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#### **2020 Deloitte holiday survey**

Reimagining traditions
Dallas-Ft. Worth results
October 2020

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#### Key Dallas-Ft. Worth findings



#### Economic outlook: Surveyed Dallas-Ft. Worth (DFW) shoppers have a rosy view on the economy

- Surveyed DFW shoppers have an optimistic view of the economy, with 58% believing it will improve in 2021
- The majority of DFW shoppers (71%) are in similar or better financial situations than last year; however, one in three say that their household's financial situation is worse



#### Spending: COVID-19 related anxiety doesn't translate to cautious spend in Dallas-Ft. Worth

- Despite 51% of surveyed DFW shoppers saying they're anxious about in-store shopping this year, they expect to spend \$1,655 per household, which is an increase of 10% from 2019
- 71% of surveyed DFW shoppers plan to donate during the upcoming holiday season



#### In-store shopping: Aiming to avoid crowds, consumers seek out contactless solutions

- With just over half of surveyed DFW shoppers feeling anxious about shopping in-store, they expect to spend 65% of their holiday budget online, which is up from 59% last year
- Online retailers (60%) and mass merchants (51%) are the top holiday destinations for gift buying in DFW



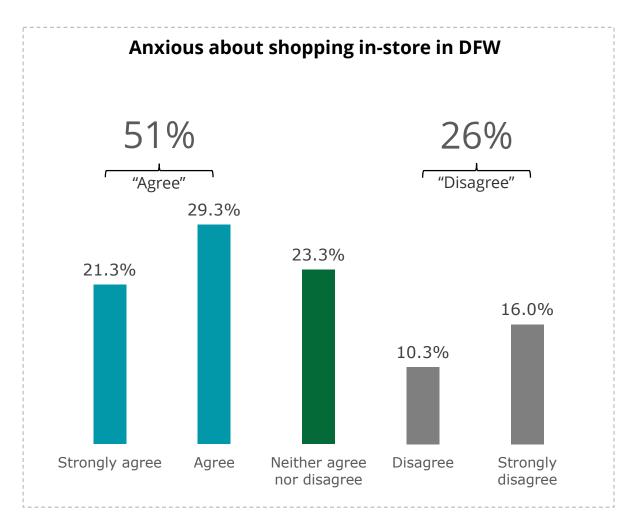
#### Timing: Surveyed DFW shoppers continue their annual preference for early shopping and bigger buying

- Early shoppers in DFW plan to spend the most, with an average spend of \$1,912. (i.e., those who plan to begin shopping before Thanksgiving day are expected to spend \$656 more than those who start late)
- 61% of DFW holiday shoppers plan to shop before the Thanksgiving holiday



## COVID-19 impacts

#### Just over half of DFW respondents are still anxious about in-store shopping due to COVID-19



#### 44%

Plan to return to pre-COVID shopping based on **implementation of safety precautions** and availability of **vaccines/proven medicines** for COVID-19 in **DFW** 

#### 43%

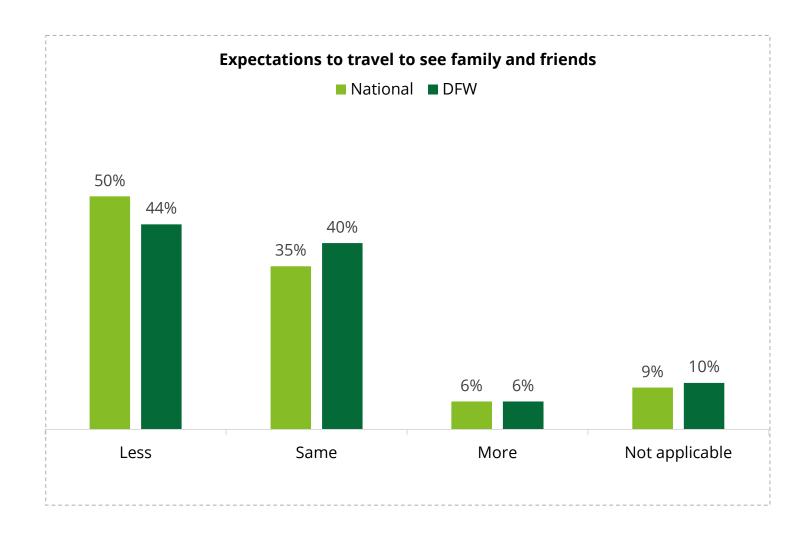
Indicate that **COVID-19 safety precautions** (e.g., contactless delivery, social distancing) are a key attribute for retailer selection in **DFW** 

