### PLMA CONSUMER RESEARCH REPORT



### PLMA Kitchenware & Cookware Consumers Survey

#### Overview

Private label and mass merchandisers are the big winners in a new, nationwide survey from PLMA of consumer attitudes towards kitchenware and cookware products.

Kitchenware and cookware sold by mass merchandisers, club stores and supermarkets under their own store brands have built a strong following among American consumers. Among the top 12 brands of kitchenware and cookware, 6 were retailers' store brands.

The survey also reveals that consumers are far more likely to buy kitchenware and cookware in mass merchandisers than they are in channels that specialize in the products, such as home décor, home goods and home improvement stores; or in any other type of store.

The results were contained in a new study completed for PLMA by Surveylab, a global leader in customized online research. The study, which was done in March 2019, analyzed the preferences and attitudes of consumers towards the purchase of kitchenware and cookware products; the retail channels that sell them, both bricks and mortar and online; brands, including store brands; product features and attributes; innovation, and price. More than 1,000 shoppers (612 women, 446 men) participated in the survey.

#### Highlights of the study

- 1. **Consumer awareness of private label is high.** When consumers were asked how aware they are of the availability of private label or store brand products in a variety of channels, mass merchandisers drew the highest response: 68% said they are "very aware/aware" of the presence of store brands in that type of store. Next are supermarkets (cited by 51%) and Amazon (51%); home décor or home goods stores (48%), club stores (47%), department stores (47%), drug stores (43%), home improvement stores (41%), online specialty stores (41%), dollar stores (36%), discount stores (35%), hardware stores (33%), local stores and boutiques (32%), and convenience stores (21%).
- 2. **Private label kitchenware and cookware are popular with consumers.** Among the twelve most popular kitchenware and cookware brands consumers said they recently purchased, six were store brands. Walmart's Mainstays store brand received the second highest number of responses overall (cited by 37%), trailing only industry icon Rubbermaid (51%), but ahead of big brands Farberware, Tupperware, Corning Ware, and OXO (18%). Other store brands among the top 12 were Costco's Kirkland, Target's Made by Design, Kroger's Everyday Living, Williams-Sonoma's Open Kitchen, and Walgreens' Living Solutions.
- 3. **Mass merchandisers dominate.** An overwhelming number of consumers buy kitchenware and cookware at mass merchandisers, such as Walmart and Target, compared to other types of stores. Some 82% buy the products at mass merchandisers, followed by home décor and home goods stores (54%), Amazon (54%), and department stores (50%). Supermarkets (35%) and club stores (31%) are next.
- 4. **Consumers are looking for performance and durability.** In large numbers, shoppers say performance (68%) and durability (65%) are "very important" factors in their decision to buy a particular item. Sustainability follows at 40%, then dishwasher friendly/easy to clean (37%), easy assembly of

the product (33%), the ability to handle the product before purchase (28%), it is on sale or I have a coupon (27%), design (27%), new technology or innovation (24%), convenient delivery (23%), online rating or review (21%) and it fits with my other products (20%).

- 5. **Price is major consideration.** For nearly half of the respondents, price is "very important" when they consider the purchase of any kitchenware and cookware product; another one quarter say price is "somewhat important." But they offer a caveat: 57% say their price sensitivity depends on the particular product. One quarter are willing to pay more for a product they need.
- 6. **Product innovation is important.** Fully 77% would like to see more innovation in kitchenware and cookware; 82% say innovation of kitchenware and cookware has been consistent in recent years, and 75% say it is easy for them to find innovative kitchenware and cookware. For three in ten, innovation usually means higher prices, but they are willing to pay for it. As for where innovation will come from, half say specialty stores are more likely to offer innovative products, and one-third say they can be found in every type of store. Cooking is important: more than half in the study cook or prepare food at home five or more times a week for themselves or their household.
- 7. Most consumers buy kitchenware and cookware products once or twice a year. Seven in ten purchase products once or twice a year. Of that group, 6% buy them every week and another 7% buy them more than once a month. The main reason consumers buy is to replace products that get old or lose their effectiveness (cited by 74%), while 51% have a use or need for a specific product. Other reasons: I find new products, I find that products I want are on sale or I have a coupon, I find improved versions of existing products, and I find innovative products.
- 8. **Consumers know kitchenware and cookware products are available in their supermarket.** Three-fourths in the survey are aware their supermarket offers kitchenware and cookware, and 63% of them say they buy the products there. Respondents provided a road map on what they want to see from their supermarkets in kitchenware and cookware: 47% want a greater variety,

40% want more lower priced items, 33% want more higher quality products, 29% want more innovative products, 19% want more products not available elsewhere, 15% want more store brands kitchenware and cookware, and 14% want more higher end products.

