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The State of Conscious Beauty



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Consumer Behaviors Regarding Conscious Beauty

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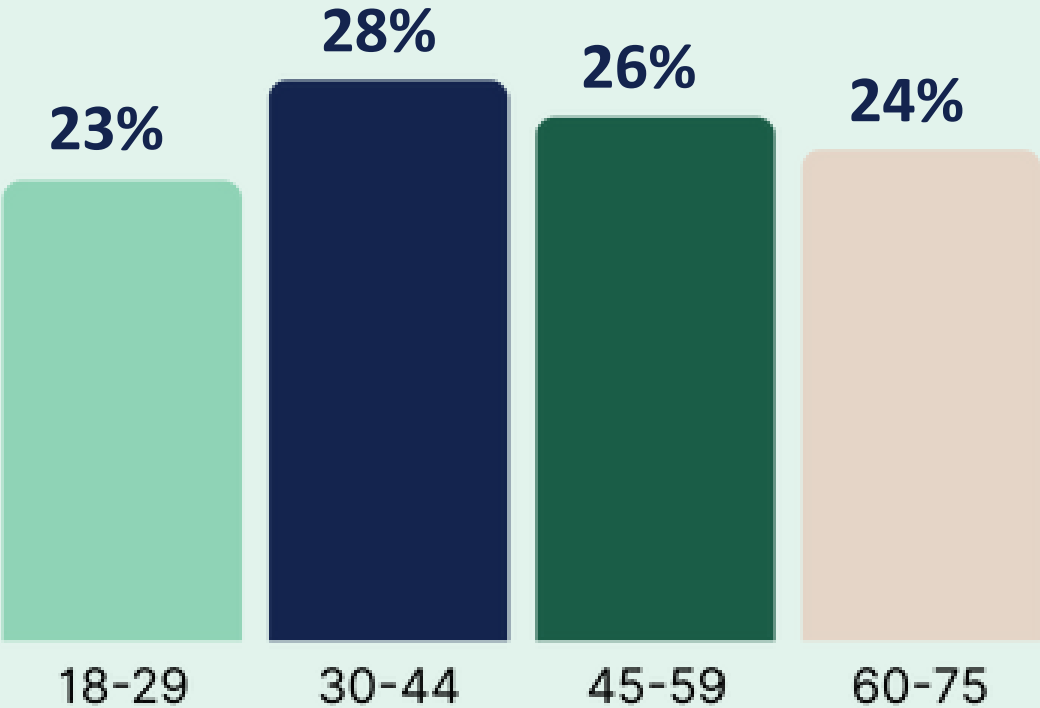
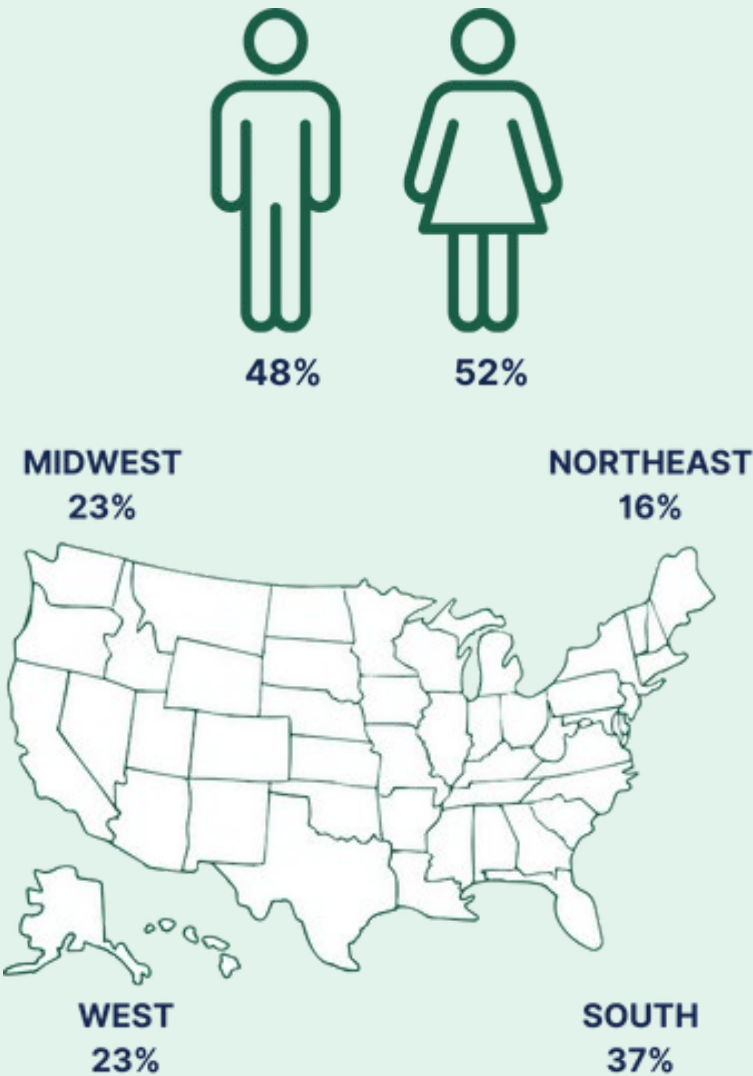


About the Research

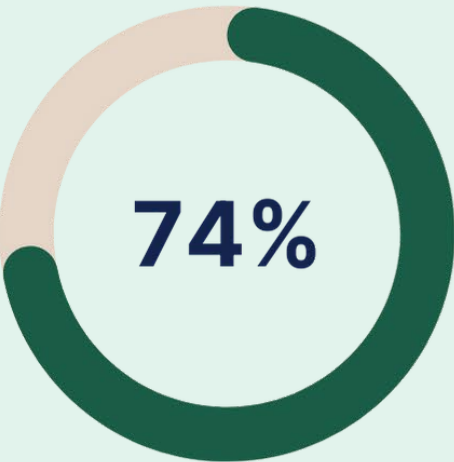
NSF, an independent, leading global public health and safety organization, commissioned TGM Research to survey 1,000 Americans in the fall of 2024. The research demonstrates the growing demand for cleaner choices and third-party certification in the personal care products industry.



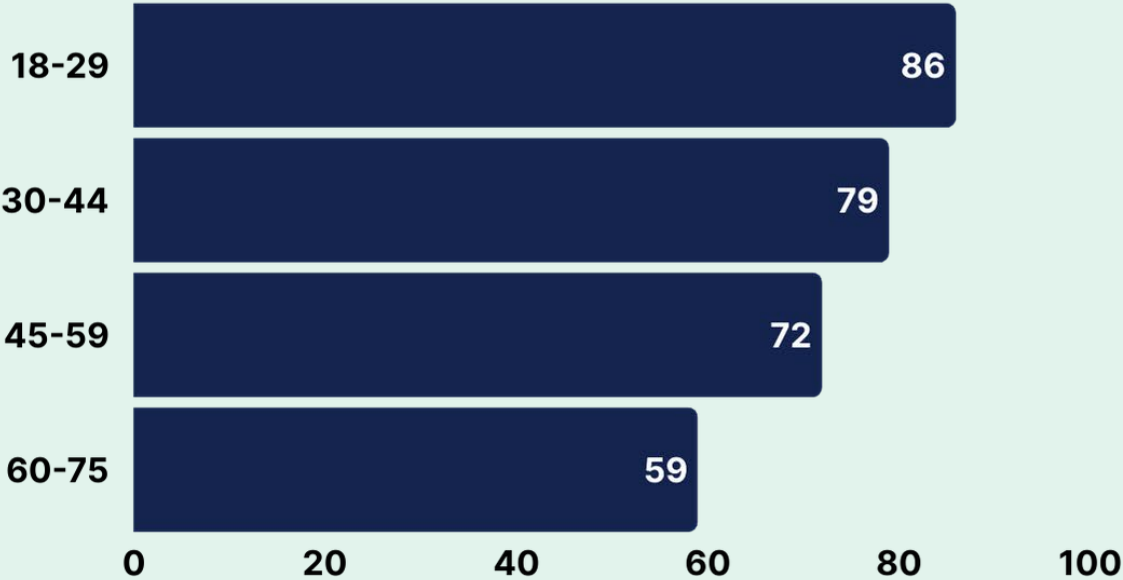
Survey Sample



Organic ingredients matter



of US consumers
consider organic
ingredients important in
personal care products



As age increases, perceived importance decreases.

