

Executive Summary (1 of 2)

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Consumer household economics

- Consumers household income has remained relatively consistent between 2023 and 2024.
- And increased salary and wages, along with cost-of-living adjustments, were the main drivers while lost jobs contributed to the decrease in income.
- Still, household budgets are feeling some strain and as a result discretionary spend continues to tick down to offset the spend on essential purchases from May 2022 to May 2024.
- Compared to summer 2023, consumers report a decrease in spend across categories with the exception of food and auto.
- Respondent sentiment on inflation is similar in most cases as compared to May 2023; fewer respondents believe that inflation will taper off soon this year (36 percent versus 31 percent).

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Consumer channel preferences

- Consumers are more budget conscious compared to a year ago with more choosing to shop at discount and thrift stores.
- For groceries, more than half of respondents choose national supermarkets and mass market retailers.
- For apparel, consumers are also choosing to shop more at thrift stores compared to the prior two years.
- Online spend for most categories is below 11%, but it is particularly high for in home entertainment and travel.
- Over half of consumers consider themselves likely or very likely to choose paid subscription services in the future and paid streaming services are the most likely subscription they are interested in. Although recent CPI data suggests that cable, satellite and streaming services prices have fallen^(a).

Executive Summary (2 of 2)

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Travel plans

- According to survey respondents, the desire to travel remains strong for summer 2024, with 60 percent of respondents planning to travel compared to 55 percent in summer 2022. This is despite latest CPI trends showing a decline in airfare prices^(a).
- Men, millennials, and higher-income households are more likely to have travel plans, with 60 percent of respondents having traveled in summer 2023.
- Around 80 percent of respondents plan to take 1-2 trips in summer 2024, with 21 percent planning for international trips.
- Length of trips taken/planned are usually between 2 days-2 weeks. Fewer respondents are planning for longer trips (more than 3 weeks) this year (2024) compared to previous years (2022 and 2023).
- Cars and planes are the popular modes of transportation, while hotels remain the most preferred type of accommodation. Preference for vacation rentals or cruises is higher among millennials.

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Health and wellness

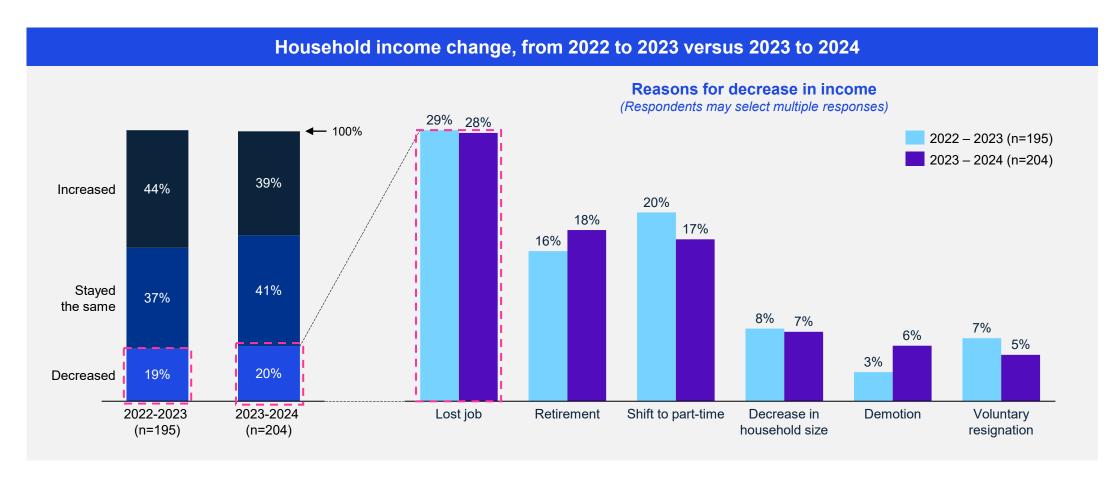
- Health and wellness continues to be an important consideration for consumers.
- Consumers with higher income exercise more frequently as do millennials.
- The top health and wellness priorities are physical fitness (55%), balanced diet (45%), and weight management (42%).
- Men prioritize physical fitness (63%), while women prioritize balanced diet (50%). Millennials prioritize balanced diet as well.
- The most commonly used health and wellness services are supplements and vitamins (58%), fitness trackers (26%), and gym memberships (25%).
- Price (66%) and effectiveness (63%) are key factors in selecting health and wellness products/services. Post-COVID-19, there is increased focus on diet quality (57%), exercise frequency (48%), and preventive healthcare (47%).



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Consumer household economics

Household income changes stayed relatively consistent from 2023 to 2024; lost job is the top reason consumers reported a decrease in household income.

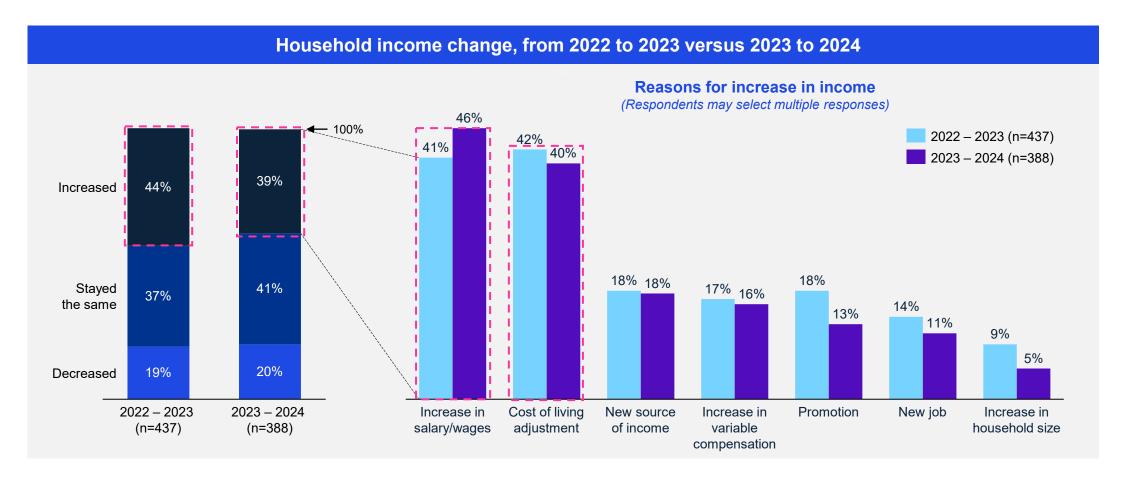


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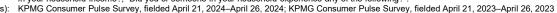




The main reasons for the increase in household income, as reported by the respondents, are an increase in salary and wages, as well as a cost of living adjustment.



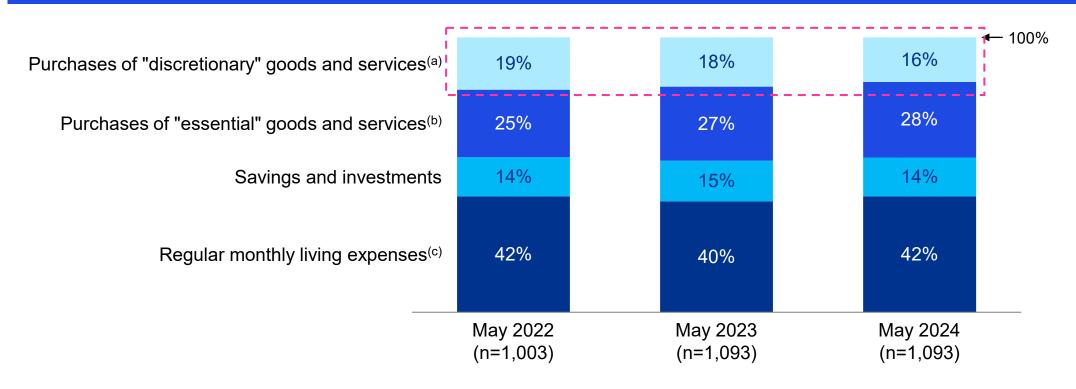
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Discretionary spend continues to decline to offset the spend on essential purchases from May 2022 to May 2024.