9. **Kitchenware and cookware are frequently bought online.** Among a variety of goods and services purchased online, kitchenware and cookware were ranked highly. Some 41% said they have bought such products online during the past year. More widely purchased were clothing and footwear (63% of respondents), health and beauty products (45%), and electronics (44%). Home décor was bought online by 31% and home improvement products by 25%. Food and beverages came in at 26%.

#### 10. Consumers say that the Internet is the best source for product

**information.** When they consider buying kitchenware and cookware, two thirds say searching the Internet is among the best sources of information about the product. Next most often cited is the recommendation of family or a friend (41%) and "while they are shopping in the store" (40%). The package of the product is informative for 21% and in-store demonstrations is cited by 18%. Looking at mass media, about one in five said ads and promos; magazines and newspapers; and TV. Other than You Tube (18%), social media is ranked lower: Facebook and Instagram (both 12%), followed by Pinterest (10%).

**Questionnaire and Survey Results** 

### 1. Do you have kitchenware and cookware products in your home?

Answei	%
Yes	100.0
No	0
Don't know	0
Total	1058

## 2. Who in your household is primarily responsible for the purchase of kitchenware and cookware products?

Answer	%
l am	72.8
I share the primary responsibility with	
another adult member of my household	27.2
Someone else	0
Total	1058

## 3. On average, how often do you use the kitchenware and cookware products you have in your home?

Answer	%
Daily	68.6
Several times a week	27.3
Several times a month	3.0
Several times a year	0.6
Rarely	0.5
Never	0
Don't know	0
Total	1055

#### 4. On average, how often do you buy kitchenware and

#### cookware products?

Answer	%
Every week	5.8
More than once a month	7.4
Once every 2-3 months	25.9
Once or twice a year	30.6
Every few years	16.5
Rarely	13.8
Never	0
Don't know	0
Total	1058

### 5. When you buy kitchenware and cookware products, what are some of the reasons you buy them?

Answer	%
I have a use or need for a specific product	51
I replace products that get old or lose their effectiveness	73.7
I tend to discard products after a period of time	17.2
I find a new store in my area that sells them	5.4
I find improved versions of existing products	30.7
I find products I want are on sale or I have a coupon	30.9
I find new products	35.4
I find innovative products	25.9
I find products I never bought before	23.1
I am cooking more meals at home	18.9
Total	1057

## 6. On average, how often do you buy new kitchenware and cookware products that you have never bought before?

Answer	%
Every week	5.0
More than once a month	4.7
Once every 2-3 months	13.3
Once or twice a year	30.3
Every few years	19.3
Rarely	24.1
Never	1.9
Don't know	1.5
Total	1057

## 7. How important is price when you consider the purchase of any kitchenware and cookware product?

Answer	%
Price is very important	45.2
Price is somewhat important	22.7
I do not look at prices	1.6
It depends on the type of product	56.9
I am willing to pay more for a new product	14.0
I am willing to pay more for a product I need	25.0
I am willing to pay more for an innovative product	16.5
I am willing to pay more for a product from	
a specific brand or manufacturer	11.8
Total	1028

## 8. How important are the following attributes when you consider the purchase of any kitchenware and cookware product?

#### a. Its design

Answer	%
Very Important	27.1
Important	36.4
Somewhat Important	27.5
Not Important	8.2
Don't Know	0.9
Total	1041

#### b. Its packaging

Answer	%
Very Important	12.1
Important	14.7
Somewhat Important	20.9
Not Important	50.7
Don't Know	1.5
Total	1041

#### c. Its performance

Answer	%
Very Important	68.0
Important	25.4
Somewhat Important	4.9
Not Important	1.2
Don't Know	0.6
Total	1040

#### d. Its color

Answer	%
Very Important	14.7
Important	22.1
Somewhat Important	32.5
Not Important	30.1
Don't Know	0.6
Total	1034

