



# **The Evolving Health and Wellness Consumer**

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# Who we are is changing



## Household Composition

- Only 28% of U. S. households have children under the age of 18, down 25% since 1960. As a result, only 22% of primary shoppers are moms.
- 47% of all primary shoppers are male.
- 28% of U.S. households are single-person households.
- 16% of U.S. households are multi-generational (2+ generations of adults living in the home)

## Demographic Changes

- In 1960, 75% of the foreign-born population was from Europe. Now, 53% of the foreign-born population is from Latin America (inc. Mexico), and 28% is from Asia.
- Over a quarter of Millennials are non-Caucasian, compared to 14% for the Silent Generation .
- For the first time ever, the majority of babies born in the U.S. are non-Caucasian.

# How we procure groceries today is changing



***“My phone is an easy button. I can order food, get service, give feedback... because companies can track me. I can pay with my phone.”***

## **More democratically within the household**

- Many households now have both adults buying groceries regularly
- Within households with children, children are becoming “co-shoppers”

## **More democratically outside the household**

- More than 50% of grocery shopping “trips” involve going to 2+ stores
- 71% of consumers visit 5+ retail channels at least once a month for food
- We utilize the roadside or online “pantry” rather than stocking up the home pantry
- The lines between food retail and food service are blurred in the minds of consumers and are likely to entirely disappear in the near future

# How we eat today is changing



*“My roommates and I, we don’t share food...we’ve had family meals together maybe three times in the last six years that we’ve been rooming together.”*

## Occasion-based meals and snacks

- Eating alone (47% of eating occasions)
- 50% meals/50% snacks
- New occasions: pre-breakfast snack, late night meal

## On-demand, planned spontaneity

- 63% of eating occasion food choices are decided within an hour of consumption
- 30% of the top 25 supermarket growth categories are in the chilled or perishable categories (fresh “fast” food)

## Variety and customization (by dietary concerns, cuisines)

- 55% of families cook multiple meals/dishes to cater to individual taste preferences
- 13% of all eating occasions include an emerging global food

## Cook less or cook more, depending on the occasion

- 77% of all eating occasion involve at least some prepared food

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# The Hartman Group's Health and Wellness World Model

The World of H+W is divided into segments with varying intensity of involvement

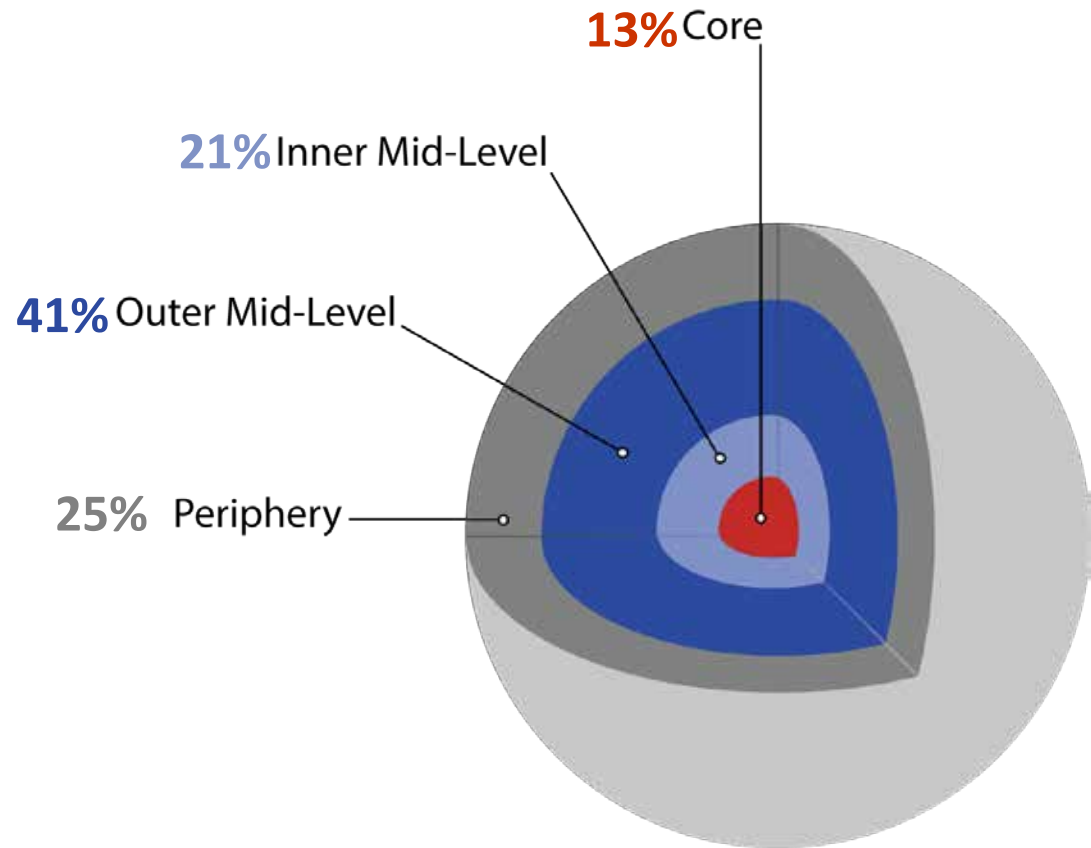
The gap between aspirations and behavior narrows as consumers become more engaged with H+W

**Core** is the most intensely involved in H+W

**Inner Mid-level** adopt Core attitudes and behaviors but with less consistency and reach

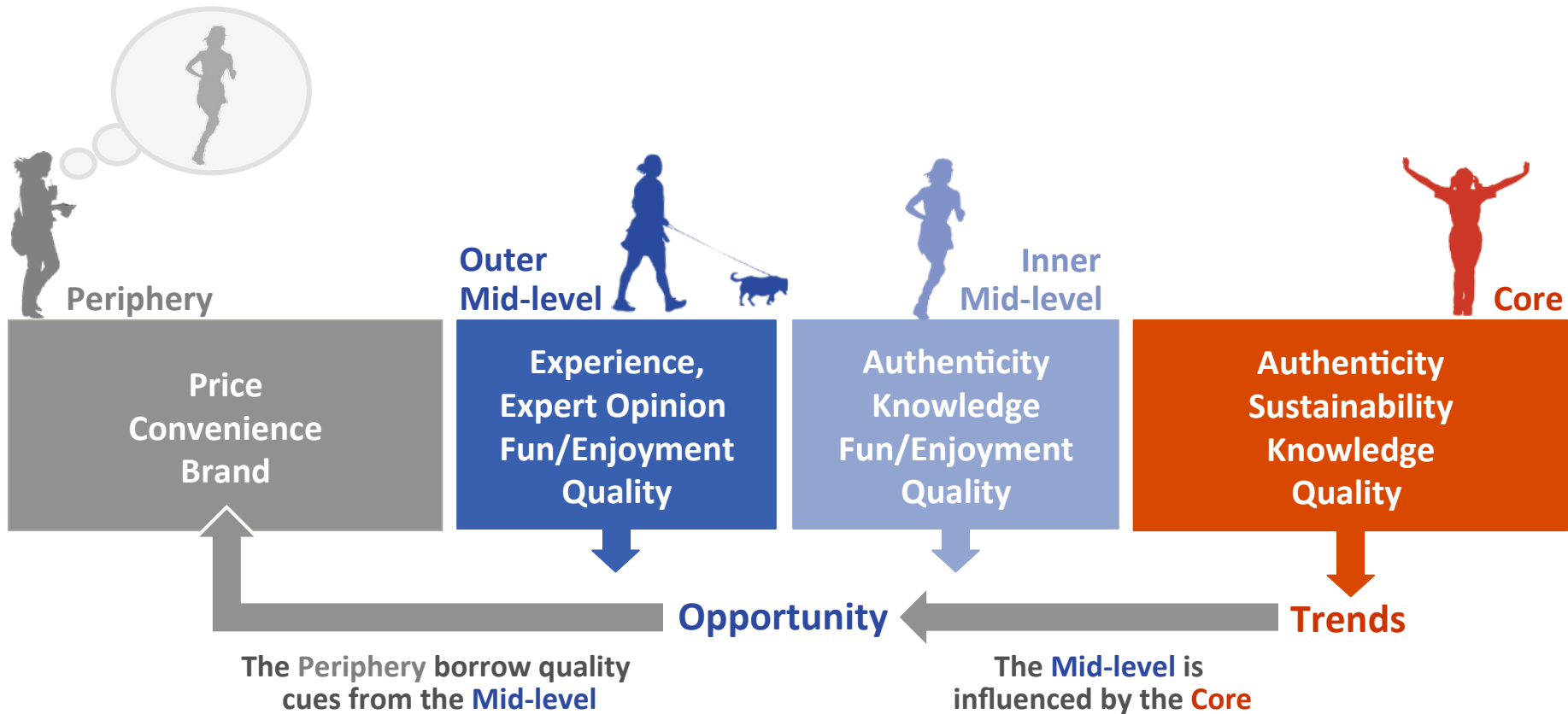
**Outer Mid-level** experiment with H+W but tends to prioritize other concerns

**Periphery** is the least involved in H+W



*The Hartman Group's World of Wellness Segmentation*

# Core create and lead H+W trends; Mid-level adopt these trends pragmatically



# Adoption pathway

## IN BODY



Food and Beverages

## ON BODY



Personal care

## AROUND BODY



Household products

Increasing engagement with H+W

**Avoiding negatives:**  
Sugar, fats, salt, HFCS,  
trans fats, hormones

**Adding positives (natural/  
organic):**  
Meat  
Dairy  
Dirty dozen produce  
Other produce  
Bakery  
Deli  
Packaged/processed

Baby products  
Lotions and creams  
Lipstick  
Other cosmetics  
Body soap  
Shampoo  
More "natural" OTC products  
Supplements

Laundry detergent  
Dish soap  
Kitchen surface cleaner  
Bathroom cleaner  
Window cleaner  
Garden products



# Consumers: Periphery to Core

Michelle PERIPHERY



Mia OUTER ML



Madison INNER ML



Renee CORE



*"I'm trying to lose weight, but I don't take enough time for myself. Eating well and exercise would help with health, but I'm not sure how to do it."*

