### Shopping List Status FMCG insights to help brands remain on shopping lists

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### Longitudinal FMCG insights

As we near the end of 2024, almost every household in New Zealand is aware of the rising cost of living and needing to make choices about how to best manage fixed household incomes.

Households are being advised to control costs they can; the weekly grocery shop being any easy place to rein in spend.

Economists are telling us that we've reached the bottom – interest rates are dropping, consumer confidence is edging up, and inflation is within the acceptable range. If we can 'survive to 25' things should get easier.

This research is a second deep dive into spending habits, particularly brand choice in the supermarket. It identifies opportunities for brands to demonstrate they are 'worth it' whilst consumers question spending using **Out-of-Home to build and maintain brand beliefs**.





### Methodology:

N=400 Kiwis, nationwide

In market September 2024

18 – 75 years

Those making supermarket decisions for themselves or a household

Sourced from Pure Profile panel >100K Kiwis





### Cost of Living Insights

6000

# 92%

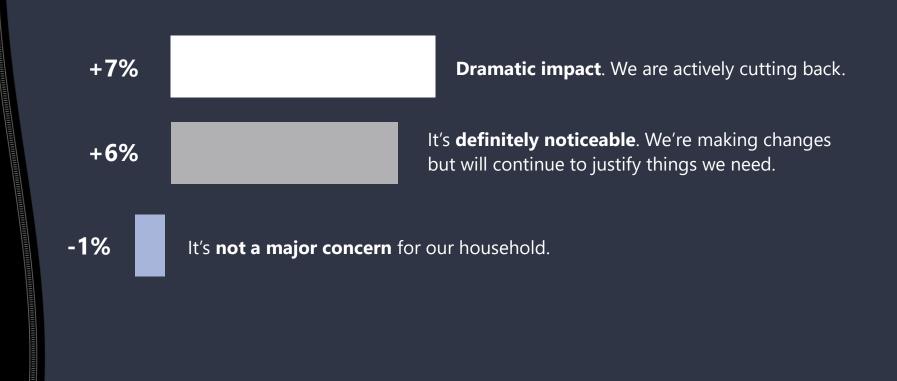
of Kiwis are actively aware of rising household costs

### Which mostly describes the impact on your household of rising living costs?



Dramatic and noticeable impact have increased since

# 2022



Uncontrollable household costs are rising





respondents

Have responsibility for a mortgage

- 20% paying >\$1K more each month for mortgage
- 47% paying \$500 to \$1K
- 1 in 5 no change





respondents

Rent the home they live in

 70% seen significant rent increases in the last two years

Mortgages/rent are typically the largest household costs. Petrol, power, rates, insurance costs have all been rising too.

Kiwis are resilient and have a range of hacks to influence grocery costs; more rigor since 2022

81%

Stopping buying luxury grocery items

#### **67%**

Buying favourite brands in bulk when on special

#### **57%**

Buying premium items i.e. top meat cuts instead of dining out

## **77%** Sticking to a strict

shopping list

#### 66%

Shopping less regularly for more premium items i.e. every second shop

#### 54%

Setting a firm weekly groceries budget they don't exceed

### 72%

Buying fewer branded products and adopting home brands

### **63**%

Only buying trusted brands



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(+23%)

Stopping buying luxury grocery items (+20%) Sticking to a strict shopping list (+25%) Buying fewer branded products and adopting home brands

#### (new)

Buying favourite brands in bulk when on special

### (+15%)

Setting a firm weekly groceries budget they don't exceed

### (+26%)

Shopping less regularly for more premium items i.e. every second shop

### (+10%)

Only buying trusted brands



Brands should be planning for a rosier 2025

# 1 in 3

Believe their financial situation will improve in the next six months.



### General shopping Insights

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### Concept of 'main household shopper' is outdated

### 92% of Kiwis have a role in household shopping

51%

Households Have a main HHS

27%

Households Share shopping/decisions 27%

Eat independently Shop for themselves

Only 5% opt out of buying decisions

### What's needed for meals, is **top of mind throughout the day**

# 51%

Agree, when out and about, I think about upcoming meals and make a mental shopping list "As I head home, I think, what's for dinner and do I need to stop for anything?"

"I start thinking about that night's dinner on the school run. As I get into the day's admin..."

