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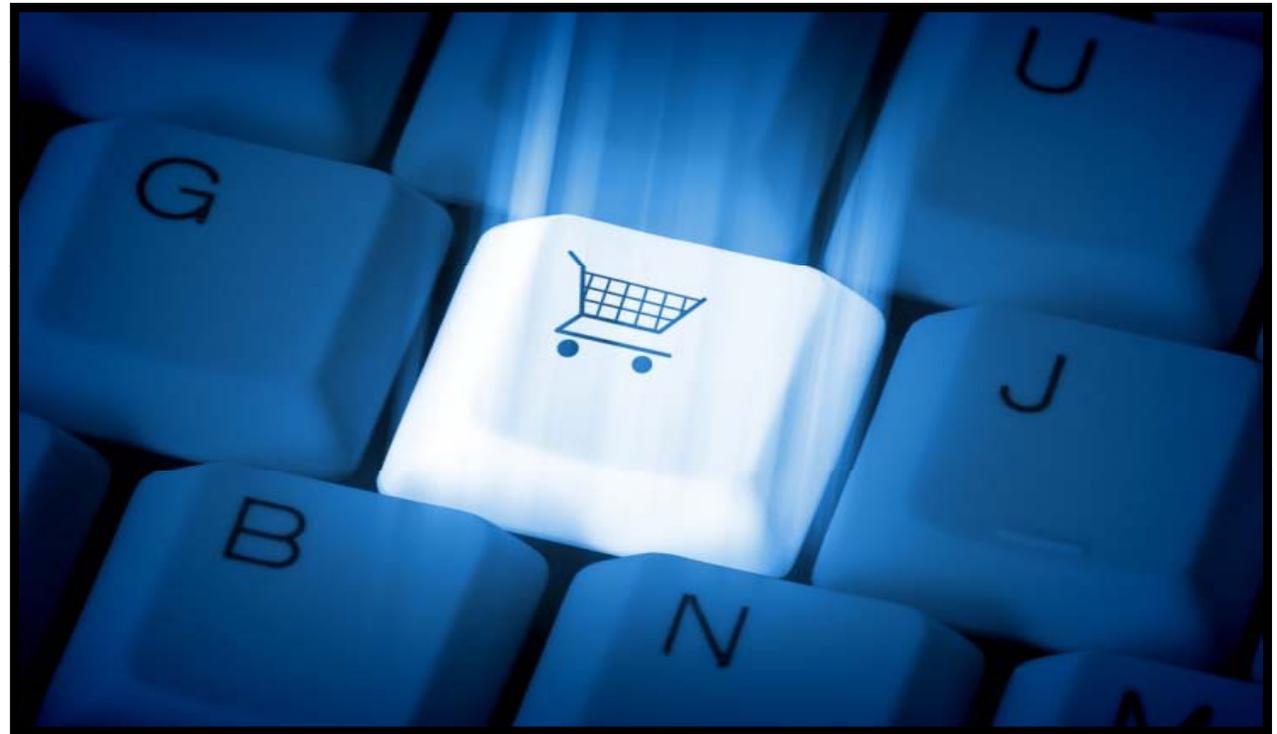
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## ***Online for Consumer Electronics: Online Shopping & Purchasing***



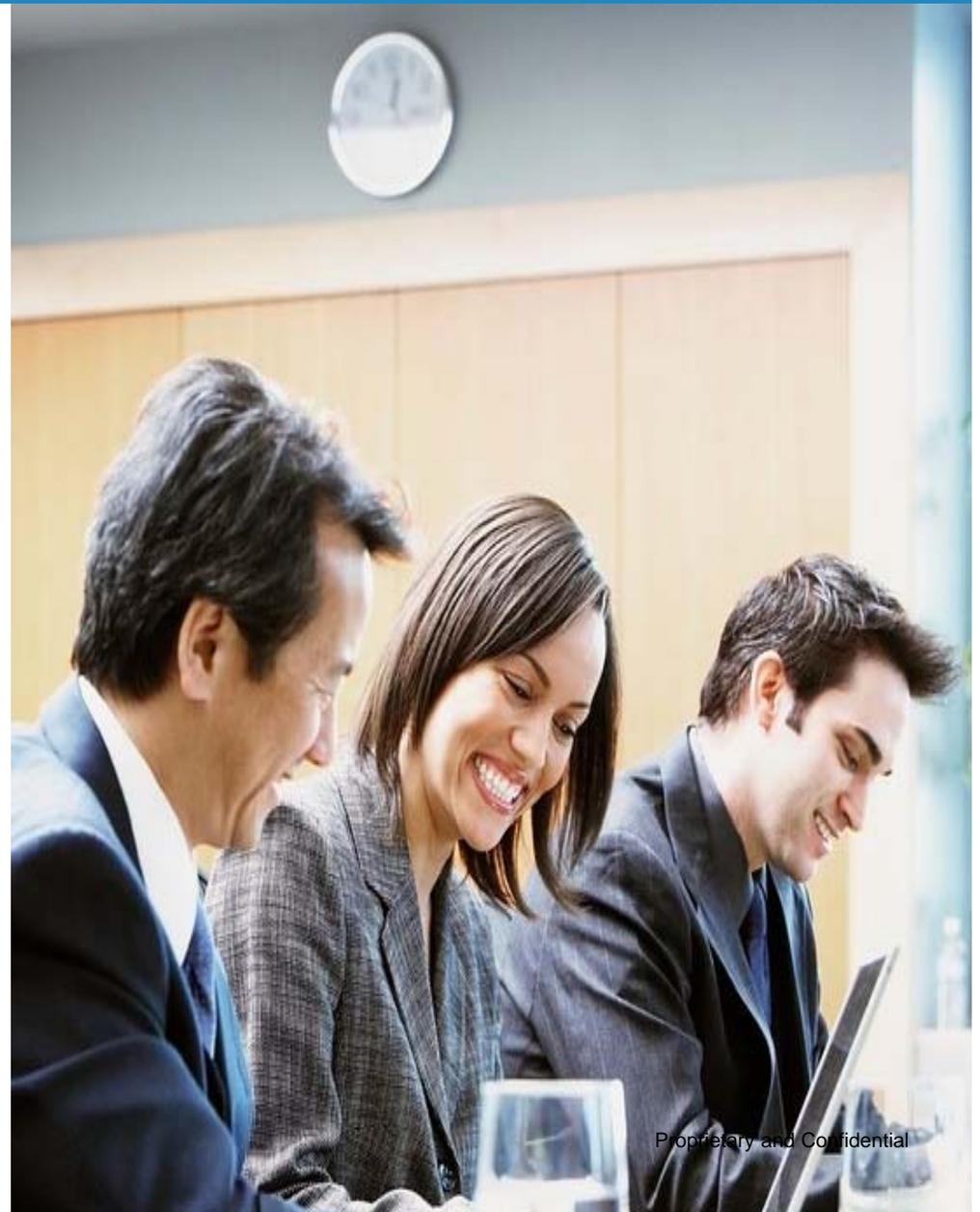
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# Who is NPD?