*"Organic tastes good and makes me feel better."*

*"I avoid the chemicals in processed food because you don't know how the effects will accumulate over time."*

*"I research all the anti-inflammatory foods online so I can prevent future conditions."*

**H+W...** is eating right, exercising and happiness

**H+W...** is living, laughing, loving, having your body in balance

**H+W...** is being appreciative and conscious of the choices you make and what's going on around you

**H+W...** is being proactive and mindful in body, mind and spirit

**Shops at:** Walmart, Kroger, Publix, Dollar Stores, Walgreens, CVS

**Shops at:** Publix, Target, Walmart, Whole Foods, GNC

**Shops at:** Whole Foods Market, Trader Joe's, QFC, Walgreens, Bartell Drugs, Safeway

**Shops at:** Natural Foods Warehouse, Good Nut, farmers market, Publix, Costco, Trader Joe's, online

# Consumer involvement in the World does not always evolve, but when it does the adoption pathway for consumers is similar

## PHYSICAL



## MENTAL



## EMOTIONAL



## SPIRITUAL



### BALANCE

- First steps focus on physical wellness
- Some exercise
- Absence of negatives in food
- OTC, Rx use more common

### HOLISTIC

- Increasing attention to food and beverage choices
- Experimentation with organic
- Incorporate commonly-known vitamin supplements
- Practices for mental and emotional wellness not fully incorporated

### INTEGRATED

- Predominantly organic in fresh categories
- Use of alternative, integrative medicine
- Practices for emotional and spiritual health more intentional
- Some use of natural personal care and household products

### HARMONY

- Emphasis on clean food, positive nutrition
- Naturopathic medicine is primary
- Physical exercise for emotional and physical balance
- Homemade personal care and household products

# Personal care product adoption pathway

## Periphery



*"That's just the one I get. It works for my hair."*

**Seeking...** products that 'work' and do not irritate

## Outer Mid-Level



*"Others have made me itchy...this one's made from natural elements and there's no dyes or anything bad for you."*

**Seeking...** products with "natural" or non-toxic cues that still do the job

## Inner Mid-Level



*"It's tough to find ones without sulfates, but I make the effort."*

**Seeking...** natural products with short ingredient list, and without specific chemicals regarded as unsafe (parabens, sulfates)

## Core



*"They use only natural ingredients and list them on their website. Packaging is environmentally friendly, and I like their business model."*

**Seeking...** products that work in harmony with body and planet; food-grade ingredients, essential oils, vegan, organic

# Cleaning product adoption pathway

## Periphery



*"It kills germs, and that keeps me healthy."*

**Seeking...** products that can guarantee effectively killing germs

## Outer Mid-Level



*"It's made out of mostly natural ingredients and is Clorox, so you can trust it to kill germs."*

**Seeking...** mainstream brands with potency but some with natural cues

## Inner Mid-Level



*"It cleans dishes well, smells good and I don't worry about harsh chemicals."*

**Seeking...** natural brands that work but keep people and pets in the house safe

## Core

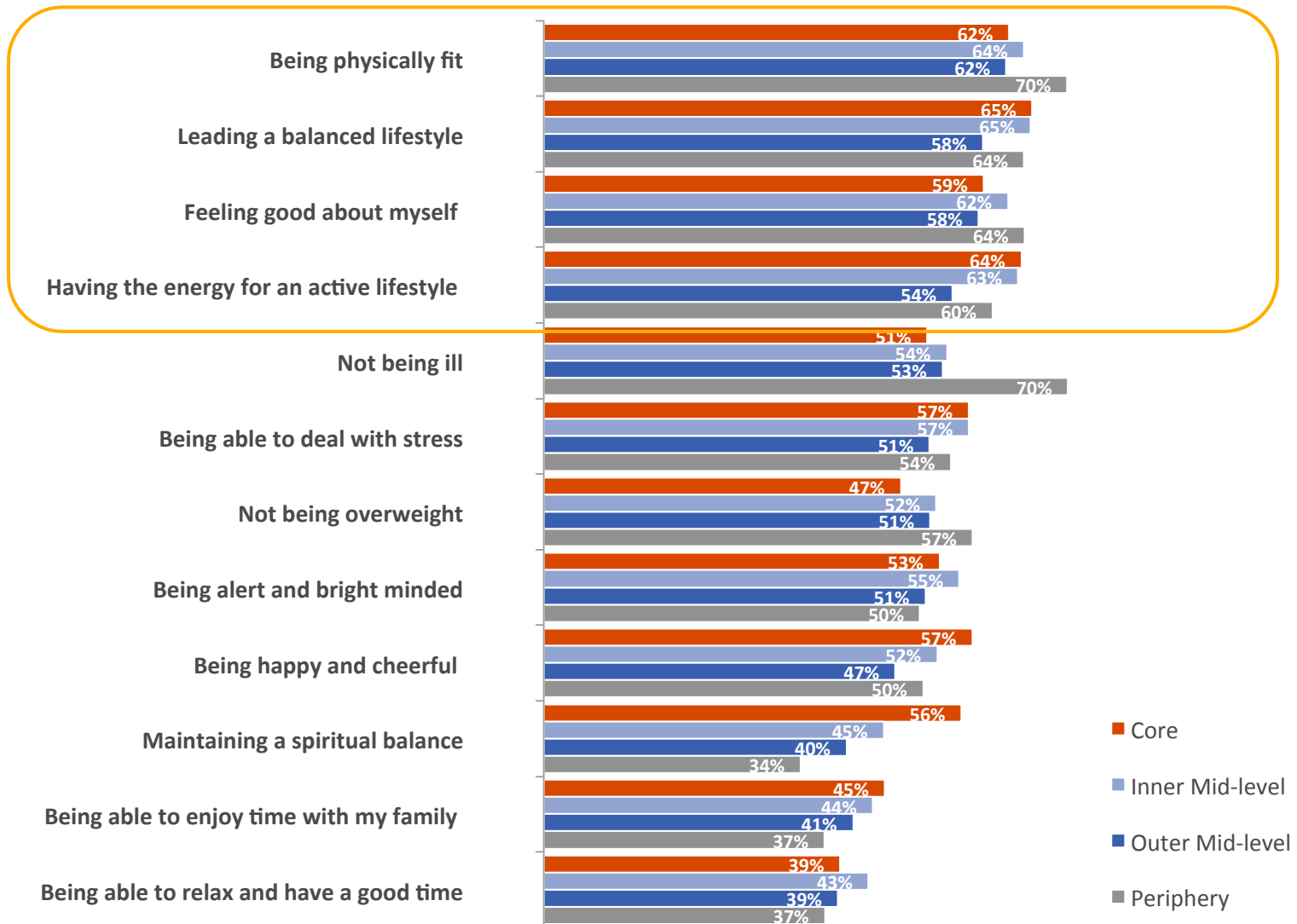


*"There's an environmental aspect and a personal aspect to being more cognizant of how I clean my home."*

**Seeking...** products from nature with inherent cleaning properties; safe and non-polluting

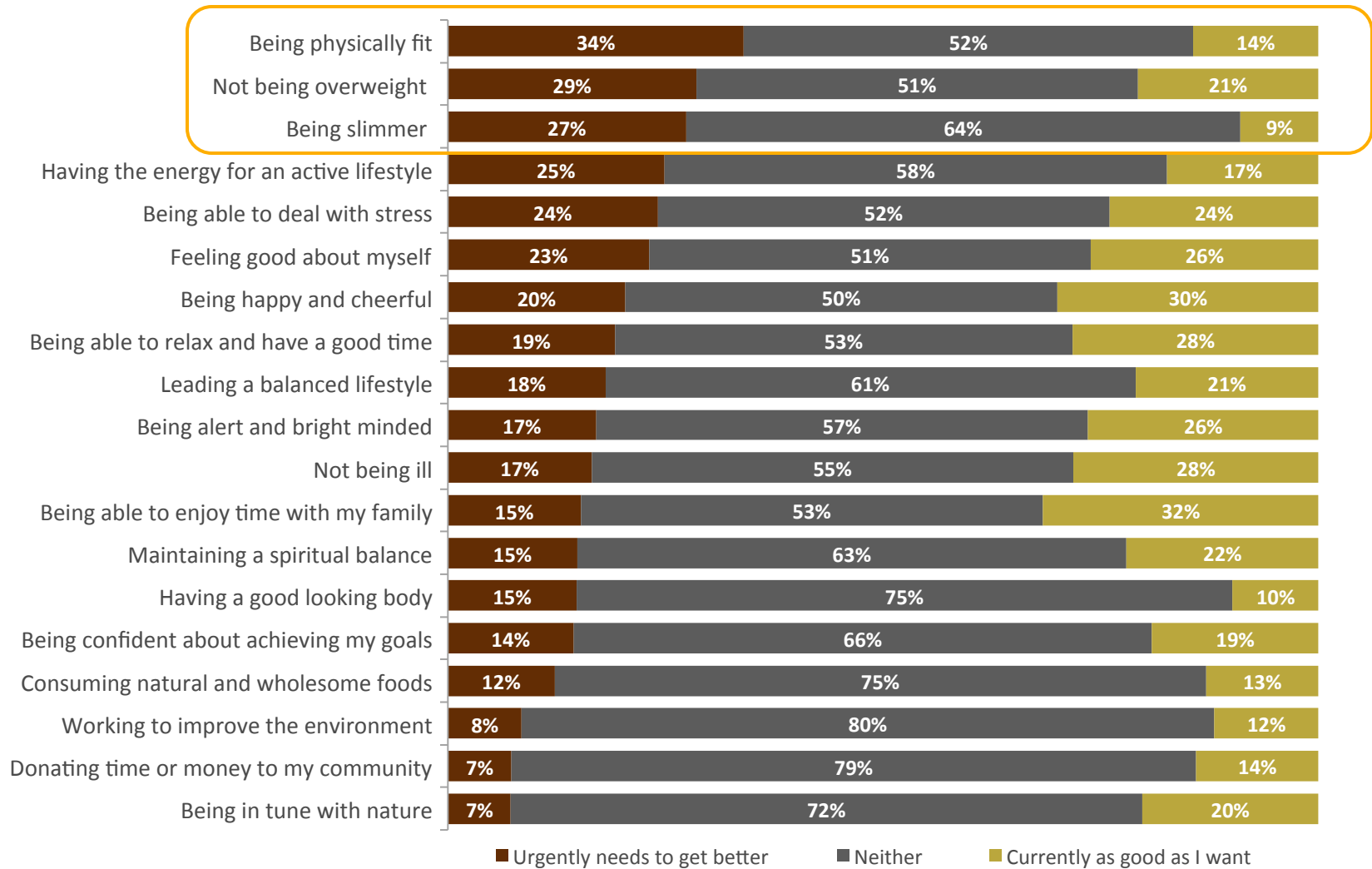
# Health + Wellness encompasses the physical and the emotional, the tangible and the intangible