#### 40%

Preference increased for specific retailer increased due to its conduct (e.g., COVID-19 safety precautions, treatment of employees) during the past six months in DFW

Question: "To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I'm anxious about shopping in-store during the holiday season due to COVID-19. "Sample size (N) = 413

#### Surveyed DFW shoppers are staying closer to home for the holidays to shop and socialize



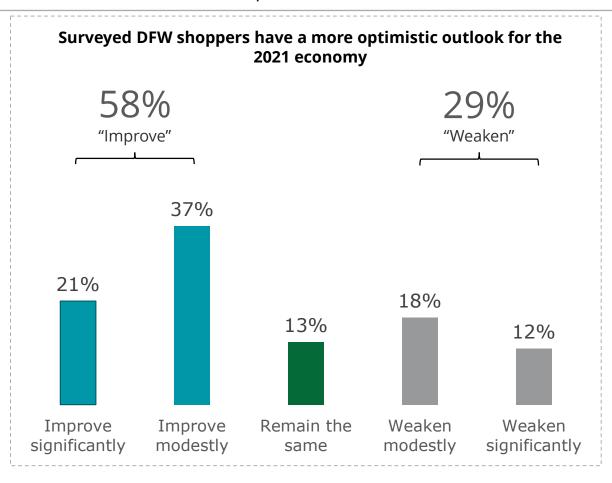
Just under 40% of surveyed DFW respondents are expected to travel 6-10 miles to purchase a gift from a retailer.



## Economic outlook

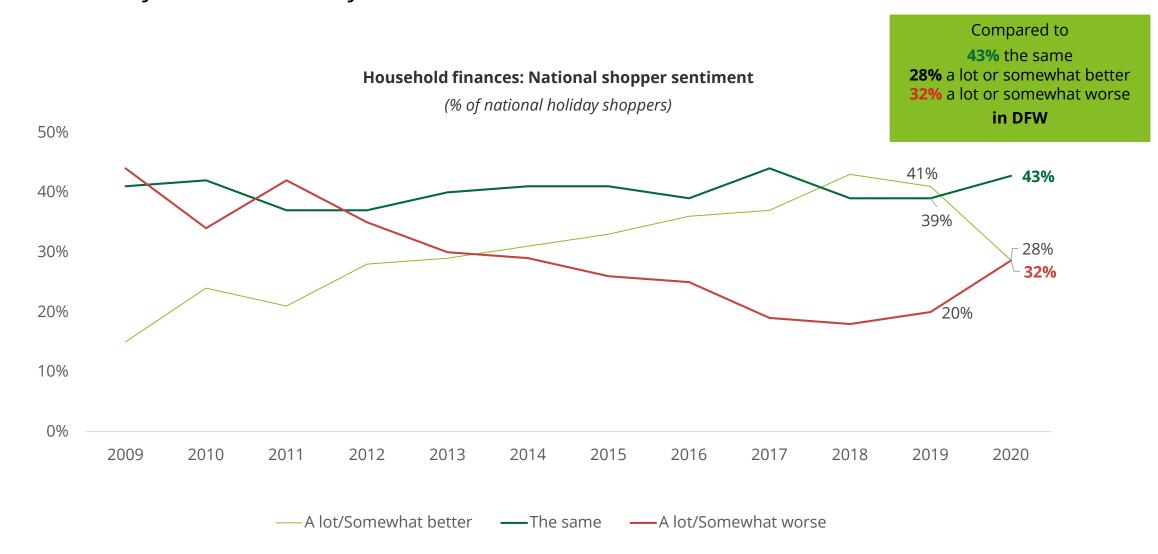
#### Surveyed DFW consumers have a rosy economic outlook for the next year

Although 35% (+16% YoY) of surveyed shoppers said they were more likely to spend less this 2020 holiday season, due to economic instability/general concern for the economy, 58% of surveyed DFW shoppers also believe the economy will improve in 2021.



