

# Tablet Market Research

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# Study Overview



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Online survey to understand tablet purchaser and intender behaviors and to identify differences by retail channel



2000 Consumers completed the survey in June 2024

- **851 P12M Purchasers:** Purchased a tablet in the past 12 months
- **1079 12M+ Purchasers:** Purchased a tablet more than 12 months ago
- **976 N12M Intenders:** Plan to purchase a tablet in the next 12 months



**Purchasers** were asked about their **past behaviors** relating to their last tablet purchase  
**Intenders** were asked about their **planned behaviors** when buying their next tablet

Groups are not mutually exclusive

Findings are also analysed by retailer where they purchased/plan to purchase a tablet



# Summary of Key Findings

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## Tablet Behaviors



In-person shopping is still very prevalent for tablets. While research includes a mix of online and in-person methods, more than half buy in-person. And, the ability to shop in-store is a top reason for choosing a retailer.

Most important tablet decision factors are price, battery life, large screen size and operating speed.

On average, P12M purchasers spend \$400 for a tablet – which is \$40 more than those who purchased 12+ months ago. But, they are still spending less than they were willing to spend which is up to \$490.

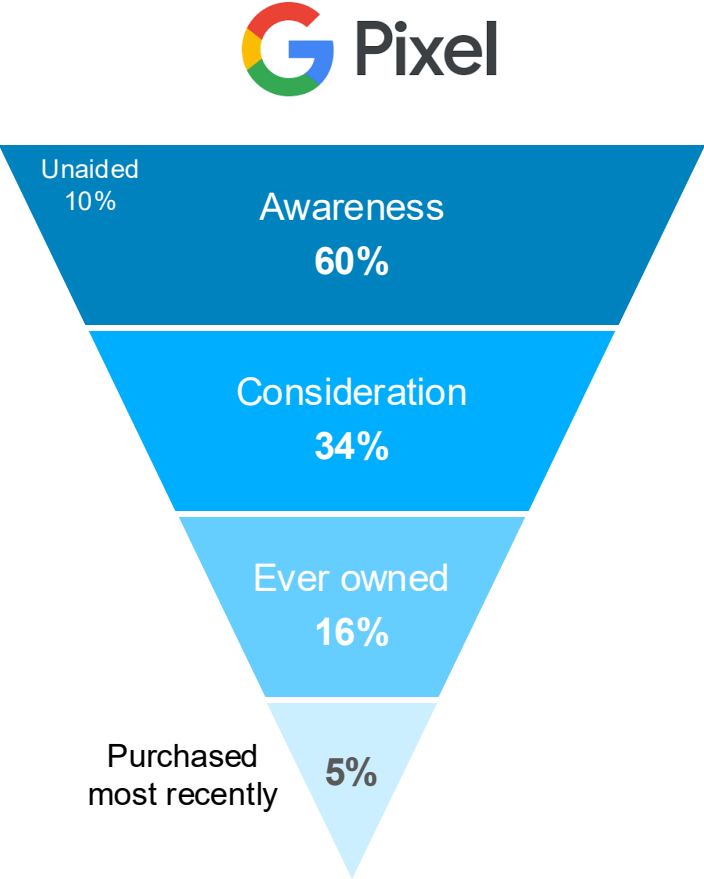
On average, consumers buy 2 accessories along with their tablet, most commonly a case and screen protector. People use tablets most for social media, TV/movies, email and online shopping.






45% of P12M Purchasers and 32% of 12M+ Purchasers are open to switching tablet brands in the future. They would be most motivated to switch by price. And, to further support this, a price discount is the most appealing promotional offer.

# Summary of Key Findings














## Brand Metrics

60% of P12M Purchasers have heard of the Google Pixel tablet and 34% considered it, yet only 5% purchased one in the past 12 months, leaving room to grow conversions. The biggest reasons for not buying a Pixel among those who considered it are price, bad reviews and poor storage/features.



	Awareness	Purchased Most Recently
 iPad	91%	47%
 Galaxy Tab	79%	25%
 amazon fire	74%	16%
 Pixel	60%	5%
 Microsoft Surface	48%	3%

## Retailers

	Amazon	Best Buy	Walmart	Cell carrier	Manufacturer	Target	Costco	Local/regional electronics stores
Logos				  	   		 	
% of purchases	~30%	Each ~20%		Each 10%			Each <5%	

<b>Notable differences between shoppers at each retailer</b>	Low tablet spend (\$277)	More male (54%)	Lower income (\$48,500)	Attract people with promotions	Higher income (\$86,100)	Younger (39 mean age)	<i>Not analyzed</i>
	Less iPad buyers because 43% buy Amazon Fire		More rural (32%) & south (15-23%)	Fairly low tablet spend (\$376)	High tablet spend (\$679)	Most buy iPads (70%)	
					Most buy iPads (87%)		



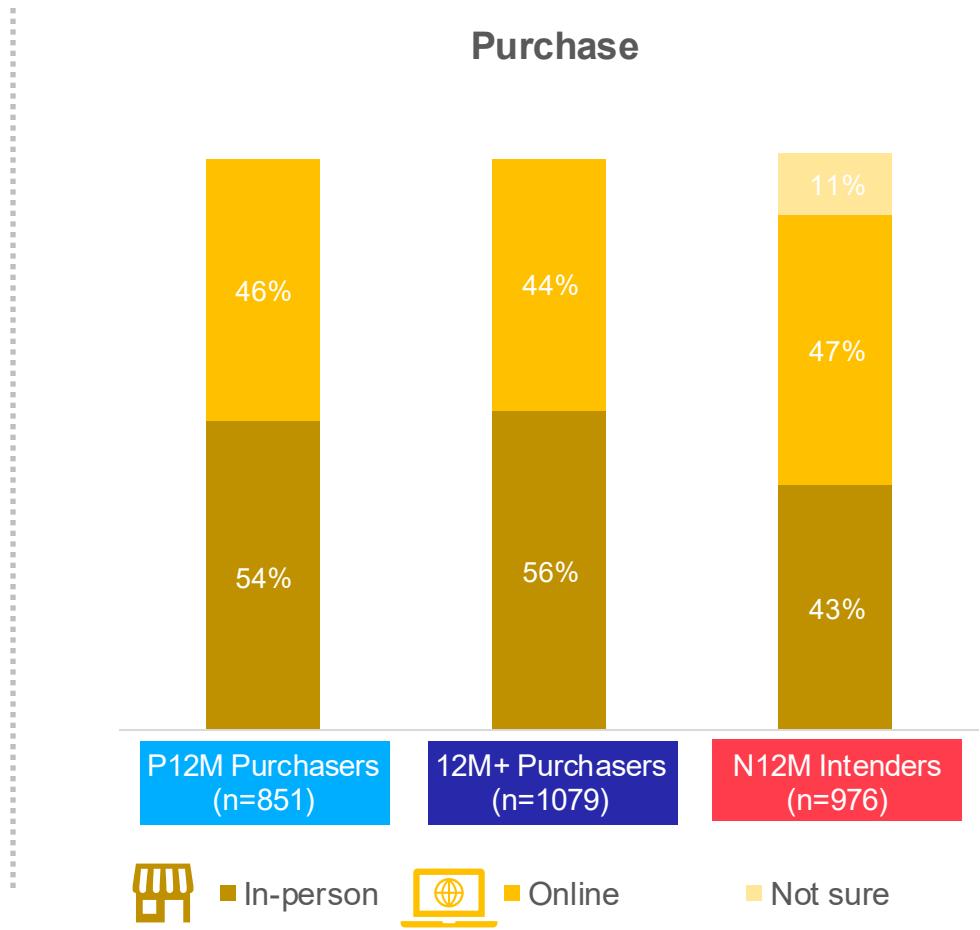
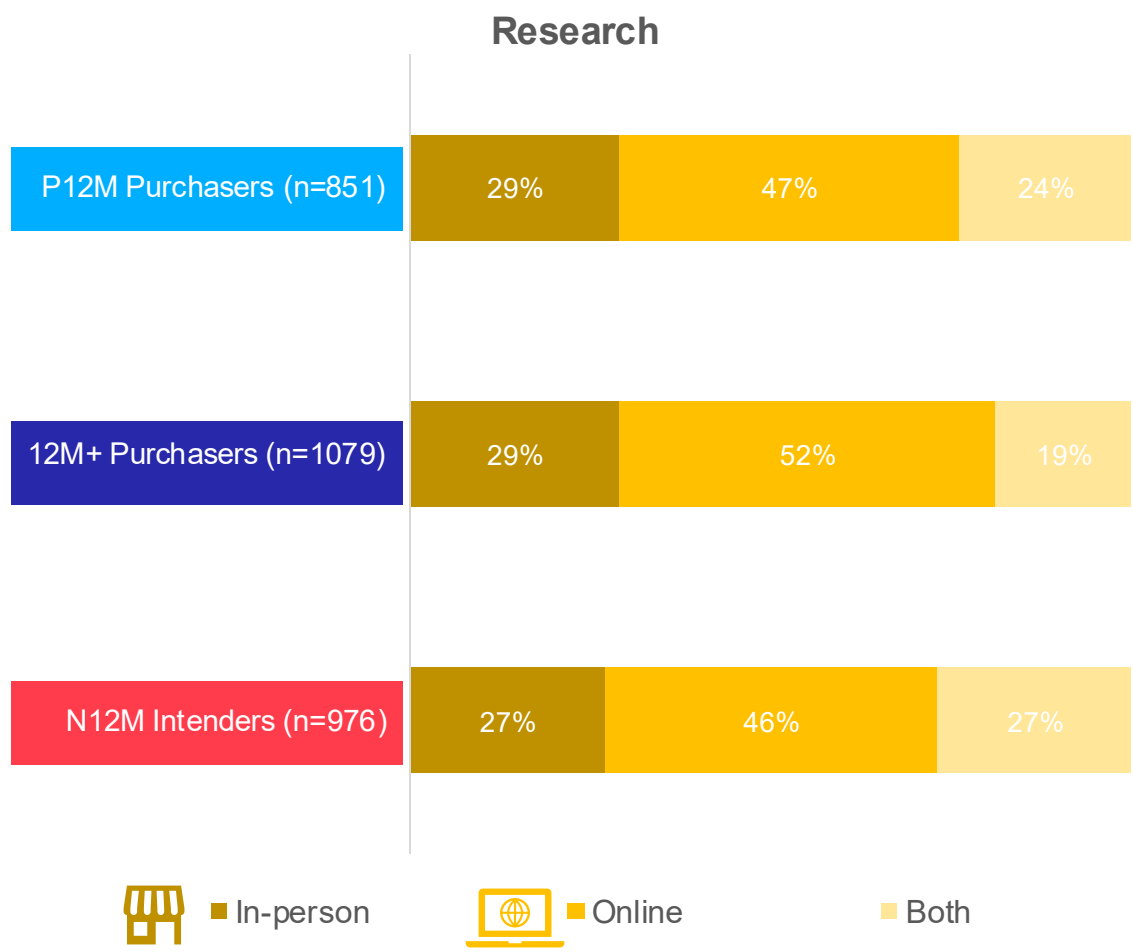


