

# **Bespoke Survey Research**

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# **Department Stores**

Volume 34 | Quarterly Survey 1,000 US Consumers Balanced To Census Tickers Covered: M, BURL, ROST, KSS, TJX.

## Key Takeaways:

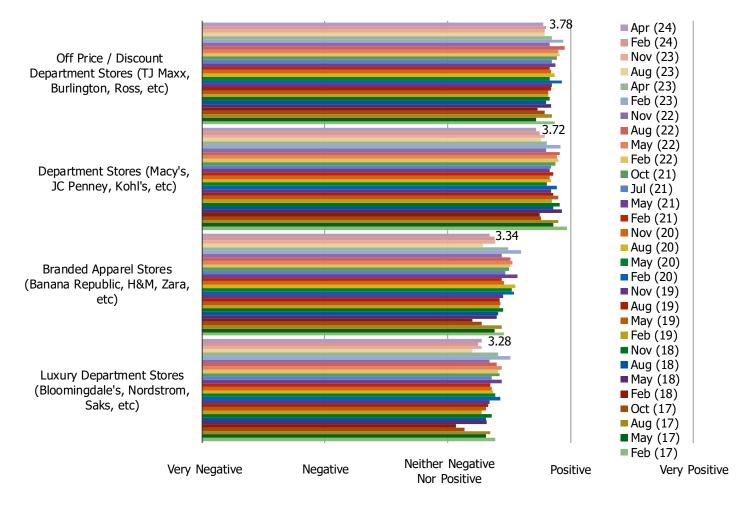
- 1. Consumer opinions of selection (brand and product) and sales have softened over the past year for department stores we track (Macy's, Kohl's, TJ Maxx, Burlington, and Ross).
- 2. Relative to this time last year, customers of each department store we track are self-reporting less money spent at each department store during the past six months.
- 3. Recent and expected shopping engagement is generally net positive, but has softened over the past year sequentially.
- 4. Among the retailers tested in our survey, the most likely to be viewed as net popularity gainers include Amazon, Temu, Shein, Al-Mart, Target, TJ Maxx, Ross, Kohls, H&M, Zara, and Old Navy.
- 5. Among the retailers tested in our survey, the most likely to be viewed as net popularity losers include JC Penney, Macy's, Dillard's, Bloomingdale's, Banan Republic, and Nordstrom.

# **Noteworthy Stats:**

- **53.0%** Of respondents like to strongly like the treasure hunt shopping experience.
- **34.9%** Of respondents would turn to Amazon if they were shopping for clothing today.
- **7.0%** Of respondents would turn to Shein if they were shopping for clothing today.
- 6.9% Of respondents would turn to Temu if they were shopping for clothing today.

# DEPARTMENT STORE CHANNEL SENTIMENT

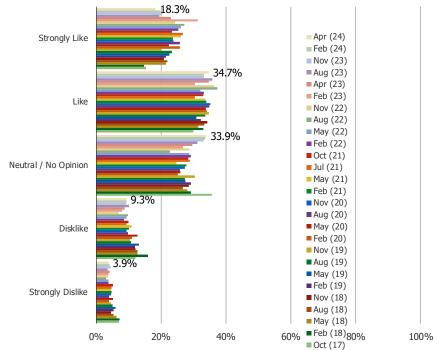
#### ALL CONSUMERS: OPINION OF EACH TYPE OF RETAILER



# TREASURE HUNT SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

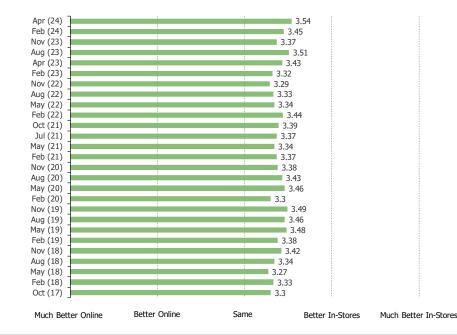
# DO YOU LIKE THE TREASURE HUNT TYPE OF SHOPPING EXPERIENCE WHERE BRANDS/PRODUCTS AVAILABLE AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE CHANGE OFTEN?

#### Posed to all consumers.



#### IS THE TREASURE HUNT TYPE OF SHOPPING EXPERIENCE BETTER ONLINE OR IN-STORES?

Posed to all consumers who said they like or strongly like the treasure hunt shopping experience.



# DEPARTMENT STORE DEEP DIVES (COMPARISONS) PRODUCT SELECTIONS

HAVE YOU NOTICED ANY CHANGES IN THE FOLLOWING WHILE SHOPPING AT \_\_\_\_\_

Posed to customers of each department store (bought in past year).

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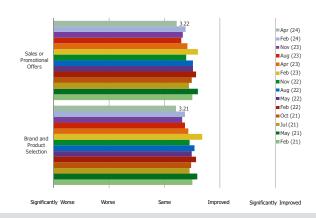
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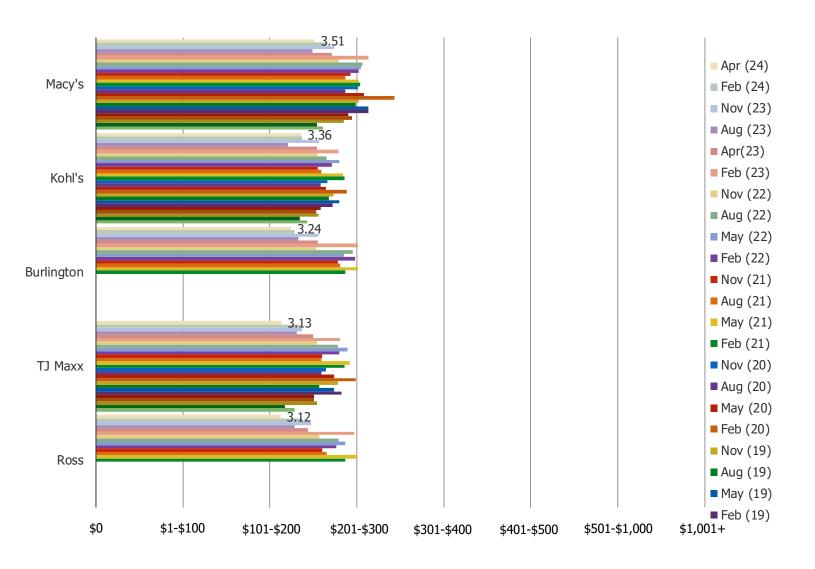


