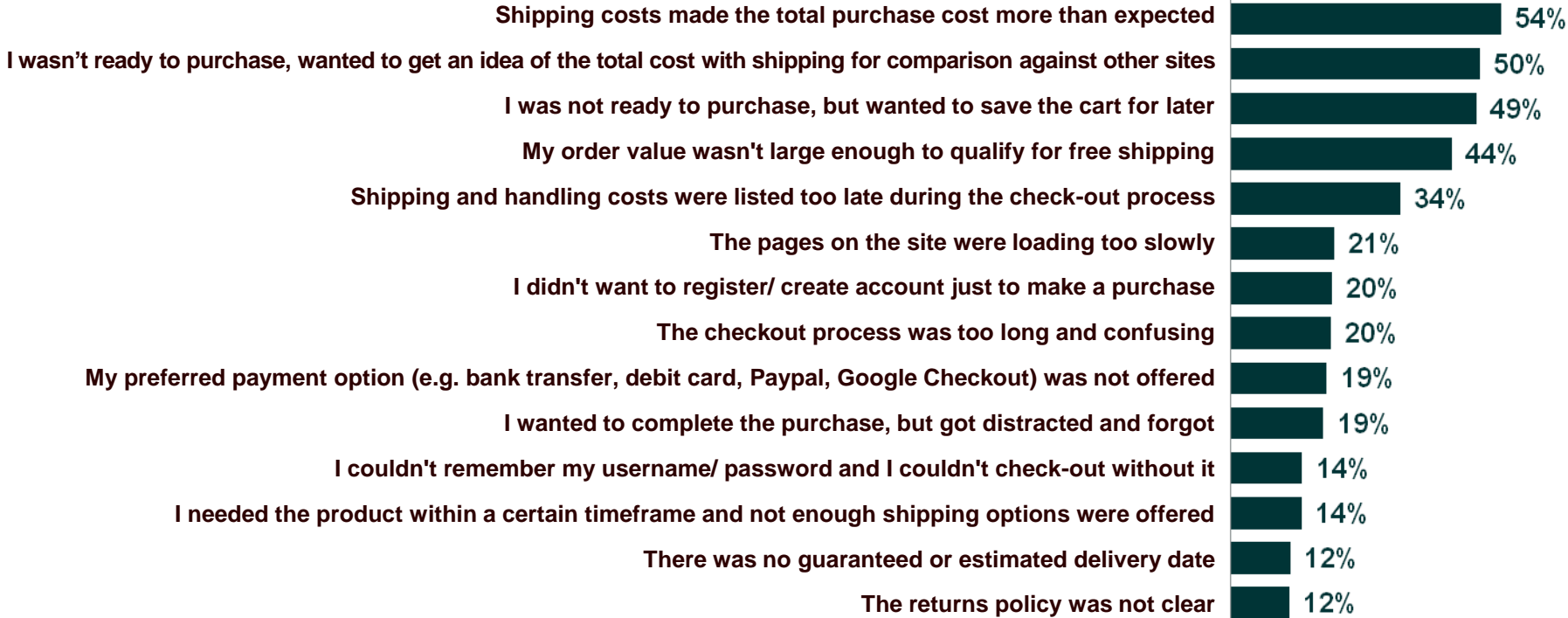
Q23. What information or options are most important to you when going through an online check-out process?



Higher than Expected Shipping Costs and Wanting to See the Total Cost for Comparison Shopping Are Among Most Common Reasons for Cart Abandonment

Reasons for Abandonment of Cart (n=2,713)

In 2013, 88% of online shoppers claim to have abandoned a cart in the past vs. 81% in 2012

