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THE FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

# TRENDS IN GROCERY RETAIL

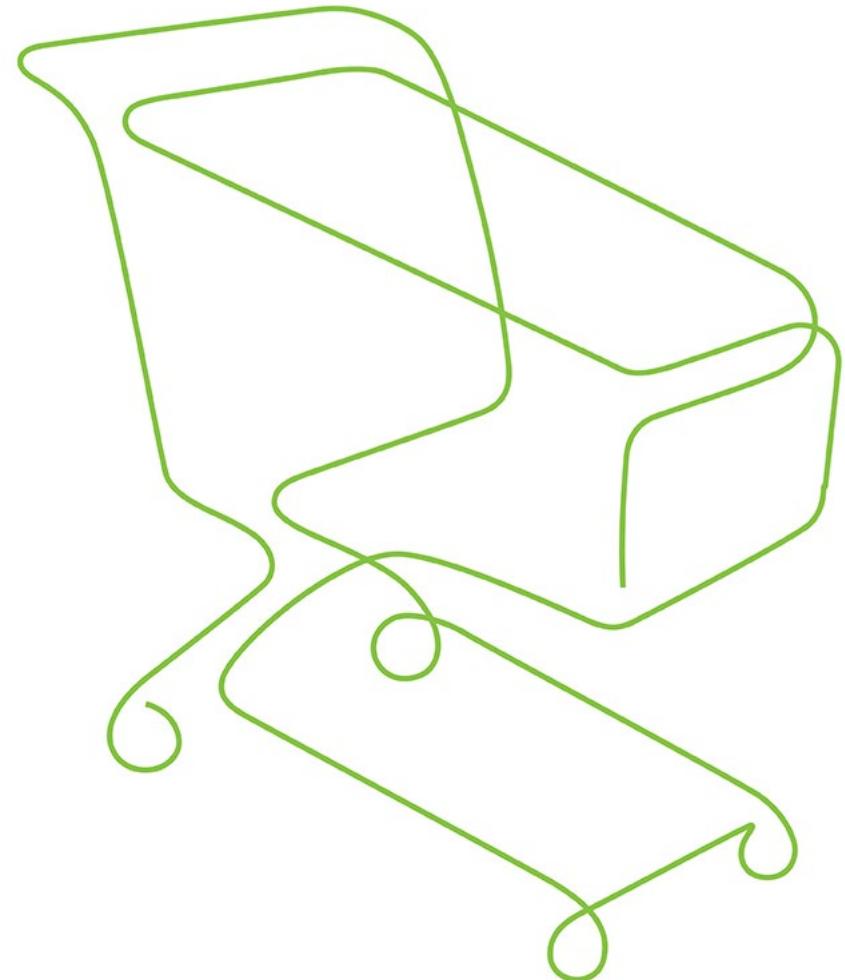
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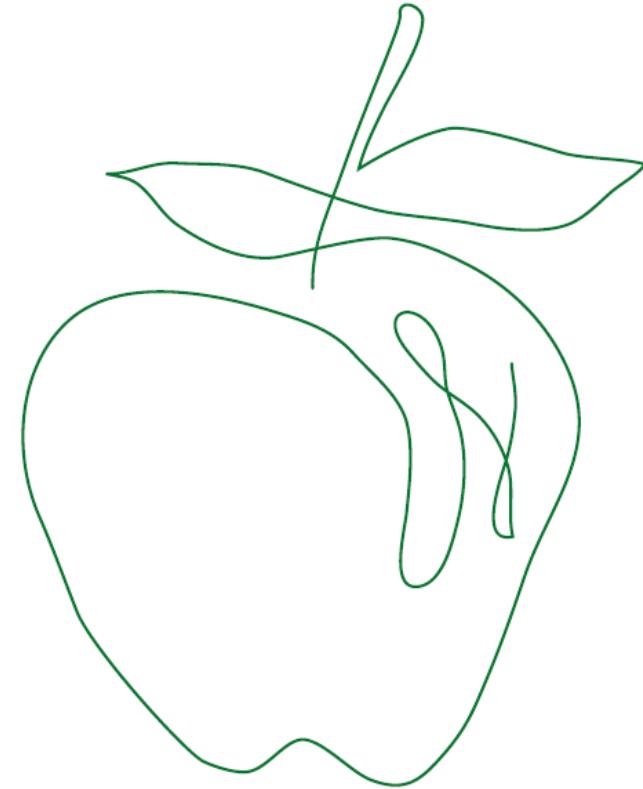
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As the **food industry association**, FMI works with and on behalf of the entire industry to advance a **safer, healthier** and **more efficient** consumer food supply.

FMI brings together a wide range of members across the value chain — from **retailers** who sell to **consumers**, to **producers** who supply the food, as well as the wide-variety of companies providing critical services — to **amplify** the collective work of the industry.



# FMI in the Marketplace



FMI propels the retail food industry by advocating for and supporting a safer, healthier, and more efficient consumer food supply.

**\$800 billion industry with nearly 6 million employees.**



As the last two presentations make clear, food retail is in uncharted territory....



