

# SS 2024 Trend Report

A snapshot into the season's defining industry and consumer trends

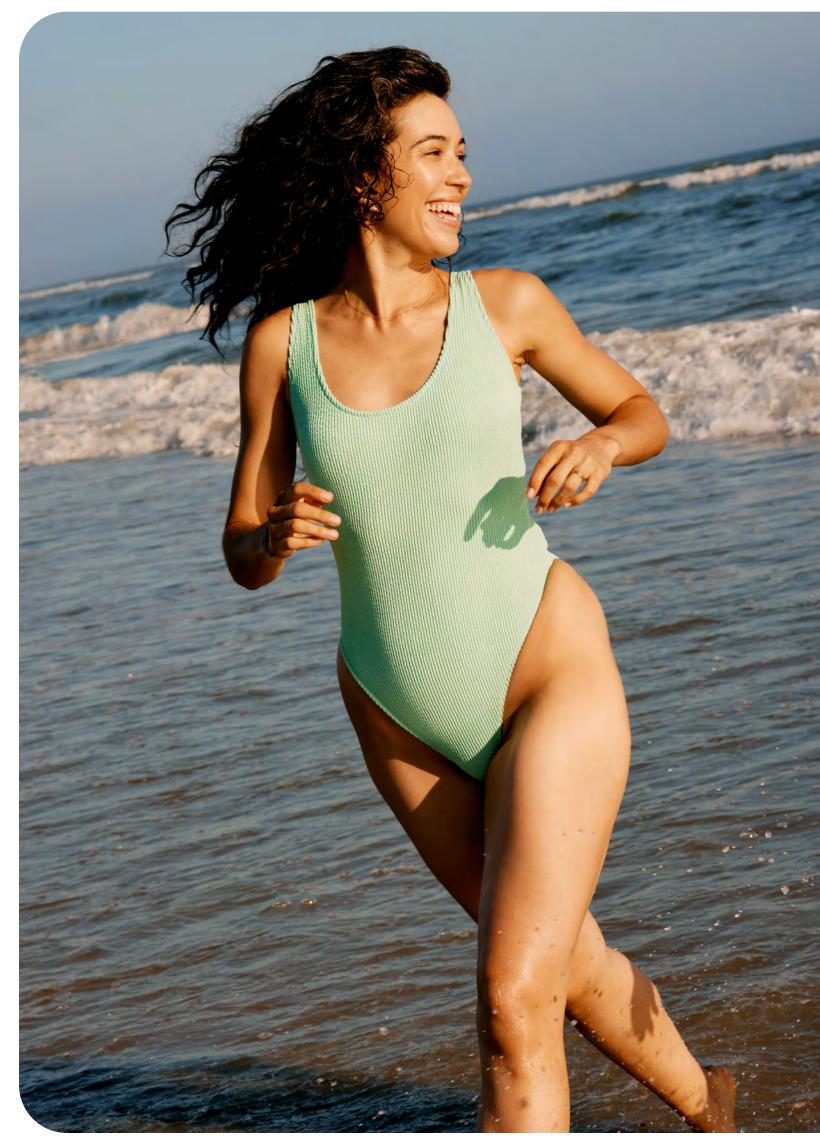




#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past two-years, consumers have faced a 40-year inflationary high, yet the economy continues to moderately grow. According to the US Census, overall spending on retail goods is up 0.6% year-over-year<sup>\*</sup>, proving consumer demand is there - albeit with a new approach on spending and budgeting. In particular, younger consumers are seeking alternative payments that give them more control over their money to purchase the things they want and need.

Based on first-party purchasing data, Afterpay has identified the seasonal trends and shopping patterns among its US consumer base made up of primarily Millennial and Gen Zs to uncover areas of opportunities for the industry as we wade through this dynamic macroeconomic climate.