*We are a global provider of consumer and retail sales information across 14 industry sectors*

- Retail Sales Tracking
- Consumer Tracking
- Topical Reports
- Targeted Consumer Surveys
- Advanced Analytics



# Key Partners



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# U.S. Online Panel

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- Nearly 3 million consumers
  - Over 20 million surveys fielded each year

# Industry Sectors

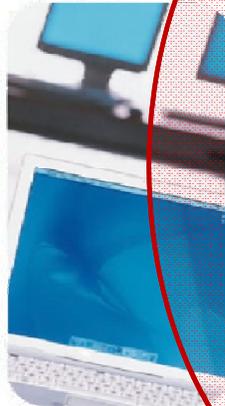
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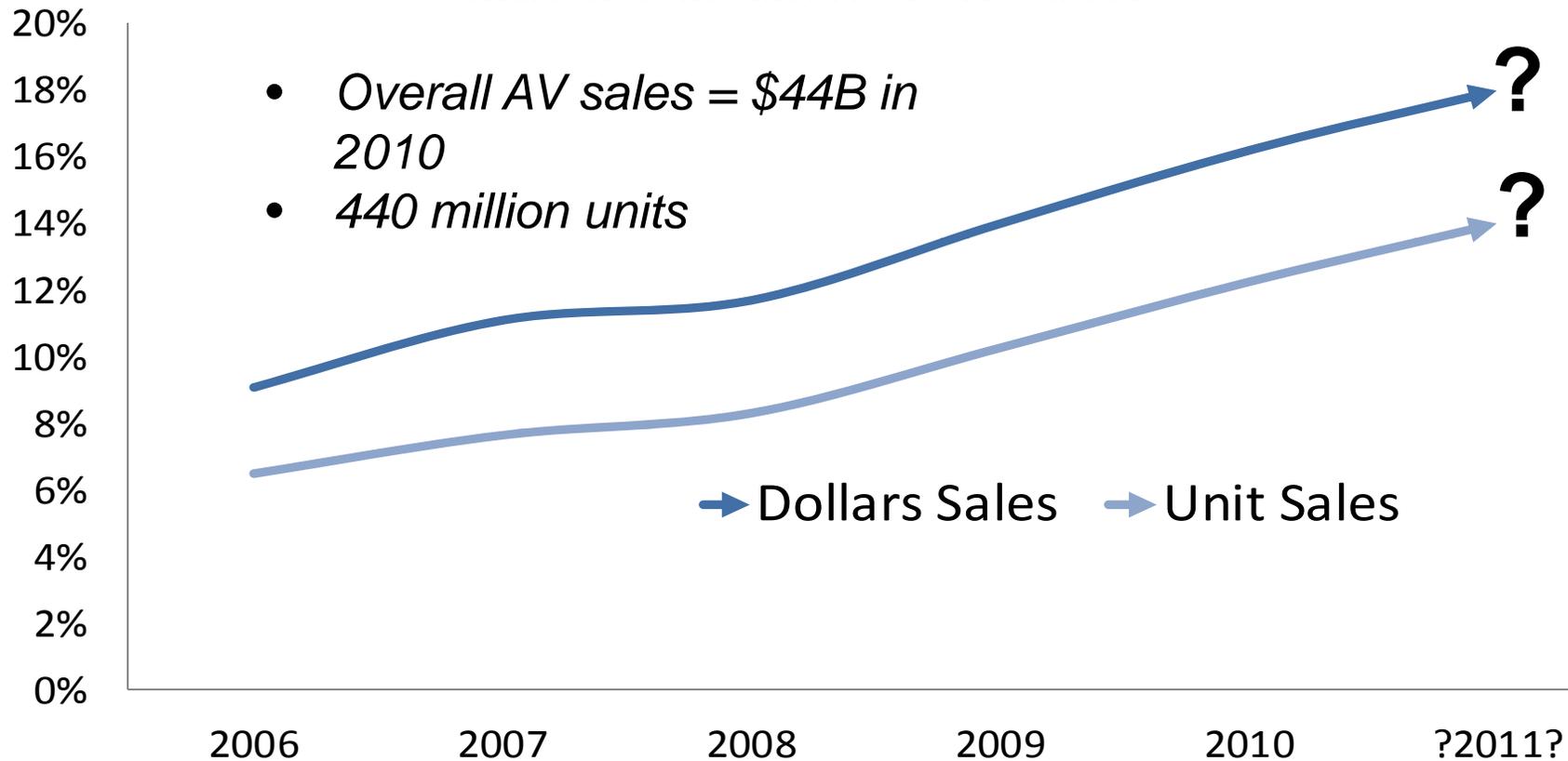
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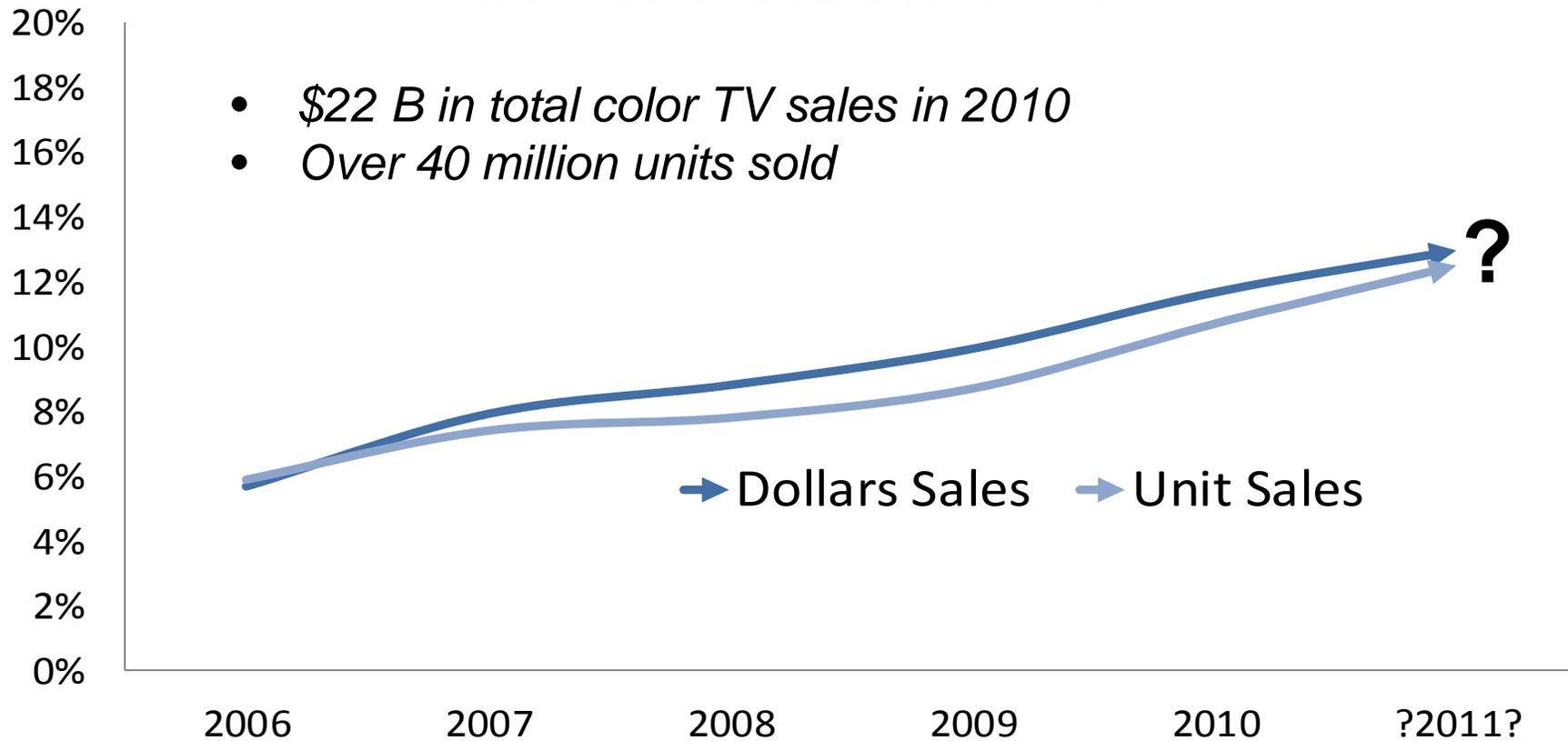
# E-Commerce has consistently grown as a sales channel for consumers in the audio/visual technology category

