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# Tomorrow's Trends Delivered Today

## *Store Design Trends - The Path to 2025*

today's shopper  
**Food at Home**  
pricing power  
channel fragmentation



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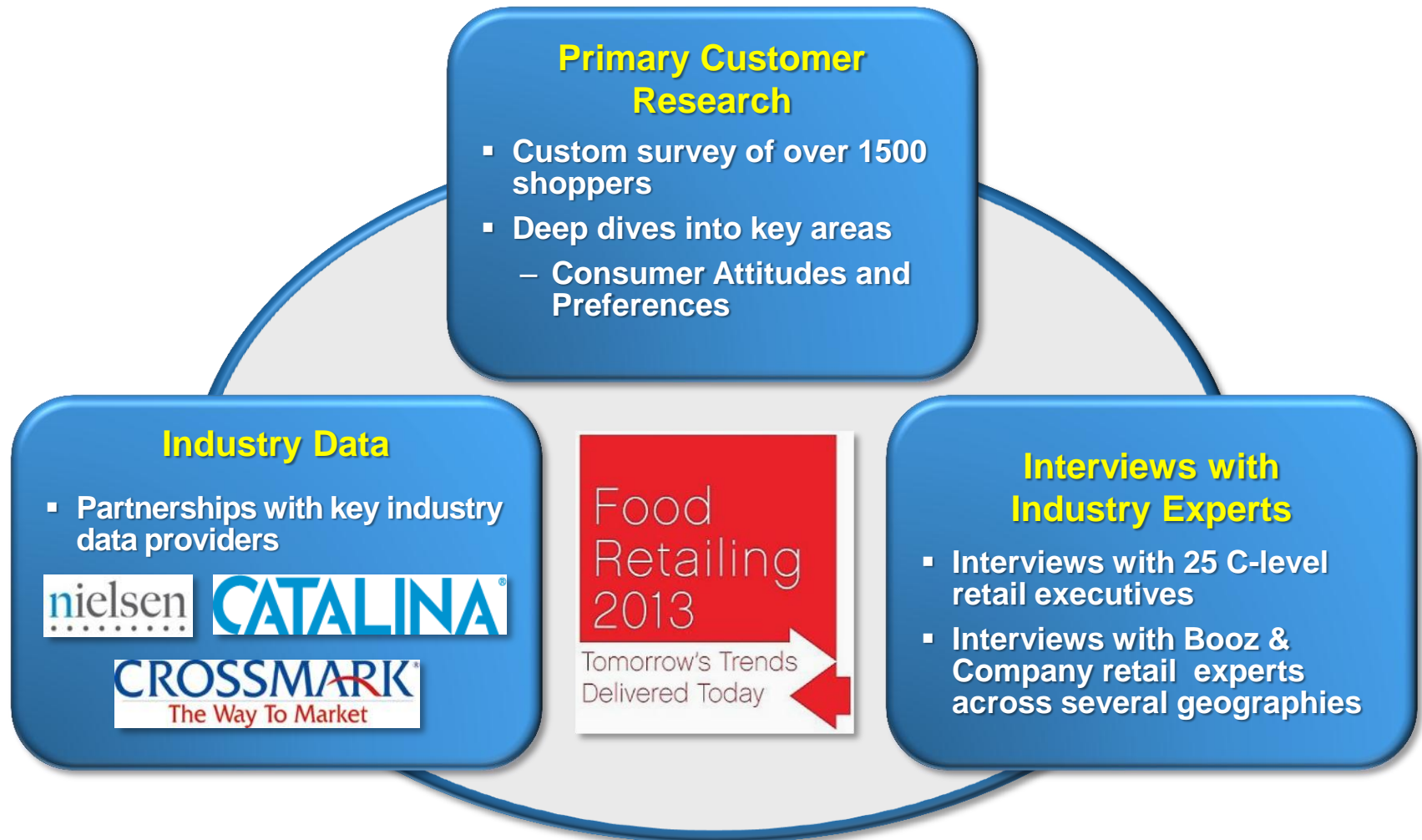


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Our discussion is based on foundational research from four partners contributing to a “look into the future” of food retailing.



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As a starter – let's all sit back and *get uncomfortable*.  
Two truths to discuss today

1. *“Retailing is going to get more complex than we have ever experienced.”*

2. *“Many retailers will not survive this complexity challenge.”*

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Tomorrow's store designers will become strategic.  
Two more truths to discuss today.