Percentage of household income spend per category, summer 2022 – summer 2024



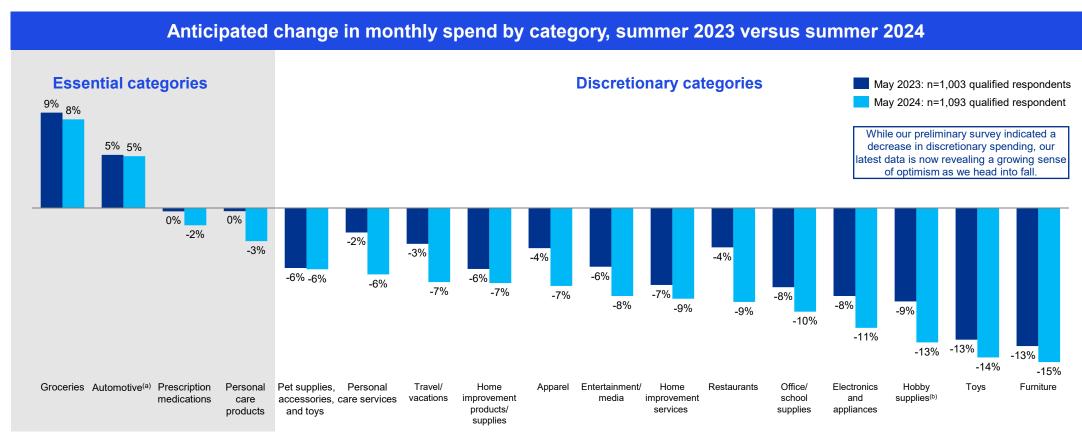
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(a) Discretionary goods and services include restaurants, clothing, and entertainment; (b) Essential goods and services include food, prescription medications, and personal care products; (c) Regular monthly living expenses include housing costs, utilities, home and auto insurance, health insurance, and education.

Source(s): KPMG Consumer Pulse Survey fielded April 21, 2024–May 26, 2024; KPMG Consumer Pulse Survey, fielded April 21, 2023–April 26, 2023; KPMG Consumer Pulse Survey, fielded April 2022



Compared to summer 2023 respondents expect to spend less across essential and discretionary categories.



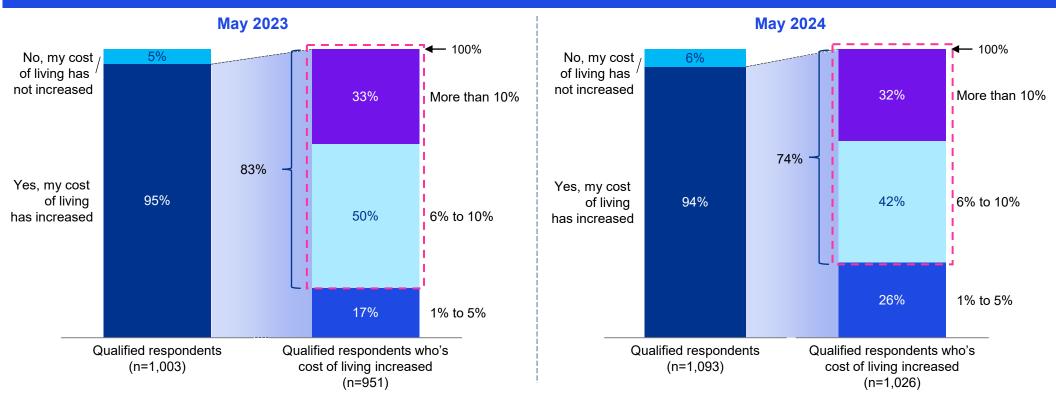
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Most respondents continued to experience the pressure of inflation from 2023 to 2024, with roughly 74 percent (though relatively lower than 83 percent in 2023) reported increased cost of living.

Consumer perceptions regarding increasing cost of living summer 2023 versus summer 2024



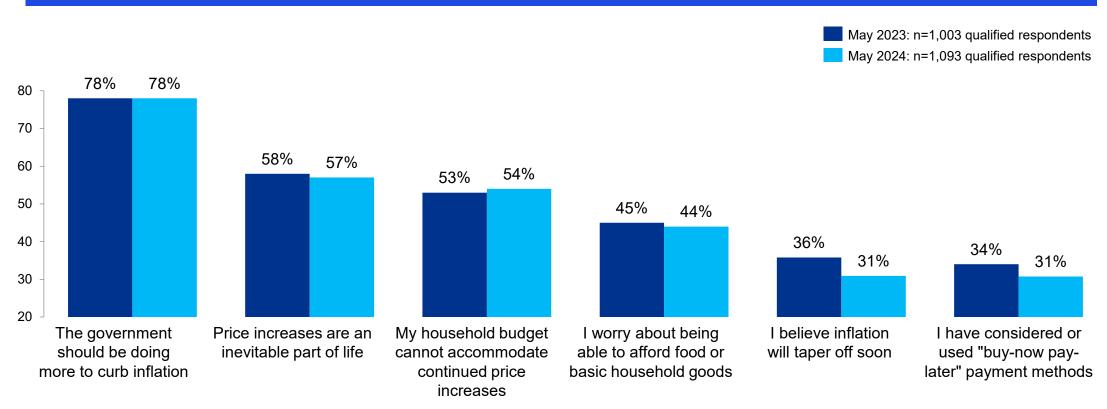
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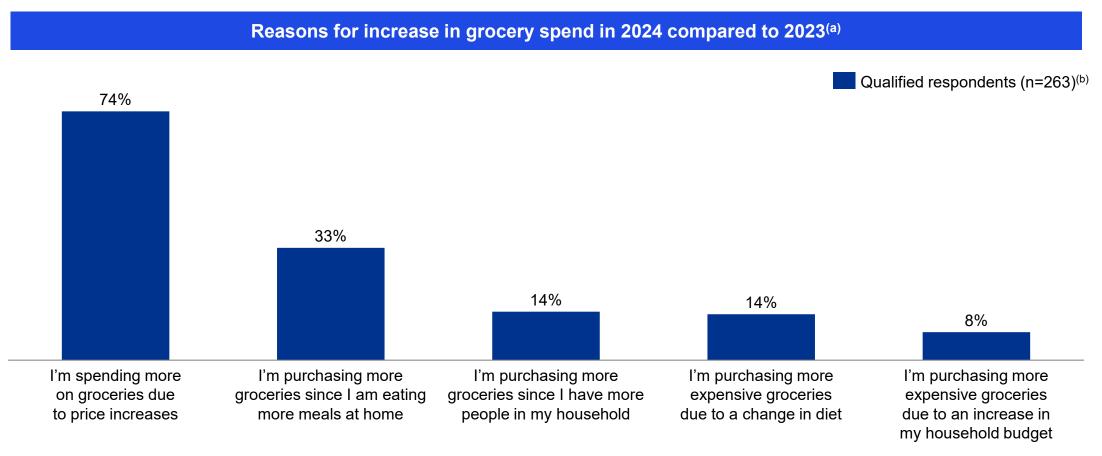


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Respondents who experienced an increase in spend on grocery, believe it to be driven by inflation (74 percent) and increase in number of meals consumed at home (33 percent).



