

IRI Australia Industry Insights

FMCG IN THE 'COVID-QUARTER' & PREPARING FOR RECESSION

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About this report

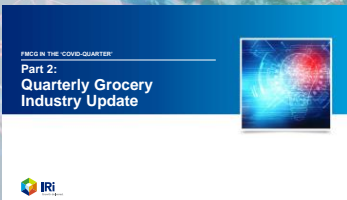
This report combines multiple sources of data and research inputs to provide a **comprehensive view of the behaviour and perceptions of Australian FMCG shoppers from February to May**. It therefore captures changes during an unprecedented timeframe: **the 'COVID-quarter'**

We think it is a crucial time to monitor consumers constantly changing perspectives. Much of the analysis includes the results of **two waves of dedicated COVID-19 themed surveys put to IRI's Shopper Panel**. Wave 1 included **5,799 respondents** surveyed between 1st and 15th April. Wave 2 included **5,566 respondents** between 19th and 24th May

Also included is **select retail POS data across channels**, and ongoing **data collected from our shopper panellists who have been recording their elevated purchase levels throughout**. Because of the mixed sources of data, the specific timeframes vary but are clearly stated on each slide

This is a comprehensive **5 part report**, covering **3 themes**

THEME 1 A headline view of COVID-19	THEME 2 Situational analysis across the FMCG channels in the 'COVID-quarter'		THEME 3 Recessionary macro-economics and dealing with a 'recessionary mindset'	
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This document includes Parts 1-3 in our analysis

FMCG IN THE 'COVID-QUARTER'

Part 1: COVID-19 Sentiment Update



Australians remain cautious as we unlock the lockdown

1

Australia has had success in curbing COVID-19 infections, which has helped to quell rising anxiety and restore faith in the government's leadership. Even as Australians express slightly less anxiety about COVID-19 (compared to March and early April at least), concerns remain pervasive amid ongoing socio-economic consequences evidenced throughout this report



2

Australians have moved into a 'readjustment' phase (in the COVID-19 lifecycle) as lockdown eases, recovery cases surge upwards, and citizens slowly begin to derive newfound enjoyment and appreciation from simple pleasures previously taken for granted (but unobtainable in lockdown). An unprecedented magnitude of change has occurred throughout the quarter as lifestyle norms (both work and leisure) continually adjust and become 'new norms' for the foreseeable future



3

Prevention, hygiene and immunity are all very much front-of-mind. Anxiety towards the avoidance of germs and other contaminants is driving forceful demand for a safer shopping environment. Elevated expectations of safeguarding measures will drive up operating costs at a time when frugal consumers will become more price conscious. This could be a tension point for the industry



Global COVID-19 infections have now surpassed 6.6M impacted citizens

Global cases:

6,600,692

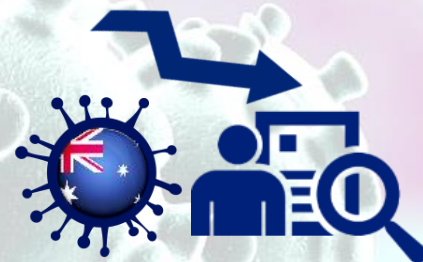
Countries impacted:

188

Global deaths:

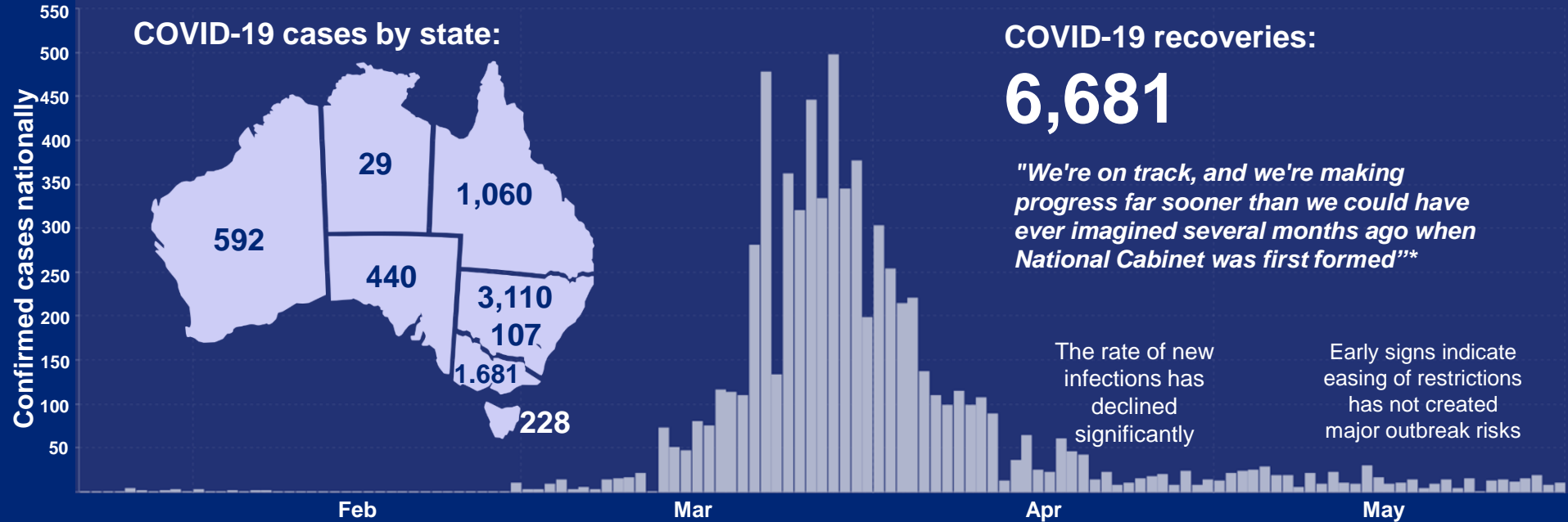
389,620

	Country	Infections	Deaths
1	US	1,872,528	108,120
2	Brazil	584,016	32,548
3	Russia	440,538	5,376
4	UK	283,079	39,987
5	Spain	240,660	27,133
6	Italy	234,013	33,689
7	India	226,713	6,363
8	France	189,569	29,068
9	Germany	184,472	8,635
10	Peru	183,198	5,031
64	AUSTRALIA	7,247	102

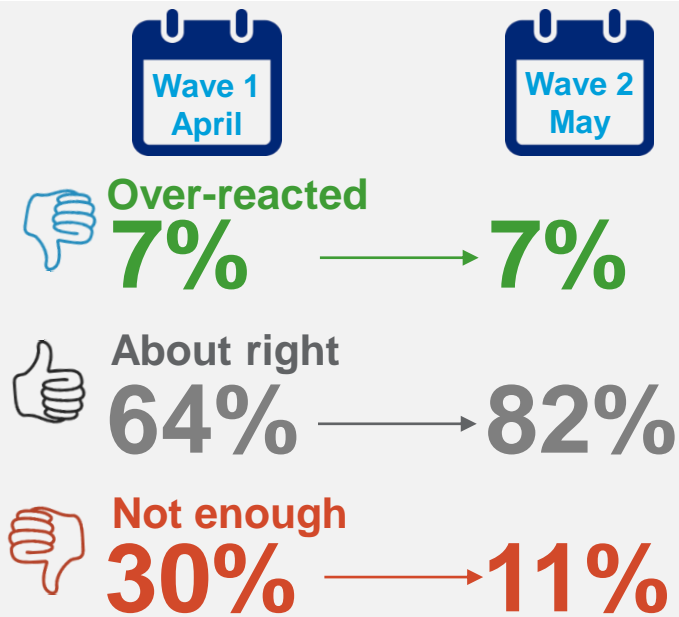


Australia's global ranking in the COVID-19 case count has dropped significantly since March when it was ranked #20 according to Johns Hopkins University data as of 31/03/2020, 09:39am

Australia has had comparative **success in curbing COVID-19 infections...**



...with eased restrictions likely adding to the **positivity re: the local response**



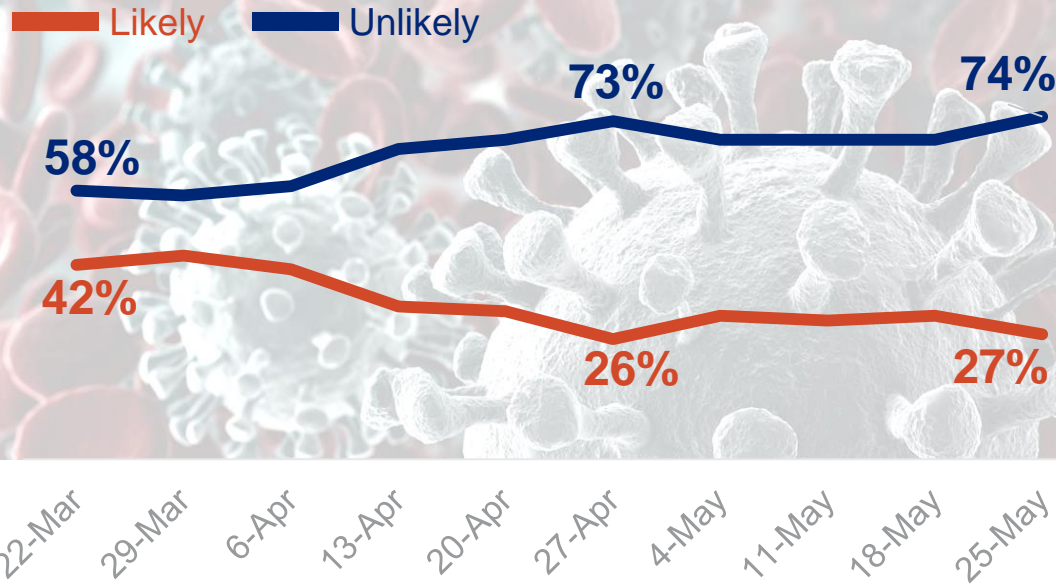
The sentiment among IRI's panellists that the level of response has been apt aligns with other research* indicating **a clear majority of Australians rating the government's response to the COVID-19 outbreak as 'good'**



Regardless of political affiliations, it could be argued that **the successful suppression of the first wave of the pandemic is a source of national pride**

Success in **curbing infection** has coincided with a **lower perceived risk**

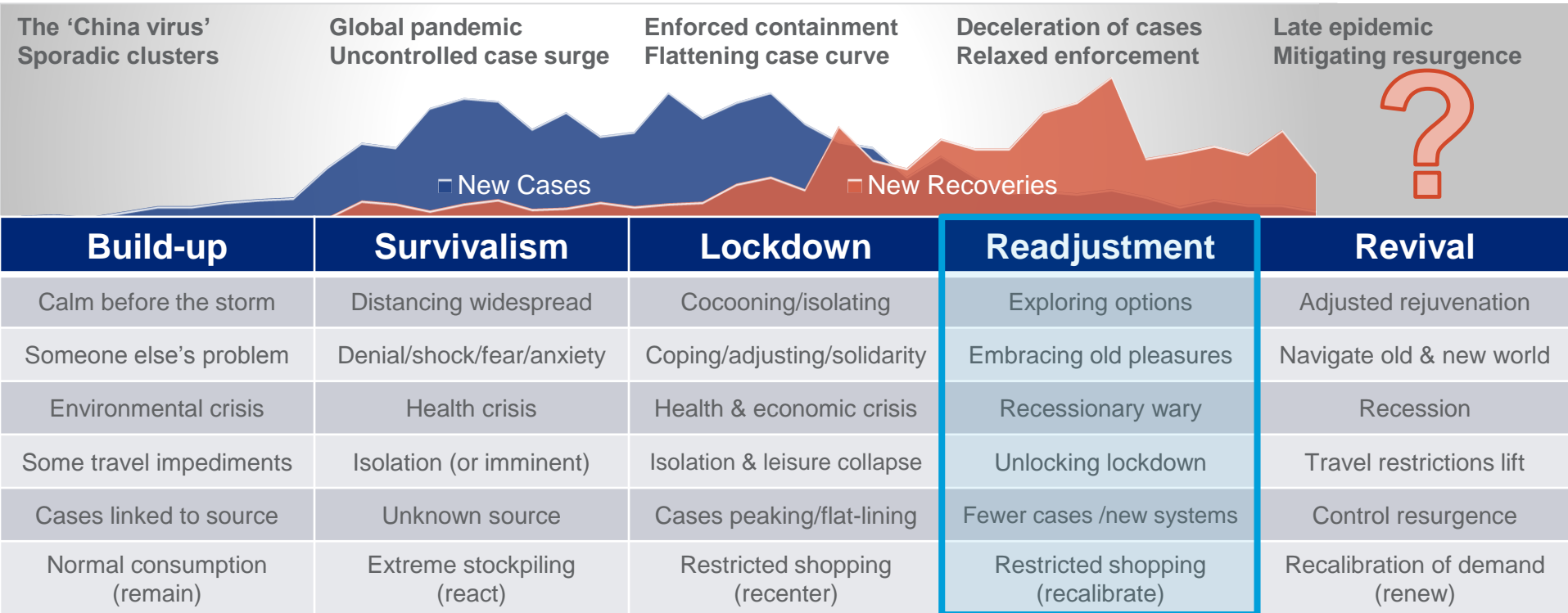
Perceived likeliness of developing Covid-19 among Australians



At no point has a majority share of Australians deemed it likely that they would develop COVID-19.

