How Inventory Visibility Impacts Consumer

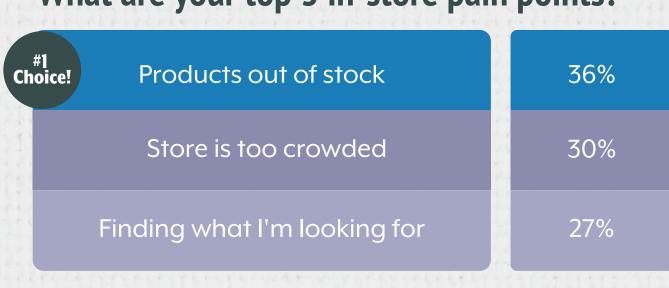
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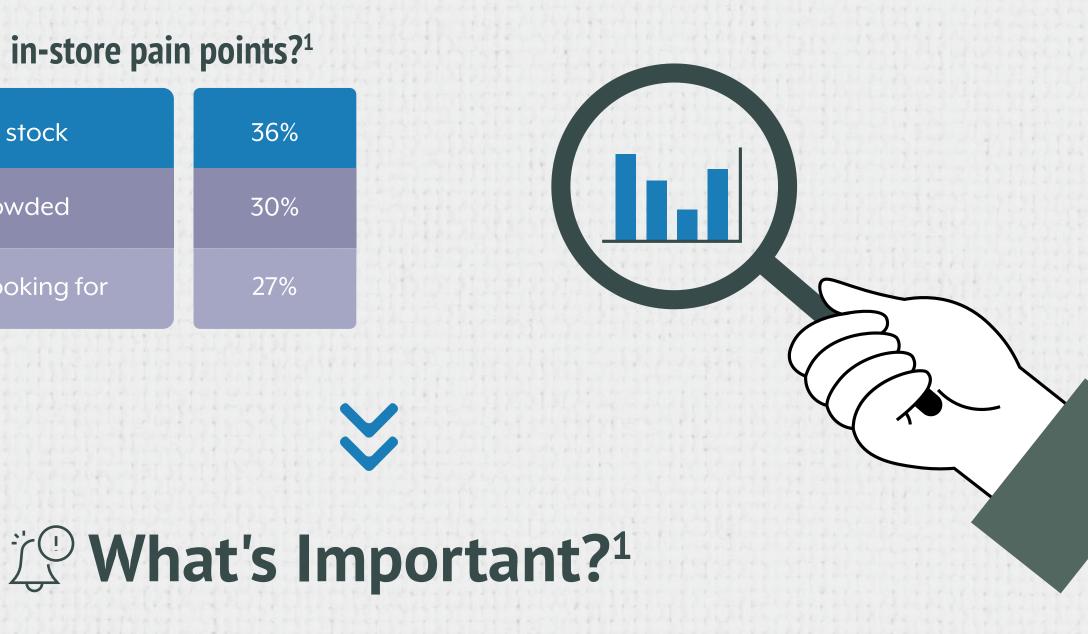
Consumers expect the products they want to be on shelves — and there are big risks when they're not. Inventory visibility directly shapes shopper experiences. Get a snapshot of key factors influencing experiences and why transparency in availability matters.

Shoppers Weigh In: Factors Influencing + Impacting In-Store Experiences

Out-of-Stocks Are a Top Pain Point for Shoppers

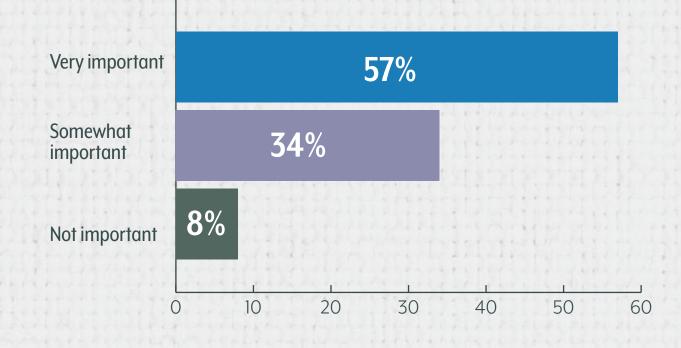
What are your top 3 in-store pain points?¹



