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# Wine Tourism & DtC Trends

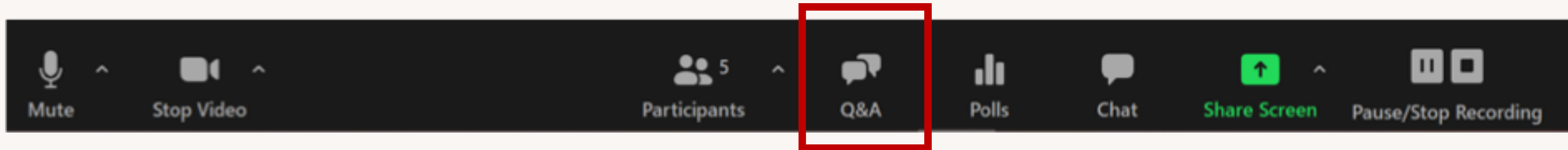
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## We Want to Hear From You

Ask Questions during the webinar

Dale and Christian are monitoring

If we don't get to your question now, we will follow up



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# Today's Guest Speakers

- Dave Bratton
  - Founder and Managing Director of Destination Analysts
- Linsey Gallagher
  - President & CEO of Visit Napa Valley
- Andrea Smalling
  - Chief Marketing Officer of WineDirect

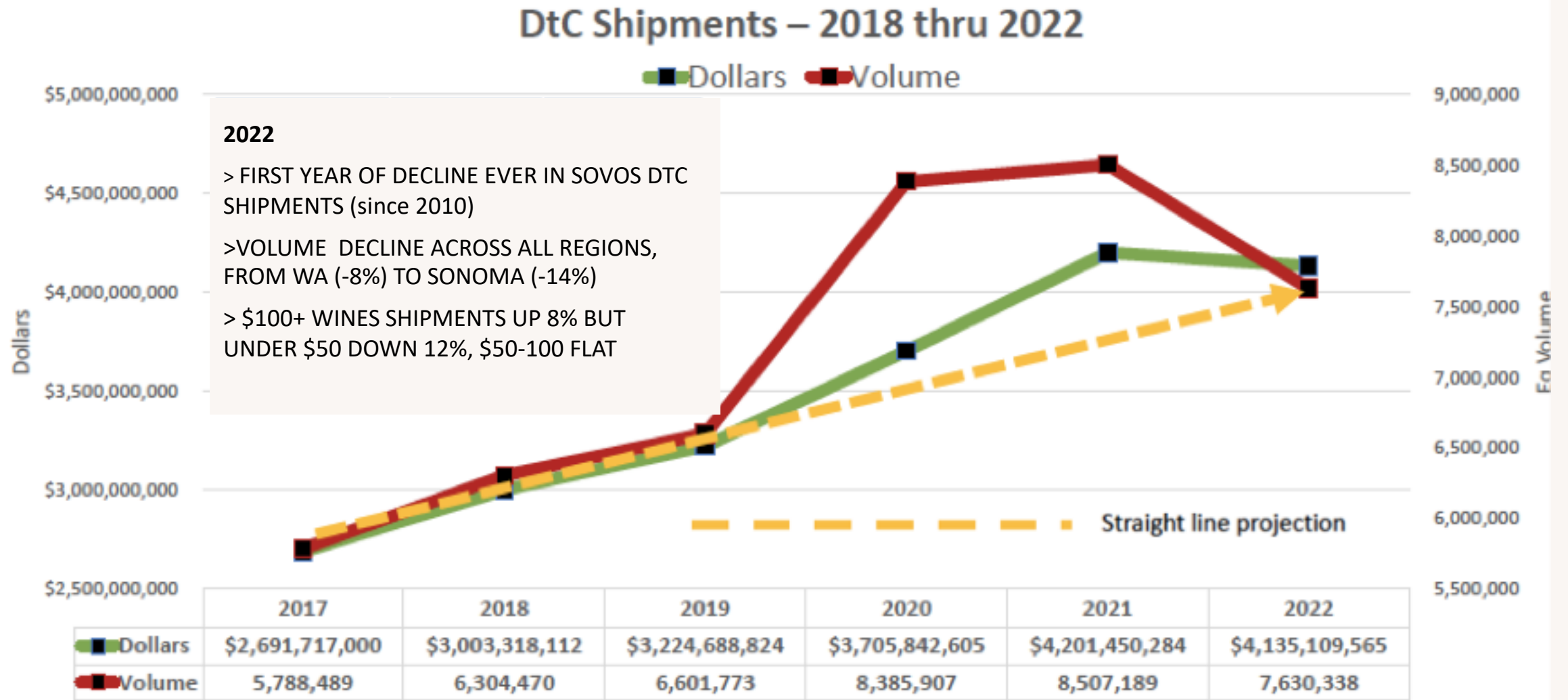


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Research Director Wine Market  
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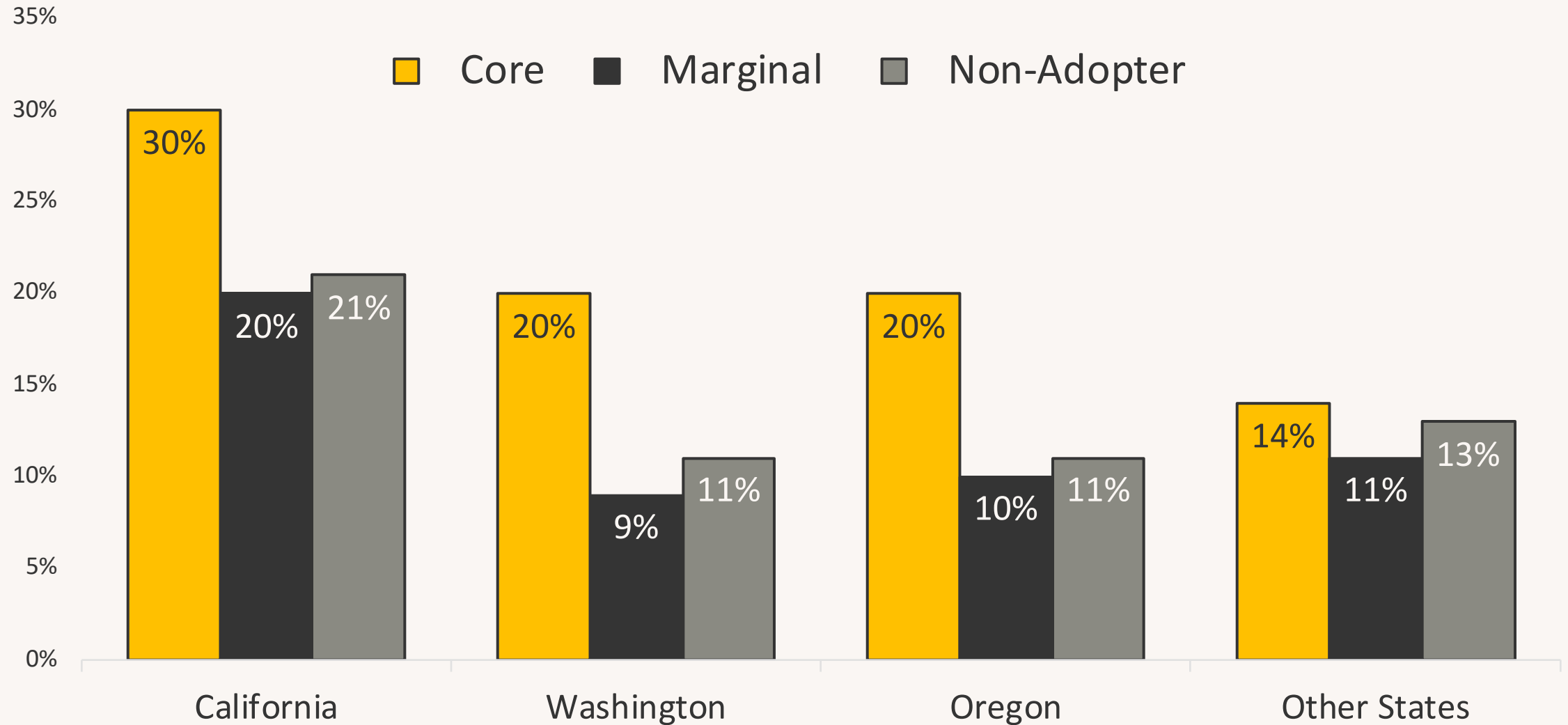


# In 2022, DtC Shipments “Returned to the Mean”



Source:

# People Planning to Visit Wineries: % by State & Consumer Segment



# Intent to Visit Wine Country – Wine Drinkers By Age & Segment

	Plan to visit wineries in next 1-2 years in...			
Consumer Type	California	Oregon	WA	Other States
Gen Z	46%	18%	39%	20%
Millennial	34%	25%	26%	13%
Gen X	27%	16%	13%	14%
Boomer	15%	7%	6%	12%

May not add to 100% due to rounding

\*Non-Adopter = drink beer, spirits or other alcohol but not or rarely wine

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Base: U.S. Wine drinkers, n=1,772.

Source: WMC – U.S. Wine Consumer Segmentation Survey, October-November 2021

# Wine Country Visitation Experience – Wine Drinkers By Ethnicity

	Ethnicity (self-identified)			
Visitation Status	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian
<b>Visited in the Past</b>				
California	32%	30%*	17%	51%*
Oregon/Washington (avg)	12%	15%	5%	7%*
Other states	29%	13%	19%	16%
<b>Plan to Visit Next 2 Years</b>				
California	22%	31%*	31%	41%*
Oregon/Washington (avg)	14%	17%	15%	29%*
Other states	13%	14%	12%	11%

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\*ethnic population over-indexes in state

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# THE STATE OF THE WINE TRAVELER

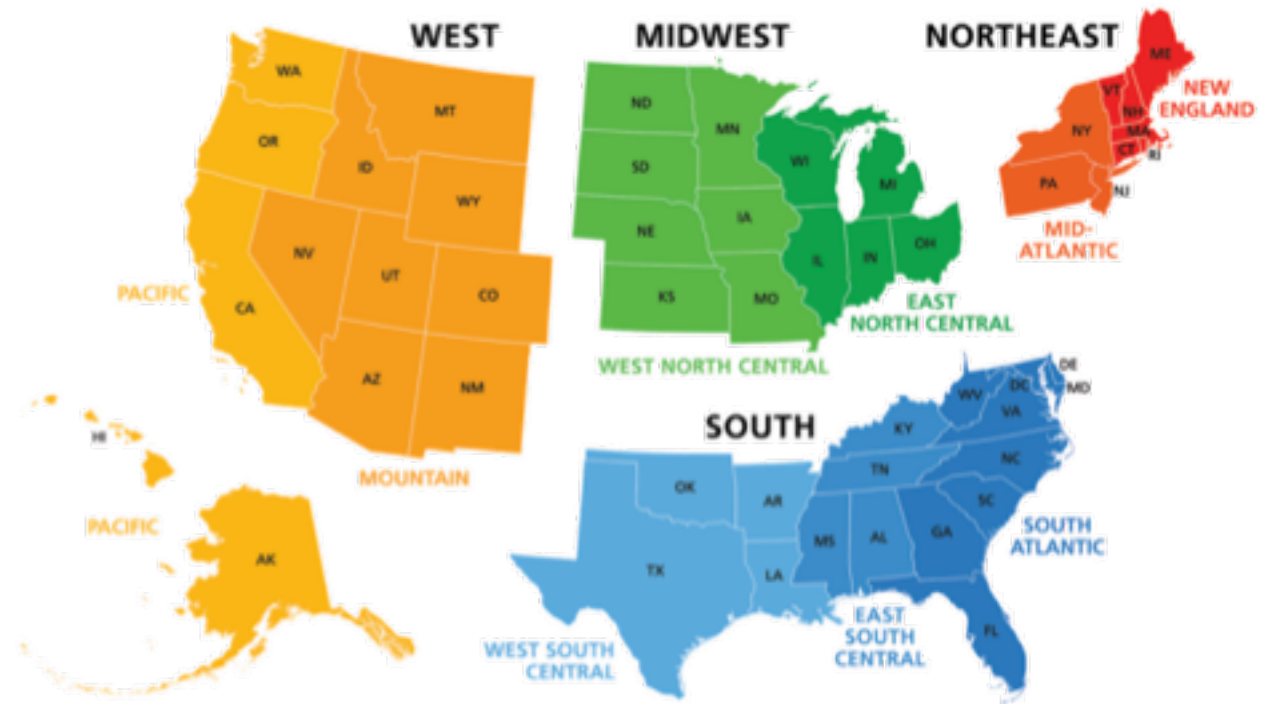
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# METHODOLOGY

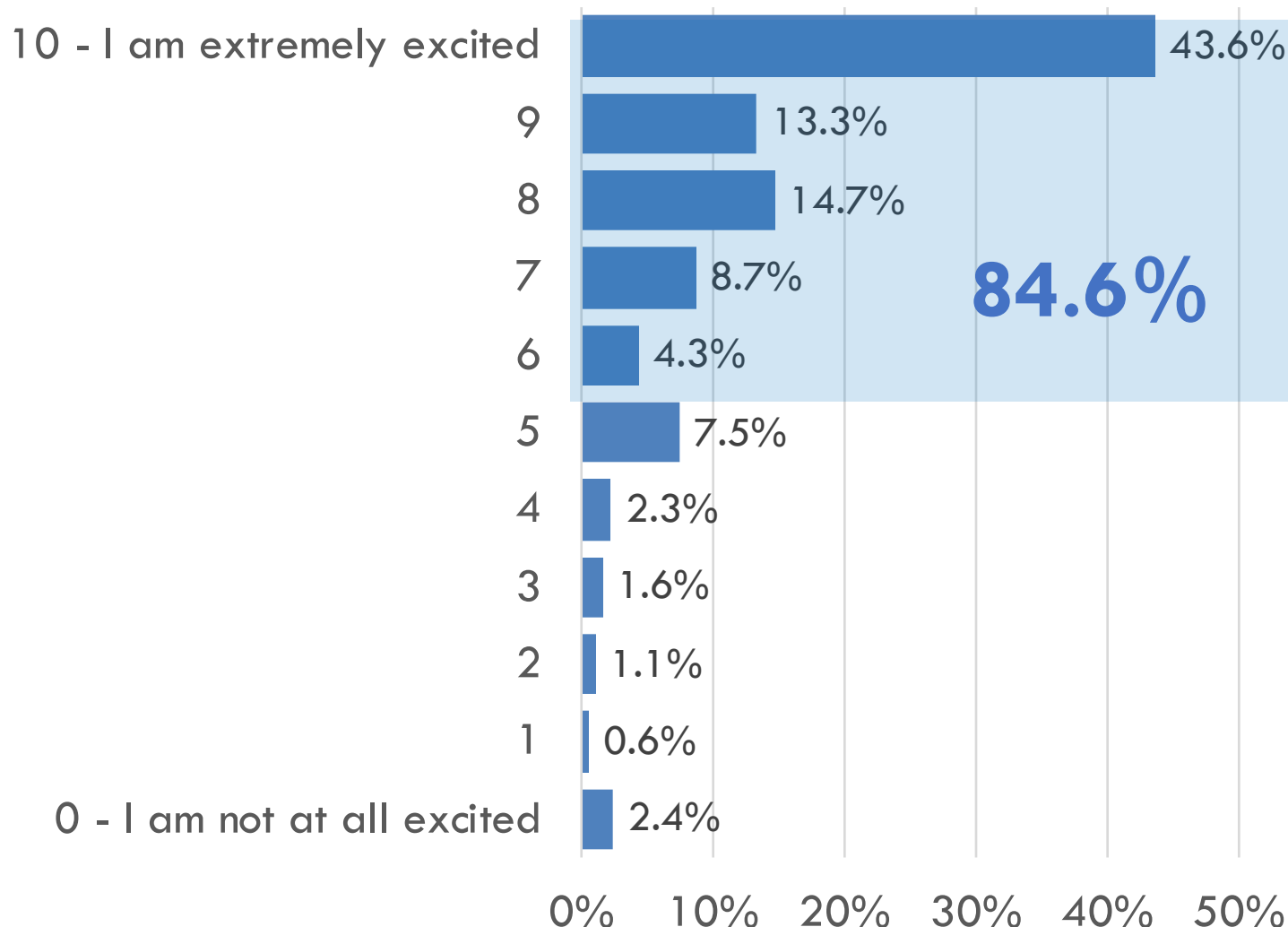
- Monthly tracking survey
- Representative sample of adult American travelers in each of four U.S. regions
- Tracks traveler sentiment to generate insights into domestic travel trends
- Survey collected: **January – February 2023**
- 8,076 fully completed surveys collected each wave
- Confidence interval of  $\pm 1.07\%$
- Data is weighted to reflect the actual population of each region

