TRENDS REPORT

State of Retail Ecommerce Beauty Category

Month Ending October 2023



Overall Executive Summary

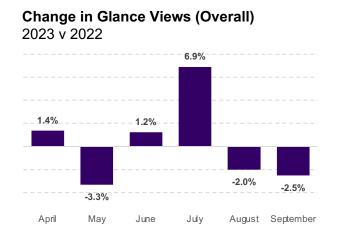


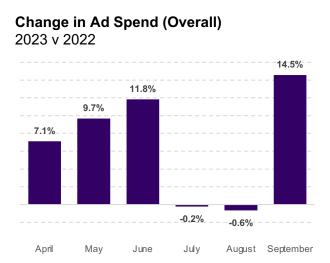
Executive Summary: Top 3 Takeaways for October 2023

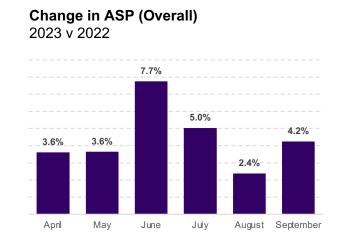
- Out of Stock levels are continuing to rise month over month and have surpassed 2022 levels in September.
- There is a general increase in competitiveness with a growth in ad spend and reduction in glance views.
- Price Levels rising steadily along with slight increase in conversion rates. This likely explains a continued increase in ROAS despite rising CPCs over the last 3 months.

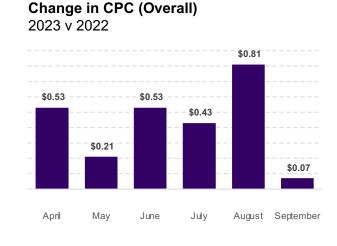
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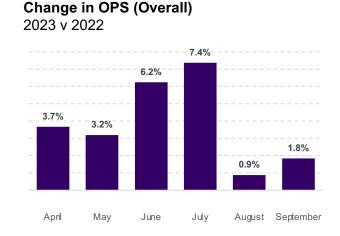
Across all categories there is a much more pronounced growth in ad spend, with a slight decline in glance views. This correlates with minor growth in revenue and improvement in ROAS.



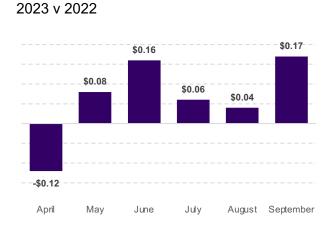








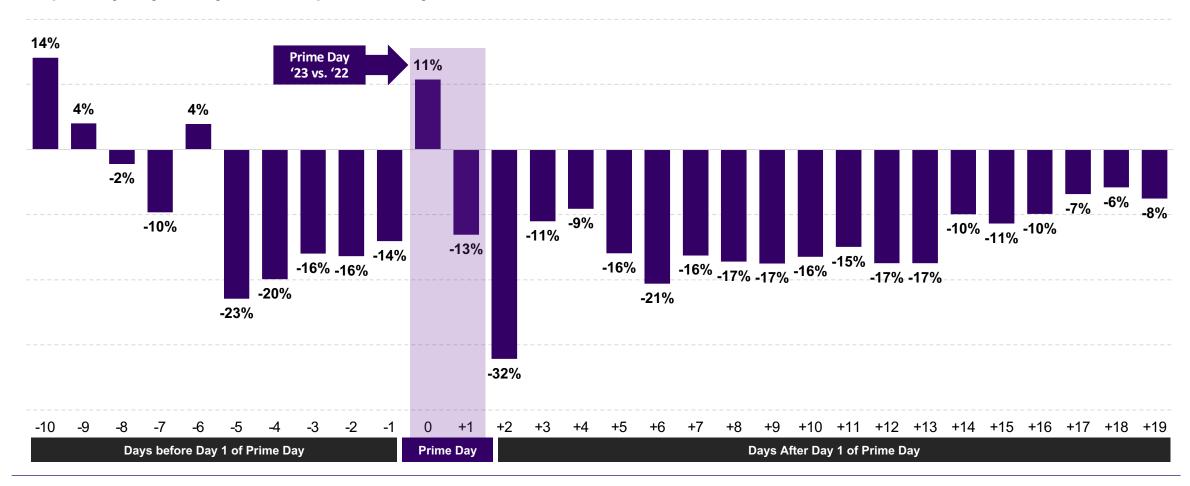
Change in ROAS (Overall)



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Despite an +11% increase in ad spend during Day 1 of Prime Day 2023, brands pulled back ad spend throughout the rest of July, resulting in relatively flat ad spend compared to July 2022.