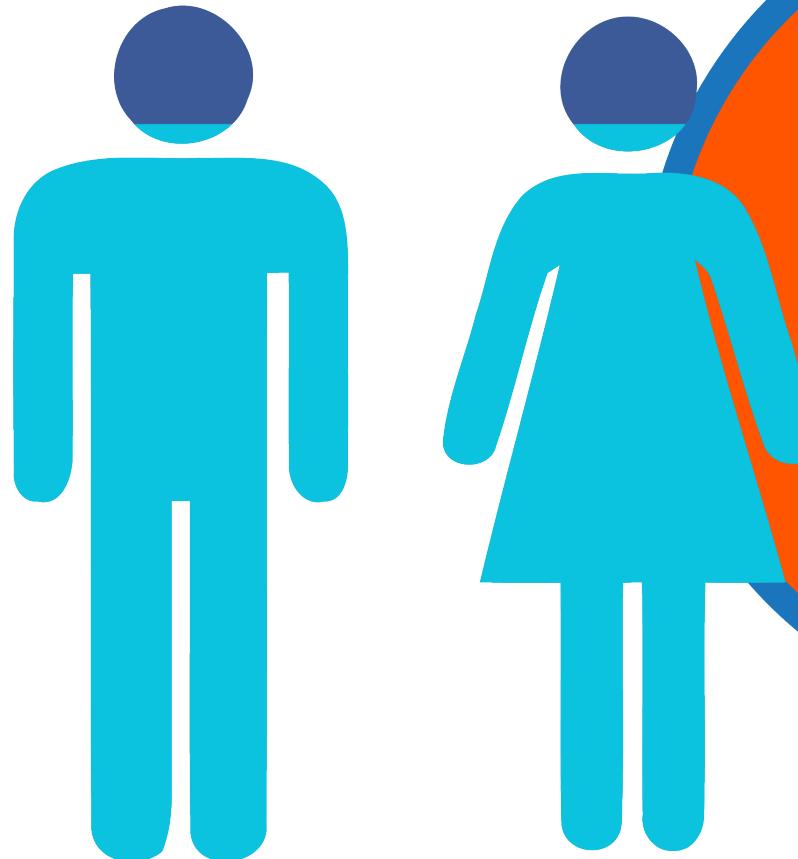
- Very low food price inflation
- Consolidation
- Technology changes
- Channel splitting

**Today, I'm going to focus on two trends that are re-shaping retail and helping to improve the customer experience while keeping prices low:**

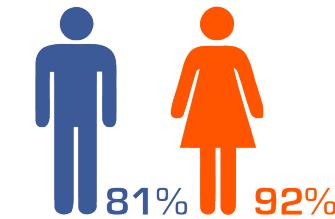
- Rise of the online shopper
- The push for ever-greater personalization

# GROCERY SHOPPING REMAINS A NATIONAL PASTIME

CURRENTLY IN THE U.S.



**86%**  
of all adults  
say they have  
at least **HALF** of the  
responsibility  
for household  
grocery shopping  
*(compared to 85% in 2018)*

A graphic showing two stylized human figures, one male and one female, standing side-by-side. The male figure is blue with a blue head and a light blue body. The female figure is orange with an orange head and an orange body.

81% 92%

# SHOPPERS SHOP MULTIPLE CHANNELS/ BANNERS

Shoppers visit  
an average of  
**3.1**  
different channels  
for groceries each  
month

Shoppers visit  
an average of  
**4.4**  
(up from 4.1 in 2018)  
retail banners  
for groceries  
each month



