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# Sample & Methodology



The research was conducted in the last week of Ramadan 2022.



### **500 Respondents**



**Males & Females** 



15 years & Above



**Nationwide Coverage** 



**Online Interviews** 



### **Summary Of Findings**

### **A Time For Prioritizing What Matters**

During Ramadan, People in Saudi Arabia start focusing on things that matter the most to them. People reflect inwards as they focus on practicing their faith and making positive changes in regard to their health while paying attention to their surroundings as they engage in their community by giving back. People also spend more time with their loved ones leading to 4 in 10 staying at home more often than usual, mainly young affluent females. Most importantly, many make the most of their time at home discovering new tips and tricks as well as learning new skills.

### **Travel Is A Big Part Of The Holy Month**

In Ramadan, 7 in 10 people travel where this is more prevalent amongst affluent males. Looking into travel behavior between the generations shows that the youth travel more domestically during Ramadan while the older generation travel more outside the kingdom. With this travel behavior comes the need to utilize travel and tourism apps which witness a 7% increase in usage during Ramadan. Such apps are more likely to be used by youth belonging to the lower income group.

### **Groceries Are The Most Purchased Category During Ramadan**

The vast majority of people shop in Ramadan where this is more dominant amongst affluent females. 2 in 5 shop for food and groceries making it the most purchased category during the holy month followed by electronics. Shopping for groceries is mainly done through utilizing both online and offline channels although Gen Z are seen to be highly shopping for groceries online while males are more likely to go through the in-store experience.

### **The Popularity Of Delivery During Ramadan**

Food delivery is particularly popular during Ramadan, with nearly 9 out of 10 people ordering through apps, only with the upper income group ordering significantly more. This results in an increased usage of food delivery apps which witness a 9% increase compared to the rest of the year. During Ramadan, people also use grocery delivery apps more frequently, with a 17% increase in usage. When it comes to the categories ordered, even though fast food is the most common choice, people in Ramadan do not limit themselves to one type of food while ordering delivery.



### **Summary Of Findings**

### **Planning VS Impulse Shopping During Ramadan**

Shopping behavior in Ramadan is split in terms of planning nature, nonetheless the youth engage more in impulsive shopping while the lower income group is more careful in their planning behavior. Differences in planning can also be seen when looking at the category shopped for; Home-related purchases are more likely to be planned, whereas gaming-related purchases are more likely to be spontaneous. Planning also takes other forms where individuals plan wish lists for shopping during Ramadan, Eid gifts as well as the planning that comes before high value purchases, where the latter is more common amongst young affluent males.

### **Despite High Content Consumption, People Still Expect Changes**

People respond to a variety of content during Ramadan, particularly holy content and everything related to the celebration of Ramadan, such as decorations, clothes, and festivities. The affluent younger generation are much more drawn to fashion-related content, whilst the older generation is more likely to show diversity in the type of content they follow. That said, people continue to demand changes from brands even though they consume a lot of content, especially during Ramadan when the need for changes in both advertising and content is greatest. While Gen Z is very interested in changes to content, the older generation is more likely to expect brands to make changes to all aspects from advertising and content to commerce and engagement.





# In Saudi Arabia, People Eagerly Anticipate Ramadan, Where It Is Most People's Favorite Time Of The Year

84%

75%

Are Excited For Ramadan

State That Ramadan Is Their Favorite Month





## The Majority Practice Their Faith Through Higher Exposure To Religious Content, More Prayer And Visits To The Mosque As Well As Community Engagement Through Helping Those In Need



96%
Giveback To
People In Need



Listen/Read To More
Quran & Religious Content



93%
Increase Frequency
Of Prayers

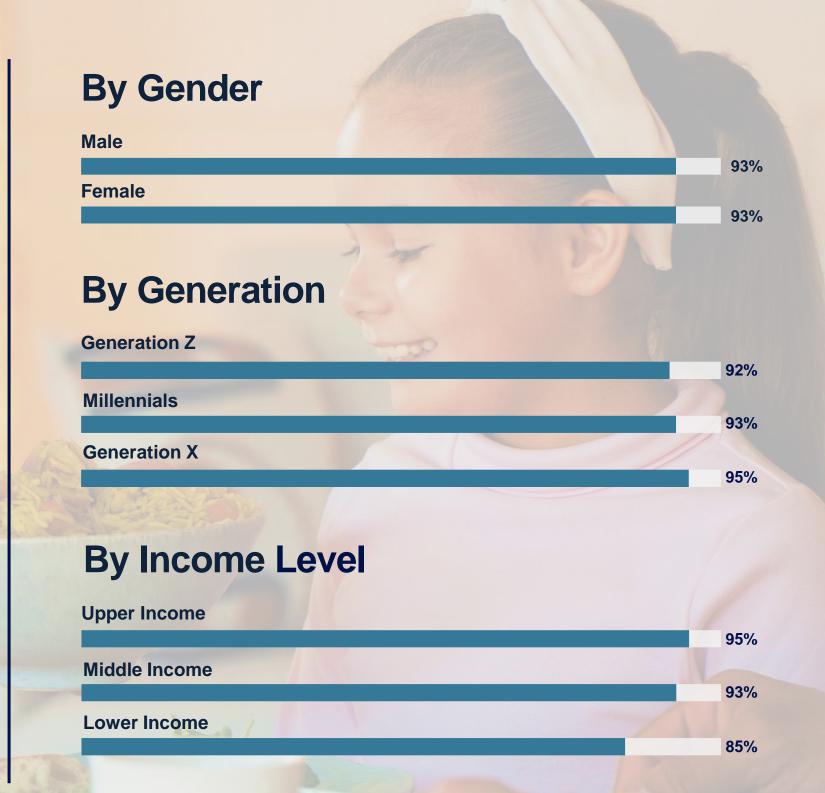


Pray At The Mosque More Than Usual



## Ramadan Is Also A Time For Loved Ones, As Almost Everyone Spends More Time With Friends And Family

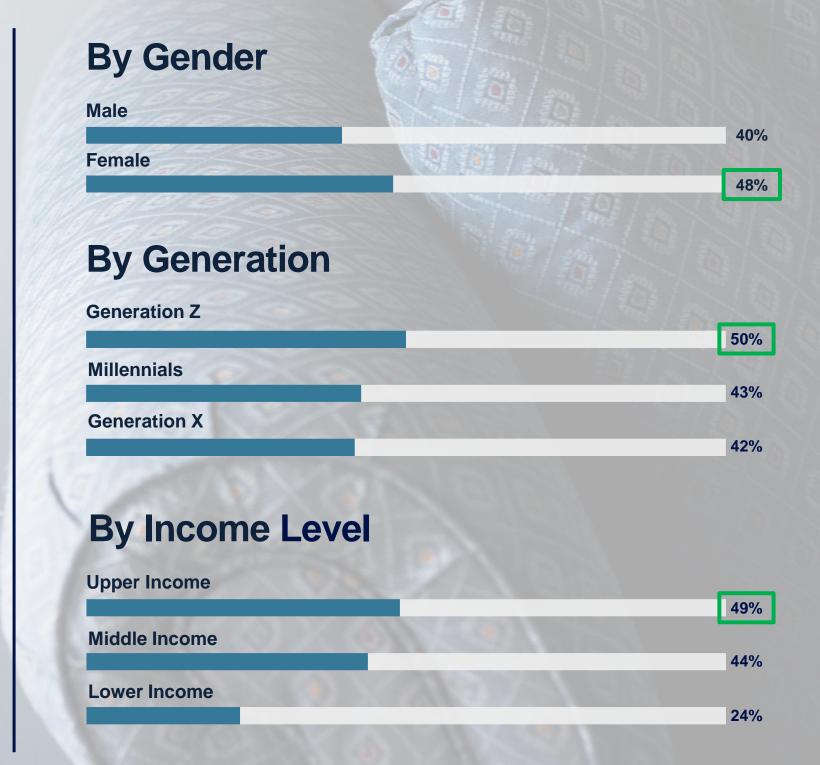
9 in 10
Spend More
Time With
Friends & Family





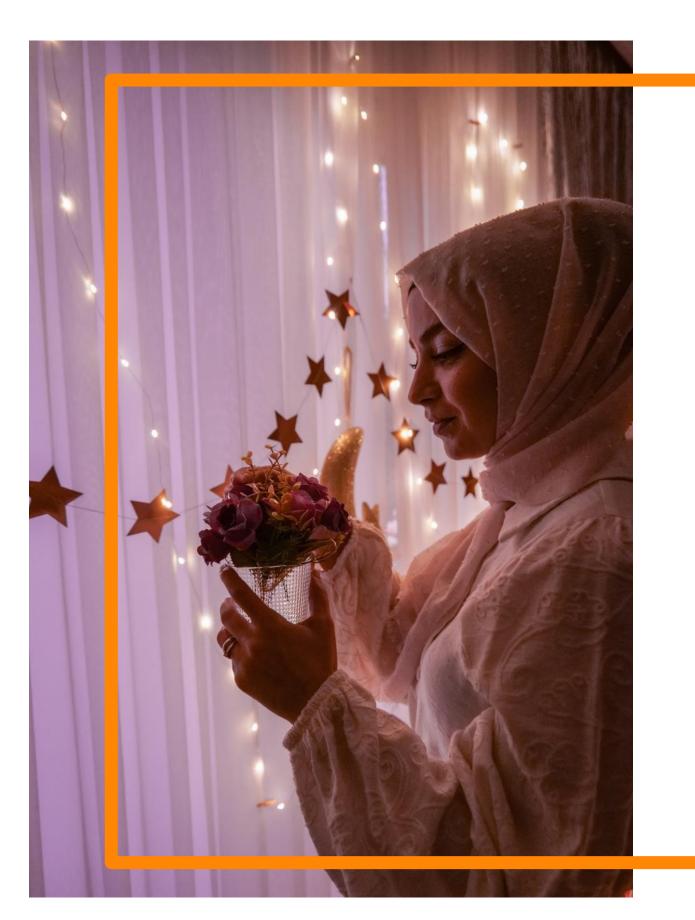
As People Spend More Time With Loved Ones, 4 In 10 Are Spending More Time At Home. This Is More Prominent Amongst Young Affluent Females

