

Research Series
Your Guide to Laundry Excellence

Planet/Laundry

## Introduction

The Coin Laundry Association (CLA) is proud to share the results of the 22nd annual comprehensive industry survey. The purpose of the survey is to provide an updated profile of laundry stores in the United States.

Questions regarding this survey and the results may be directed to CLA at (800) 570-5629.

## Method

The survey sample of 850 was selected in a systematic, stratified fashion by the CLA and Readex Research from domestic recipients of PlanetLaundry's circulation with job functions classified as store owner/partner and firm's primary business classified as store operation.

Only one recipient of PlanetLaundry per store location was included in the list prior to the sample selection to help ensure representation of stores (rather than individuals).

Data was collected via mail survey with an option to complete it online from March 25 to May 29, 2019. The survey was closed for tabulation with 279 responses, including 68 obtained online-an overall response rate of $33 \%$.

The findings highlighted in this report are based on the 253 respondents who indicated their organization currently owns at least one self-service laundry store. The margin of error for percentages based on 253 responses is $\pm 6.0$ percentage points at the $95 \%$ confidence level. The margin of error for percentages based on smaller sample sizes will be larger.

## Data Interpretation

In addition to percentages, three summary statistics may be presented in this report for numeric variables.

A mean is the arithmetic average of a distribution (i.e., a set of values). Because it is arithmetically calculated, it can be multiplied by the population represented to present a total volume estimate. For example, if 100 survey respondents (representing 10,000 people in the population) reported mean expenditures of $\$ 100$ each, total expenditures for that population are estimated as 10,000 $x \$ 100=\$ 1,000,000$. Means are very much influenced by extremely large or extremely small values in the distribution (e.g., one millionaire can substantially raise an estimate of average income).
Means for grouped data are calculated using the midpoint of each range. The lowest-valued group is represented by its largest value; the highest-valued group by its lowest.
The standard error measures the variability associated with the survey's estimate of a population mean. The standard error is similar to the margin of error associated with percentages: that is, $95 \%$ of the time we expect the true (unknown) population mean to be within plus-or-minus two standard errors of the mean calculated from the sample. A standard error that is large in proportion to the mean indicates a high level of statistical instability; trending and projections against such estimates should be undertaken cautiously.
A median is the value that lies at the middle of a distribution: that is, $50 \%$ of the values are above it and $50 \%$ are below. It represents the "typical" response, and is not influenced by extreme values. For most distributions, the median will be either roughly equal to or significantly smaller than the mean.

Medians for grouped data are calculated by locating the group which contains the 50th percentile, then interpolating between the lower and upper bounds to estimate the precise value.

Only the values listed above the statistics on a data table are used in the calculations.

## About Readex Research

This survey was conducted and this report was prepared by Readex Research in accordance with accepted research standards and practices. A complete report containing all survey results was provided to CLA.

Readex Research is a nationally recognized independent research company located in Stillwater, Minnesota. Its roots are in survey research for the magazine publishing industry, but specialization in conducting high-quality survey research has brought clients from many other markets, including associations, corporate marketers and communicators, and government agencies.

Since its founding in 1947, Readex Research has completed thousands of surveys for a lengthy and diverse list of clients.

## 2019 COIN LAUNDRY INDUSTRY SURVEY

The following are the survey questions and the results from the selected population.

## Geographic Distribution

The following material is a geographic breakdown of each question so you can better learn about data in your particular part of the country.

| RESPONSES: |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NORTHEAST: |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT) | 8\% | 27\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| Middle Atlantic (NJ, NY, PA) | 20\% | 73\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| MIDWEST: |  |  |  |  |  |
| East North Central ( $\mathrm{IL}, \mathrm{IN}, \mathrm{MI}, \mathrm{OH}, \mathrm{WI}$ ) | 12\% | 0\% | 71\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| West North Central (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD) | 5\% | 0\% | 29\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| SOUTH: |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Atlantic (DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, <br> PRNI, SC, VA, WV) |  |  |  |  |  |
| East South Central (AL, KY, MS, TN) | 5\% | 0\% | 0\% | 13\% | 0\% |
| West South Central (AR, LA, OK, TX) | 5\% | 0\% | 0\% | 15\% | 0\% |
| WEST: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mountain (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY) | 3\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 16\% |
| Pacific (AK, CA, HI, OR, WA) | 16\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 84\% |

## Raw survey data is available upon request.

1. How many of each of these types of self-service laundry stores are currently owned by your organization?

ONE OR MORE SUMMARY

| RESPONSES | 0 |  | 50 |  |  | 100 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Self-service laundry only | 70\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Combination self-service laundry/DROP-OFF and/or ON-PREMISE drycleaner | 37\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Combination self-service laundry/DROP-OFF drycleaner | 31\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Combination self-service laundry/ ON-PREMISE drycleaner | 7\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RESPONSES |  |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |  |
| Self-service laundry only |  | 70\% | 60\% | 62\% | 78\% | 77\% |  |
| Combination self-service laundry/drop-off and/or on-premise drycleaner |  | 37\% | 49\% | 47\% | 28\% | 28\% |  |
| Combination self-service laundry/DROP-OFF drycleaner |  | 31\% | 41\% | 40\% | 27\% | 19\% |  |
| Combination self-service laundry/ ON-PREMISE drycleaner |  | 7\% | 9\% | 8\% | 2\% | 9\% |  |