1. *"To win store designers will focus on engaging the shopper."*

2. *"It is critical for the store design team to be heard in the executive suite."*

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# US Retailer and CPG Manufacturer C-Level Perspectives on Current and Emerging Industry Challenges



- 1** Growing **concern** as to where to find **real growth** opportunities
- 2** Increasing **channel fragmentation** further **exacerbated by excess capacity** across all grocery category retailing channels
- 3** Changing **dynamics of consumer behaviors** including profiles and preferences
- 4** Understanding and adapting to the **rapidly changing implications of technology**
- 5** Increasing **competition** and **diminishing advantage** of scale



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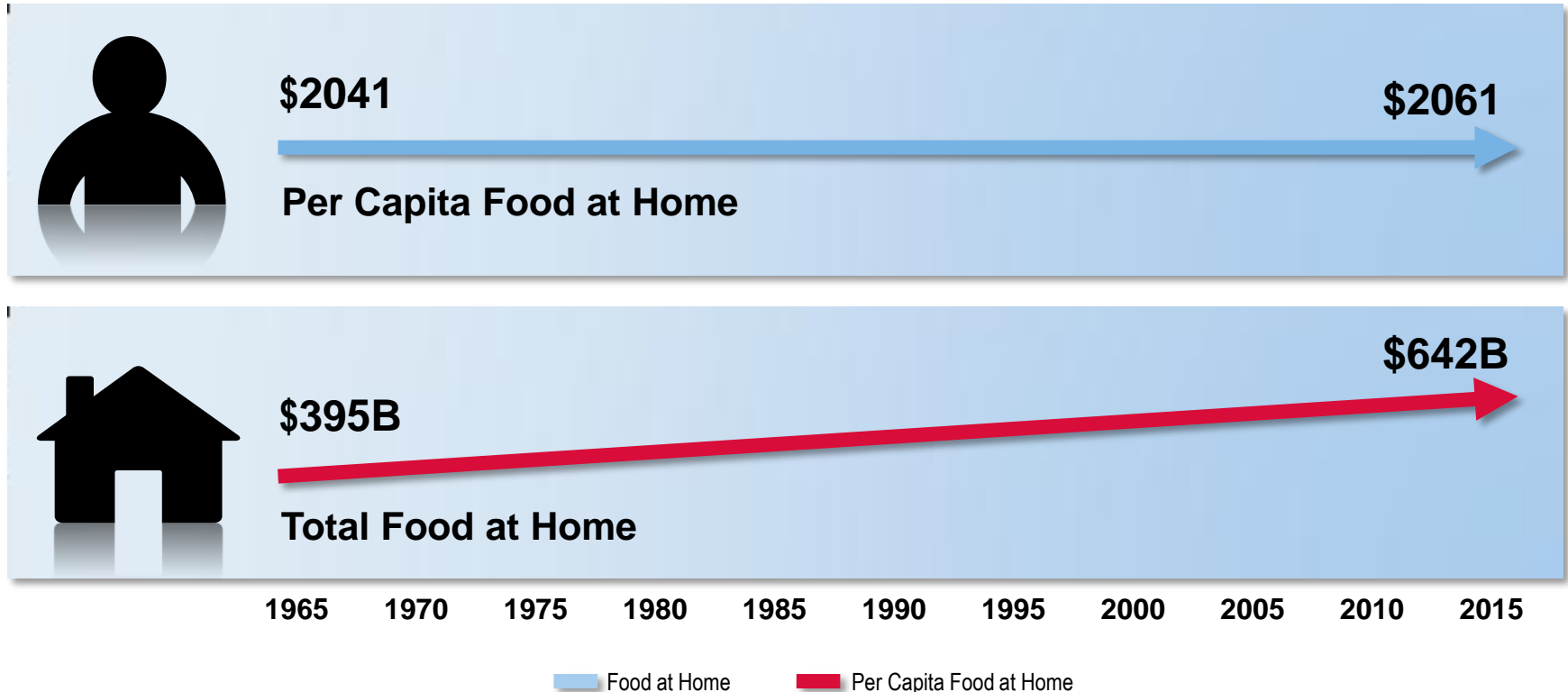