Spend More Time At Home During Ramadan





## With More Time Spent At Home, It Comes To No Surprise That People Pay Close Attention To Their Personal Spaces





Decorate Their Homes For Ramadan 91%



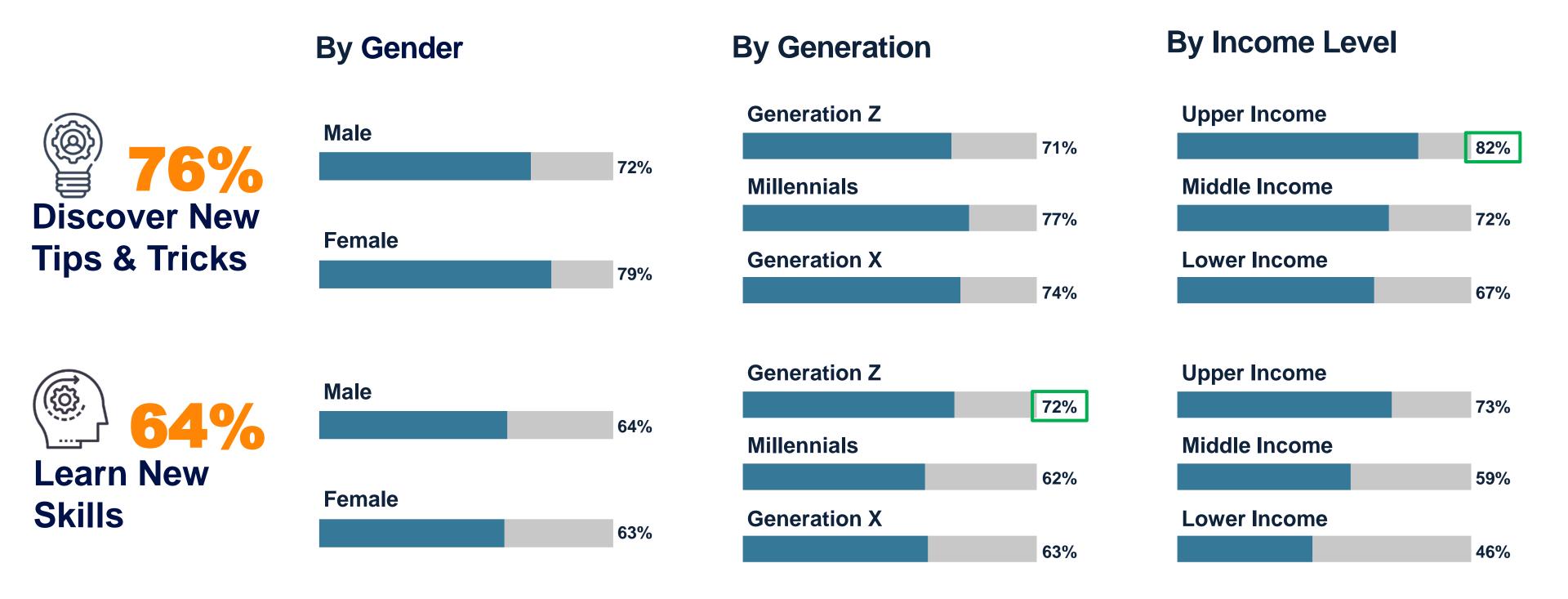
**Shop for Ramadan Décor For Home** 

**87%** 



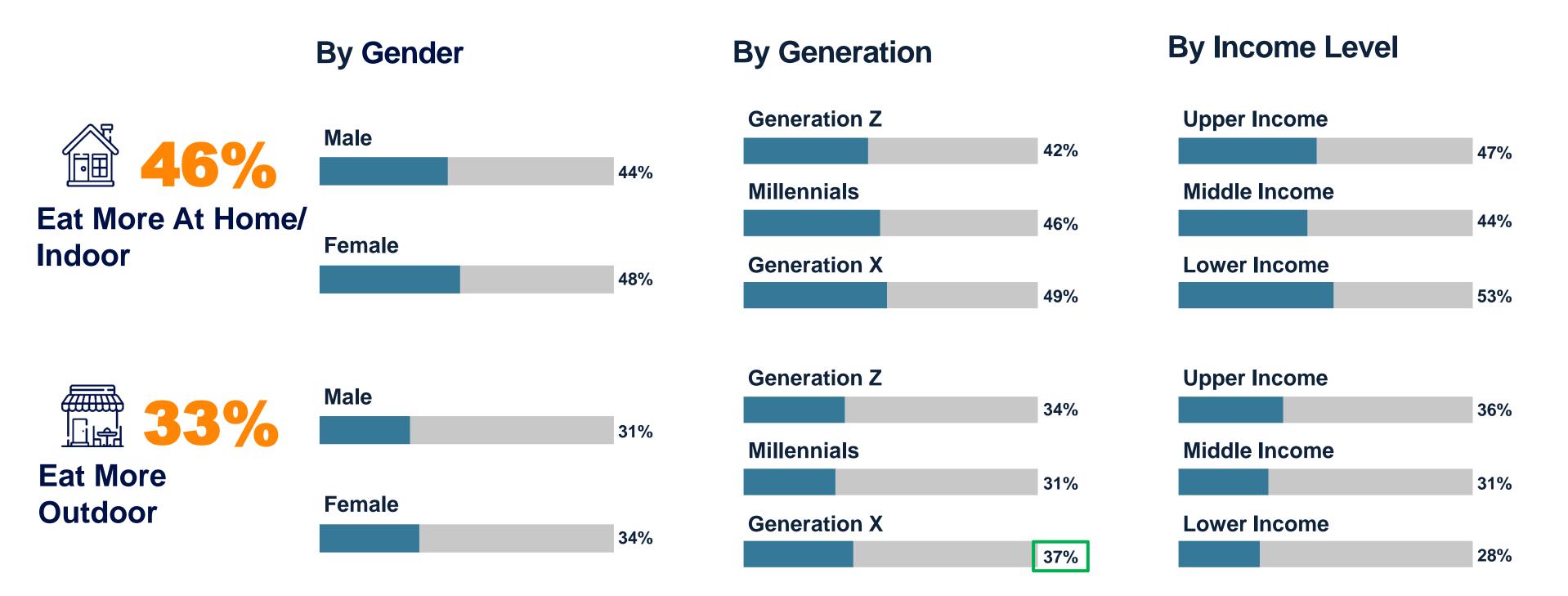


# Many Make The Most Of Their Time At Home, Where 4 In 5 Discover New Tips And 3 In 5 Learn New Skills. The Former Is Prevalent Among The Affluent Group Whereas The Latter Is More Common Among The Youth



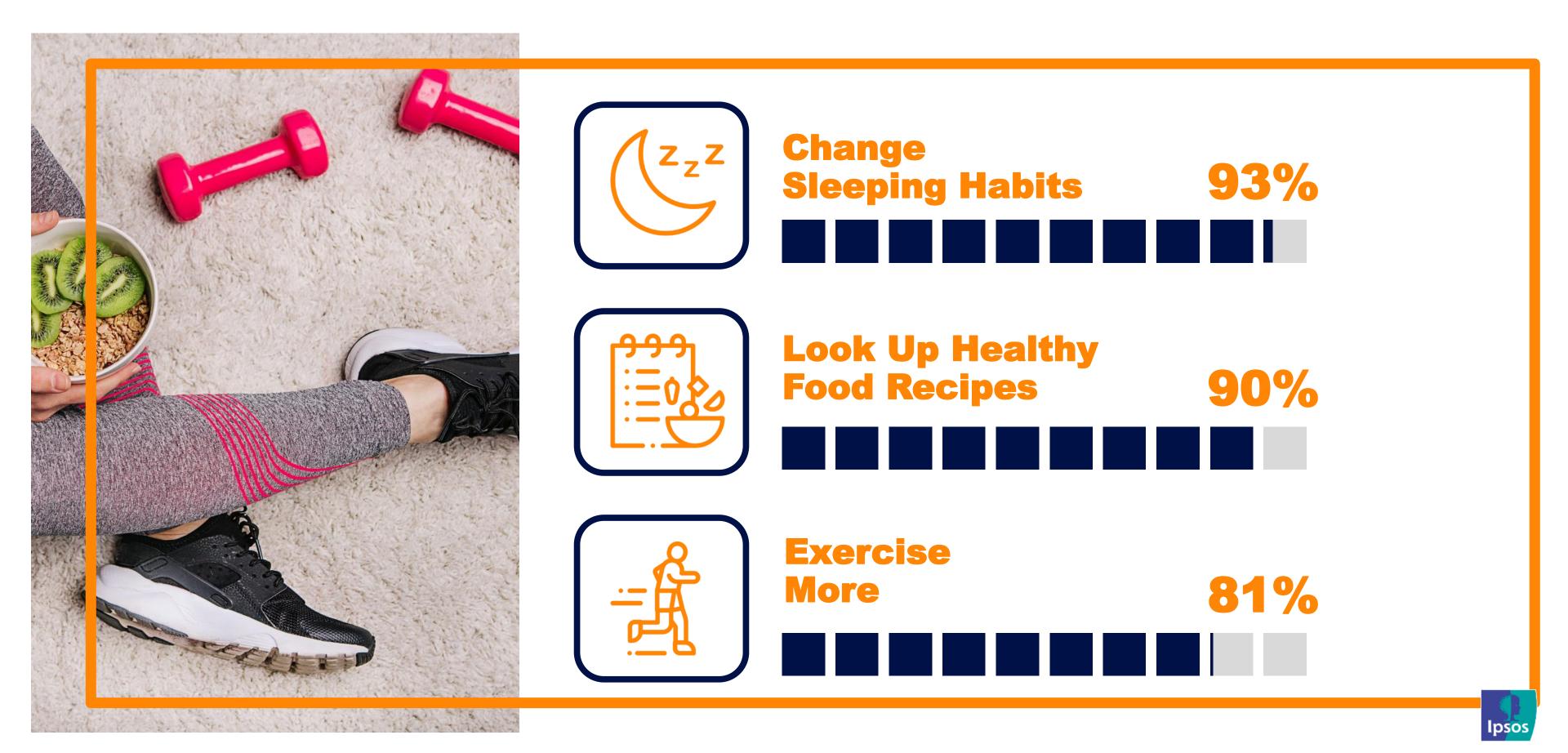


### With More Time Spent Indoor, People In Saudi Arabia Are Eating In More. Despite That, Gen X Are More Likely To Eat Outside

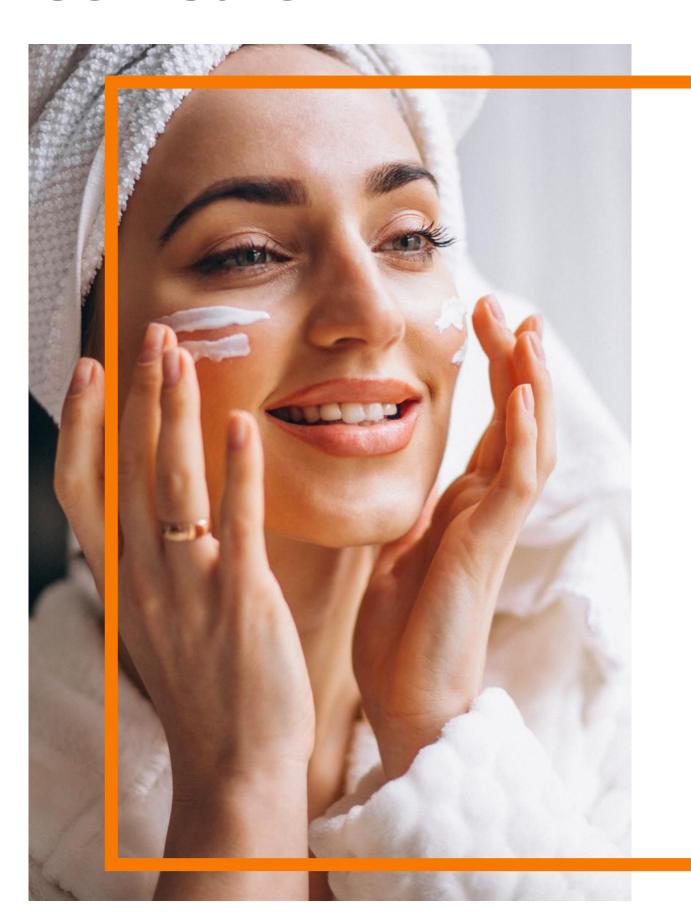




## The Majority Reflect Inwards Focusing On The Need To Make Changes In Pursuit Of A Healthier Lifestyle



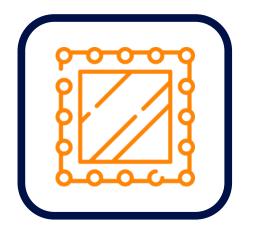
## People Also Utilize Their Time In Ramadan To Do Some Self Care