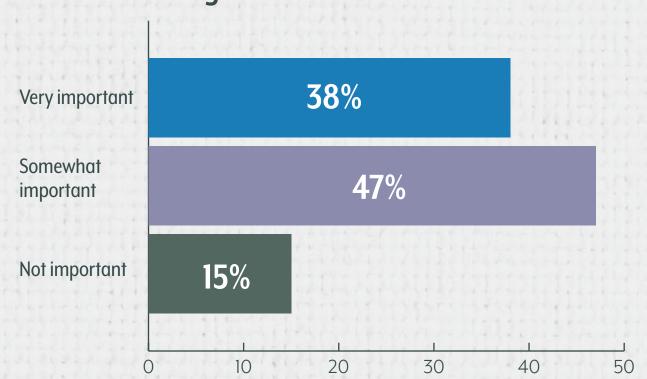




Consistently Having Items in Stock



Product Arrangement on Shelves



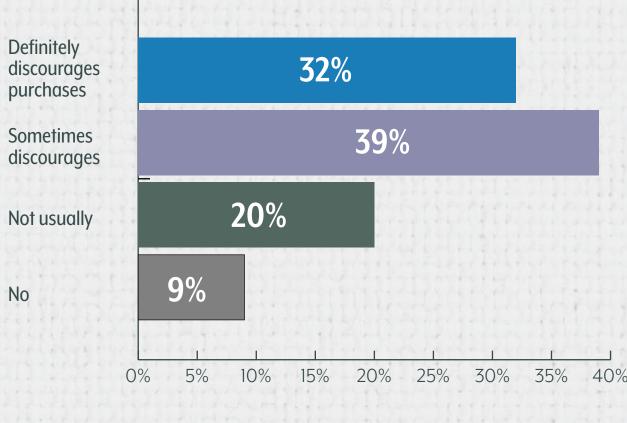




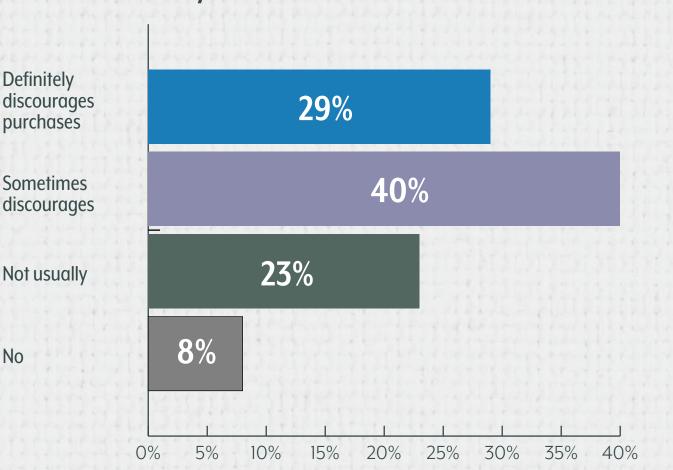
What's Not Helping?1

Barriers Discouraging In-Store Purchases

Messy or Poorly Organized Stores



Lack of Variety in Product Selection



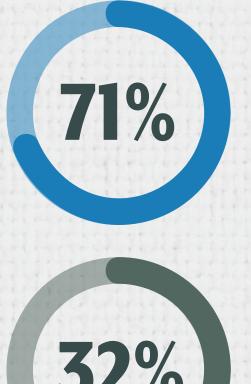
Out-of-Stocks Can Drive Shoppers to Other Brands

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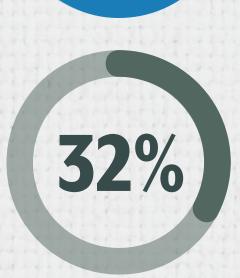
20%

Shoppers who spontaneously switched to another product when their usual wasn't in-stock in a store¹.

Shoppers Want a Holistic, Omni View of Availability



Consumers shopping online who want to see the product availability in a store near them².



Consumers shopping in-store who check if a product is in stock when using a retailer's mobile app¹.

Payoff: Improving in-stock rates increases customer satisfaction and loyalty, as it lets employees focus on customer-facing tasks and not hunting down products³.

Visibility Requires **Data Transparency +** Organizational Readiness

Retailers achieving superior inventory performance have systematic data management capabilities and integrated technology platforms (not just point solutions).

Pro tip: To establish data transparency, retailers must create universally defined, cross-functional metrics for all functions to be held accountable to4.

Integration in Action &





When TikTok sent demand for Pastina soaring, Barilla's investment in real-time visibility let it spot the surge weeks before traditional data, enabling faster production and distribution to capture sales⁵.

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