Verbatim quotes

**Shopping is #1 reason kiwis leave home\*;** grocery shopping is frequent

9% Kiwis Shop for food every day

37% Kiwis Shop a couple of times each week for food

47% Kiwis Shop about weekly for food



\*OOHMAA Aotearoa in Motion Mobility Study, 2024

### Most households do a 'big shop', and then add to it as needed

# 69%

I do regular large shops and then buy additional items to make meals or what the household needs "Doing a large shop is a good way to control monthly food costs. I try to get all the basics, and make sure I'm shopping on special for the things I know we need. Then when I pop in to the supermarket, its to grab a couple of things, not go mad and over spend"

Verbatim quote

**In-store grocery shopping** commands the highest share of spend/big shops

85% Spend most In a physical supermarket/store

8%

6%

Spend most Online, delivered

Spend most Online, Click N Collect



## Online shopping is

consistently growing

# 70%

Kiwis Say they are shopping for groceries online more

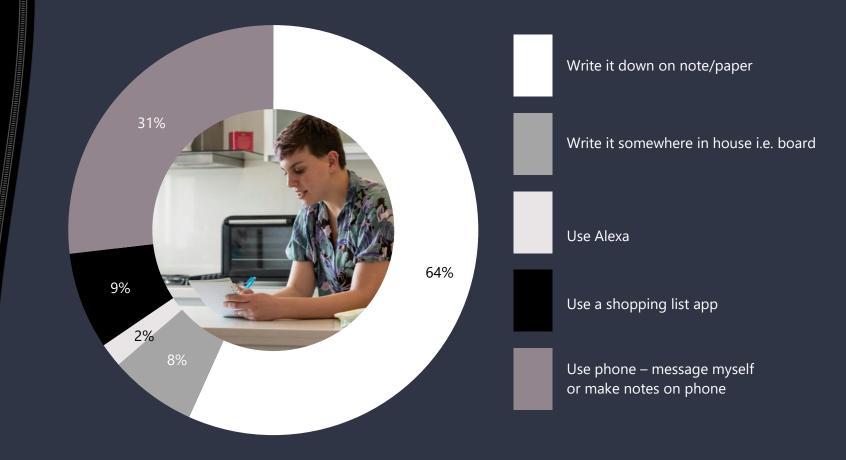
"As well as being more convenient, I like that I can see how much it all costs with online shopping. If the final amount is too high I review, and invariably take out the treats!"

Verbatim quote

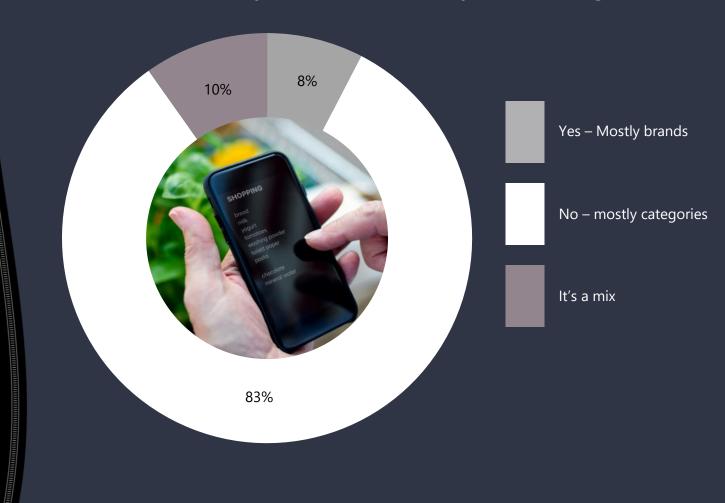
# We rely on shopping lists!

Kiwis make a specific (not mental) shopping list

#### How do you make your shopping list?



Lists made up of **mostly generic** category needs



#### Do you write brands on your shopping list?

### Grocery shopping is habitual

#### Like to try new products and notice innovation

## 80%

48%

Tend to buy the same brands

1 in 3 Think they 'sleep shop' and reach for the same brands

Creating intention to trial requires consistency.