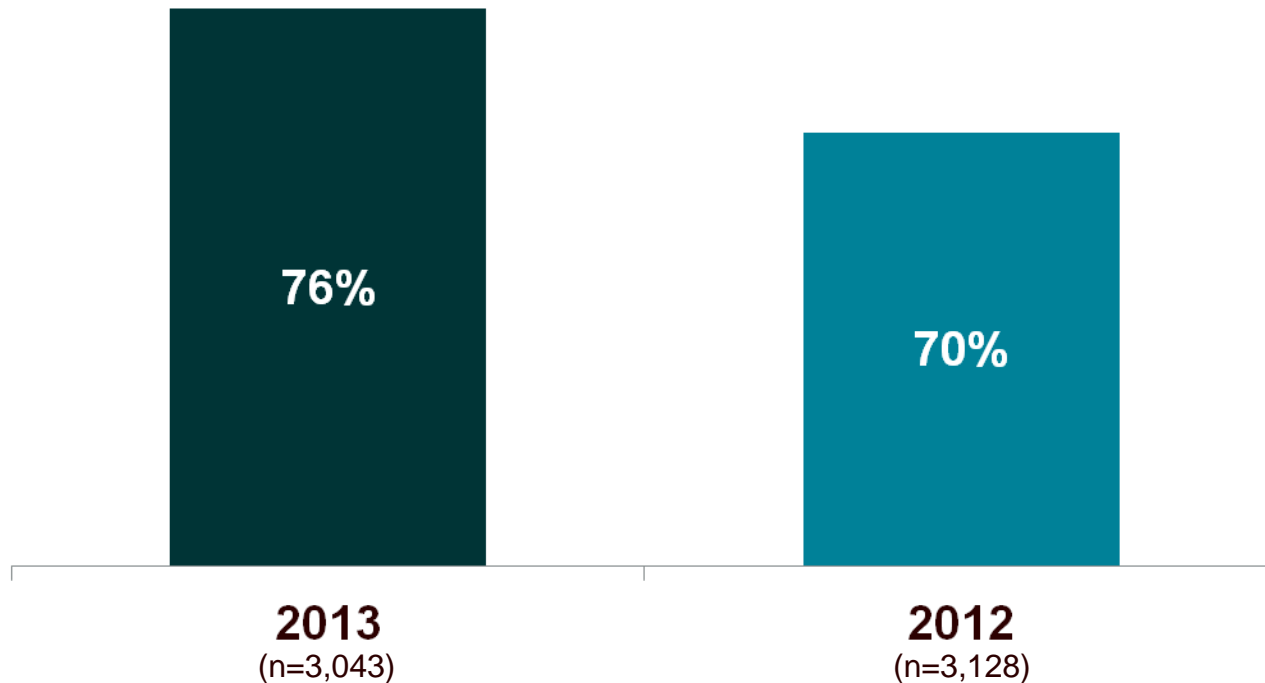


Q24. When shopping online, have you ever placed items in the online cart or basket but then left the site without making a purchase?
 Q25. What are some of the reasons that you have abandoned a shopping cart with items you've added for purchase?



Free Shipping Thresholds Are an Effective Way to Get Retailers a Higher Average Order Value

Added to Cart to Qualify for Free Shipping



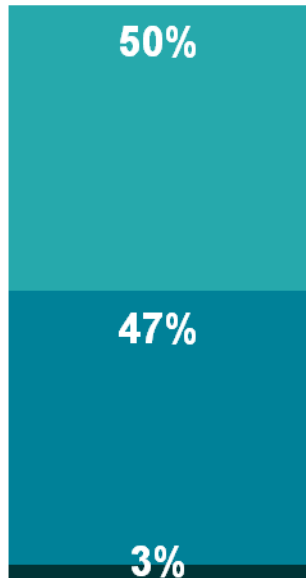
Q35. Have you ever added items to your shopping cart just to qualify for free/discounted shipping offers?
A box around a score indicates statistical significance at the 95% confidence level.