#### e. It fits in with my other products

Answer	%
Very Important	20.4
Important	30.3
Somewhat Important	27.0
Not Important	21.0
Don't Know	1.2
Total	1050

#### f. Its durability

Answer	%
Very Important	65.1
Important	28.2
Somewhat Important	5.1
Not Important	1.1
Don't Know	0.6
Total	1045

#### g. It's dishwasher-friendly or easy to clean

Answer	%
Very Important	37.1
Important	33.4
Somewhat Important	16.6
Not Important	11.9
Don't Know	1.1
Total	1043

#### h. It offers new technology or innovation

Answer	%
Very Important	24.2
Important	30.5
Somewhat Important	30.0
Not Important	13.2
Don't Know	2.1
Total	1044

## 9. Now, how important are the following factors when you consider the purchase of any kitchenware and cookware product?

#### a. My ability to handle the product before buying it

Answer	%
Very Important	28.1
Important	30.2
Somewhat Important	27.1
Not Important	12.9
Don't Know	1.7
Total	1048

#### b. Its sustainability

Answer	%
Very Important	40.0
Important	35.4
Somewhat Important	15.3
Not Important	7.4
Don't Know	1.9
Total	1041

#### c. An in-store demonstration of the product

Answer	%
Very Important	11.3
Important	17.0
Somewhat Important	23.3
Not Important	46.7
Don't Know	1.7
Total	1046

#### d. Previous satisfaction with the product

Answer	%
Very Important	30.7
Important	42.7
Somewhat Important	19.3
Not Important	5.9
Don't Know	1.4
Total	1049

#### e. Satisfaction with a similar product

Answer	%
Very Important	28.4
Important	43.4
Somewhat Important	21
Not Important	6.1
Don't Know	1.1
Total	1043

#### f. Service and guarantee of the store

Answer	%
Very Important	30.2
Important	38.0
Somewhat Important	21.9
Not Important	8.6
Don't Know	1.2
Total	1049

#### g. Familiarity with the brand or manufacturer

Answer	%
Very Important	22.0
Important	37.1
Somewhat Important	29.8
Not Important	9.8
Don't Know	1.2
Total	1049

#### h. Trust in the store that sells it

Answer	%
Very Important	27.5
Important	38.6
Somewhat Important	24.2
Not Important	8.3
Don't Know	1.3
Total	1049

#### i. Minimal packaging

Answer	%
Very Important	13.7
Important	23.2
Somewhat Important	28.7
Not Important	32.6
Don't Know	1.9
Total	1040

#### j. Recommendation of family or friend

Answer	%
Very Important	16.3
Important	28.8
Somewhat Important	32.6
Not Important	21
Don't Know	1.3
Total	1050

#### k. Online rating or review

Answer	%
Very Important	21.4
Important	33.7
Somewhat Important	25.1
Not Important	18.4
Don't Know	1.4
Total	1043

#### I. TV ad or infomercial

Answer	%
Very Important	9.5
Important	14.6
Somewhat Important	19.9
Not Important	54.6
Don't Know	1.4
Total	1037

#### m. It offers a new experience

Answer	%
Very Important	17.8
Important	27.5
Somewhat Important	30
Not Important	22.5
Don't Know	2.2
Total	1049

#### n. Convenient delivery of the product

Answer	%
Very Important	22.7
Important	32.4
Somewhat Important	26.8
Not Important	16.4
Don't Know	1.7
Total	1045

#### o. Easy assembly of the product

Answer	%
Answer	%
Very Important	32.5
Important	38.4
Somewhat Important	22.7
Not Important	4.9
Don't Know	1.5
Total	1041

#### p. It is on sale or I have a coupon

Answer	%
Very Important	26.5
Important	32.5
Somewhat Important	28.8
Not Important	11.3
Don't Know	0.9
Total	1048

#### q. It complements my lifestyle and décor

Answer	%
Very Important	17.5
Important	27.4
Somewhat Important	29.8
Not Important	24.2
Don't Know	1.0
Total	1049

