



# C&G Shopper Intelligence Syndicated Study

## Wave 1 – Q2 2020



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# Methodology

- Starting April 8, 2020 Pollara Strategic Insights and Caddle began tracking Canadian FMCG C&G shopper behaviour and attitudes to measure shopping trends during and eventually, post-COVID-19.
- A total of 2,000 Canadians over the age of 18, across all regions, are surveyed monthly.
- The data is weighted by region, gender, and age, based on the most recent Canadian census data figures to ensure that the sample reflects Canada's population.
- This report summarizes the main findings for Quarter 2, 2020, from surveys conducted monthly from April 8, 2020 and June 8, 2020.
- The total sample size for this Wave of reporting is 6,261.



# WAVE 1 - Q2 2020 KEY TAKEAWAYS

- During the peak of the pandemic, C&G stores were used by many as an alternative to shopping FMCG in traditional grocery stores.
- In April, 78% of adult Canadians were shopping FMCG in C&G stores.
  - During this month, the incidence was higher among shoppers from younger generations (86% among Gen Z, 83% among Millennials).
- In June, as COVID-19 restrictions eased, the percentage dropped to 70%.
  - The share of younger Canadians shopping in C&G dropped to 72% among Gen Z and 78% among Millennials.
  - In contrast, C&G shopping amongst the Greatest Generation jumped from 55% to 72%.
- In general, during the past 3 months, shoppers' price sensitivity has increased. However, this is less of a concern for regular C&G shoppers who are willing to pay more given C&G stores' location and ease of shopping.
- Amongst those not shopping in C&G stores, higher prices and the perception that C&G stores are not as clean or safe as traditional grocery stores are among the top barriers.
- During April and May, the items most purchased in C&G stores were food essentials, such as bread and milk. In the past month, purchases of these items have decreased significantly.
- As summer unveils and pandemic numbers remain stable, products within the categories of RTD/cold drinks, confectionery, snacks in general, and lottery, rise to the top as the items most purchased.





# C&G Shopping Incidence & Frequency



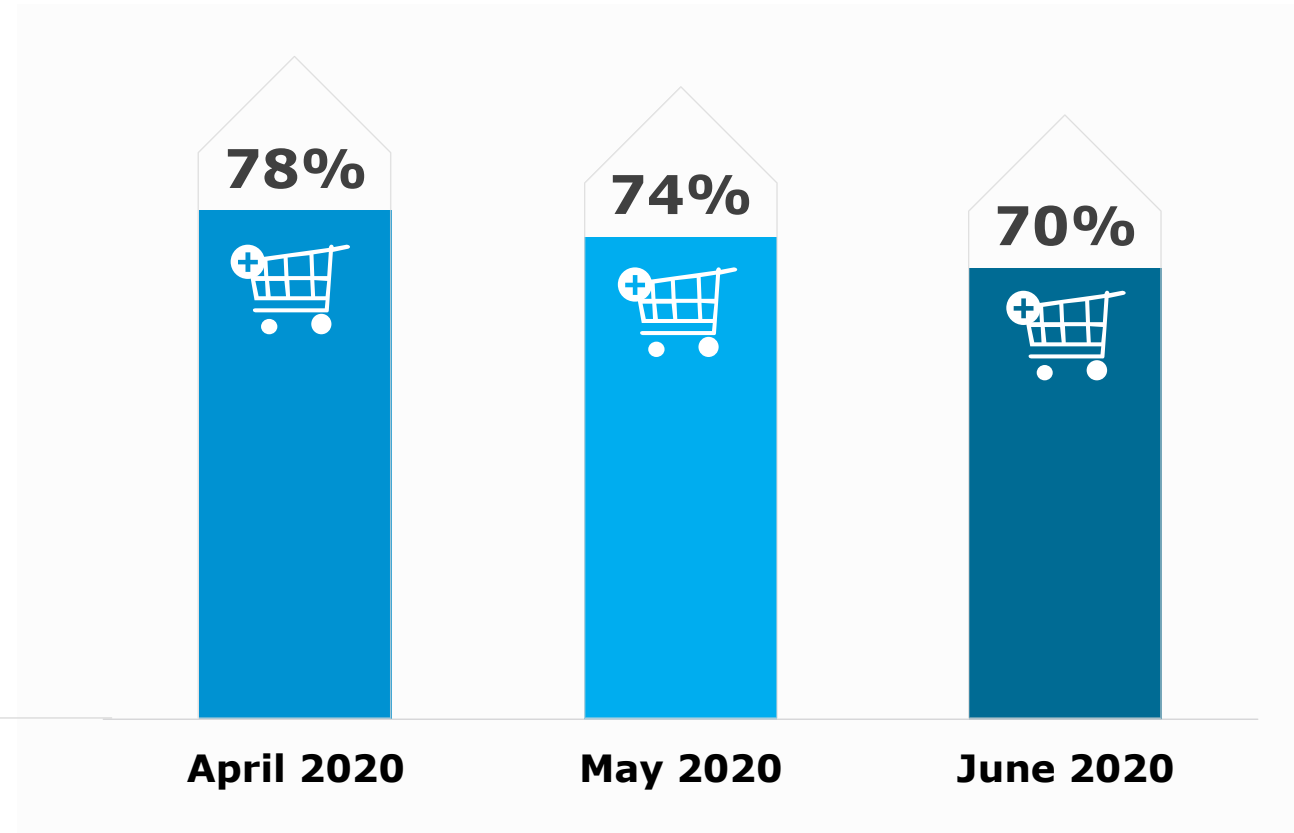
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# C&G stores were a strong source of FMCG during the peak of the pandemic