Ad spend by Day in July 2023 compared to July 2022

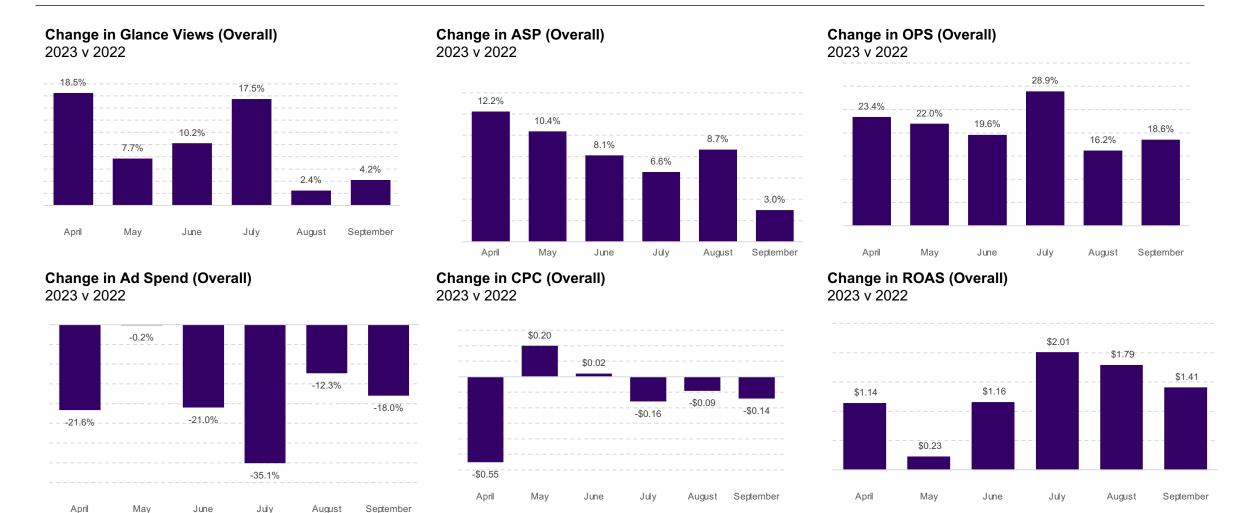


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Key Category Metrics



The Beauty category has strong tailwinds, with overall growth in price levels and revenue, as well as improvements in ROAS and a reduction in CPCs. Ad spend levels remain below 2022 levels.



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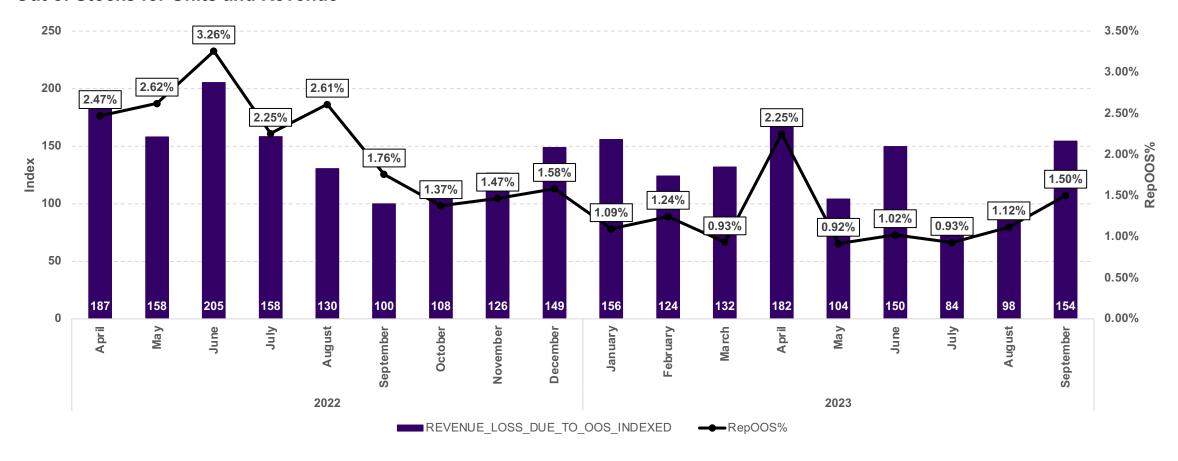
Category Summary: Top 3 Takeaways for October 2023

- Revenue lost due to out of stock has spiked in September, potentially driven by a reduction in inventory on hand in the 5 months preceding September.
- The category is facing strong tailwinds with growing revenues, ROAS and traffic with stable gross margins.
- ROAS has improved, likely supported by decreased ad spend and decreased CPCs.

