The Lean
Retail Insights Brief

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Timely Consumer Insights for Marketers
Retail Category Overview

While retail sales are not expected to grow at the same rate as last year, they are still forecasted to increase **2.9% YoY**. With rising costs and lingering threats of a recession, we expect consumer behaviors to continue shifting toward a more budget-conscious state of mind. That being said, there is a silver lining for retailers. We’ll dive into current retail to uncover how retailers can increase their share of market, bring in more customers, and drive more sales.

**Key Opportunities**
- Maximizing new store openings
- Building accurate audience personas
- Tapping into shopping seasons and moments
- Bridging the gap between bricks and clicks
A growing need for more discount and off-price store options

The off-price and discount sector account for many of the new store openings slated for 2023.

OFF-PRICE/DISCOUNT/DOLLAR STORE SHARE OF RETAIL FOOT TRAFFIC

Discount/off-price stores share of foot traffic increased 10% from December to January

Retailers with the most new store openings planned for 2023²

² Coresight
Store closing spotlight:
Bed Bath & Beyond

61% of Bed Bath & Beyond shoppers also shop at Walmart Supercenter.

Bed Bath & Beyond has announced the closure of over 50% of their stores, creating an opportunity for other retail brands to reach a new audience of consumers who are looking for a new place to shop.
Brands can expect different audiences at their outlet vs. retail store

Baby Boomers are 13% more likely to be seen at outlet locations while International Travelers are 26% more likely to pay retail price.

GroundTruth compared the audiences at the outlet and retail locations of 4 brands: Coach, Nike, Gap & Nordstrom to understand the nuances between the shoppers at both types of brand stores.
Key seasonal moments impact foot traffic and dwell time

Not only does foot traffic increase during key shopping moments but so does time spent in stores.

**INCREASE IN FOOT TRAFFIC DURING KEY SHOPPING HOLIDAYS (2022, RANKED)**

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*Holiday with highest increase in terms of foot traffic: Foot traffic increased by nearly 80% on Black Friday!*

*Holiday with lowest increase in terms of foot traffic: Foot traffic increased only 20% over Labor Day Weekend.*
Physical & digital convergence is key

Although it may seem like everyone is shopping online, the vast majority of retail sales still start and end in-store.

56% of shoppers visit a store before making a purchase online.

85% of retail sales occur in store.

*RetailDive  *US Census Bureau
How GroundTruth can help retailers achieve real business results

- **125K+** retail locations blueprinted
- **800M+** retail visits in last 90 days
- **100+** off-the-shelf retail audiences to target
Between professional careers and personal lives, we understand that there is very little time left to read drawn out whitepapers. This is why we created The Lean — meaningful marketing insights that help brands make strategic decisions about their marketing campaigns. Specifically designed for easy consumption and quick reference, each issue of The Lean applies real-world behavioral data filters and other industry sources to current consumer trends to help understand the impact they are having on real business results such as visits and sales. GroundTruth data is sourced from the 30 billion annual global visits observed on its platform. All data is anonymized and aggregated.