



PayPal Holiday Money Habits Study – U.S.

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Introduction

Technology and digital payments have radically transformed the way we exchange money, manage our finances and pay each other back. When consumer spending surges in-store and online during the busy holiday season, it's one of the best times of year to study consumer trends and behavior towards the management and movement of money. With each new year comes new attitudes and expectations about how, when and where people want to shop, pay and give.

We enlisted Koski Research to conduct PayPal's Holiday Money Habits Study: an online survey conducted in the United States on consumer behaviors and attitudes toward holiday shopping and giving. The 1,000 Americans aged 18-55 who participated are planning to celebrate the holidays this year, and shared their feelings about how they will face the 2016 holiday season.

Methodology

What	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ An online study among a sample of the general public planning to celebrate the holidays this year was conducted by independent research firm, Koski Research.
When	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The study was fielded October 3rd to 7th, 2016▪ The study averaged 13 minutes in length.
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1,000 Americans aged 18-55 planning to celebrate the holidays this year completed the survey.▪ The sample was drawn from online sample sources.▪ Age, gender, ethnicity, and region quotas were used to develop a nationally representative sample. The data was not weighted.▪ Note: References to “Americans” in this report refer to the subset of Americans that say they plan to celebrate at least one of the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Kwanzaa, Christmas, or New Year’s.

THE GIFT OF MONEY

Money is the most desired gift for the holidays

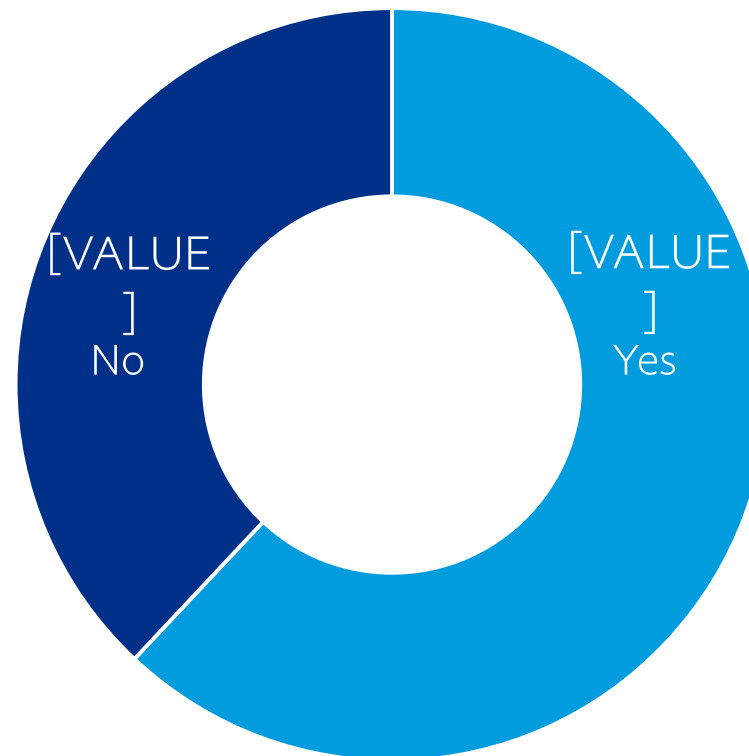
Clothing, gift cards, gadgets, and tickets/experiences also top the wish list

Money is the **most desired gift** this year with 36% of Americans **wanting to receive cash**. While 62% of gift recipients wish they could **just ask for money** as a gift, 63% of gift givers say the **biggest barrier to gifting money** is that it's **not personal enough**.



Three in five Americans wish they could ask for cash instead of gifts

Wish You Could Ask for Cash Instead of Gifts



About seven in ten Americans say they are likely to give money as a gift

Among those who wouldn't, most say money as a gift is not personal enough

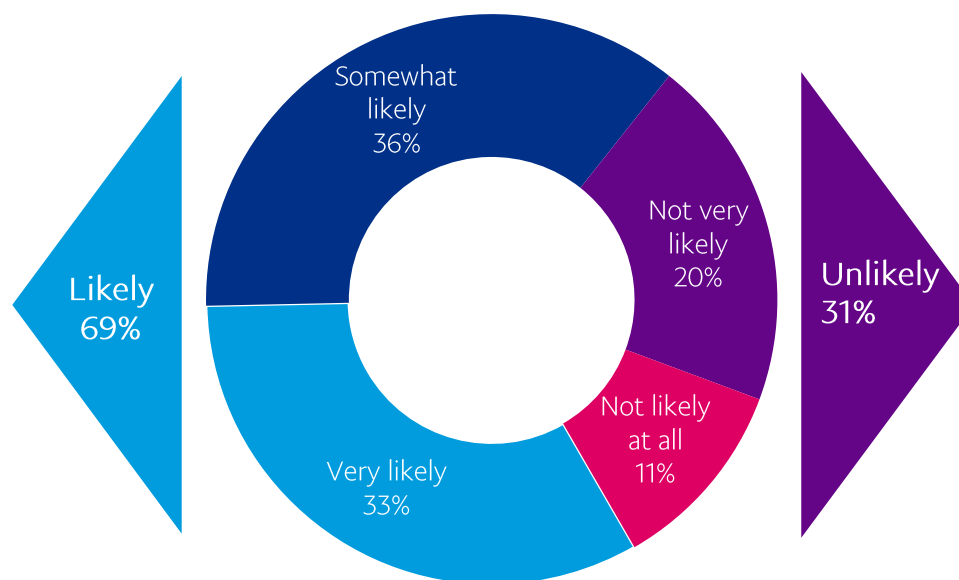
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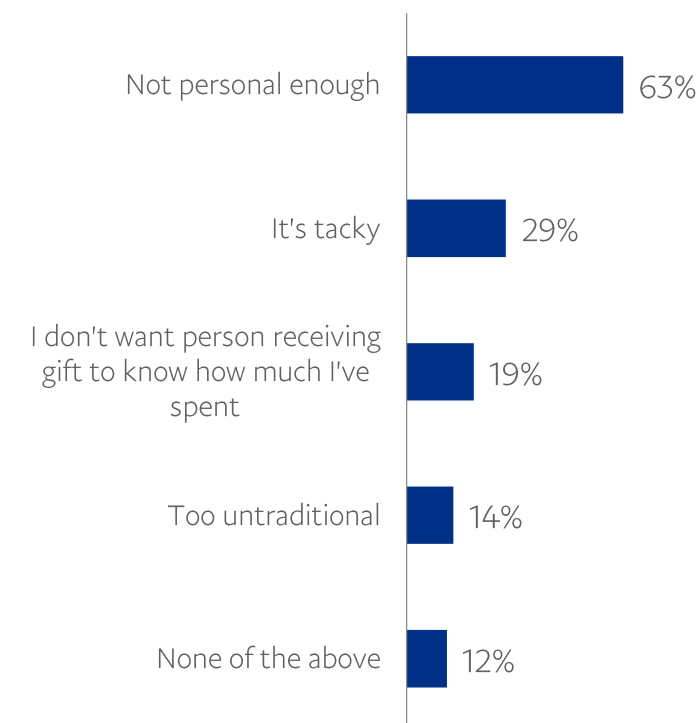
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average
planned gift
amount