## To Me Health and Wellness Means...



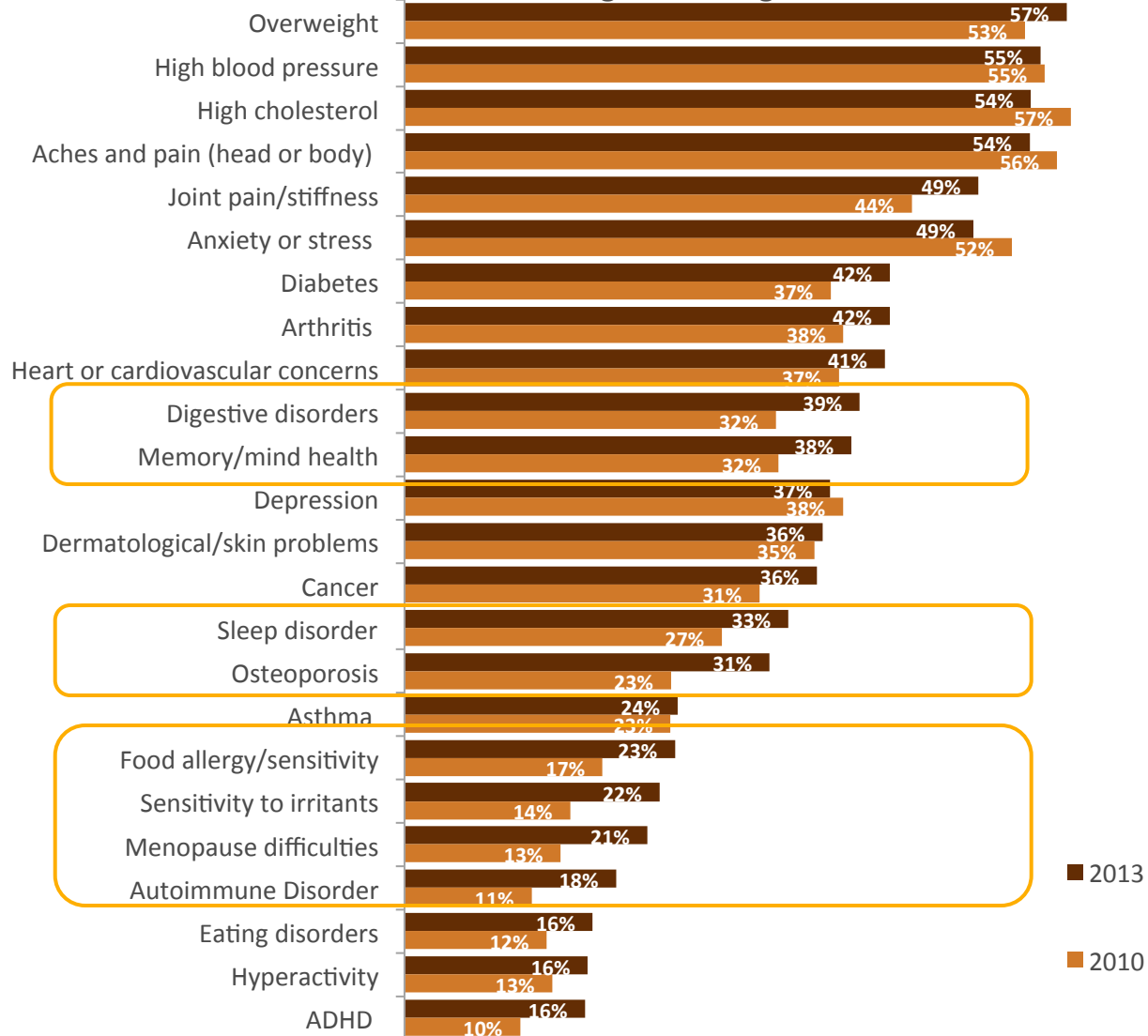
# Being physically fit and not overweight are top priorities for consumers

## Health + Wellness Priorities



# While weight, heart and pain remain constant concerns, digestion and cognitive health are gaining attention

## Household Concern with Preventing or Treating Condition



A7. Are you or anyone in the household concerned with or treating any of the following health conditions? Base: n=2551-2013; n=2744-2010

# Core and Inner Mid-level are proactively thinking about more health issues

Number of Conditions Managing...

Health Conditions Managing...

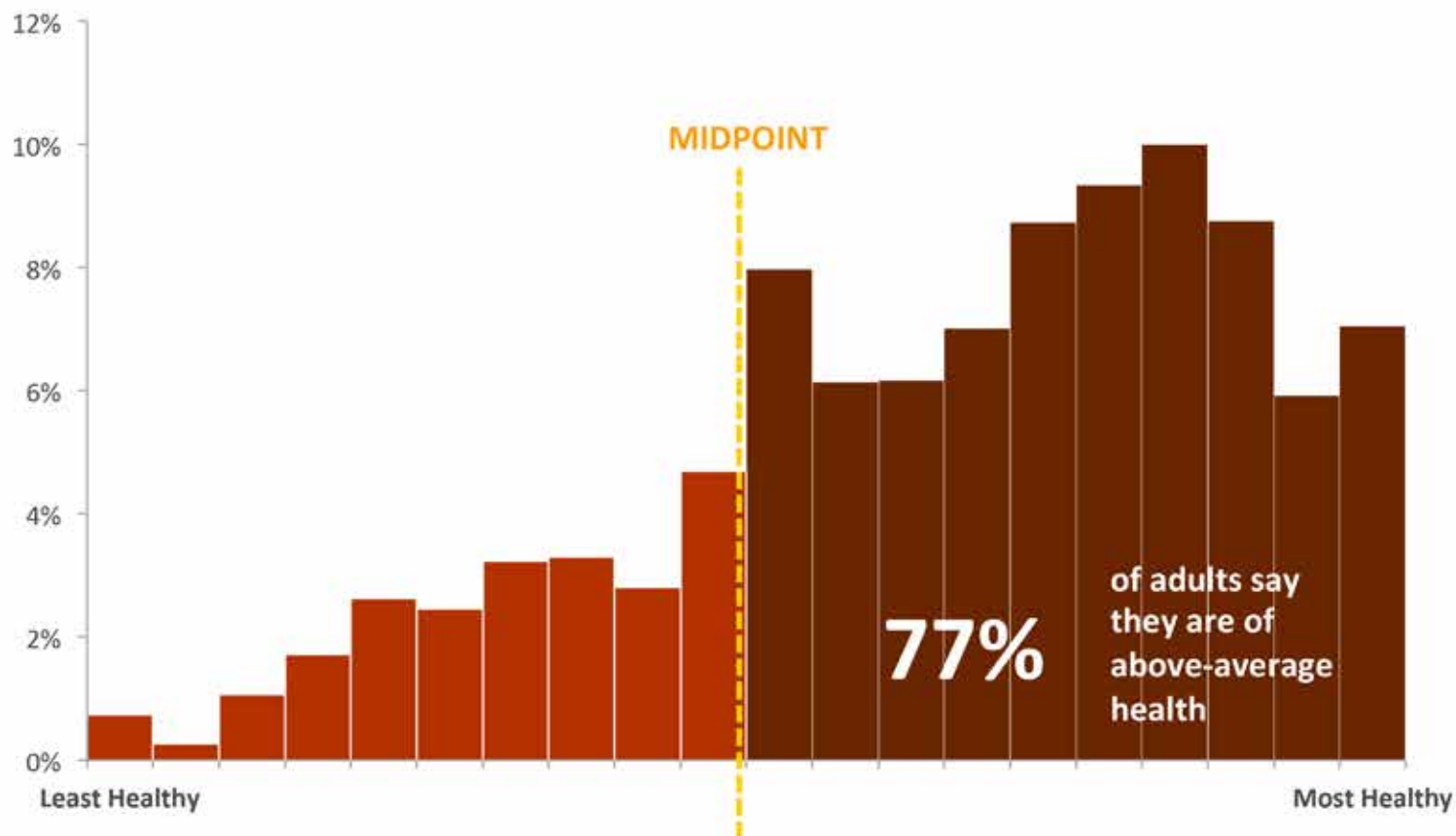
	Total	Periphery	Outer Mid-level	Inner Mid-level	Core
Preventing	5.4	3.1	5.8	6.3	7.1
Treating	3.7	3.6	3.4	4.1	4.0
<b>Overweight</b>	57%	53%	55%	63%	59%
<b>High blood pressure</b>	55%	50%	54%	58%	61%
<b>High cholesterol</b>	54%	48%	54%	56%	60%
<b>Aches and pain (head or body)</b>	54%	47%	53%	59%	62%
<b>Joint pain/stiffness</b>	49%	41%	48%	58%	56%
<b>Anxiety or stress</b>	49%	42%	49%	54%	55%
<b>Fatigue</b>	44%	33%	44%	50%	52%
<b>Diabetes</b>	42%	36%	41%	44%	51%
<b>Arthritis</b>	42%	32%	42%	47%	49%
<b>Heart or cardiovascular concerns</b>	41%	33%	41%	48%	46%
<b>Digestive disorders</b>	39%	29%	39%	46%	49%
<b>Memory/mind health</b>	38%	27%	39%	44%	49%
<b>Depression</b>	37%	30%	37%	42%	40%
<b>Dermatological/skin problems</b>	36%	27%	35%	42%	45%
<b>Cancer</b>	36%	22%	36%	44%	45%
<b>Sleep disorder</b>	33%	25%	33%	39%	37%
<b>Osteoporosis</b>	31%	18%	32%	40%	39%
<b>Asthma</b>	24%	15%	23%	30%	30%
<b>Food allergy/sensitivity</b>	23%	11%	25%	27%	35%
<b>Sensitivity to irritants</b>	22%	8%	22%	30%	33%
<b>Menopause difficulties</b>	21%	11%	22%	25%	30%
<b>Autoimmune Disorder</b>	18%	7%	19%	22%	30%
<b>Sexual disorder</b>	18%	11%	19%	20%	24%
<b>Eating disorders</b>	16%	5%	17%	23%	22%

A7. Are you or anyone in the household concerned with or treating any of the following health conditions? Base: n=2551-Total; n=247-Core; n=551-Inner Mid-level; n=1094-Outer Mid-level; n=659 Periphery. Highlighted segments indicate significantly higher results than all un-highlighted segments, @95% C.L.



