

Retailer Series - Part 1: Her Ulta Beauty Obsession

According to an August 2021 original primary study conducted by The Benchmarking Company, Ulta Beauty has surpassed Sephora as the US female consumer's top choice beauty retailer, with 59% shopping Ulta or Ulta.com in the past 6 months (at least once) compared to 47% having shopped Sephora or Sephora.com. Today's infographic takes a deep dive into her relationship with Ulta Beauty, how she shops, what she shops for and what she loves most about this growing beauty behemoth.

Why She Shops Ulta • 55% Brand names I know

- and trust • 37% Broad selection of
- products
- 35% Best value for the price
- 31% I can purchase high end and lower priced products all at once
- 24% Good customer service/friendly • 22% Loyalty program

Influencers • 75% Product reviews and consumer claims

Top Ulta Purchase

- **57%** Products are on sale
- **53%** Price



Her Ulta Price Points

prestige priced products

• **45%** Buy the combo:

mass, masstige and

• 30% Buy mass and

• 9% Buy masstige and

• **43%** Spend 21 to 40

store each time

minutes in store

Typical In-Store Habits

17% 41 minutes to an hour • 9% More than an hour in

Her Top Go-to Product

Buys at Ulta

• 64% Eye makeup

• 59% Facial makeup

• 48% Basic skincare

• **58%** Hair care (shampoo,

conditioner, styling products)

- 47% say they spend the SAME amount of time in
- Ulta now vs. before the pandemic • 42% spend LESS time in
- Ulta now vs. before the pandemic

to have in her Ulta Cart • **36%** Mascara • 33% Anti-aging skincare

Products She's Likely

- 32% Foundation
- 31% Lipstick/gloss
- 23% Concealer



browse certain sections

Top areas she visits in-store

Skincare: Prestige section

Skincare: Mass section

Beauty Tools (i.e. tweezers,

Clearance section

Women's fragrance

Haircare: Prestige

Ulta Brand section

makeup sponges)

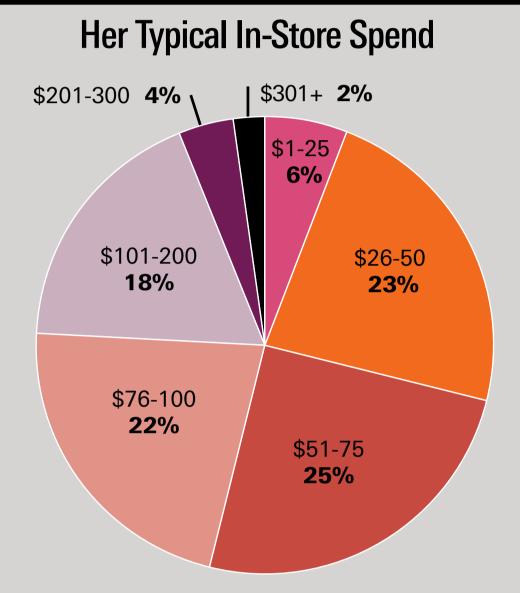
Color Cosmetics: Mass section

43% browse the entire store and 42%

prestige

masstige

56% Color Cosmetics: Prestige section 54% 53% **53% 52% 50%** 47% 45% 45% Body Skincare (i.e. lotions, creams) 44%



11% weekly

15% 11-20 minutes

How often she shops Ulta, in-store

38% monthly

1% daily

45% every few months

Check prices

Make a purchase

15% weekly 35% monthly

How often she shops Ulta.com

41% every few months

2% daily

Her Online Shopping Habits Time she spends on Ulta.com

18% 41 minutes to 1 hour

36% 21-40 minutes **8%** 1-2 hours

63%

56%

55%

22%

15%

12%

Read product reviews **55%** 53% Browse by brand Access mobile offers 48% 30% Redeem rewards Read product claims 24% 1 in 4

One in four are looking

for product claims!

Her Ulta.com Online Activities

Browse products by category

Ulta - In Store Ulta - Online

Word Association

Convenient (24%)Loyalty Program (24%) Well Organized

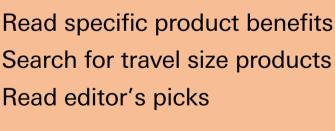
Appealing (39%)

Clean **(45%)**

Helpful Reviews (32%) Easy to Navigate (28%)Sales (26%)

Convenient (37%)

Appealing (33%)



74% Buy Ulta-Branded Products Now or in the Past

- **How She Views Ulta-Branded Products**

Top Facial

Ulta

CeraVe

(21%)

• 84% Ulta brand is a quality brand with • 36% Have colors/shades that work for me quality products • 53% View the brand as generic • 32% Products work for my skin/ cosmetic needs/concerns

- **Brands She Skincare Brands** Buys at Ulta: She Buys at Ulta:
- NYX BareMinerals 29% 27% IT Cosmetics Urban Decay Clinique 26% Tarte

25%

35%

Hold the phone....Ulta is coming to Target

Brands She Buys at Ulta: 41%

39%

39%

38% Too Faced 38%

and she is EXCITED

Top Makeup

Ulta

Redken Paul Mitchell Biolage

Top Hair Care

It's a 10 18% **Bed Head** 17%

Top Bath & Body **Brands She**

Why She Buys the Ulta Brand

• 66% Lower price than others with

same benefits/outcome

Ulta 25% 26% 21% CeraVe 22% OPI 21% 21% Philosophy 21%

Buys at Ulta:

Neutrogena

20%

• 85% Are very likely or likely to shop an Ulta pop-up store at Target • 80% Love that she'll be able to get her regular Ulta products while she is already at Target

at one-stop • 38% Have no intention of shopping Ulta stores or Ulta.com any

less but still plans to shop Ulta pop-ups at Target

• 47% Can't wait to earn loyalty points from Target & Ulta

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Also, this was based on research conducted in August 2021, of 3,459 US women.