

# DIETARY SUPPLEMENT TRENDS

The What, Where, Who  
and How

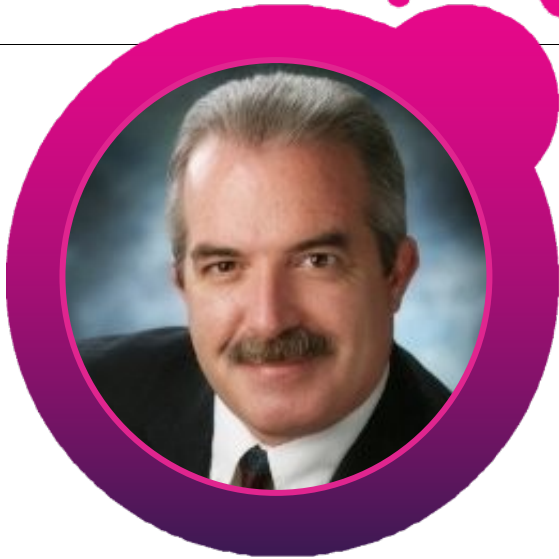
# AGENDA

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- **Introductions to Skynamo and Natural Marketing Institute**
- **What consumers are buying and the product attributes driving purchase**
- **Where they are shopping**
- **Who your consumer is**
- **How is COVID changing the shopping experience**

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# Before we get started

1. A quick poll
2. Use the chat feature for comments or technical issues
3. Use the Q&A feature for questions

Jan will collect your questions and read them out at the end of the session for Steve to answer. If we run out of time and don't get to answering all of them, we'll answer them offline and send through all of today's questions and answers to you in the next few days.



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# Skynamo

*all-in-1*  
The Field Sales app



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# CURRENT INDUSTRY LANDSCAPE



E-COMMERCE



20% OF MANAGERS  
DON'T HAVE INSIGHT &  
VISIBILITY ON THEIR  
REP'S DAILY ACTIVITIES



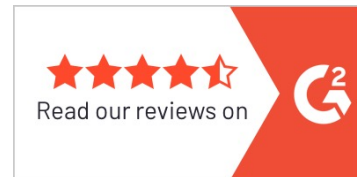
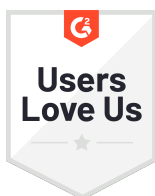
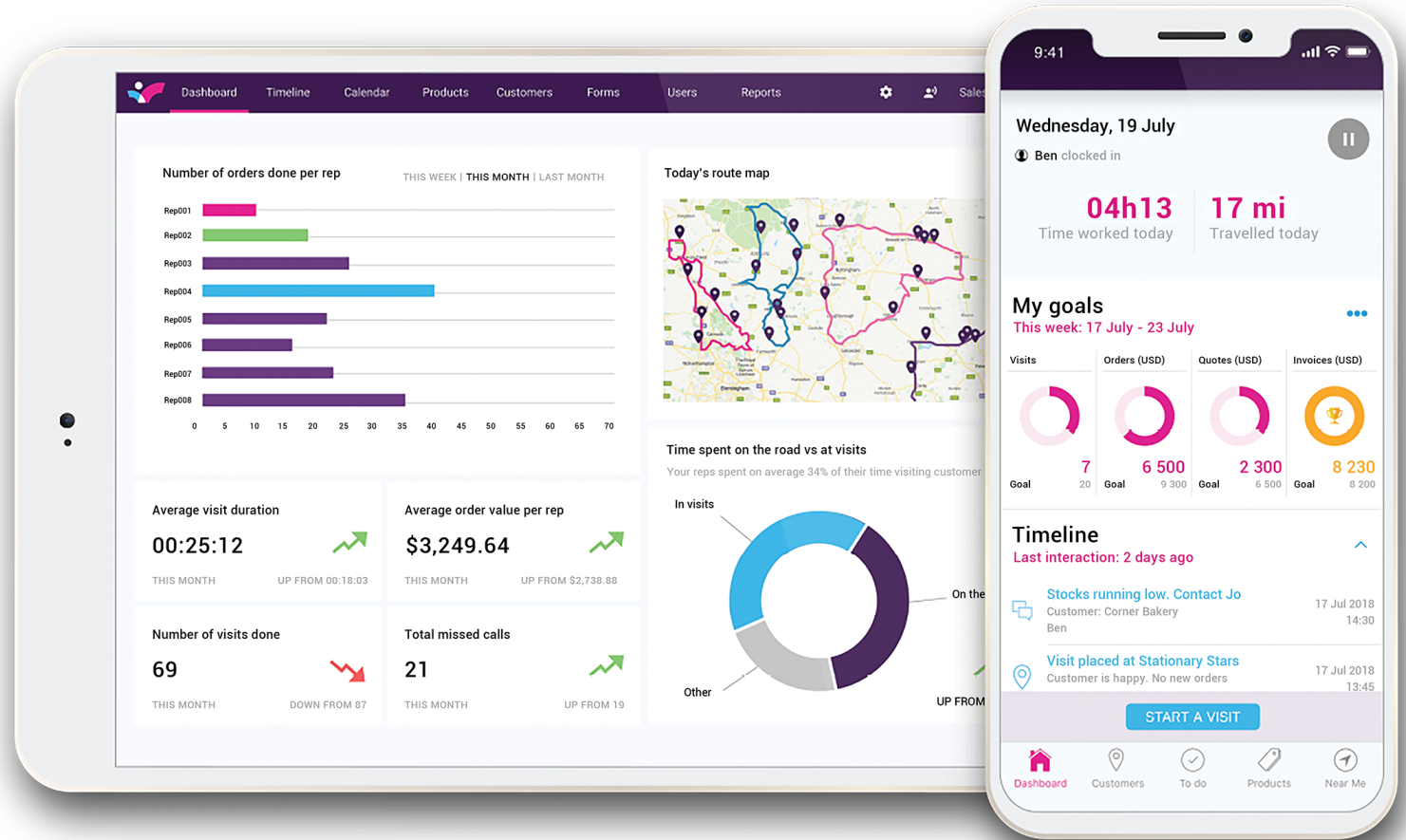
GROWING INCREASE IN  
COMPETITION FOR SALES  
VOLUMES & SHELF SPACE

# The **all-in-1** Field Sales app for Vitamins & Supplements



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- Coach sales teams to success
- Report on retail execution
- Capture orders
- Improve order accuracy

Integrates with leading ERP and accounting packages



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INCREASED

**3X**

ON AVERAGE

SALES REVENUE  
INCREASED BY



IN FIRST YEAR

ANNUAL GROWTH  
IN SALES



ON AVERAGE

ON-TIME DELIVERY



SUCCESS RATE

INCREASE IN  
MONTHLY CUSTOMER VISITS

**200%**



2-HOURS LESS  
ON DAILY ADMIN



INCREASE  
IN PRODUCTIVITY



2-3 HOURS MORE  
SPENT WITH CUSTOMERS



LESS TIME ON UNNECESSARY  
CONVERSATIONS

Source: Skynamo customer success stories






“Face-to-face selling is a core part of Enzymedica’s business. Part of our reps’ job is to transfer enthusiasm, and teach store employees how to sell, and that’s really something you can only do in person.

Skynamo is part of our strategy to give reps the digital tools to go into the stores and act as advisors to the stores, as well as protect stores from the digital encroachment of e-commerce.”

**Paul Davison, Chief Revenue Officer**





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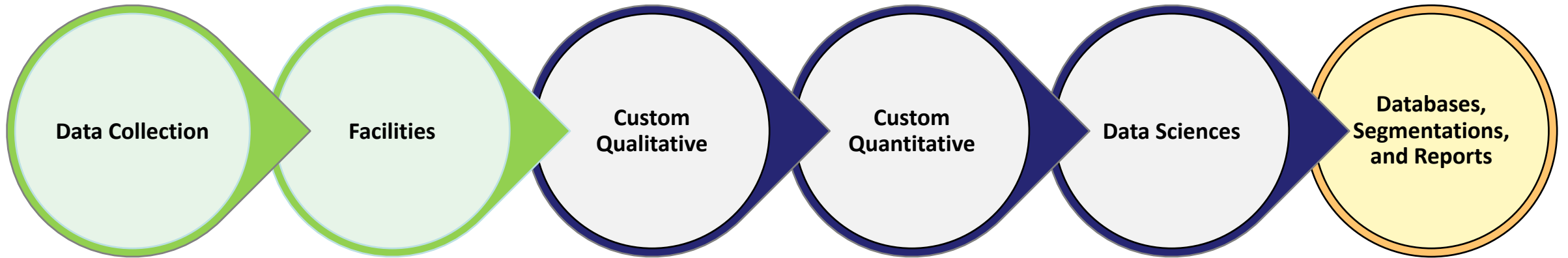
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# NMI Provides Unparalleled Global Expertise in Health & Sustainability

- ❖ NMI is an international strategic consumer insights firm, specializing in consumer trends and innovation since 1990.
- ❖ Our mission is to focus on the interconnectedness of personal health/wellness, sustainability, and healthy aging.
- ❖ Our goal is to help clients grow their business through the identification and validation of new ideas and solutions.



# Our Expertise Across the Research America, Inc. Spectrum



- Online panel management (programming & data collection)
- Multiple phone centers across the US

- 2 CLT sensory facilities (Orlando, FL & Totowa, NJ)
- 5 focus group facilities (Sacramento, CA; Cincinnati, OH; Newtown SQ, PA; Orlando, FL; & Totowa, NJ)

- Ethnography
- Shop along
- IDI/TDI, Triads, traditional groups (online & in-person)
- Co-creation
- Online discussion boards, journaling/diaries, etc.
- HealthVoice®
- HealthEnact®
- HealthInteract®
- SelfInspire®
- RxConnex®

- Brand equity, positioning, etc.
- AA&U; H&P
- Decision hierarchy
- Path to purchase
- Customer satisfaction
- Segmentation
- Concept ideation, screening, optimization
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- Secondary analysis, market sizing, social networking analysis, etc.