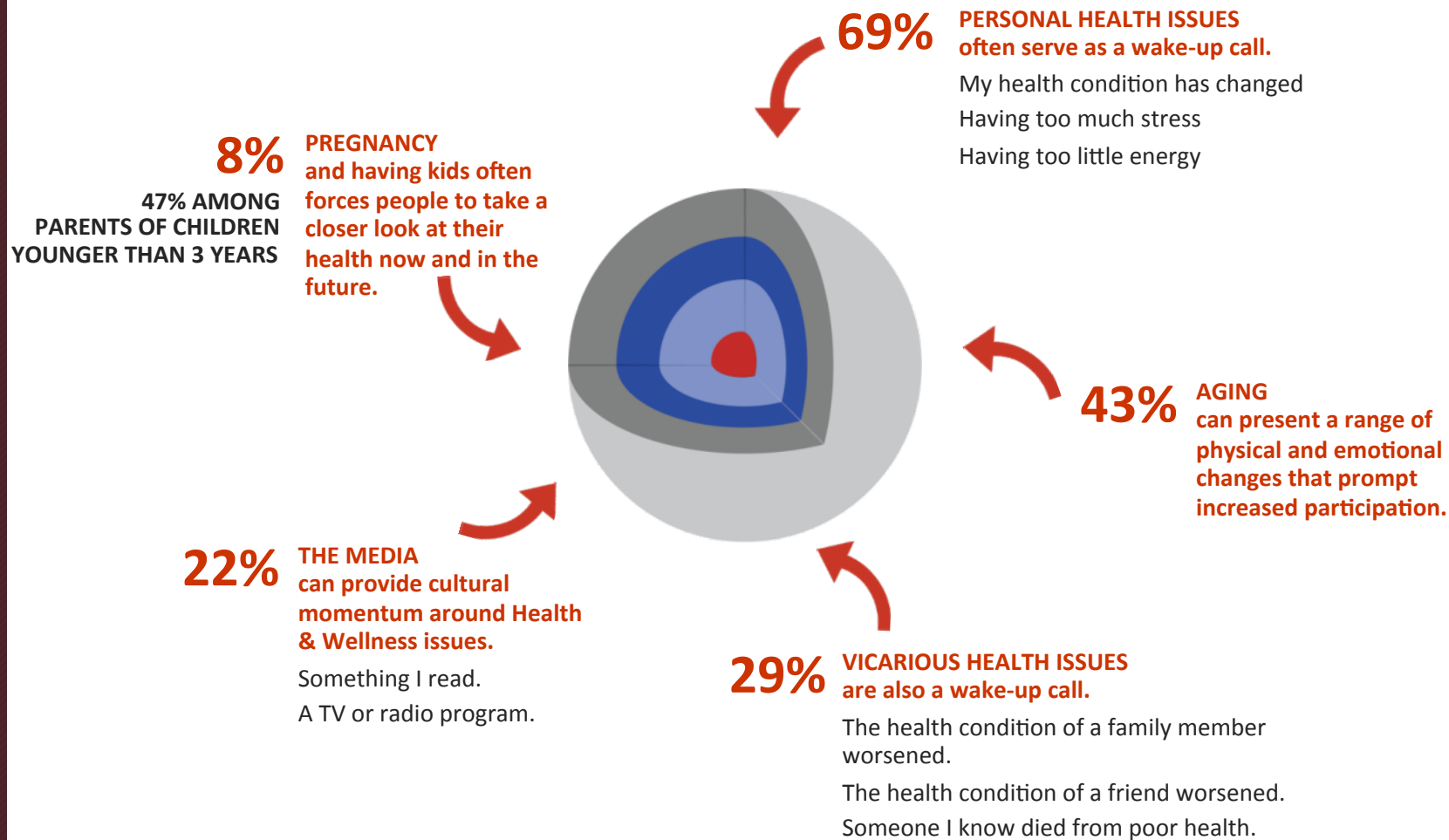
# Consumers are generally optimistic about their own health as compared to others

How Consumers Rank Their Health Against Other Adults



C3. How would you compare your overall health to that of other adults in the US? Imagine that every adult in the U.S. were lined up from MOST healthy (on the left) to LEAST health (on the right). Approximately where do you think you would be in this line of all U.S. adults? Base: n=2551-Total

# Changes in one's own body are the most common motivator for evolution in wellness views and practice



A4. What caused you to change your views on health and wellness? (Select all that apply) Net of relevant items for each trigger type. Base: consumers that changed their views on what health & wellness means n=1104-Total; N=131-Parents of 0-2 year olds whose views had changed.

# Wellness is having the energy to “live the life I want”

In the absence of acute illness, “lack of energy” and the resulting lack of motivation undermine consumers’ ability to live their life as they wish they could and to take pleasure from daily activities such as:

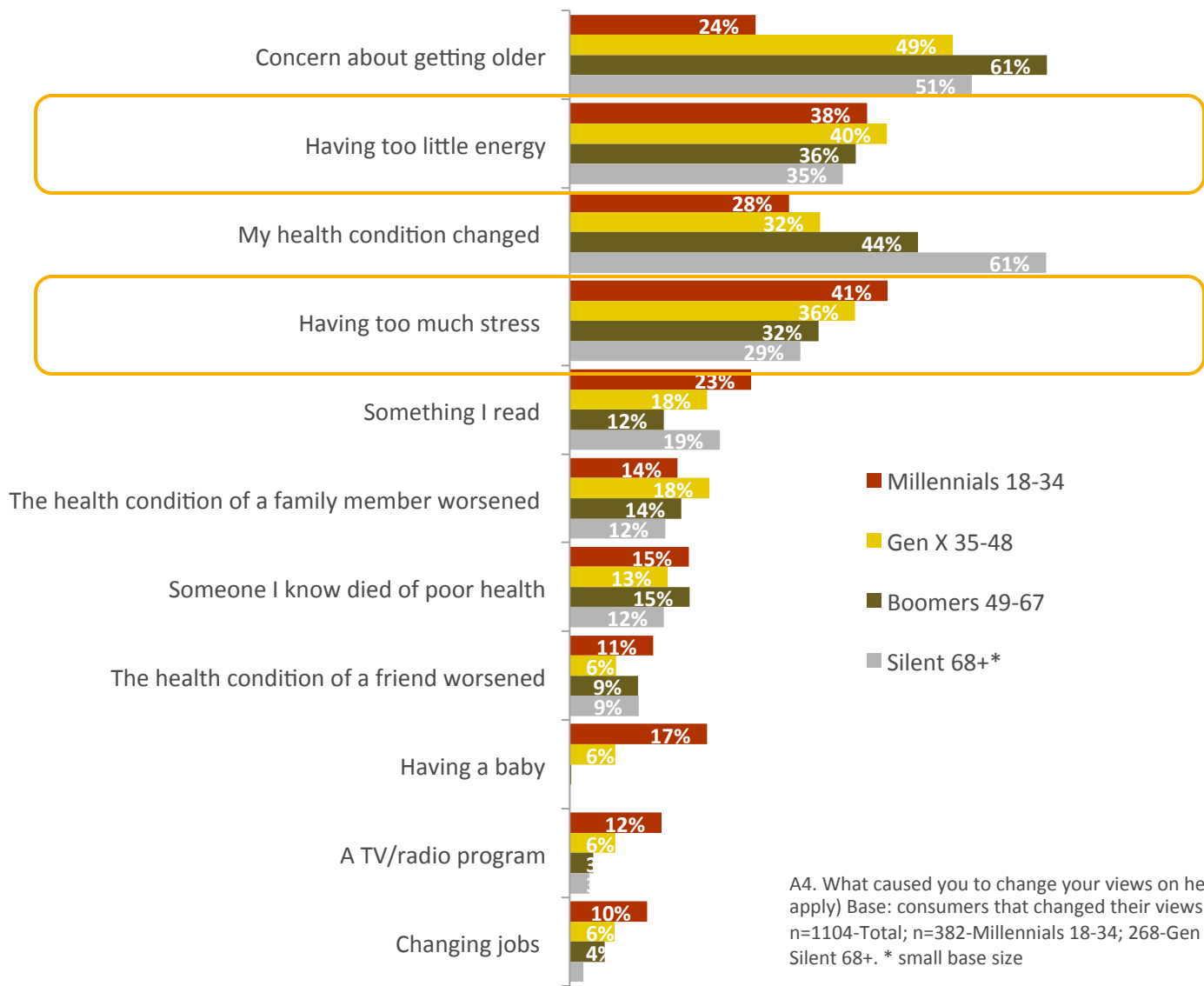
- Being productive • Staying fit • Being an active parent • Having fun experiences • Collecting new adventures • Developing skills • Accomplishing goals

<p>“health and wellness” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Never having to routinely take medicines or go to the doctor for viruses, allergies, or fatigue</li> </ul> 	<p>“health and wellness” means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>always feeling energetic enough to meet the demands of the day</li> </ul> 
<p>“health and wellness” means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bursting into a run <i>just for fun</i> even though I’m a grownup now</li> </ul> 	<p>“health and wellness” means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actually enjoying the foods that give long-term benefits, and learning to taste the “junk” in junk foods</li> </ul> 
<p>“health and wellness” means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making sure to spend time away from concrete.</li> </ul> 	<p>“health and wellness” means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Striving to balance making a paycheck with practices that enhance mental health.</li> </ul> 