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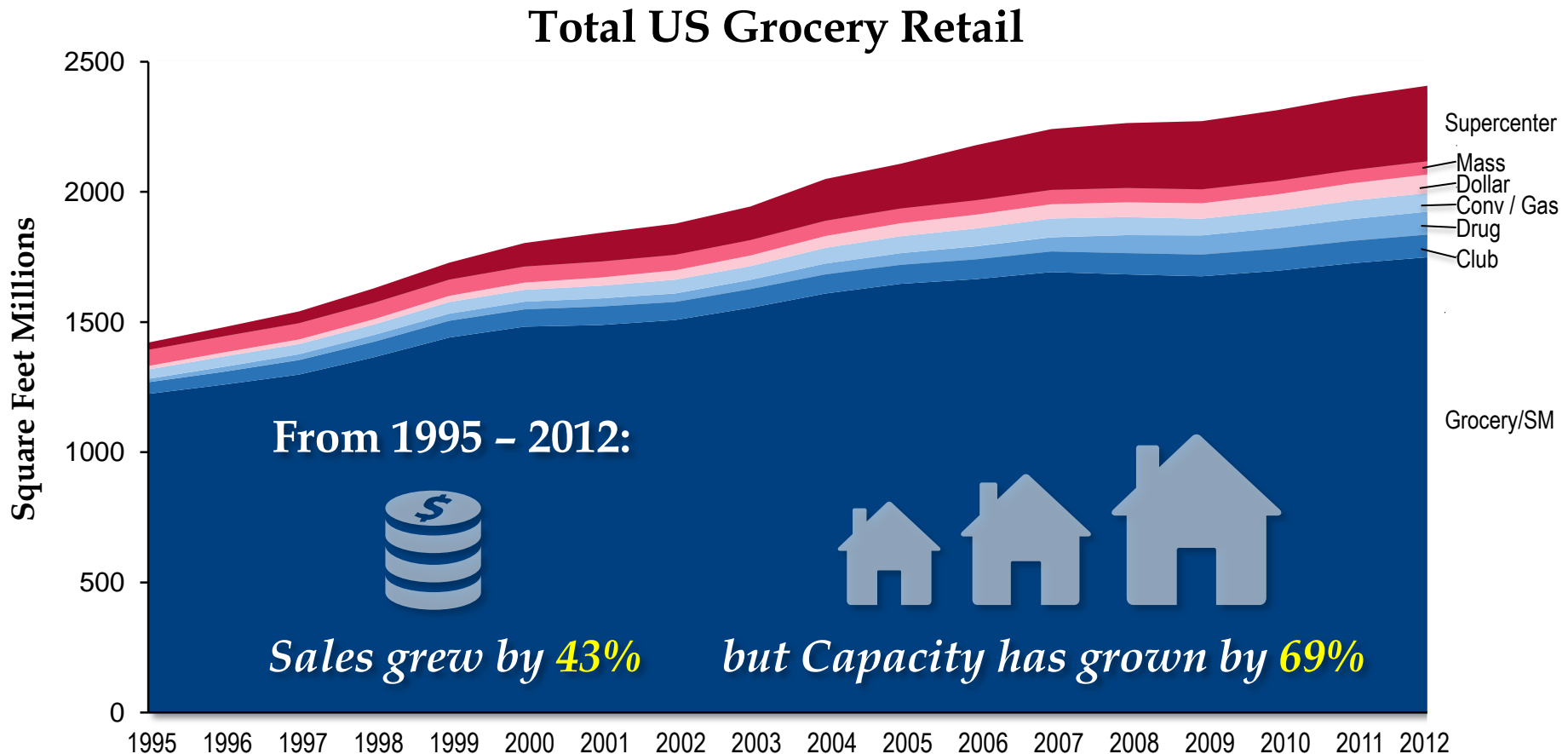
Historical US per capita spend stagnation on food is not a new phenomena – *we project continued flat consumption through 2025*

## US Consumption: Food at Home \$2010





Despite low growth, the grocery industry has added significant capacity, across all formats – *increasing supply/demand imbalance*



Traditional grocers are trying to respond – *unclear if many understand the level of differentiation required*

**2013 FMI Study**  
***Results of Executive Interviews Among Grocery Retailers***

**80%**

Use **pricing** as the primary value creation strategy – strong move to EDLP

**65%**

Heavily **invest in the perimeter** of the store

**60%**

**Upgrade private brand** capabilities and offerings

**45%**

Execute another round of **cost optimization** measures  
**Open new stores** to compete

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## Shoppers identified the complex lens driving today's shopping experiences – *expect more of the same*