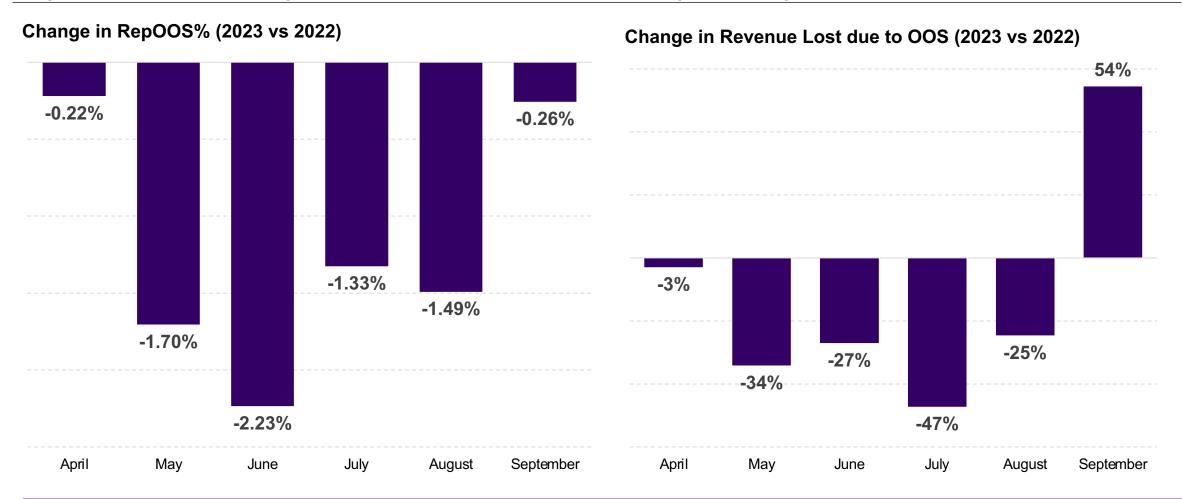
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Beauty is facing some challenges within the supply chain, with increasing RepOOS% MoM as well as a 54% higher loss of revenue due to OOS vs. September 2022.

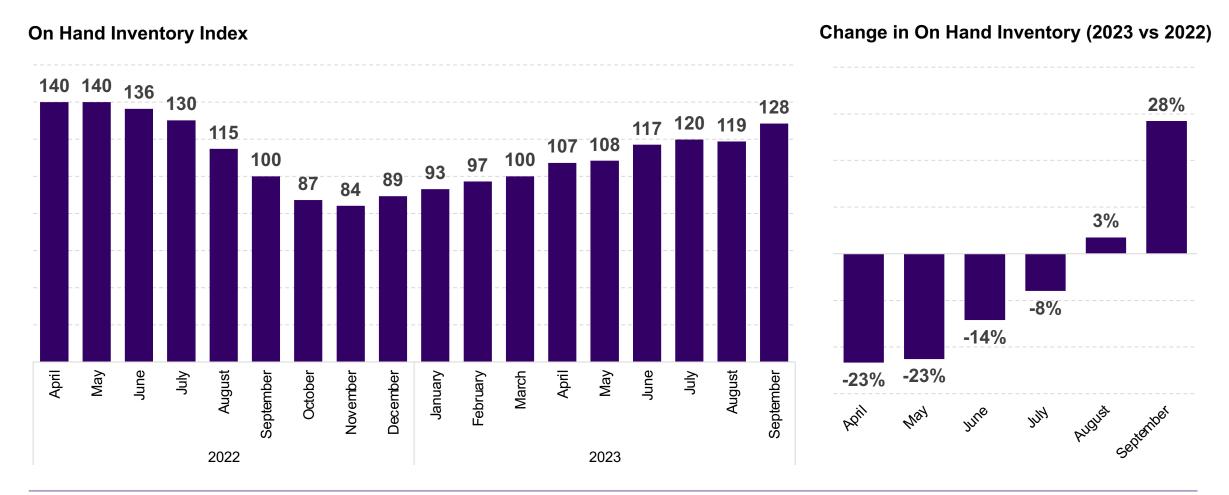
Out of Stocks for Units and Revenue



September 2023 is the root cause of this negative trend as month over month the industry overall has seen improvements on both RepOOS% and Revenue lost due to OOS prior to Sept 2023.