**Detailed Findings:  
Purchasers & Intenders**

# Buying Behaviors

# In-person vs. Online Shopping

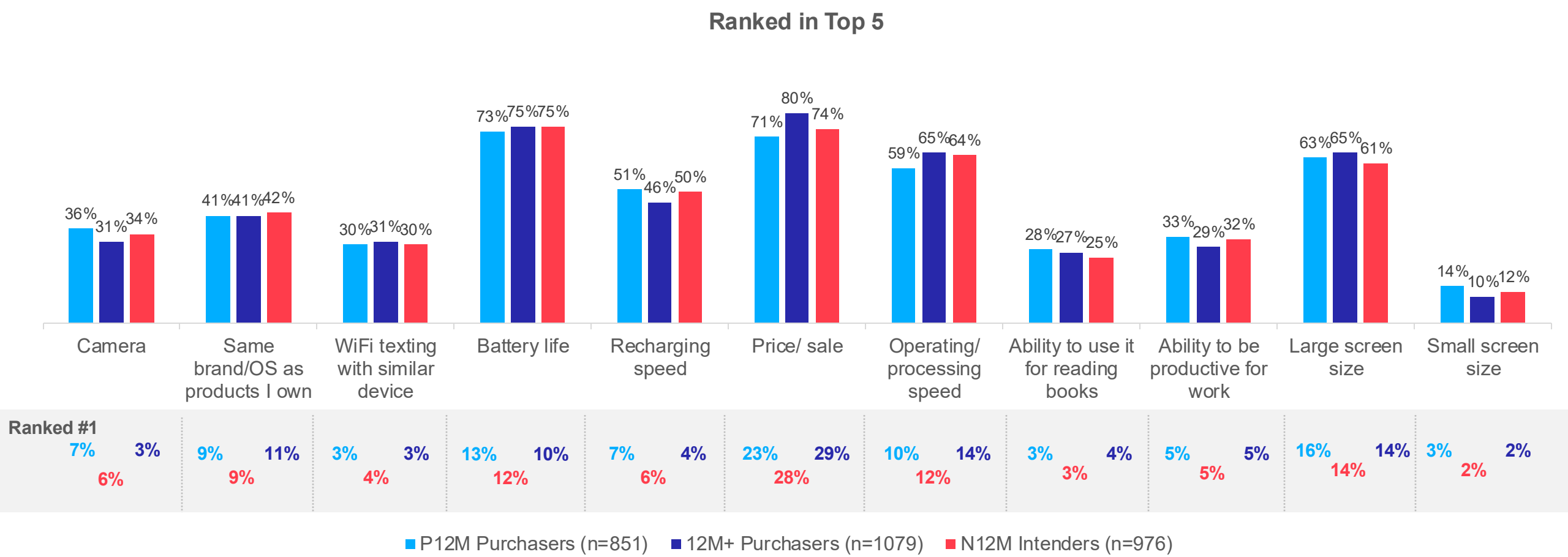
Online research is more prevalent than in-person research, but more than half ultimately buy a tablet in-person, a trend that has not changed over the past few years.



Q13. Prior to actually buying, how did you research, get information, and shop for a tablet? Q26. Prior to actually buying, how do you plan to research, get information, and shop for your next tablet? Q12. Did you buy your [pipe tablet] in-person or online? Q25. Do you plan to buy your next tablet in-person or online?

# Decision Factors

Price, battery life, large screen size and operating speed are the most important factors for tablet purchase decisions.

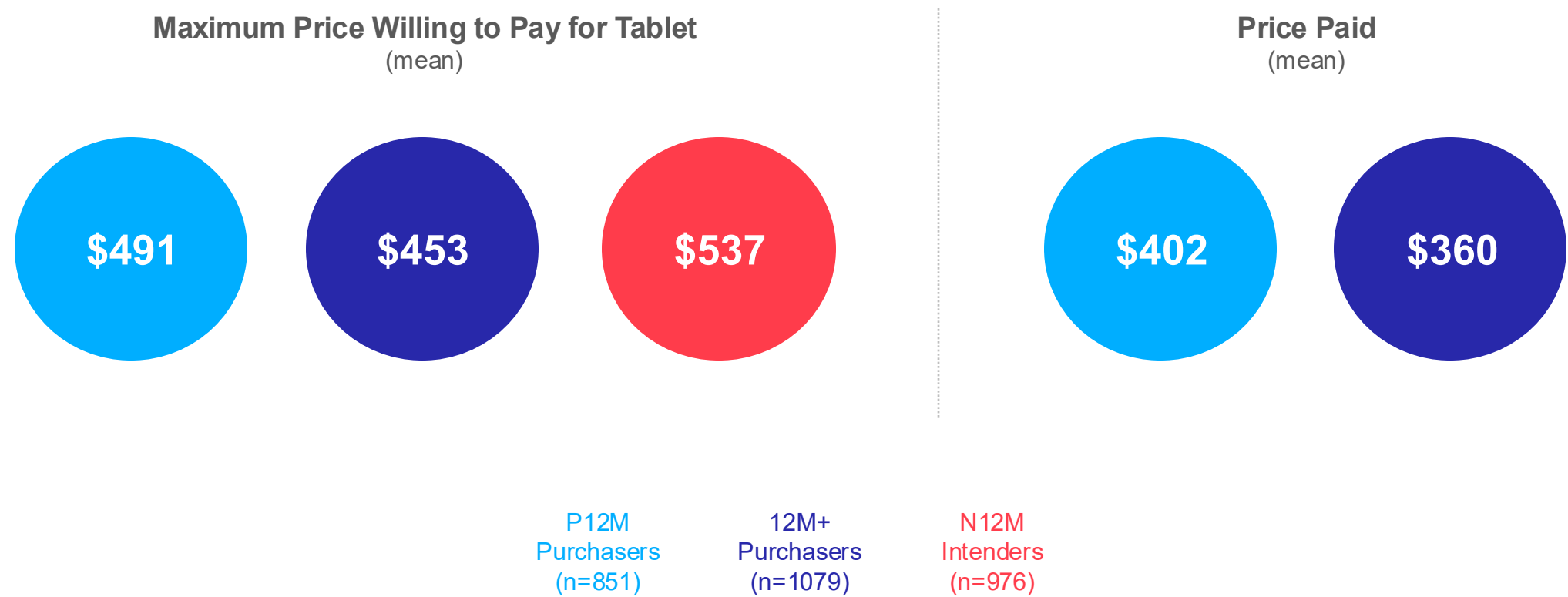


Q18. Rank your Top 5 of the following in order of importance when deciding which tablet to buy the last time you purchased one. Q30. Rank your Top 5 of the following in order of importance when deciding which tablet to buy the next time you purchase one.



# Spend

On average, consumers spent \$40 more on their tablet in the past 12 months than the did 12+ months ago, but are still spending less than they were willing to spend. Intenders are willing to spend even more in the coming months.



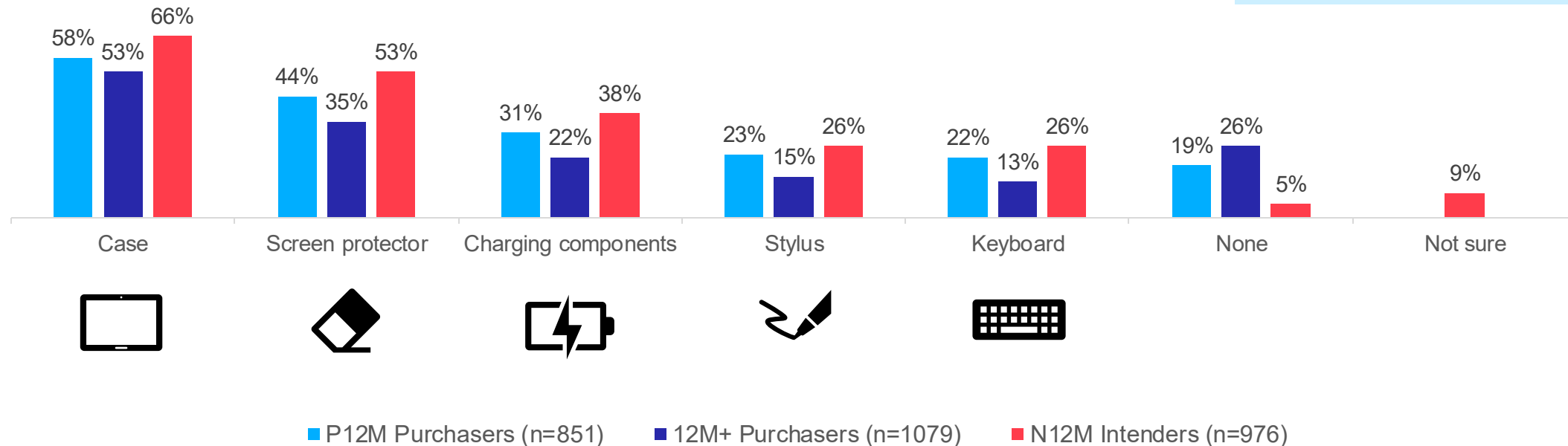
Q19. What was the maximum amount you were willing to spend when you were shopping for your [pipe tablet] (regardless of how much you actually paid)? Q31. What is the maximum amount you are willing to spend for a tablet? Q20. And, how much did you actually pay for your [pipe tablet]?

# Accessories

More than half bought a case along with their tablet, and nearly half also purchased a screen protector.

**Bought/ Likely to Buy with Tablet**  
(Top-2 on 5-point scale: Very/ Extremely likely)

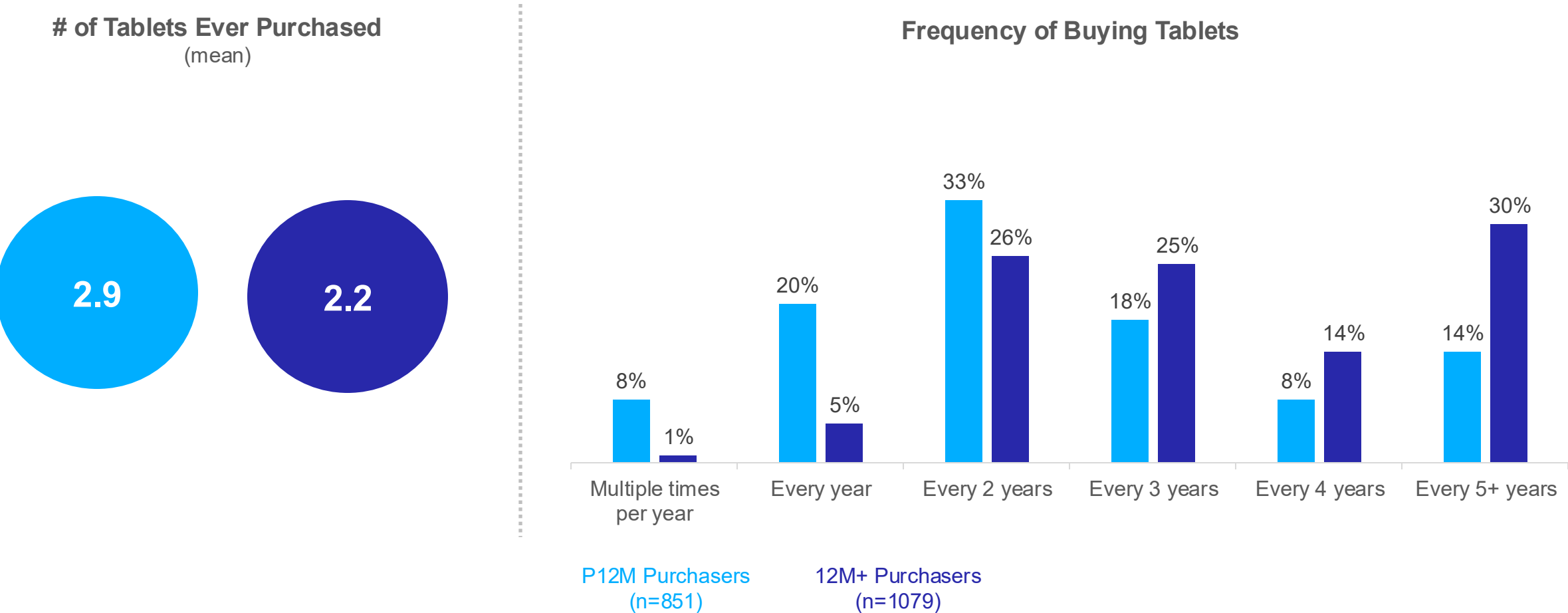
On average, Purchasers bought **2 accessories** at the same time as buying their tablet.