Question: "In your opinion, what is the overall outlook for the U.S. economy in the year 2021, compared with today? Would you say it will likely..." Sample size (N) = 413

The majority of DFW shoppers are in similar or better financial situations than last year; however, nearly one in three say that their household's financial situation is worse

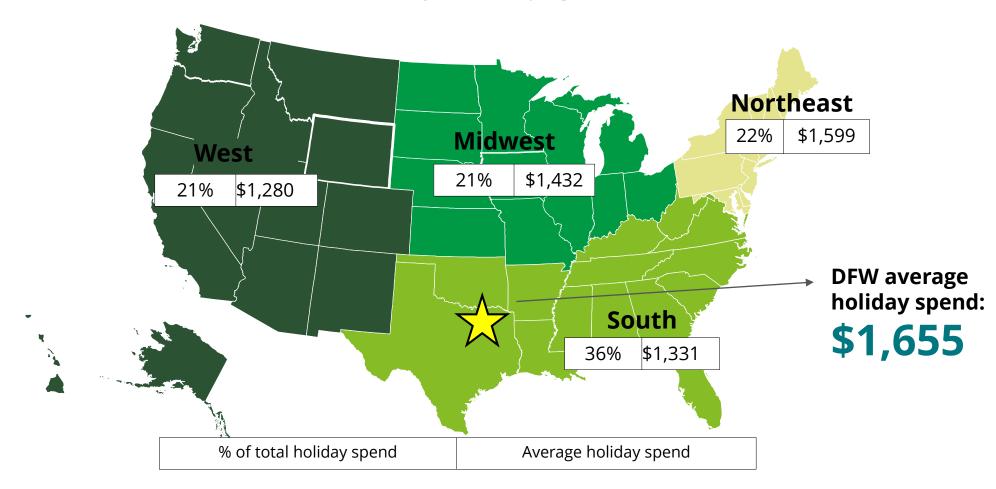


Holiday spending detail



Surveyed DFW shoppers plan to spend \$1,655 on average this holiday season, which is above the national average by about 16%

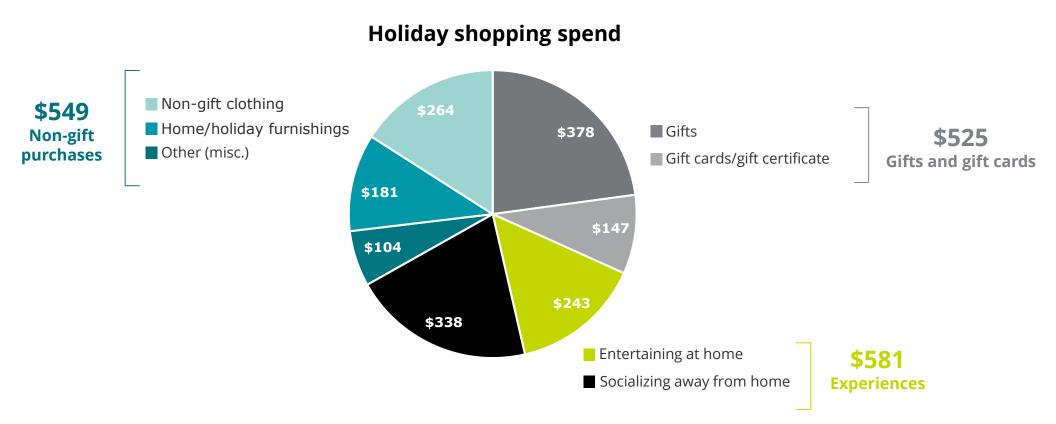
#### National average holiday spend: \$1,387



Note: Average spend based on shoppers from each region – South (n = 1,513), Northeast (n = 763), Midwest (n = 825), and West (n = 911) National sample size (n = 825), and West (n = 911)

#### Experiences lead the charge when it comes to holiday spending in DFW

**\$1,655** Average amount surveyed DFW shoppers expect to spend per household during the holiday season



80% of total holiday spend will be with retailers while the balance will be spent on socializing away from home

#### Retail, clothing, and accessories are likely to attract most holiday season spend in DFW

Average amount to be spent on **retail categories** during year-end holiday season is **\$1,074** 