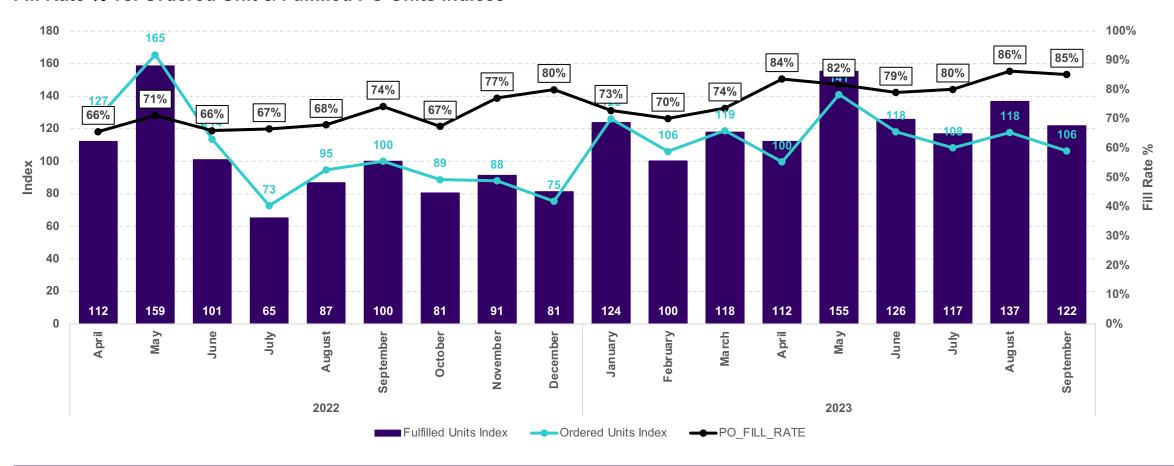


Inventory levels have steadily increased month over month but are below 2022 levels, which could indicate pent up supply chain deficiencies leading into September, resulting in the spike in revenue lost due to OOS.



Fill rates have remained relatively consistent. Ordered units are slightly above 2022 levels.

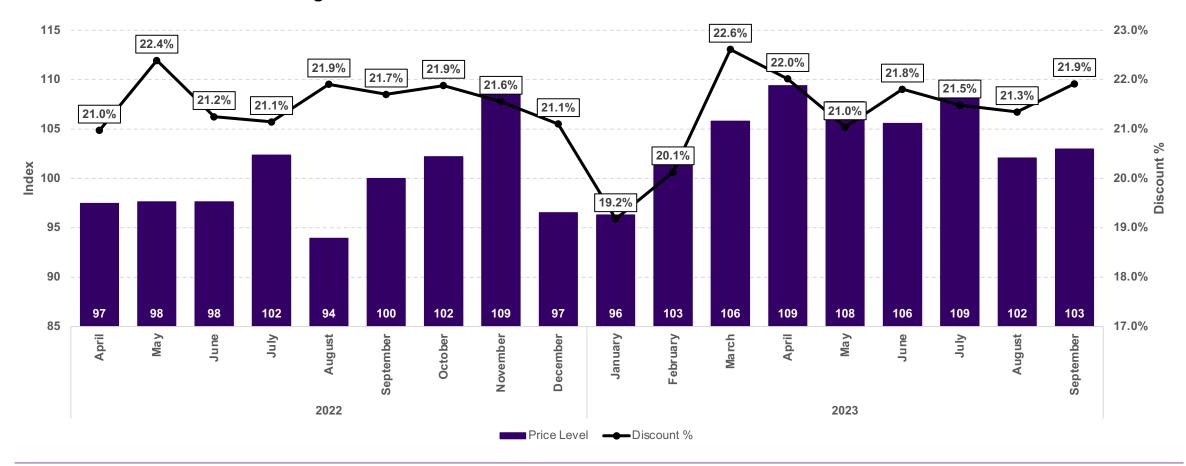
Fill Rate % vs. Ordered Unit & Fulfilled PO Units Indices



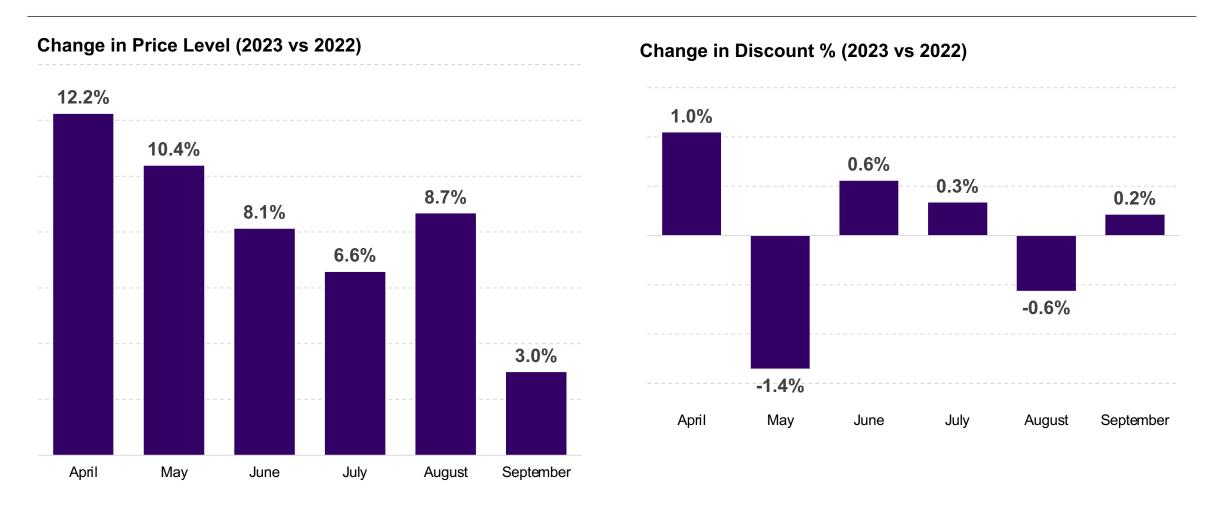
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Price Levels and discount levels have also remained slightly elevated versus 2022.

