

Coronavirus Travel Sentiment Index

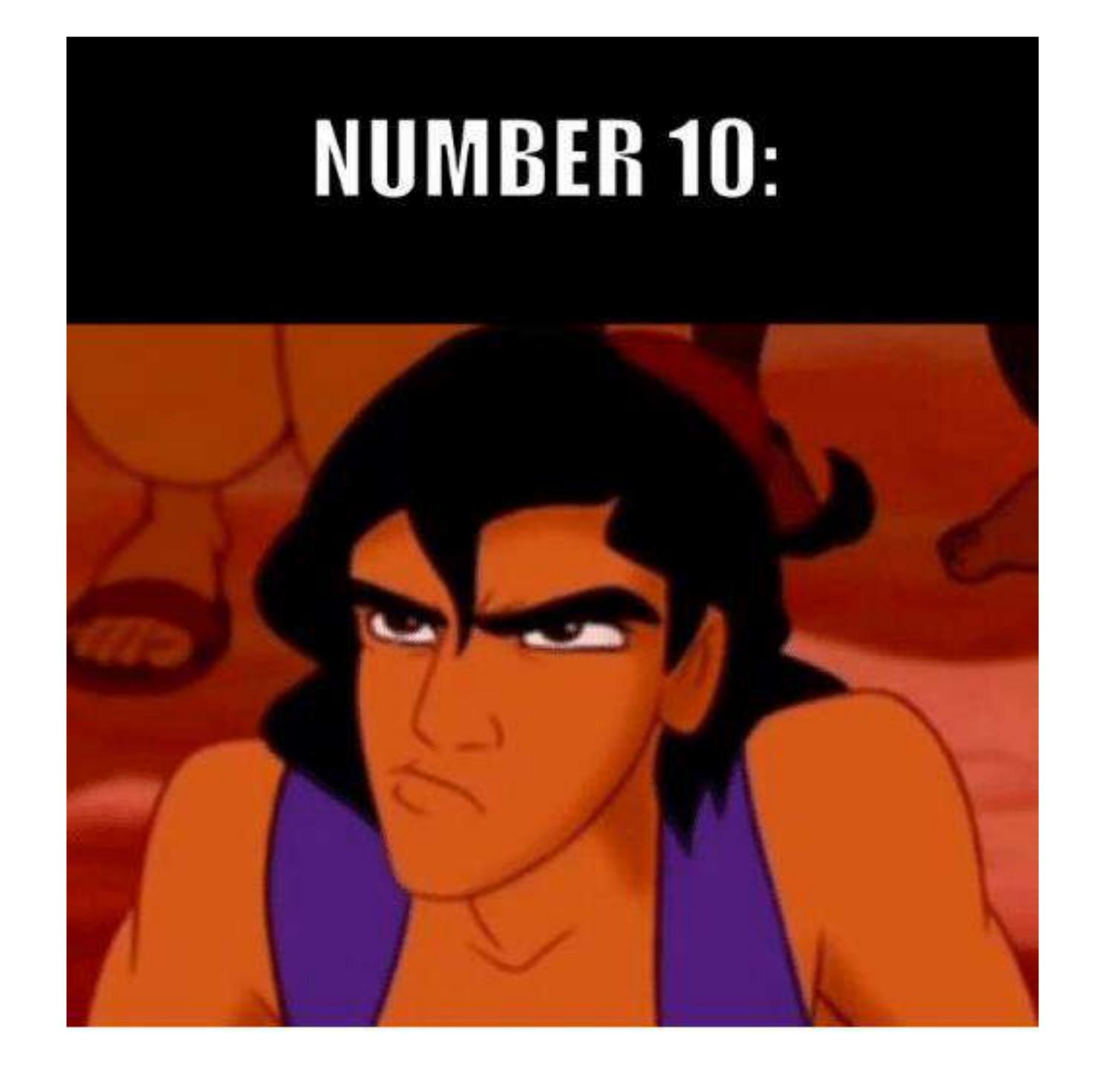
Presentation of Findings

Week of May 18th

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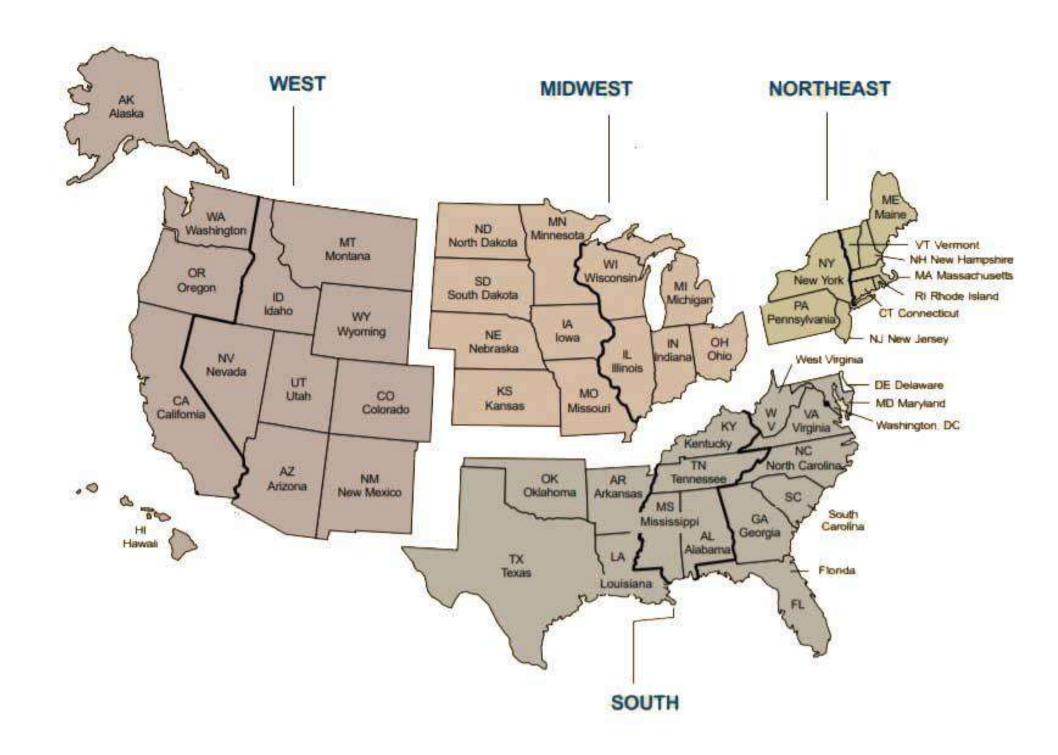


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Research Overview & Methodology

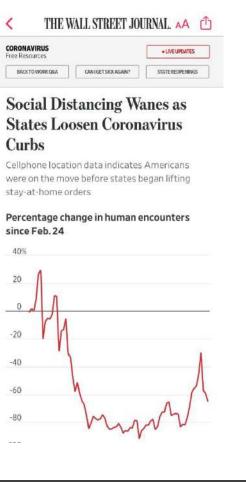
- Weekly tracking survey of a representative sample of adult American travelers in each of four U.S. regions
- Designed to track traveler sentiment and generate insights into when tourism businesses can expect demand to return and from whom
- Week 10 data (fielded May 15th-17th) will be presented today
- 1,200+ fully completed surveys collected each wave
- Confidence interval of +/- 2.8%
- Data is weighted to reflect the actual population of each region

U.S. Regions











Mass gatherings are making their way back into US life but may not look the way we remember

Madeline Holcombe, CNN

Updated 10:13 AM EDT May 16, 2020

Gatherings of large groups that have been brought to a halt by the novel coronavirus are starting to make their way

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Drive-ins in New Jersey, haircuts in Florida, gyms in Iowa — a patchwork of coronavirus rules grows

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U.S. on pace to pass 100,000 Covid-19 deaths by June 1, CDC director says

This marks the first time Robert Redfield has explicitly addressed the grim milestone



Dr. Robert Redfield. | AP Photo/Alex Brandon

By SUSANNAH LUTHI 05/15/2020 07:35 PM EDT



The United States is heading toward more than 100,000 coronavirus deaths by June 1, with leading mortality forecasts still trending upward, CDC Director Robert Redfield tweeted on Friday.

His assessment cited 12 different models tracked by his agency and marked the first time Redfield has explicitly addressed the grim milestone of 100,000 deaths, even as the Trump administration turns its strategy toward reopening the economy. The CDC director has been mostly sidelined in the government's public-facing response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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These are the states with coronavirus cases falling and rising the most

By Jason Hanna, CNN
(7) Undeted 4:24 PM ET Set May 16



(CNN)—The numbers of daily new reported coronavirus cases appear to be drooping in most states as the majority of the country takes steps to open their economies—though there are plenty of caveats.

Below, we'll examine which states' daily rates are rising or falling the steepest in relation to each other. Because this involves ranking states, we've adjusted for population.

First, a word on how case rates may, or may not, be important. Some public health experts cay declining case rates should be one guide for figuring when states should relax social distancing

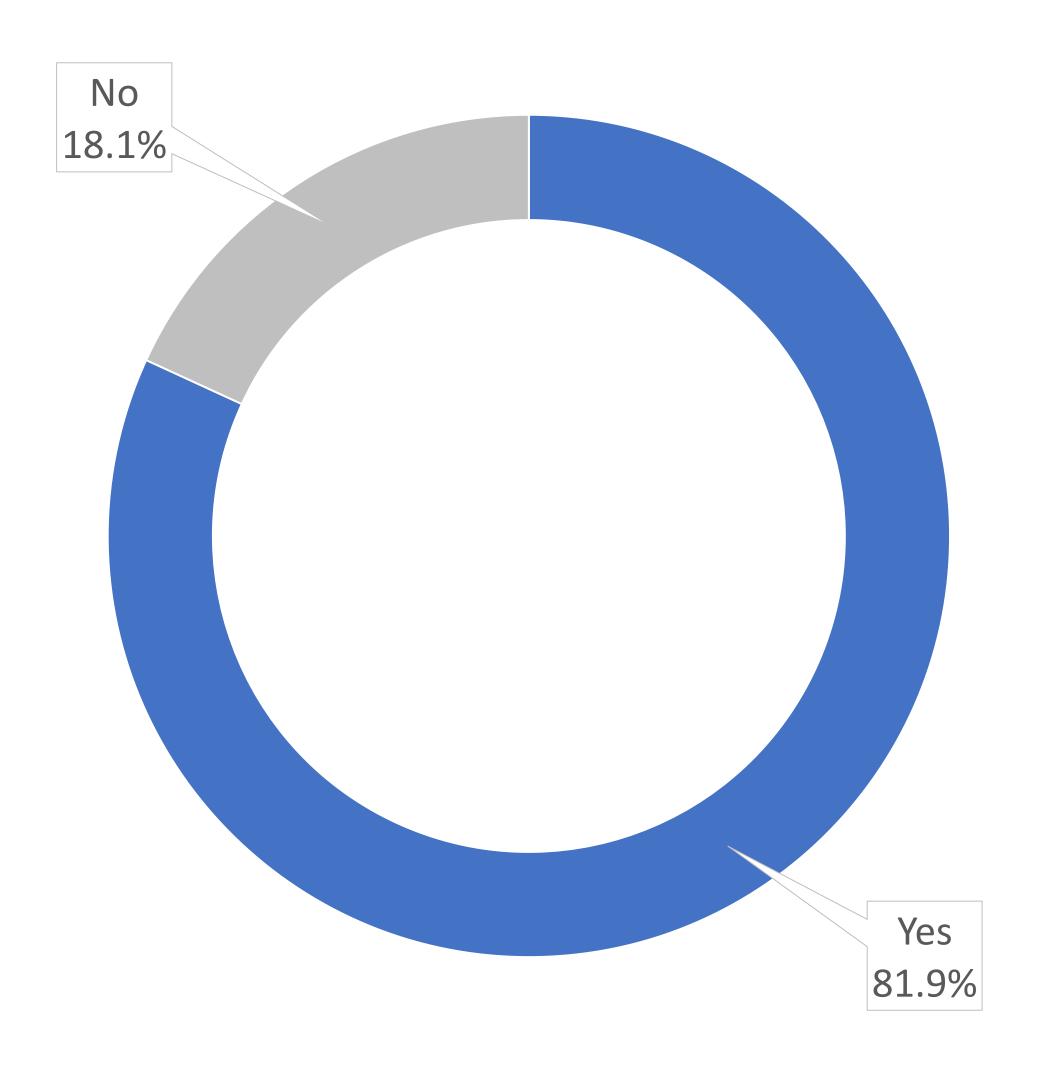
On the other hand, uneven testing rates should affect how states' positive case rates rise and fall. For example, case rates may rise as testing rates increase.



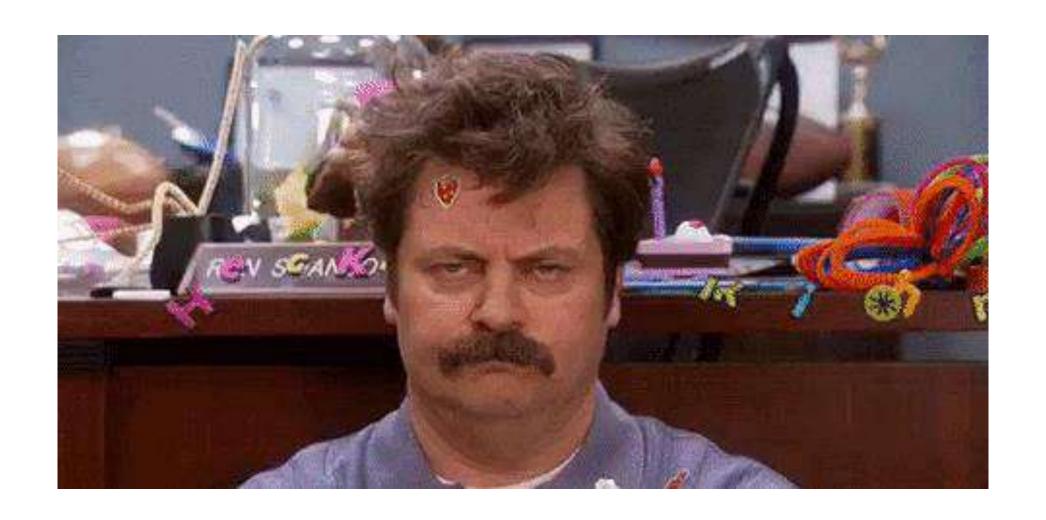
Residence in Shelter-in-Place Locations

Question: Do you live in a place that has (or had) shelter-in-place orders in effect to deal with the Coronavirus situation?

(Base: All respondents, 1,206 completed surveys. Data collected May 15-17, 2020)



