



# WHAT'S IN STORE Live!

**Through the Eyes of the Consumer:  
Trends that Matter in Dairy, Deli and  
Bakery in Retail, Food Service and Beyond**



# Agenda



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**What's new with Fresh?**



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**Morning Occasions –  
What's Driving on-the go**



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**Everyday Special Occasions  
continue to trend**



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# About Circana's Integrated Fresh – Total Food & Beverage by Department

Utilized Our Industry Partnerships, Including IDDBA, With Retailers and Suppliers to Research Majority-Rules, Agnostic, Fact-Based View of Perishables Definitions



Scan here to learn more about Circana & IDDBA



## Research Retailer, Supplier Placements

Use retailers and suppliers own systems to analyze which items they consider meat, dairy, deli and bakery



## Let Numbers Guide

Let numbers guide the definition – majority rules and can be defended – a representative “industry” view



## Engage Industry as “Tie Breakers”

Where the data is not definitive, leverage a governance board of unbiased suppliers, retailers & industry leaders **including IDDBA**



## Integrate fixed and random weight in a syndicated Fresh Unify database

Build this industry standard in an easily accessible, ongoing data set for sales and shopper

# Total Food & Bev Update



## Total Edible

Total food and beverages (including fresh) is up +3.5% in dollar sales and up +1.5% in volume for L52.

Across Edibles, basket size continued to decline; but increased trip frequency as shoppers seek to **buy what they need, when they need it**.



## Perishables

The Perishables department is up +3.9% in trip frequency vs last year, while basket size is up 1%.

The Bakery department's share of Total Perishables has continued to decline due to flat sales and higher than average price increases continue in Perimeter Baked Goods.



## A New Year & New Opportunities

Shoppers are purchasing fewer items per trip while also keeping **food-on-hand at the lowest level in 5 years**.

Consumer Sentiment has **decreased again** and continues to be 20-25 pts below 2019 levels.







## Demand Signals

Affordability is the top concern for U.S. Consumers in 2025.

However, consumers are most **hopeful for improvements** to affordability of food/groceries under the new administration.

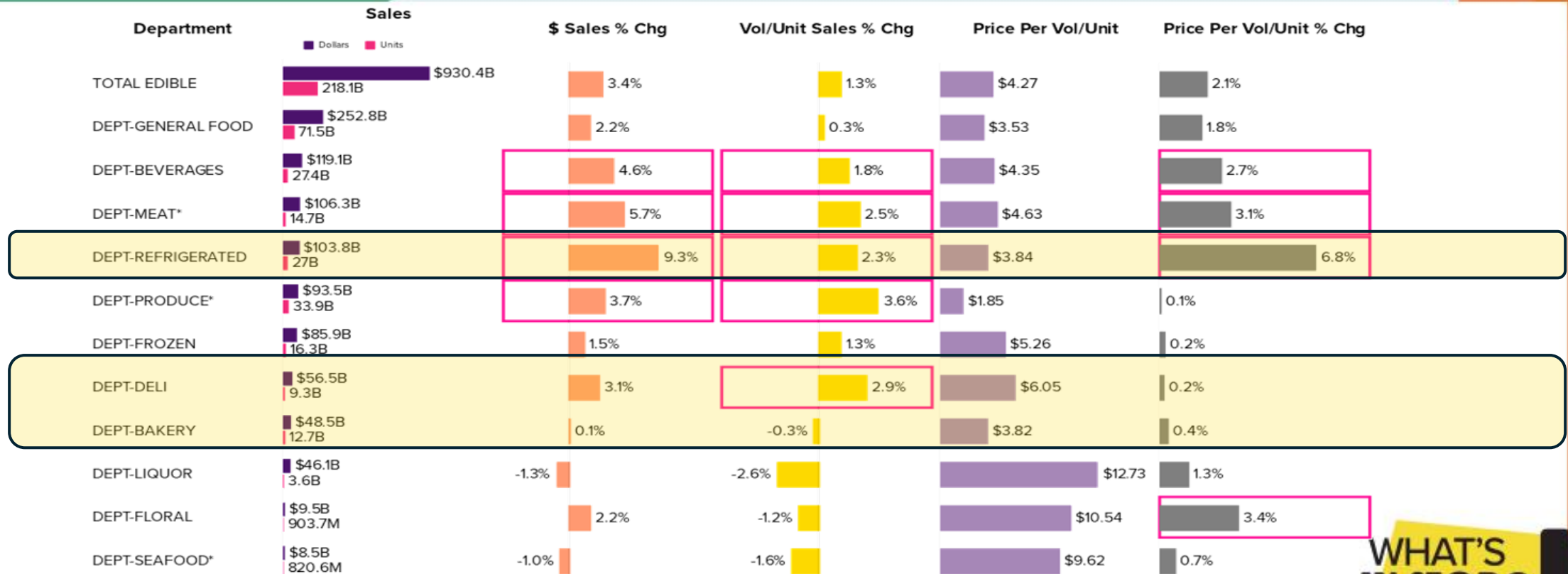
# Retail F&B has gained share consistently across meal occasions, except for in-between meals

Retail (vs. foodservice) Share of Total F&B Dollars by Occasion

|                                    |               |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--|---|---|---|
|                                    | All Occasions | Breakfast  | Lunch   | Dinner  | In-Between Meals  |
| % of F&B \$ Sourced from Retail    | 60.5%         | 61.2%  | 51.8%   | 53.1%   | 78.0%   |
| 2024 YTD ppt. chg. vs. YA          | 0.3           | 0.3  | 0.5   | 0.3   | -0.1  |
| Occasion % of All F&B Dollar Sales |               |  |   |   |   |
|                                    | 100%          | 18%  | 24%   | 33%   | 25%   |



RFG/Dairy is outperforming total edible, deli is on par, and bakery is underperforming but has remained flat



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\*Vol/LBs  
Exceeding TOTAL EDIBLE Trends highlighted

Source: Circana Integrated Fresh, US MUL0+, 52 Weeks Ending 3/23/25.

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# In shopper behavior, smaller, more frequent retail food/bev trips continue



| Department        | HH Penetration |      | \$ Per Buyer |       | Product Trips/Buyer |       | Unit Sales/Trip |       |
|-------------------|----------------|------|--------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| TOTAL EDIBLE      | 100            | +0.0 | \$7,978.19   | +4.0% | 220.3               | +4.2% | 9.0             | -2.0% |
| DEPT-GENERAL FOOD | 100            | +0.0 | \$2,098.96   | +2.8% | 127.4               | +3.5% | 5.1             | -2.3% |
| DEPT-BEVERAGES    | 99.9           | -0.0 | \$1,011.46   | +5.4% | 87.1                | +4.1% | 3.0             | +0.4% |
| DEPT-MEAT         | 98.3           | +0.0 | \$887.34     | +6.6% | 54.6                | +4.6% | 2.2             | -1.7% |
| DEPT-REFRIGERATED | 99.5           | +0.2 | \$839.56     | +9.5% | 77.4                | +5.1% | 3.1             | -1.8% |
| DEPT-PRODUCE      | 99             | -0.0 | \$769.23     | +3.7% | 84.8                | +3.3% | 3.1             | -0.5% |
| DEPT-FROZEN       | 98.8           | -0.0 | \$703.63     | +2.4% | 50.3                | +4.0% | 2.9             | -1.6% |
| DEPT-DELI         | 98.6           | -0.1 | \$677.28     | +3.5% | 57.9                | +2.6% | 1.7             | -0.3% |
| DEPT-BAKERY       | 99.6           | +0.1 | \$422.54     | +0.7% | 64.3                | +0.2% | 1.8             | -0.8% |
| DEPT-SEAFOOD      | 55             | +0.1 | \$133.18     | -0.4% | 8.7                 | +2.2% | 1.3             | -0.3% |



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# Fresh Foods Top 15 categories by dollar change

Eggs moved up to #1 with 1% unit growth due to high price increases

Avocados and RFG juice/drinks are the only items in the top 15 with declining volume