## UNITED STATES CENSUS REGIONS AND DIVISIONS

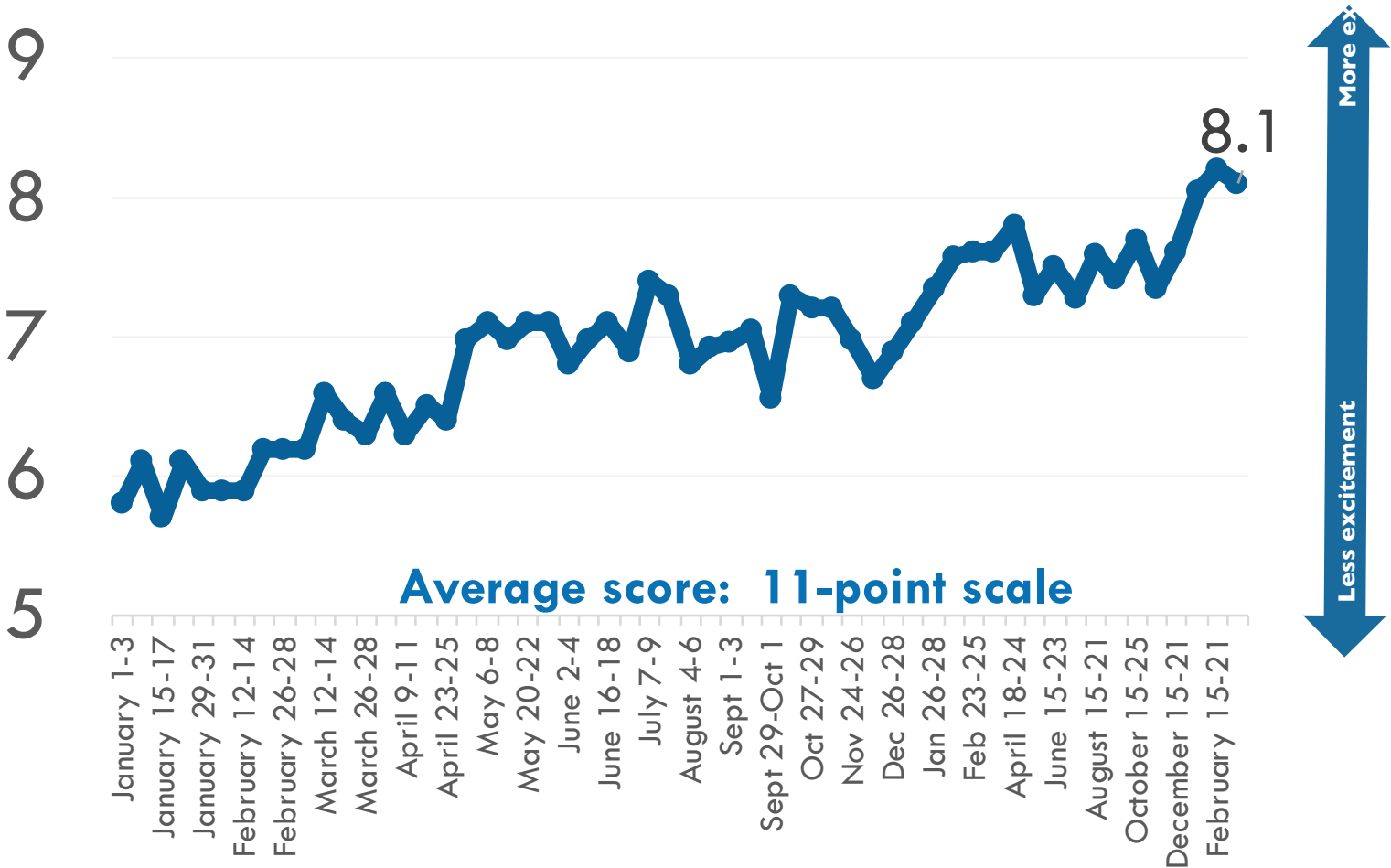


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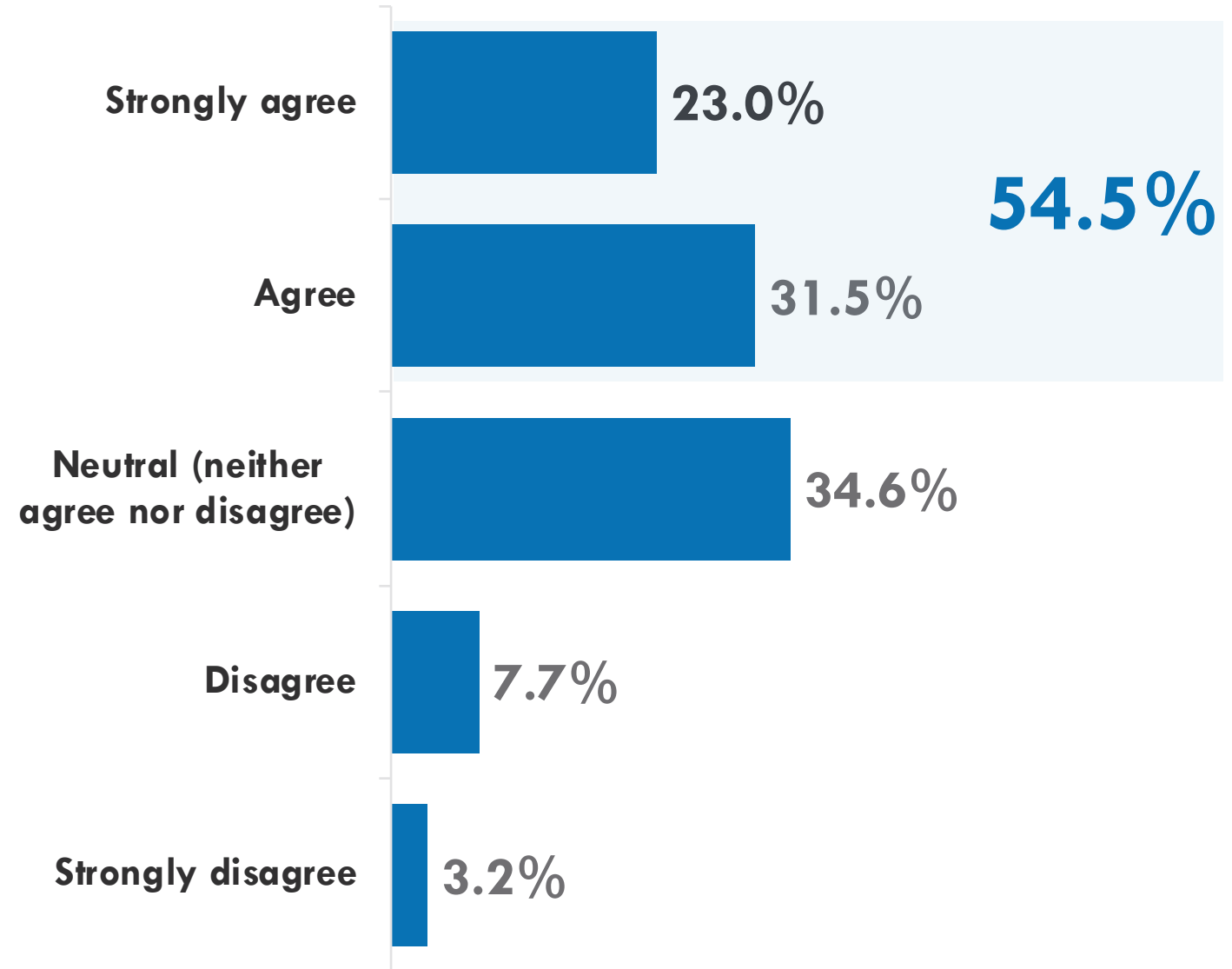
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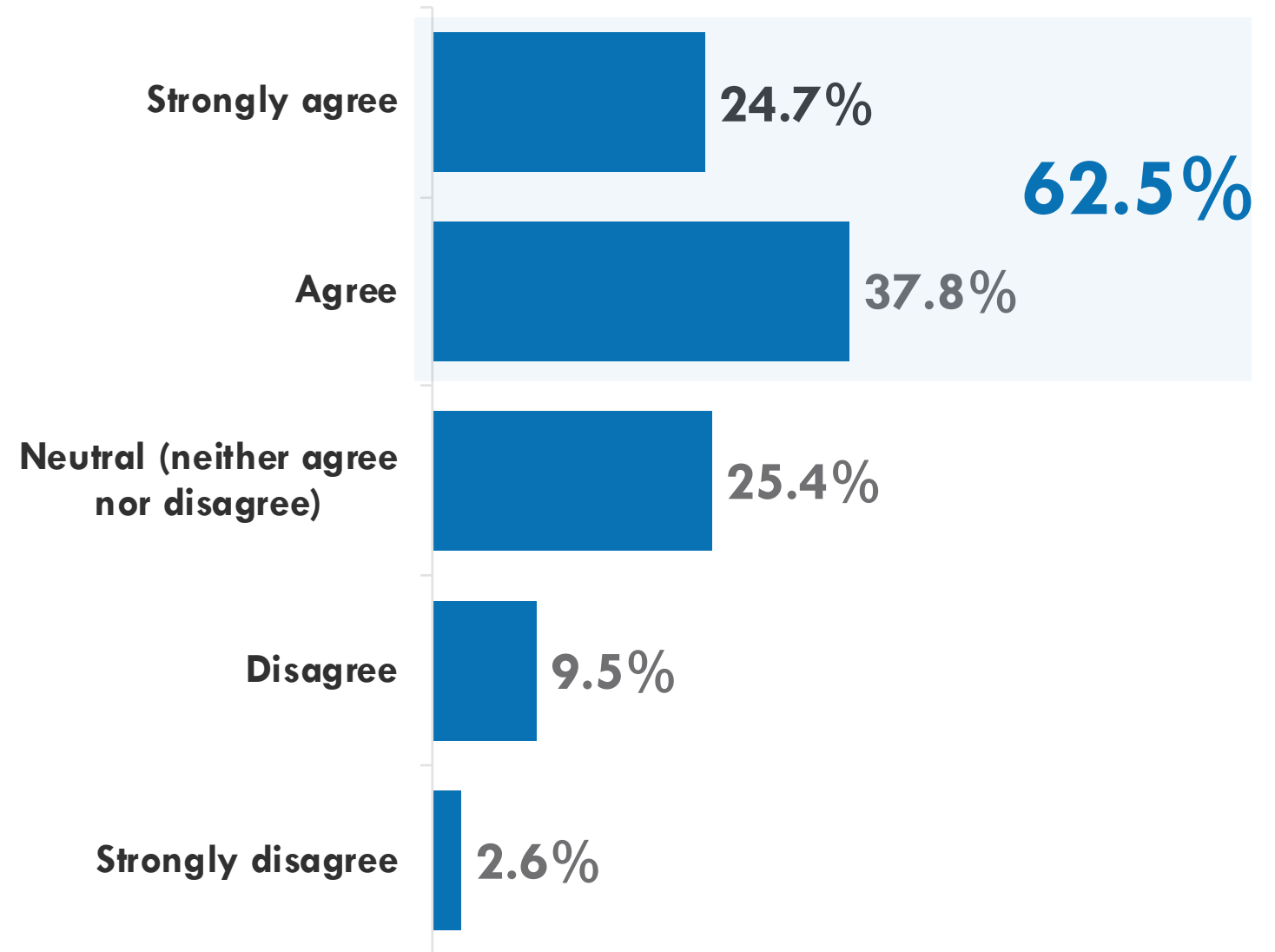
**I expect the United States will enter an economic recession sometime in the NEXT SIX (6) MONTHS.**



(Base: All respondents, 4,057 completed surveys. Data collected March 15-22, 2022.)

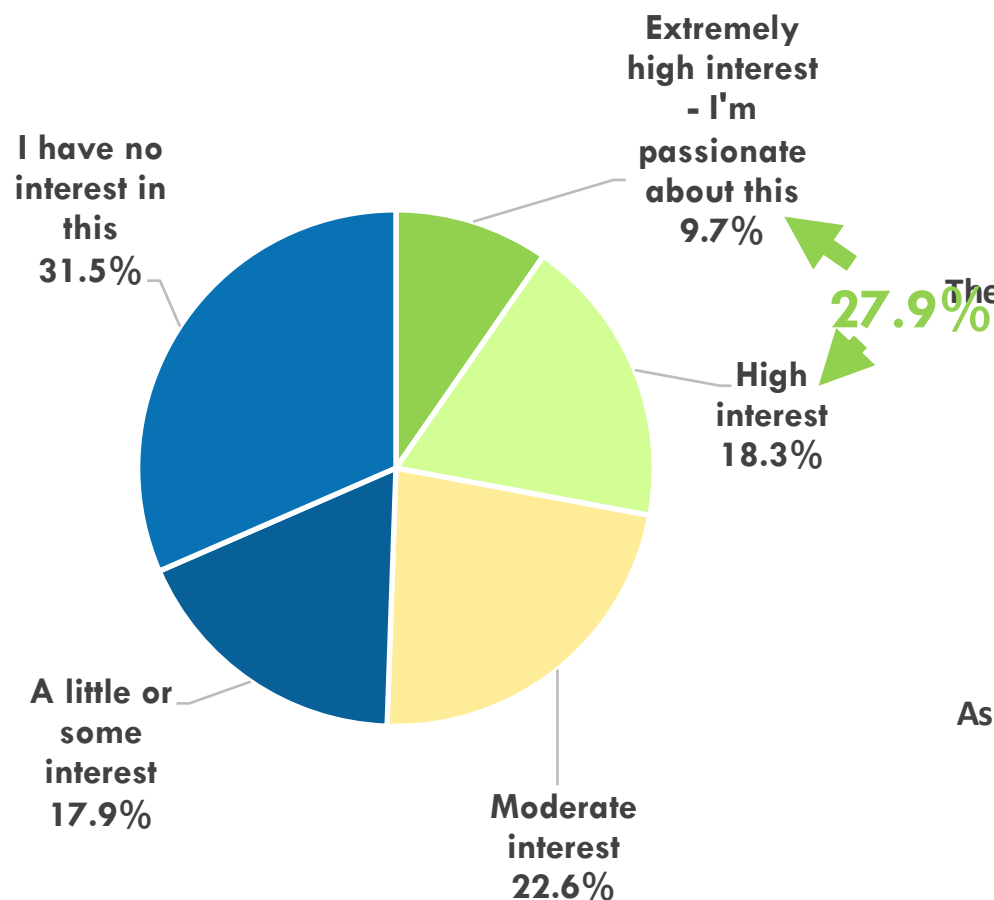
## Question:

**Right now, I am being careful with my money because I'm concerned about an upcoming recession.**

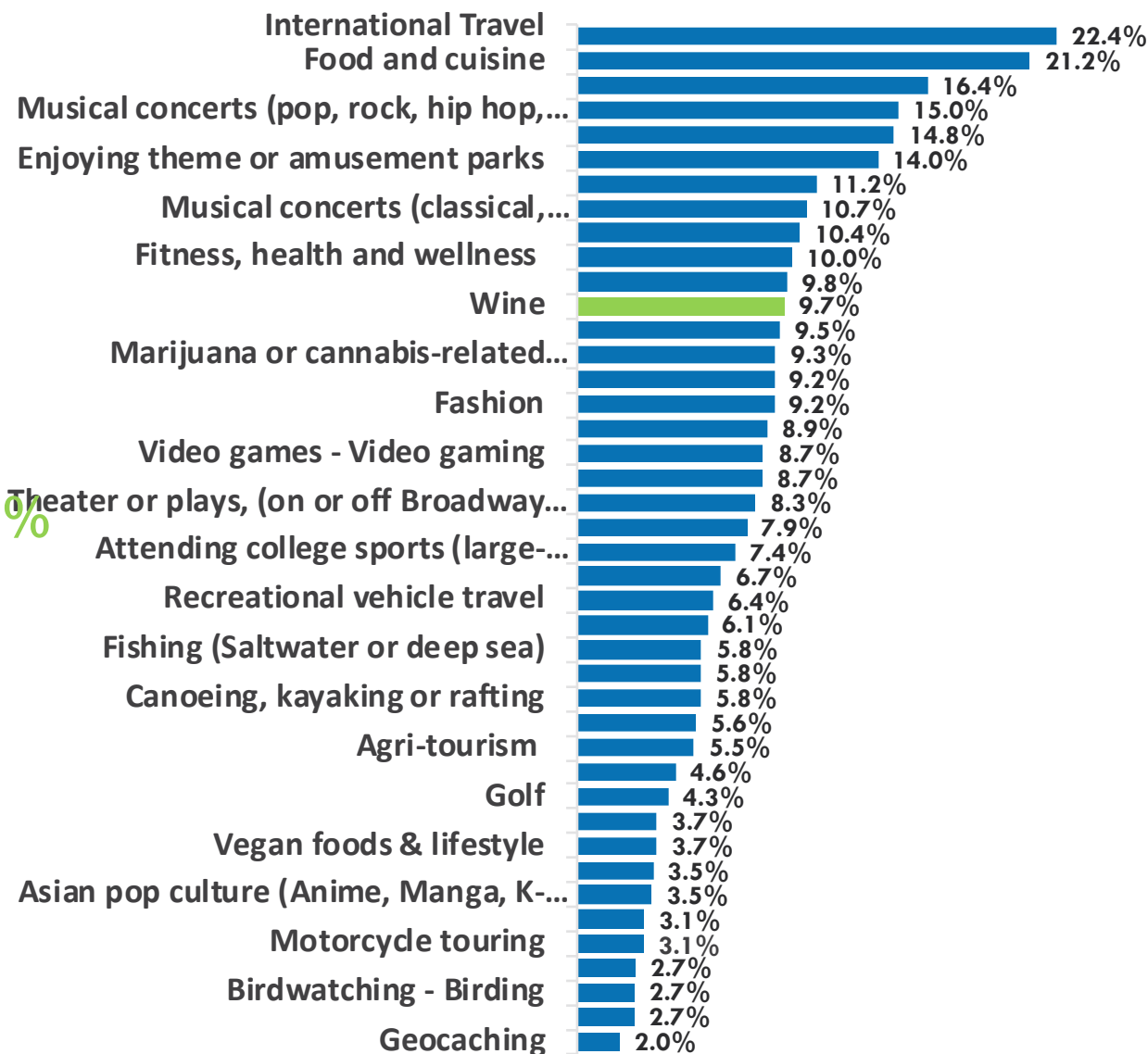


(Base: All respondents, 4,001 completed surveys. Data collected November 15-22, 2022.)