Half of Shoppers Say Tracking Services Are “Essential,” and Only 3% Say They Are Not Important

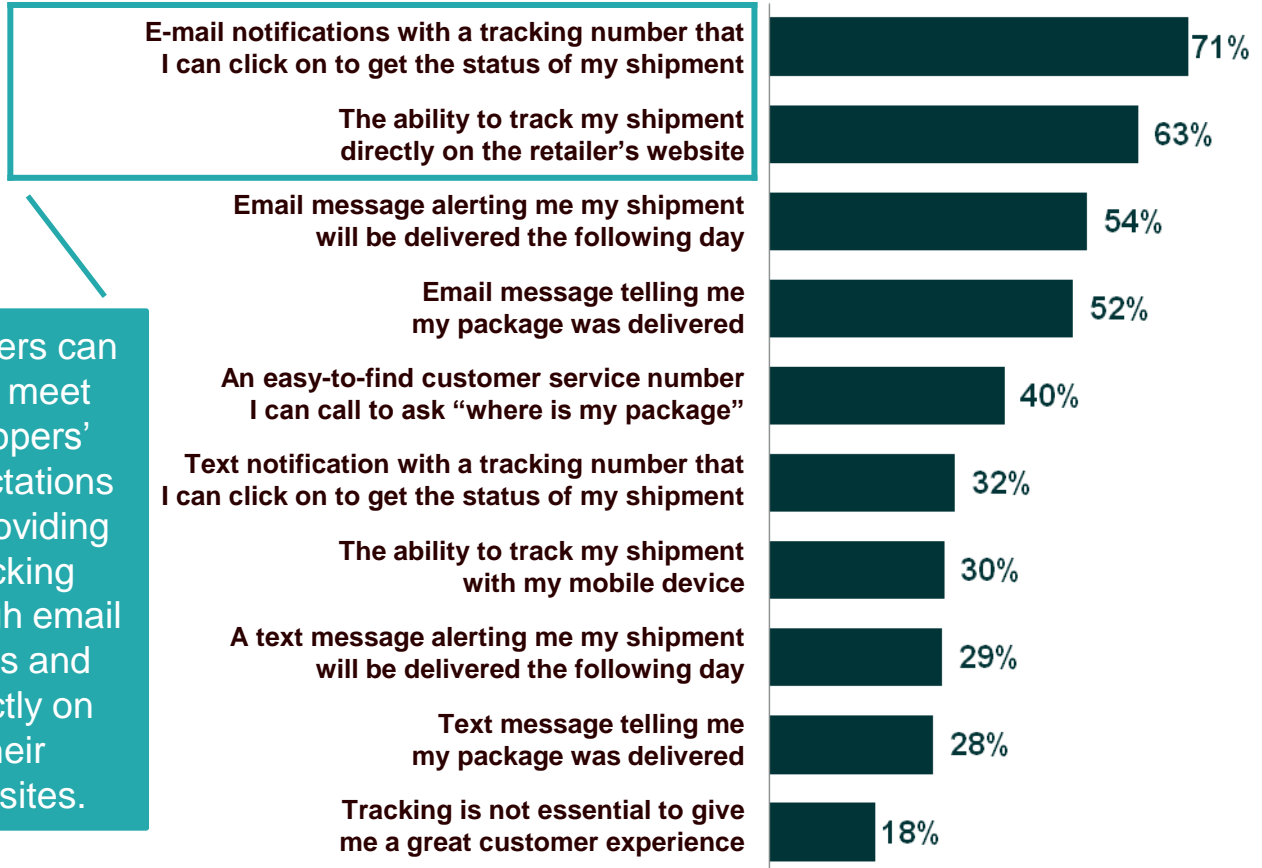
Relevance of Tracking Services (n=3,043)

- It's essential
- It's nice to have
- It's not important



Retailers can help meet shoppers' expectations by providing tracking through email alerts and directly on their websites.

Most Important Tracking Services (n=3,043)



Q49. Giving me tracking information for my packages is an important service every retailer should offer. Which of the below best describes how you feel about the above statement?
 Q50. What is the most important shipment tracking service that a retailer should offer?



