



# Impact of Search on Offline Beverage Purchasing

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# Key Findings

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# Objectives

- To quantify the impact of online research, and specifically search, on consumers' likelihood to purchase beverages in a store
- To quantify the difference in value to beverage manufacturers between searchers, non-searchers, and the general population measured by:
  - Annual Spend
  - Purchase Frequency
  - Spend per Trip
  - Unit Consumption
  - Units per Trip
  - Trial

# Methodology

- Analysis based on a single-source online/in-store panel established by matching Compete's online behavioral panel (2M U.S. consumers) with Kantar Retail's ShoperGenetics® shopper panel (100M U.S. consumers). This match is conducted by a third party to fully protect all panelists' personal information.
- Timeframe: Site visitation occurred between April 2009 – October 2010 and purchasing occurred up to 52 weeks post first visit
- Identified consumers who visited beverage branded sites via search and other sources and analyzed their subsequent in store beverage purchases
- Beverage categories include: Carbonated, Non-Carbonated, Coffee, Milk, Juice, Beer, Tea, Wine, and Liquor
- \* and lower case letter indicates 90% confidence level
- \*\* and upper case letter indicates 95% confidence level
- ^ indicates small sample

# Key Terminology

- **Annual Spend** – Dollar sales per household in the most recent year
- **Annual Unit Consumption** – Unit sales per household in the most recent year
- **Average Spend per Trip** – Annual Spend divided by Purchase Frequency
- **Average Units per Trip** – Annual Unit Consumption divided by Purchase Frequency
- **Gen Pop** – Average person who purchases beverages
- **Non-Searcher** – Consumer whose first visit to a branded site was not search referred
- **Purchase Frequency** – Number of purchases per household in the most recent year
- **Trial Rate** – Percent of households who purchase a product for the first time in a year
- **Searcher** – Consumer whose first visit to a branded site was search referred