Key Findings



88% of Americans see a benefit to purchasing personal care products with organic ingredients

Top incentives for buying organic



Better for personal health



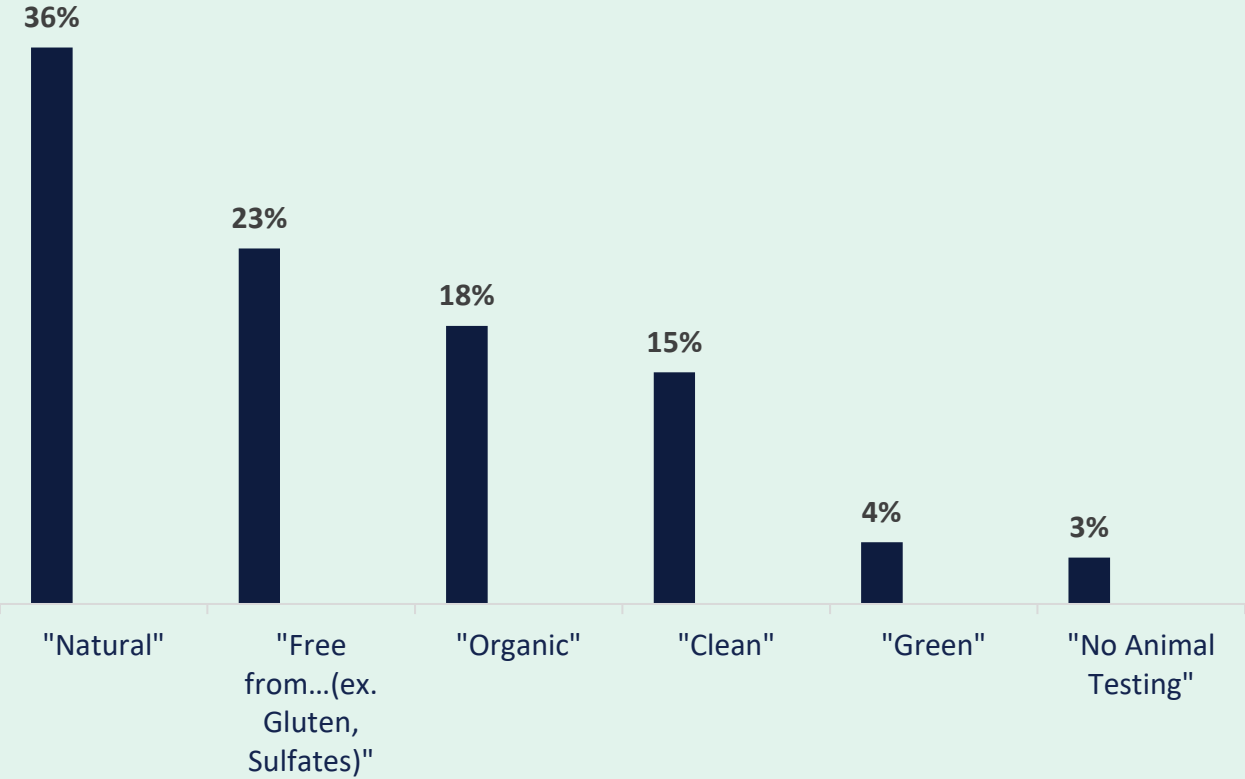
Less processed and less chemicals



Higher quality

Key Findings

What health claim most likely incentivizes you to purchase?



“**Natural**” is the top health claim that incentivizes organic beauty and personal care purchases, however this term is not regulated and could mislead consumers.

There's a lack of trust in voluntary labels



9%

completely trust voluntary labels; among older consumers ages 60 to 75, this drops to 3%



45%

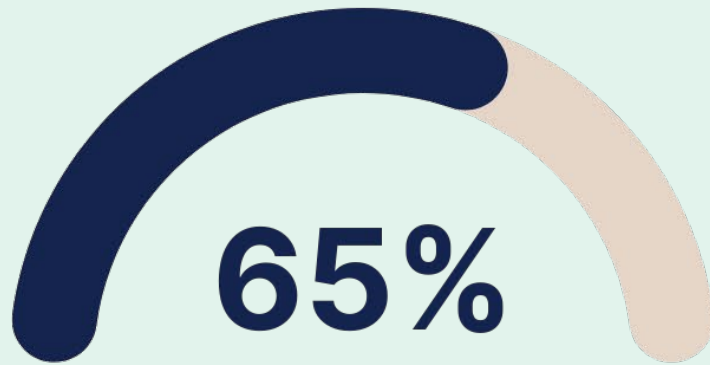
of Americans are willing to pay more for certified personal care products with organic ingredients



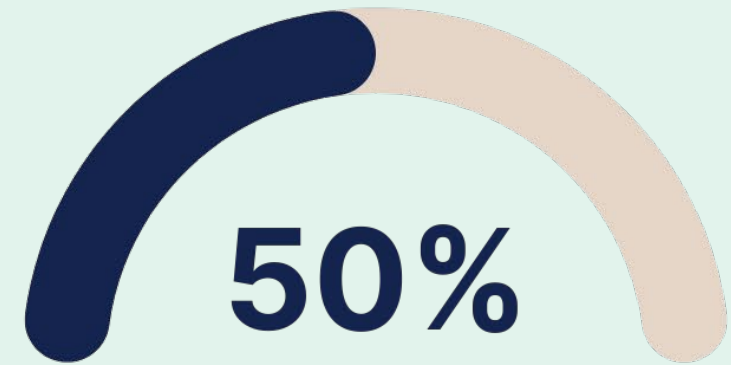
62%

of younger consumers (ages 18 to 29) are even more willing to pay more for certified products

What matters on labels



of Americans want a **clear ingredients list** to identify potentially harmful ingredients



see value in a **validated third-party seal or mark** such as USDA Organic or “Contains Organic Ingredients”

Third-Party Certifications for Conscious Beauty



18% of consumers are incentivized by “**organic**” and among consumers ages 18 to 29, “organic” is the **second most incentivizing claim** at 25% (compared to “natural” at 34%).



USDA Organic

Can be challenging for beauty products as it requires >95% organic ingredients.



NSF/ANSI 305: Personal Care Products Containing Organic Ingredients

One of the only consensus-based standards for conscious beauty, product must contain minimum organic content of 70% by weight.

