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Kroger store in Michigan now has a Dunkin' kiosk, and more are on the way

Supermarket News
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Some Kroger stores in the Houston area will add Dunkin' kiosks later this spring, according to multiple reports.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shows permits for Dunkin' kiosks at Kroger stores at 12620 Woodforest Blvd. in Houston and 10250 Hwy. 6 in Missouri City.

The coffee retailer's build-out will cost about \$160,000, and crews expect to complete construction by late May.

A Dunkin' franchisee in Southgate, Michigan, also announced on LinkedIn that it opened a Dunkin' inside a Kroger, calling it the first such location. "This milestone represents more than just a new store opening," Mandy Ristic said on LinkedIn. "It marks an exciting new chapter in partnership, innovation and growth."

Dunkin' has more than 14,000 locations in nearly 40 global markets. The Houston area has been a hotbed of activity for Kroger [store development](#). The Cincinnati-based grocer announced earlier this year that it plans to open several locations and continue remodeling existing stores.

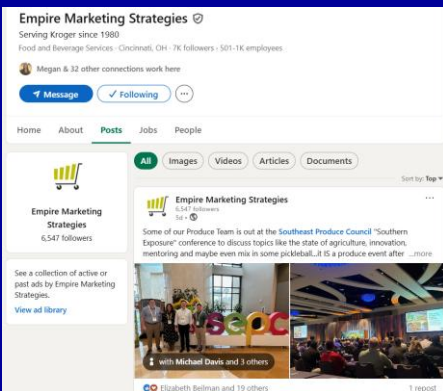
Kroger reported a [solid](#) fourth quarter, with identical-store sales, excluding fuel, up 2.4% from a year earlier.

"We saw continued strength in ecommerce and pharmacy, along with solid performance in key areas of the store like fresh," Ronald Sargent, chairman of Kroger's board of directors, told analysts, according to a transcript from AlphaSense. "Importantly, food volumes improved and grocery sales were a larger portion of our sales mix, which is a positive sign going forward."

Former Walmart executive Greg Foran [became CEO](#) of the grocer in early February.



The Dunkin' location inside a Kroger store in Southfield, Mich. Mandy Ristic LinkedIn



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**KPM Easing Access
to Retail Media****Kroger's new Google partnership lets advertisers target precise retail audiences on YouTube**

Collaboration gives brands more visibility into how YouTube drives sales

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Mar 23, 2026

[The Kroger Co.](#)'s retail media business, Kroger Precision Marketing, announced a collaboration with Google on March 23 that will allow advertisers to access SKU-level retail media conversion reporting on YouTube for the first time, giving them more visibility into how YouTube advertising drives sales at the retailer.

Through the partnership, advertisers can build campaigns directly through Google's Display & Video 360 platform and measure Kroger retail sales in the platform as well, the retailer said.

"Consumers expect brands to meet them where they are," commented Christine Foster, Kroger Precision Marketing's group VP. "Our collaboration with Display & Video 360 proves that brand-building and sales-performance can co-exist in one campaign."

Advertisers are expected to spend \$71.09 billion on retail media in the United States this year, up from \$60.32 billion last year, [eMarketer](#) reported. And nearly three-quarters of advertisers who invest in retail media said video – such as YouTube – is one of the main channels in which they spend on off-site retail media.

Easing Access to Kroger's Retail Media

The goal of the partnership is to make advertising through Kroger's retail media arm easier, Foster added, which is why it utilizes existing tools advertisers already know. Brands can reach Kroger's retail media audiences across YouTube and YouTube TV, in addition to Google search, display and CTV.

"Now [advertisers] can apply our Kroger audiences and measurements in those same tools," Foster said. "There are no new platforms to learn."

The move is a step up for the retailer in terms of the performance tools it offers suppliers, especially when it comes to advertising on YouTube.

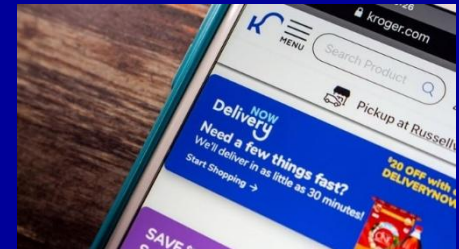
"Now, our advertisers can apply those tools to how they measure and optimize YouTube advertising," said Foster. "Our suppliers win new households and our shoppers discover new products."

Harmony for Advertisers' Brand and Performance Budgets

Overall, Foster explained this new partnership will help marketers find more of a balance between brand-building and performance marketing campaigns. For instance, advertisers can now use signals from Kroger Precision Marketing across YouTube to reach specific buyer segments like known buyers, lapsed buyers or new households.