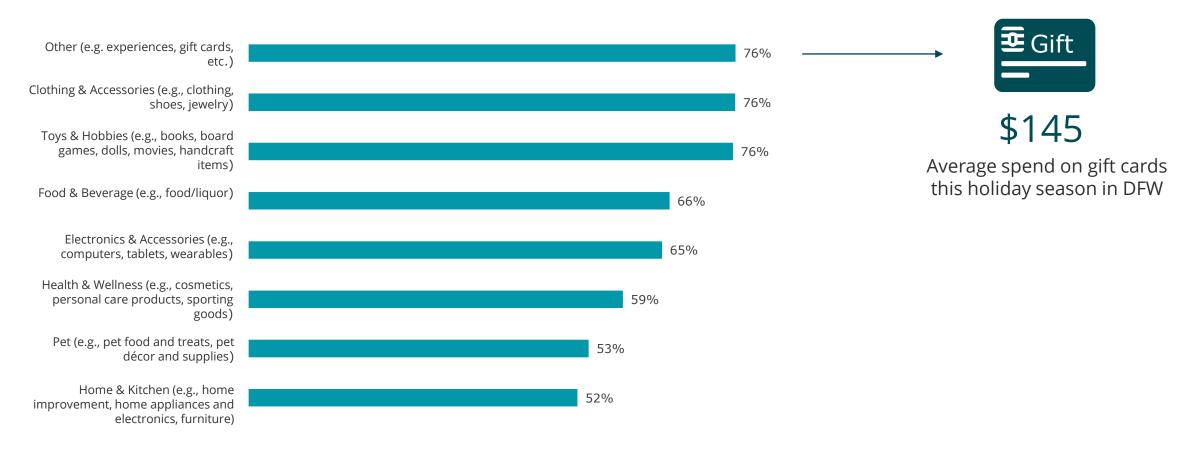
	Category FBHW	Share of total holiday spend at retail	Share of total holiday spend at retail in DFW	Average category spend*	Average category spend in DFW	% of shoppers purchasing	% of shoppers purchasing in DFW
4	Clothing & Accessories (clothing, shoes, jewelry, etc.)	21%	18%	\$253	\$250	74%	76%
<b>(#)</b>	<b>Gift cards and other</b> (gift cards, data plans, money, subscription products, etc.)	19%	10%	\$242	\$145	72%	76%
	Food & Beverage (e.g., food, meal preparation kits, and liquor)	14%	12%	\$200	\$196	65%	66%
	Electronics & Accessories (computers, tablets, wearables, etc.)	13%	19%	\$195	\$307	60%	65%
	<b>Toys &amp; Hobbies</b> (books, board game, dolls, movies, handcraft items, etc.)	13%	19%	\$163	\$267	74%	76%
	Home & Kitchen (home improvement, home appliances and electronics, furniture, etc.)	8%	8%	\$158	\$172	49%	52%
	Health & Wellness (e.g., cosmetics, personal care products, sporting goods)	7%	6%	\$114	\$117	55%	59%
	<b>Pet</b> (e.g., pet food and treats, pet décor and supplies)	5%	7%	\$90	\$148	50%	53%

Source: Deloitte survey | National sample size (N) = 4,012; Dallas sample size = 413

<sup>\*</sup>Average spend includes only respondents who will purchase the above mentioned category or item

## Experiences and gift cards are likely to be the top purchased gifts this year for surveyed shoppers in DFW

#### Top 8 items - plan on buying as gift (% of shoppers)

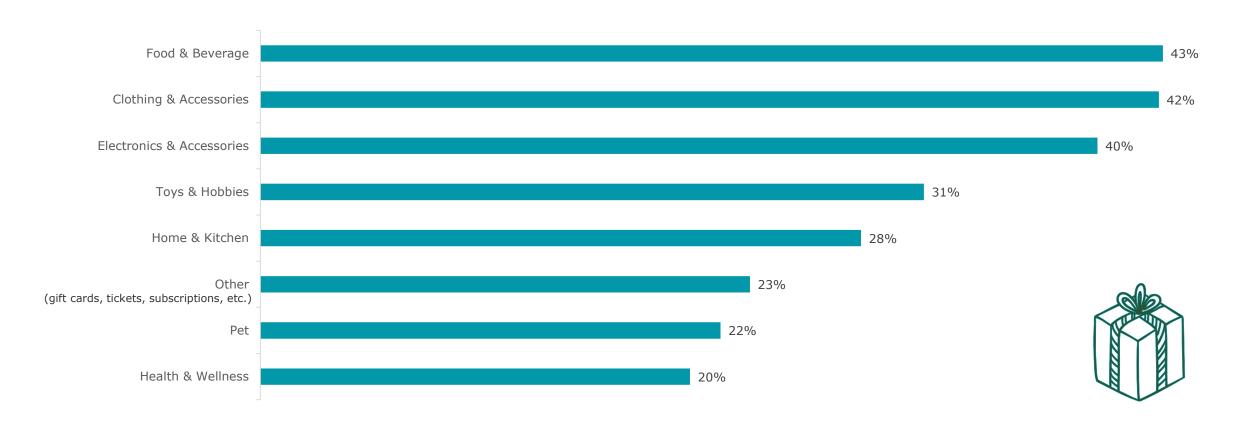


Question: "What percentage of your total holiday budget, excluding entertaining at home and socializing away from home spend, do you expect to spend on the following categories?" Sample size (N) = 413

