2013 Discover Annual Holiday Shopping Survey
SALES, SAVING \& SPENDING DATA

## KEY FINDINGS

- Twice as many Americans plan to increase spending during the 2013 holiday season.
- The average amount Americans plan to spend this holiday season is $\$ 1,014$, a 20 percent increase from 2012.
- Half of Americans plan to spend between $\$ 500$ and $\$ 5,000$ this holiday season, compared to just 40 percent who planned to spend that much in 2012.
- Cash remains the most popular form of payment in 2013, and one-third plan to use credit.


## 2013 Holiday Shopping Figures

Do you intend to spend more, less, or the same on gifts this year?

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | About the same | $49 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| $50 \%$ |  |  |  |
| More | $27 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Less | $21 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Don't know | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

Do you have a set budget for the holiday season?

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $52 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| No | $45 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Don't know | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

How do you plan on doing the majority of your shopping this holiday season?

| Both in-store and online | $84 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| In stores only | $10 \%$ |
| Online only | $3 \%$ |
| Smartphone/tablet | $0 \%$ |
| Don't know | $3 \%$ |

Do you plan to use a smartphone/tablet app to compare prices while in-store?

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $51 \%$ |
| No | $34 \%$ |
| Don't know | $15 \%$ |

How much do you plan on spending this holiday season?

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Less than $\$ 100$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $\$ 100-\$ 499$ | $38 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| $\$ 500-\$ 999$ | $31 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| $\$ 1000-\$ 5000$ | $19 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| More than $\$ 5000$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Don't know | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Mean | $\mathbf{5 1 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 8 3 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 7 4 8}$ |
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## Key Spending Drivers

What factor will most influence your holiday spending?

|  | 2013 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Retailer's sales | $44 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Household costs | $27 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Existing debt | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Job gain | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Job loss | $4 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

How much do you plan to spend at restaurants this holiday season?


How much do you plan to spend on new clothes/holiday apparel this holiday?


How do you plan on paying for most of your purchases?


Do you plan to use credit card rewards to supplement your holiday shopping?

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $49 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| No | $40 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Yes | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Don't know |  |  |

If you've had a bad experience with a retailer, does it impact your choice to shop there this holiday season?

| Yes | $49 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Maybe | $35 \%$ |
| No | $15 \%$ |
| Don't know | $2 \%$ |

What factors do you consider in deciding which credit cards to use for certain purchases?


Do you choose to use certain credit cards over others for specific purchases?


## Black Friday \& Cyber Monday

When do you plan to do the majority of your gift shopping?

|  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |
| Throughout the year | $39 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Black Friday | $26 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Week before Christmas | $15 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Cyber Monday | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Christmas Eve | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Day after Christmas | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

Are you more likely to shop for gifts on Black Friday or Cyber Monday?

| Black Friday | $40 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Cyber Monday | $30 \%$ |
| Neither | $16 \%$ |
| Don't know | $14 \%$ |

Why are you more likely to shop on Black Friday?

| Better sales/deals | $41 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Seeing items in-store | $21 \%$ |
| Family tradition | $20 \%$ |
| It's what I'm used to | $16 \%$ |
| Other | $2 \%$ |

Why are you more likely to shop on Cyber Monday?

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Convenience | $63 \%$ |
| Better sales/deals | $24 \%$ |
| Comparison shopping | $11 \%$ |
| Other | $2 \%$ |

What purchases are you looking to make on Black Friday and/or Cyber Monday?


Are you enticed to purchase things for yourself as a result of deep sales?


Where do you find Black Friday and/or Cyber Monday deals? (Answered by the $76 \%$ of consumers who research ahead of time)

| Online news/newspaper | $42 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Retailer websites/emails | $33 \%$ |
| Social media | $8 \%$ |
| TV/Radio | $8 \%$ |
| Other | $9 \%$ |