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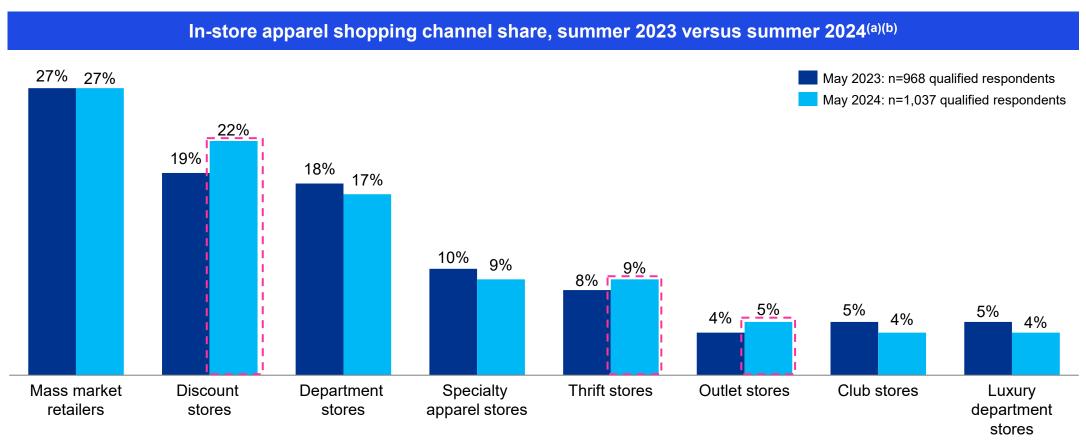
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Channel preferences

Spend on retailer types have increased for discount, thrift and outlet stores in summer 2024 as compared to summer 2023.

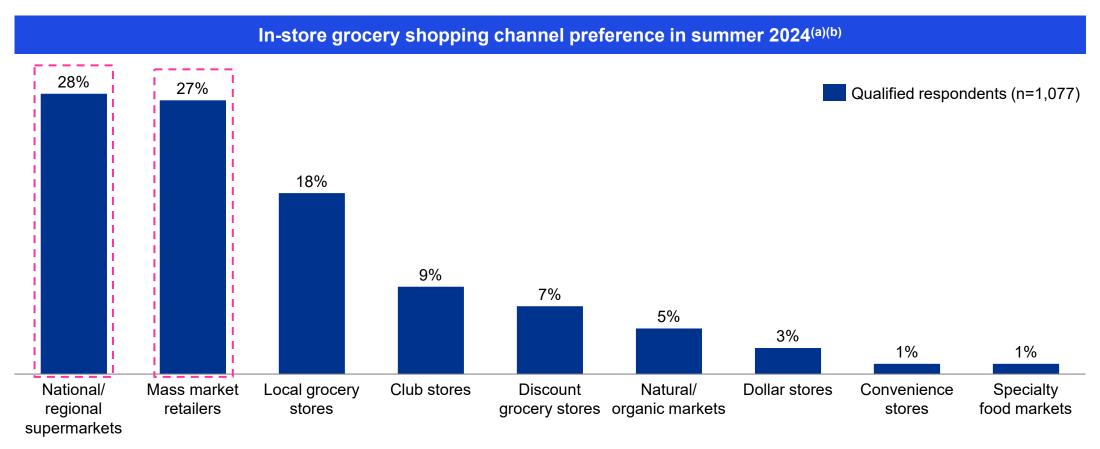


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Source(s): KPMG Consumer Pulse Survey fielded April 21, 2024–May 26, 2024; KPMG Consumer Pulse Survey, fielded April 21, 2023–April 26, 2023



More than half of respondents shop groceries at mass market retailers and supermarkets most frequently.



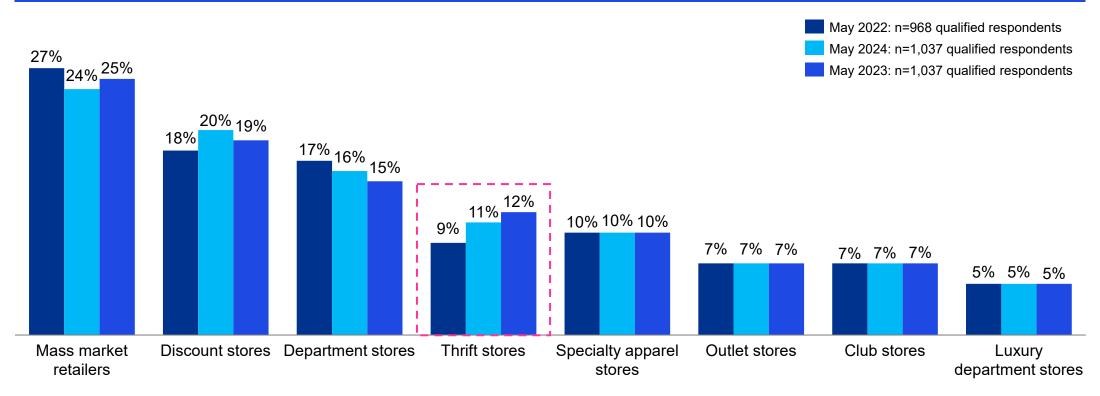
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Annual in-store apparel spending has been relatively consistent across retailer types; thrift store spending has increased slightly from summer 2022 to summer 2024.



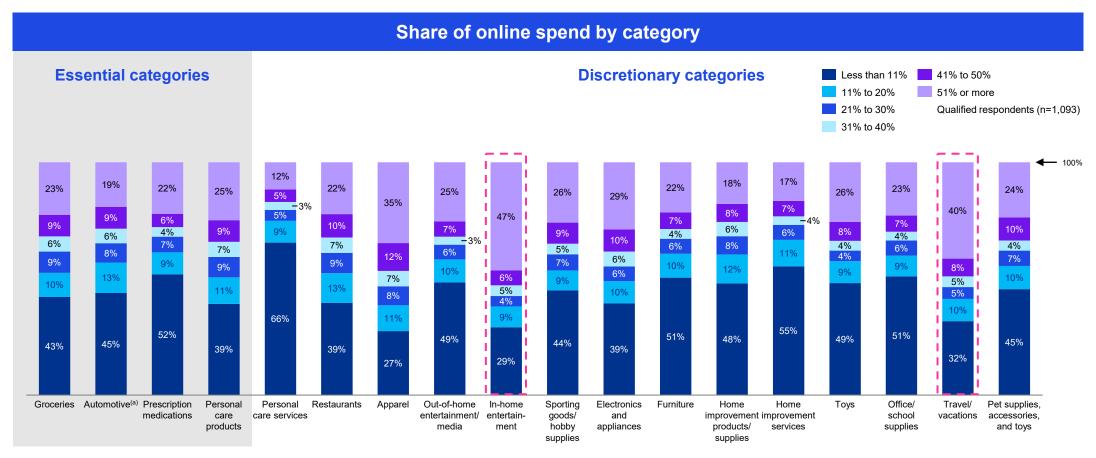


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Share of online household spend continues to be less then 11 percent for most categories; online spend is particularly high for in-home entertainment and travel/vacation.

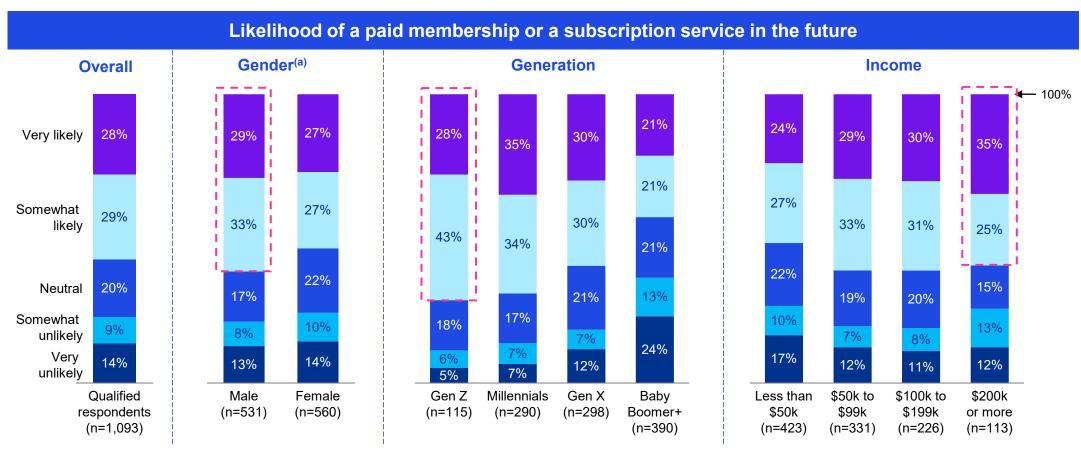


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Males (61 percent), Gen Z (71 percent), and high-income individuals (60 percent) are more likely to consider a paid membership or subscription in the future.