- As pandemic numbers decreases, so does the incidence of C&G shoppers

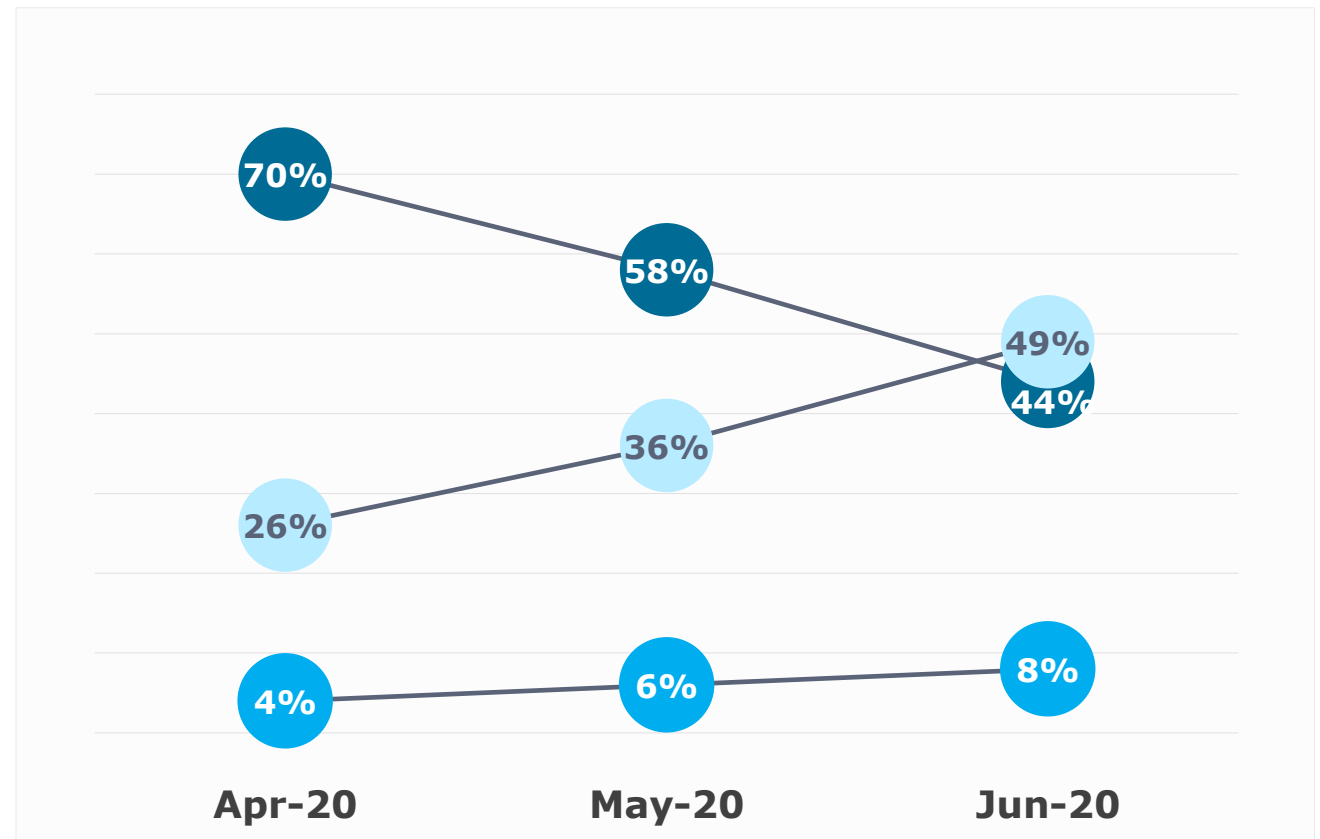
**% who shop FMCG  
at C&G stores**



# Despite a decrease in overall incidence, C&G shoppers are slowly increasing their buying trips

- Shopping frequency is expected to continue to rise as summer unveils

**Change in C&G  
FMCG shopping frequency  
(vs. pre-COVID-19)**



# FMCG shoppers are increasing their trips across every channel, not just C&G

- Although still lagging, shopping frequency in all channels is moving closer to normal



## **% OF SHOPPERS BUYING FMCG MORE OFTEN** (vs. Pre-COVID-19)

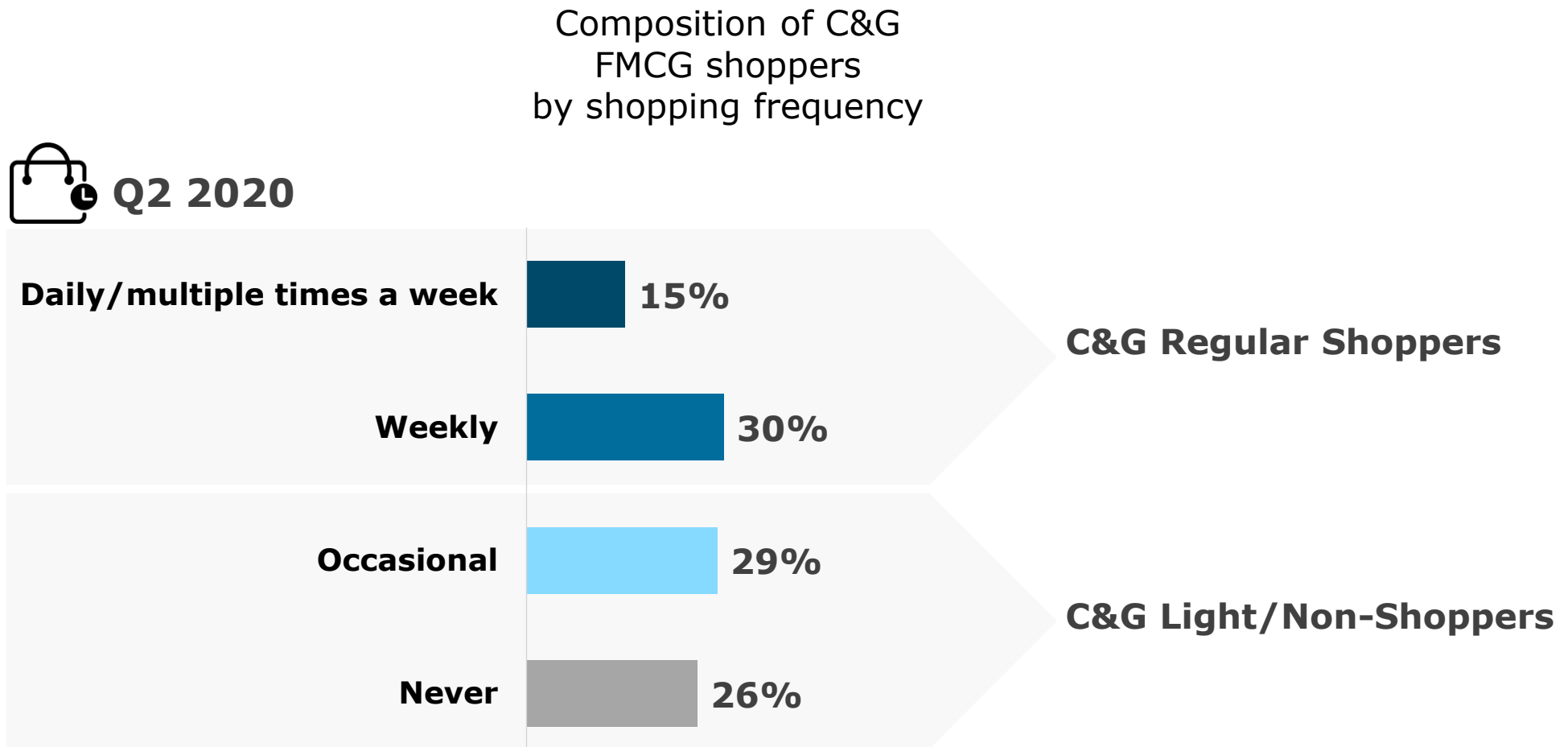
	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020
<b>C&amp;G</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>8%</b>
Grocery Stores	5%	5%	7%
Other Brick & Mortar (e.g. Dollarama, SDM)	4%	4%	5%
Online	17%	21%	21%



## **% OF SHOPPERS BUYING FMCG LESS OFTEN** (vs. Pre-COVID-19)

	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020
<b>C&amp;G</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>44%</b>
Grocery Stores	75%	68%	54%
Other Brick & Mortar (e.g. Dollarama, SDM)	39%	26%	22%
Online	69%	61%	47%

# Just under 50% of Canadians shopped FMCG in C&G stores regularly during the past quarter





# A higher incidence of C&G FMCG shoppers is observed in the Atlantic, Quebec, and the Prairies

- Ontario has seen the largest decrease compared to April.