- Blending traditional marketing science methodologies such as conjoint, discrete choice, max-diff, and turf analysis with big data analysis, predictive analytics, and machine learning
- PersonaSmart™
- Triple Smart®

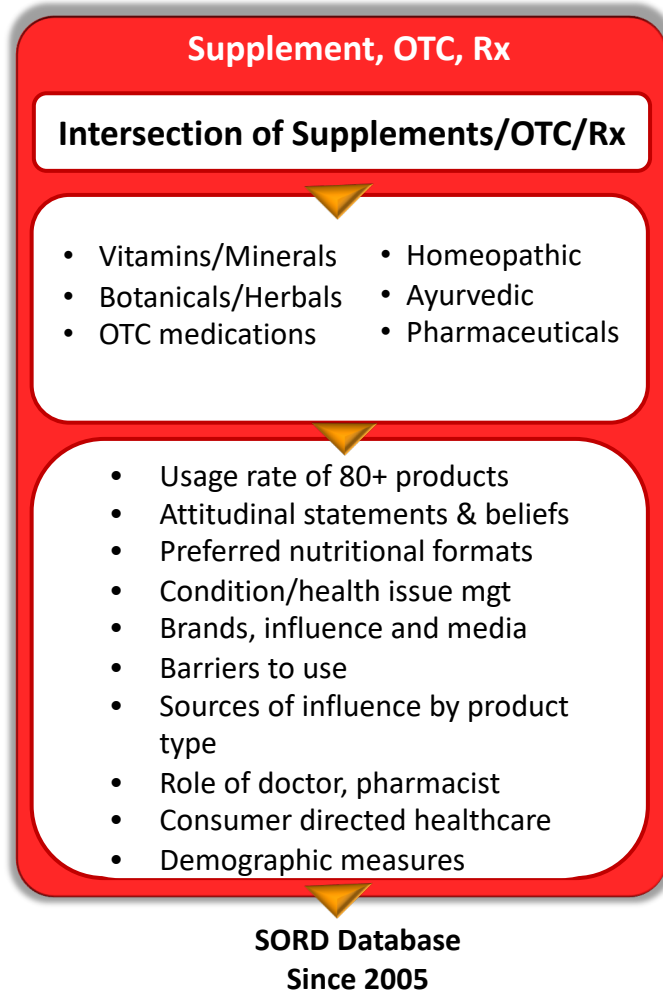
- 5 Trended, Comprehensive Consumer Insight Databases
- The Institute Segmentations:
  - Sustainability
  - Health & Wellness
  - Whole Living
  - Organic
- Published Reports

# Let's do a quick poll!

We'll share the results with you after the webinar.



# One of NMI's key databases is the source of today's information



- **Most comprehensive data and robust data collection vehicle available** which examines the intersection of dietary supplements, OTC, and pharmaceuticals
- **Ongoing consumer research** among U.S. general population adults
- **Nationally representative sample** of the U. S. population statistically valid at 95% confidence level to +/- 1.2%
- **Research previously conducted and trended** in USA in 2005, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018
- 2020 research was conducted among 2,000 general population consumers and **crafted 4th quarter 2020**
- Conducted via **on-line methodology**
- Trended research also conducted **globally in 13 countries**



# Dietary Supplement Trends in 2021: The Who, What, Where and How

Steve French, Senior Vice President  
March 2021





# Webinar Content Overview:

## WHAT – THE PRODUCT

*Know the Landscape Inside and Out*

- What is maturing/declining?
- What's next and upcoming?
- New delivery system/formats
- Disruptive innovation forces
- Commoditization impact

## WHO – CONSUMPTION

*Boosting Consumption*

- Increase compliance among Users
- Address barriers for Lapsed Users
- Establish trial for Non-Users
- Continually educate All Users

## HOW – BRAND TRUST

*Building & Keeping Trust*

- Efficacy of benefits/claims
- Safety, sourcing, purity
- Sourcing, manufacturing
- The role of natural



## WHERE - BUYING DYNAMICS

*Pathways to Purchase*

- Channel migration/blurring
- Private label impact
- Price, price, price



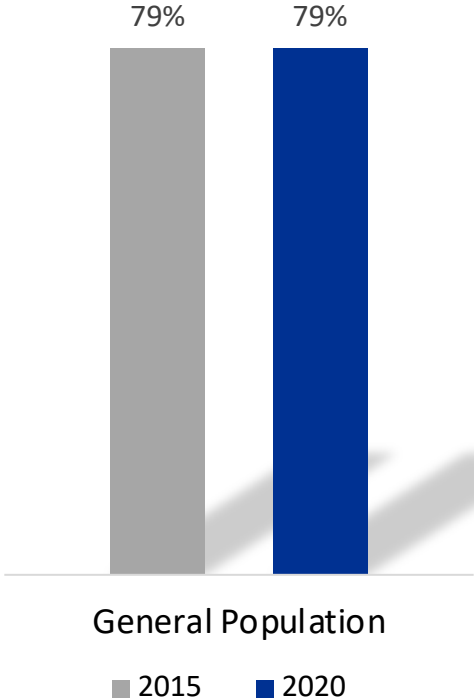
# WHO?

**WHO is Consuming  
Supplements and  
How to Boost Consumption?**

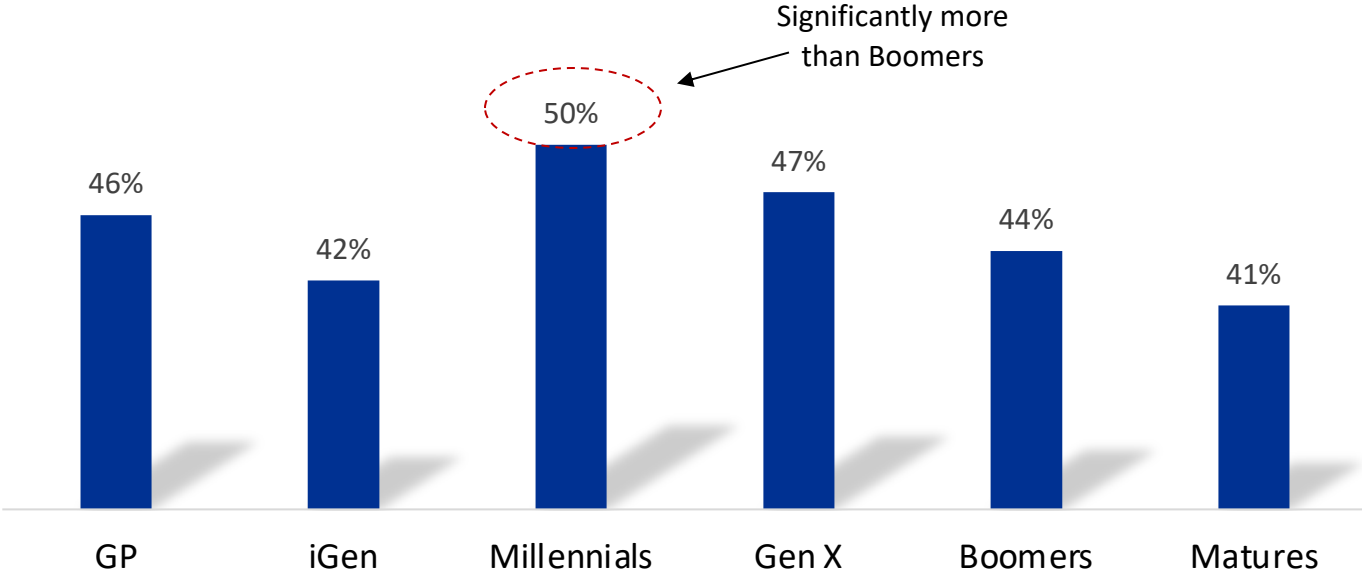
# Over the past five years, supplementation continues to garner a high level of importance in how consumers maintain their overall health

% general population who completely/somewhat agree with the statements

*“Taking a supplement is important to my overall health”*



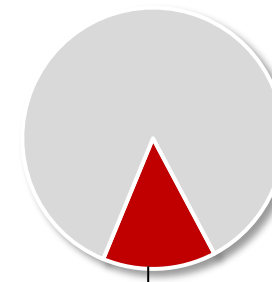
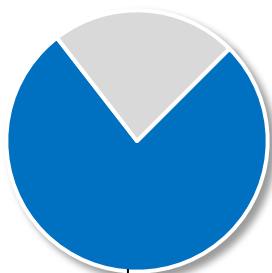
*“I believe I can manage many of my health issues by taking vitamins, minerals and other supplements”*



(Q.5/Q.41 – Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements)

