

## Prosper Insights & Analytics Unveils August 2024 Consumer Data, Highlighting a Complex Consumer Landscape

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WORTHINGTON, OHIO, USA, August 22, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Prosper Insights & Analytics has released its August 2024 Consumer Snapshot, providing a detailed analysis of current consumer sentiment and spending behaviors. The latest data reveals a cautiously optimistic consumer environment, with significant insights into how U.S. adults are navigating ongoing economic challenges.



The August data shows a notable rise in consumer confidence, which has increased to 42.6%, up 3.5

percentage points from July. While this uptick reflects improved sentiment among consumers, it is important to note that confidence remains below historical levels. This suggests that, despite a more positive outlook, consumers are still wary and mindful of the broader economic context.



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At the same time, the Consumer Mood Index improved to 99.7, indicating a rise in overall happiness. However, the data also reveals mixed signals when it comes to major purchase plans. While the spending score has edged up to 83.12, reflecting a slight increase in overall spending intentions, there is a modest decline in plans for significant purchases, such as buying a house, making home improvements, and purchasing a car. In contrast, plans for vacation travel have seen a slight uptick, reflecting a varied approach to discretionary spending.

Additionally, awareness of price increases has grown across all categories, particularly in essential services like internet access, which saw a 4.6 percentage point increase in consumer

awareness. Despite these rising costs, consumers continue to adapt by embracing cost-saving strategies, including shopping for sales and switching to store brands, particularly among Walmart and Target shoppers.

"This month's data underscores a complex consumer landscape where optimism is tempered by caution," said Phil Rist, Executive Vice President of Strategy at Prosper Insights & Analytics. "Retailers and brands need to be attuned to these dynamics, offering flexible financing options for major purchases and emphasizing value in their marketing strategies to meet consumers where they are."

The August 2024 Consumer Snapshot provides critical insights for businesses seeking to understand and respond to evolving consumer behaviors. As the economic landscape continues to shift, Prosper Insights & Analytics remains committed to delivering timely and actionable data to help organizations navigate these changes effectively.

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