Go More To Wellness Centers

63%



Spend More Time In Beauty Centers

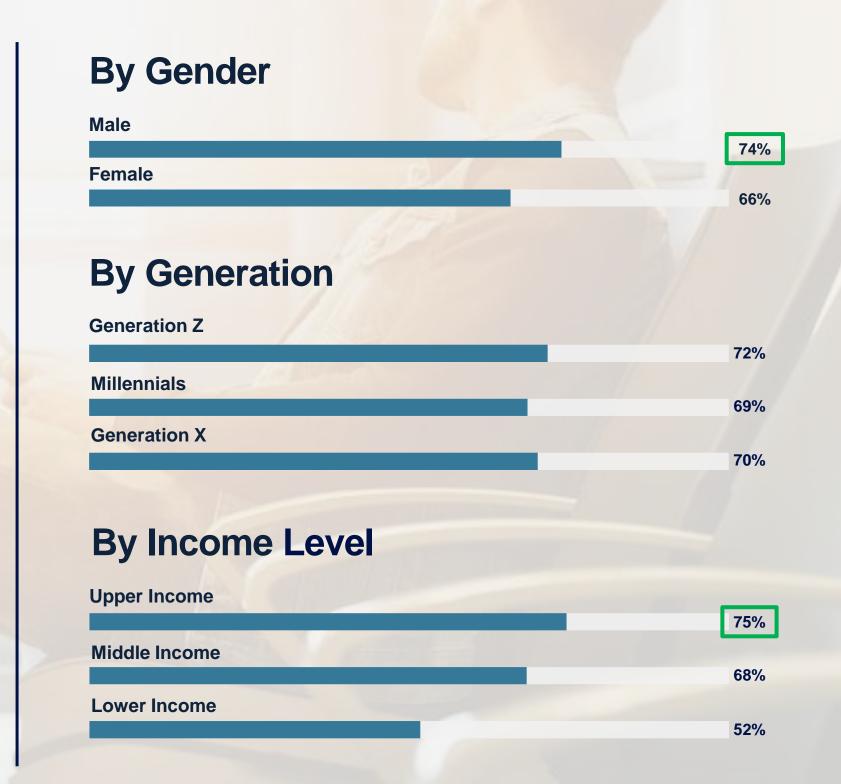
**63%** 



## 7 In 10 People Travel During Ramadan Where Males Belonging To The Upper Income Group Are More Likely To Do So

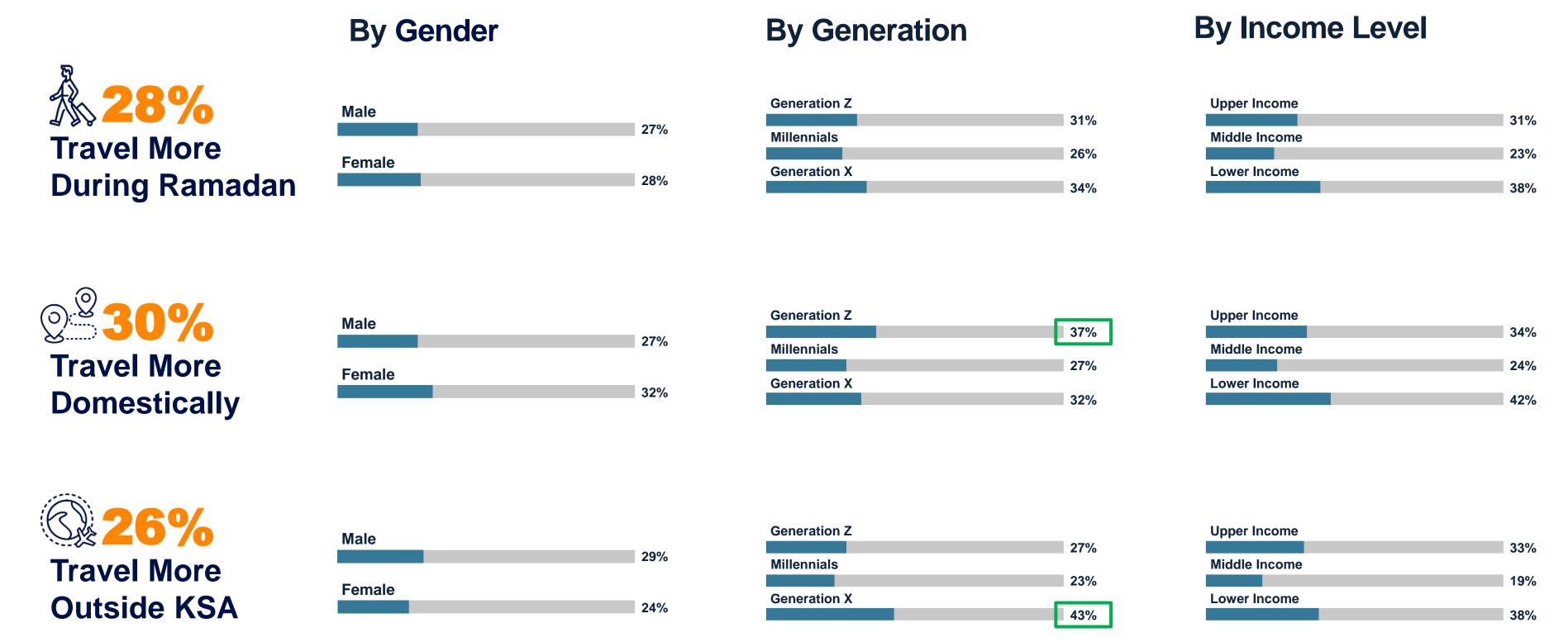
69%

Travel During Ramadan





## 3 In 10 Travel More Often Than Usual During The Holy Month, Where The Youth Are More Likely To Travel Domestically, And The Older Generation Tend To Travel More Internationally



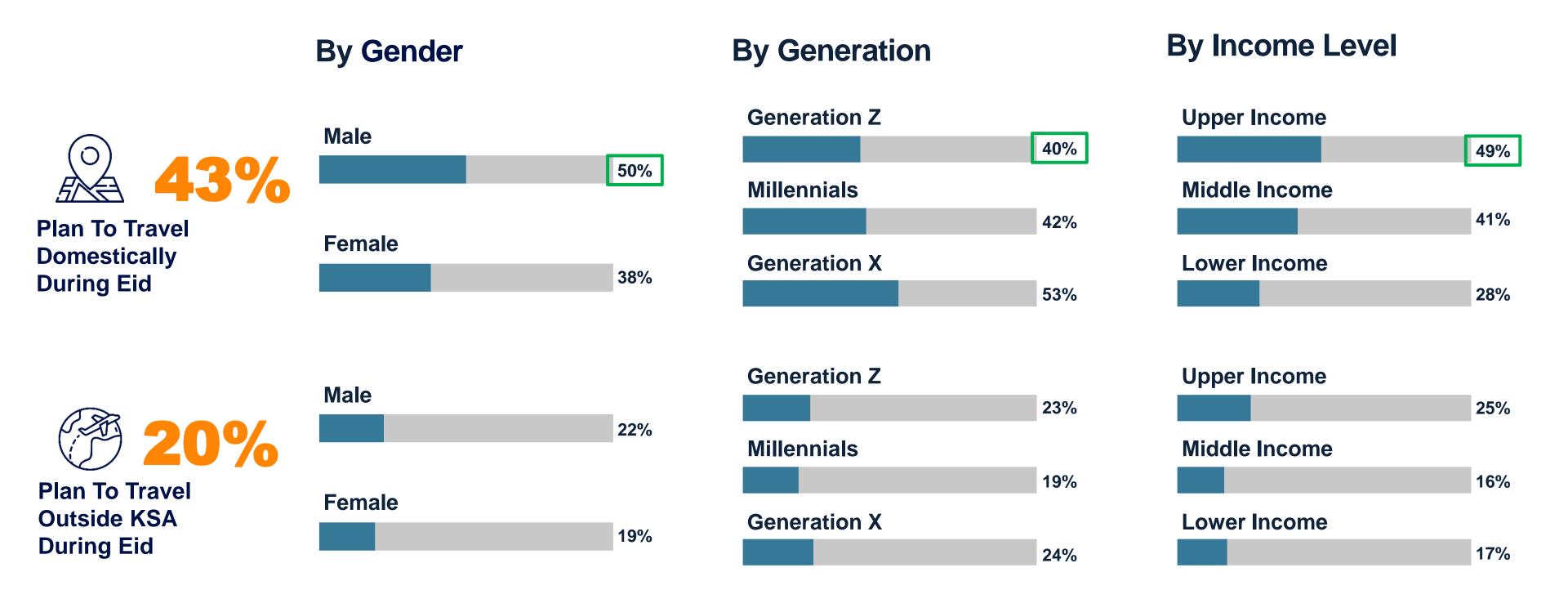


# Travel And Tourism Apps Have An Increased Usage During Ramadan. This Increase Is More Common Among Gen Z And Those Belonging To The Lower Income Group





## **Eid Travel Plans Are Mostly Domestic, Where Young Affluent Males Are More Likely To Make Them**

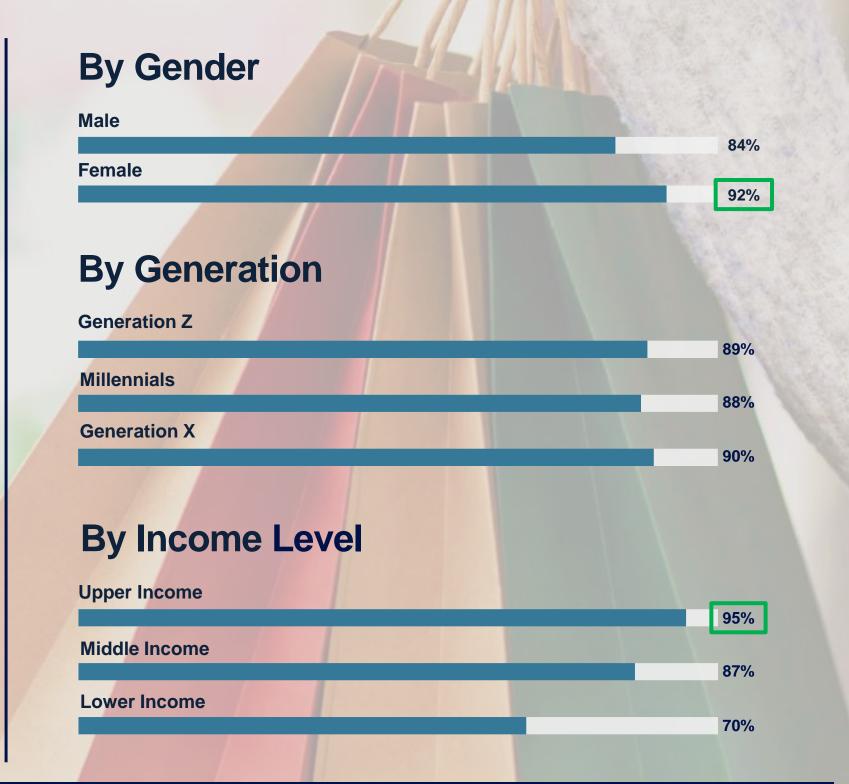






## The Vast Majority Of People Shop During Ramadan. Although, This Is More Noticeable Among Affluent Females

9 in 10
Shop During
Ramadan







### Deals And Offers Top The List Of Motivations For People To Shop During Ramadan Followed By The Needs That Arise From Hosting People Over

**Motivations To Shop During Ramadan** 



25%
Attractive
Promotions & Discounts



To Host Guests for Iftar & Suhoor



**13%**To Buy

Gifts for Eid



10%
Wide Variety of

**Products** 



To Buy Home

**Improvement Products** 

3%
Easy Payment
Options



7%
Availability of LimitedEdition Products



6%
Free Delivery &
Installation



Easy Returns & Exchange Policy



### Promotions & Discounts Highly Motivate The Lower Income Group Whereas Hosting Guests Is More Likely To Encourage Gen X To Shop















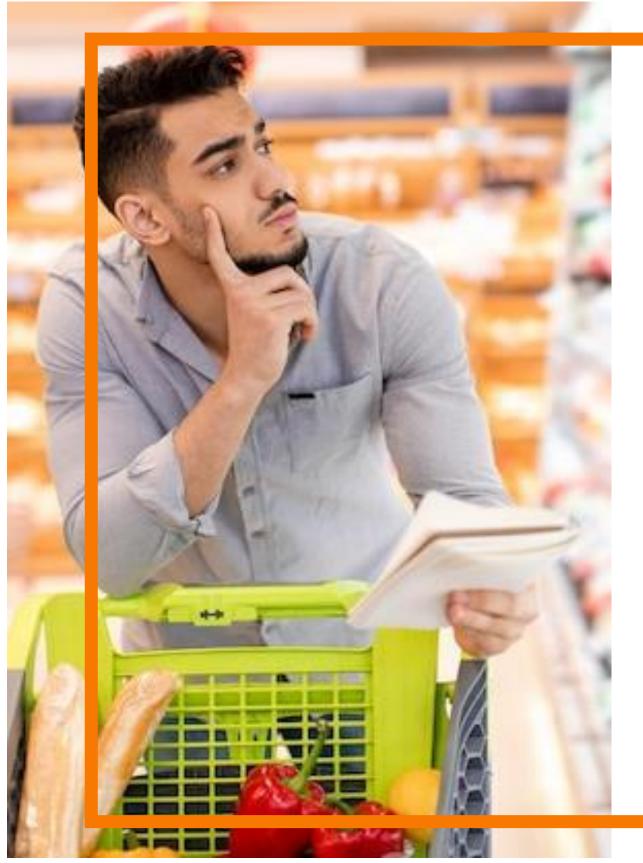




	Attractive Promotions & Discounts	To Host Guests for Iftar & Suhoor	To Buy Gifts for Eid	Wide Variety of Products	To Buy Home Improvement Products	Availability of Limited-Edition Products	Free Delivery & Installation	Easy Returns & Exchange Policy	Easy Payment Options
Total	25%	20%	13%	10%	10%	7%	6%	6%	3%
Male	26%	18%	14%	13%	7%	8%	5%	5%	2%
Female	25%	21%	13%	8%	12%	6%	6%	6%	4%
<b>Generation Z</b>	20%	18%	17%	11%	10%	6%	<b>7</b> %	7%	5%
Millennials	27%	19%	12%	10%	10%	7%	6%	6%	3%
<b>Generation X</b>	22%	24%	17%	12%	10%	7%	3%	3%	-
<b>Upper Income</b>	26%	20%	14%	10%	10%	5%	5%	6%	2%
Middle Income	23%	20%	13%	10%	10%	7%	6%	6%	3%
Lower Income	35%	12%	15%	12%	6%	9%	6%	-	6%



## In Terms Of Categories Purchased During The Holy Month, The Market Is Fragmented With Food & Groceries Taking The Lead