Inner Mid-level consumer, *Wellness is having the energy to live the good life*

# For younger cohorts, engagement with H+W is driven by stress and the need for energy

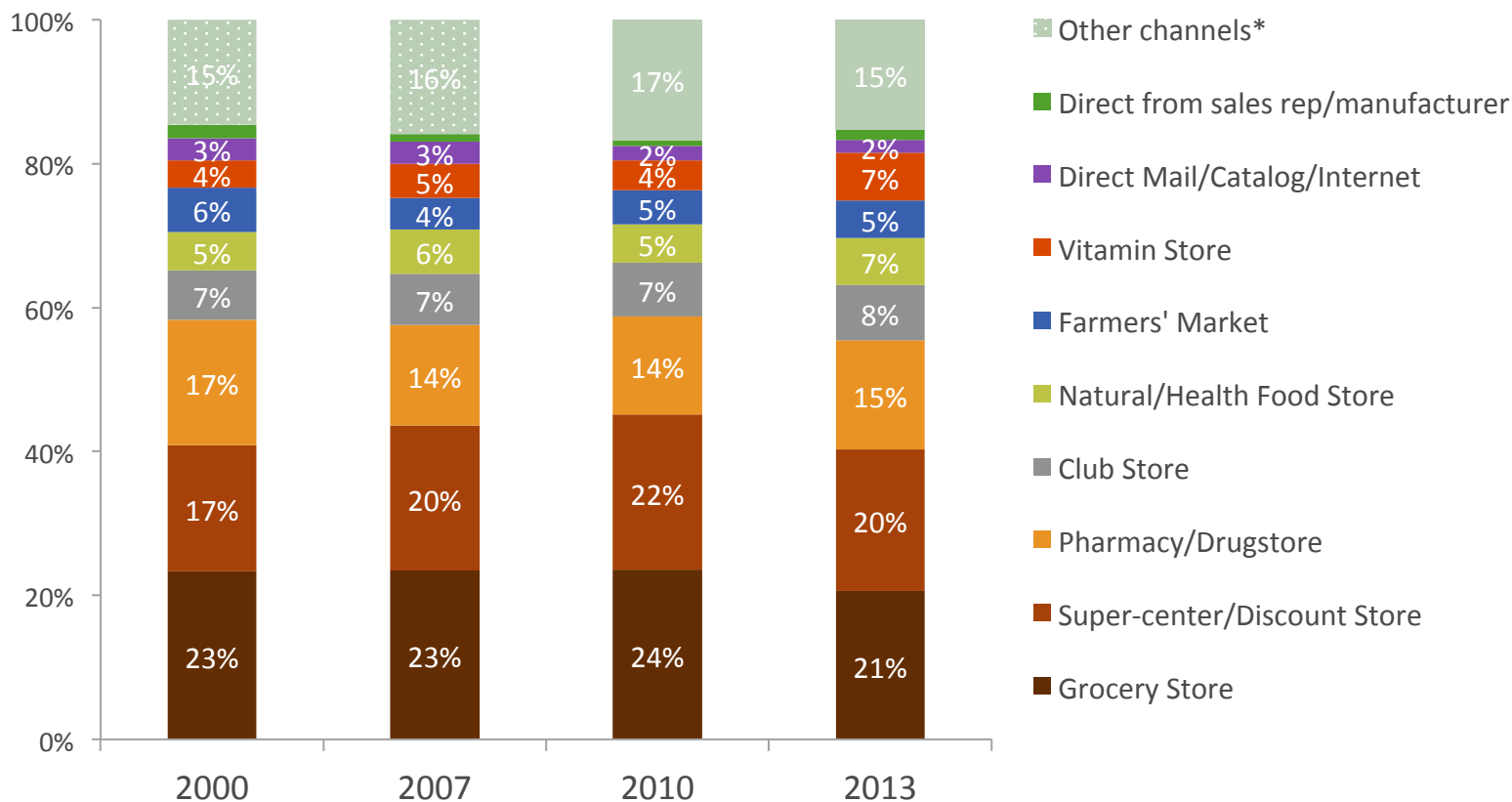
Key Triggers for Changing H+W Views



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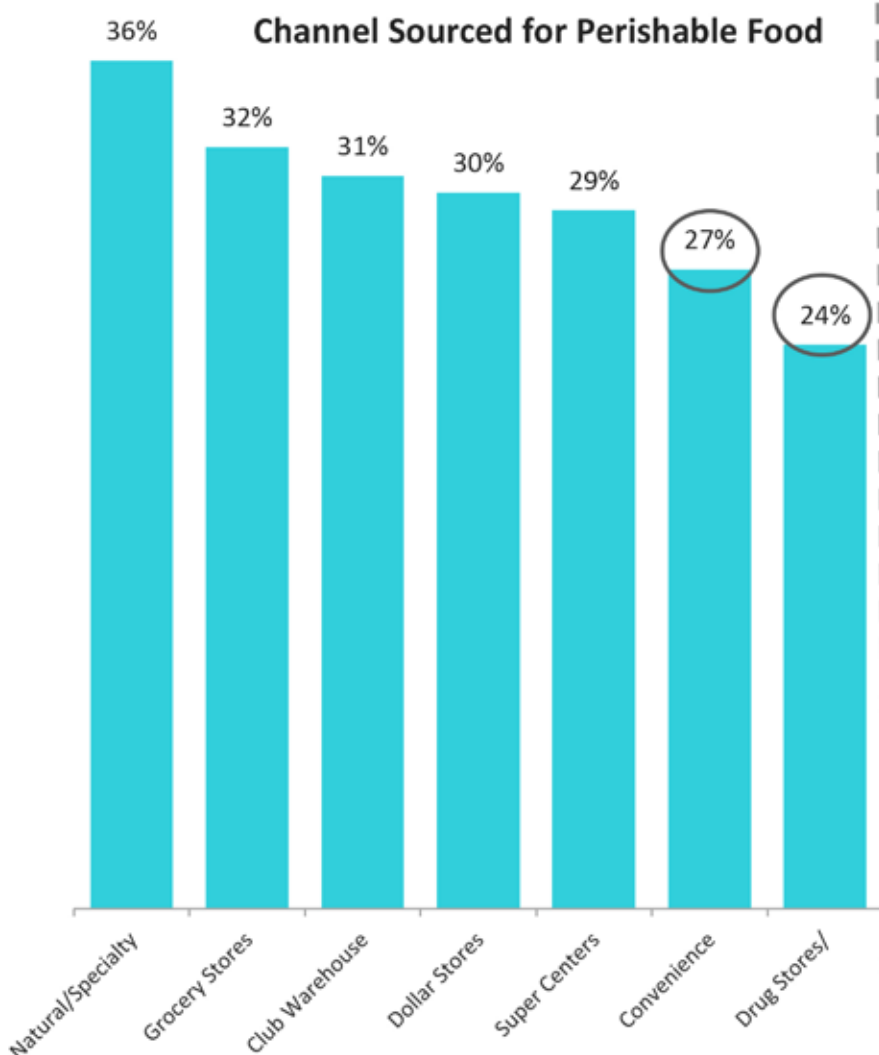
# Consumers continue to source H+W products from a wide variety of channels

## Channels Used Regularly for H+W



B26. Which of the following kinds of stores do you regularly shop for health and wellness products? In 2000-2010, regularly defined as "at least 4 times a month." Base: n=2617-2000; n=2901-2007; n=2744-2010; n=2551-2013. Calculated as share of all channels mentioned. \*Channels not asked in 2007 and 2000 assumed to receive same mention as when first asked in 2010 and 2007; includes C-store, Specialty, Dollar, Co-op and CSA.

# Perishable food is infiltrating all channels



Convenience stores and drugstores are starting to embrace fresh/less processed (FLP) as today's consumers have come to expect and demand this attribute.

Key attributes sought by consumers looking for quick and convenient foods from c-stores and drug include:

**Protein:** benefits include perceived energy, satiety and weight management

**Fiber:** benefits include weight management and digestive health

**Low sugar:** benefits include blood sugar and weight management

**Energy:** benefits include physical and mental endurance, weight management

**Under 250 calories:** benefits include weight management

Source: Hartman Eating Occasions Compass, 2010-2012, n=22,850 Adult Eating occasions; Base: Food sourced from a food retailer n=12,522-Grocery stores; n=848-Convenience stores; n=1,978-Supercenters; n=572-Natural/Specialty food stores; n=1,060 Club Warehouse stores; n=436-Dollar stores; n=302-Drug stores.

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# Living a full and active life is the key to balanced energy, fun and enjoyment

Once cardio-heavy regimes, fitness activities now focus on:

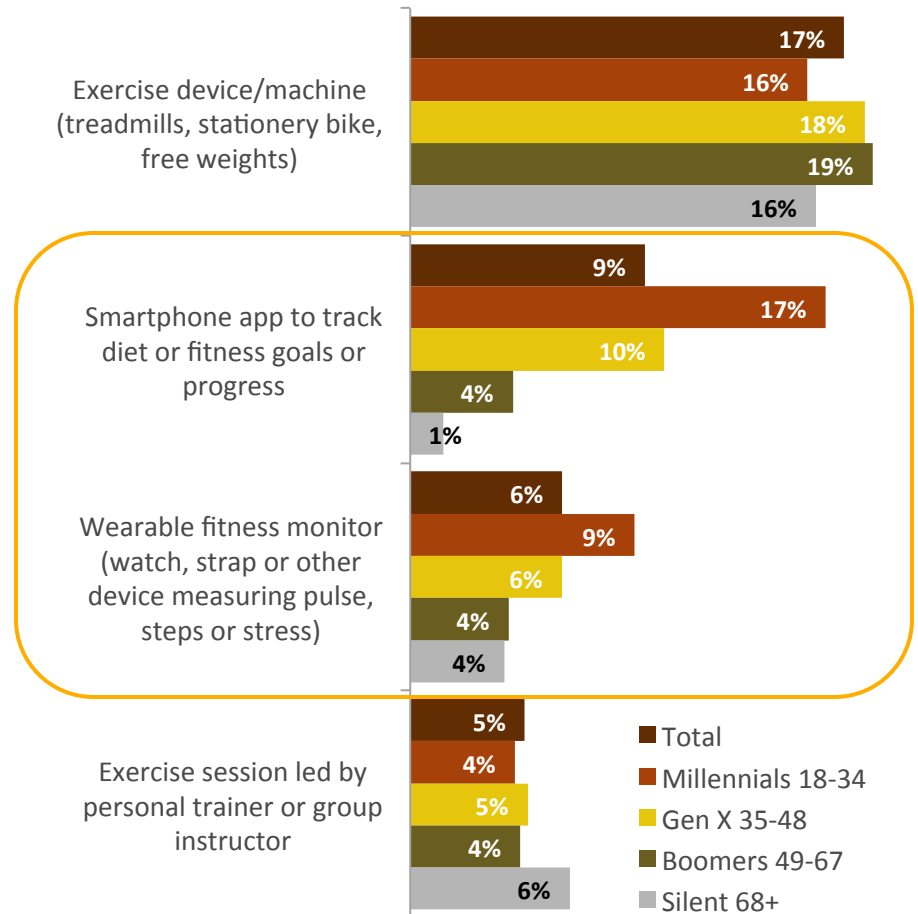
Strengthening core • Increasing flexibility  
 • Balancing stress • Managing energy level  
 • Building community • Meditating  
 • Enjoying nature • Supporting long-term fitness