Of the top categories so far in 2025, 6 are from the dairy department

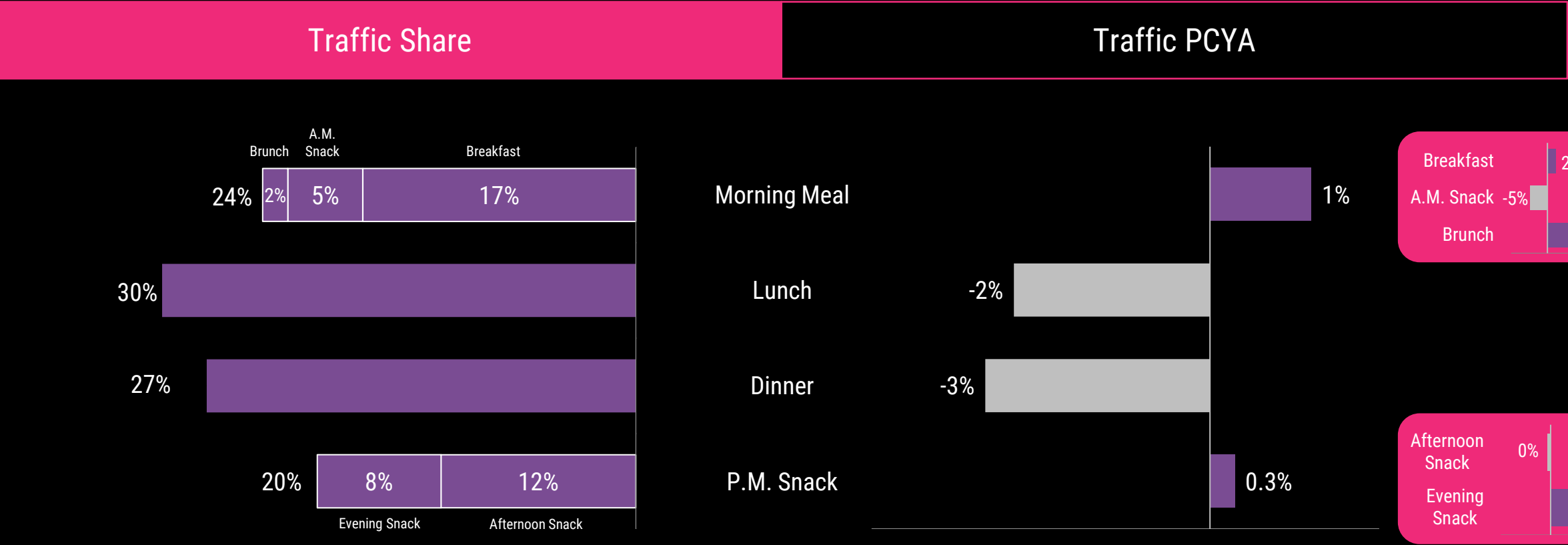
- Abs \$ Sales Change vs. YA
- Volume or Unit\* Sales | % Change vs. YA





# Total foodservice daypart

Morning meal and p.m. snack were positive in Q1, while lunch and dinner declined compared to a year ago.





# Morning Occasions – What's Driving On-the-go





# Breakfast continues to start earlier

## Breakfast Start Time

% Occasion | Pt. Change 2024 vs. 2020

**39%**  
+5 pts

Prior to 8AM

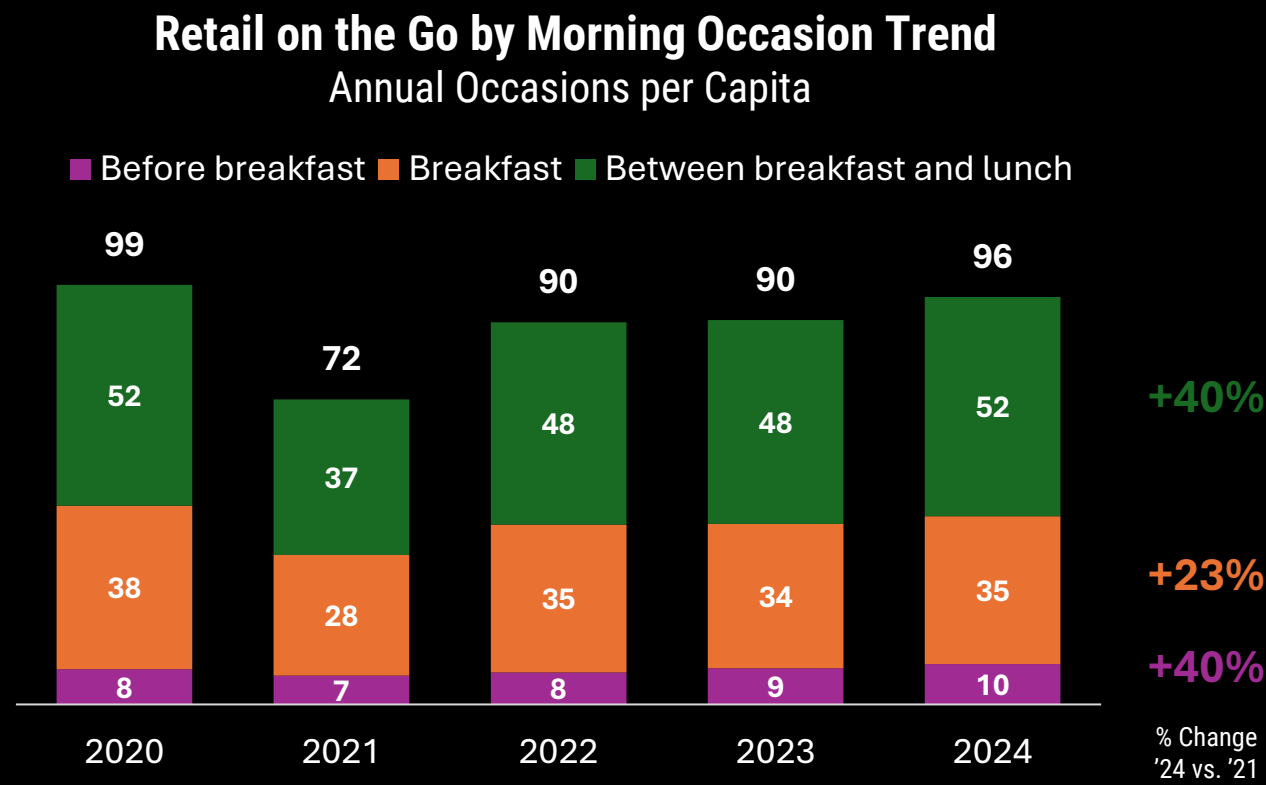
**57%**  
-6 pts

8AM – 11AM



# Mornings on-the-go return

Retail on-the-go occasions continue to rebound throughout the morning as consumers commute to work or school. Breakfast occasions on the go still lag behind pre-pandemic levels.