Additional Data: US Consumer Priorities Across Cosmetics and Personal Care Products



78% of Americans actively research product claims on cosmetics and personal care products

Top purchasing habits for consumers



82% want retailers to inspect



86% only want tested products



95% trust independent certification

Quality Expectations for Brands



Top quality concerns for brands and products include **non-passing lab testing, failed quality audits and undisclosed/hidden ingredients.**

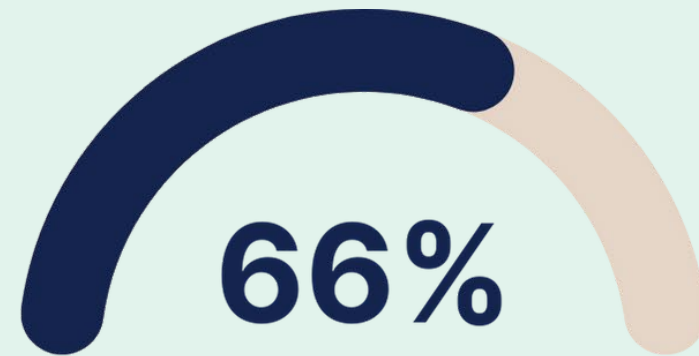
Additionally, **consumers are concerned about contamination (pesticides, heavy metals), untested ingredients, unclean facilities and improper manufacturing practices.**



Quality Expectations for Retailers



expect retailers to verify
Good Manufacturing Practices



say retailers bear
responsibility for quality and
safety of products

Modernization of Cosmetics Regulation Act



MoCRA, the nation's first cosmetics and personal care regulation update in 80 years, is set to go into effect by the FDA in December.

Mandatory elements:

- Facilities registration
- Adverse event reporting
- Safety substantiation



NSF Guideline 527 for cosmetics and personal care products supports businesses with a competitive advantage in becoming compliant with MoCRA and major retailer requirements.



NSF/ANSI 455 Good Manufacturing Practice combines regulatory requirements with retailer quality requirements.

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Nutrition and Wellness Booth 3557 (Hall D)

Food Booth 1936 (Hall B) – Expert Hour today from 2-3pm on
NSF/ANSI 305 and USDA Organic



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Beauty Retail's (R)Evolution

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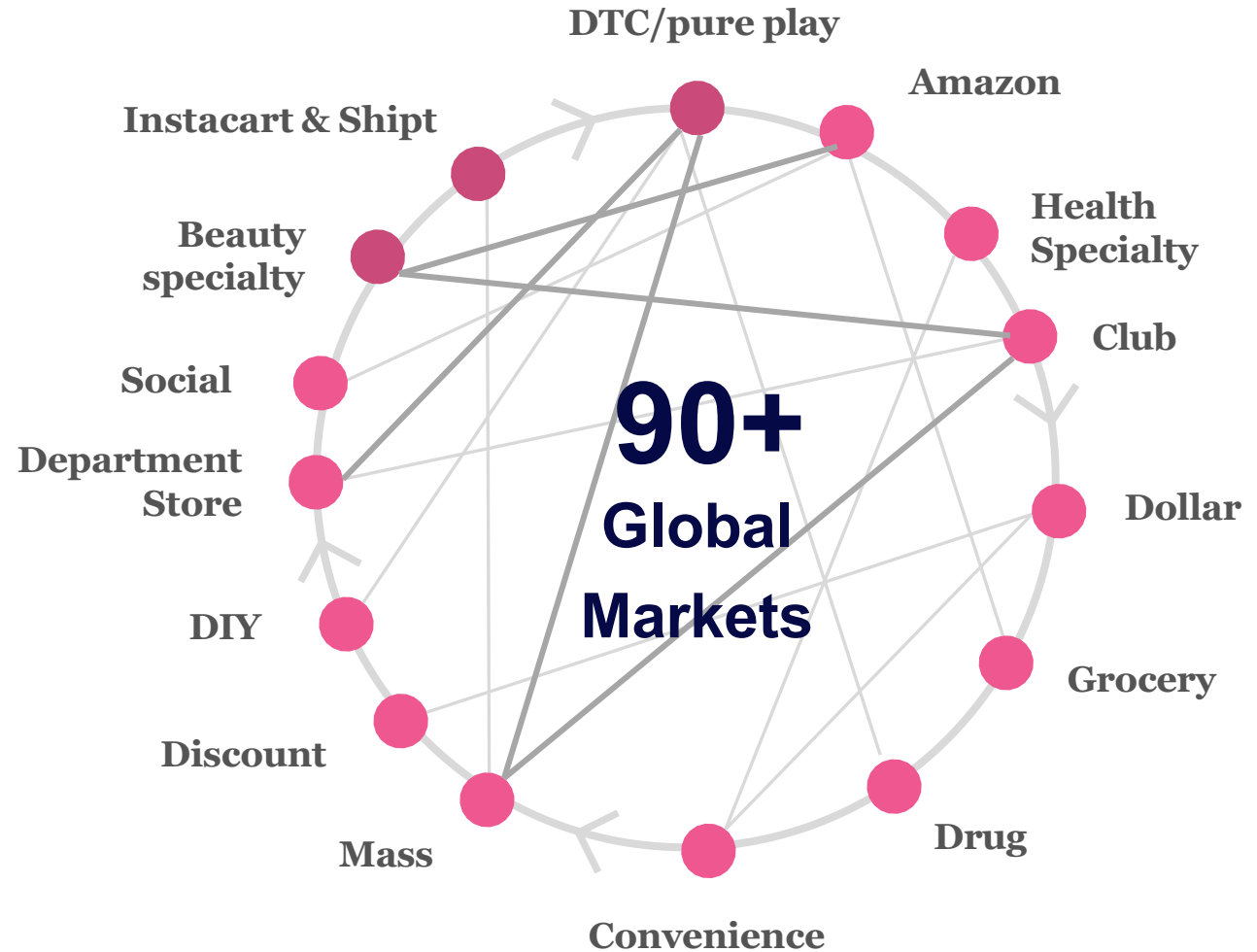
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NIQ delivers the *Full View* of beauty buying behavior

- The industry's most trusted consumer data—more channels, sources, consumers, and regions
- Validated with point of sales data directly from retailers



- *Ecommerce Acceleration*
 - With more than 40% of all beauty sales happening online, the new world of beauty retail is digital
- *Social Selling Makes Waves*
 - TikTok Shop has proven the stickiness of social selling platforms. With its future still uncertain, there are many challengers ready to take a slice of its business.
- *Generations at the Forefront*
 - Gen Z is growing buying power, but their expectations vary wildly from prior generations. And don't count out older consumers, who are vibrant and won't be left out of the joy of beauty.