2. Do you consider yourself to be in the laundry business full time or part time?

| RESPONSES | 0 |  | 50 |  |  | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Full time | 65\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part time | 34\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 1\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| No answer | 0\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| RESPONSES |  |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| Full time |  | 65\% | 64\% | 62\% | 70\% | 64\% |
| Part time |  | 34\% | 36\% | 38\% | 29\% | 36\% |
| Other |  | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% |
| No answer |  | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |

3. Which of the following does your organization plan to do in the next 12 months?


|  |  |  |  | Indicated at least one: |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## 4. What do you feel are the biggest problems you face in the laundry business?

| RESPONSES | 0 |  | 50 |  |  |  | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| High cost: utilities | 60\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finding reliable employees | 41\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High cost: equipment | 40\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Abuse of equipment/vandalism | 37\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High cost: machine maintenance | 31\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High cost: labor | 26\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High cost: rent | 26\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Too much competition | 17\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unpredictable customer levels | 14\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High cost: other expenses | 9\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Negative industry image | 5\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 8\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NET: high cost | 85\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Indicated at least one: Have no problems: No answer: | 99\% 1\% $0 \%$ |
| RESPONSES |  |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |  |
| High cost: utilities |  | 60\% | 64\% | 70\% | 44\% | 67\% |  |
| Finding reliable employees |  | 41\% | 37\% | 41\% | 42\% | 45\% |  |
| High cost: equipment |  | 40\% | 24\% | 57\% | 43\% | 42\% |  |
| Abuse of equipment/vandalism |  | 37\% | 30\% | 41\% | 46\% | 31\% |  |
| High cost: machine maintenance |  | 31\% | 35\% | 22\% | 35\% | 27\% |  |
| High cost: labor |  | 26\% | 34\% | 11\% | 13\% | 45\% |  |
| High cost: rent |  | 26\% | 24\% | 15\% | 19\% | 46\% |  |
| Too much competition |  | 17\% | 30\% | 8\% | 13\% | 14\% |  |
| Unpredictable customer levels |  | 14\% | 16\% | 23\% | 9\% | 9\% |  |
| High cost: other expenses |  | 9\% | 4\% | 7\% | 16\% | 7\% |  |
| Negative industry image |  | 5\% | 4\% | 7\% | 5\% | 5\% |  |
| Other |  | 8\% | 9\% | 11\% | 5\% | 10\% |  |
| NET: high cost |  | 85\% | 82\% | 82\% | 81\% | 98\% |  |

5. What ancillary services are offered in your organization's self-service laundry store (or "typical" store if more than one is owned)?


|  |  |  |  |  | Indicated at least one: | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | None: | 1\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | No answer: | 0\% |
| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |  |
| Soap: vending | 90\% | 99\% | 98\% | 83\% | 82\% |  |
| Soda and/or snack vending | 81\% | 82\% | 89\% | 81\% | 72\% |  |
| Laundry bag sales | 65\% | 89\% | 63\% | 56\% | 50\% |  |
| Wi-Fi access | 64\% | 55\% | 65\% | 65\% | 74\% |  |
| Video game(s) | 35\% | 20\% | 46\% | 41\% | 37\% |  |
| Soap: over-the-counter sales | 31\% | 33\% | 28\% | 29\% | 34\% |  |
| ATM | 29\% | 34\% | 35\% | 30\% | 11\% |  |
| Hot food and/or drink | 15\% | 24\% | 17\% | 6\% | 16\% |  |
| Children's play area | 12\% | 6\% | 20\% | 17\% | 3\% |  |
| Ironing/pressing | 12\% | 7\% | 8\% | 18\% | 8\% |  |
| Alterations | 11\% | 12\% | 11\% | 11\% | 11\% |  |
| Car wash | 6\% | 2\% | 9\% | 11\% | 0\% |  |
| Tanning bed(s) | 4\% | 2\% | 10\% | 4\% | 1\% |  |
| Phone cards | 3\% | 2\% | 8\% | 4\% | 0\% |  |
| Lottery ticket sales | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% |  |
| NET: Wash-Dry-Fold: | 69\% | 75\% | 65\% | 68\% | 63\% |  |
| Wash-dry-fold: drop-off | 67\% | 75\% | 58\% | 68\% | 63\% |  |
| Wash-dry-fold: pick-up/delivery | 18\% | 21\% | 28\% | 11\% | 21\% |  |
| Other | 10\% | 7\% | 14\% | 12\% | 9\% |  |

6a. If wash-dry-fold services are offered, how did customer levels change for wash-dry-fold services, overall, from 2017 to 2018?


