

A focus on South Africa

We've surveyed 12,000 shoppers across 24 countries to give you insight into what shoppers want from online retailers in 2024.

To help you understand how consumers in different countries shop online, we've created a series of Country Reports.

In this report, we uncover what's important to online shoppers in South Africa. We explore what (and how) they buy online, their delivery and returns preferences and where they are buying from.

Whether you already sell to South Africa or are considering doing so, these insights can help you expand into this market.

Key

- ↑ = Higher than global average
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- ↓ = Lower than global average





How does South Africa shop online?

South African consumers are regular online shoppers. 91% browse online shopping sites at least once a week and 43% make a purchase this often. But what do they tend to buy?



63%→

39%[↑]







products. 38% will abandon their baskets if delivery is too expensive.

46% of South Africans have an online shopping **subscription.** 74% regularly have clothing delivered

and 61% subscribe to beauty

Clothing and footwear

Food and beverages

Consumer electronics

Did you know?



of South African consumers use social media for shopping inspiration.



have made a purchase on social media before.



buy from online marketplaces.

Which marketplaces are most popular in South Africa?

95%

68%

26%

Spending habits of South African shoppers

prefer to pay with a credit or debit card and 16% prefer to pay via bank transfer.

always use their smartphone to shop online, higher than the global average of 57%.

spend 1001R or more online each month



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Takealot

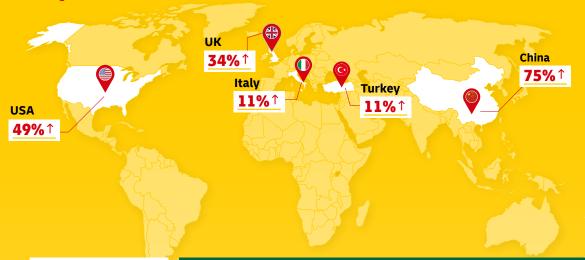
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Selling to South Africa

74% of South Africans buy from online retailers in other countries, higher than the global average of 55%. 72% make a purchase at least once a month. But where do they buy from most (and why)?

Which countries do South African shoppers buy from?



53%[↑]

buy from abroad to access a wider range of products.

66%[↑]

don't buy from abroad because of longer delivery times.

How important is sustainability to shoppers?



say sustainability would like to know how is important to them when climate-friendly shopping online. their delivery is.

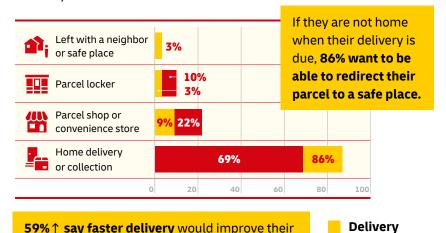


would always choose to pay more for more sustainable packaging.





97% of South African consumers say delivery options influence where they shop online. We've uncovered what options they want to help you encourage shoppers to click 'buy now'.



Discover more insights about what shoppers want from online retailers in our 2024 Online Shopper Trends Reports and Country Reports.



online shopping experience.





Returns









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