

Customer Feedback Surveys: Key Insights

In today's competitive marketplace, customer input is vital to understanding their needs and expectations. We surveyed 1,831 North American consumers to learn what motivates them to share feedback, how survey length and timing affect their willingness to respond, and which incentives most effectively drive engagement. Explore these insights to create more impactful, user-focused surveys that lead to meaningful improvements.







Why is this important?

Companies that truly understand what motivates people to share their thoughts make everyone's experience better. For example, 66% of respondents said they're more likely to fill out a survey if there's a reward, like a discount or gift card. Meanwhile, 43% prefer short surveys (one minute or less), and about a quarter are reluctant to spend more than ten minutes on one. Keeping surveys quick and considerate of a person's time makes it feel less like a chore and more like a welcome opportunity to be heard.

Timing also matters: 46% are most likely to provide feedback immediately after an interaction, which helps capture honest, in-the-moment insights. Perhaps most importantly, over half of those surveyed feel it's "very important" to see how their feedback will be used. Showing people that their voices lead to real improvements builds trust and loyalty, ultimately creating a better experience for everyone.



What are the two main reasons you would choose to complete a customer feedback survey?

If I am offered an incentive (e.g., discount, gift card)	66%
To share my experience (positive or negative)	65%
If I feel strongly about the service or product	34%
To improve the company's offering	17%



How does the length of a survey impact your likelihood to respond?

43%

I am more likely to complete short surveys (1 minute or less)

31%

I will complete a survey regardless of its length, if I value the feedback opportunity

26%

I avoid surveys that take longer than 10 minutes



How long would you be willing to spend answering a survey if there was a guaranteed reward (e.g., discount, gift card) or a contest entry?

Less than a minute	1%
1-3 minutes	13%
4-5 minutes	30%
6-10 minutes	29%
More than 10 minutes	28%





What type of incentive would motivate you the most?

Gift card	75%
Free product or service	18%
Discount or coupon	5%
Other	2%
Entry into a prize draw	1%





How does the timing of a survey request impact your likelihood to respond?

I am more likely to respond immediately after the interaction	46%
Timing doesn't matter	36%
I am more likely to respond if reminded a few days later	18%



The top 3 reasons consumers are frustrated with surveys, as rated by respondents, are:

#1 They ask irrelevant or repetitive questions (71%)

#2 They take too long (70%)

#3 I feel like my feedback won't make a difference (37%)

Followed by:

Poor user experience (27%), Other (10%), and I'm not interested in providing feedback (3%).



How important is knowing how the company uses your feedback?

Very Important

Somewhat

Not Important

57%

37%

6%



What would make you feel your feedback is valued?

Seeing improvements or changes based on my feedback	54%
Clear communication on how feedback will be used	24%
Receiving a thank you or acknowledgment	22%



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