



# WHAT MAKES THE CONSUMER TICK

## CONNECTING AND UNDERSTANDING THE SAVVY SHOPPER

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# TRENDS DEFINING A NEW MARKETPLACE



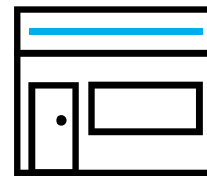
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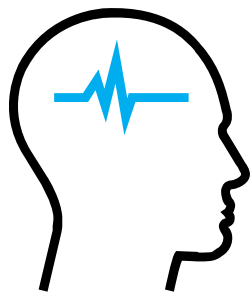


FMCG SALES  
GROWTH  
SLOWING



DISTRUPTION  
IN RETAIL  
CONTINUES

# CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RISING



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CANADA

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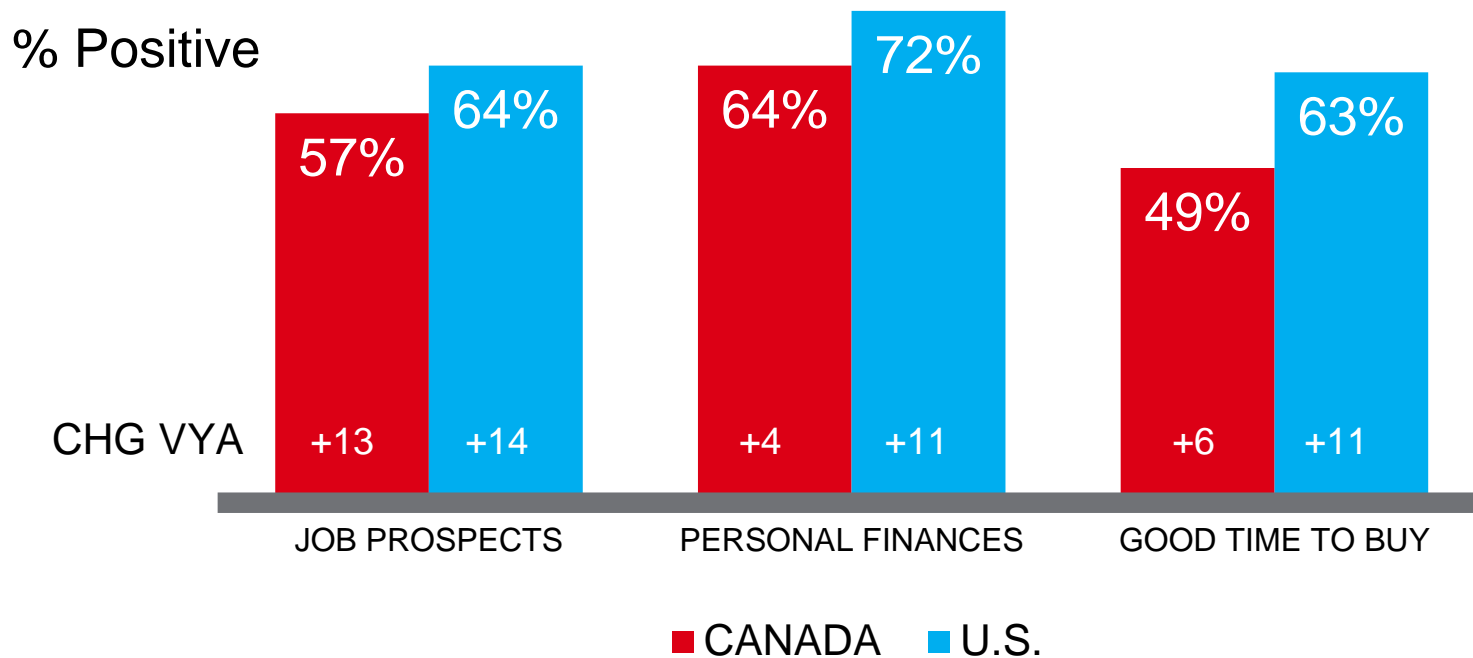
+9

