

US Consumer Sector Report - April 2024

About the Report

Exabel's US Consumer Sector Insights Report offers investors comprehensive insights into the dynamic US consumer sector by amalgamating key alternative data trends from Facteus, Flywheel Alternative Data, and Revelio Labs. The report focuses on Consumer Cyclicals and Consumer Noncyclicals sectors, with a rigorous methodology ensuring comprehensive and comparable insights from 80+ North American companies including AMZN, DIS, HD, TGT.

Analysis

The April report discusses the full month results for March, results for the full quarter ended March 31, and the run-rates for the first 15 days of April. The April report now provides trend values instead of absolutes to ensure long-term comparability of this project. The month-over-month (MoM) figures for March show some strength with an increase in spend and price, plus a slight deceleration in workforce attrition. On a year-over-year (YoY) basis, March experienced flat growth in spend, and a significant reduction in price and employment. The run-rate for April indicates weakness in spending with stable pricing growth (still down from last year). Workforce data is only available for the full month of March. On a quarterly basis, spending is pretty much as expected with a drop after the holiday season and slight YoY growth. Prices are down versus 1Q23, but growing slightly QoQ. Workforce continues to decline both YoY and QoQ.

| | ⊘ Facteus Spend Analysis | Flywheel ALTERNATIVE DATA Price Dynamics | revelio labs Employment Metrics |
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| March (MoM YoY) | 15.05% 3.23% | 2.06% -14.54% | -0.88% -8.75% |
| 1Q24 (QoQ YoY) | -20.14% 2.36% | 1.54% -7.71% | -3.31% -8.51% |
| April RR - 15 days (MoM YoY) | -2.13% -5.76% | 2.27% -12.95% | |

Conclusion

The alternative data provided by Facteus, Flywheel, and Revelio shows some weakness in spending and pricing among the US consumer sector. The YoY decrease in March's prices points to the lower-inflation environment compared to relatively higher-inflation last year. Additionally, the decline in employment over the past year may indicate shifts towards operational efficiency or economic challenges affecting staffing.

Spend Analysis from Facteus



- MoM March: Spend growth accelerated to 15.05%, which outpaces the impact of two additional days versus February.
- YoY March: Spend saw a 3.23% increase from the previous year, so fairly level growth versus February on a YoY basis.
- MoM April RR: The first 15 days of April were slightly slower than the first 15 days of March with a 2.13% decrease in spend.
- YoY April RR: The first half of April came in at a decrease of 5.76% versus the same time last year, showing recent signs of weakness
- QoQ 1Q24: Spending declined by 20.14% versus the holiday season
- YoY 1Q24: Spending increased 2.36% versus the previous year

Facteus

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Price Dynamics from Flywheel Alternative Data



- MoM March: Product price experienced a 2.06% rise, doubling February's growth rate.
- YoY March: A significant 14.54% year-over-year decrease was recorded versus February's increase, as we lap high prices from 2023's inflationary period
- MoM April RR: Prices have grown by 2.27% in the early April data versus March.
- YoY April RR: Prices decreased 12.95% compared to the same period last year.
- QoQ 1Q24: Prices increased 1.54% versus 4Q23
- YoY 1Q24: Prices decreased 7.71% versus the same period last year



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Employment Metrics from Revelio Labs



- MoM March: Workforce declined by 0.88%, representing only a slight deceleration in attrition
- YoY March: Workforce declined by 8.75%, a meaningful acceleration in attrition versus
 February
- QoQ 1Q24: Workforce declined by 3.31%
- YoY 1Q24: Workforce declined by 8.51%

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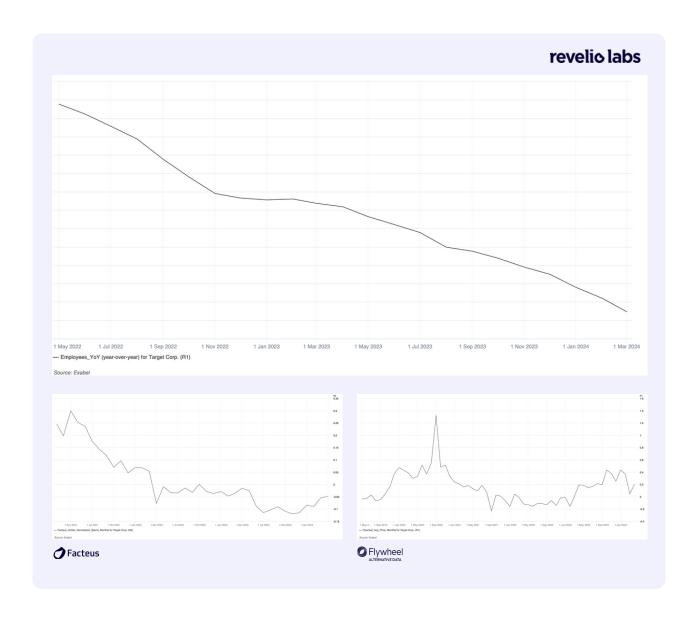
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Revelio Featured Ticker - TGT (Target)

This month the report introduces the Revelio Featured Ticker. We select one ticker in the coverage list to draw some deeper insights. The selection criteria for this month was the company with the largest year-over-year workforce decline, Target. Target's workforce has reduced by 17% according to Revelio since March 2023. The roles with the three largest reductions are Cashiers, Crew Members, and Distribution Specialists.

Counter to March's sector-wide trends, Target's average prices remain 20.5% elevated YoY coupled with a 4.8% decrease YoY in spend according to Flywheel and Facteus respectively.



^{*}Data accessed on April 16, 2024

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