Q21. Which, if any, accessories did you buy at the same time you bought your [pipe tablet]? Q32. Which, if any, accessories do you plan to buy at the same time when you buy a tablet?

# Purchase Frequency

On average, consumers have owned 2-3 tablets ever. People who have purchased a tablet in the past 12 months buy one more frequently than those who purchased their last one longer ago.



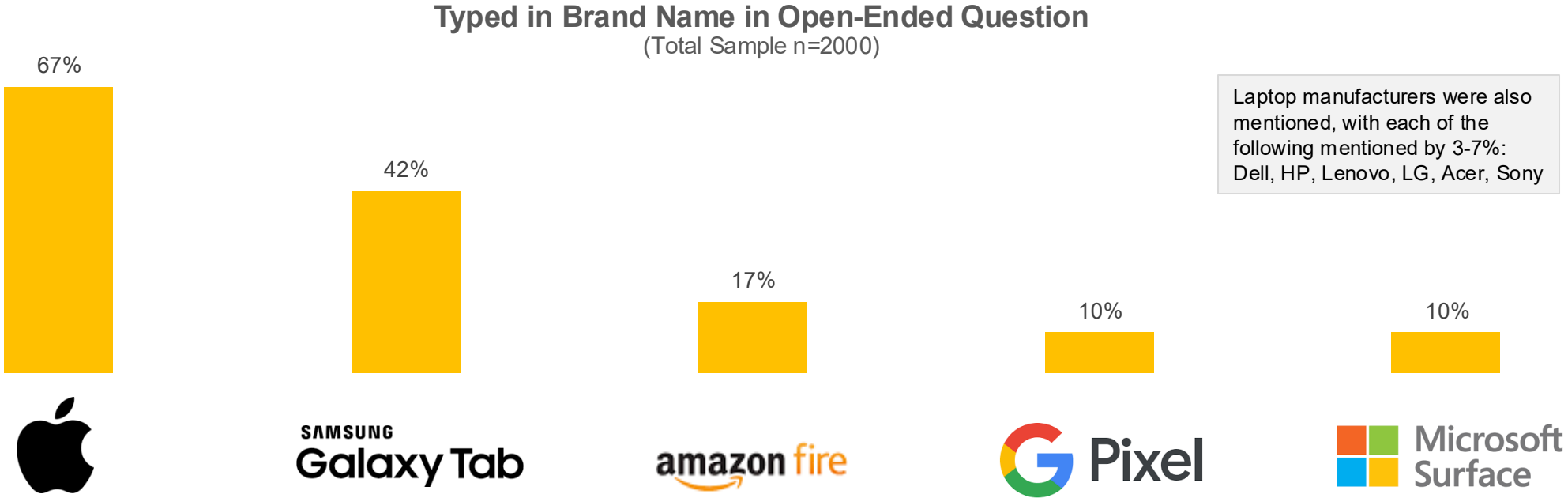
Q38. Including [pipe tablet], how many tablets have you ever purchased? Q41. Typically, how often do you a buy new tablet?

# **Brands & Decision Factors**



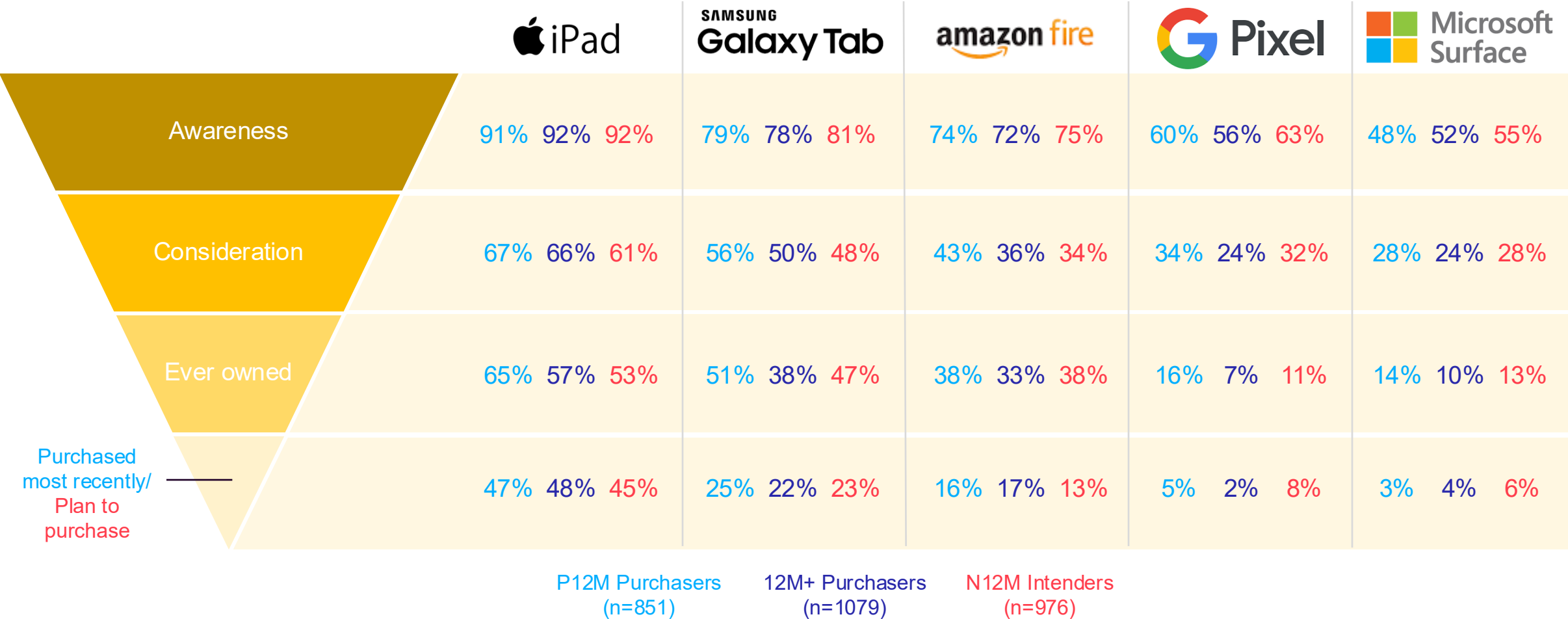
# Unaided Brand Awareness

Apple iPad has the greatest unaided awareness among tablet brands, with two-thirds of respondents mentioning it on an open-ended basis. More than 40% mention Samsung Galaxy. Google Pixel is mentioned by 10% of respondents.



# Tablet Brand Metrics

Intenders are planning to buy the Google Pixel Tablet and Surface at higher rates than past purchases, whereas iPad and Galaxy planned purchases are on a slight downward trend.



Q5. Which of the following tablet brands have you heard of? Q15. Which brands did you consider when researching/shopping for your most recent tablet? Q28. Which tablet brands will you consider buying in the next 12 months? Q42. Which brand tablet(s) other than [pipe tablet] have you ever owned? Q8. Which tablet did you buy most recently? Q29. And, which brand are you most likely to buy?

# Reasons for Choosing Certain Brands Over Others



## Reasons for buying an iPad and not an Android

*Among Purchasers who considered an Android brand n=592*

- Apple has good reputation
- Aligns with my phone
- Used to this product/ already have it
- Best quality for the price
- Warranty
- Better product

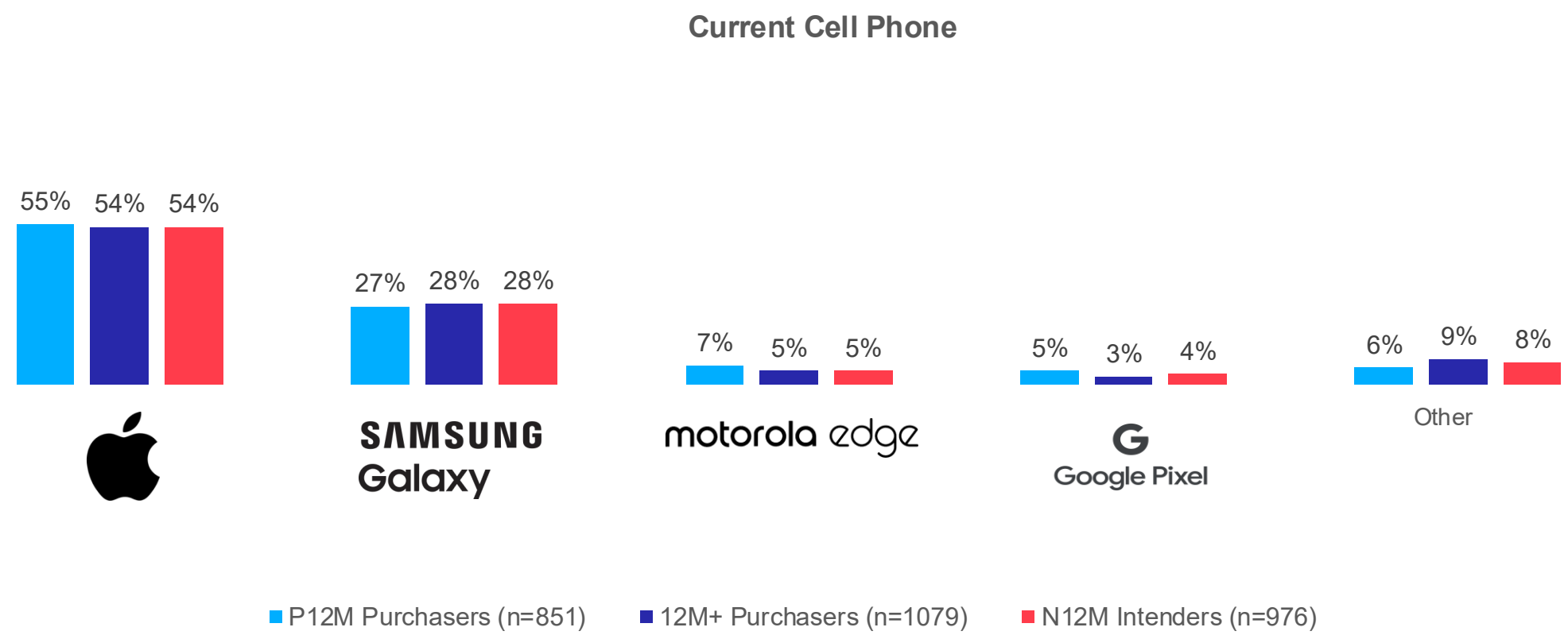
## Reasons for buying an Android other than a Google Pixel Tablet

*Among Purchasers who considered a Google Pixel n=266*

- Better deal, too expensive
- Not for me, I like other products
- Bad reviews, issues with the product
- Not enough storage or features

# Cell Phone Brand

Just more than half of consumers have an iPhone and just more than one-quarter have a Galaxy phone. 3-5% have a Google Pixel phone.



Q48. Which cell phone do you currently have?

