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# HOLIDAY SHOPPING: 2015 CONSUMER SURVEY REVEALS EXPECTATIONS

eBay Enterprise partnered with the CFI Group, a global leader in providing customer feedback insights through analytics, to conduct a survey on consumer expectations for online and in-store retail experiences.

The study specifically asked consumers to think about the upcoming 2015 Holiday Shopping season when responding.

### THREE AREAS OF FOCUS TO GAIN A CONSUMERS PERSPECTIVE



**SHIPPING** 

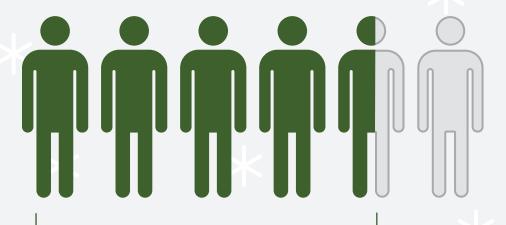


CUSTOMER SERVICE



**DELIVERY OPTIONS** 

### DON'T BE FOOLED, BRAND LOYALTY IS EVEN LOWER THIS YEAR



46% — Very likely

33% - Somewhat likely

**16%** — It depends on how long until the product is available

**5**% — Not at all likely

**79**%

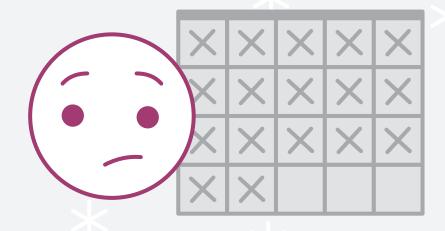
OF SHOPPERS ARE LIKELY TO PURCHASE FROM ANOTHER RETAILER OR BRAND WHEN A PRODUCT IS BACK ORDERED OR OUT OF STOCK. A 7% INCREASE FROM 2014



# LATE DELIVERY COULD COST YOU CUSTOMERS

56% — HESITATE TO PURCHASE AGAIN FROM A RETAILER IF PURCHASES ARE NOT DELIVERED AS PROMISED

34% — WILL CONTINUE TO SHOP, PROVIDED THEY GET THE BEST PRICE/PROMOTION AVAILABLE



HOLIDAY PURCHASES DELIVERED LATER THAN EXPECTED CAUSES DOUBT IN CONSUMERS MINDS AS TO WHETHER THEY CONTINUE A RELATIONSHIP WITH A PARTICULAR RETAILER.

### **SPEED IT UP**

OVER 60% OF RESPONDENTS EXPECT DELIVERY WITHIN 2-5 DAYS COMPARED TO 48% LAST YEAR

Shopper Shipping Expectations:

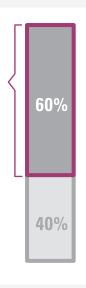
12% - Within 2 days

**60%** — 2-5 Days

**49**% — 3-5 Days

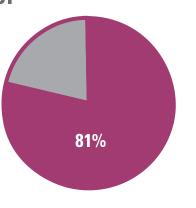
**30%** — 5-7 Days

**9**% — 7-10 Days



## SHIPPING RATES INFLUENCE IN-STORE PICKUP

81% OF CONSUMERS INDICATE INCREASED SHIPPING RATES WOULD INFLUENCE THEM TO USE IN-STORE PICK-UP



### **AVOID SPLIT SHIPMENTS**

2/3 OF SHOPPERS PREFER ITEMS DELIVERED IN ONE SHIPMENT AND ARE WILLING TO WAIT LONGER OR PAY FOR IT. WHEN ORDERING ONLINE, WHICH STATEMENT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR PREFERENCE TOWARD DELIVERY OF MULTIPLE ITEMS IN AN ORDER?



I much prefer to get my order in one shipment, even if delivery takes longer.