**Question:** Tell us about your hobbies and passions. Please use the scale below to describe your interest in each. **WINE**



# American Traveler Passions

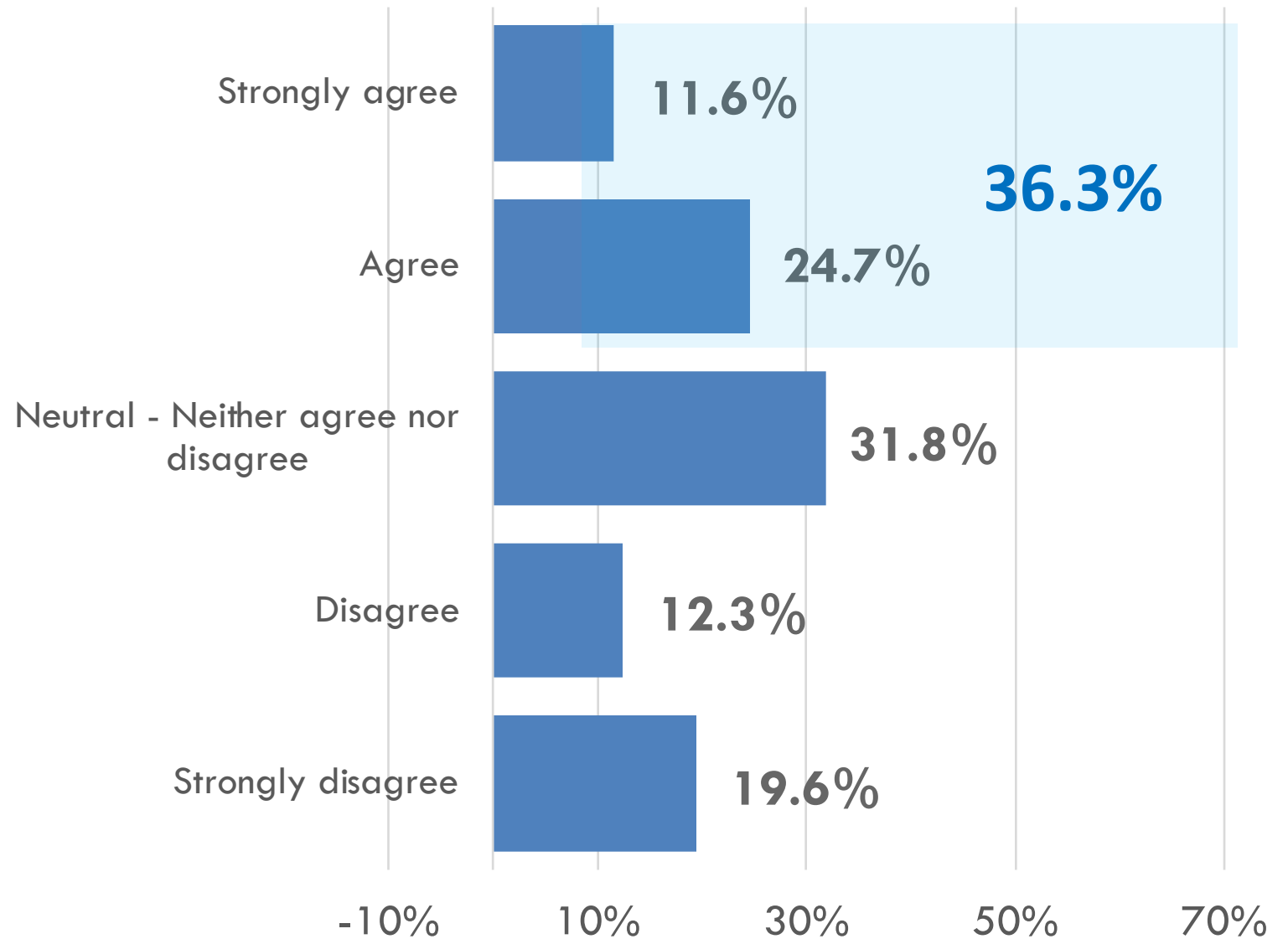


## Question:

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Visiting wine country regions and wineries is something I love to do while traveling.

## Love for Wine Country/Winery Experiences

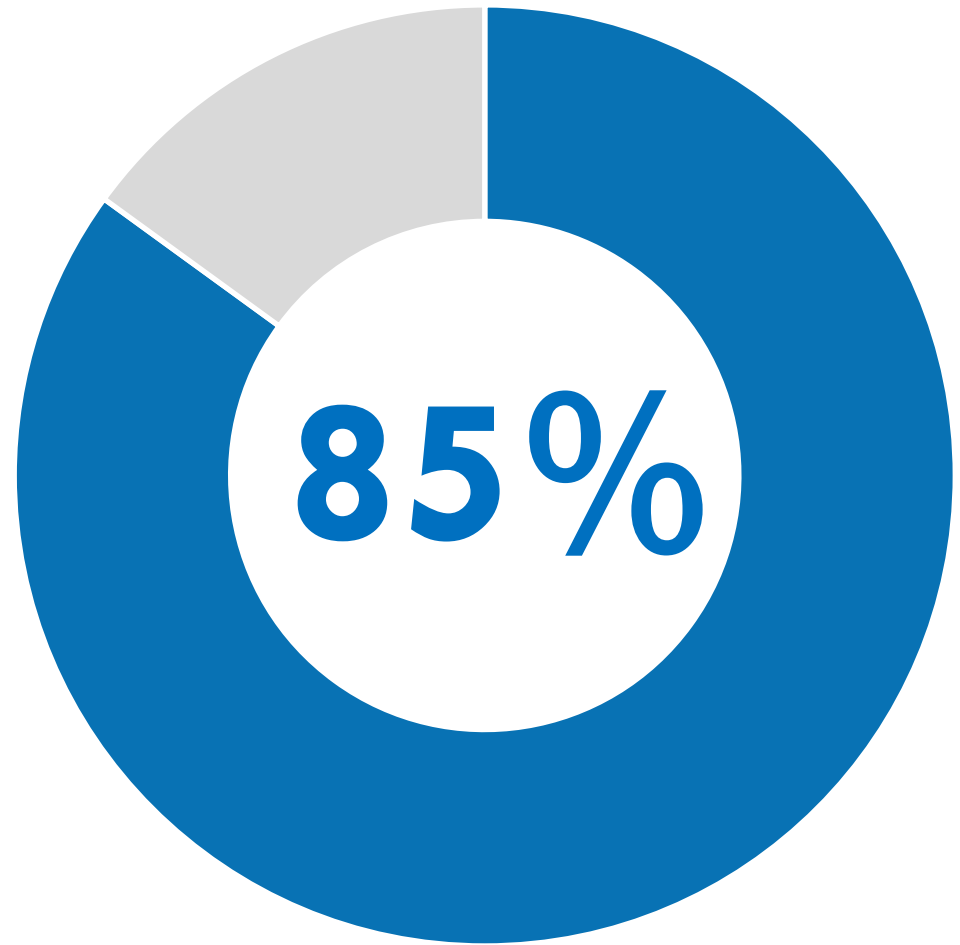


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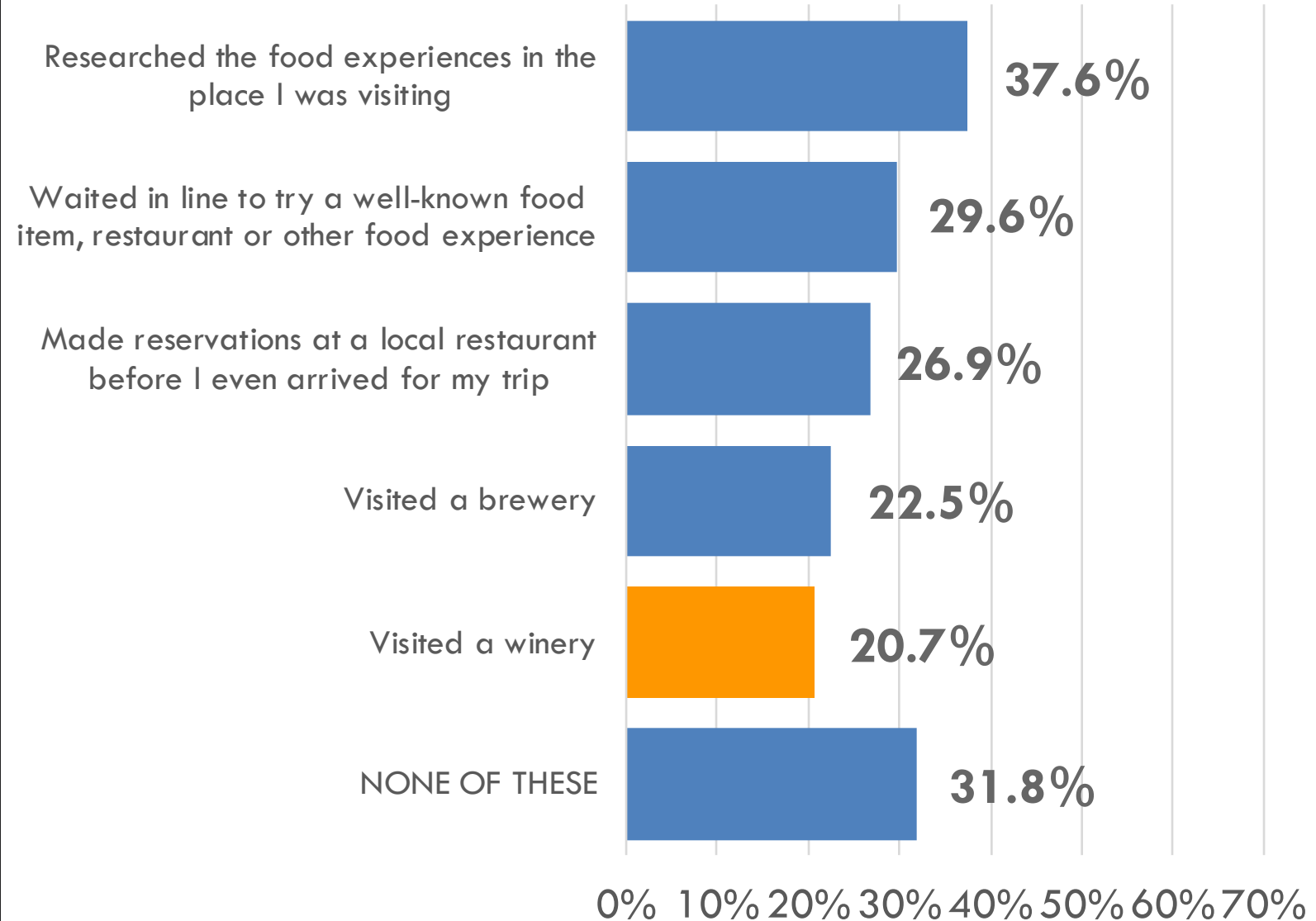
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## **Travelers Passionate About Wine**



*(Base: All respondents, 8,076 completed surveys. Data collected Jan-Feb, 2023.)*

## Travel Activities in the Past Year



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## Question:

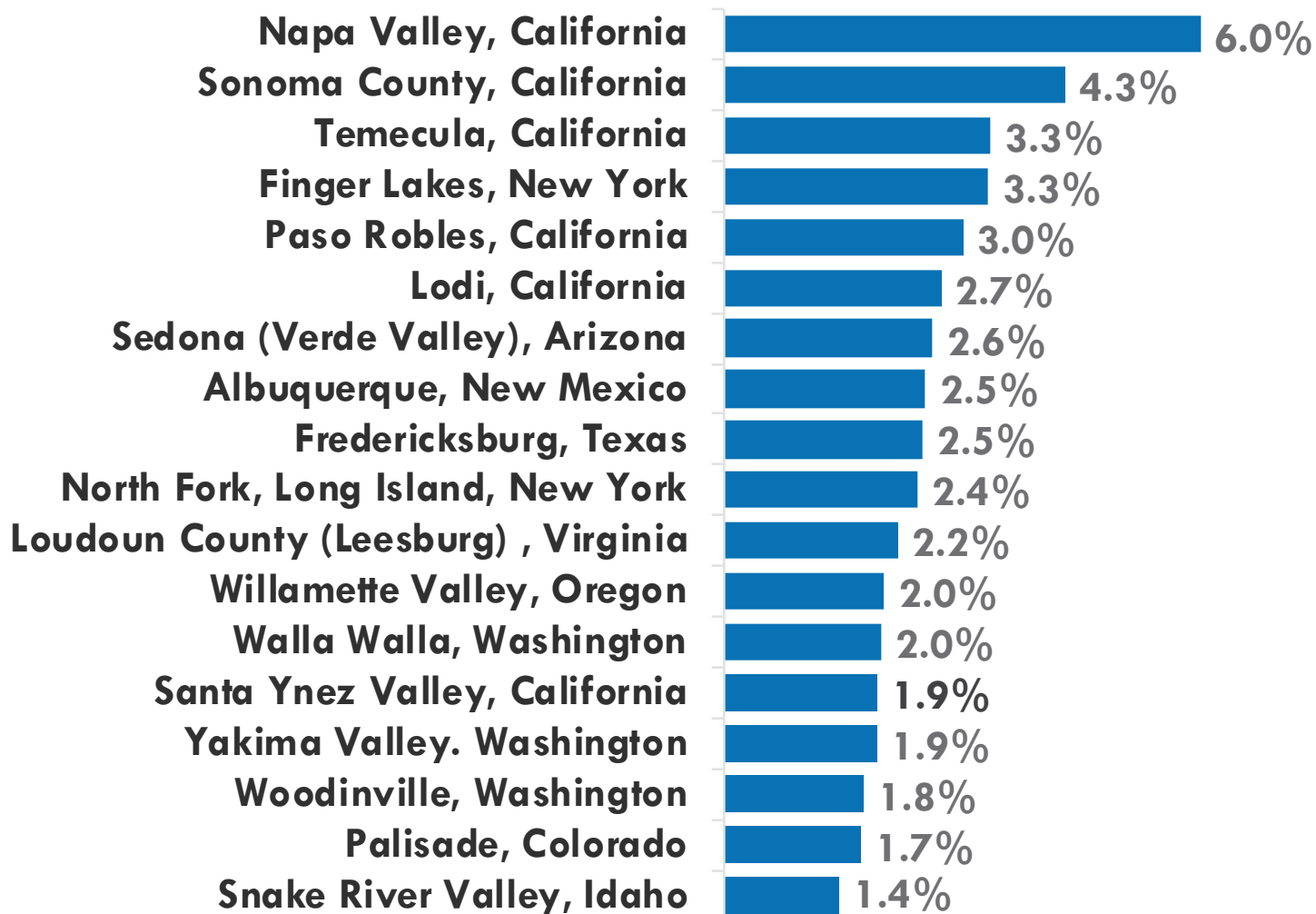
In the PAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS, which have you done while on a leisure trip?