TOTAL		
Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
78%	74%	70%

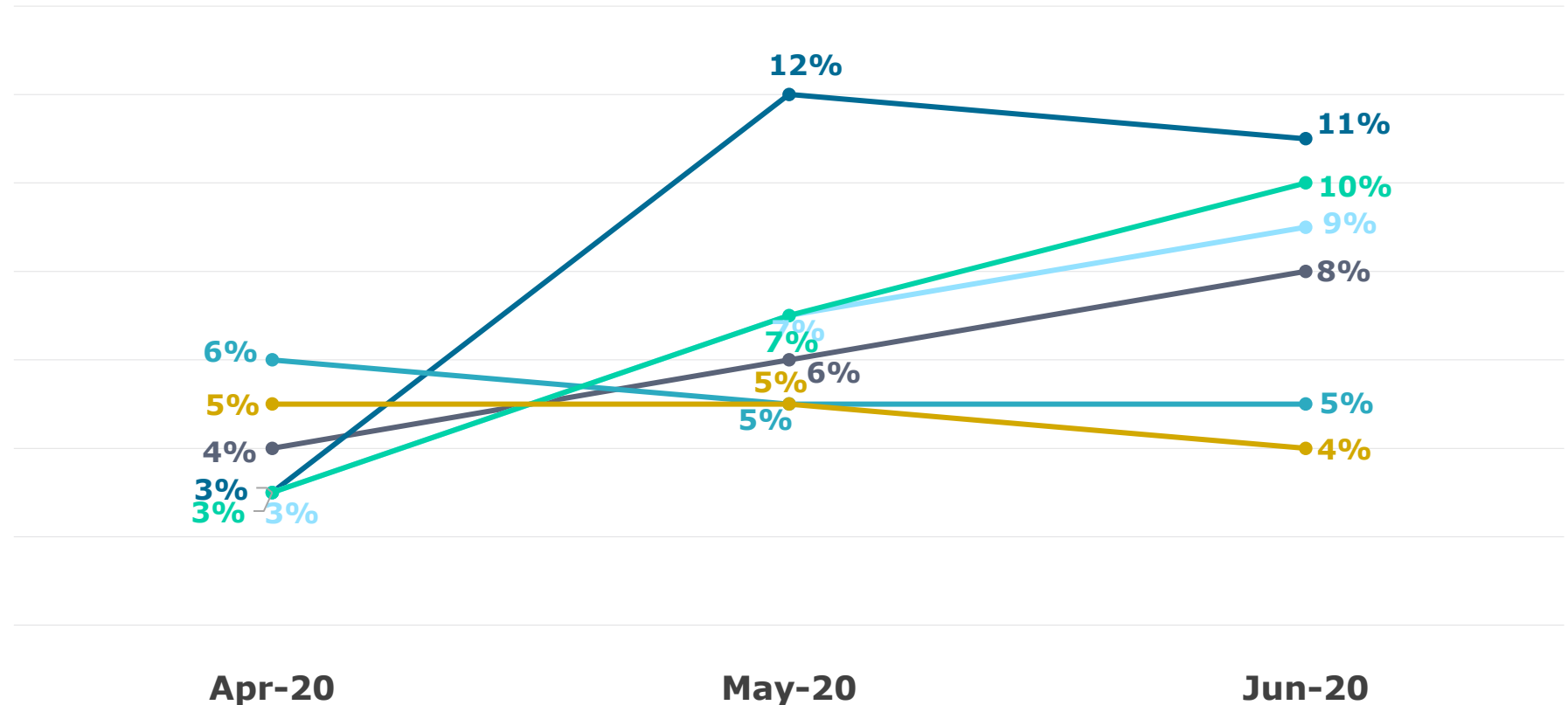


# Compared to April, C&G trips have increased the most among BC and Quebec shoppers

% of shoppers buying FMCG more often (vs. pre-COVID-19)

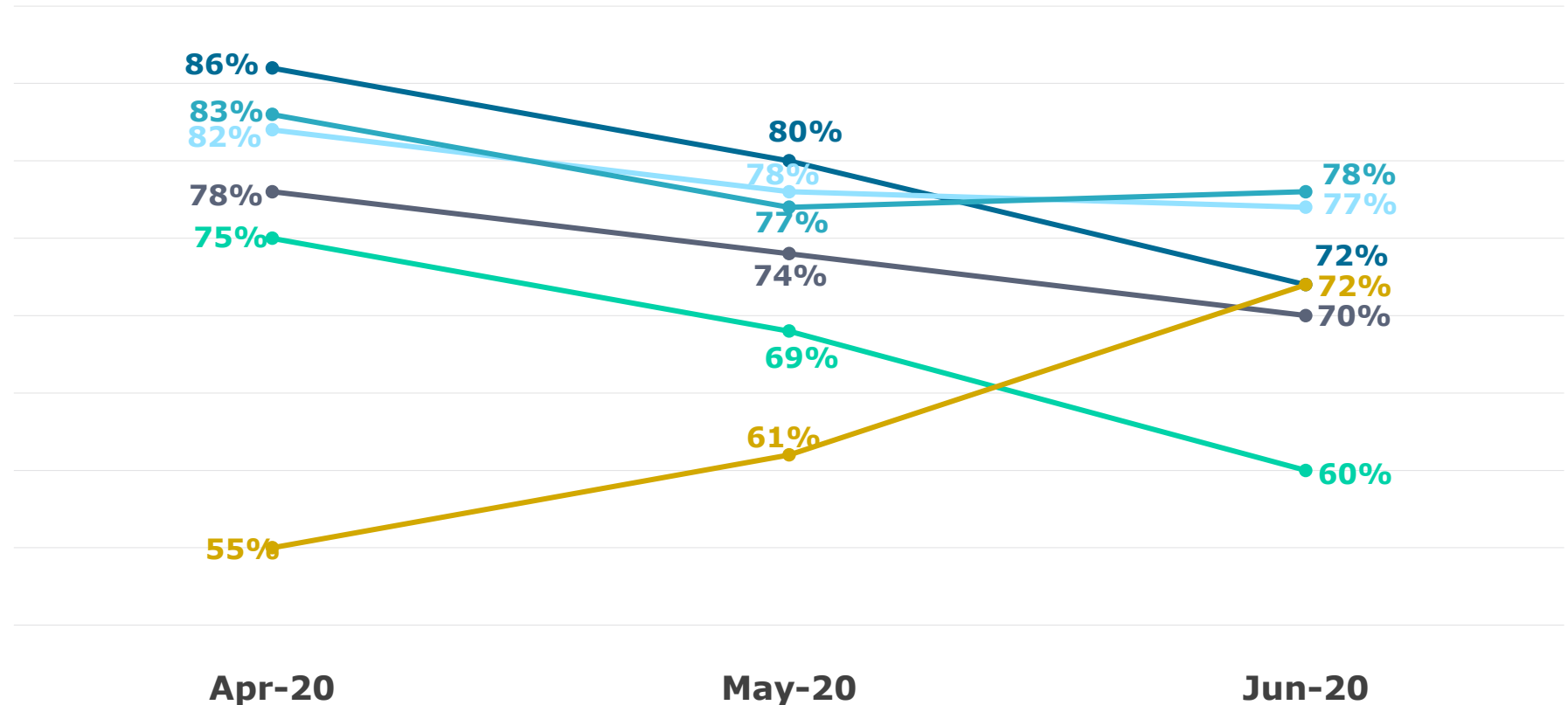
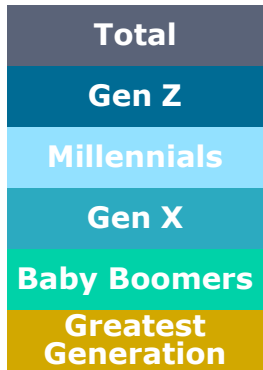