Price Index vs. Discount Percentage

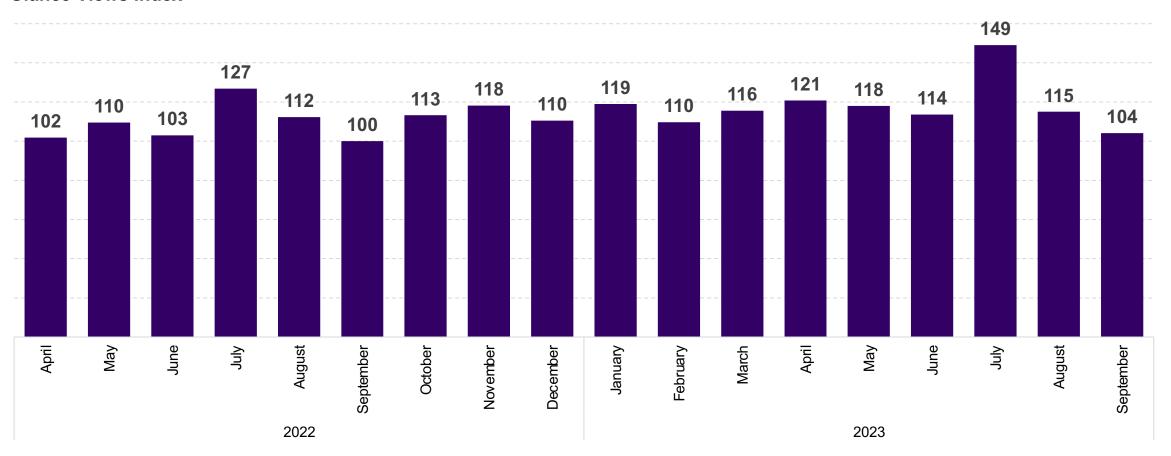


Price levels are generally up versus 2022, with discount percentages varying month to month.



After a spike in Glance Views during Prime Day, glance views have settled slightly above 2022 levels.

Glance Views Index

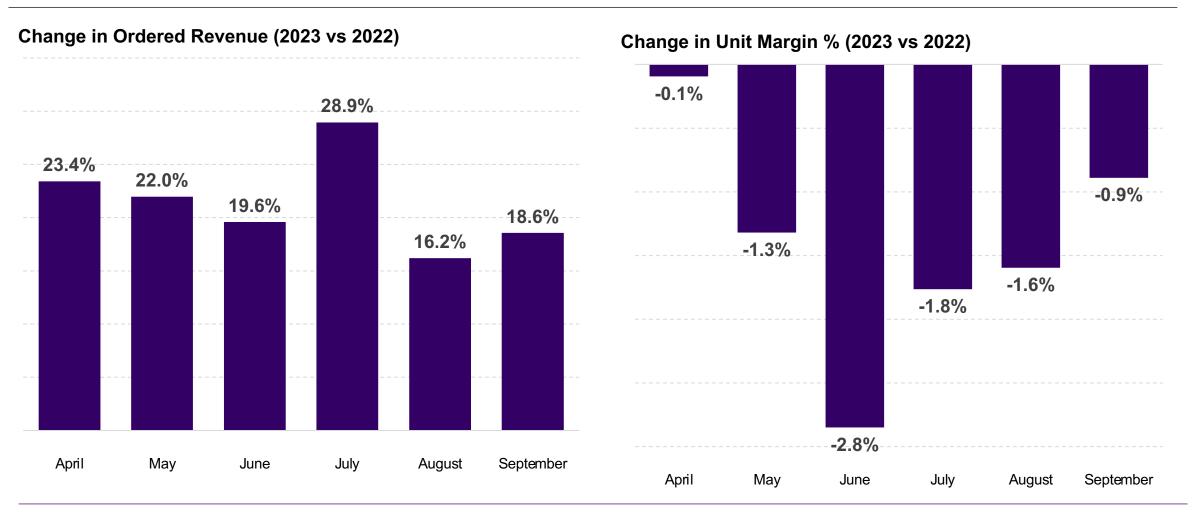


OPS are above 2022 levels while Unit Margin % is slightly below 2022. Overall the category remains relatively healthy and poised for continued profitable growth.