**Categories Purchased During Ramadan** 



38%
Food & Groceries



34% Electronics



32%
Home Items



31% Fashion Items



28%
Beauty Products



**23**%

12%
Gaming Products

Travel



## Gen Z Highly Purchase Electronics While Gen X Are More Likely To Purchase Beauty Products

Categories Purchased During Ramadan











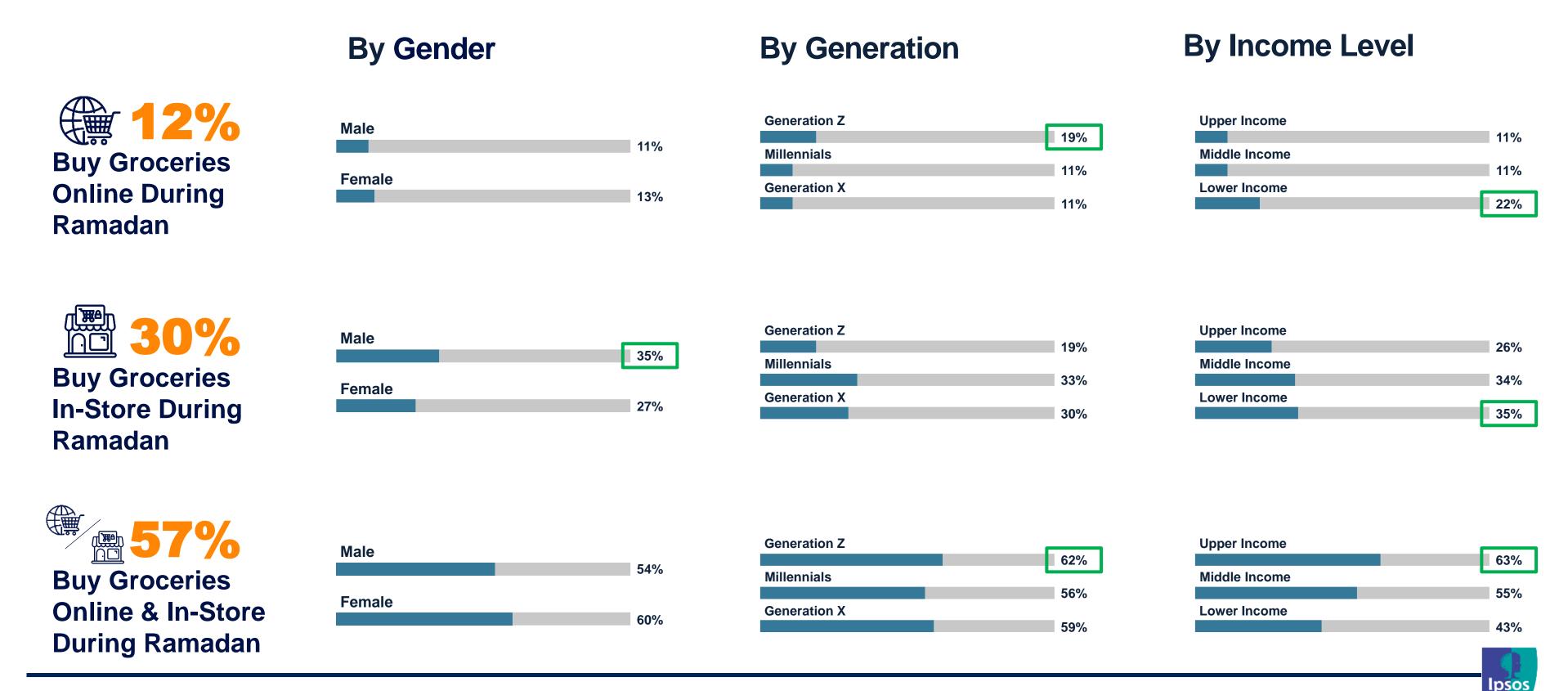




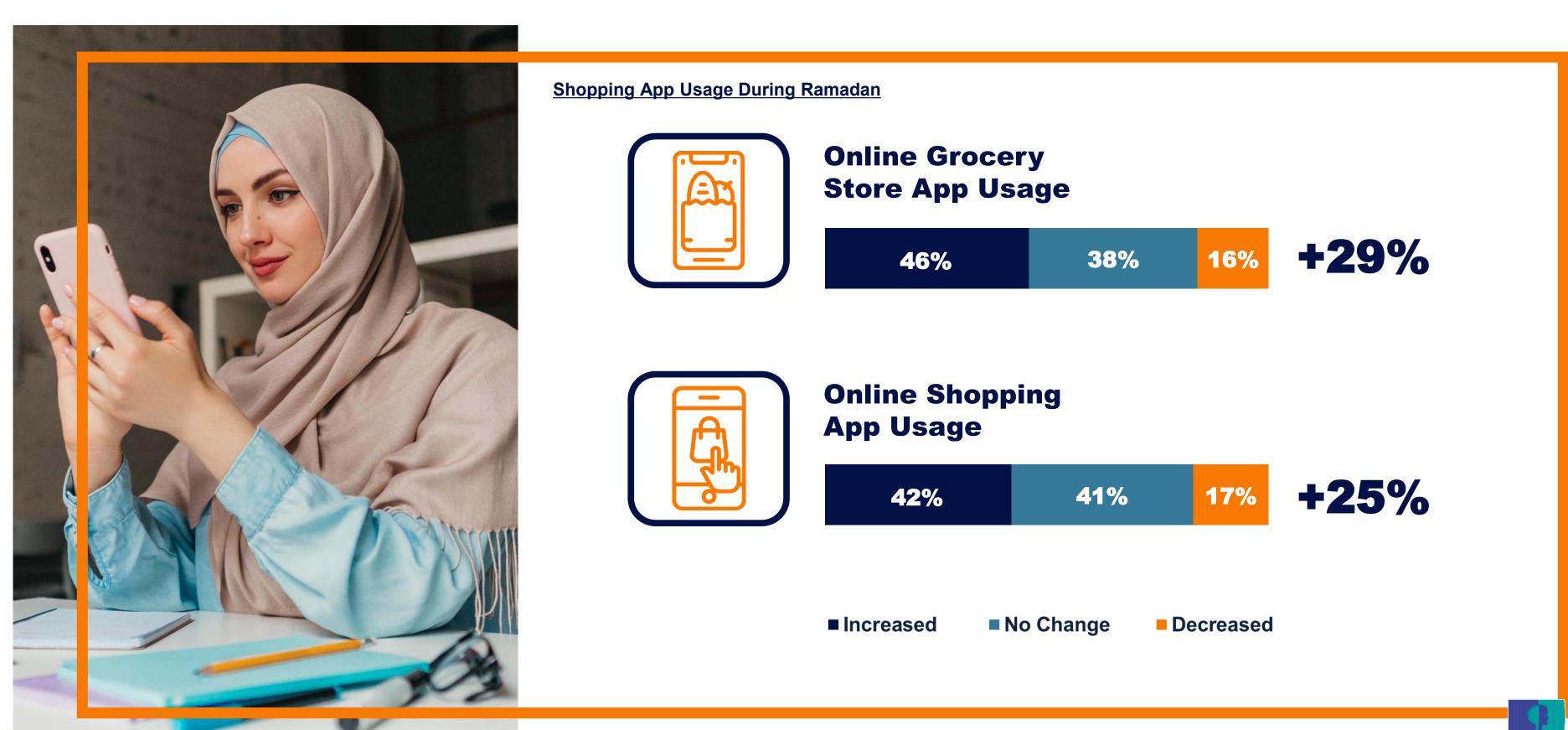
	Food & Groceries	Electronics	Home Items	Fashion Items	Beauty Products	Travel	Gaming Products
Total	38%	34%	32%	31%	28%	23%	12%
Male	38%	35%	29%	33%	26%	24%	16%
Female	39%	34%	35%	30%	30%	21%	10%
Generation Z	38%	41%	28%	34%	30%	20%	9%
Millennials	39%	34%	33%	31%	27%	22%	12%
<b>Generation X</b>	35%	29%	35%	27%	33%	27%	16%
<b>Upper Income</b>	35%	32%	33%	32%	29%	24%	15%
Middle Income	42%	34%	31%	31%	31%	21%	10%
Lower Income	36%	56%	36%	32%	8%	24%	8%



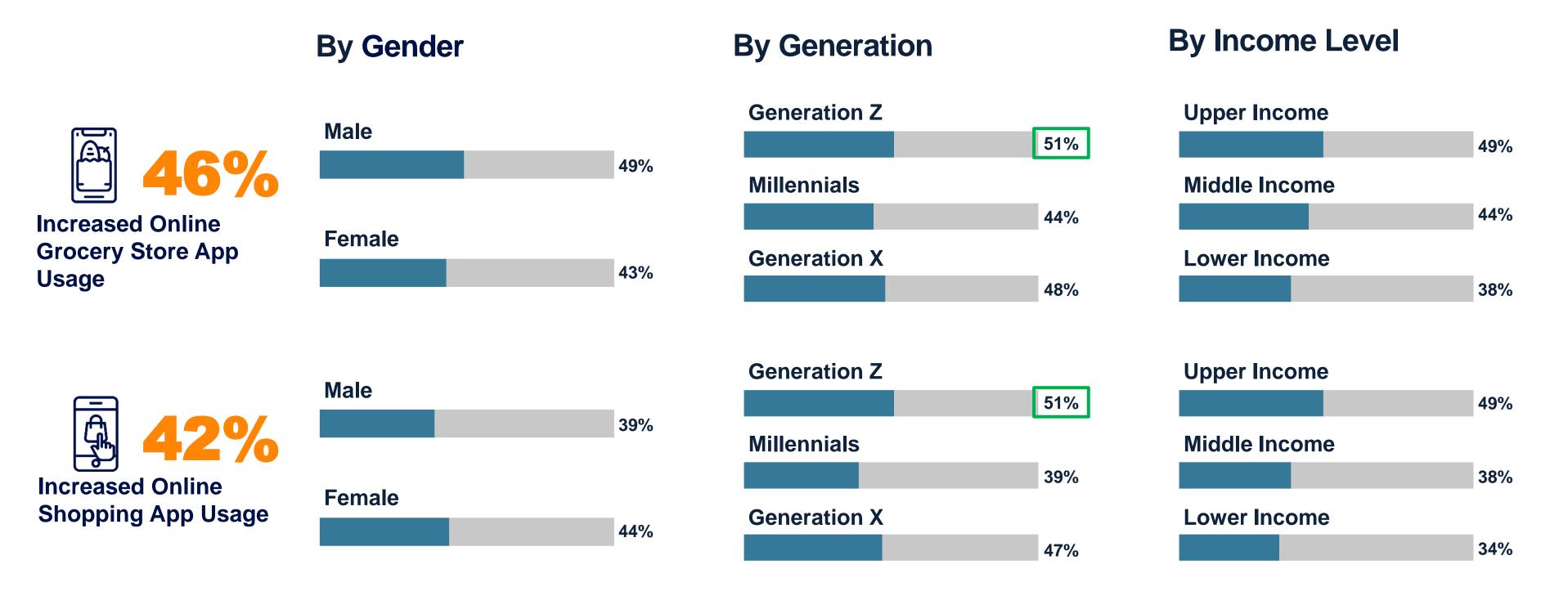
# 6 In 10 Utilize Both Online And Offline Channels To Purchase Groceries, Especially The Affluent Youth. Sole Online Grocery Shopping Is Higher Amongst The Youth With Lower Income Whereas The In-store Experience Is Preferred By Males Of The Lower Income Bracket For Grocery Shopping



## General Shopping Apps And Those For Groceries Have Witnessed A Growth In Usage During Ramadan



## Those With Increased Usage For Such Apps In Ramadan Are More Likely To Belong To Gen Z





### People Mostly Learn About The Categories They Shop For On Social Media And E-commerce Websites/ Apps

Sources Of Awareness For Categories Purchased During Ramadan



**56%** 

**Social Media** 



**37%** 

Online Search Engines



48%

E-Commerce Websites/Apps



34%

**TV Advertisement** 



43%

In Store Ads



33%

**Internet Advertisement** 



40%

Friend/Family Recommendation



33%

Ramadan Post by an Influencer



**39%** 

**Brand's Website** 



33%

Offer via Retail Membership



## Gen X Are More Inclined To Learn About The Categories They Shop For From E-commerce Websites/ Apps While Affluent People Highly Learn Through Word Of Mouth

Sources Of Awareness
For Categories Purchased
During Ramadan

















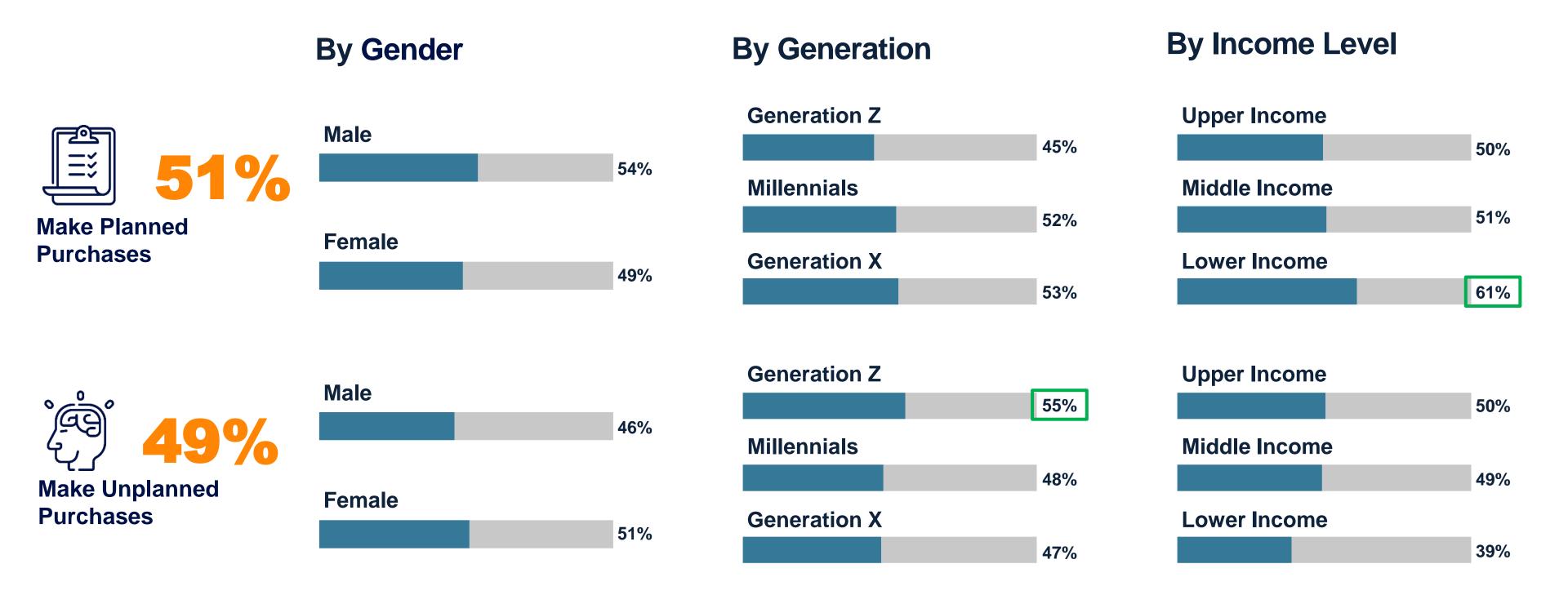




	Social Media	E-Commerce Websites/ Apps	In Store Ads	Friend/Family Recommendation	Brand's Website	Online Search Engines	TV Advertisement	Internet Advertisement	Ramadan Post by an Influencer	Offer via Retail Membership
Total	56%	48%	43%	40%	39%	37%	34%	33%	33%	33%
Male	51%	51%	41%	39%	43%	40%	38%	35%	33%	30%
Female	59%	45%	45%	42%	37%	34%	32%	31%	32%	35%
Generation Z	52%	46%	45%	37%	41%	38%	29%	24%	35%	35%
Millennials	56%	47%	43%	41%	36%	34%	35%	35%	30%	32%
Generation X	59%	55%	43%	45%	50%	48%	38%	32%	45%	36%
Upper Income	60%	52%	46%	46%	44%	40%	34%	38%	34%	38%
Middle Income	55%	45%	41%	36%	35%	36%	36%	28%	33%	28%
Lower Income	38%	34%	41%	28%	31%	28%	22%	31%	19%	31%