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#### Half of surveyed DFW shoppers likely to purchase gifts for themselves while holiday shopping

Top 8 items people plan to buy for themselves (% of shoppers)



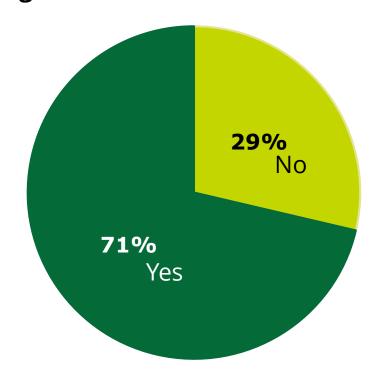
Question: "And which of the following are you planning to buy for yourself?" Sample size (N) = 413

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#### Most surveyed DFW shoppers plan to donate during the upcoming holiday season

#### **Holiday donating in DFW...**



38%

Plan to donate cash or gift cards/certificates

32%

Plan to donate used items

22%

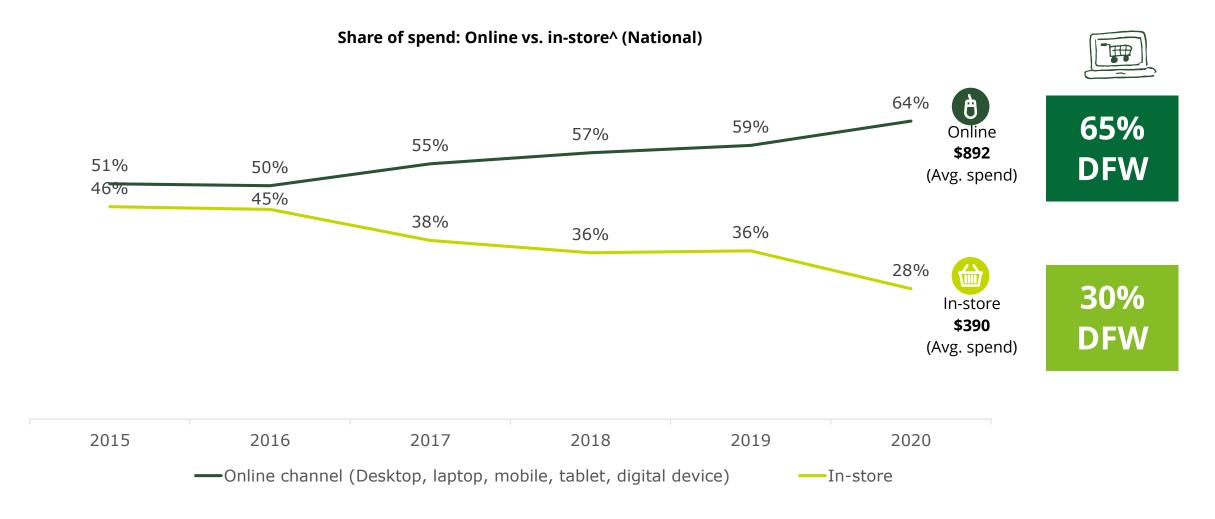
Plan to donate newly purchased items from this season

Question: "How are you planning to give to charity or donate during upcoming holiday season?" Sample size (N) = 4,012; Dallas (N) = 413



# Preferred channels and formats

For surveyed shoppers in DFW, share of spend continues to shift online, consistent with national shoppers



Question: What percentage of your total holiday budget do you expect to spend..? Sample size = 3814; Dallas = 413