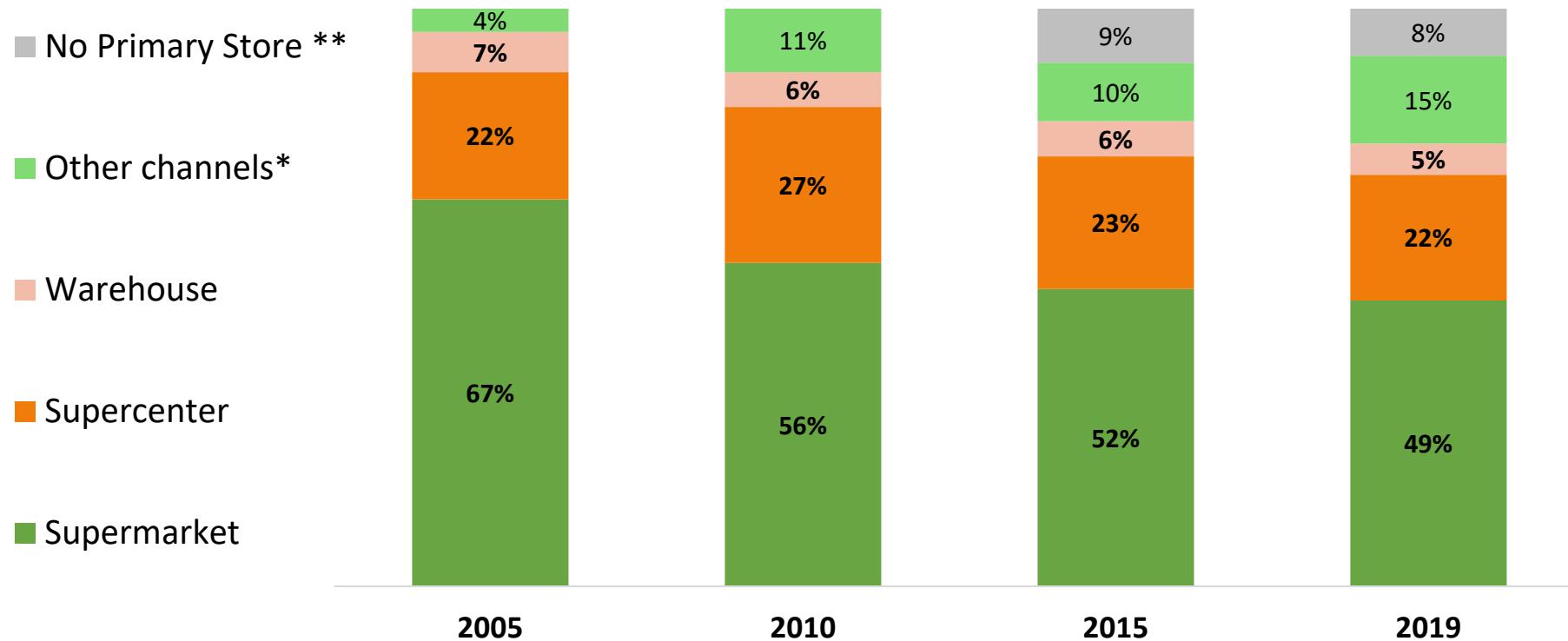
The whole 'one-size-fits-all' thing – or lack thereof – is the whole reason why I have to go to all these places. If there was a store with reasonable prices, great selection of healthy, ethically-sourced food, with friendly, low-key, down-to-earth service, I'd like that. But until then, the combination of all them together does a good job of meeting my family's needs.

— Josh, 58

# Channel surfing continues; Supermarkets stabilize as the primary destination for ½ of grocery shoppers



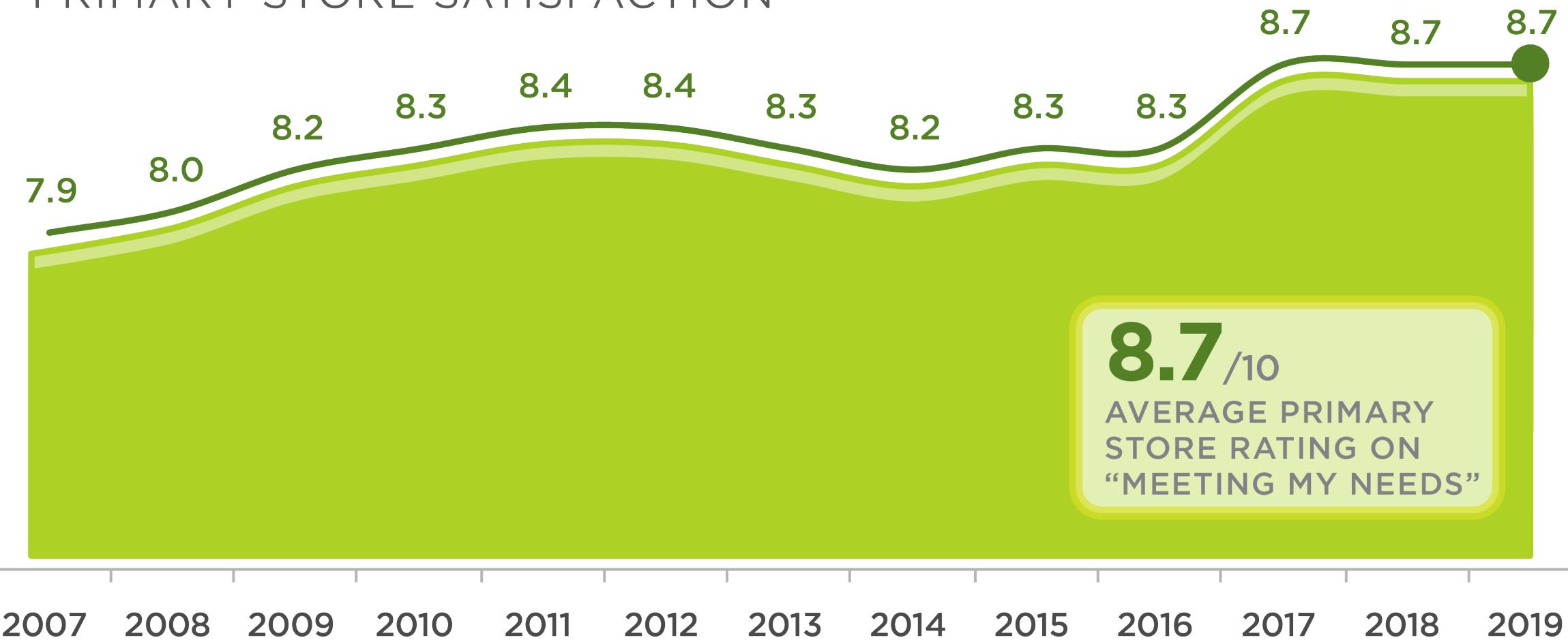
Primary Store for Groceries, Historical Trend