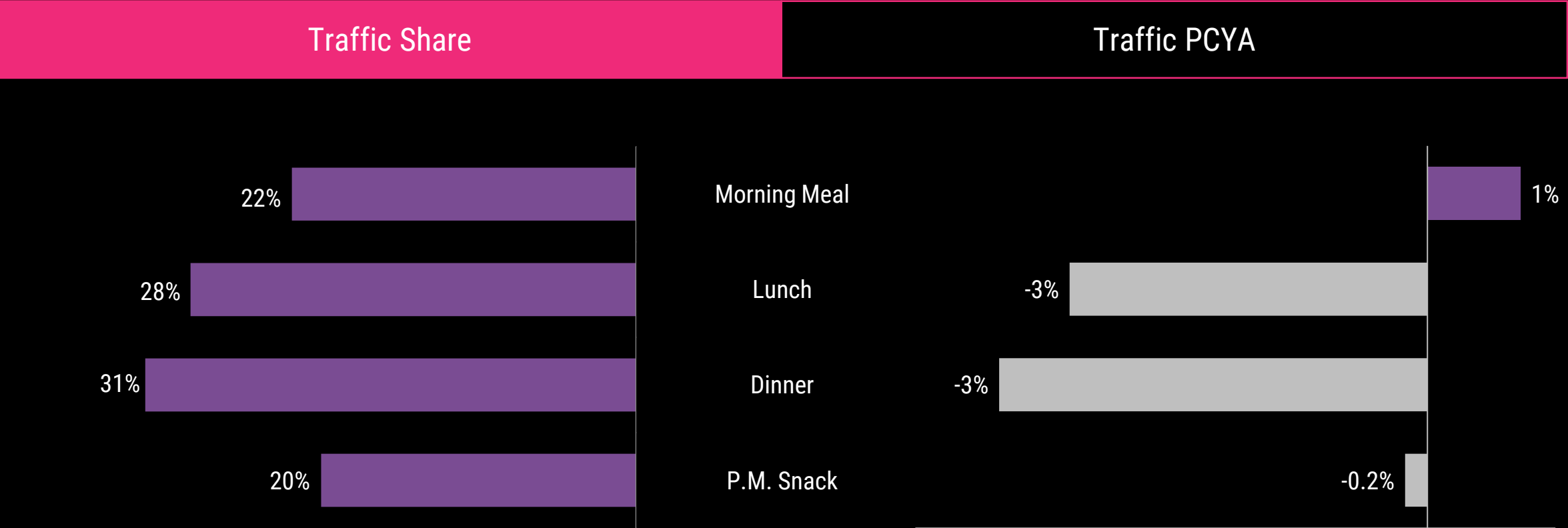


### Retail on the Go Where Consumed

|                     | % Occ. | Per Capita Pt. Change '24 vs. '21 |
|---------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Work                | 39%    | +6                                |
| In Transit          | 19%    | +3                                |
| School or College   | 17%    | +10                               |
| Someone Else's Home | 16%    | +1                                |
| Someplace Else      | 10%    | +3                                |

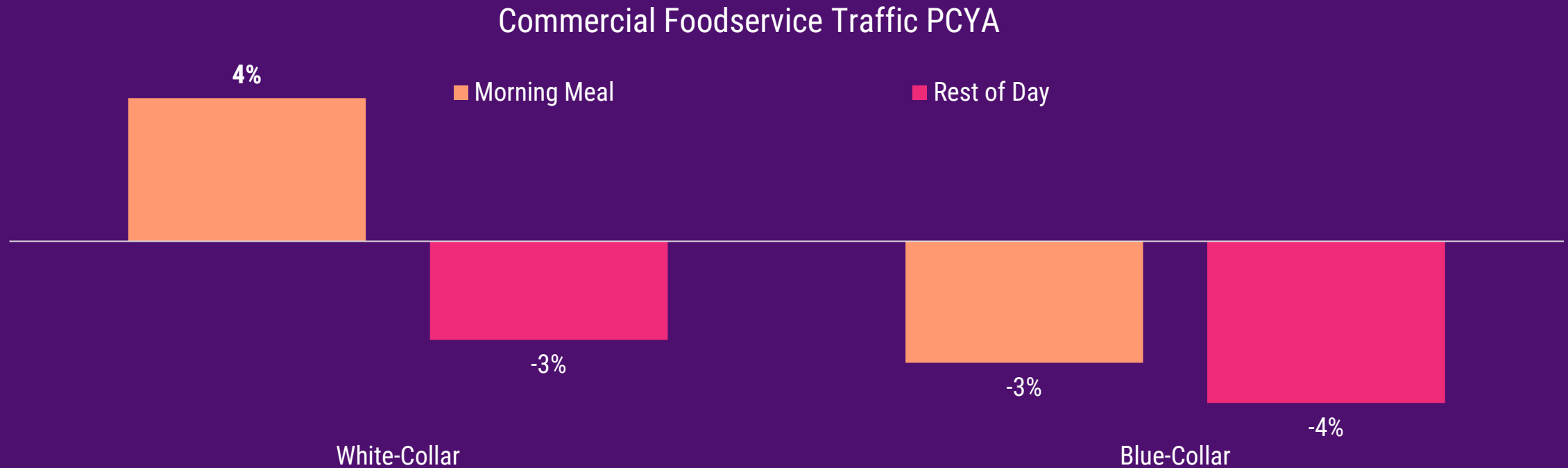
# Commercial foodservice daypart

Morning meal traffic grew by 1% in Q1, while all other dayparts declined.



# Return to office impact on morning meal

As more white-collar workers return to the office, they are also resuming their morning coffee and bagel run. Blue-collar workers declined visits similarly throughout the day.

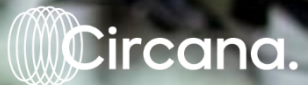






In office workers buy from  
commercial foodservice

↑ **8%** more than  
remote  
workers



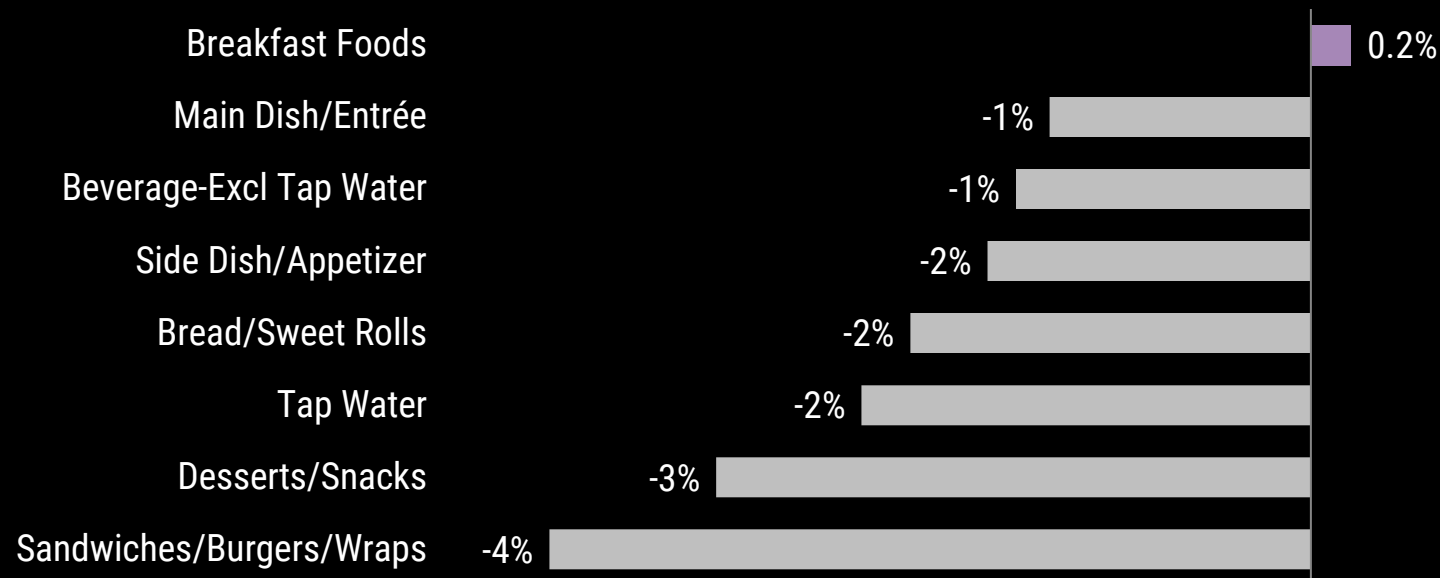
*Source: Circana, Checkout analytics,  
large chain raw purchase frequency, 12 ME December 2024  
On-site = mostly & always on-site; remote = mostly & always remote*

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# Commercial foodservice product class

Breakfast foods were the only product class to grow in servings in Q1; sandwiches, burgers, and wraps decreased the most.

