Five year rise in holiday spending

November and December 2016 saw a jump in U.S. spending growth, the largest in five holiday seasons. Consumer confidence was high, thanks in part to a rise in jobs and wages during both months. Here are more findings from Visa.





Total holiday spending

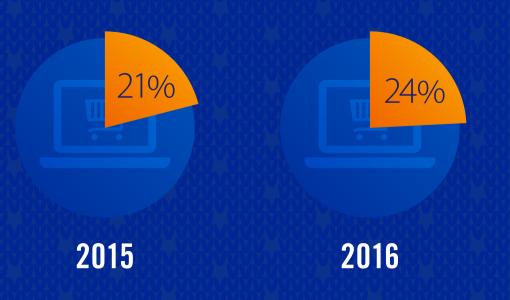
Retail spending grew by 4.8 percent through the holiday season compared to the same time in 2015 (the strongest since 2011).¹





E-commerce was the rising star in retail with 19 percent growth in 2016, up from 14 percent in 2015.²





Nearly a quarter of all spending during the holiday season was conducted online.

¹ Visa Retail Spending Monitor, VisaNet data modeled to represent spending on all forms of payment

² VisaNet, Visa Business & Economic Insights