Consumers are trying out:

Hiking • Cycling tours • Yoga teacher training • Paddleboarding • CrossFit • Triathlons • Parkour • Salsa • Capoeira • Spin class

Consumers are adopting the benefits of multiple technological platforms to **track** (Fitbit, apps)...**share** (Meetup, Facebook)...and **experiment** (Groupon, LivingSocial) with new kinds of physical activities

Exercise Items Used Past 30 Days



B27. For the following list of wellness products, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has USED the product or service in the PAST 30 DAYS. (Select all that apply). Base: n=2551-Total; n=741-Millennials 18-34; n=627-Gen X 35-48; n=1000-Baby Boomers 49-67; n=183-Silent 68+



# Creating habits and rituals to slow down supports balanced energy, fun and enjoyment

In a society that privileges constant productivity and “doing,” consumers are mindful and intentional about taking a break from living-a-full-and-active-life in order to maintain balanced energy, reduce stress and replenish.

Strategies to wind down include:

Turning off screens • Reducing PM caffeine  
• Cutting out PM sugar • Aromatherapy •  
Sleepytime tea • Melatonin • Valerian •  
OTC and prescription medication

*“Resting is as important as being active. Your body needs both to work well. I take time to shed the weight of the day off. It helps me rest, de-stress, relax and get to a good sleep. - Inner  
Mid-level consumer*



Core consumer, *Wellness is turning off my phone and scheduling some deprivation time*

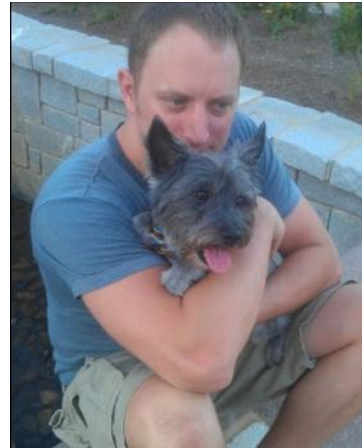
# Wellness is staying connected with people, places and pets

Consumers are aware of the role their **social networks** (friends, family AND pets) and their **neighborhood and homes** play in their wellness

**Wellness place-making** includes the people and places with which consumers have a connection

*“As much as anything else, my habitat contributes to my overall health and wellness. I have lived in this part of the world all my life.”*

- Core consumer



*My boyfriend and our dog, Loopy: They both play a huge role in my life and give so much happiness and warmth. I don't know what I'd do without these guys!*



*My best friend, Jenn. We shop together, cook and work out together, play together. Laughter and friends are what feeds my spirit!*

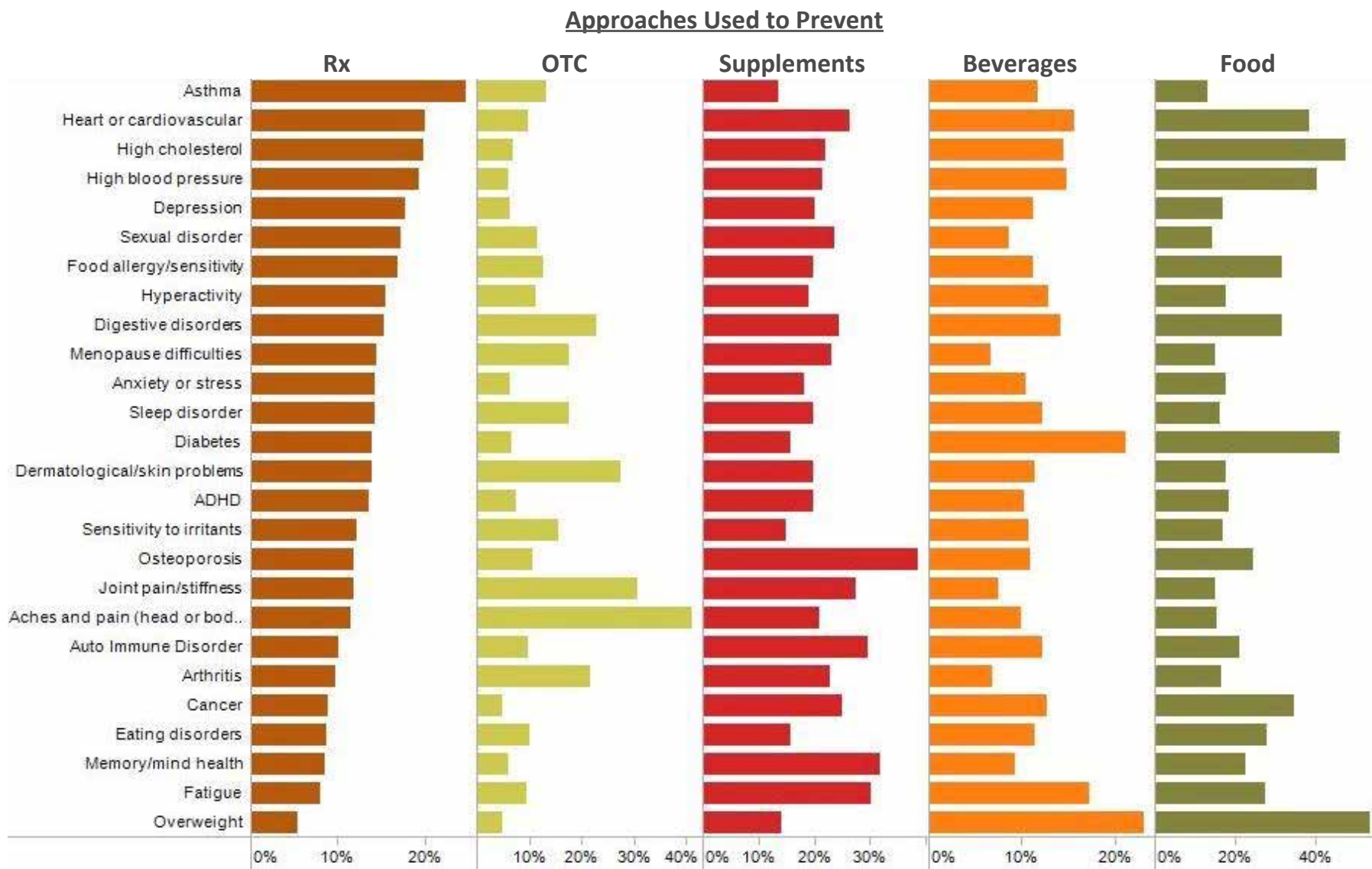


*DeKalb Farmers Market: Shopping here encourages healthy eating. I appreciate that everyone who shops there probably shares my values.*



*Rawesome Juicery: The food is incredibly fresh, fairly priced, and is some of the tastiest around. I feel satisfied and healthy when I eat here, and I feel good about supporting a local business.*

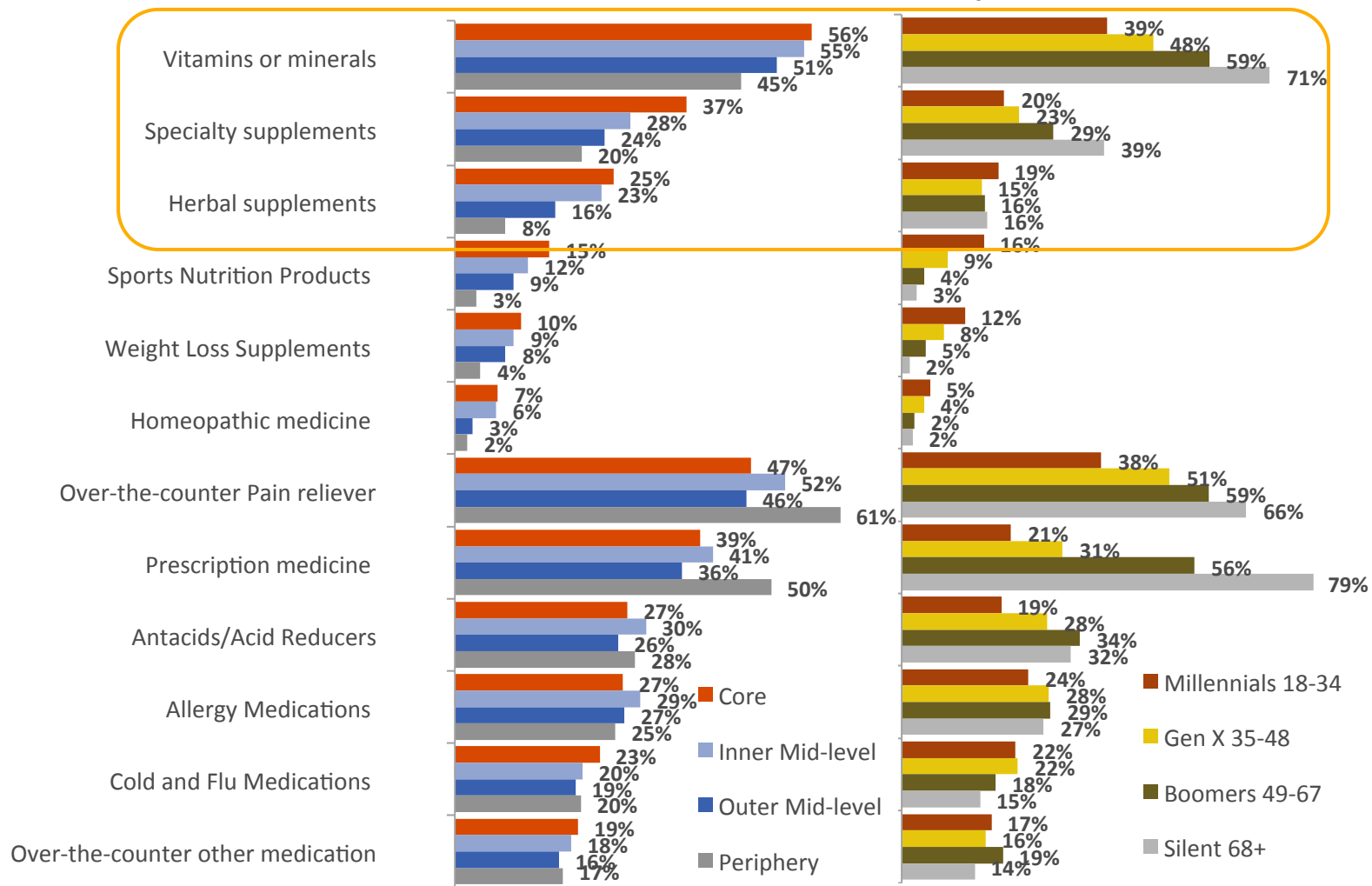
# A wide variety of modalities are viewed as preventative tools



