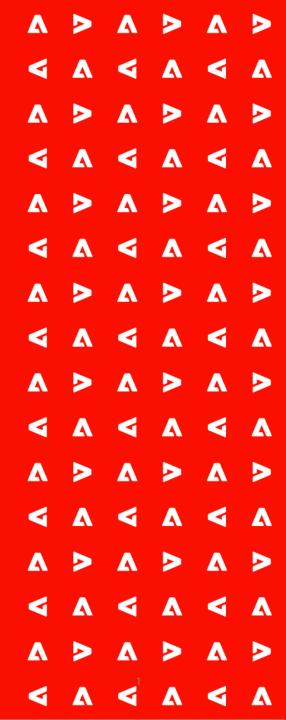


### **CONSUMER ELECTRONICS REPORT**

Adobe Digital Insights



### **METHODOLOGY**

- Analysis of more than 1 trillion visits to U.S. based retail websites.
- Product and pricing insights based on analysis of sales of more than 100 million unique products.
- Companion research based on a survey of 1k U.S. consumers (18+ yrs) in December 2020.
- For comparison purposes, other key retail segments have been broken out by their primary product lines
  - Consumer Flectronics
  - Apparel & Footwear
  - Home Furnishings & Décor
  - Sports
  - Health & Pharmacy

- DIY & Tools
- Jewelry & Cosmetics
- Automotive
- Major Chains
- Gifts



## Main takeaways

- Consumer Electronics segment saw strong growth at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic as consumers shifted their shopping online.
  - While the revenue trend rose slower than overall ecommerce during early days of the pandemic it surpassed the totals during the first weeks of the holiday season thru Cyber Monday.
- As an expensive purchase, Consumer Electronics retailers see lower levels of key benchmark metrics
  - Larger order value dampens both conversion of visits to orders and use of mobile devices
- The evening of Cyber Monday represents the golden hours of shopping for consumer electronics
  - On Black Friday the mid-day hours saw highest share of sales
- By the holiday weekend, prices for computers and televisions dropped 18% from the October benchmark







## **COVID and Consumer Electronics Segment**

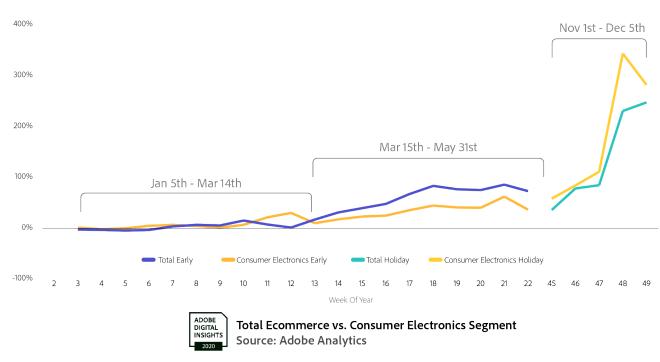
Prior to declaration of a national emergency in mid-March, the Consumer Electronics segment tracked with over all e-commerce.

During first 10 weeks of the pandemic (mid-March to end of May) Consumer Electronics saw strong growth over early January but not as strong as overall ecommerce.

• 10-week avg of 33% for CE vs. 53% overall

But given emphasis of electronics during holiday sales, Consumer Electronics retailers outpaced the overall growth in the first part of the season.

• 5-week avg of 176% vs. 135% overall



Data: trend based on first full week of January 2020

## Consumer Electronics Generate the Largest Online Orders

Consumer Electronic orders are 2.4x larger than the typical ecommerce transaction (\$381 vs. \$157)

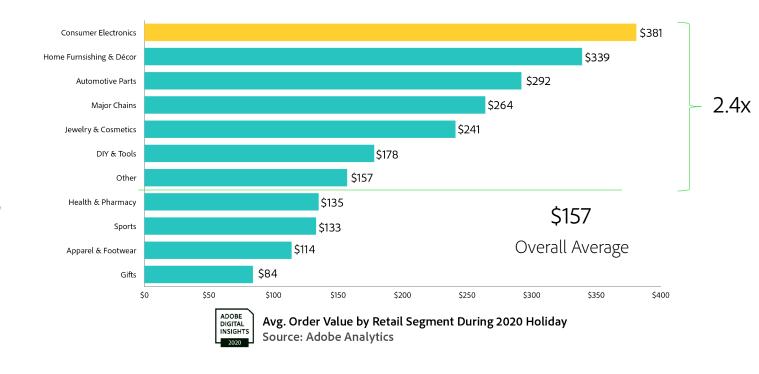
AOV down from last year's value of \$416

Consumers are willing out to dole out more dollars towards their next TV purchase.

\$500-\$999 (37% up from 34 percent in 2019) \$1000+ (26% up from 22 percent in 2019)

The second closest category, Home Furnishing & Décor, comes in at \$42 less per order.