### ***I am...***

- Time stressed
- Value seeking
- Very sensitive to pricing
- Trading down
- Convenience oriented
- Growing interest in prepared foods
- Shopping for a healthier lifestyle

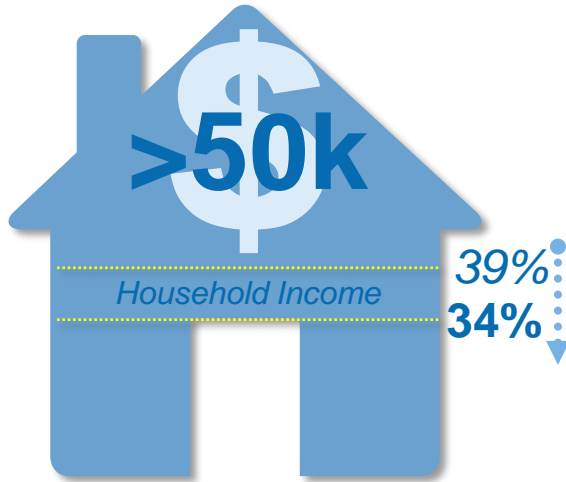
### ***I expect my store to be...***

- Simple to shop
- Convenient to where I live and work
- Competitively priced
- Pleasant but not fancy
- Great quality
- Good experienced and knowledgeable service
- In-stock
- Uncluttered



# More than ever understanding shopper basic economic realities is critical to success – *Selectionists and Survivalists*

Selectionists



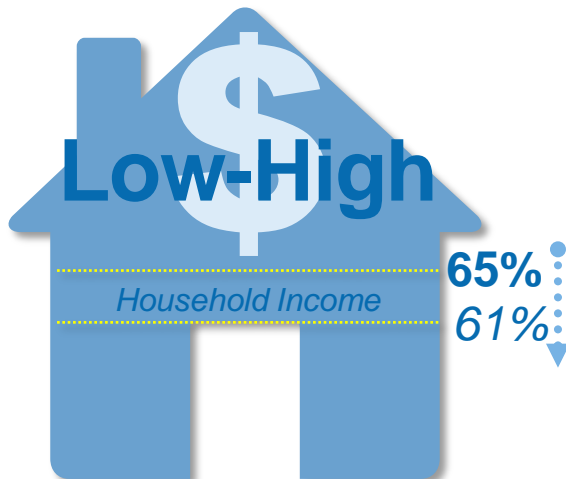
**Selective cutbacks** of premium products (basic and aspirational) **continued** in 2013