Servings PCYA – Q1 2025 vs. YA



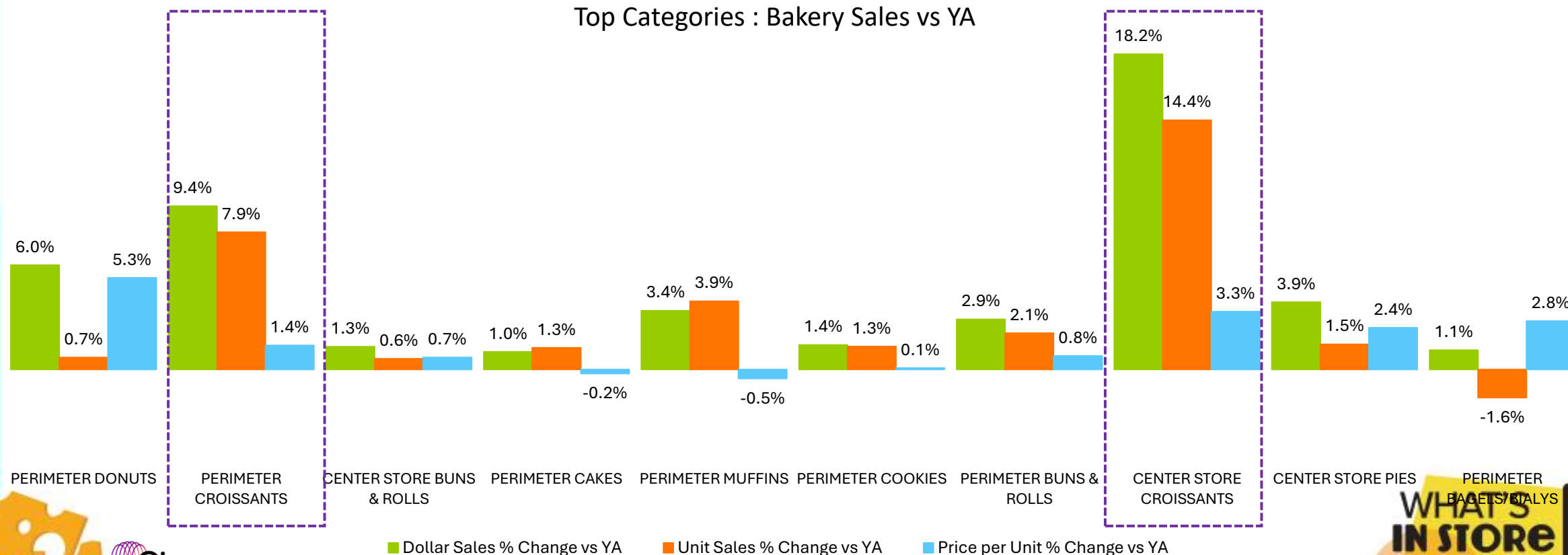
Menu Importance

| Menu Importance | M.I. Change |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 13.3            | +0.3        |
| 39.8            | +0.2        |
| 83.8            | +0.3        |
| 41.7            | +0.1        |
| 10.4            | 0.0         |
| 4.3             | 0.0         |
| 9.4             | -0.1        |
| 24.4            | -0.4        |

# Croissants led the growth in **bakery** in both center store and perimeter



Top Categories : Bakery Sales vs YA



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Source: Circana Integrated Fresh Market Advantage, MULO+, L52 WE 3-23-2025

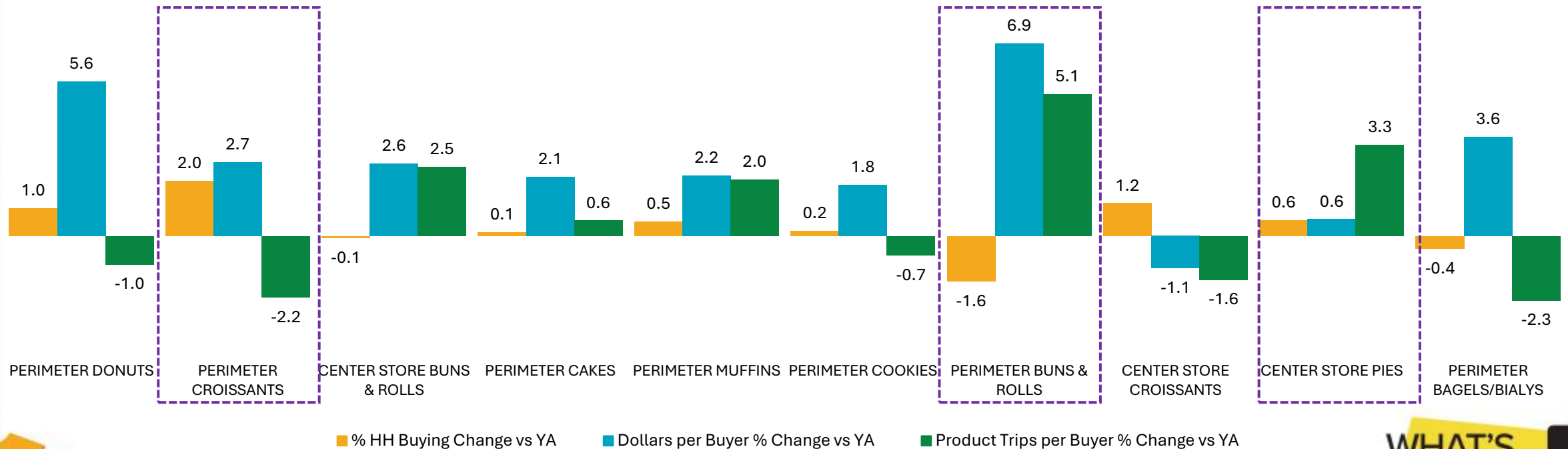
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Perimeter croissants enjoyed HH Pen & elevated spend per/buyer. Perimeter buns & center store pies saw sharp increases in trips.



Top Bakery Categories by Dollar Sales vs YA



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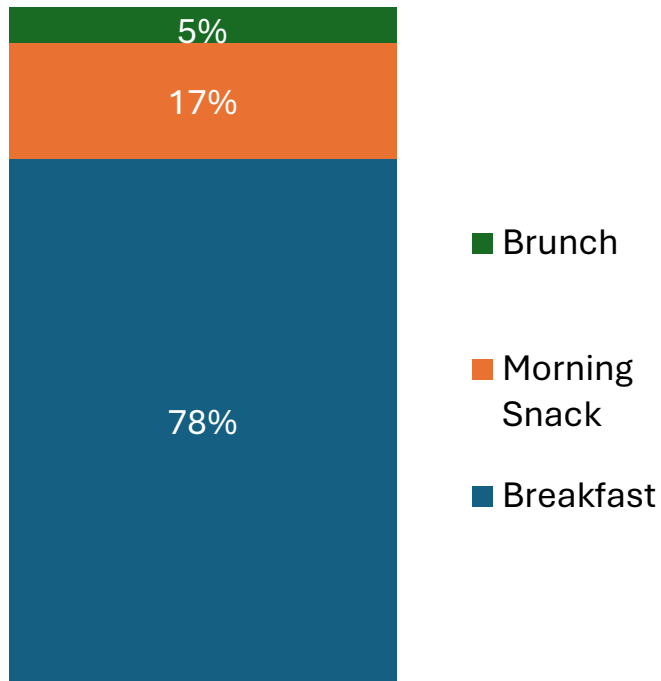
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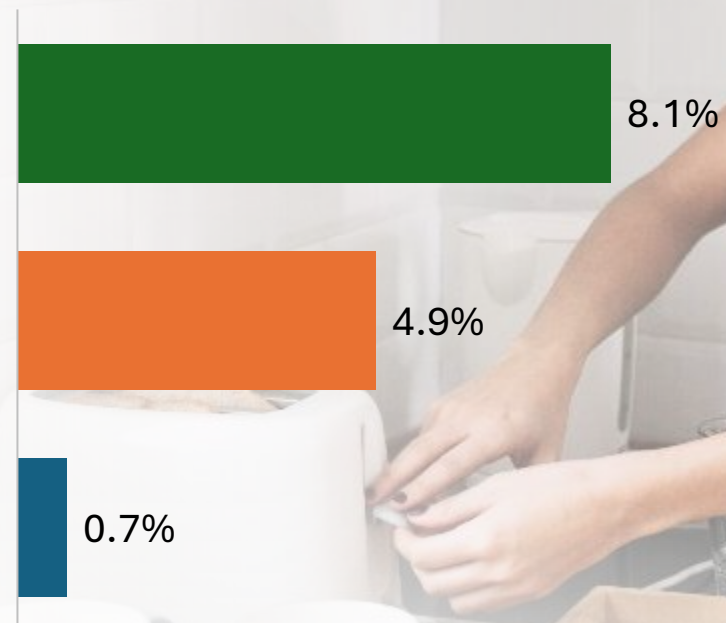
# QSR morning meal detail

“Breakfast” still describes most occasions at quick-service restaurants, but growth is coming from a “snack” or “brunch.”