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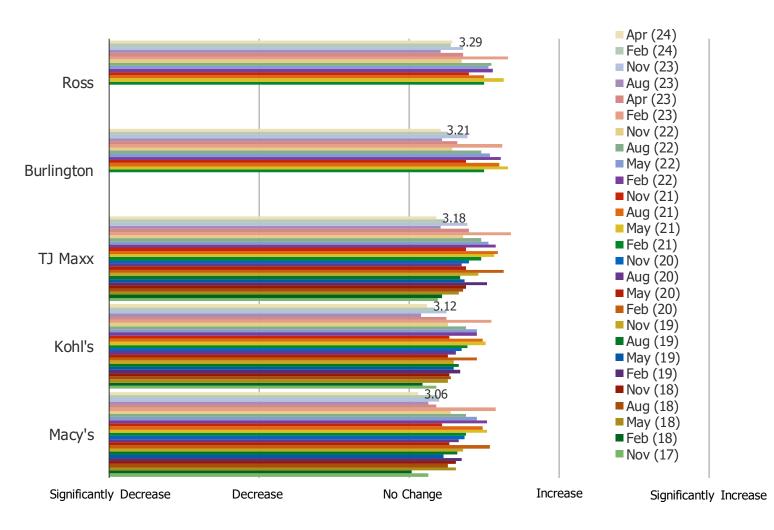
# AMONG ACTIVE CUSTOMERS (PURCHASED IN THE PAST YEAR)

HOW MUCH HAVE YOU SPENT THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS?

Posed to customers of each department store (bought in past year).



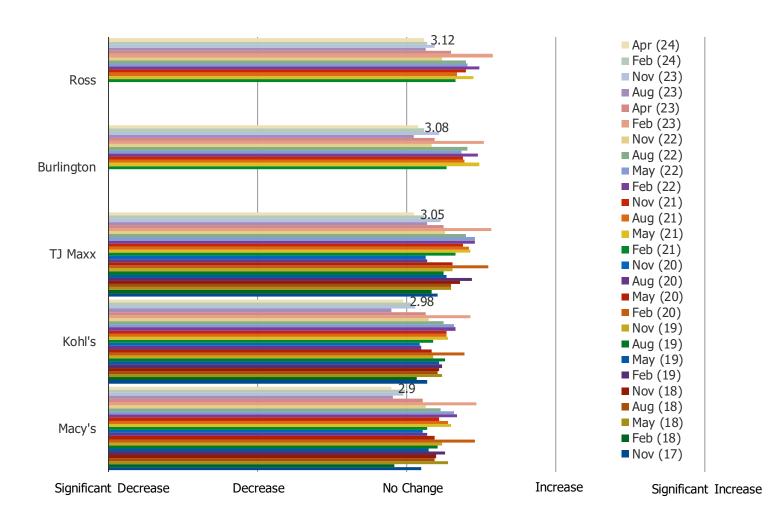
GOING FORWARD, DO YOU EXPECT TO CHANGE HOW MUCH YOU SHOP \_\_\_\_\_?



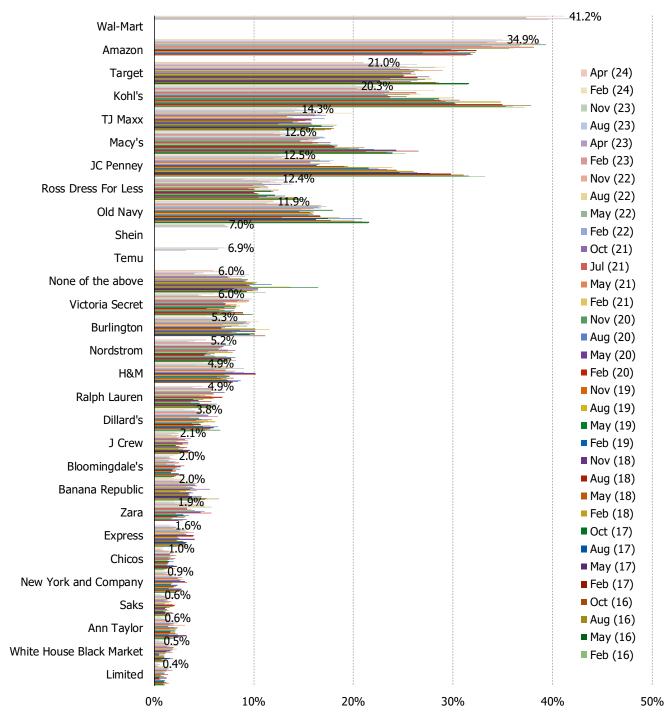
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HAS YOUR SHOPPING OF \_\_\_\_\_ CHANGED COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO?