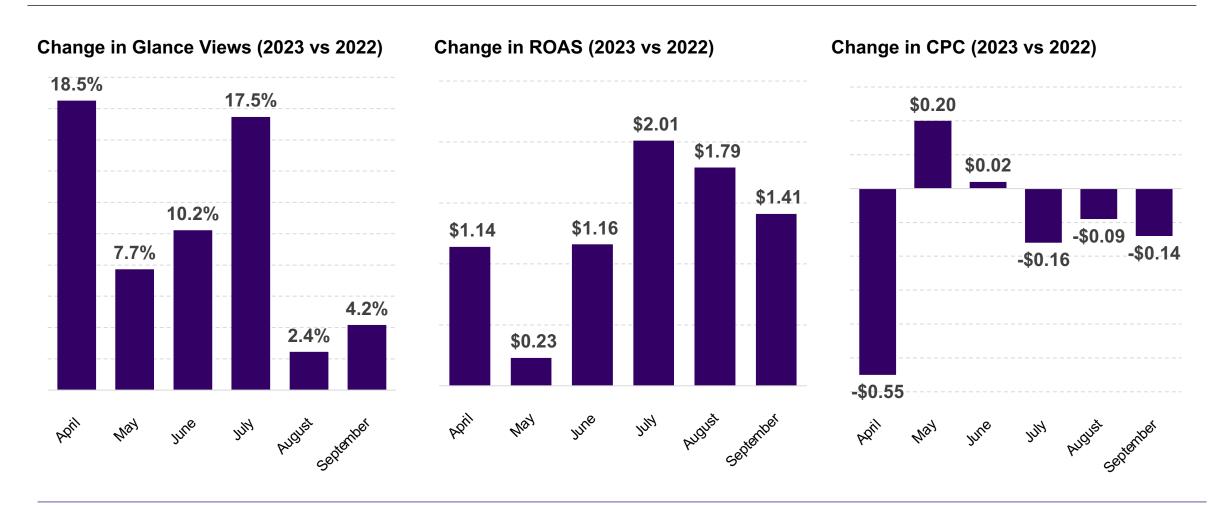
OPS Index vs. Unit Margin %



Ordered Revenues are up year over year, and unit margin % declines are relatively minor in comparison.

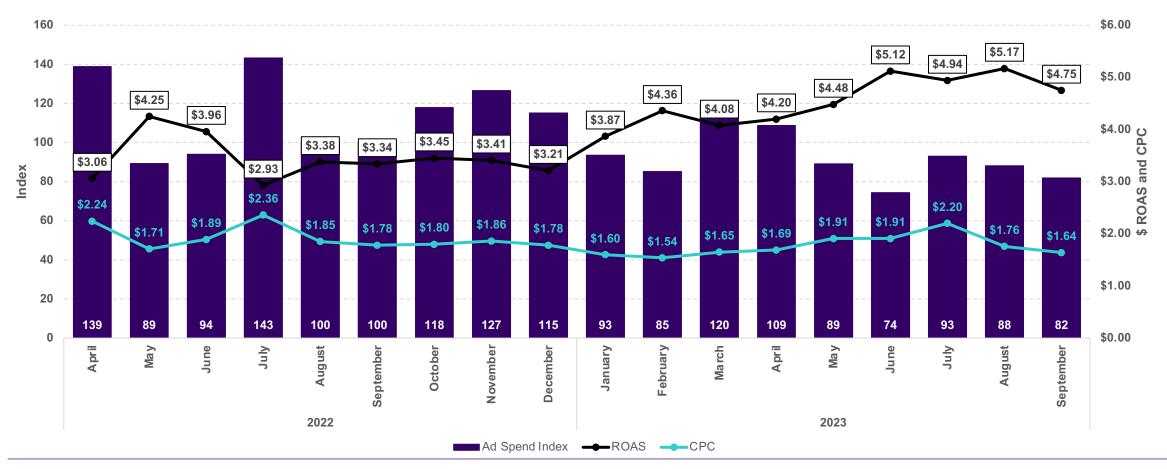


Traffic and ROAS has remained up Year over Year, supported by a steady decline in CPCs in the last 3 months.



In face of increased CPCs and Ad spend, ROAS has seen steady overall improvement after a substantial decline in October 2022.