UNITED STATES

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+15

# CONSUMER OPTIMISM INCREASES



# TOP 5 CONCERNS AMONG CANADIANS

29% Economy

22% Food Prices

22% Rising Utilities

18% Jobs

18% Debt

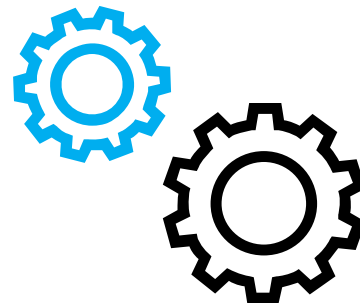
24% Food Prices ↑

20% Economy ↓

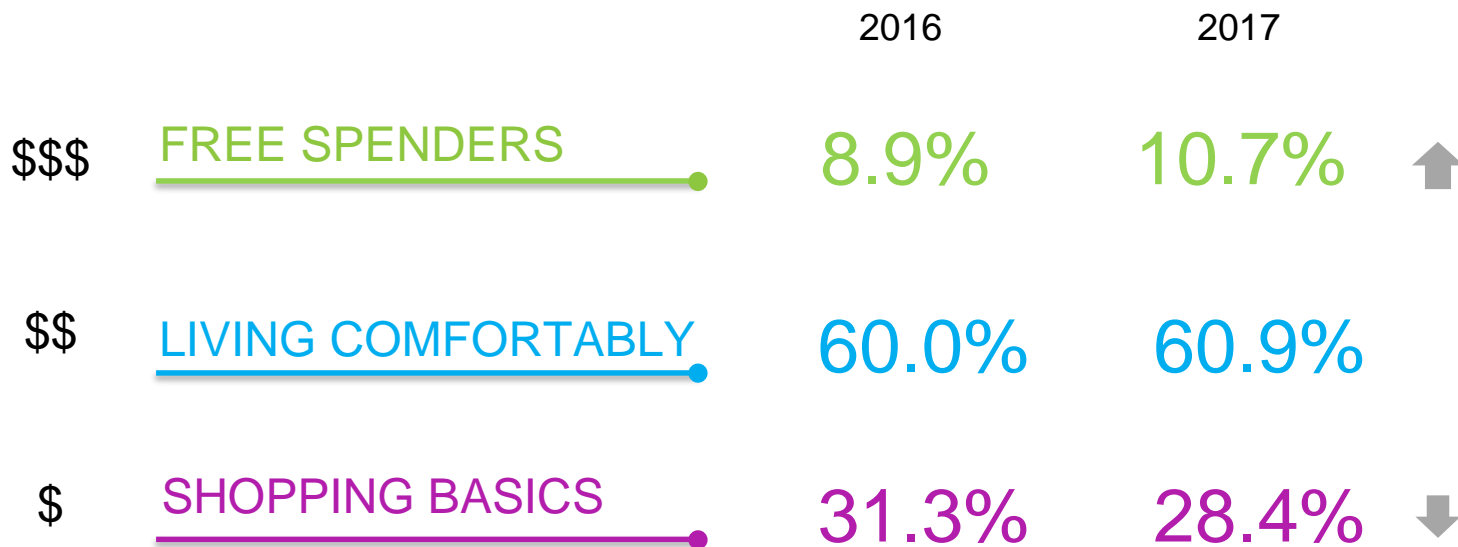
19% Debt

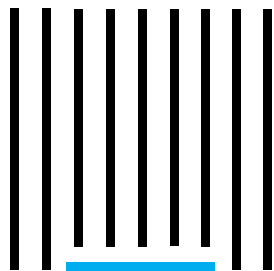
19% Health ↑

17% Rising Utilities ↓



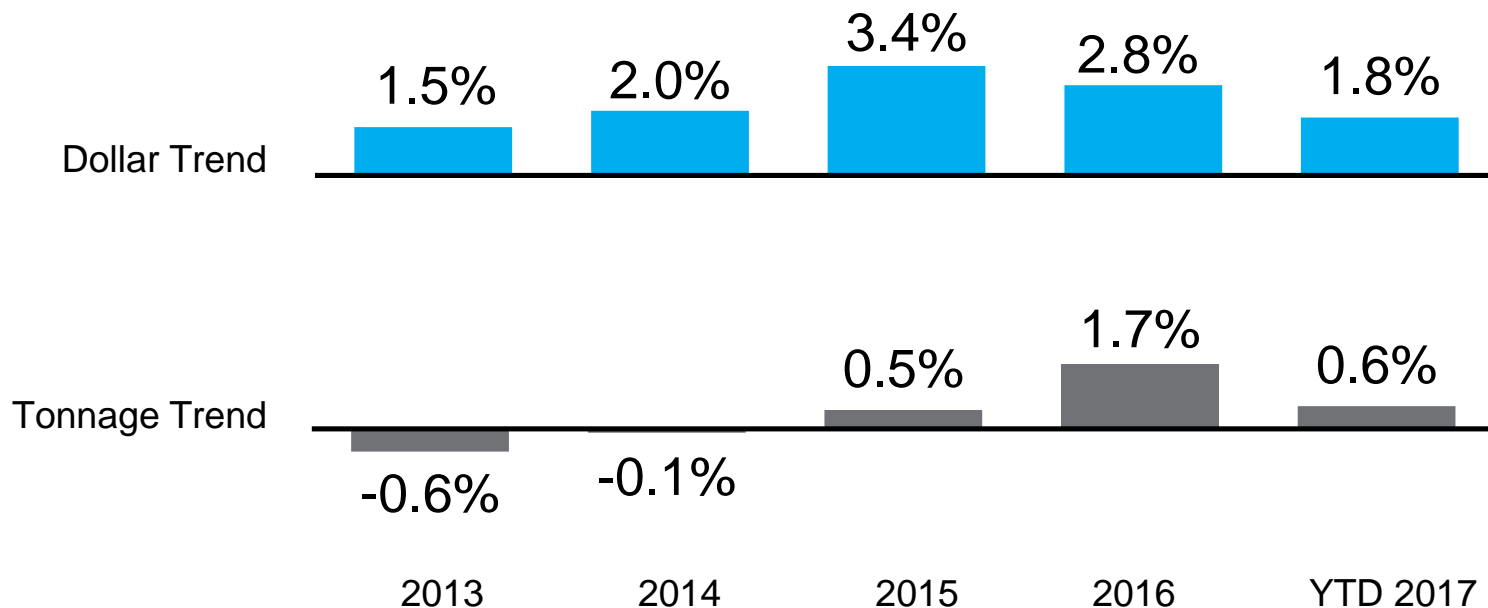
# CANADIANS ARE FEELING MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR SPENDING POWER





Despite economic and consumer sentiment improvements, FMCG sales growth is slowing

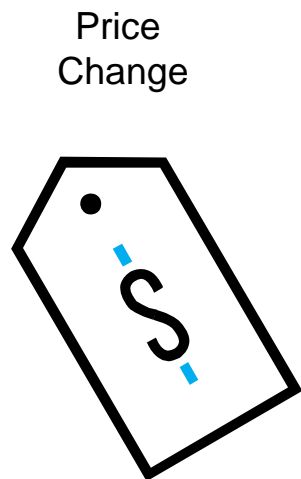
# FMCG RETAIL GROWTH SLOWING IN 2017



Source: Nielsen MarketTrack, Canada National All Channels – 52 weeks Year End - Total Tracked Sales (UPC Only) YTD 36 weeks to September 16, 2017

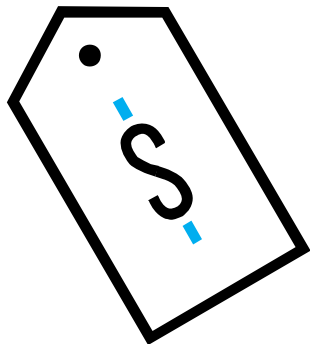


# LOWER REGULAR PRICES ARE CHANGING THE GROWTH MIX



REGULAR PRICES	\$ % Chg	Tonn % Chg
-0.2%	+3.2%	+3.4%
PROMOTED PRICES		
+2.7%	-0.9%	-3.6%

# MAKING SENSE OF JUST 3 CENTS



For each 1% increase in retail prices, translates to a potential increase of \$768 million in sales

Growth opportunities need to be more strategic since consumers are not consuming more to offset lower prices

# FUTURE HEADWINDS FOR PRICING

## Current Environment

Labour Cost  
Increasing

Value Retailer &  
Online Growth

Low Inflation

## Retailer Impact

Layoffs

Store Closures

Declining Promo  
Effectiveness

Price Wars

Future pricing  
strategies need to be  
more strategic to  
increase margin and  
**focus on profitability**

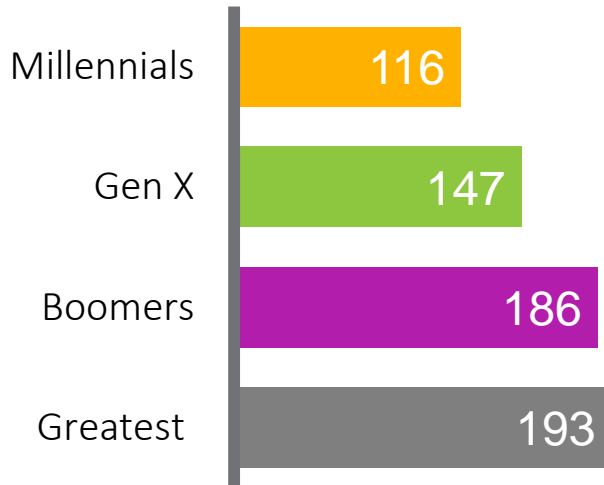
# DESPITE LOWER PRICES, TRAFFIC STILL IN DECLINE

