



BrandedPay Report - 2020 How People Shop, Reward and Pay

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Adapting to the New Normal

Digital Wallets

88% of shoppers surveyed use a digital wallet of some kind



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Before the pandemic hit, fewer than **38% of Americans** said they were using digital wallets to make purchases more or as often as the year before

55%

As the economy reopened, that number jumped to **55%**

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Digital Gift Cards

52%

Of shoppers have purchased or received a digital gift card

3X

Increase in virtual Mastercard and Visa sales YTD



72% of digital incentive recipients report high levels of satisfaction adding the cards to a digital wallet

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Online Shopping

- 53% of shoppers surveyed across the countries shop more frequently online than they do in-store, and regularly shop from mobile devices
- Four-in-ten shoppers across the countries surveyed are using their mobile phones and/or a mobile app to shop online
- 39% of shoppers surveyed across countries have made more online purchases this year than last
- 61% of shoppers surveyed across countries currently make purchases within retailer apps.
 - In the U.S., before the pandemic, just 21% of U.S. consumers were making purchases in retailer apps more often than last year.

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Navigating The Changes

- 55% of consumers feel safe shopping at physical retail locations, but 44% report being unlikely to return to their normal shopping behaviors even as stores reopen
- 78% of consumers expect permanent changes to shopping experiences as a result of COVID-19
- Nearly 70% of consumers are now more likely to shop online with retailers that offer curbside pick-up options

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Impact on Consumer Promotions

- 65% want brands to promote and advertise like they did before COVID-19
- 48% I am looking for special "After COVID-19"sales offers
- 44% I feel negatively when brands reference COVID-19 in promotions and discount

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Consumers' digital shift should drive reward strategy innovation

Holiday Gift Card Trends

Big Spenders—Highest Denominations



Employee Sentiment This Holiday Season



Anticipate getting a holiday gift from their employer



18%

Would like to receive a gift card from their employer

Lower than 2019

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Gift Cards Are The Preferred Holiday Gift



They can choose what they want



Gift cards can be delivered physically and digitally



Recipients can re-gift the gift card

In 2019, only 12% of employees were interested in re-gifting an employer's gift card

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Gift Card Trends by Generation







Thank You