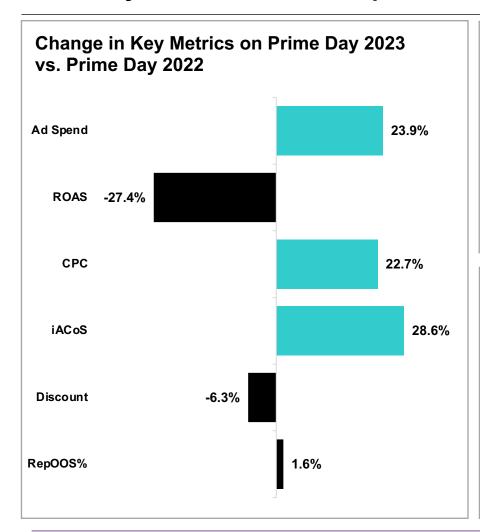
Ad Spend Index vs. ROAS and CPC

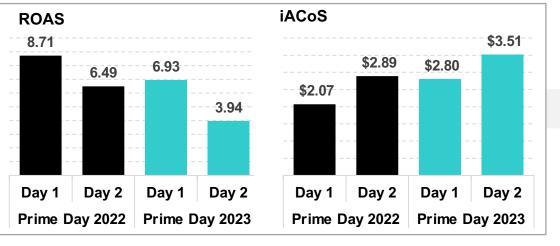


Prime Day 2023 Summary Beauty Category

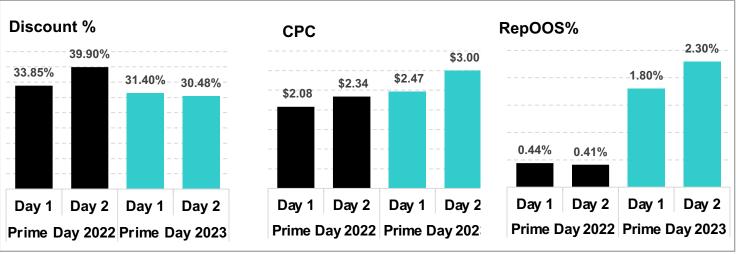


Prime Day 2023 was more competitive for brands as compared to Prime Day 2022





Advertising became less efficient in '23, likely due to lower discount rates, higher CPCs and higher RepOOS%



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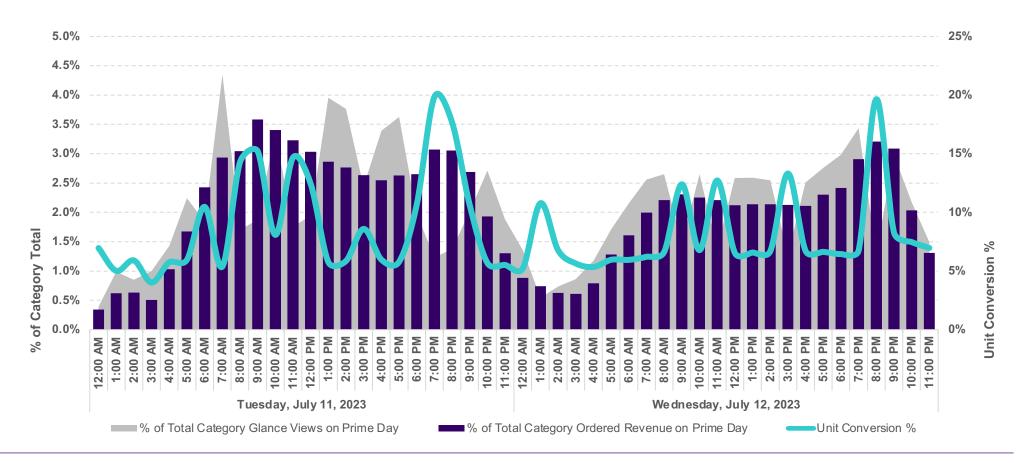
Beauty & Personal Care was relatively balanced between both days, with spikes in conversion towards the end of each day

7:00 AM PST July 11 (Day 1)

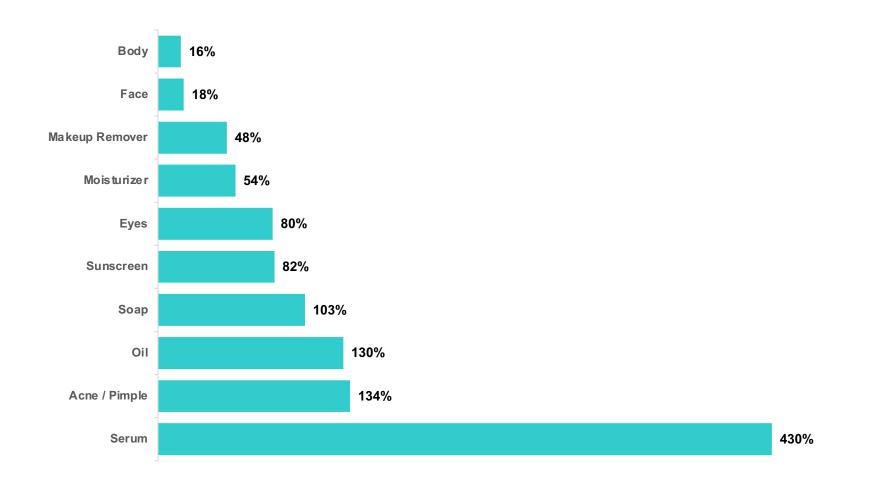
Highest % of Prime Day Glance Views

9:00 AM PST July 11 (Day 1) Highest % of Prime Day Ordered Revenue

7 / 8 PM PST July 11 / 12 Highest Unit Conversion % Time Hourly View of Prime Day Glance Views, Ordered Revenue and Unit Conversion % for Home & Kitchen



