



Review on Analyzing Consumer Preferences and Behaviors in the Online Food Shopping Space

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Abstract

For the continuous expansion of the digital grocery and food delivery marketplace, this paper delves into the elements influencing the consumer decision-making, the repercussions of technology, and the emerging trends within the online food shopping domain. Food e-commerce, also known as the sale of food and beverages through electronic stores, thrives due to several key drivers. These include convenience, variety, and affordability. The convenience of doorstep food delivery in a short timeframe is a major attraction. Online food retailers typically provide a broader selection of choices compared to traditional physical stores, often at lower prices, and sometimes even with discounts and promotional offers.

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1. Introduction

The growth of the online food shopping industry is being driven by several factors,^[1-2] like rising urbanization, growing middle class, increasing internet penetration, growth of smartphone ownership, target marketing companies, develop new products, improve the delivery experience, *etc.*^[3-5]

Rising urbanization: As more people migrate to cities in pursuit of better job prospects, quality education, and an improved standard of living, urban areas expand both in population and infrastructure. In fast-paced city life, convenience becomes essential. With demanding work schedules and long hours, people increasingly prioritize time-saving services, including online food shopping.

Growing middle class: The growing middle class is driving the rapid rise of food e-commerce. Economic growth, better education, and increased job opportunities contribute to this expansion. As more individuals enter the middle class, they typically experience higher incomes and greater purchasing power, allowing them to afford a more comfortable lifestyle.

Increasing internet penetration and smart phone ownership: With wider internet availability and rising smartphone ownership, more people can access online food shopping platforms. This has led to a surge in customers using grocery apps, food delivery services, and online supermarkets. The growing accessibility of digital technology makes online shopping more convenient than ever.

Target marketing campaigns more effectively: Businesses can now identify and engage their ideal customers more efficiently. By leveraging artificial intelligence and machine learning, food delivery companies can analyze consumer preferences and predict which customers are most likely to be interested in their offerings.

Develop new products and services that meet consumer needs: Understanding consumer preferences enables

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