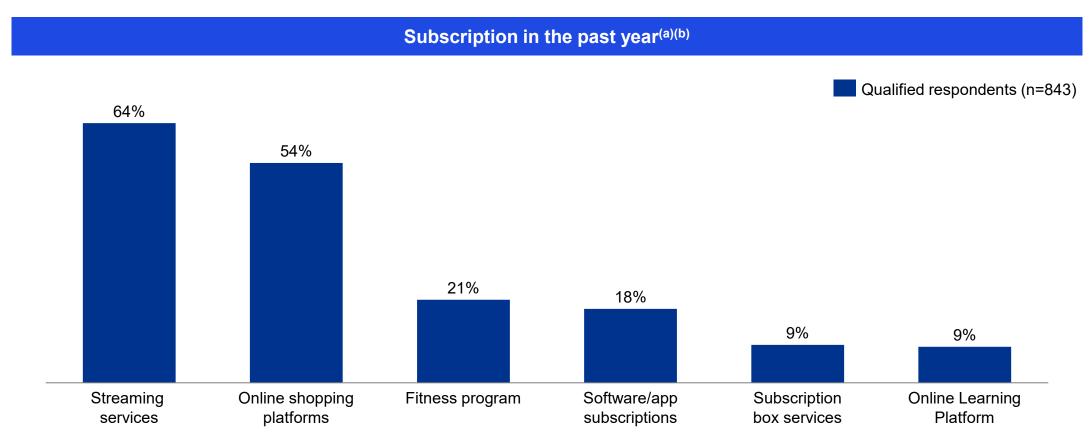


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Streaming services (64 percent), and online shopping platforms (54 percent) are the most common subscriptions in the past year.



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Cost savings compared to individual purchases (60 percent) is the main reason for people to consider paid membership or subscription service.



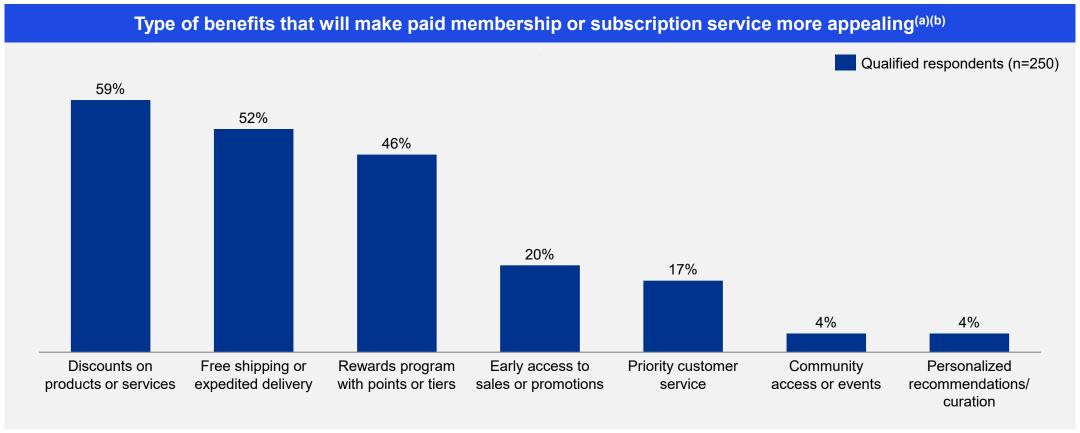
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Discounts (59 percent), free shipping (52 percent), and reward programs (46 percent) are the top drivers of paid membership or subscription services.

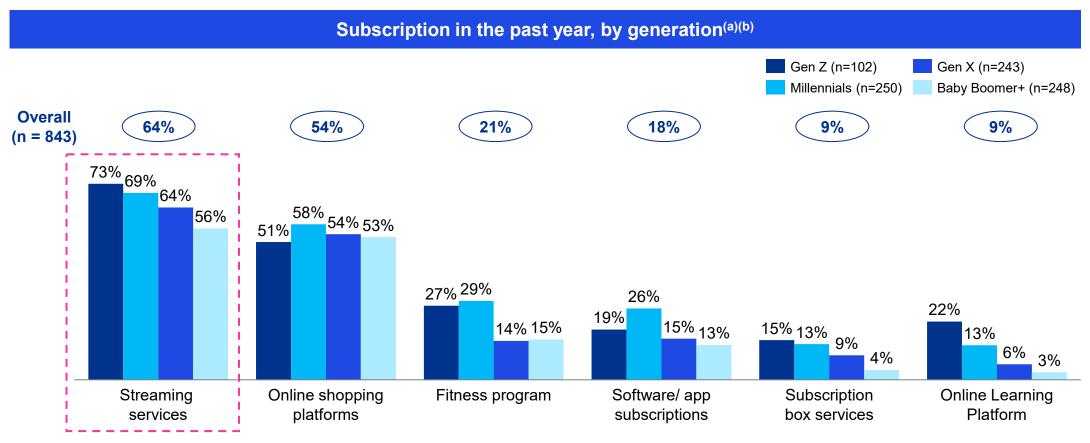


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Streaming services have been the most common subscription across age groups followed by online shopping platforms.



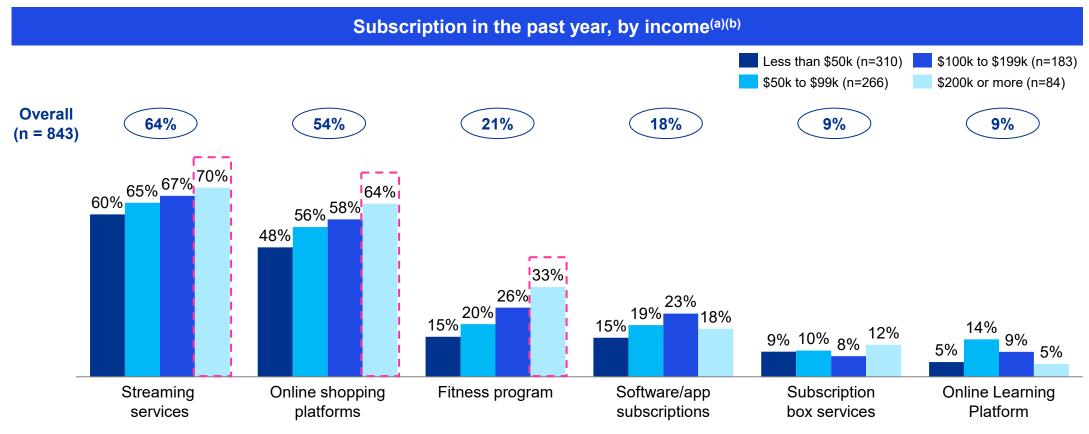
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High-income respondents are subscribers to more services such as streaming (70 percent), online shopping (64 percent), and fitness programs (33 percent).