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Increased significantly | $19 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Increased somewhat | $37 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Remained about the same | $33 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Decreased somewhat | $3 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Decreased significantly | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Cannot compare because store did not offer | $5 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $8 \%$ |  |
| wash-dry-fold both years | $5 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| No answer | $2 \%$ |  |  | $0 \%$ |  |

6b. If wash-dry-fold services are offered, what is the base charge per pound for each type?
DROP-OFF: PER POUND CHARGE


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## PICK-UP/DELIVERY (Included in Per Pound Charge)



## PICK-UP/DELIVERY SERVICE CHARGE (Flat Rate)


7. Does this store provide laundering services to any COMMERCIAL accounts? (This is a business-tobusiness laundry service with pickup and delivery, such as for hair salons, chiropractic offices, etc.)


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $34 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| No | $63 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $63 \%$ |
| No answer | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

8. Approximately what is the total size (in square feet) of this store, including any space devoted to drycleaning or other ancillary services?


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5,000 sq. ft. or more | $5 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| $4,000-4,999$ sq. ft. | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| $3,000-3,999$ sq. ft. | $13 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| $2,500-2,999$ sq. ft. | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| $2,000-2,499$ sq. ft. | $23 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| $1,500-1,999$ sq. ft. | $16 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| $1,000-1,499$ sq. ft. | $13 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Less than 1,000 sq. ft. | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| No answer | $4 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

9. Is this store's space owned or rented?

| RESPONSES 0 | 5 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Owned | $47 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Rented | $51 \%$ |  |  |  |
| No answer | $2 \%$ |  |  |  |


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Owned | $47 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Rented | $51 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $84 \%$ |
| No answer | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

9a. If rented, approximately what is the total rent per month for this store, including triple net charges (i.e., maintenance, taxes, and insurance), if applicable?

## RENT PER MONTH



9a. If rented, approximately what is the total rent per month for this store, including triple net charges (i.e., maintenance, taxes, and insurance), if applicable? (continued)

CALCULATED MONTHLY RENT PER SQUARE FOOT

| RESPONSES | 0 |  | 50 |  |  |  | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$3.00 or more/sq. ft. | 13\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$2.50-\$2.99/sq. ft. | 4\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$2.00-\$2.49/sq. ft. | 10\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$1.50-\$1.99/sq. ft. | 22\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$1.25-\$1.49/sq. ft. | 7\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$1.00-\$1.24/sq. ft. | 15\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$0.75-\$0.99/sq. ft. | 15\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$0.50-\$0.74/sq. ft. | 3\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than \$0.50/sq. ft. | 0\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No answer | 10\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 20192018 | 2017 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Mean: | \$1.81 ${ }^{\text {\$ }} 1.57$ | \$1.70 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Standard error: | ${ }^{\text {s }} 0.10{ }^{\text {a }} 0.06$ | s.05 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Median: | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { \$1.56 } & \text { \$1.16 }\end{array}$ | \$1.60 |
| RESPONSES |  |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |  |
| \$3.00 or more/sq. ft. |  | 13\% | 17\% | 0\% | 0\% | 30\% |  |
| \$2.50-\$2.99/sq. ft. |  | 4\% | 9\% | 0\% | 1\% | 6\% |  |
| \$2.00-\$2.49/sq. ft. |  | 10\% | 7\% | 1\% | 15\% | 10\% |  |
| \$1.50-\$1.99/sq. ft. |  | 22\% | 4\% | 13\% | 41\% | 16\% |  |
| \$1.25-\$1.49/sq. ft. |  | 7\% | 4\% | 7\% | 6\% | 12\% |  |
| \$1.00-\$1.24/sq. ft. |  | 15\% | 13\% | 18\% | 19\% | 11\% |  |
| \$0.75-\$0.99/sq. ft. |  | 15\% | 23\% | 13\% | 15\% | 10\% |  |
| \$0.50-\$0.74/sq. ft. |  | 3\% | 0\% | 19\% | 2\% | 0\% |  |
| Less than \$0.50/sq. ft. |  | 0\% | 0\% | 3\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |
| No answer |  | 10\% | 25\% | 26\% | 0\% | 5\% |  |

## CALCULATED MONTHLY RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS REVENUE



| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $60 \%$ or more | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $50 \%-59 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $40 \%-49 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| $30 \%-39 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| $20 \%-29 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| $15 \%-19 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| $10 \%-14 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| $1 \%-9 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| No answer | $10 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

10. How many individuals other than the owner are employed full time versus part time at this store?

FULL TIME



| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 or more | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| 4 | $8 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| 3 | $7 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| 2 | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| 1 | $18 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| None | $54 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| No answer | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

## PART TIME


10. How many individuals other than the owner are employed full time versus part time at this store? (continued)

TOTAL


|  |  |  |  | Mean: |  | 3.30.15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Standard error: |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |  |
| 10 or more | 3\% | 5\% | 7\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |
| 5-9 | 20\% | 21\% | 15\% | 18\% | 27\% |  |
| 4 | 13\% | 8\% | 14\% | 21\% | 3\% |  |
| 3 | 22\% | 25\% | 9\% | 23\% | 28\% |  |
| 2 | 19\% | 25\% | 31\% | 15\% | 7\% |  |
| 1 | 8\% | 2\% | 13\% | 6\% | 15\% |  |
| None | 15\% | 14\% | 9\% | 15\% | 20\% |  |
| No answer | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% |  |

TOTAL based upon stores with at least one employee other than the owner



| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 or more | $3 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $5-9$ | $23 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| 4 | $15 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| 3 | $26 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| 2 | $23 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| 1 | $9 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| None | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| No answer | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

11. About what percentage of this store's 2018 gross revenue was spent on payroll, not including the owner's compensation?


