

The back-to-school shopping season is the second-largest shopping season - just behind Black Friday and Christmas. In fact, roughly 60% of all Q3 sales are directly tied to back-to-school shoppers!

## Where do people buy school supplies?

According to the National Retail Federation, online shopping remains a top choice for both back-to-school (48%) and back-to-college shoppers (43%).

## **Consumer Behavior in an Inflationary Environment**

The price of everyday necessities has steadily increased since 2020. That means consumers are reacting to these higher prices by switching to cheaper alternatives, searching for coupons and purchasing a different brand than they would normally.

## Did you know?

When distributors offer Alliance branded products, they're able to meet the criteria for GSA set-asides for Women-Owned Small Businesses as well as "Buy-American."







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