Give Money as a Present



Reasons Would Not Give Money



Q16. How likely are you to give a friend or family member money as a present this holiday season? (Base: Total=1000)

Q17. How much money, per gift, do you plan to give as a present this holiday season? (Base: Those likely to give money as a present this holiday season=690)

Q18. Why are you unlikely to give money to a friend and/or family member this holiday season? (Base: Those unlikely to give money as a present this holiday season=310)

Holiday Shopping Attitudes

Highlights

Half of Americans (50%), and even more Millennials (59%), plan to do their holiday shopping **while binge-watching TV**.

The majority (59%) of Americans find holiday **shopping to be stressful** and they'd rather do a multitude of unenviable activities than fight the holiday shopping crowds. More than a quarter of Americans **would rather shovel snow** from their driveway; 1-in-5 Young Boomers and Gen-Xers would **rather go to the dentist**; and, about 1-in-5 Millennials (19%) **would rather text with their boss over the weekend**.

One in five (22%) will **shop on the toilet** and, more than a third (34%) will shop for their **partner or spouse who is sleeping next to them in bed**.

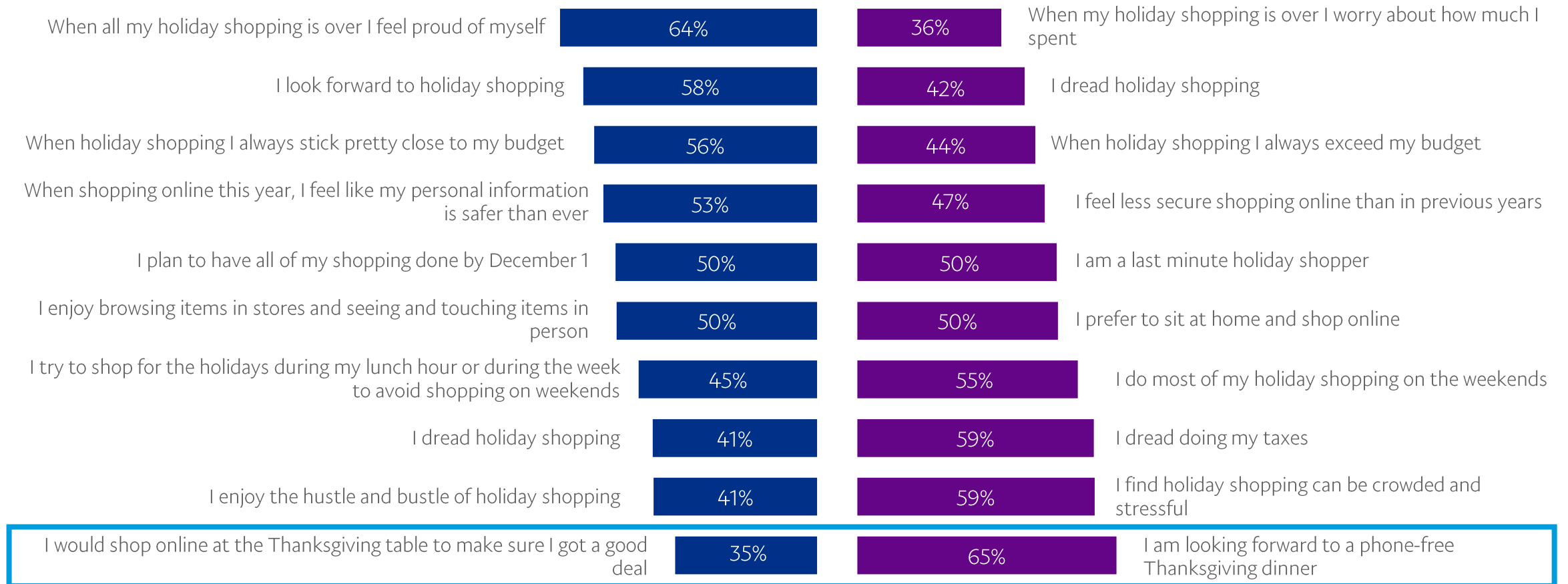
Half of Millennials (and two-fifths of Americans) say they will **pool money in order to buy someone a gift this year**. Although collecting cash and checks in person is the top way to collect funds, a third say they will collect via P2P (peer-to-peer payments).