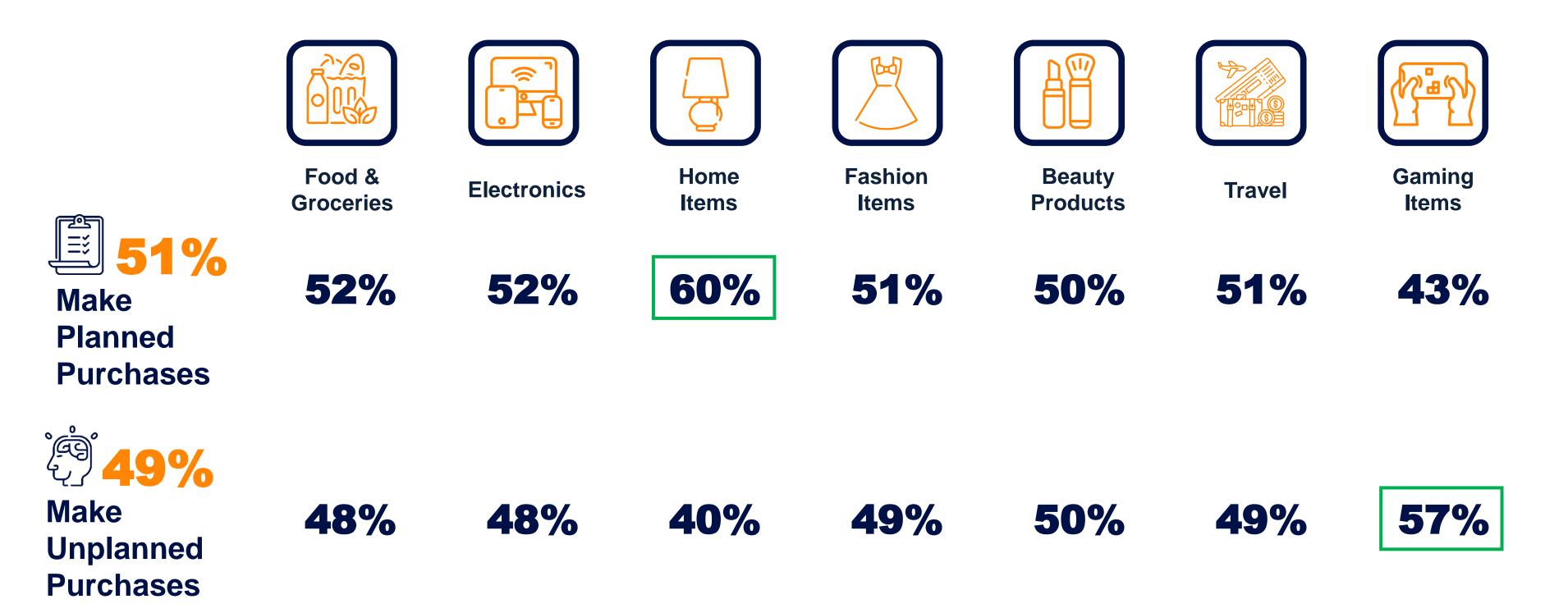


# In Ramadan, Shopping Behavior Is Generally Split In Terms Of Planning Nature, Nonetheless The Lower Income Group Are More Likely To Plan Their Purchases While Gen Z Are More Inclined To Shop Impulsively



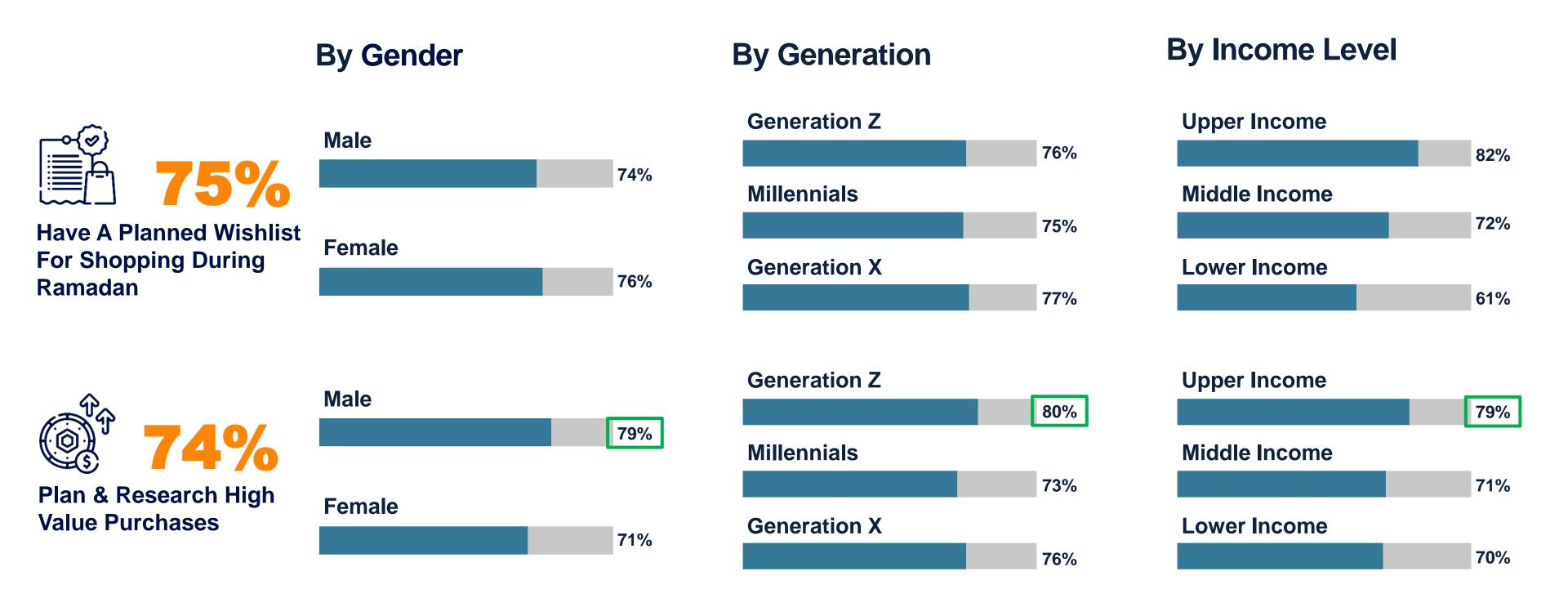


### Home Item Purchases Are More Likely To Be Planned While Gamingrelated Purchases Tend To Be More Impulsive





## Planning Tends To Exist In The Form Of Wish Lists And Is Also Heavily Done When It Comes To Big Purchases, Where Big Purchase Planning Is Highly Done By Young Affluent Males

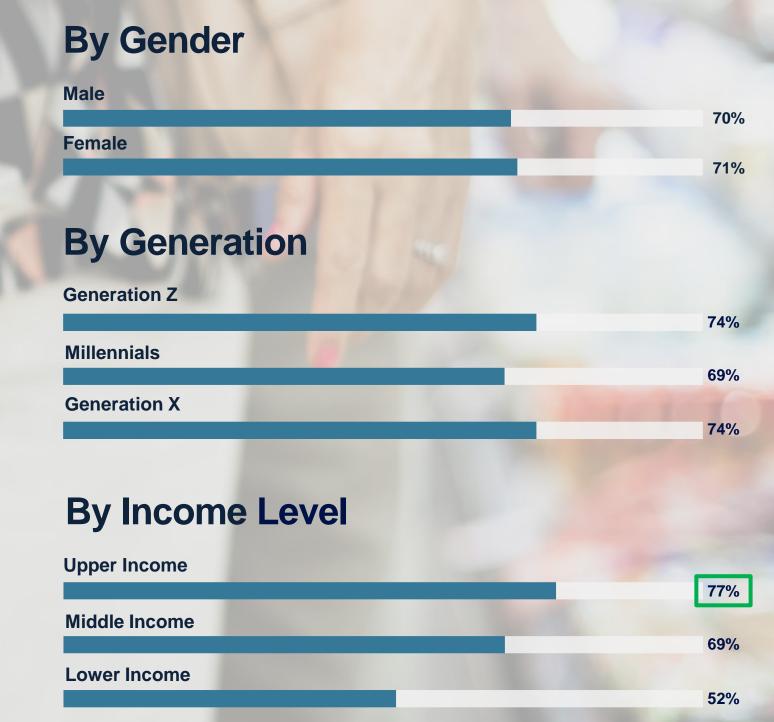




# Ramadan Is Also A Time For Exploration, Where 7 In 10 Discover New Products. This Is More Prevalent Among People With Higher Income