## TOTL FMCG TRIPS



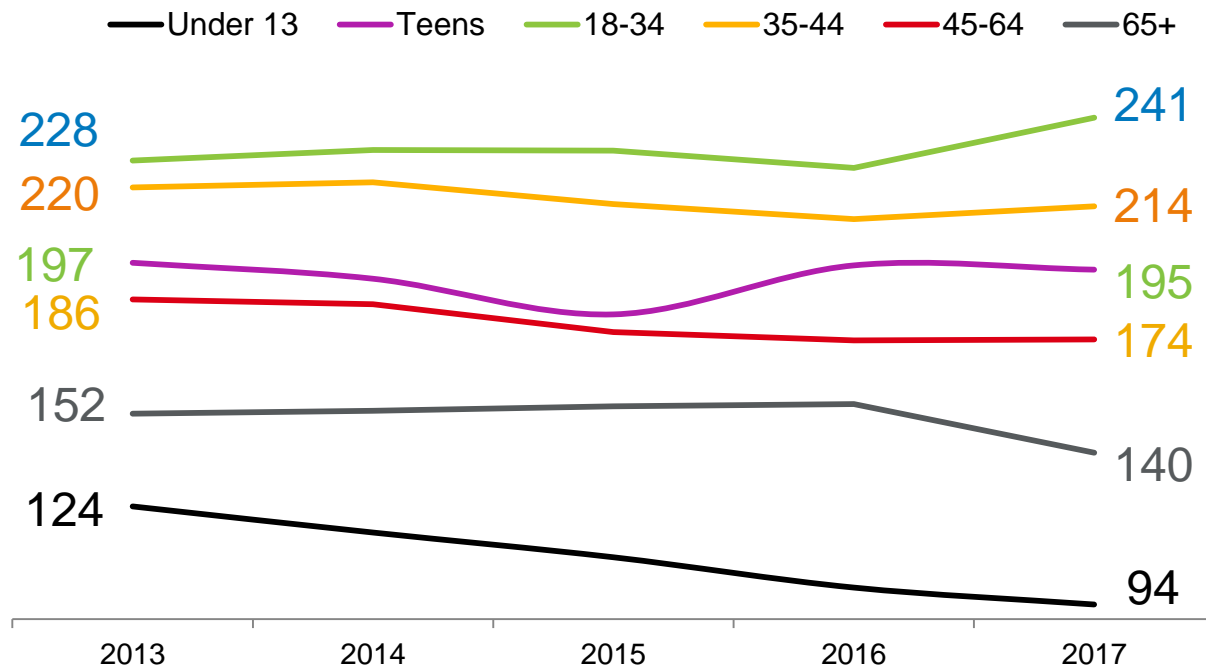
2,263.9 Million  
-2%

## ANNUAL SHOPPING TRIPS PER HOUSEHOLD



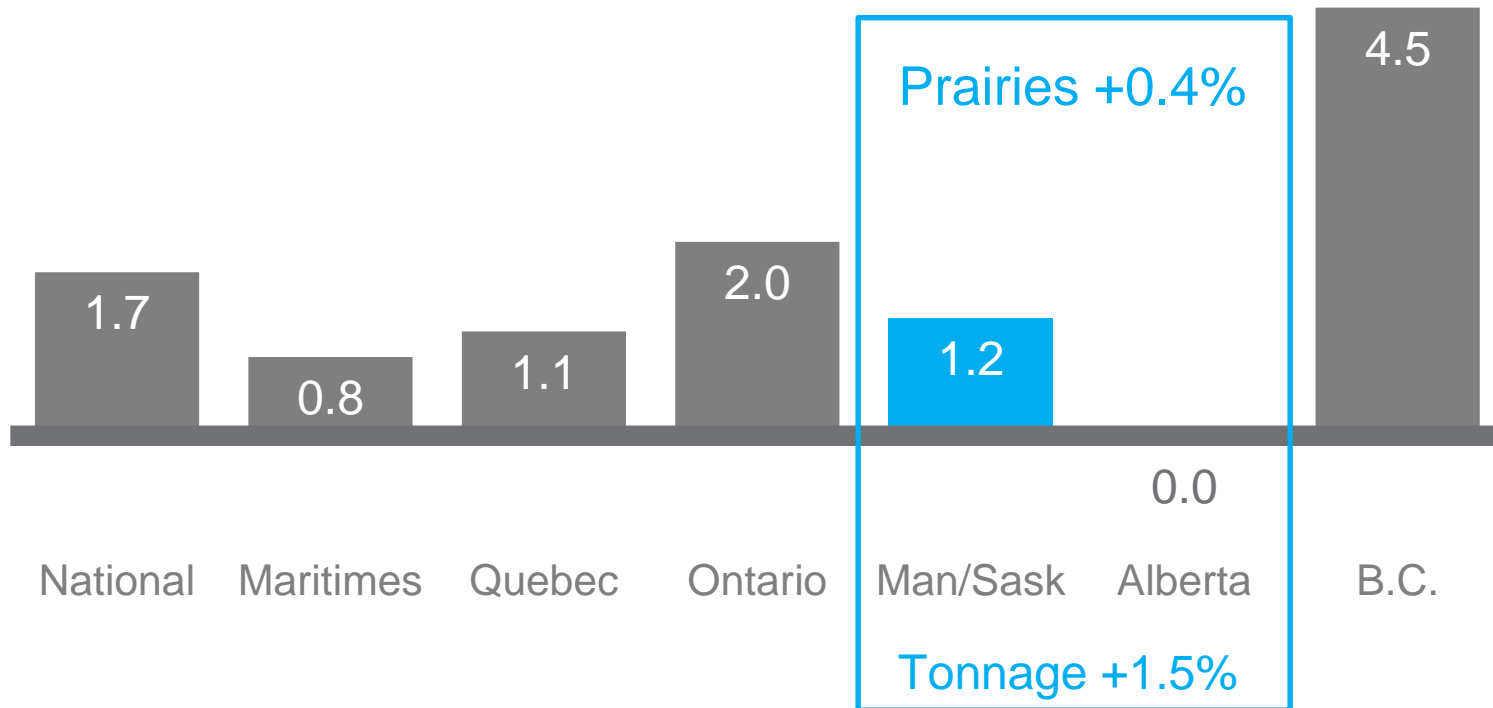
# MILLENNIALS MAKE THE LEAST TRIPS TO THE STORE BUT FREQUENT RESTAURANTS THE MOST