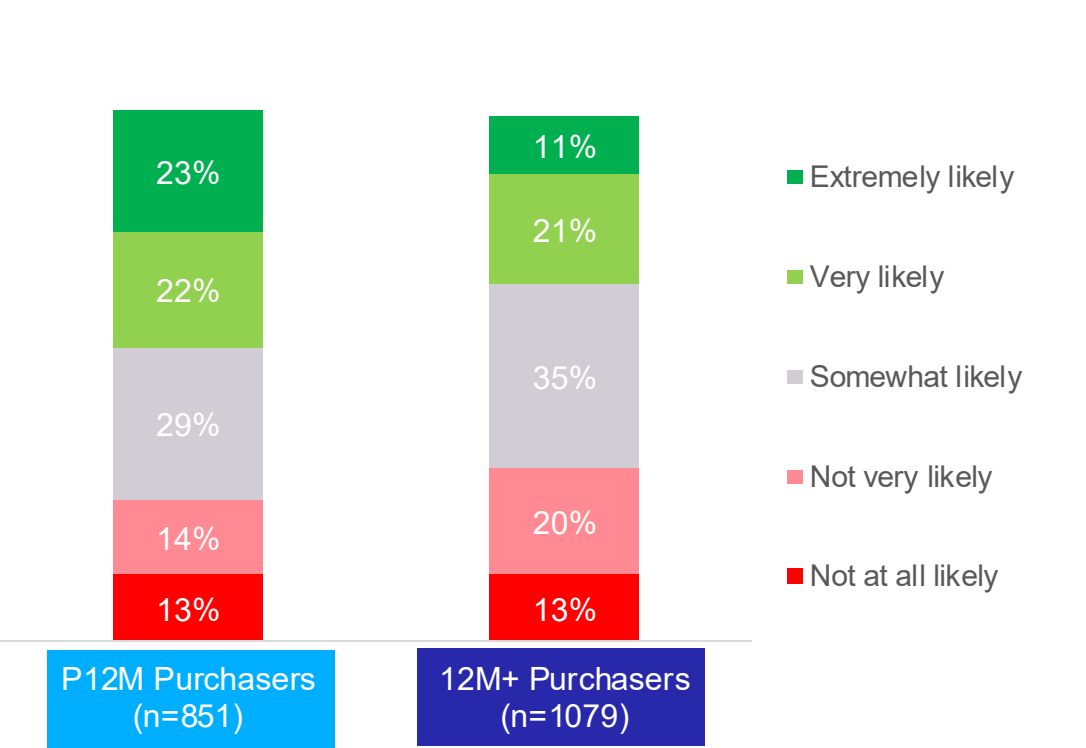


**Future Purchases**

# Future Purchases

45% of P12M Purchasers are very/extremely likely to switch tablet brands. Price is the biggest motivator to switch, followed by better features and ease of use. Few say there is nothing that could motivate them to switch brands.

Likelihood of Buying Different Brand Tablet in Future



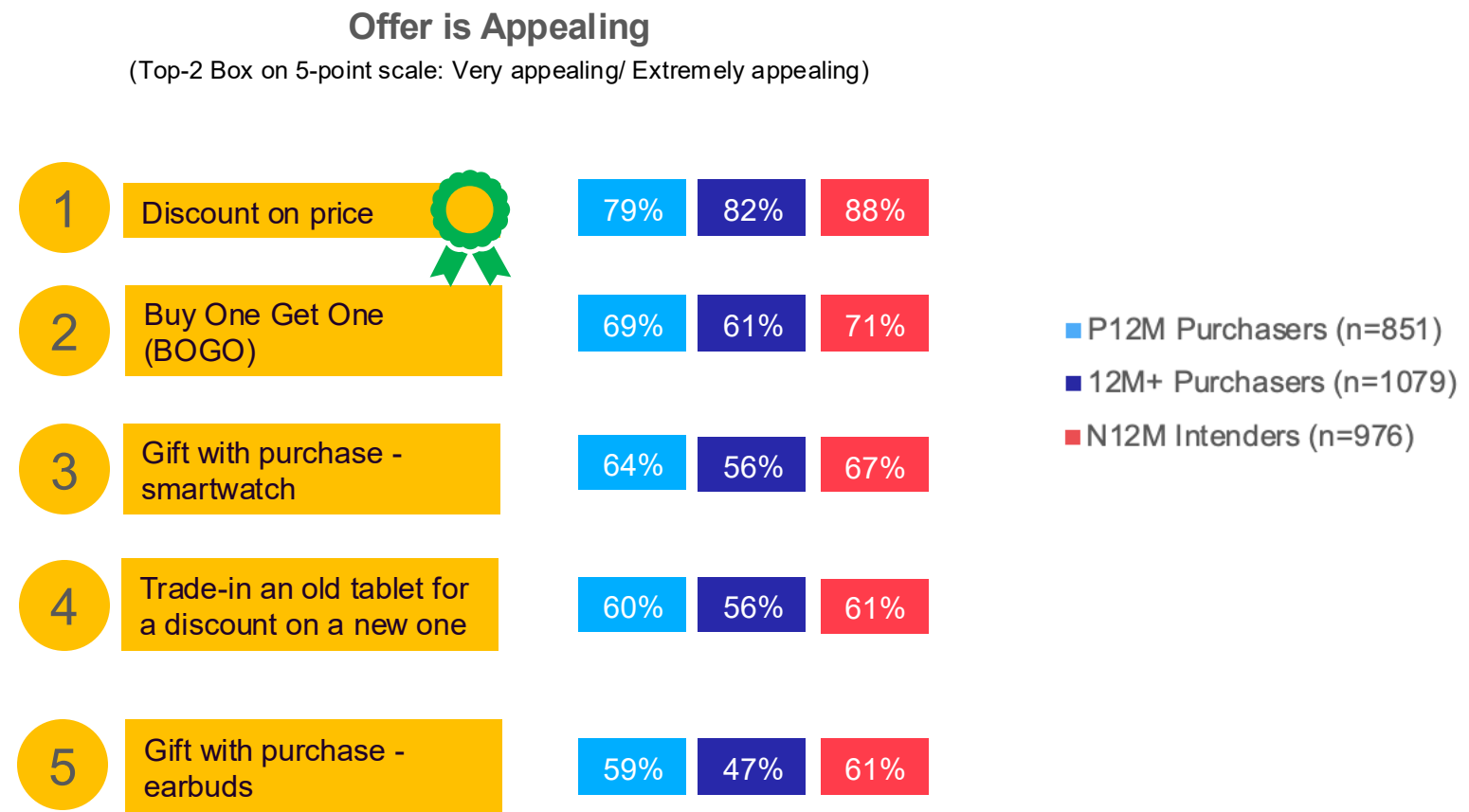
Motivators to Switch Brands

	P12M Purchasers (n=851)	12M+ Purchasers (n=1079)
Better price	54%	57%
Better specs and features	38%	38%
Ease of operation	37%	37%
Free/ no cost device	37%	37%
Compatibility with existing devices	31%	31%
Ease of device setup/ transfer stuff	28%	30%
Free gift with purchase (e.g., earbuds, etc.)	26%	24%
Improved photo/ video sharing between devices/ family & friends	21%	16%
Facetime compatible	20%	16%
Positive influencer reviews	18%	12%
iMessage compatible (no more green and blue bubbles)	9%	8%
Nothing would motivate me to switch	8%	11%

Q22. In the future, how likely are you to consider getting a tablet that's a brand other than [pipe tablet]? Q23. What wouldit take for you to consider switching tablet brands?

# Promotion Offers

A price discount is the most appealing offer, followed by BOGO.



Q34. How appealing would each of the following offers be when shopping for a tablet?

**Tablet Use**



# Tablet Users

On average, households have 1-2 tablets. The majority of buyers' tablet purchase was for themselves.

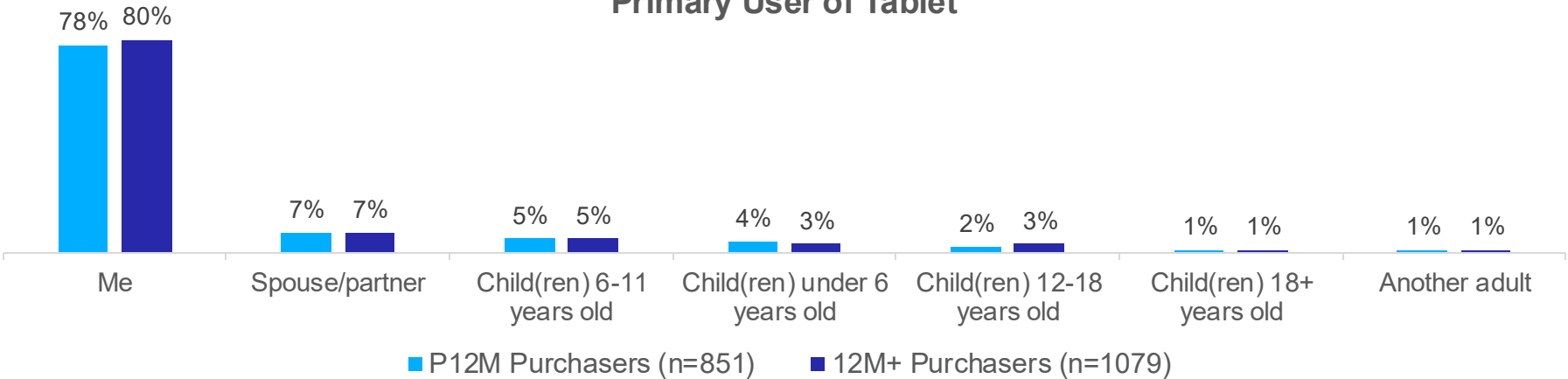
# of Tablets Used  
In Household  
(mean)



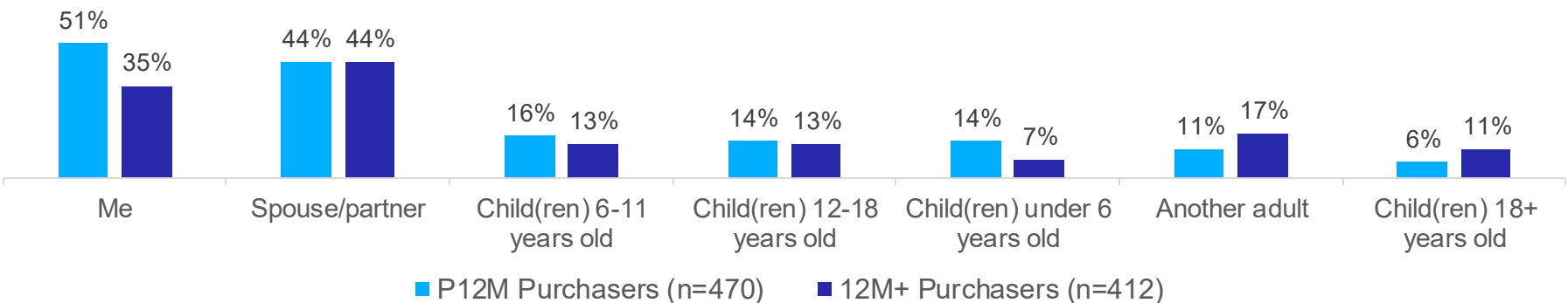
P12M  
Purchasers  
(n=851)

12M+  
Purchasers  
(n=1079)

Primary User of Tablet



User of a Different Tablet in Household



Q39. And, how many tablets currently get used in your household? Q35. Who is the primary user of your [pipe tablet]? Q43. Whowill be the primary users of your next tablet? Q40. Who in your household uses a different tablet, other than your [pipe tablet]?

# Intended Use vs. Actual Use

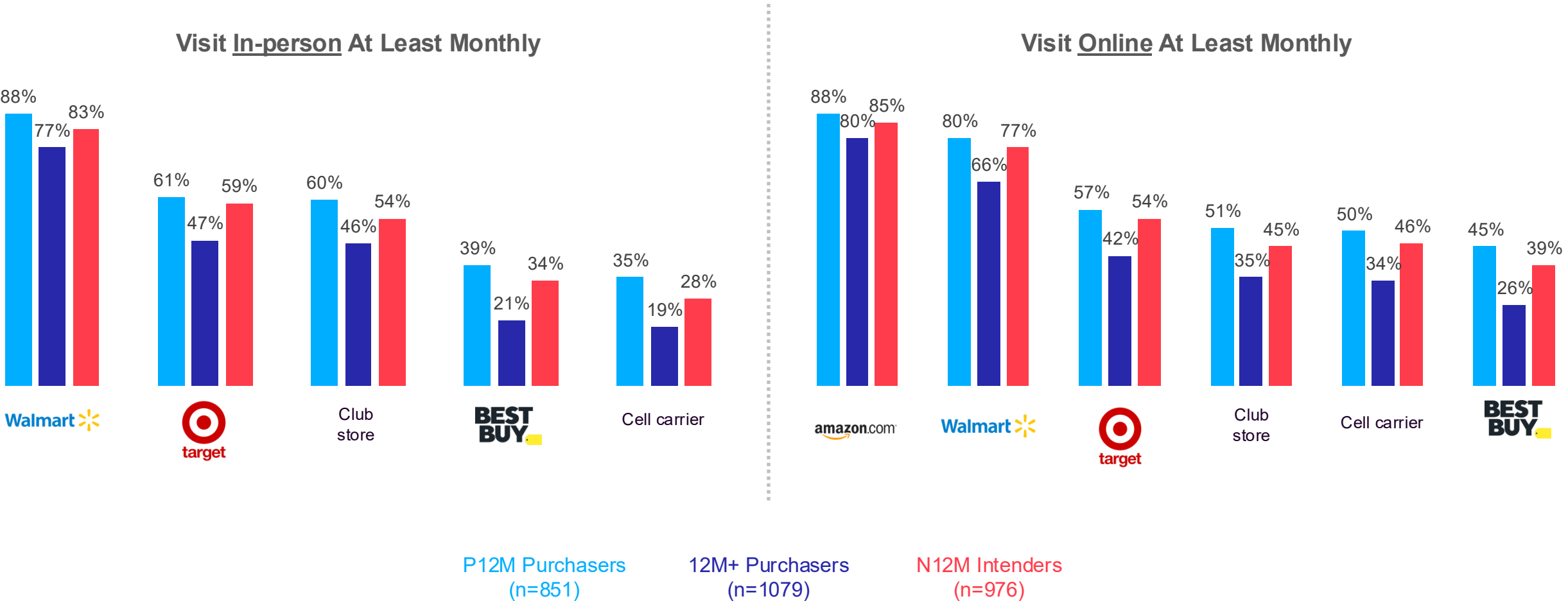
People use their tablet exactly as they expect to use it. Social media, TV/movies, email and online shopping top the list.

	Intended Use			Actual Use	
	P12M Purchasers (n=851)	12M+ Purchasers (n=1079)	N12M Intenders (n=976)	P12M Purchasers (n=851)	12M+ Purchasers (n=1079)
Social media	55%	53%	59%	54%	54%
Watch TV/movies	55%	48%	59%	52%	48%
Personal email	50%	53%	58%	47%	52%
Shop online	48%	46%	52%	46%	46%
Listen to music/podcasts	42%	39%	49%	44%	37%
Reading	38%	44%	44%	37%	38%
Recipes while cooking	27%	24%	29%	27%	24%
Work email	24%	18%	25%	23%	17%
Work, other than email	22%	20%	23%	21%	18%
Kids entertainment	20%	14%	18%	21%	14%
Homework	17%	10%	14%	14%	9%
Operate smart home products such as thermostat or door locks	12%	8%	14%	12%	9%

# **Retail/ Media Behaviors & Demographics**

# General Retail Behaviors

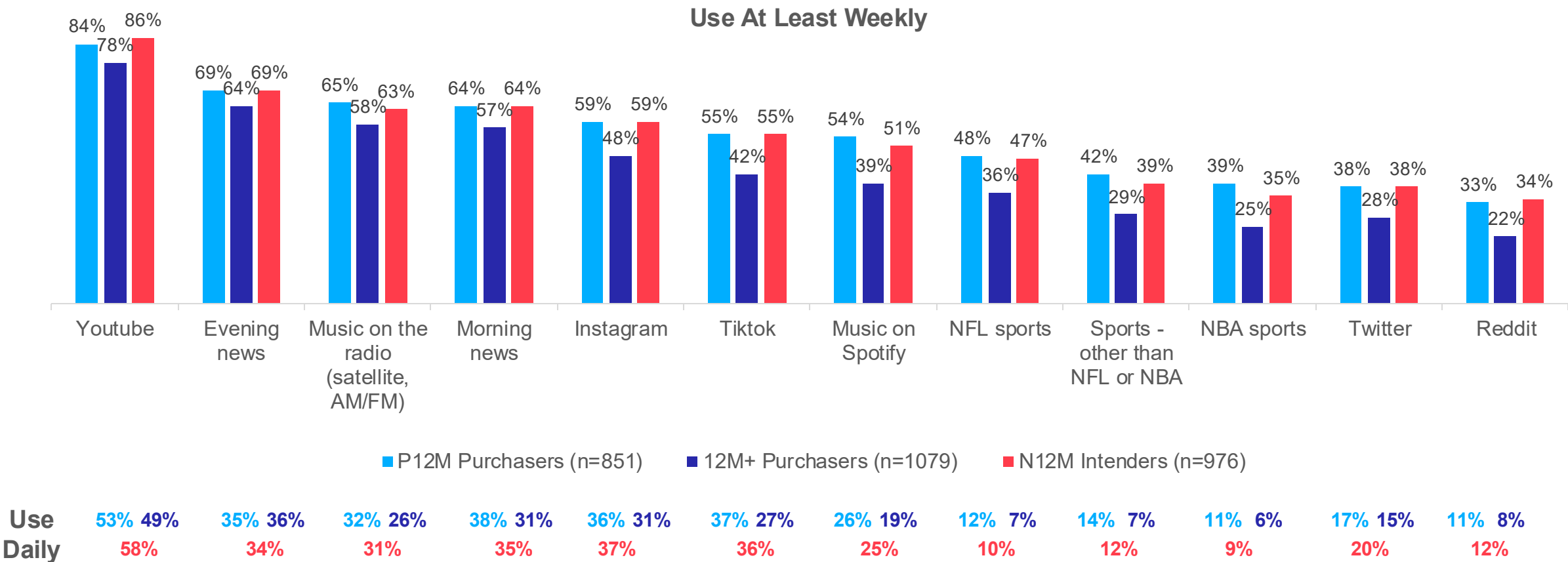
Many tablet buyers/intenders visit Walmart, Target and club stores in-person and/or online at least monthly. Most also visit Amazon monthly.



Q45. Typically, how often do you visit each of the following in-person? Q46. Typically, how often do you visit each of the following online or in an app?

# Media Consumption

Tablet buyers/intenders commonly watch YouTube and the evening & morning news and listen to music on the radio. Many also use Instagram and TikTok.



Q47. Typically, how often do you consume each of the following?

# Demographics

	P12M Purchasers (n=851)	12M+ Purchasers (n=1079)	N12M Intenders (n=976)
<b>Mean Age</b>	43	50	46
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	47%	47%	48%
Female	53%	52%	52%
<b>Marital Status</b>			
Single, never married	35%	32%	35%
Live with partner	12%	8%	10%
Married	42%	41%	42%
Separated/divorced/widowed	11%	19%	14%
<b>Children in Household</b>			
No children	41%	49%	45%
Youngest child is under 6	16%	8%	13%
Youngest child is 6-11	15%	9%	14%
Youngest child is 12-17	13%	10%	13%
Youngest child is 18+	6%	8%	7%
All children left household	9%	17%	9%

	P12M Purchasers (n=851)	12M+ Purchasers (n=1079)	N12M Intenders (n=976)
<b>Household Income</b>			
Less than \$49,999	44%	45%	44%
\$50,000-99,999	33%	34%	34%
\$100,000-149,999	13%	11%	13%
\$150,000+	8%	6%	8%
Prefer not to say	2%	4%	1%
<b>Type of Area</b>			
Urban	35%	30%	35%
Suburban	44%	50%	45%
Rural	21%	20%	19%
<b>Region</b>			
Northeast	18%	17%	17%
Midwest	22%	21%	21%
South	40%	44%	43%
West	19%	18%	19%

Q1. What is your age? Q2. Are you... Q3. In what state do you live? Q49. Which best describes your marital status? Q50. Which best describes the children living in your household? Q51. In which type of area do you live? Q52. What is your annual household income, before taxes?

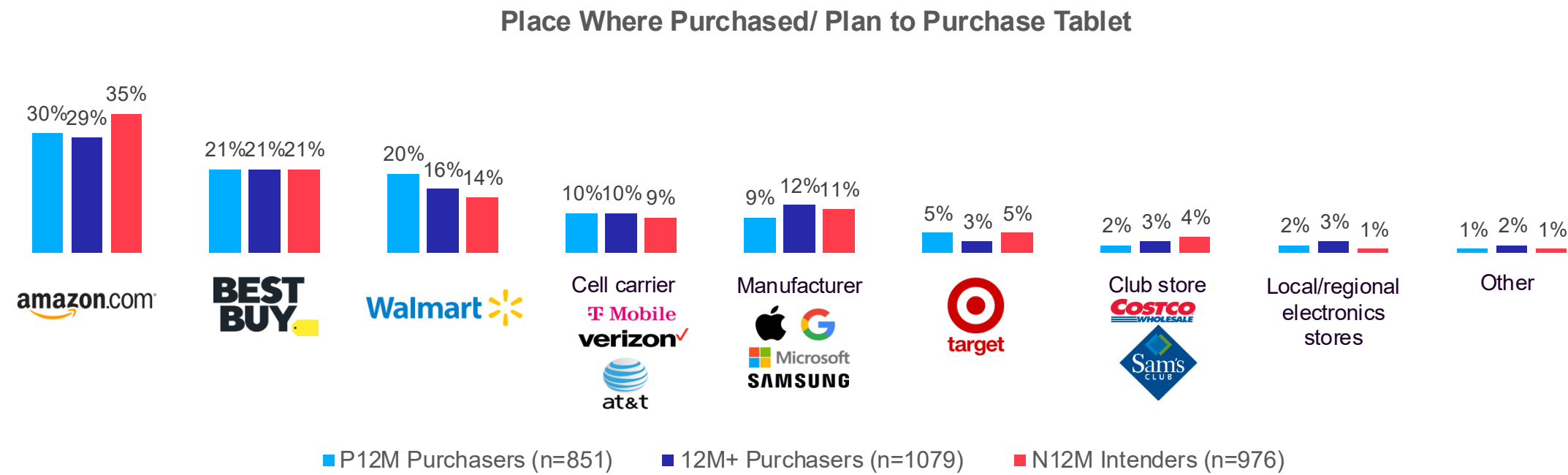


# Detailed Findings: Retail Channels



# Retail Channel

30% buy a tablet from Amazon. After that, Best Buy and Walmart are most common, followed by cell carrier and manufacturers. Consumers plan to buy a tablet at retailers in similar patterns as those who have actually purchased.



For this section of the report, findings by retail channel, both purchaser groups are combined into Total Purchasers. Intenders are analyzed separately on subsequent slides.