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $35 \%$ or more | $5 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $30 \%-34 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| $25 \%-29 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| $20 \%-24 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| $15 \%-19 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| $10 \%-14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| $5 \%-9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $1 \%-4 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

Note: Payroll percentages are calculated by comparing only respondents who have payroll. Those who did not respond or do not have payroll were not included in determining what percent of gross revenue is spent on payroll. This methodology differs from years prior to 2013 where respondents without payroll were factored into the overall calculation.
12. How many hours is this store open on an average business day?

| RESPONSES |  | 0 |  | 50 |  | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 hours | 17\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17-23 hours | 15\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 hours | 16\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 hours | 15\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 hours | 16\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 hours | 8\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 hours | 9\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 12 hours | 3\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| No answer | 1\% |  |  |  |  |  |


| Mean: | 16.2 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Standard error: | 0.19 |
| Median: | 15 |


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 hours | $17 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $17-23$ hours | $15 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| 16 hours | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| 15 hours | $15 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| 14 hours | $16 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| 13 hours | $8 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| 12 hours | $9 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Less than 12 hours | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| No answer | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

13. For how many of its business hours is this store attended on an average day?

| RESPONSES | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| All | $49 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Some | $37 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| None | $13 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| No answer | $0 \%$ |  |  |  |  |


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All | $49 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Some | $37 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| None | $13 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| No answer | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

14. If this store is attended at least some of the time, what is the average hourly wage of its non-management attendant(s)?


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 15.00$ or more | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| $\$ 12.00-\$ 14.99$ | $20 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| $\$ 11.00-\$ 11.99$ | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| $\$ 10.50-\$ 10.99$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $\$ 10.00-\$ 10.49$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| $\$ 9.50-\$ 9.99$ | $8 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $\$ 9.00-\$ 9.49$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $\$ 8.50-\$ 8.99$ | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $\$ 8.00-\$ 8.49$ | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $\$ 7.50-\$ 7.99$ | $3 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Less than $\$ 7.50$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| All are management | $8 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| No answer* | $11 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $19 \%$ |

*Note: Federal Minimum wage is $\$ 7.25$. Individual states may have higher minimum wages than the federal minimum.
15. How has this store been advertised in the last 12 months?


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Website for store | $37 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Social media | $33 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $51 \%$ | WEST |
| Signs/banners | $23 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| In-store promotions | $20 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Online directories | $13 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Digital ads | $13 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Yellow pages | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Newspaper | $8 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Direct mail | $8 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Local coupons/placemats/bulletins | $6 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Flyers | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Radio | $4 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Email newsletters | $2 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Television/cable | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Other | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Not advertised | $31 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| No answer | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

16. Approximately what was the total gross revenue (before taxes) of this store in 2018, including any revenue generated from drycleaning or other ancillary services?


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 500,000$ or more | $9 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $0 \%$ | WEST |
| $\$ 400,000-\$ 499,999$ | $8 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| $\$ 300,000-\$ 399,999$ | $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $\$ 200,000-\$ 299,999$ | $14 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| $\$ 150,000-\$ 199,999$ | $17 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| $\$ 100,000-\$ 149,999$ | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $\$ 75,000-\$ 99,999$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| $\$ 50,000-\$ 74,999$ | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| $\$ 25,000-\$ 49,999$ | $5 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Less than $\$ 25,000$ | $5 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| No answer | $8 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

16a. Approximately what was the total gross revenue (before taxes) of this store in 2018, including any revenue generated from drycleaning or other ancillary services?

CALCULATED GROSS REVENUE PER SQUARE FOOT


## 17. Compared to 2017, by approximately what percentage did this store's 2018 gross revenue change,

 including any revenue generated from drycleaning or other ancillary services?

|  |  |  |  |  | hange): <br> error: | 5\% 1\% $3 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RESPONSES |  | northeast | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |  |
| INCREASED: | 55\% | 45\% | 62\% | 55\% | 64\% |  |
| By 20\% or more | 8\% | 9\% | 4\% | 9\% | 7\% |  |
| By 10\% - $19 \%$ | 18\% | 24\% | 24\% | 12\% | 18\% |  |
| By 5\% - 9\% | 14\% | 7\% | 28\% | 12\% | 16\% |  |
| By less than 5\% | 13\% | 2\% | 6\% | 19\% | 22\% |  |
| \% Not specified | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 3\% | 0\% |  |
| REMAINED THE SAME | 27\% | 32\% | 25\% | 31\% | 14\% |  |
| DECREASED: | 11\% | 12\% | 10\% | 9\% | 11\% |  |
| By less than 5\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |
| By 5\%-9\% | 5\% | 7\% | 9\% | 2\% | 7\% |  |
| By 10\% - $19 \%$ | 3\% | 2\% | 0\% | 4\% | 3\% |  |
| By $20 \%$ or more | 1\% | 3\% | 0\% | 2\% | 0\% |  |
| \% Not specified | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 2\% | 0\% |  |
| No answer | 8\% | 11\% | 4\% | 5\% | 11\% |  |

