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Insights into e-commerce, mobile app purchasing and digital subscriptions
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Key Data Points on Brazilian E-Commerce

Brazil’s e-commerce market totaled a massive $36 bn in 2018, but levels of digitization still vary.

3 of 10 Brazilians (30%) prefer using a non-card payment method when shopping online.

Debit has made impressive gains and is now the preferred payment method of 15% of e-commerce users.

Yet credit card remains the preferred e-payment method for 55% of e-shoppers.

Q: What is your preferred payment method when shopping online?

*Includes direct carrier billing, other cash payment solutions, and miscellaneous e-wallets.
Shopping habits and payment methods

44% of Brazilian digital consumers shop online at least once a month

And they use multiple payment methods, which vary by product category.

Recent online payment methods by category

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<th>Product Category</th>
<th>Credit Card</th>
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<td>In-app purchases</td>
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Q. For each of the following product categories, when making your last online purchase, which payment method did you use?
Digital services and subscriptions

Top digital subscription services in Brazil

- Netflix
- Spotify
- Xbox Live

65% of online shoppers subscribe to at least one digital service

Preferred payment method by online purchase type

Credit Card penetration increases for in-app and subscription purchases.

The popularity of prepaid and gift cards jumps in the digital subscriptions category.
34% of prepaying subscribers purchase just one month of service at a time.

Alternatively, 32% pay for 12 months up front.

3 out of 4 consumers who downloaded an app in the last 6 months did not upgrade to a paid subscription

Why not?

- I don't have the right payment method: 7%
- I used the free trial and cancelled before paying: 10%
- The subscription I would like is too expensive: 22%
- None of the subscriptions I tried interest me: 39%
- I don't like being locked into a subscription: 23%
Brazil is Latin America’s largest e-commerce market, with an estimated 60 million online shoppers. But these digital consumers represent only 42% of the online population, meaning **Brazilian e-commerce still has more than 100% growth potential**. Achieving this goal, however, requires a deeper understanding of the behaviors and preferences of the Brazilian e-shopper.

E-commerce merchants selling into Brazil can reach the majority of online shoppers by accepting credit cards; it is the preferred payment method of 55% of Brazilian e-shoppers. Another 15% prefer debit. However, alternative payments are preferred among 30% of Brazilians, meaning merchants must offer a variety of payment methods to satisfy 100% of e-commerce customers. Reaching 100% of the online population in in-app purchases and subscriptions is tougher still. 35% still do not subscribe to any digital service, citing disinterest as the top reason. 8% report not owning the appropriate payment method, indicating that **underbanked Brazilians remain excluded from the digital economy**. To continue to push online sales in Brazil, merchants and financial institutions must work together to fully engage the underbanked. Credit card holders are already well-engaged. **Growth will come from the 57% of e-shoppers who buy online less than once a month, the 35% who do not have a digital subscription, and the 30% of digital subscribers who currently pay month to month.**

**Methodology notes**

The data in this report come from an online consumer survey conducted in 2018 of 700 Brazilians who reported having made an e-commerce purchase in the last six months.
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