# SATISFACTION WITH PRIMARY STORE IS AT A 10-YEAR HIGH



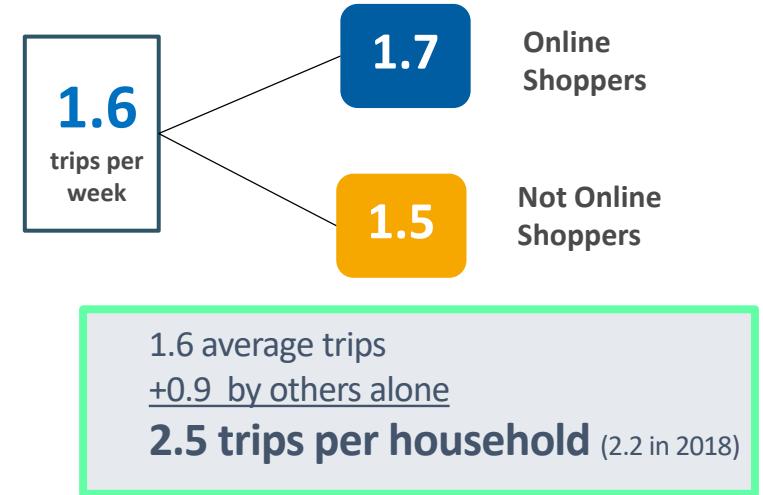
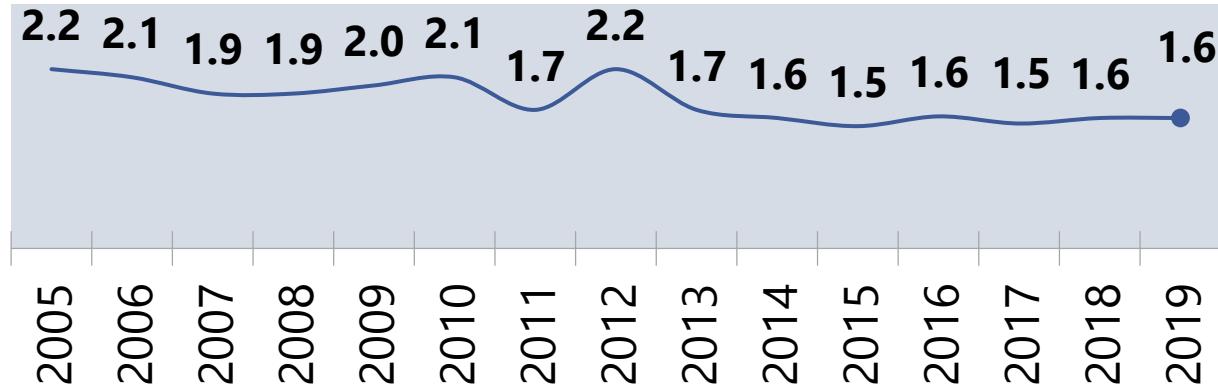
## PRIMARY STORE SATISFACTION



# Weekly trips and spend remain stable



## TRIPS



## SPEND



# TODAY'S SHOPPERS NEED A COMPASS TO HELP THEM EAT AND SHOP



# SHOPPERS HAVE COME TO COUNT ON A GROWING NUMBER OF ENTITIES TO ENSURE FOOD BOUGHT AT STORE IS SAFE



## CONTINUED HIGH TRUST IN SAFETY AT THE GROCERY STORE

**93%** OF SHOPPERS TRUST THEIR GROCERY STORE TO ENSURE THAT THE FOOD THEY PURCHASE IS SAFE  
(compared to 93% in 2018, 96% in 2017, and 94% in 2016)

**89%** OF SHOPPERS ARE CONFIDENT FOOD FROM PRIMARY STORE IS SAFE  
(compared to 88% in 2018, 87% in 2017, and 86% in 2016)