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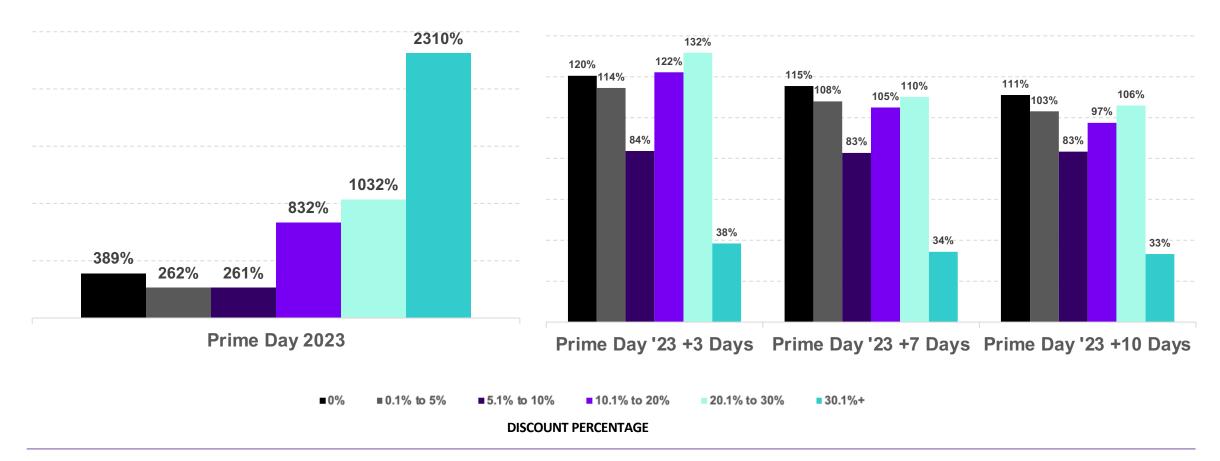
Beauty & Personal Care Biggest Rising Terms vs. Prime Day 2022		
Search Term	% Change	
snail mucin serum	19825%	
beauty of joseon sunscreen stick	2071%	
skin care products preppy	1713%	
vitamin c face serum	1711%	
under eye patches for puffy eyes	1522%	
hero pimple patch	1461%	
make up remover wipes for face	1381%	
snail mucin moisturizer	1186%	
juno skin cleansing balm	907%	
acne patches for face	761%	

Beauty & Personal Care		
Biggest Falling Terms vs. Prime Day 2022		
Search Term	% Change	
exfoliating face wash	-18%	
face massager	-20%	
shower gel	-21%	
facial mask	-24%	
face cream	-24%	
body soap	-26%	
acne	-27%	
vitamin c serum for face	-40%	
facial skin care products	-42%	
face mask skin care	-72%	

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Higher discounts generally correlated with a higher retention of glance views post-Prime Day, except for extreme 30%+ discounts which correlated with a substantial decline in Glance Views post-Prime Day hinting at those extreme deal seekers being out of market.

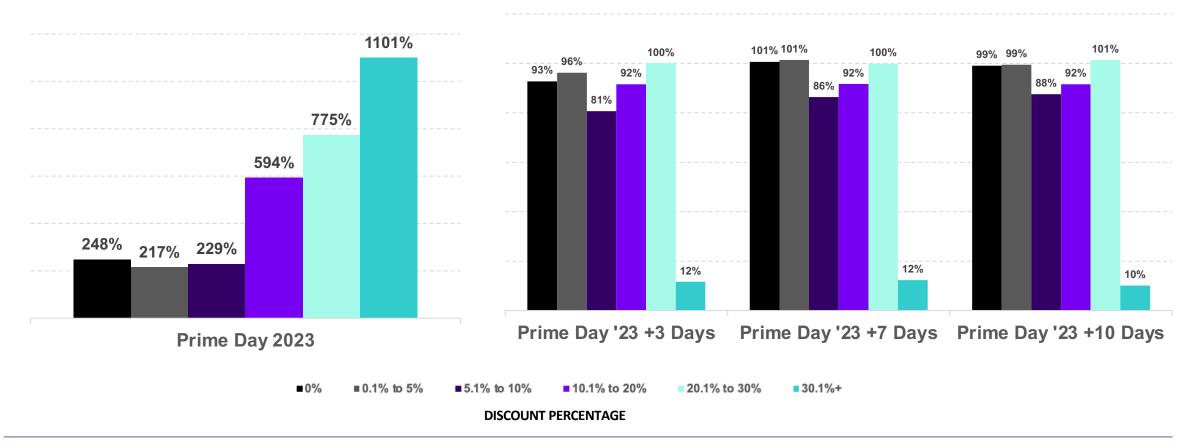
Average Daily Glance Views as % of Average Daily Glance Views for L28 Days Prior to Prime Day 2023 in Beauty



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Larger discounts correlated with higher ordered revenue on Prime Day for Beauty, but generally correlated with lower ordered revenues post Prime Day, including a steep drop off of Ordered Revenue post-Prime Day on 30%+ discounted ASINs.

Average Daily Ordered Revenue as % of Average Daily Ordered Revenue for L28 Days Prior to Prime Day 2023 in Beauty



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