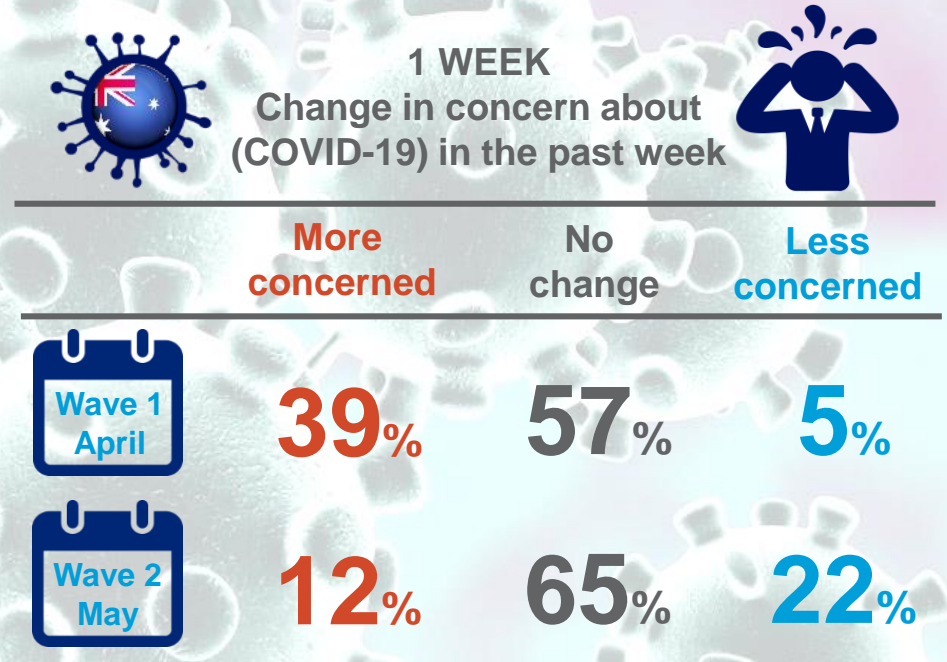
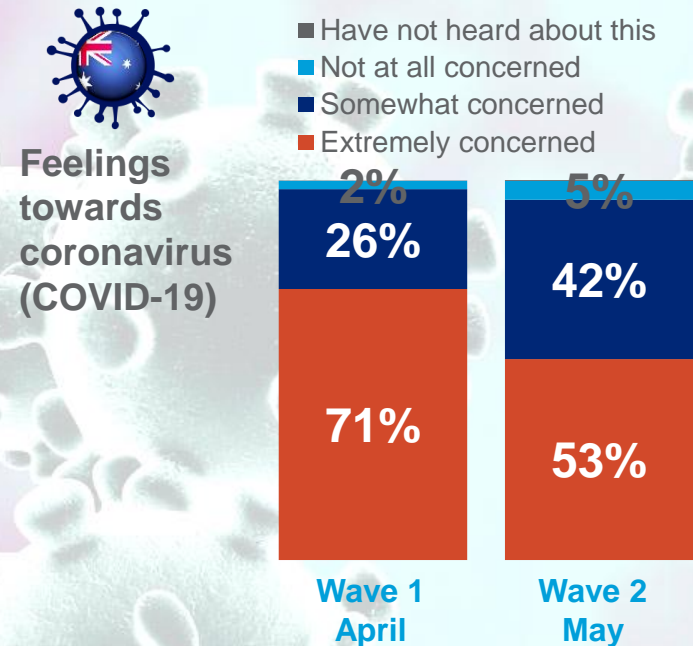
Fear of infection peaked in late March and subsided throughout most of April. Sentiment is stable in the latest 4 wks., which is indicative of a **cautious optimism/hope**

Australians have moved into a 'readjustment' phase as lockdown eases



Overall COVID-19 concerns have eased, but remain pronounced

A majority are still 'extremely concerned'. Concerns have diminished vs. March and April, but have remained consistent in May



Lifestyle choices & shopping habits continue to adjust

COVID-19 is causing Australians to adjust their behaviour in fundamental and perhaps permanent ways. Previous preferences and loyalties cultivated by prior lifestyle habits have been highly disrupted



Have your **shopping choices changed** recently because of the Coronavirus?
(Please select all that apply among 11 listed changes)



Wave 1
April

18%

% of respondents answering **'none of the above'** (and thus indicating no change)



Wave 2
May

26%

74% still indicating a change of habits



Have you been doing **anything differently** during the past week to bring some joy into your day or reduce stress?
(Please select all that apply among 15 listed changes)



Wave 1
April

13%

% of respondents answering **'haven't made any changes'** (and thus indicating no change)



Wave 2
May

16%

84% still indicating a change of habits



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Source: IRI analysis; COVID-19 Shopper Survey, April 2020, n = 5,799; May 2020, n = 5,566
Questions as stated above

Ongoing concern has **elevated expectations of safeguarding measures**

Importance of measures to choose where to shop (top 5): % saying 'very important'



Hand sanitiser & wipes available upon store entry

59%



Limiting the number of shoppers in store

38%



Contact-less credit card option for payment

31%



Presence of plexiglass dividers for cashier

29%



Require customers to bag their own groceries if using a re-usable bag

25%

Anxious/wary consumers will value retailers & products that support their heightened need for safety, cleanliness and trust



Source: IRI analysis; COVID-19 Shopper Survey; May 2020, n = 5,566

Question: Thinking ahead to your shopping plans in the next month, how important are the below in determining your level of comfort in returning to normal store shopping habits? (Please select one answer for each attribute)

FMCG IN THE 'COVID-QUARTER'

Part 2: Quarterly Grocery Industry Update



Elevated grocery sales are set to continue

1

Huge shifts seen in what, and how much, is bought via grocery stores.

Double-digit sales growth (+12.4%) over the quarter reflects sales peaking to Christmas levels. And following some softer weeks in April (when lockdown and purchasing restrictions were most stringent), Australian grocery sales have continued to grow beyond the initial panic of running out & lockdown. Grocery shopping is one of the few lifestyle activities being done with some semblance of normality



2

Grocery has, and will continue to, steal share of wallet from foodservice.

Stay-at-home mandates led to Australian households forming new habits, creating clear category shifts. Ultimately, grocery retail has grown its share of meal and snacking occasions. Even when restaurants and cafes reopen, Australians are likely to eat out less for both health and wealth reasons. Grocery retail will therefore steal share of wallet from foodservice for much of 2020 (at least). And the resolute focus on prevention, hygiene and immunity bodes well for non-food sales too



3

Lower infection rates means that Australia differs from other markets.

IRI's shopper panel metrics suggest that Australia differs from other markets where highly planned stock ups characterise shopping habits. Average basket size grew in April, indicating some level of stocking up. But shop visits in April were up too versus YA (although down vs. March). We have observed the convenience of proximity become more important during COVID-19, which partially accounts for Metcash outperforming the other major banners over the quarter



Led by the surge in March, **expenditure grew by >12%** in the QTR to late April

TOTAL GROCERY



Dollars % chg.

+12.4%

vs. YA

Broadly in line with the Q3' FY20 trading updates from both Coles (+13.1% lfl*) and Woolworths (+10.3% lfl*)

COVID-19 has been the key catalyst in the quarterly sales boom recorded in grocery sales



Dollars % chg. vs. YA

+1.8%



+24.3%



+12.4%

-9.5% vs. prior period



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Source: IRI analysis; IRI Shopper Panel, Total Till Receipt; dates as referenced; *like-for-like Retailer Trading Statements

Australia's headline grocery growth trajectory resembles the UK

TOTAL GROCERY



Value % chg.

+9.1%

vs. YA

“

The number of **lunches eaten at home** has nearly doubled under lockdown [but] partially offset by a **fall in on-the-go food and drinks sales**

On average, **households shopped only 14 times for groceries over the past month, a record low**... a drop in frequency was matched by a corresponding **uplift in the amount spent on each trip**

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Value % chg.

+20.6%



+5.5%



Quarterly spend locally was bolstered by more grocery transactions...



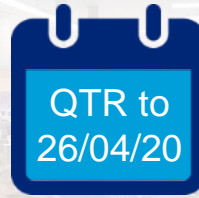
MAT to
26/04/20

Transactions:

+93.0M

+8.6%

vs. YA



QTR to
26/04/20

Transactions:

+35.8M

+13.2%

vs. YA

47% of shoppers stockpiling resulted in more trips across and more retailer banners visited
It amplified an existing trend of 'little & often' shopping: buying spontaneously for the occasion

...with **double-digit gains in shop visits** recorded across all banners



Transactions growth % vs. YA



+11%
+11.8M

+10%
+9.5M

+16%
+6.2M

+19%
+5.1M

+51%
+2.5M



+7%

+7%

+6%

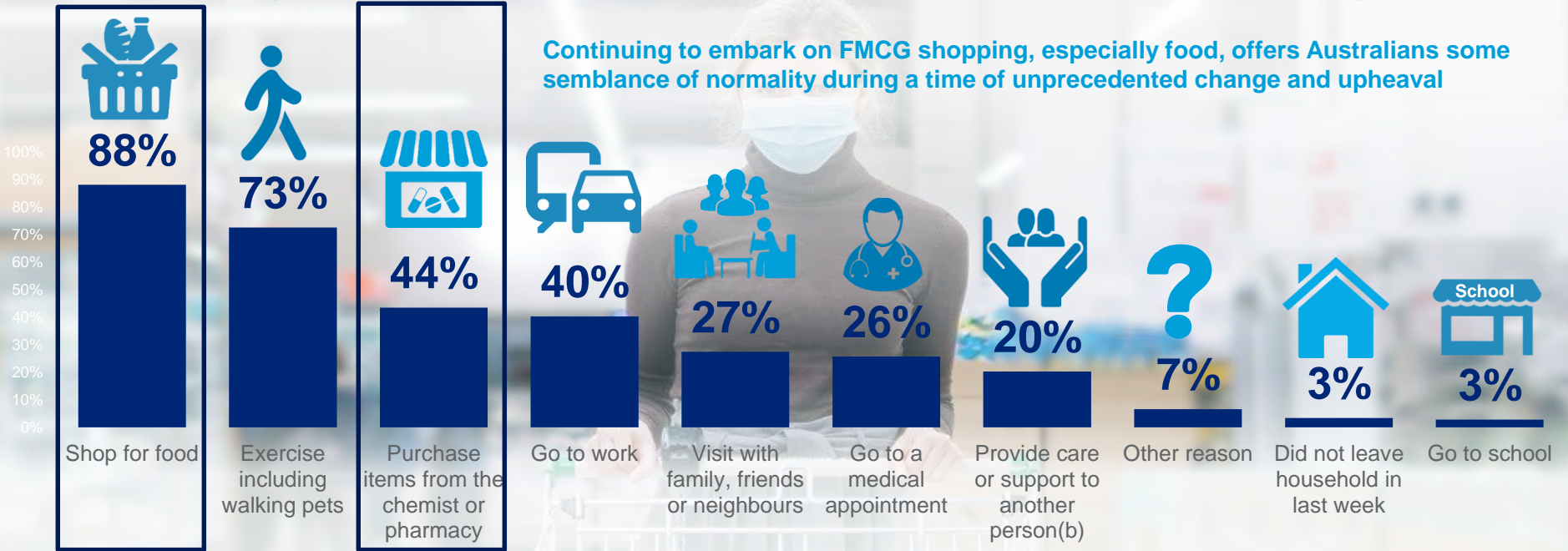
+8%

+18%

Food shopping has, after all, been the top reason to leave home...