Annual  
Restaurant  
Trips Per  
Capita



# PRAIRIES LAGGING THE REST OF CANADA

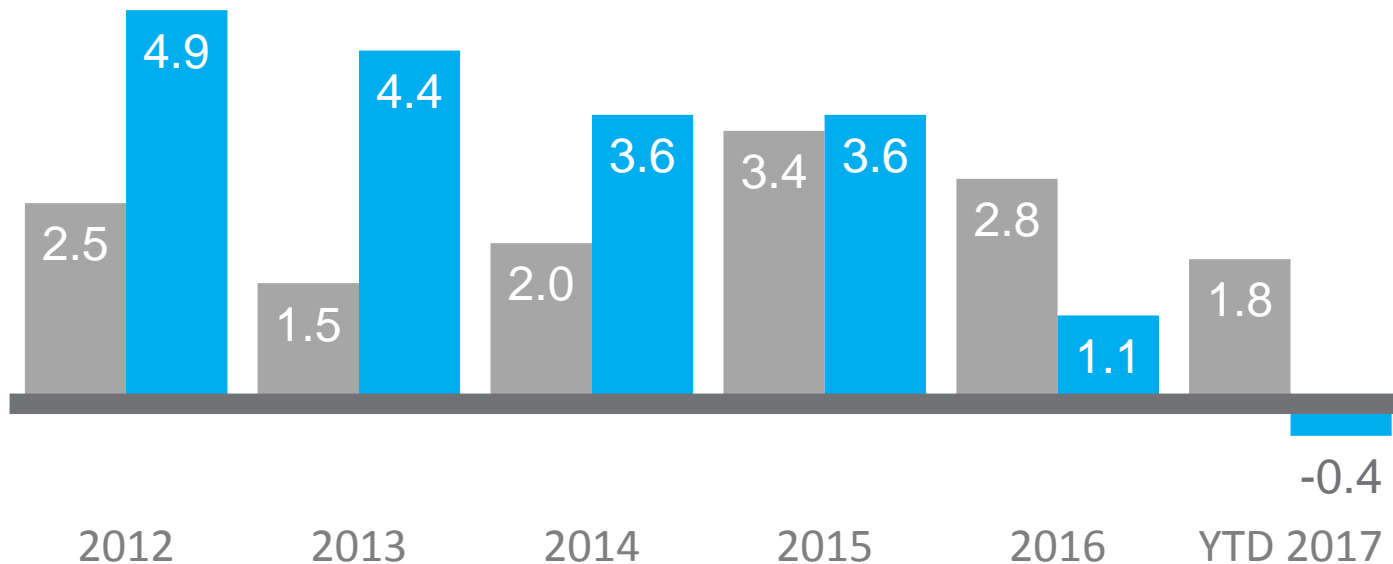
52 week Regional CPG Performance = \$ % Chg



Source: Nielsen MarketTrack, National All Channels – 52 weeks Ending September 16, 2017 - Total Tracked Sales including Fresh Random Weight

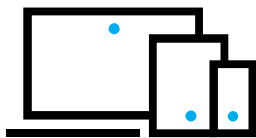
# ALBERTA NO LONGER LEADS REGIONAL GROWTH

■ National ■ Alberta



Source: Nielsen MarketTrack, National All Channels – Annual Years, YTD 36 weeks Ending September 16, 2017 - Total Tracked Sales excluding Fresh Random Weight

# TRENDS IMPACTING PATH TO PURCHASE



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CONNECT



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REACH



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ENGAGE





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# THE DIGITAL FUTURE IS HERE AND NOW

Online shopping for CPG  
is forecasted to almost

**triple** by

2020

2.1%

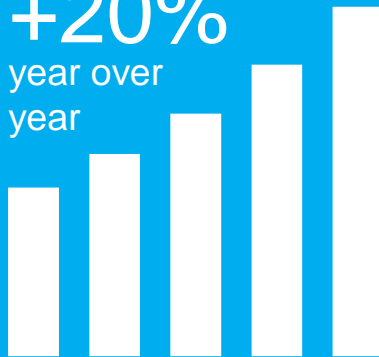


5.3%

CPG online sales are  
projected to grow

**+20%**

year over  
year



**7:1**

Margin by which retail  
e-commerce sales  
growth will outpace  
brick & mortar sales  
growth by 2020

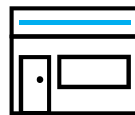
# CLICKS VS BRICKS: ONLINE TRIPS ARE UP WHILE VISITS TO PHYSICAL STORES ARE IN DECLINE

TOTL FMCG TRIPS



2,263.9 Million  
-2%

BRICKS & MORTAR



2,233.2 Million  
-2%

VS.

E-COMMERCE

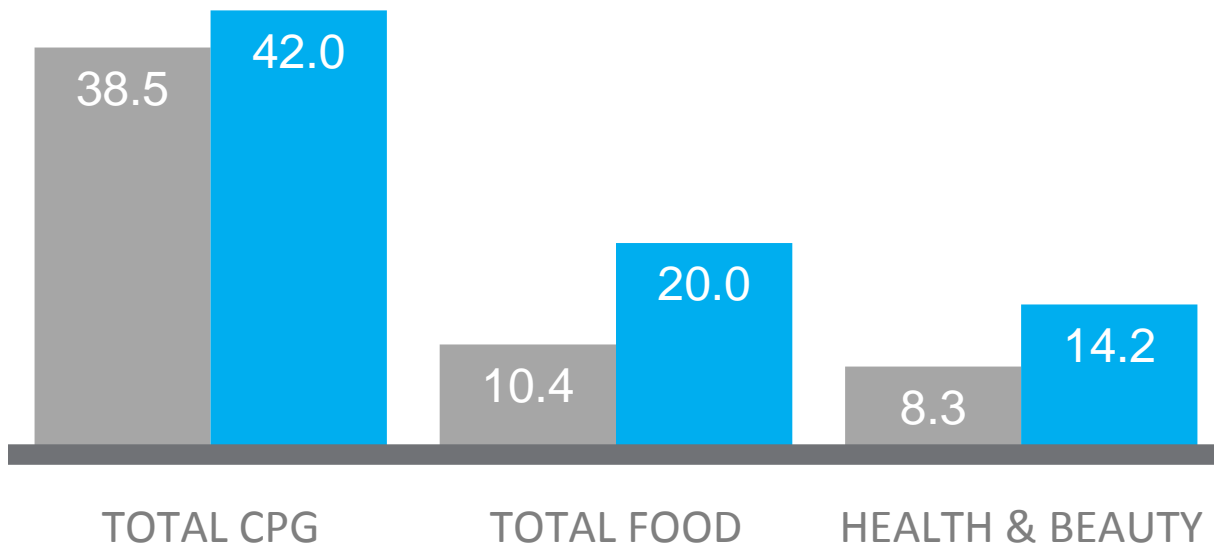
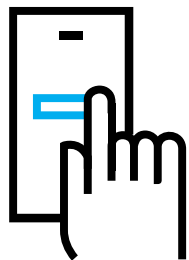