# WINE COUNTRY REGIONS VISITED (PAST 2 YEARS)

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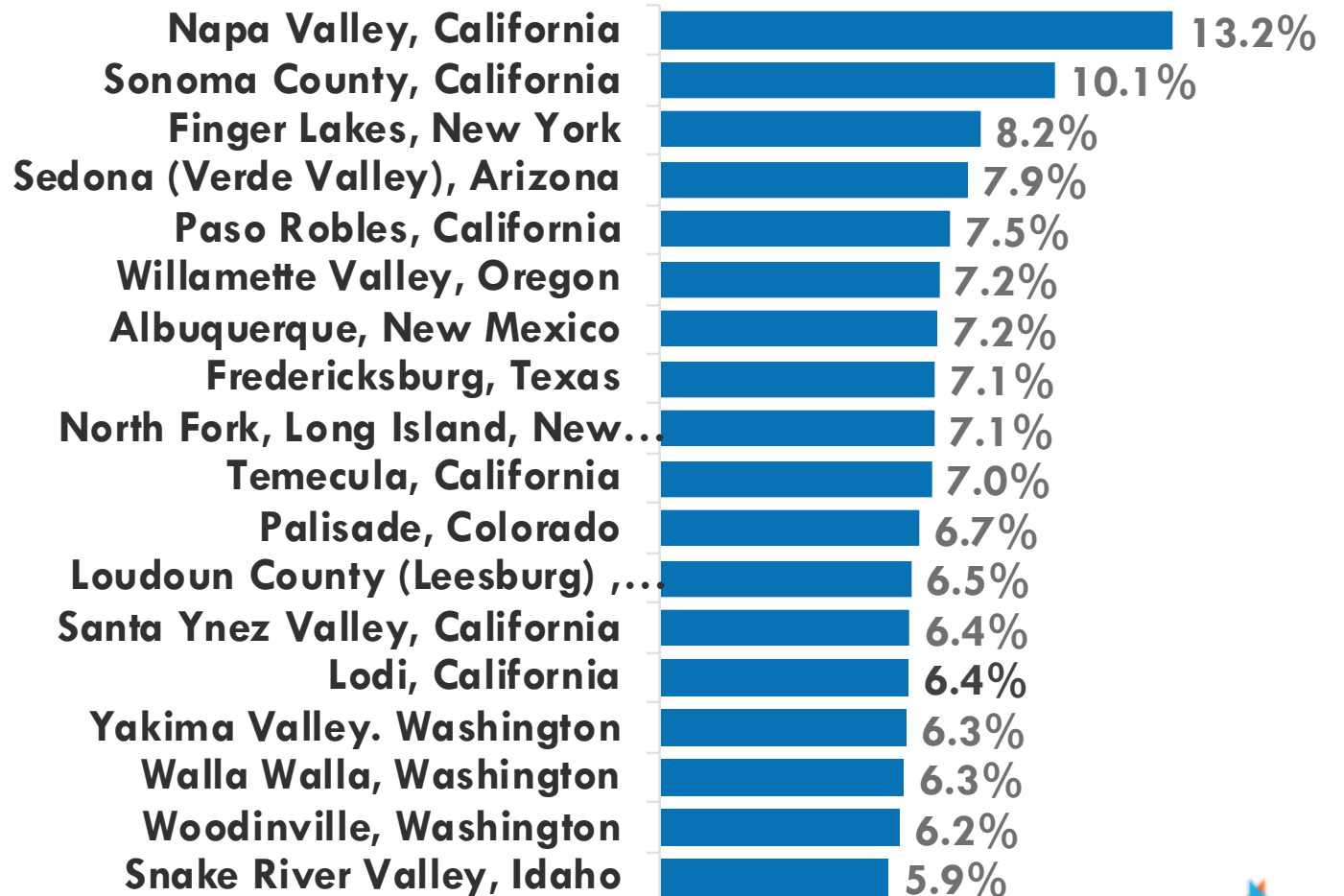
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# WINE COUNTRY REGIONS LIKELY TO VISIT (NEXT 2 YEARS)

**Question:** Which of these WINE COUNTRY REGIONS are you likely to visit in the NEXT TWO (2) YEARS?

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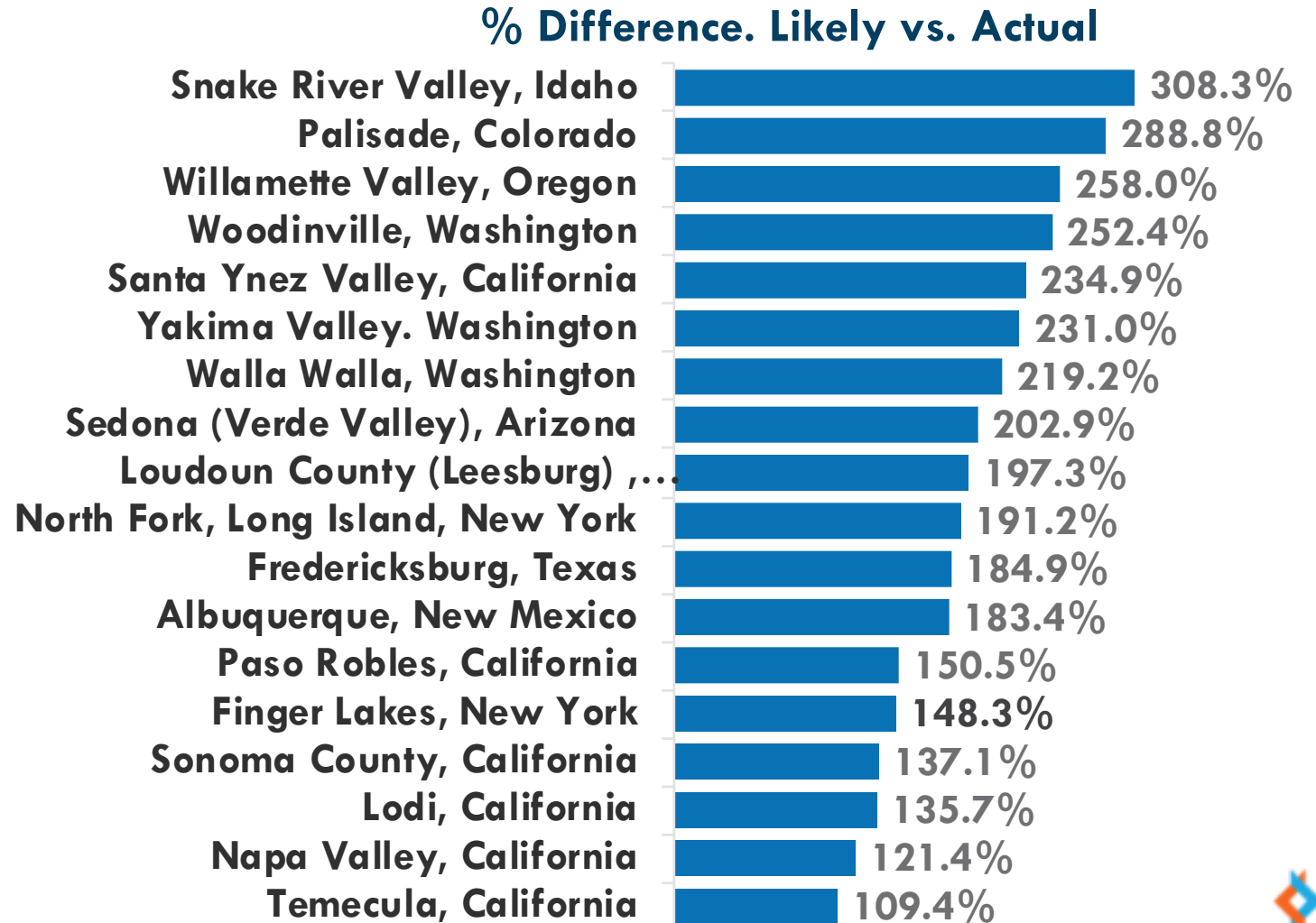


# ASPIRATIONAL STATUS: ACTUAL VS. LIKELY FUTURE

**Question:** Which of these WINE COUNTRY REGIONS have you visited in the PAST TWO (2) YEARS and which will you be likely to visit in the NEXT TWO (2) YEARS?

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# Travelers Passionate About Wine

## Passionate About Wine

(Expects to take 3.5 trips this year)

Mean = \$103K

46%

40%

48%

Mean = 42 years old

54%

47%

70%

## Low, Little or Moderate Interest in Wine

(Expects to take 3.1 trips this year)

Annual Household  
Income (>\$100K)

30%

Mean = \$84K

Urbanites

23%

Parent of School-  
aged Children

25%

Millennial or  
Generation X

36%

Mean = 49 years old

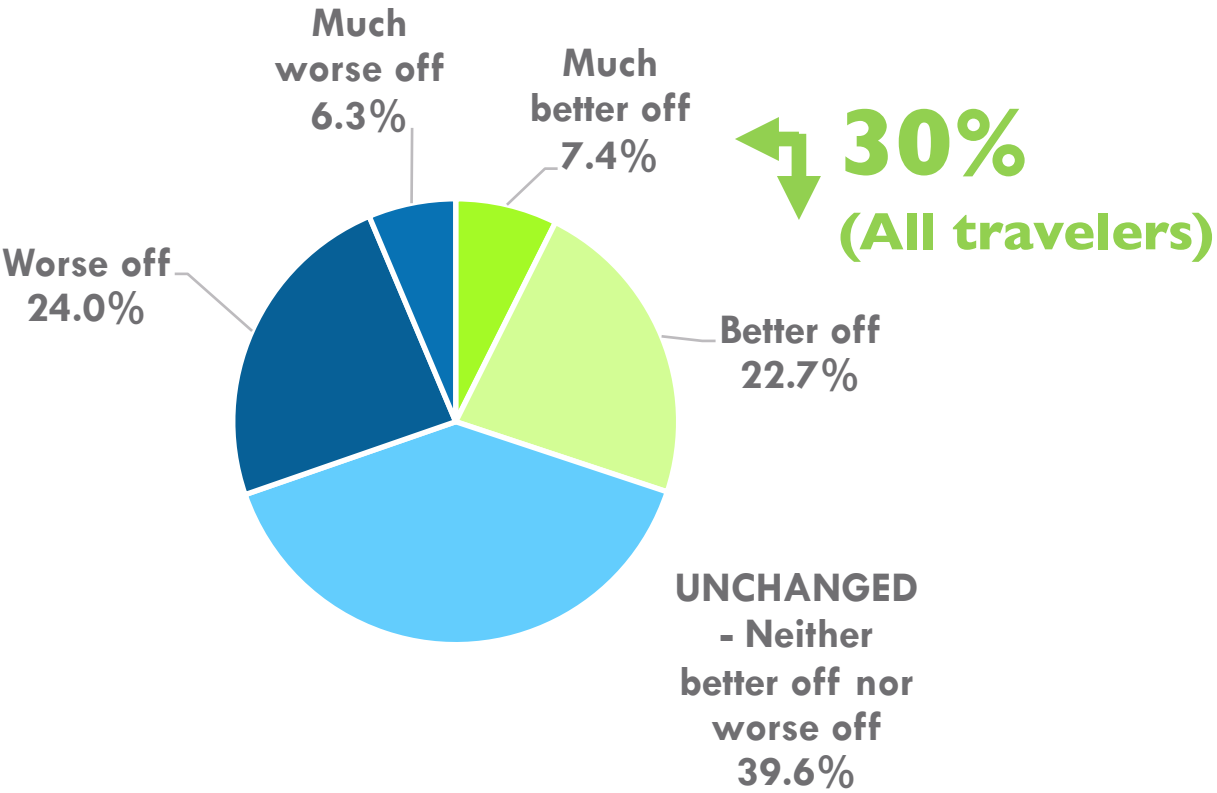
Visited a Winery in  
the Past Year

12%

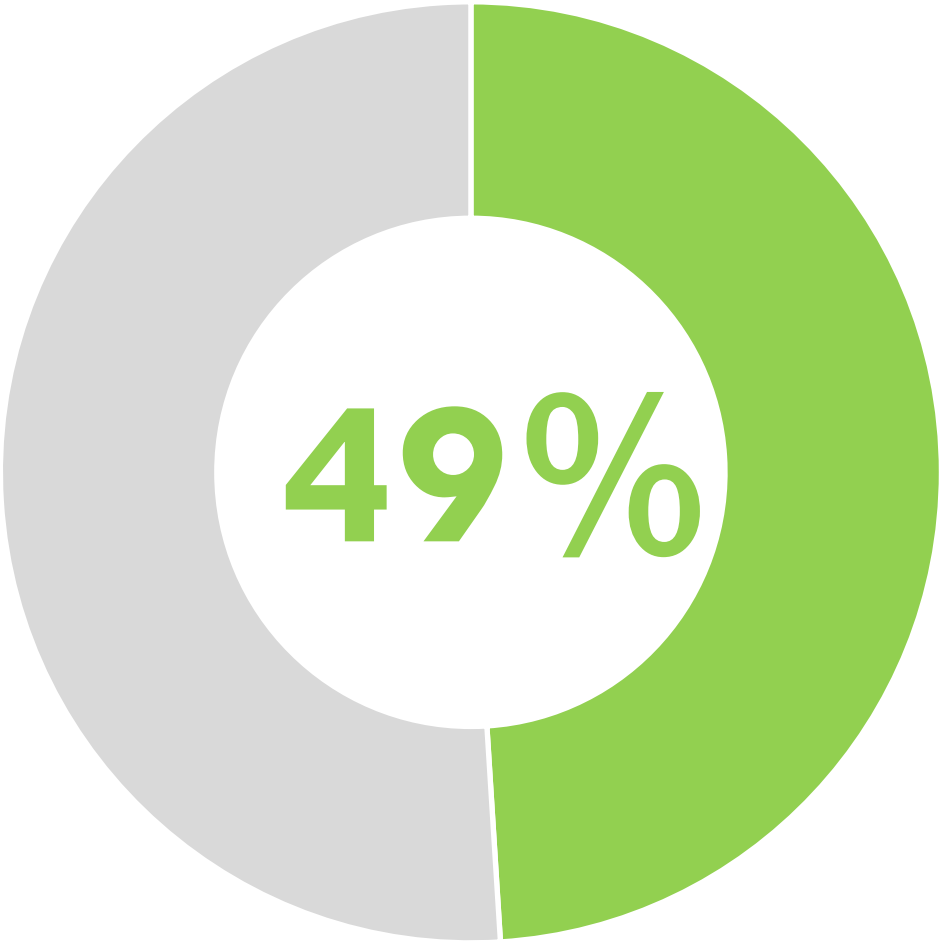
Overnight Trips in  
the Past Month

43%

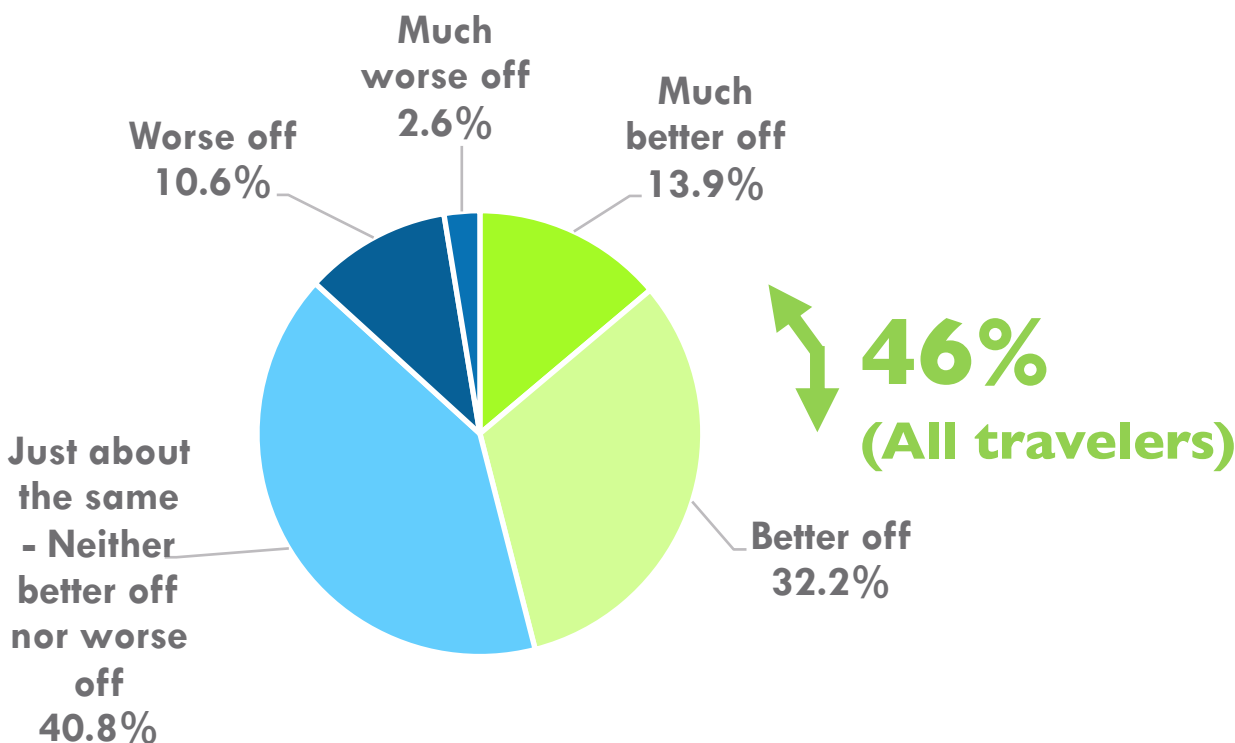
**Statement:** Would you say that you (and your household) are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?



