

## Thrifting in the United States

In the United States, thrifting is a popular way of shopping. Thrifting means buying secondhand clothes and items instead of new ones. Many people enjoy thrifting because it is affordable, sustainable, and fun. Some people describe it as a treasure hunt, because you never know what you will find.

There are many thrift stores across the country. Some are small local stores, and others are big chains like Goodwill or Salvation Army. Many of these stores work as charity organizations, so when people buy clothes, they also help others in the community. Thrift stores sell clothes, shoes, accessories, and sometimes home items.

Thrifting is also connected to sustainability. By buying secondhand clothes, people reduce waste and help the environment. Instead of throwing clothes away, they give them a second life. This is very important in large cities and states like California and New York, where sustainable fashion is more common.

In the Dominican Republic, people also buy and sell secondhand clothes, but the experience is different. Clothing is often sold in markets or small stores. People buy secondhand items mainly because they are cheaper, not always because of sustainability. In the U.S., thrifting is both a practical and cultural trend.



