# DOORDASH Alcohol & Occasions Delivery Trends

Explore exclusive DoorDash data on Summer 2024 alcohol ordering trends with predictions for the second half of the year and the holiday season.





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### INTRODUCTION

### Alcohol delivery is reshaping social gatherings and shopping habits

As we head toward the holiday season and 2025 planning, understanding consumer behavior in the alcohol category becomes critical for brands looking to maximize growth opportunities. Shifting preferences and emerging trends, particularly around ready-to-drink (RTD) cocktails, spirits, and seasonal wine consumption, are reshaping how consumers purchase alcohol. In this trends report, we provide an in-depth analysis of the most popular alcohol categories during the summer, the fastestgrowing segments year-over-year, and forward-looking insights on what businesses can expect as we move into the fall and holiday seasons.

Brands can leverage these data-driven insights to make informed investment decisions, optimize marketing strategies, and tailor offerings to meet evolving consumer demands: <u>41% of consumers report using alcohol delivery more than last year</u>, and 58% of consumers report ordering alcohol delivery via third-party apps in the past six months. And, 39% of consumers say the top reason they order alcohol for delivery is being able to shop from the comfort of home, which will become even more important in the colder months.







### **KEY FINDINGS**

## DoorDash is leading the alcohol delivery boom

### DoorDash is the leader in facilitating on-demand alcohol delivery in the US.



### 54%

YoY increase of alcohol pickup and delivery orders through DoorDash. FY 2023 vs FY 2022



\*Liquor stores only,





new-to-industry alcohol delivery customers came through DoorDash.\*

3rd party analysis by YipitData, 2024



### 96%

of DoorDash's monthly active users can conveniently purchase alcohol for delivery.

Alcohol is available for delivery in eligible locations for users aged 25+



### **32 states**

currently offer alcohol products for delivery on DoorDash.





### **SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT**

# Summertime alcohol trends and top delivery days

### Most popular alcohol categories



Ranked by sales volume - May to August 2024

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Cinco de Mayo

June 29

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### **Business takeaway**

Holidays are major alcohol ordering days – and so was DoorDash's summer tentpole consumer occasion, Summer of DashPass.

In Q4, advertise your alcohol brand before the holidays with ads across search, social, and programmatic display/video to drive shoppers to order products directly through DoorDash powered by DoorDash's first-party audiences.

Highlight your brands during the moments that matter most with high-visibility on-app placements like Sponsored Brands and Sponsored Products.







#### **GROWTH TRENDS**

# The fastest-growing alcohol categories for delivery

### Most popular alcohol categories



Top YoY Categories, ranked by category share gain, May - August 2024

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#### **Business takeaway**

Liquor and liquor-based RTDs remain more popular than ever. Spirits & liquor will stay popular during Q4 - "tequila," "vodka," "liquor," "bourbon," and "rum" were top liquor search terms on DoorDash in Q4 2023. <u>Sponsored Products</u> can help your brand gain visibility on these un-branded search terms.

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#### **DELIVERY TRENDS**

### Ready-to-drink cocktails are shaking up the alcohol delivery market

Ready-to-drink cocktails have become a key player in the alcohol industry, and in on-demand alcohol delivery.

### Most popular alcohol categories







### **Business takeaway**

RTD Cocktails and canned malt beverages, like Hard Teas and Seltzers, will continue to be go-to choices for gatherings in Q4. Drive consideration for your brand's RTD offerings with Sponsored Brands.



#### WINE TRENDS

### Uncorking popular wine trends

### Top white and red wines





### **Business takeaway**

Wine is a definite favorite during Q4 for DoorDash consumers. Let consumers know your brand can be delivered through DoorDash with offsite advertising. 12 of the top-selling wine weeks (of 52 annual weeks) occur in Q4. Sponsored Brands can drive increased visibility and consideration for wine brands. On Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Years' Eve, Sparkling Wine experiences major category share lifts. "Wine" is a top search term during these holidays. Sponsored Products can help your items gain visibility during these popular times.





#### **TREND PREDICTIONS**

### What are the emerging alcohol delivery trends?



### Whiskey will be a top holiday trend, especially during social events

DoorDash predicts that whiskey will continue to grow in H2 on key gathering moments of football game days, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. How whiskey is marketed (and which brands specifically are pushed) should play into these gathering moments.



### **Tequila and sparkling wine** will brighten up holiday gatherings

Tequila is a popular holiday beverage and isn't going anywhere in Q4. As one of the most versatile spirits, tequila is poised to maintain its popularity through the holiday season. Wine is a popular holiday choice: White wine consumption will stay consistent throughout the holiday season, and there will be a major uptick in red wine and sparkling.



### RTDs will stay on the rise

The RTD category will continue its rise, but how will it adapt to the colder months? Whiskey-based RTDs like whiskey & cola and flavored tequila drinks may become the preferred choice.



### "Football Season" is its own holiday

Football weekends drive sustained demand for alcohol, especially for lagers and whiskey. Brands should keep promotional content fresh and varied throughout the season.







#### **METHODOLOGY**

### How we sourced the data for this report

This report contains analyzed, anonymized data from DoorDash between 2023 - 2024, including sales, category share, and order volume at the category, subcategory, and product level.

In addition to DoorDash data, we sourced third-party panel analyses including YipitData's credit card panel. DoorDash's trend predictions are not guaranteed and the opinion of DoorDash.





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