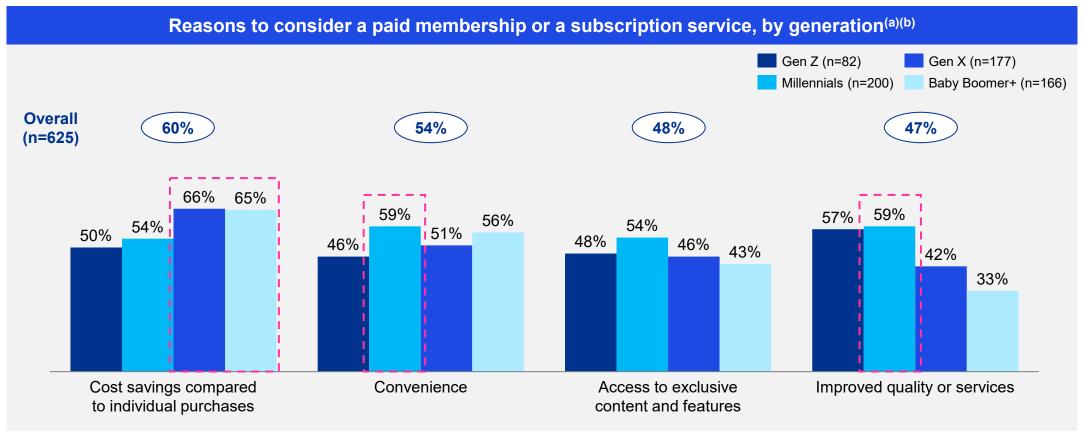


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Cost savings is the main reason for Gen X and Baby Boomer+ respondents, while Millennials go for convenience and improved quality to consider paid membership or subscription service.



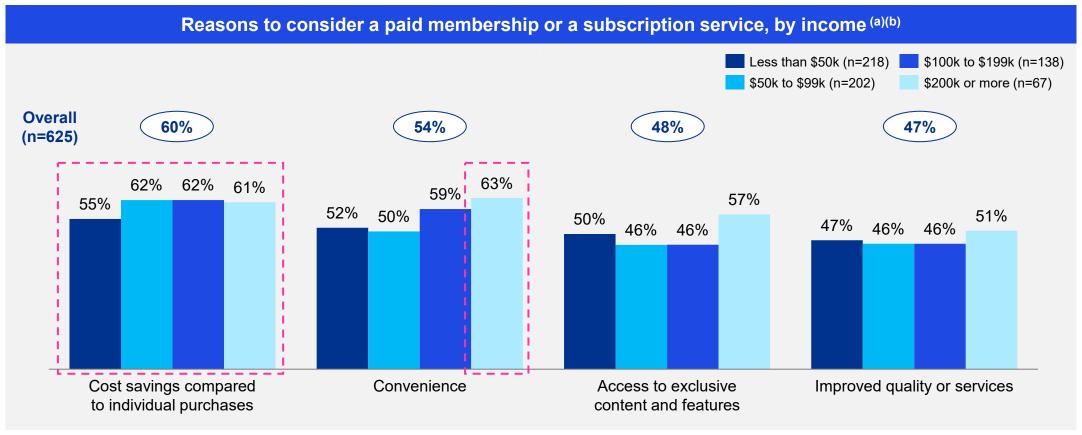
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Respondents across income groups are driven by cost saving to consider paid membership or subscription service, with respondents earning \$200k+ giving an equal importance to convenience.



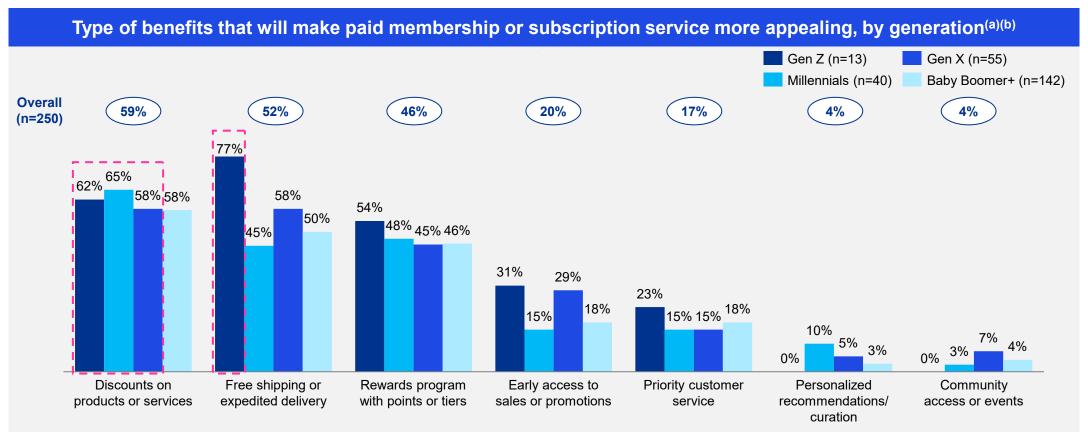
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Free shipping is the top driver of paid membership or subscription services for Gen Z, while others are more driven by discounted products.



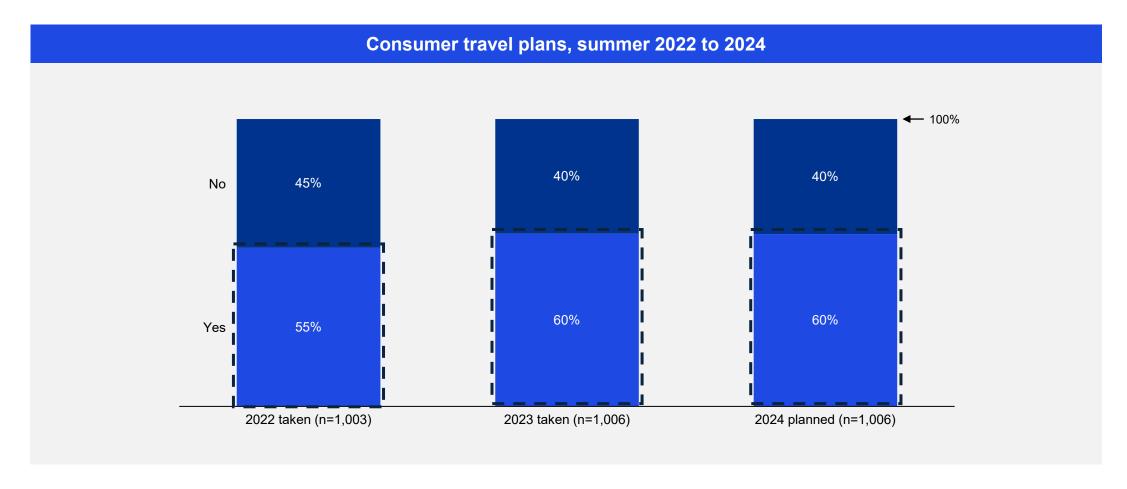
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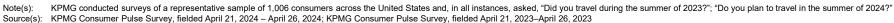
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O3 Consumer travel plans

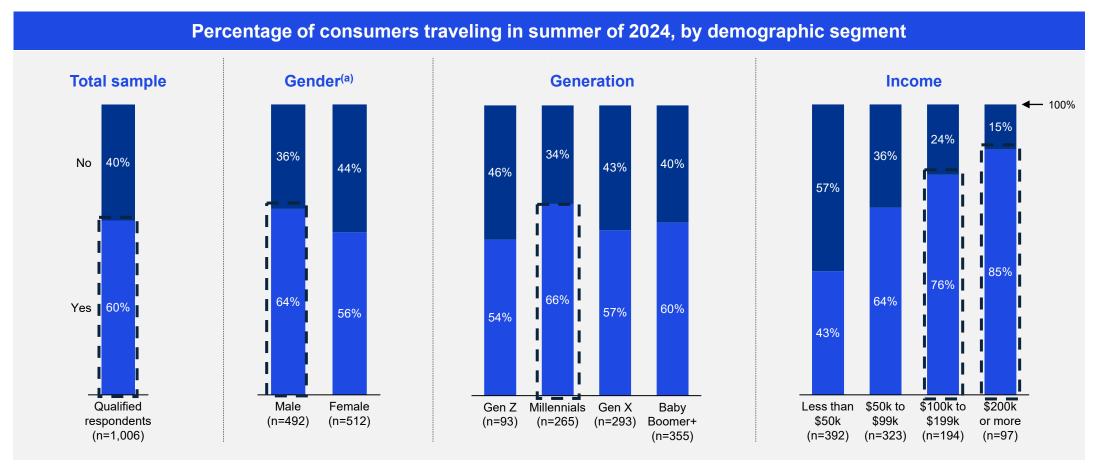
The desire to travel stays strong for summer 2024; 60 percent of respondents plan to travel this summer 2024 compared to 55 percent in summer 2022.