## Morning Meal Traffic Distribution

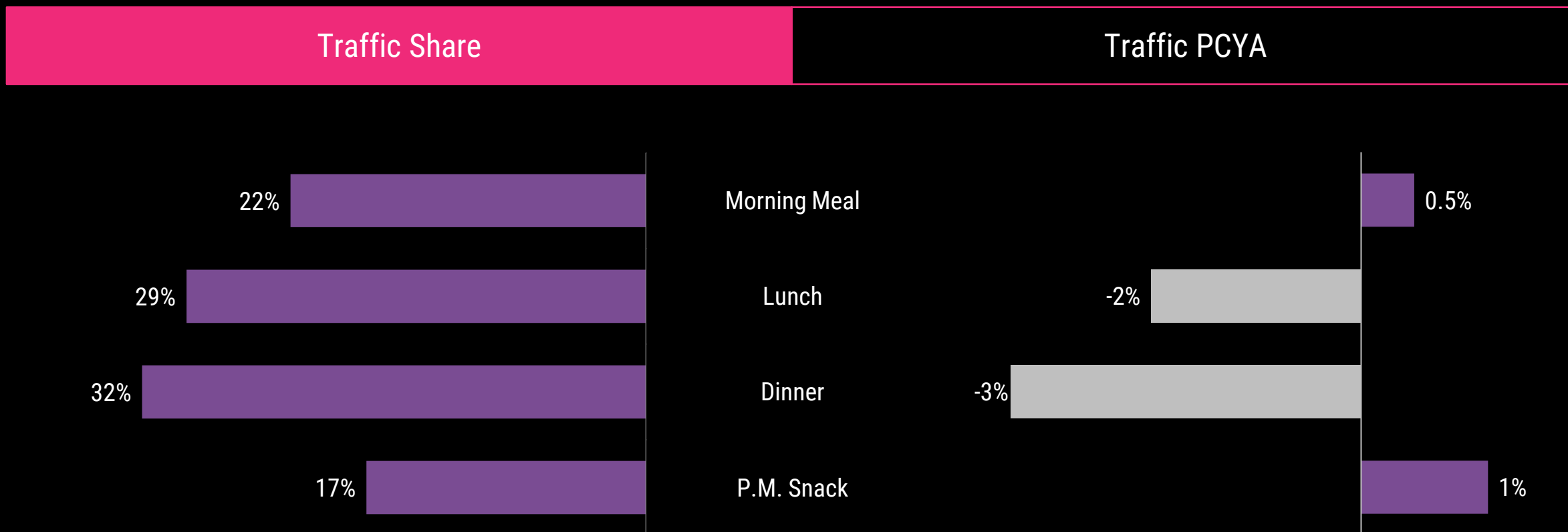


## Traffic % Change 2024 vs. 2022



# QSR daypart

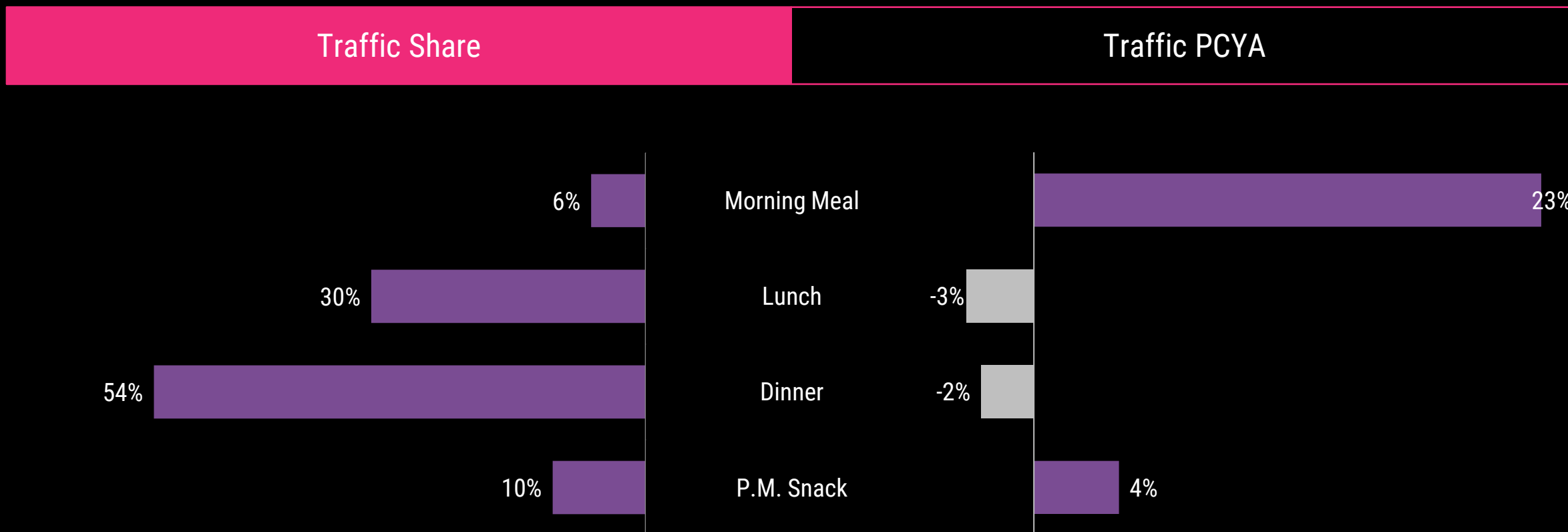
Morning meal and p.m. snack both grew traffic in Q1 at quick-service restaurants.





# Casual dining daypart

Morning meal and p.m. snack both grew at casual dining restaurants in Q1, signaling future opportunities; however, both dayparts are relatively small compared to lunch and dinner, which declined in Q1.