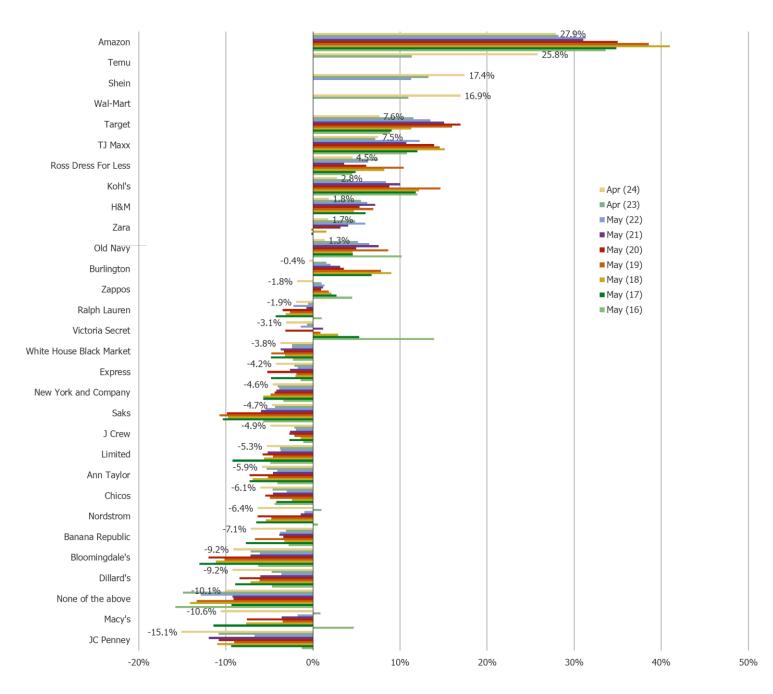
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# IF YOU WERE SHOPPING FOR CLOTHING FOR YOURSELF TODAY, WHICH WOULD YOU BE MOST LIKELY TO VISIT?



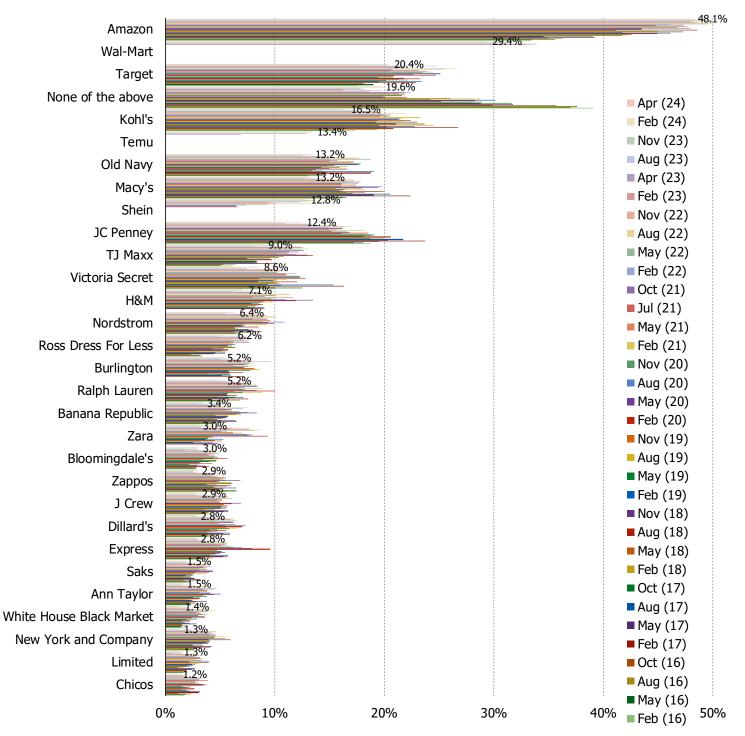
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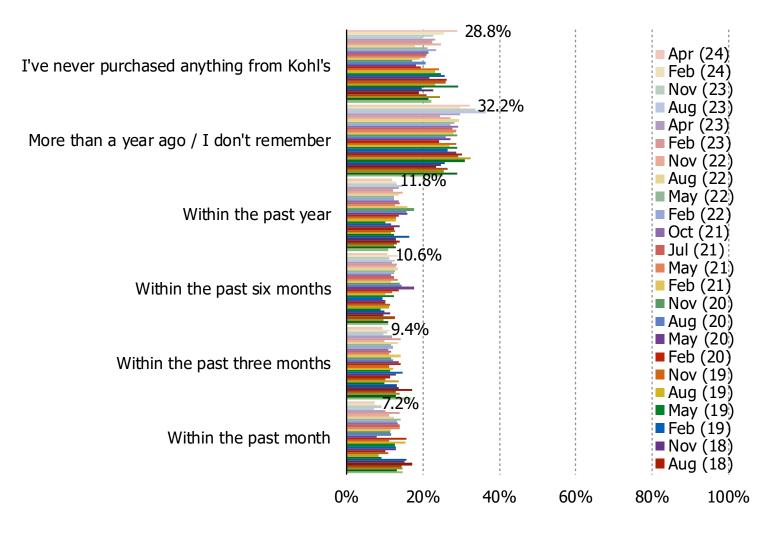
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#### I SHOP FOR CLOTHES OR ACCESSORIES FOR MYSELF ONLINE AT THE FOLLOWING...