# Reasons for Choosing Retailer

Convenience and where they normally shop for other things are key reasons people choose a retailer to buy a tablet for more broad-based retailers. Cell carriers are effective at attracting people based on their promotions.

	Amazon (n=570)	Best Buy (n=413)	Target (n=77)	Walmart (n=343)	Cell Carrier (n=191)	Manufacturer (n=210)
Ease of delivery/fast shipping	✦ 63%	15%	21%	17%	16%	30%
It's where I normally shop	✦ 42%	✦ 40%	✦ 44%	✦ 44%	21%	29%
Convenience	✦ 39%	✦ 44%	✦ 31%	✦ 42%	✦ 29%	✦ 31%
Ability to shop in-store	-	✦ 43%	✦ 36%	✦ 37%	✦ 28%	✦ 38%
Return policies	21%	19%	21%	15%	8%	20%
Retailer-specific promotion	18%	18%	23%	11%	✦ 34%	20%
Loyalty programs	15%	19%	26%	9%	23%	14%
Customer service post purchase	12%	17%	10%	9%	15%	20%
Retailer aligns with my values	9%	11%	17%	11%	7%	10%
Ability to talk to a sales associate	7%	32%	14%	17%	20%	✦ 32%

Q11. Why did you buy your [pipe tablet] from a [pipe retailer]?

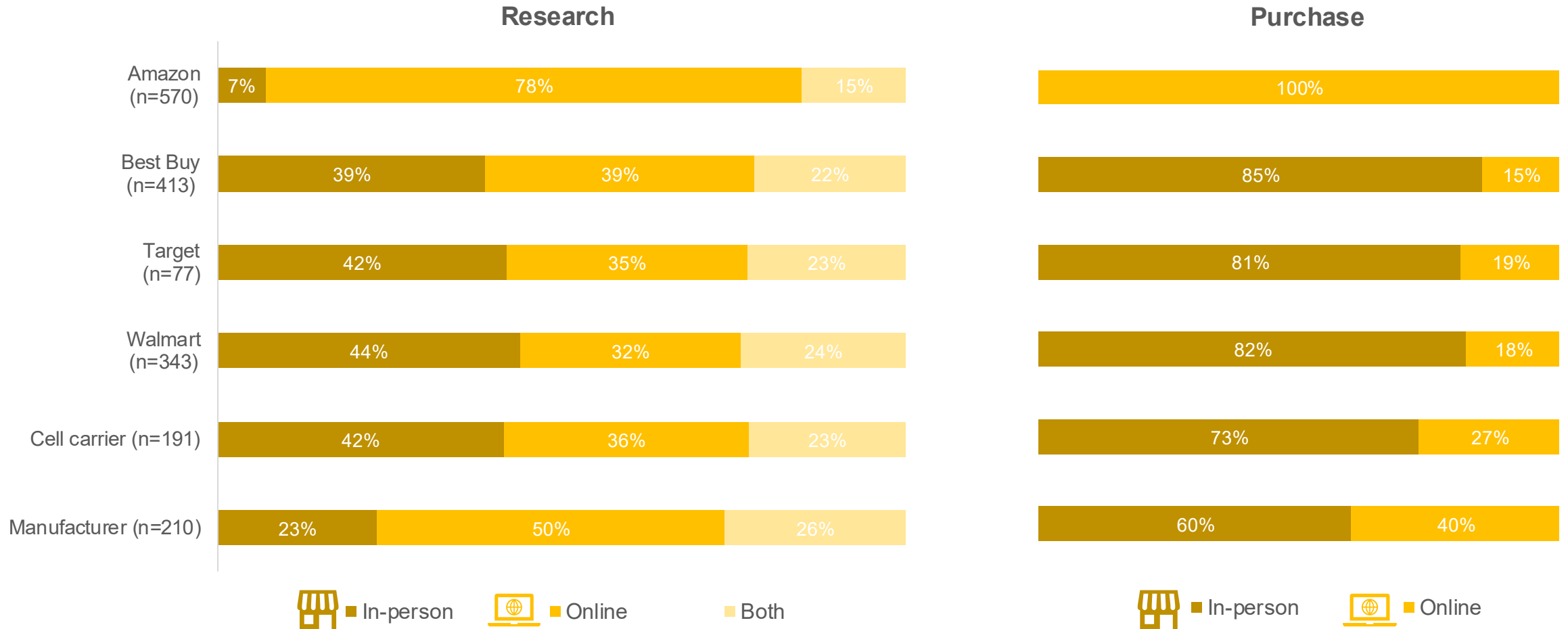
# Reasons for Choosing Retailer

Intenders' reasons for why they plan to purchase a tablet from a particular retailer generally align with purchasers' reasons.

	Amazon (n=339)	Best Buy (n=209)	Target (n=44)	Walmart (n=140)	Cell carrier (n=86)	Manufacturer (n=105)
Ease of delivery/fast shipping	✦ 65%	14%	20%	15%	27%	✦ 42%
It's where I normally shop	✦ 44%	37%	✦ 48%	✦ 49%	34%	32%
Convenience	✦ 40%	✦ 42%	✦ 34%	✦ 51%	✦ 42%	32%
Ability to shop in-store	-	✦ 48%	✦ 45%	✦ 41%	✦ 36%	✦ 42%
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Ability to talk to a sales associate	10%	✦ 41%	30%	23%	✦ 41%	✦ 33%

# In-person vs. Online Shopping

Regardless of where they purchased their tablet, consumers do a mix of online and in-person research. However, other than Amazon, more buy in-person than online across all other retailers.

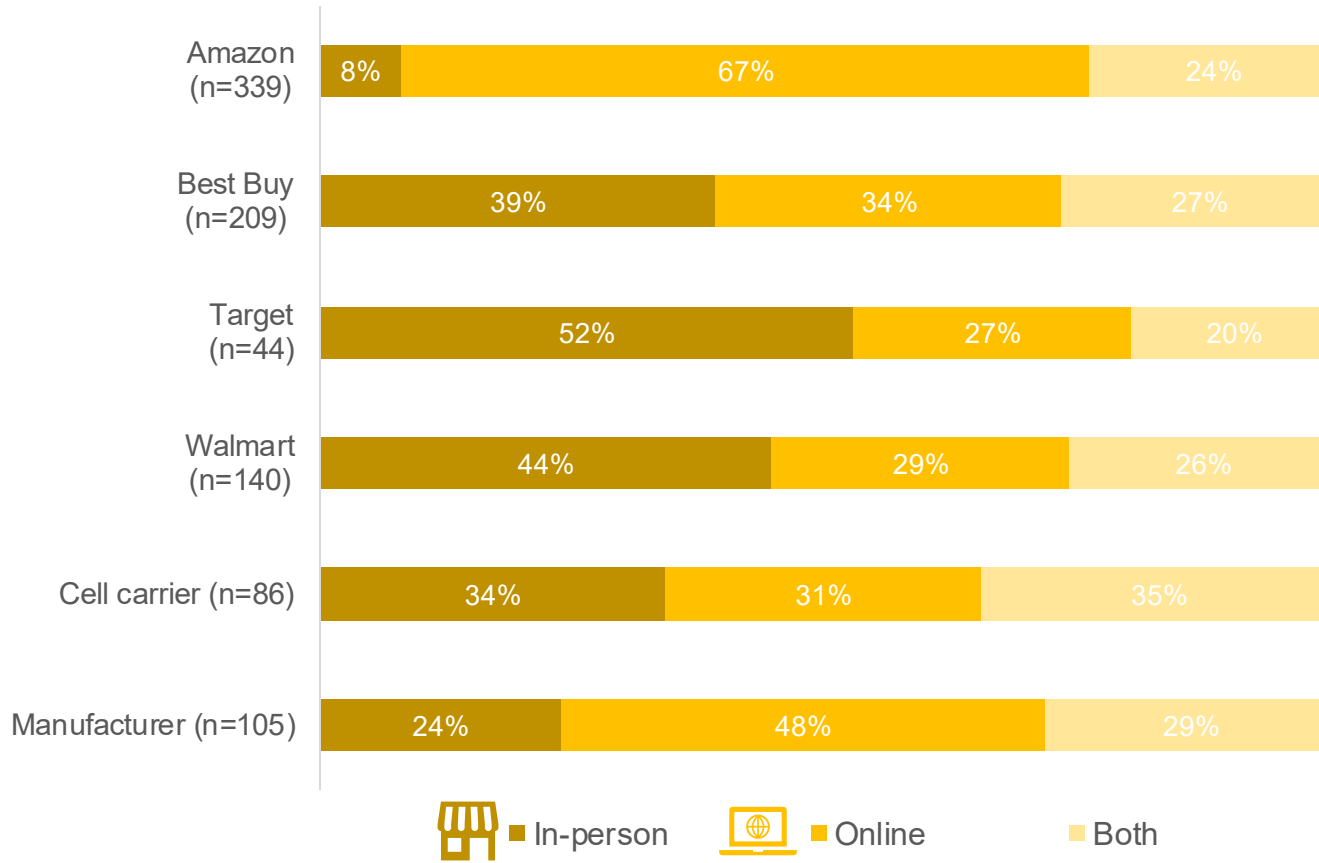


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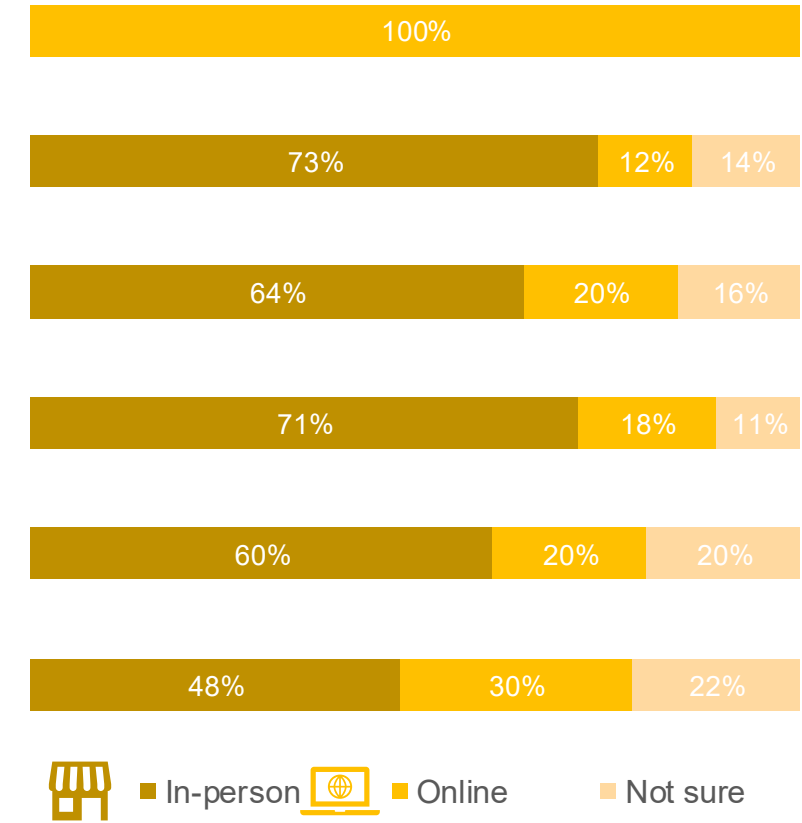
# In-person vs. Online Shopping

Intenders plan to do a mix of online and in-person research. And like Purchasers, other than those who plan to buy from Amazon, more plan to buy in-person than online.