Most respondents (60 percent) travelled in summer 2023; Men, millennials and higher income brackets are more likely to travel.

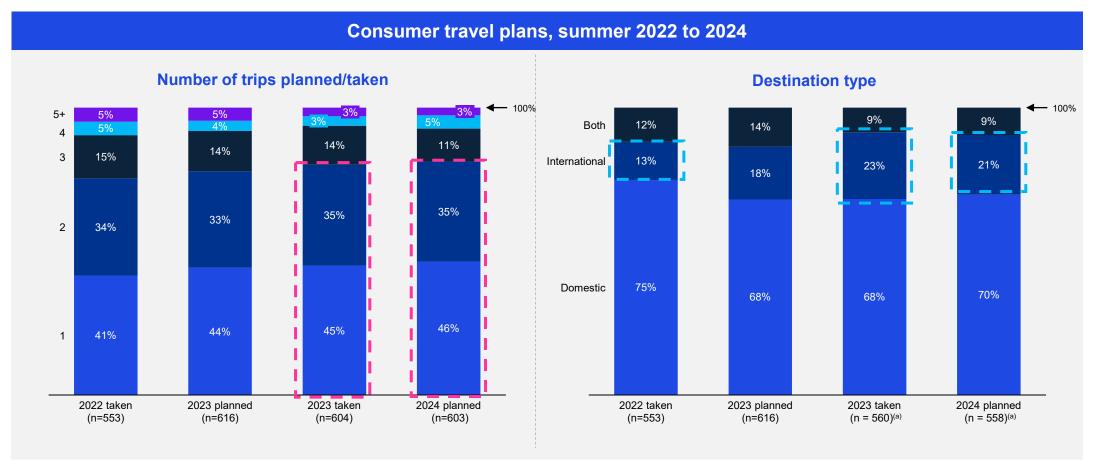


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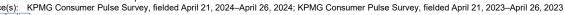




Almost 80 percent of respondents plan to take 1 – 2 trips this summer 2024; More respondents (21 percent) are planning for international trips this year.

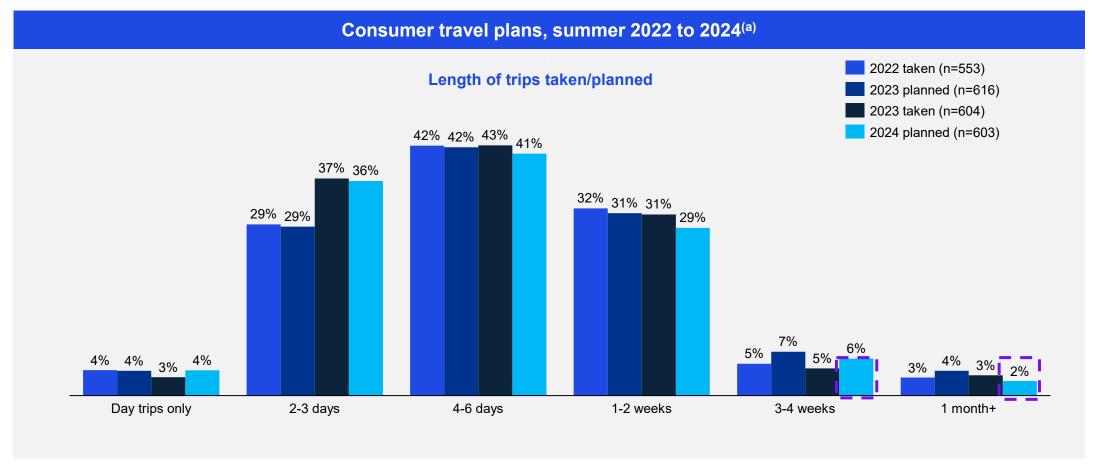


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Length of trips taken/planned are usually between 2 days - 2 weeks. Fewer respondents are planning for longer trips (more than 3 weeks) this year (2024) compared to previous years (2022) and 2023).

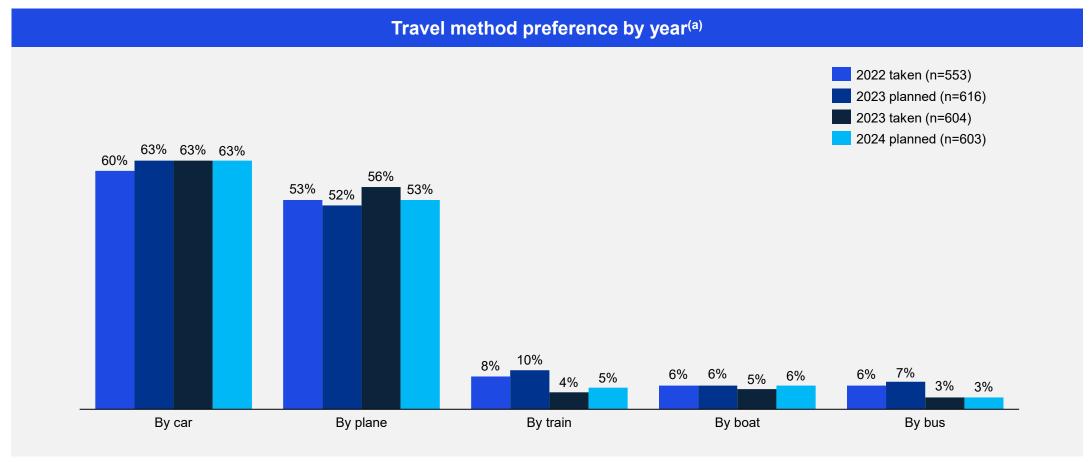


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Traveling by car and plane continue to be the most popular choice of travel method in summer 2024.



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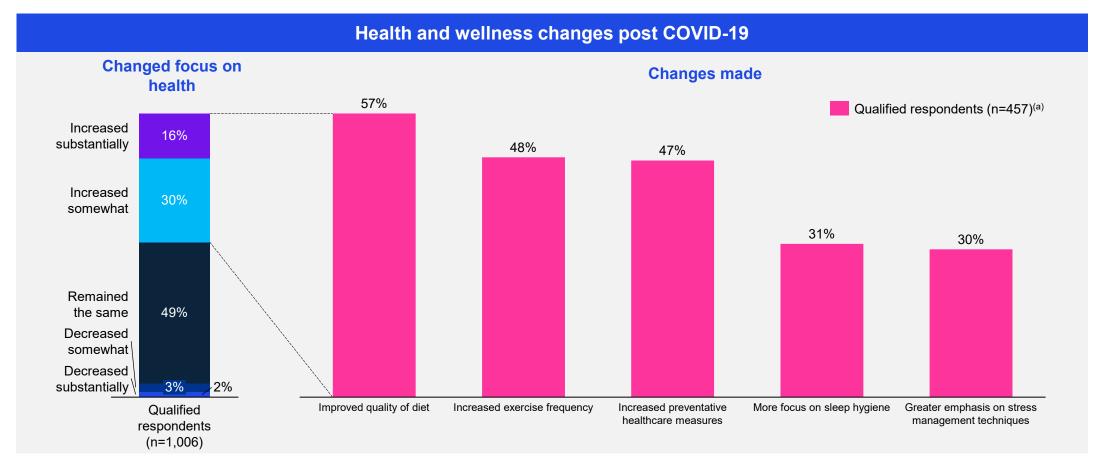


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Consumer sentiment around health and wellness

The focus on health and wellness has increased post COVID-19; respondents are now more inclined towards improved quality of diet (57 percent), increased exercise frequency (48 percent), and preventive healthcare (47 percent).