# In fact, over three quarters of consumers have used a nutritional/dietary supplement in the past 30 days

% general population

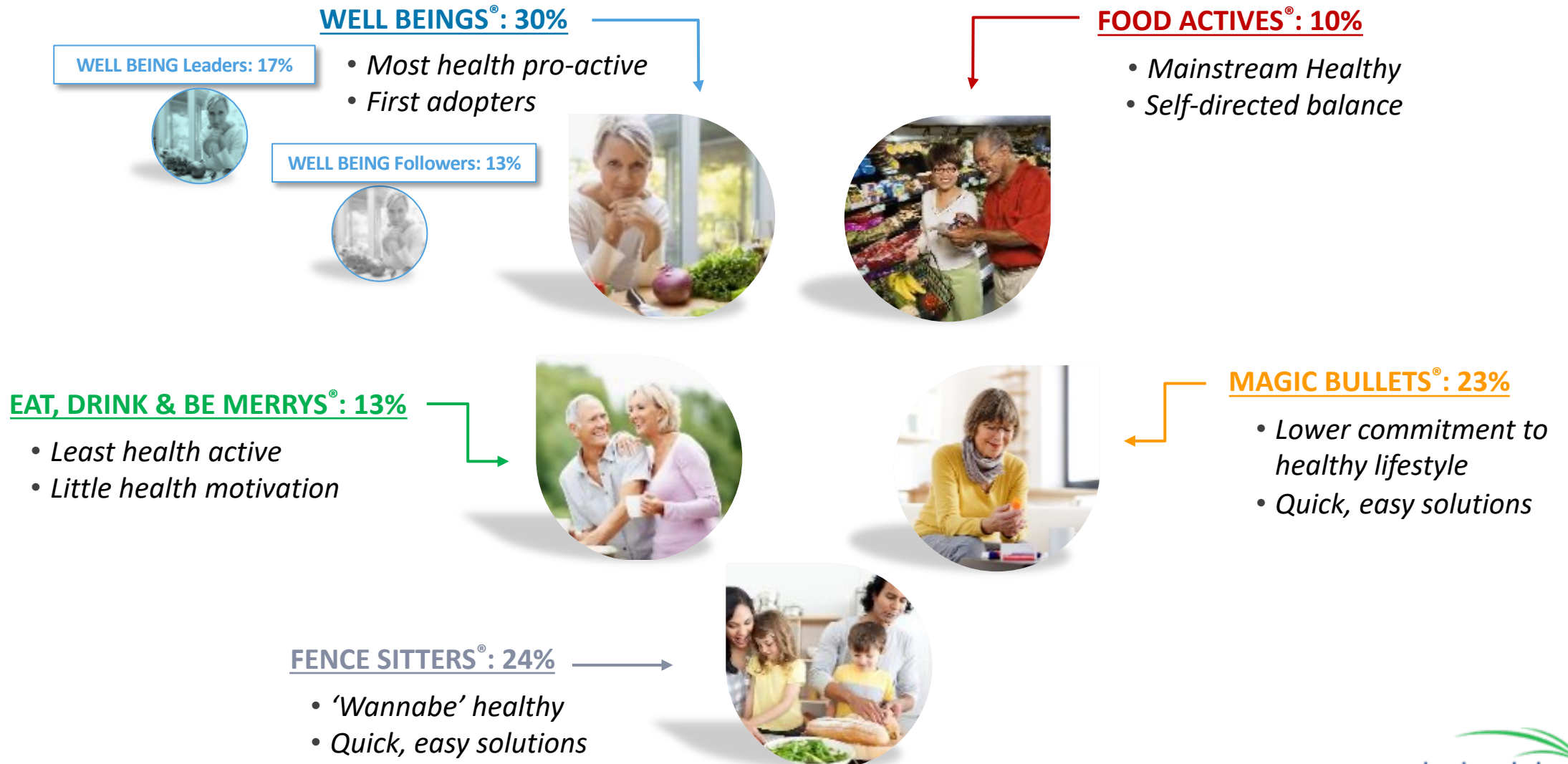


	77%	9%	14%
Male	47%	42%	60%
Female	53%	58%	40%
iGen	6%	9%	12%
Millennials	39%	40%	36%
Gen X	14%	17%	15%
Boomers	37%	33%	31%
Matures	4%	2%	6%
Median income	\$69K	\$47K	\$46K
College +	41%	32%	30%

Lapsed and Non-Users skew **younger, lower income and less educated** compared to Current Supplement Users

Green shading denotes a high index vs. GP ( $\geq 120$ ); Pink shading denotes a low index vs. GP ( $\leq 80$ )

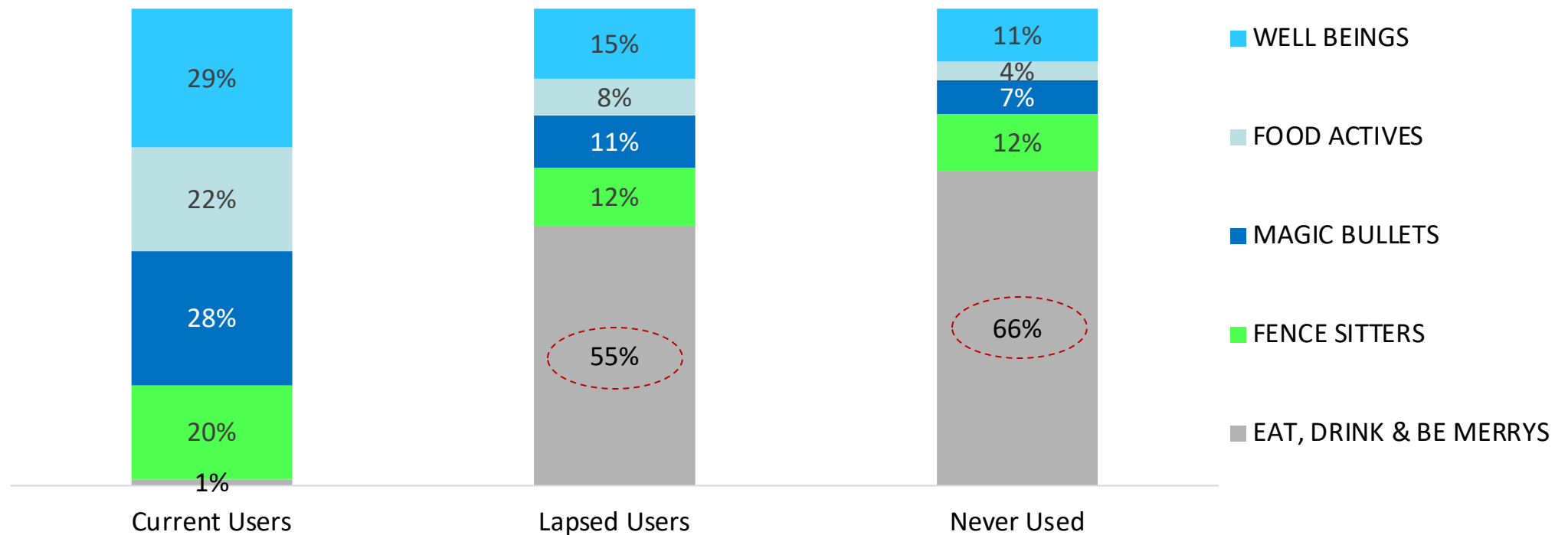
# The Institute's Health & Wellness consumer segmentation identifies five distinct segments within the U.S. general population



# The Health and Wellness composition of various supplement user groups provides a broader understanding of each group based on the understanding of the segment profile

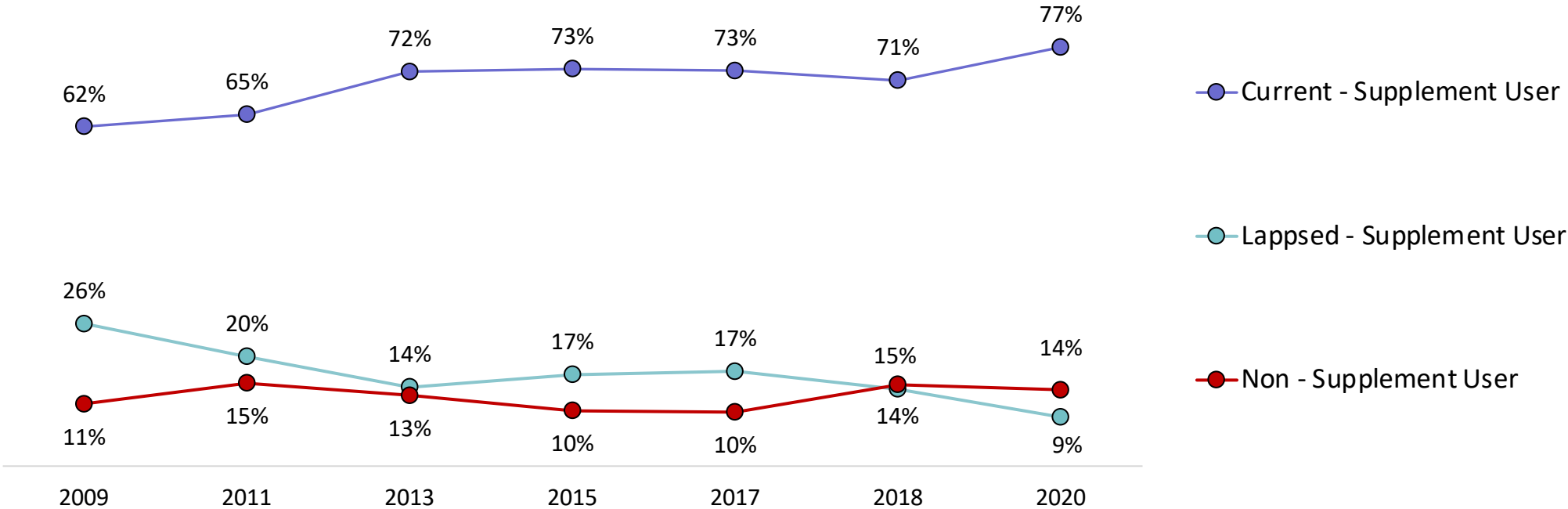
Current Supplement Users skew primarily toward WELL BEINGS (the most health proactive) and MAGIC BULLETS (less committed to health but heavy supplement users). A majority of Lapsed Supplement Users and those who have never used supplements belong to the EAT, DRINK & BE MERRYS group, which is the segment least engaged in healthy behaviors.