## 10. How do you feel about innovation in kitchenware and cookware products?

Answer	%
I would welcome more innovation in kitchenware and cookware products	76.7
I don't see the need for innovation in kitchenware and cookware products	21.8
Innovation usually means higher prices and I am willing to pay for it	28.9
Innovation usually means higher prices, but I am not willing to pay for it	40.8
Innovation does not usually mean higher prices	27.6
Specialty stores are more likely to offer innovative kitchenware and cookware products	47.9
Supermarkets are more likely to offer innovative kitchenware and cookware products	12.4
Innovative kitchenware and cookware products can be found in every type of store	36.4
It is easy for me to find innovative kitchenware and cookware products	75.4
Innovative kitchenware and cookware products are hard for me to find	20.5
Innovation of kitchenware and cookware products has been consistent in recent years	81.8
Innovation of kitchenware and cookware products has not occurred in recent years	14.1
Total	1058

## 11. Looking at these types of stores, in which would you say you buy kitchenware and cookware products?

Answer	%
Department stores, such as JCPenney, Nordstrom	50.1
Home décor and home goods stores, such as	53.9
Bed, Bath & Beyond; Williams-Sonoma	
Home improvement stores, such as Home Depot, Lowe's	27.9
Hardware stores, such as Ace	8.5
My local stores or boutiques	21.6
TV shopping channels or infomercials	12.2
Secondhand or consignment stores	10.4
Online at Amazon.com	53.5
Online at other websites	19.4
Total	1049

#### 12. Now, looking at these other types of stores, in which would you say you buy kitchenware and cookware products?

Answer	%
Supermarkets, such as Kroger, Safeway	35.3
Drug stores, such as Walgreens, CVS	12.9
Mass merchandisers, such as Wal-Mart, Target	82
Discount stores, such as Aldi, Save-A-Lot	17.7
Club stores, such as Costco, Sam's	31.3
Dollar stores, such as Dollar General, Dollar Tree	20.5
Convenience stores, such as 7-Eleven	1.7
Total	1043

### 13. In which type of store do you prefer to buy kitchenware and cookware products?

Answer	%
In my favorite supermarket	21.2
In a store that specializes in them	22.8
In many different types of stores	56.1
Total	1043

## 14. Regarding the frequency of your purchase of kitchenware and cookware products in the following types of stores, how often would you say you buy them?

#### a. Department stores, such as JCPenney, Nordstrom

Answer	%
Weekly	7
Monthly	6.5
Semi-annually	14.7
Yearly	14.4
Less often than yearly	52.1
Don't Know	5.3
Total	1046

#### b. Home décor and home goods stores, such as Bed, Bath & Beyond; Williams-Sonoma

Answer	%
Weekly	4.1
Monthly	11.5
Semi-annually	17.8
Yearly	17.5
Less often than yearly	42.0
Don't Know	7.0
Total	1049

#### c. Home improvement stores, such as Home Depot, Lowe's

Answer	%
Weekly	4.7
Monthly	9.6
Semi-annually	13.9
Yearly	10.6
Less often than yearly	50.9
Don't Know	10.3
Total	1045

#### d. Hardware stores, such as Ace

Answer	%
Weekly	3.4
Monthly	7.8
Semi-annually	9.9
Yearly	8.1
Less often than yearly	54
Don't Know	16.8
Total	1035

#### e. Online at Amazon.com

Answer	%
Weekly	6.9
Monthly	13.8
Semi-annually	20.4
Yearly	16.3
Less often than yearly	33.6
Don't Know	9.0
Total	1039

#### f. Online at specialty store websites

Answer	%
Weekly	4.6
Monthly	9.4
Semi-annually	12.3
Yearly	11.1
Less often than yearly	47.5
Don't Know	15.1
Total	1035

#### g. My local stores or boutiques

Answer	%
Weekly	5
Monthly	9.1
Semi-annually	12.5
Yearly	10.5
Less often than yearly	47.8
Don't Know	15.1
Total	1043

#### h. TV shopping channels or infomercials

Answer	%
Weekly	3.6
Monthly	6.6
Semi-annually	7.9
Yearly	7
Less often than yearly	51.6
Don't Know	23.4
Total	1035

#### i. Secondhand or consignment stores

Answer	%
Weekly	4.1
Monthly	5.8
Semi-annually	10.7
Yearly	7.6
Less often than yearly	50
Don't Know	21.8
Total	1031