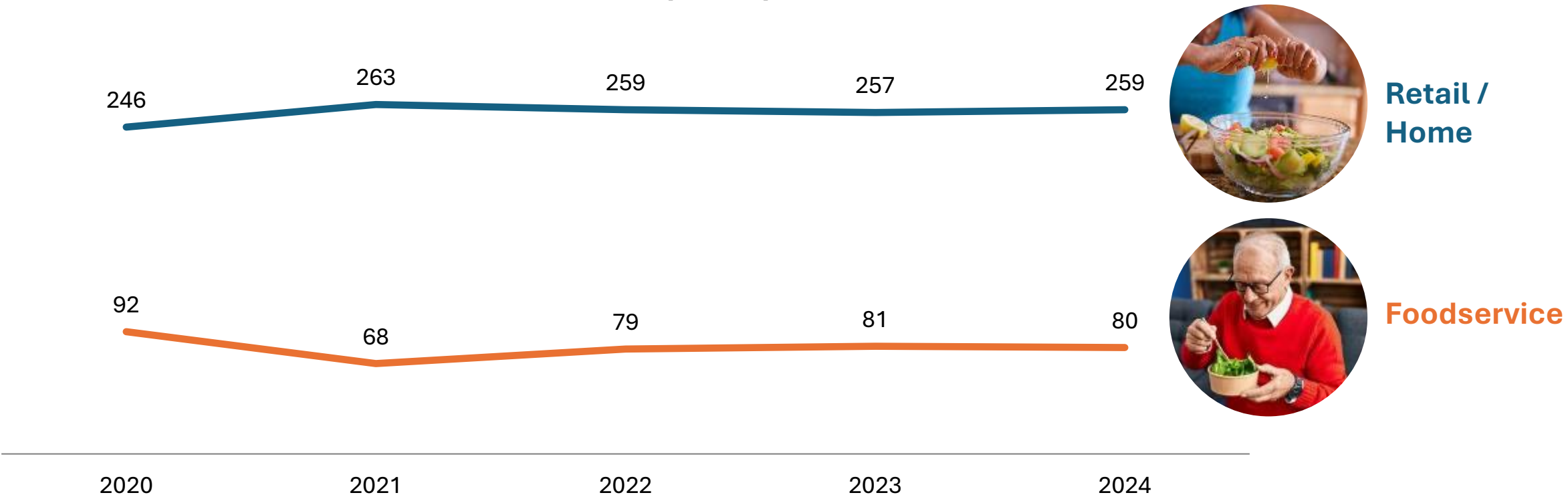


# Lunch & Dinner Occasions – Saving Time



# Retail / home-sourced lunches are still slightly elevated compared to pre-pandemic

Number of Lunch Occasions per Capita — Where Sourced



# Low-prep and quick homemade forms are popular at lunch

## Food & Beverage Forms at In-home Lunch

Occasion Share



Ready to Eat /  
Drink From Retail

85%



Completely /  
Partly Homemade

42%



Heat and Eat

32%



Fresh / Deli Prepared

10%

*Driven by homemade sandwiches*

*Source: Circana, National Eating Trends®, 12ME March 2024*

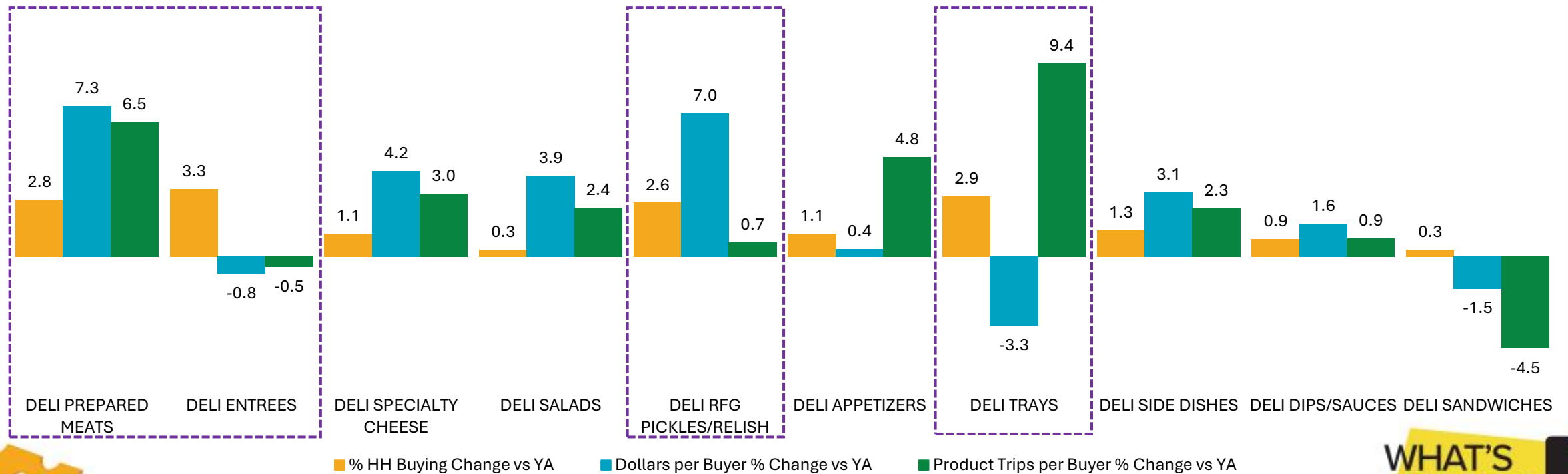
*Sourced from home/retail and consumed in home*



**Deli** Household Penetration is up across the board with Entrees, Trays, Prepared Meats & Pickles/Relish leading the way. Trips are also up for all but sandwiches.



Top Deli Categories by Dollar Sales vs YA



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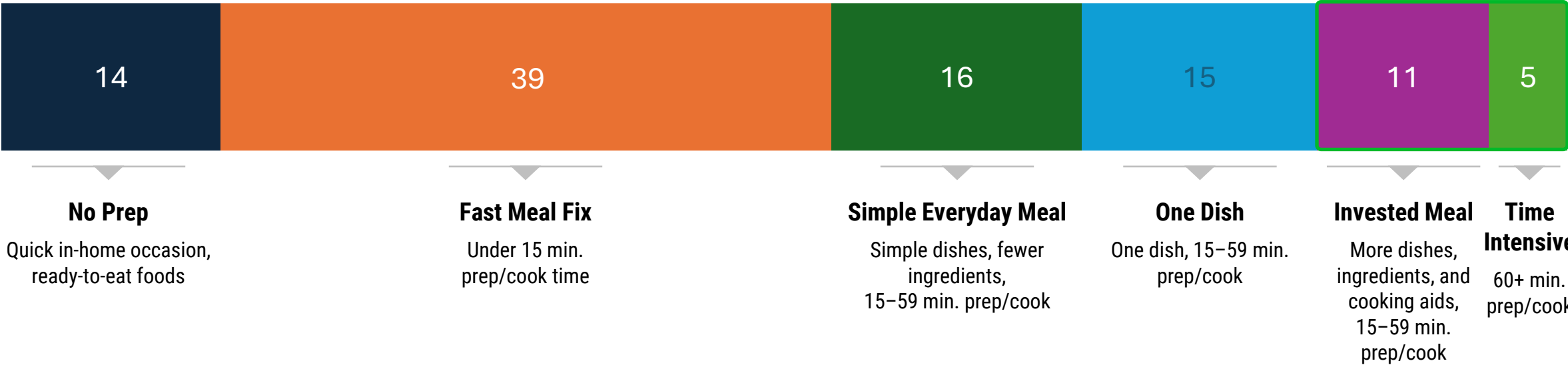
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# Half of all dinners are ready in 15 minutes or less

Fresh offerings must meet the moment – how people make meals is vital for relevancy, experience **and growth**.