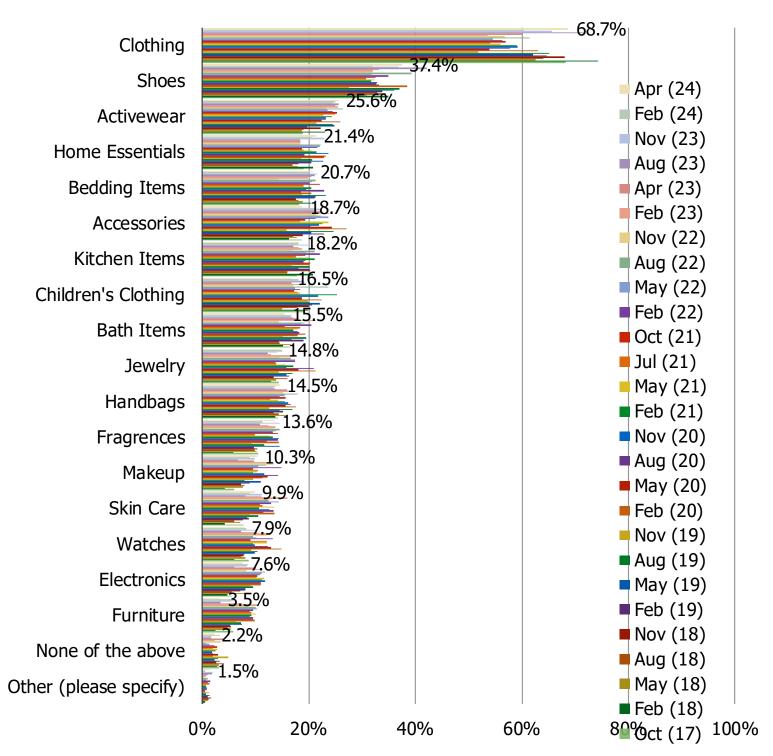
# DEPARTMENT STORE DEEP DIVES: KOHL'S

#### WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU PURCHASED SOMETHING FROM KOHL'S?



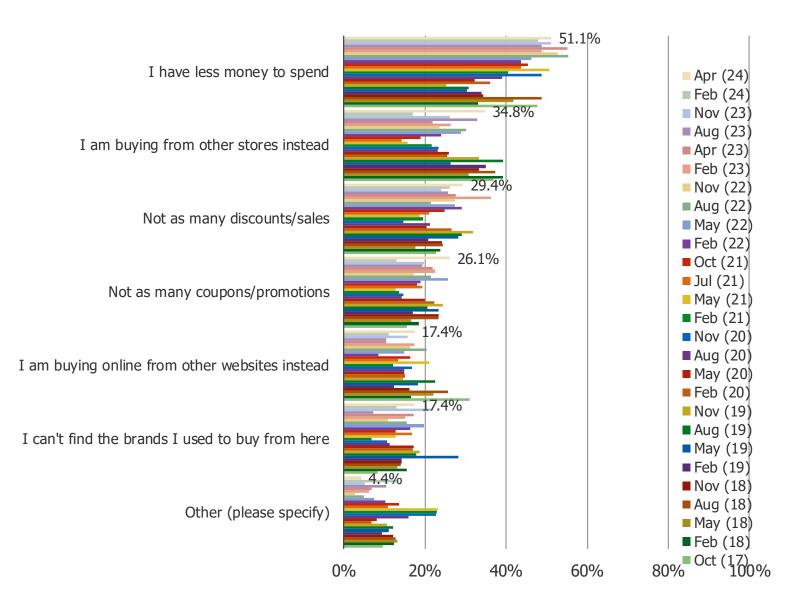
### WHAT TYPE OF ITEMS DO YOU TYPICALLY BUY FROM KOHL'S?

Posed to all consumers who purchased from Kohl's in the past year.



#### RESPONDENTS WHO SAID THEY HAVE BEEN SHOPPING KOHL'S LESS: WHY?

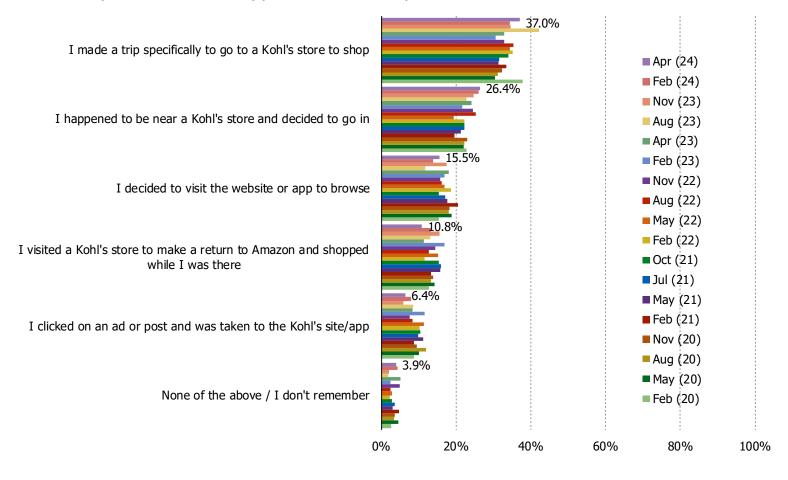
Posed to all consumers who purchased from Kohl's in the past year, but said they are shopping it less compared to a year ago.