FMCG shopping, combined with exercise, have been by far the top catalysts for venturing out-of-home

Continuing to embark on FMCG shopping, especially food, offers Australians some semblance of normality during a time of unprecedented change and upheaval



...and is **one the few activities** done **with some** semblance of **normality**



Self-reported intent to restart activities after restrictions are lifted

- Have been doing this about the same amount as usual during the past month
- Go back to my usual way of doing this as soon as possible after restrictions are lifted
- Will wait a few extra weeks after the restrictions are lifted before doing this
- Will wait a month or more after the restrictions are lifted before doing this



Even when restaurants and cafes reopen, Australians are likely to eat out less for both health and wealth reasons. The contrast here accounts for **supermarkets being well positioned for ongoing growth as consumers adopt a cautious mindset to returning to pre-COVID lifestyle choices**. In other words, **grocery retail will capture share of wallet from foodservice**. Suppliers with a high proportion of sales in the out-of-home channel must consider alternative routes to market to recoup likely losses

Grocery transactions normalised in April (vs. Mar.) amid stricter restrictions...

4 wks to
29/03/20

Transactions:

+15.2M

+17.5%

vs. prior period

4 wks to
26/04/20

Transactions:

-14.2M

-13.9%

vs. prior period

...with trip normalisation also evident across all grocery banners



Transactions growth vs. prior period



+14% +17% +17% +19% +51%



-14% -15% -16% -8% -18%

Nevertheless, **April transactions** were up versus last year...



Transactions:

+5.7M

+7.0%

vs. YA

Transactions growth vs. YA

+4%

+4%

+8%

+19%

+57%

The time period with which April's grocery data is benchmarked against is important. When compared to the unprecedented prior period (March), IRI's key shopper measures are notably down (including shop visits). But compared to April 2019, the metrics are strong because **stay-at-home mandates, and the enrichment sought from at-home cooking, have simply compelled Australians to buy more FMCG products for at-home consumption.** And given that we are **still going into stores with high regularity** (see next slide too), it suggests Australian shoppers are **still in a position to be influenced by promotions, and retain a sense of a discovery mindset** in store. This is contrary to our expectations 4-6 weeks ago

...which suggests **Australia differs from other developed markets**

In developed FMCG markets shoppers want to “load up and get out”
Shopping trips are bigger, less frequent, and more efficient/quicker



“ What we find is that **people come to the store less frequently**, and they **spend significantly more per trip**, where in the past somebody would stop at the store to pick up dinner tonight...that behaviour is the same for loyal households as it is for people that we would call non-loyal ”



“ Social distancing measures mean consumers are shopping less frequently...**the number of transactions in April nearly halved**, but the **size of the average basket had doubled** ”



WHY ARE TRIPS LESS IMPACTED HERE?

- Much lower infection rate in Australia vs. other nations
- Prompt safeguarding measures introduced by retailers
- Antidote to boredom from stay-at-home mandates

Basket size (as well as trips) growth exceeded +5% in April...



Basket spend:

+2.5%

vs. prior period



Basket spend:

+5.1%

vs. prior period



-1.9%

vs. YA

+5.1%

vs. YA

...bucking a trend of smaller baskets amid 'little & often' shopping patterns

Basket spend vs. YA



MAT To
26/04/20

-2.8%

QTR To
26/04/20

-0.7%

4 WKS To
26/04/20

+5.1%

4 WKS To 26/04/20



Woolworths
The fresh food people

+10%



+2%



+4%



+13%

We do not expect fewer larger baskets to gather momentum locally

...especially as there has been a significant tailing off in the self-reported propensity to shop in such a way in May vs. April. It reflects shoppers returning to supermarkets as lockdown measures continue to ease

“Making fewer, larger trips to buy groceries in order to limit my trips to the store”



56%



45%

↓
11 pp

Price inflation helped to propel quarterly basket value gains...



+2.0%

vs. YA



"I have seen prices increase because of the coronavirus"



84%



80%



-0.2%



+1.4%



+4.9%

Fewer promotions, larger baskets, and buying different from different brands/retailers can all fuel consumer perceptions of higher prices

Likely had a broader impact on consumer confidence given the sizeable portion of Australians who have either seen their work hours condensed or completely eliminated (see part 3 of this report for specifics)

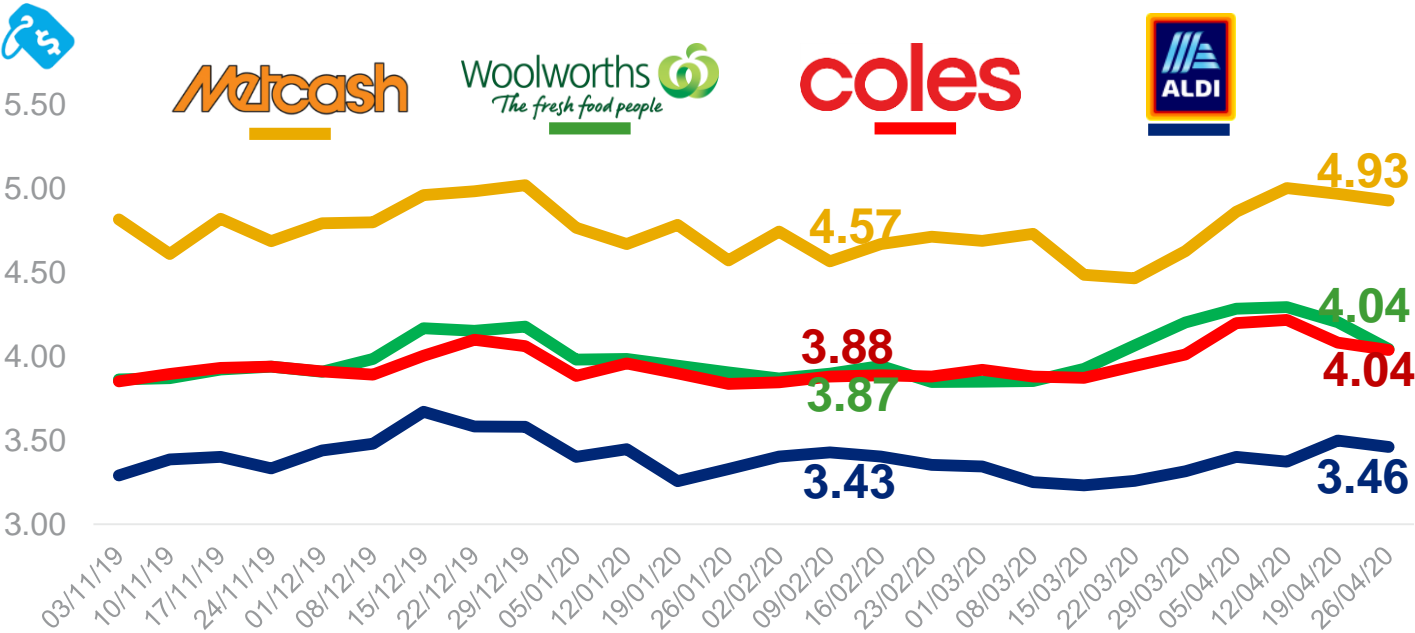


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Source: IRI analysis; IRI Shopper Panel, Total Supermarket, timeframes as referenced; COVID-19 Shopper Survey, April 2020; n = 5,796

...with Woolworths & Metcash pushing through larger price hikes

Price per unit, by retailer, 26 weeks to 26/04/2020



4wks to 26/04/20 \$ /unit growth

Metcash +7.7%

Woolworths +5.5%

ALDI +4.5%

coles +3.6%

WW and Metcash price growth drove strong gains in basket spend



4 weekly YOY spend per occasion growth, by demographic cohort

AWOP
value per
occasion



	Pre Family	Young Family	Middle Family	Older Family	Mature Single	Empty Nesters	Retired Couples
Total grocery	-4%	-1%	-1%	-4%	+5%	-0%	+6%
Woolworths <i>The fresh food people</i>	+7%	+13%	+5%	+3%	+14%	+16%	+11%
Metcash	+1%	+53%	+8%	+4%	+15%	+14%	+11%



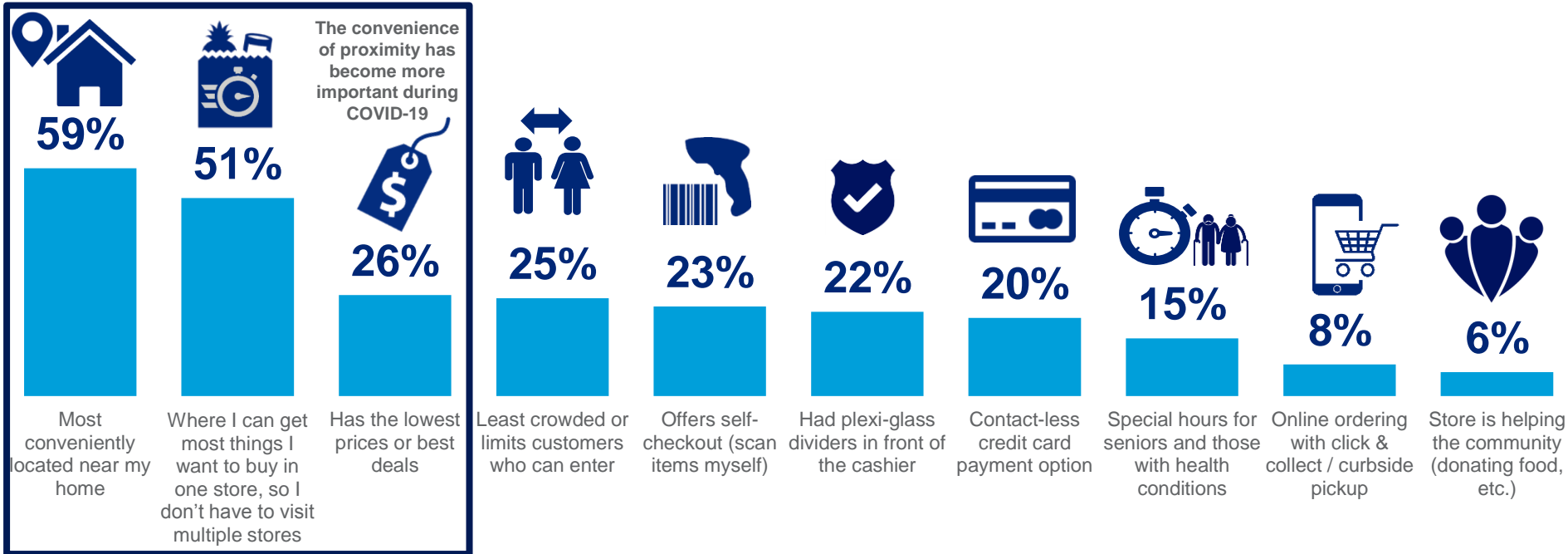
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Source: IRI analysis; IRI Shopper Panel, Total Till Receipt, 4 weeks To 26/04/2020 vs. 26/04/2020

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Higher prices have been more palatable when proximity matters

Convenience (location & list fulfilment) has been driving decisions about where to shop



Metcash has been the standout performer in the 'COVID quarter'



+11%

+11%

+9%

+28%

+53%



-0.6pp

-0.4pp

-0.4pp

+0.9pp

+0.4pp



-0.7pp

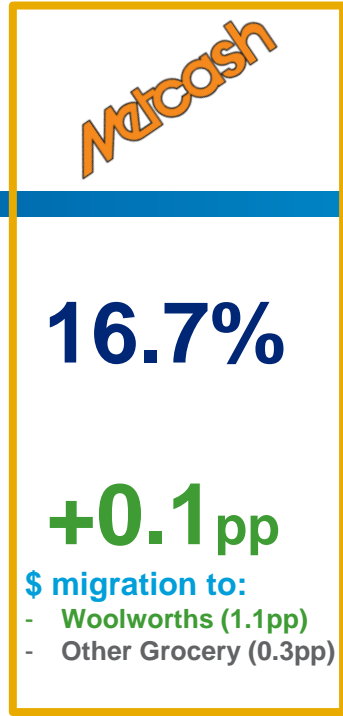
-0.9pp

+0.3pp

+0.5pp

+0.6pp

...as shoppers of other banners have embraced 'proximity shopping'



Share of grocery spend given to retailer among banner buyers

43.3%

41.4%

21.0%

16.7%

7.7%



Share of repertoire change among banner buyers

-1.7pp

-1.4pp

-2.2pp

+0.1pp

+0.4pp

\$ migration to:

- Metcash (1.1pp)
- Coles (0.4pp)
- Other Grocery (0.4pp)

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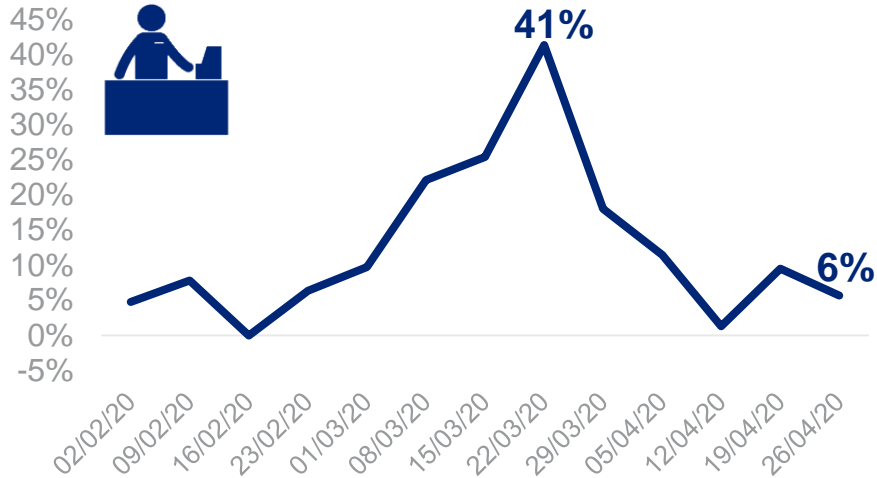
- Woolworths (1.1pp)
- Other Grocery (0.3pp)

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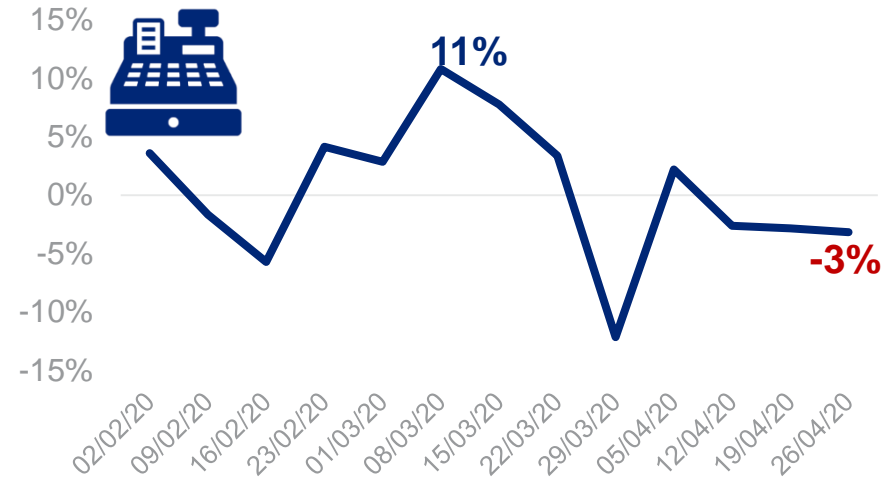
- Aldi (1.0pp)
- Metcash (0.2pp)

But key shopper metrics stabilised in April...

Transaction growth %, WoW*



Spend (AWOP) growth %, WoW*



Transactions & spend have stabilised as consumers settle in for the long haul and start to develop a pattern of behaviour of elevated at-home consumption of supermarket purchases groceries



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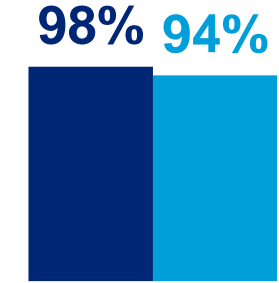
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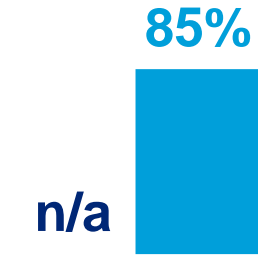
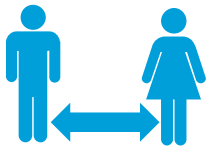
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...as far fewer Australians **stocked up** on grocery & pharmaceutical items

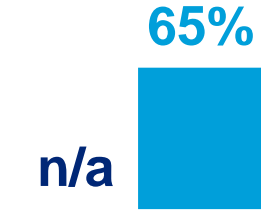
■ Precautions taken in the four weeks before interview in **early April**
■ Precautions taken in the week before interview in **early May**



Keeping distance from people outside the household



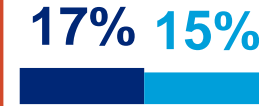
Avoiding public spaces



Disinfecting surfaces before using them



Purchasing additional household supplies



Wearing a facemask



Purchasing additional medical supplies



Although **25%** of IRI panellists were **still stockpiling** in mid-to-late May

Limit of 4 per customer, per shop

Tuesday 5th May

We have had to limit the number of items in these categories to four per customer, per shop, in order to support our suppliers as much as possible.

- Hand Sanitiser
- Toilet Paper

For more detail on product limits, visit [woolworths.com.au](https://www.woolworths.com.au)



Stocking up on pantry staples/ essentials more than usual (i.e. canned foods, frozen foods, toilet paper, etc.)

Buying more sanitising products (i.e. hand sanitiser, sanitising wipes)

Stocked up on over-the-counter medications (cough/cold remedies, pain relievers, etc.) even though not ill at the time

Buying more immune boosting products, such as vitamins and probiotics, in case they help protect me from COVID-19



Limit of 4 per customer, per shop

	Wave 1 April	Wave 2 May
Stocking up on pantry staples/ essentials more than usual (i.e. canned foods, frozen foods, toilet paper, etc.)	41%	25%
Buying more sanitising products (i.e. hand sanitiser, sanitising wipes)	31%	28%
Stocked up on over-the-counter medications (cough/cold remedies, pain relievers, etc.) even though not ill at the time	14%	10%
Buying more immune boosting products, such as vitamins and probiotics, in case they help protect me from COVID-19	15%	11%

Out of stocks continued to occur in May, albeit less pronounced

% of Australian shoppers reporting no availability issues



4%

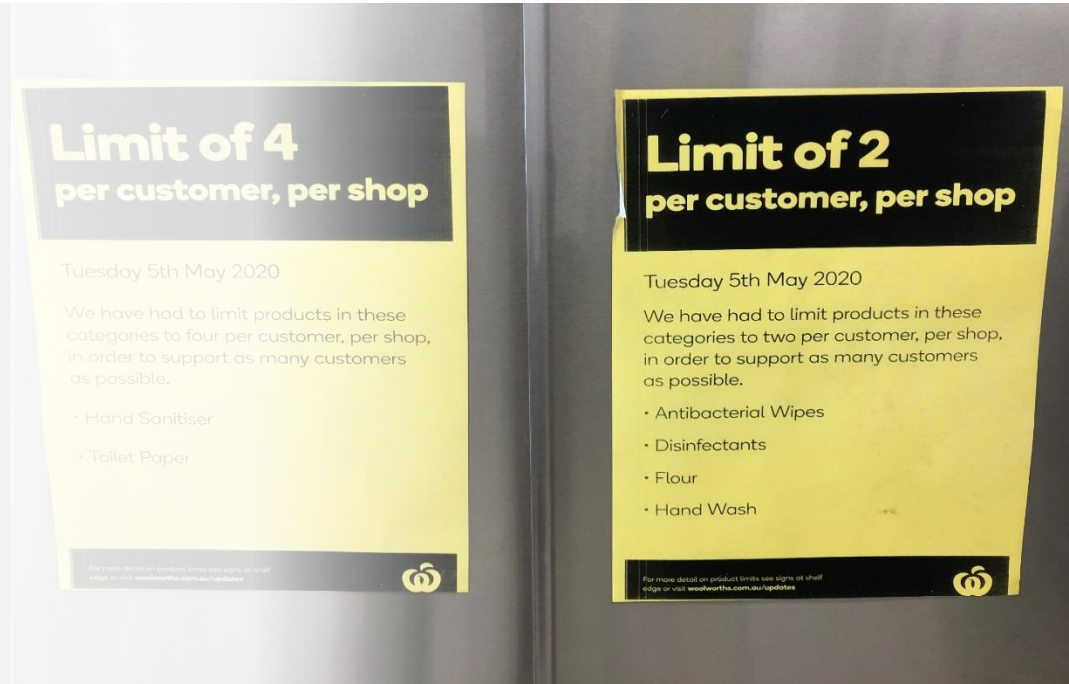
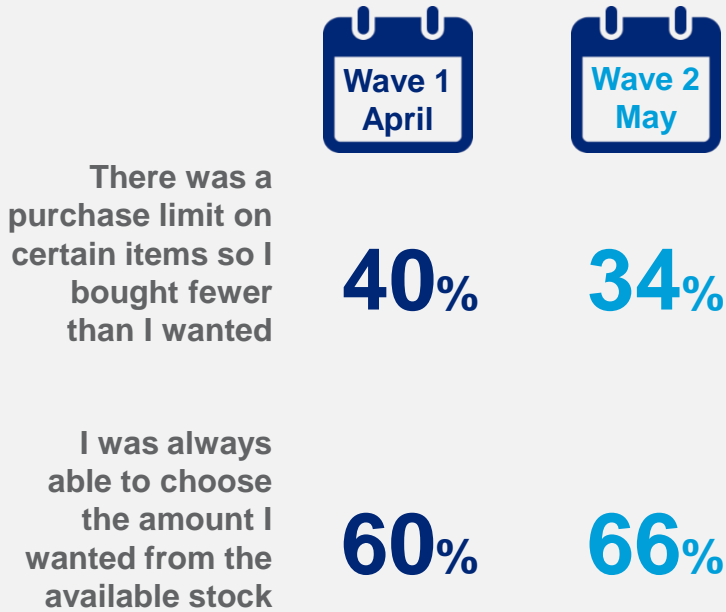


13%

TOP 10 categories where shoppers report OOS

	Wave 1 April	Wave 2 May
Toilet paper	82%	60%
Hand sanitiser liquid / gel	70%	53%
Rice, pasta, lentils	65%	49%
Sanitising wipes	52%	41%
Paper towels	50%	40%
Hand soap	44%	35%
Facial tissue	45%	31%
Eggs	27%	27%
Canned goods	33%	26%
Fresh Meats / Produce	42%	23%

And related **retailer imposed products limits dampened demand**



But IRI still recorded **strong grocery sales in late April and into May...**

Australian grocery sales have continued to grow beyond the initial panic of running out & lockdown



+5.2%
vs. YA



+8.2%
vs. YA



+6.7%
vs. YA

IRI recorded **accelerating grocery sales growth amid the slight easing of restrictions in some states and territories.** The overall 4-weekly period performance (+7%) represents an impressive uplift given that >40% shoppers who stockpiled will have had excess product on hand and would not have needed to purchase it again for the foreseeable future

It is an indication of **certain category's volume gains being 'genuine' category expansion** derived from changes in consumer lifestyles – most notably the associated rise usage occasions occurring at home