## % Health & Wellness segment composition of Supplement Users



Supplement use has shown an 8% increase since 2018 which may, in part, be attributable to increased use of supplements to build immunity and protect against the COVID-19 virus; lapsed usage is down 65% since 2009

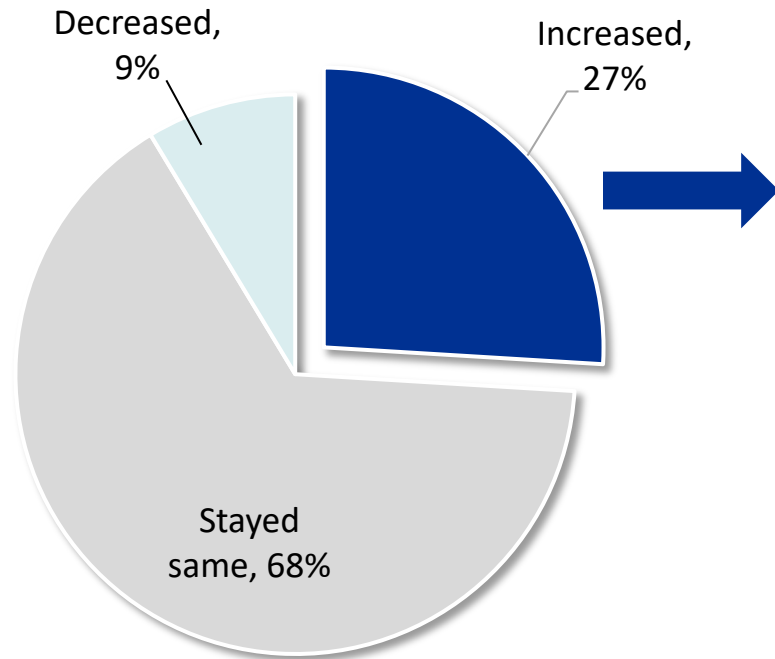
% trended supplement user type



(% trended supplement user type)

In fact, over a quarter of Supplement Users report they have *increased* usage over the past 5 years, citing increased concern for their health and changing health needs as the primary reasons for increased use

% Supplement Users indicating how their usage changed over past 5 years



% Supplement Users indicating how/why their usage has increased



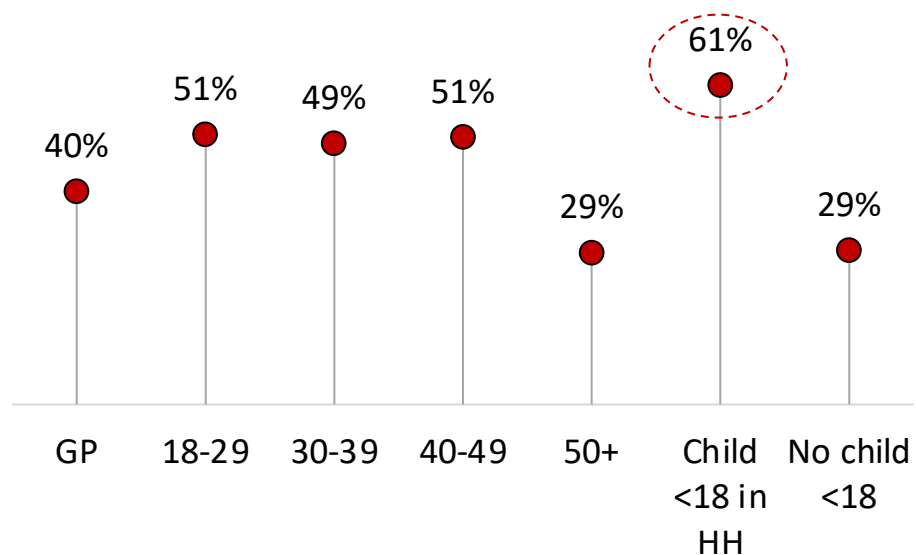
(Q.42- Thinking of all the supplements you take, which of the following applies over the past 5 years?/Q.44 – Which applies to your increased usage of supplements in the past 5 years)



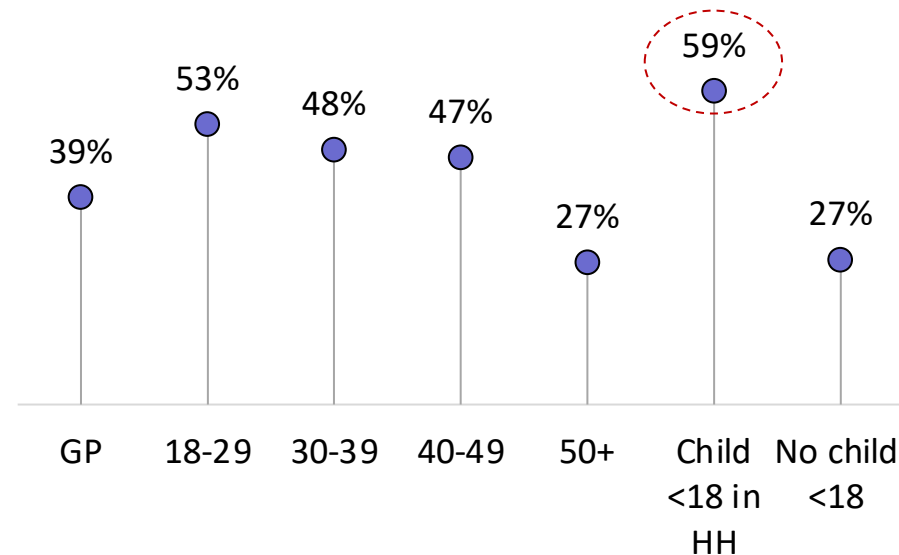
# The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted life in many ways, one of which is accelerated and initiated supplement use; households with children show the highest engagement

% who agree strongly/somewhat with the statements  
Due to the COVID-19 outbreak...

*"I am taking more vitamins or other supplements"*

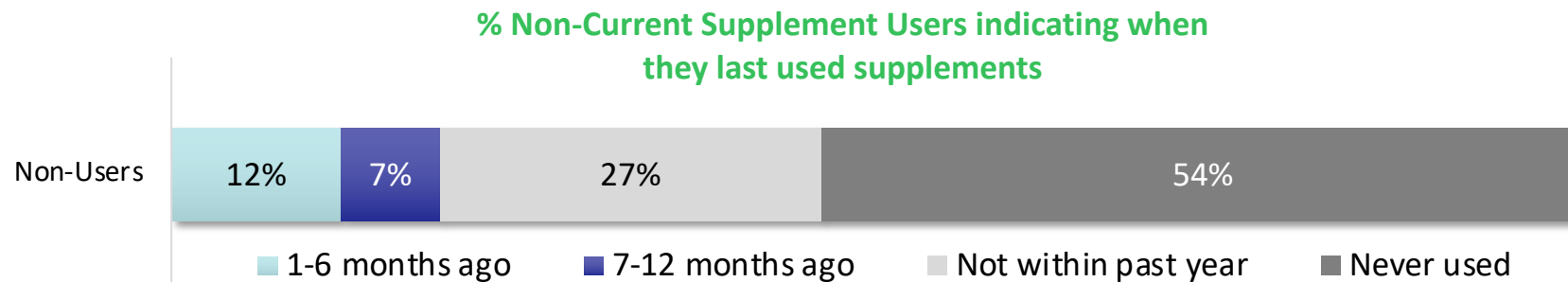


*"I started taking vitamins or other supplements"*



(Q.14 – Please indicate to what extent, if at all, you agree or disagree with the statements in light of the COVID-19 outbreak)

## Most consumers who are not currently using supplements have *never* used them; primary reasons for non-use are a perceived lack of need and cost while proof of efficacy and safety would most influence future use



### Main reasons **not currently using** supplements:

- I just don't need them
- They cost too much
- I don't like taking pills/tablets
- Doctor has not recommended
- I am not sure what supplements I should be taking
- I don't have any health issues
- I get all the nutrients I need in the foods I eat

### What would most **influence beginning to use** supplements:

- Scientific proof that they would improve my health
- It was clinically proven they are safe
- Proven effective in addressing my health issue
- My insurance plan helped pay for them
- I was more educated about which were right for my health issue(s)
- They were more strictly regulated by the government

(Q.13 – When was the last time you used a dietary/nutritional supplement?/Q.14 -What is/are the main reason(s) that you do not currently use dietary/nutritional supplements? / Q.15 - Which of the following factor(s) would most influence you to begin using dietary/nutritional supplements?)



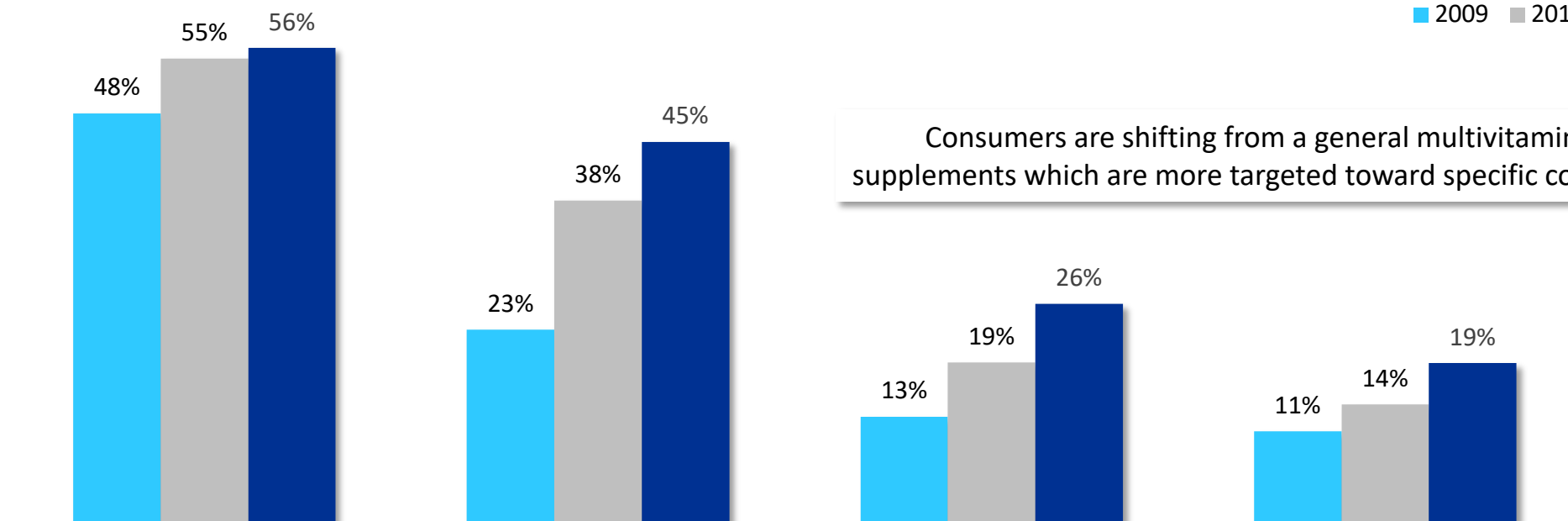
## WHAT?