The Delivery Experience

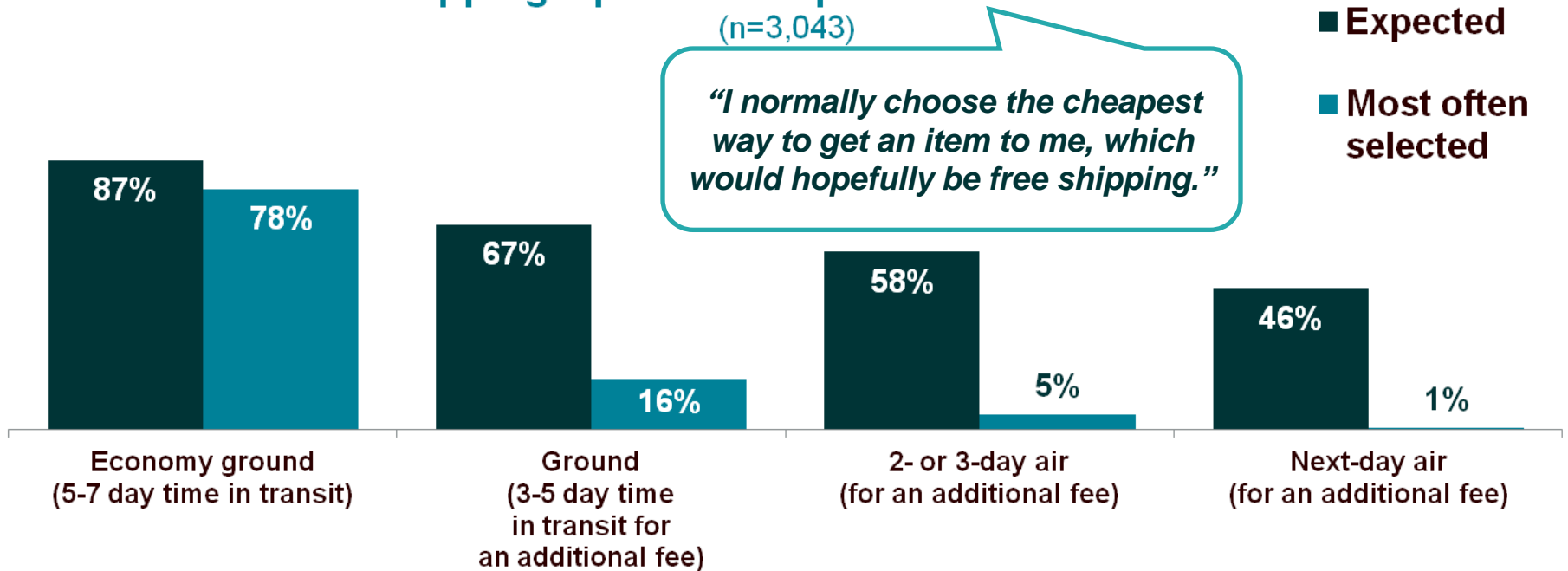


Shoppers Most Often Choose the Most Inexpensive Shipping Option, but They Expect to A Variety Choices

Shipping Options – Expected vs. Selected

(n=3,043)

“I normally choose the cheapest way to get an item to me, which would hopefully be free shipping.”



Consumers for whom Computers, Mobile Devices and Gaming Devices are among the most frequently-purchased categories are most likely to select 2-3 or Next-Day Air.

Q38. When shopping online, which of the following shipping options do you expect online retailers to offer? Choose all that apply.

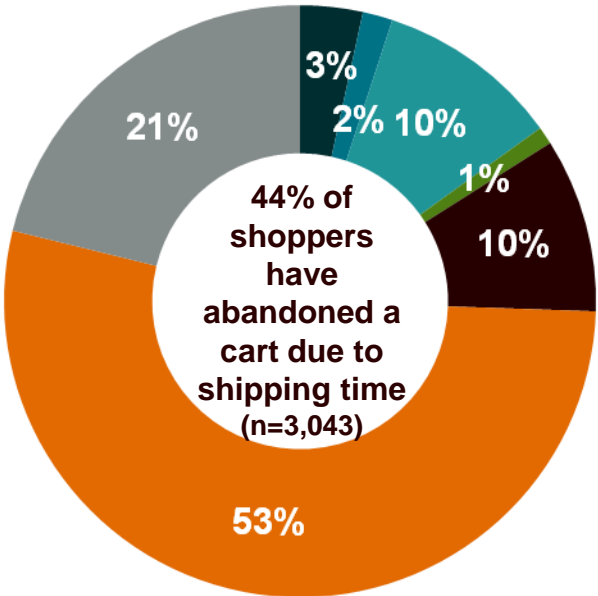
Q39. When shopping online, which shipping option do you choose most often?