## INSTITUTIONS CONSUMERS RELY ON TO ENSURE WHAT IS BOUGHT AT GROCERY IS SAFE



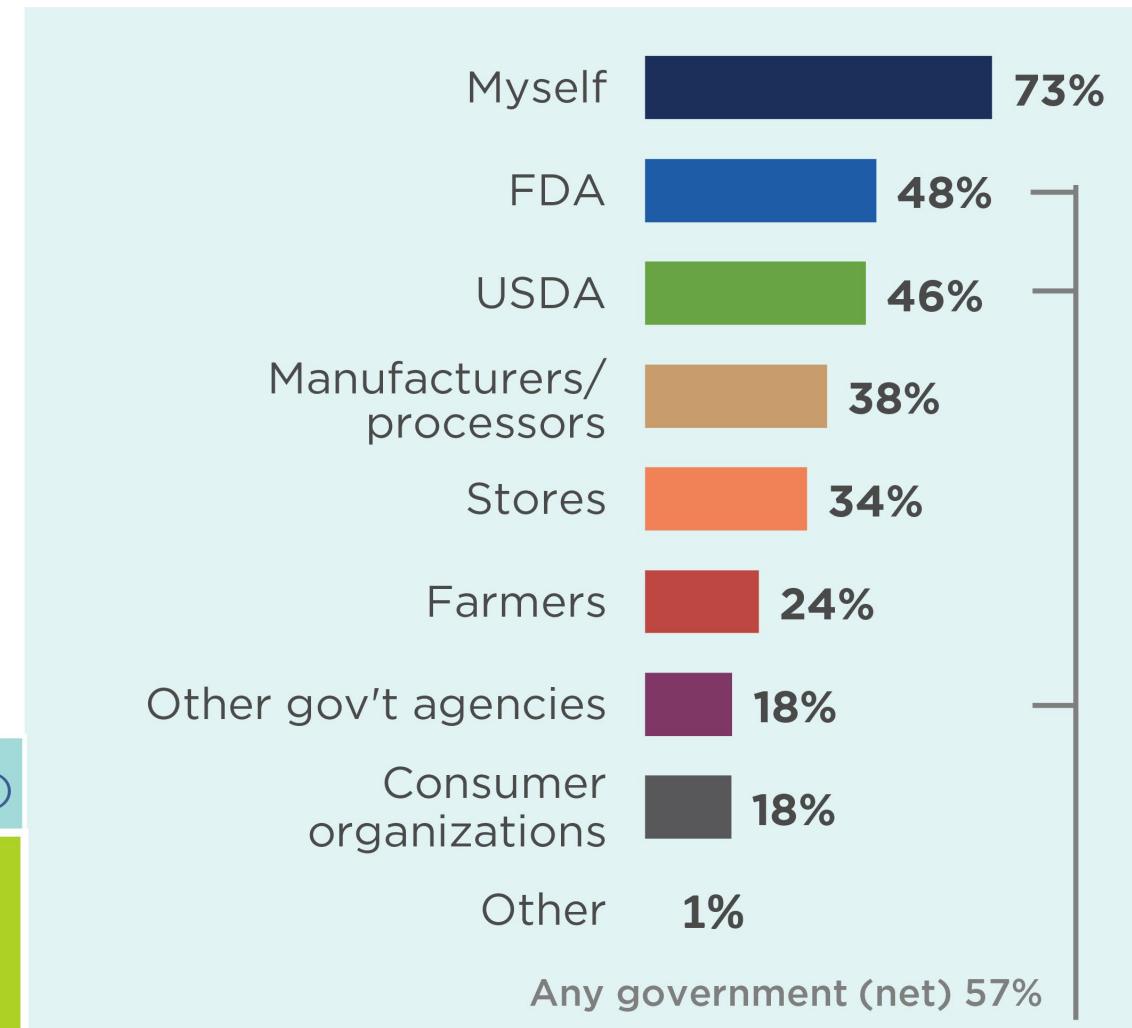
# SHOPPERS MAKE NUTRITION THEIR RESPONSIBILITY BUT RECOGNIZE A NUMBER OF PARTNERS



## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NUTRITION?