Time spent in lines is expected to **average 53 minutes** for those shopping in stores this holiday season.

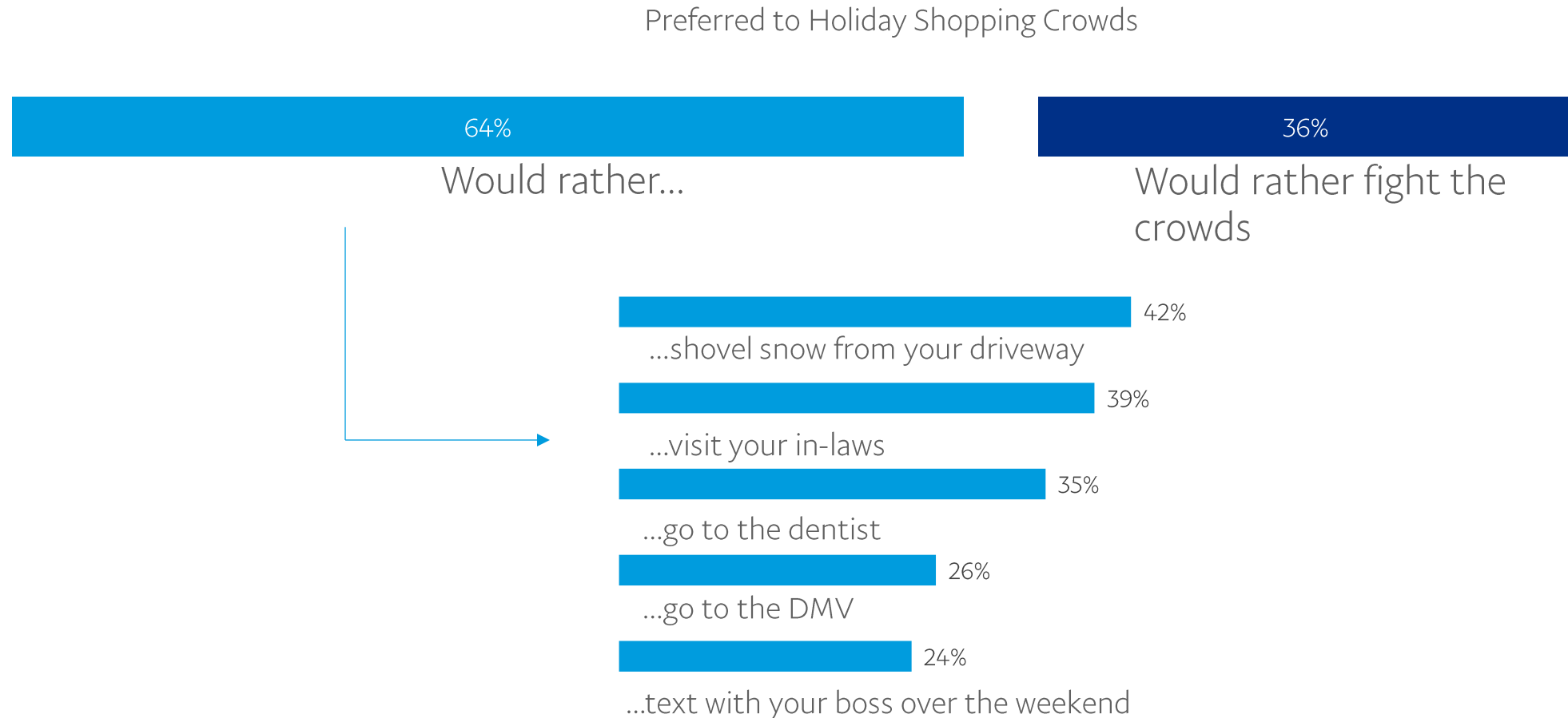
More Americans look forward to holiday shopping and feel proud of themselves when it is over