A box around a score indicates statistical significance at the 95% confidence level.



44% of Shoppers in 2013 Abandoned Carts Due to Excessive Shipping Time, but in More than Half of These Cases the Estimated Time Was More than 8 Days

Length of Time Resulting in Abandonment – 2013 (n=1,273)



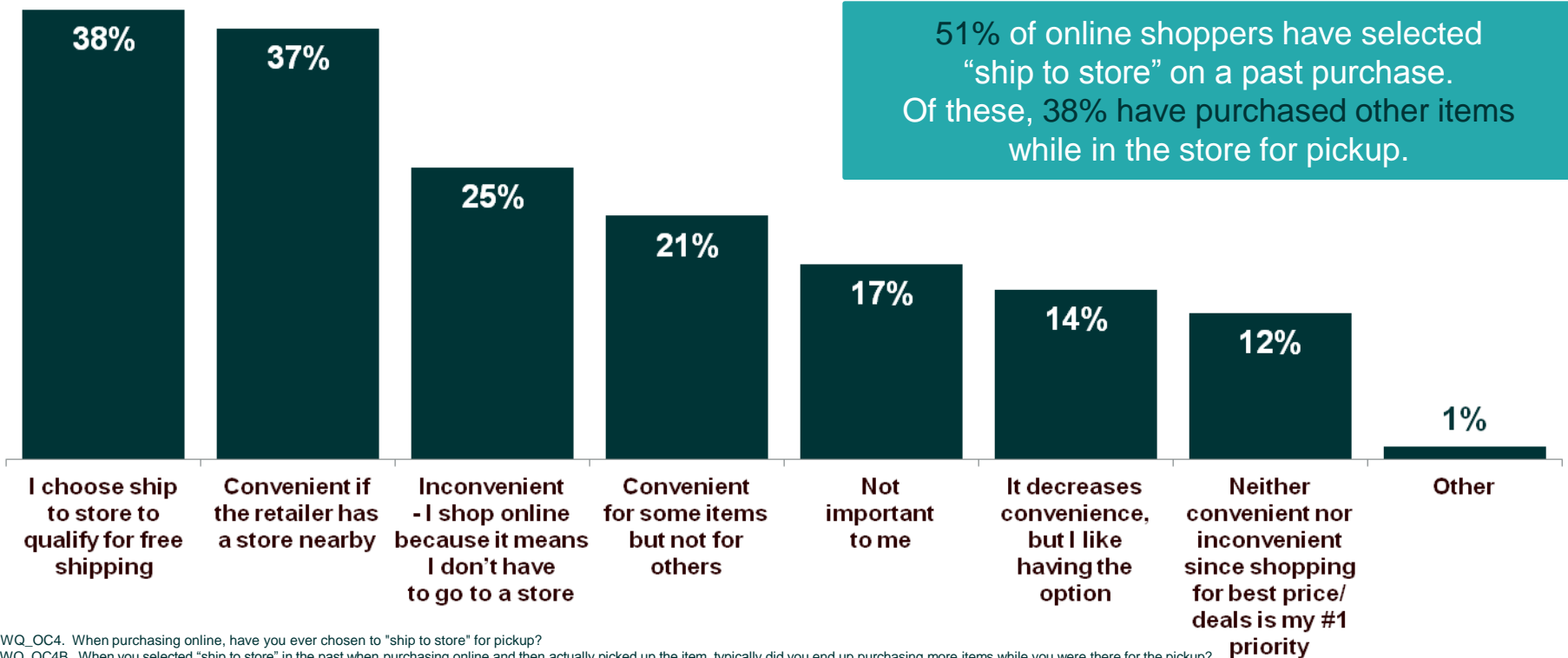
■ <=3 days ■ 4 days ■ 5 days ■ 6 days ■ 7 days ■ >=8 days ■ No date provided