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#### **INDUSTRY INSIGHTS**



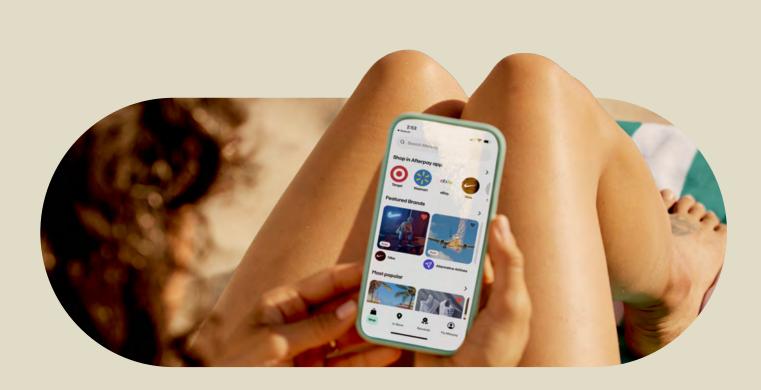


#### Diversity at checkout

As an alternative to accruing high-interest credit card debt, younger consumers are turning to flexible options like BNPL to help them spend within their means for everyday purchases. Currently, Afterpay's fastest growing categories are travel and entertainment, home & garden, hardware, health and beauty, and electronics based on Gen Z and Millennial demand for categories beyond fashion and beauty.

## **Acceleration of mobile** commerce

Convenience is paramount to next gen consumers, popularizing mobile commerce as the go-to channel to discover, explore, and shop directly from the palm of their hand. In the past year, mobile volume of Afterpay transactions were up 6%.



## The power of conscious spending

BNPL has become a preferential money management tool for younger consumers. Gen Z and Millennial combined use of Afterpay has grown on average 22% year-over-year as next gen consumers turn to the Afterpay app as an all-in-one commerce platform to not only budget, but to gain access to curated rewards through positive repayments.

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FASHION

The opulence of the 20s and boldness of the 80s are coming back with a modern take. **Consumers are donning outfits** to show off and show out this season as a form of escapism.

## **Trending items**



**Oversize Sunglasses** 













Long Pearls



Fringe Skirt





- Drop Waists
- Tank Tops
- Moto Jackets

- Gilded Fringe
- Polka Dots

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# Prep Signs

FASHION

In anticipation for the summer Olympics, preppy looks with a sporty twist are in. Outfits will consist of a relaxed approach to mix and match.

## **Trending items**



Button Down





Track Pants

+**8**% YoY







**Tennis Skirt** 





Quarter Zip Sweater +65% YoY

White Sneakers +**11**% YoY

- Polos
- Blazers
- Varsity Jackets
- Cardigans
- Mini Skirts

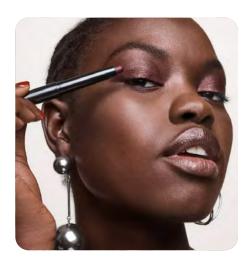
# The Coquette Look

BEAUTY

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In line with the girlhood trend, coquette makeup is all about achieving a soft, romantic look through soft pinks, pearly shine, and doll-like lashes.

### **Trending items**



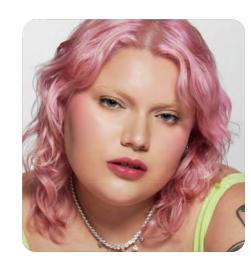




False Eyelashes



Lip Stain + **108**% YoY



Long Lasting Stain + **281**% YoY

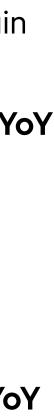


Pink Eyeshadow +103% YoY



White Eyeliner +155% YoY

- Doll Lashes
- Highlighter
- Soft Pink Blush
- Lip Stains
- Multipurpose Products



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INTERIORS

Harsh lines are giving way to softer curved shapes in interiors. **Consumers will embrace this** trend by adding more wavy furniture and accessories into their homes.

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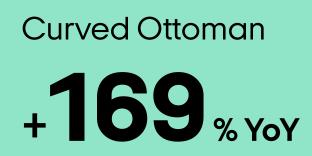
Curved Chair





**Curved Table** +90% YoY







Curved Sofa + 207% YoY



**Curved Furniture** +34%YoY

- Curvy Mirrors
- Wavy Picture Frames
  Scalloped Catchall Trays
  - S-Curve Sofa



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## Travel Bug for One

TRAVEL

Post-pandemic, consumers are more eager to rediscover themselves, turning to solo traveling for some much needed reprieve. Hot spot destinations will be inspired by popular hit shows like *The White Lotus* and *Emily in Paris*.

#### **Trending purchases**



Hotels and Accommodations





**Travel Tickets** 

+**79**% YoY