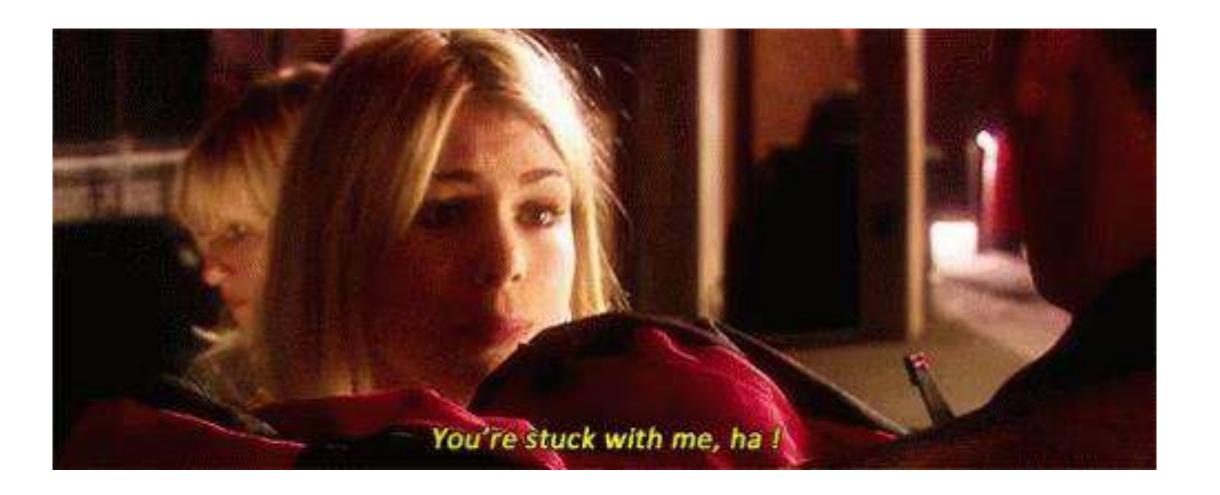




ppl living with their partners talking about "im bored" go make out or something

— leftatlondon.com (@LeftAtLondon) April 28, 2020



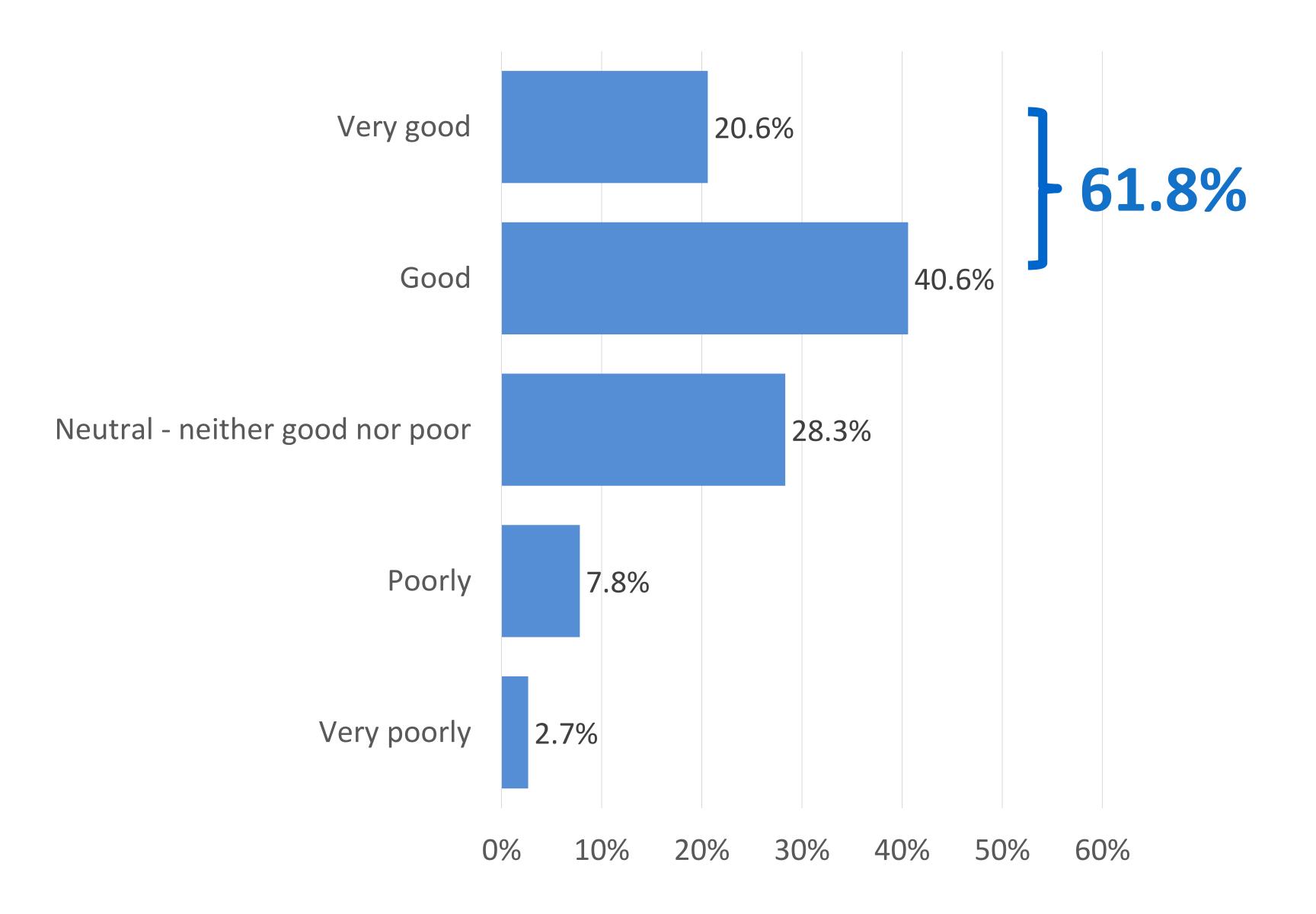




How Sheltering-in-Place has Gone

Question: Overall, on an emotional level, how well has sheltering-in-place gone for you?

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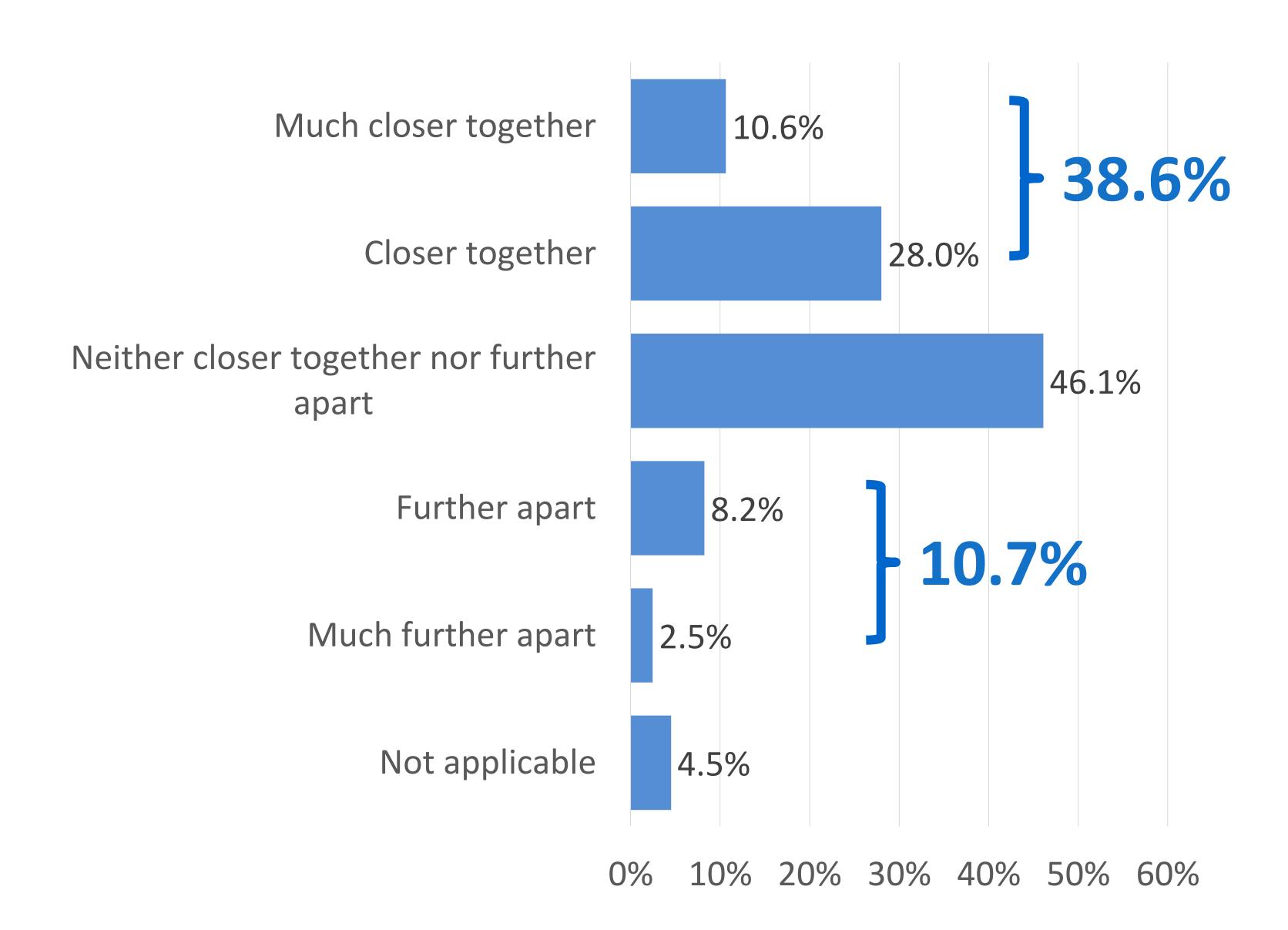


Sheltering-in-Place and its Effect of the Family

Question: Has sheltering-in-place impacted your family? Has it brought you closer together or not?

Sheltering in place has brought us

(Base: All respondents living under shelterin-place restrictions, 1,004 completed surveys. Data collected May 15-17, 2020)

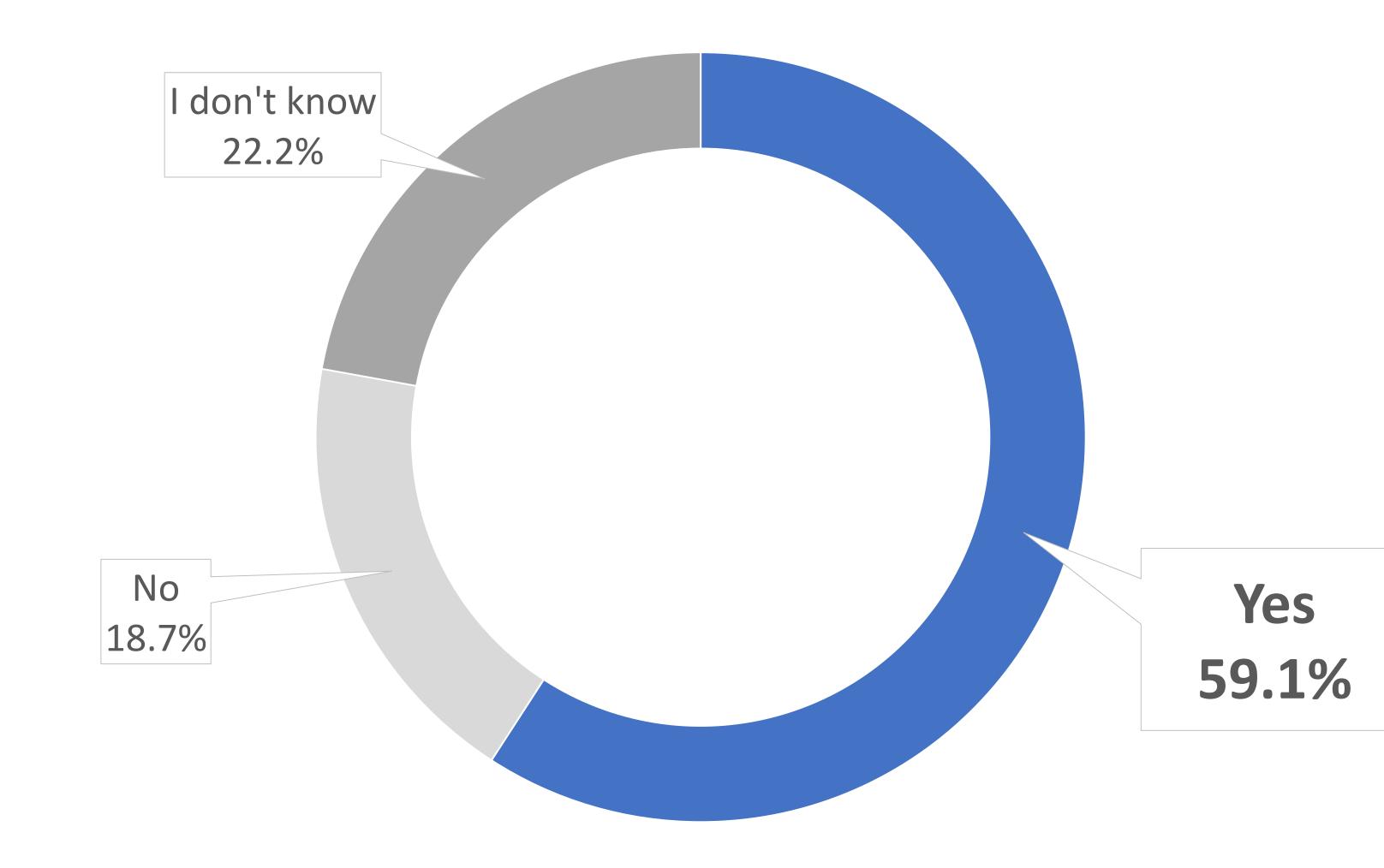




Family Travel After Sheltering-in-Place

Question: Do you feel that traveling together when the Cornonavirus situation is over would be good for your family?

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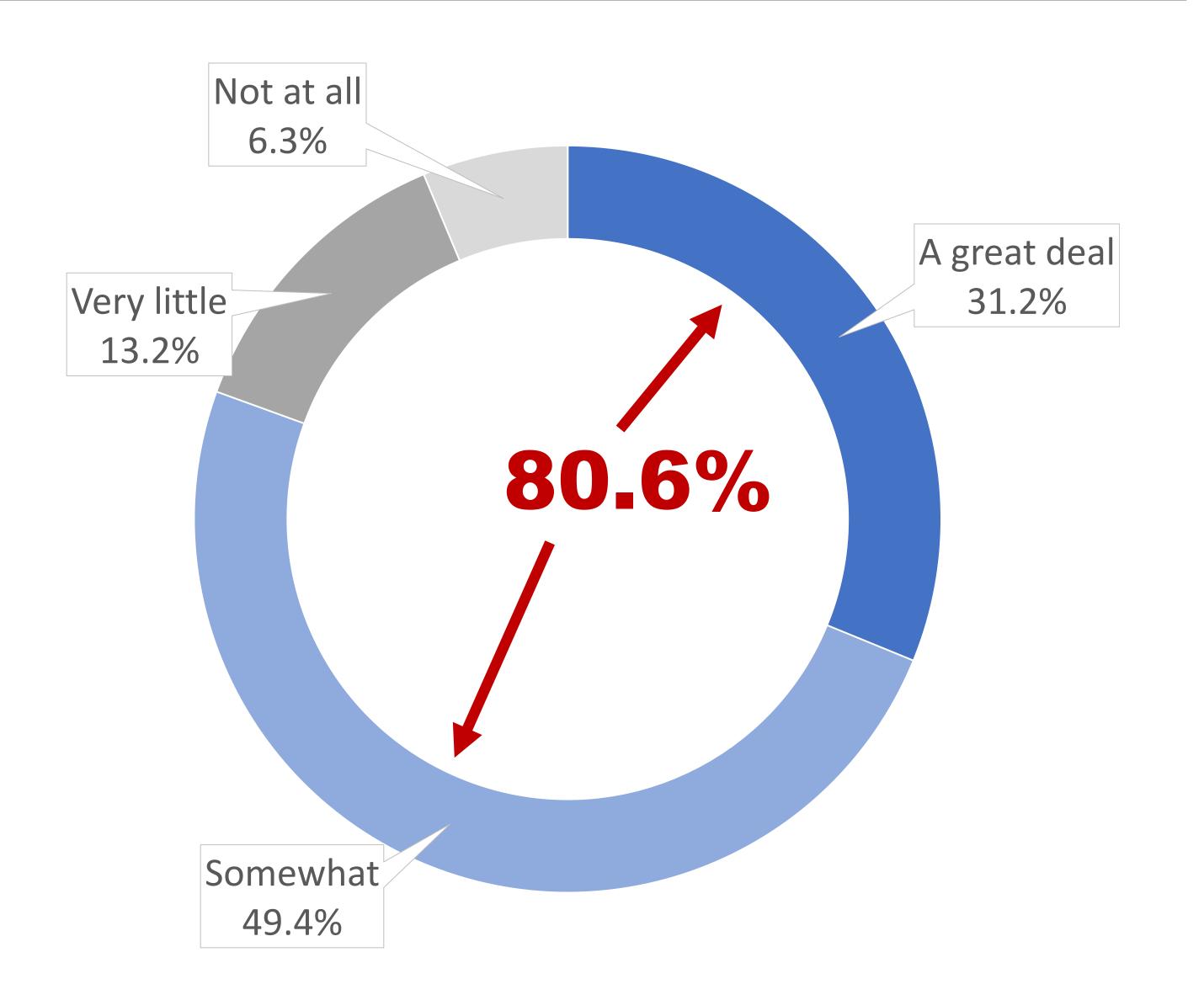
Trust in Co-Workers

Question: Let's talk now about your work and the COVID-19 virus.

In general, how much do you trust your coworkers to behave in a way that will protect your health while at work? (Select one)

I trust my co-workers _____.

(Base: All full-time or part-time employed respondents, 987 completed surveys. Data collected May 15-17, 2020)

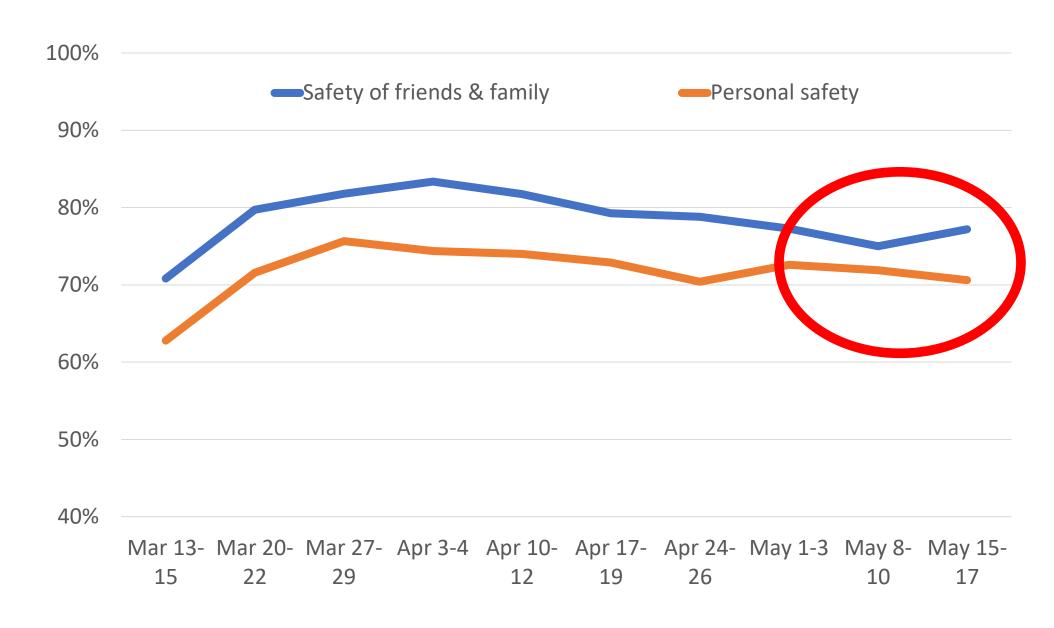




Summary: Personal & External Concerns

Safety Concerns

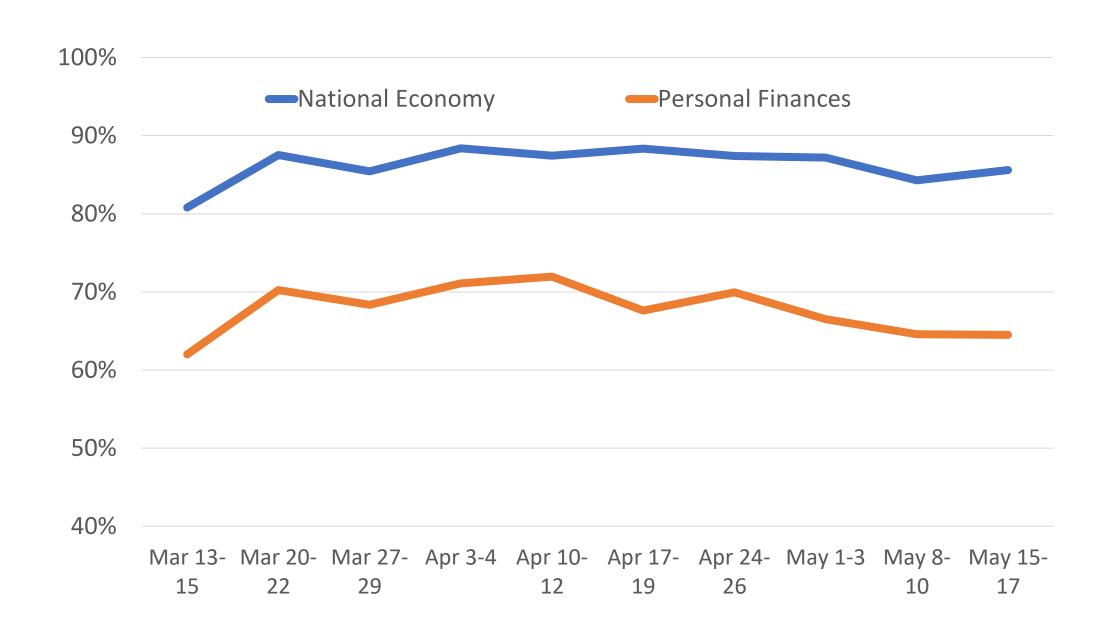
(% answering 10-6 on 11-point scale)



Question: Thinking about the current coronavirus situation, in general, HOW CONCERNED ARE YOU PERSONALLY about contracting the virus? Question: Thinking about the current coronavirus situation, in general, how concerned are you about your FRIENDS OR FAMILY contracting the virus?