18. About what percentage of this store's 2018 gross revenue was spent on utilities?


| RESPONSES | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $40 \%$ or more | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| $35 \%-39 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $30 \%-34 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| $25 \%-29 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| $20 \%-24 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| $15 \%-19 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| $10 \%-14 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Less than $10 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| No answer | $6 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

19. About what percentage of this store's 2018 gross revenue was considered operating net profit (before taxes, debt service, and owner compensation)?


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $35 \%$ or more | $18 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| $30 \%-34 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| $25 \%-29 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| $20 \%-24 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| $15 \%-19 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $10 \%-14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| $5 \%-9 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Less than $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| None | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Net loss | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| No answer | $22 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $14 \%$ |


$\left.\begin{array}{lc|c|c|c}\hline \text { RESPONSES } & \text { NORTHEAST } & \text { MIDWEST } & \text { SOUTH } & \text { WEST } \\ \hline \begin{array}{l}\text { At customer service counter } \\ \text { (for WDF, etc.) }\end{array} & 31 \% & 32 \% & 25 \% & 39 \%\end{array}\right]$
21. How are the laundry machines at this store operated?

| RESPONSES | 0 |  | 50 |  |  | 100 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quarter | 82\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Laundry card | 21\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dollar coin | 17\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Credit card | 16\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mobile app | 6\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 2\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarter ONLY | 53\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Laundry card ONLY | 11\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Credit card ONLY | 1\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dollar coin ONLY | 0\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mobile app ONLY | 0\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | st one: | $\begin{gathered} 99 \% \\ 1 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| RESPONSES |  |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |  |
| Quarter |  | 82\% | 73\% | 86\% | 91\% | 74\% |  |
| Laundry card |  | 21\% | 28\% | 17\% | 10\% | 33\% |  |
| Dollar coin |  | 17\% | 6\% | 16\% | 32\% | 5\% |  |
| Credit card |  | 16\% | 14\% | 21\% | 15\% | 16\% |  |
| Mobile app |  | 6\% | 8\% | 5\% | 3\% | 8\% |  |
| Other |  | 2\% | 0\% | 6\% | 2\% | 1\% |  |
| Quarter ONLY |  | 53\% | 63\% | 54\% | 44\% | 56\% |  |
| Laundry card ONLY |  | 11\% | 13\% | 5\% | 6\% | 23\% |  |
| Credit card ONLY |  | 1\% | 0\% | 7\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |
| Dollar coin ONLY |  | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |
| Mobile app ONLY |  | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |

22a. How many of each of the following types of laundry machines are at this store?

TOTAL MACHINES

| RESPONSES |  | 0 |  | 50 | 0 | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 100 or more | 9\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70-99 | 22\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60-69 | 10\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50-59 | 14\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40-49 | 14\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30-39 | 10\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 30 | 7\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number not specified | 9\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| No answer | 4\% |  |  |  |  |  |


| Mean: | 62.4 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Standard error: | 1.39 |
| Median: | 58 |


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 100 or more | $9 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| $70-99$ | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| $60-69$ | $10 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| $50-59$ | $14 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| $40-49$ | $14 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $30-39$ | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Less than 30 | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Number not specified | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| No answer | $4 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

## MEAN SUMMARY

| RESPONSES |  | 0 | 50 | 0 | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total washers | 33 |  |  |  |  |
| Total top load washers | 4.3 |  |  |  |  |
| Total front load washers | 28.8 |  |  |  |  |
| Front load washers: $18 \mathrm{lb}-24 \mathrm{lb}$ | 11.8 |  |  |  |  |
| Front load washers: $25 \mathrm{lb}-29 \mathrm{lb}$ | 1.9 |  |  |  |  |
| Front load washers: $30 \mathrm{lb}-35 \mathrm{lb}$ | 4.7 |  |  |  |  |
| Front load washers: $40 \mathrm{lb}-49 \mathrm{lb}$ | 4.6 |  |  |  |  |
| Front load washers: $50 \mathrm{lb}-60 \mathrm{lb}$ | 3.9 |  |  |  |  |
| Front load washers: $75 \mathrm{lb}-80 \mathrm{lb}$ | 1.3 |  |  |  |  |
| Front load washers: $90 \mathrm{lb}-100 \mathrm{lb}$ | 0.3 |  |  |  |  |
| Front load washers: $125 \mathrm{lb}-135 \mathrm{lb}$ | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| Total dryers | 29.1 |  |  |  |  |
| Dryers: 18 lb | 3.7 |  |  |  |  |
| Dryers: 30 lb | 18.9 |  |  |  |  |
| Dryers: 45 lb | 3.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Dryers: 50 lb | 1.6 |  |  |  |  |
| Dryers: 75 lb | 0.9 |  |  |  |  |
| Dryers: All other sizes | 0.1 |  |  |  |  |