30.7 Million  
+22%

# ECOMMERCE PENETRATION GROWING AS MORE CONSUMERS SHIFT THEIR SPENDING ONLINE

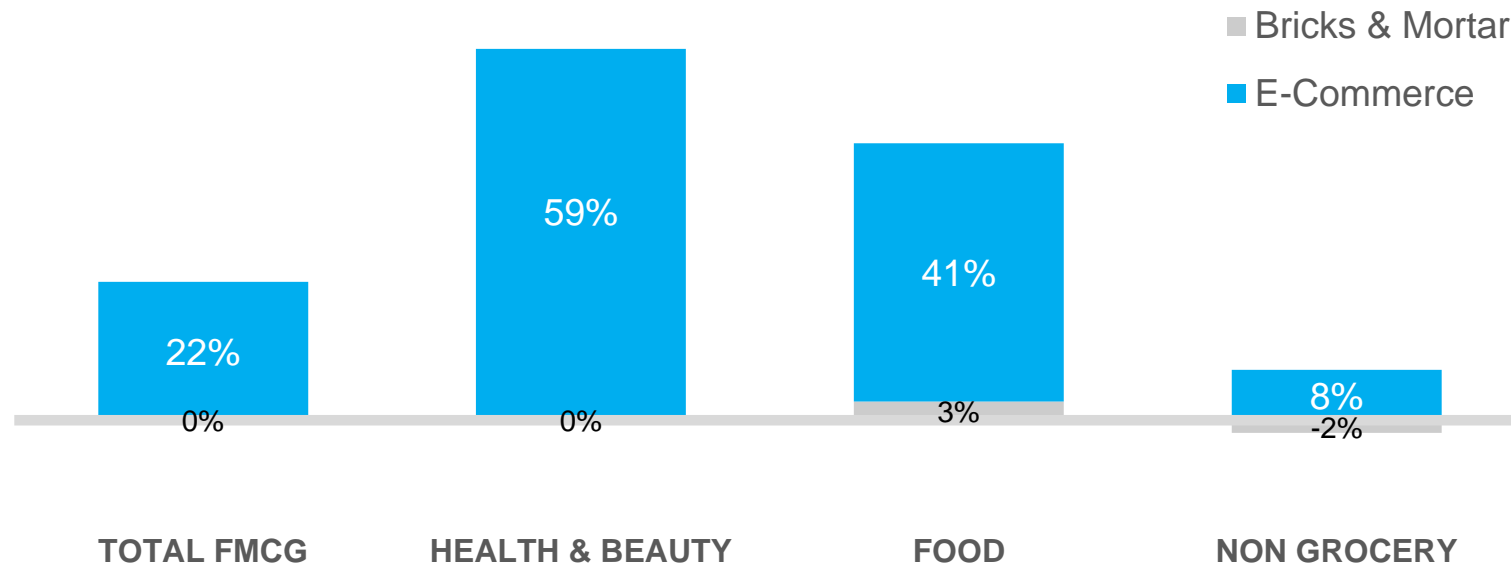
% of Canadians Shopping Online

■ 2013 ■ 2017



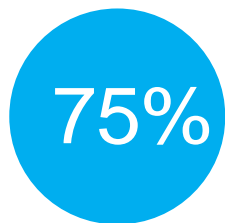
# BRICKS AND MORTAR GROWTH STATIC WHILE E-COMMERCE GAINING MOMENTUM

DOLLAR SALES GROWTH VS. YAGO



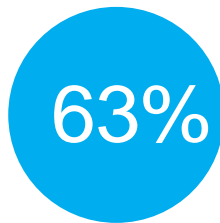
# BARRIERS TO ONLINE GROCERY SHOPPING

IN-PERSON  
EXPERIENCE



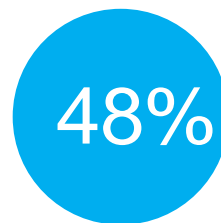
Prefer to examine  
the products  
before  
purchasing

QUALITY  
AND  
FRESHNESS



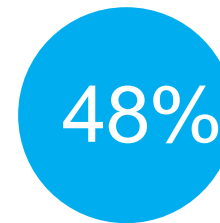
Concerned over  
freshness and  
expiration dates

FULFILLMENT  
AND  
DELIVERY



Concerned  
deliveries happen  
when not at home

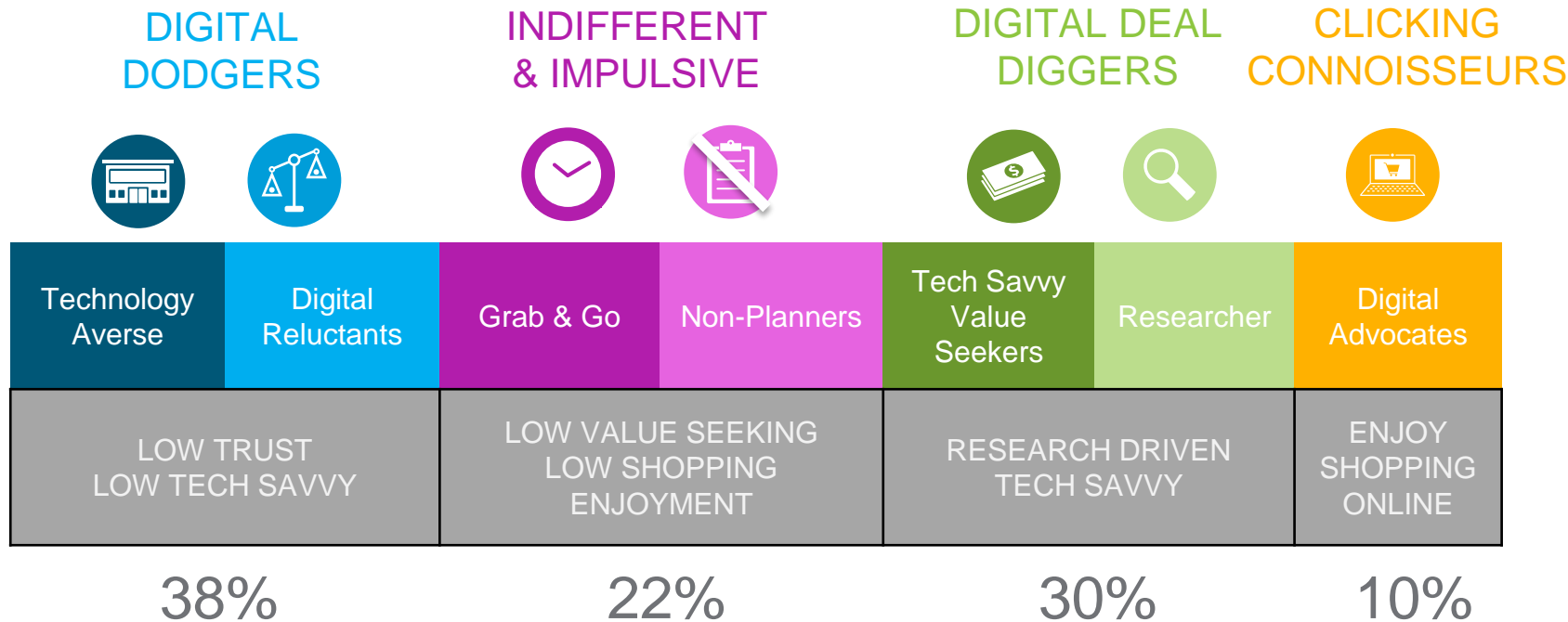
EASE OF  
SITE USAGE



Browsing to find  
products too  
time consuming

% who agree

# THERE IS NO SINGLE ONLINE GROCERY SHOPPER



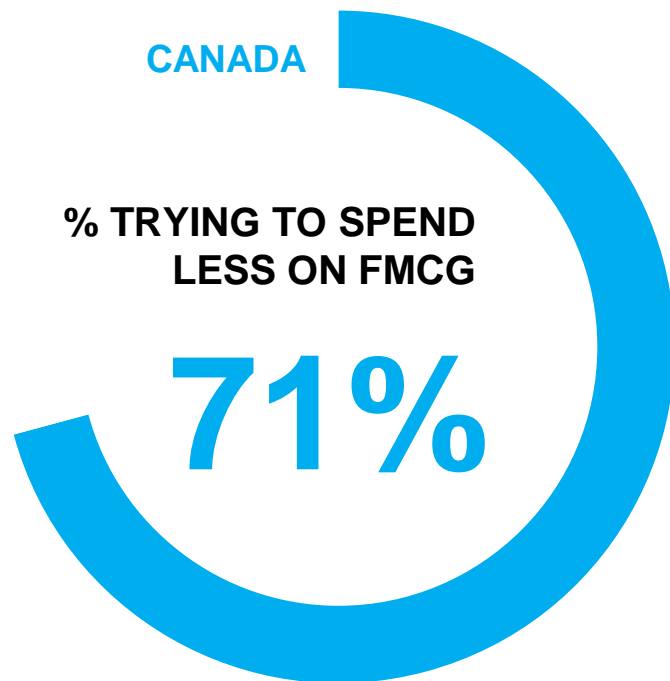


More consumers are shifting  
their purchase destinations to  
non-traditional retailers





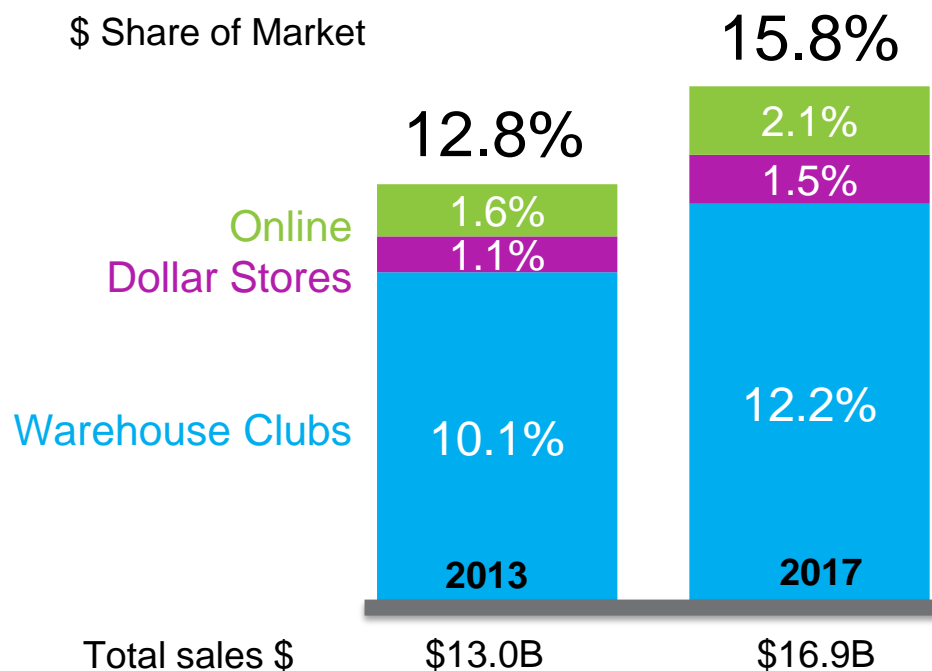
# CONSUMER SAVING STRATEGIES ARE SHAPING RETAIL FORMAT TRENDS



## TOP SAVING STRATEGIES

- 80% Stock-up
- 68% Buy on Sale
- 57% Coupons
- 55% Switch Stores
- 52% Store Brands
- 50% Large Sizes

# OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS, \$3.8 BILLION HAS SHIFTED TO ONLINE, DOLLAR STORE AND WAREHOUSE CLUBS