Economic Concerns

(% answering 10-6 on 11-point scale)



Question: Thinking about the current coronavirus situation, how concerned are you about the impact it may have on the NATIONAL ECONOMY? Question: Thinking about the current coronavirus situation, how concerned are you about the impact it may have on your PERSONAL FINANCES?

(Base: All respondents, 1,201, 1,216, 1,263, 1,238, 1,208, 1,204, 1,200 and 1,212 completed surveys. Data collected March 27-29 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, May 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17, 2020)

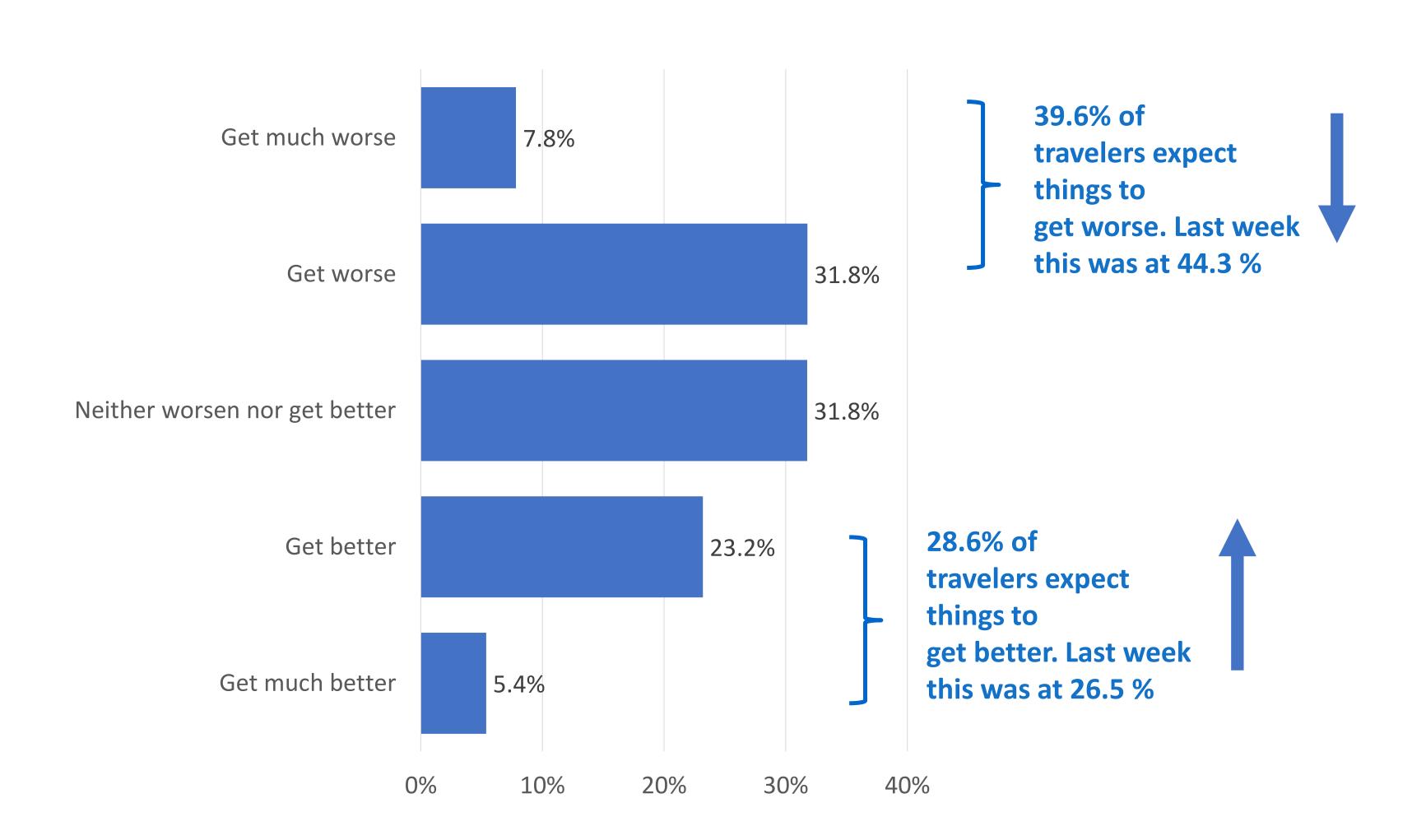


Expectations for the Coronavirus Outbreak

Question: In the NEXT MONTH, how (if at all) do you expect the severity of the coronavirus situation in the United States to change? (Select one)

In the next month the coronavirus situation will ____

(Base: Wave 10 data. All respondents, 1,212 completed surveys. Data collected May 15-17, 2020)

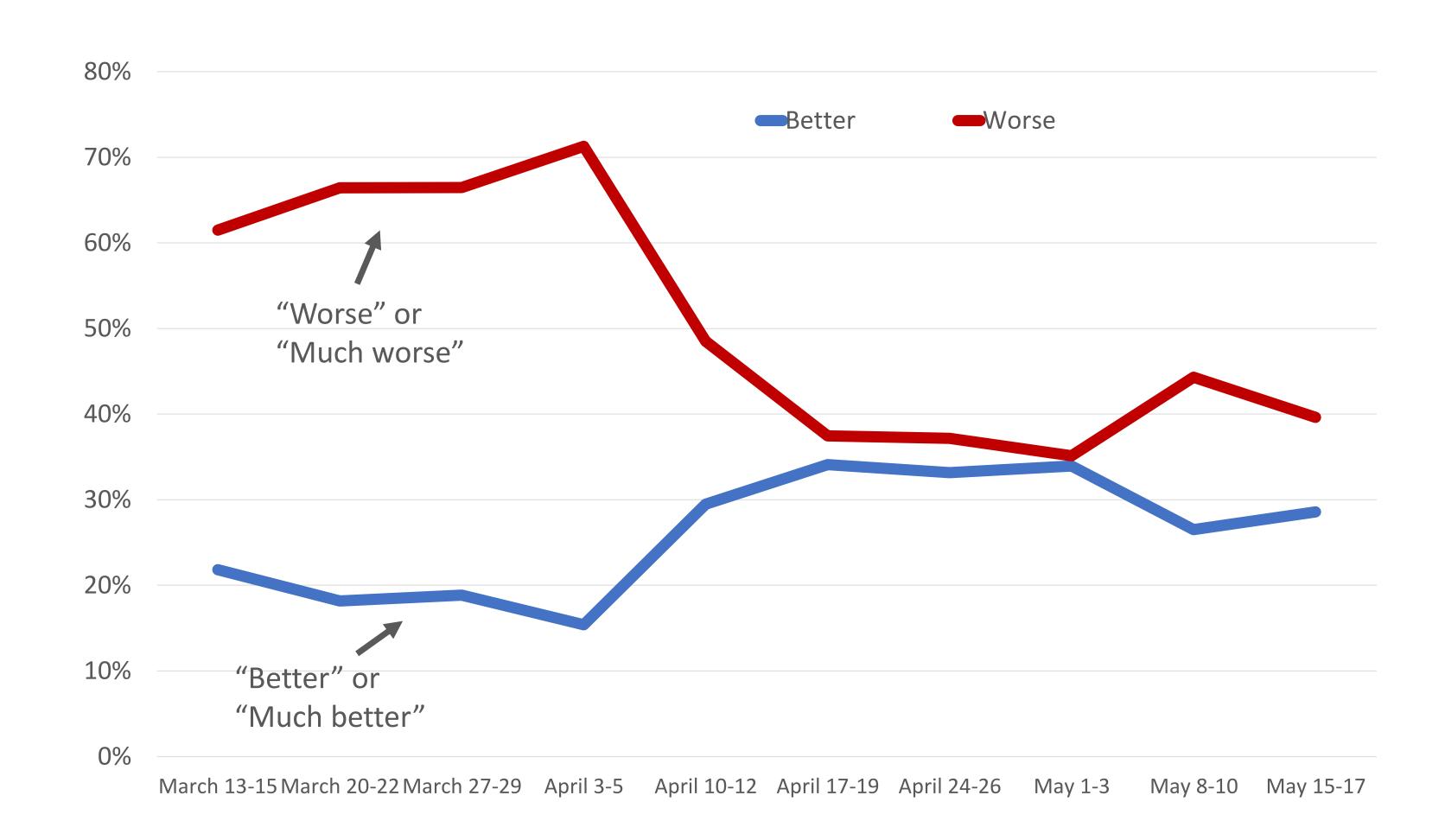




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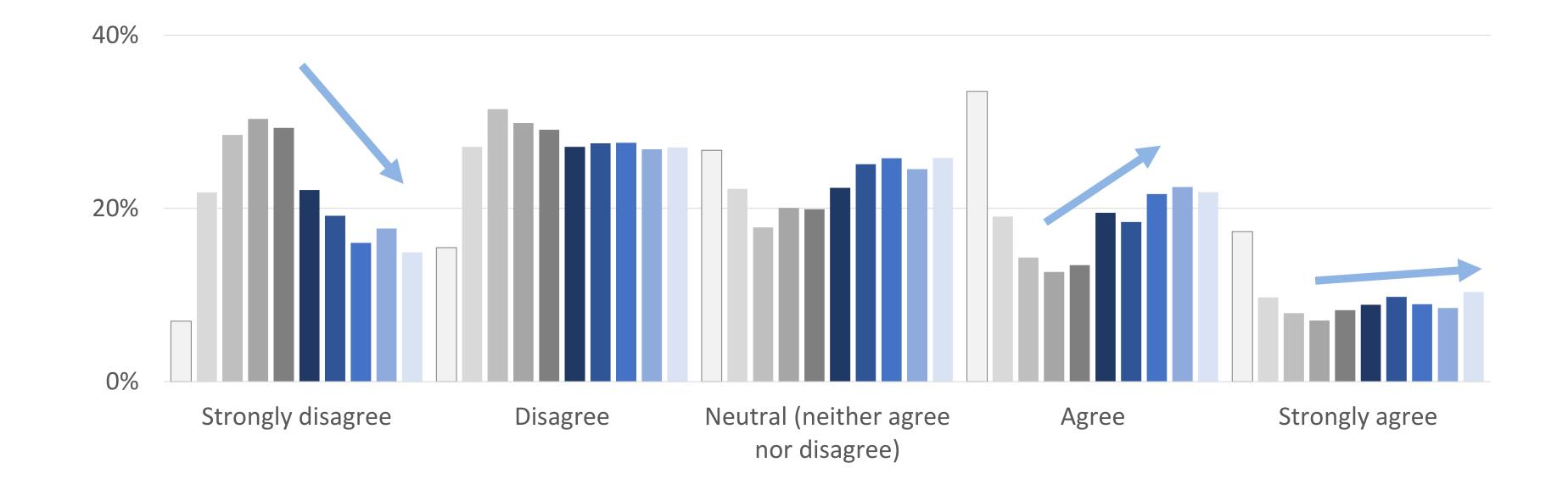
Comfort Enjoying Home Community

How much do you agree with the following statement?

Statement: I still feel comfortable going out in my community to restaurants, local attractions and undertaking local activities.

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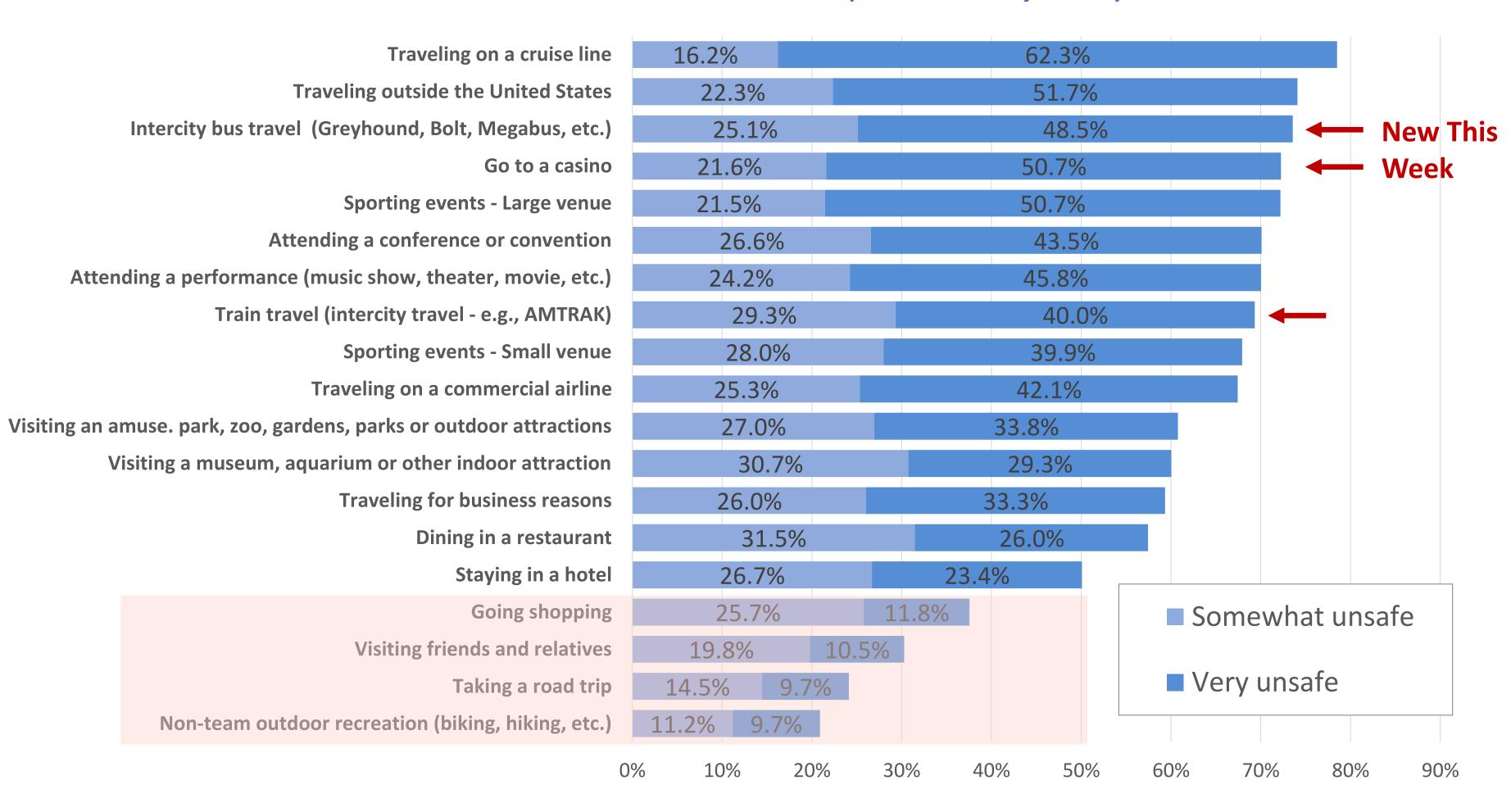


Perceived Safety of Travel Activities (Wave 10)

Question: At this moment, how safe would you feel doing each type of travel activity?

