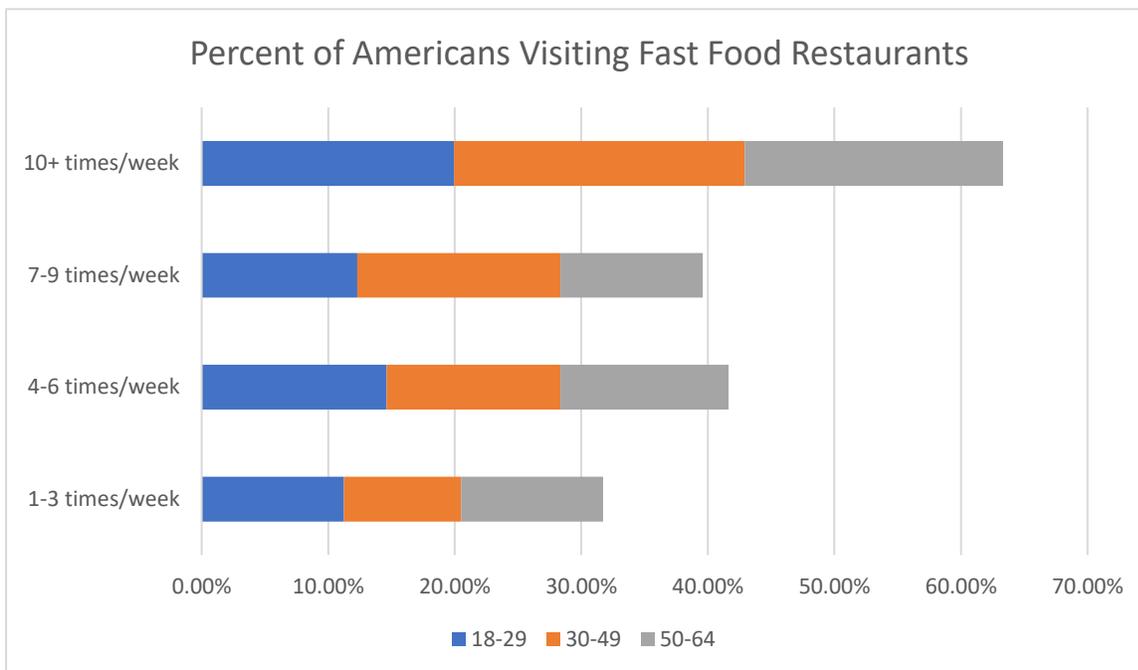


Choices and Money

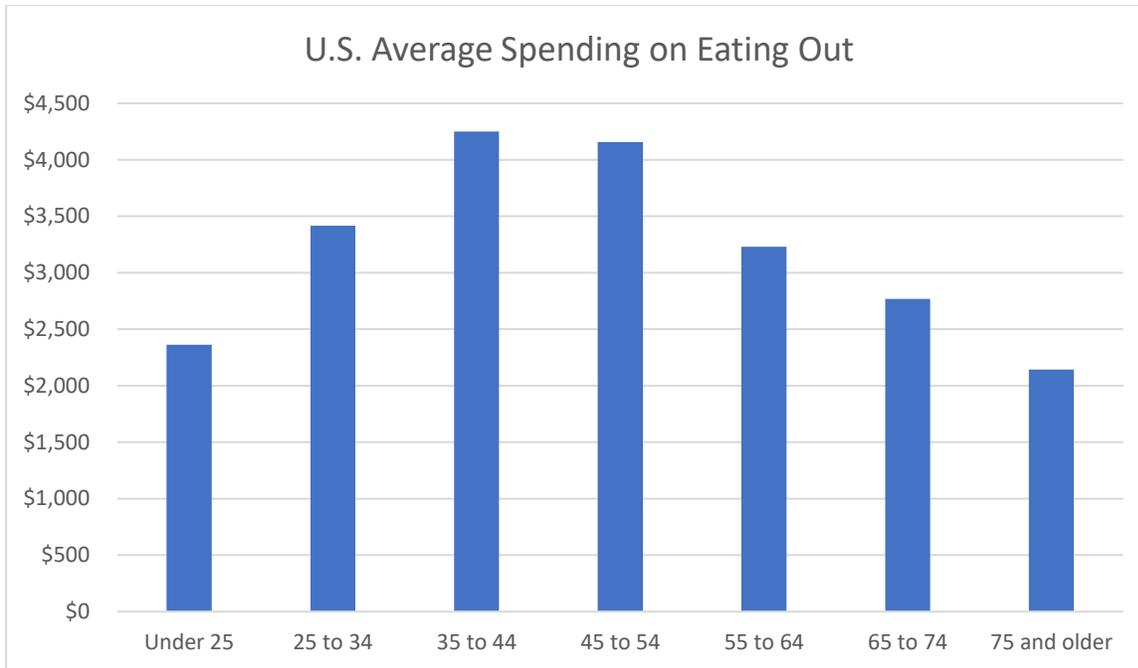
Technology has helped make it easy for us to purchase items we need and want. Numerous times throughout the day individuals swipe their plastic cards or use mobile devices to pay for items. However, it's easy to lose track of how much money you actually have in an account.