Q41. Have you ever decided not to make a purchase because the estimated time when you would receive your item(s) was too long or not provided?
 Q42. What was the estimated delivery time from purchase (in days) that caused you not to make your purchase?
 Note: 2013 study was digit entry while 2012 study was a selection from a list of options
 A box around a score indicates statistical significance at the 95% confidence level.



“Ship to Store” Services Are Viewed by the Consumer as a Means to Avoid Paying Shipping Costs, but Can Lead to Incremental Sales Gains for the Retailer

Attitudes Toward “Ship to Store” Service (n=1,494)



NEWQ_OC4. When purchasing online, have you ever chosen to “ship to store” for pickup?

NEWQ_OC4B. When you selected “ship to store” in the past when purchasing online and then actually picked up the item, typically did you end up purchasing more items while you were there for the pickup?

Q48. Of the choices below, which do you find best match your attitude toward buying online and picking up at a store? Please select top 2 choices only.



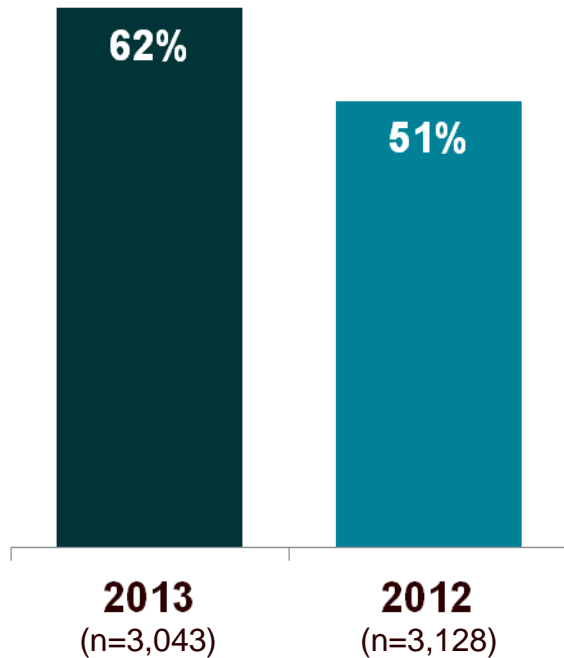
Returns



Versus Last Year, a Higher Percentage of Shoppers are Returning/Exchanging Items Bought Online

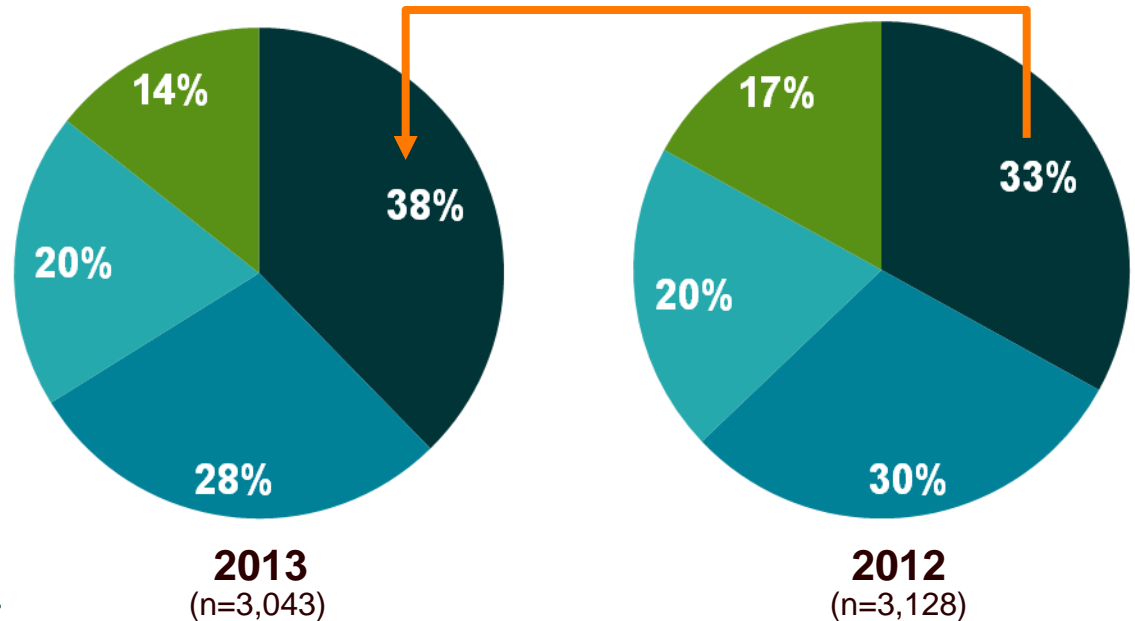
More Are Also Looking into the Retailer's Policy Prior to Purchasing