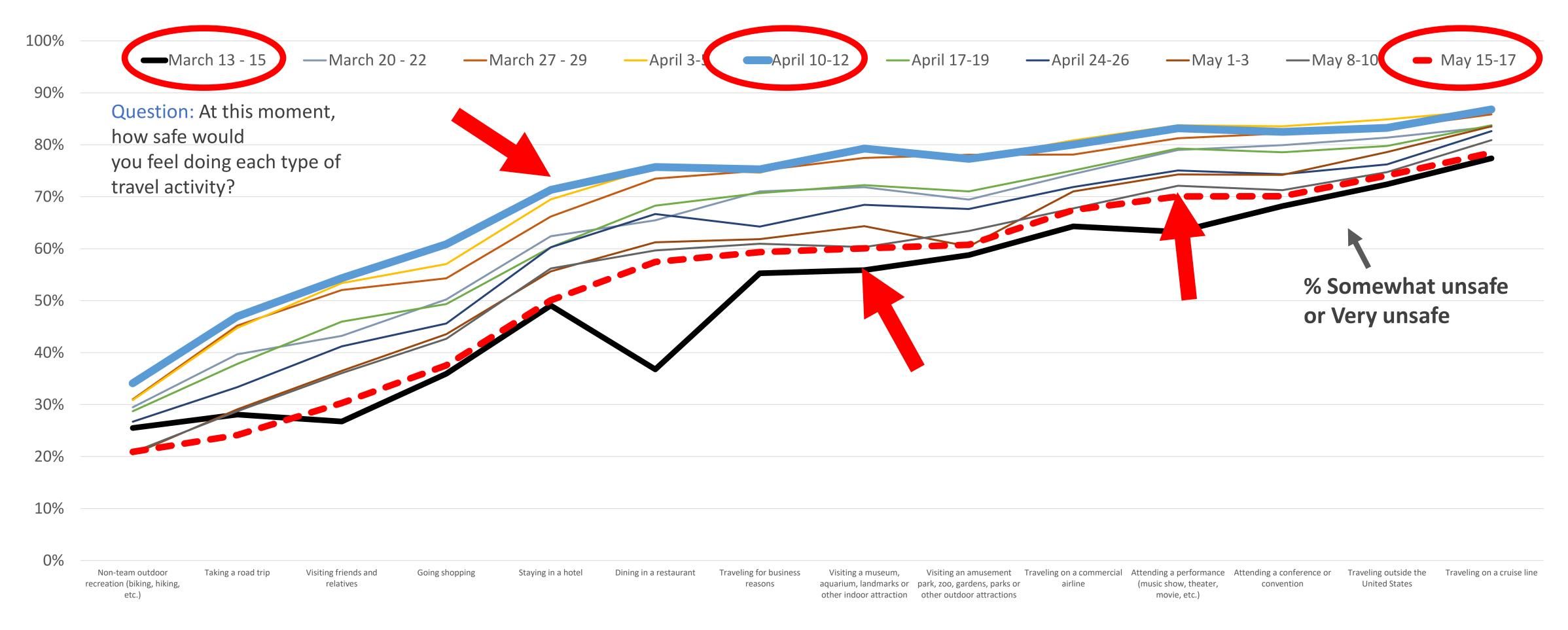
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Wave 10 (Collected May 15-17)





Perceived Safety of Travel Activities (Waves 1-10 Comparison)



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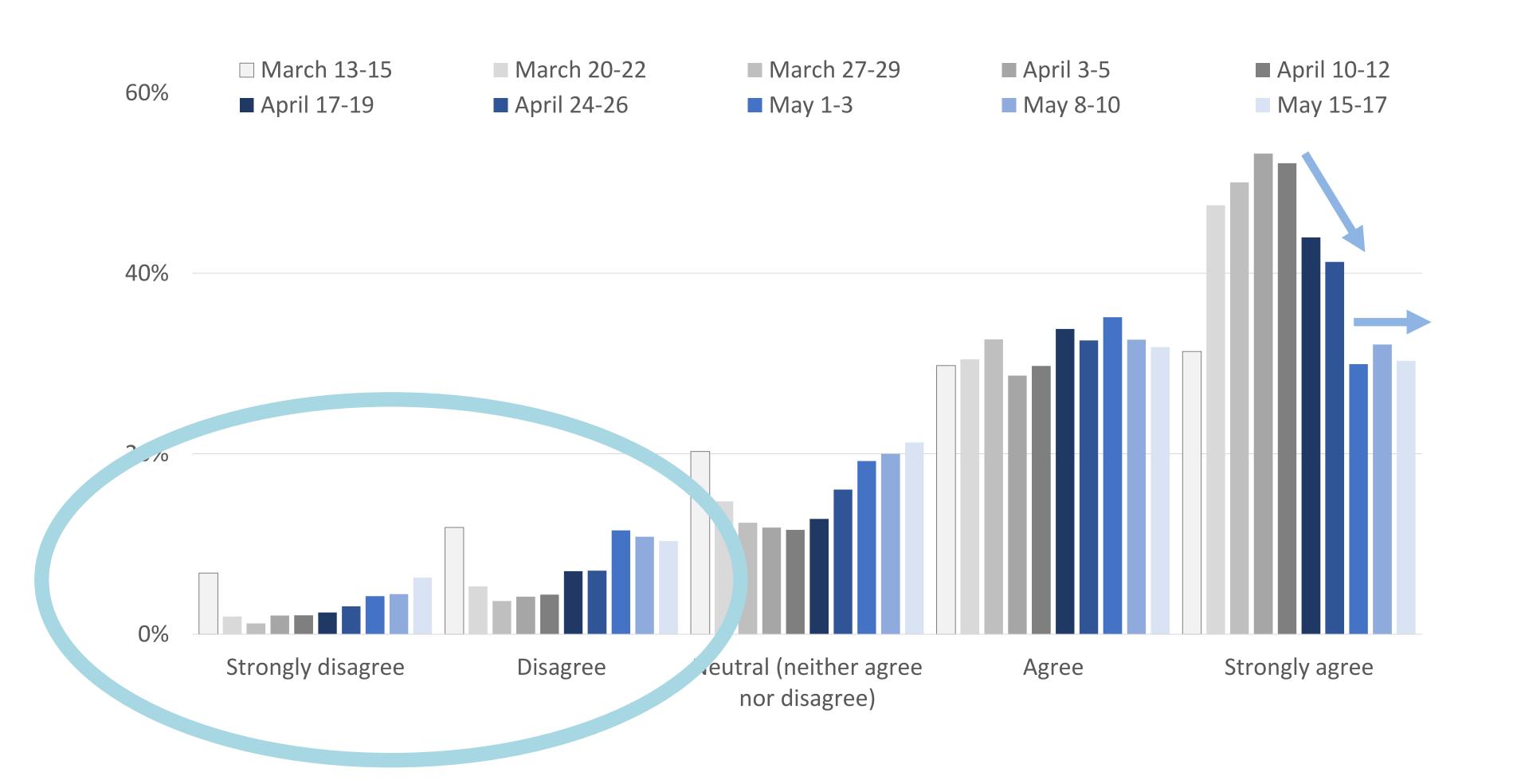


Avoiding Travel Until the Crisis Blows Over

How much do you agree with the following statement?

Statement: I'm planning to avoid all travel until the coronavirus situation blows over.

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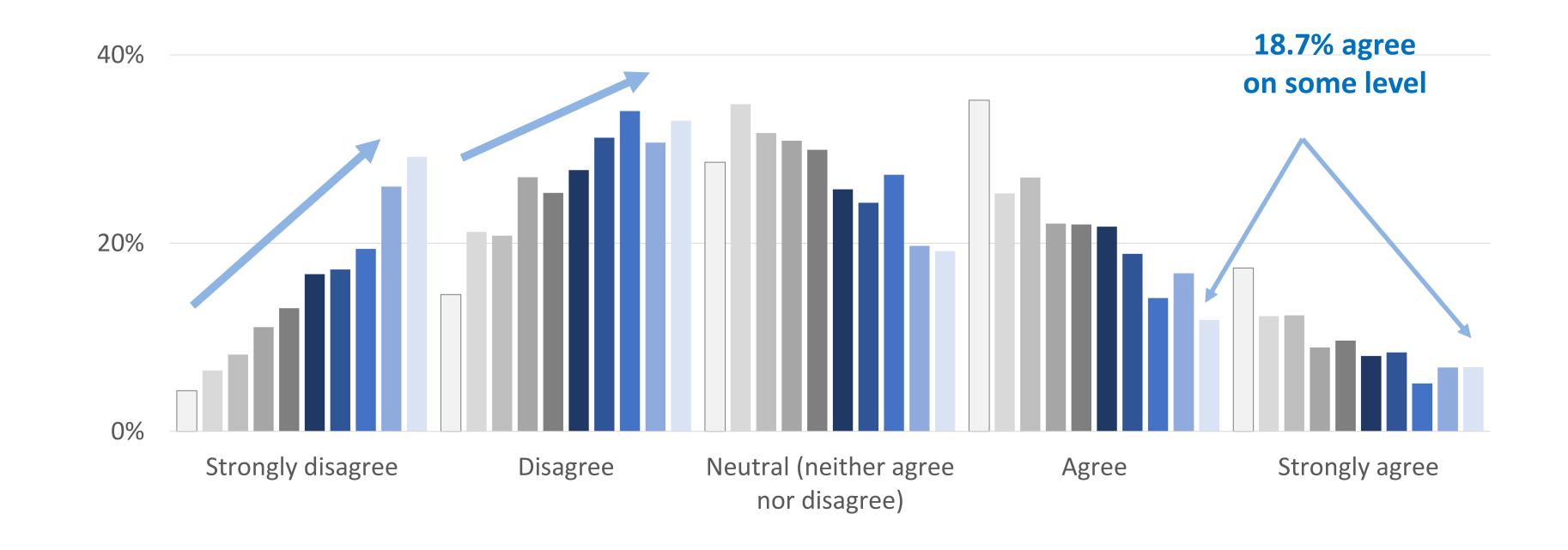
Expectations for Summer Travel Season

How much do you agree with the following statement?

Statement: I expect the coronavirus situation will be resolved before the summer travel season.

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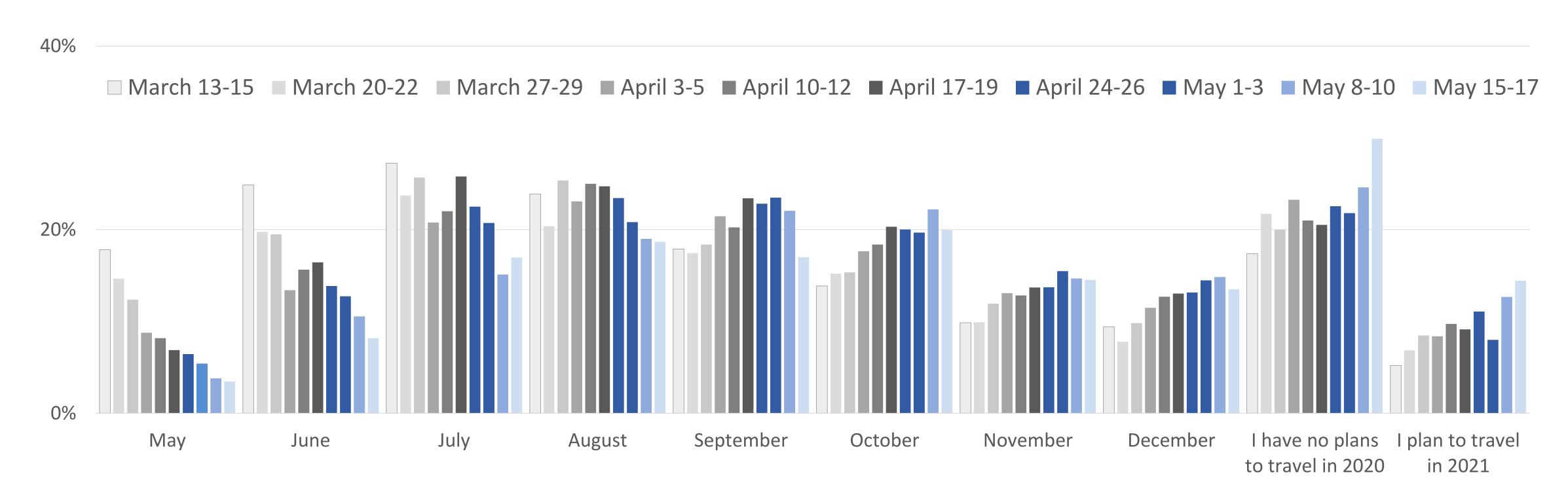






Upcoming Travel Plans

Question: Even if only tentatively scheduled, in which months of this year do you currently plan to take any leisure trips?



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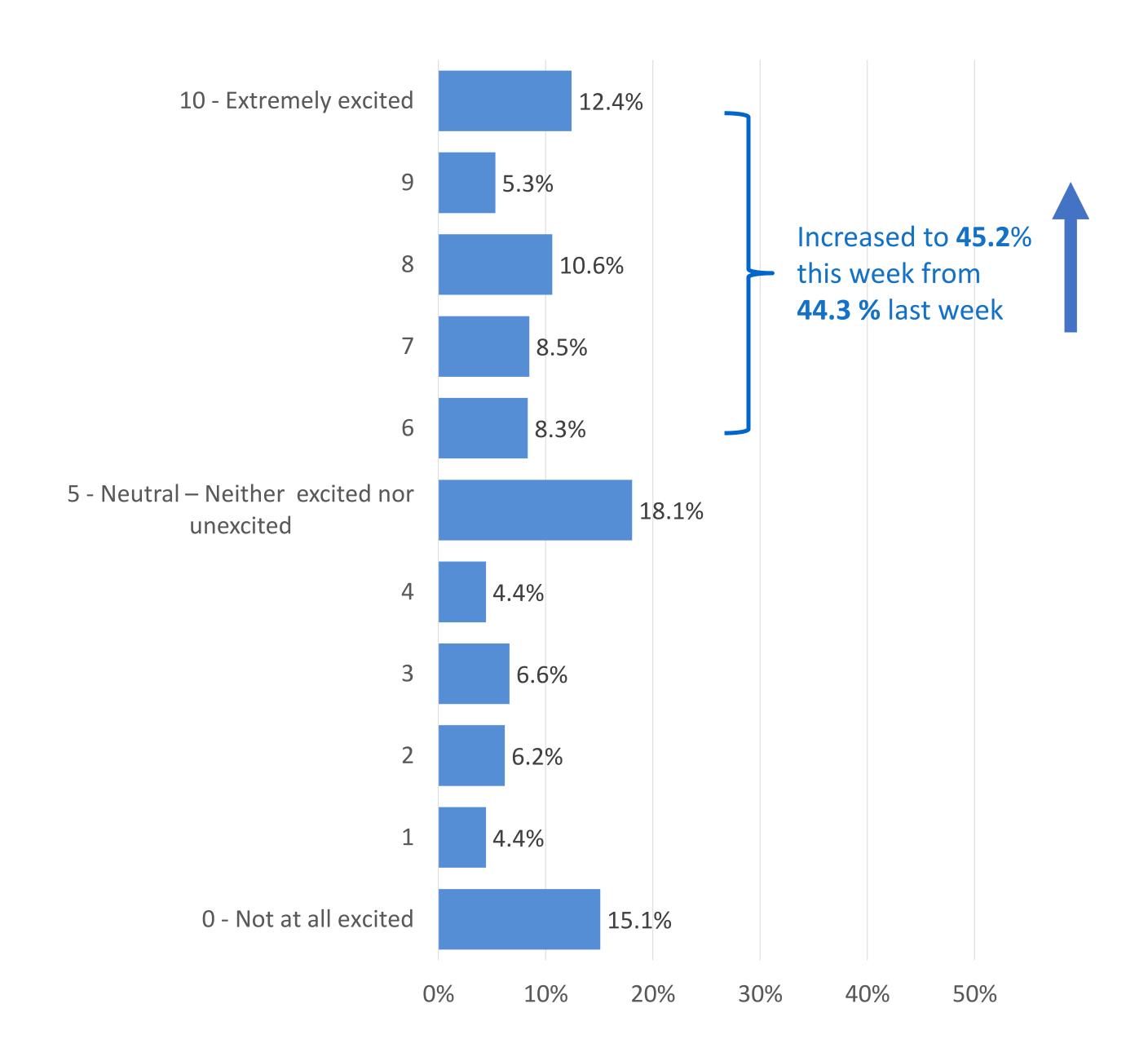


Excitement to Travel Now

Question: Imagine that a good friend (or close family member) asks you to take a weekend getaway with them sometime in the next month.

