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# What Motivates a Consumer to Buy Furniture?

- 38% are investing in replacement furniture
- 21% are remodeling
- 18% will move to a new primary home
- 10% will add coordinating pieces to existing furniture and décor collections
- 4% are adding furniture where there was none previously



Once they've decided to buy... these factors are most important in order of importance:

- Style
- Durability
- Comfort
- Quality
- Price
- "Green"

The Purchase Funnel Concept explores the fluidity of furniture buyers and their moves into -- and out of -- the purchasing process.

The Purchasing Funnel is not linear -- at any given time buyers are moving into and out of the funnel for a variety of reasons.

According to NAA, 5.3% of the population intend to purchase furniture or home furnishings, while only 5.1% actually complete the purchase.

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Bedroom Room

Source: CNW Besearch, 2005