"With this new capability, marketers can better harmonize how their brand and performance budgets work together," Foster said. "It changes the conversation from budgets to outcomes."

Kroger said in a [recent earnings report](#) that the retailer's alternative profit businesses – driven heavily by Kroger Precision Marketing – generated \$1.5 billion in operating profit during its fiscal year 2025.



Kroger Precision Marketing announced a collaboration with Google's Display & Video 360 platform to launch SKU-level conversion reporting on YouTube.

Store and Leadership Updates

Retiring

011 Atlanta

Store 214 Covington, GA
Re-Grand Opening 3/13

Store 397 Acworth, GA
Re-Grand Opening 3/6

029 Mid-Atlantic

Store 529 Richmond, VA
Grand Opening 4/15
Replacing Store 510

Kroger Leadership Announcements

Paul Greulich, Director, Front-end Operations and Kroger Personal Finance, announces plans to retire

Paul Greulich, director of Front-end Operations and Kroger Personal Finance (KPF), has announced his plans to retire after 32 years of service, effective June 22. His successor will be named at a later date.

Paul joined Kroger in 1989 as a co-manager in the Cincinnati/Dayton Division. In 1993 he briefly left the company, returning in 1994, where he spent the next 11 years in a variety of roles, including store manager, produce merchandising, store operations and advertising. In 2006, Paul joined Kroger Personal Finance (KPF), where he spent the next 19 years in a variety of leadership roles, including head of Gift Card Services, head of Credit, chief Marketing officer, chief Commercial officer & IMO/SMO leader for KPF. In August 2025, Paul joined the Retail Operations team as the director of Front-end Operations and KPF, where he led Front-end modernization efforts and focused on store-level execution of KPF products and services.

“We thank Paul for his many years of service and contributions to our company and wish him the very best in his retirement,” says Paula Kash, group vice president of Retail Operations. In retirement, Paul looks forward to spending more time with his family, welcoming his first grandchild in August, volunteering in his community and enjoying time at his home on Norris Lake.



Paul Greulich

Kroger Leadership Announcements Continued

Krishاون Gilmore named Interim Leader of Supply Chain Enterprise Planning

Krishاون Gilmore, currently senior director, Supply Chain planning and execution, has been named interim leader of Supply Chain Enterprise Planning, effective immediately. He will report to Ben Hamilton, interim chief supply chain officer, while the company conducts their search for a permanent Supply Chain leader.

In this role, Krishاون will continue leading the company's planning and inventory management responsibilities, while also expanding his oversight to include Joe Jessup, director of Fresh Planning; Armando Rodriguez, senior director of Demand & Product Flow; and Pat Snider, senior manager of Demand & Process Improvement. Het Naik, senior director of KMP Planning, will continue reporting to Ben Hamilton.

Krishاون has more than a decade's worth of experience in supply chain management particularly in supply and demand planning. Krishاون has extensive experience in leading supply planning initiatives and a track record in delivering process improvements to drive quality and efficiency. His focus on operational excellence, creative problem solving and developing high performing teams will serve the team well through this period of transition. Krishاون also has a diverse background at roles within Kroger including replenishment evolution business lead, process improvement manager, demand planning coordinator, senior manager, demand planning and director, demand planning.

Krishاون holds both a Bachelor of Science and master's in management and technology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Jonathan Young promoted to Director, Enterprise Meat Planning

Jonathan Young, currently Produce & Floral field merchandiser, has been promoted to director of Enterprise Meat Planning, effective April 1. In this role, Jonathan will report to Krishاون Gilmore, interim leader of Supply Chain Enterprise Planning. As Enterprise Meat Planning director, Jonathan will be responsible for developing and leading the Meat planning teams, including Supply Planning, Buying and oversight of key Upstream KPIs. Jonathan and his team will oversee centralized planning of Meat items with strong performance as measured by key benchmarks across all divisions, including Order vs. Ship, Working Capital and Buyer Shrink in coordination with all related lines of business while continuously improving planning processes by integrating new methodologies and technologies and adopting industry best practices.

Jonathan's Kroger career began in 1996, in the Michigan Division. He began as a courtesy clerk at store 681 in Hillsdale, Michigan where he worked through college. After completing college, he entered the Management Training program. During his time in Michigan, he held the positions of assistant store leader, store leader, Key Retailing coordinator, Produce & Floral field specialist and Produce & Floral sales manager. In 2012, he moved to Nashville to assist with the reformation of the division. Since moving to Nashville, he has held the positions of Produce & Floral sales manager, Produce & Floral merchandiser, Meat merchandiser and district manager.