| Responses |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total washers | 33 | 33.1 | 29.1 | 32.9 | 37.1 |
| Total top load washers | 4.3 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 6.5 |
| Total front load washers | 28.8 | 30.2 | 23.9 | 29.4 | 30.4 |
| Front load washers: $18 \mathrm{lb}-24 \mathrm{lb}$ | 11.8 | 11.9 | 12.4 | 11.2 | 12.4 |
| Front load washers: $25 \mathrm{lb}-29 \mathrm{lb}$ | 1.9 | 2 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 3.3 |
| Front load washers: $30 \mathrm{lb}-35 \mathrm{lb}$ | 4.7 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| Front load washers: $40 \mathrm{lb}-49 \mathrm{lb}$ | 4.6 | 5.7 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 3.8 |
| Front load washers: $50 \mathrm{lb}-60 \mathrm{lb}$ | 3.9 | 5.1 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| Front load washers: $75 \mathrm{lb}-80 \mathrm{lb}$ | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 2 | 1.2 |
| Front load washers: $90 \mathrm{lb}-100 \mathrm{lb}$ | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0 |
| Front load washers: $125 \mathrm{lb}-135 \mathrm{lb}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total dryers | 29.1 | 33.5 | 21.5 | 28.9 | 31.5 |
| Dryers: 18 lb | 3.7 | 7.2 | 1 | 4.1 | 0.5 |
| Dryers: 30 lb | 18.9 | 20.2 | 16.9 | 15.9 | 26.8 |
| Dryers: 45 lb | 3.5 | 3 | 2.1 | 5.7 | 1.4 |
| Dryers: 50 lb | 1.6 | 1 | 1 | 2.3 | 1.8 |
| Dryers: 75 lb | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| Dryers: All other sizes | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.2 | 0 |

[^0]22a. How many of each of the following types of laundry machines are at this store?

TOTAL WASHERS

| RESPONSES | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 60 or more | $5 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| $50-59$ | $5 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| $40-49$ | $15 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| $30-39$ | $25 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| $25-29$ | $13 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| $20-24$ | $21 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| $15-19$ | $3 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| $10-14$ | $3 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| $1-9$ | $3 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| None | $3 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Number not specified | $3 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| No answer | $4 \%$ |  |  |  |  |


| Mean: | 33 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Standard error: | 0.69 |
| Median: | 31 |


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 60 or more | $5 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $0 \%$ | WEST |
| $50-59$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| $40-49$ | $15 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| $30-39$ | $25 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| $25-29$ | $13 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| $20-24$ | $21 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| $15-19$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| $10-14$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| $1-9$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| None | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Number not specified | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| No answer | $4 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

22a. How many of each of the following types of laundry machines are at this store?
TOTAL DRYERS


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 60 or more | $5 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| $50-59$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| $40-49$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $30-39$ | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| $25-29$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| $20-24$ | $21 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| $15-19$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| $10-14$ | $9 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| $1-9$ | $6 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| None | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Number not specified | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| No answer | $4 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

22b. What is the average vend price per turn for each type of machine at this store?

MEAN SUMMARY WASHERS


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total top load washers | $\$ 2.32$ | $\$ 2.03$ | $\$ 2.35$ | $\$ 2.39$ | $\$ 2.39$ |
| Front load washers: $18 \mathrm{lb}-24 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\$ 2.73$ | $\$ 2.90$ | $\$ 2.67$ | $\$ 2.65$ | $\$ 2.74$ |
| Front load washers: $25 \mathrm{lb}-29 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\$ 3.57$ | $\$ 3.78$ | $\$ 3.54$ | $\$ 3.35$ | $\$ 3.67$ |
| Front load washers: $30 \mathrm{lb}-35 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\$ 3.91$ | $\$ 4.28$ | $\$ 4.13$ | $\$ 3.59$ | $\$ 4.11$ |
| Front load washers: $40 \mathrm{lb}-49 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\$ 5.00$ | $\$ 5.01$ | $\$ 5.14$ | $\$ 4.81$ | $\$ 5.27$ |
| Front load washers: $50 \mathrm{lb}-60 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\$ 6.51$ | $\$ 6.45$ | $\$ 6.42$ | $\$ 6.51$ | $\$ 6.64$ |
| Front load washers: $75 \mathrm{lb}-80 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\$ 8.60$ | $\$ 9.72$ | $\$ 8.18$ | $\$ 8.21$ | $\$ 8.75$ |
| Front load washers: 90 lb | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Front load washers: 125 lb | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |

Base: Those Answering (fill-in average price per turn)
*Results are based on fewer than 30 responses and are considered statistically unstable.