# KOHL'S AND AMAZON RETURNS

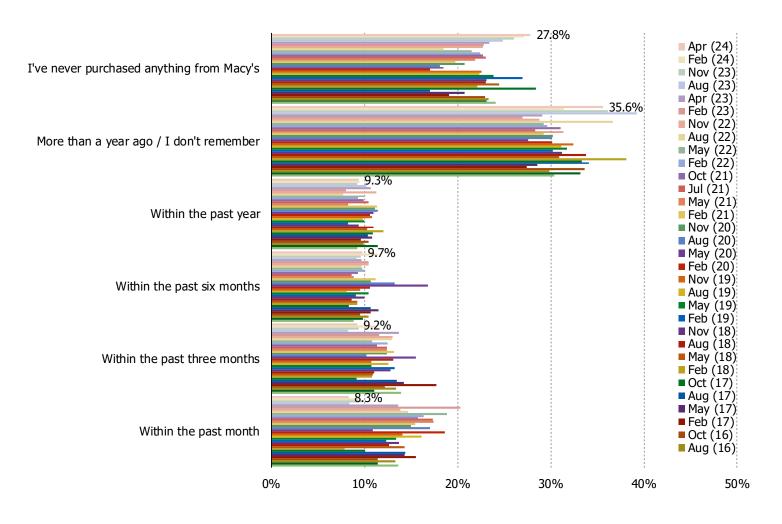
WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBE WHY YOU SHOPPED KOHL'S?

### Posed respondents who shopped Kohl's in the past three months



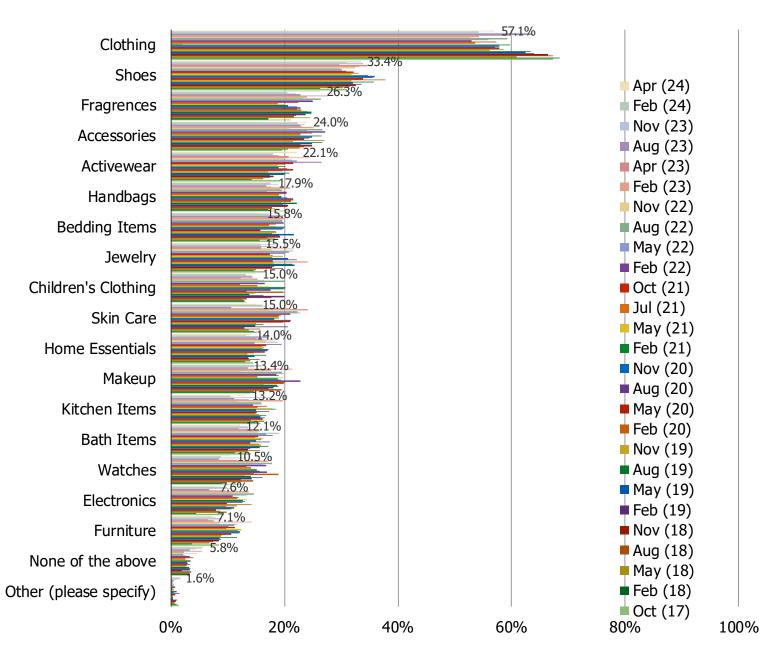
# DEPARTMENT STORES DEEP DIVE: MACY'S

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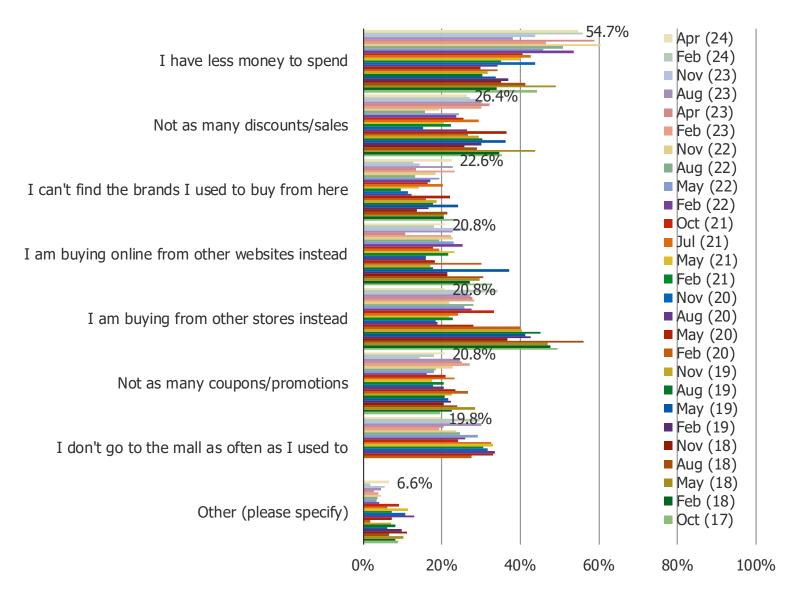
### WHAT TYPE OF ITEMS DO YOU TYPICALLY BUY FROM MACY'S?

Posed to all consumers who purchased from Macy's in the past year.



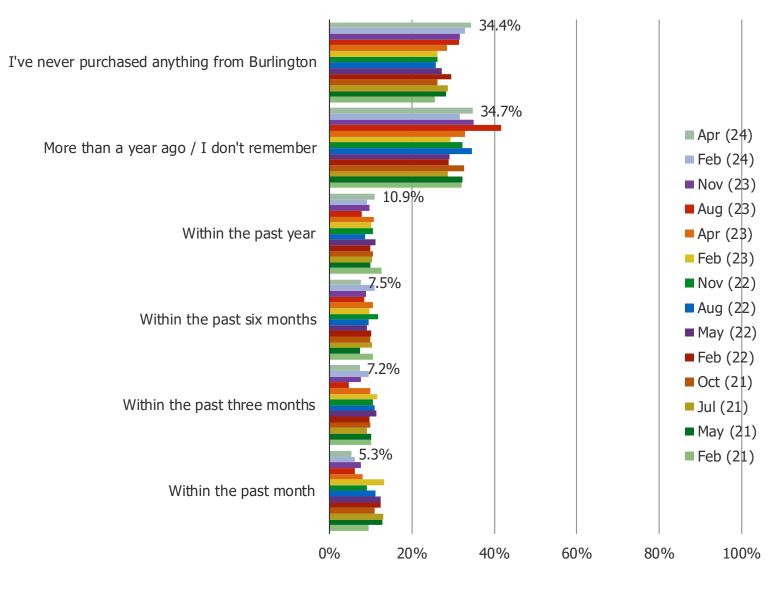
#### RESPONDENTS WHO SAID THEY HAVE BEEN SHOPPING MACY'S LESS: WHY?

