

# Where Do Kombucha Drinking Consumers Shop?

We've heard the stereotype for kombucha drinkers: health-conscious yogis who exclusively consume all organic produce — but this picture couldn't be further from reality. But whether you agree or disagree with this common archetype, the demand for this tasty fermented beverage is worth \$995M each year and expected to hit \$2.8B by 2024 in the US alone. And thanks to inMarket's first-party, SDK derived location data, we've taken a refreshing perspective on the purchasing behaviors of kombucha drinkers, and have also confirmed a very different consumer profile that might surprise you.

In this inMarket inSights Report Card, we've ranked the top and bottom ten grocery chains based on their visitation frequency patterns. We first identified shoppers who purchased kombucha from January 2017 to December 2018 at any retailer — and then analyzed their grocery visitation patterns from the same period in order to uncover where this group shops. What emerged is a clear list of winners and losers, some of which were expected and other wild cards that would surprise astute industry analysts.

### **Key Takeaways:**



#### **Top 10**

Sacramento-based Raley's leads grocers as most popular among kombucha buyers, making the stereotype of Californians loving their trendy, health-conscious beverages in excess true.

Additionally, there are no midwestern or southeastern chains in the Top 10, implying that the stereotype of west coasters enjoying trendy beverages might very well be true.

5 out of the top 10 would be considered "western" chains, with two (Trader Joe's and Whole Foods) national chains with significant presence in the west.

The Top 10 includes obvious chains like Trader Joe's and Sprouts, but also surprises like northeast chain Price Chopper, and Smith's Food & Drug — although kombucha originated in ancient northeast China as a healing remedy, it's found its way back to the drugstores.



#### **Bottom 10**

Although some grocery chains with popularity in California are listed, the bottom 10 grocery chains amongst kombucha drinkers are largely located in the east coast.

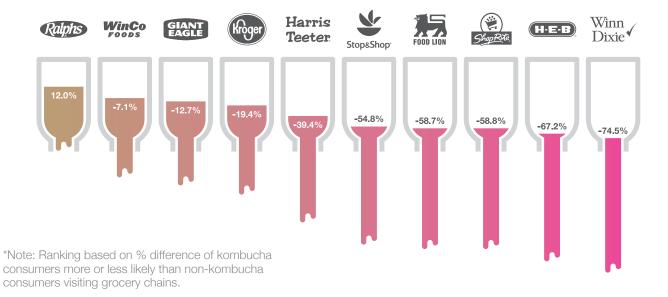
### **Top 10 Grocery Chains Amongst Kombucha Drinkers**

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## **Bottom 10 Grocery Chains Amongst Kombucha Drinkers**

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