**WHAT Products are Shaping  
the Supplement Landscape?**

# Use of multivitamins appears to have leveled off over the past 5 years, while use of single vitamins, minerals and condition specific supplements show growth

% general population indicating they used the following categories of supplements in the past 30 days

■ 2009 ■ 2015 ■ 2020



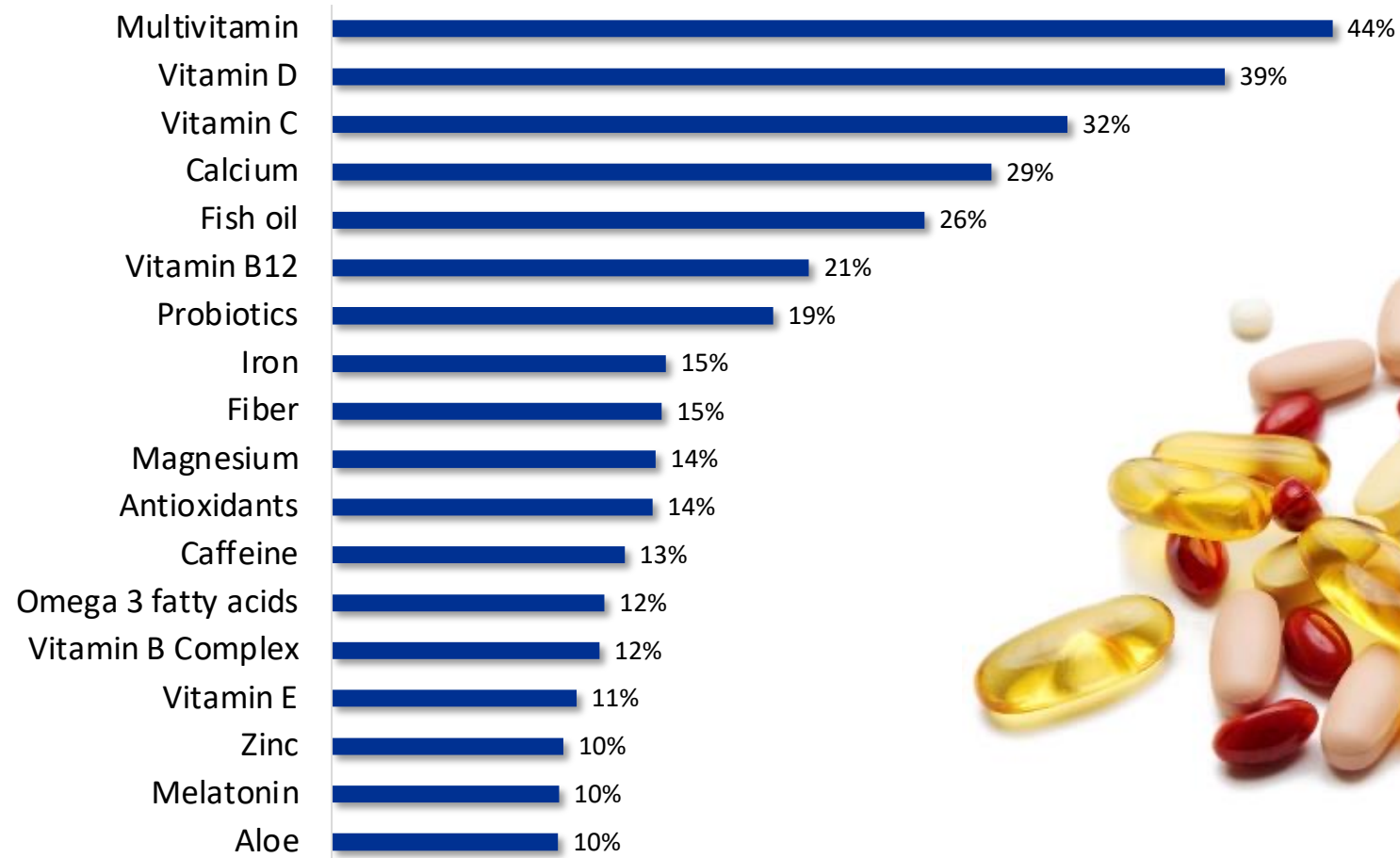
Consumers are shifting from a general multivitamin to supplements which are more targeted toward specific conditions.

'09 – '20	Multivitamins	Single vitamin supplements	Single mineral supplements	Condition specific supplements
GP Growth	+16%	+96%	+107%	+75%

(Q.1 – Which of the following products have you used in the past 30 days)

# Consumers are using a range of supplements to ensure they are getting the necessary ingredients to fortify and manage their health (TIER 1)

% Current Supplement Users indicating they have used the following in the past 30 days (mentions 10%+)

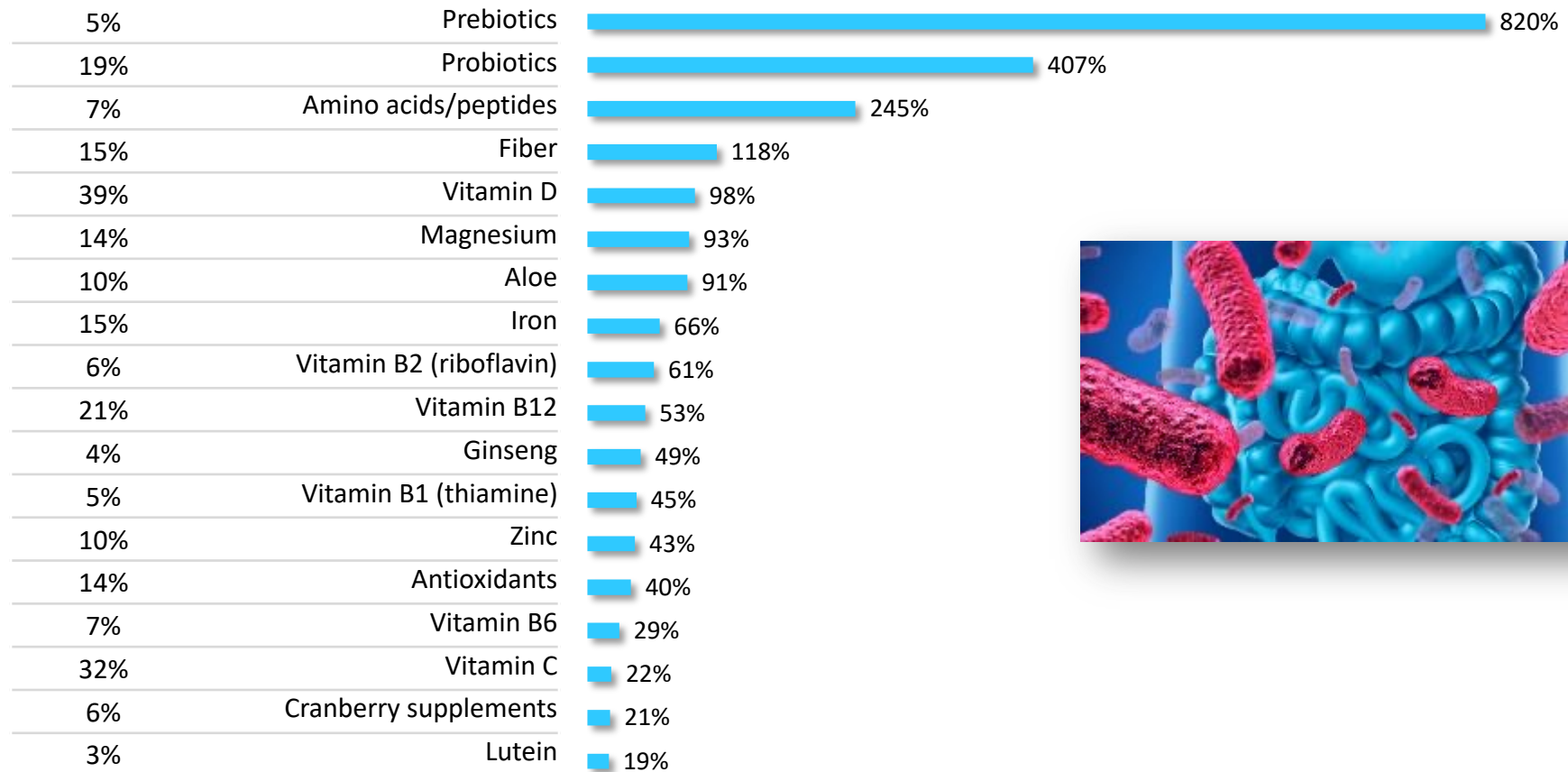


(Q.1- Which of the following products have you used in the past 30 days? (multivitamins)/Q.10- Which of the following vitamin, mineral, herbal or other supplements have you used in the past 30 days?)

# Even further, increased use of specific supplements may reveal a greater understanding among consumers of the ingredient benefits as well as a desire to manage certain conditions; for example the immunity benefits of Pro/Prebiotics may be fueling increased use

**% Current Supplement User indicating they have used the supplements (2020)**

**% growth in supplement use 2009 to 2020**

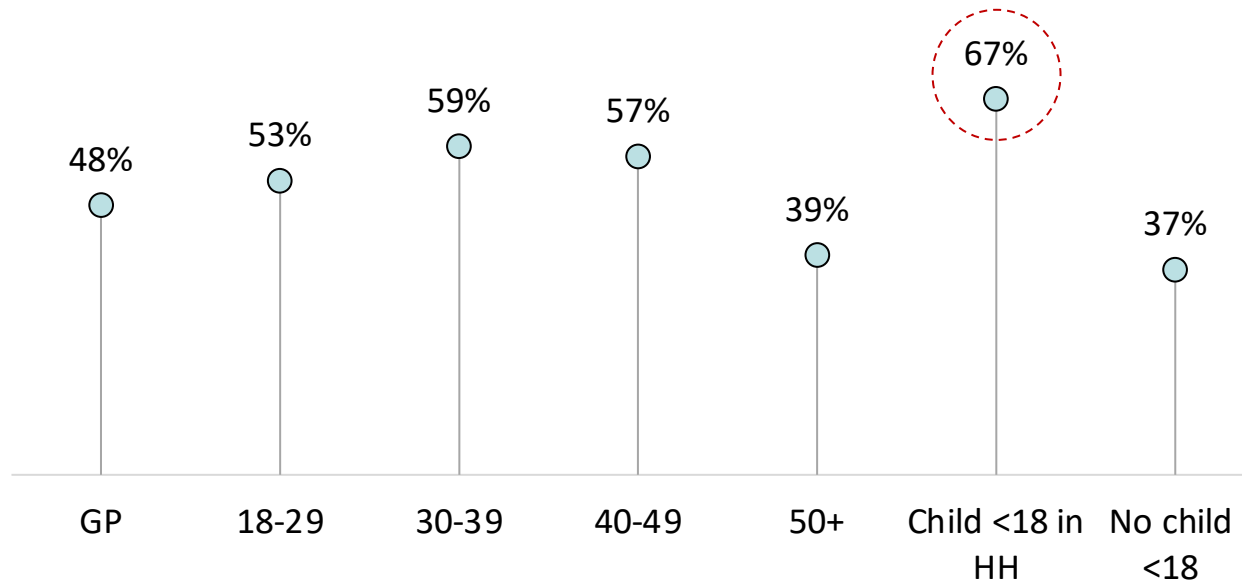


(Q.1- Which of the following products have you used in the past 30 days? (multivitamins)/Q.10- Which of the following vitamin, mineral, herbal or other supplements have you used in the past 30 days?)