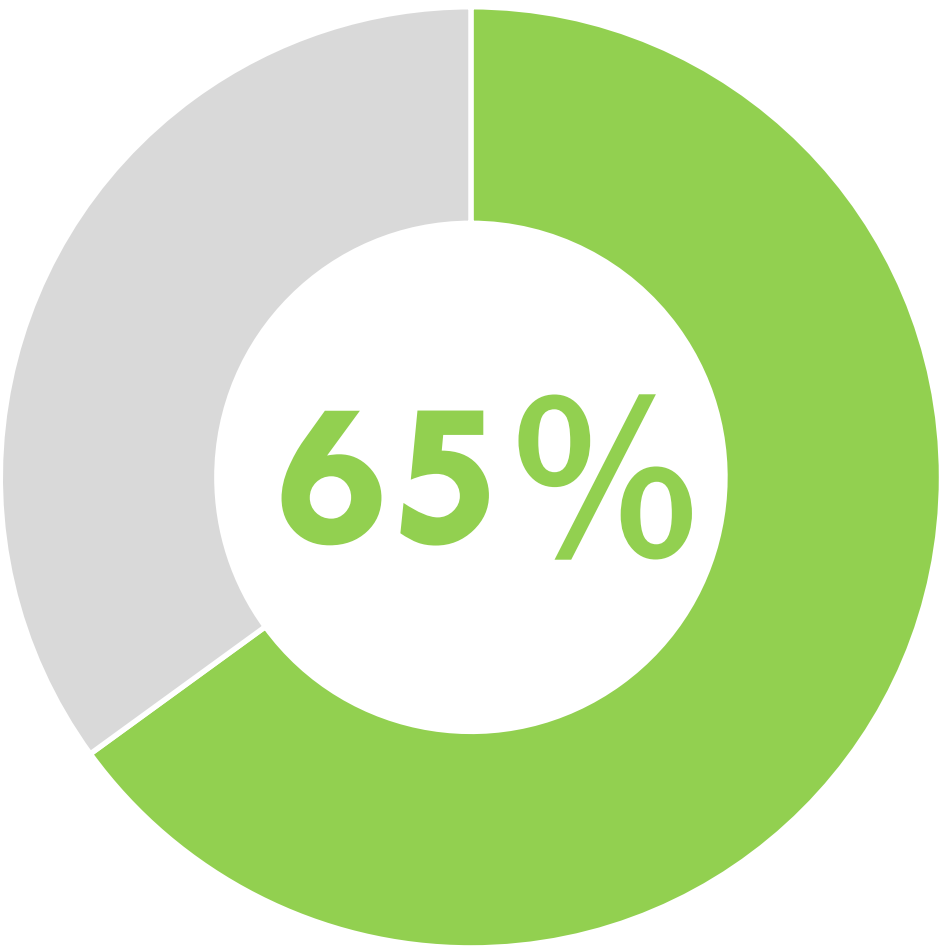
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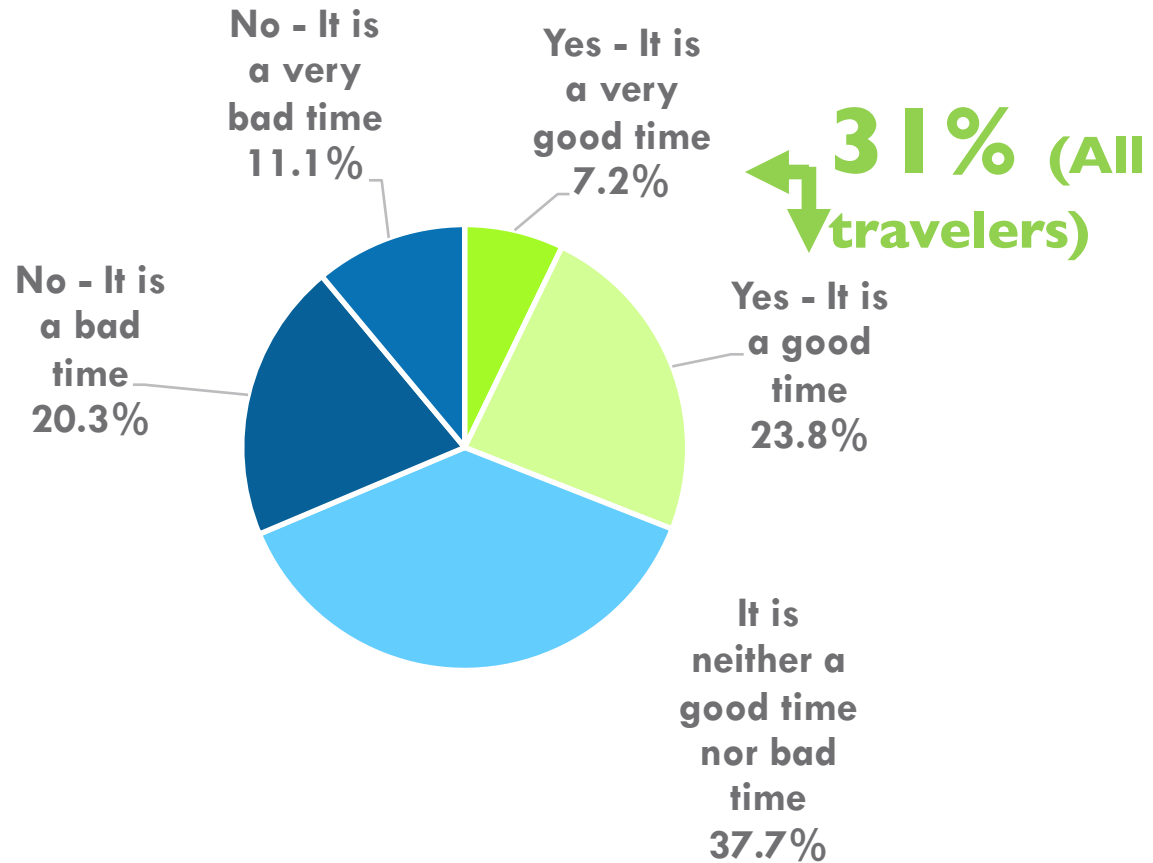
**Statement:** LOOKING FORWARD—do you feel that a year from now, you (and your household) will be better off financially, or worse off, or just about the same as now?



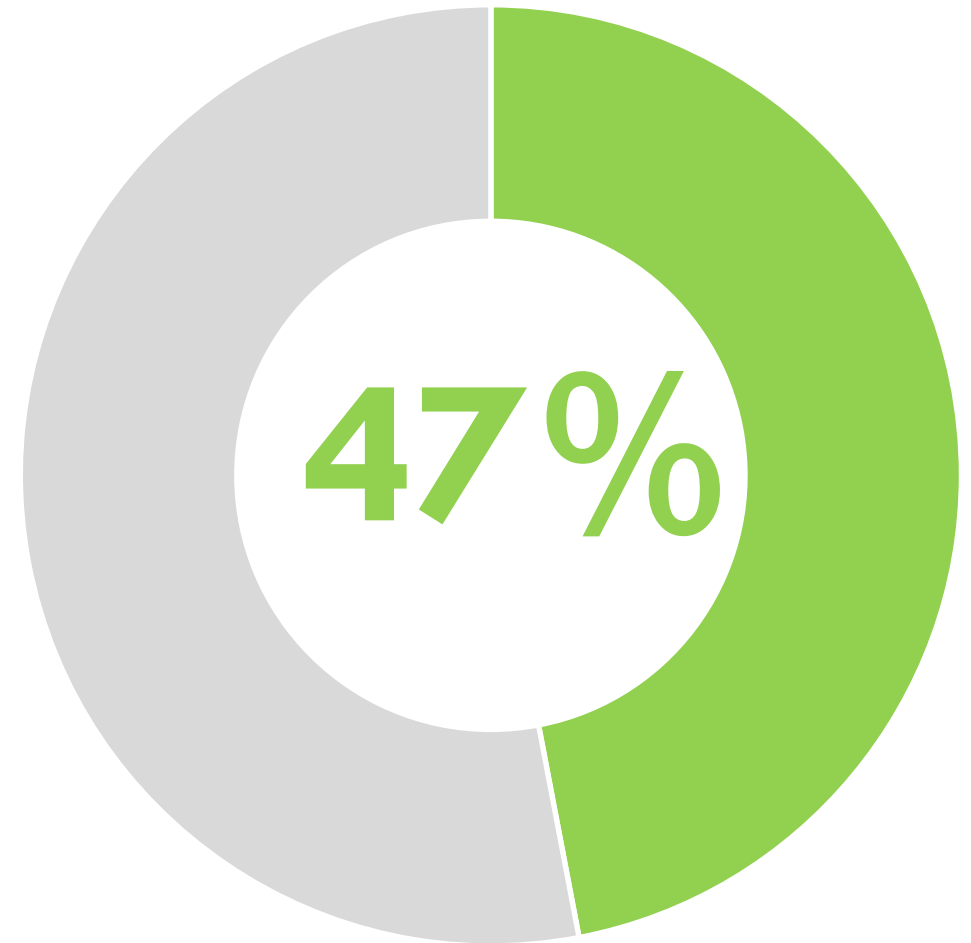
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**Statement:** Thinking only of your household's finances, do you feel **NOW** is a good or bad time for you to spend money on leisure travel?



## Travelers Passionate About Wine





# Thank you!



VISIT  
*Napa Valley*

**March 2023**





**Visit Napa Valley** is the official destination management organization for Napa County. We promote the region as an **attractive travel destination** and enhance its public image as a **dynamic place to visit, live, and work.**

### **OUR VISION**

Elevate Napa Valley as the world's premier wine country experience

### **OUR MISSION**

Promote, protect, and enhance the Napa Valley destination



# Industry Partner Ecosystem







# Visit Napa Valley FY23 Key Objectives

## Cultivate the Napa Valley Brand

- Create Awareness & Desire to Experience Napa Valley
- Employ Cross-Channel Storytelling Efforts
- Develop Experiential Opportunities to Engage with the Brand

## Accelerate Travel Recovery

- Drive Travel During Need Periods (namely Nov - Mar + midweek)
- Inspire International Travel Recovery
- Grow Group Travel (Business & Leisure)

## Support the Local Industry

- Do for the Local Industry What It Cannot for Itself
- Proactively Communicate Value of Tourism in Napa County





# **Understanding the Numbers The Benefits of Tourism in Napa Valley**

# Five Distinct Towns, One Valley

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Calistoga

St. Helena

Yountville

City of Napa

American Canyon

# Small Place, Big Reputation



120

Overnight  
Accommodations Options

150

Restaurants

5,700

Lodging Rooms

By contrast, San Francisco has more than  
30,000 and Sonoma County more than  
7,500

400+

Wineries Open to the Public

Plus More Than

**90 Tasting Rooms**

1:5

Employed by Tourism & Hospitality



# Boutique with Big Impact



<200

Fewer than 200 Hotel Rooms  
Added in Last 4 Years

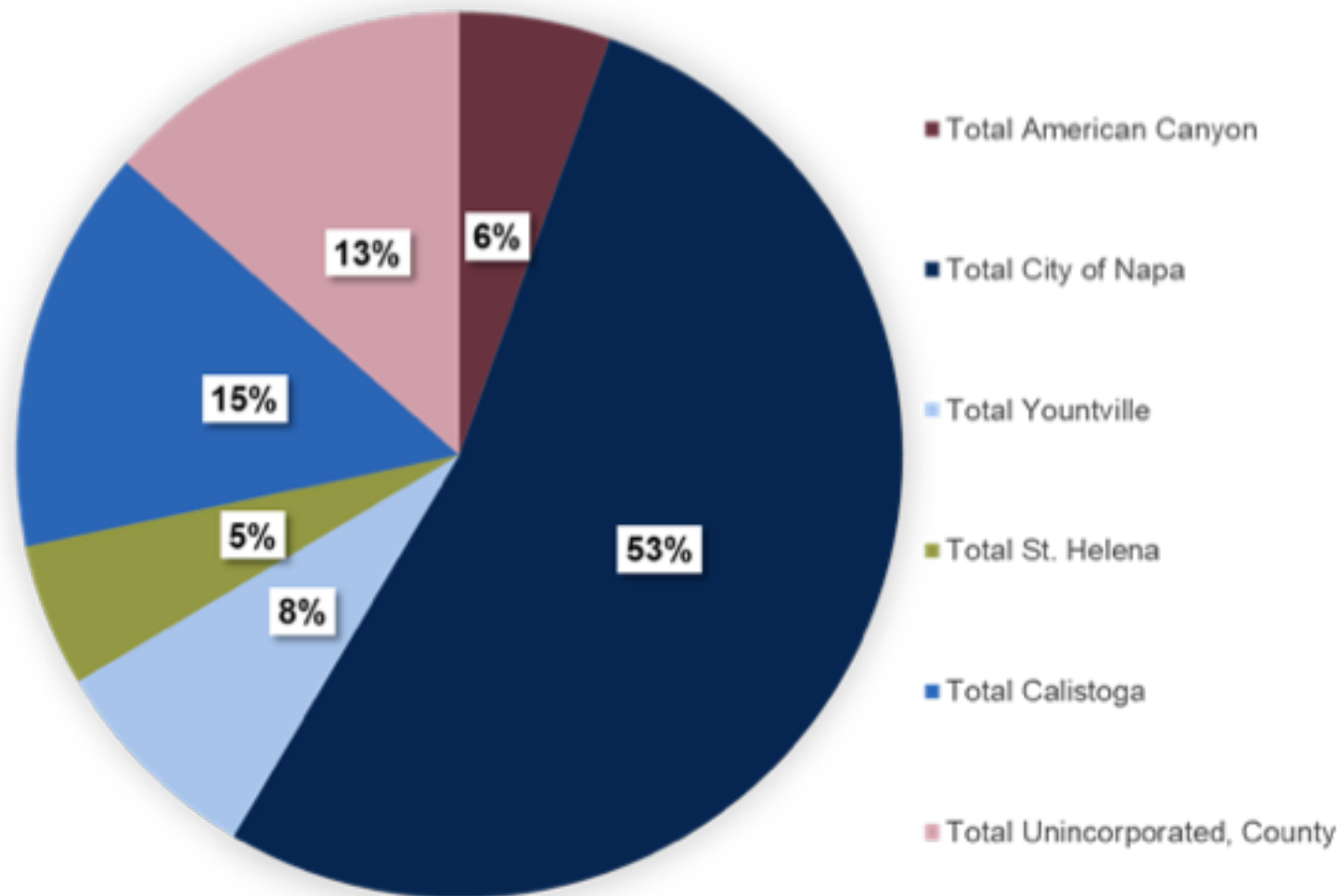
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Properties with Fewer  
Than 20 Rooms