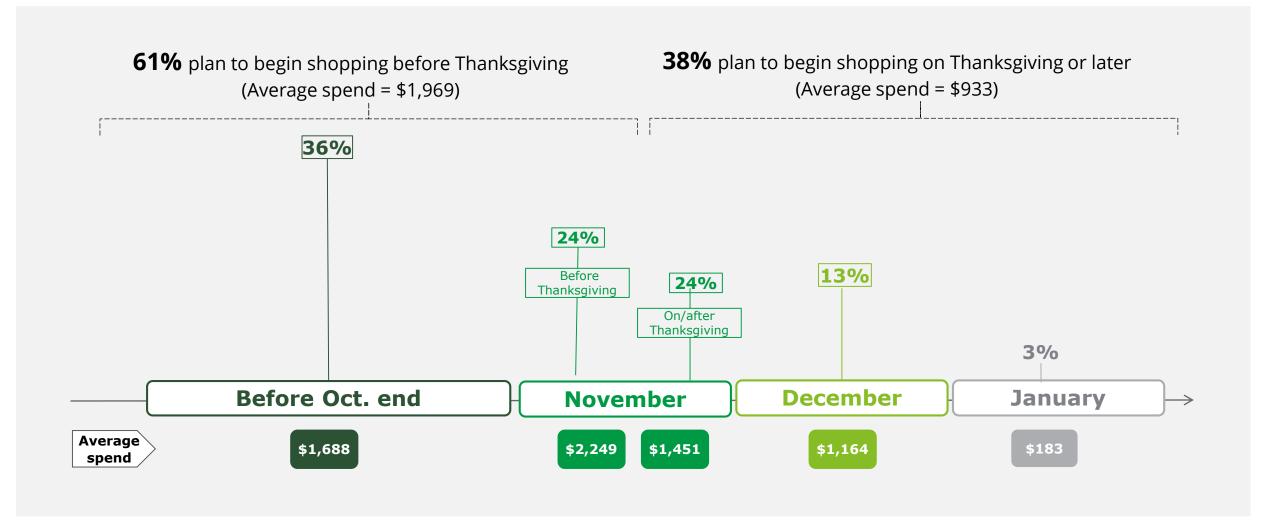
Note: Other retail channels (e.g., catalogue or direct mail promotion) not included in the chart (Share of spend = 3% in 2015; 5% in 2016; 7% in 2017; 7% in 2018; 5% in 2019 and 7% in 2020

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# Holiday season timing

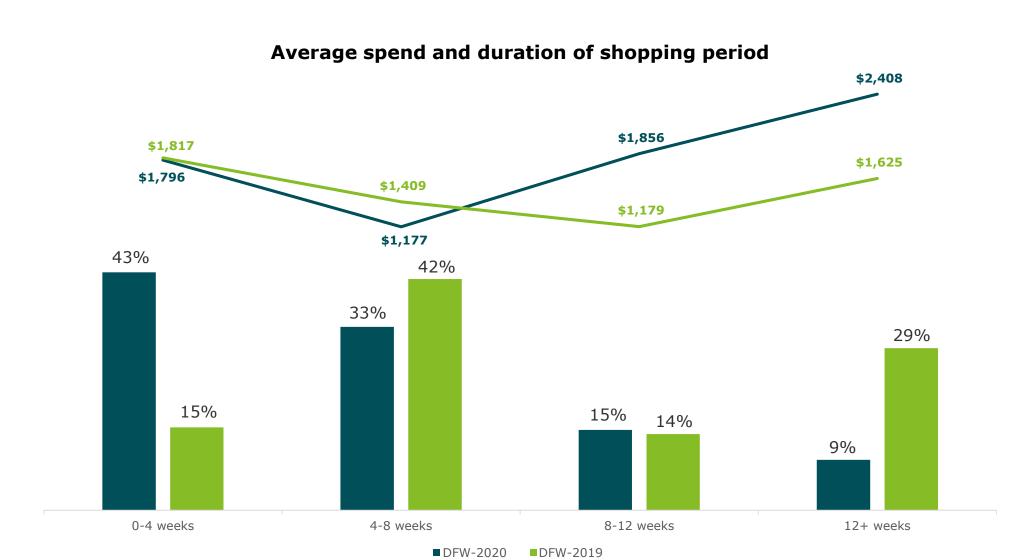
#### Early DFW shoppers say they'll spend more



Question: "When are you likely to begin your holiday shopping this year?" Sample size (N) = 391

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#### Most surveyed DFW shoppers plan to complete their holiday shopping over a 0-4 week window



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#### About the survey

This survey was commissioned by Deloitte and conducted online by an independent research company between September 9-15, 2020. It polled a national sample of 4,012 consumers and has a margin of error for the entire sample of plus or minus one to two percentage points and a local sample of 413 consumers with a margin of error of plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

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