## E-Commerce Share of Consumer Audio/Visual Sales



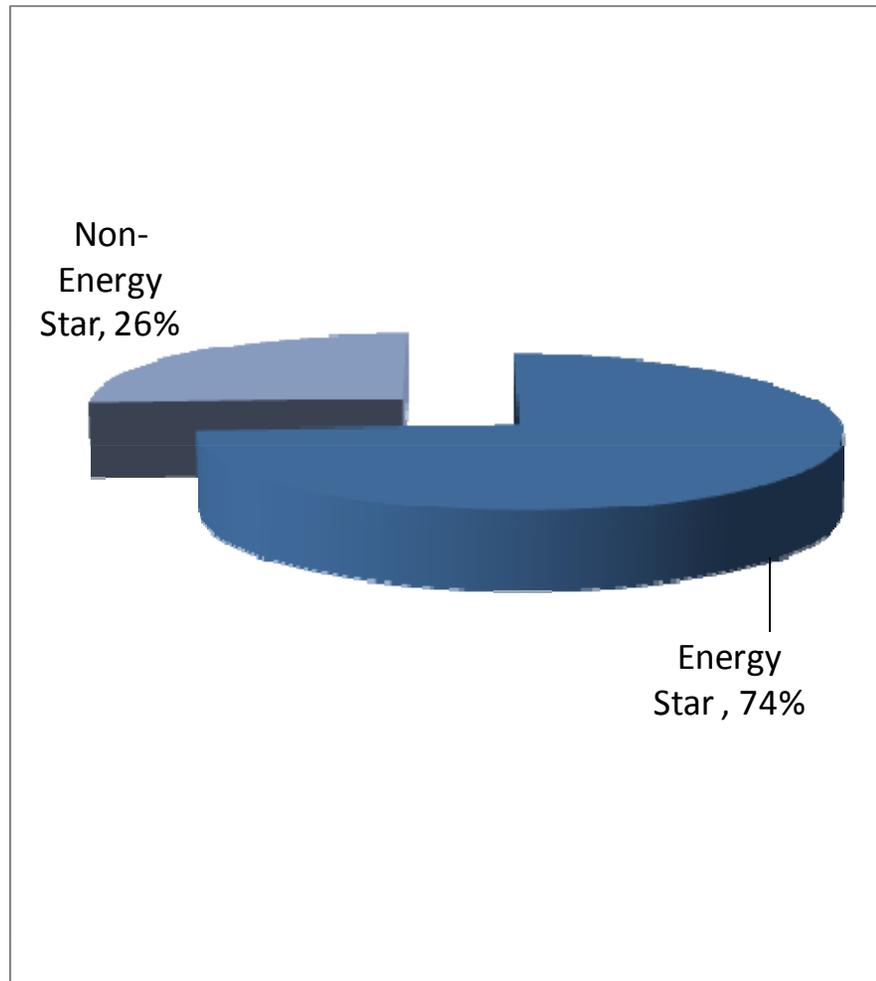
While not as large of percentage of total sales, e-commerce is important channel in TV sales

### E-Commerce Share of Flat Panel/LCD/Plasma Sales

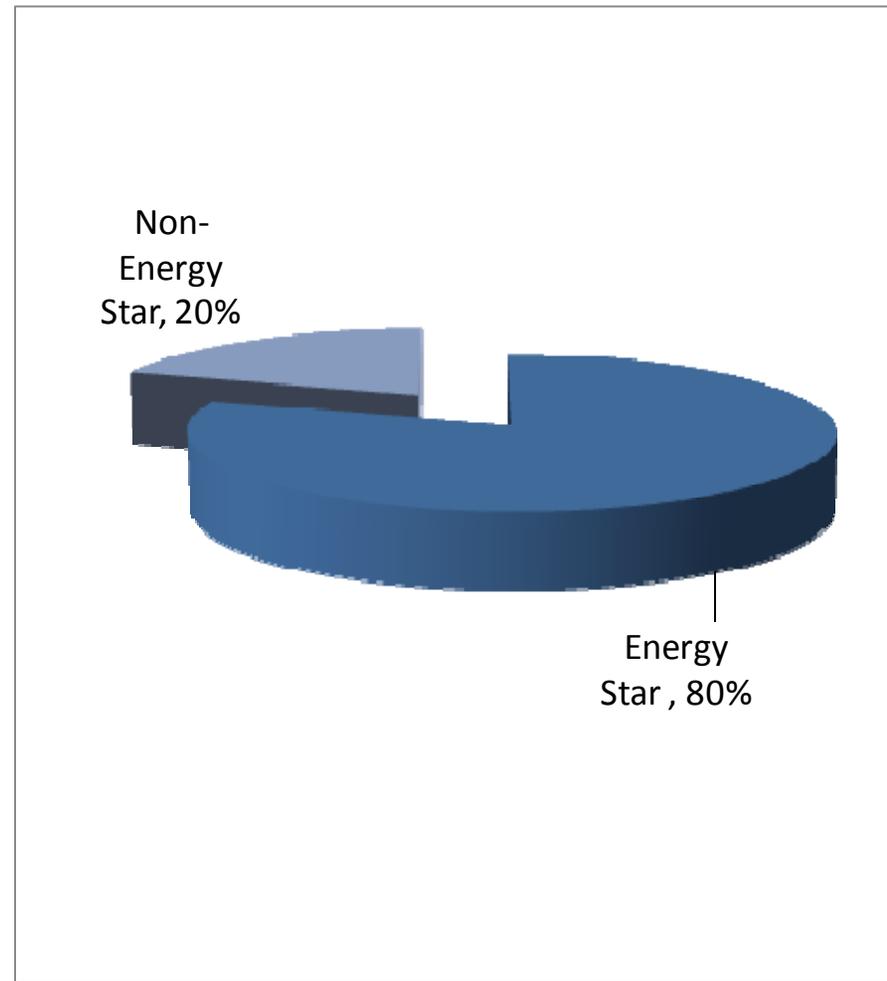


In Q3 of 2011 a greater % of flat panel TV purchases online were Energy Star, compared to sales from traditional Bricks and Mortar stores.