# In fact, the COVID-19 pandemic has spurred an interest in learning more about immune-boosting supplements

% who agree strongly/somewhat with the statements  
Due to the COVID-19 outbreak...

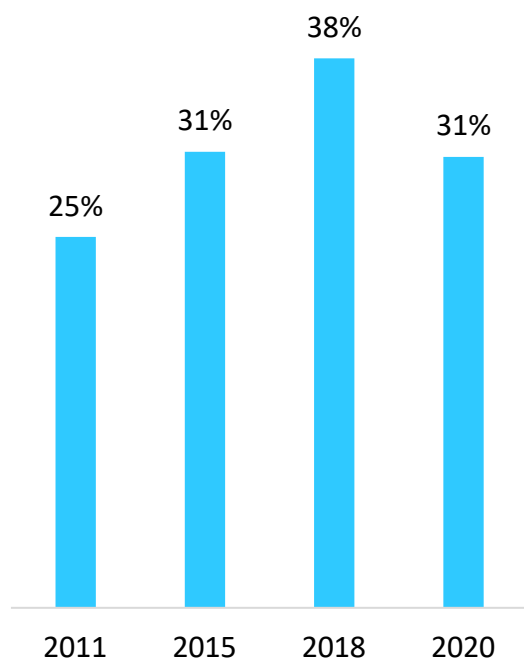
*“I am interested in learning more about  
immune-boosting nutritional supplements”*



(Q.14 – Please indicate to what extent, if at all, you agree or disagree with the statements in light of the COVID-19 outbreak)

# Capsules and tablets continue to be the preferred supplement formats; however, this preference has declined over the past 11 years as gummies, softgels, chewables and soft chews gain ground

**% Supplement Users who completely/somewhat agree they prefer their supplements in other forms than pills or capsules**



**% Supplement Users indicating which supplement product forms they prefer**

Capsule	42%
Tablet	41%
Gummy-type	<b>Strongest growth at +137%</b> 35%
Soft gel	33%
Chewable	26%
Soft chew	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> strongest growth at +35%</b> 24%
Liquid filled capsule	21%
Fast dissolve oral tablet	17%
Nutritional bars	15%
Liquid	14%
Ready-to-drink beverages	13%
Fortified or functional food	10%
Dissolving tablet/powder add to water	10%
Lozenge	9%
Quick dissolve strip	8%
Chewing gum	8%
Fortified or functional beverage	7%
Shots (e.g., 5 Hour Energy Shots)	6%
Oral spray	6%
Tinctures	5%
Patch	4%

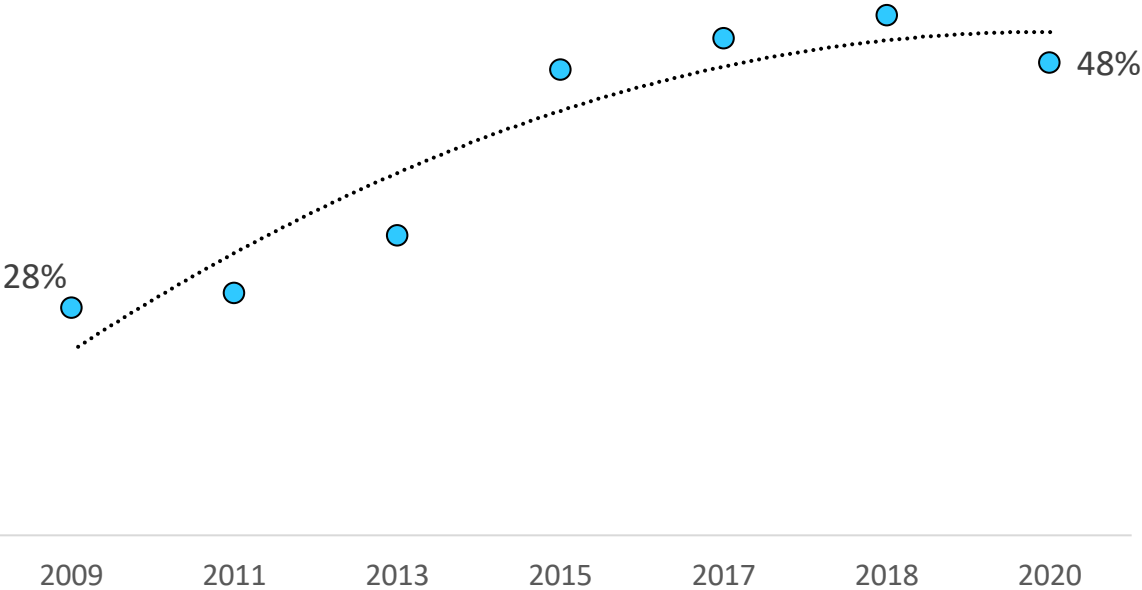
(Q.37 – Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the statement/Q.53 – If supplements were available in the following product forms, which would you prefer to use?)



# Likelihood to buy supplements with sustainably-sourced and environmentally-friendly ingredients has shown an upward trend since 2009 but appears to have leveled off; perhaps likelihood is being suppressed by less availability of e-friendly and sustainably sourced supplements

% Supplement Users who completely/somewhat agree with the statement

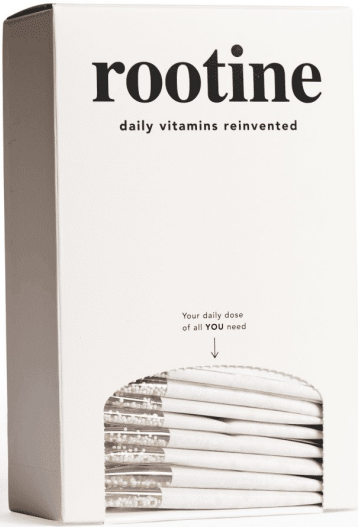
*“I am more likely to buy a dietary/nutritional supplement if it uses sustainable or environmentally friendly ingredients”*



**73%**  
of Supplement Users indicate that **“knowing the source of ingredients”** is very/somewhat important to their decision to purchase supplements

(Q.34/Q.37 – Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the statements)

Some of the top issues Supplement Users have with taking supplements, such as not being able to determine if the supplements are doing what they are supposed to do or knowing what their body actually needs for optimal functioning, highlight the need for more personalized supplements



% Supplement Users who completely/somewhat agree with the statements

	I would be interested in a multivitamin personalized to my needs	I would be interested in a personalized supplement	I would be willing to take a blood test on a regular basis to get a personalized supplement plan delivered to me
All Supplement Users	67%	56%	47%
iGen Users	60%	47%	39%
Millennial Users	72%	65%	53%
Gen X Users	75%	62%	48%
Boomer Users	62%	48%	42%

(Q.37 – Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the statements)