About a third would shop at the Thanksgiving table in order to get a deal

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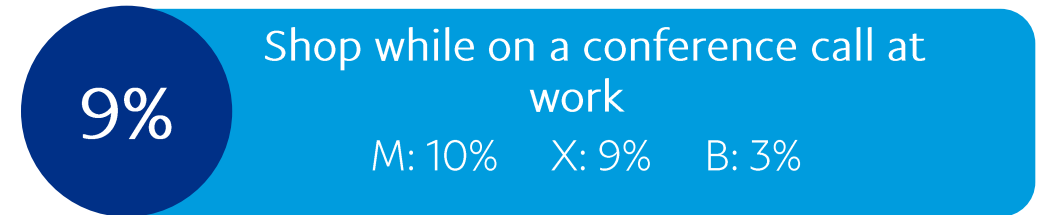
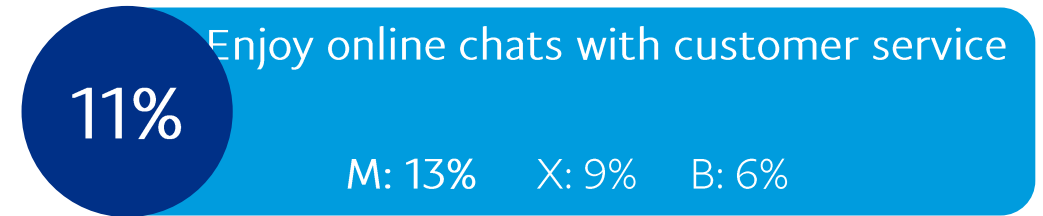
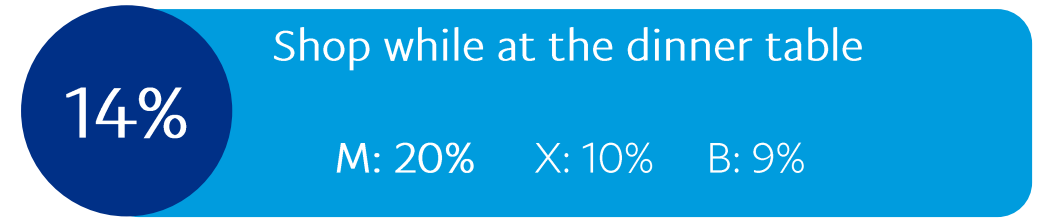
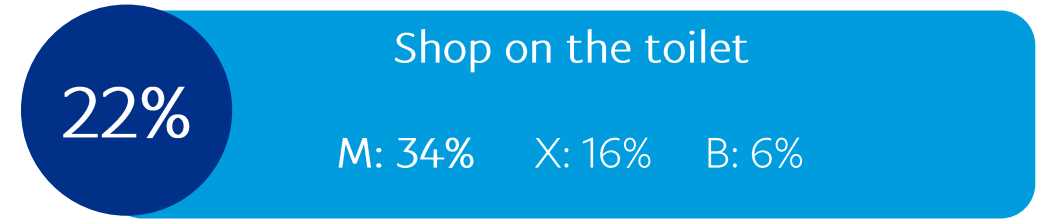
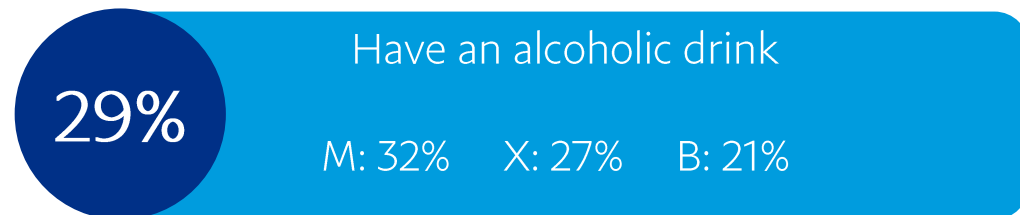
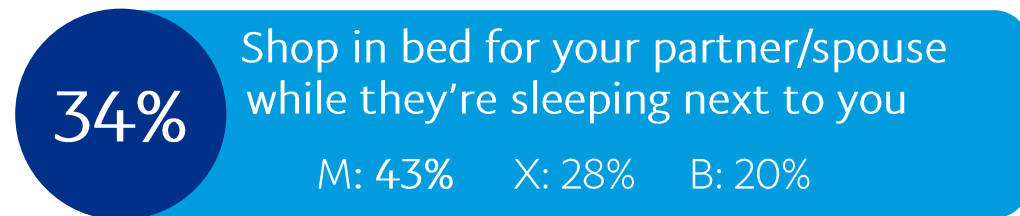
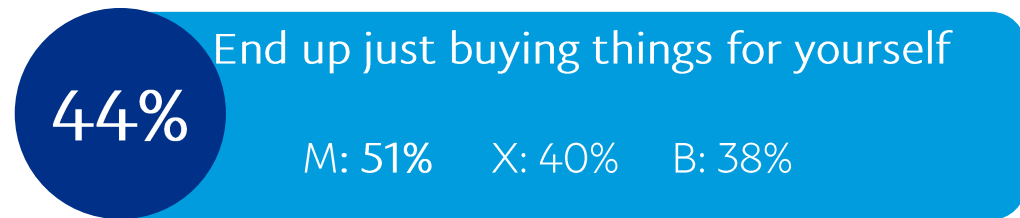
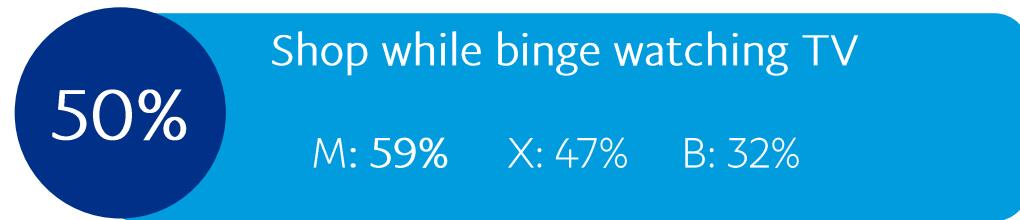


About two-thirds of Americans view holiday shopping crowds as more unpleasant than shoveling snow, in-laws, the dentist, texting their boss, or the DMV



Millennials significantly more likely to shop while binge watching TV, in bed, on the toilet, or at the table

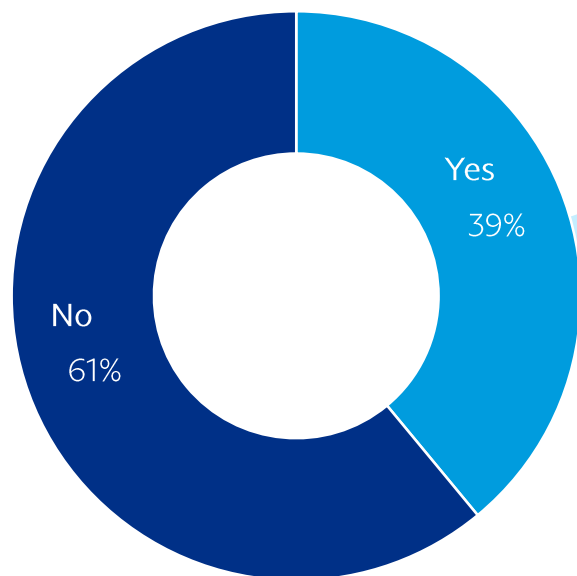
Over half say they end up buying things just for themselves when shopping for holiday gifts



Half of Millennials plan to pool funds to buy a gift this holiday season

Most plan to collect funds via cash or checks in person; a third plan to use P2P

Plan to Pool Funds to Buy a Gift



50% 
of Millennials plan
to pool funds to
purchase gifts

Collection Method

Collect cash/checks in person



75%

Request via P2P



30%

Email until everyone pays up



21%

More than half of Americans who shop at the last minute are hoping for a better deal

Majority of Americans are last minute holiday shoppers

Last Minute Shopping Behaviors



The biggest inconvenience to returning gifts is the time spent figuring out the return process

Over a quarter say they do not return gifts



Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Cyber Monday

Highlights

Two in five Millennials would **shop online at the Thanksgiving table to get a good deal**, whereas 4 in 5 Young Boomers are looking forward to a phone-free Thanksgiving dinner.