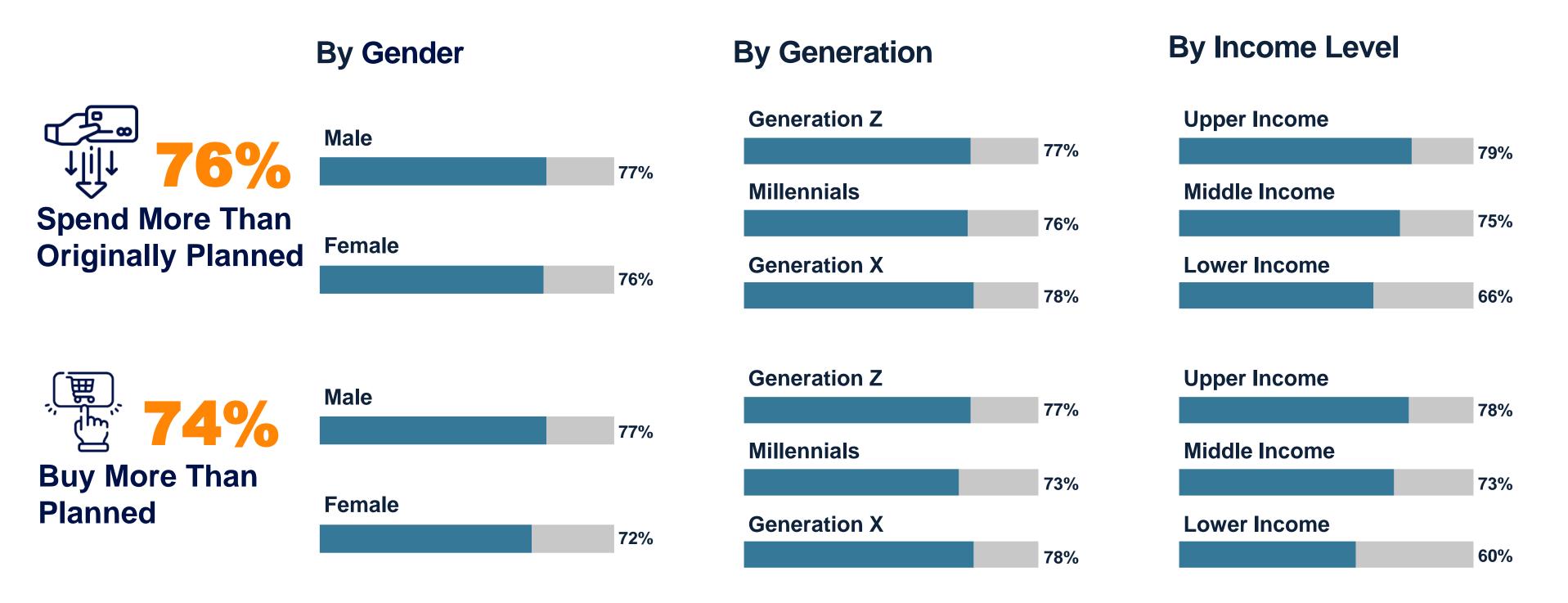
71%

Discover New Products During Ramadan





### As People Discover New Products, It's Unsurprising That They End Up Spending More Than Planned





### Average Expenditure Is The Highest For Travel And Electronics **And Lowest For Beauty Products**



**Expenditure Per Category Purchased During Ramadan (SAR)** 



1256.6

**Electronics** 



960.8 **Fashion Items** 



**764.2 Gaming Products** 



**755.3** 



728.4





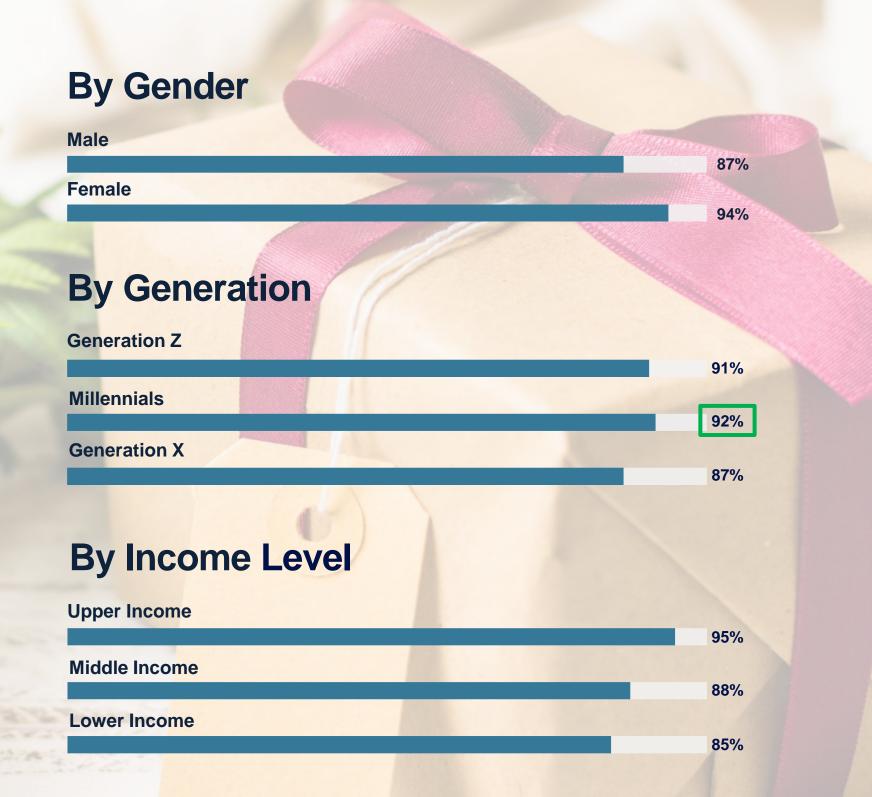
481.5

**Beauty Products** 



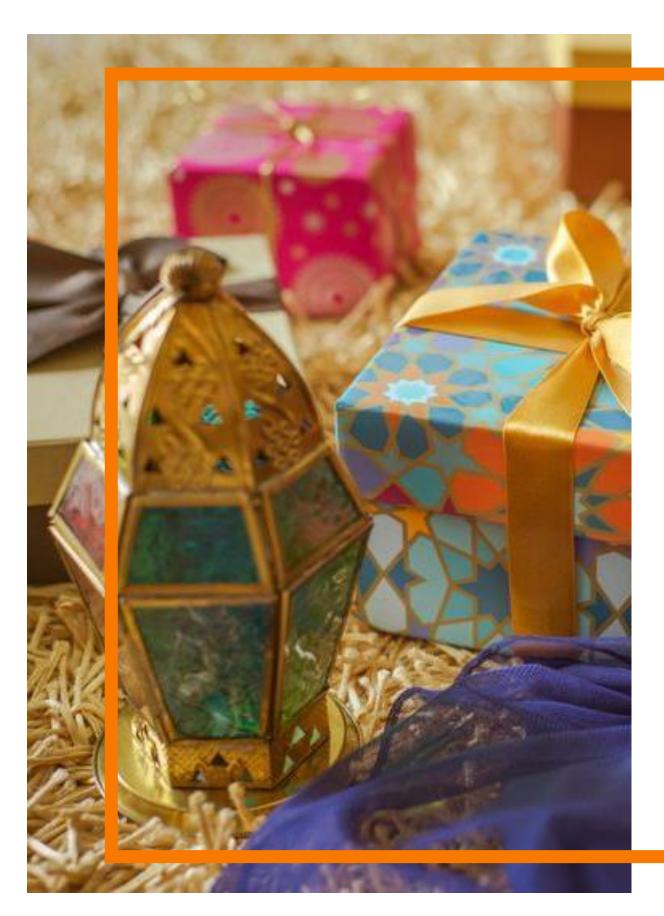
## Almost Everyone Plans Their Eid Gifts During Ramadan And This Is More Prevalent Amongst Millennials







### Planned Shopping Lists For Eid Mostly Include Desserts & Chocolates As Well As Clothing For Gifts

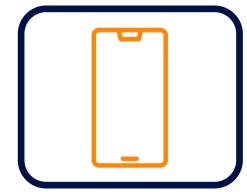


**Eid Shopping Lists** 



55%
Desserts &

**Chocolates** 



28%
Mobile
Phones



47%
Clothing &
Fashion



22%
Household
Products



33% Food & Beverage



21%
Kitchen
Appliances



31%
Beauty
Products



20%
Home
Appliances

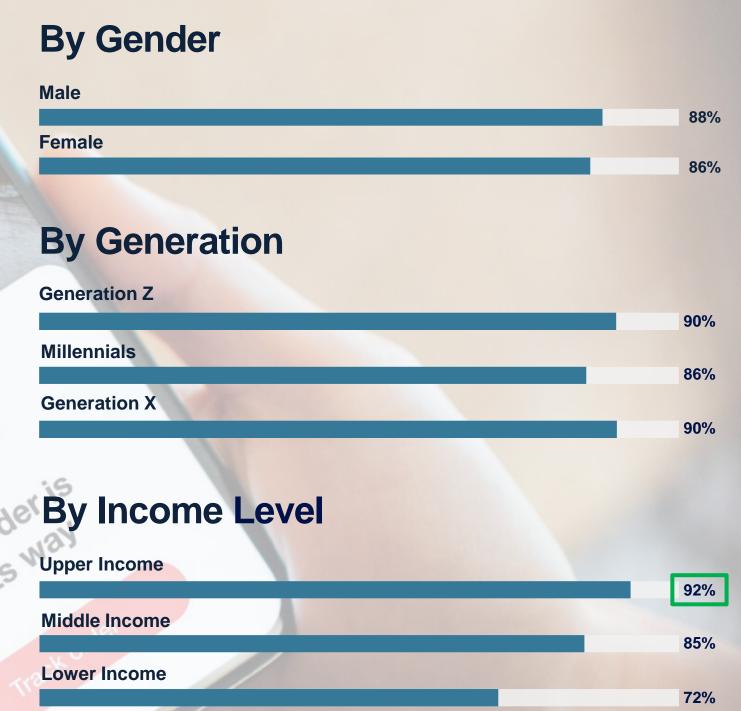




Food Delivery Is Quite Popular In Ramadan, Where Almost 9 In 10 Order Through Apps And This Is Significantly Higher For The Upper Income Group

87%

Order Food From Delivery Apps





## Despite Fast Food Being The Most Picked, People In Ramadan Do Not Stick To One Type Of Food When Ordering Delivery



**Food Types Ordered** 



**55%**Fast Food



49%
Desserts



48%
Healthy Meals



47%
Traditional Arab
Food



41% Fruits



41%
Soups/
Starters



35%

Traditional Food

From Home Country



30%
Food That Is
Low In Salt



### While Affluent People Highly Order Delivery For Many Food Types, Males Prefer Arab Food While Gen Z Highly Order Sweets/ Fruits

Food Types
Ordered











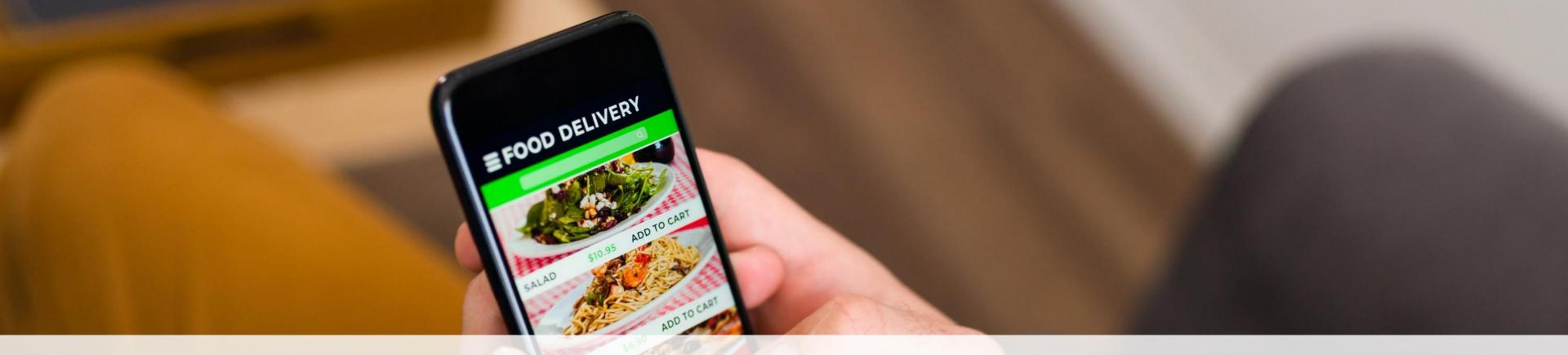






	Fast Food	Desserts	Healthy meals	Traditional Arab Food	Fruits	Soups/ Starters	Traditional Food From Home Country	Food That Is Low In Salt
Total	55%	49%	48%	47%	41%	41%	35%	30%
Male	50%	44%	46%	52%	47%	43%	37%	28%
Female	58%	53%	49%	42%	37%	41%	33%	31%
<b>Generation Z</b>	56%	56%	45%	34%	48%	45%	34%	24%
Millennials	55%	46%	46%	47%	39%	42%	37%	31%
<b>Generation X</b>	50%	54%	59%	63%	43%	33%	24%	28%
<b>Upper Income</b>	59%	55%	51%	53%	46%	43%	38%	35%
Middle Income	51%	44%	47%	41%	37%	42%	30%	24%
Lower Income	48%	39%	26%	43%	39%	26%	43%	26%