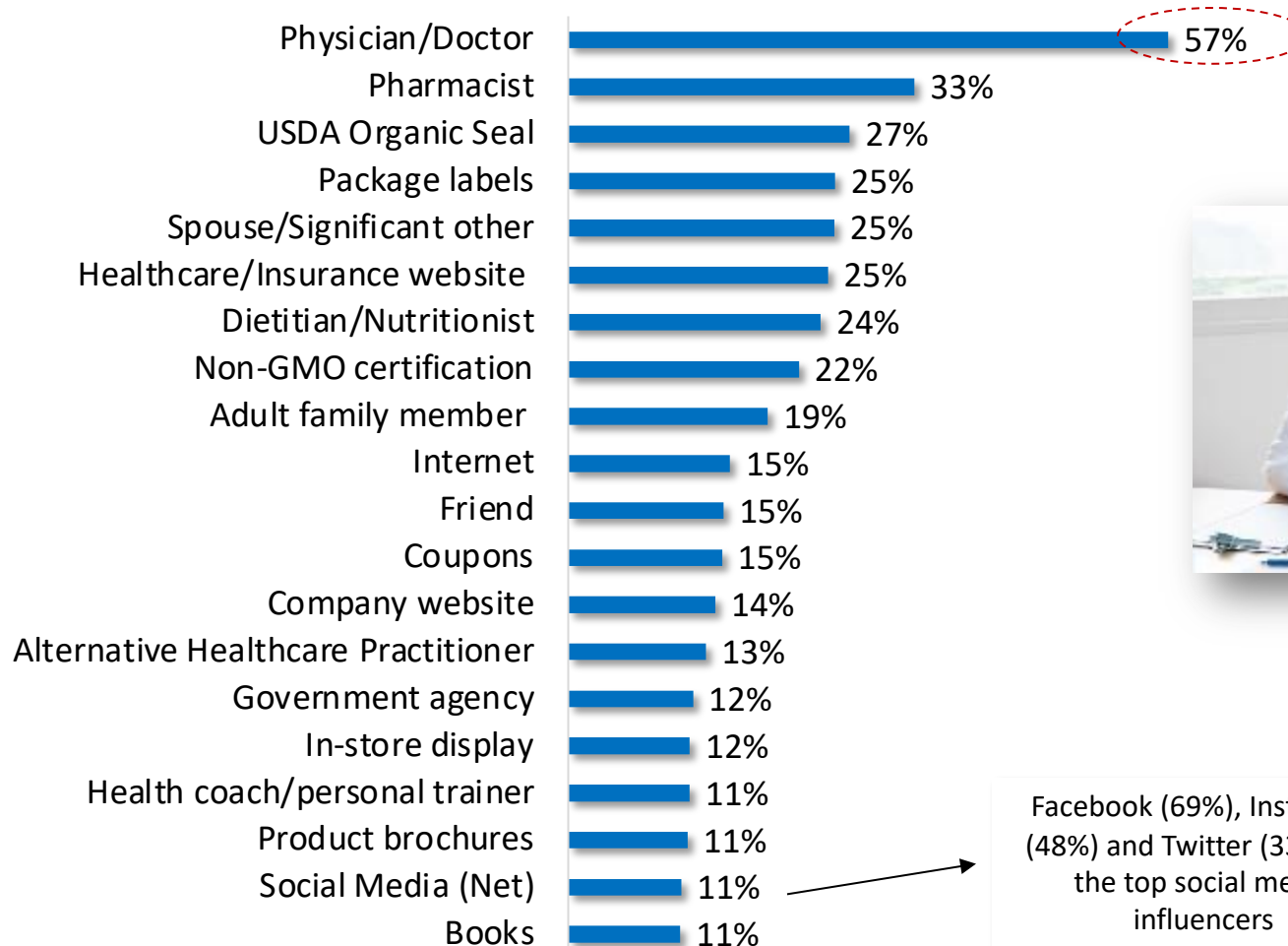


## **WHERE?**

**WHERE are Supplements  
Purchased & What Are the  
Buying Dynamics?**

# Physicians continue to be the top influencer of supplement purchase with a third of Supplement Users wishing their physician would talk to them more about supplements

**% Supplement Users indicating the following influence their decision to purchase supplements “a lot”**



Facebook (69%), Instagram (48%) and Twitter (33%) are the top social media influencers

(Q.35 – How much influence does each of the following have on your decision to purchase and/or use supplements?/  
 Q.36 – Which of the following social media websites influences your decision to purchase or use supplements?)

# Supplement Users shop an array of channels for their supplements, but mass merchandisers are the primary choice

% Supplement Users indicating where they shop for supplements in past 6 months and where they shop **MOST OFTEN**



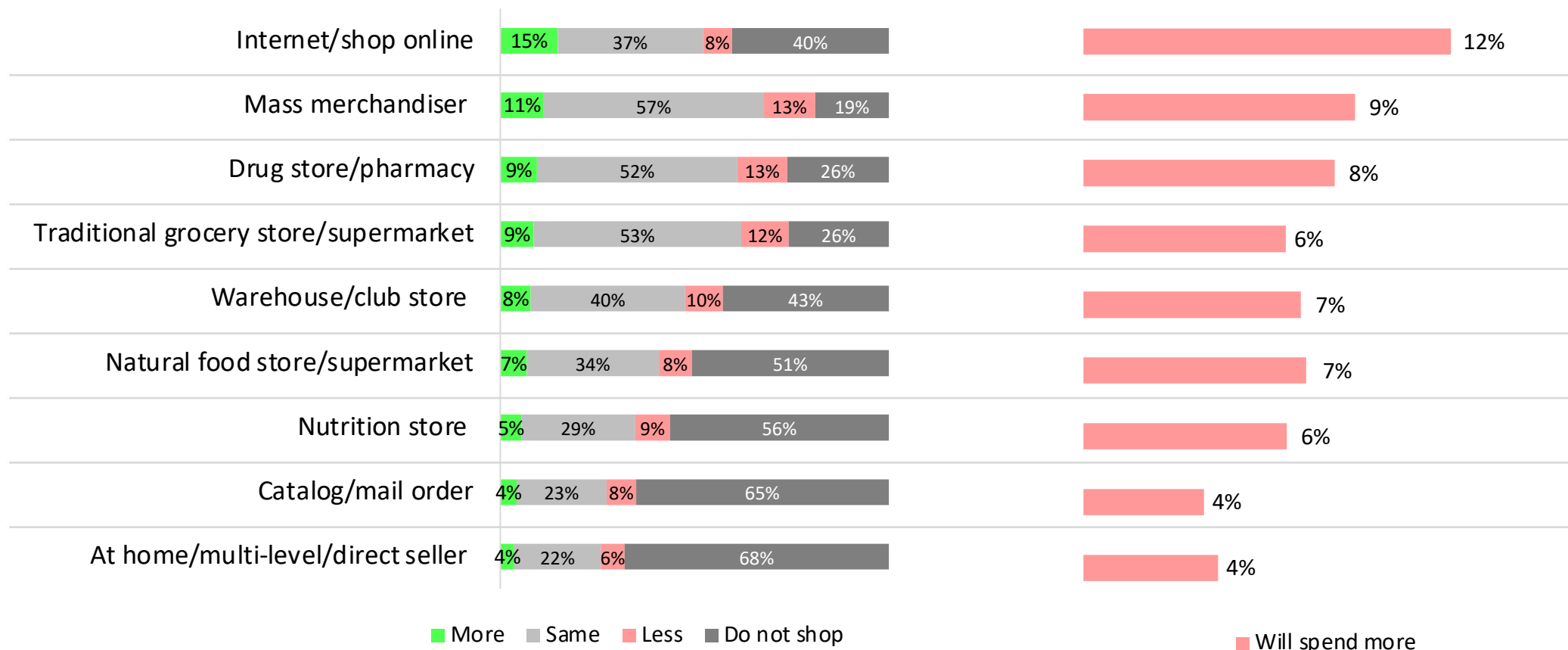
**Read: 46% of Supplement Users shopped for supplements at a mass merchandiser in the past 6 months; 27% of Supplement Users shop MOST often at a mass merchandiser**

(Q.57 – Thinking about supplements, please indicate where you have shopped for any of these items in the past 6 months/Q.58 – Thinking about supplements, please indicate where you purchase these items MOST OFTEN)

# Supplement Users are spending more on supplements from the Internet compared to a year ago and plan to spend more on future Internet purchases as well; while the COVID-19 pandemic may explain some increased Internet shopping, this has been a consistent upward trend over the past 11 years

**% Supplement Users indicating their spending on supplements at each location compared to a year ago (Sorted by more)**

**% Supplement Users indicating they plan to spend more at the channels in the future**



More Same Less Do not shop

Will spend more

(Q.60 – Please indicate if you are spending more, less, or the same amount on supplements at each location compared to a year ago/Q.61 – Please indicate if you intend on spending more, less, or the same amount on supplements at each location in the future)

# The main drivers of internet shopping are better prices and better selection, whereas convenience is more of a factor for traditional grocery and drug stores and price is the main driver to mass and warehouse

% Supplement Users indicating why they shop the channels most often

	<u>Traditional grocery</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Drug store</u>	<u>Natural channel</u>	<u>Internet</u>	<u>Warehouse</u>
Most convenient (close to where I live, allows me to get more necessary items in same place)	65%	56%	55%	45%	38%	28%
Best prices	54%	71%	37%	40%	67%	87%
More sales	29%	14%	22%	17%	18%	16%
More options to choose from	18%	33%	33%	47%	51%	15%
Incentives (rewards programs)	13%	4%	20%	9%	7%	5%
There are professionals here to help me make the best decisions	4%	3%	19%	25%	4%	3%
I am able to get the best information here to make my purchase	2%	7%	21%	30%	22%	4%



(Q.59 – You indicated you shopped [channel] most often for supplements. Which of the following are the reasons why you shop there most often?)

# While store brand supplements are deemed just as safe and effective and containing the same ingredient content as well-known national brands; lack of trust does not appear to be a factor

**% Supplement Users who completely/somewhat agree with the statements**



(Q.62 – Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements)