A surprising percent of Americans (11%) **would give up alcohol for the holiday season** in order to skip work on Cyber Monday, while 14% would prefer to **work on Black Friday**.

Cyber Monday shoppers will spend an average of **26 minutes shopping online on Cyber Monday** compared to the 53 minutes that in-store holiday shoppers will spend on average.

Women and holiday shoppers in the south **will spend the most amount of time shopping online** on Cyber Monday.

More than a third of holiday shoppers (38%) plan to have **all of their holiday shopping complete** just after Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Almost half of Americans have started or will start their holiday shopping before Thanksgiving while a quarter are waiting for Black Friday

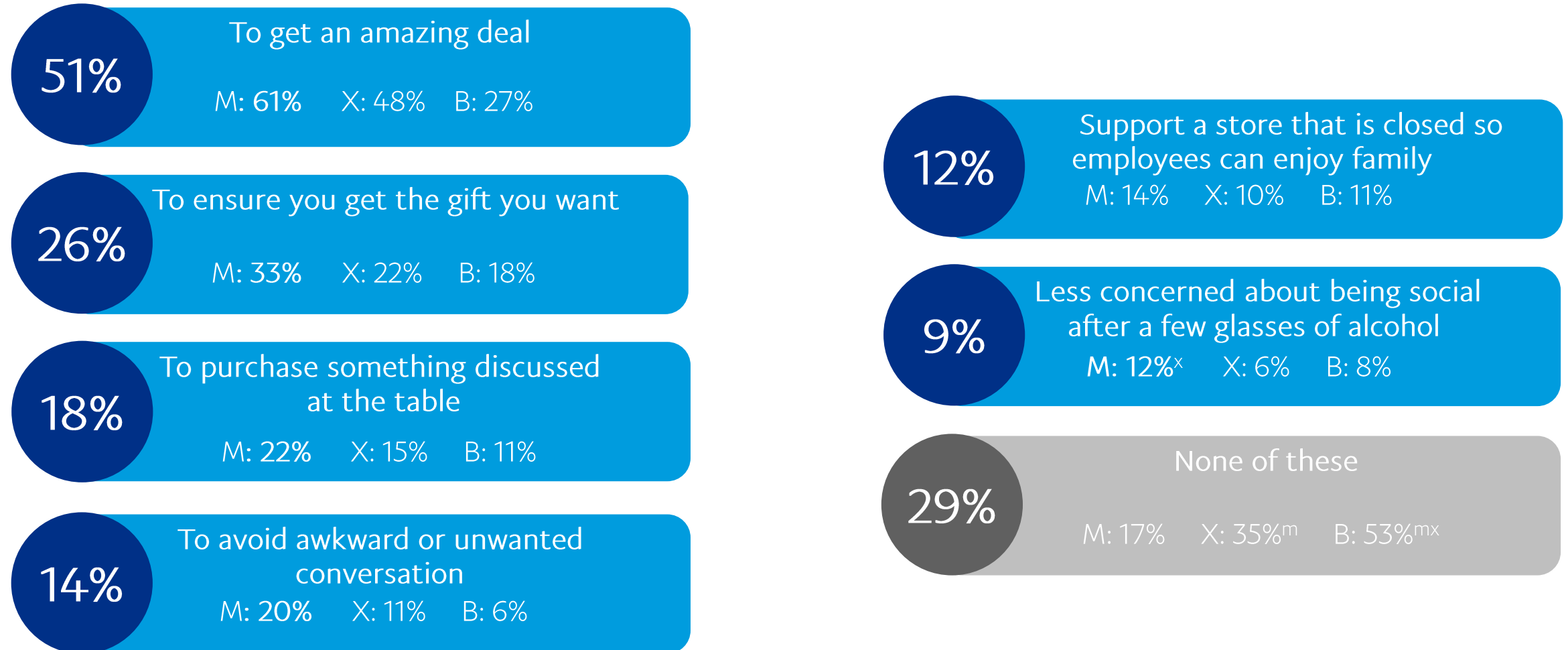
Nearly one quarter of shoppers don't expect to finish their shopping until Christmas Eve

	October	November				December		
	I've already started or finished	Before Thanksgiving	On Thanksgiving	Black Friday	Cyber Monday	Early December	Last Minute/ Christmas Eve	New Year's Eve
Plan to start shopping for holiday gifts	32%	17%	4%	23%	5%	14%	3%	1%
Expect to finish	7%	8%	4%	11%	5%	38%	24%	2%
Plan to start shopping for holiday travel	31%	26%	8%	6%	2%	18%	7%	2%
Expect to finish	15%	19%	10%	6%	4%	24%	13%	8%
Plan to start making charitable donations	40%	12%	5%	5%	3%	24%	7%	4%
Expect to finish	16%	7%	7%	8%	2%	31%	15%	15%

Three in five Millennials would shop at the Thanksgiving table to get an amazing deal

Young Boomers significantly less likely to consider shopping at the Thanksgiving table