## THE OPPORTUNITY

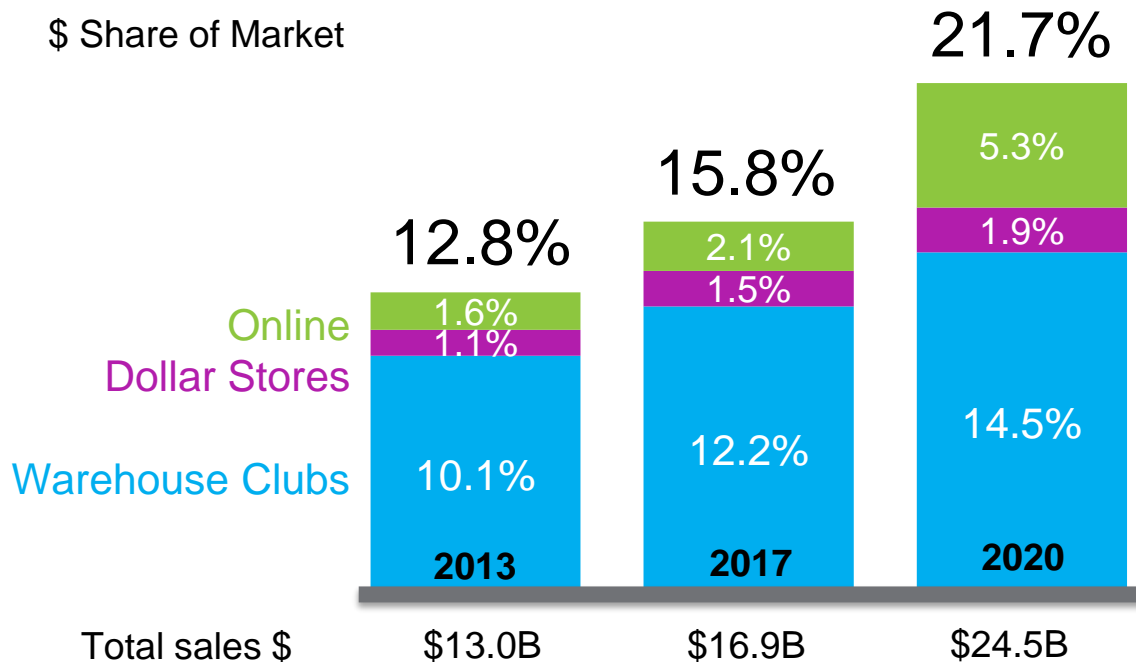
**+\$3.8** Billion Increase

**+30%** \$ growth since 2013

**251** million trips in 2017

**+16%** trip increase since 2013

# THE DISRUPTION IN RETAIL WILL CONTINUE



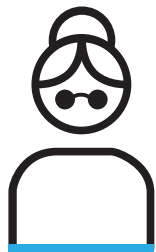
With potentially an  
**additional**  
**\$7.6 Billion**  
 by 2020



Health and Wellness is  
influencing and changing  
purchase decisions



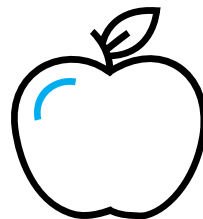
# FACTORS HEIGHTENING FOCUS ON CLEAN EATING



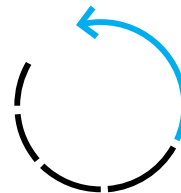
CANADA  
GRAYING



CHRONICALLY  
AILING



FOOD AS  
MEDICINE



EVOLVING HEALTH  
& WELLNESS

# CONSUMERS ARE PUTTING THEIR MONEY WHERE THEIR MOUTH IS

DRIVEN BY:

**54%** OF  
CANADIANS SAY  
THEY'RE WILLING TO  
PAY MORE FOR FOODS  
AND DRINKS THAT  
**DON'T** CONTAIN  
UNDESIRABLE  
INGREDIENTS.

**47%** **Enlighten Eating**  
% who follow a specific diet  
which limits specific foods and  
ingredients

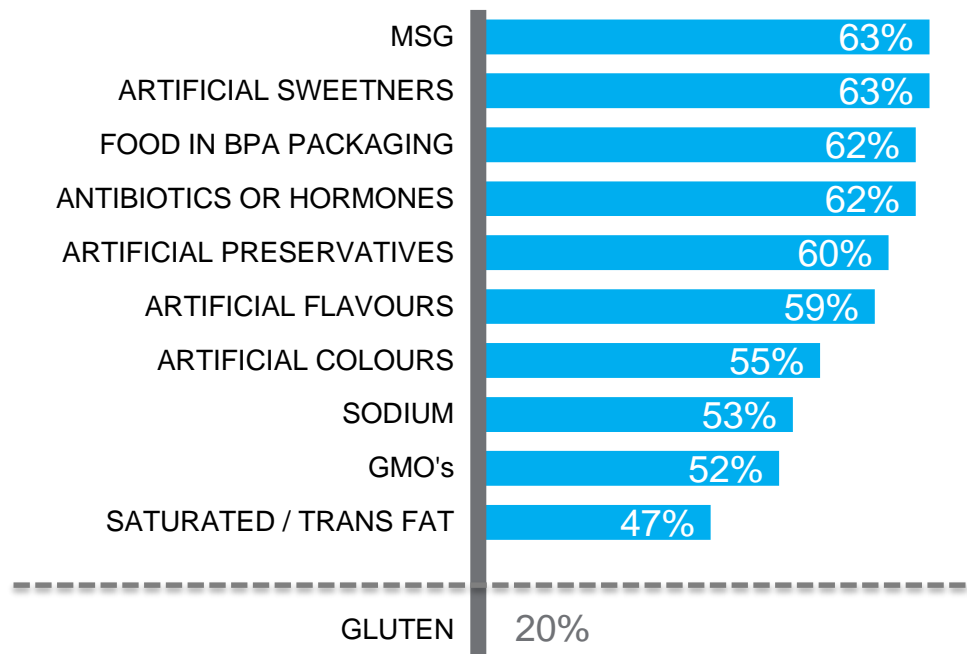
**28%** **Sensitive Stomachs**  
% of households with a food  
allergy or intolerance