### I, MYSELF, AM RESPONSIBLE FOR NUTRITION (BY GENERATION)





# FRESH CATEGORIES MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES OF PRIMARY STORE



HIGH-QUALITY FRUITS  
AND VEGETABLES

 78%



HIGH-QUALITY MEAT

 76%



LOW PRICES

 76%



CLEAN, NEAT STORE

 75%  
+11pts



GREAT PRODUCT SELECTION  
AND VARIETY

 75%

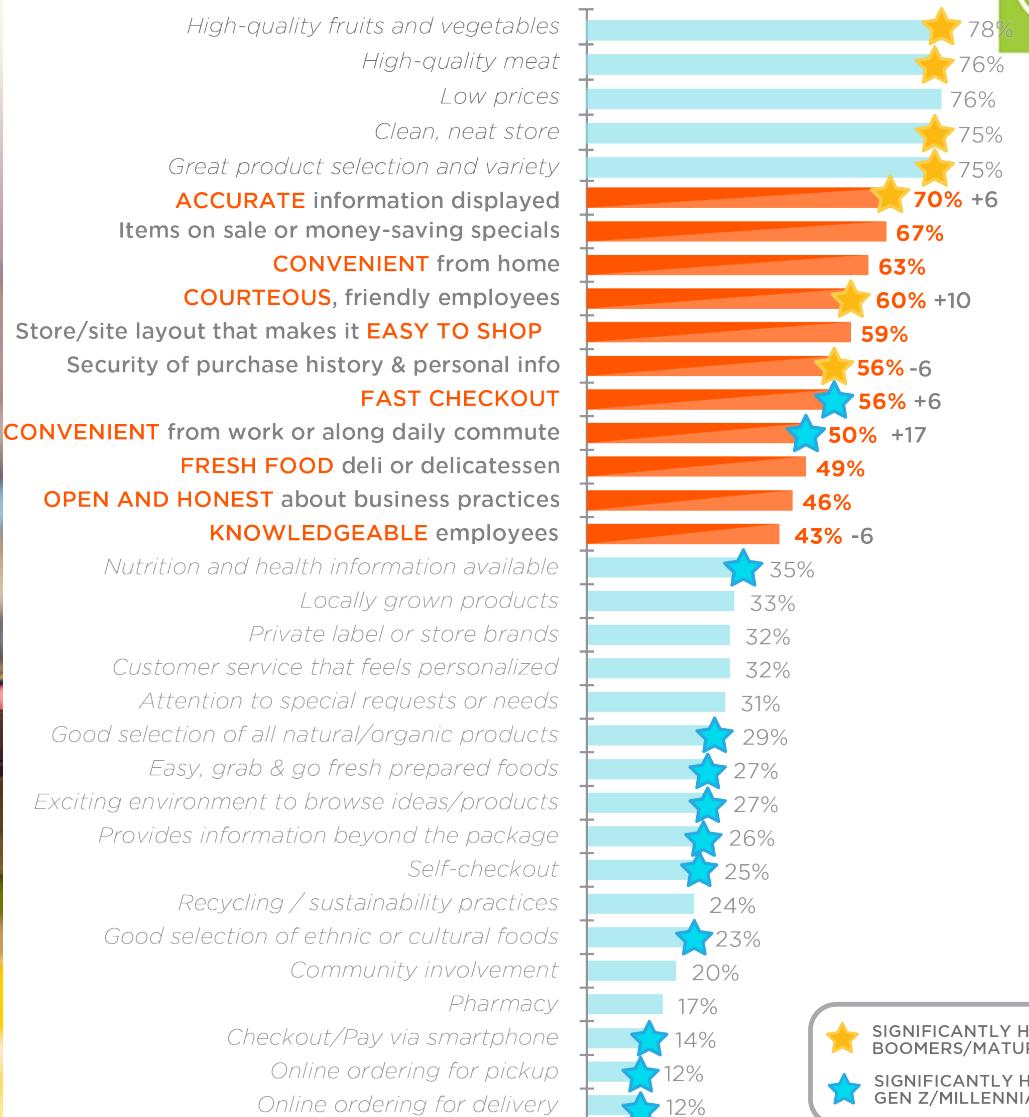


= SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER  
AMONG BOOMERS/MATURE