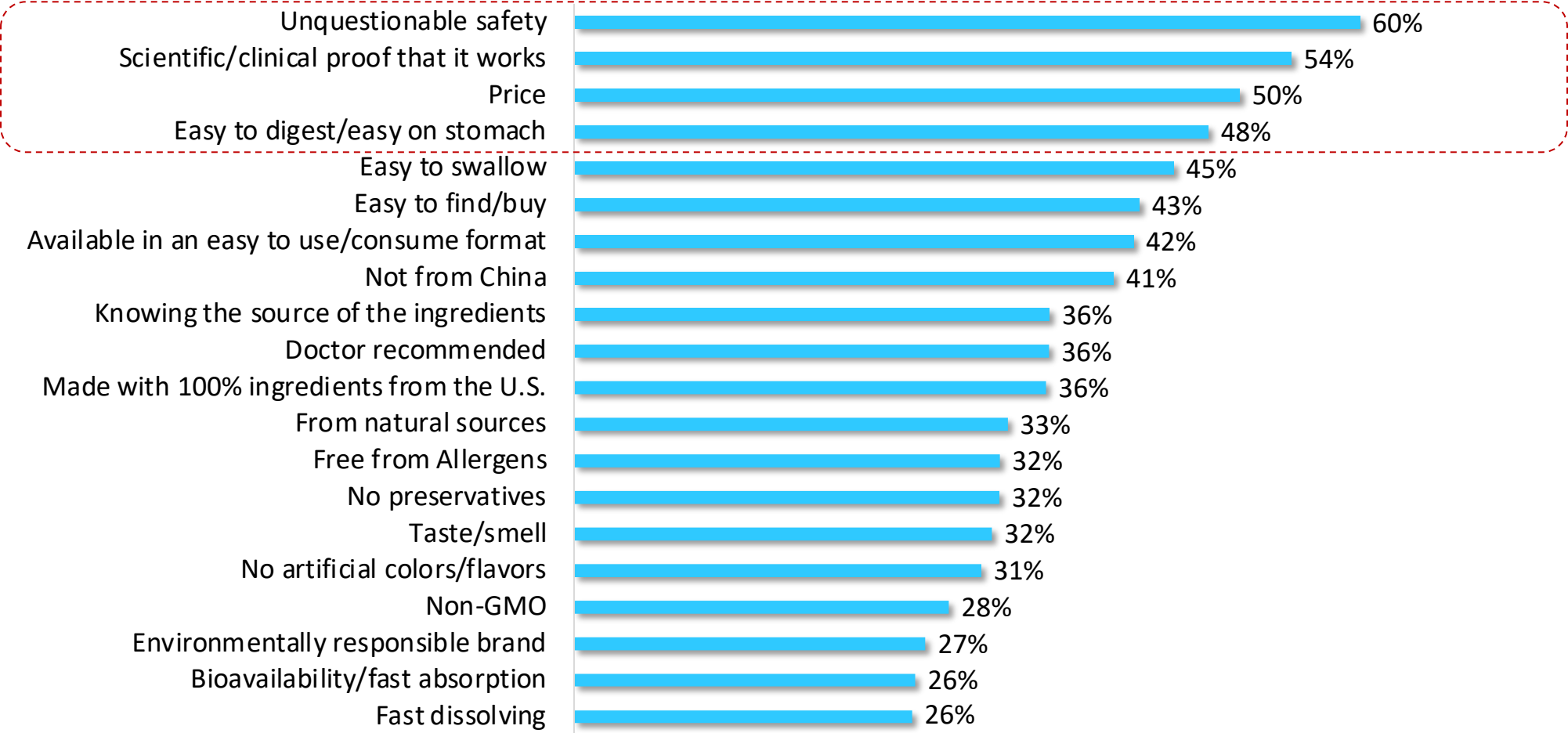


# HOW?

## HOW Do You Build and Keep Brand Trust?

# Unquestionable safety, clinical proof of effectiveness and price have consistently been the top 3 most important factors toward supplement purchase and should be considered standard, cost of entry attributes for any supplement product

**% Supplement Users indicating the following are very important in their decision to purchase dietary supplements (top tier)**

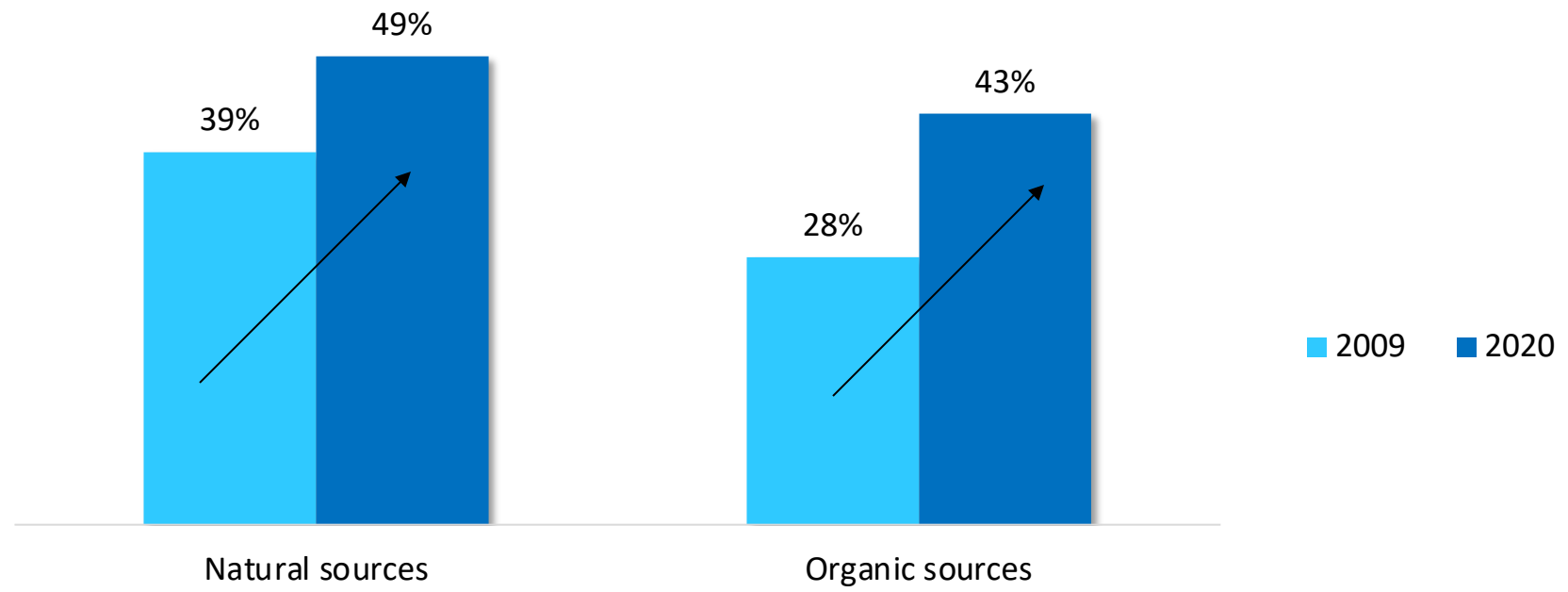


(Q.34 – Please rate how important or unimportant each of the following are in your decision to purchase supplements)

# But overall, there is a clear growing trend toward a preference for supplements that are derived from natural and organic ingredients

% Supplement Users who completely/somewhat agree...

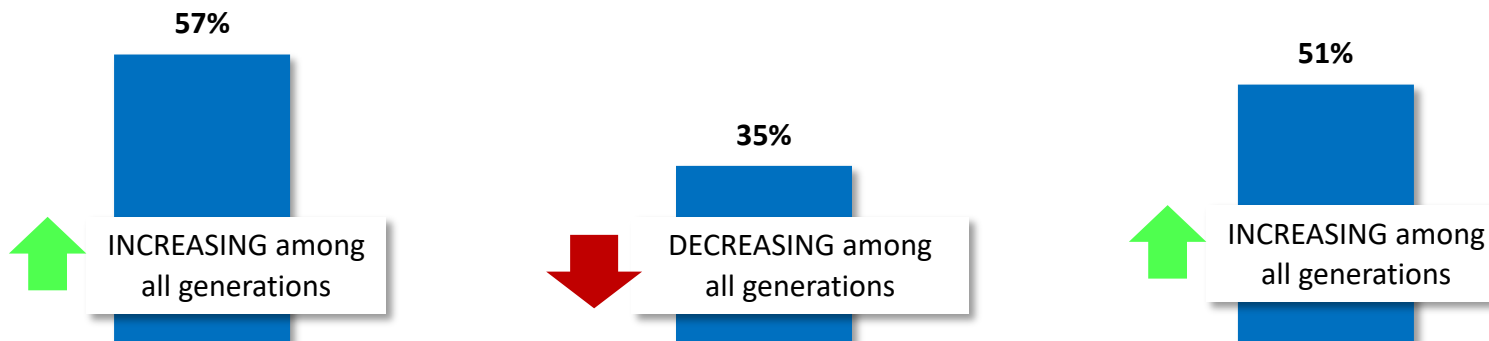
*"I prefer to buy dietary/nutritional supplements that are derived from..."*



(Q.46 – Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the statements)

# Supplement Users increasingly realize that all supplement brands are *not* the same and seek out quality brands which they can be confident in and loyal to, with fewer Users basing their supplement purchase mostly on price

% Supplement Users who completely/somewhat agree...



	Not all brands of supplements are the same; I base my purchase decision on <b>product quality</b>	Most brands of supplements are the same; I base my purchase decision <b>mostly on price</b>	I am <b>loyal to the supplement brands</b> I use and regularly buy the same brand
Millennial Users	61%	37%	54%
Gen X Users	56%	33%	45%
Boomer Users	56%	34%	51%
Mature Users	60%	31%	<b>63% Most loyal</b>

(Q.46 – Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the statements)

## Supplement Users cite a range of issues which may highlight opportunities for both research and development as well as messaging; efficacy is the primary concern

**% Supplement Users indicating what some of their issues or concerns are when taking supplements**

	All Supplement Users	Index vs. All Supplement Users				
		iGen Users	Millennials Users	Gen X Users	Boomer Users	Mature Users
I can't determine if the supplements are <b>doing what they are supposed to do</b>	44%					
I'm <b>not sure what nutrients my body actually needs</b> to function at its best	37%					
I <b>don't get the desired results</b>	32%					
I'm <b>not sure I am taking the correct type(s)</b> of supplement(s) for my needs	30%					
I'm concerned about <b>the interaction between</b> supplements and the Rx I take	29%					
I'm <b>not sure I am taking the correct dosage</b> for my needs	28%					
They are sometimes <b>difficult to swallow</b>	28%					
I'm concerned about the <b>interaction between different supplements</b> I take	27%					
I don't feel they break down and <b>get absorbed</b> by my body	22%					
There is an <b>unfavorable smell/taste</b> to my dietary/nutritional supplements	21%					
I <b>have to take too many supplements</b> to get the nutrients I feel I need	20%					
I sometimes find it challenging to make sure I <b>don't run out</b> of the supplements I take	19%					
I have to take different supplements at <b>different times throughout the day</b>	19%					

Green shading denotes high index ( $\geq 120$ ); Pink shading denotes low index ( $\leq 80$ )

(Q.52 – Which of the following, if any, are issues or concerns you currently have when taking supplements)

# QUESTIONS?

## WHAT – THE PRODUCT

Know the Landscape Inside and Out

- What is maturing/declining?
- What's next and upcoming?
- New delivery system/formats
- Disruptive innovation forces
- Commoditization impact

## WHO – CONSUMPTION

Boosting Consumption

- Increase compliance among Users
- Address barriers for Lapsed Users
- Establish trial for Non-Users
- Continually educate All Users

## HOW – BRAND

Building & Keeping

- Efficacy of benefi
- Safety, sourcing,
- Sourcing, manufa
- The role of natura



## WHERE - BUYING DYNAMICS

Pathways to Purchase

- Channel migration/blurring
- Private label impact
- Price, price, price



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