#### j. Supermarkets, such as Kroger, Safeway

Answer	%
Weekly	8.2
Monthly	9.2
Semi-annually	13.8
Yearly	11.3
Less often than yearly	46.9
Don't Know	10.7
Total	1047

15. Now, regarding the frequency of your purchase of kitchenware and cookware products in the following types of stores, how often would you say you buy them?

a.	Drug stores,	such as	Walgreens, CVS
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Answer	%
Weekly	5.4
Monthly	9.7
Semi-annually	9.7
Yearly	7.0
Less often than yearly	53.1
Don't Know	15.1
Total	1033

#### b. Mass merchandisers, such as Wal-Mart, Target

Answer	%
Weekly	7.8
Monthly	16
Semi-annually	26.4
Yearly	19.9
Less often than yearly	25.9
Don't Know	4.0
Total	1040

#### c. Discount stores, such as Aldi, Save-A-Lot

Answer	%
Weekly	4.2
Monthly	10
Semi-annually	9.5
Yearly	9.1
Less often than yearly	51
Don't Know	16.2
Total	1038

#### d. Club stores, such as Costco, Sam's

Answer	%
Weekly	5.1
Monthly	9.8
Semi-annually	12.3
Yearly	10.0
Less often than yearly	48.5
Don't Know	14.4
Total	1045

#### e. Dollar stores, such as Dollar General, Dollar Tree

Answer	%
Weekly	6.6
Monthly	9.6
Semi-annually	11.2
Yearly	9.8
Less often than yearly	47.6
Don't Know	15.2
Total	1040

#### f. Convenience stores, such as 7-Eleven

Answer	%
Weekly	5.3
Monthly	7.8
Semi-annually	5.7
Yearly	3.3
Less often than yearly	54.2
Don't Know	23.7
Total	1034

## 16. Do you know if your favorite supermarket offers kitchenware and cookware products?

Answ	ver %
Yes	75.3
No	13.3
Don't know	11.4
Total	1057

## 17. Do you buy kitchenware and cookware products in your favorite supermarket?

	Answer	%
Yes		62.7
No		37.3
Total		781

#### 18. Would you buy kitchenware and cookware from your favorite supermarket if they were to offer such products?

Answer	%
Definitely Would	5.7
Probably Would	25.5
Might or Might Not	44.7
Probably Would Not	18.4
Definitely Would Not	5.7
Total	141

## 19. Would you like your favorite supermarket to offer any of the following?

Answer	%
A greater variety of kitchenware and cookware products	46.6
More innovative kitchenware and cookware products	28.7
More higher quality kitchenware and cookware products	33.3
More kitchenware and cookware products	18.7
that are not available elsewhere	
More lower-priced kitchenware and cookware products	39.8
More higher-end kitchenware and cookware products	13.6
More store brands kitchenware and cookware products	14.9
Other	7.3
Total	1024

## 20. What kinds of products and services did you buy online during the past year?

Answer	%
Kitchenware and cookware products	41.4
Home improvement products	24.8
Home décor products	30.7
Food & beverages	26.2
Vitamins & supplements	35.0
Health & beauty products	44.7
Over-the-counter medications	15.2
Electronics	44.4
Books	37.6
Music	23.4
Travel arrangements	27.4
Clothing & footwear	63.3
Office supplies	23.6
Pet care products	31.3
Total	1023

# 21. When you consider buying kitchenware and cookware products, what would you say are the best sources of information about the products?

Answer	%
Searching on the Internet	64.2
Magazines and newspapers	18.0
TV and radio programs	16.7
Blogs	7.0
Ads and promotions	21.2
The package of the product	21.2
In-store demonstrations	17.9
Facebook	11.6
Instagram	11.8
Pinterest	10.0
Twitter	7.1
You Tube	17.5
Recommendation of a family member or friend	41.2
Recommendation found on social media	8.6
While I am shopping in the store	39.5
Total	1051

## 22. About how much do you spend annually on kitchenware and cookware products?

Answer	%
Under \$100	42.6
\$100-\$500	36.0
\$501-\$1,000	10.7
More than \$1,000	5.7
Don't know	5.1
Total	1041

# 23. When you buy kitchenware and cookware products, how important is the country of origin of the manufacturer of the product?