We all have choices to make about our money and how we spend it. For instance, many items are purchased because of their convenience.

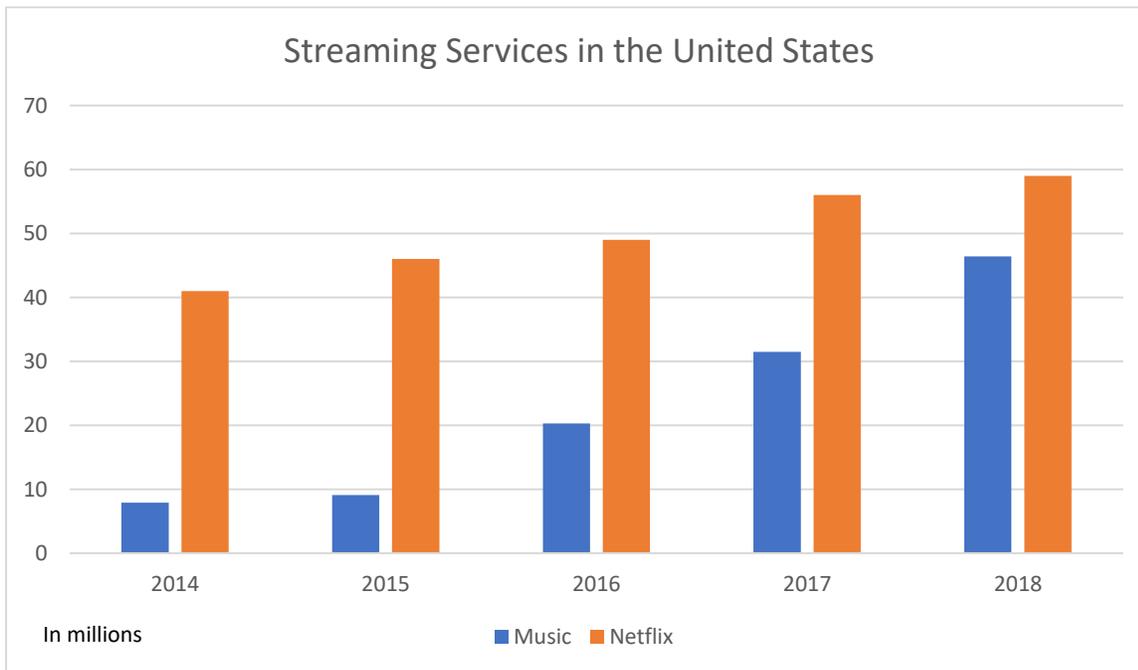
The chart below shows how many times people in the United States eat out per week by age group. According to this chart, almost two-thirds of Americans eat out ten times or more per week.



That cost begins to add up very quickly! The next chart shows the average amount of each age group spends annually eating out.



Now let's look at streaming services. There has been a steady increase in the number of Americans paying for streaming services subscriptions. This market is expected to grow over the next several years.



Individuals make decisions everyday about how to spend their money. Sometimes an item doesn't seem very expensive but can quickly add up over the course of the year. Even though technology has made purchasing easier, it is still important to think about if the items is necessary. Perhaps there is a better alternative.