## In-home Dinner Continuum: Percent of In-home Sourced Dinner Occasions

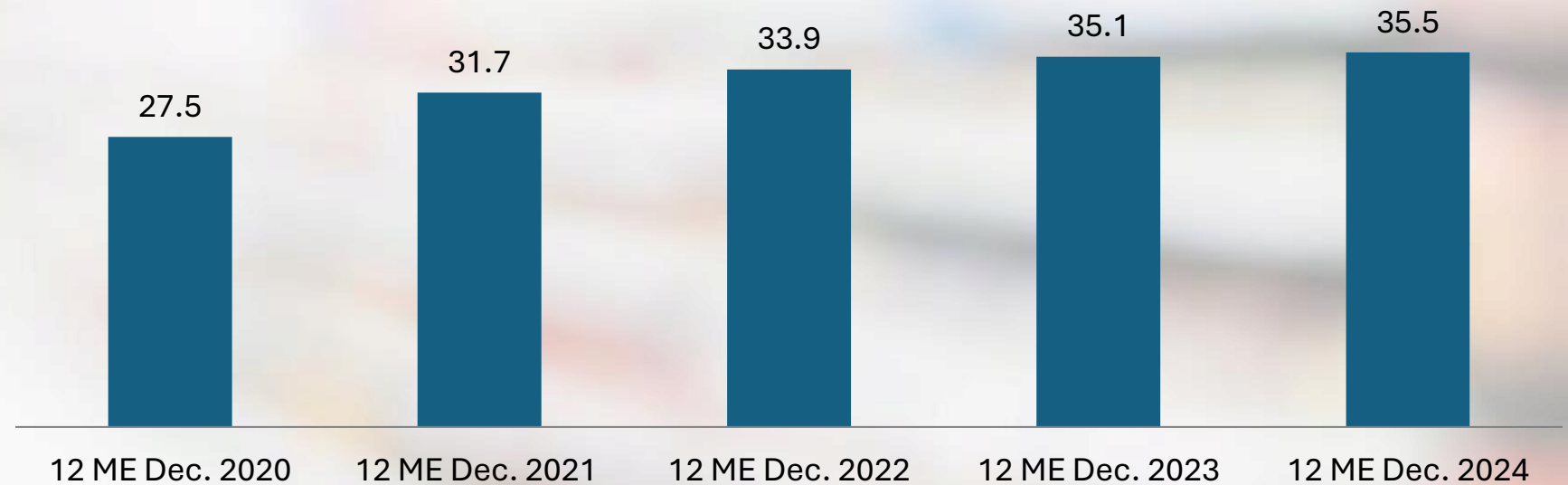


Millennials are driving growth in occasional time-required meals

# Consumption tracking shows more consumers seek heat-and-eat options at retail



**Heat-and-Eat % of Dinner Occasions**

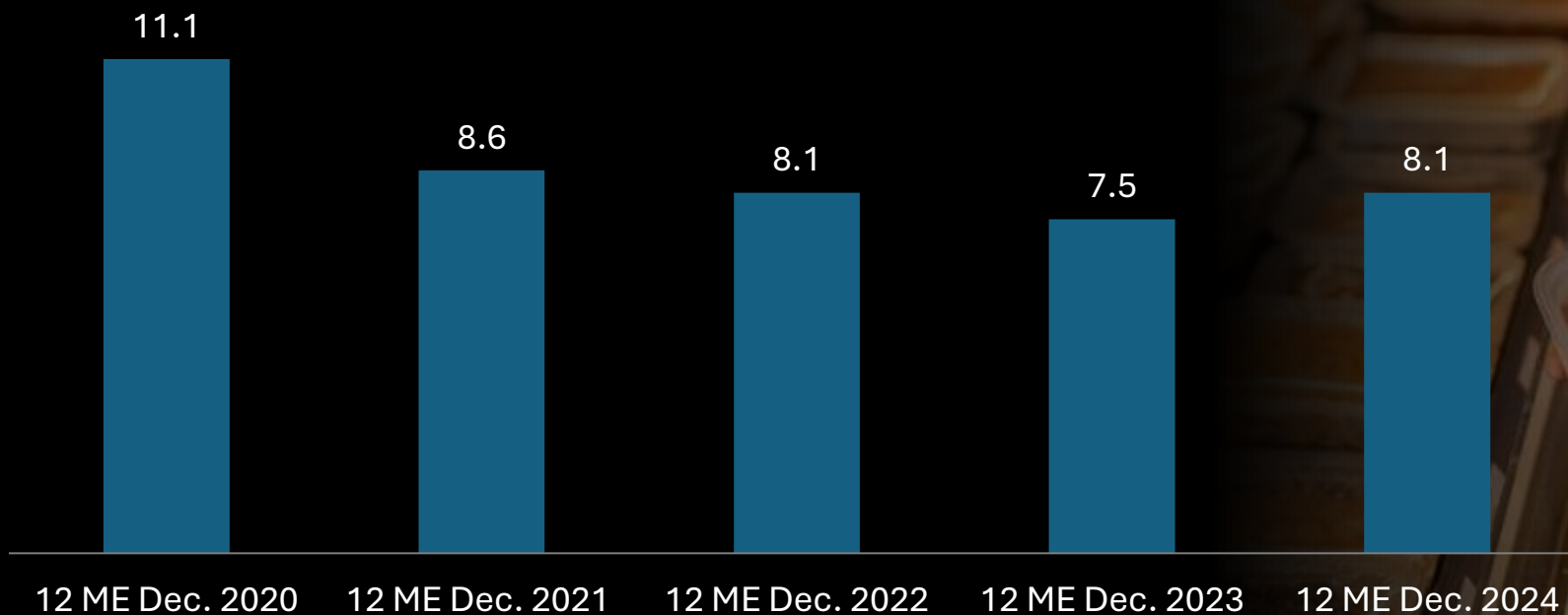


Source: Circana, National Eating Trends®.



# And they rely more on prepared foods at retail at dinner

Retail Fresh/Deli Prepared % of Dinner Occasion







# Special Occasion



# Everyday Special Occasions

At 5% of occasions **something out of the ordinary is happening**



We're hosting  
guests in  
our homes



Celebrating a  
special life moment  
or a holiday



Having a  
special meal "just  
because"

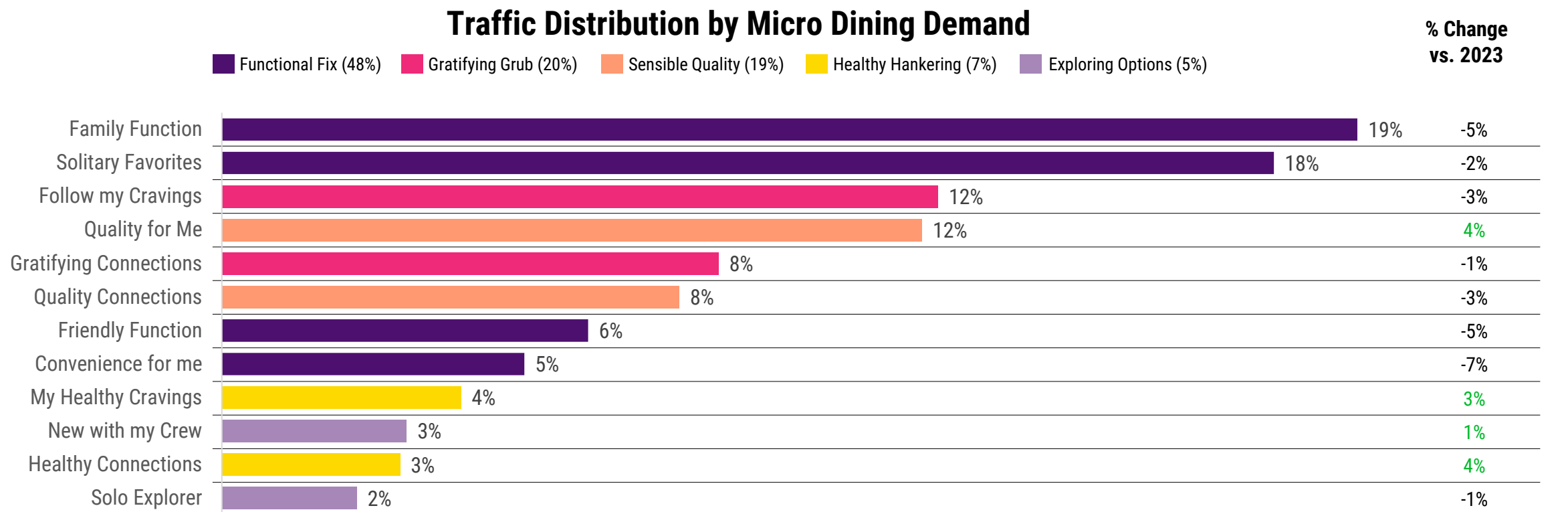


Source: Circana, National Eating Trends, year ending Dec. 2024

All specifications sourced within and easy from home.