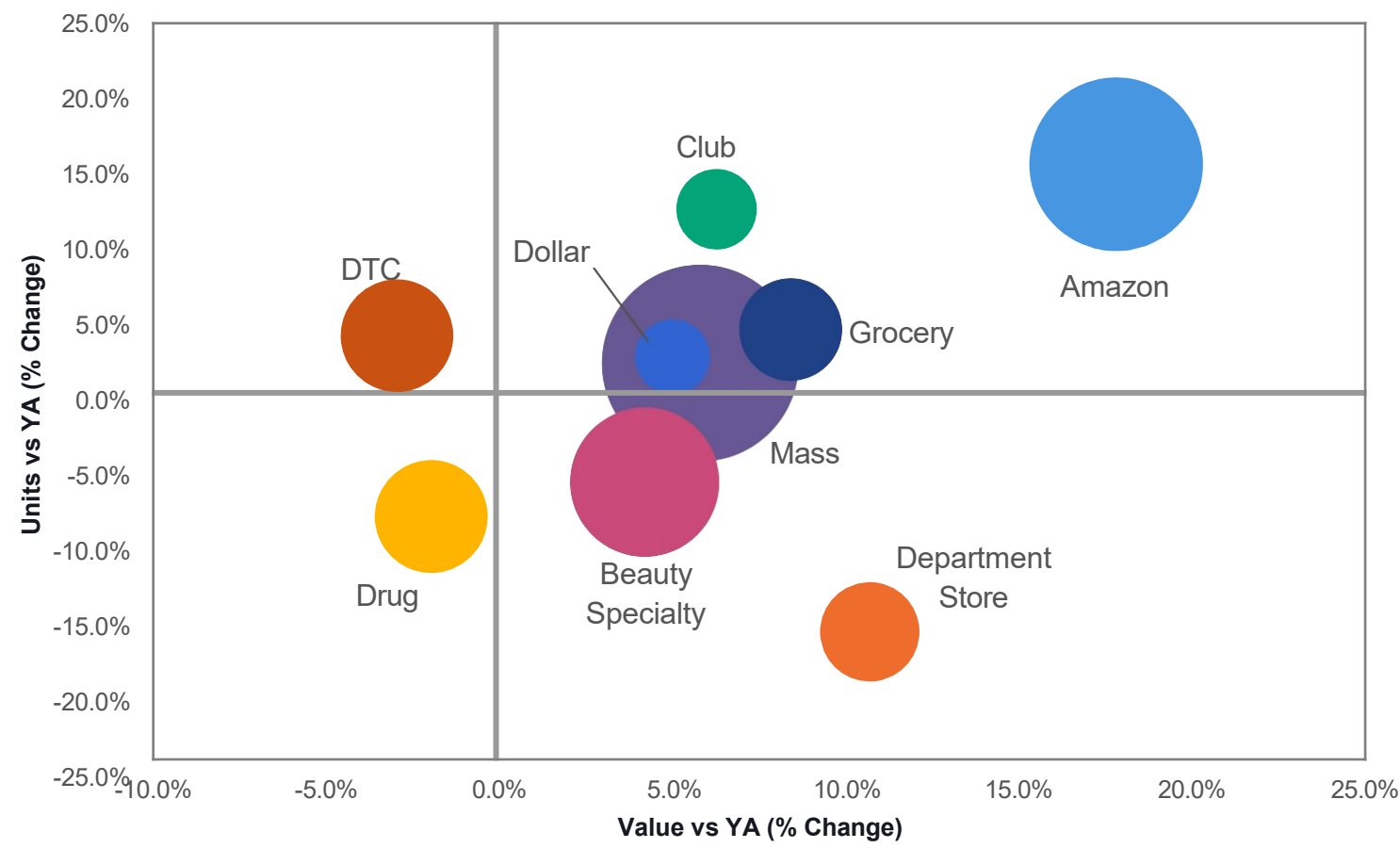
Online continues to drive growth for beauty



Source: NielsenIQ POD Omnishopper Panel Total US L52 week ending 11/30/2024 vs YA.Dollar percent change

Amazon capturing strong both dollar and unit growth

Size and growth of key beauty channels (omnichannel view)



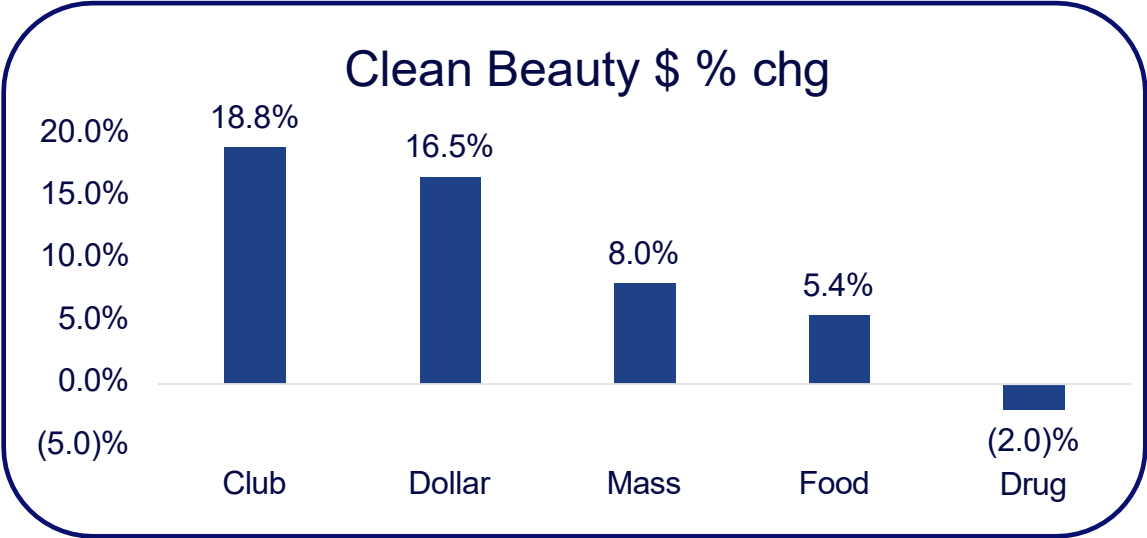
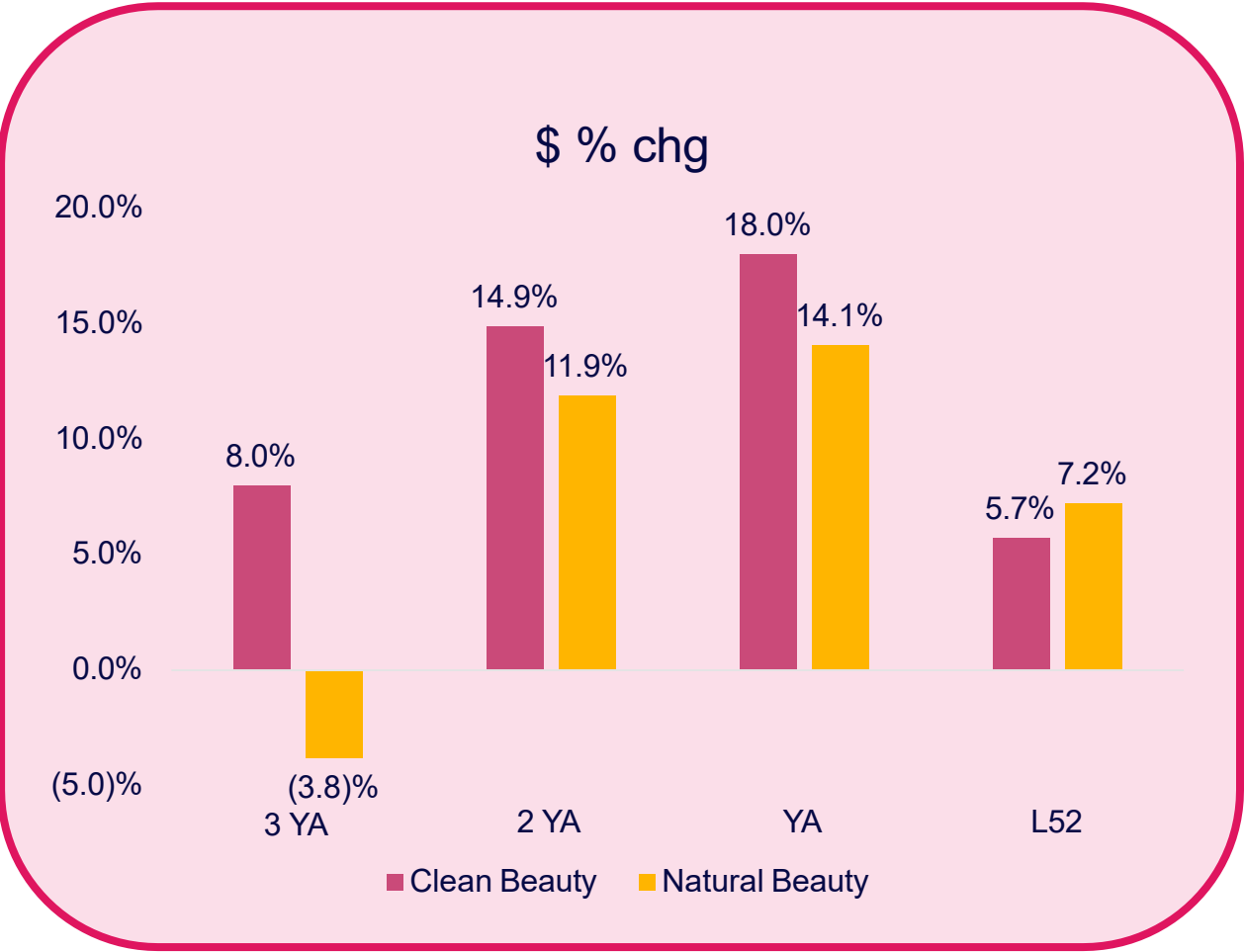
Channel	\$ share	\$ % chg	Unit % chg
Mass	25.7	5.8	2.0
Amazon	20.0	17.8	15.5
Beauty Specialty	14.7	4.2	-6.1
Drug	8.4	-2.0	-8.4
DTC	8.4	-3.0	3.9
Grocery	7.0	8.4	4.2
Department Store	6.5	10.7	-16.2
Club	4.3	6.2	12.5
Dollar	3.7	5.0	2.4



