Grocery eCommerce Benchmarks and Insights

From the MikMak Shopping Index



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Consumer preference for Grocery eCommerce has shifted

Category Benchmark

3.7% Purchase Intent Rat

According to <u>eMarketer</u>, Grocery eCommerce will be a \$243 billion market in the US by 2025. YouTube surpasses Facebook/Instagram as yielding the highest Purchase Intent Rates among social channels. Grocery shoppers purchase many items at a time, with an Average Basket Size of 12.4 items.

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YouTube x Walmart is your channel/retailer mix for Grocery shoppers

Social commerce can help your Grocery brand reach a higher volume of online grocery shoppers. Right now, YouTube has the highest Purchase Intent Rate (PI Rate)* at 5.2 percent (1.4 x higher than the category benchmark) for Grocery brands, meaning shoppers are most likely to continue to purchase from media displayed on YouTube. YouTube, being the premier platform to host long-form video content, is great to leverage when educating your consumer on your product. Where shoppers might scroll past content they see elsewhere, YouTube requires audience attention for a more sustained period of time.

*Purchase Intent Rate: The percentage of shoppers who clicked through to at least one retailer.



Following YouTube is Pinterest, with a 4.2 percent PI Rate. Similar to YouTube, Pinterest is a highly visual platform that is great for more content-rich advertising such as shopping lists, recipes, and party planning guides. When advertising on Pinterest, ensure your product's value is clearly depicted in the creative by showing it in action.

Following Pinterest is Instagram with 3.5 percent. Facebook, which yields the highest in-market traffic, has a PI rate of 3.1 percent, and finally, TikTok has a PI Rate of 2.5 percent.



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Wherever your consumers are engaging, be sure to include the retailers they prefer to shop at. Right now, **Walmart** is the retailer driving the most in-market traffic for Grocery brands, with a 41.2 percent Share of Purchase Intent Clicks* among the top 5 retailers. **Target** and Amazon are second and third, with 22.1 and 18.6 percent, respectively. Following the major retailers, quick delivery option Instacart yields 11.9 percent of shoppers, and local option, Kroger, rounds out the Top 5 retailers at 6.1 percent.

Want to better understand how to reach Walmart shoppers with social content? Listen to Kara Rousseau of Walmart Connect on BRAVE COMMERCE.

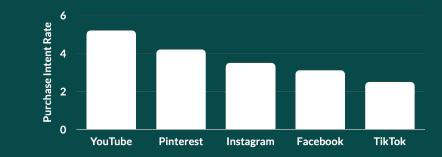


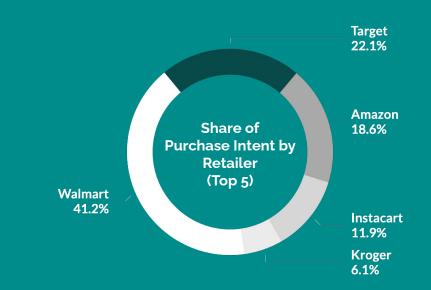
Target is a standout for seeking out and highlighting minority led brands. To learn how to capitalize on on these efforts tune into the <u>BRAVE COMMERCE episode</u> <u>featuring Partake Foods CEO</u> <u>Denise Woodward</u>.

Advertising on a mix of channels, especially including YouTube, and being available at a variety of retailers, especially including Walmart, can help your brand win market share with Grocery shoppers.

*Share of Purchase Intent Clicks: The number of times a shopper has clicked through to at least one retailer during a single session.

Purchase Intent Rate by Social Channel





Grocery shoppers are adding Snack Mixes, Coffee, and more to their carts

Top 10 Products by Type			
1.	Snack Mix: Seasonal Flavor	6.	Single Serve Medium Roast Coffee, 24 ct
2.	Sliced Cheese	7.	PB and Chocolate Candy
3.	Single Serve Flavored Coffee, 12 ct	8.	Snack Mix: Original Flavor
4.	Herbal Tea	9.	Frozen Veggie Burgers
5.	Single Serve Flavored Coffee, 24 ct	10.	Cereal



Average Basket Size 12.4 items When looking at basket-level data, the MikMak Shopping Index shows that the average Grocery cart is 12.4 items. What's in those carts? A leading snack mix product, sliced cheese, and a variety of single-serve coffees are the top-purchased products right now.

