



## **BOPIS PICKUP OPTIONS: CONSUMER USAGE STUDY** PART TWO

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# **KEY FINDINGS: BOPIS PICKUP OPTIONS**

BOPIS pickup options have become a consumer expectation, and retailers need scalable and financially viable fulfillments methods that they're confident consumers will accept. So, Package Concierge<sup>®</sup> commissioned a study through Hanover Research where we asked consumers about their order pickup preferences and methods used during the most recent holiday shopping season in order to assist retailers.

Part Two of the Key Findings from that research includes:

- Curbside pickup was the most popular BOPIS method (68%), while pickups at lockers were used by one in five (21%).
  - ✓ Lockers were utilized more by consumers under 40 (29%) and urban residents (34%).
  - ✓ Nearly two-thirds of all BOPIS purchases, regardless of method, were made at big box stores.
- Product availability was the most important (91%) feature to consumers when selecting a delivery method, followed by shipping costs (88%) and ease of ordering (85%).
- Half of consumers (51%) would choose lockers over curbside pickup if these were their only BOPIS options. Those who choose the lockers over curbside pickup believe it would be a more convenient offering (77%). Interestingly, those who would use curbside over the lockers cite the very same reason (convenience: 59%).
  - However, those who prefer lockers tend to have stronger beliefs that they are easier (50%) and faster (65%) than curbside.
- ✓ Over half of consumers (53%) also report that locker options would influence their choice of retailers when shopping.



### **PRODUCT AVAILABILITY MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE FOR METHOD SELECTION**

Respondents stated that product availability was Extremely and Very important in their decision making for BOPIS fulfillment method selection. Other important considerations cited by respondents includes the delivery method's speed of service, reliability, convenience, and tracking abilities.





Q: How important are the following features to you when selecting a delivery method? (n=982) Q: What else, if anything, is important to you when selecting a delivery method? (n=508)

## **BOPIS USERS UTILIZED MORE THAN ONE FULFILLMENT METHOD**

Shoppers didn't use just one method to retrieve their orders, meaning it is important for retailers to offer multiple methods of fulfillment.

- Curbside pickup was the most used retrieval method for in store pickup
- Approximately one in five consumers have used an automated locker pickup method



### **ORDER DELIVERY METHODS USED**

### **SATISFACTION WITH BOPIS FULFILLMENT METHODS IS DRIVEN BY THE FLEXIBILITY THEY OFFER AND ABSENCE OF SHIPPING FEES**

Locker users cited they liked the convenience to pickup items any time of the day and easy retrieval more than other features.

<b>MOST LIKED FEATURES</b>	Customer service desk (n=396)	Curbside (n=477)	Location other than a locker or service desk (n=215)	Locker (n=125)
I don't have to pay a shipping fee	65%	61%	50%	32%
I know my products are in-stock without having to leave my house	41%	38%	33%	28%
I can pick-up any time of day	40%	31%	39%	46%
My products are ready in a timely manner	37%	37%	33%	30%
It's easy to retrieve items	29%	28%	32%	43%
I know my products are safe	25%	18%	28%	33%
I have minimal interaction with people	23%	47%	29%	31%
I can safely support local businesses	10%	14%	21%	19%
Other	1%	3%	0%	2%



Q: What do you like most about purchasing online with [in-store pickup at a customer service counter; in-store pickup at a designated locker; in-store pickup at a designated location other than a service counter or locker; curbside pickup]?

### **CONSUMERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO USE LOCKERS THAN CURBSIDE**

When given only two options for order pickup, the majority (51%) stated they would choose automated lockers

#### LIKELIHOOD OF USING LOCKERS OVER CURBSIDE

- Much more likely to use the curbside pickup option
- Somewhat more likely to use the curbside pickup option
- Equally likely to use both
- Somewhat more likely to use the automated lockers
- Much more likely to use the automated lockers



#### Lockers: 51%



Q: Assuming only two options are available for picking up your non-grocery purchase: curbside pickup and automated lockers, which would you choose? (n=864)

### **CONVENIENCE DRIVES PREFERENCE FOR PICKUP OPTIONS**

Regardless of method selected, consumers cited convenience as their primary reason for choosing the offered pickup option. However, those who prefer lockers tend to have stronger beliefs that they are easier and faster than curbside.



**Reasons For Locker Preference** 

#### Reasons For Curbside Preference





Q: Which of the following explains why you are more likely to use the automated lockers? (n=440)Note: This question displayed to respondents who indicated they are more likely to use lockers than curbside.Q: Which of the following explains why you are more likely to use curbside pickup? (n=177)Note: This question displayed to respondents who indicated they are more likely to use curbside than lockers.

## **CONSUMERS VIEW LOCKERS AS A SAFER ALTERNATIVE TO CURBSIDE**

A quarter of the consumers who used curbside pickup stated they would consider using automated lockers primarily due to the safety and security lockers offer. The quality of service provided with the lockers was also important to consumers, including a desire for accurate orders and customer assistance when needed.