## MEAN SUMMARY DRYERS (Minutes)

| RESPONSES | 0 |  | 50 |  |  | 100 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dryers: 18 lb | * |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dryers: 30 lb | 6.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dryers: 45 lb | 4.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dryers: 50 lb | 4.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dryers: 75 lb | 4.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RESPONSES |  |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |  |
| Dryers: 18 lb |  | * | * | * | * | * |  |
| Dryers: 30 lb |  | 6.5 | 7 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 7.1 |  |
| Dryers: 45 lb |  | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.9 |  |
| Dryers: 50 lb |  | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.4 |  |
| Dryers: 75 lb |  | 4.3 | 5.8 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 5 |  |

Base: Those Answering (fill-in average \# of minutes for \$0.25)
*Results are based on fewer than 30 responses and are considered statistically unstable.
23. Does this store offer any full-cycle dryer pricing (i.e., a fixed price to dry one load)?

24. For which of these do you expect the vend price to INCREASE in the next 12 months at this store?

| RESPONSES | $\mathbf{2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Washers only | $44 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Dryers only | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Both | $20 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Neither | $31 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| No answer | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ |


| RESPONSES |  | NORTHEAST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Washers only | $44 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| Dryers only | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Both | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Neither | $31 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| No answer | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

## Survey of PlanetLaundry Recipients 2019

1. How many of each of these types of self-service laundry stores are currently owned by your organization? (please fill in a number for each; 0 if none)
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ combination self-service laundry/DROP-OFF drycleaner
$\qquad$ combination self-service laundry/ON-PREMISE drycleaner
\# self-service laundry only
○ NO SELF-SERVICE LAUNDRY STORES OWNED $\rightarrow$ If your organization owns no stores with self-service laundry, please $\otimes$ and return your survey in the envelope provided to avoid reminder mailings. Thank you!
2. Do you consider yourself to be in the laundry business full time or part time?
O full time $\quad$ o part time
other: $\quad$ (please specify)
3. Which of the following does your organization plan to do in the next 12 months? (please $\otimes$ all that apply)
○ sell any of its self-service laundries
O build any new self-service laundries
O purchase any existing self-service laundries
O none of these
4. What do you feel are the biggest problems you face in the laundry business? (please $\otimes$ all that apply)
O abuse of equipment/vandalism

- finding reliable employees

O high cost-equipment
O high cost-labor
O high cost-machine maintenance
O high cost-rent
O high cost-utilities
O high cost-other expenses
O negative industry image
O too much competition

- unpredictable customer levels

O other: $\qquad$
(please specify)
O have no problems

To help ensure statistical validity of the results, the remaining questions are to be answered for a single store within your operation. If your organization has more than one self-service laundry store, please answer FOR THE ONE MOST TYPICAL STORE ONLY.
5. What ancillary services are offered in your organization's self-service laundry store (or "typical" store if more than one is owned)? (please $\otimes$ all that apply)


6a. If wash-dry-fold services are offered, how did customer levels change for wash-dry-fold services, overall, from 2017 to 2018?
O cannot compare because store did not offer wash-dry-fold both years
$\bigcirc$ increased significantly $\bigcirc$ decreased somewhat
$\bigcirc$ increased somewhat $\bigcirc$ decreased significantly

- remained about the same

6b. If wash-dry-fold services are offered, what is the base charge per pound for each type?
(please fill in the charge for each type offered)
\$ $\qquad$ per pound for drop-off \$ $\qquad$ per pound for pickup/delivery
(plus service charge of $\$$ $\qquad$
7. Does this store provide laundering services to any commercial accounts? (This is a business-to-business laundry service with pickup and delivery, such as for hair salons, chiropractic offices, etc.)
$O$ yes
O no
8. Approximately what is the total size (in square feet) of this store, including any space devoted to drycleaning or other ancillary services? (if unsure, please indicate your best guess)
O less than 1,000 sq. ft. ○ $2,500-2,999 \mathrm{sq}$. ft.
○ $1,000-1,499$ sq. ft. O $3,000-3,999$ sq. ft.
○ 1,500-1,999 sq. ft. O 4,000-4,999 sq. ft.
○ 2,000-2,499 sq. ft. ○ 5,000 sq. ft. or more
9 Is this store's space owned or rented?
○ owned
O rented
a. If rented, approximately what is the total rent per month for this store, including triple net charges (i.e., maintenance, taxes, and insurance), if applicable? (please fill in a dollar figure below)
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ rent per month
10. How many individuals other than the owner are employed full time versus part time at this store? (please fill in a number for each-fill in 0 if none)
\# $\qquad$ full time \# $\qquad$ part time
11. About what percentage of this store's 2018 gross revenue was spent on payroll, not including the owner's compensation? (please fill in a percentage below-fill in 0 if none)
$\qquad$ \% of revenue for payroll
12. How many hours is this store open on an average business day? (please fill in a number below)
\# $\qquad$ hours per day
13. For how many of its business hours is this store attended on an average day?
O all
O some
O none
14. If this store is attended at least some of the time, what is the average hourly wage of its non-management attendant(s)?