The overall average AOV (\$157) is driven down by the large Apparel & Footwear category with AOV of \$114



Data from Nov 1 to Dec 10, 2020



## Consumer Electronics has Low Conversion Rate, As Do Other Higher Priced Categories

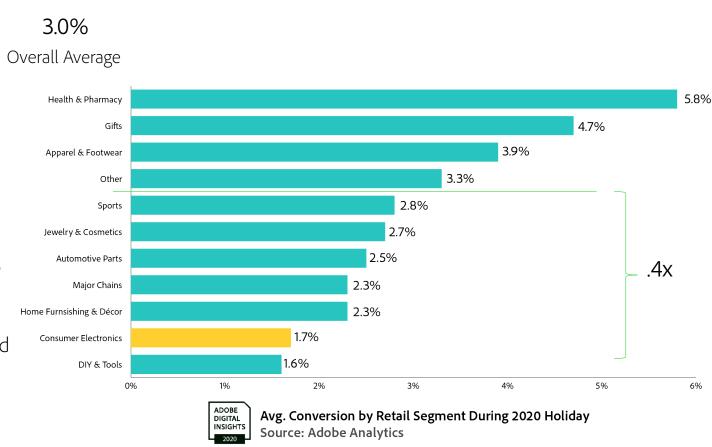
Consumer Electronics conversion of visits into orders is nearly half the average (1.7% vs. 3.0%)

• Last year conversion was lower at 1.4% of visits

Complex and expensive choice requires multiple visits driving the conversion rate down.

According to our survey, 61% of consumers will spend 5+ days to research and purchase a big-ticket electronic device (\$500+)

Looking for something with intent? Health & Pharmacy and Gifts generate the highest conversion rates.



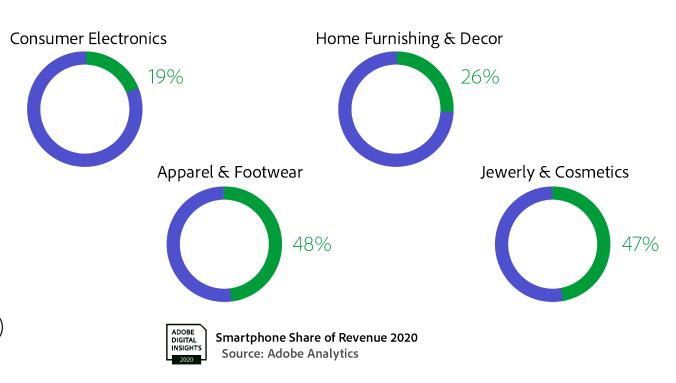
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Desktop still dominates in some categories:

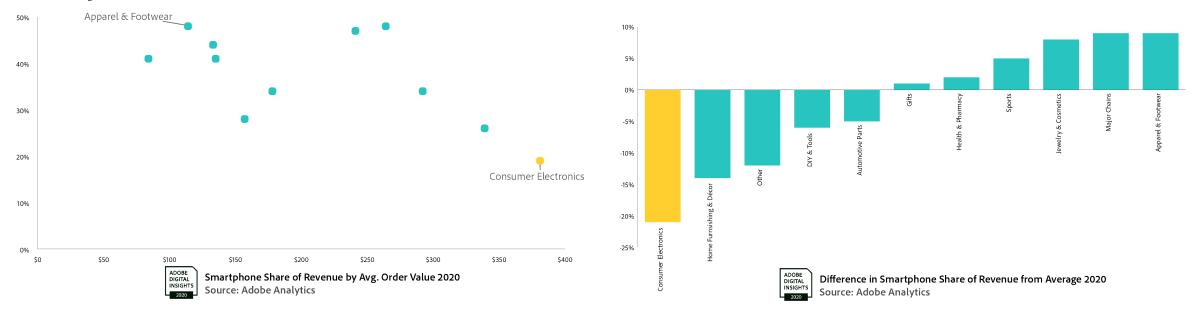
- Consumer Electronics has **lowest share of revenue** from smartphones: 19%. Driven by:
  - Lower share of visits (33% vs. 59% avg)
  - Lower conversion (0.7% vs. 2.0% avg)
  - Lower order value (\$324 vs. \$411)

Smartphone is more prevalent in personal categories:

 Much higher shares in Apparel & Footwear (48%) and Jewelry & Cosmetics (47%)



# Large Orders Dampen Smartphone Revenue; Consumer Electronics is Half the Overall Holiday Value

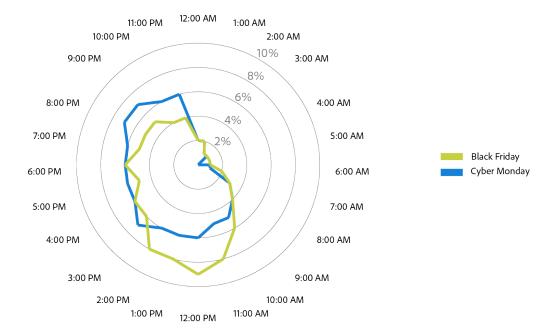


- Consumer Electronics involves research not just hitting "buy now", as a result little revenue comes from smartphones much less than the more impulsive Apparel & Footwear segment
- For Consumer Electronics: 19% of the revenue comes from smartphones, that less than half of the overall ecommerce figure of 39% -- by contrast, Apparel & Footwear is 48%
- For every \$100 increase in AOV, the role of smartphones decreases 14%

## Consumers Waited Till End of Cyber Monday to Snag Consumer Electronics Deals

On Cyber Monday just over \$1 in \$4 (26%) came between 8PM and Midnight with 9-10 PM the most active hour.