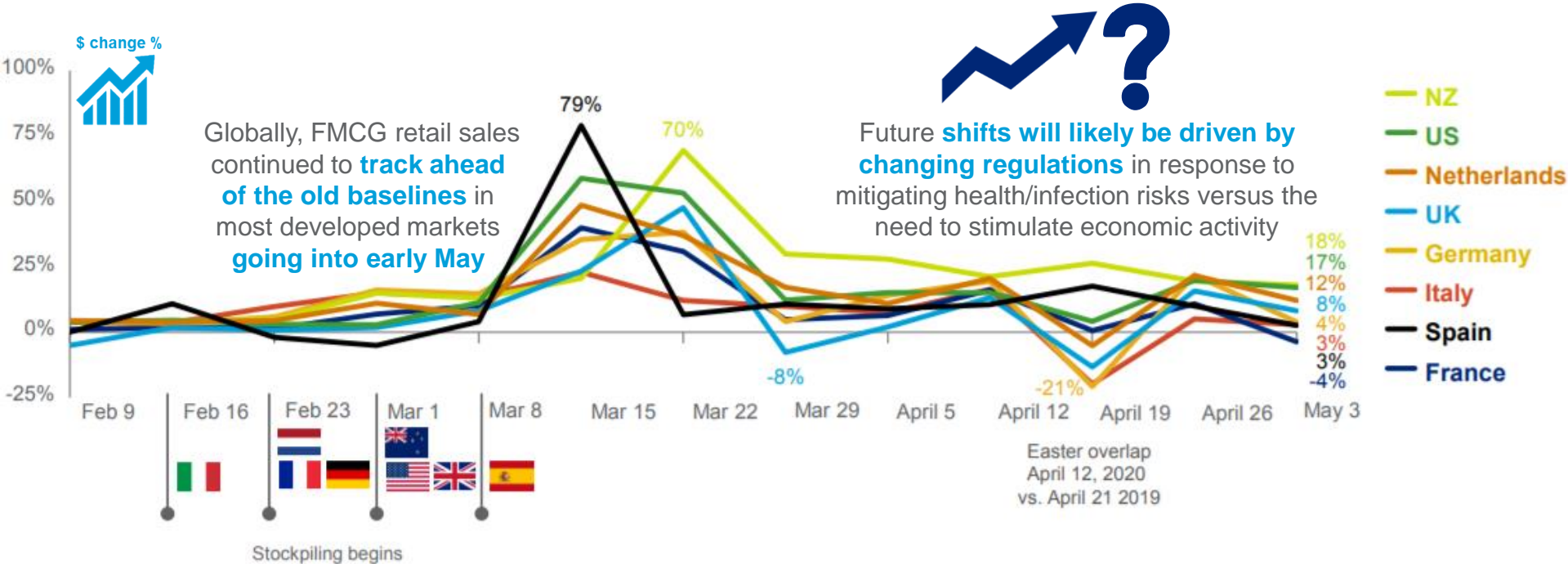
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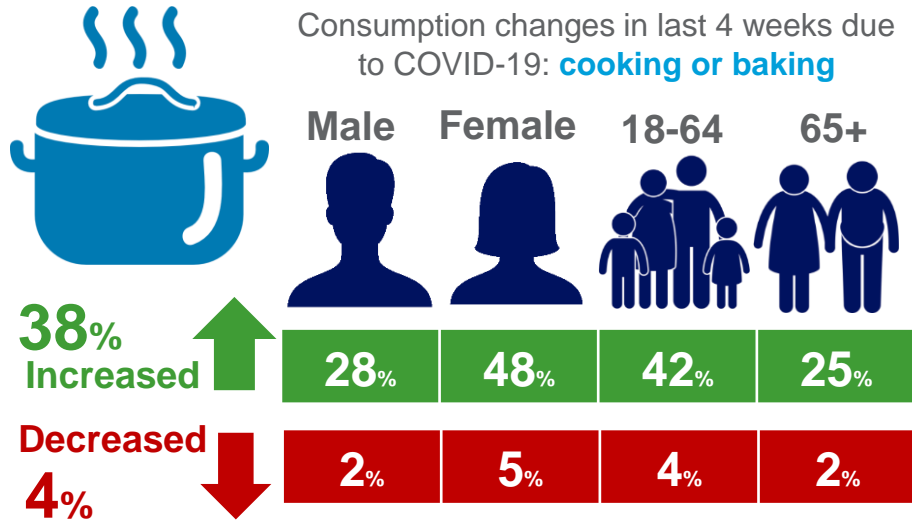
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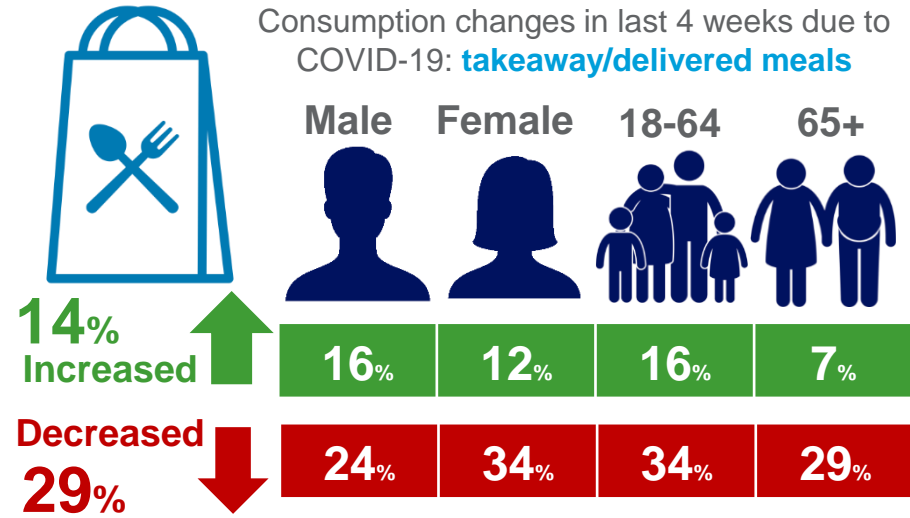
...including the continuation of elevated FMCG growth internationally



...because COVID-19 means 'eating in has become the new eating out'



Separate IRI research in April revealed that the self-reported propensity to “cook from home more often” was higher among higher income HHs and those with kids. It was also more pronounced in SA and NSW



Separate IRI research in April revealed just 10% of our shopper panellists reported “ordering more restaurant take-away / delivery meals”, rising to 12% in the second wave of research in May

Approaching half of employed Australians are working from home

% Australians with working from home arrangements



46.0%

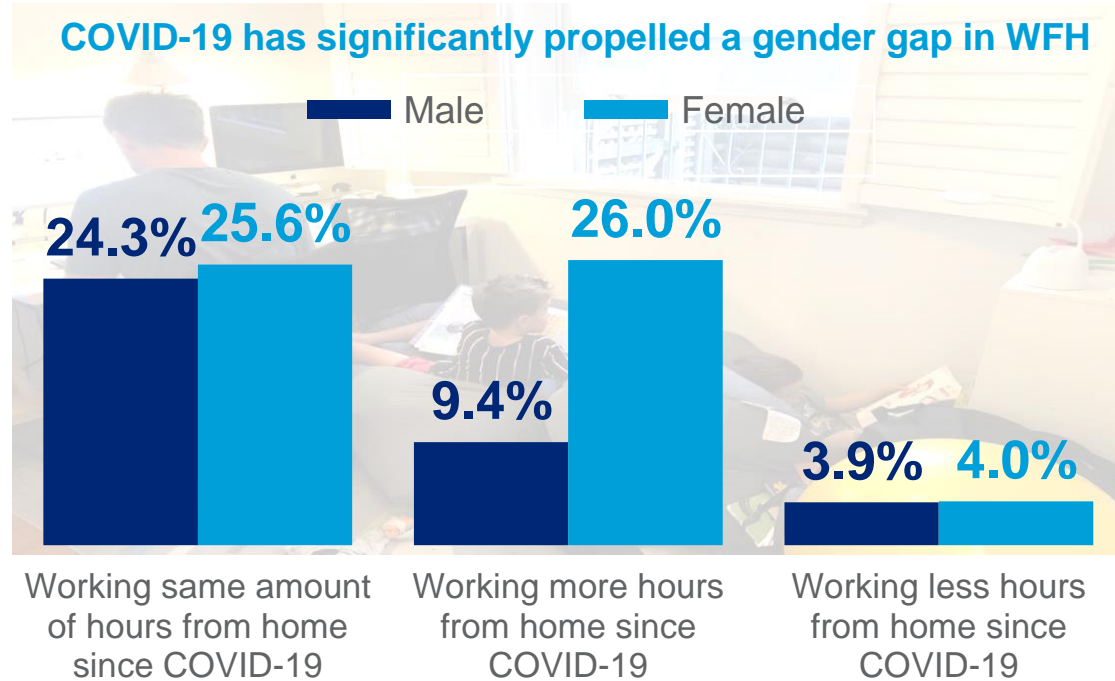


37.5%



55.6%

COVID-19 has significantly propelled a gender gap in WFH



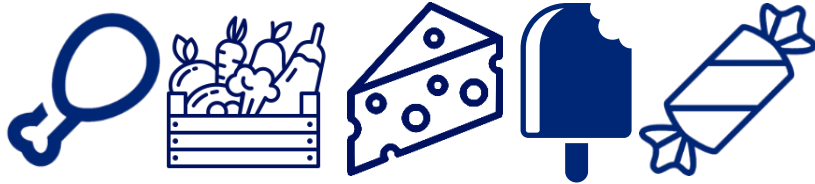
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...which is propelling categories aligned to at-home occasions

Top 20 growth driving food fixtures



- 1) Meat
- 2) Vegetables
- 3) Chilled Cheese
- 4) Confectionery
- 5) Ice Cream
- 6) Dairy Smallgoods
- 7) Soft Drinks
- 8) Dairy Milk
- 9) Snacks
- 10) Eggs

- 11) Chilled Desserts
- 12) Cooking Components
- 13) Coffee
- 14) Chilled Spreads
- 15) Frozen Desserts
- 16) Meals
- 17) Spices
- 18) Fruit snacks
- 19) Deli seafood
- 20) Asian/Indian foods



Performance of these categories – and others beyond these rankings – show that Australians have not yet fully returned to so-called ‘normal’ levels of buying

Top 10 growth driving non-food fixtures



- 1) Cleaning
- 2) Giftcards
- 3) Soap & Body Wash
- 4) Kitchenware
- 5) Dishwashing
- 6) Electrical
- 7) Audio & video
- 8) Ent. Accessories
- 9) Haircare
- 10) Laundry Accessories

\$ change %



>30%

20-30%

10-20%

<10%

Source: IRI analysis; IRI Australia MarketEdge Grocery, 4 WKS To 19/05/20; Categories ranked by absolute dollar gains

Fresh categories support meal preparation, which is currently thriving

Doing differently during the past week to bring some joy, or reduce stress: **Buying more fresh foods**

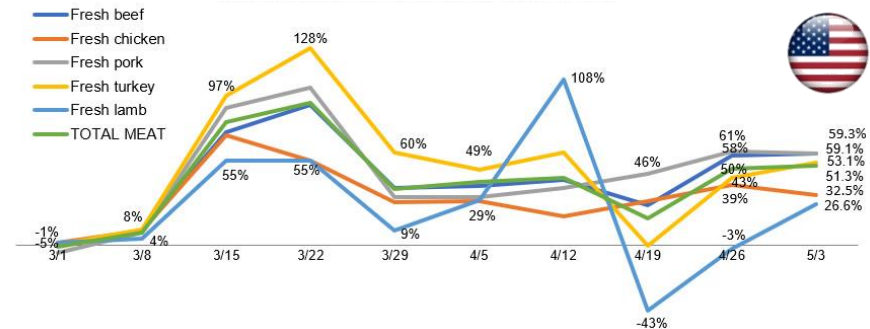


Doing differently during the past week to bring some joy, or reduce stress: **Buying fewer fresh foods**



The **increase in fresh foods like meat and vegetables** is evident in both self-reported consumption and actual sales data. It indicates that Australians' shopping trips, especially store choice, will be driven by what is perceived as having the **best meat and fresh food selection (quality, value & variety)**. The strength of performance is also evident in other global markets like the US (see below)

US fresh meat sales growth vs. comparable wk. YA*



Strong performance of 'comfort treats' reflects elevated in-home snacking



Doing differently during the past week to bring some joy, or reduce stress: **Eating more treats**



Income



Gen Z Millennials Gen X Boomers Retirees



An additional 2% of our shopper panellists **(30% in total)** also told us that they were eating more treats in the May wave of shopper research



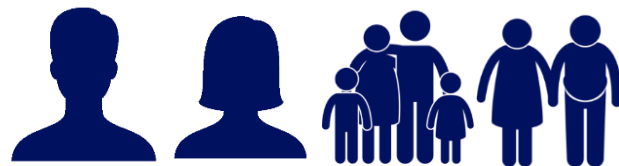
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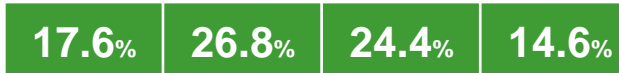
Consumption changes in last 4 weeks due to COVID-19:

Snack foods, e.g. chips, lollies, biscuits

Male Female 18-64 65+



22.3% Increased ↑



Decreased 9.1% ↓



The ABS research shows a gender skew towards females for increased self-reported intake of snack foods. Like IRI, a higher % of younger Australians reported elevated snacking

Meanwhile, many high performers during the stockpile are in decline

Some of the **categories that saw large spikes** in sales during the earlier “panic phase”, such as pet care, **have begun to decline** year on year as Australians work through the excess stocks taking up space at home...