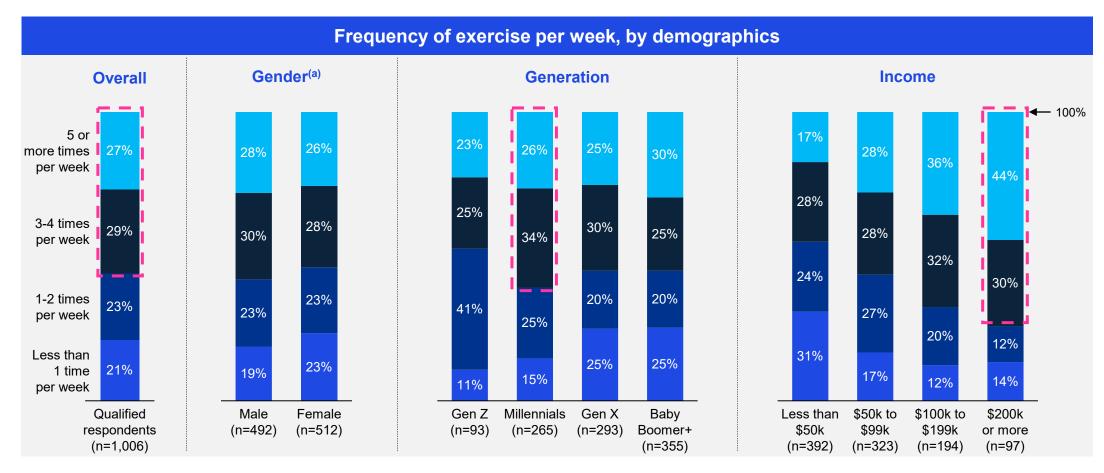


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The higher income demographics tend to exercise more frequently; millennials (60 percent) exercise at least 3-4 time every week.

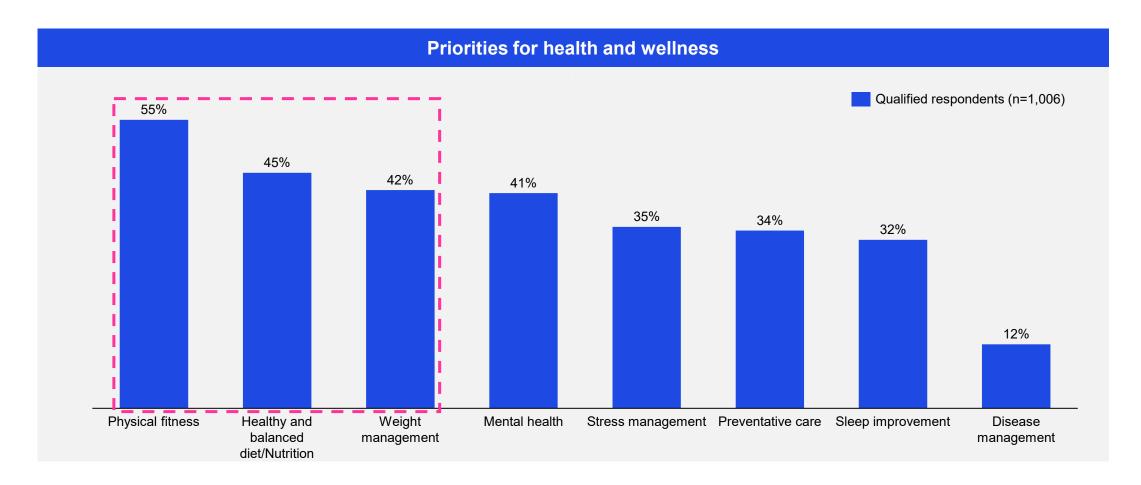


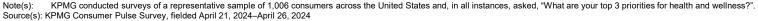
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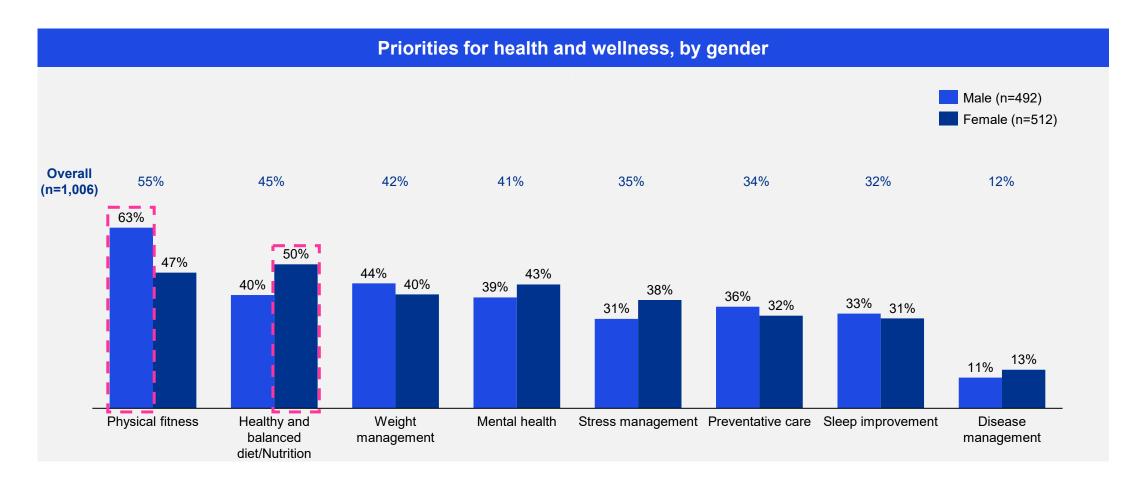
Physical fitness (55 percent), balanced diet (45 percent), and weight management (42 percent) are the top three priorities for health and wellness.

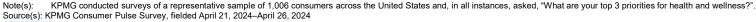






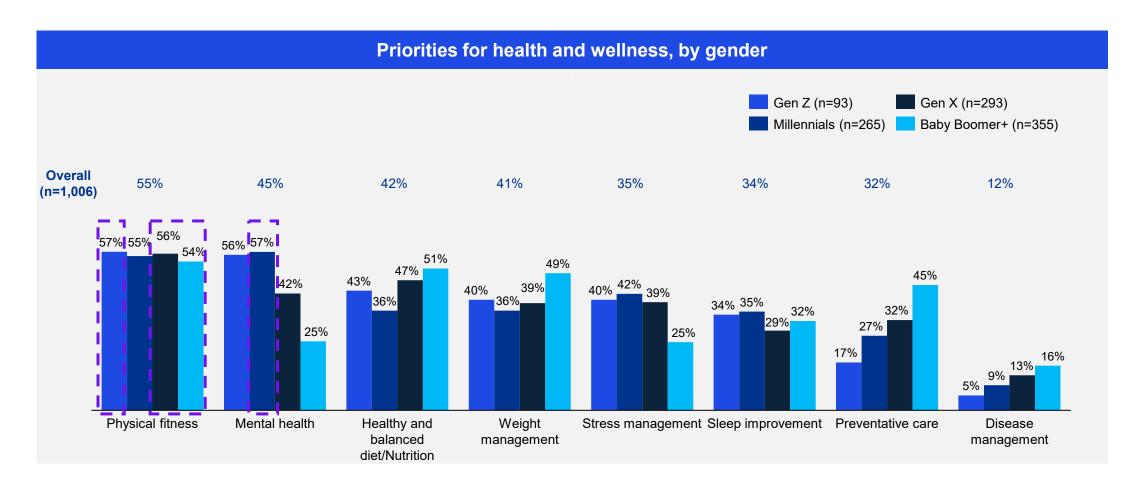
While physical fitness (63 percent) is most important for male respondents, balanced diet (50 percent) is the top priority for female respondents.