How excited would you be to go? (Assume the getaway is to a place you want to visit)

(Base: All respondents, 1,200 completed surveys. Data collected May 8-10, 2020)



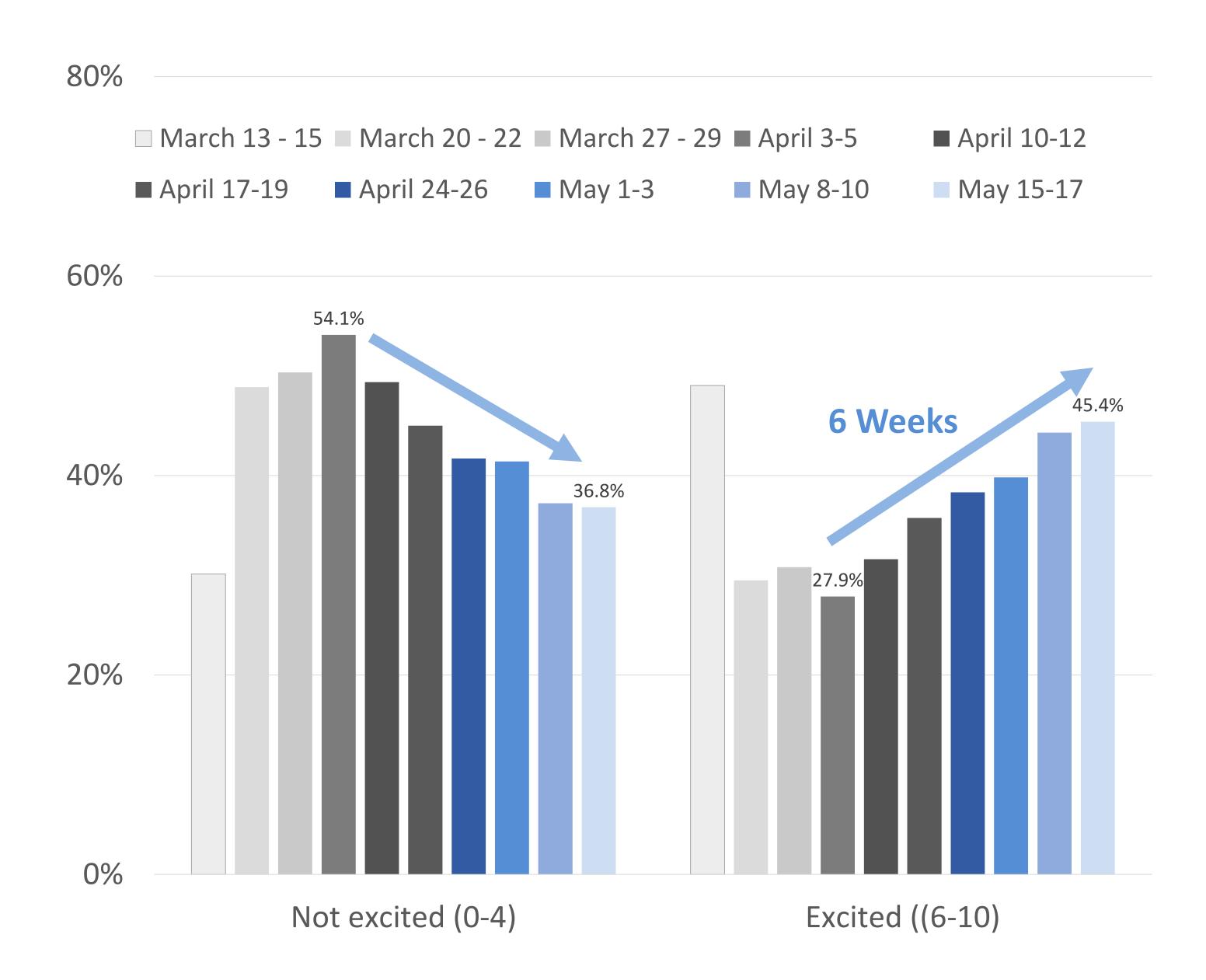


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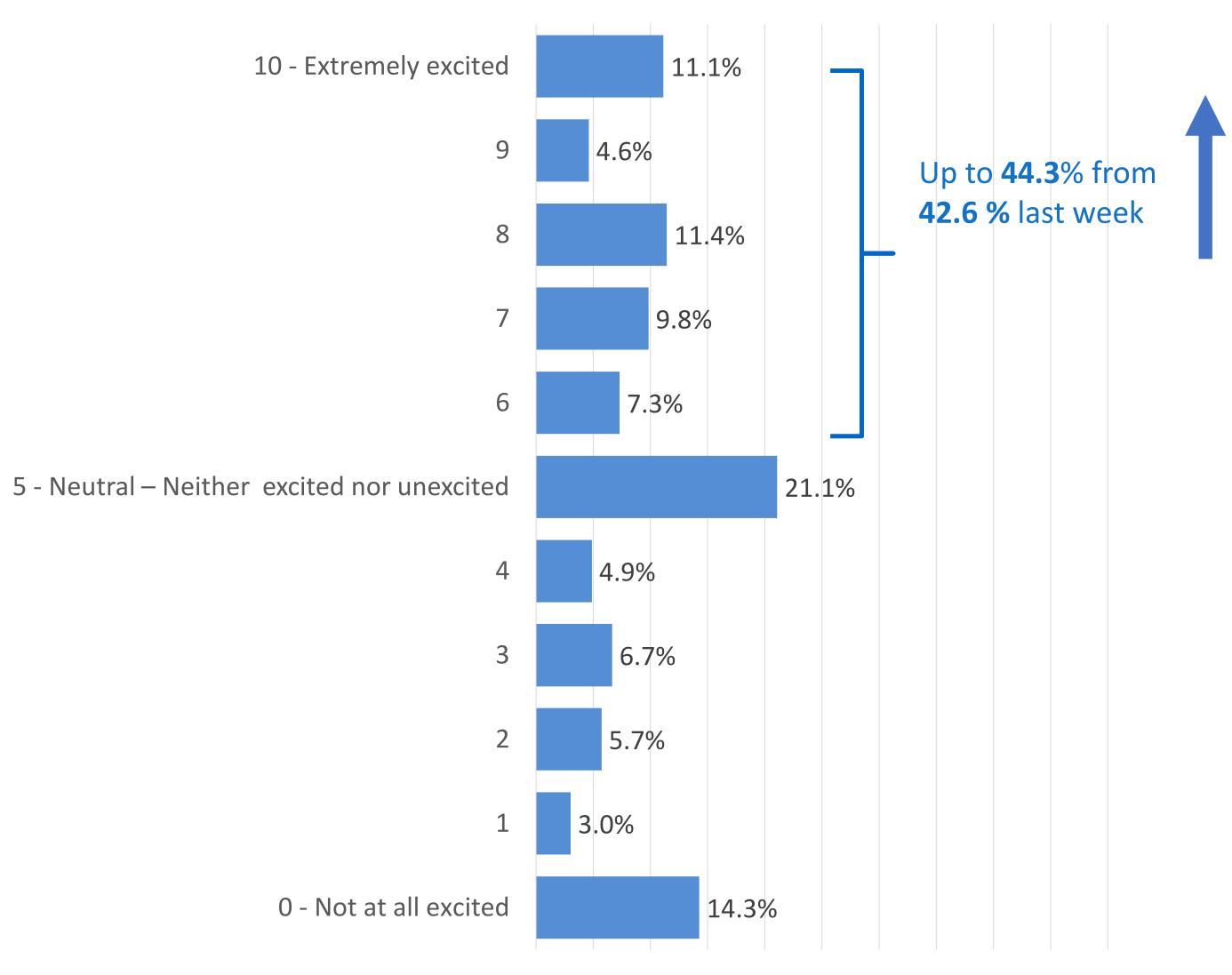




Openness to Travel Information

Question: At this moment, how excited are you in learning about new, exciting travel experiences or destinations to visit?

(Base: All respondents, 1,200 completed surveys. Data collected May 8-10, 2020)



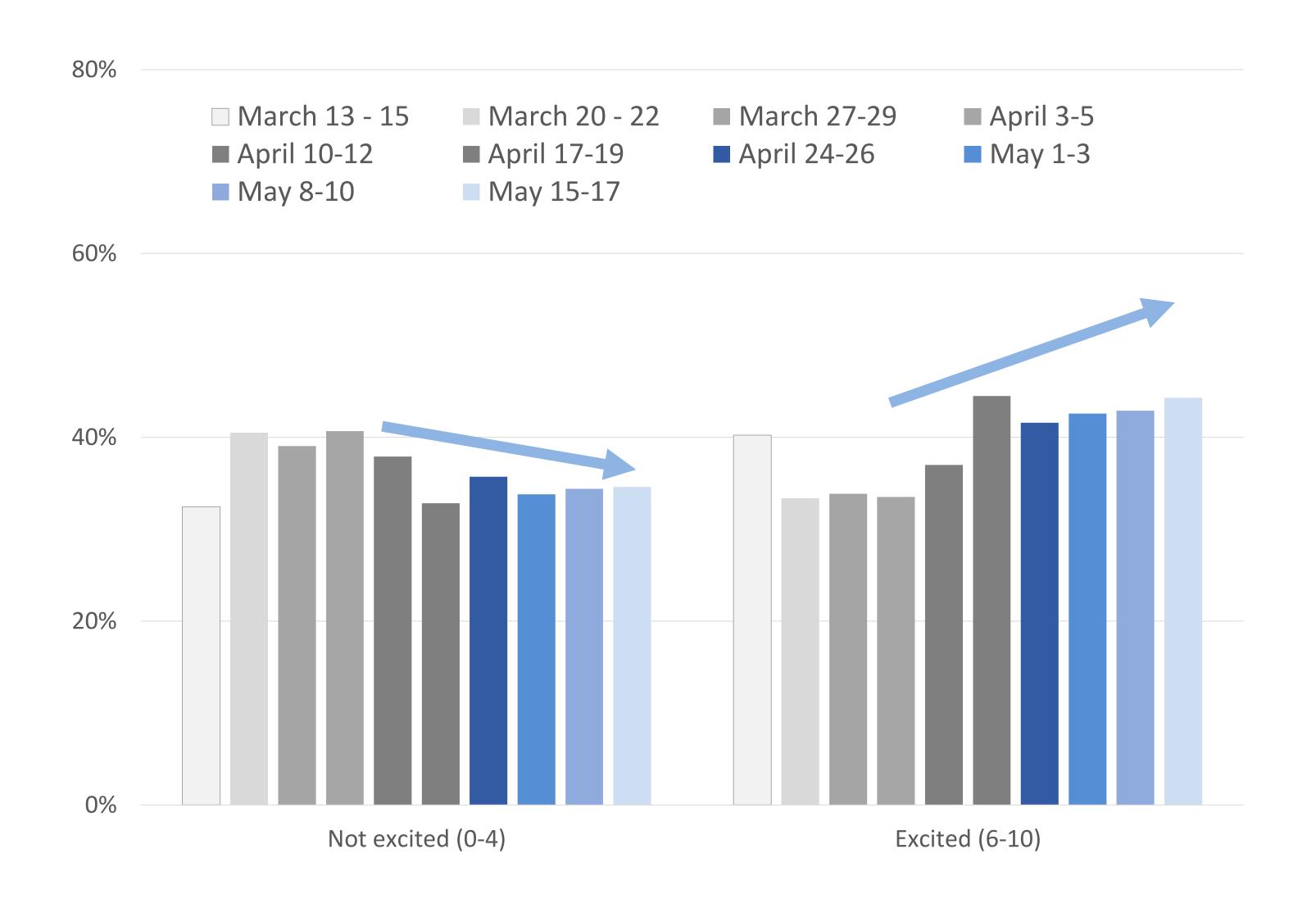




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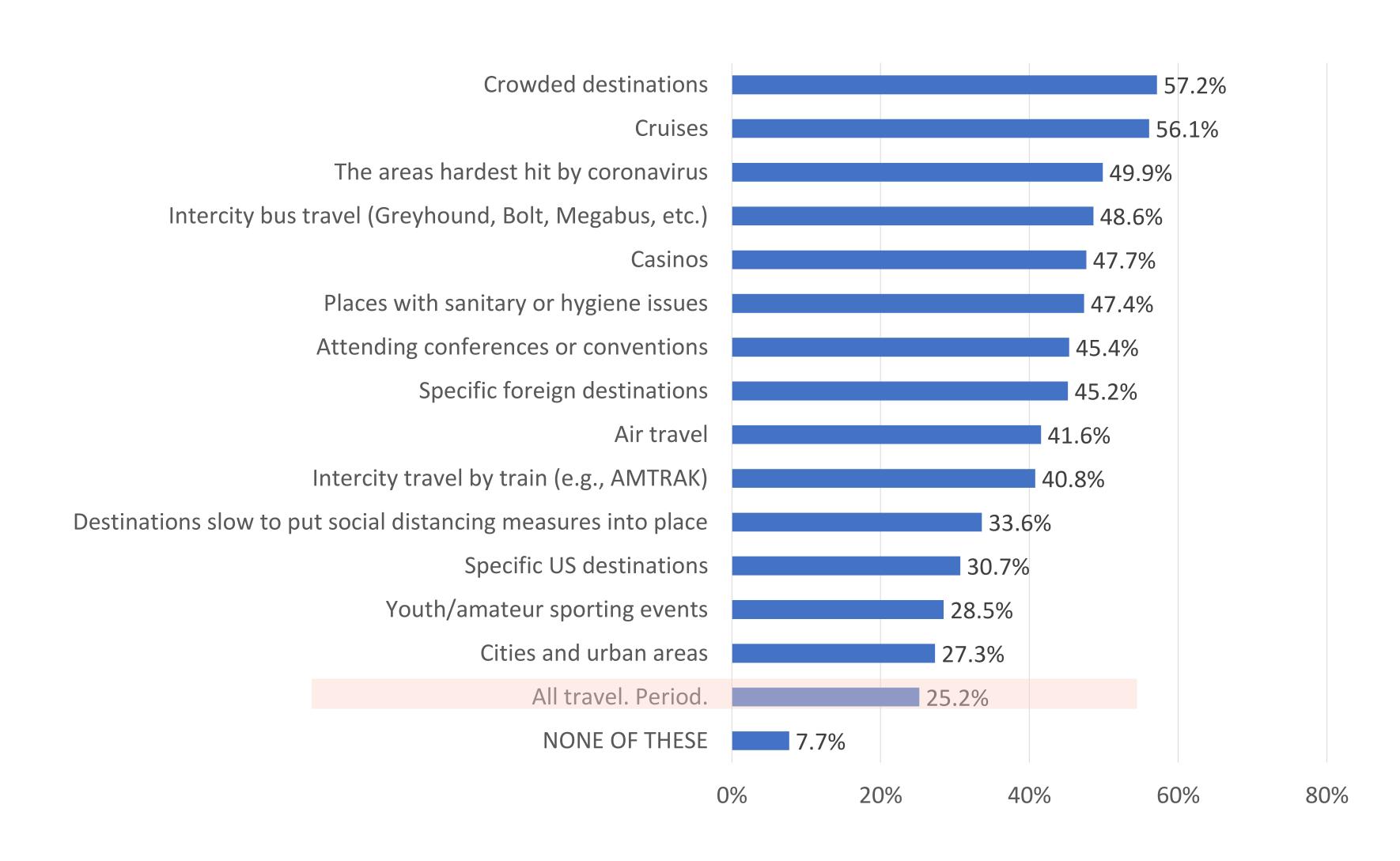


What Travelers Will Avoid After Coronavirus

How much do you agree with the following statement?

Statement: Do you expect that you will avoid any of the following in the SIX (6) MONTH period immediately after the coronavirus situation is resolved? (Select all that would complete the following sentence for you)I will most likely avoid

(Base: All respondents, 1,212 completed surveys. Data collected May 15-17, 2020)





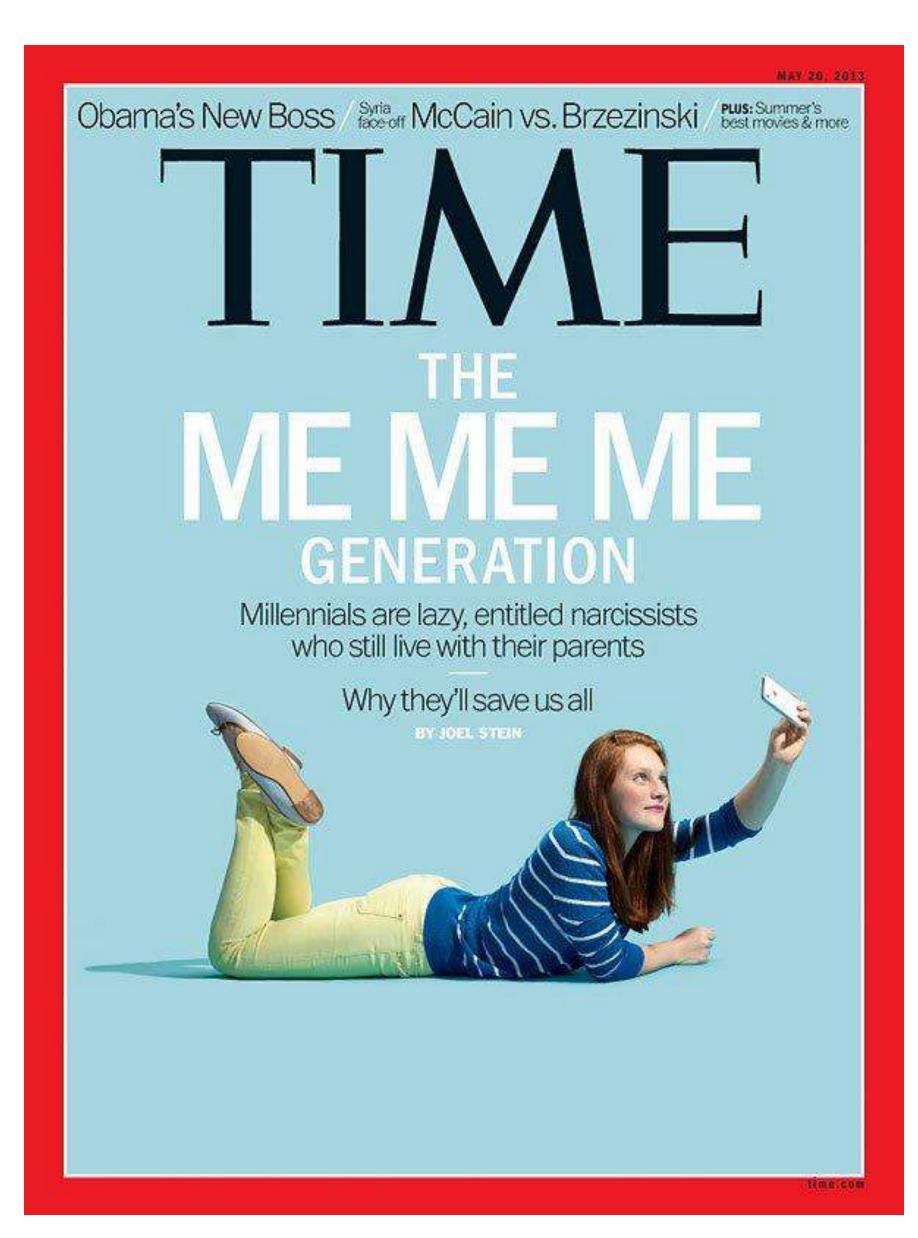
American Travelers Who Are Not Traveling