...and other categories have lost momentum throughout



WFH will persist, but will **NOT** become the dominant place of work

WFH was not the most common form of working in pre COVID-19 times.

Based on self-reported intent from IRI's shopper panellists **nor will it be after, with 66% saying they are unlikely to WFH**

“After restrictions are lifted, I will likely work from home...”*

5+ days	4 days	3 days	2 days	1 day
26%	10%	21%	24%	19%

As we begin to emerge from lockdown, **Australians are intent on returning to their usual workplace environment**, but also **intend to WFH with more regularity** where the opportunity presents itself

So, while WFH will remain higher than pre-crisis levels, the overall situation does not imply the “great lifestyle reset” that some are suggesting. Many households, especially now kids are back at school, will nevertheless be **a little more ‘time-rich’ than in pre-COVID times**



Source: IRI analysis; COVID-19 Shopper Survey; May 2020, n = 3,374

Question: When the stay-at-home restrictions are lifted, which of the following best describes how often you will likely work from home versus work at another location? (Select one)

*Includes the 34% of respondents likely to WFH after coronavirus

FMCG IN THE 'COVID-QUARTER'

Part 3: Quarterly 'Rest of FMCG' Update



Convenience is the only underperforming FMCG channel

1

The comparative strength of FMCG retail is again apparent. The overall resilience of FMCG sales is acutely apparent when compared with provisional ABS data showing that overall Australian retail sales plunged by nearly -10% in April vs. YA. In contrast, both OTC pharmacy (+7.3%) and retail liquor (+5.8%) recorded mid single-digit growth in the QTR to late April/early May vs. YA



2

Both liquor and pharmacy reflect the dynamism of the COVID-quarter.

Quarterly pharmacy growth has been underpinned by health essentials, many of which sustained growth in April despite the profound levels of stockpiling driving the March sales surge. Liquor's quarterly gains (+6%) were primarily propelled once again by glass spirits (+\$113M), as well as beer (+\$78M) and wine (+\$52M). But only a net of around 4-5% of Australians have increased liquor consumption, which suggests at-home stocks are high and that a softer period lies ahead in spite of a restricted on premise trade



3

COVID-19 has had a detrimental impact on P&C retail sales. Revenues have largely been in decline since late March. A similar situation exists in the US market. BUT, we anticipate a resurgence in P&C because Australians will hit the roads again due to stay at home mandates dissipating and a reluctance to use public transport. A surge in domestic tourism (without air travel) will also propel sales as record numbers forego international travel. The July school hols could be a key catalyst



Overall Australian retail sales plunged by nearly -10% in April vs. YA

April seasonally adjusted estimate:

-9.4%

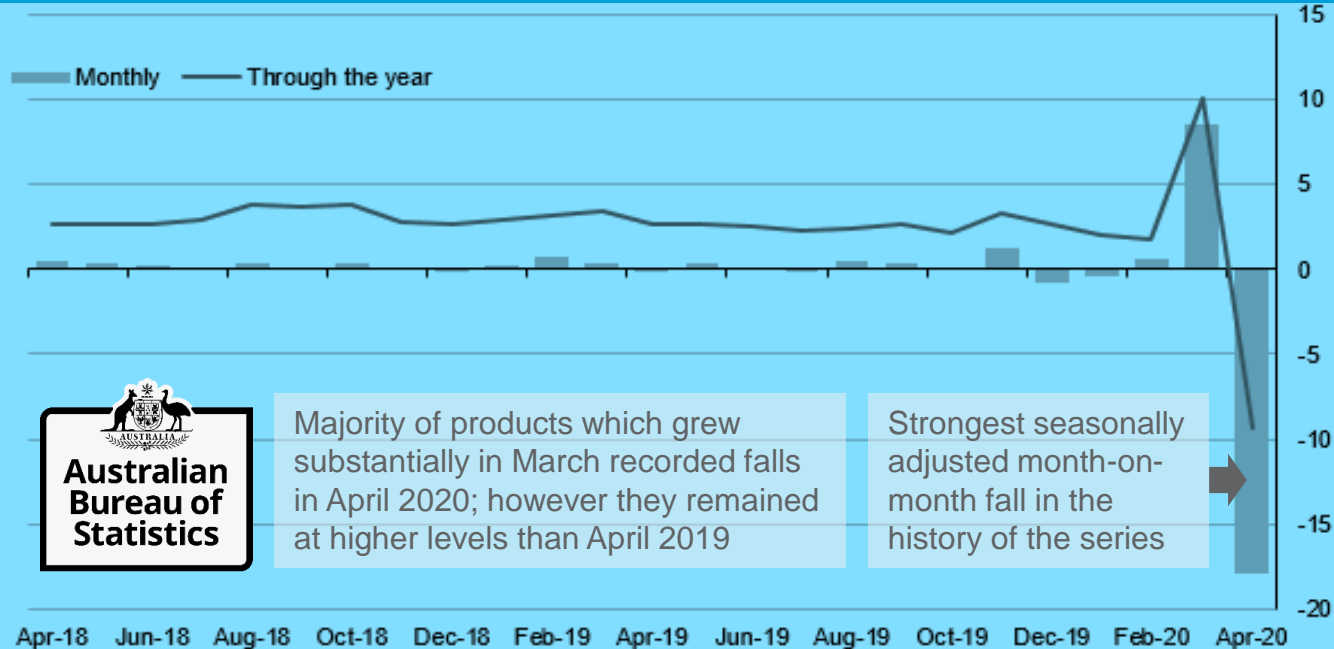
vs. YA

April seasonally adjusted estimate:

-17.9%

vs. prior month

Australian retail turnover growth* (%), month on month



Majority of products which grew substantially in March recorded falls in April 2020; however they remained at higher levels than April 2019

Strongest seasonally adjusted month-on-month fall in the history of the series

Despite declines in April, **quarterly OTC pharmacy sales were up +7.3%**



MAT **+1.2%**

QTR **+7.3%**

4 WKS **-5.8%**



MAT **+2.4%**

QTR **+9.1%**

4 WKS **-8.7%**

HH penetration & transaction growth has been especially strong

Penetration:

+12.3%

vs. YA



+665k

Transactions:

+9.1%

vs. YA



+4.5M

Basket size:

+3.4%

vs. YA



+\$1.10

OTC channel **growth** has been **underpinned by health essentials**



Health



+11.4%



-0.6%



Beauty



+0.2%



-14.1%



Baby Care



+0.2%



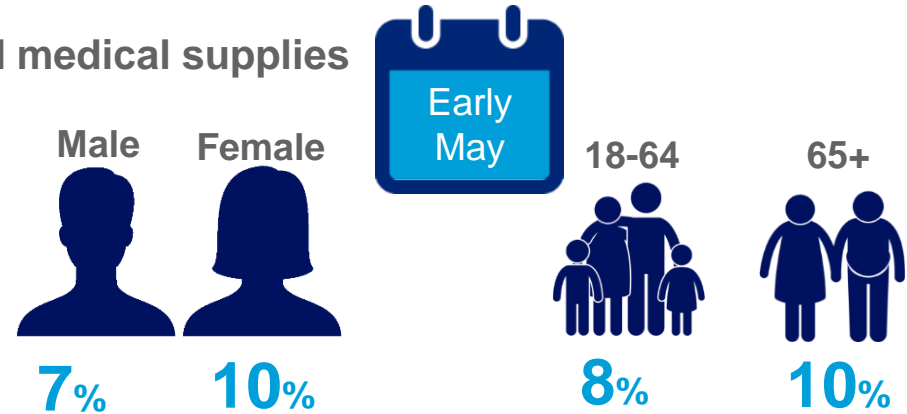
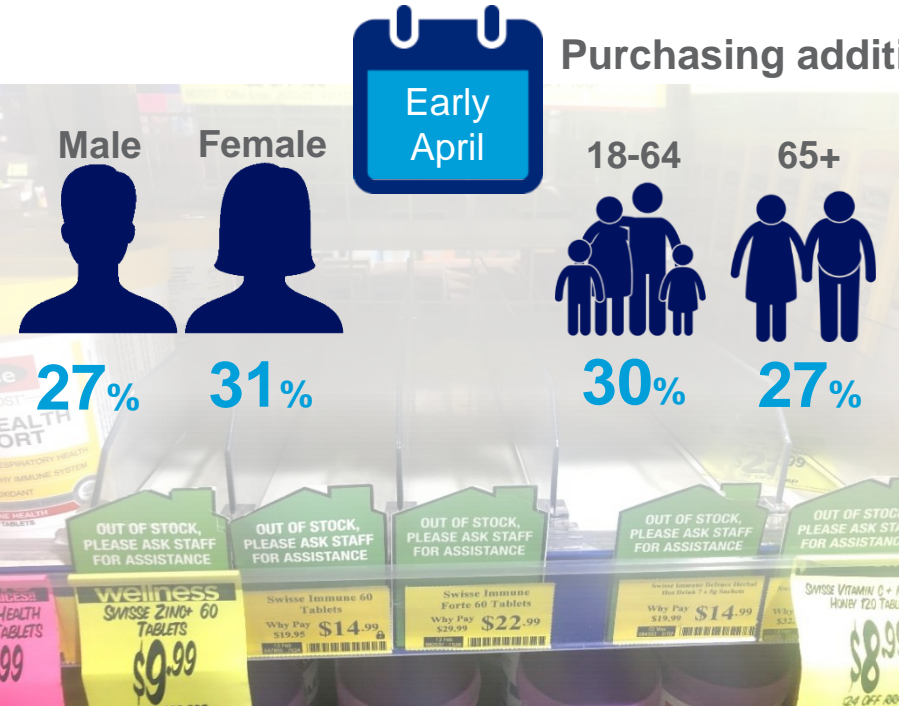
-17.8%



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Source: IRI OTC Pharmacy MarketEdge, QTR & 4 WKS To 19/04/19

April's decline reflects reduced stockpiling & using prior bought items

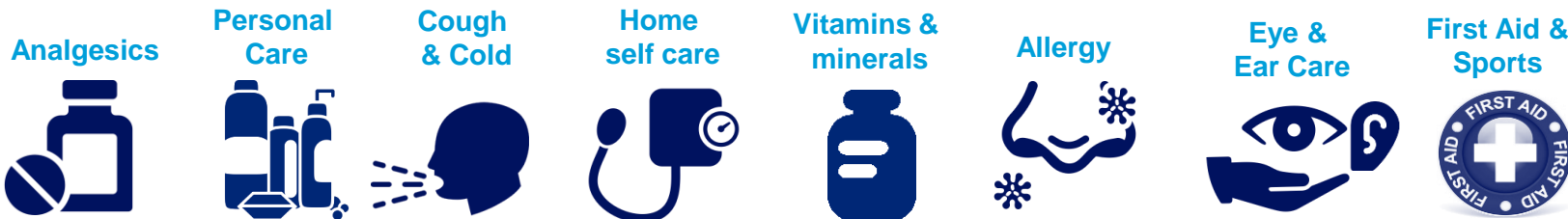


Priceline sales reflect reduced stockpiling & isolation

“Priceline Pharmacy store network like-for-like sales for March were up on the pcp, however **self isolation has slowed sales in April.** The results vary by store and depend on its location”

5 of the top 8 OTC growth categories* sustained sales growth into Apr.

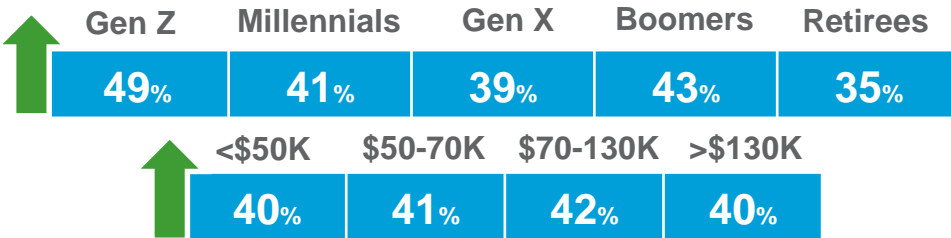
Top 8 \$ growth generating categories vs. YA.