Total
BC
Prairies
Ontario
Quebec
Atlantic



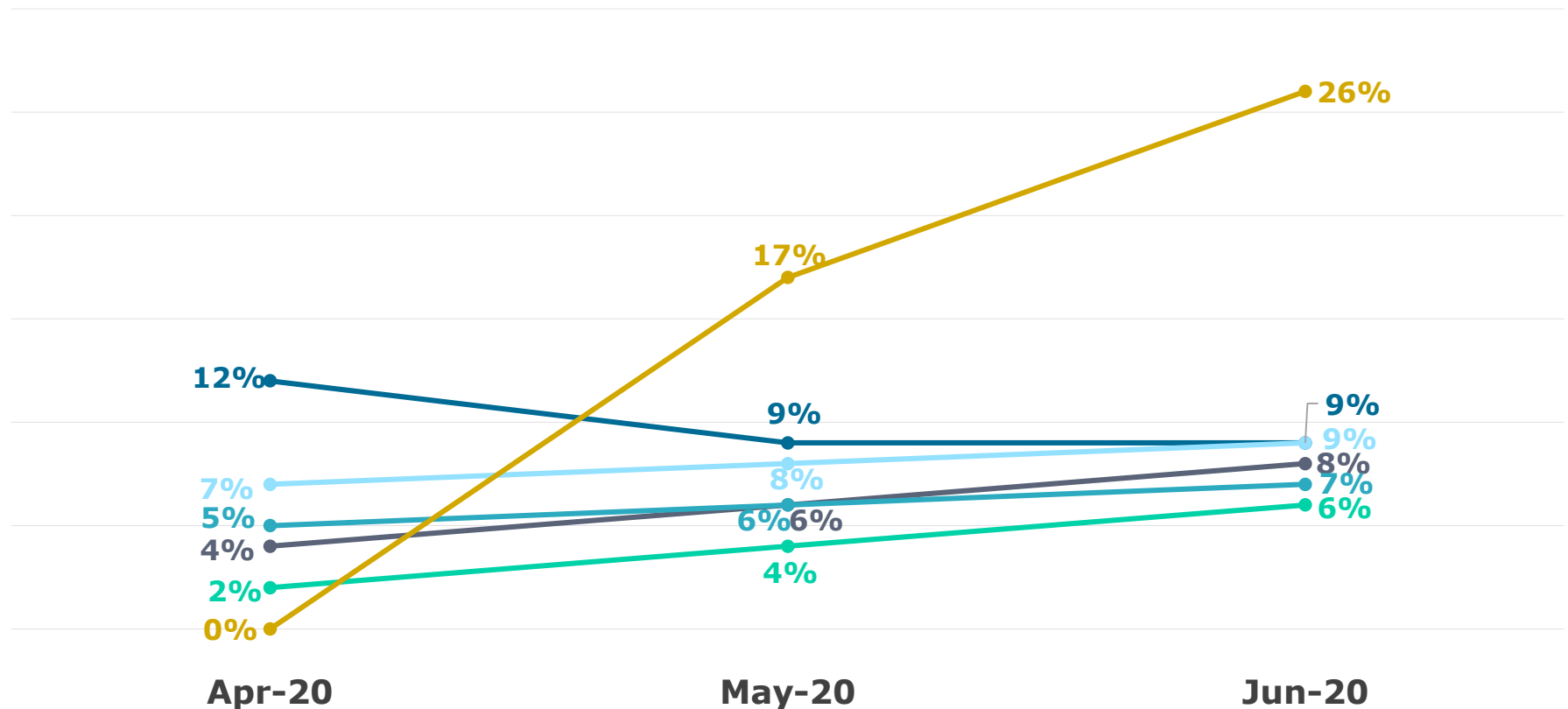
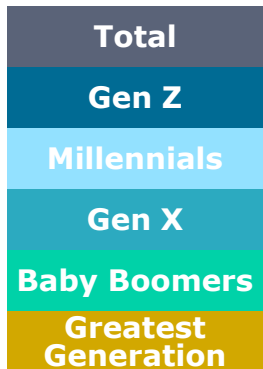
# As the fear of being infected decreases, shoppers from the Greatest Generation have returned to C&G stores

% who shop FMCG at C&G stores



# Not only have they returned to C&G stores, but the Greatest Generation has also increased their trips at a faster pace than other generations

% of shoppers buying FMCG more often (vs. pre-COVID-19)





