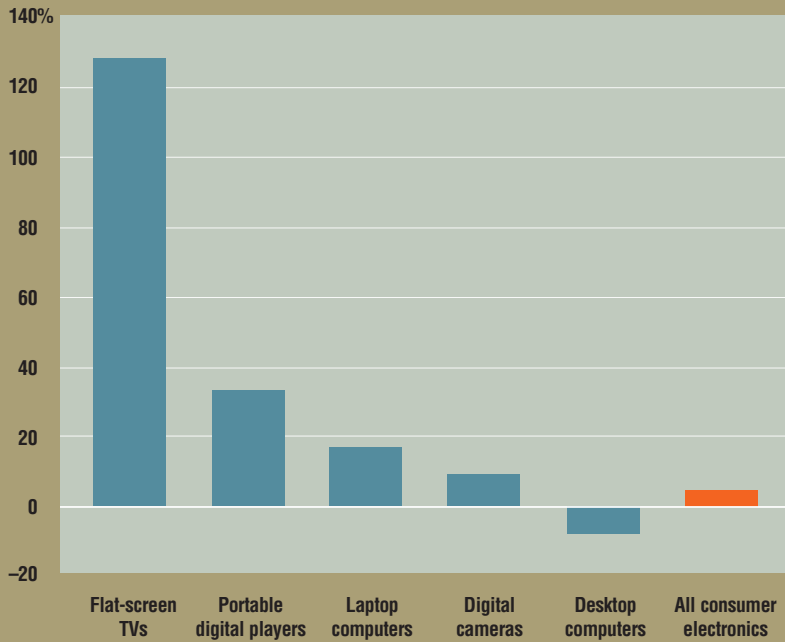


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U.S. consumer technology sales (First half '06 vs. first half '05)



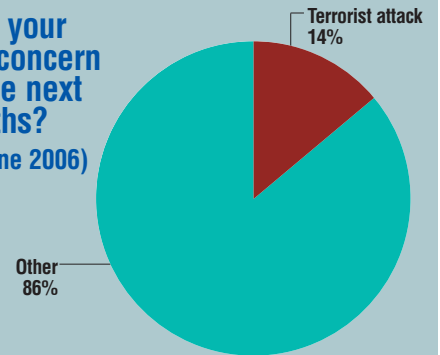
Source: NPD Group

Top five markets for concern about terrorism

Most global consumers are not concerned about a terrorist attack, according to a poll of more than 22,780 consumers in 40 cities across the globe.

	Biggest concern	Second-biggest concern
1. Denmark	13%	14%
2. Switzerland	12	11
3. Turkey	10	12
4. United Kingdom	9	12
5. United States	9	12

What's your major concern over the next 6 months? (as of June 2006)



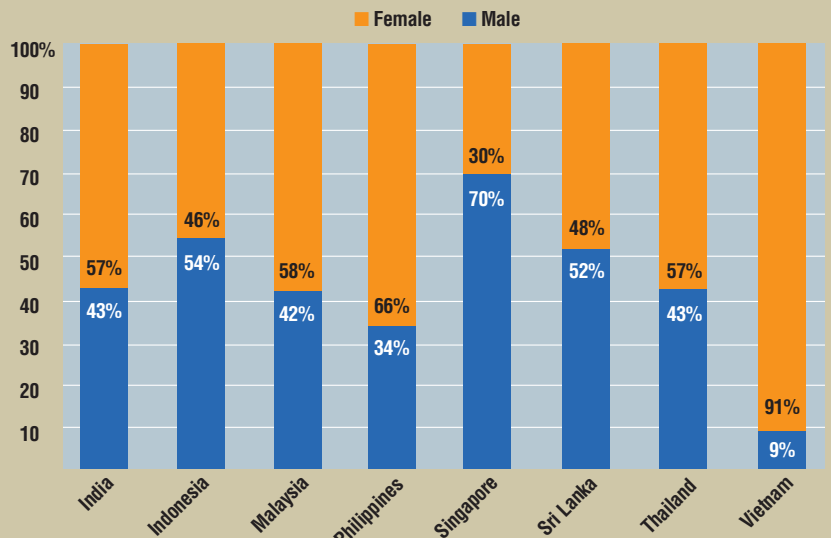
Source: ACNielsen

Top U.S. supermarket companies (by profit margins)

	After-tax margin	Annual revenue (billions)	Avg. sales per unit (millions)
1. Publix	4.8%	\$20.6	\$23.5
2. Ahold U.S.A.	4.3	22.5	28.9
3. Whole Foods	2.9	4.7	27.7
4. Kroger	1.6	60.5	23.4
5. Safeway	1.5	38.4	21.3

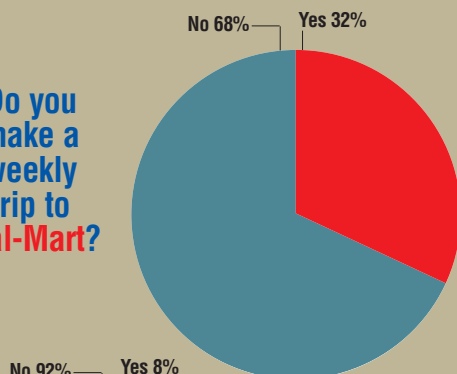
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Shopping in Asia: Who decides what to buy?



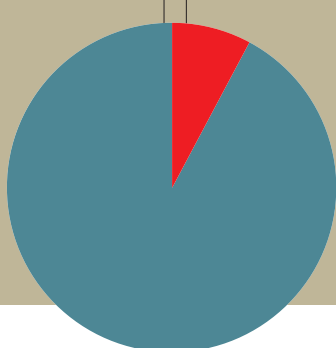
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Do you make a weekly trip to Wal-Mart?



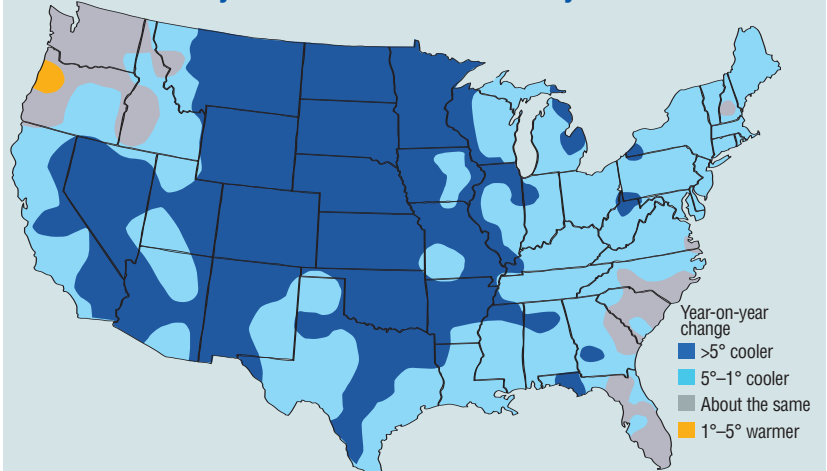
Do you make a weekly trip to Target?

No 92% Yes 8%



Source: Retail Forward

Early cold could freeze holiday traffic



Cold weather comes early this November, and the period will be the coldest in at least four years. However, snow and a widespread increase in rainfall will put a dampening affect on overall store traffic. An ICSC-Weather Trends survey of 1,014 households found that 45 percent of respondents would cancel a planned shopping trip due to snow, 37 percent would do the same for rain, followed by 35 percent that would opt out for excessive cold. With all of these a potential for the start of the holiday shopping season, a slowdown in same-store sales gains is possible.