• **7% Gluten Free**

# LESS IS MORE WHEN IT COMES TO INGREDIENTS

## DIETARY DIVERSITY: THE INGREDIENTS WE AVOID

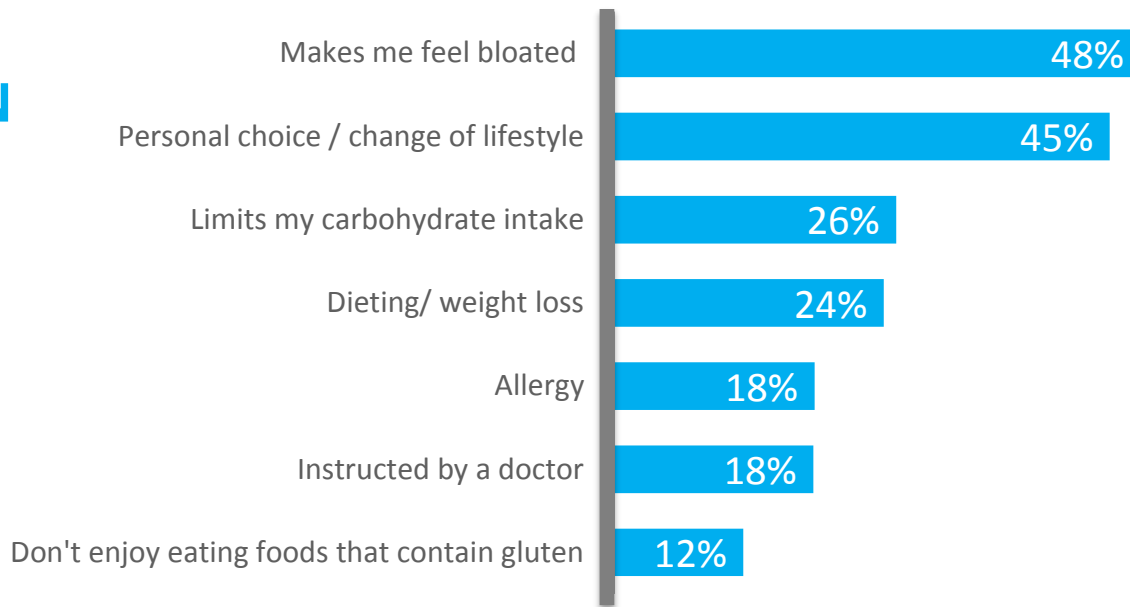
PERCENTAGE WHO SAY  
THEY TRY TO AVOID  
SPECIFIED INGREDIENT OR  
ATTRIBUTE



# SENSITIVITY AND LIFESTYLE CHOICE ARE THE PRIMARY REASONS FOR AVOIDING GLUTEN



## Reasons Why Consumers Have Been Reducing Intake of Gluten

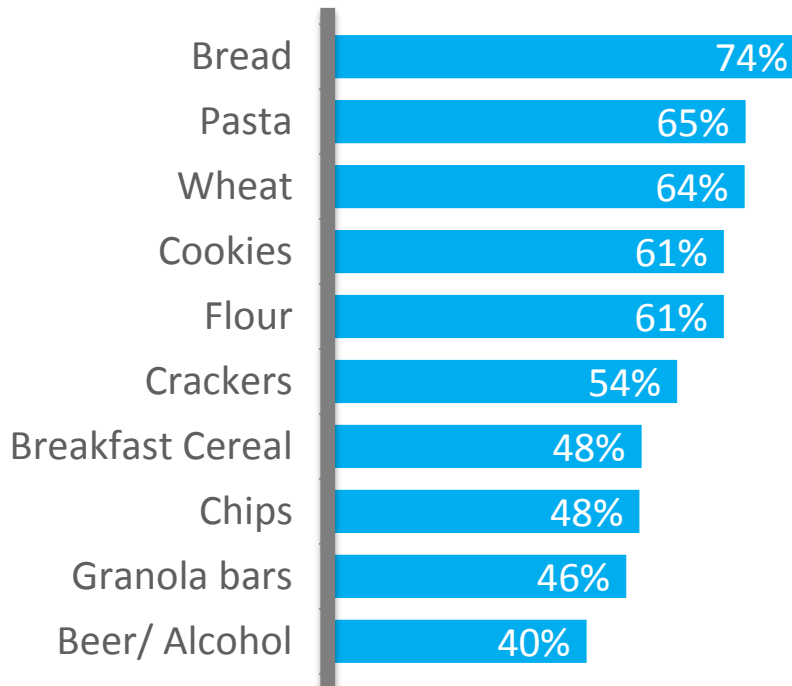
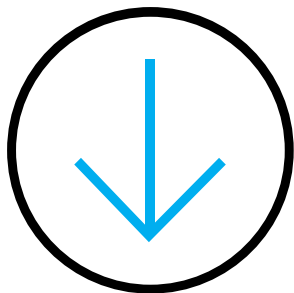


Source: Nielsen PanelViews Health & Wellness Survey 2016 – Q9 \*Multiple Mentions



# WHICH CATEGORIES ARE ON THE CONSUMER'S GLUTEN FREE HIT LIST?

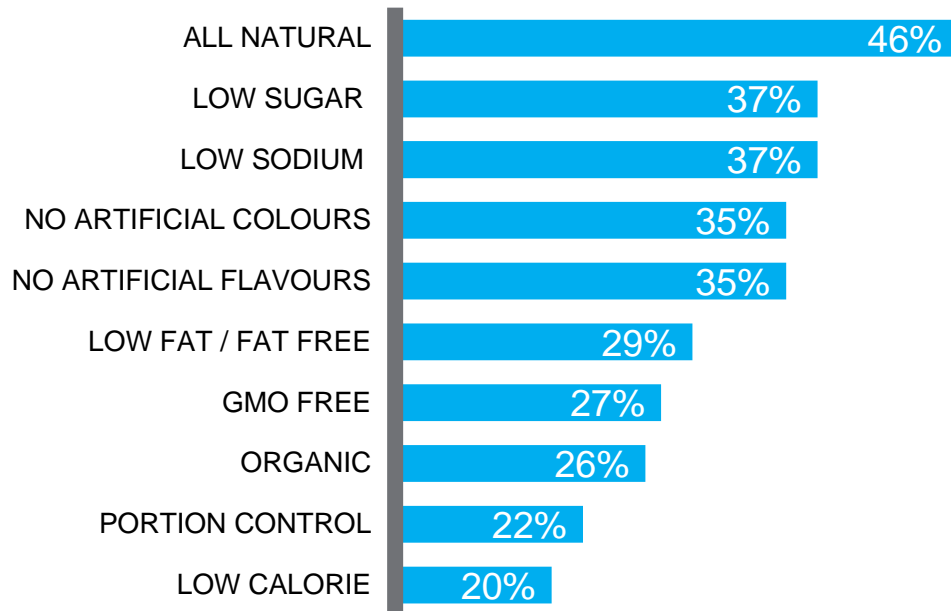
% REDUCING CONSUMPTION



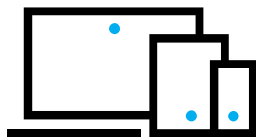
# BACK TO BASICS IS BACK IN DEMAND

## MORE PLEASE! FOOD PRODUCTS WE WANT MORE OF

PERCENTAGE WHO SAY THEY  
WISH THERE WERE MORE OF  
THESE FOOD PRODUCTS ON  
THE STORE SHELVES



# OPPORTUNITIES ALONG THE PATH TO PURCHASE



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## CONNECT

Online and Digital is creating new and exciting touch points along the shopper journey



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## REACH

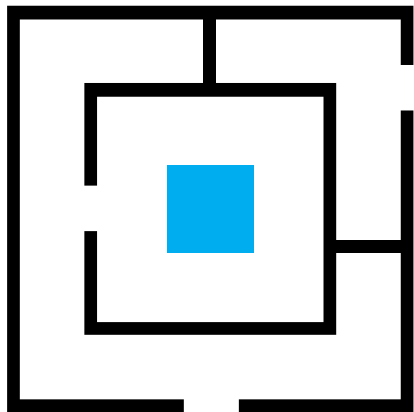
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## ENGAGE

Health and Wellness is changing and influencing in-store purchase decisions



How are you adapting  
to the changing path  
to purchase?

# Thank you

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