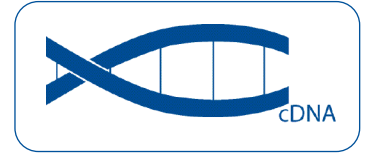


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How Britain Shops 2009



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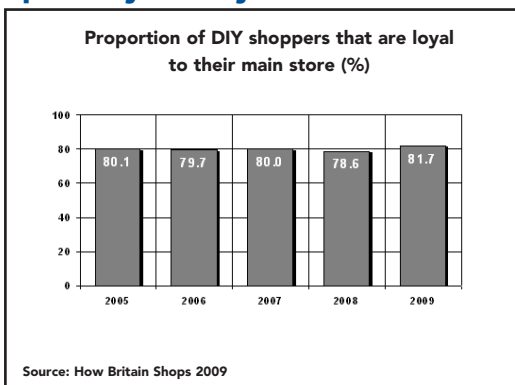
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Verdict conducted a representative survey of over 6,000 adults across the UK during November of 2008. Interviews were face-to-face and quotas were set in terms of age, sex and working status and were conducted by GfK NOP Consumer. The sample was then weighted to bring it into line with national population profiles, and throughout the reports weighted samples data are used. Individuals were asked in which sectors they personally shop and then answer a series of questions about their shopping habits in that particular sector.

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- Clothing
- DIY
- Electricals
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- Footwear
- Homewares
- Music & video
- Personal care

In addition our summary report details the key data and findings across all 8 sectors.

How Britain Shops 2009 - DIY

Despite Wilkinson's visitor share increasing by 0.8 percentage points to 12.2%, the retailer continues to rank fifth – or last among the DIY Top Five. With demand for DIY severely impacted by a depressed housing market and a more general deterioration in economic conditions, shoppers are buying less but are prepared to make the extra effort to visit an out-of-town specialist. While the retailer's value-led proposition has become increasingly attractive to more affluent socio-economic groups, the composition of its visitor share remains skewed towards the DE group.

Some key questions answered by this report:

- What impact has Focus' store rationalisation programme had on main user share?
- Why has Wickes experienced a decline in loyalty rating?
- Which DIY retailer's customer base shops around most?

Companies profiled in this report:

- B&Q
- Focus
- Homebase
- Wickes
- Wilkinson

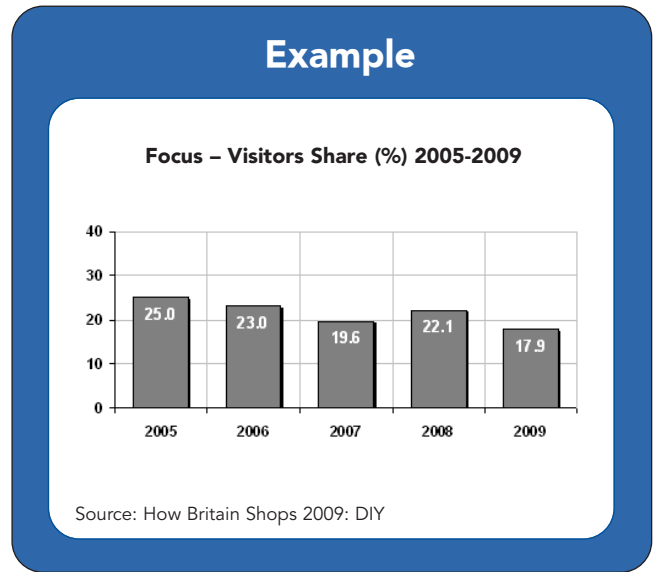


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