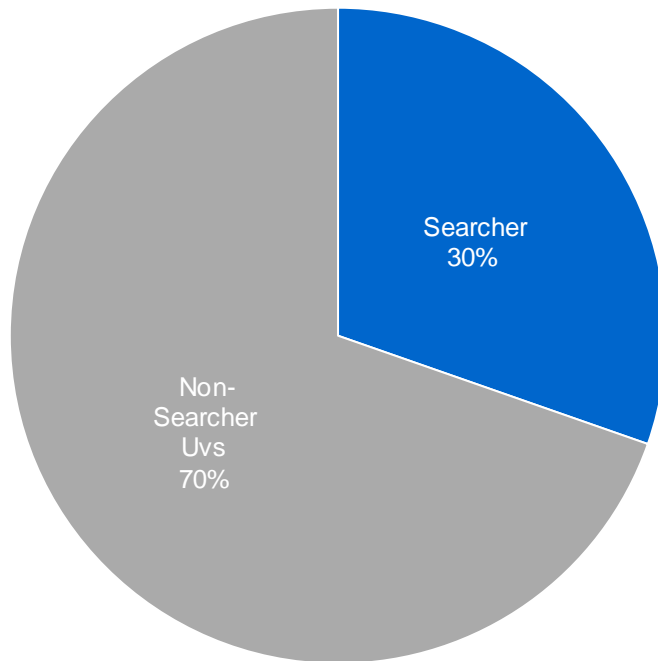


## Impact of Search to Total Beverage Purchasing

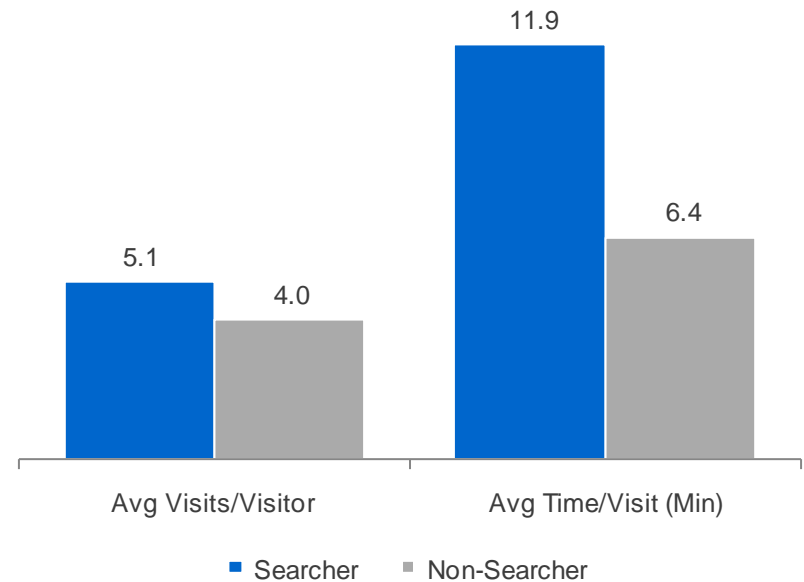
# Searchers Account for 1 out of 3 Site Visits

- Searchers are more engaged on beverage sites than non-searchers—they visit more often and spend more time on site per visit

Share of Brand Site Visits  
(April 2009 – October 2010)



Average Visits and Time  
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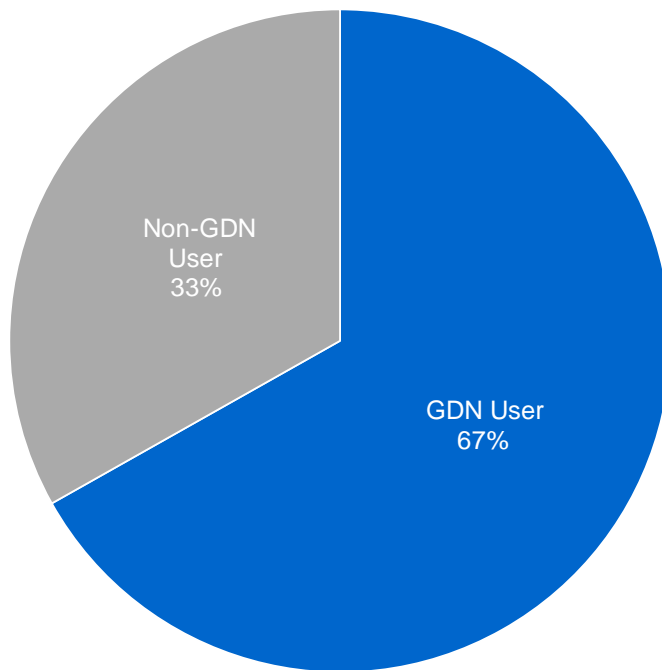




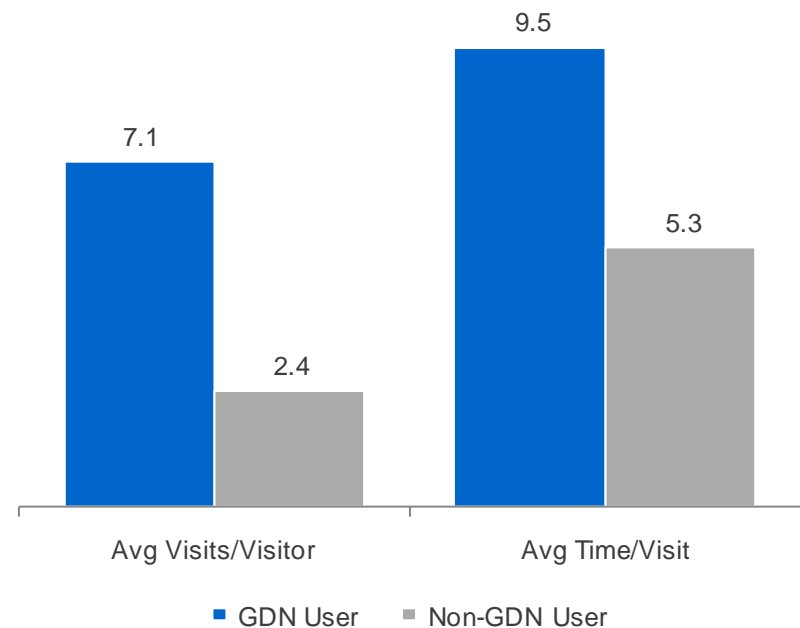
# Google Display Network Users Perform 2 out of 3 Site Visits

- GDN users are more engaged on site than non-GDN users—they visit 194% more often and spend 77% more time on site per visit

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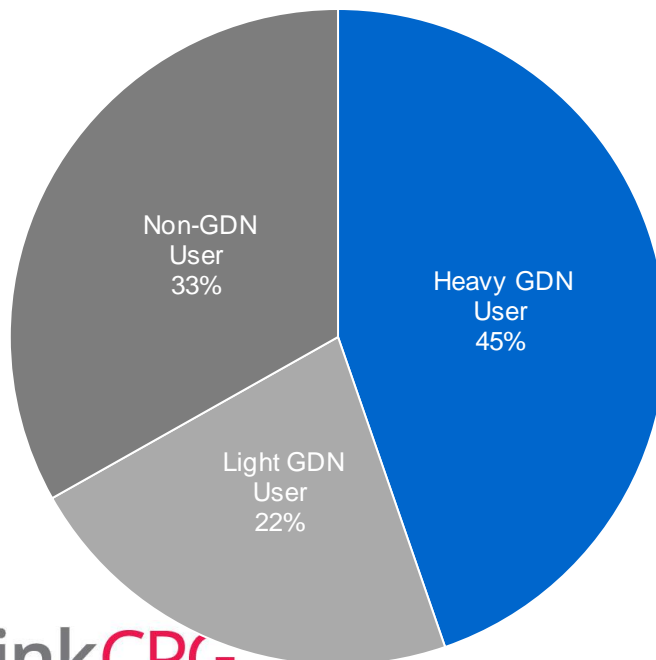
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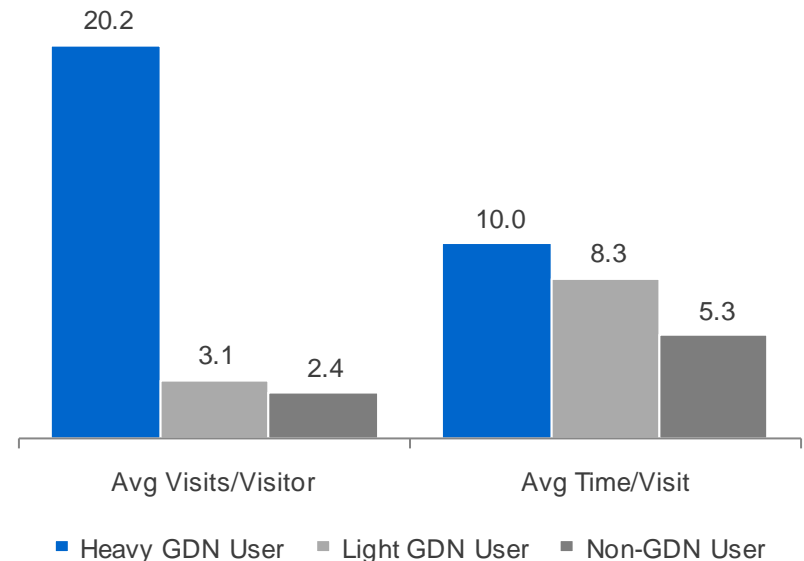
# Heavy GDN Users Drive the Increased Visits

- Heavy GDN account for 45% of beverage visits and they users are more engaged on site than light GDN users and non-GDN users
  - Heavy users spend almost twice as much time on beverage sites compared to non users
- The high volume of visits for heavy GDN users is in part driven by sweepstakes

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# Searchers Outspend, Buy More Frequently

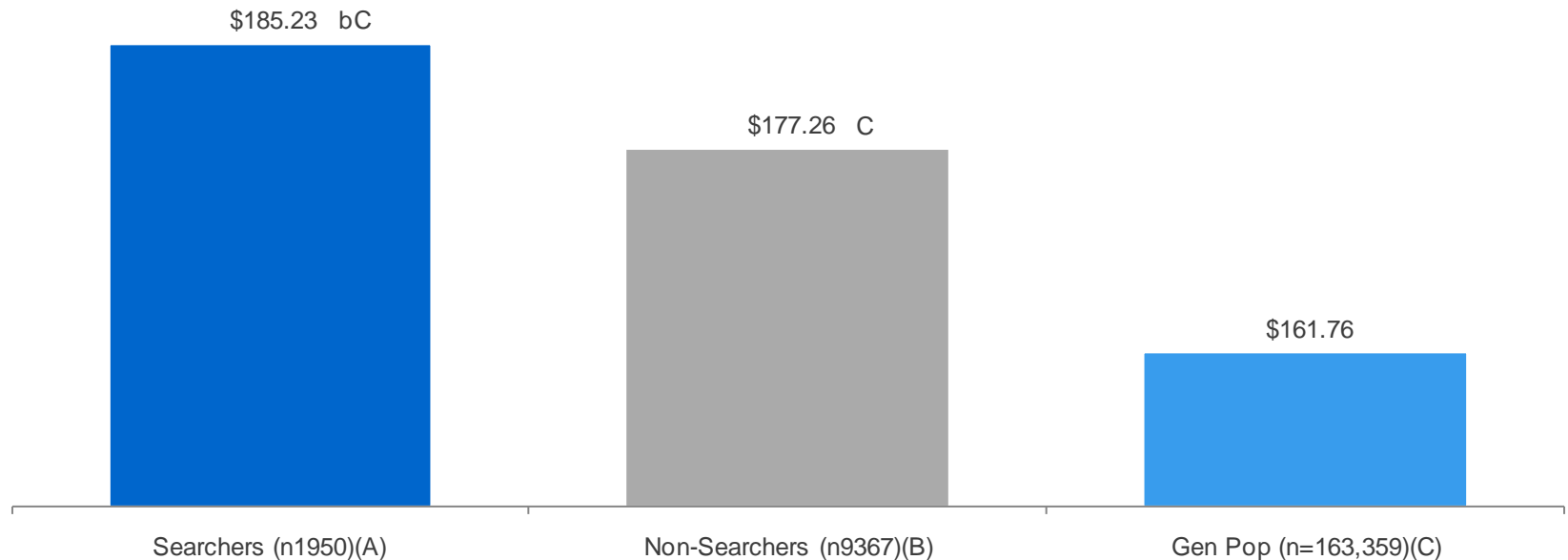
- Searchers spend more, purchase more often, and consume more beverages than non-searchers and the general population

Metric	Searchers vs. Non-Searchers	Searchers vs. Gen Pop
Annual Spend	+5%	+15%
Purchase Frequency	+3%	+13%
Avg. Spend per Trip	+2%	+2%
Annual Unit Consumption	+5%	+15%
Avg. Units per Trip	+2%	+2%

# Searchers Spend More than Non-Searchers

- Searchers are valuable to beverage companies—searchers spend 5% more on beverages than non-searchers and 15% more than the general population

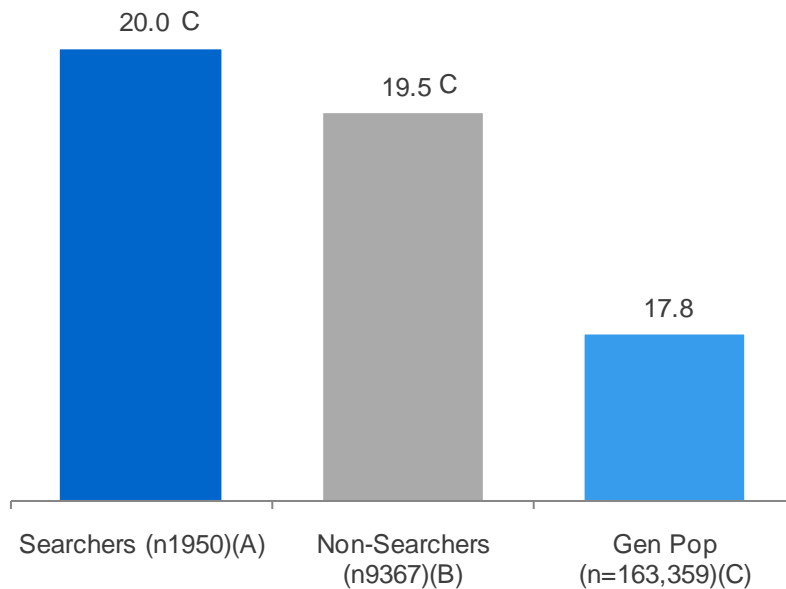
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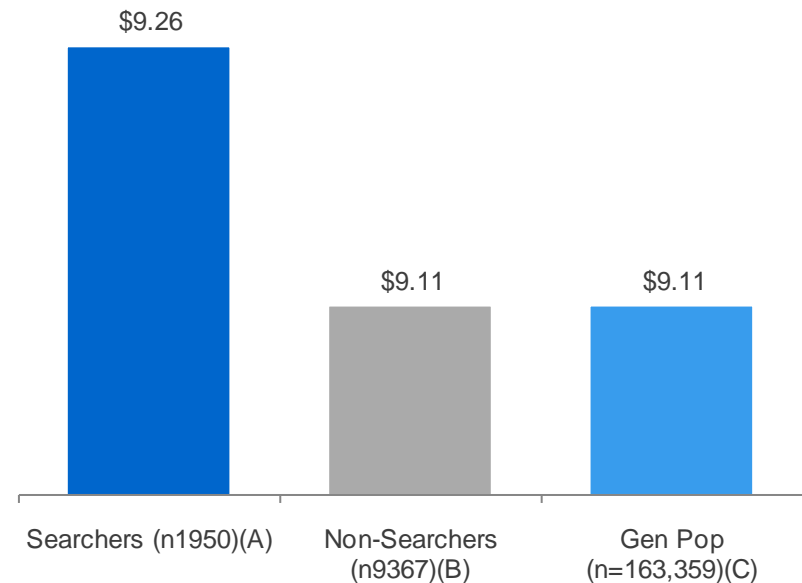
# Searchers Spend and Purchase More Often

- Searchers spend more per trip and purchase beverages more often, accounting for the overall higher spend

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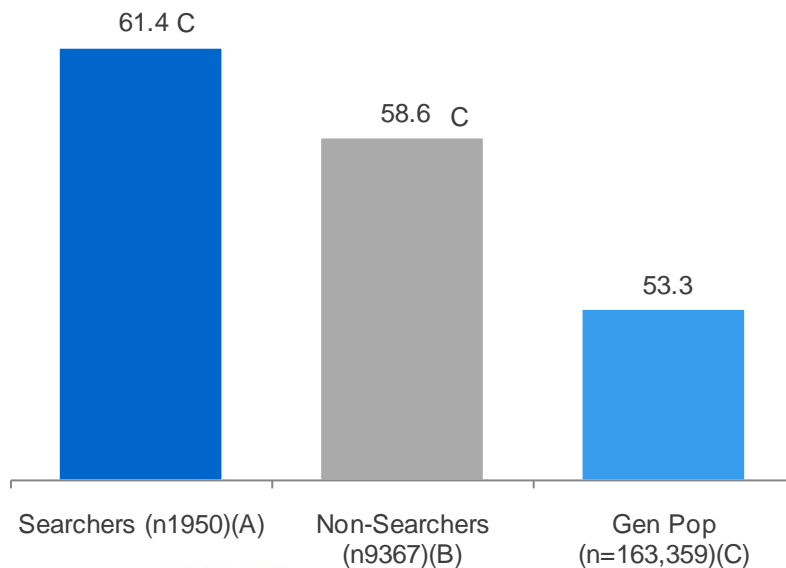
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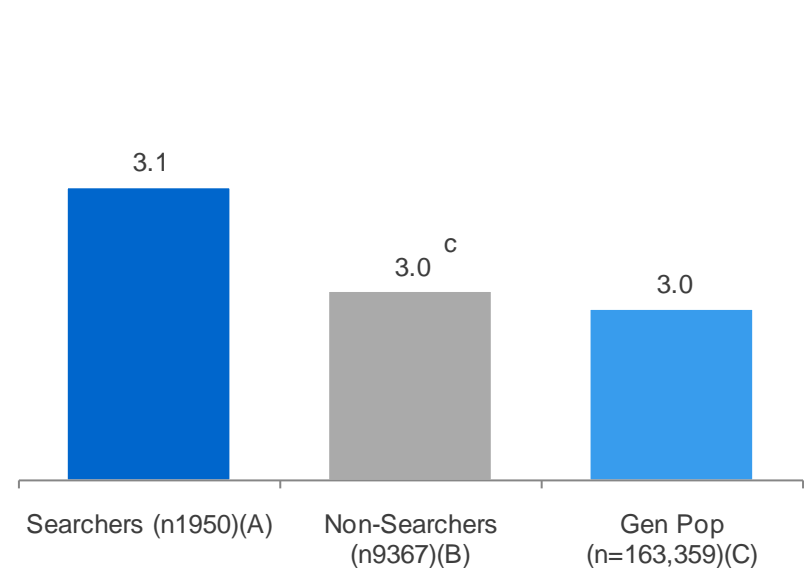
# Searchers Consume More Beverages

- When searchers buy beverages, they buy more units per trip, leading to 5% greater consumption than non-searchers'
  - Search marketing enables manufactures to target the most engaged consumers

**Average Unit Consumption**  
(Total Beverage Purchases, n=1950-163,359)



**Average Unit Per Trip**  
(Total Beverage Purchases , n=1950-163,359)





# The Impact of Search on Beverage Purchasing by Category

(Beer, Carbonated, Coffee, Juice, Liquor, Milk, Wine, Non-Carbonated)

# Across Most Categories Searchers Spend More

- Across almost all categories, searchers spend more than non-searchers, with the greatest difference being for wine

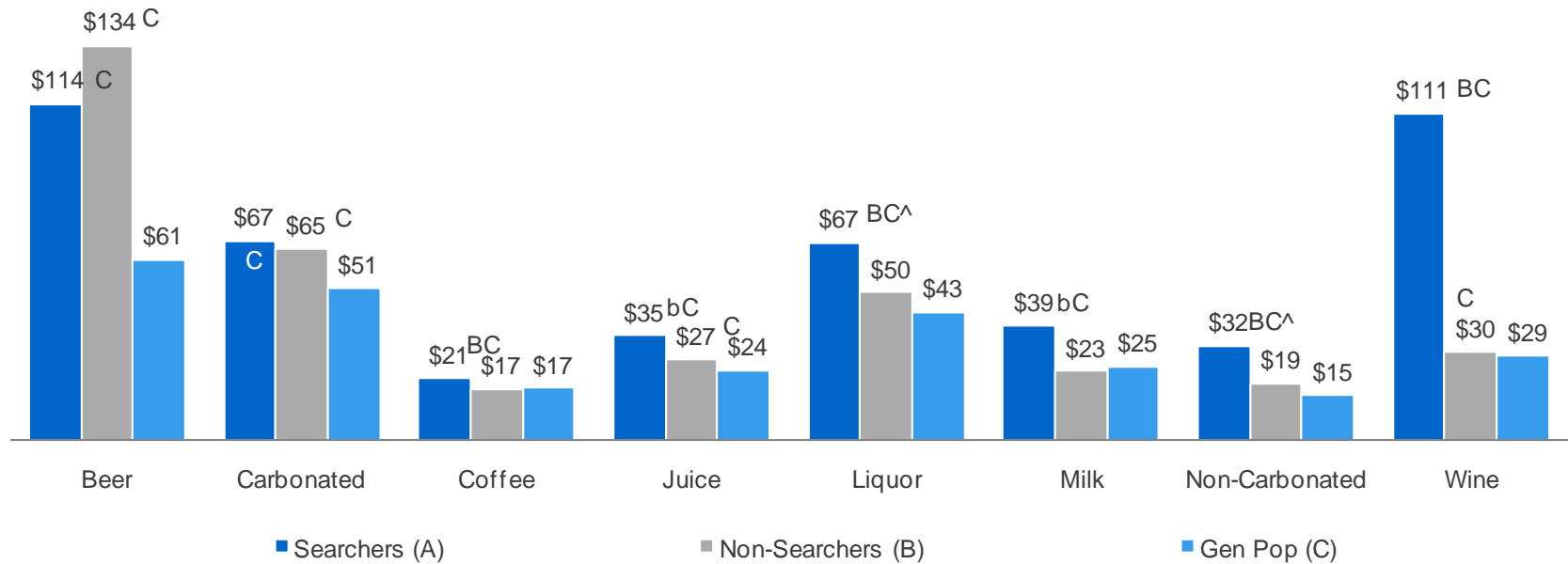
Category	Searcher Spend vs. Non-Searchers Spend	Searcher Spend vs. Gen Pop Spend
Beer	-15%	86%
Carbonated	4%	31%
Coffee	22%	20%
Juice	30%	50%
Liquor	35%	55%
Milk	67%	55%
Non-Carbonated	66%	112%
Wine	272%	288%



# Searchers Spend More Across Categories

- Searchers outspend non-searchers and the general population in every category, except for beer, making SEM a wise investment for beverage manufacturers
  - The difference is most dramatic in the wine category, where searchers outspend non-searchers by 272%

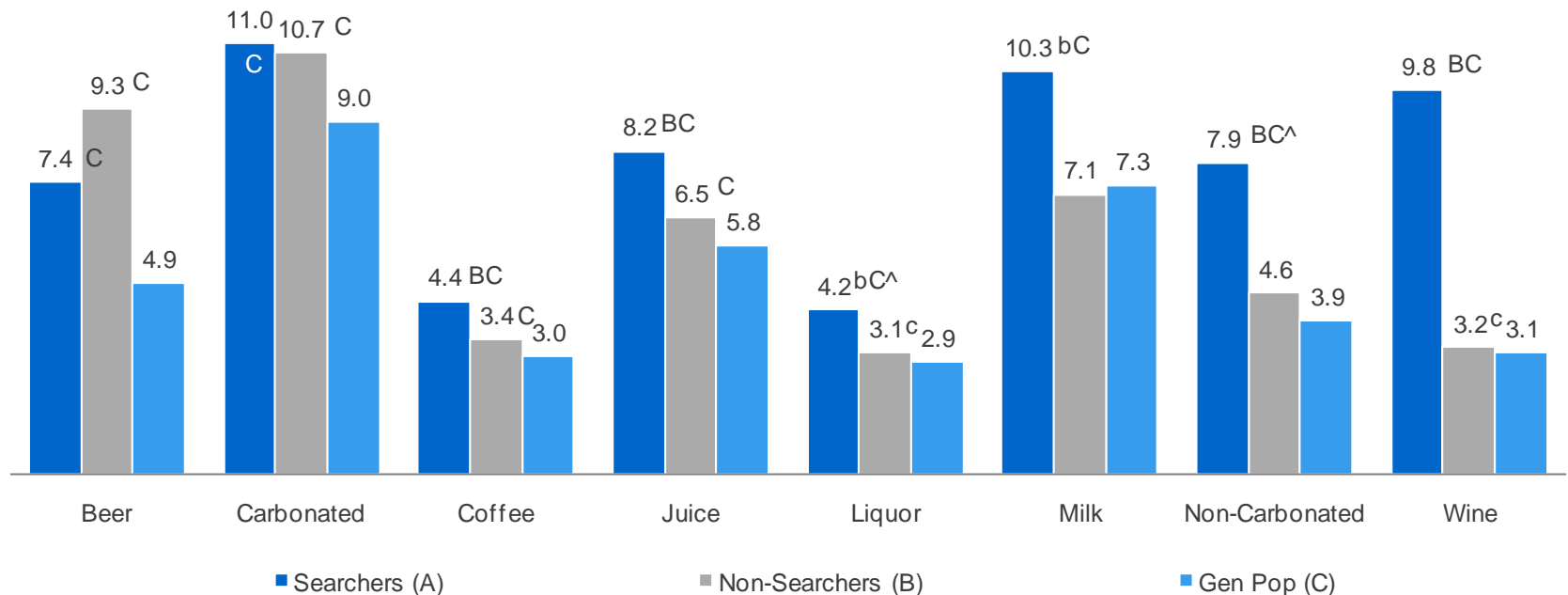
Average Annual Spend  
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# Searchers Purchase More Frequently

- Searchers purchase more frequently than non-searchers and the general population in every category except for beer
  - Reaching searchers with your brand message could translate into increased product purchasing

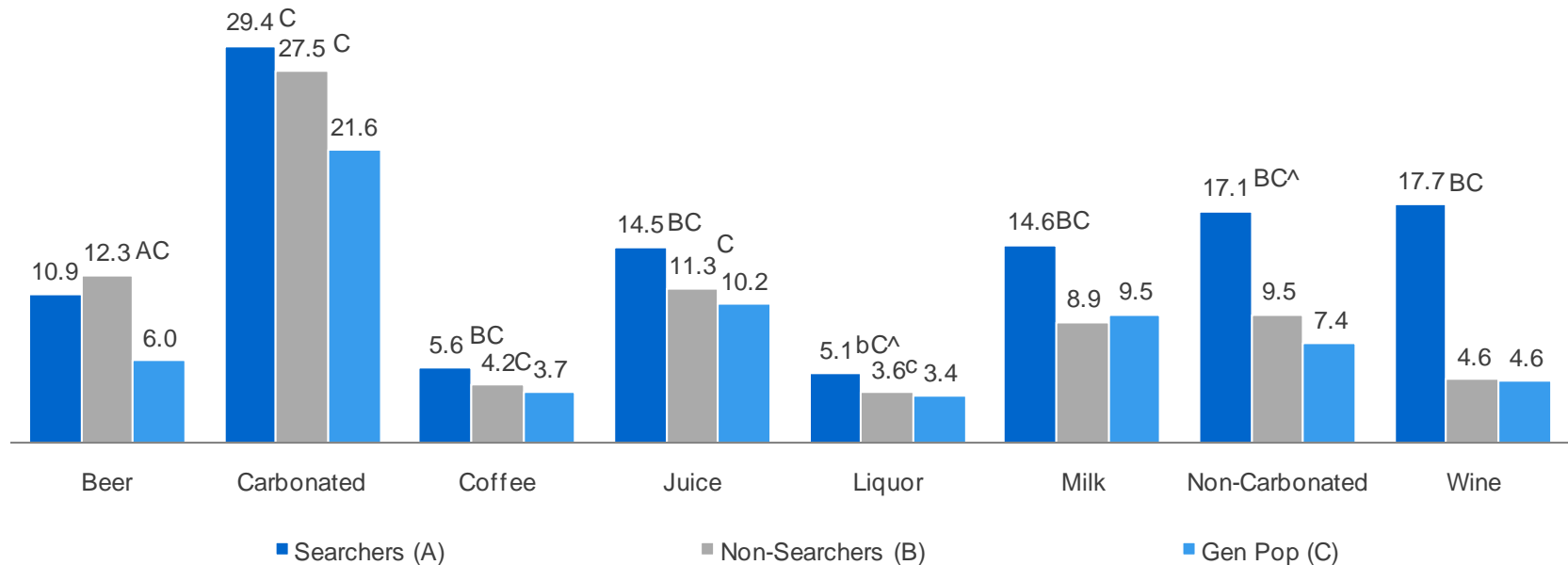
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# Searchers Consume More Annually

- Unit consumption mirrors annual spending, with searchers showing the most engagement across every category except for beer

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