### Supermarket brand Insights

### We understand prices fluctuate

84% agree

Prices fluctuate considerably between supermarkets

Up to \$50

The majority (87%) think this would be the cart differential between the highest and lowest cost supermarket for an average shop



### But are unsure how to master price cycles

84% agree

Prices fluctuate considerably between supermarkets

# only 1 in 4

Feel supermarket specials are transparent and real

Up to \$50

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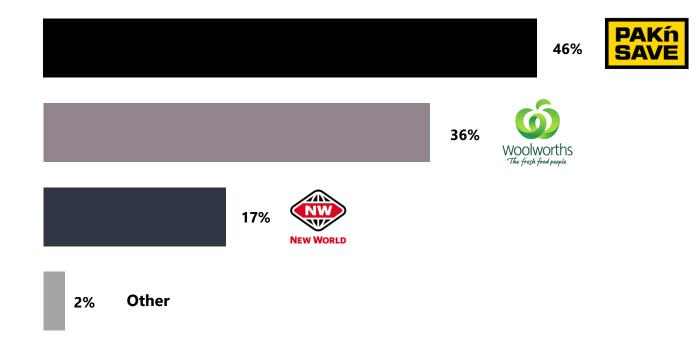
### Less than half

Try to game or anticipate supermarket price cycles

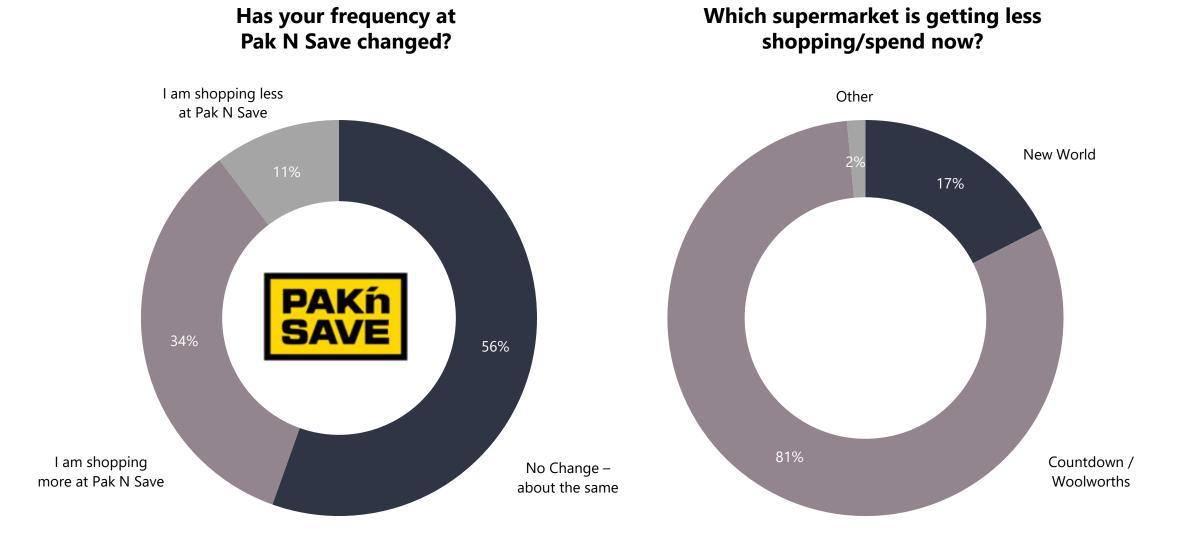


### Pak N Save dominates as 'go to' supermarket

#### Which is your 'go to' supermarket for big shops?



### 1 in 3 are shopping more at Pak N Save, at the expense of Woolworths



### Shoppers are embracing brands outside of the 'big three' for groceries

12% Have a Costco membership



Buy groceries at the Warehouse at least quarterly





33%

Visit stores such as Why not / Reduced to Clear at least quarterly



### Price and FMCG brand Insights

### We're a nation who says we love a deal



69% Compare prices between supermarkets before shopping



### We're not embracing tech **to compare**

### Only 1 in 5 use price comparison sites or apps





"I'm always looking out for super savers on things I buy all the time – cheese, butter, mince, chicken breasts. If I see a great price for these things, that tends to define where I shop that week"

Vertbatim quote

# Price remains the strongest driver of choice

# 84%

Say price is the main consideration when choosing between two similar products

+7% 2022



# Despite noise, sustainability has low influence

Less than

# 1 in 3

Say sustainability is a big consideration when choosing between different products