## Research



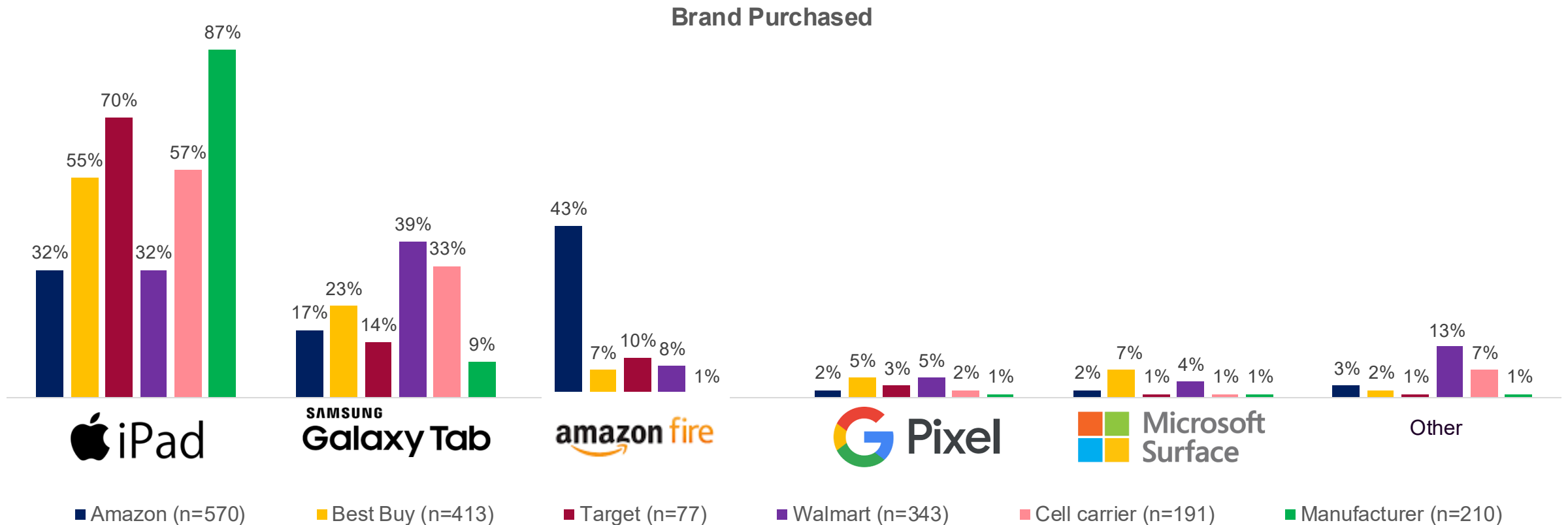
## Purchase



Q26. Prior to actually buying, how do you plan to research, get information, and shop for your next tablet? Q25. Do you plan to buy your next tablet in-person or online?

# Tablet Brand

The vast majority of people who buy tablets at a manufacturer are buying from an Apple store. iPads are purchased more at Best Buy and Target and less often at Walmart, suggesting higher end consumers. Galaxies are more often purchased at Walmart, suggesting lower end consumers. Google Pixel Tablets are more often purchased at Best Buy and Walmart – signalling two different market segments.

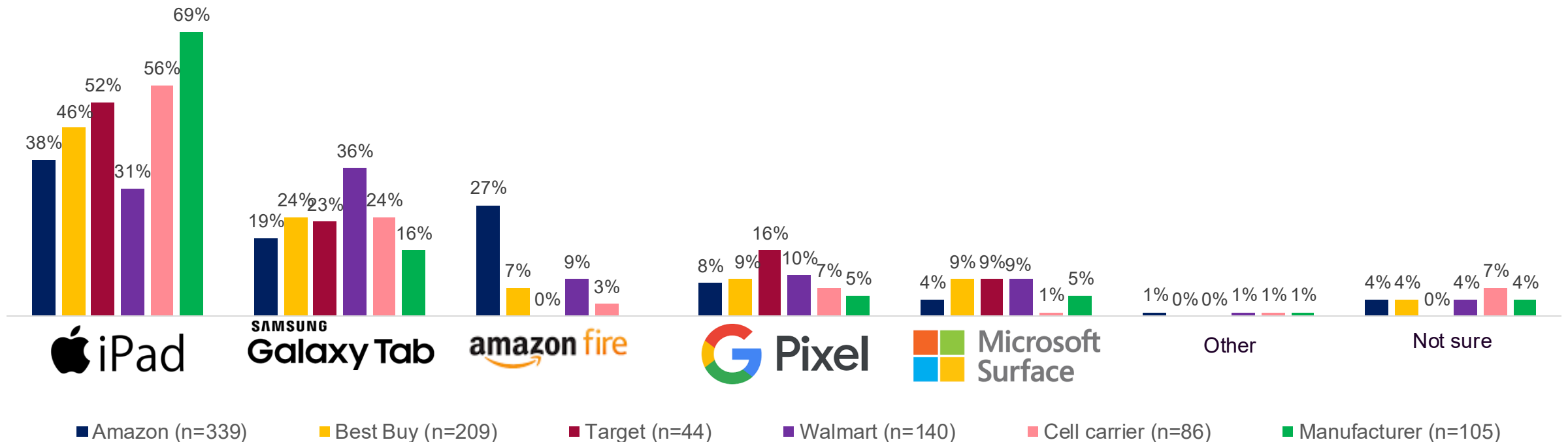


Q8. Which tablet did you buy most recently?

# Tablet Brand

Intended tablet brands among those who plan to shop at each retailer align with past purchaser behaviors. However, Google Pixel intenders align with Target more than those who actually purchased a Pixel did.

Brand Most Likely to Purchase



Q29. And, which brand are you most likely to buy?



# Decision Factors

Top decision factors are the same regardless of which retailer a tablet is purchased.

Ranked in Top 5	Amazon (n=570)	Best Buy (n=413)	Target (n=77)	Walmart (n=343)	Cell carrier (n=191)	Manufacturer (n=210)
Price/sale	★ 80%	★ 71%	★ 73%	★ 79%	★ 80%	★ 61%
Battery life	★ 75%	★ 73%	★ 68%	★ 76%	★ 72%	★ 73%
Large screen	★ 66%	★ 62%	★ 64%	★ 66%	★ 62%	★ 62%
Operating speed/processing power	★ 64%	★ 60%	★ 60%	★ 58%	★ 66%	★ 67%
Recharging speed	50%	49%	39%	56%	46%	38%
Same brand/OS as other products I own	39%	42%	44%	33%	47%	55%
Ability to use it for reading books	36%	28%	26%	22%	20%	21%
Camera	30%	32%	43%	38%	31%	32%
Ability to be productive for work	27%	38%	32%	28%	25%	43%
Wi-Fi texting with similar device	24%	31%	35%	30%	45%	39%
Small screen	10%	14%	17%	14%	6%	10%

# Decision Factors

As with Purchasers, Intenders' top decision factors aren't impacted by which retailer they plan to buy a tablet.

Ranked in Top 5	Amazon (n=339)	Best Buy (n=209)	Target (n=44)	Walmart (n=140)	Cell carrier (n=86)	Manufacturer (n=105)
Price/sale	✦ 82%	✦ 66%	✦ 64%	✦ 74%	✦ 84%	✦ 64%
Battery life	✦ 78%	✦ 72%	✦ 70%	✦ 71%	✦ 70%	✦ 81%
Large screen	✦ 65%	✦ 59%	✦ 50%	✦ 63%	✦ 60%	✦ 55%
Operating speed/processing power	✦ 63%	✦ 67%	✦ 50%	✦ 63%	✦ 63%	✦ 65%
Recharging speed	52%	47%	45%	49%	55%	53%
Same brand/OS as other products I own	39%	46%	36%	41%	41%	52%
Camera	34%	33%	41%	41%	34%	29%
Wi-Fi texting with similar device	26%	27%	36%	29%	37%	39%
Ability to use it for reading books	26%	28%	39%	19%	19%	20%
Ability to be productive for work	25%	41%	41%	33%	34%	31%
Small screen	9%	14%	27%	16%	5%	10%

# Spend

People buying a tablet from Amazon or Walmart spend less on average than those buying at Best Buy, Target, or especially manufacturers (which largely equates to Apple).

Price Paid  
for Tablet  
(mean)

\$277

Amazon  
(n=570)

\$468

Best Buy  
(n=413)

\$476

Target  
(n=77)

\$300

Walmart  
(n=343)

\$376

Cell carrier  
(n=191)

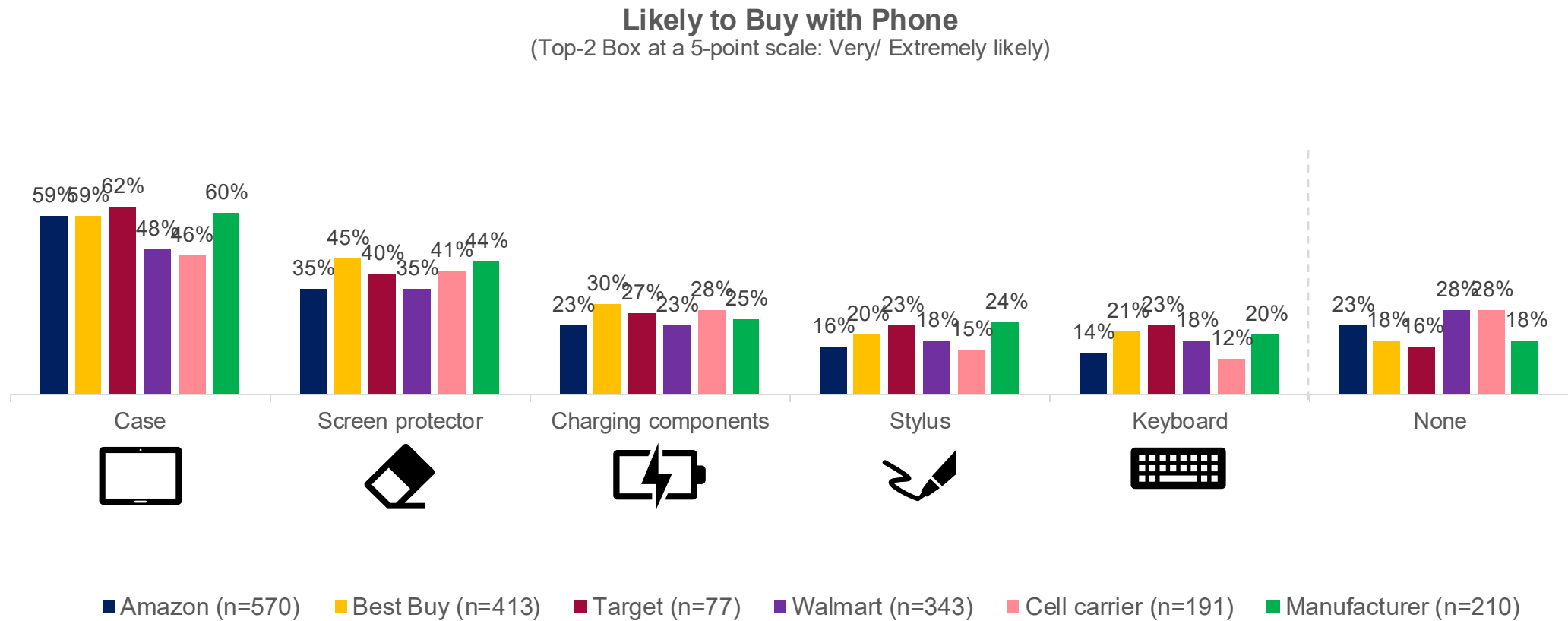
\$679

Manufacturer  
(n=210)

Q20. And, how much did you actually pay for your [pipe tablet]?