Percentage B&M Purchases Energy Star

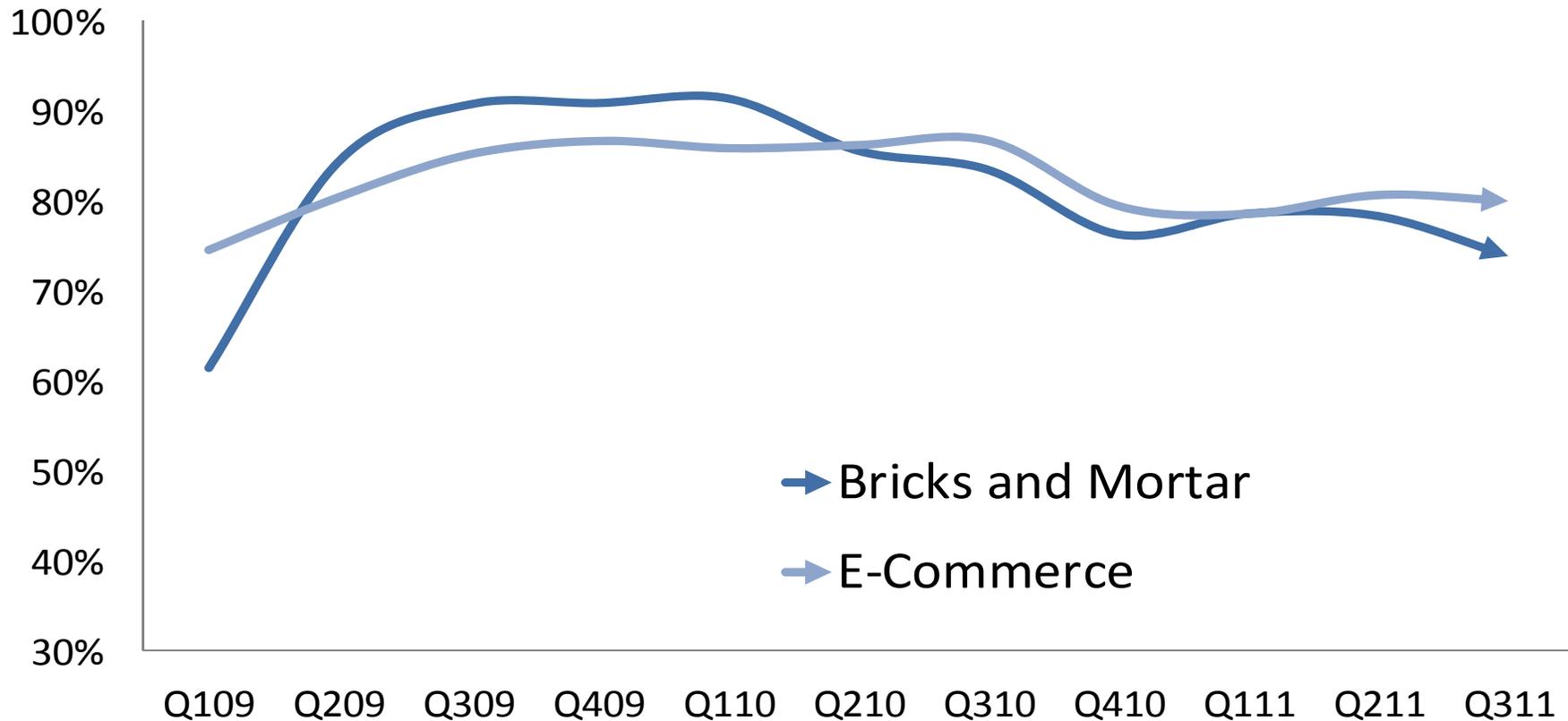


Percentage Online Purchases Energy Star



# Overall Energy Star sales through Bricks and Mortar are declining since late 2009

## % Share of Flat Panel/LCD/Plasma Sales that are Energy Star



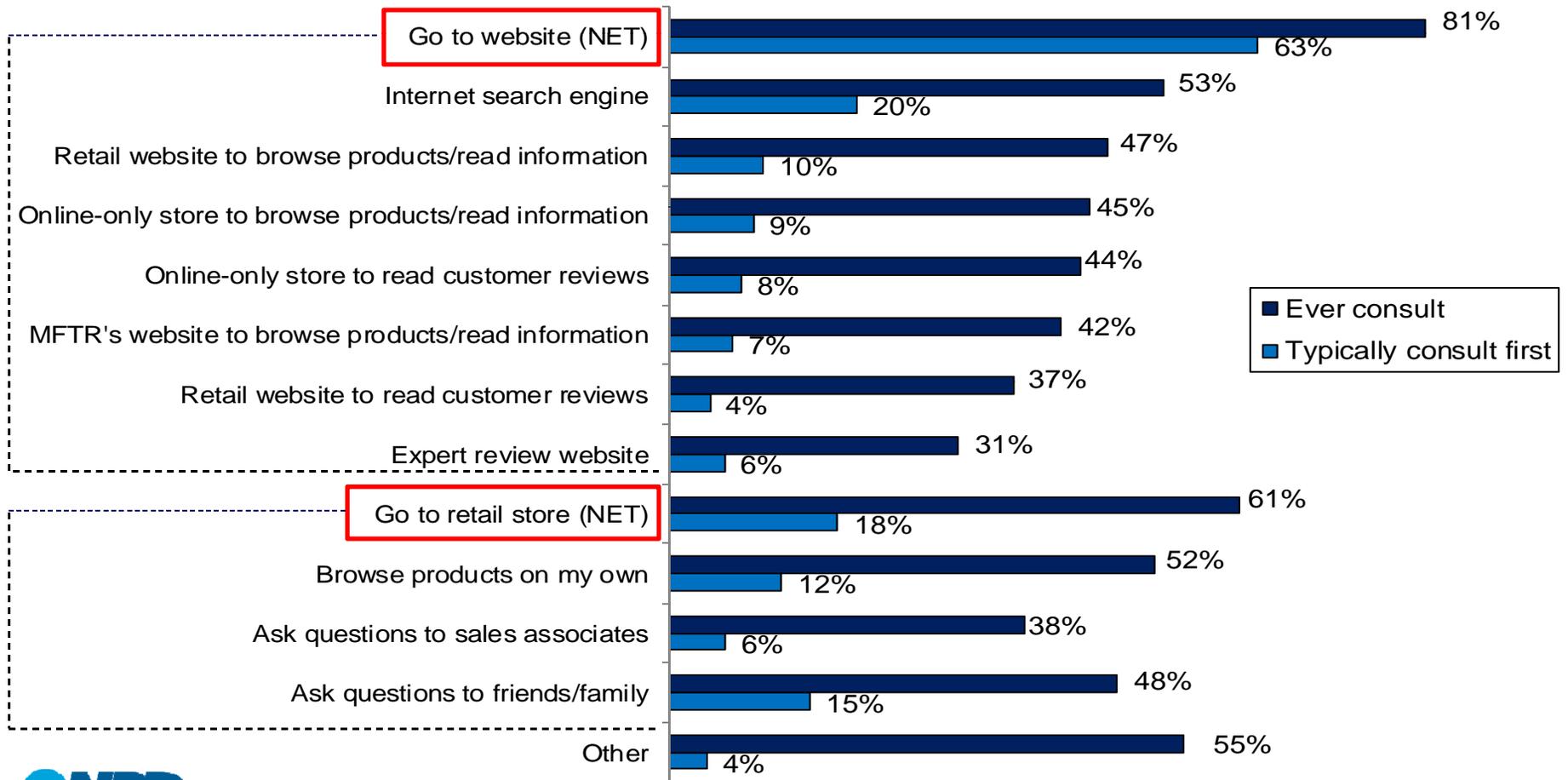


## What Does this Mean?

- If a growing portion of all sales of consumer electronics, like TVs, occur online, it will be increasingly necessary to have a strong presence online.
- This doesn't mean just advertising.
- Displays and positioning on e-commerce sites, review sites and shopping portals will play an important role in both the online purchase AND the in-store purchase.
- You must be present for the pre-purchase research.