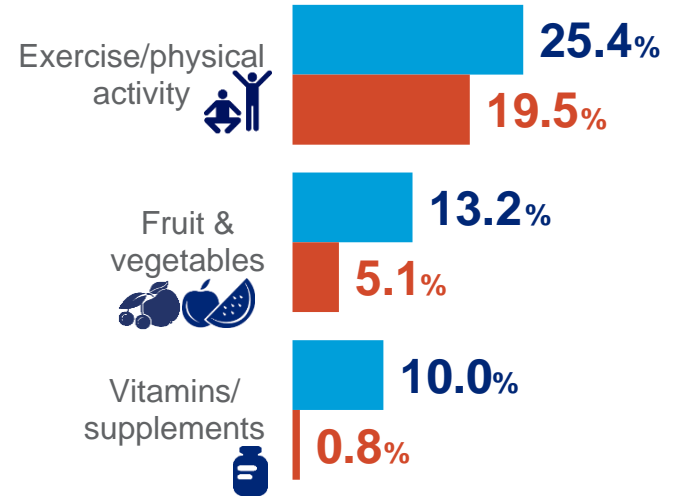
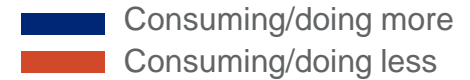
	Analgesics	Personal Care	Cough & Cold	Home self care	Vitamins & minerals	Allergy	Eye & Ear Care	First Aid & Sports
QTR to 21/04/20	+28%	+52%	+29%	+65%	+5%	+25%	+9%	+5%
4wks to 21/04/20	-6%	+62%	-12%	+69%	+3%	+18%	+1%	-13%
4wks to 22/03/20	+92%	+86%	+102%	+97%	+11%	+63%	23%	+27%

The industry must tap into a (diminishing?) self-care mindset among Aussies

Self care habits, by socio-demographics*



Consumption changes in last 4 weeks due to COVID-19**



Comparison with wave 1 is a sign of Australians letting self-care focus drop



Source: IRI analysis; *IRI COVID-19 Shopper Survey, April 2020, n = 5,799; May 2020, n = 5,566
 ** Australian Bureau of Statistics Household Impacts of COVID-19 Survey, 1-6 Apr 2020 & 29 Apr - 4 May 2020

...focusing on the many dimensions of physical & emotional wellbeing

'Holistic Health' is a proactive approach to addressing physical and emotional health by managing the multiple dimensions of wellness lifestyle

Physical

Emotional

Everybody has their own definition of healthy. But the more of these aspects that a brand can connect to, the deeper the relationship it can potentially establish

Diet & Nutrition
Physical Activity
Beauty & Personal Care
(Less) Tobacco & Alcohol
Sleep & Rest

Increasingly measured
by detailed personal
wellness technology

Social Wellbeing
Financial Wellbeing
Ethics & Sustainability
Indulgence & Experiences
Cognitive Function

Quarterly liquor growth neared +6% following the March and April boom



MAT +3.7%

QTR +5.8%

4 WKS -1.6%

Marginal YOY volume growth, even in spite of recent stockpiling, reflects the broader influences of moderation and abstention on overall drinking culture

Much of the quarterly sales uplift was accounted for by a concentrated surge in stockpiling during the week Australians were concerned bottleshop closures were imminent

The 4 wk. period declines in April align with Alcohol Beverages Australia's recent statement that April has been the "worst month on record for sales of beer, wine and spirits"



MAT +0.3%

QTR +4.4%

4 WKS -5.4%

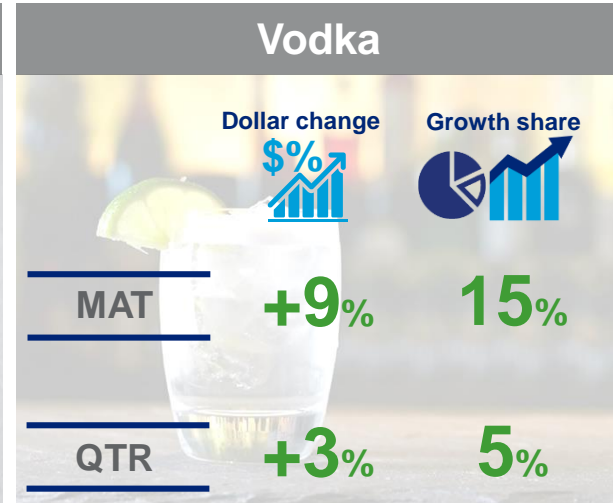
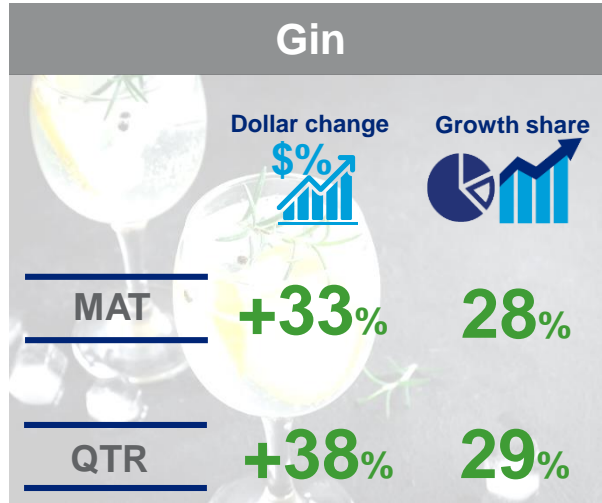


The **glass spirits** category has further strengthened its **growth superiority**



Led by gin & vodka, spirits momentum was evident throughout 2019-20

Dollar growth change and share of total glass spirits growth



With no commute involved, home bound spirit drinkers arguably have more time to make themselves a spirit-cocktail, rather than just opening a beer or wine

Pinot Noir, Shiraz & Cab Sauv. have propelled quarterly still wine sales



Dollar change



Growth share



MAT

+2.8%

83%

QTR

+6.5%

111%

Dollar change



MAT

QTR

Pinot Noir

+14%

+32%

Shiraz

+4%

+17%

Cab Sauv.

+1%

+19%



Dollar change



Growth share



MAT

+2.4%

17%

QTR

-3.1%

-11%

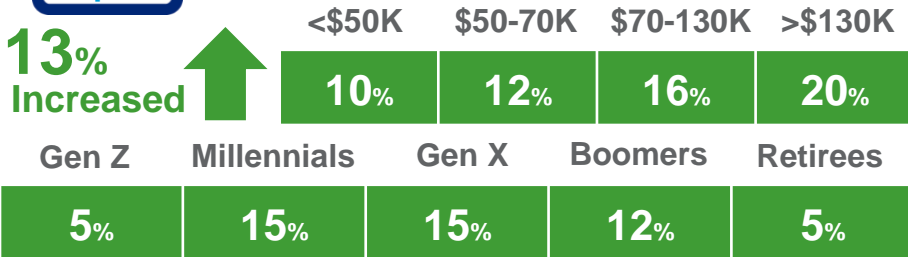
Quarterly sales only reflect a **slight self-reported increase in consumption**



Doing differently during the past week to bring some joy, or reduce stress: **Consuming more alcohol**



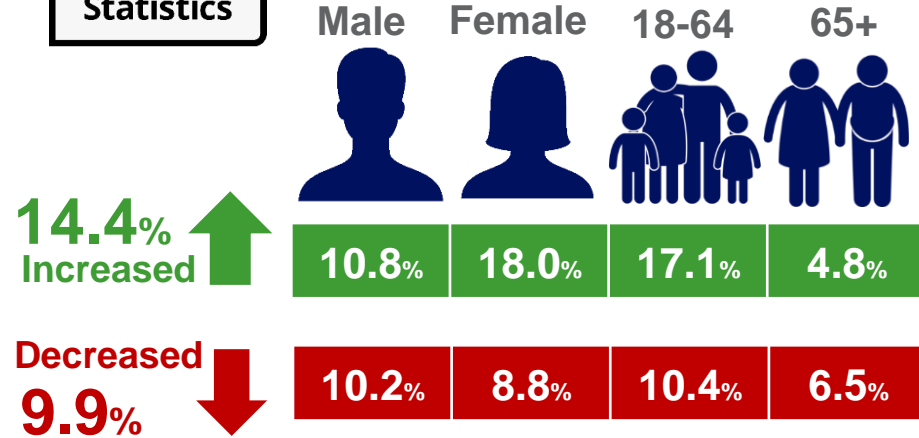
Income



The same proportion (13%) of our shopper panellists also told us that they were consuming more alcohol in the May wave of the research

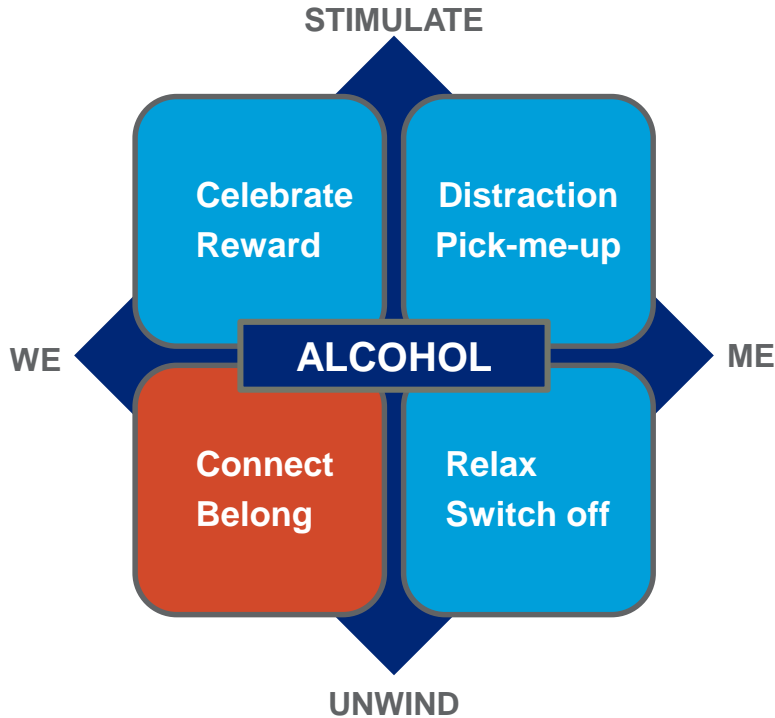


Consumption changes in last 4 weeks due to COVID-19:
Consumption of alcohol



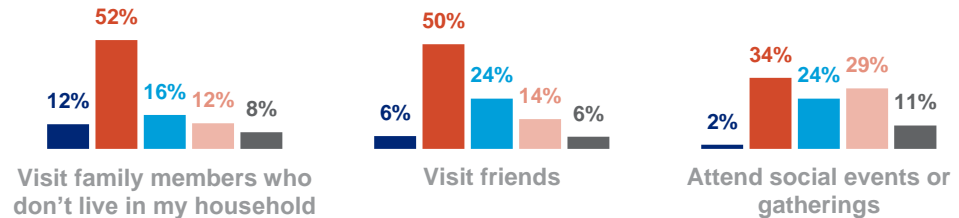
Source: IRI analysis; IRI COVID-19 Shopper Survey, April 2020; n = 5,796; May 2020, n = 5,566
Question: Have you been doing anything differently during the past week to bring some joy into your day or reduce stress?
Australian Bureau of Statistics Household Impacts of COVID-19 Survey, 29 Apr - 4 May 2020

Overall liquor sales will be impeded by social gathering angst...