2024 TikTok Dollar Sales - \$995.8M

Source: NielsenIQ Omnishopper Panel Total US 52 week ending 11/23/2024 vs YA. Mass is defined as Total-Amazon. DTC is defined as beauty supply online minus Sephora+Sally Beauty+Ulta. Beauty specialty is Beauty supply channel-DTC Rakuten Data 12 Month Aggregate w/e 11/30/24.

Clean beauty growth slows, but alternative channels are winning





***free from
artificial
ingredients***

Facial Skin Care +42.0%

Hair Removal +18.2%

Sun Care +13.2%

Deodorant +10.3%

Cosmetics & Nail +9.3%

Source: NielsenIQ RMS Total US xAOC Latest 52 weeks ending 1/25/25

Major Trends that will Impact Beauty Retail

Amazon's Dominance

Social Selling Emerges

Future of DTC

Private Brands Evolve

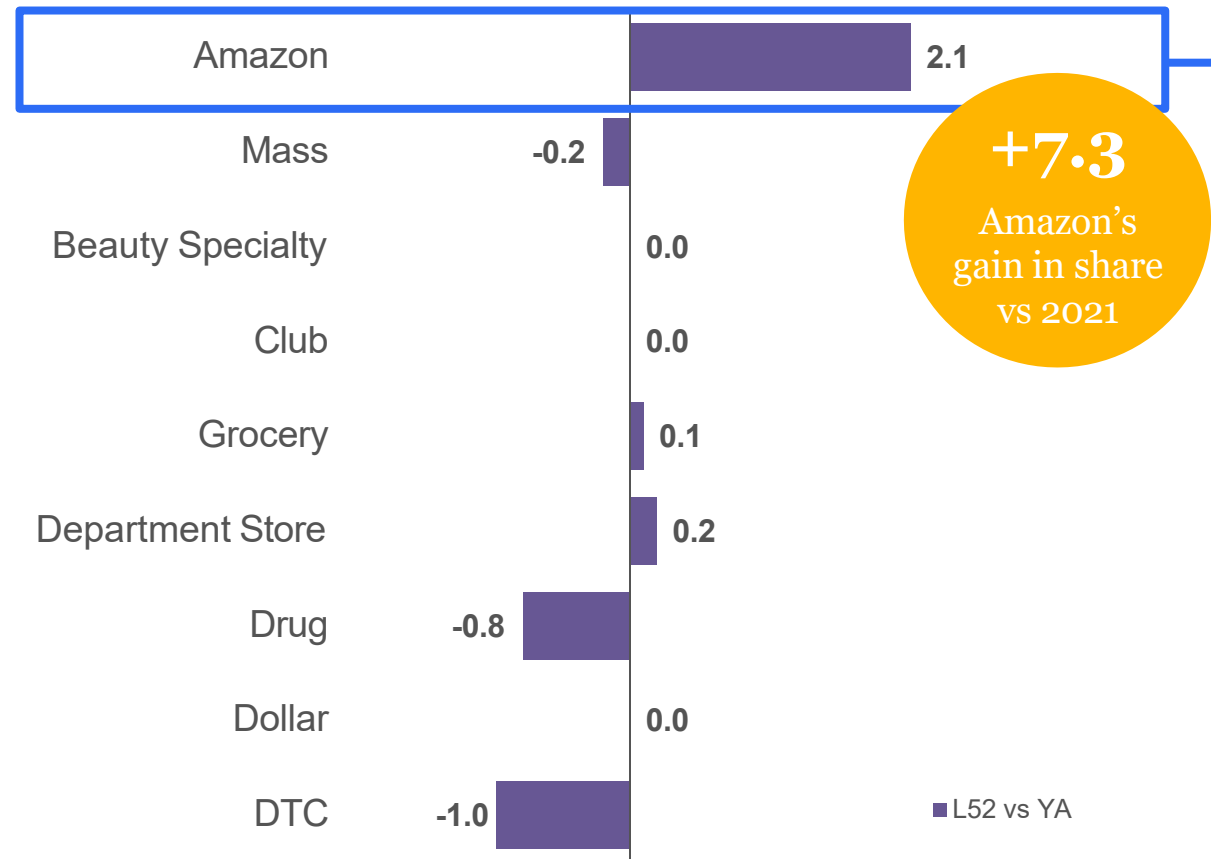
Demographics are Destiny

Amazon is now the #1 US Beauty Retailer



Retail consolidates as the big get bigger

\$ Share Pt Chg



Amazon delivers well-rounded growth

Category	\$ % Chg. vs YA
Hair Care	17.6%
Facial Skin Care	32.7%
Cosmetics & Nail	6.3%
Hair Removal	4.6%
Bath & Shower	28.9%
Hand & Body Lotion	21.1%
Fragrances	20.6%
Deodorant	39.8%
Sun Care	25.9%