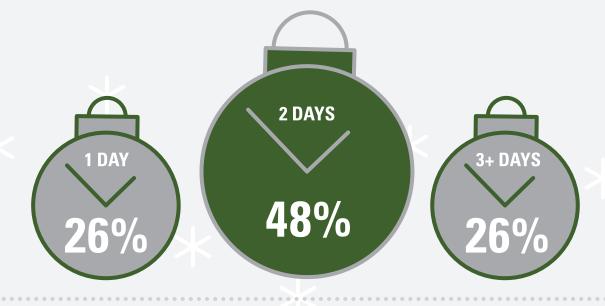
I would pay more to have my shipment delivered altogether.



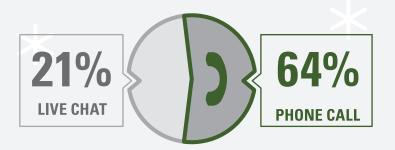
I don't mind multiple shipments for one order.

### **DELAYED DELIVERY INCREASES CALL VOLUME**

DURING THE
HOLIDAYS AFTER
HOW MANY DAYS
PAST THE EXPECTED
DELIVERY DATE ARE
YOU LIKELY TO
CONTACT
CUSTOMER
SERVICE



### LIVE INTERACTION IS KEY FOR SHOPPERS



85% OF CONSUMERS WANT SOME FORM OF LIVE INTERACTION (PHONE CALL OR LIVE CHAT) WHEN THEY HAVE QUESTIONS

## TOP REASONS SHOPPERS CALL CUSTOMER SERVICE WHEN PLACING AN ORDER

- Make sure it is done correctly
- Prefer live interaction
- Have product questions or want to see if there are any deals available

# SHIPPING AND DELIVERY #1 REASON FOR SERVICE INQUIRIES

65% - SHIPPING OR DELIVERY QUESTIONS UP FROM 42% LAST YEAR

17% - PRODUCT INFORMATION COMPARED TO 39% LAST YEAR

9% - RETURNS QUESTIONS

9% - TO PLACE AN ORDER



## WHAT DRIVES LIVE CHAT?

43% SAY IT IS THE COMBINATION OF SPEED & CONVENIENCE DRIVING THEIR PREFERENCE FOR LIVE CHAT VS. 31% LAST YEAR

35% — is for faster response 22% — solely for convenience

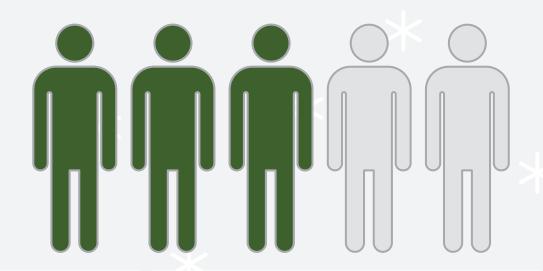


# SELF-SERVICE IS ON THE RISE

61% OF CONSUMERS TRY SELF-SERVICE OPTIONS FIRST UP FROM 43% IN 2014

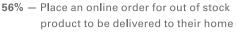
22% — Occassionally use self service

17% - Don't use self service



## SHOPPERS HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR STORE ASSOCIATES

Regardless of purchase channel, shoppers expect store associates to assist, especially with out of stock items



**62%** — Helping locate out of stock items at another store for immediate pickup

**36**% — Access order history/other information associated with online purchases



#### CONSUMERS ARE SOCIAL ABOUT THE GOOD AND BAD

**76**% — of respondents are likely to use social media to share their experiences

53% — indicate they are equally likely to share good as well as bad experiences via social media.

31% — are more likely to share positive.

**16**% — are more likely to share negative.





## **DELIVERY OPTIONS**



## IN STORE PICK-UP GAINS IN POPULARITY

A LARGE MAJORITY OF CONSUMERS WANT ITEMS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THEM, BUT IN STORE PICKUP HAS GAINED MOMENTUM

89% — SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO ME

27% — IN-STORE PICKUP UP FROM 24% IN 2014

#### WHY?

62% — Cost savings

19% — Don't want household members don't see the delivery

17% — Need product immediately

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CFI Group provides a technology platform that leverages the science of the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). This platform continuously measures the customer experience across multiple channels, benchmarks performance, and prioritizes improvements for maximum impact.