| Oll are management | $\bigcirc \$ 9.50-\$ 9.99$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\bigcirc \quad$ less than $\$ 7.50$ | $\bigcirc \$ 10.00-\$ 10.49$ |
| $\bigcirc \$ 7.50-\$ 7.99$ | $\bigcirc \$ 10.50-\$ 10.99$ |
| $\bigcirc \$ 8.00-\$ 8.49$ | $\bigcirc \$ 11.00-\$ 11.99$ |
| $\bigcirc \$ 9.00-\$ 9.49$ | $\bigcirc \$ 12.00-\$ 14.99$ |
| $\bigcirc \$ 00$ or more |  |

15. How has this store been advertised in the last 12 months? (please $\otimes$ all that apply)

| $\bigcirc$ digital ads | $\bigcirc$ online directories |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ direct mail | O radio |
| O email newsletters | O signs/banners |
| O flyers | O social media |
| $\bigcirc$ in-store promotions | O television/cable |
| - local coupons/ placemats/bulletins | O website for store yellow pages |
| $\bigcirc$ newspaper | O other: $\qquad$ (please specify) |
|  | O Not advertised |

If you are unsure of the exact answer to any of the following questions, please give your best guess.
16. Approximately what was the total gross revenue (before taxes) of this store in 2018, including any revenue generated from drycleaning or other ancillary services?

○ less than \$25,000
○ \$150,000-\$199,999
○ \$25,000-\$49,999
○ \$200,000-\$299,999

- \$50,000 - \$74,999

○ \$300,000-\$399,999
○ \$75,000-\$99,999 ○ \$400,000-\$499,999
○ \$100,000-\$149,999 ○ \$500,000 or more
17. Compared to 2017, by approximately what percentage did this store's 2018 gross revenue change, including any revenue generated from drycleaning or other ancillary services?
O increased by $\qquad$ \% ○ decreased by $\qquad$ \%

- remained the same

18. About what percentage of this store's 2018 gross revenue was spent on utilities?

- less than $10 \%$
- $25 \%-29 \%$
- 10\%-14\%
- $30 \%-34 \%$
- 15\%-19\%
- $35 \%-39 \%$
- 20\%-24\%
- $40 \%$ or more

19. About what percentage of this store's 2018 gross revenue was considered operating net profit (before taxes, debt service, and owner compensation)?

O net loss...specify $\qquad$ \% ○ 15\%-19\%
O none - $20 \%-24 \%$

- less than 5\% - 25\%-29\%

○ 5\%-9\% - 30\%-34\%

- 10\%-14\%
- $35 \%$ or more

20. In what ways does this store accept credit cards?
(please $\otimes$ all that apply)
○ on some washers or dryers
O on all washers and dryers
O at customer service counter (for WDF, etc.)
○ at Value Transfer Machine or central pay kiosk
O other: $\qquad$ (please specify)
O store does not accept credit cards
21. How are the laundry machines at this store operated? (please $\otimes$ all that apply)

| O quarter | ○ laundry card | $\bigcirc$ mobile app |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O dollar coin | ○ credit card |  |
| $\bigcirc$ other: |  | (please specify) |

22a. How many of each of the following types of laundry machines are at this store? (please fill in a number for each; if none, fill in "0")

22b. What is the average vend price per turn for each type of machine at this store?

| number | average vend |
| :--- | :--- |
| of machines | price per turn |

TOTAL TOP
LOAD WASHERS $\qquad$ \$
$\$$ FRONT LOAD

WASHERS

| $18 \mathrm{lb}-24 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\square$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| $25 \mathrm{lb}-29 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\square$ |
| $30 \mathrm{lb}-35 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\square$ |
| $40 \mathrm{lb}-49 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\square$ |
| $50 \mathrm{lb}-60 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\square$ |
| $75 \mathrm{lb}-80 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\square$ |
| $90 \mathrm{lb}-100 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\square$ |
| $125 \mathrm{lb}-135 \mathrm{lb}$ | $\square$ |

DRYERS If any dryers are stacked, please count each pocket in the total number of machines.
If any are multi-coin start or card-operated, please convert to minutes for $\$ 0.25$ for average vend price.
18 lb
$\qquad$

| \$0.25/ | min. | O free dry always |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$0.25/ | min . | O free dry always |
| \$0.25/ | min. | $\bigcirc$ free dry always |
| \$0.25/ | min. | $\bigcirc$ free dry always |
| \$0.25/ | min. | $\bigcirc$ free dry always |

all other sizes $\qquad$
23. Does this store offer any full-cycle dryer pricing (i.e., a fixed price to dry one load)?
O yes
O no
24. For which of these do you expect the vend price to increase in the next 12 months at this store?
(NOTE: for dryers, that could mean a reduction in the number of minutes per \$0.25)
$\bigcirc$ washers only $\bigcirc$ dryers only
$\bigcirc$ both $\bigcirc$ neither

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[^0]:    Base: Those Answering (fill-in answers)