A9. Which remedies are you using in your household to treat or prevent condition? (Select all that apply). Base: n varies from 237 to 809 for each condition PREVENTED.

# Core and older consumers are more likely to embrace vitamins and supplements

Wellness Products Used in Past 30 Days



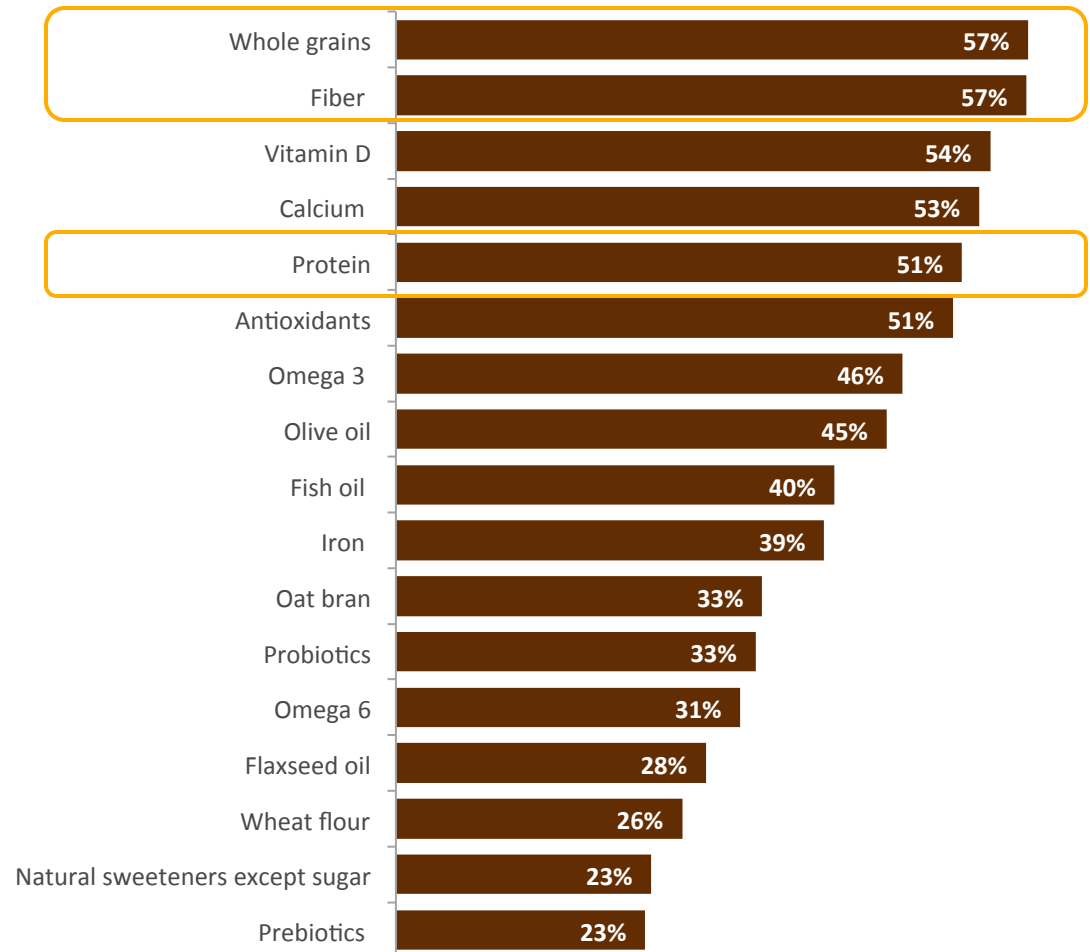
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# Consumers choose protein and complex carbs for sustained energy

## Whole grains + fiber + protein=

- Satiety
- Healthy digestion
- Weight management
- Blood sugar regulation
- Sustained energy
- Muscle strength

## Ingredients Sought by Consumers



V3. Please indicate whether you DELIBERATELY avoid/reduce or add/increase any of the following ingredients or nutrients in your daily diet. – Add/Increase. Base: n varies from 1281-1313

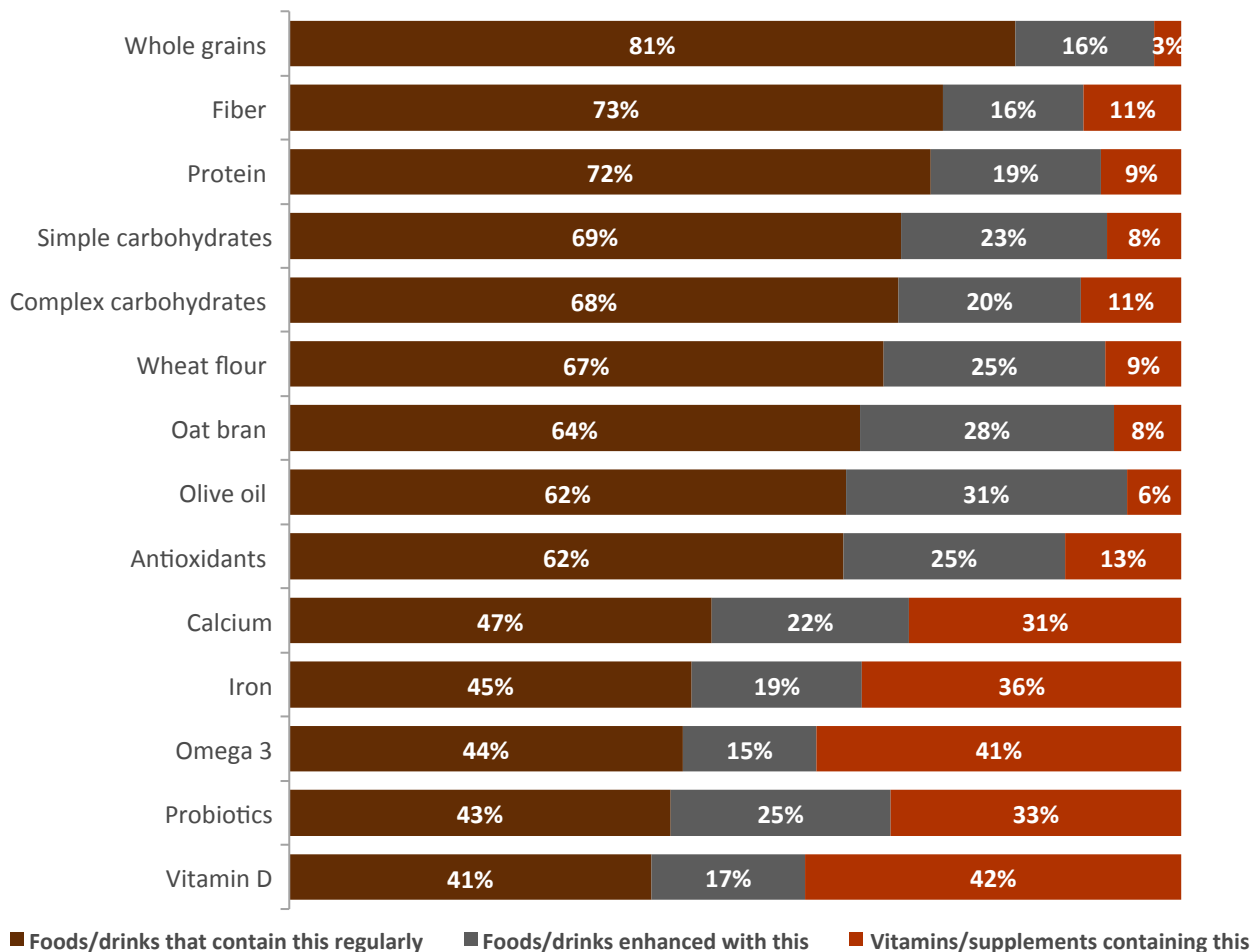


# Consumers seek nutritionally well-rounded foods

Foods with **nutritional integrity from whole foods** are replacing supplements and functional foods.

Consumers are seeking nutritionally well-rounded foods sources for even the most important macronutrients such as fiber and protein.

Ingredients Format Preferences – I Prefer to get More of this Ingredient From...