Have Returned an Online Purchase



Review of Retailers' Returns Policies

- Before I purchase an item
- Both
- After, if I need to return an item
- Not at all



Q55. Have you ever returned a product you purchased online for a refund or exchange?
 Q56. Do you look for an online retailer's returns policy before or after purchasing an item?
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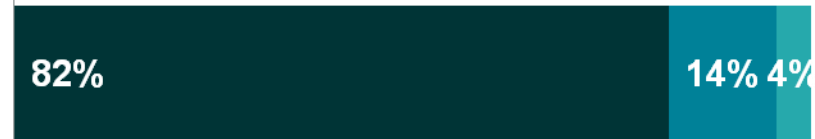
Shoppers Are Least Likely to Make a Purchase if They Have to Pay a Restocking Fee, Even if the Actual Returns Shipping Is “Free”

Returns Policies' Impact on Likelihood to Purchase

5-point Scale (n=2,058)

“Very seldom willing to pay for returns, worse is a restocking fee, never would order from that type of place.”

You can return to the store for free OR you can ship it back to the retailer for free using a pre-paid label provided by the retailer



You cannot return it to the store, but you can ship it back to the retailer for free using a pre-paid label provided by the retailer



You can return to the store for free OR you can ship it back to the retailer but you have to pay for the return shipping



You can return to the store for free OR ship it back to the retailer for free using a pre-paid shipping label provided by the retailer, but you have to pay a restocking fee