Posed to all consumers who purchased from Macy's in the past year, but said they are shopping it less compared to a year ago.



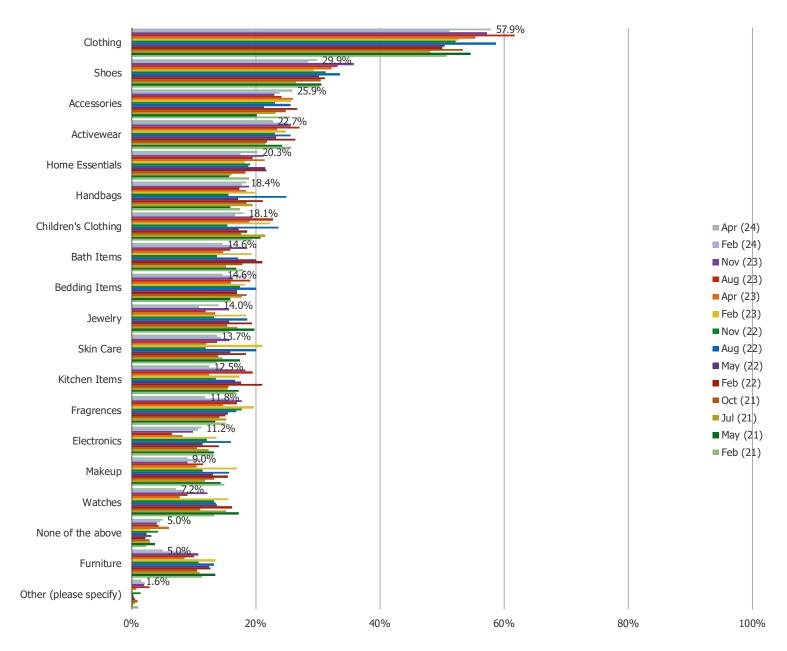
# DEPARTMENT STORES DEEP DIVES: BURLINGTON

# WHEN IS THE LAST TIME THAT YOU BOUGHT CLOTHING OR ACCESSORIES FOR YOURSELF FROM BURLINGTON?



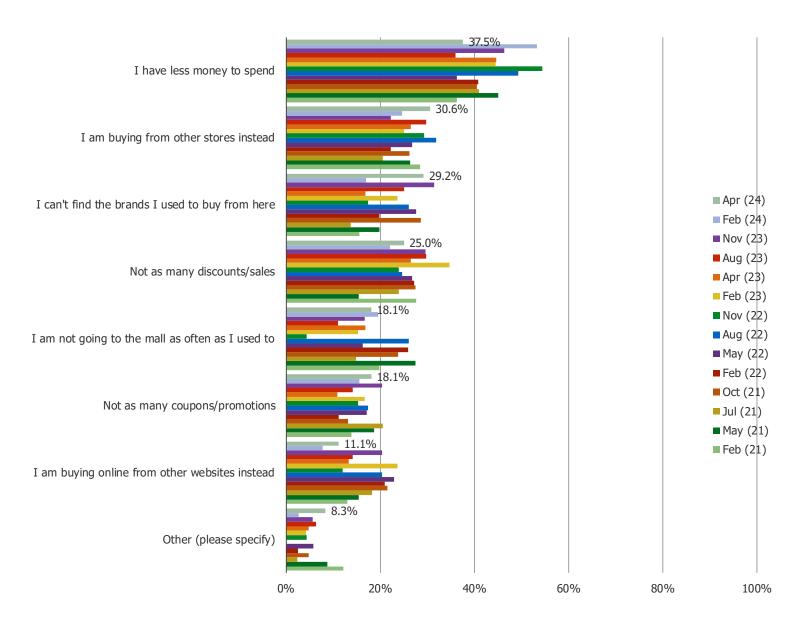
#### WHAT TYPES OF ITEMS DO YOU TYPICALLY BUY FROM BURLINGTON?

Posed to all consumers who purchased from Burlington in the past year.