# IN-STORE EXPERIENCE AND CONVENIENCE ALSO IMPORTANT FEATURES



## MOST IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTES IN PRIMARY STORE

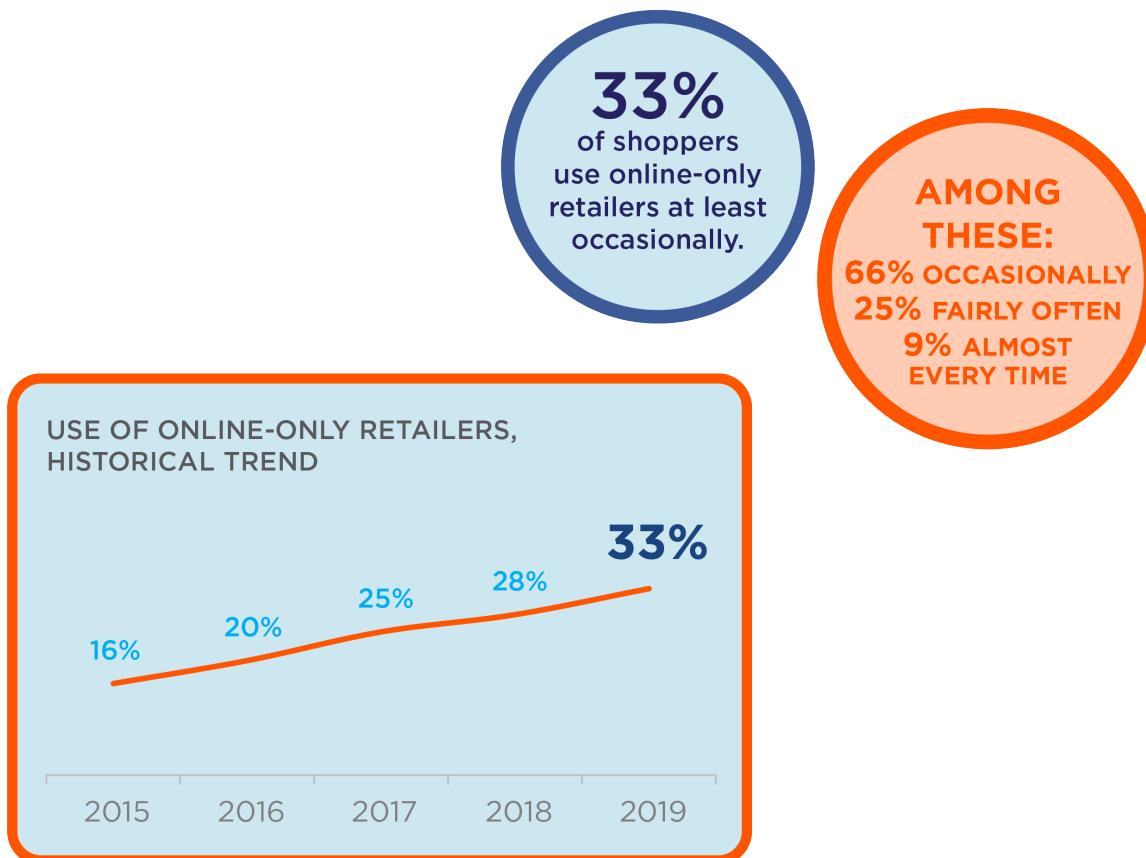


★ SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER AMONG  
BOOMERS/MATURE  
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GEN Z/MILLENNIALS

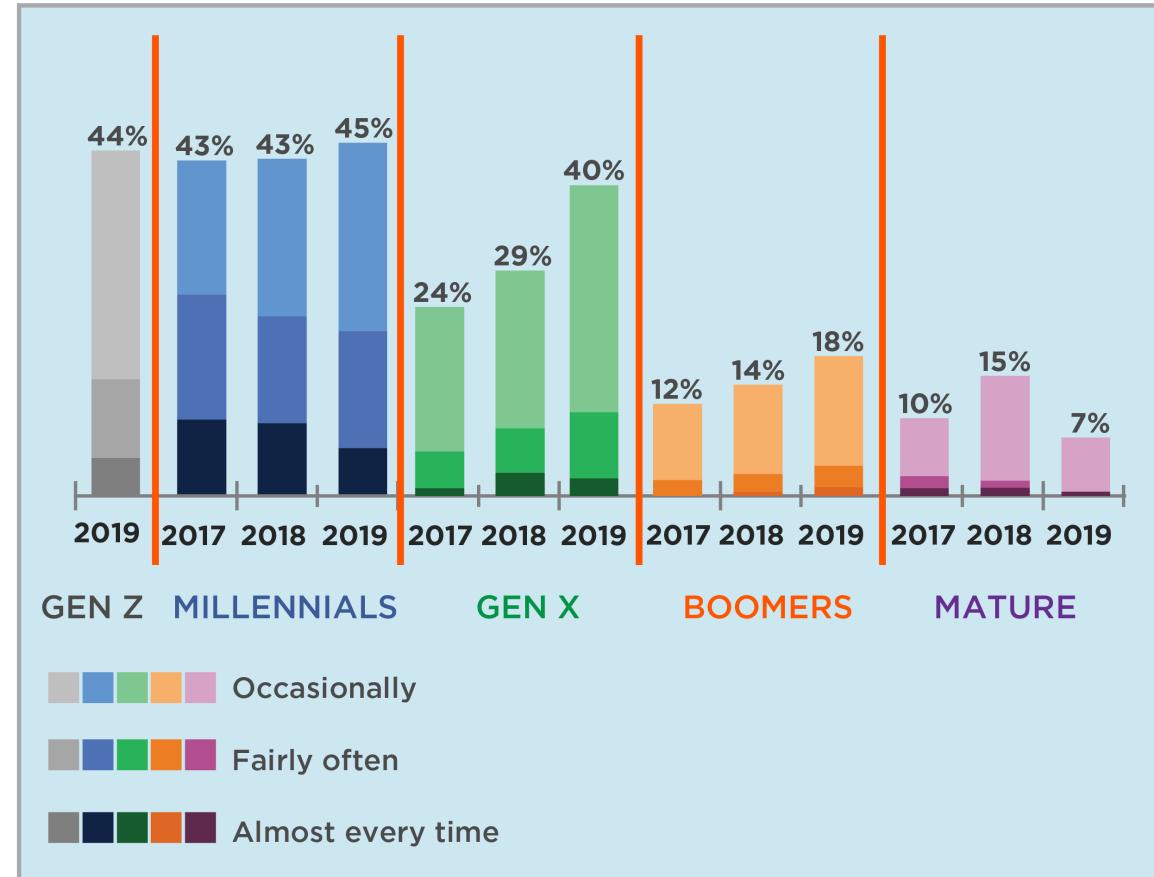


# The Online Marketplace

# THE ONLINE GROCERY CHANNEL; GEN X CATCHING THEIR MILLENNIAL FRIENDS



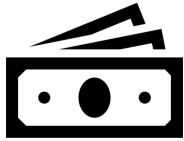
FREQUENCY OF SHOPPING ONLINE-ONLY/ONLINE-PRIMARILY RETAILERS, HISTORICAL TREND, BY AGE COHORT



## Frequent online shoppers:



- Shop more in general;
  - more banners,
  - more channels
  - AND more weekly trips to the brick & mortar grocer.
- Spend more in general;
  - Not only more online but in the store.