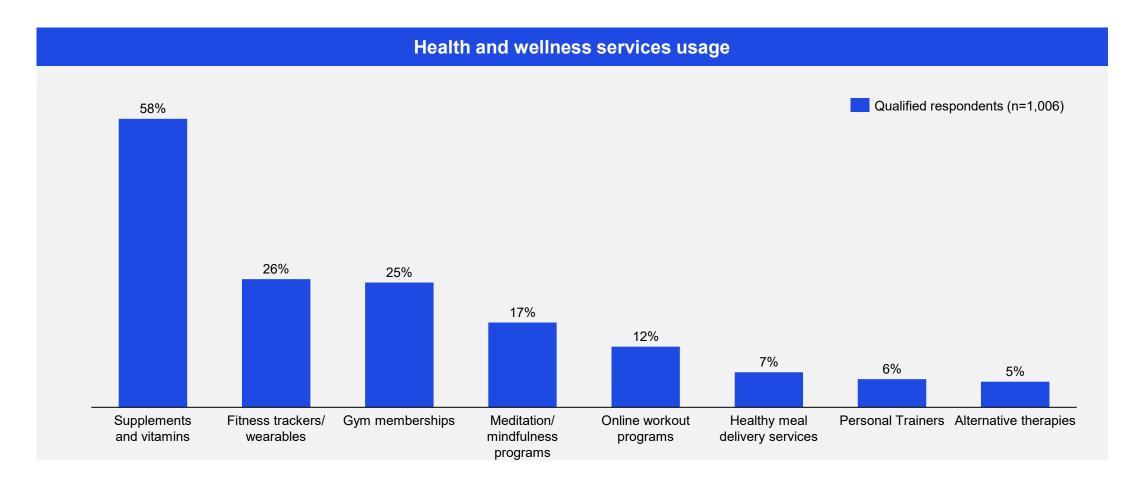
While physical fitness is most important for Gen Z, Gen X, and Baby Boomers; balanced diet is the top priority for millennial respondents.



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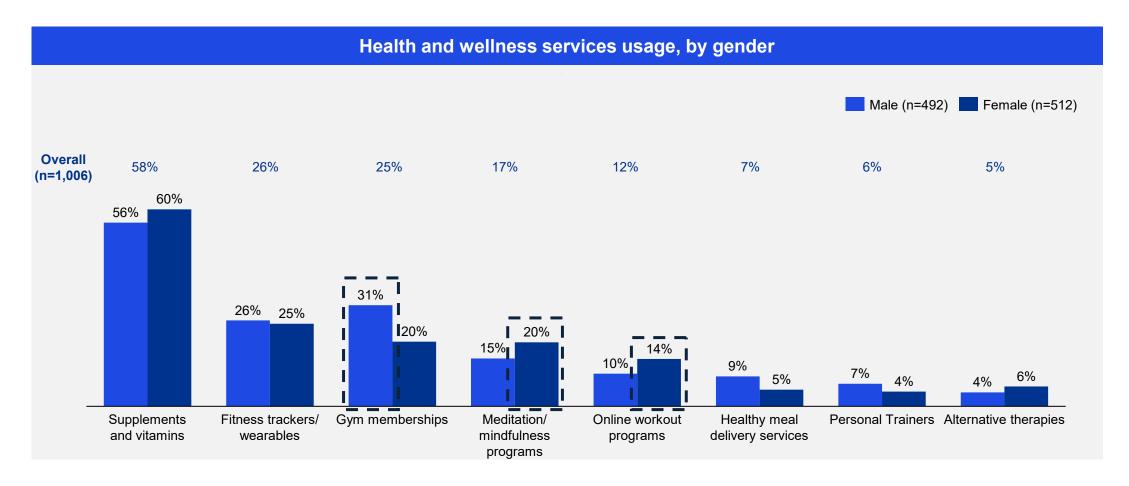
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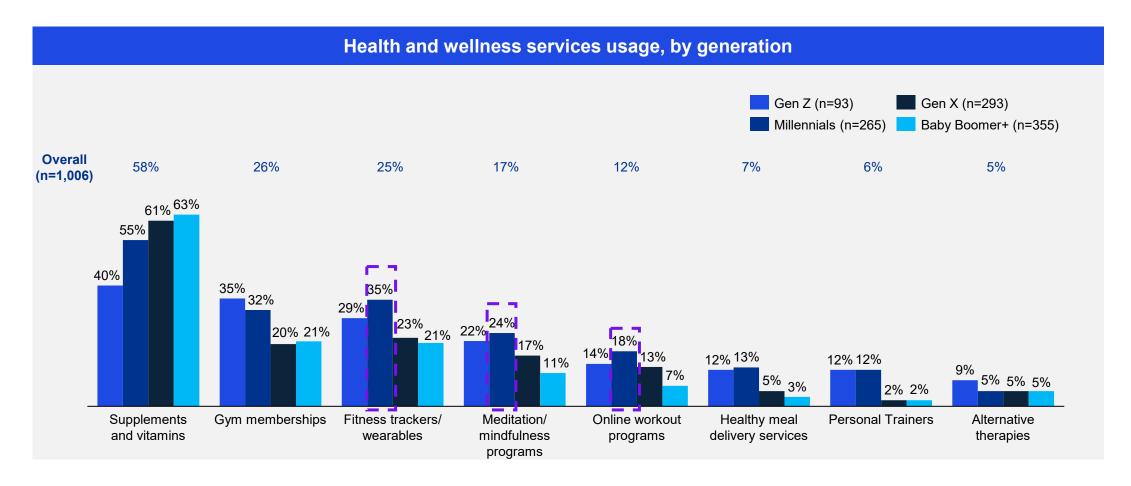
Male respondents are more frequent users of gym memberships (31 percent), while female respondents are frequent users of meditation (20 percent) and online workout programs (14 percent).



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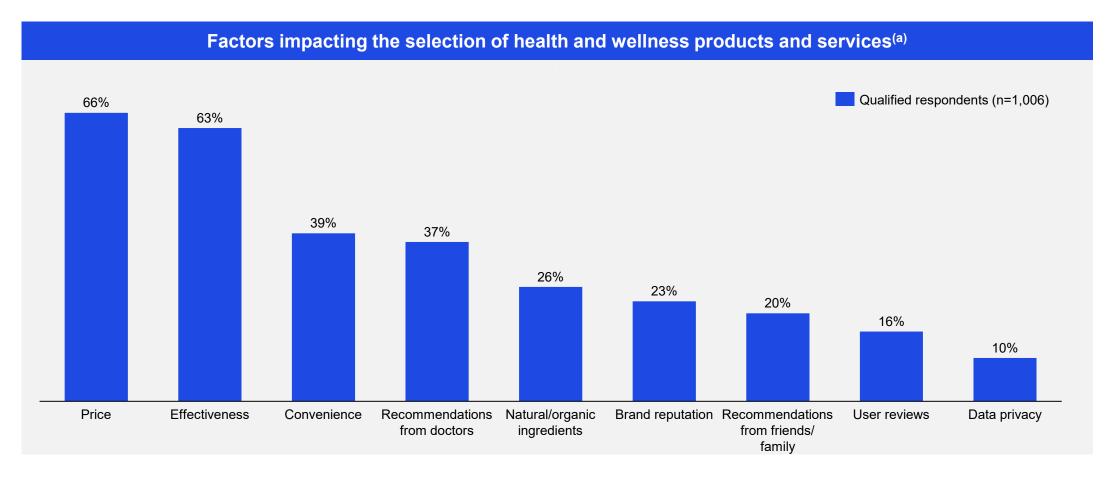
While supplements and vitamins are common across generations, Millennial respondents are more active users of multiple wellness products/services.



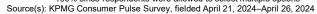
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Price (66 percent) and effectiveness (63 percent) are the most important factors impacting the selection of health and wellness products/services.



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