## Channels of Choice:



Walmart  
EDLP Grocers  
Value/Discount Stores  
Dollar Stores  
Clubs

Survivalists



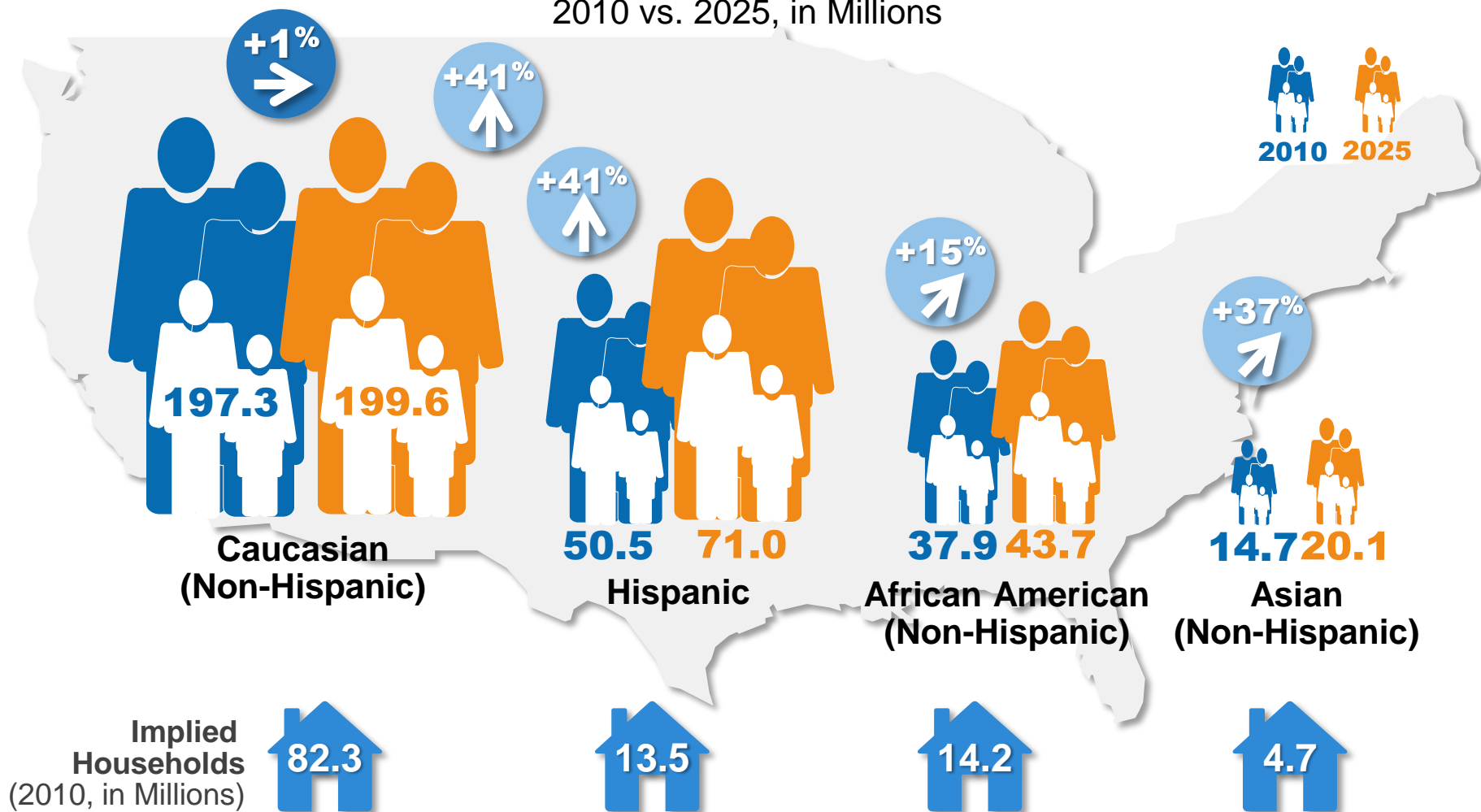
**Substantial cutbacks** of value products (basic and affordable premium) **continued** in 2013



EDLP grocers  
Supercenters  
Club Stores  
Specialty Food Retailers  
Value Stores

In the US, almost all population growth is ethnic – *do CPG players really have targeted strategies to exploit this shift?*

Projected US Population Growth  
2010 vs. 2025, in Millions





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# Merchandising displays are also a proven capability to drive growth – *however improved strategy/execution is needed*

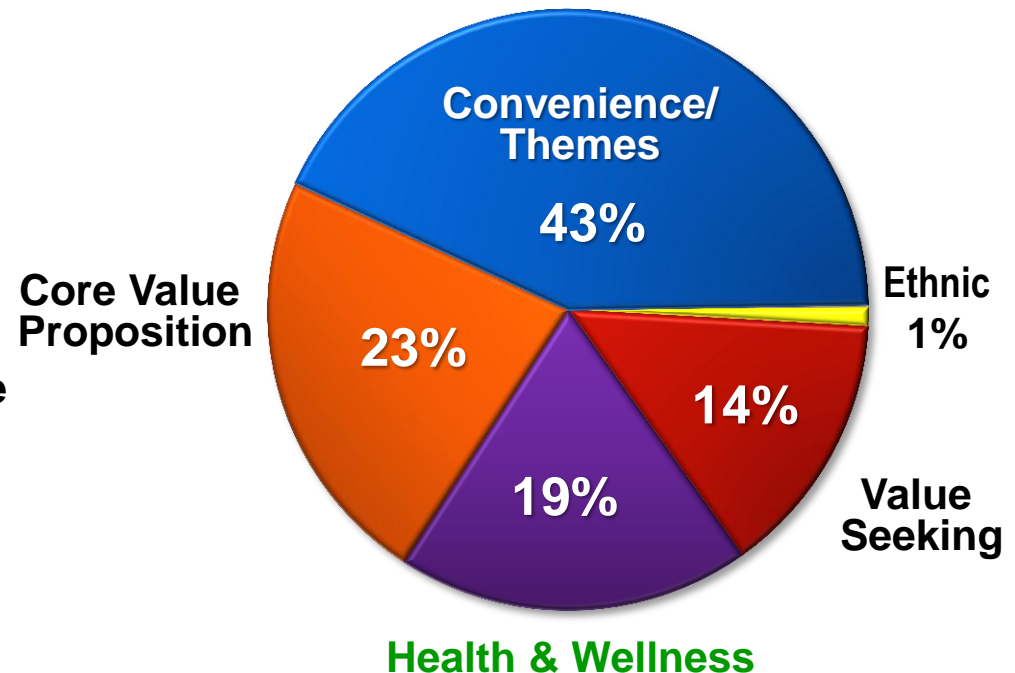
## Overview

- **Understanding the current merchandising landscape**
  - 510 Stores across five key channels
  - Supermarket, Mass/Supercenter, Drug, Club, and Dollar
- **In-store audit of 27,000+ unique displays**
  - ~22,000 of these are grocery category displays
- **Grouping of these displays into five unique merchandising platforms**
- **Determining Center Store, Perimeter, and Rest of Store locations**
- **Understanding Private Brands penetration**

## Types of Grocery Category Displays<sup>1</sup>

Across All Channels

N = 21,898



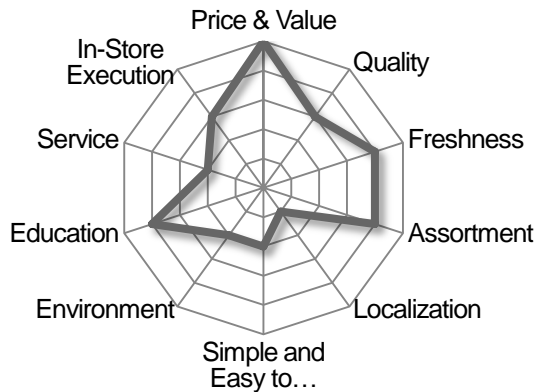
1) "Primary" theme displays.

Note: Convenience/themes include snack & meal solutions; Health and wellness includes eco friendly, health & wellness and organics; Ethnic includes Asian, Hispanic and other ethnic.

# Different trip types require unique “value positioning”

## **booz&co.** Retailer Coherence Index: Target Shopper Need States

### Price Conscious Stock Up



### Experience Driven Stock Up



- Willing to compromise on shopping experience
- Average performance on quality, freshness, assortment, in-store execution satisfactory

- High bar for overall shopping experience
- Less forgiving for poor in-store execution

- Simplicity & ease to shop, good value essential
- Average performance on assortment, service, in-store execution, quality satisfactory

- Relatively high bar for shopping experience
- Less price sensitive

- Convenience of shopping experience essential
- Basic needs met for assortment, quality and service

### Price Conscious Fill-In



### Experience Driven Fill-In



### Immediate Convenience



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## Shopper Design Considerations:

- Shopper “**emancipation**” **forces a Reboot** at Retail
- Shoppers can be **loyal** – **if you link with them** emotionally
- Champagne **tastes** on a beer **budget**
- **Comfort, prestige, caring** – what does your store design say
- Not to get personal but --- the **holistic retail experience**
- Innovation reigns – **holistic innovation**





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## Retailer Design Considerations:

- Coloring **outside the category lines**
- Communicating **the brand promise** – go big, go dramatic
- Brand **reputation is everything**
- Epicurean delight – **retailers get serious** about ready to eat foods
- The **incredible shrinking expansion**
- Quick thinking – **smart devices, smarter purchase decisions**





## We asked shoppers about store design – *and this is what they had to say*

- **We first and foremost want value – *forget the frills – simple value***  
*“Quality received per dollar spent”*
- **We appreciate all of the energy efforts being made – *“table stakes at best”***  
*“This is one way we see retailers trying to keep prices low”*
- **We do not have time to browse – we want a store that is *“simple to shop”***  
*“Help me get to what I want quickly”*
- **We often do not see the investments being made – *“nor do we necessarily care”***  
*“Make all of the investments you want as long as it does not affect my price”*
- **You want to invest in the store, get the basics right – *“help me buy what I need”***  
*“I get weary of trying to find merchandise; out-of-stocks bug me, and please reduce the shelf tags – they are more complex then ever”*
- **If you want to make layout changes, ok, but what is important to me is *“knowledgeable service”***  
*“It seems as if qualified and knowledgeable customer service is gone – this is the differentiator for me”*

In summarizing the key store design innovations we see, four key trends have emerged – *think outside the box*

Designs for smaller  
store footprints and  
formats

Designs that clearly  
demonstrate  
convenience

Designs that exude  
continuous value

Designs that articulate  
a solid consumer  
understanding

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## Executives characterized technology as a highly disruptive force in the go forward grocery retailing market