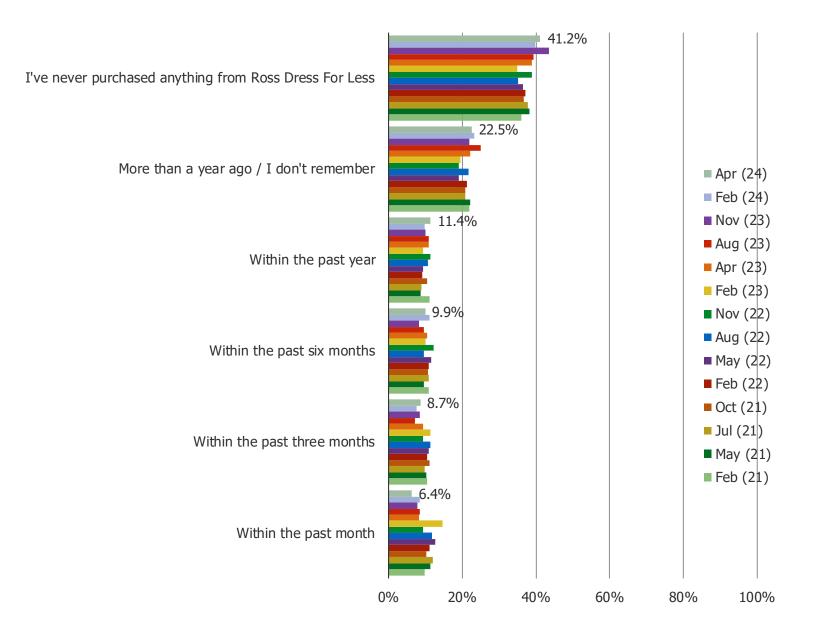
#### RESPONDENTS WHO SAID THEY HAVE BEEN SHOPPING BURLINGTON LESS: WHY?

Posed to all consumers who purchased from Burlington in the past year, but said they are shopping it less compared to a year ago.



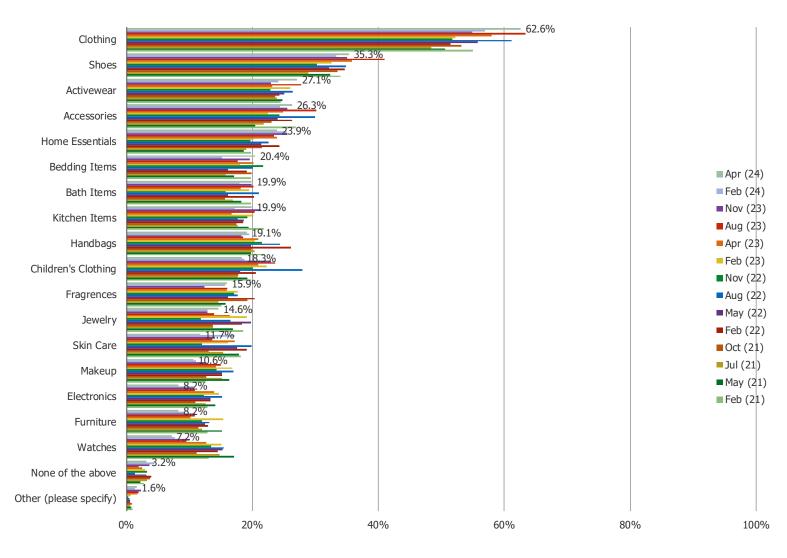
# DEPARTMENT STORES DEEP DIVES: ROSS

WHEN IS THE LAST TIME THAT YOU BOUGHT CLOTHING OR ACCESSORIES FOR YOURSELF FROM ROSS DRESS FOR LESS?



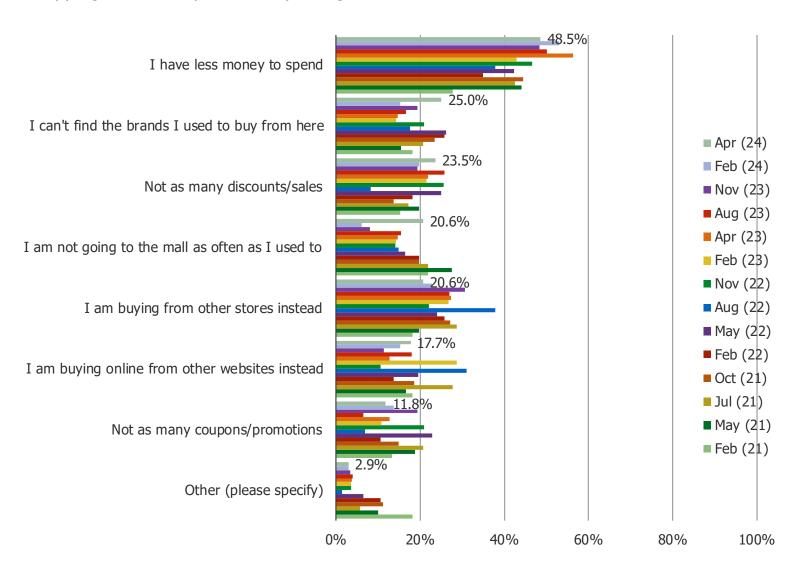
#### WHAT TYPES OF ITEMS DO YOU TYPICALLY BUY FROM ROSS DRESS FOR LESS?

Posed to all consumers who purchased from Ross in the past year.



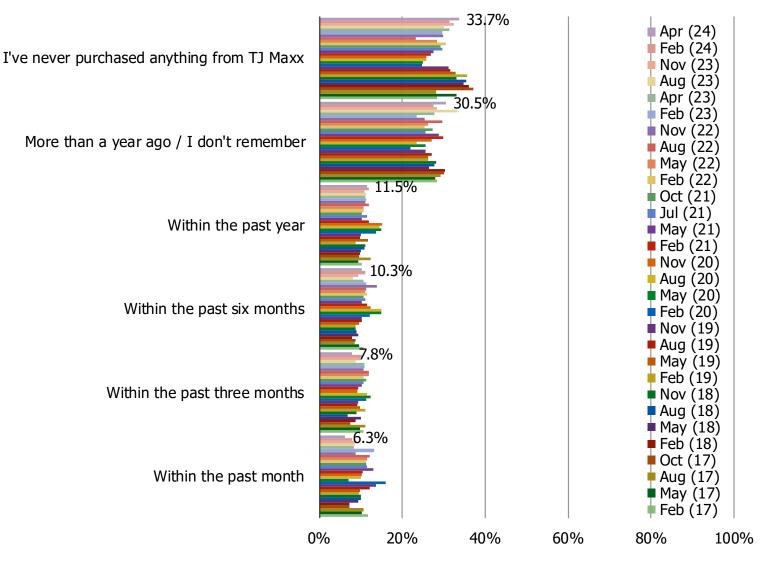
#### RESPONDENTS WHO SAID THEY HAVE BEEN SHOPPING ROSS LESS: WHY?