- Higher levels of concern about personally of friends/family contracting COVID-19
- Skew female
- More likely to have graduate degrees









CELEWAL WALLS

Millennials are lazy, entitled narcissists who still live with their parents

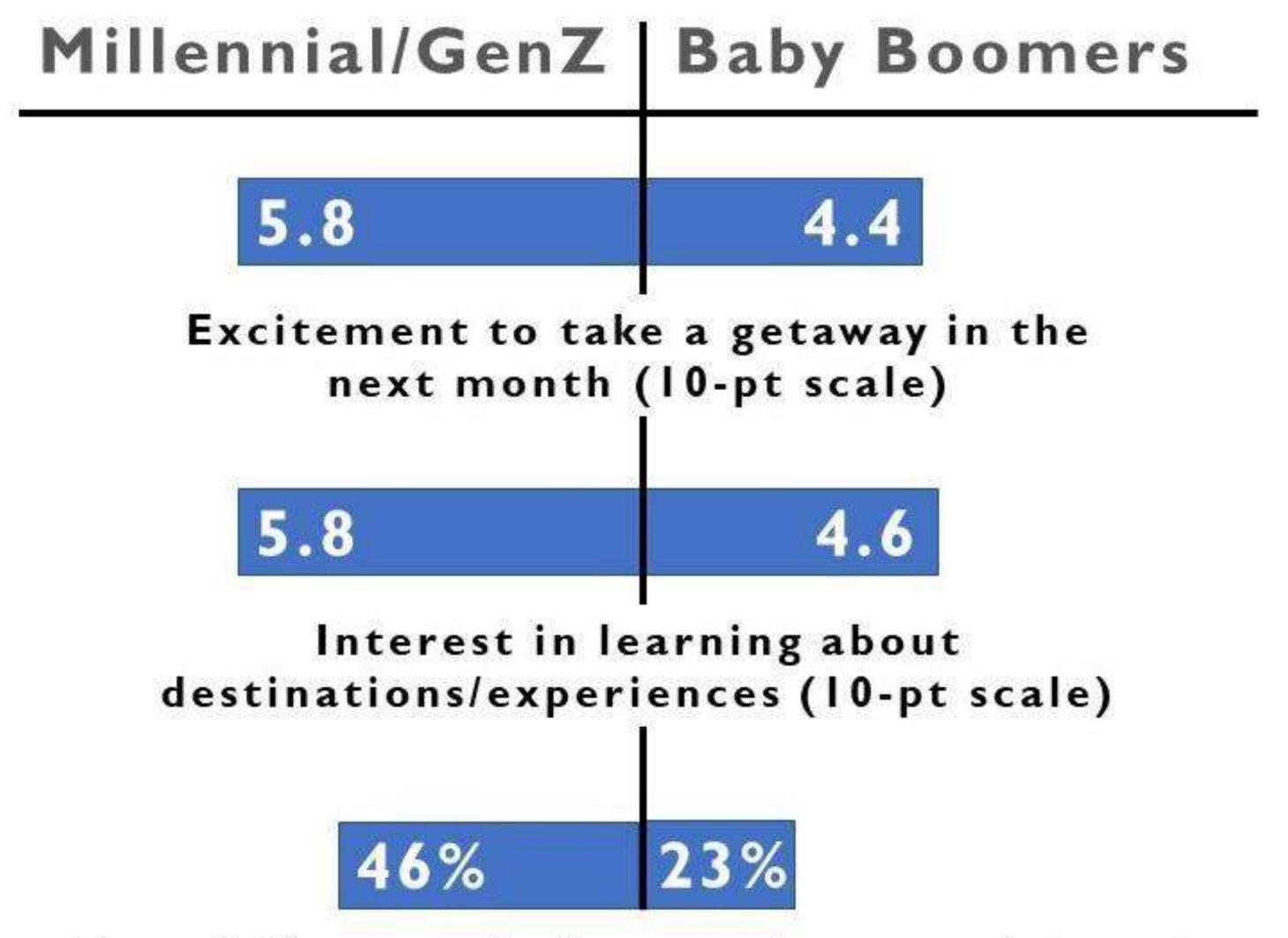


Why they'll save us all

BY JOEL STEIN







Travel discounts/price cuts increase interest in traveling (% agreeing)



KEYTAKEAWAYS

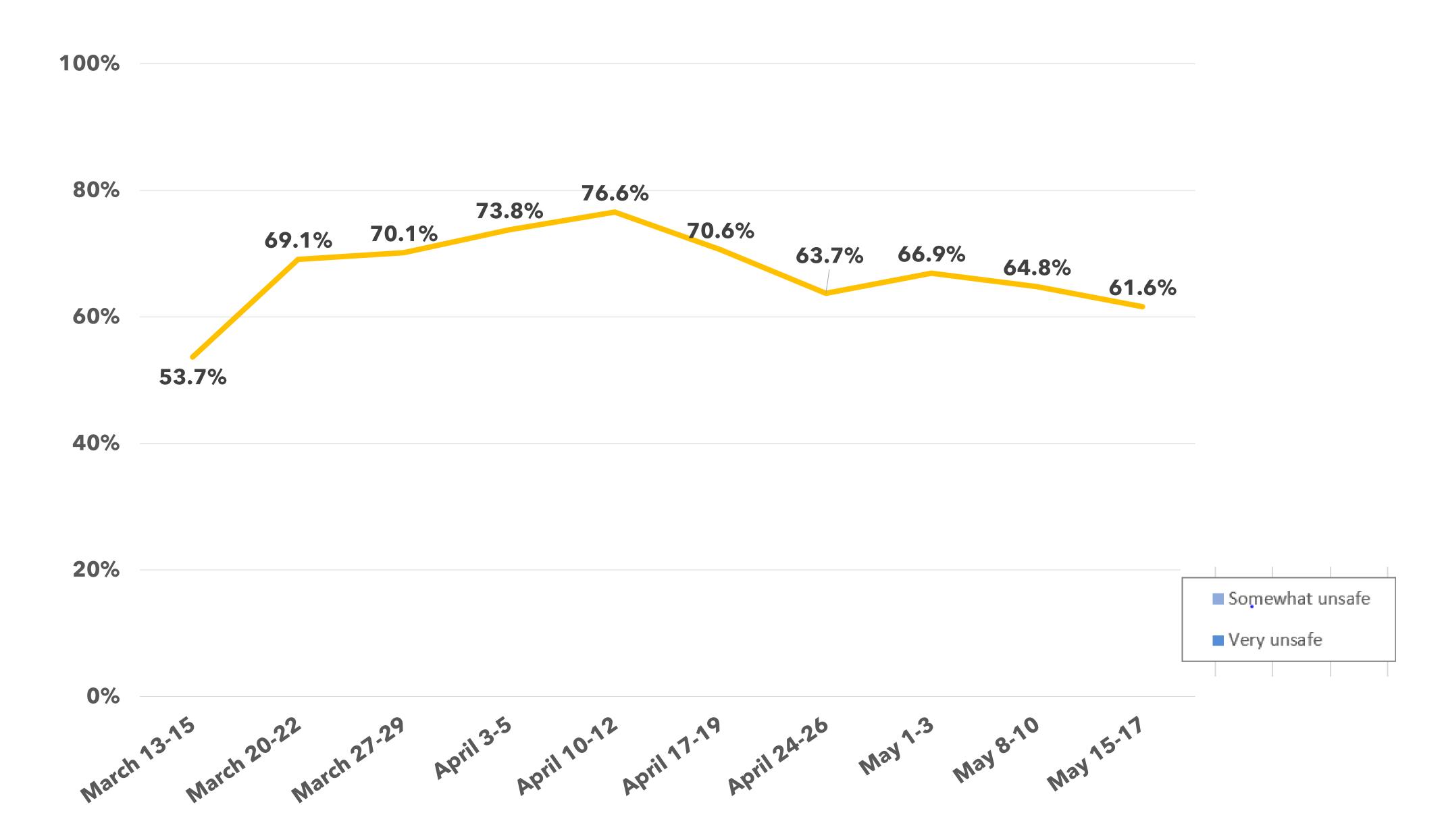
- The SIP experience appears to have worked out fairly well for most travelers-improving many families' sense of togetherness, while underscoring the benefits of travel
- American travelers are feeling more comfortable and gradually safer
- Enthusiasm for getting back to travel continues to improve
- Younger travelers will likely be key to the initial stage of the industry's recovery







Perceived Safety of Attending a Conference or Convention





Base: Respondents who

conference or convention

in the last two years

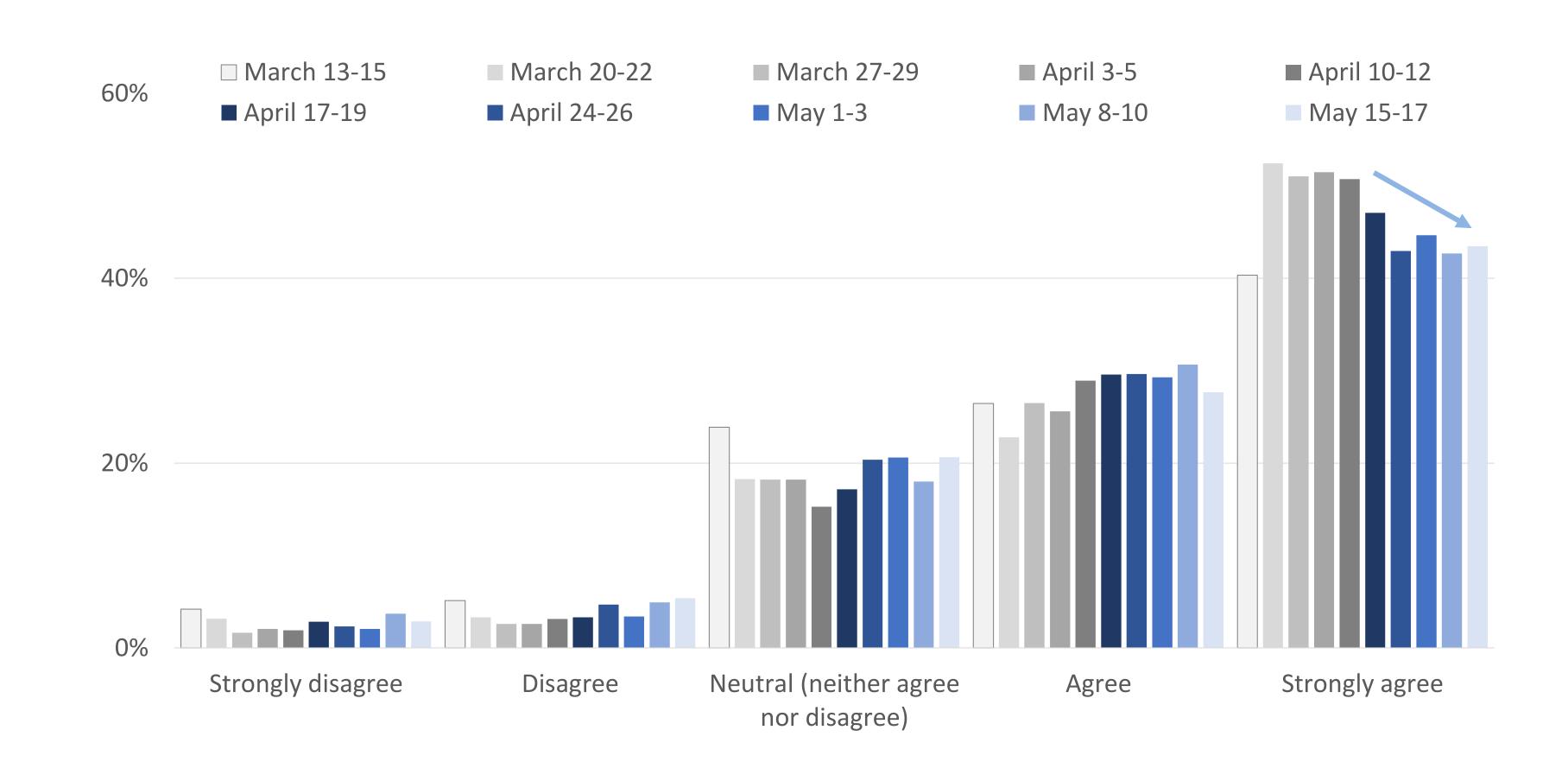
have attended a

Avoiding Conventions & Conferences

How much do you agree with the following statement?

Statement: I will be unlikely to attend any conferences or conventions until the coronavirus situation is resolved.

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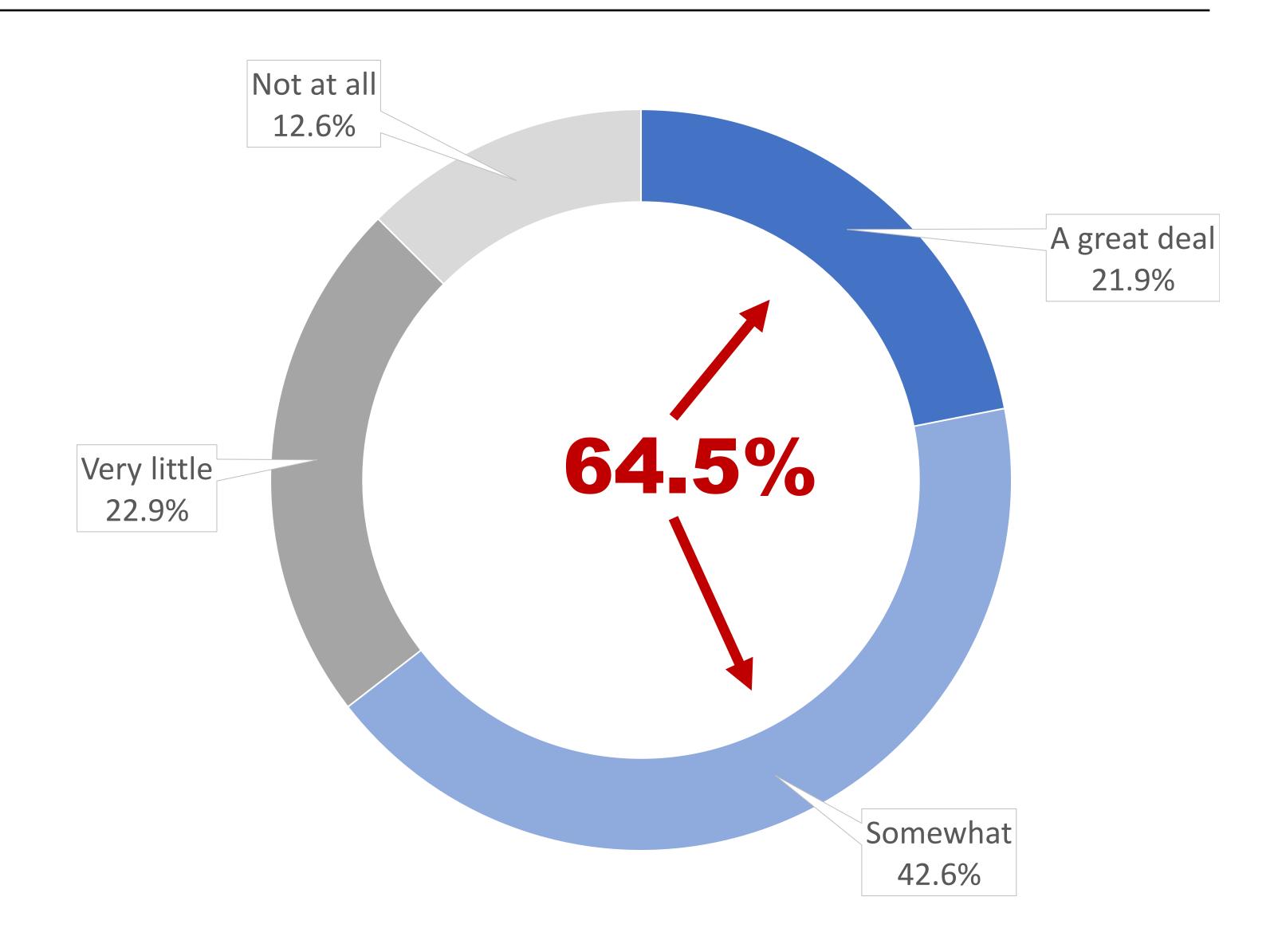


Trust in Meeting Host Organizations

Question: In general, how much would you trust the organization hosting the conference or convention to protect your health?

I would trust hosting organization _____.