V5. For each ingredient below that you indicated you deliberately seek to ADD/INCREASE to your diet, please indicate HOW YOU PREFER TO ADD it. I prefer to get more of this from... Base: n varies from 159-306

# Consumers are avoiding markers of industrial foods

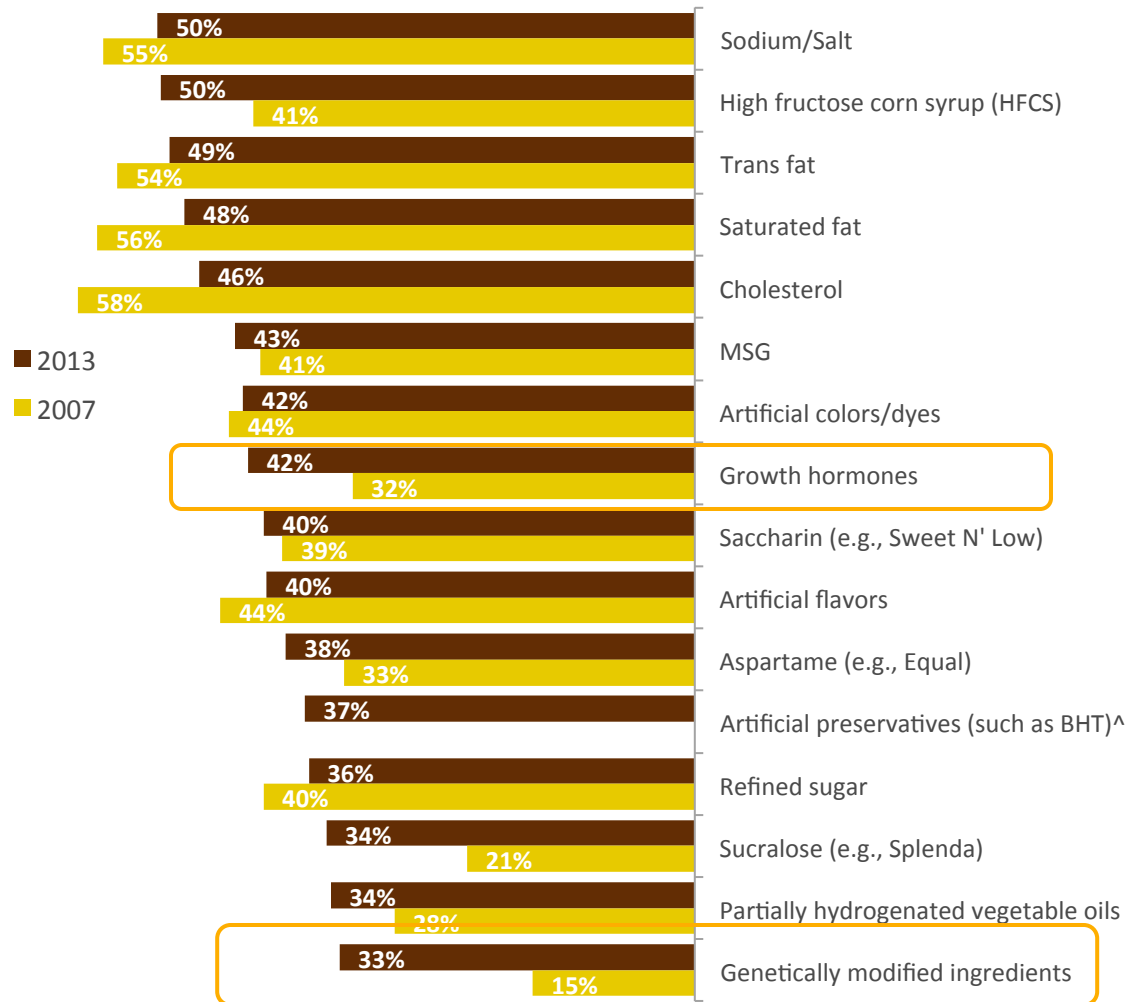
HFCS is now avoided as much as sodium.

There is now less intense avoidance of fats.

Avoidance of most artificial sweeteners has increased.

Dramatic increase in avoidance of growth hormones and GMOs.

Ingredients Avoided by Consumers



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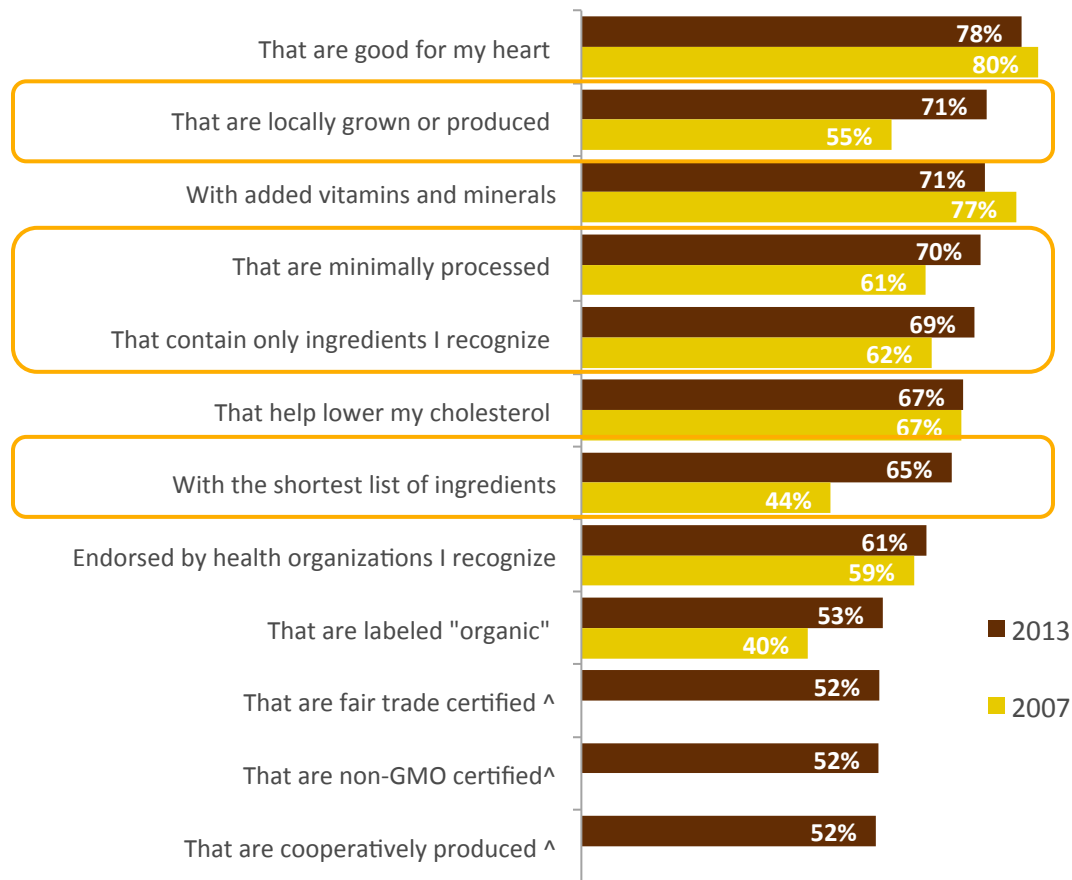
# Consumers are making “fresh” judgments at the shelf

Locally grown, minimally processed, recognizable ingredients, and short ingredient lists are cues that consumers use to determine higher-quality foods.

Foods inherently containing nutritional content are sought. Consumers are placing less importance on foods *enhanced* or *fortified* with vitamins and minerals over the years.

Non-GMO certified is almost on par with organic.

## Shopping Behavior – I look for food and beverages...



V1. Please read each statement and indicate how well it describes your own behavior regarding shopping for food and beverages. – Net-Describes me well/Somewhat. Base: n=2551-2013; n=2978-2007.

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# Consumers look to a range of cues to determine “processed” from “fresh” food

## WHAT'S IN IT?



## HOW WAS IT MADE?



## WHO MADE IT?



- **Inherent positives:** rich in fiber, protein
- **No negatives:** preservatives, HFCS, hormones, antibiotics
- **Short ingredient list**
- **New and interesting:** ethnic flavors, unique ingredients

- **Preparation:** baked, uncoated, not deep fried, made from scratch, fresh prepared, sprouted, fermented, sun-dried
- **Scale:** small batch, local, artisanal
- **Production:** organic, pasture-raised, grass-fed, wild-caught, foraged, non-GMO
- **Unique distinctions:** heirloom, heritage, terrior, ancient, traditional

- **Real people:** passionate growers, producers or manufacturers
- **Real source:** Local, regional authentic, transparent
- **Direct:** farmers market, community-supported agriculture, buying clubs, group buys, food hubs
- **Sustainable:** fair supply chain, stewardship of land

Periphery



Core

# Next “Big Bets” in Wellness

**Quantified Self at Pharmacy and at Home-** Labs will be performing blood tests on samples from a single drop. Current at-home users tend to already be the most health engaged and healthy.

**Modern “Farmacy”-** Bridge between general and complementary medicine with a focus on time-honored remedies. The Modern Farmacy points to opportunities in the growing sector where general and complementary medicine are currently underutilized.

**Food to Address Daily Health Concerns –** Millennials especially see daily issues such as insomnia, stress and energy as being detrimental to their wellness and are looking to food and beverage for solutions.

**Interactive Producer Narratives-** Transparency becomes more prominent from grocery to HBA as consumers seek more info on sourcing and ethics.

**Fresh Expectations –** Consumers anticipate and expect that fresh foods will be available at all types of retail channels. Quality and breadth of fresh offerings are the key consumer indicator of how authentic a “wellness” retailer is.

**Social Wellness Projects -** Core consumers are now starting to experiment with new ways to learn, create, share, expand and change wellness through projects that transform communities (companies, neighborhoods, cities, populations, online, world) to create higher quality of life, for longer, for all.



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# Overview of methodology



## Data Mining

We mined The Hartman Group's Intellectual capital on Food Culture, Health + Wellness and Sustainability, including:

- Health & Wellness 2000, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2011
- Organic 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012
- Sustainability 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013
- Healthy Eating 2009
- Private Label 2010
- New Value Paradigm 2010



## Qualitative

We interviewed 25 participants in Seattle and Atlanta, August 2013, using mixed qualitative methodologies, including:

- One-on-one interviews
- Dyad interviews with couples and friendship pairs
- Combination interview and shop and talks in the grocery channel



## Survey

We fielded a national, online 25-minute survey among 2,551 U.S. adult consumers (ages 18-79) in September 2013

- Sampling error less than  $\pm 1.9\%$  at 95% confidence level
- Results are weighted to reflect the U.S. adult population accurately, with unweighted base sizes reported in footnotes