Answer	%
Very Important	18.5
Important	27.4
I Have No Opinion	29.6
Not Important	14.4
Not Very Important	10.1
Total	1053

24. If necessary, what percent more are you willing to pay for kitchenware and cookware products labeled "Made in the USA" versus kitchenware and cookware products that are made elsewhere?

Answer	%
0-5%	13.7
6-10%	18.6
11-15%	9.7
16-20%	8.3
More than 20%	8.2
It depends on the product	27.1
I am not willing to pay a premium for any product	14.4
Total	1050

25. How aware are you of brands, in general, when it comes to the kitchenware and cookware products that you buy?

Answer	%
Very Aware	16.3
Aware	27.5
Somewhat Aware	37.1
Not Aware	3.7
I don't think about brands when I shop for housewares	13.9
Don't know	1.5
Total	986

# 26. Which, if any, of the following kitchenware and cookware brands have you purchased within the past few years?

Answer	%
Smart Living (Ahold)	5.8
Everyday Living (Kroger)	9.5
Made by Design (Target)	13.2
Mainstays (Wal-Mart)	37.3
Living Solutions (Walgreens)	6.6
Open Kitchen (Williams-Sonoma)	9.0
Kirkland Signature (Costco)	14.9
Sur la Table (Sur la Table)	6.5
Le Creuset	10.5
Lekue	3.6
Staub	2.6
Farberware	33.7
Corning Ware	25.2
OXO	18.3
Tupperware	32.9
Rubbermaid	51.0
Other	9.5
None of the above	10.8
Total	1057

## 27. How aware are you of the availability of store brands products in the following types of stores?

#### a. Supermarkets, such as Kroger, Safeway

Answer	%
Very Aware	25.9
Aware	25.2
Somewhat Aware	21.1
Not Aware	10.7
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	12.2
Don't know	4.9
Total	1056

#### b. Drug stores, such as Walgreens, CVS

Answer	%
Very Aware	19.1
Aware	23.4
Somewhat Aware	20.5
Not Aware	17.2
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	14.4
Don't know	5.4
Total	1045

#### c. Mass merchandisers, such as Wal-Mart, Target

Answer	%
Very Aware	35.9
Aware	31.7
Somewhat Aware	18.9
Not Aware	4.3
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	6.2
Don't know	3.0
Total	1047

#### d. Discount stores, such as Aldi, Save-A-Lot

Answer	%
Very Aware	14.7
Aware	20
Somewhat Aware	18.7
Not Aware	20.8
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	15.7
Don't know	10.1
Total	1049

#### e. Club stores, such as Costco, Sam's

Answer	%
Very Aware	20.2
Aware	27.1
Somewhat Aware	17.9
Not Aware	14.3
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	11.5
Don't know	8.9
Total	1048

#### f. Dollar stores, such as Dollar General, Dollar Tree

Answer	%
Very Aware	14.8
Aware	20.9
Somewhat Aware	18.2
Not Aware	20.3
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	17.1
Don't know	8.6
Total	1047

#### g. Convenience stores, such as 7-Eleven

Answer	%
Very Aware	9.1
Aware	12.1
Somewhat Aware	11.2
Not Aware	31.4
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	22.5
Don't know	13.6
Total	1041

### 28. Now, how aware are you of the availability of store brands products in the following types of stores?

#### a. Department stores, such as JCPenney, Nordstrom

Answer	%
Very Aware	20
Aware	26.7
Somewhat Aware	21.7
Not Aware	16.1
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	9.4
Don't know	6.1
Total	1051

## b. Home décor and home goods stores, such as Bed, Bath & Beyond; Williams-Sonoma

Answer	%
Very Aware	19.3
Aware	28.8
Somewhat Aware	21.7
Not Aware	14.9
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	9.4
Don't know	5.9
Total	1049

### c. Home improvement stores, such as Home Depot, Lowe's

Answer	%
Very Aware	17
Aware	24.1
Somewhat Aware	21.8
Not Aware	19.5
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	11.7
Don't know	5.9
Total	1054

#### d. Hardware stores, such as Ace

Answer	%
Very Aware	11.3
Aware	21.8
Somewhat Aware	20.2
Not Aware	23.9
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	14.1
Don't know	8.7
Total	1047

#### e. Online at Amazon.com

Answer	%
Very Aware	22.6
Aware	28.1
Somewhat Aware	17.1
Not Aware	15.0
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	10.5
Don't know	6.7
Total	1048