(Base: All respondents who have attended a convention, conference or group meeting in past 3 years, 368 completed surveys. Data collected May 15-17, 2020)





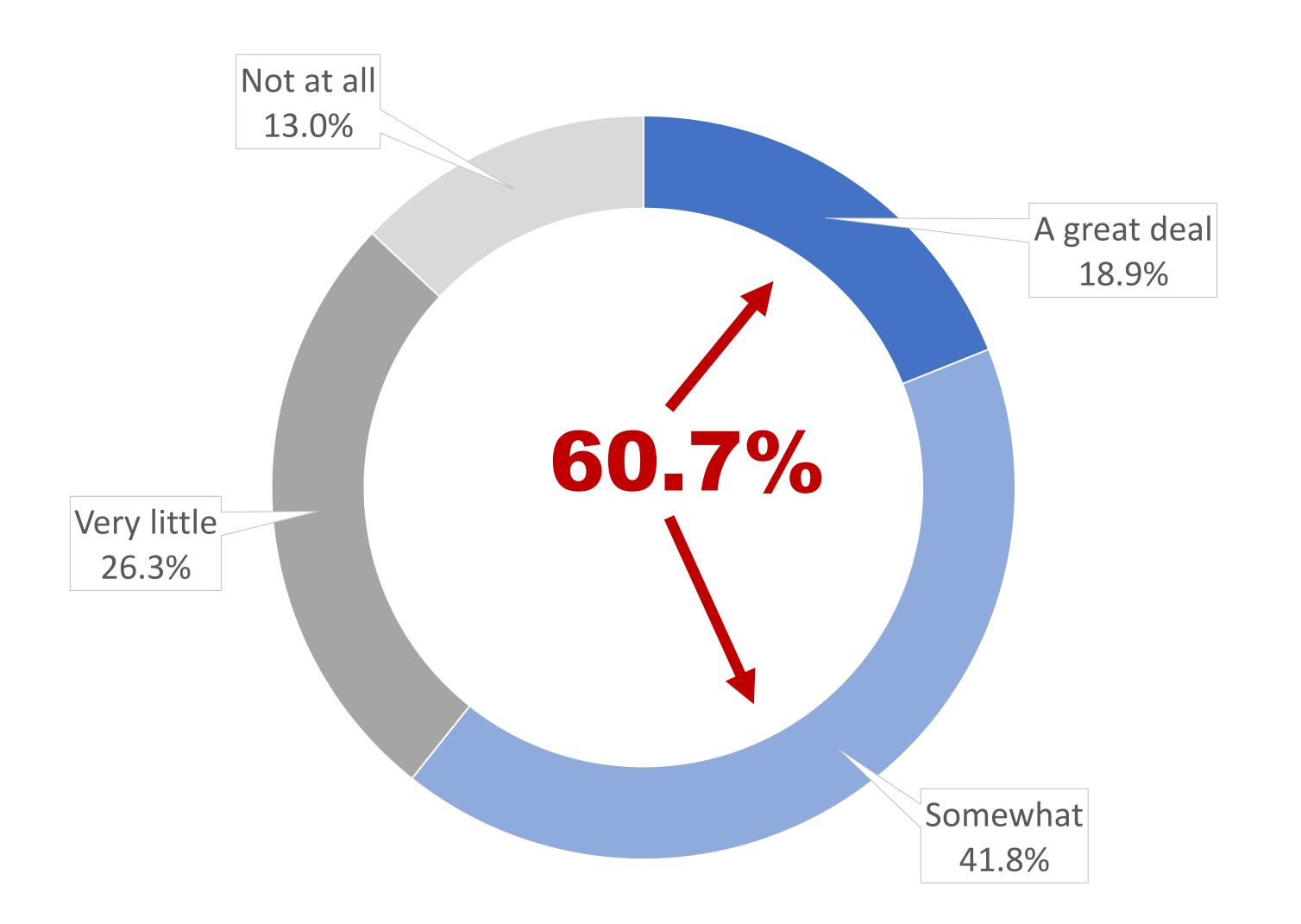
Trust in Fellow Meeting Attendees

Question: Suppose you were to attend a conference or convention sometime in the next year.

In general, how much would you trust your fellow attendees to conduct themselves appropriately, doing what they can to protect other attendees from exposure to the COVID-19 virus?

I trust my fellow attendees

(Base: All respondents who have attended a convention, conference or group meeting in past 3 years, 367 completed surveys. Data collected May 15-17, 2020)





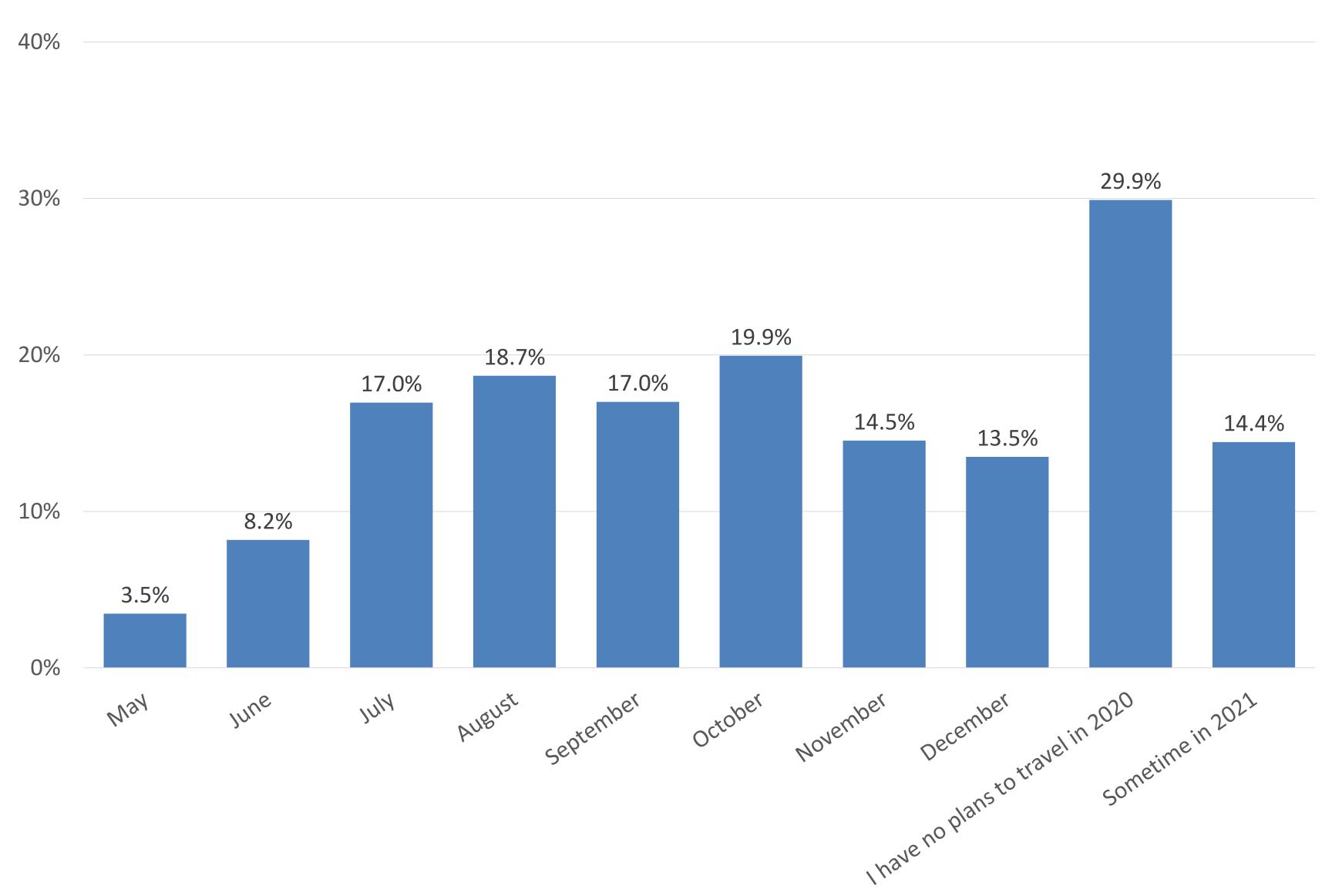


KEY TAKEAWAYS

- American travelers are opening back up to attending conferences and conventions
- There is tentative trust in event producers to protect attendees health
- While most travelers trust their co-workers to act appropriately to protect their health, the meetings industry may face a bigger challenge in developing such trust about attendees at their events

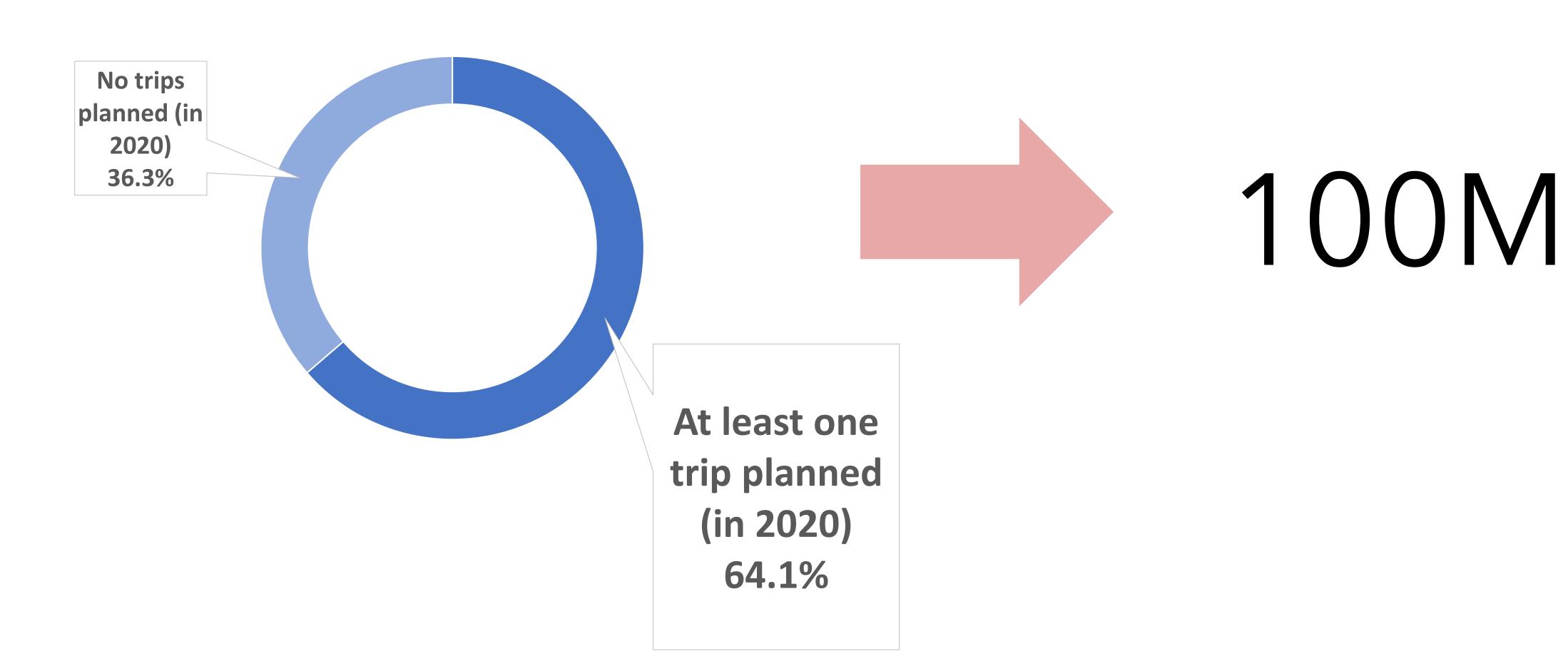


Month of Trips Planned





Question: Even if only tentatively scheduled, in which months of this year do you currently plan to take any leisure trips?





Preparations Already Completed

for Next Leisure Trip

(% of travelers selecting any of the following)



Talked to friends/relatives about trip (31.7%)



Researched things to see and do on trip (23.3%)



Booked hotel, motel or inn (22.4%)



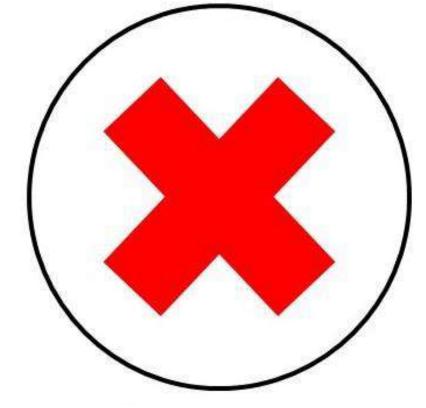
Bought plane tickets (17.9%)



Booked passage of a cruise liner (9.7%)



Purchased train tickets (5.6%)

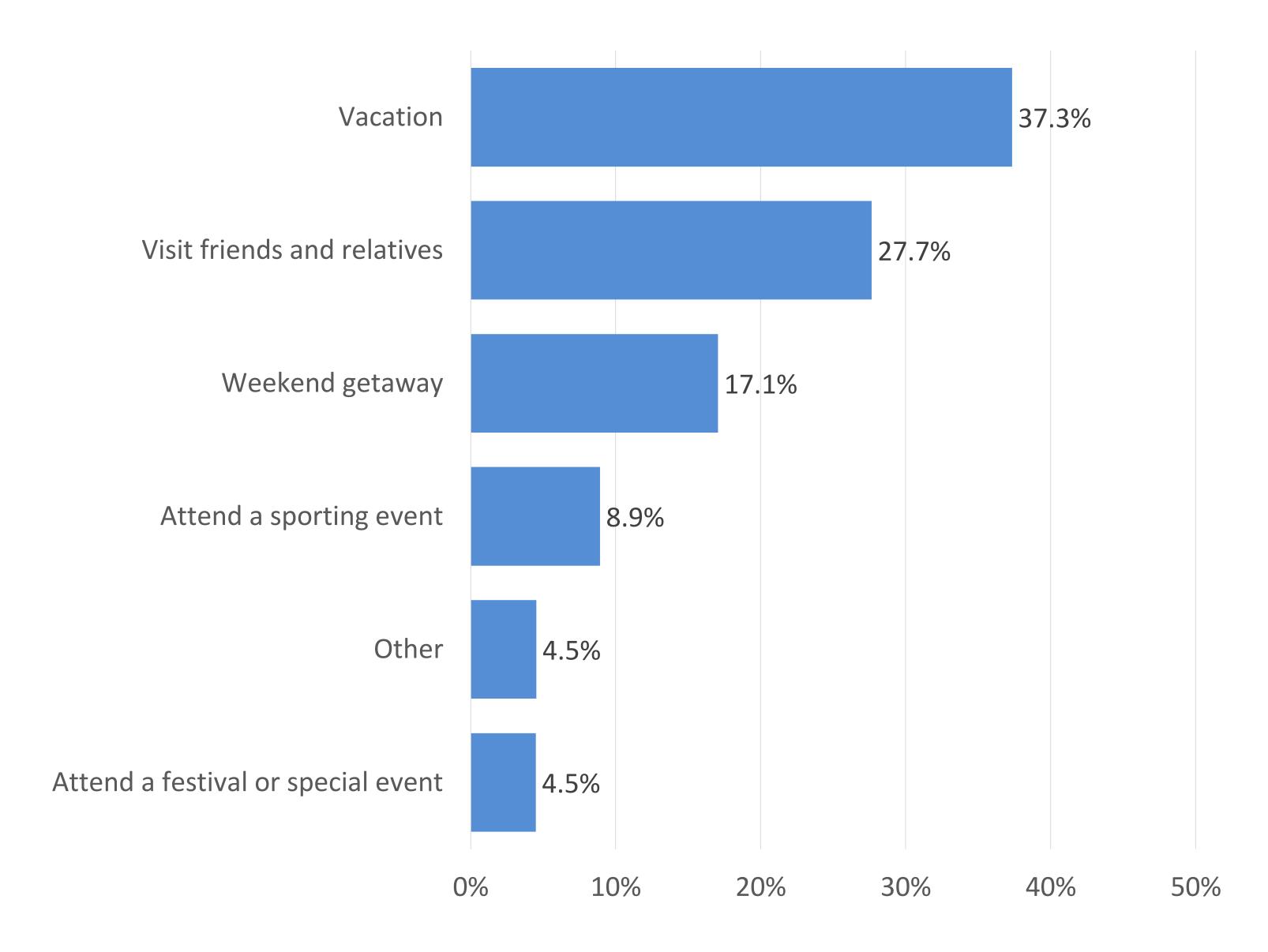


None of these (29.6%)

Primary Reason for Next Leisure Trip

Question: Which best describes the primary reason for your NEXT LEISURE TRIP? (Select one)

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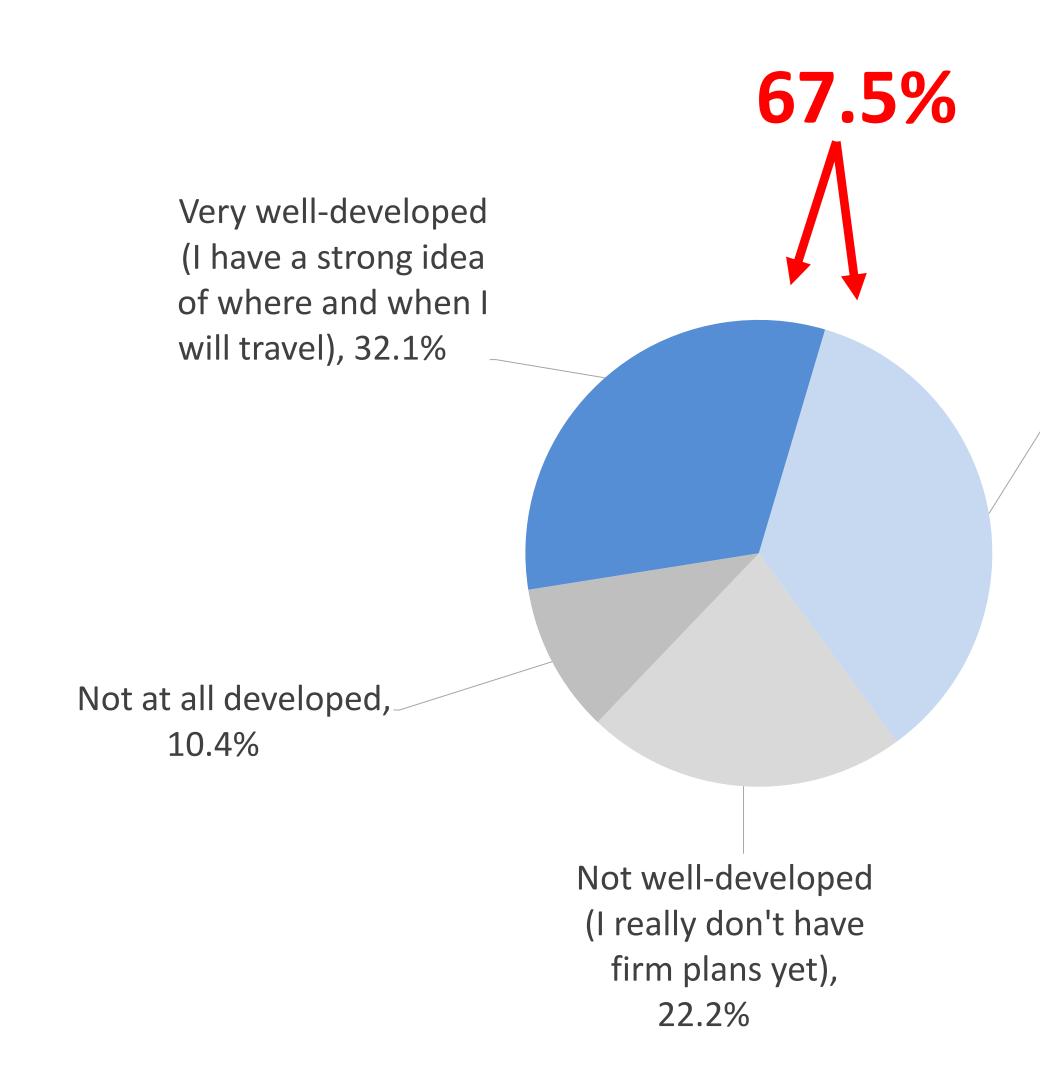