- Identified as the **single greatest catalyst of change** at retail
- High **consumer adoption of mobile** smart devices
- The **Question of Big Data** – the challenges of scalability, affordability, and effective application
- In-store technologies – **automate the in-store experience as well as improve operating models**
- **“Seamless retailing”** – emerging table stakes demanded by the consumer



# The evolution of consumer smartphone technology will outpace retailer's ability to harness the impending level of innovation

## ■ The New Smartphone

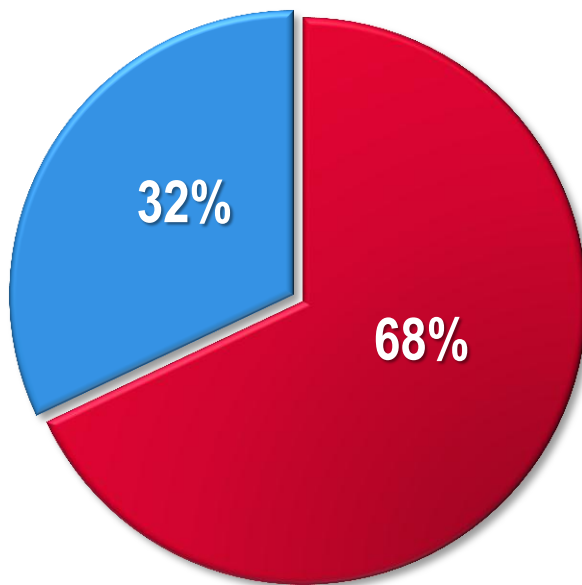
- 10x more powerful than today
- 6 to 10X more on-board memory
- New *personalized* form factor
- On always “communicating for you”
- 6 to 8X more power life
- 100 plus applications “just for you”



Note: Includes all Asian ethnicities

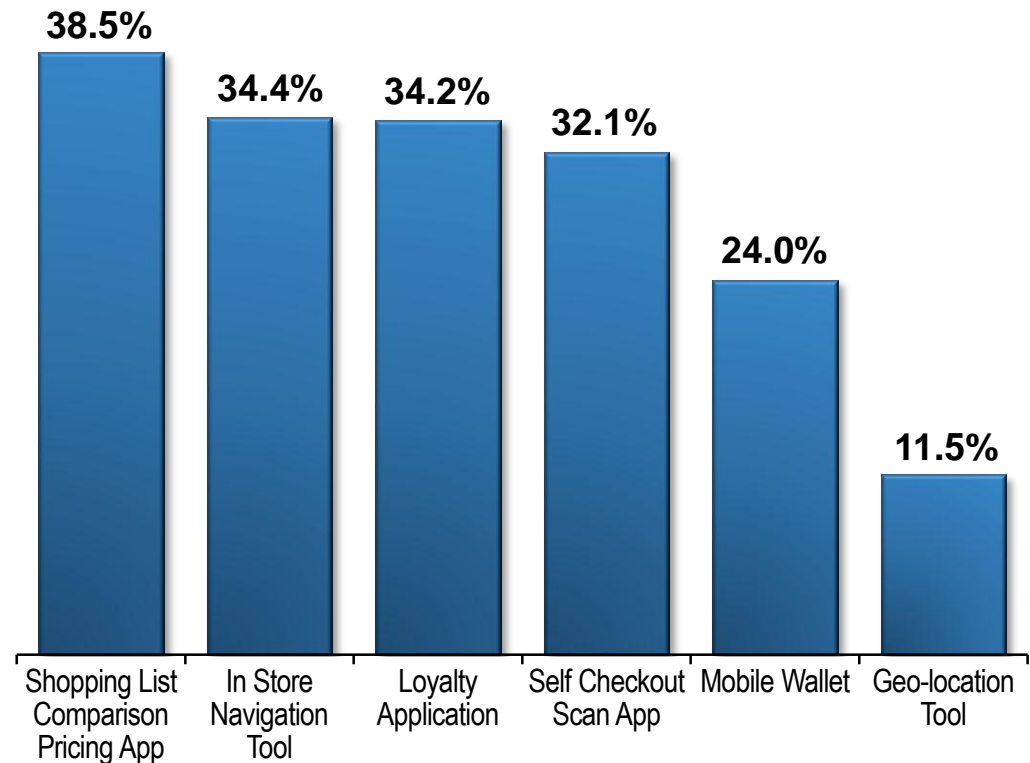
# Shoppers are most likely to use mobile technology to obtain lower prices, read online reviews and search for online coupons

