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

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<th>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.</th>
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| When | The study was fielded October 3\(^{\text{rd}}\) to 7\(^{\text{th}}\), 2016  
    The study averaged 13 minutes in length. |
| Who  | 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
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

Cash Gift

$116 average planned gift amount

Give Money as a Present

Unlikely 31%
- Not likely at all 11%
- Not very likely 20%
- Somewhat likely 36%
- Very likely 33%
- Likely 69%

Reasons Would Not Give Money

- Not personal enough 63%
- It’s tacky 29%
- I don’t want person receiving gift to know how much I’ve spent 19%
- Too untraditional 14%
- None of the above 12%

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
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.

Preferred to Holiday Shopping Crowds

64%
Would rather...

36%
Would rather fight the crowds

- shovel snow from your driveway: 42%
- visit your in-laws: 39%
- go to the dentist: 35%
- go to the DMV: 26%
- text with your boss over the weekend: 24%
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

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<td>Shop while binge watching TV</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<td>End up just buying things for yourself</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>51%</td>
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<td>Shop in bed for your partner/spouse while they’re sleeping</td>
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<td>Have an alcoholic drink</td>
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<td>Shop while at the dinner table</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Enjoy online chats with customer service</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Shop while on a conference call at work</td>
<td>9%</td>
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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
  - Yes: 39%
  - No: 61%

- Collection Method
  - Collect cash/checks in person: 75%
  - Request via P2P: 30%
  - Email until everyone pays up: 21%

50% of Millennials plan to pool funds to purchase gifts
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

- **85%**
  - Shop at the last minute

- **59%**
  - I keep shopping around hoping for a better deal

- **43%**
  - I don’t know what to get people

- **28%**
  - I am so busy it is hard to make time for shopping

- **16%**
  - I don’t enjoy holiday shopping so I put it off until the last minute
The biggest inconvenience to returning gifts is the time spent figuring out the return process

Over a quarter say they do not return gifts

Inconvenience of Returning Gifts

- Return gifts: 74%
- Do not return gifts: 26%
- Time figuring out the return process: 42%
- Going to the post office: 25%
- Cost of shipping: 24%
- Printing a return label: 9%

Q15. When you return a gift, what is the biggest inconvenience? (Base: Total=1000, Base: Return Gifts =756)
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.

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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

51%
To get an amazing deal
M: 61%  X: 48%  B: 27%

26%
To ensure you get the gift you want
M: 33%  X: 22%  B: 18%

18%
To purchase something discussed at the table
M: 22%  X: 15%  B: 11%

14%
To avoid awkward or unwanted conversation
M: 20%  X: 11%  B: 6%

12%
Support a store that is closed so employees can enjoy family
M: 14%  X: 10%  B: 11%

9%
Less concerned about being social after a few glasses of alcohol
M: 12%  X: 6%  B: 8%

29%
None of these
M: 17%  X: 35%  B: 53%
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**
  - Up to 30 minutes: 38% of shoppers
  - Up to 1 hour: 24% of shoppers
  - Up to 2 hours: 17% of shoppers
  - More than 2 hours: 11% of shoppers
  - None, I plan to do all of my shopping online: 10% of shoppers

- **Time Shopping on Cyber Monday**
  - Up to 30 minutes: 19% of shoppers
  - Up to 1 hour: 26% of shoppers
  - Up to 2 hours: 19% of shoppers
  - More than 2 hours: 13% of shoppers
  - None: 23% of shoppers

Q27. In total, how much time do you expect to spend waiting in lines while doing your holiday shopping? (Base: Total=1000)
Q31. How much time will you spend shopping online at work on Cyber Monday to take advantage of discounts? (Base: Employed=970)
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

- **Sign a petition**
  - 20%
  - M: 25%  X: 18%  B: 9%

- **Join a movement**
  - 17%
  - M: 21%  X: 16%  B: 8%

- **Work on Black Friday instead**
  - 14%
  - M: 17%  X: 12%  B: 9%

- **Extend Movember into December**
  - 11%
  - M: 16%  X: 7%  B: 7%

- **Give up alcohol for the holiday season**
  - 11%
  - M: 12%  X: 11%  B: 5%

- **Give up caffeine for the holiday season**
  - 11%
  - M: 14%  X: 10%  B: 5%

- **Shave your head**
  - 7%
  - M: 8%  X: 7%  B: 2%

- **None of these**
  - 48%
  - M: 38%  X: 54%  B: 64%

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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

$259 average amount people plan to donate this Holiday Season

Planning to Make Charitable Donations This Year

Half of Donors will donate online

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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

Donations This Holiday Season

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Q33. In total, how much do you plan to donate during the holiday season? (Base: Those planning to make charitable donations this year - Total=623; Male=303; Female=319; Northeast=111; Midwest=125; South=233; West=153; Millennials=270; GenX=276; Young Boomers=76)
Data Sources
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Study commissioned by PayPal 2016

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