46

Average # of Rooms  
Per Hotel

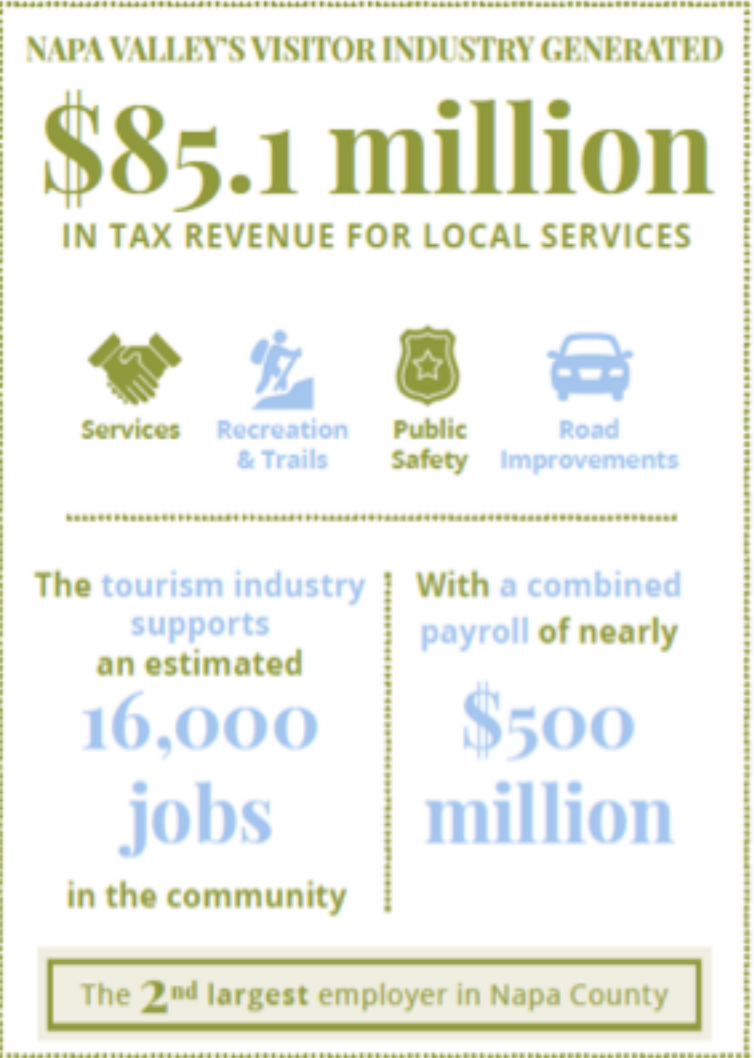
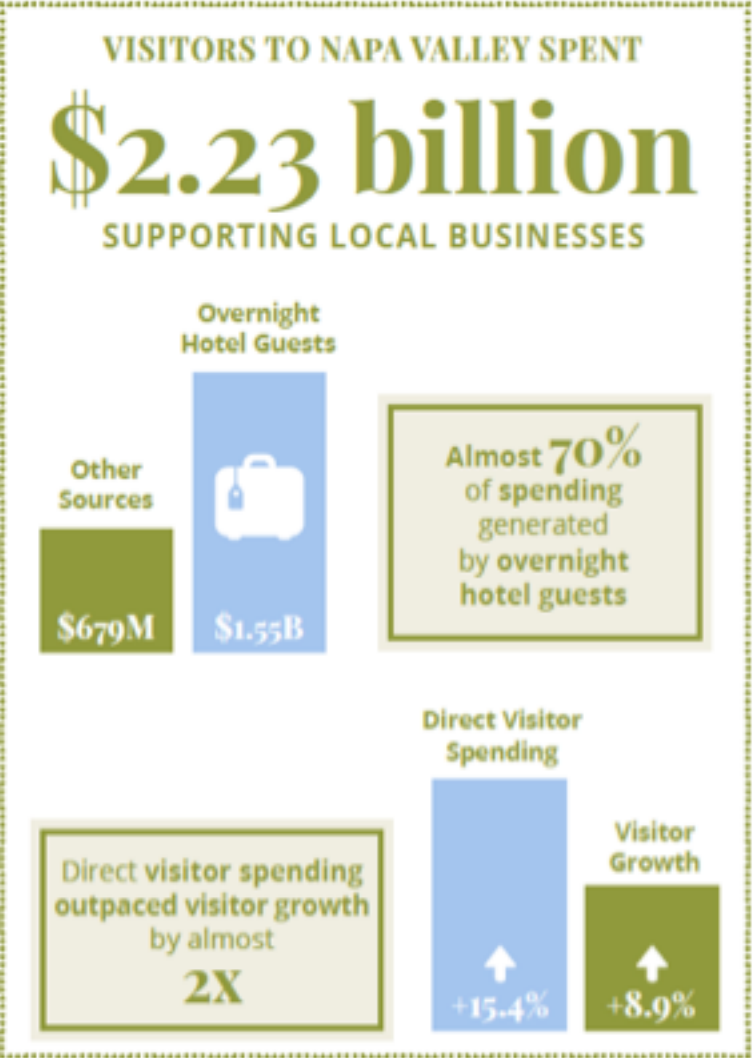
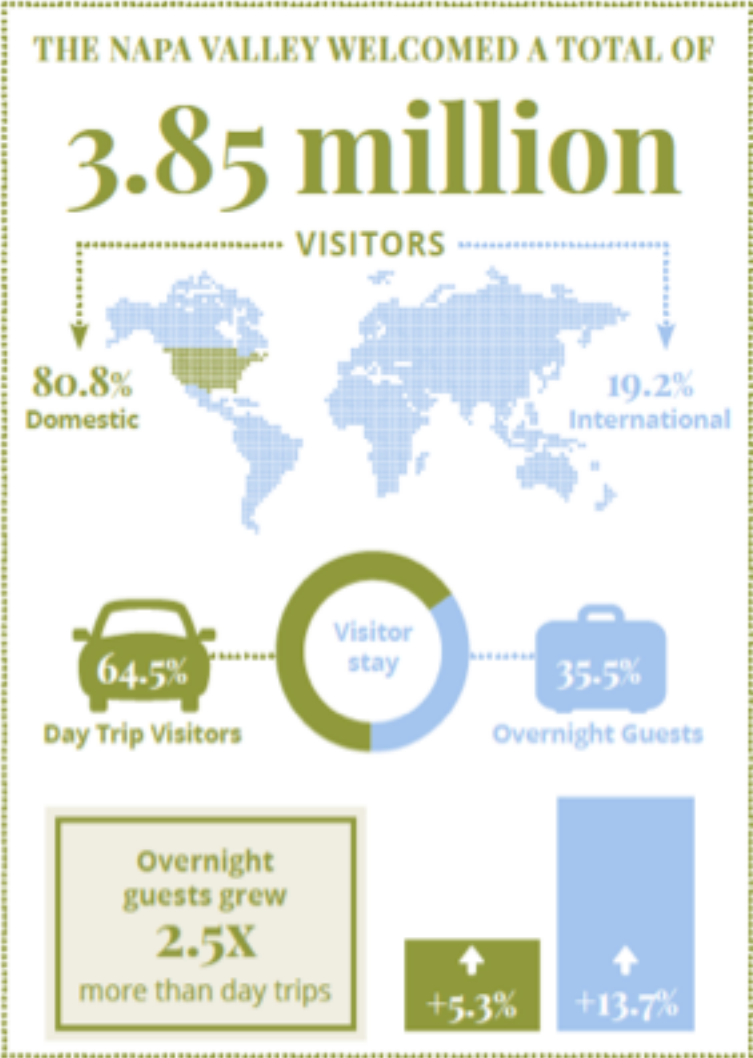
Total Napa Valley Lodging Rooms 5,700







# Economic Impact of Tourism

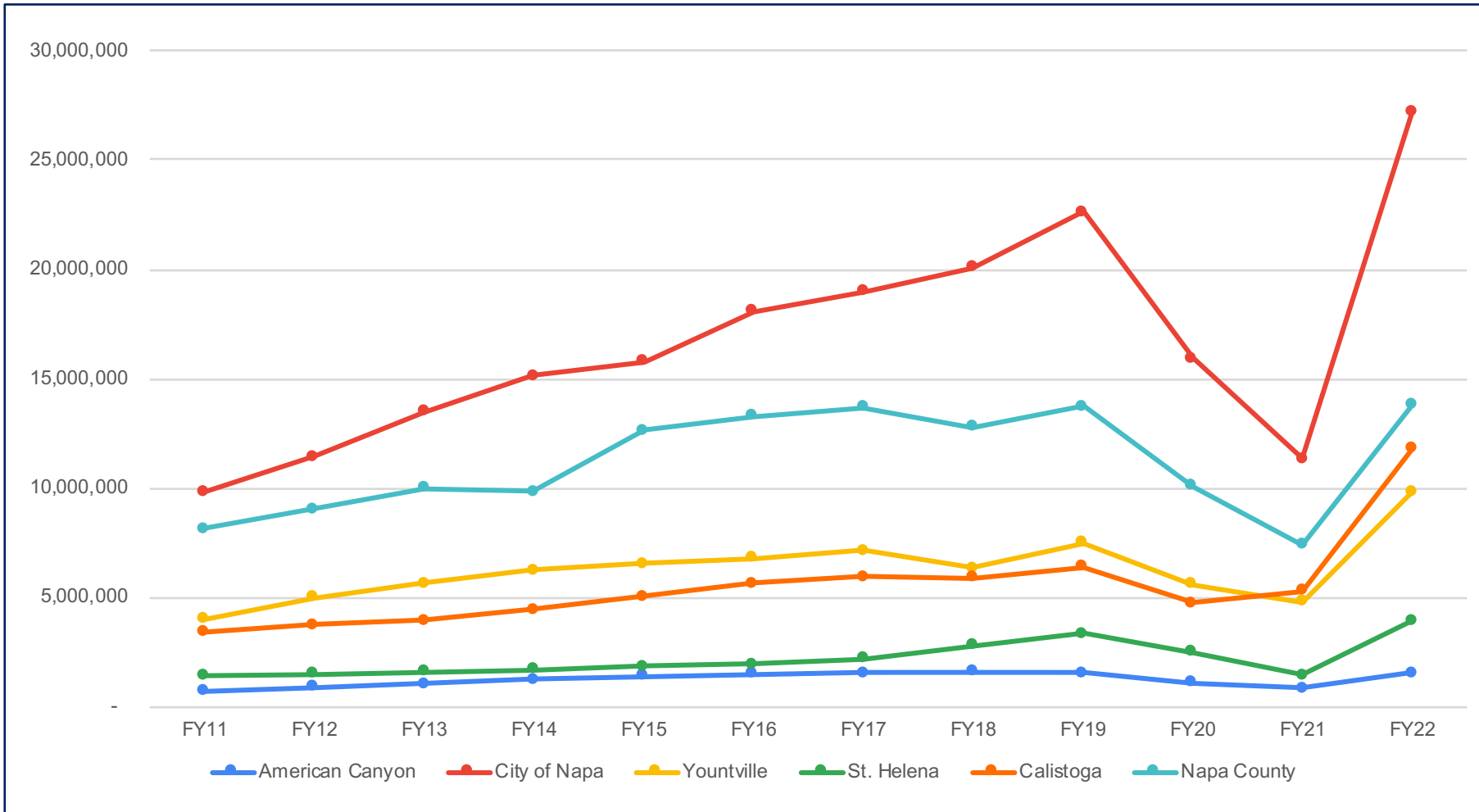


# 2022 Hotel Occupancy & Average Daily Rates



	Smith Travel Research							
	Calendar YTD December 2022	Hotel Rooms (Approximate)	Occupancy	YOY %	ADR	YOY %	RevPAR	YOY %
Comp Set	Napa County	5,700	63.6	6.7%	\$ 469.71	16.3%	\$ 298.81	24.1%
	Sonoma County	7,500	64.1	0.0%	\$ 226.03	12.4%	\$ 145.00	12.4%
	Monterey County	12,500	67.0	7.7%	\$ 289.86	12.3%	\$ 194.34	21.0%
	San Francisco County	30,000	62.1	43.7%	\$ 231.12	41.3%	\$ 143.47	102.9%
Jurisdictions	American Canyon	315	79.6	5.0%	\$ 169.06	13.4%	\$ 134.58	19.1%
	Napa (City of)	3,000	65.7	12.6%	\$ 356.68	17.0%	\$ 234.29	31.7%
	Yountville	450	53.2	-7.3%	\$ 854.00	9.4%	\$ 454.37	1.4%
	Calistoga	870	66.5	5.1%	\$ 512.85	11.9%	\$ 341.10	17.6%
	Unincorporated Co.	760	59.1	3.7%	\$ 648.97	7.4%	\$ 383.43	11.3%
Service Type	Luxury		58.3	-8.4%	\$1,345.33	10.8%	\$ 784.10	1.4%
	Group		61.7	18.1%	\$ 410.97	13.4%	\$ 253.49	34.0%
	Limited Service		73.4	3.0%	\$ 214.37	14.2%	\$ 157.40	17.7%

# Recovering and Thriving Through the Pandemic



***FY22 TOT contributions not only returned to pre-pandemic levels but surpassed FY19, which was previously the high watermark.***

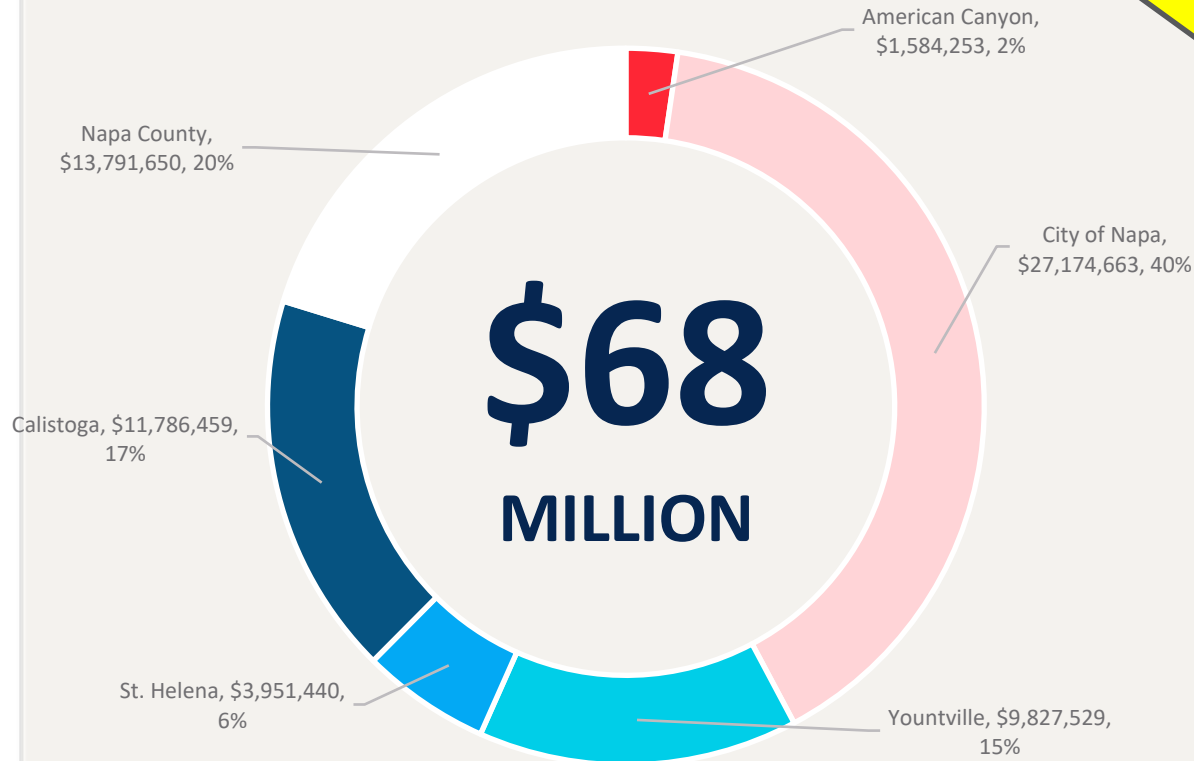
**Increased TOT Revenue = Increased Revenue for Napa Valley Cities & Towns = Improvements to Infrastructure such as Roads & Sidewalks, Fire Safety, Parks & Recreation, and More**

# FY22 TOT Collected by Jurisdiction



## Transient Occupancy Tax

(TOT/hotel tax) revenue received in FY22 by each jurisdiction in Napa County



**+\$13M  
Over FY19**

Revenue from tourism allows local government to invest in services and programs that benefit all residents, including infrastructure improvements, civic amenities, and public safety.

A healthy tourism economy creates demand for a diverse range of goods, services, and cultural programs which are available for both visitors **and residents** to enjoy, enhancing our overall quality of life.

# The Napa Valley Traveler

## Consumer Trends



### Confident & Ready to Travel

Consumers are excited to travel now, even if COVID isn't going anywhere. But they have a lot of choices...

### "GOAT" (Greatest of All Trips Mentality)

Characterized by: spontaneity, willingness to splurge, immersion, unfiltered enjoyment, sensation seeking - a wish list trip.

### Top Trip Motivators Core to What Napa Valley Offers

Scenic Beauty, Outdoor Activities, Road Trips, Culinary, Small Towns.

### Prioritizing Emotional Well-Being

Travelers are spending more on travel to improve their well-being. Trend includes Solo Travel, Isolation Experiences, Retreats, etc

### Multi-Generational Travel

Destination decisiveness & purposefulness. A more deliberate, considered, thoughtful approach. Visit fewer attractions, get more out of each place visited.

### Sustainable Travel as a Lifestyle

Travelers choosing places that prioritize sustainable practices & give back to local communities.



# Group Travel Trade Trends



## Outdoor/Natural Spaces

Companies are prioritizing warmer climate locations offering outdoor or indoor/outdoor hybrid meeting spaces.



## Smaller, Local, Authentic

Smaller, intimate experiences and mid-size events, structured around the best that local regions have to offer are growing in prominence.



## Collaboration Is Crucial

Collaboration & discussion, are critical to in-person meetings resuming; will need to go well beyond traditional practices to inspire.

# Key Takeaways

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## Small Valley; Big Reputation = Economic Recovery

- Napa Valley won back more than its fair share of visitors between 2020-2022; Due to the strength of the Napa Valley brand on the world stage

## Demand Stabilizing; Returning to Pre-Pandemic, Predictable Seasonal Visitation Trends

- Historically, from November – March, Napa Valley experiences a predictable slower season, coined “Cabernet Season”
- Lodging occupancy rates **drop as much as 25%** compared to the high season (April – October).
- During “Cabernet Season”, Visit Napa Valley focuses marketing and advertising efforts to flatten that curve by more heavily promoting travel and visitation during November – March as well during mid-week.
- This post-pandemic return to the more predictable slower season underscores the **importance of continuing to invest in marketing efforts during “Cabernet Season”** and means a return to more predictable forecasting and staffing patterns for businesses.