### Home brands are accepted, more so that 2022

## 65%

Believe home brands are as good as the branded equivalent

+4% 2022

## Only 1 in 5

Think higher prices mean better quality foods

-4% 2022

Hero brands, being named on shopping lists

Only 18% Write brands on shopping lists

-27% 2022

1 in 4

Write a category but have a set brand in mind



Brands being named more than three times as a brand that is stated on a shopping list

**'Category listers'** are more influenced by specials

40%

Shop the category completely

60%

Have a small repertoire they compare



### **Preference and quality** drives 'shopping list status'

"my husband likes that brand"

"brands that I check specials for"

"offers the flavour option we want"

"my pets are very fussy"

"tried and trusted"

"one that everyone eats"

"I will only use professional laundry liquid and quality toilet paper"

"my go to brands"

"family favourites"

"our 'daily needs' brands"

"good quality that I trust"

"I like them best"

"the quality items"

# **'Brand listers'** are still aware of price

### How price sensitive are you for named/necessity brands on your shopping list?



### Large Format's role in **building brand preference and perception** for fmcg brands

### JCDecaux LARGE FORMAT

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### Research implications

Kiwis are **constantly and consciously assessing** how they can save money to manage household budgets and scrutinising spend

Price is influential – until it isn't. **Preference and perceived quality trump price.** Brand advertising can establish and defend the **emotional beliefs** that make price less of an influence

Brands that can demand a premium sustain perceptions of superiority, consistently and confidently, and thus remain on shopping lists, especially during recessionary times

Large Format Out-of-Home, that **is emotive, commanding** and seen at **high frequencies** throughout the day, can influence short term behaviour and longer-term intent



# **80% of kiwis are out-and-about** each day<sup>\*</sup>, with an opportunity to see Out-of-Home

1 in 3

Kiwis Agree

They actively notice grocery brands on billboards when out and about 1 in 4

Kiwis Agree

Regular billboard advertising makes me confident in choosing brands/ try brands outside my repertoire 1 in 3

Kiwis Agree

I like to see this week's specials on billboards to keep me in the loop on savings

### JCDecaux network can influence shoppers in the moment

Interrupt on path to purchase Influence immediate trial

Many sites with direct supermarket proximity



### JCDecaux network can influence shoppers and drive future intent

Maintain brand perception and loyalty

Build future demand

Hero sites on main arterials



# SMARTFRAME for **FMCG influence**

Amplify Street Furniture activity

More visible and impactful than Street Furniture

28 SMARTFRAME within 1km of three main supermarkets

Building out network to suburbs and suburban retail



### Reaching FMCG audiences with affinity and intent

Use JCDecaux data to understand sites that over index for specific brand supermarket shoppers

Pak N Save:
1. Aotea Quay
2. Jervois Quay
3. The Fortress
4. The Capital
5. MOTAT digital

New World:

- 1. Vic Park Flyover
- 2. Colombo Street
- 3. Stanley Street
- 4. Ponsonby Central
- 5. Ferrymead IN

Woolworths:
1. Vic Park Flyover
2. Greenlane digi
3. The Continental
4. Colombo Street
5. Blenheim Rd

Talk to your JCDecaux sales lead about the target audiences for brands you work with.



### Reaching FMCG audiences with affinity and intent

Use JCDecaux data to understand SMARTFRAME that over index for cross shoppers (shop a range of supermarket brands)

- 1. Waterloo Quay
- 2. LynnMall West
- 3. Sylvia Park Highway
- 4. Royal Oak
- 5. The Arena

- 6. North Shore
- 7. Sylvia Park Entry
- 8. Greenlane
- 9. Dominion Road
- 10. Riccarton IN



### Reaching FMCG audiences with affinity and intent

Use JCDecaux data to understand sites that over index for specific interests or behaviours relate to FMCG products.

Wine Enthusiasts:

- 1. Ponsonby Centre
- 2. SMARTFRAME Northshore
- 3. SMARTFRAMEs Sylvia Park
- 4. Westgate Digital
- 5. SMARTFRAME Greenlane

Foodies:
1. SMARTFRAME Northshore
2. Westgate Digital
3. SMARTFRAME Sylvia Park Highway
4. Remuera Rd Digital
5. SMARTFRAME Royal Oak

Cat owners:

- 1. SMARTFRAME Remuera
- 2. Vic Park Flyover
- 3. The Olympic
- 4. Parnell Rise
- 5. SMARTFRAME MAX CBD

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