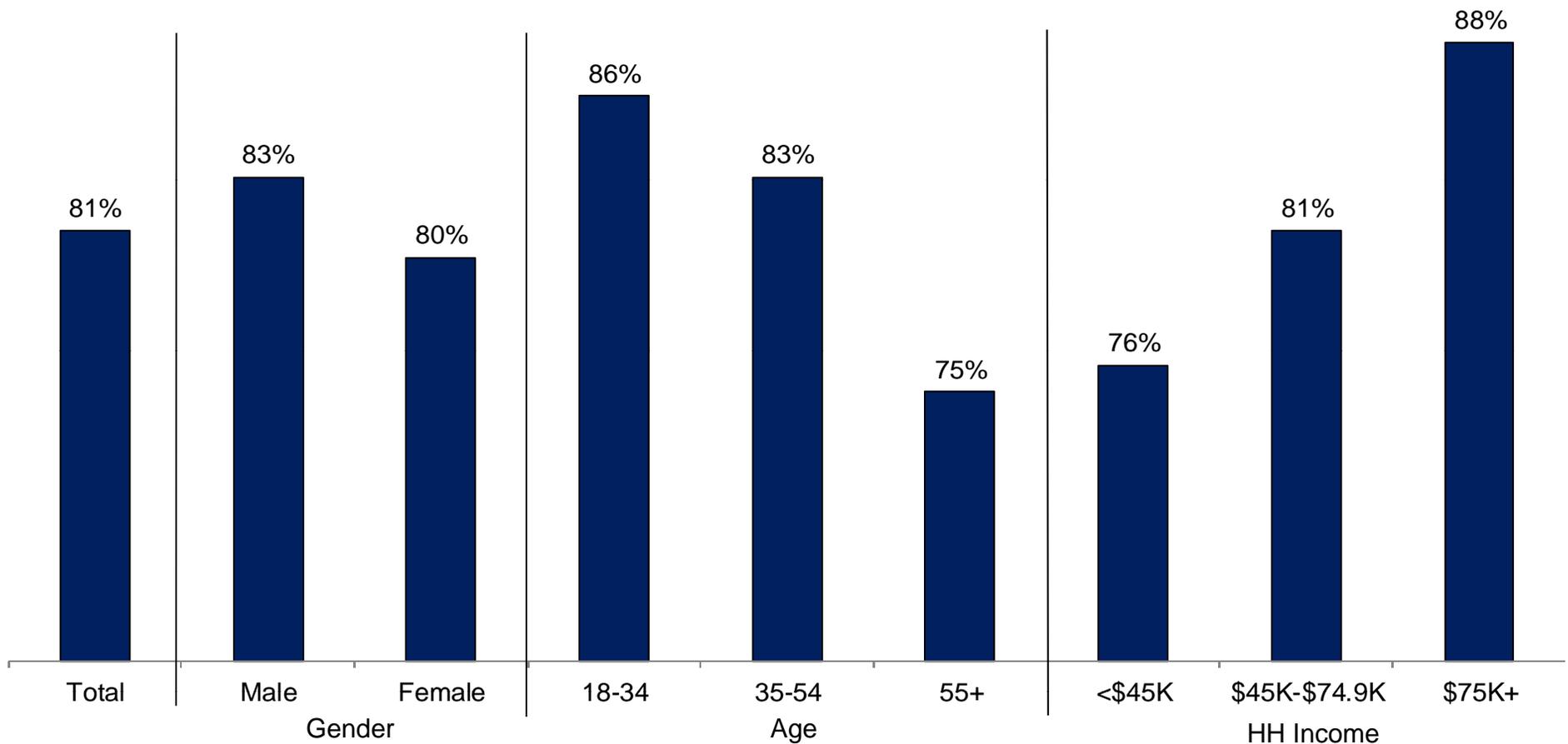
# Consumers in the market for CE products are significantly more likely to consult a website than a retail store for necessary product review and background

## Sources Consulted for CE Product Information



Overall, approximately four-in-five consumers have shopped for or researched CE online.

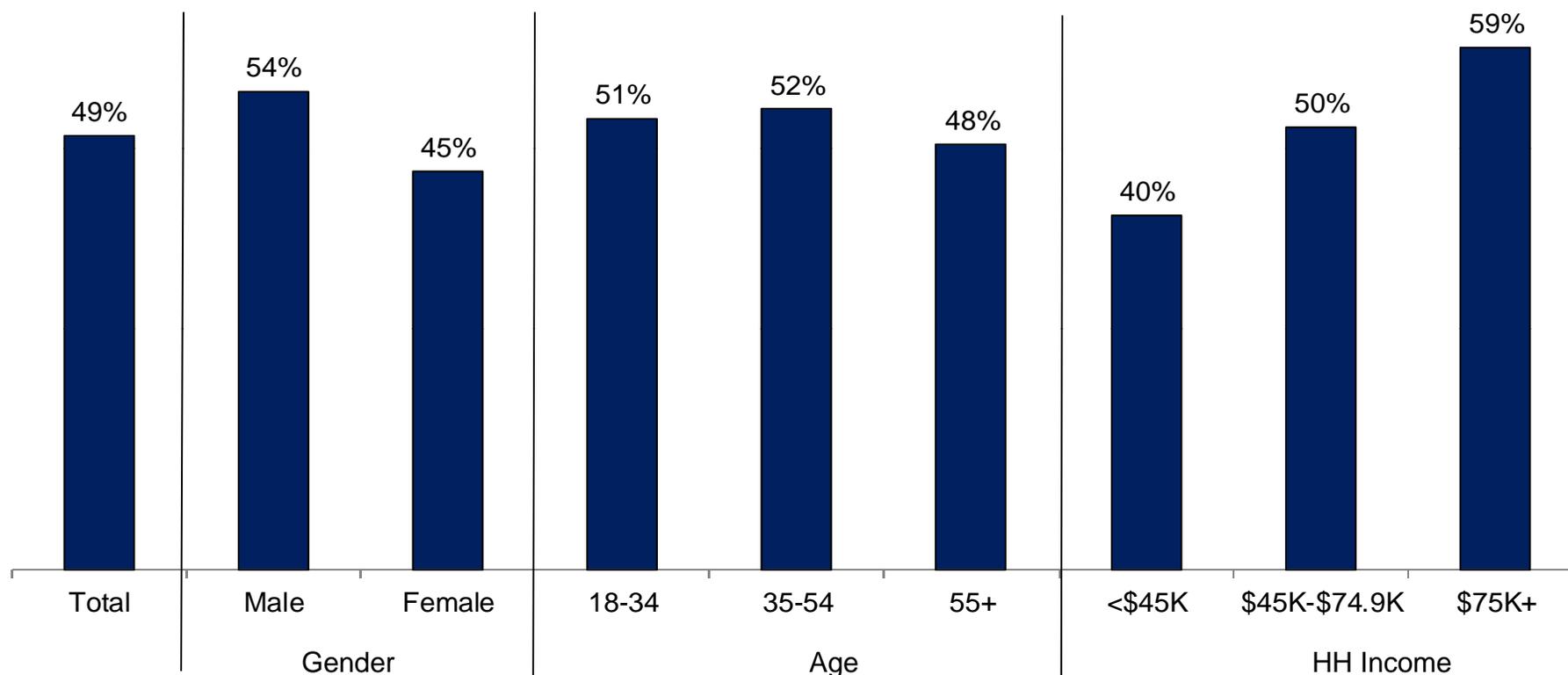
### CE Internet Shopping/Researching Incidence



Base: US Rep consumers 18+ (n=1326), Male (n=656), Female (n=670), 18-34 (n=408), 35-54 (n=491), 55+ (n=427), <\$45K (n=506), \$45K-\$74.9K (n=310), \$75K+ (n=509)

Approximately half of the US consumers surveyed have ever purchased a CE product online.