Jonathan graduated from Trine University in Angola, IN and holds a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration. Jonathan and his family will transition to the Cincinnati area soon.

New Roles



Krishاون Gilmore



Jonathan Young

New Roles



T.J. Phillips



Cory Gerrard

Kroger Leadership Announcements Continued

T.J. Phillips promoted to Director of Supermarket Energy

T.J. Phillips, currently Finance business partner for Retail Operations, has been named director of Supermarket Energy. He will report to Eric Taylor, senior director of Maintenance, Energy & Mechanical Services. In this role, T.J. will lead the enterprise energy strategy, driving innovation, strengthening governance and advancing initiatives that improve efficiency, sustainability and long-term value for Kroger.

T.J. joined Kroger in 2007 and has held a series of leadership roles in General Accounting and Coupons, Business Planning, Investor Relations and FP&A, followed by leadership positions as assistant Merchandising controller supporting Fresh departments and the first Hospitality controller for Kitchen 1883. He later advanced into Retail Operations Finance, serving as assistant Retail Operations controller before being promoted to Operational Finance controller of Operations, where he most recently served as the Finance business partner for Retail Operations.

In his most recent role, T.J. provided strategic financial leadership to the Store Support Center Retail Operations leadership team, delivering meaningful savings in the areas of shrink and store expense, while also serving as the Retail Operations Finance lead on the Energy committee. He is deeply committed to developing financial acumen across the organization and has supported Kentucky Future Business Leaders of America – Collegiate as a long-time volunteer and director of Finance.

T.J. holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Eastern Kentucky University, an MBA in finance from Northern Kentucky University and is a 2019 graduate of the Kroger Leadership Excellence Acceleration Program.

Empire Leadership Announcement

Empire Marketing Strategies promotes Cory Gerrard to Utah Division President

Cory Gerrard has led the Utah Grocery team as Empire's Business Development Manager for the past ten years and will officially step into the Division President role in June. With 32 years of prior experience at Kraft as a Customer Category Manager, Cory brings the experience and perspective needed to lead the division forward.

Outside of work, Cory enjoys spending time with his wife, Brigit, their five children, and their ten grandchildren. Much of his free time is spent traveling, cheering on his grandchildren at school sporting events, and getting in a round of golf when he can.

Kroger to spend \$112M on store projects in Ohio

The grocer plans to open two stores and remodel 15 in the central and northwest parts of the state in 2026.

Grocery Dive

Catherine Douglas Moran

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- Kroger plans to invest more than \$112 million in store projects in central and northwest Ohio, a company spokesperson confirmed in an email on Wednesday.
- With the investment, the grocer plans to open two Kroger Marketplace stores in the state — one in Delaware and another in Canal Winchester — and remodel 15 locations this year.
- Kroger said the investment in its Columbus division follows the grocer’s efforts in recent years to elevate its stores across Ohio and West Virginia.

Kroger is investing around \$30 million to build each of the two new stores that are part of its efforts to ramp up its presence in central and northwest Ohio.

Construction on the Delaware store started in September, and the 123,000-square-foot store is expected to open in early fall. The grocer broke ground on the Canal Winchester store on March 6 and expects to open the 118,000-square-foot store at the southeast corner of Diley Road and Greengate Boulevard in late fall. Both locations will include a fuel center.

Kroger said it will invest approximately \$24 million to renovate stores in Reynoldsburg, Worthington, Gahanna, Waterville, Wheeling, Brewers Yard, Pataskala, Wheelersburg, Weirton, Toledo, Dublin, Lambertville, New Albany, Sylvania and Lancaster.

“These investments underscore Kroger’s confidence in the long-term growth of our communities and our ongoing commitment to meet customers where they live, work and shop,” Kroger Columbus Division President Jon Young said in a statement. “By bringing new Kroger Marketplace locations and enhanced shopping experiences to our cities ranging from central Ohio to Toledo, we’re focused on creating convenient, modern stores that deliver fresh, affordable groceries for local families.”

The Columbus Division runs 114 stores across Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia. That division has invested more than \$450 million over the last five years to improve the customer experience and increase access to fresh foods in Ohio and West Virginia, according to Kroger.

The latest investment comes as the grocer grows its number of Kroger Marketplace stores around the country. Last year, the grocer said it plans to break ground on [three Kroger Marketplace stores in North Texas](#) in 2026 and is investing about \$160 million to [open four other locations under that format](#) in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The grocer also has work underway on three Kroger Marketplace stores in Indiana and one in South Charleston, West Virginia, which will be its [first Kroger Marketplace store](#) in that state.

Investment Focuses on Central and Northwest Ohio



Marketplace Store Exterior