

Consumers and retailers have mismatched perceptions around apparel purchase decisions

Finds Retail Localization & Agility Survey

Retailers Shift to Local/ Domestic Manufacturing and Sourcing In response to COVID-19, regarding their local/domestic manufacturing and sourcing strategy:

65% of retailers established or expanded their strategy

17% of retailers made no changes to their strategy

Retailers' top decision driver to execute nearshoring strategy and move sourcing and manufacturing closer to their primary consumer markets include:

- 1. Demand for domestically made products
- 2. A more environmentally sustainable business model
- 3. Increased flexibility

Retailers' Perceptions Not Matching up to Consumer COVID-19 Behavior

Retailers felt their consumers:

68% valued products made in the U.S.

19% of consumers sought out merchandise made in the U.S. during COVID-19

63% valued quick deliveries

23% of consumers sought out quickest online delivery during COVID-19

64% valued promotional pricing and sales

32% of consumers sought out the lowest price during COVID-19

50% valued environmental sustainability

17% of consumers sought out products that are environmentally friendly or sustainable during COVID-19

Important considerations for consumers when choosing where to purchase clothing or footwear:

66% said a retailer's or brand's **environmental sustainability**

60% said a retailer's or brand's **social impact**

Consumers Still Prefer Shopping in Physical Stores Despite growing COVID-19 cases, consumers prefer to purchase clothing/footwear:

