

# Factors Affecting Consumer's Store Choice Behavior

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## ABSTRACT

*The trend of big multistory buildings, shopping malls and super stores are very much popular around the world. It's a modernized stage of industrial life cycle. The factors like location of the store, kids play area and parking area is the main focus of this study and its main purpose is to determine their impact on consumer's store choice behavior. In this study we use cross sectional data collection technique because we collected the data once from the primary source. We distributed 400 questionnaires in the selected super marts, plazas and large retail shops situated in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. Out of 400 questionnaires 322 were completed. The questionnaire was designed to measure the strength between dependent variable (consumer's store choice behavior) and independent variables (location of the store, kids play area and parking area). We have developed three hypothesis; location of the store, parking area and kids play area, and these hypotheses were tested for regression analysis by Statistical Packages for Social Sciences (SPSS). After analysis of the results, it was concluded that the consumer's store choice behavior is significantly affected by the location of the store, kids play area and parking area. Hence location of the store, parking area and kids play area are positively contributing and strongly related to the consumer's store choice behavior.*

**Keywords:** consumer's store choice behavior, location of the store, kids play area, parking area.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The super stores, self-administration stores and enormous retail locations is another forthcoming industry in Pakistan and it's likewise developing quick for the last couple of years. So advertisers pull in client movement towards the stores through promoting. Promoting incorporates improving brand bolster, items and including visual fervor. This expands client movement and deals by method for strategically situated and lighted central destinations in a climate, naturally organizations and outlets, clarifies and promotes general persona and picture. This bothers them to pick the best cherished store, pass more spell in it, and assess the products and in conclusion creating a purchasing.

The fascination of yearning and premium is everything that the client sees and feels inside of a store [1]. Visual promoting is one of the fundamental showcasing methodologies to pull in clients to the stores utilized by the retailers [2]. Visual promoting can be characterized as everything the client watches, both outside and inside, that makes a positive picture of a business and results in consideration, interest, longing and response with respect to the client [11]. Another definition for visual promoting was given by Walters and White [5]: "it is a movement which facilitates powerful stock choice with successful stock showcase". Kerfoot et al expressed that "visual promoting is consequently worried with both how the item and/or brand is outwardly conveyed to the client furthermore whether this message is decoded "suitably" – in this connection influencing a positive mental or behavioral result, at last prompting buy" [10].

An agent visual promoting methodology will help the markets to lead the adversaries inside of the business and have an aggressive edge in this focused environment [1]. In the distinctive mode, marketing can impact Client's Purchasing Choice. It is driven by a blend of set of guideline convictions and inspirations toward conduct and demeanor toward the buy conduct [3]. The client's advantage can be kept up by the inside plan; this will make buy choice simple and urge clients to bring down their mental resistances [4, 5, 6, 7, and 8]. Subsequently, purpose of visual promoting have perceived by advertisers in retailing has critical effect on purchaser purchasing choice [9]. However retail outlets giving self-administrations are named as stores [10]. Examination led by Sinha and Banerjee reasoned that in developing markets store decision choice is not connected with in-store environment [12]. Recreational action and selecting a store for shopping is assumed as incredible stimulation. Wiz a wiz store decision behavior depends on upon supermarket territory and its organization level. Visual promoting is a key consider regularly said the achievement or disappointment of retail location [13]. Bhatti and Latif found that principle models for store decision choices are travel separation, store size and time [13]. The primary driver behind this is that a large portion of the advertisers today sensibly expect that a broad effect can be settled on buy decision of clients through visual marketing. On the other hand, in specific circumstances, a few customers select the outlet in light of showcasing devices like space for auto stopping and store area. Along these lines, the principle centered issue in this examination is to figure the extent to

which showcasing of Pakistani general stores influences the purchaser's store decision choices. Presently the organizations and the advertisers are taking a shot at the system that how to pull in the clients towards the stores and for this they are directing distinctive sort of explores and working in the diverse measurements that how to get the clients' consideration and how to get the most extreme business.

The center reason of leading this exploration is to contemplate the impact of area of the store, children play territory and stopping range of the store on buyer's store decision conduct.

## **2. LITERATURE REVIEW**

Shopkeepers are continuously using different types of promotional activities and visual merchandising to pull the customers towards them and for that, different marketers are helping them to do various types of visual merchandising activities to attract the customers always in a changed manner so that they feel something new and exciting every time they plan to shop. The consumers always prefer to shop in the store where they feel comfortable while shopping and they feel secure. Many researches have been conducted on impulse buying and the consumer's behavior for choosing a store.

The noticeable quality has moved from item shows in-store to essentials like level screen recordings or illustrations, smells, music, lighting and ground surface that tend to catch the brand picture or identity that energize the faculties of customers and help to create a selective environment and shopping knowledge [14, 15]. Identified with different components, for instance: situating elements, physical in-store environment has been inspected [6]; Spatial elements and surrounding conditions [6]; signage [7], which Kotler termed "atmospherics" [8]. The work with respect to physicality of in-store environment concentrates on the "correspondence" of components through signals and jolts that the customer reviews through various tactile modalities (visual, aural, olfactory, haptic and taste). In this way, all writing usually perceived as in-store environment relies on upon visual marketing and other in store advancements.

Vital part of retailing by professionals and scholarly has long been considered for visual recreation and correspondence [14]. In an investigation of store decision among music gear buyers, Dash et al. found that the level of pre-buy data concerning the brand decided the kind of outlet chose [16]. Buyers who had more prominent levels of pre-buy data ordinarily shopped at the forte store, however buyers with low pre-buy data shop at departmental stores. This is fundamentally certify to buyers embracing a danger diminishing approach as for their inescapable purchasing. Kenhove et al. found that outlet determination is recognized by the action's way a client needs to perform in a store [17]. They considered the store decision choice over various obligations as characterized by the respondents, for example, purchasing huge amounts, pressing buy, general buy, and troublesome occupation and get thoughts. The chose outlets changed in their striking nature rating reliant on the action the client needs to do. They reasoned that situational components influence the striking nature of the outlets.

In an examination did by Mattson, it was presumed that situational attributes, for example, time weight and blessing versus self-shopping, can impact store decision and trademark remarkable quality [18]. It was likewise broke down that the situational impact should be weighed for each visit and, in this manner, a few clients may change their decision in light of particular circumstance drivers. These situational impacts may be classified as the focused circumstance, shopping event and the individual's situational set.

The spending environment can be boost shopper rudeness and their bits of knowledge in connection to the general predominance of the outlet regarding the administration levels, uniqueness of the item [19], buy volume [21] and the price tag [20]. The feel and store decision are critical to one another. Kotler has anticipated that retail showcasing procedure is an essential piece of atmospherics [8]. It is additionally found that the stock's estimation in light of money related and additionally non-financial expenses focus by customers [22]. This was originated that change (a non-monetary quality) was the primary motivator for passing by a malls [23]. The store environment makes shopping background; this has been found that in building store support this assumes an essential part. It activated full of feeling response among customers alongside the stock, [25]. It likewise sponsors in making outlet support goals [24].

Presenting to overhead research concentrates, a few scientists have contemplated that in-store climate is basic component of store decision conduct and some different analysts have talked about that different variables are most extreme noteworthy than in-store climate. Though, no prior research work has been done on the variables like kids play area, location of the store and parking area of the store regarding consumer store choice behavior. In this study we are going to see the effect of these independent variables (kids play area, location of the store and parking area) on dependent variable (consumer's store choice behavior).

## **3. OBJECTIVES AND RESEARCH HYPOTHESES**

### **3.1 Objectives**

Taking after are the targets of our exploration:

- i. To discover the effect of Location of the store on purchaser's store decision conduct.
- ii. To examine the part of children play region on shopper's store decision conduct.

iii. To investigate the connection between Parking Area and purchasers' store decision conduct.

### 3.2 Research Hypotheses

Consumer has many choices in selecting the store. Many researchers conduct research on the consumer's store choice with their own perspective but we are conducting this study with a new perspective. The research hypotheses for this study are as follows:

**H1:** The consumer store choice behavior is significantly related to location of store.

**H0:** The consumer store choice behavior is not significantly related to location of store.

**H2:** The consumer store choice behavior is significantly related to kids play area.

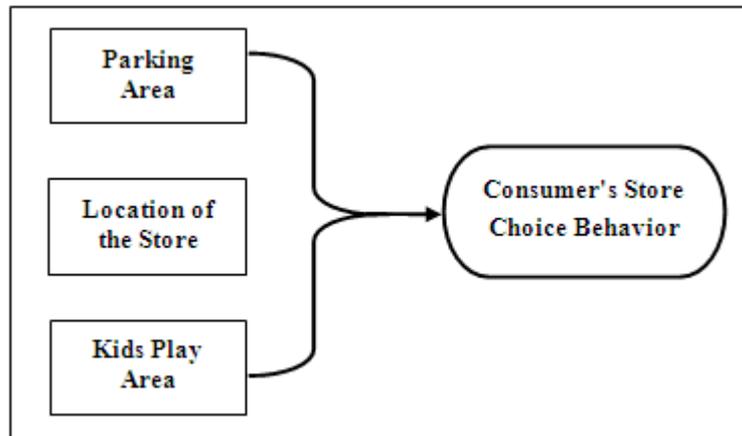
**H0:** The consumer store choice behavior is not significantly related to kids play area.

**H3:** The consumer store choice behavior is significantly related to parking area.

**H0:** The consumer store choice behavior is not significantly related to parking area.

## 4. THEOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

In past, numerous examines have been done on the point identified with shopper's store decision. In this study we are going to investigate another road between the autonomous variables (Location of the Store, Children Play Zone and Parking Region) and ward variable (Purchaser Store Decision).



### Variables

Following are the dependent and independent variables:

#### 4.1.1 Dependent Variable

- i. Consumer Store Choice Behavior

#### 4.1.2 Independent Variable

- i. Location of the Store
- ii. Kids Play Area
- iii. Parking Area

### Units of Analysis

Markets, enormous stores and squares in the city of Rawalpindi, Pakistan were chosen. Polls were dispersed to the families arbitrarily entering these stores or squares for shopping.

#### 4.2.1 Data Collection Method

Method used to collect the data was cross sectional data because the data was gathered for once from the essential source.

#### 4.2.2 Sampling and Data Collection

Information was gathered from the chose super stores, courts and extensive retail shops from the clients by utilizing polls. An aggregate of 400 polls were appropriated yet just 322 were finished. Henceforth results and test size was adjusted as needs be. Every variable was registered by utilizing a five point Likert scale. A different poll for each variable was outlined and every survey had 5 inquiries to quantify the elements effecting customer store decision conduct.

## 5. ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION OF HYPOTHESIS

To assess the strength among independent and dependent variables regression analysis was used. The hypothesis testing was conducted in which consumer's store choice behavior was dependent variable and each factor influencing independent variable, location of the store, kids play area and parking area, was utilized as indicator as a part of choice

to test whether speculation are critical or not. It further elucidates how these free variables controls the purchaser store decision conduct.

**5.1 Location of the Store**

The hypothesis developed in order to check the relation between consumer's store choice and location of the store are as follows:

**H1:** The consumer store choice behavior is significantly related to location of store.

**H0:** The consumer store choice behavior is not significantly related to location of store.

**Table 1:** Model Summary for Location of Store

| Model   | R                        | R Square | Adjusted R square | Standard Error of the Estimate |
|---|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1   | <b>0.933<sup>a</sup></b> | 0.92     | 0.76              | 0.01                           |
| <b>a. Predictors: (Constant), Location of Store</b> |                          |          |                   |                                |

**Table 2:** Coefficients for Location of Store

| Model  | Non-standardized Coefficients |             | Standardized Coefficients | t             | Significance |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|  | B                             | Std. Error  | Beta                      |               |              |
| Constant   | 2.067                         | .037        |                           | <b>77.845</b> | .000         |
| Location of Store  | .056                          | <b>.023</b> | <b>.933</b>               | 4.037         | .007         |
| <b>a. Dependent Variable: Consumer Store Choice Behavior</b> |                               |             |                           |               |              |

The estimation of balanced R-square (coefficient of determination) is 0.923, as appeared in Table 1, which is close to 1 (its amazing quality). This verifies the model that 92% of the time, the information fits to the model. The free variable, area of store, is certainly contributing towards customer's store decision conduct and is noteworthy at 5% and 10% level of noteworthiness ( $P\text{-Value} = 0.007 < \alpha = 0.05, 0.10$ ). So concurring with the information, speculation H1 is acknowledged and H0 is rejected on the grounds that shopper's decision of store is fundamentally identified with area of store.

**5.2 Kids Play Area**

The hypothesis developed determine the relationship between consumer's store choice and kids play area are as follows:

**H2:** The buyer's store decision conduct is significantly related to kids play area.

**H0:** The buyer's store decision conduct is not significantly related to kids play area.

**Table 3:** Model Summary for Kids Play Area

| Model  | R                  | R Square     | Adjusted R Square | Standard Error of the Estimates |
|--|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1  | 0.924 <sup>a</sup> | <b>0.892</b> | 0.712             | 0.01                            |
| <b>a. Predictors: (Constant), Kids Play Area</b> |                    |              |                   |                                 |

**Table 4:** Coefficients for Kids Play Area

| Model          | Non-standardized Coefficients |            | Standardized Coefficients | t      | Significance |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------|
|                | B                             | Std. Error | Beta                      |        |              |
| Constant       | 2.545                         | 0.216      |                           | 78.422 | 0.00         |
| Kids Play Area | 0.184                         | 0.054      | 0.924                     | 4.283  | 0.009        |

The estimation of balanced R-square (coefficient of determination) is 0.892, as appeared in Table 3, which is close to 1 (its amazing quality). This verifies that 89% of the information fits the model. The free variable, children play zone, is decisively causative to client store decision conduct and the level of criticalness is 5% and 10% ( $P\text{-esteem} = 0.009 < \alpha = 0.05, 0.10$ ). So concurring with the information,  $H_0$  is rejected and theory  $H_2$  is acknowledged in light of the fact that buyers store decision is essentially affected by area of the store.

**5.3 Parking Area**

The hypothesis developed determine the relationship between consumer's store choice and parking area are as follows:

**H3:** The customer store decision conduct is significantly identified with parking area.

**H0:** The consumer store choice behavior is not significantly related to parking area.

**Table 5:** Model Summary for Parking Area

| Model  | R                  | R Square     | Adjusted R Square | Standard Error of the Estimates |
|--|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1  | 0.941 <sup>a</sup> | <b>0.941</b> | 0.725             | 0.022120                        |
| <b>a. Predictors: (Constant), Parking Area</b> |                    |              |                   |                                 |

**Table 6:** Coefficients for Parking Area

| Model        | Non-standardized Coefficients |            | Standardized Coefficients | t      | Significance |
|--------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------|
|              | B                             | Std. Error | Beta                      |        |              |
| Constant     | 2.868                         | 0.037      |                           | 75.961 | 0.000        |
| Parking Area | 0.060                         | 0.042      | 0.941                     | 4.125  | 0.010        |

The estimation of balanced R-square (coefficient of determination) is 0.941, as appeared in Table 5, which is close to 1 (its amazing quality). This validates the model i.e. 94% of the time the information fit the model extremely well. The free variable, stopping territory, is certainly contributing towards shopper's store decision conduct and is huge at 5% and 10% level of importance ( $P\text{-esteem} = 0.010 < \alpha = 0.05, 0.10$ ). So concurring with the information, speculation  $H_3$  is acknowledged and  $H_0$  is rejected in light of the fact that buyers store decision is fundamentally affected by stopping zone around the store.

**6. CONCLUSION AND FINDINGS**

This study was directed to see the components effecting customer store decision conduct. To explore the relationship advance, the study endeavored to explain the relationship between the client's store decision conduct and distinctive sorts of offices offered by the stores for the clients. The key disclosure of this learning was that the elements taken in this examination are decidedly control or impact customer's store decision conduct.

Results demonstrated that the purchaser's decision of store conduct is essentially identified with area of the outlet, children play territory and stopping zone. Study indicates that the purchaser's store decision conduct has an in number association with the store's area in light of the fact that when the buyer is rationally fulfilled and unwind about the store which has simple access in the business sector and the client can approach the store effortlessly draws in the client's consideration as well as raises their desire to do drive purchasing. The children play zone likewise has an exceptionally solid effect on clients in light of the fact that we see that the most extreme pretended in the shopping is by house wives or females and they additionally have children with them when they go for shopping. When they enter a shop and children sees the mixed bag of items showed on the racks innovatory it drives the children to take everything and they make mess in the store. So the females lean towards the store where they discover children play range with the goal that they can make the most of their shopping and children can make the most of their time. Essentially, stopping range likewise has an in number association with shopper' store decision. After examination it was found that clients feel outraged when hindered amid their shopping in light of the fact that this unsettling influence causes their fixation and enthusiasm to free in shopping.

Complete information successfully recommends that variables like area of the store, children play territory and stopping zone serve as solid jolt, impacting and moving the client and lean toward the store having every one of these offices. Effectively this study shows estimation of area of the store, children play range and stopping region in accommodating purchaser' store decision.

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