## Of Those Who Order Food Delivery, 2 In 5 Do So For Both Iftar And Suhoor



29%
Mainly Order
For Iftar



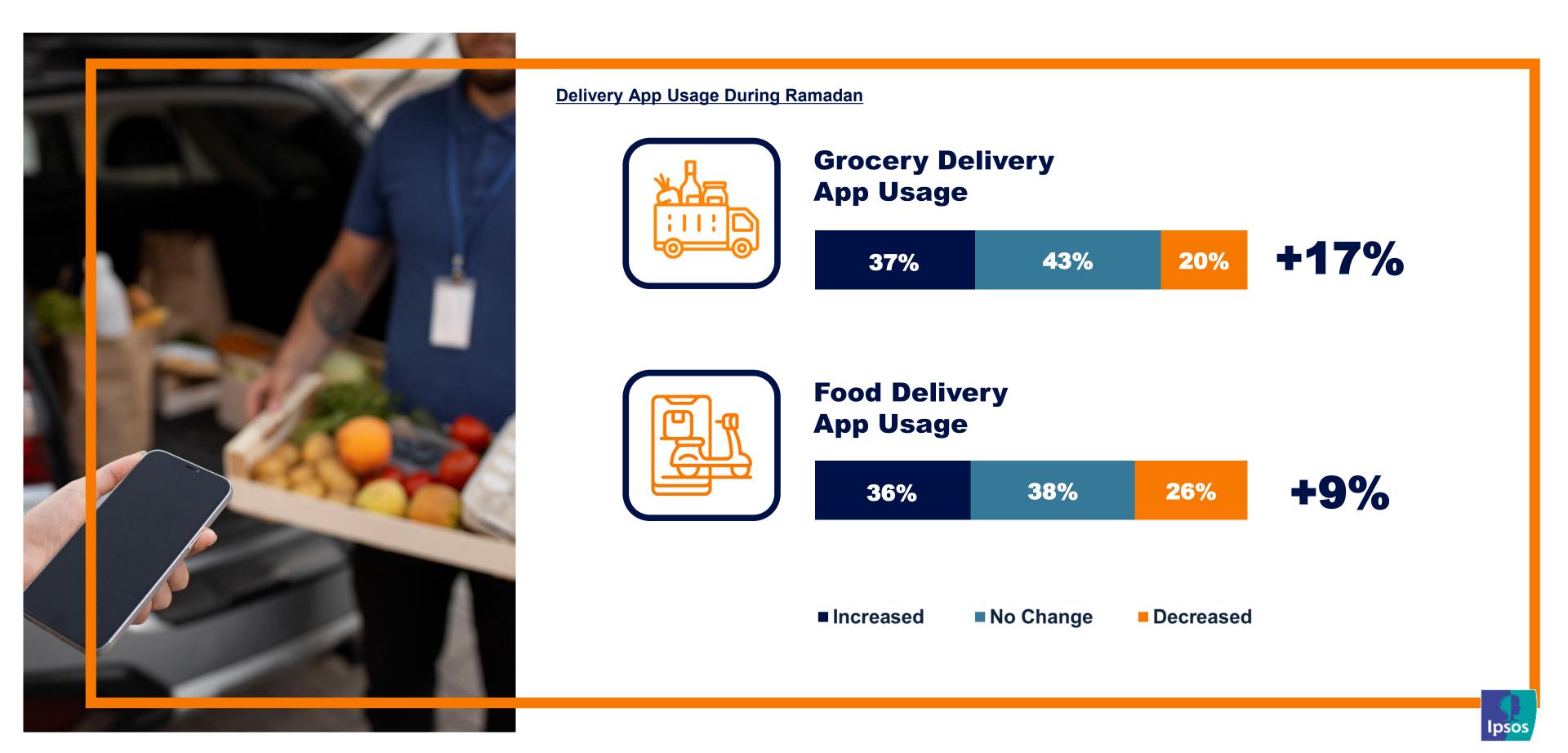
28%
Mainly Order
For Suhoor



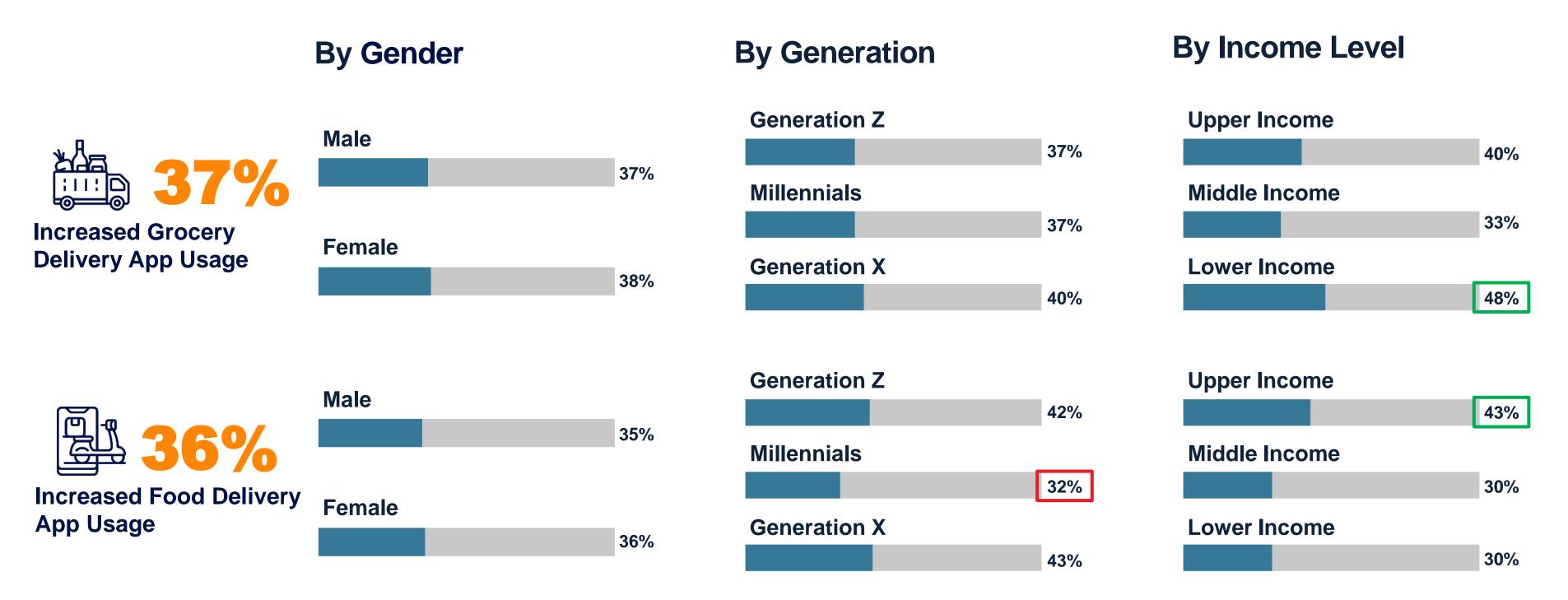
43% Order For Both



### Not Only Do People Use Food Delivery Apps More Often In Ramadan, But They Also Show Higher Usage Of Grocery Delivery Apps



# The Lower Income Group Are More Likely To Have An Increased Usage Of Grocery Delivery Apps While The Usage Of Food Delivery Apps Is Higher Among Affluent People. However, Millennials Are Less Inclined To Use Food Delivery Apps More Frequently During Ramadan

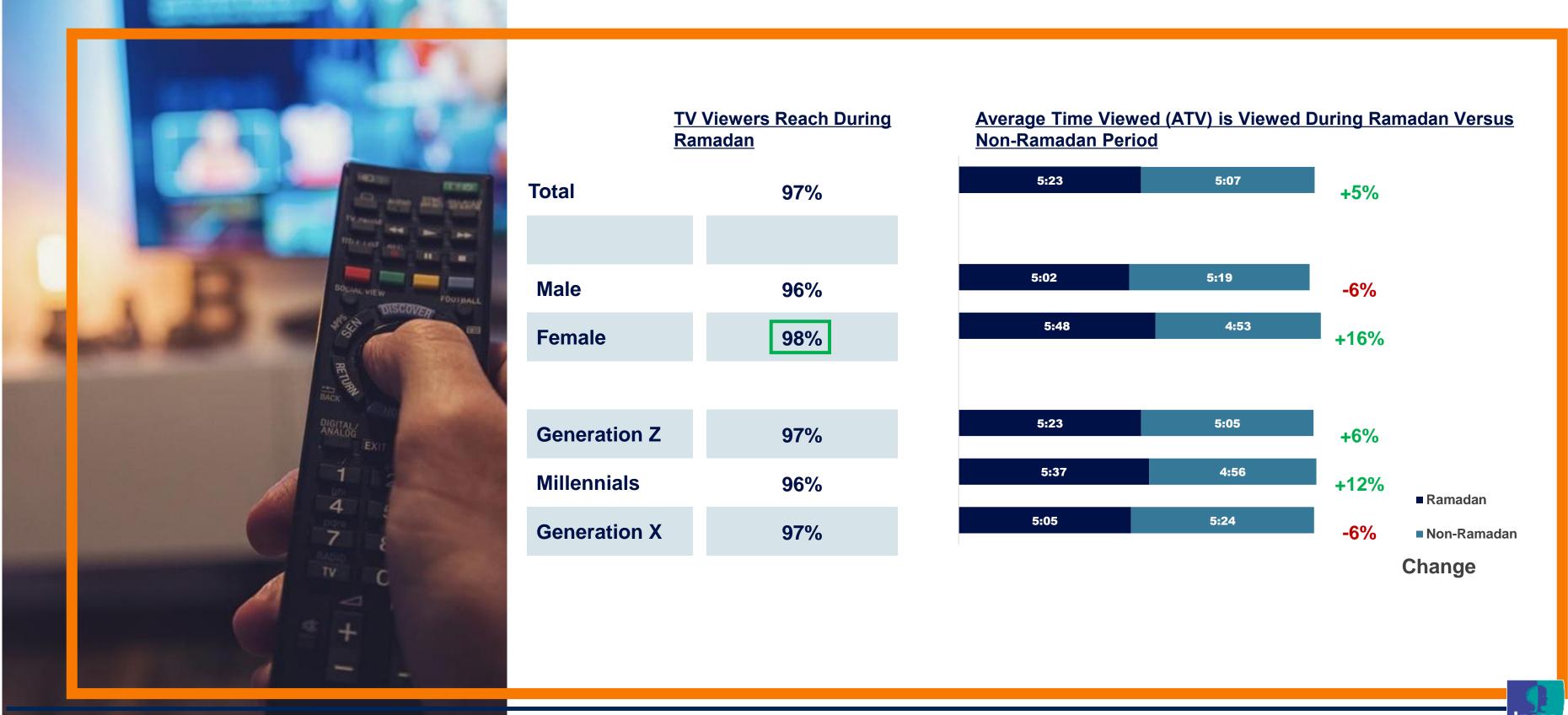




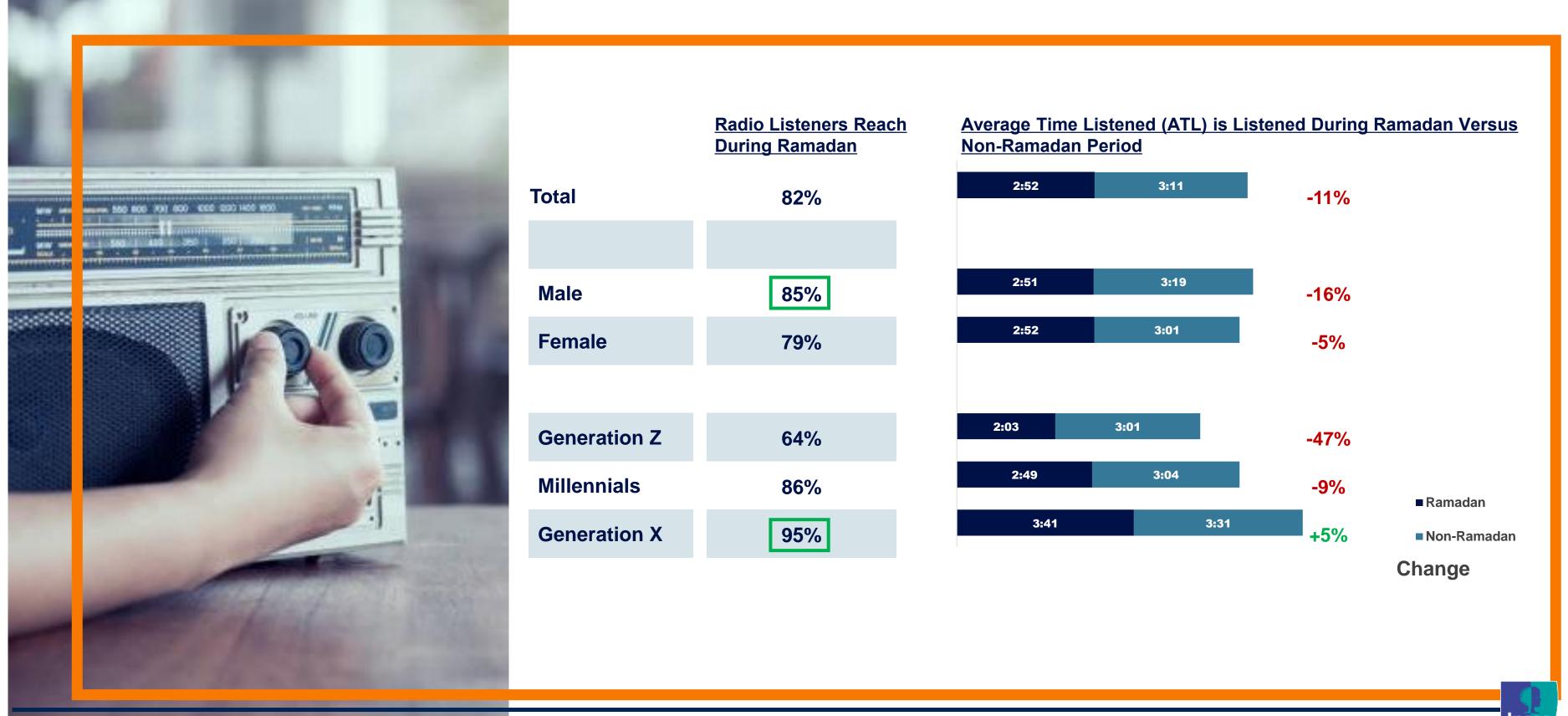


\*This section is based on syndicated RDM and TLM studies

## 97% Of Locals And Arabs In KSA Tune To The TV During Ramadan, Especially Females Daily. Viewers Typically Watch TV For 5 Hours And 23 Minutes Per Day During The Holy Month, 16 Minutes Longer Than During Non-ramadan Times



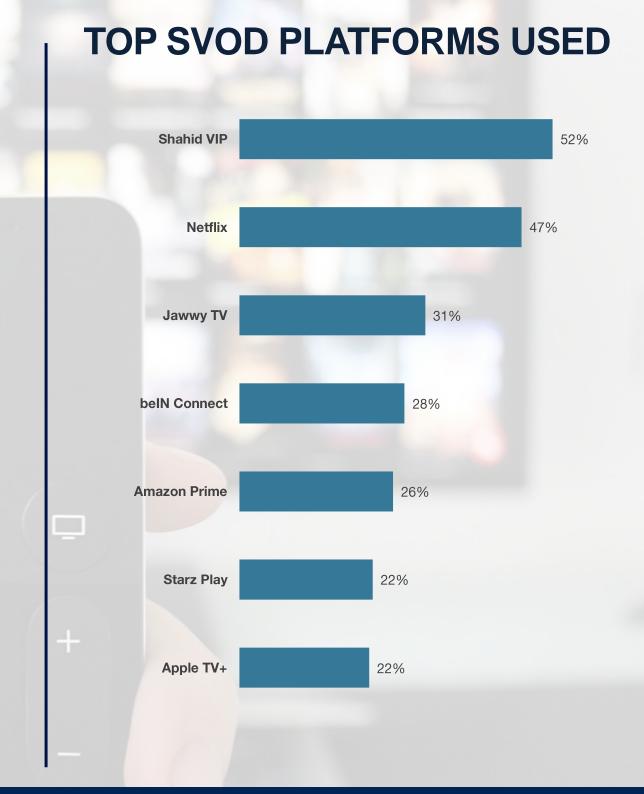
## On An Average Day During Ramadan, Radio Reaches 82% Of Locals And Arabs In KSA, Primarily Generation X. Radio Listeners Tune In For 2 Hours And 52 Minutes On Average Per Day, 19 Minutes Fewer Than On Non-Ramadan Days



### Around 8 In 10 People Consume SVOD During Ramadan, With Shahid VIP And Netflix Being The Top Used Platforms

79%

Consume video streaming platforms MENU during Ramadan







Around 65% Of Video Streaming Platform Users Tend To Resort To These Mediums Due To Their Easy Accessibility Feature At Anytime And Everywhere. Having No Ad Breaks Is Also A Major Reasoning For SVOD Subscriptions Over Other Content Providing Mediums...