# C&G Shopping Attitudes

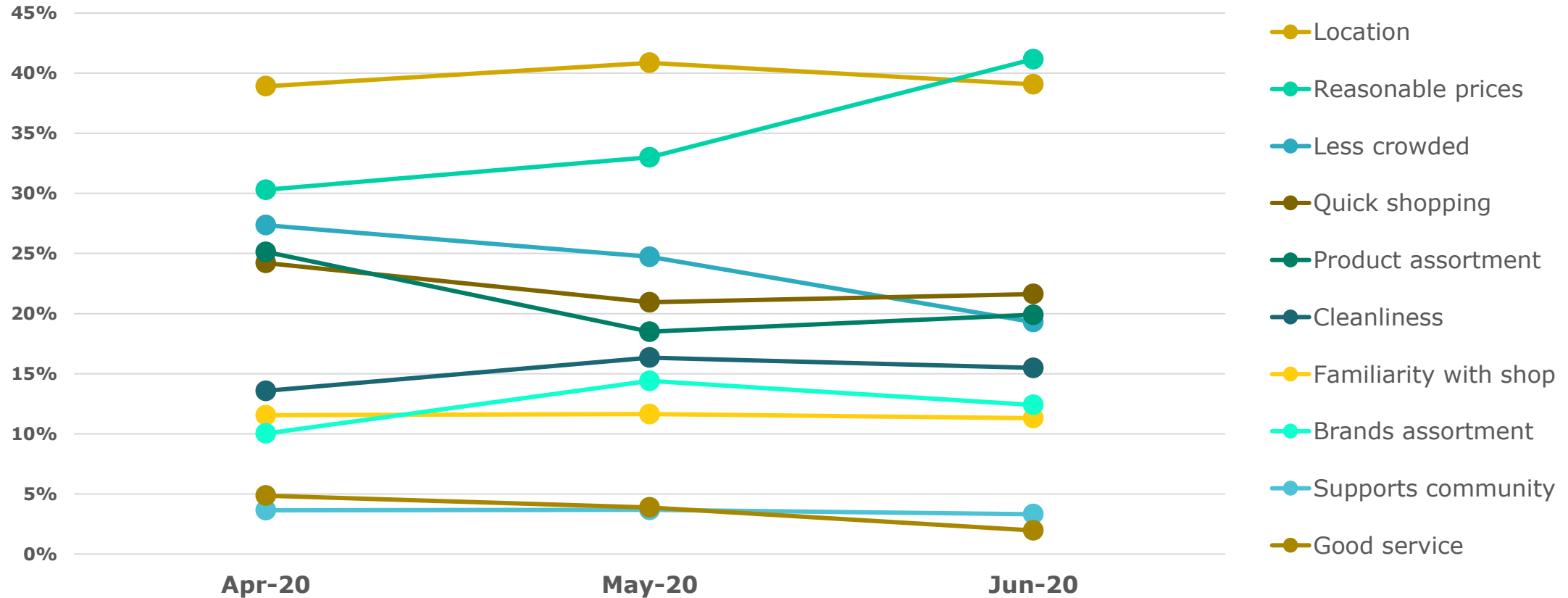


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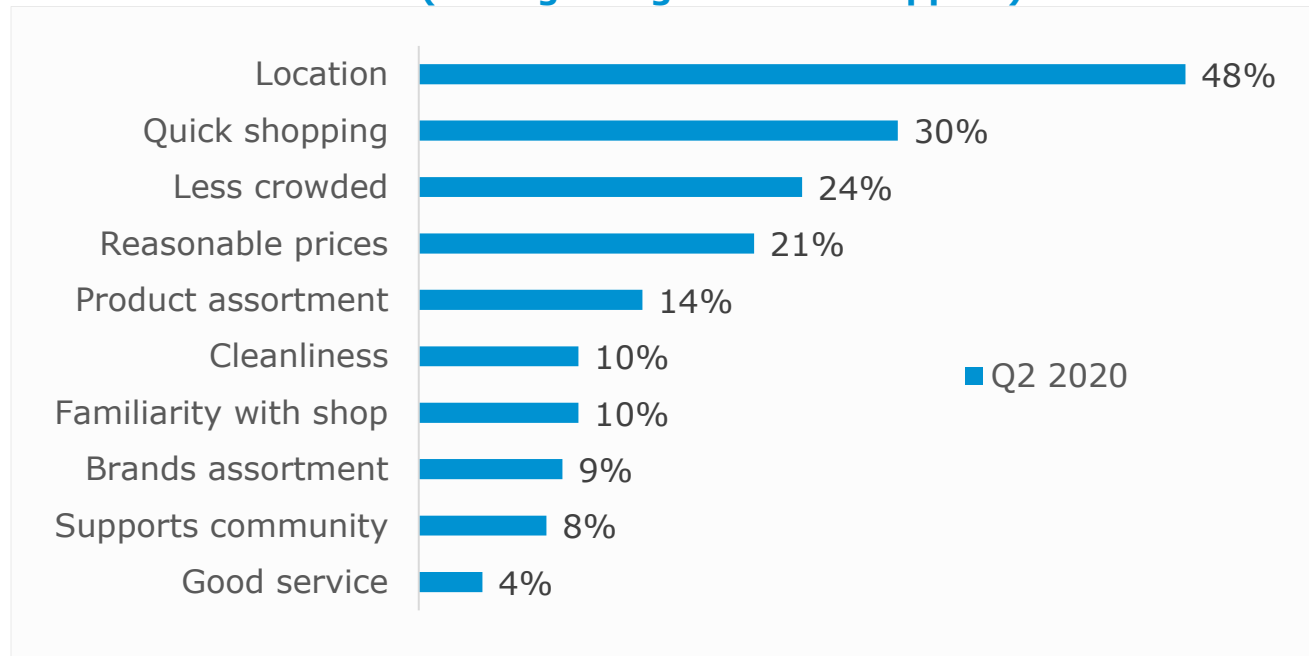
# As the pandemic slows down, C&G shoppers are becoming increasingly price sensitive and less worried about crowds in-store

Drivers for choosing a store to buy FMCG  
(amongst Regular C&G shoppers)