+18.6%	+1.8pts	+\$30/year
Dollar Sales	Penetration	\$ Buy Rate

Categories ranked by \$ sales at Amazon

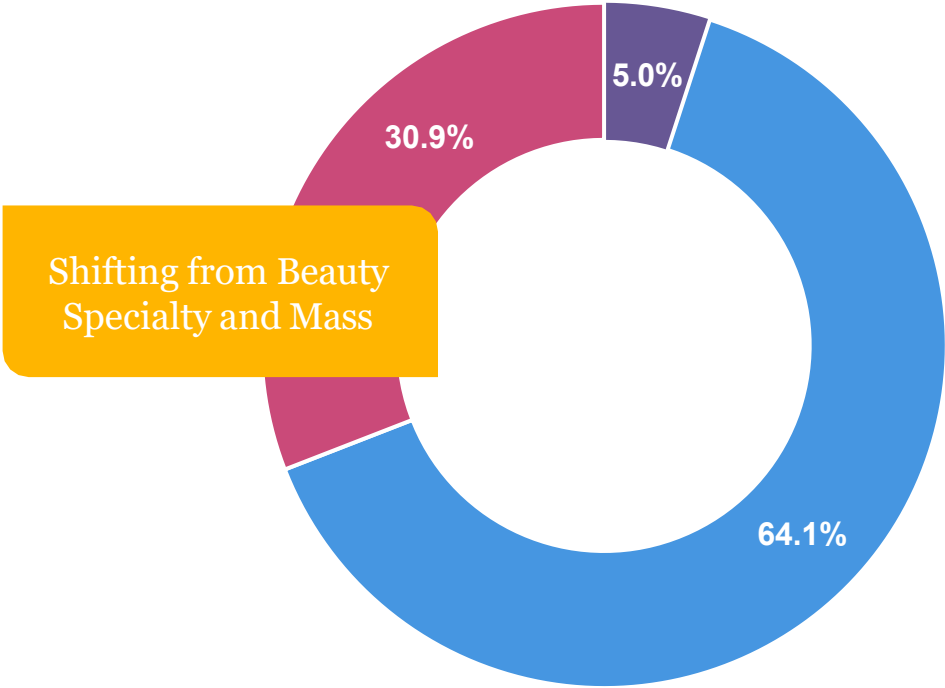
Source: NielsenIQ Panel on Demand Omnishopper, Total US, Total Beauty, Latest 52 weeks ending 11/30/2024 vs YA

Amazon's customer satisfaction shows

Retained Beauty buyers are driving growth

Amazon Beauty by Growth Contribution

- New Buyers
- Retained Buyers Buying More
- Shifting From Other Retailers



Source: NielsenIQ Panel on Demand Omnishopper, Amazon, Total Beauty, Latest 52 weeks ending 11/30/2024 vs YA



Social Selling Takeover

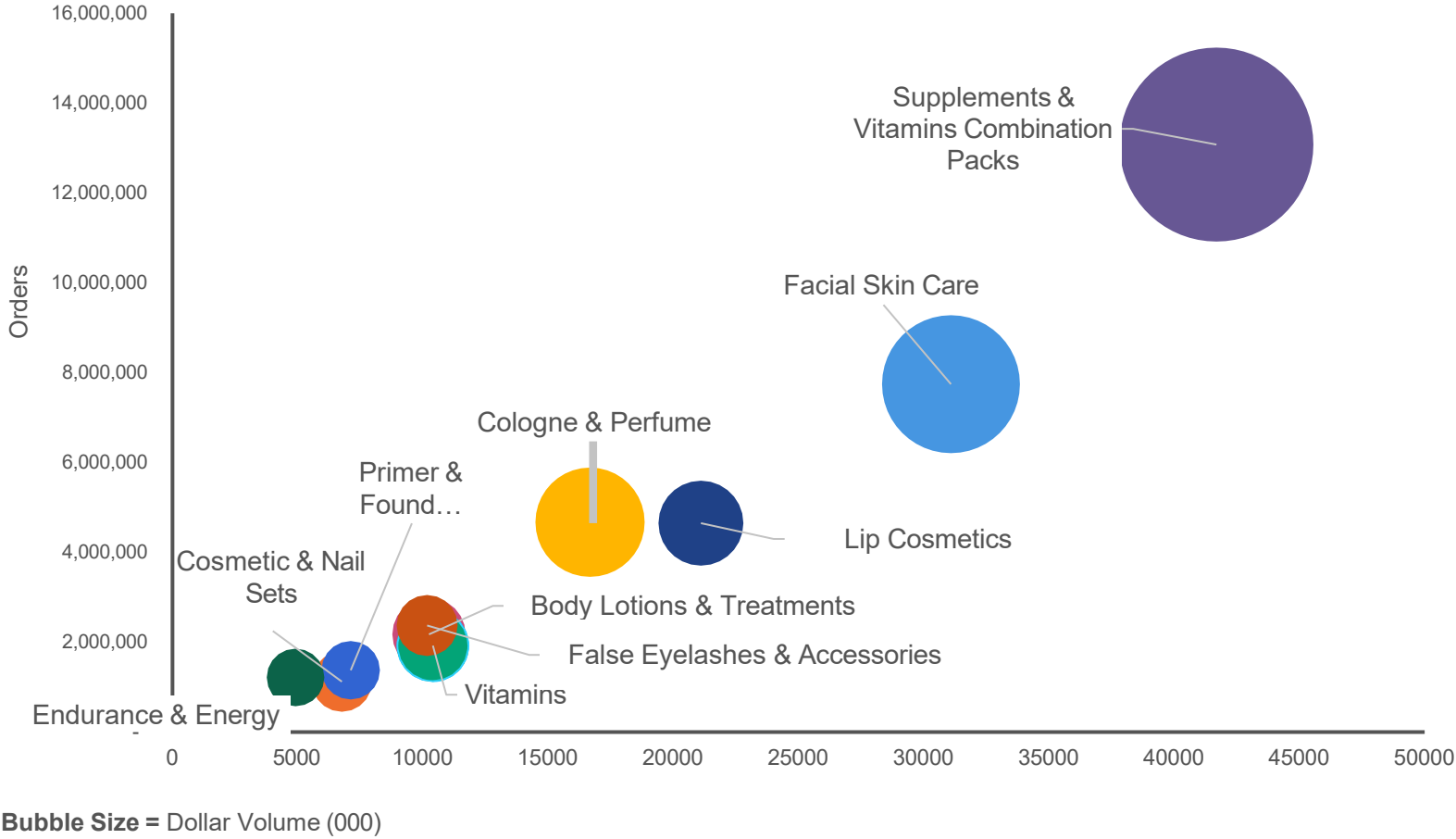


Just 1 year in, TikTok Shop's success continues to compound

- **#8 Health & Beauty** ecommerce retailer
- **12.5% of ecommerce shoppers** made a purchase on TikTok Shop in the last year
- TikTok Health & Beauty sales have seen a **35% growth in dollars sales in the recent 6 months**



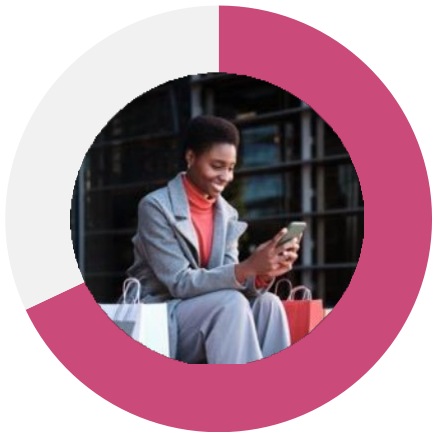
TikTok Shop's biggest selling *subcategory* in Health & Beauty is now Supplements & Vitamins



