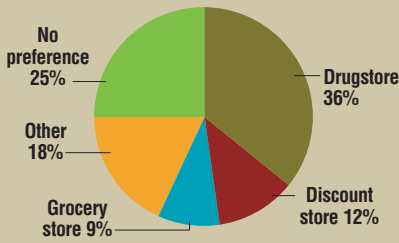


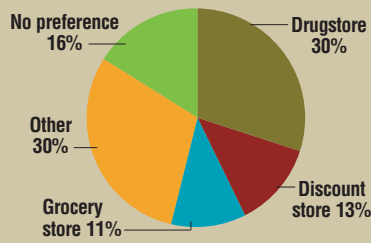
BY THE NUMBERS

Seniors look beyond the drugstore

Preferred destination (all consumers)



Preferred destination (65 and older)



Nearly 40 percent of Americans fill their prescriptions at a drugstore such as Walgreens or CVS, but if they are older, they are more prone to seek other sources for those drugs, according to an online survey of 8,500 consumers. The survey found that less than a third of consumers 65 or older will take their prescriptions to drugstores, opting instead for discount and grocery stores or other alternative outlets.

Source: BIGresearch

Home-grown

Growth among home furnishings retailers

Retailer	3-year avg. revenue growth	3-year avg. sf growth
Bed Bath & Beyond	20.6%	17.1%
Cost Plus	17.6	16.5
Linens 'n Things	15.1	15.5
Williams-Sonoma	14.6	14.8
Kirkland's	12.6	6.3
Home furnishings avg.	13.4	12.4

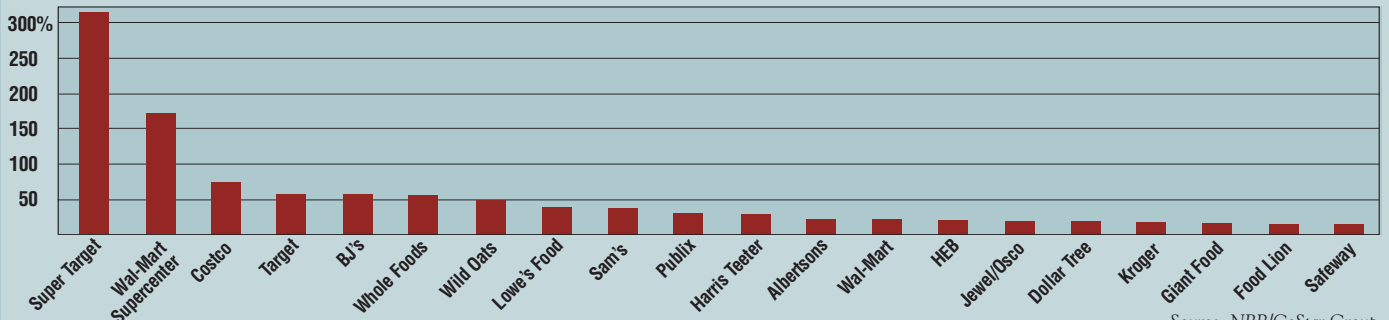
Bed Bath & Beyond is the leader of the pack in the home furnishings sector, with average revenues having grown more than 20 percent in the past three years.

Sources: CIBC World Markets, the companies

Nontraditional grocers drive new center openings

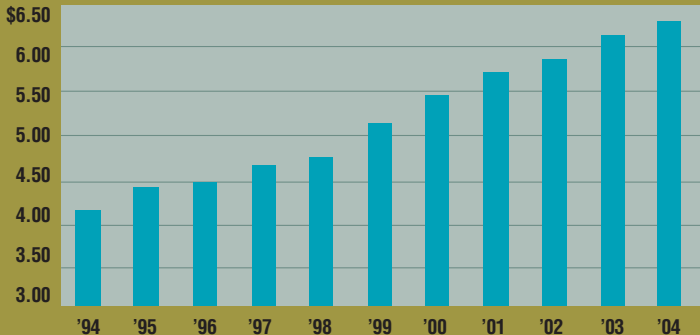
Nontraditional grocery shopping venues are outpacing the traditional grocery store openings in new centers, according to an analysis of new center construction in the past 10 years. Target and Wal-Mart lead this group, with some gourmet grocery retailers, such as Wild Oats and Whole Foods, posting double-digit growth. Supermarket growth in shopping centers remains in the single digits.

10-year growth rate



Source: NRB/CoStar Group

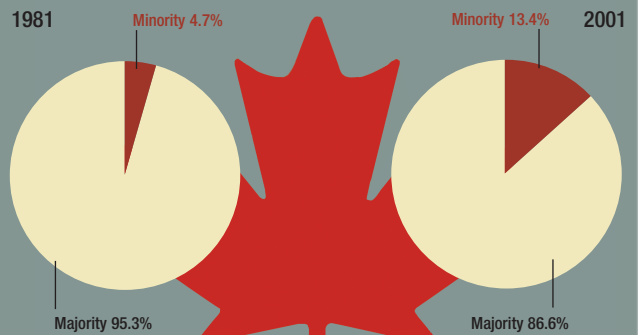
Average U.S. movie ticket prices



The price of a movie ticket in the U.S. has been steadily rising since 1994, when the average ticket cost \$4.08. By last year, the average price had grown to \$6.21.

Source: Motion Picture Association of America

Canada's minority population



Canada's culture is getting more heterogeneous with rising immigration. Most of the new ethnic groups are from Asia, according to government research.

Source: Statistics Canada

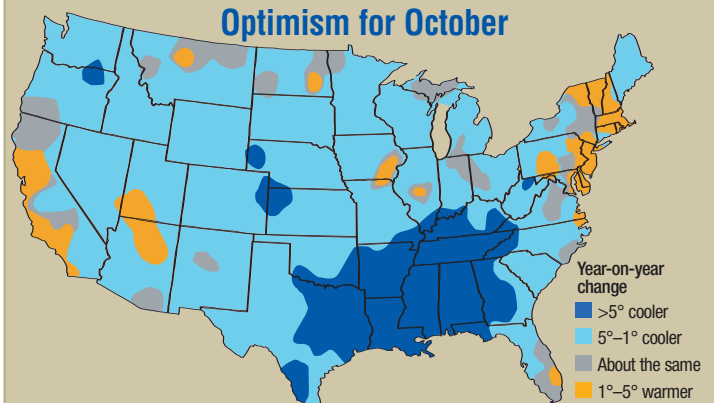
Top 10 U.S. counties by employment growth

Workers in Rutherford County, Tenn., saw their numbers swell more than those elsewhere in the U.S. between 2003 and 2004, according to census data.

Rank	County	Major market	Employment growth Sept. '03–Sept. '04
1	Rutherford, Tenn.	Murfreesboro	9.2%
2	Clark, Nev.	Las Vegas	7.4
3	Riverside, Calif.	Riverside	7.2
4	Elkhart, Ind.	Goshen	6.8
5	Montgomery, Texas	Conroe	6.6
6	Lee, Fla.	Fort Myers	6.1
7	Prince William, Va.	Arlington	5.8
8	Utah, Utah	Provo	5.3
9	Loudoun, Va.	Leesburg	5.3
10	Sarasota, Fla.	Sarasota	5.1
U.S. average			1.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Optimism for October



October 2005 will be the coldest in several years, which should bode well for store traffic. The beginning of the month is expected to be warm, however, which could bring Columbus Day sales down a bit. The hurricane season will begin to settle down, but the East Coast and Texas will still be at some risk for hurricanes and related store damage or closings. Overall, though, the weather could help lift October same-store sales to their best gains in six years.

Source: SDI/Weather Trends