#### f. Online at specialty store websites

Answer	%
Very Aware	14.8
Aware	25.9
Somewhat Aware	17.7
Not Aware	19.4
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	12.6
Don't know	9.5
Total	1039

#### g. My local stores or boutiques

Answer	%
Very Aware	11.4
Aware	21.0
Somewhat Aware	19.5
Not Aware	22.9
I don't think about brands when I shop in this type of store	15.4
Don't know	9.8
Total	1047

### 29. In general, how often would you say you buy store brands products?

Answer	%
Always / Almost always	10.0
Frequently	30.6
Sometimes	47.7
Rarely	9.0
Never	0.9
Don't know	1.7
Total	966

#### 30. Compared to five years ago, do you think you are now more or less aware of store brands products?

	Answer	%
More		41.4
Less		5.7
Same		50.0
Don't know		2.9
Total		1058

#### 31. Compared to five years ago, would you say you are now buying more or fewer store brands products?

Answer	%
I am buying fewer store brands now	14.1
I am buying about the same	57.8
I am buying more store brands now	23.2
Don't know	4.9
Total	1057

32. How do you feel about the following statement:'In general, store brands products I have bought are just as good if not better than the national brand version of the same product.'?

Answer	%
l agree	67.3
I disagree	13.8
I have no opinion	18.9
Total	1053

## 33. In the year ahead, do you think you will buy more or fewer store brands products?

Answer	%
I will buy more store brand products in the year ahead	25.1
I will buy fewer store brand products in the year ahead	9.3
I will buy about the same	53.1
l am not sure	12.5
Total	1055

# 34. In the year ahead, which of the following factors, if any, would encourage you to buy a larger number of store brands products?

Answer	%
My overall satisfaction with store brand products in the past	59.5
More variety of store brand products	37.2
Better quality of store brand products	55.6
New and innovative store brand products	34.2
More advertising and promotion of store brand products	10.8
Better packaging of store brand products	10.8
Greater availability of store brand products	23.2
Better price of store brand products	46.5
Other	0.6
None of the above	8.2
Total	1057

#### SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

#### 1. Are you?

An	swer %
Male	42.2
Female	57.8
Total	1058

#### 2. How old are you?

-	Answer	%
Under 21		1.6
21 - 29		8.6
30 - 39		23.6
40 - 49		22.1
50 - 59		21.2
60 - 69		11.3
70 & over		11.5
Total		1058

#### 3. What best describes your current employment status?

Answer	%
I have a full-time job	43.3
l have a part-time job	13.5
I have multiple jobs	0.8
I'm a full-time student	1.5
I'm a part-time student	0.2
I'm currently unemployed	23.7
I'm currently looking for work	2.7
I work in the home	10.9
I'd rather not say	3.4
Total	1051

#### 4. Approximately, what is the total annual income of your entire household?

	Answer	%
Less than \$25,000		17.8
\$25,000-\$49,000		23.8
\$50,000-\$99,000		36.3
\$100,000 or more		18.8
Prefer not to answer		3.4
Total		1056

#### 5. What is your current level of education?

An	swer %
Some high school	2.5
High school diploma or equivalency	v 17.7
Vocational school	4.1
Some college	22.9
2-year college degree	11.4
4-year college degree	22.2
Some graduate study	4.0
Graduate degree	15.3
Total	1056

#### 6. What is your marital status?

	Answer	%
Married		57.5
Single		29.0
Separated		2.0
Divorced		10.8
Prefer not to answer		0.8
Total		1056

#### 7. Did either or both of your parents emigrate to the U.S.?

	Answer	%
Yes		12.4
No		86.8
I'd rather not say		0.8
Total		1056

#### 8. How many languages were spoken in your home when

#### you were growing up?

	Answer	%
One		87.6
Two		11.4
Three or more		1.0
Total		1056

### 9. What is your primary source for general news and information?

Answer	%
Printed newspaper	33.3
Online sources on a computer or laptop	55.3
Apps on a smart phone or tablet	22.2
Television	72.3
Radio	31.2
Word of mouth from family, friends or colleagues	29.0
Printed magazine	15.2
Blogs	6.0
Podcasts	4.8
Social media, such as Facebook	28.2
Other	0.9
Total	1057

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