Select visit and travel plans

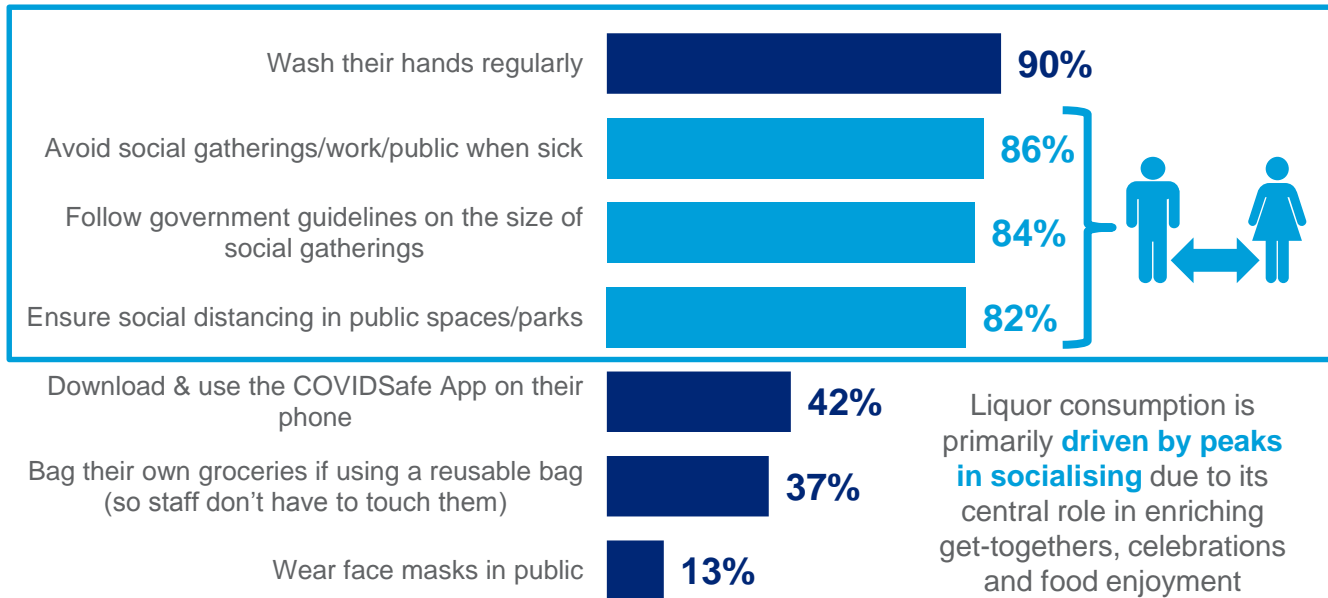
- Have been doing this about the same amount as usual during the past month
- Go back to my usual way of doing this as soon as possible after restrictions are lifted
- Will wait a few extra weeks after the restrictions are over before doing this
- Will wait a month or more after the restrictions are over before doing this
- Does not apply, don't typically do this



Lower tempo drinking occasions involving immediate family and friends are most likely to resume with some normality/regularity. Products suited to low tempo drinking should take priority in portfolio management and support

...because messages about that (and hand hygiene) have landed

The overwhelming majority of Australians deem social distancing (and hand hygiene) as being 'very important'



COVID-19 has had a detrimental impact on P&C retail sales



-0.1%



-3.5%



-7.7%



-1.1%

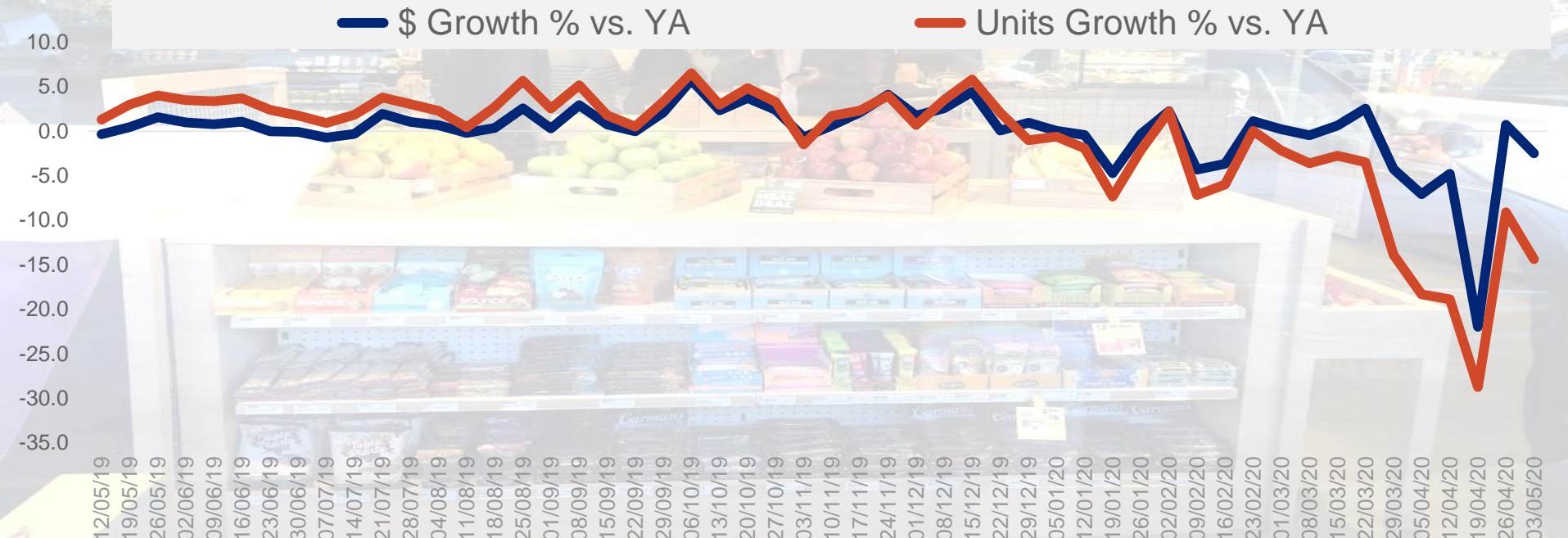


-9.9%



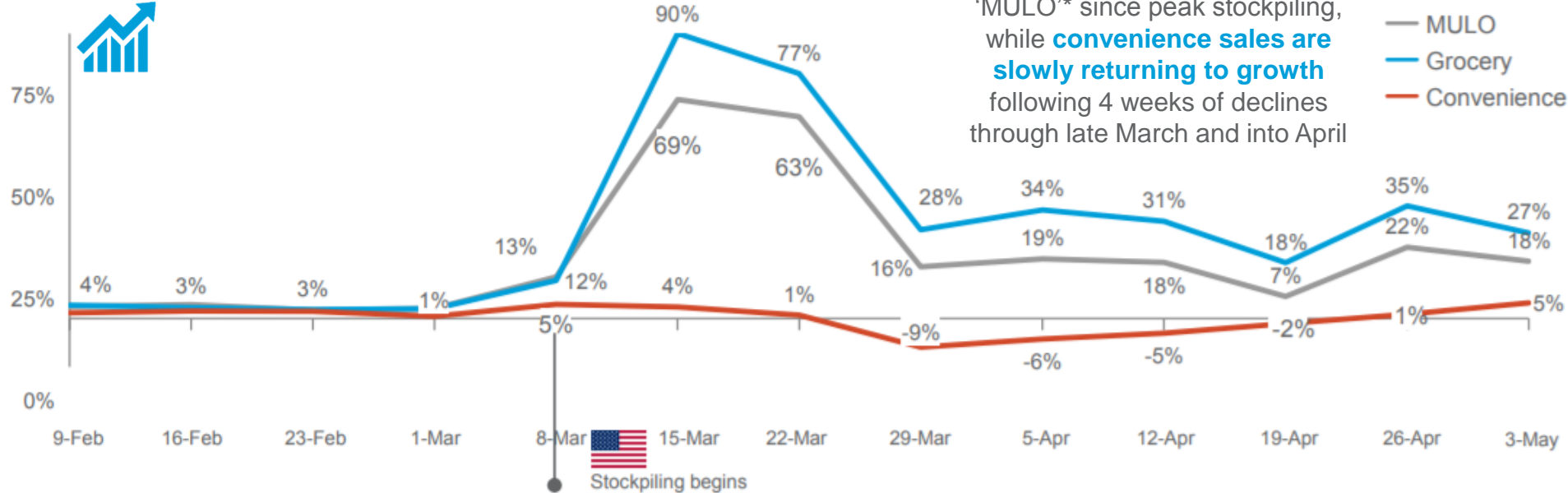
-18.2%

P&C value and unit sales have largely been in decline since late March



We continue to observe the same channel dynamics in the US

\$ change %



Grocery continues to outpace 'MULO'* since peak stockpiling, while convenience sales are slowly returning to growth following 4 weeks of declines through late March and into April

— MULO
— Grocery
— Convenience



Source: IRI POS Data Ending May 3, 2020; Week Ending February 9 – May 3, 2020, Value Sales % Change vs. Year Ago
MULO includes large format (Grocery, Mass, WM, Club xCostco, Dollar, DeCA); Convenience stores includes both chains and independents

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Food & beverage sales have suffered from stay-at-home mandates

Tobacco/Smoking:




\$578k
(40% share)



\$  Dollars % chg. vs. YA
-1.0%



\$  Dollars % chg. vs. YA
+0.2%

Food & Beverage:



\$684k
(47% share)

Reflects changing customer behaviour, e.g. buying less food-to-go vs. increased dinner for tonight

\$  Dollars % chg. vs. YA
+2.9%

\$  Dollars % chg. vs. YA
-4.6%

Non-food:



\$189k
(13% share)

\$  Dollars % chg. vs. YA
-6.9%

\$  Dollars % chg. vs. YA
-10.0%

Diminishing hot drinks (coffee) & sandwich sales have hit performance



TOP 5

categories ranked by actual growth (MAT)



+7.9%	On The Go Food	-2.4%
+1.9%	Ready To Drink	-7.8%
+34.9%	Household	+118%
+6.4%	Take Home Food	+11.6%
+7.6%	Grocery	+11.7%



+10.6% -3.4% +5.6% -5.5%

Food-to-go products in both supermarkets and convenience stores have recorded continued declines amid reduced demand for these predominately out-of-home conveniences. The loss of high-margin out-of-home impulse sales has hit P&C hard, especially in light of weakening tobacco sales



Consumers' coffee spend has migrated to at-home consumption

Home = coffee shop

Making coffee at home rather than coffee shops was the 4th most commonly cited Coronavirus induced lifestyle change cited by IRI panellists in April. It was consistent across income groups and (mostly) lifestage cohorts. In May, **20% of our panellists expressed an intent to make coffee at home more often than before the Coronavirus** (12% 'much more', 8% 'slightly more')



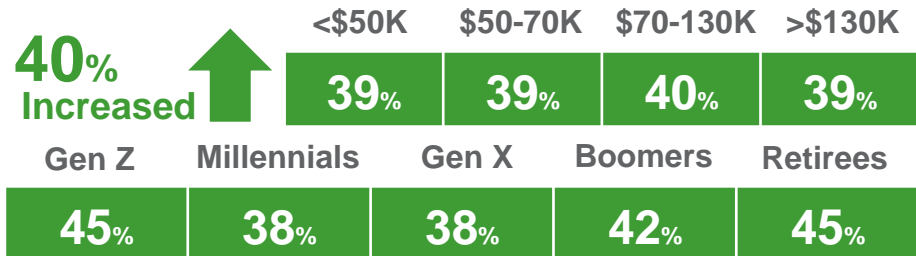
Packaged coffee sales, dollars % chg. vs. YA



ALDI Lazzio coffee range, dollars % chg. vs. YA, mid-Feb to mid-May, 2020*



“We've also **seen some growth in coffee accessory sales** which is testament to consumer **demand to replicate the cafe experience at home****”



Source: IRI analysis; COVID-19 Shopper Survey, April 2020, n = 5,799; May 2020, n = 5,566
 IRI Australia MarketEdge Grocery, 4 WKS To 19/05/20
 aldiunpacked.com.au; **appliance retailer.com.au

Top performing categories reflect **focus on value and at-home lifestyles**

TOP* 1-10



Roll Your Own Tobacco	+16%
Paper Products Household	+138%
Fire Needs General Merchandise	+14%
Cig Value Tobacco	+4%
Gift Card General Merchandise	+7%
Cordials Grocery	+51%
Take Home Ice Cream	+24%
Cola Take Home Beverage	+7%
Produce Take Home Food	+211%
Coffee Ready To Drink	+1717%

TOP* 11-20



Personal Wash	+275%
Block Confectionery	+16%
Fresh Meals Take Home Food	+10%
Hot Pastry On The Go Food	+2%
Frozen Meat Take Home Food	+207%
Choc Hang Sell Confectionery	+8%
Frozen Snacks Take Home Food	+114%
Choc Bar Medium Confectionery	+4%
Smallgoods Take Home Food	+35%
Biscuits Grocery	+15%

Remain focused on the P&C's channel's long term importance

Coronavirus fears have subsided from the highs of late March and early April. **Anxiety about going outside**, away from the safety of home, and returning to normal life **will further diminish in time**

We anticipate a resurgence in convenience channel growth as Australians hit the roads more due to:

- **Stay at home mandates dissipating**
- **A reluctance to use public transport**
- **A surge in domestic tourism without air travel as record numbers forego international travel**

Consumers will likely to fuel their cars and bodies with the improved food and drinks range apparent in the channel

The shape and timing of the country's economic recovery, and that of the P&C channel, depends heavily on when restrictions are lifted



But COVID-19 has also amplified the existing need to adapt product range in favour of products that meet the 'meal for tonight' mission

Please refer to the other parts of this overarching report

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