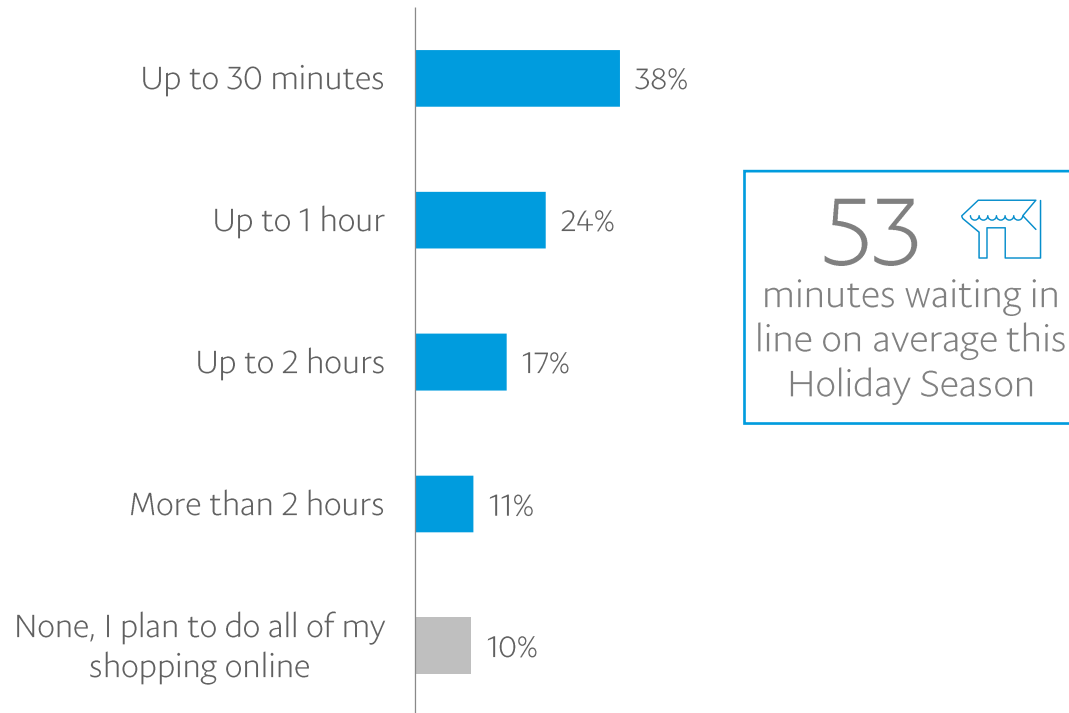
Reasons to Shop at the Thanksgiving Table



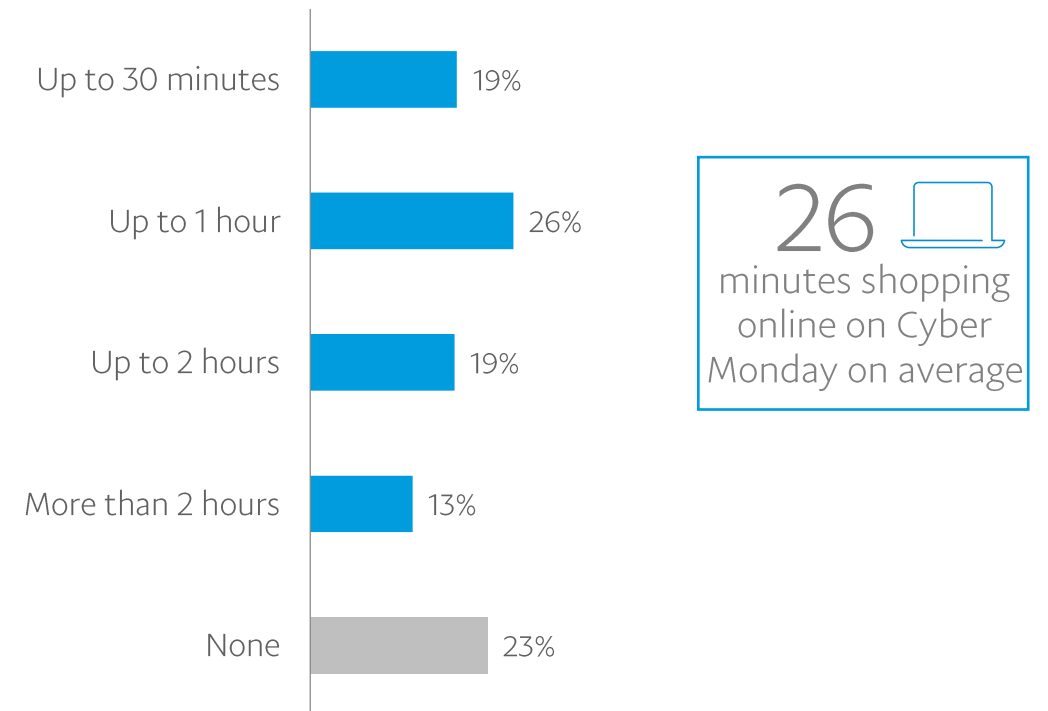
In-store shoppers expect to wait in line for almost an hour this holiday season

Cyber Monday shoppers will spend a little under half an hour shopping online at work that day