# Accessories

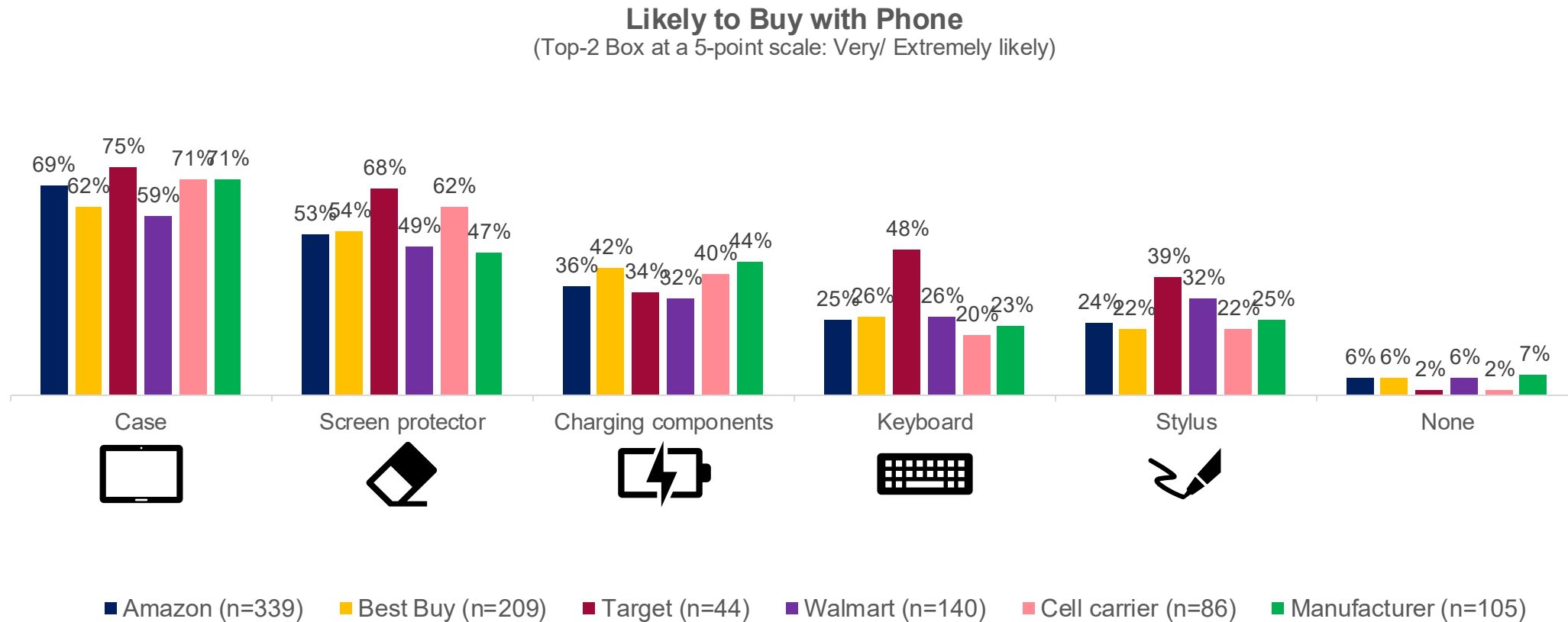
Consumers are most likely to buy an accessory along with their tablet at Best Buy, Target or a manufacturer.



Q21. Which, if any, accessories did you buy at the same time you bought your [pipe tablet]?

# Accessories

Across retail channels, the majority of Intenders plan to buy at least one accessory along with their tablet.



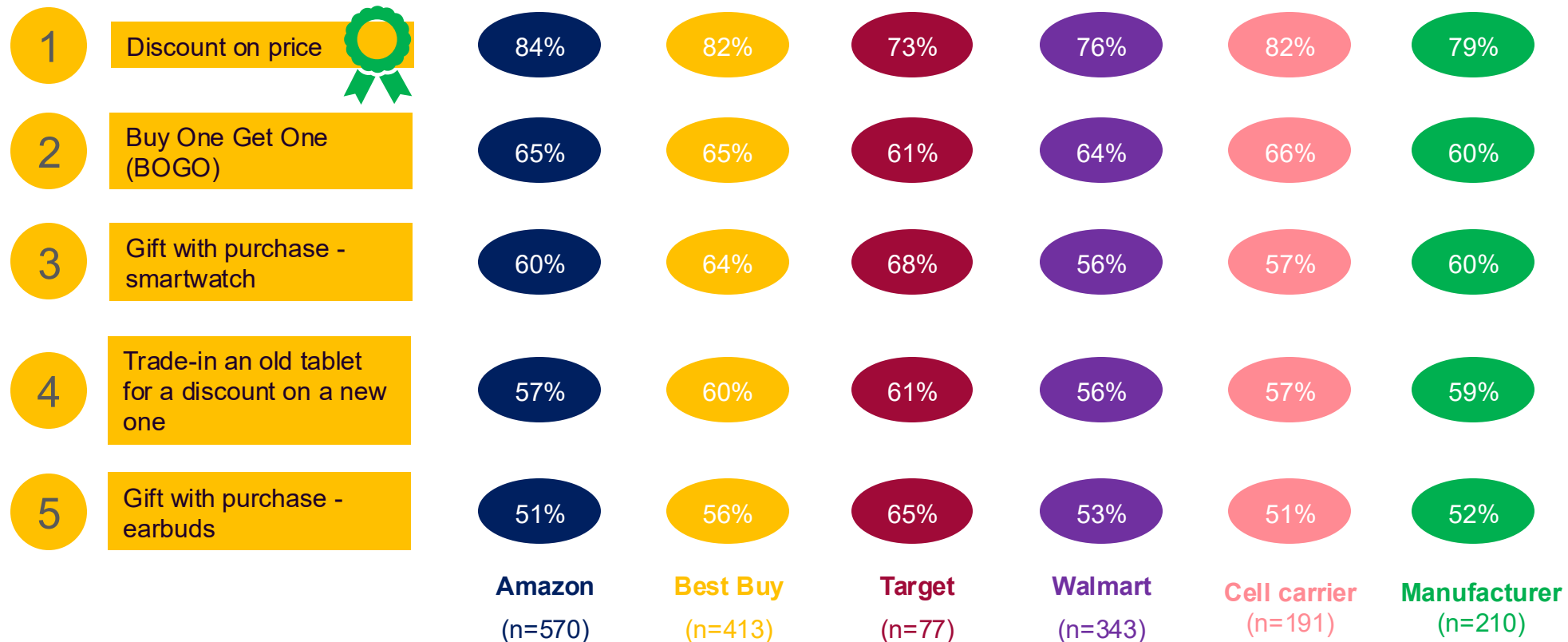
Q32. Which, if any, accessories do you plan to buy at the same time when you buy a tablet?

# Tablet Promotion Offers

Regardless of where they plan to buy a tablet, consumers agree that the most appealing tablet offer is a discount off the price.

## Offer is Appealing

(Top-2 Box on 5-point scale: Very/ Extremely appealing)



Q34. How appealing would each of the following offers be when shopping for a tablet?

# Tablet Promotion Offers

As with Purchasers, Intenders find a discount most appealing. Intenders who plan to buy at Target also like a smartwatch offered free with the purchase of a tablet.

## Offer is Appealing

(Top-2 Box on 5-point scale: Very/ Extremely appealing)



Q34. How appealing would each of the following offers be when shopping for a tablet?

# Demographics

Best Buy shoppers are more male and Target shoppers are younger.

	Amazon (n=570)	Best Buy (n=413)	Target (n=77)	Walmart (n=343)	Cell carrier (n=191)	Manufacturer (n=210)
<b>Mean Age</b>	49	46	38	45	49	47
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	45%	54%	43%	41%	45%	48%
Female	55%	46%	57%	59%	55%	50%
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Single, never married	26%	39%	45%	38%	36%	28%
Married, Live with partner	56%	47%	43%	42%	48%	63%
Separated/divorced/widowed	18%	14%	12%	19%	17%	8%
<b>Children in Household</b>						
No children	39%	51%	49%	47%	45%	48%
Youngest child is under 6	14%	10%	10%	10%	13%	12%
Youngest child is 6-11	13%	9%	16%	14%	11%	10%
Youngest child is 12-17	10%	11%	13%	10%	14%	12%
Youngest child is 18+	7%	8%	3%	8%	6%	5%
All children left the household	18%	12%	9%	10%	12%	12%

Green highlight = greater than other retailers

Q1. What is your age? Q2. Are you... Q49. Which best describes your marital status? Q50. Which best describes the children living in your household?



# Demographics

Walmart shoppers have lower income and are more likely to live in rural areas in the South. People who shop at manufacturers have higher income.

	Amazon (n=570)	Best Buy (n=413)	Target (n=77)	Walmart (n=343)	Cell carrier (n=191)	Manufacturer (n=210)
<b>Household Income</b>						
Less than \$49,999	44%	40%	36%	64%	46%	26%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	34%	37%	43%	23%	36%	36%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	11%	13%	12%	9%	9%	20%
\$150,000+	9%	7%	5%	2%	6%	13%
Mean	\$67,600	\$67,800	\$67,600	\$48,500	\$62,300	\$86,100
<b>Type of Area</b>						
Urban	31%	32%	30%	31%	37%	33%
Suburban	46%	52%	52%	36%	46%	54%
Rural	23%	15%	18%	32%	17%	12%
<b>Region</b>						
Northeast	19%	19%	23%	13%	10%	26%
Midwest	23%	21%	19%	21%	24%	18%
South	42%	40%	35%	53%	42%	31%
West	16%	20%	22%	13%	24%	25%

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	Amazon (n=339)	Best Buy (n=209)	Target (n=44)	Walmart (n=140)	Cell carrier (n=86)	Manufacturer (n=105)
<b>Mean Age</b>	47	43	38	44	47	46
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	47%	54%	43%	40%	37%	57%
Female	53%	46%	57%	60%	63%	42%
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Single, never married	32%	34%	39%	41%	42%	30%
Married, Live with partner	50%	55%	57%	41%	46%	58%
Separated/divorced/widowed	17%	11%	5%	17%	13%	13%
<b>Children in Household</b>						
No children	43%	48%	32%	46%	50%	50%
Youngest child is under 6	14%	12%	18%	12%	7%	15%
Youngest child is 6-11	13%	14%	18%	14%	16%	8%
Youngest child is 12-17	13%	12%	20%	10%	15%	10%
Youngest child is 18+	8%	6%	9%	10%	2%	7%
All children have left the household	9%	8%	2%	8%	9%	10%

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	Amazon (n=339)	Best Buy (n=209)	Target (n=44)	Walmart (n=140)	Cell carrier (n=86)	Manufacturer (n=105)
<b>Household Income</b>						
Less than \$49,999	46%	38%	27%	64%	47%	30%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	32%	39%	52%	24%	41%	33%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	14%	14%	9%	9%	8%	19%
\$150,000+	8%	9%	9%	2%	5%	15%
Mean	\$66,700	\$72,100	\$75,000	\$49,100	\$60,500	\$84,700
<b>Type of Area</b>						
Urban	34%	37%	39%	34%	38%	36%
Suburban	44%	51%	50%	35%	42%	49%
Rural	22%	11%	11%	31%	20%	15%
<b>Region</b>						
Northeast	16%	21%	20%	11%	12%	25%
Midwest	24%	17%	18%	26%	19%	17%
South	43%	46%	32%	49%	43%	36%
West	16%	16%	30%	15%	27%	22%

Q3. In what state do you live? Q51. In which type of area do you live? Q52. What is your annual household income, before taxes?

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**Thank you!**