Posed to all consumers who purchased from Ross in the past year, but said they are shopping it less compared to a year ago.



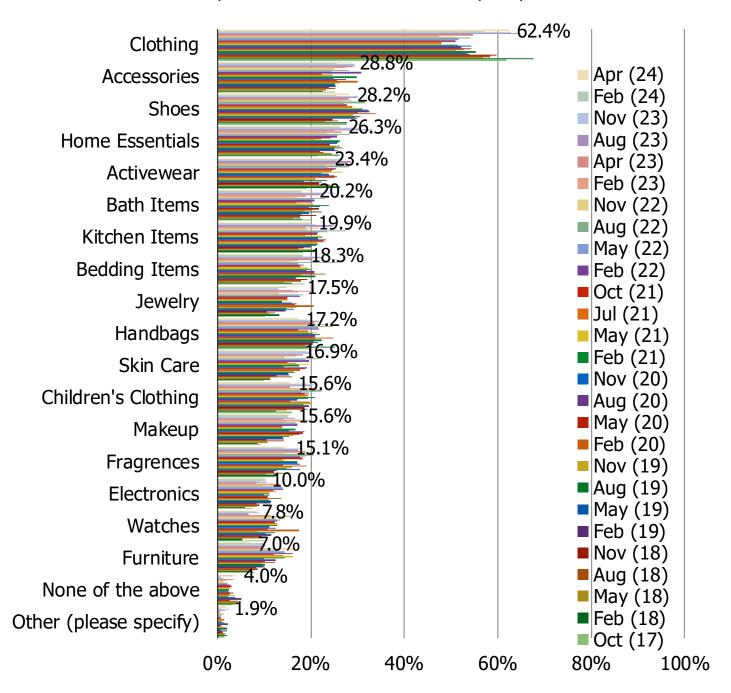
# DEPARTMENT STORES DEEP DIVES: TJ MAXX

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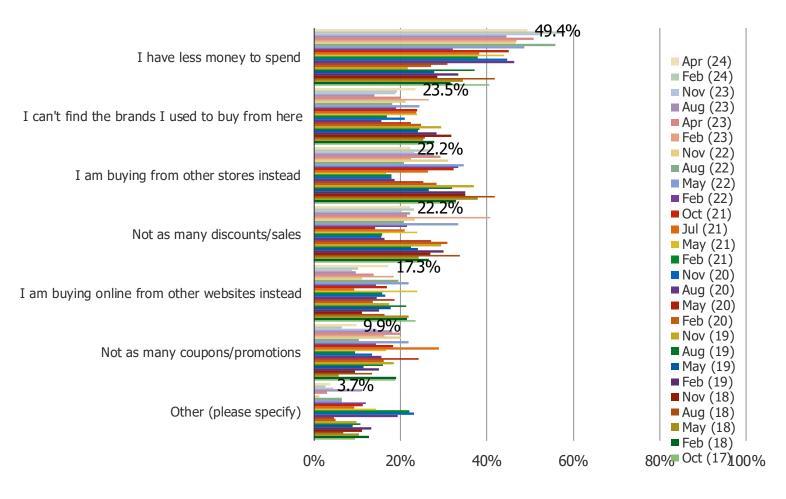
### WHAT TYPE OF ITEMS DO YOU TYPICALLY BUY FROM TJ MAXX?

Posed to all consumers who purchased from TJ Maxx in the past year.



### RESPONDENTS WHO SAID THEY HAVE BEEN SHOPPING TJ MAXX LESS: WHY?

Posed to all consumers who purchased from TJ Maxx in the past year, but said they are shopping it less compared to a year ago.

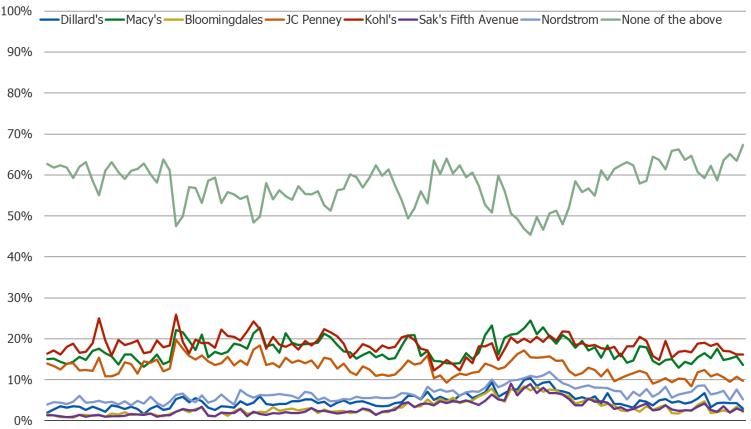


# MONTHLY TRAFFIC TRACKERS

# AMONG ALL RESPONDENTS, BALANCED TO US CENSUS

HAVE YOU PURCHASED FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE PAST MONTH (EITHER IN-STORES OR ONLINE)?

### Posed to all respondents (1,500 US consumers balanced to census).



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