The number of convenience stores in the United States has changed significantly over the years. As NACS reported, there are 2,858 7-Eleven stores, which are mostly located in the South Central, and 1,785 Circle K stores. These numbers reflect the trends in the retail industry, where convenience stores have continued to grow in number and size. In 2020, c-stores across the United States (U.S.) generated a record-high revenue of $501 billion, compared to $400 billion in 2019. This growth can be attributed to the increasing number of c-stores and the variety of products they offer.

Today, self-serve gasoline is a common feature in c-stores. In 2019, 16.7% of total gasoline sales were made through c-stores, which is a significant increase from 15.3% in 2018. This trend is expected to continue, with the number of c-stores near 148,026 in 2022. Despite this growth, the percentage of c-stores with fuel pumps has not reached the peak of 1927, but it has improved significantly from 9.9% in 2018 to 11.1% in 2020.

Convenience stores, or ExtraMile, have changed in size and product offerings since 1927. From kiosks at less than 800 square feet to hyper c-stores at 4,000 to 5,000 square feet, c-stores must adapt to changing consumer needs. As automakers are investing over $1 trillion in EVs, c-stores will likely need to change their offerings to cater to this new market. In conclusion, the convenience store industry is continuously evolving, and c-stores will need to adapt to meet the changing needs of consumers.