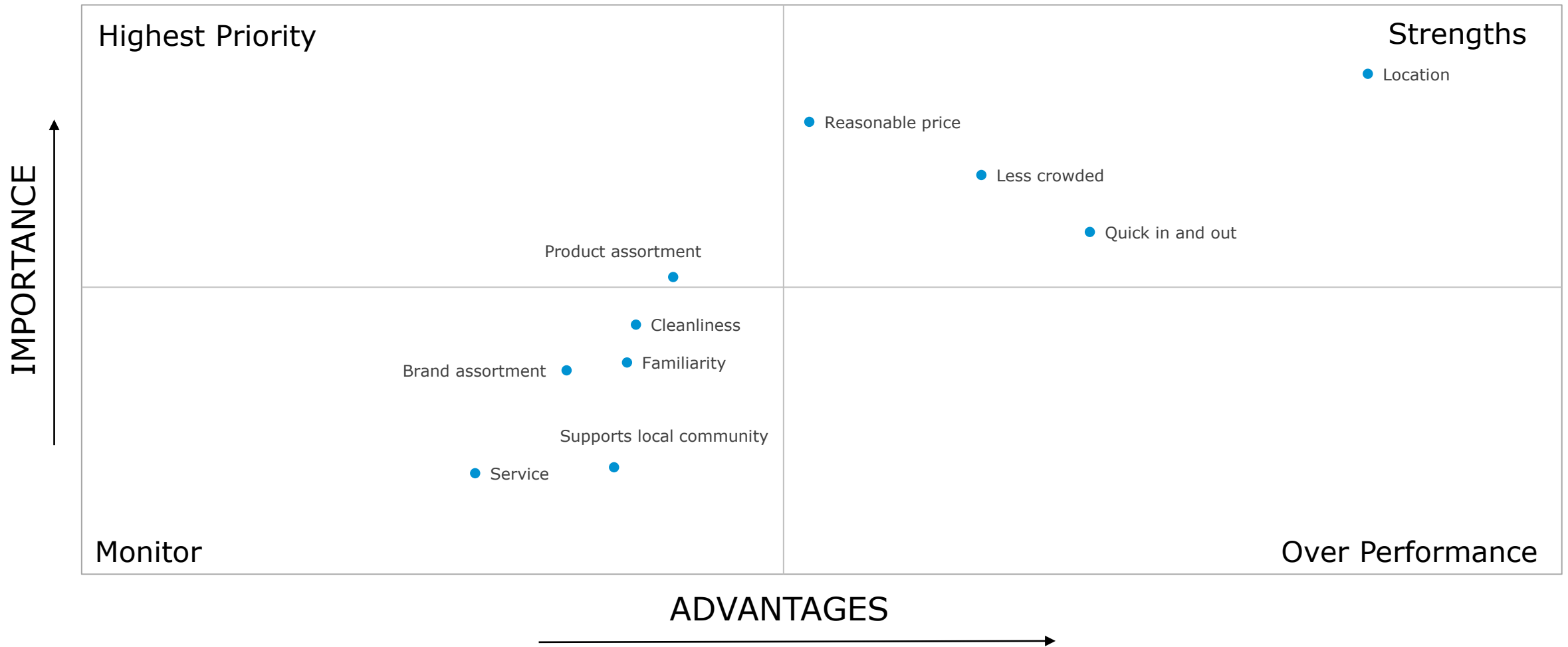
# Aside from location, regular C&G shoppers see quick shopping and less crowds as the main benefits of shopping in C&G stores

Perceived advantages  
of buying in C&G stores  
(amongst Regular C&G shoppers)



# Product assortment is the main area to focus

Importance vs. Advantages  
Q2 2020  
(amongst Regular C&G shoppers)





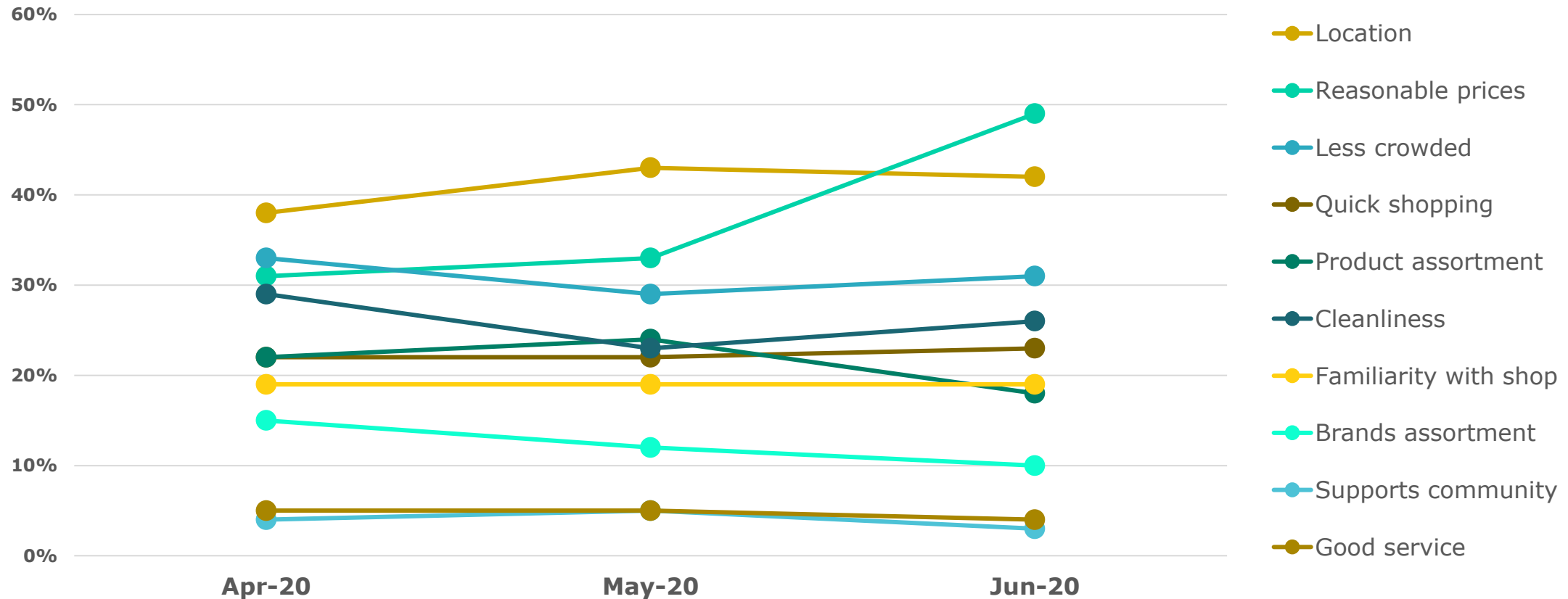
# Prices, familiarity with the store, and product assortment stand out as the main advantages of grocery stores over C&G shops

Perceived Advantages  
Q2 2020  
(amongst Regular shoppers  
in each channel)

	Grocery stores	C&G stores	Gap
<b>Less crowded</b>	11%	24%	<b>13</b>
<b>Quick in and out</b>	19%	30%	<b>11</b>
<b>Location</b>	41%	48%	<b>7</b>
<b>Supports local community</b>	5%	8%	<b>3</b>
<b>Good customer service</b>	7%	4%	<b>-3</b>
<b>Cleanliness</b>	14%	10%	<b>-4</b>
<b>Brands assortment</b>	15%	9%	<b>-6</b>
<b>Product assortment</b>	28%	14%	<b>-14</b>
<b>Familiarity with the shop</b>	30%	10%	<b>-20</b>
<b>Reasonable prices</b>	43%	21%	<b>-22</b>