**Significance of Smartphones in the Shopping Journey <sup>1</sup>**  
% of Shoppers, N = 1503



- Smartphones are not likely to become an integral part of the shopping journey
- Smartphones are likely to become an integral part of the shopping journey

**Anticipated Activities**

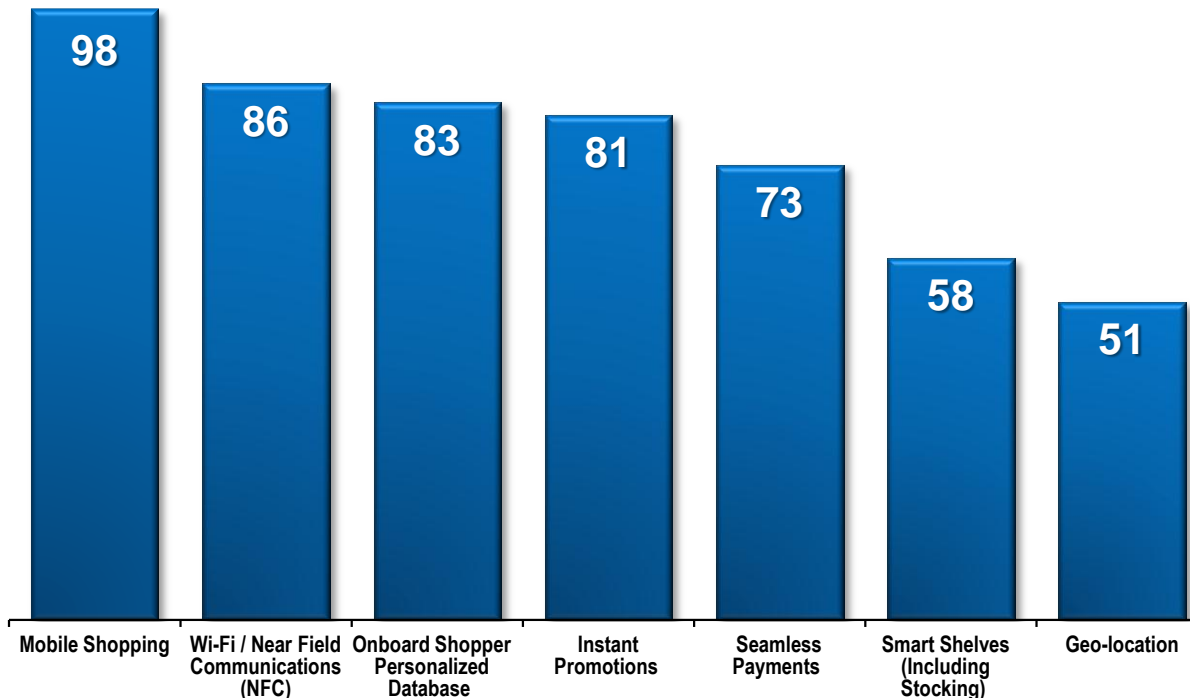


1) Q17.1A – Please select all that apply. Smartphones are likely to become an integral part of the shopping journey, which of the following do you see yourself using in the future?  
32% of respondents (494 of 1503) selected “None of these”.



# In-store technologies are destined to deliver a “responsive store” environment for shoppers

## Technologies that Will Drive the Shopping Experience Transformation N = 18 CTO Interviews



### Implications

- **What will next generation in-store technology achieve**
  - Designed to “inspire” shopping
  - Discover new products
  - Instant “just in time” incentives
  - Connect shoppers to their preferences of all of the things they love
  - Shoppers will expect “relevant” suggestions automatically
  - Three technology differentiators
    - *Personalized*
    - *Immersive*
    - *Helpful*
- **Supports the shopper as well as it supports the retailer**

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## Summarizing today's conversation

- Rapidly **changing and volatile** environment
- Deep **structural issues** (over capacity, new entrants, etc.) combined with...
- ...**unprecedented** technological change
- Very **challenging environment** for the traditional supermarket industry
- Winners will:
  - Successfully **differentiate from the other formats** and from like-formats
  - Redefine the **end-to-end shopping experience**
  - **Embrace and lead** with technology
  - Participate in the **transition to online purchasing** (one way or another)



Winners at Retail will have a clear and well articulated store design strategy



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