#### MOTIVATIONS TO SWITCH TO BOPIS LOCKERS



Q: What, if anything would make you switch your preference from curbside pickup to using automated lockers? (n=111) Note: This question is displayed to respondents who indicated they are more likely to use curbside than lockers. Categories were coded based on common responses to this open-end question.

## **MOST CONSUMERS FIND AUTOMATED BOPIS LOCKERS APPEALING**

When shown an example of an automated retail locker being used in a retail location, most consumers (76%) found the option to be appealing.

• Appeal was notably higher among consumers under age 40 and consumers with children under 18.

APPEAL OF LOCKERS

• Rural residents were less likely to find the lockers appealing.

5%

0%



# THE LOCKERS' EASY TO USE APPEARANCE AND 24/7 CONVENIENCE DRIVES CONSUMERS' LIKELIHOOD TO USE

After viewing an image of an automated retail locker, most consumers (72%) cited they thought it looked easy to use. A similar majority (71%) stated they would be likely to use as they could retrieve their order when it was convenient for them.



### Reasons Likely to Use Lockers



Q: Which of the following are reasons why you are likely to use the automated lockers? (n=649) Note: This question displayed to respondents who indicated that they would use the lockers.

## **OUTDOOR LOCKERS ARE SLIGHTLY PREFERRED OVER INDOOR LOCKERS**

Only a small percentage of consumers felt strongly on the actual location placement of automated lockers, with a similar percentage having no preference; giving retailers a lot of latitude in where they deploy their automated lockers for BOPIS order fulfillment.

#### LOCATION PREFERENCES

- Strongly prefer inside the store
- Somewhat prefer inside the store
- No preference
- Somewhat prefer outside the store
- Strongly prefer outside the store





# **LOCKER PICKUP OPTIONS ARE LIKELY TO INFLUENCE RETAILER CHOICES**

For respondents who indicated they would use an automated locker for order pickup, over half stated it would be extremely or very influential on the retailer they choose to do business with.

### **INFLUENCE OF LOCKERS ON RETAILER CHOICE**





Q: How much influence would an automated locker pickup option have in your decision when selecting a retailer to shop at? (n=649) Note: This question displayed to respondents who indicated that they would use the lockers.

### **TWO THIRDS WOULD USE AUTOMATED LOCKERS FOR PICKUP IF OFFERED**

Most respondents stated they would use automated lockers for order pickup if offered by the retailer, with over a third stating they definitely would use them.

### **LIKELIHOOD OF USING LOCKERS**

- Definitely would not use the automated lockers
- Probably would not use the automated lockers
- Might or might not use the automated lockers
- Probably would use the automated lockers
- Definitely would use the automated lockers





# **STUDY OVERVIEW**

#### SURVEY ADMINISTRATION & SURVEY SAMPLE

- ✓ The survey was administered online, and respondents were recruited via a panel.
- ✓ The BOPIS user analysis includes a total of 982 respondents following data cleaning and quality control.
- An additional 5,435 respondents were included in the non-BOPIS user analysis.

#### **RESPONDENT QUALIFICATIONS**

- Must be 18 years or older
- ✓ Must be a US resident
- Must have purchased a non-grocery item using a BOPIS method during the 2020 holiday season (Nov 1 Dec 31)
  - Respondents included in the non-BOPIS analyses must have either purchased online (but not using a BOPIS fulfillment method and/or not during the holidays) or must have used an Amazon locker.

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## **RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS**



Age (n=982) 18 to 39 (Gen Z/Millennials) 40-55 (Gen X) 56+ (Baby Boomers/Silent Gen)

39% 29% 32%



Area of Residence (n=982)

Marital Status (n=982)

Married or living as married

Separated or divorced

Prefer not to say

Single

Widowed

	Suburban	53%
•	Urban	29%
	Rural	18%
	Prefer not to say	<1%



Gender (n=982)	
Male	
Female	
Other	





Region of Residence (n=982)	
Midwest	23% 36% 20% 21%
South	36%
West	20%
Northeast	21%



Highest Level of Education (n=982)	
Some high school	1%
High school diploma/GED	10%
Some college or technical training	20%
2-year degree	11%
4-year degree	28%
Some graduate school	4%
Graduate degree	27%
Prefer not to say	<1%



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<13		35%
13-18		24%
18+		14%
None		48%
Prefer not to say		1%

**Employment Status (n=982)** 



Employment Status (II–962)	
Employed full-time	49%
Employed part-time	8%
Self-employed student	5%
Unemployed	5%
Stay-at-home parent/caregiver	9%
Student	3%
Retired	17%
Unable to work	2%
Prefer not to say	1%



21%

67%

8%

3%

<1%



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