Source: NielsenIQ e-commerce Retailer View, TikTok Health & Beauty Categories, 52wks ending 11/30/24



Social Selling is fueling discovery and impulse, though quality and trust are concerns



68% of purchases

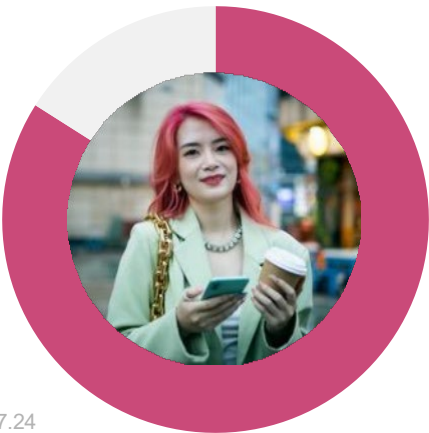
on social selling platforms
are made on impulse

Top reasons for making a purchase on a social selling site:

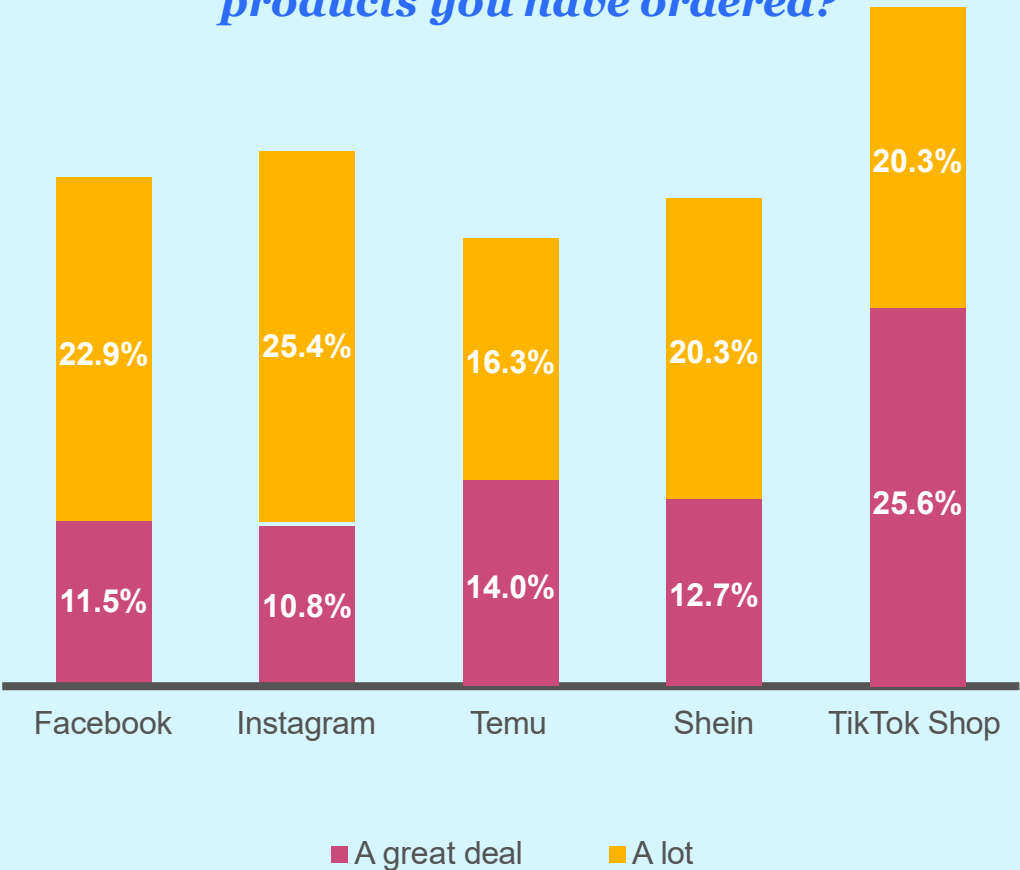
- I **discovered something new** that I wanted to try
- I can find **cheaper alternatives** to the usual products I buy
- Was a **convenient** way to purchase what I needed

84%

had a **good or excellent**
experience shopping on social sites



How much do you trust the beauty products you have ordered?



Source: NielsenIQ Omnishopper Panel, Social Selling Survey, Total US, L52W 09.07.24

Social selling captures 6.2% of ecommerce market share in Beauty/Personal Care

3.2%



1.4%



1.1%



0.2%



0.2%



0.1%



Future of DTC



What is DTC?

DTC takes on many shapes and forms



DTC Pure Play

Started by online only, shipping directly to customers



Multi level marketing (MLM)

Brands that use direct seller reps to enable online sales

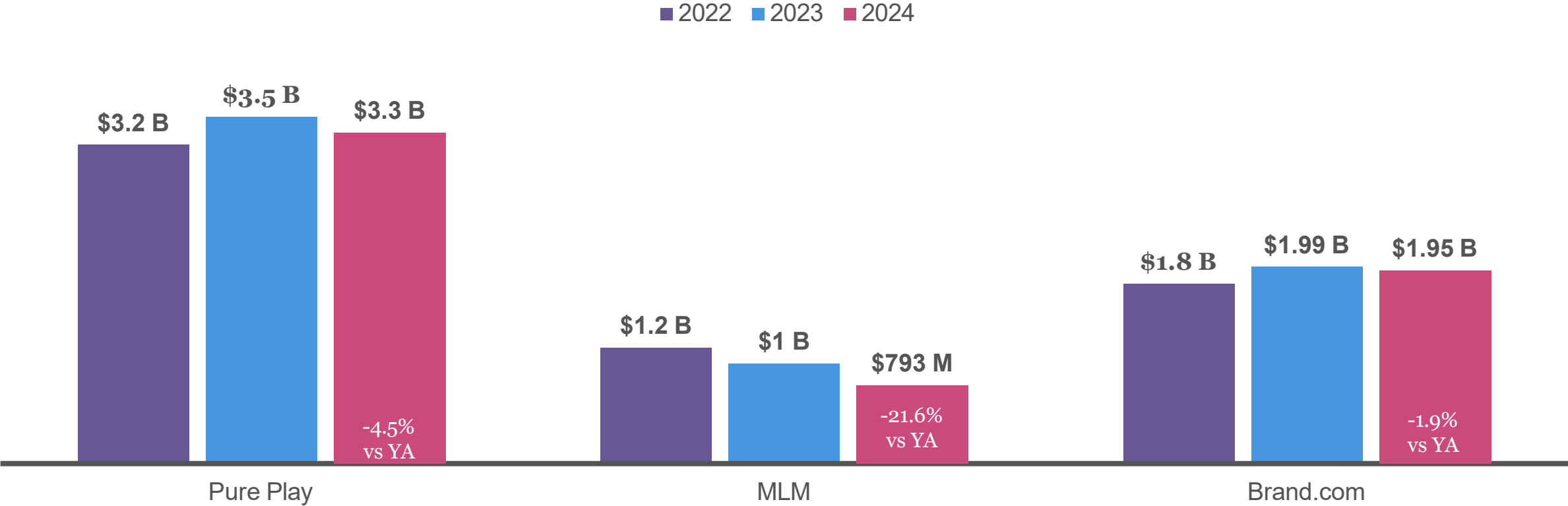


Brand.com

Brands that already exist in B&M space that then launched their own websites to sell directly to consumers online