# Advertising Strategy

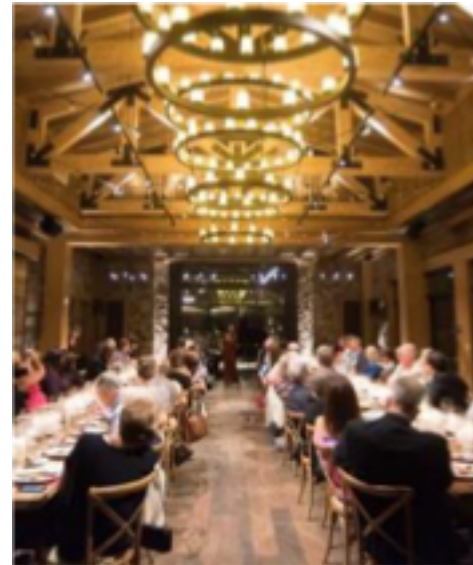
# Target Audiences



**Luxury  
Traveler**



**Aspirational  
Traveler**



**Group Trade  
Travel Trade**



**Local  
Community**



**Tourism &  
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Workforce**

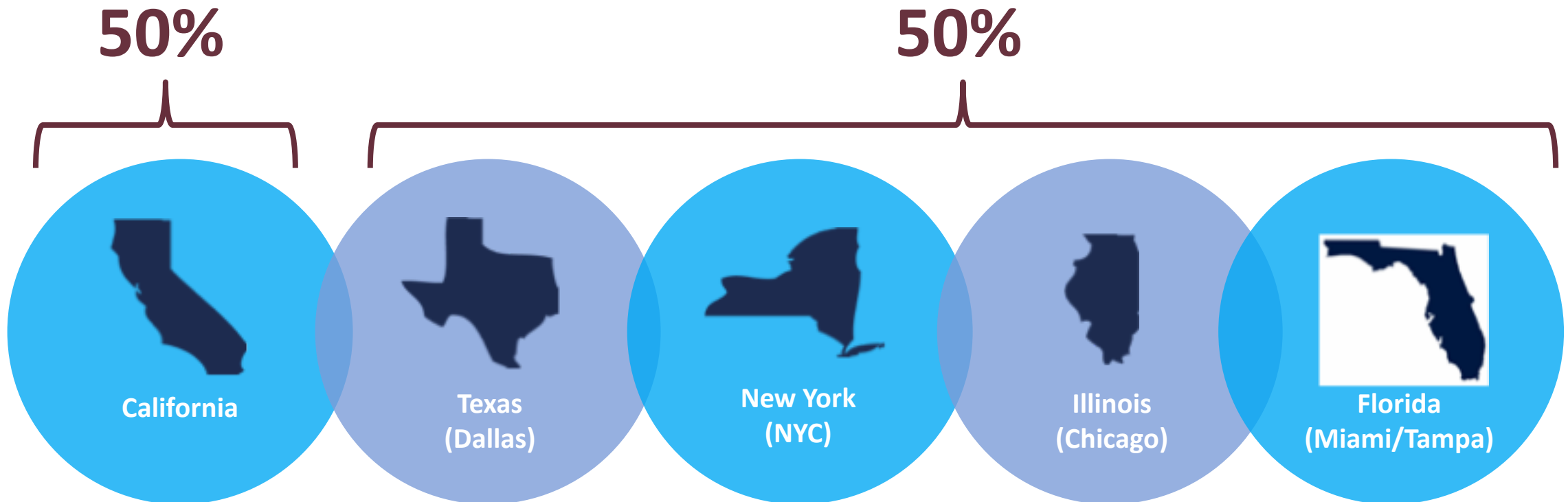


# Target Markets



California Presents the Greatest Opportunity and Impact in Advertising Efforts

## *Allocation of Advertising Budget*



# Cultivating the Napa Valley Brand



## Digital and Print Ad Campaigns

***Cheers, The Good Life***

Always On



Target Audience  
**CONSUMER**

***Approachable Luxury***

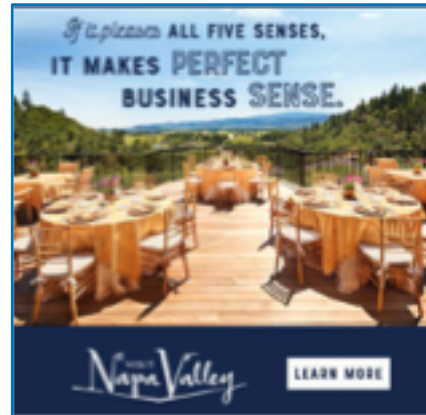
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Target Audience  
**CONSUMER**

***Crush That Meeting***

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Target Audience  
**GROUP TRADE**

***Cheers, The Good Life  
Tourism Matters***

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Target Audience  
**CONSUMER**

***Crush That Career***

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Target Audience  
**WORKFORCE**

## Campaign – Approachable Luxury



- Promotes the wide and diverse range of accommodations, winery, and dining options, in all price points.
- Features interactive landing pages that speak price without ever saying “price”.
- Addresses media narrative of recent months that suggests Napa Valley is only accessible to the ultra-wealthy.
- Encourages interactive discovery of categorized using emotional cues and that are viewable, clickable, bookable.



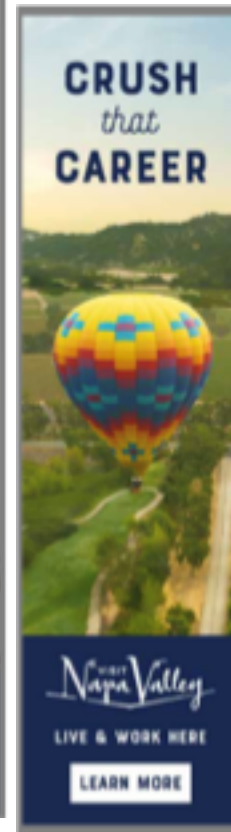


# Campaign - Crush That Career

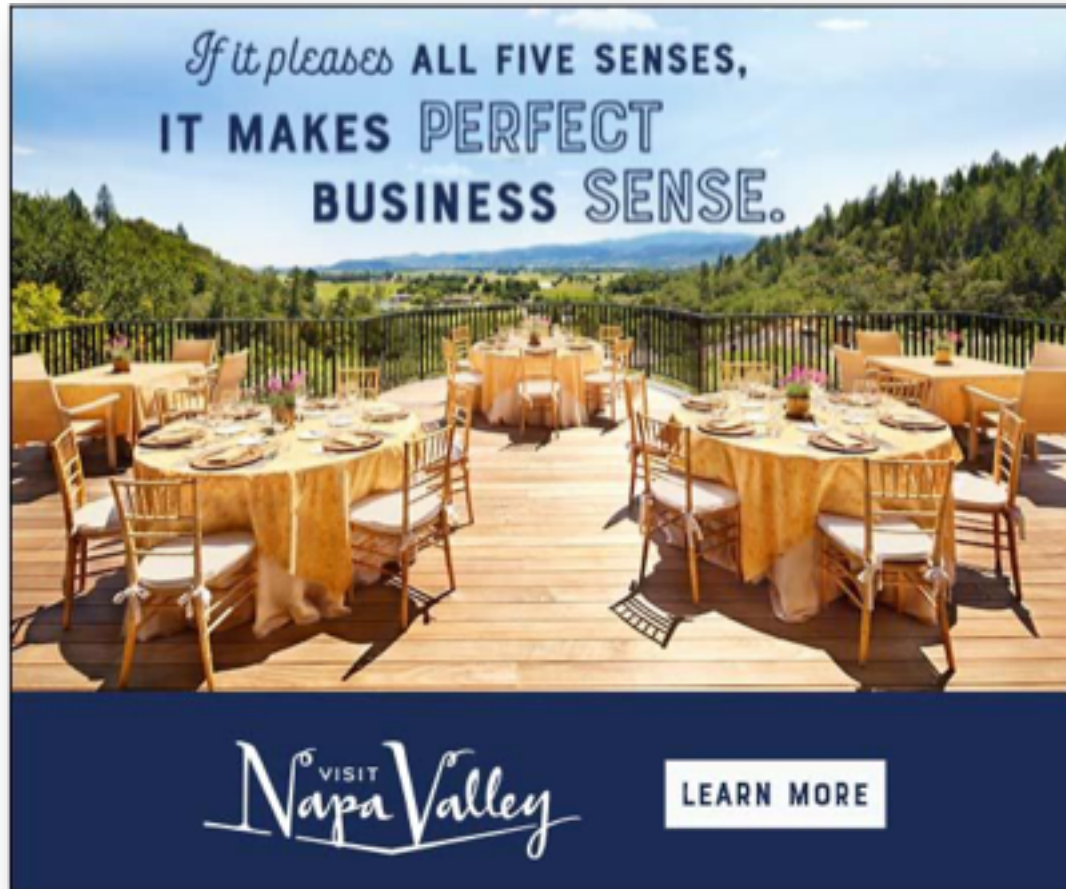


[www.CrushThatCareer.com](http://www.CrushThatCareer.com)

[www.visitnapavalley.com/crush-that-career/](http://www.visitnapavalley.com/crush-that-career/)



## Campaign – Crush That Meeting





# Thank You



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President and CEO  
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THE WINERY'S CHAMPION

## The Future of Wine DTC

The only provider of end-to-end DTC solutions for wineries of every size.



WINE CLUB



POINT OF SALE



E-COMMERCE



MARKETPLACE  
DISTRIBUTION



FULFILLMENT

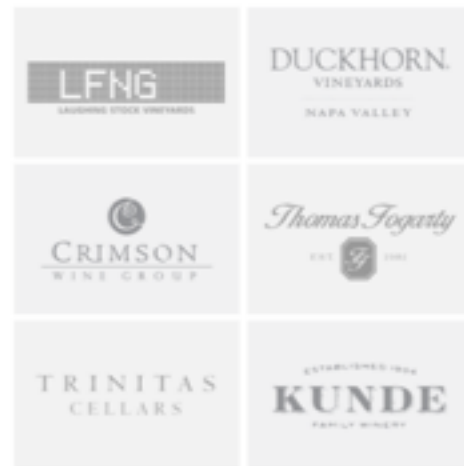
Powering over 2,000 wineries.

WineDirect is proud to work with wineries of all sizes, from small, family-owned vineyards to enterprise-level wineries.

“WineDirect is an invaluable partner: the strength of the platform, along with their understanding of our needs as a winery, is unmatched.”



**Lauren Rizzolo**  
One Brick Wines



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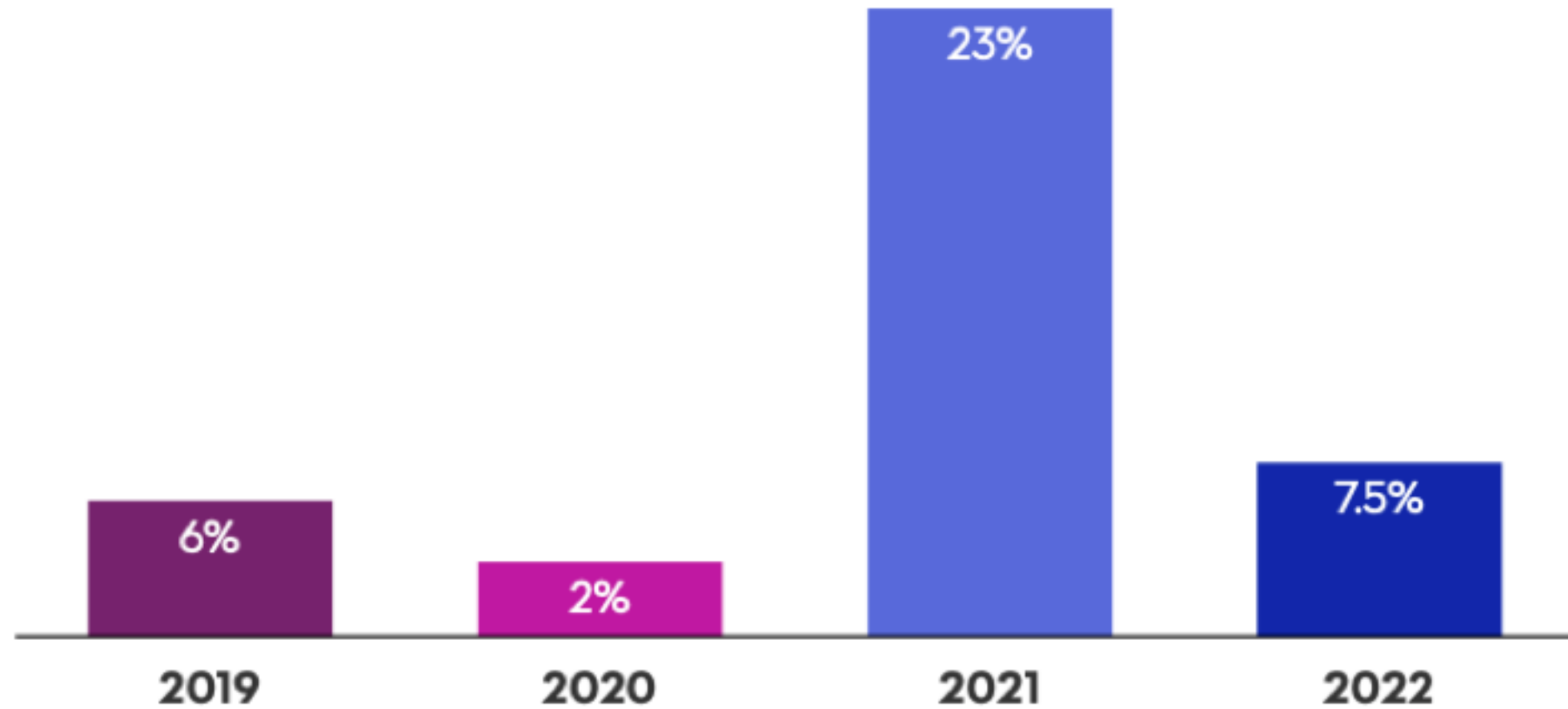
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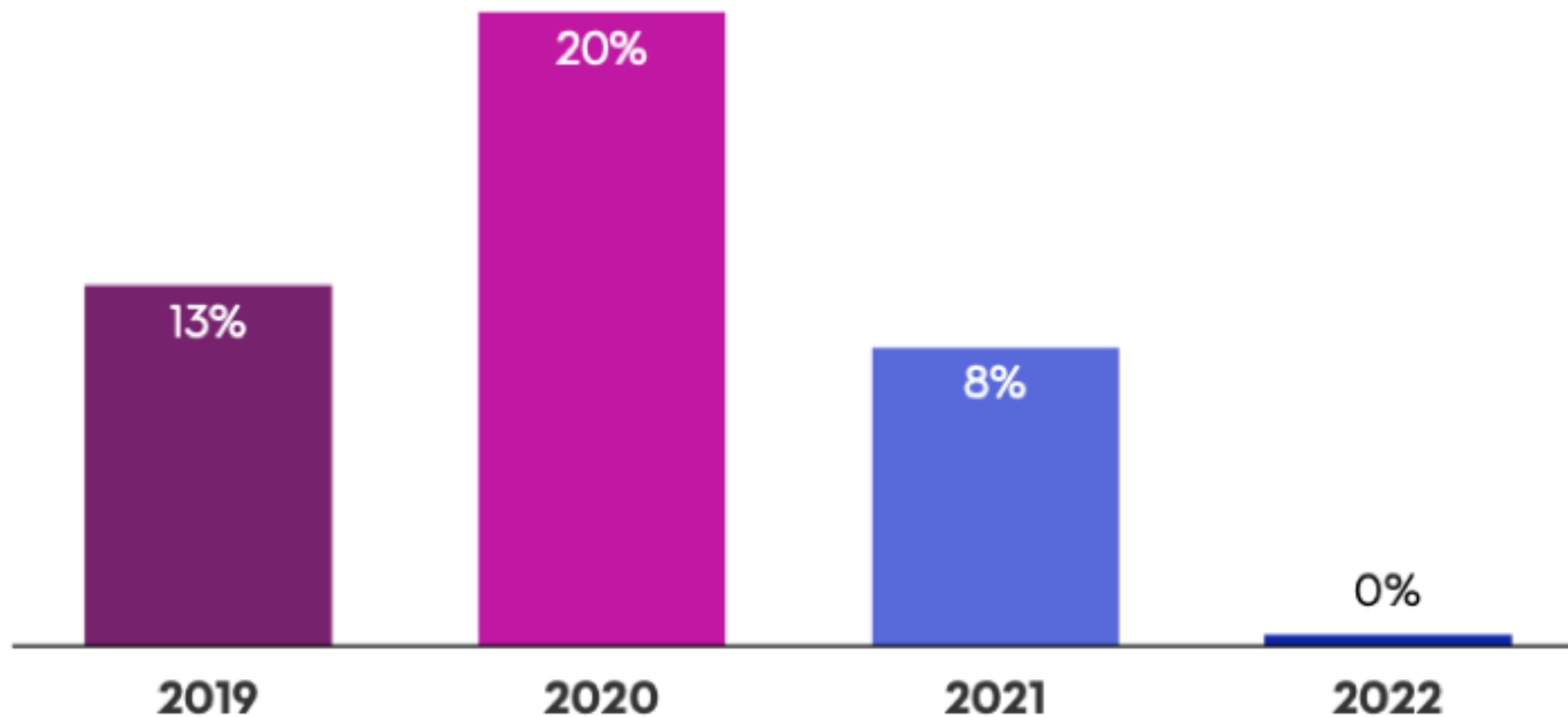
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THE WINERY'S CHAMPION