Time Waiting in Line While Holiday Shopping



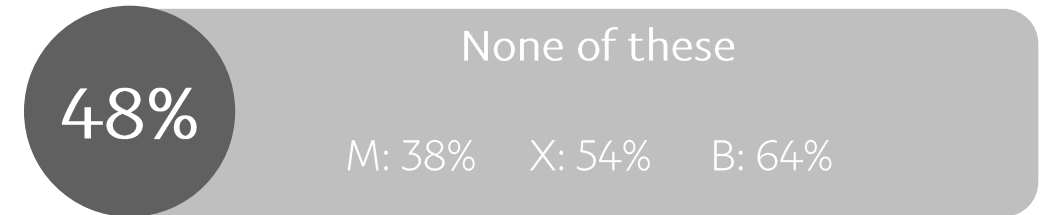
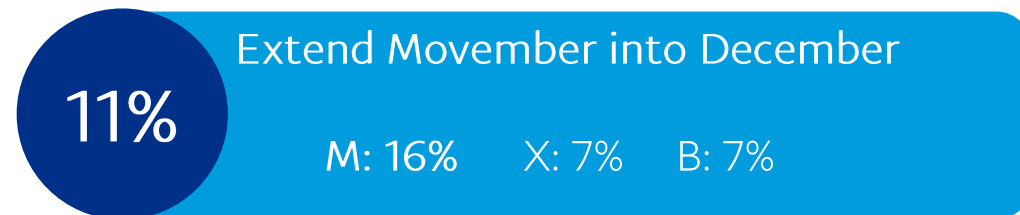
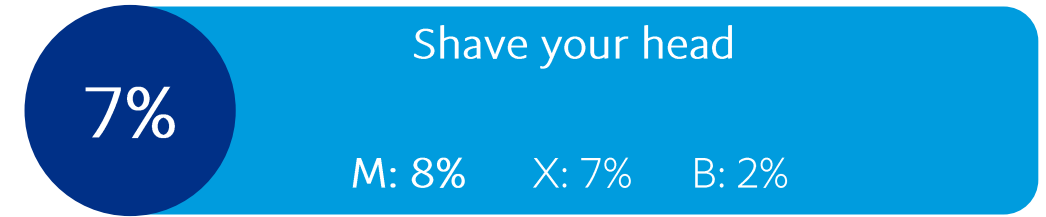
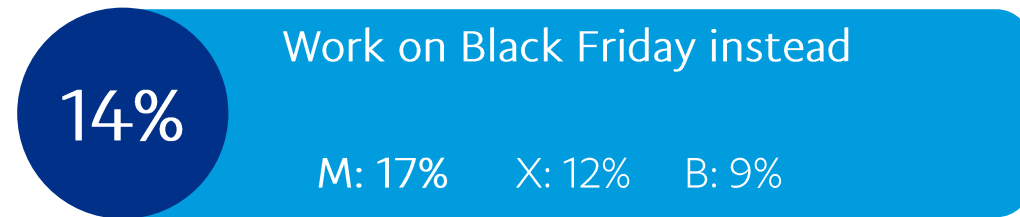
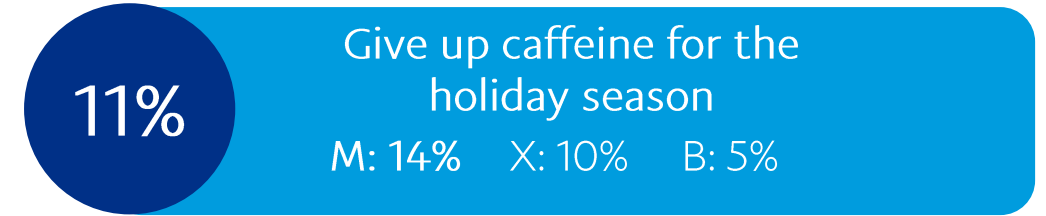
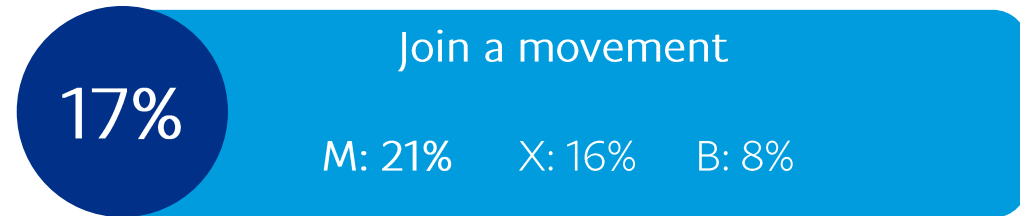
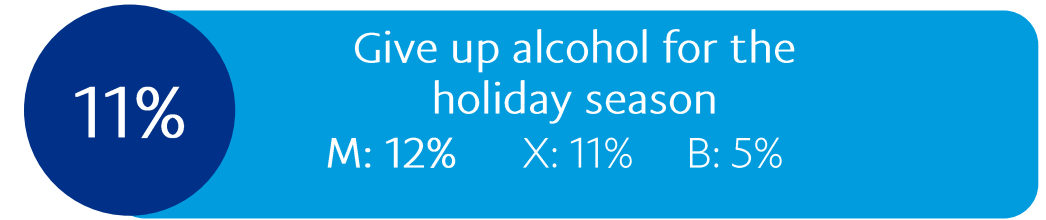
Time Shopping on Cyber Monday



About a fifth of working Americans would sign a petition or join a movement in order to not go to work on Cyber Monday