# Light/non-C&G shoppers are more concerned about crowds and cleanliness than regular C&G shoppers

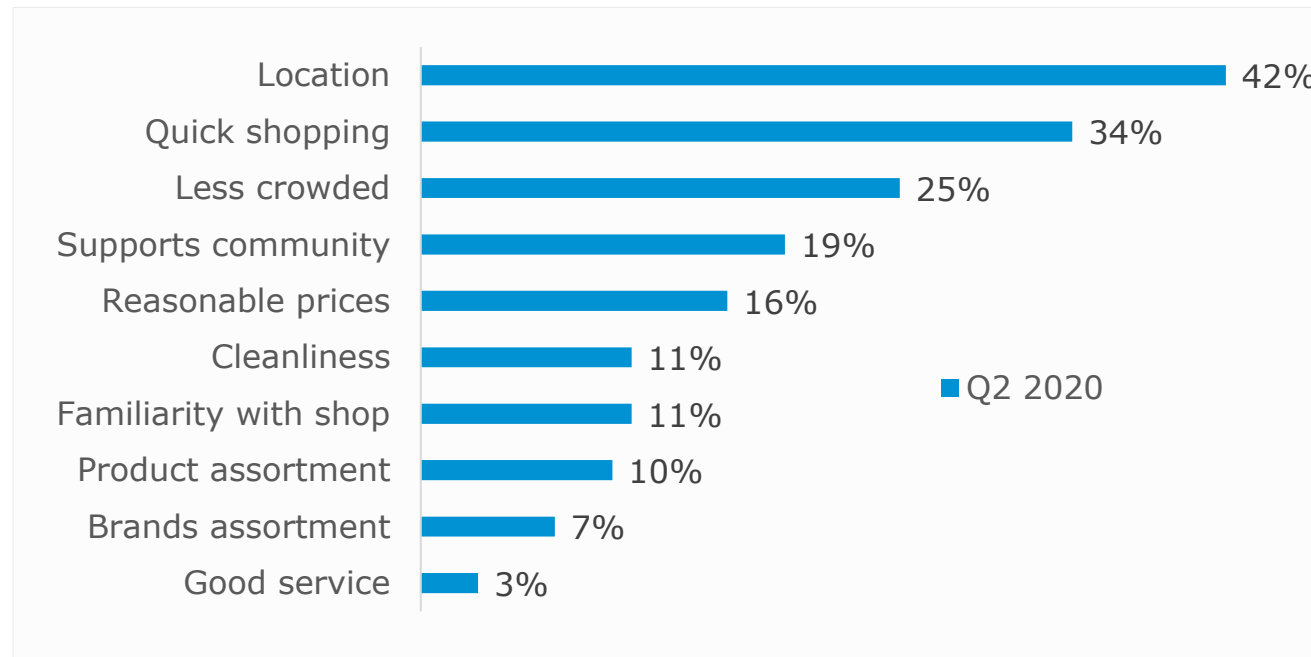
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# The top 3 C&G benefits perceived amongst Light/Non-C&G shoppers are the same as Regular shoppers

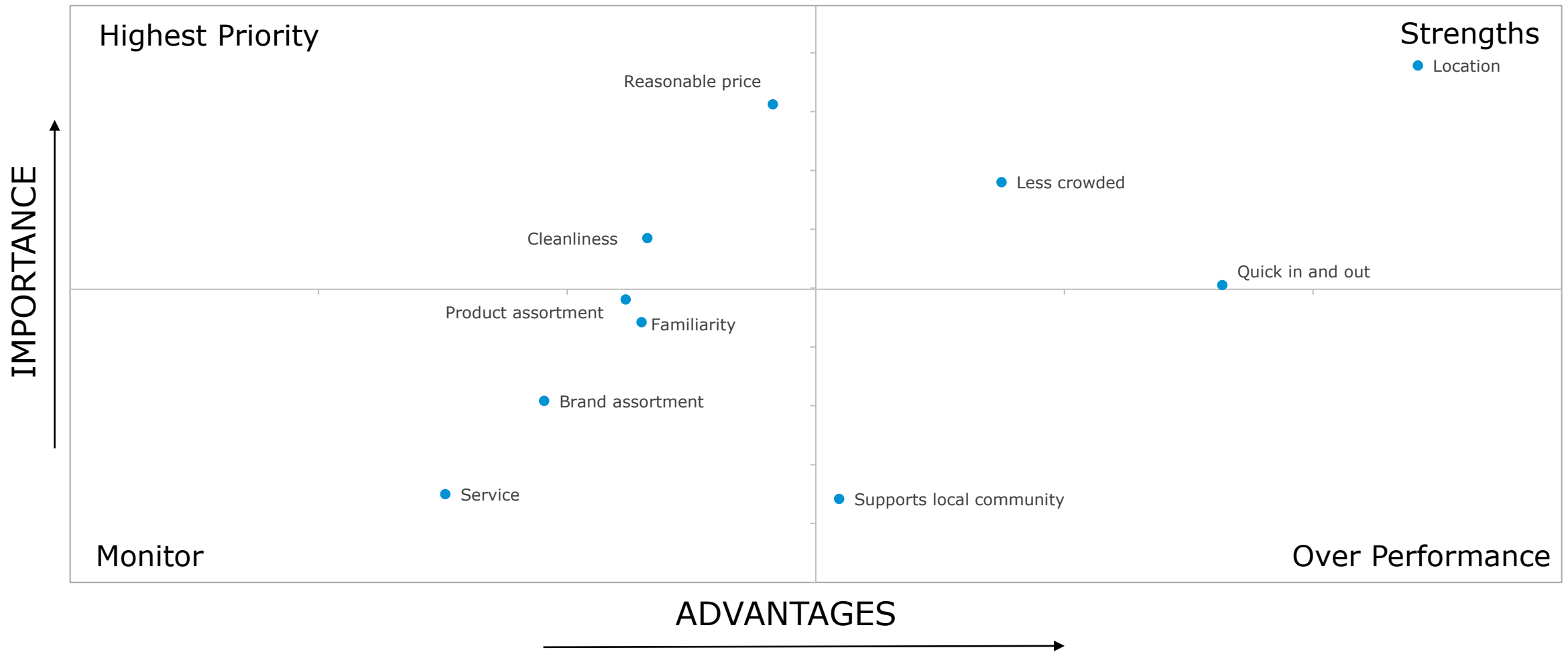
- Support for the community stands out as different compared to Regular C&G shoppers

Perceived advantages  
of buying in C&G stores  
(amongst Light/Non-C&G shoppers)



# Light/Non-C&G shoppers are more price sensitive and more worried about cleanliness and hygiene in the stores

Importance vs. Advantages  
Q2 2020  
(amongst Light/Non-C&G shoppers)