### Who are the frequent online shoppers?

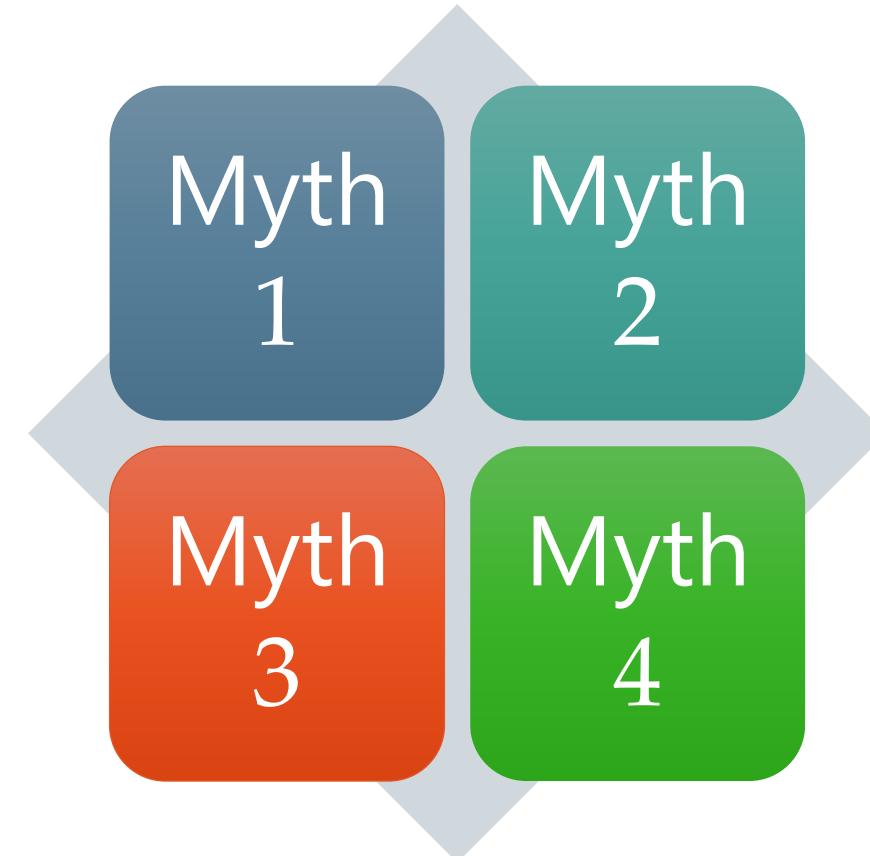
- Male -55%
- Millennials and GenX
- Parents
- College-educated
- Higher HHI (36% \$100k+)
- Urban
- South



Personalization; what the customers wants from a retailer

# U.S Grocery Shopper Trends

## 4 Myths about Personalization



# Myth 1

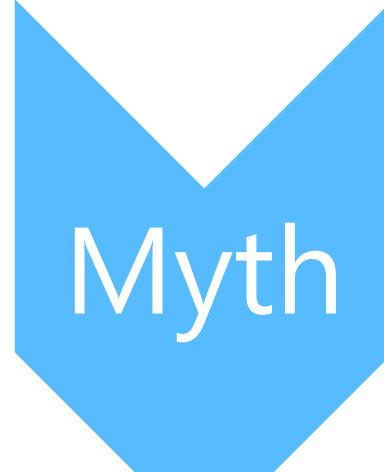
Myth

- Shoppers want Everything Personalized

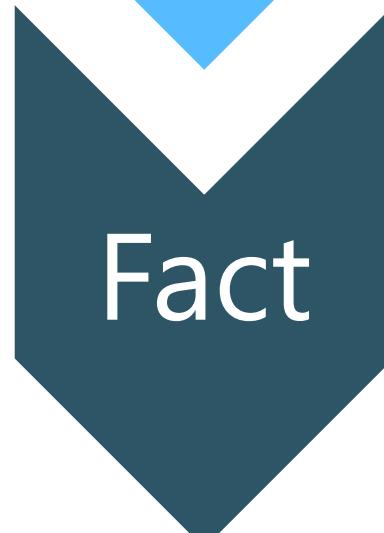
Fact

- Shoppers aren't asking for differentiated treatment, it may be a plus.
- They expect to control and do some of the work of personalization themselves, that's what they think shopping is.
- They just want shopping to be easier, with flexibility to meet their families' changing needs.

# Myth 2



- Personal eating requirements means shoppers buy for individuals rather than a family.



- Families still want to eat together, and family meals require balancing among personal and shared needs and tastes.
- Desires for social cohesion and parental goals for cultivating healthy food habits put hard limits on extreme eating personalization.

# Myth 3

Myth

- Specialized eating habits are the domain of specialty retail, mass market cannot compete

Fact

- The stores shopper's rate most highly excel at the benefits of personalization:
  - Convenience
  - Caring
  - Enabling the shopper to meet their needs.
- Specialty stores find it easy to understand and make recommendations, but they do not own these benefits.

# Myth 4

Myth

- Digital platforms are more easily customizable, so they should be the focus of personalization initiatives

Fact

- Digital should amplify rather than replace non-digital efforts.
- Sharing personal data and supporting personal eating requires permission and a foundation of existing trust.



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you!

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