For Black Friday the figure is nearly \$1 in \$5 (18%) since more shopping occurred mid day peaking between Noon and 1PM AM.





Consumer Electronics Online Revenue by Hour on Black Friday and Cyber Monday Source: Adobe Analytics

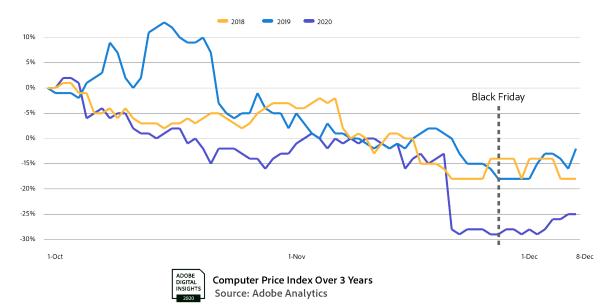
## Retailers Took Different Approach to Pricing this Year

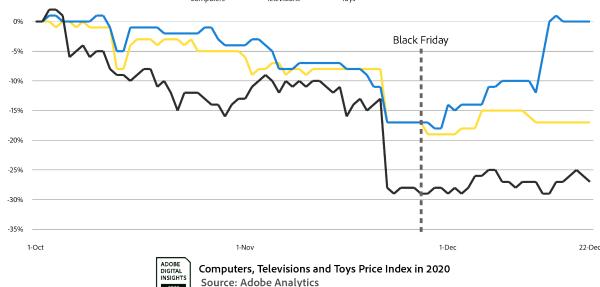
Computer prices showed small price decreases up until the beginning of Black Friday week (Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>) when prices took a step change.

Prices dropped 29% since October 1st by Black Friday

Toys and Televisions also saw a drop in prices that same week as retailers started offering early deals.

Both product categories saw prices dip 19% below their October 1st benchmark before starting to rise a bit





Data: Adobe's DPI where prices are anchored on October 1st

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## Penetration of many consumer technologies increased year over year

Consumers picked up more electronic devices in 2020. When we asked consumers what devices they own, almost every product saw an increase.

|  | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|------|------|
| Smartphone                                       | 89%  | 89%  |
| Gaming console                                   | 37%  | 35%  |
| Smart TV   | 51%  | 56%  |
| Smart home devices, not including smart speakers | 18%  | 22%  |
| Smart watch                                      | 15%  | 20%  |
| Smart speaker                                    | 26%  | 31%  |
| Tablet   | 51%  | 55%  |
| Desktop computer                                 | 43%  | 44%  |
| Laptop computer                                  | 62%  | 66%  |
| Car with voice assistant                         | 12%  | 16%  |
| Streaming device                                 | 32%  | 35%  |
|  |      |      |

Virtual Reality (VR) technology still isn't reaching the masses, 1 out of 4 consumers have tried VR, 75% of those that have tried VR rate their experience satisfying.

1 out of 3 consumers have purchased a voicecontrolled device in the past year, with Millennials and Gen Z leading the charge

Source: Adobe survey 2020

# The pandemic spurred consumers to improve working/learning from home, but privacy is a concern.

**20%** of consumers **upgraded their home office** in 2020, and **30%** upgraded their **distance learning environment**.

Top 5 upgrades:

| Home | e Office        | Home C | lassroom                   |
|------|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|
| 44%  | Mouse           | 35%    | Mouse, Desk                |
| 40%  | Chair, Keyboard | 34%    | Keyboard                   |
| 35%  | Monitor         | 32%    | Chair                      |
| 34%  | Desk            | 30%    | Monitor                    |
| 31%  | Webcam          | 28%    | Noise Canceling Headphones |

Majority of U.S. consumers (74%) have privacy/security concerns when they are online, Baby Boomers being the most concerned, and GenZ being the least concerned.

| 84% | Having their identity and personal information stolen |
|-----|---|
| 53% | Being recorded without their knowledge                |
| 44% | Having their data destroyed                           |
| 44% | Tracking their location                               |

Source: Adobe survey 2020

## Quality remains the feature consumers deem most important in making choices.

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| 82% | Quality  |
|-----|--|
| 77% | Ease of use                                      |
| 74% | Price  |
| 72% | Product features                                 |
| 57% | Warranty   |
| 54% | Product reviews                                  |
| 54% | Design of the product                            |
| 47% | Brand name                                       |
| 42% | Previous experience of a friend/colleague/family |
| 33% | Environment friendliness                         |
| 21% | Salesperson recommendation                       |

Top criteria consumers look for when purchasing a new TV:

| 81% | Picture Quality                |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| 72% | Screen size                    |
| 48% | Audio quality                  |
| 16% | Smart/Voice control capability |
| 11% | Weight                         |
| 5%  | None of the above              |
| 3%  | Other                          |
|     |                                |

Social recommendations twice as important as salesperson recommendation: 42% to 21%

Source: Adobe survey 2020