MAIN REASONS FOR SVOD USAGE DURING RAMADAN



Available anytime and anywhere



**33** /0

No ad breaks



56%

**Special Offers** 



56%

Availability of latest content



**52%** 

Offers safe content



49%

Wide variety of Arabic content



48%

Availability of Ramadan content



48%

Wide variety of kids' content

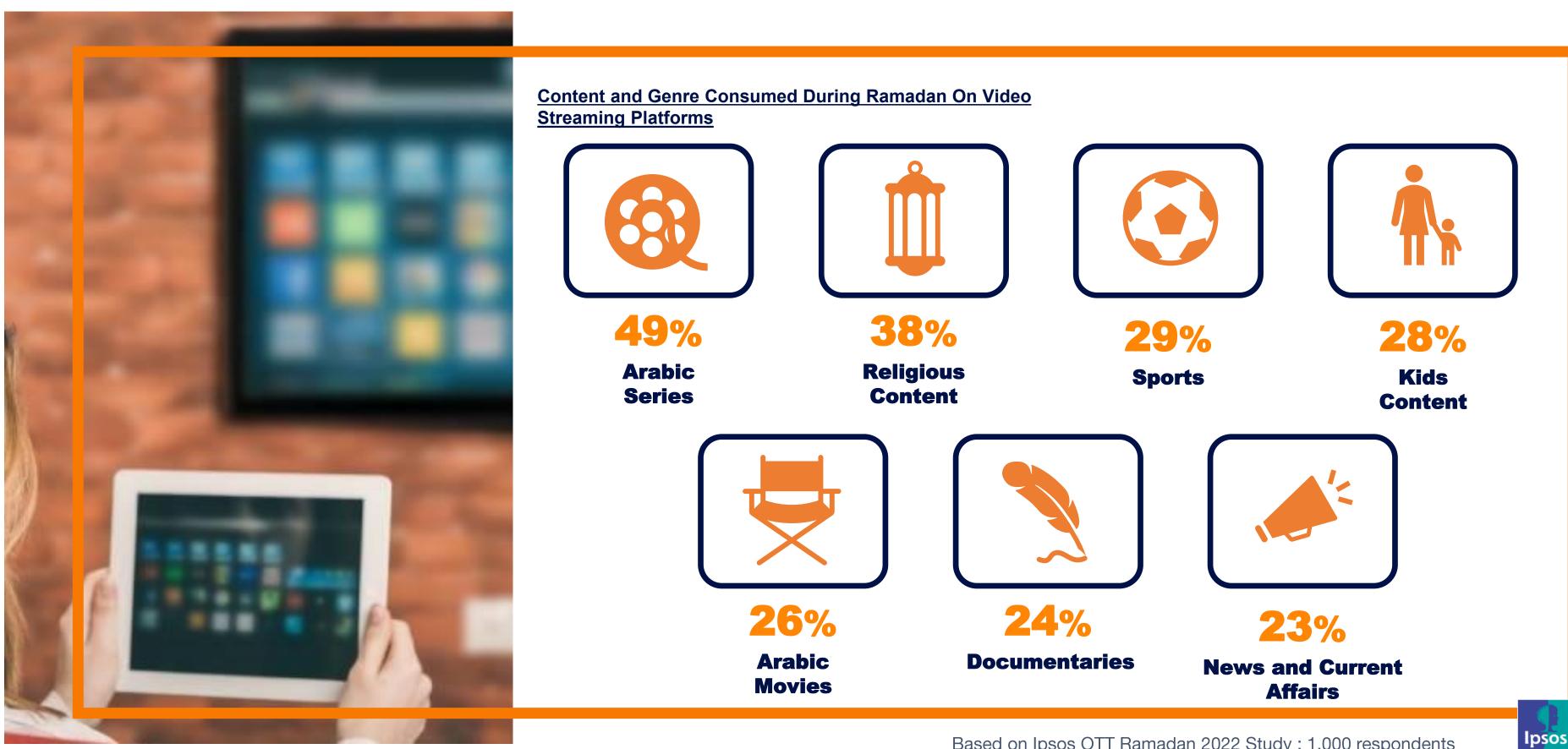


45%

Recommended



#### During Ramadan, People Mainly Consume Arabic Series And Religious Content On Video **Streaming Platform**

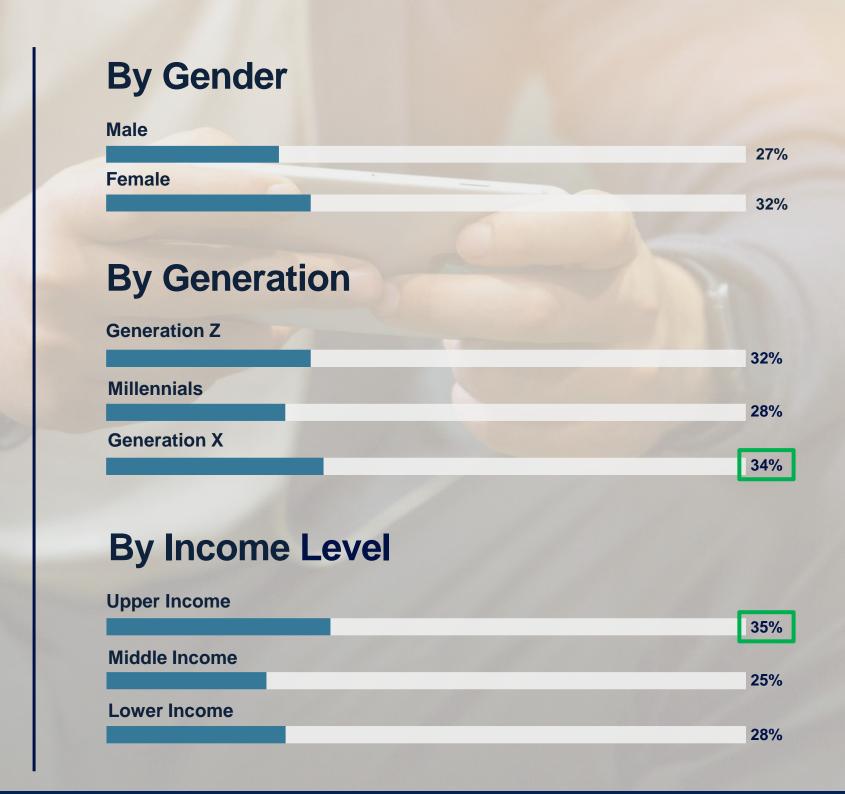




## Mobile Games Are Played By 3 In 10 Individuals Where This More Common Among Affluent Older Generations

29%

Play Mobile Games







### Most Of Those Who Play Games On Their Phone Do So Everyday

Frequency Of Usage











**63%**Everyday

23% 4-5 Times a Week 10%
At Least Once
A Week

3%
2-3 Times a
Months

1%
Once a Month
Or Less





### In Ramadan, People Are Drawn To Various Types Of Content, Especially Holy Content And Any Ramadan Related Content From Décor To Fashion And Festivities

#### **Sought Out Content During Ramadan**



80%
Ramadan Related
Holy Content



Ramadan Home Décor Ideas



Ramadan Fashion Tips & Ideas



Ramadan Festivities
Related Content



Product Reviews / Unboxing Videos



70%
Deals & Offers



**70%**Entertaining Videos



68%
Ramadan Recipes



68%
Content Related To
Specific TV Channels



#### While The Older Generation Are More Likely To Follow Various Types Of Content, The Youth And Affluent People Are Highly Drawn To Fashion-related Content



















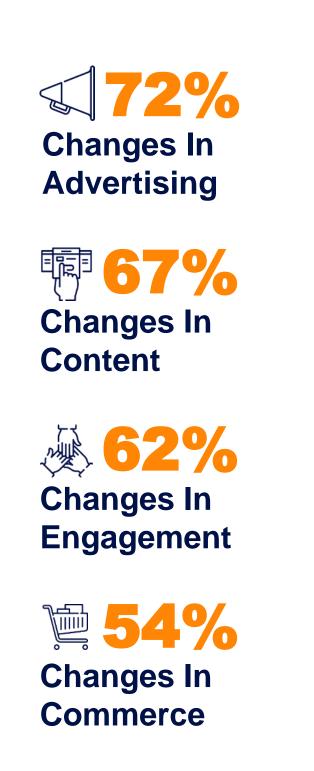
	Ramadan Related Holy Content	Ramadan Home Décor Ideas	Ramadan Fashion Tips & Ideas	Ramadan Festivities Related Content	Product Reviews / Unboxing Videos	Deals & Offers	Entertaining Videos	Ramadan Recipes	Content Related To Specific TV Channels
Total	80%	73%	73%	<b>72</b> %	<b>72</b> %	<b>70</b> %	70%	68%	68%
Male	<b>76%</b>	68%	70%	70%	67%	68%	69%	62%	68%
Female	84%	77%	75%	74%	75%	72%	71%	72%	68%
Generation Z	76%	63%	80%	72%	71%	65%	70%	64%	71%
Millennials	80%	<b>75%</b>	70%	73%	71%	70%	71%	68%	66%
<b>Generation X</b>	87%	79%	77%	71%	77%	78%	71%	74%	74%
<b>Upper Income</b>	81%	77%	80%	<b>76</b> %	73%	<b>72</b> %	74%	70%	76%
Middle Income	81%	<b>72%</b>	<b>70</b> %	<b>70</b> %	74%	71%	68%	66%	65%
Lower Income	74%	63%	54%	65%	59%	60%	63%	63%	50%

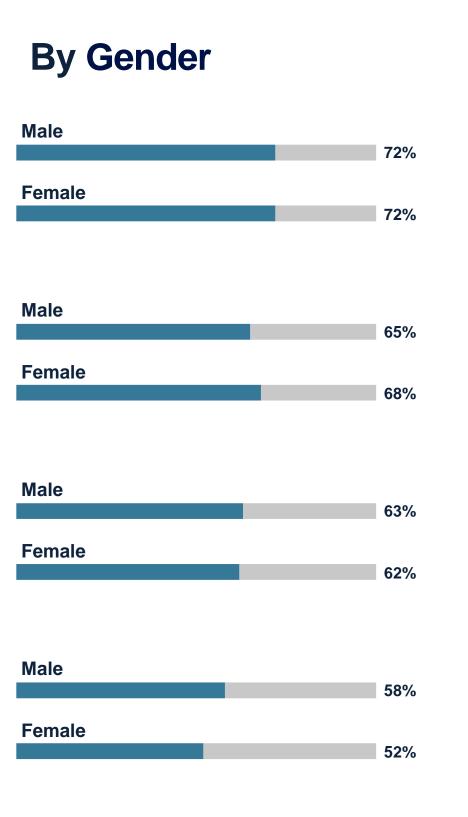


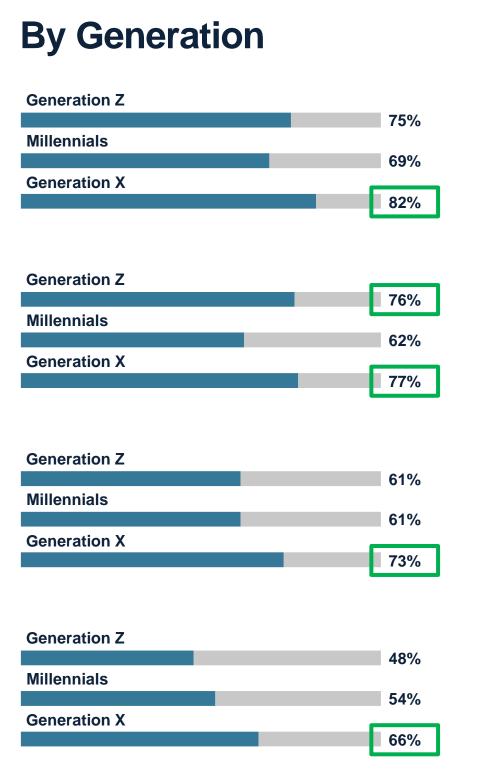
## Despite High Content Consumption, People Still Expect Changes From Brands In Ramadan Where The Need For Changes In Advertising As Well As Content Is The Highest



### The Older Generation Is More Likely To Expect Brands To Make Changes On All Aspects While Gen Z Highly Want Changes In Content







#### By Income Level