Half would not do any of these things in order not to work on Cyber Monday

Willing to do to Not Go into Work on Cyber Monday



Charitable Donations

Three in five Americans plan to make charitable donations this Holiday Season

Those that aren't donating say they don't have extra money after the holidays

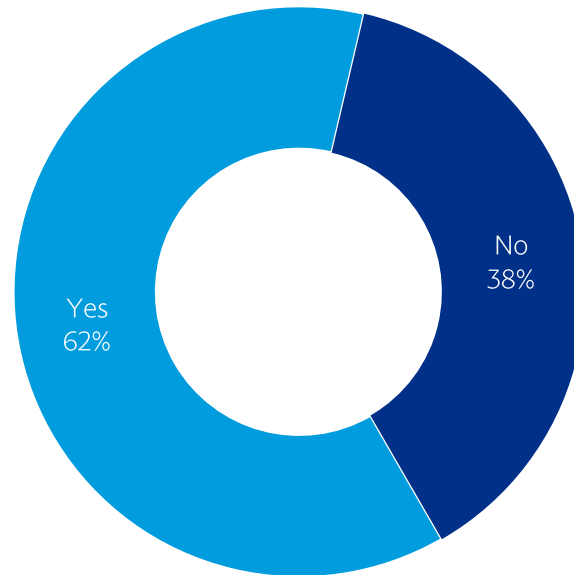
Donations This Holiday Season



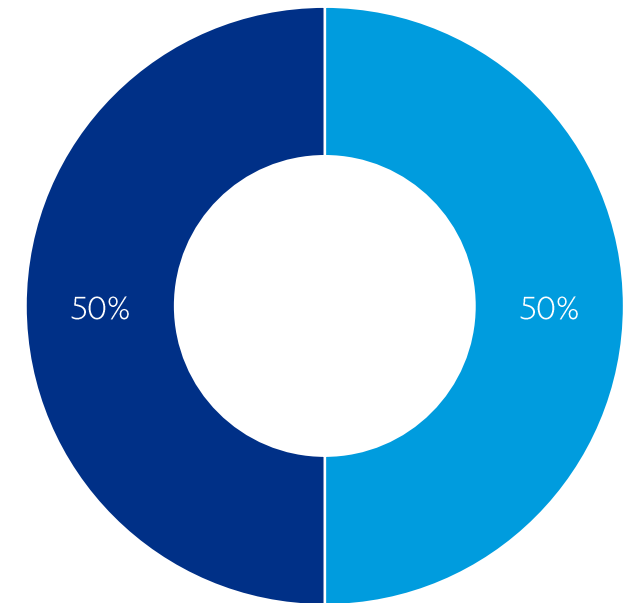
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Planning to Make Charitable Donations This Year



Half of Donors will donate online



On average, Americans will donate just over \$250 this holiday

Males, those in the West and Young Boomers will be the most generous this season

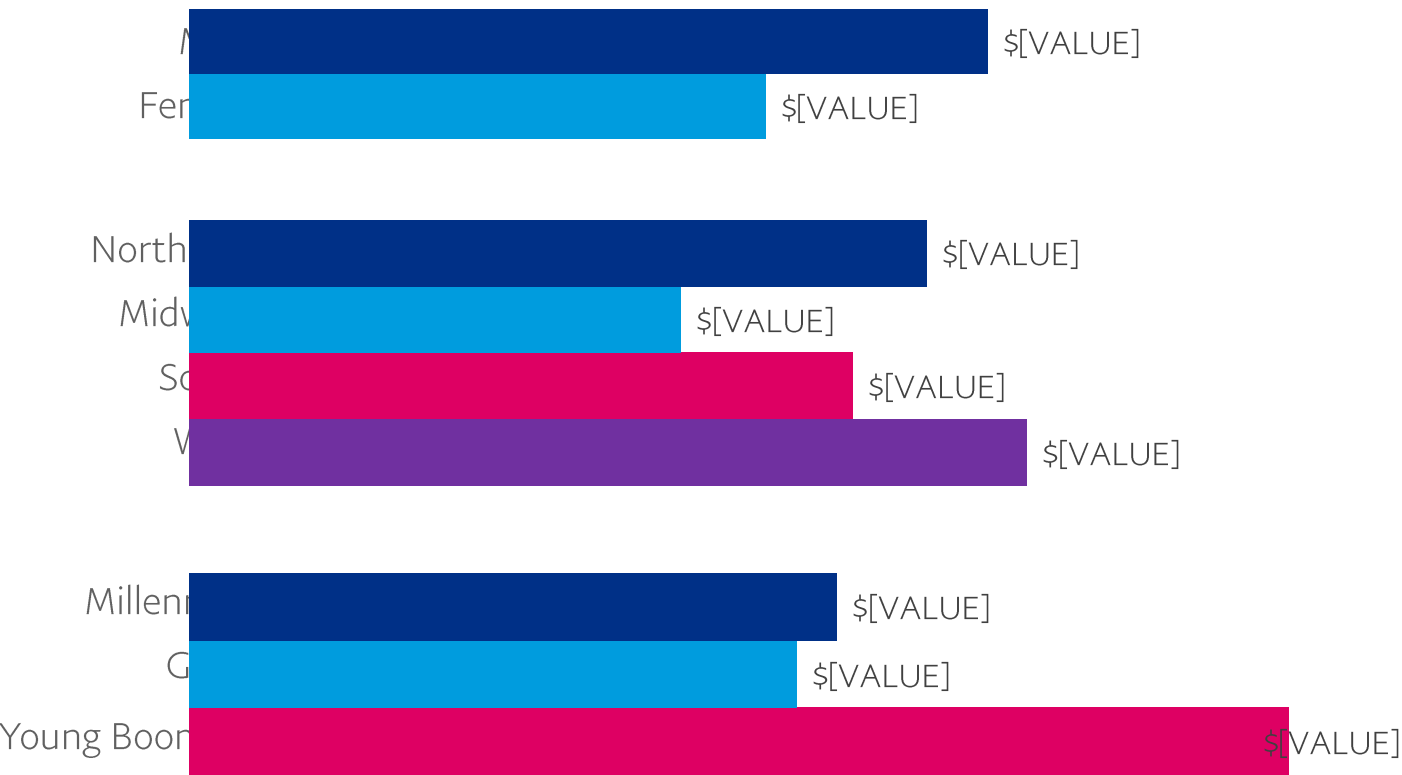
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