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## This report looks at the following areas:

- How economic factors such as inflation, supply chain disruptions and the ongoing pandemic are impacting consumer behavior and the furniture and home décor market
- Items purchased and reasons for purchasing
- How and where are consumers shopping for home goods
- Attitudes toward shopping for the home

Both home décor and furniture have enjoyed an outstanding performance in the last two years. The pandemic has increased the amount of time spent at home, and consumers are looking to improve their home spaces. In the past year, more consumers have purchased home décor than furniture – small touches of décor inject a different look or ambiance without representing a big investment or a more permanent commitment. Candles, home fragrances, pillows and blankets are leading items consumers purchase, suggesting that consumers are prioritizing comfort and coziness at home. While more consumers have purchased home décor than furniture, many are still shopping the latter category as well as they continue to invest in different rooms around the home. Unsurprisingly, purchases in the segment are driven by the most frequently used rooms such as the living room and bedroom.

Looking ahead, inflationary pressures and supply chain disruptions will lead to a decline in sales over the next couple of years (2022-23), as consumers reevaluate their priorities and postpone or cancel major purchases for the home. As consumers take a more conscious approach to shopping and look for value, brands and retailers will prioritize offering quality and flexibility (eg BOPIS, BNPL) and explore alternative shopping options such as resale and rentals.



"Home décor and furniture have experienced rapid growth, but the market is expected to decline due to rising prices, supply chain issues and spending shifting away from the home.

Consumers will be looking for brands that: offer value in its various forms, support the greater good, and provide items that create comfortable and inviting spaces at home."

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