### CE Internet Purchasing Incidence



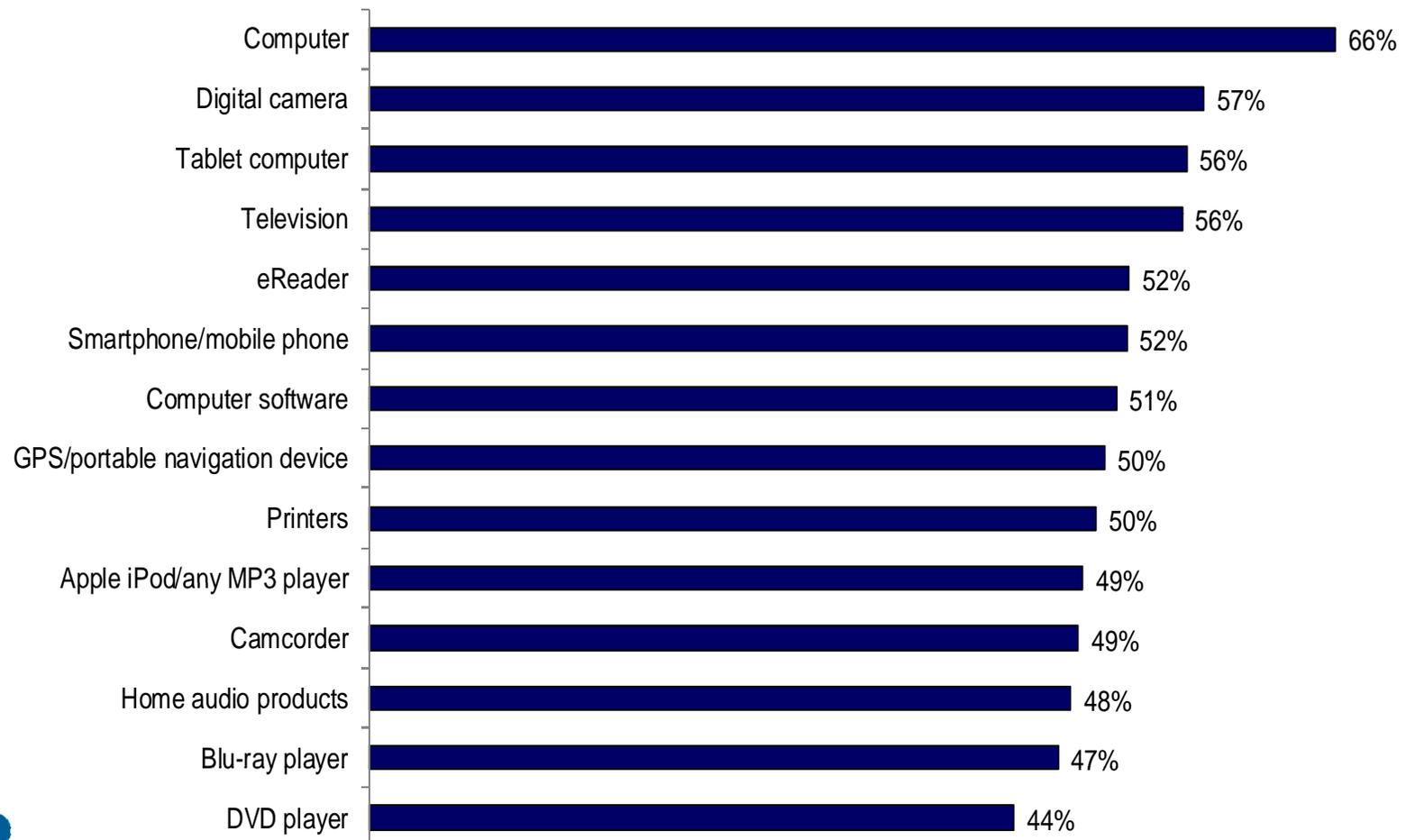
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Source: The NPD Group / e-Commerce and Consumer Electronics: Online Shopping & Purchasing, June 2011

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Computers are the CE product most likely to be research/edshopped online, followed by digital cameras, tablets and televisions.

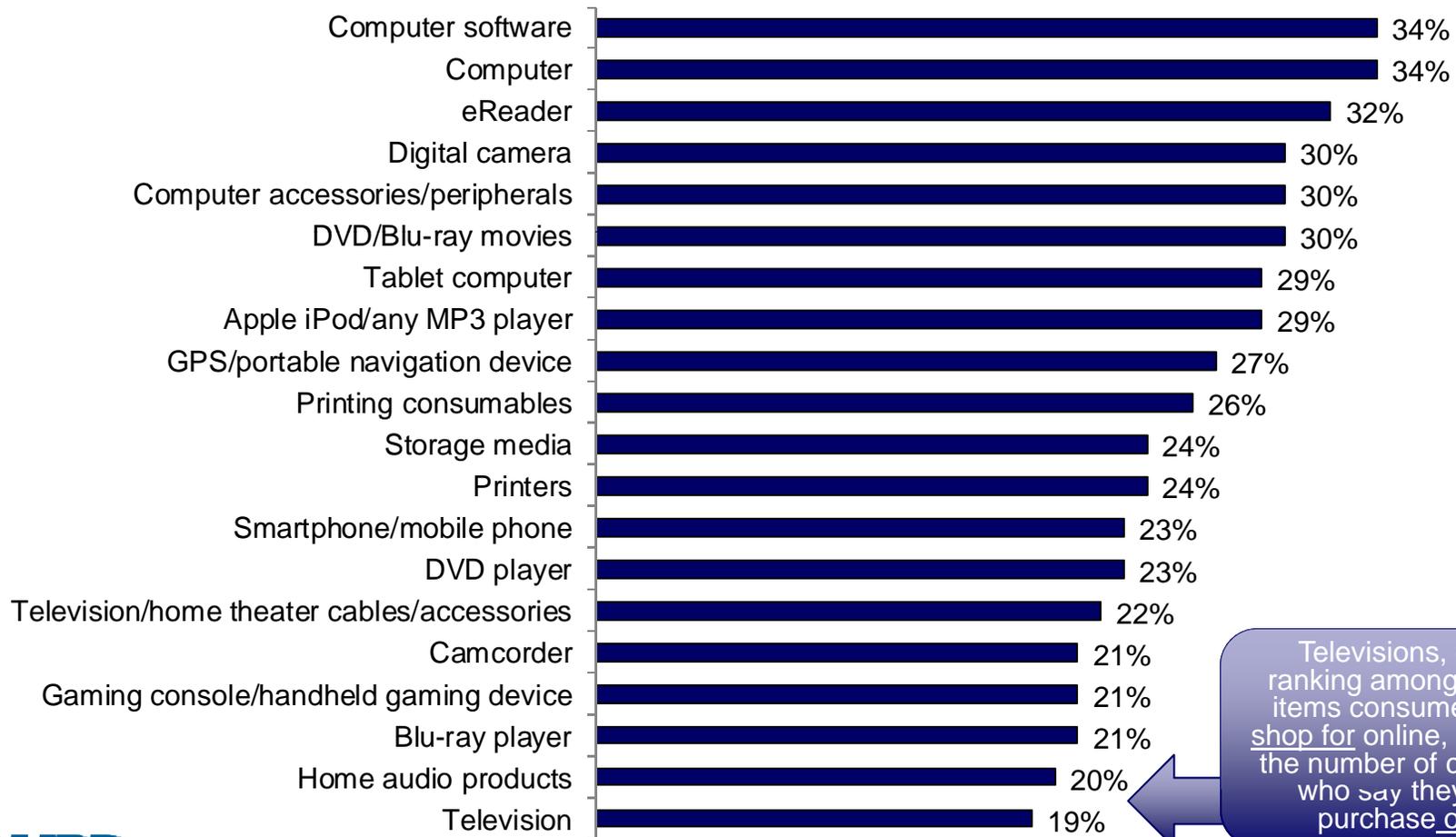
Likelihood of Research/Shopping CE Online  
Top 2 Box = Extremely/Very Likely



# Computers and software are the items consumers say they would be most likely to purchase online if they were in the market.

Q5. Now, how likely would you be to actually purchase these products on the Internet if you were in the market for each of these devices below?

**Likelihood of Purchasing CE Online**  
**Top 2 Box = Extremely/Very Likely**



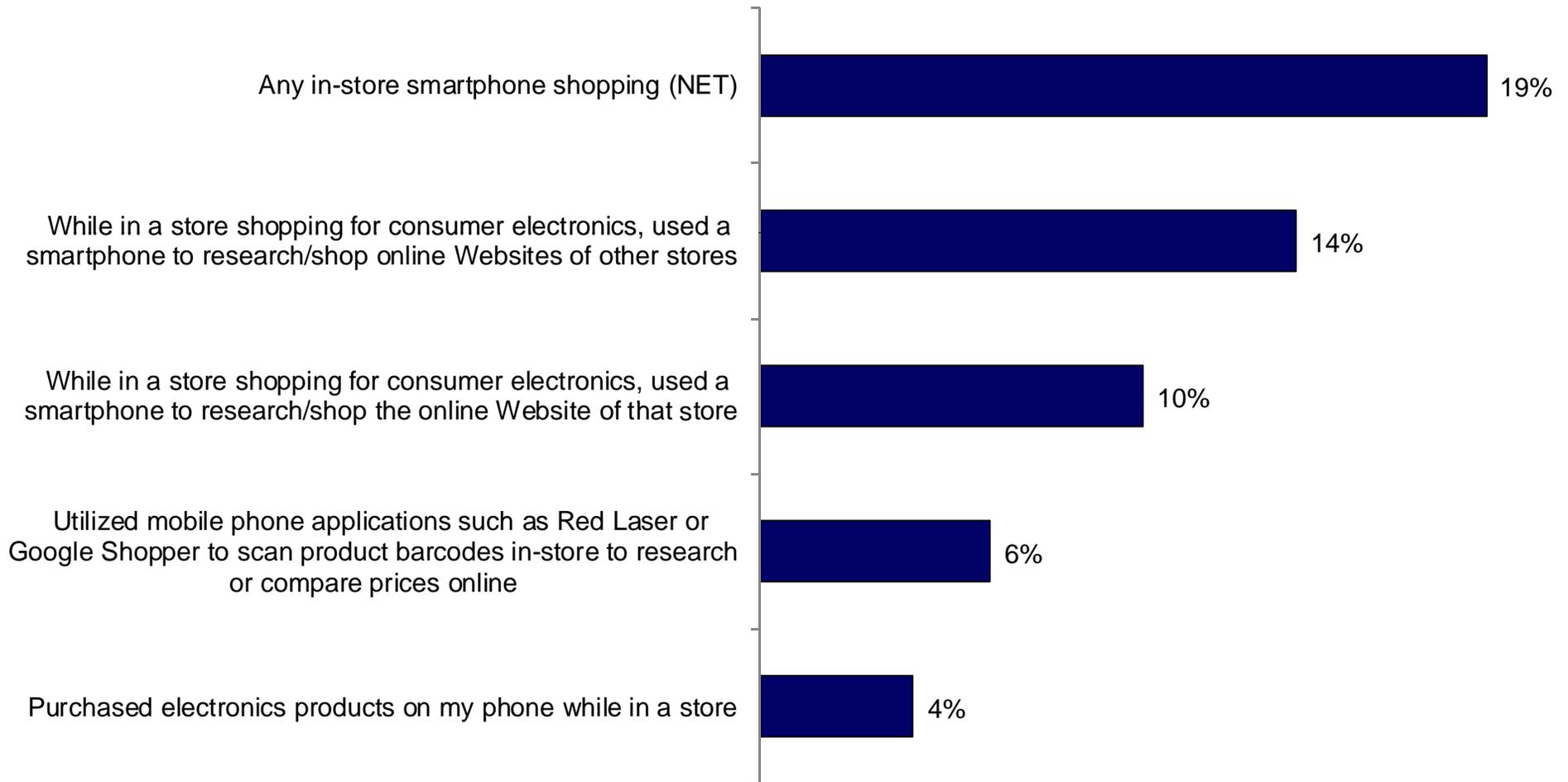
Televitions, despite ranking among the top 3 items consumers would shop for online, rank last in the number of consumers who say they would purchase online.



Base: Ever shopped CE online (n=1079)

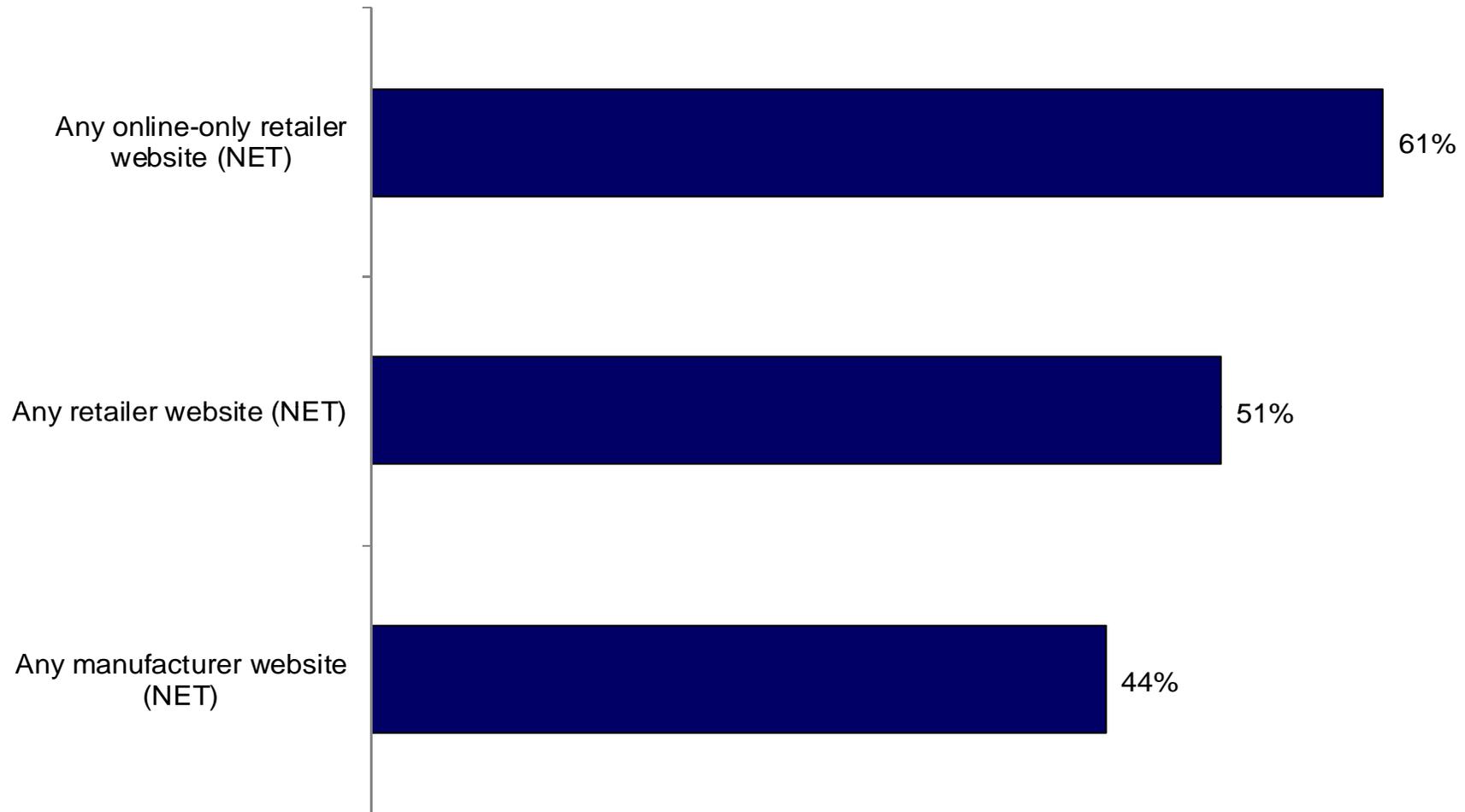
19% of respondents who have ever shopped CE products online have utilized a smartphone when in the store to do so.