## Net Sales Growth vs Previous Year (2018 – 2022)



## Case Sold Growth vs Previous Year (2018 – 2022)



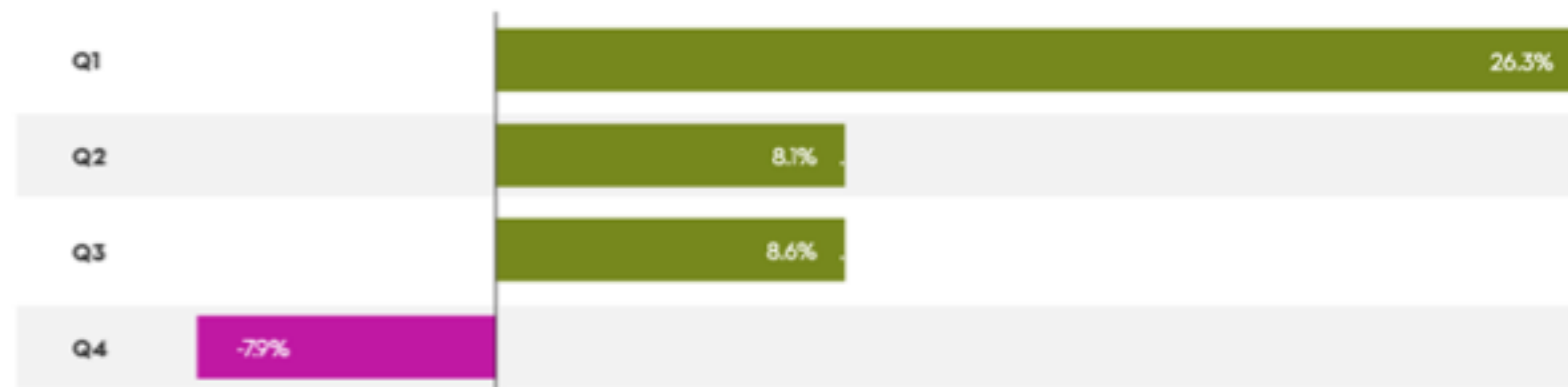


## 2022 Overview

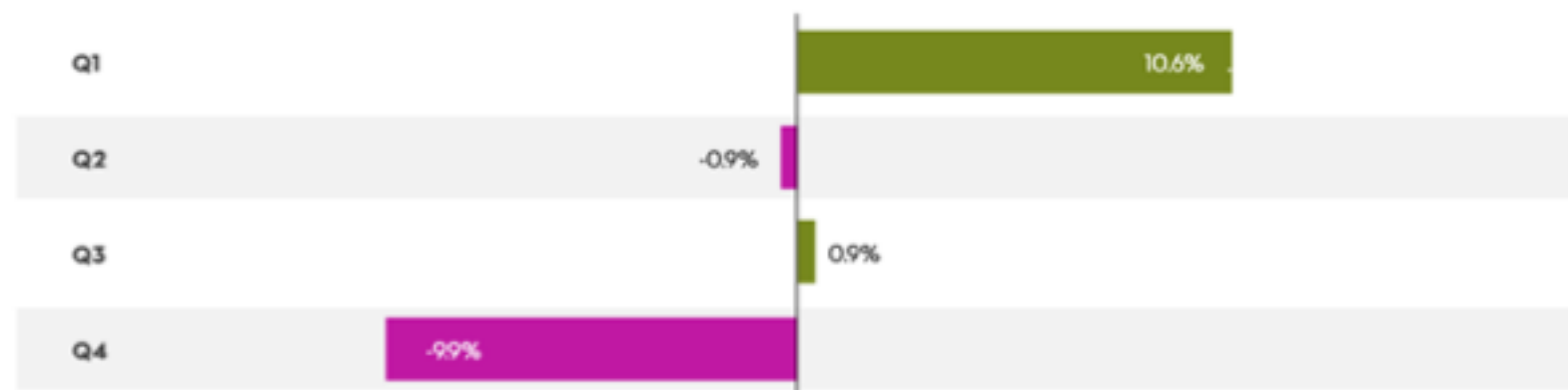
Growth in 2022 was driven by a very strong Q1 as the post-COVID “bounce back” continued. In Q1 through Q3 we saw the impact of higher prices/lower discounts as growth in Net Sales vastly outpaced growth in Cases Sold.

Negative growth trends began to emerge in Q4 and pricing also settled down as we saw a return to discounting.

### 2022 vs 2021 Quarterly Net Sales Growth



### 2022 vs 2021 Quarterly Cases Sold (9L) Growth



## YOY Net Sales Growth - US

	2019	2020	2021	2022
ALL	5%	2%	22%	8%

## Channel YOY Net Sales Growth - US

	2019	2020	2021	2022
ADMIN PANEL	-26%	18%	-6%	1%
CLUB	11%	7%	13%	23%
EVENTS	23%	-64%	171%	44%
POS	5%	-29%	65%	0%
TELE-MARKETING	5%	99%	-12%	-13%
WEBSITE	5%	141%	-20%	-14%



## YOY Cases Sold Growth - US

	2019	2020	2021	2022
ALL	13%	21%	8%	0%

## Channel YOY Cases Sold Growth - US

	2019	2020	2021	2022
ADMIN PANEL	7%	67%	-18%	-5%
CLUB	14%	13%	11%	13%
EVENTS	37%	-59%	121%	36%
POS	12%	-15%	35%	-8%
TELE-MARKETING	9%	113%	-25%	-15%
WEBSITE	16%	228%	-27%	-20%

# Average Sold Price and Discounting Since 2018 - US



## YOY Unique Customer Growth - US

	2019	2020	2021	2022
ALL	11%	-2%	28%	-4%

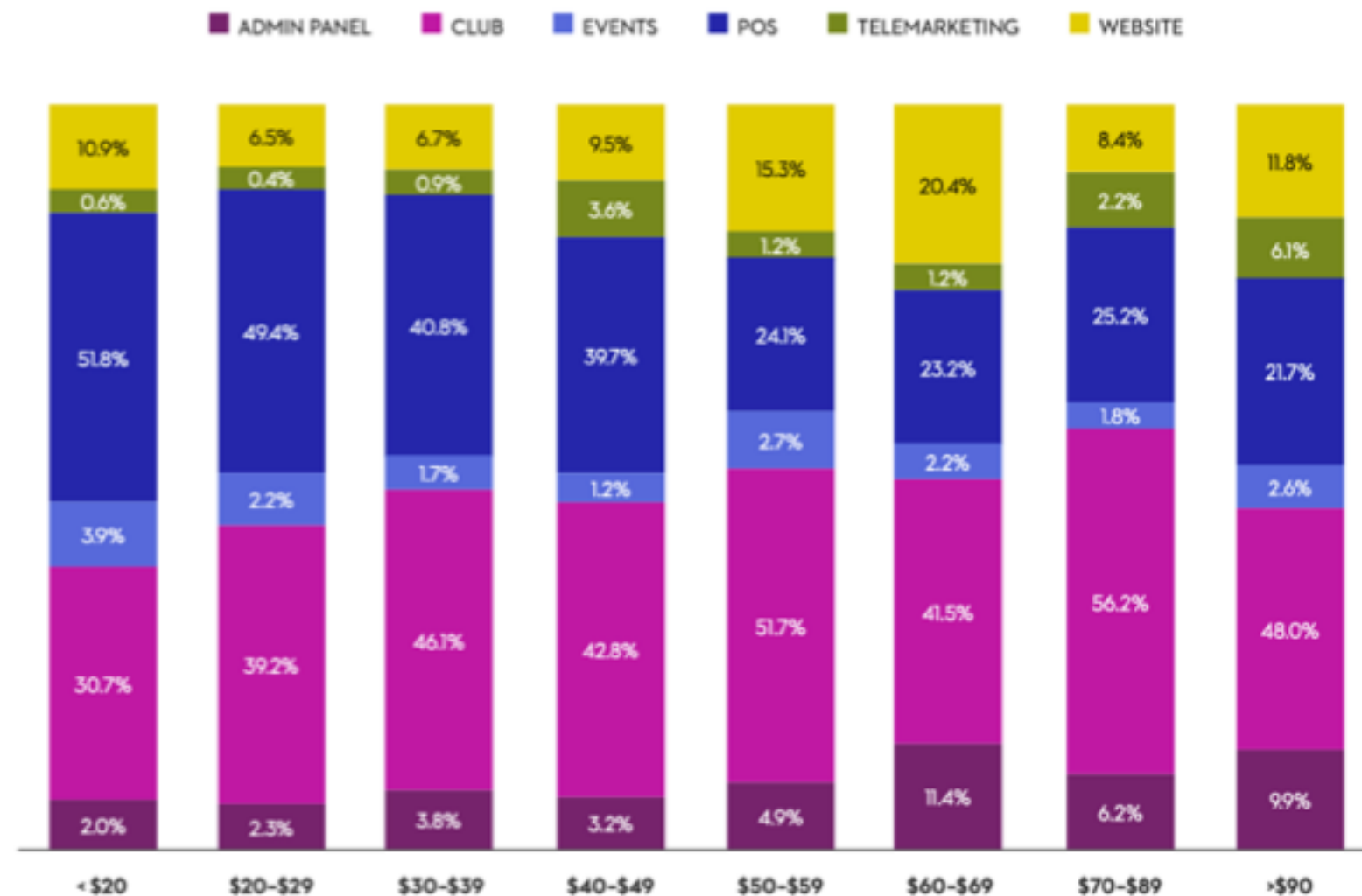
## Major Channel YOY Unique Customer Growth - US

	2019	2020	2021	2022
CLUB	6%	-2%	9%	7%
POS	13%	-21%	60%	-5%
WEBSITE	4%	135%	-24%	-19%
OTHER	7%	18%	8%	-3%

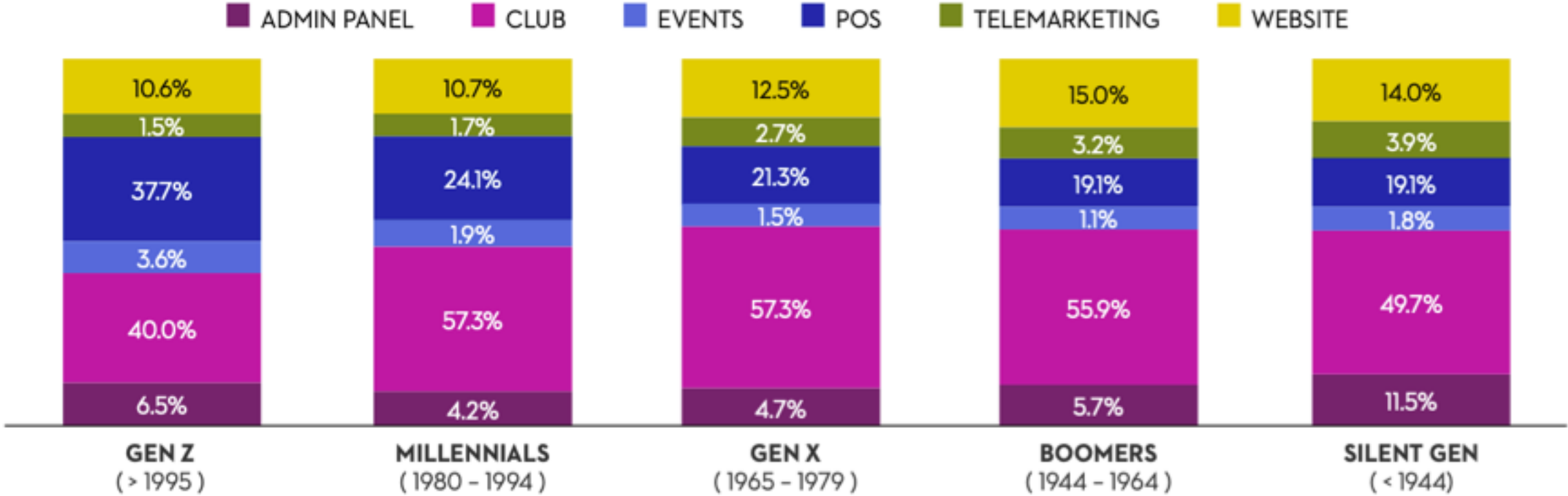
## 2022 Overview

Wine Club was the key driver of sales for wines over \$30, while the POS channel drove sales of lower-priced wines.

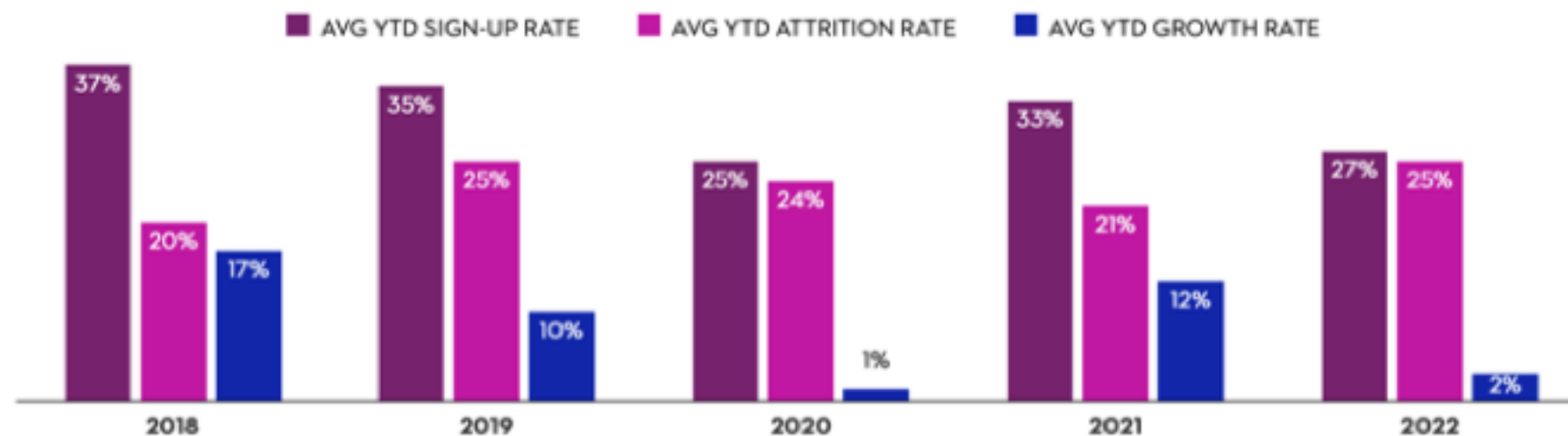
2022 Sales by Price Point and Channel - US



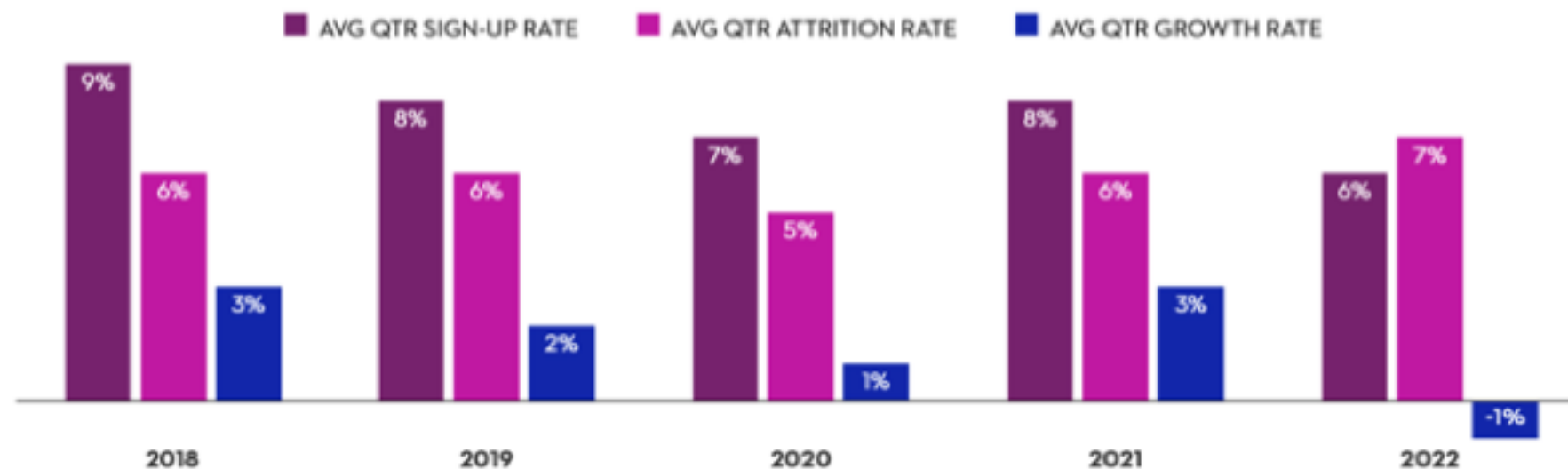
# 2022 YTD Net Sales by Channel by Generation - US



## Wine Club Memberships Growth Rates Since 2018 - US



## Wine Club Memberships Growth Rates Since 2018 (Q4) - US





# Questions?