# Quality, health, and exploration over cost

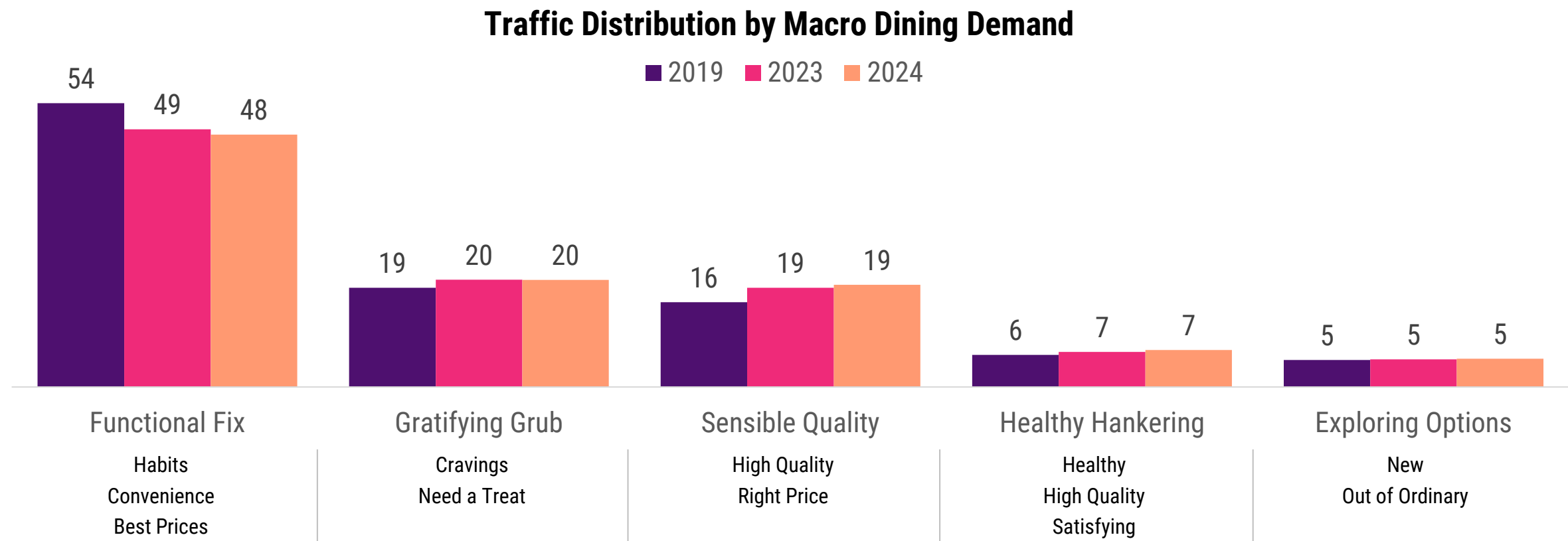
Nearly one in five restaurant visits is a “family function” occasion; however, traffic growth came from functions focused on solo quality and health.





# Consumers increase focus on quality and health

Functional fix, the largest dining demand, declined again in 2024, as consumers shift their attention to quality, health, and trying new menu items.





# Do you have your fair share?



There are **32B** special occasions annually



**25B** source foods/ beverages from retail



Consumers spend **1.6X** more per occasion

## These are Primarily Everyday Occasions

Share of Special Occasions

**90%**  
Non-holiday



**10%**  
Holiday

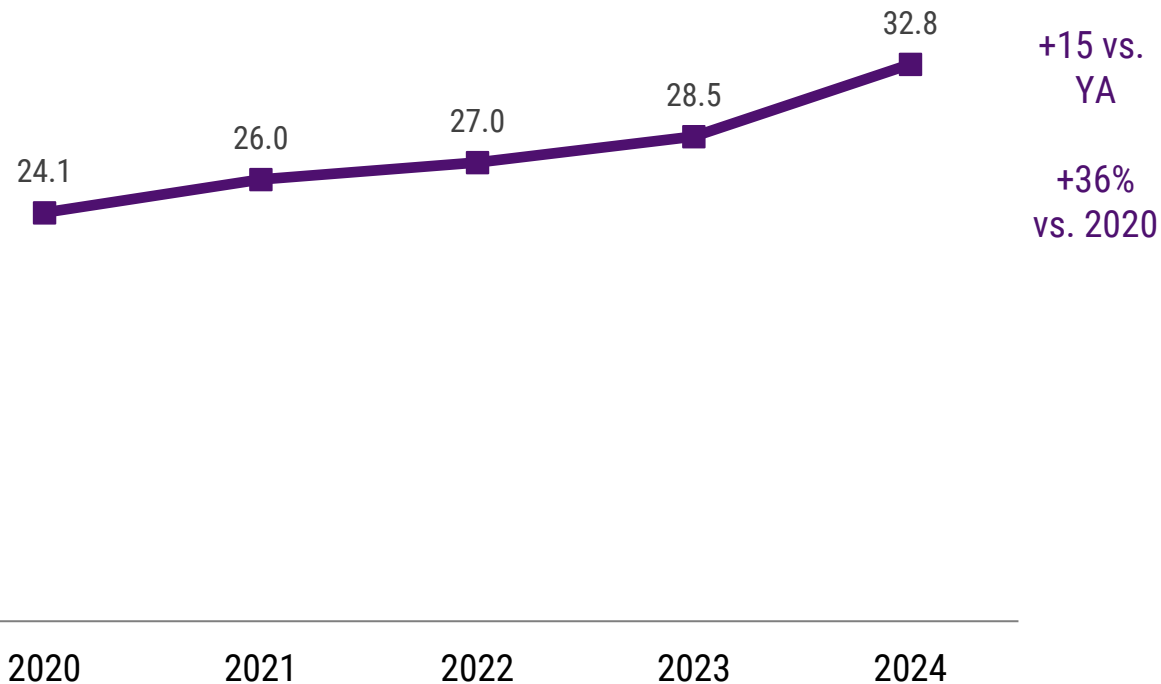
Source: Circana, Purchase to Consumption, 6 ME Dec. 2024 and National Eating Trends®, year ending Dec. 2024

All special occasions sourced both in and away from home

Special occasions count individual eaters and drinkers at those occasions  
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# Special occasions are a growing behavior

In & Away from Home Special Occasions  
Projected Annual Occasions (Billions)



# Donuts and cookies are among the top sweet snack across generations

Chewy candy and fruit snacks are more popular among the younger generations

## In Top 5 Sweet Snack Foods by Generation

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Chocolate Candy<br><b>Cookies</b><br><b>Donuts</b><br>Etc... | Chocolate Candy<br><b>Cookies</b><br>Chewy Candy<br>Etc... | Chocolate Candy<br><b>Cookies</b><br>Chewy Candy<br>Etc... | Chocolate Candy<br><b>Cookies</b><br><b>Donuts</b><br>Etc... | Chocolate Candy<br><b>Cookies</b><br><b>Donuts</b><br>Etc... | Chocolate Candy<br><b>Cookies</b><br><b>Donuts</b><br>Etc... |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|





consumers are

**3X**

more likely to choose foods and beverages because they wanted to **try something new / different** while at a special occasion

### OPPORTUNITY

normal habits are being disrupted –  
consumers are open to new solutions





# Food and beverage choices reflect a desire to have something outside of the normal

More Likely to Serve / Have at Home Special Occasions



## Main Dish / Entrée Oriented

- Red Meat
- Pork
- Poultry
- Combination Dishes
- Pancakes, Waffles, French Toast



## Side Dish Oriented

- Potatoes
- Dips & Salsa
- Stuffing
- Vegetables & Legumes
- Salted Snacks



## Dessert Oriented

- Cakes, Cupcakes
- Pies & Tarts
- Ice Cream & Frozen Desserts
- Candy
- Cookies & Brownies
- Coffee Cake & Quick Bread



# Strategies for growth

01

Recognize new emerging moments for consumption throughout the day

02

Reimagine category usage occasions beyond traditional day parts

03

Rethink foods and meal composition around the “3 Ps”

- Portion sizes
- Portability
- Price points





# Thank you!



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