### Smartphone Usage When Shopping CE Products



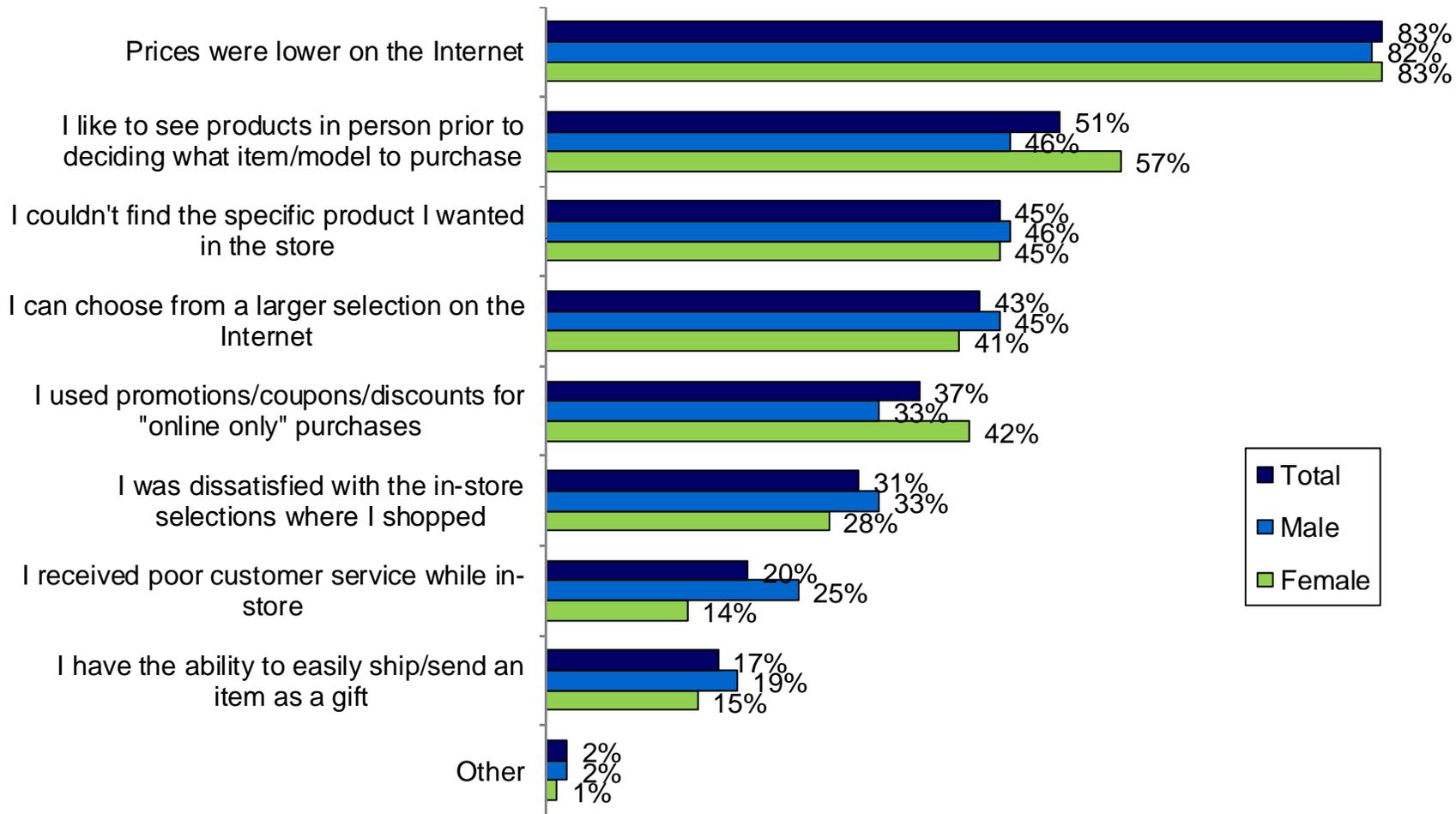
Online-only retailers are more successful than retailer websites and manufacturer websites at converting CE product shoppers/ researchers into purchasers.

### Shopping/Researching to Purchasing Conversion



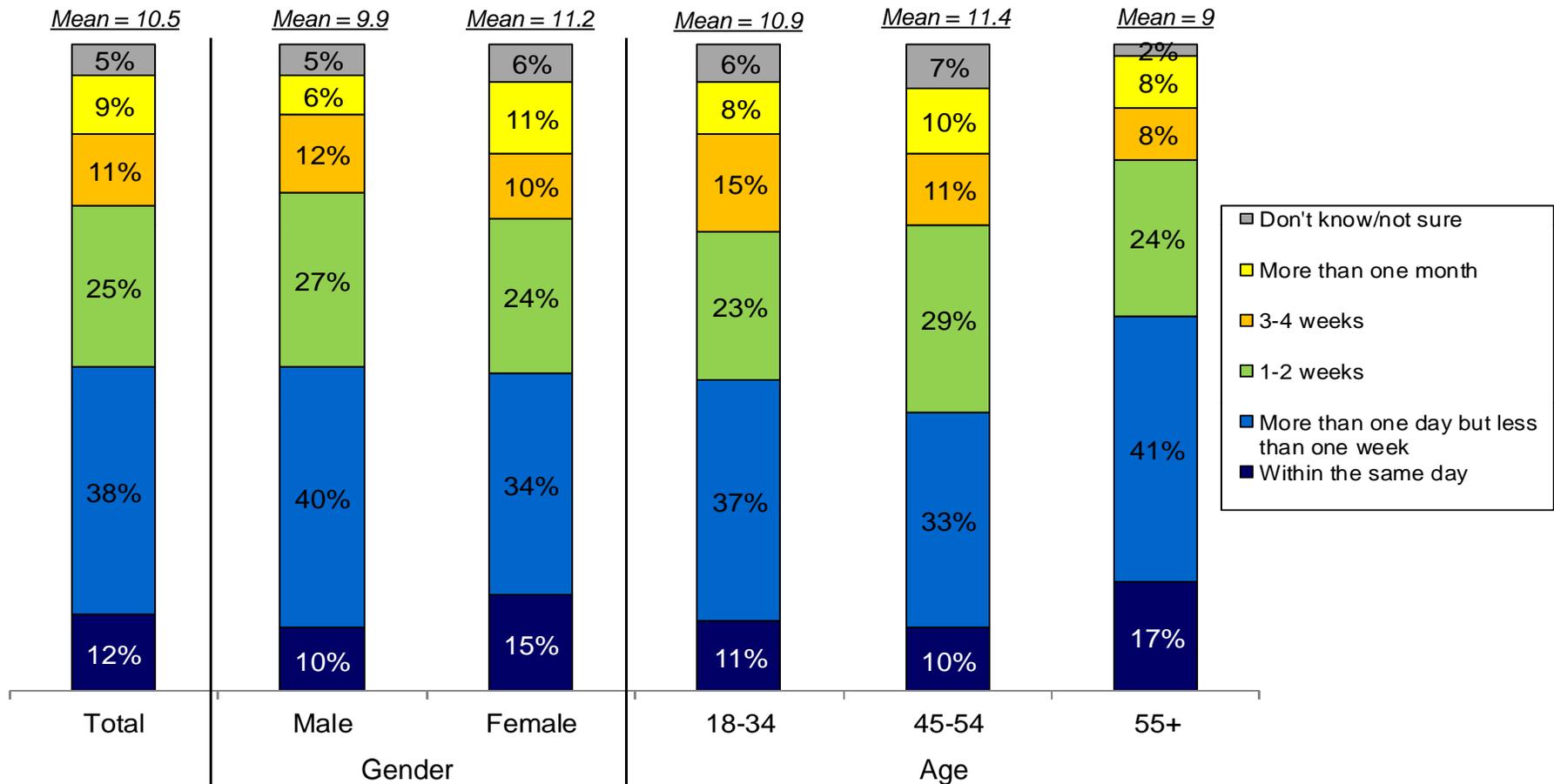
# Lower prices are the leading driver for bringing in-store CE shoppers to ultimately make their purchase online.

Reason for Shopping In-Store but Purchasing Online – by Gender



The window to close an online sale of a CE product averages nearly 11 days. Males push the “order button” a day earlier than females on average.

### Time Lapse Between Research and Ultimate Purchase



Base: P12M CE purchaser (n = 473), Male (n=252), Female (n=220), 18-34 (n=143), 35-54 (n=182), 55+ (n=147), \$<45K (n=145), \$45K-\$74.9K (n=114), \$75K+ (n=214)

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# What does this mean for Energy Star and Consumer Electronics?

- Don't stop In store/On Product placement of logo and information.
- Messaging needs to communicate the \$. Make it part of the economics of the purchase.
- Provide online retailers the materials to connect their online product listings to Energy Star information.
- Continue efforts for greater online presence and reviews.

Thank you!



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