Grocery Shoppers are most likely to buy online Thursday at 1 PM ET

While the weekends and evenings see more shopping traffic, PI Rates rise for Grocery items on Thursdays and during the 1 PM hour (EST). Consider retargeting consumers around this time.

Geographically, Arizona has the highest PI Rates for Grocery shoppers at 7.2 percent (1.9 x the category average). Illinois, New York, Georgia, and Florida also all see higher-than-average Purchase Intent Rates. Consider targeting your marketing and inventory planning to cater to these geographical regions, as shoppers living in those states are more likely to continue to purchase.

Top 10 US States (by Purchase Intent Rate)



What makes effective eCommerce ads?

What do many of the top-performing Grocery eCommerce ads have in common? Let's take a closer look and find out:



Post Honey Bunches of Oats with Almonds, 18oz



- 1. Bold, eye-catching creative that visually stands out
- 2. **Product first**, showcasing both the product and its value right away
- **3.** Have a clear call to action. Include bold links with simple text such as "Buy Now" or "Check Out".
- 4. Flexible checkout that allows shoppers to switch between in stores and online, different geolocations, and fulfillment options
- Don't be afraid to try out different formats. Successful Grocery brands have effectively used QR codes, OTT advertising, and livestream commerce to reach consumers.
- 6. Enable shoppable options on your brand website to promote brand awareness and offer additional checkout and fulfillment options for shoppers.
- 7. Hot tip: Be quick and nimble with your creative. The world needs to be able to experience your brand and buy it.



Enable eCommerce capabilities like shoppable media

MikMak customer, Green Mountain Coffee, ran shoppable media on YouTube with their "Packed with Goodness" campaign. This experience allows shoppers to check out at their favorite retailers or even on the brand's website.

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Featured Case Study

Sabra drove higher purchase intent than competitors and improved media efficiency by leveraging MikMak Insights to make campaign optimizations.

2X

Increase in Purchase Intent Rate after switching campaign objectives

+86%

Increase in Purchase Intent Rate after updating campaign creative

+50% Higher

Higher Purchase Intent Rate than the Grocery vertical on Facebook/Instagram

"MikMak has fundamentally changed how Sabra does marketing. We now understand full funnel marketing. We understand what channels, audiences and objectives move someone towards purchase."

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Chief Marketing Officer, Sabra

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Your eCommerce Marketing Checklist

So you've got the insights, now what?

Here's a list to help you design and optimize your eCommerce marketing initiatives for 2023.

- **1. Get the basics down.** Are YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok part of your marketing mix? Are Walmart, Target, Amazon, Instacart, and Kroger in your check-out options?
- 2. Develop more nuanced insights for consumer relevance. Is your brand's website utilizing multi retailer checkout? Which Grocery stores and specialty stores are your shoppers at? Which channels are part of their shopping journey? Add the channels and retailers that resonate with your consumers to the mix. Can this expand to new formats like livestream commerce and OTT commerce?
- **3. Explore growth opportunities.** Check your performance against category (and subcategory!) benchmarks to see how you stack up against the competition. A/B test creative and messaging to see if purchase intent increases.

Want to learn more? MikMak can help you get started!



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Walmart's Whitney Cooper on driving innovation and unity with her "one team" mindset Mondelez's Jie Cheng on different eCommerce adoption & maturity dynamics across global markets. Sargento's Chris Houser on the evolution of the grocery industry into eCommerce All data and insights from this Category Benchmark and Insights are sourced from the MikMak Shopping Index.

The MikMak Shopping Index was developed to provide a standardized set of metrics, methodology, and benchmarks to help drive brands' business results and strategy. It is a collection of key eCommerce KPIs collected across hundreds of brands and over 250 channels and more than 2,000 retailer integrations to understand consumer online shopping behavior. The Index also includes data from MikMak Shopper Intelligence, which ties first-party eCommerce data to 1,000+ demographic and psychographic data points and can be segmented by product, retailer, and more. Shopper Intelligence is available through an industry-exclusive partnership with LiveRamp.

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