All DTC formats face declines this year, with Brand.com as most resilient

\$ Sales

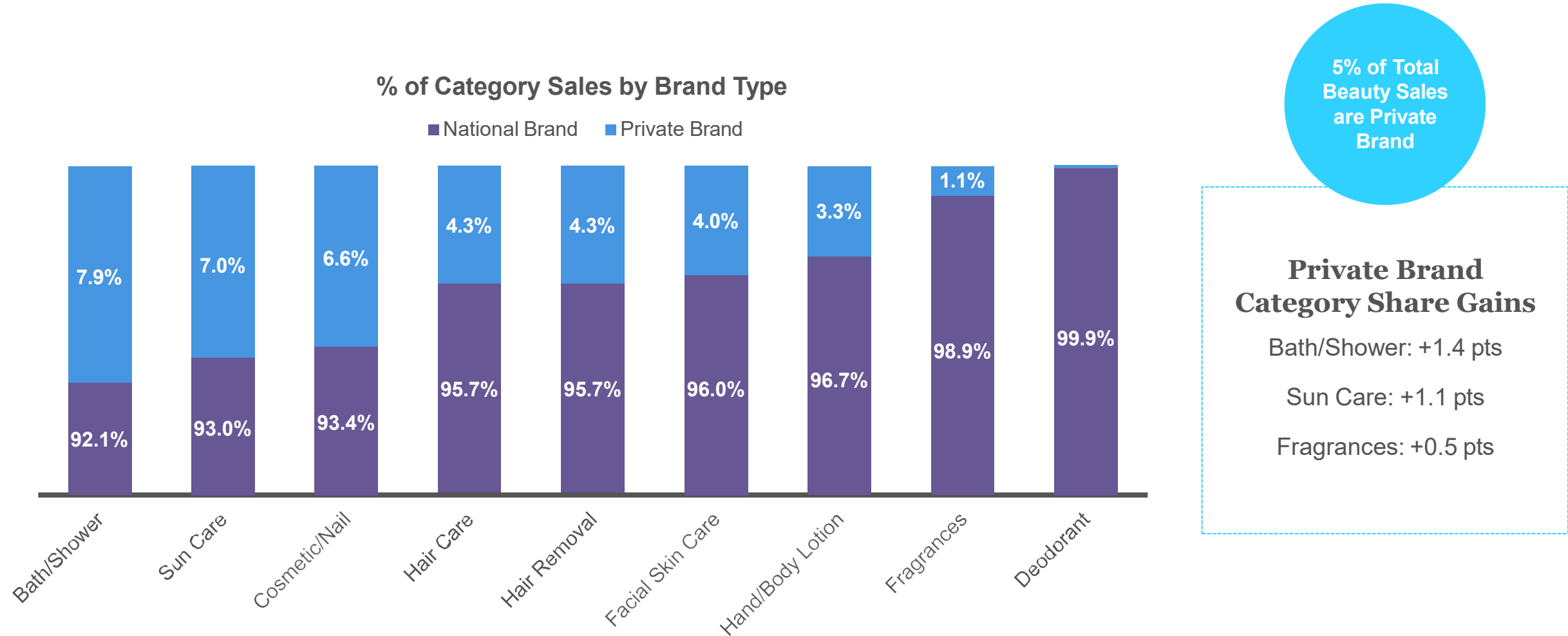


Source: NielsenIQ E-commerce Data powered by Rakuten, 52 w 11/30/2024
Beauty & Personal Care includes: Bath & Shower, Cosmetics & Nail, Deodorant, Facial Skin Care, Fragrance, Hair Care, Hair Removal, HBL, Sun Care

Retailers Innovate with Private Brands



Retailers continue to use Private Brand as a vehicle for quality and value



Source: NIQ Omnishopper, L52W Ending 10/5/24, Total US, All Shoppers

Upgraded Store Brands



Source: Retailer Websites





Demographics are Destiny: How Changing Generations will Impact Retail



Channel strategies should vary based on age target

Gen Z and Millennials are more likely to shop for Beauty and Personal Care products at Sephora and Target

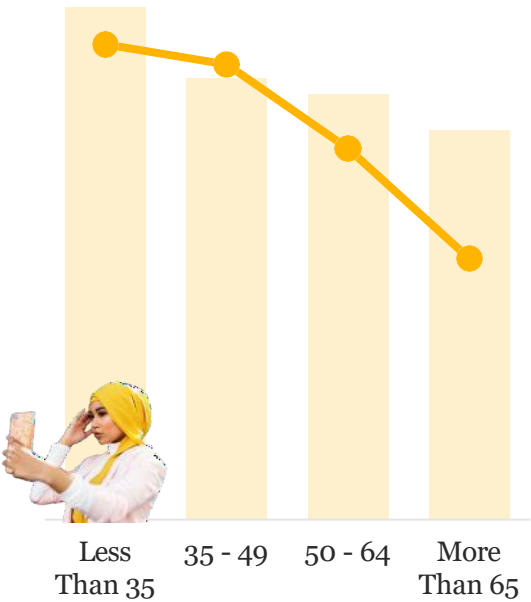
Over indexing channels for Beauty and Personal Care

				
	Gen Z	Millennials	Gen X	Boomers/Traditionalists
Tend to shop...	Sephora, Ulta, Target, TikTok Shop	Sephora, Target, Amazon	Department, Dollar, Drug, Walmart	Department, Dollar, Grocery, Walmart, Amazon
Not shopping...	Department		Target	Sephora, Target

Source: NielsenIQ Omnishopper, Trip Projected, Syndicated Database POD 444, L52 WE 03/23/2024, Total Outlets, Total Beauty & Personal Care Categories

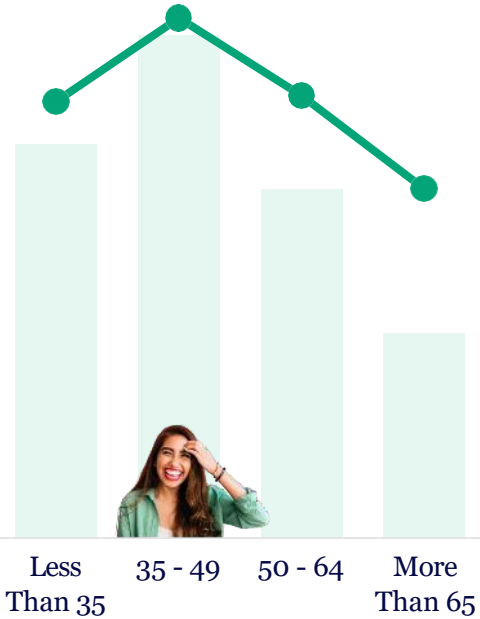
No one size fits all approach to beauty's generational landscape

Face Cosmetics



Early Peak

Sun Care



Deprioritization

Hair Coloration



Needstate Spike

Skin Care



Sustained Rise

Closing thoughts

A time for exploration and discovery

Shoppers are looking for beauty in new and varied places. Brands need to be experimenting with how their products show up, and how to incorporate social and gamified experiences to appeal to shoppers

The in-store experience is ripe for a comeback

While e-commerce has evolved rapidly in the past 5 years, the in-store experience has remained largely the same. The successful retailers of tomorrow will find a way to capture the excitement happening in beauty e-commerce, and bring it to the physical world.