# Categories Most Purchased in C&G Stores

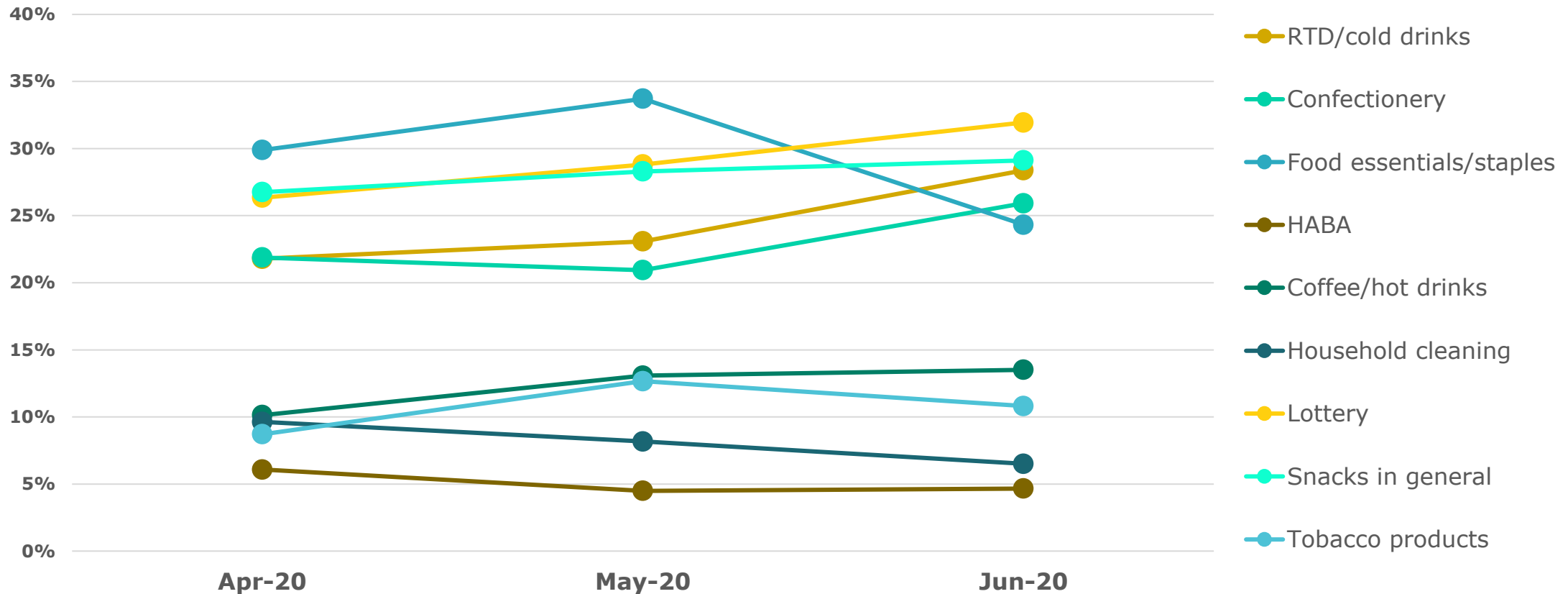


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# With the easing of the pandemic, purchase of food essentials in C&G has dropped significantly, while lottery, RTD/cold drinks, and confectionery has increased

Categories most purchased  
(amongst Regular C&G shoppers)



# C&G micro-shopping is driven mostly by coffee, confectionery, and tobacco

Categories most purchased  
by shopping frequency

	C&G Regular Shoppers Total	Shop in C&G daily/multiple times a week	Indexed to Total	Shop in C&G weekly	Indexed to Total
Food essentials/staples	29%	25%	85	35%	119
Lottery	29%	27%	93	30%	105
Snacks in general	28%	26%	94	30%	107
RTD/cold drinks	24%	27%	110	28%	114
Confectionery	23%	30%	132	26%	112
Coffee/hot drinks	12%	15%	120	11%	88
Tobacco products	11%	15%	136	9%	82
Household cleaning	8%	6%	76	9%	111
HABA	5%	4%	78	6%	111

**Red font** = under index (< 86) vs Regular C&G Shoppers  
**Green font** = over index (>114) vs Regular C&G Shoppers



# Key Differences in C&G Shoppers' Profiles



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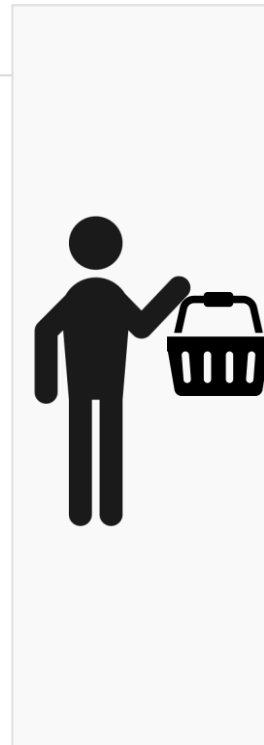
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# REGULAR C&G SHOPPERS

## C&G Regular Shoppers

Over Index		Under Index	
Gen Z	183	Baby Boomers	38
Millennials	170	Greatest Generation	17
Gen X	131	BC	82
Atlantic	207	Quebec	73
Ontario	119	Prairies	70
Single	116	No children	83
Children in home	135		
Do not own a home	136		



## Daily/multiple times a week C&G shoppers

Over Index		Under Index	
Men	123	Atlantic	77
Greatest Generation	160	Income \$75,000 to \$99,000	83
BC	123		
Do not own a home	119		

## Weekly C&G shoppers

Over Index		Under Index	
		Greatest Generation	60

# REGULAR C&G SHOPPERS - BEVERAGES

## RTD / COLD DRINKS

Over Index		Under Index	
Greatest Generation	120	Baby Boomers	67
Prairies	119		
Do not own a home	116		



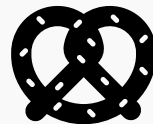
## COFFEE / HOT DRINKS

Over Index		Under Index	
Gen Z	126	Gen X	85
Greatest Generation	180	Atlantic	74
BC	115	Income \$75,000 to \$99,000	81
Quebec	141	Income \$100,000 or above	81
Income under \$50,000	121		

# REGULAR C&G SHOPPERS – FOOD & SNACKS

## CONFECTIONERY

Over Index		Under Index	
Gen Z	124	Baby Boomers	57
Millennials	116	Greatest Generation	60
BC	117		
Do not own a home	117		



## FOOD ESSENTIALS

Over Index		Under Index	
Greatest Generation	140	BC	74
Quebec	138		
Atlantic	123		

## SNACKS

Over Index		Under Index	
Gen Z	126	Baby Boomers	83
		Greatest Generation	80

# REGULAR C&G SHOPPERS – HABA AND HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS

## HEALTH & BEAUTY

Over Index		Under Index	
Gen Z	131	Baby Boomers	83
Greatest Generation	320	Atlantic	50
Quebec	156	Income \$75,000 to \$99,000	68
Income under \$50,000	131	Income \$100,000 or above	75
Do not own a home	120		



## HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS

Over Index		Under Index	
Greatest Generation	300	Baby Boomers	71
Income under \$50,000	137	Income \$50,000 to \$74,000	81
Do not own a home	119	Income \$75,000 to \$99,000	78
		Income \$100,000 or above	72

# REGULAR C&G SHOPPERS – LOTTERY & TOBACCO PRODUCTS

## LOTTERY

Over Index		Under Index	
Baby Boomers	157	Gen Z	50
Greatest Generation	120	Millennials	78
Prairies	117	BC	69
Ontario	133	Quebec	40
Income \$75,000 to \$99,000	115	Atlantic	80
		Income under \$50,000	82
		Children in household	84



## TOBACCO

Over Index		Under Index	
Prairies	116	Quebec	66
Income under \$50,000	115	Income \$100,000 or above	72
Do not own a home	126	Home owner	86



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