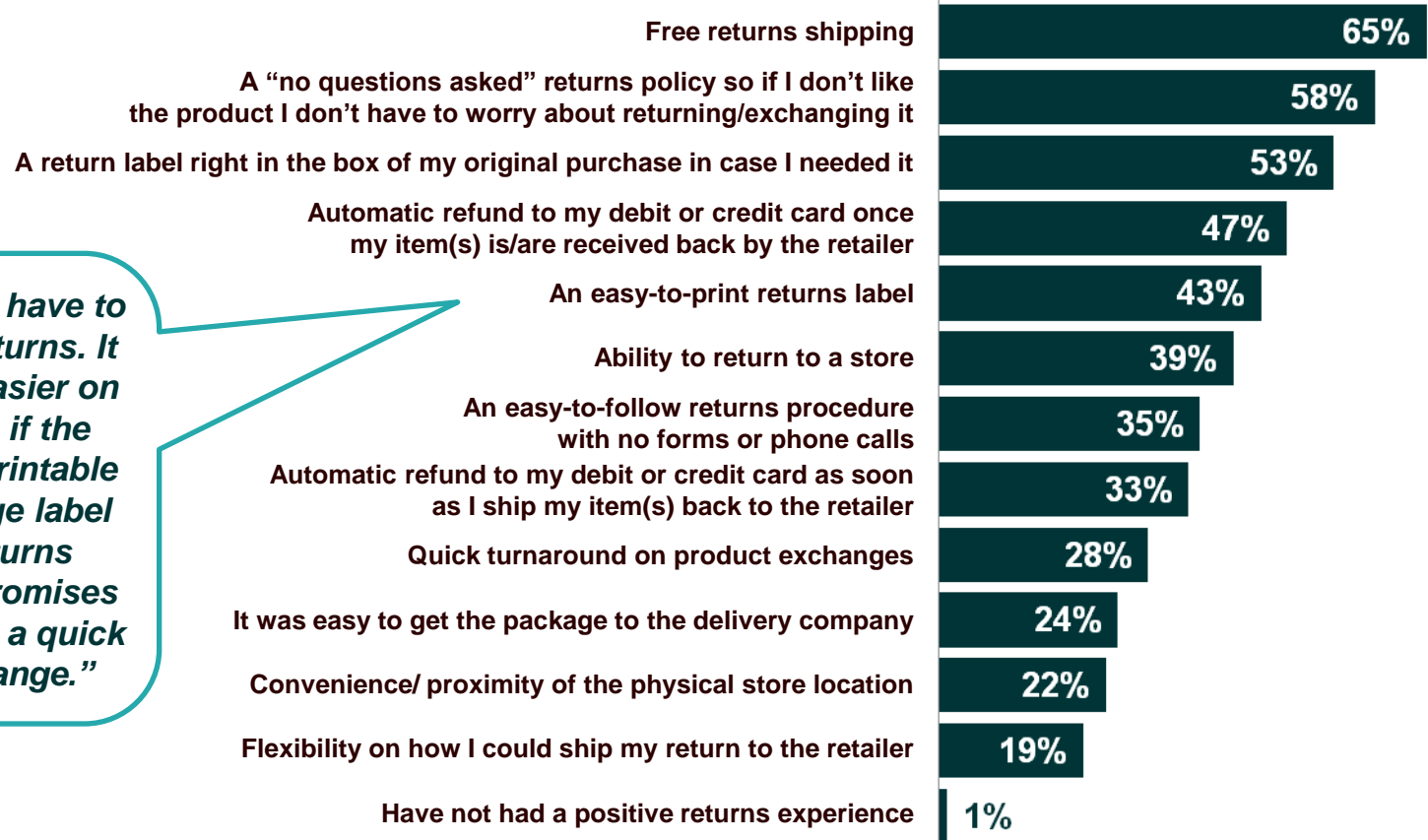
■ Likely to complete sale (Top 2 Box) ■ Neutral (Middle Box) ■ Unlikely to complete sale (Bottom 2 Box)

Q56a. You indicated that you look at an online retailer's return policy before purchasing an item. Thinking of what you look for in a retailer's returns policy, would you complete the sale online if the retailer's "returns policy" stated the following?



Free Returns Shipping, a Hassle-Free Policy and a Return Label in the Box Are Most Frequently Cited as Being Part of the Best Returns Experience

Elements Included as Part of Best Returns Experience (n=1,827)



“I don’t want to have to worry about returns. It can be made easier on smaller items if the retailer has a printable prepaid postage label and easy returns process that promises and delivers on a quick refund / exchange.”

Q58. Thinking of the best returns experience that you have had, what elements were included as a part of this experience? Select all that apply.



Recommendations and Word-of-Mouth



Consumers Are Most Likely to Recommend Retailers Who Provide Free Shipping and/or Deliver Purchases When Expected

Drivers of Positive Recommendations (n=3,043)

“My orders come on time, good packaging and on time or faster delivery.”



More than 90% of respondents have recommended an online retailer to others

Q17. Assuming you are happy with the product you purchased, what service features have actually led you to recommend an online retailer? Select all that apply. A box around a score indicates statistical significance at the 95% confidence level.



High Shipping Costs Relative to the Product Price Are Most Likely to Lead to a Negative Recommendation

Drivers of Negative Recommendations (n=3,043)



Q19. What experiences (not including price or the product itself) would most likely lead to a negative recommendation to friends/family?



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