Stage in Travel Plan Development

Question: Right now, which best describes HOW WELL-DEVELOPED the idea of this next leisure trip is in your mind? (Select one)

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Question added in Wave 10



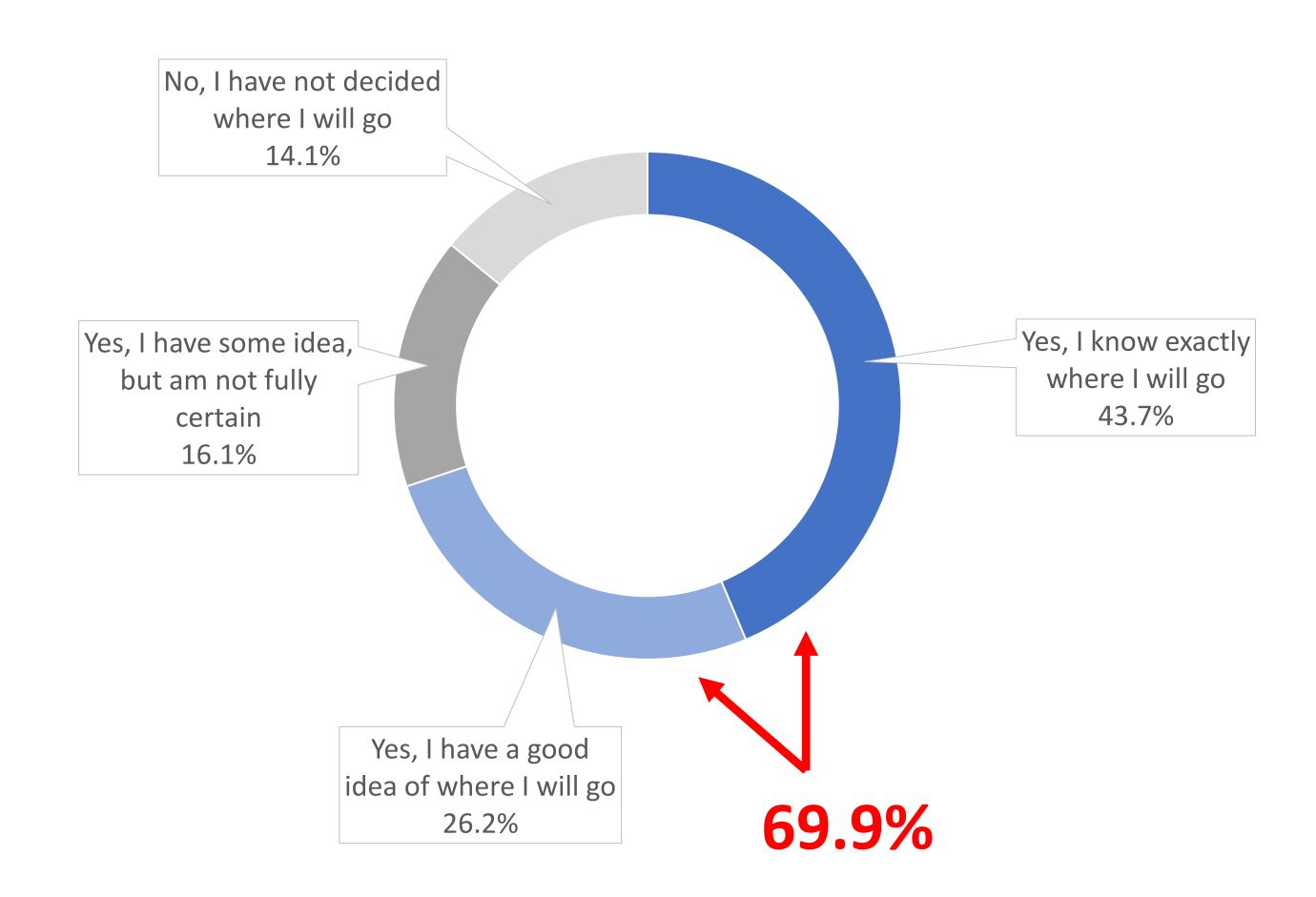
Somewhat developed (I have a sense of where and when I will travel), 35.4%



Stage in Destination Selection

Question: Have you SELECTED THE DESTINATION(S) you will visit on your next leisure trip? (Select the one that best describes you)

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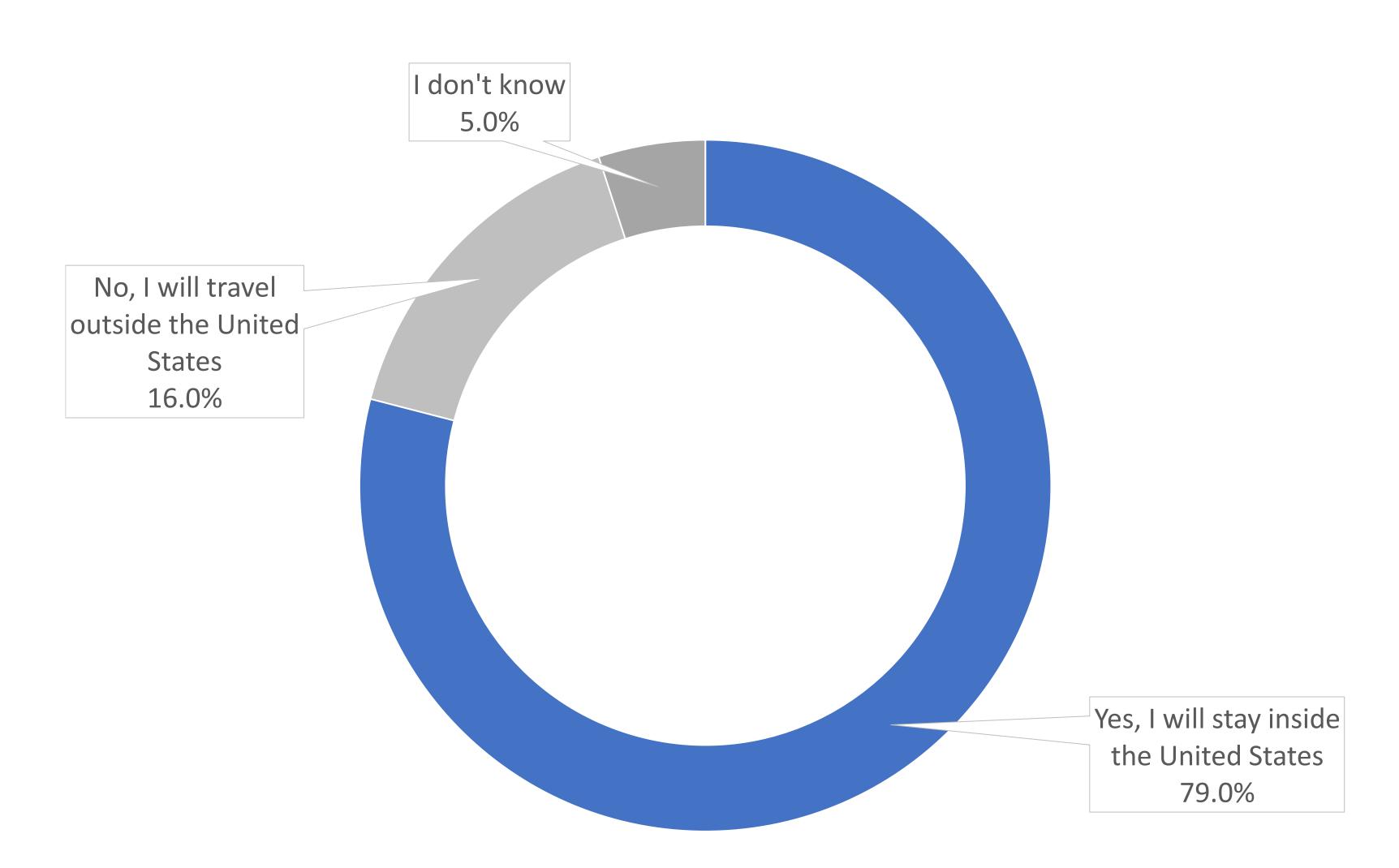




International Travel on Next Leisure Trip

Question: Will this trip be exclusively inside the United States?

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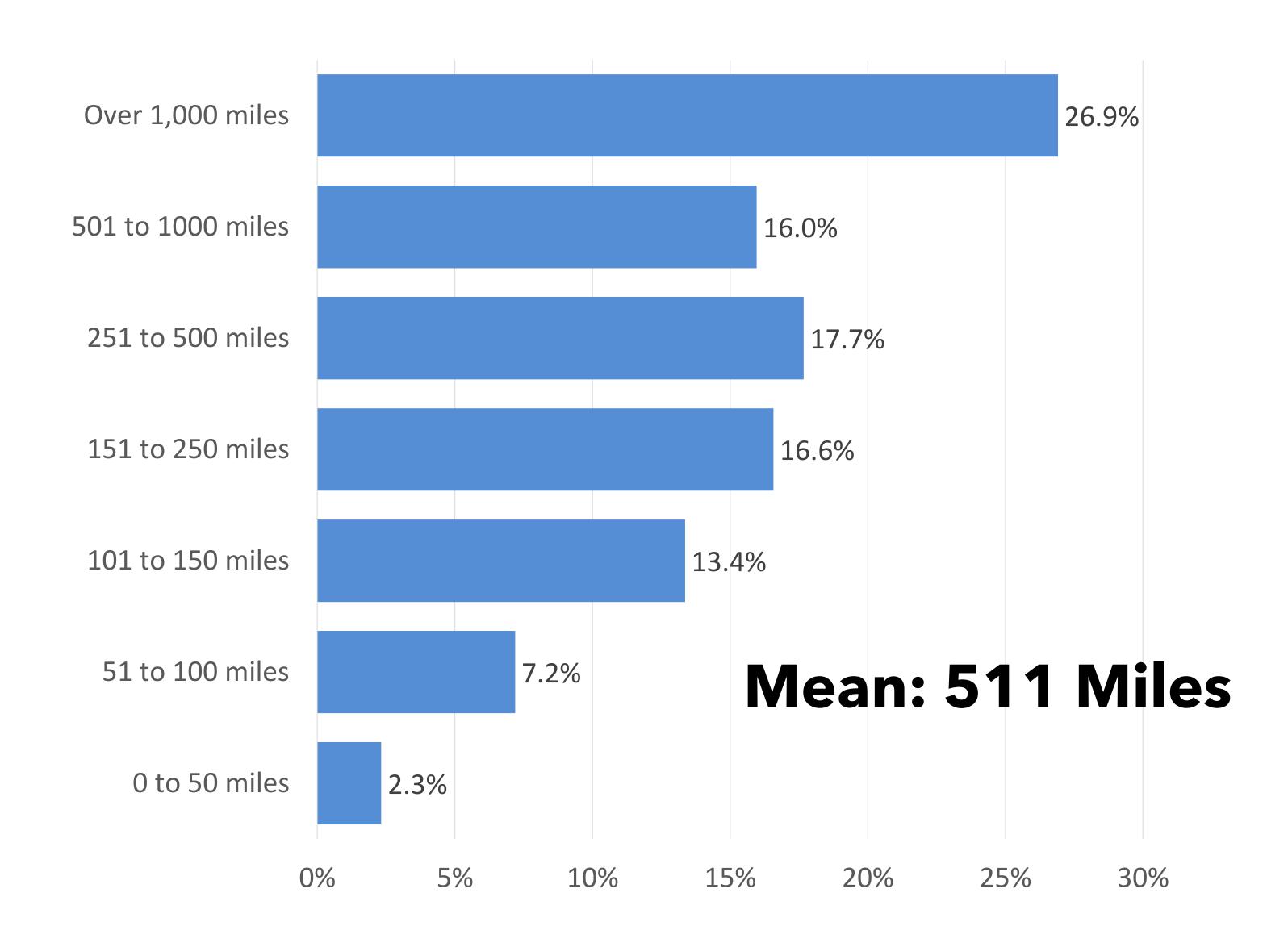




Maximum Distance from Home

Question: At a maximum, how far away from your home will you travel on this NEXT LEISURE TRIP?

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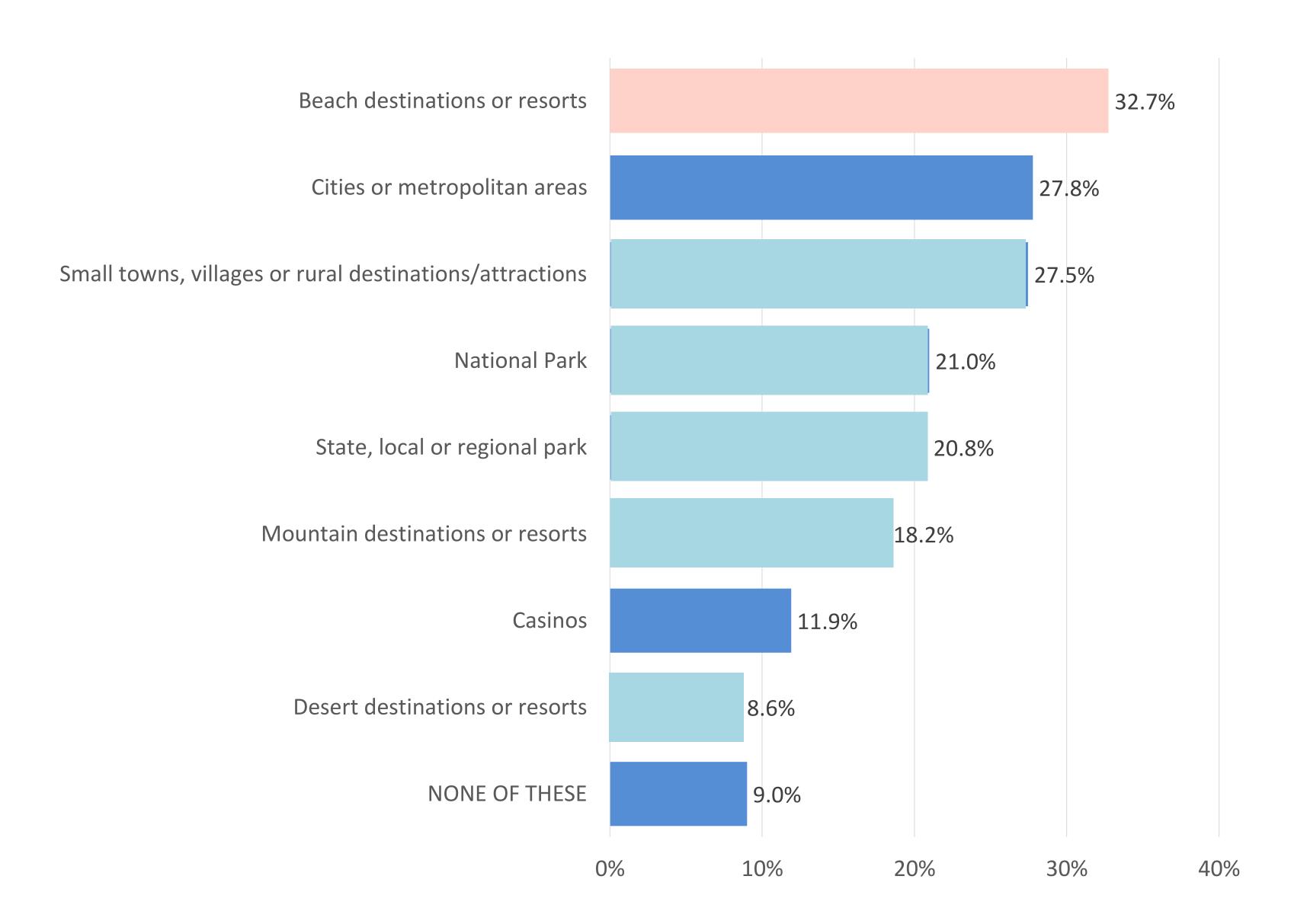




Destination Types Visited on Next Leisure Trip

Question: Which of the following will you be likely to visit on your NEXT LEISURE TRIP? (Select all that apply)

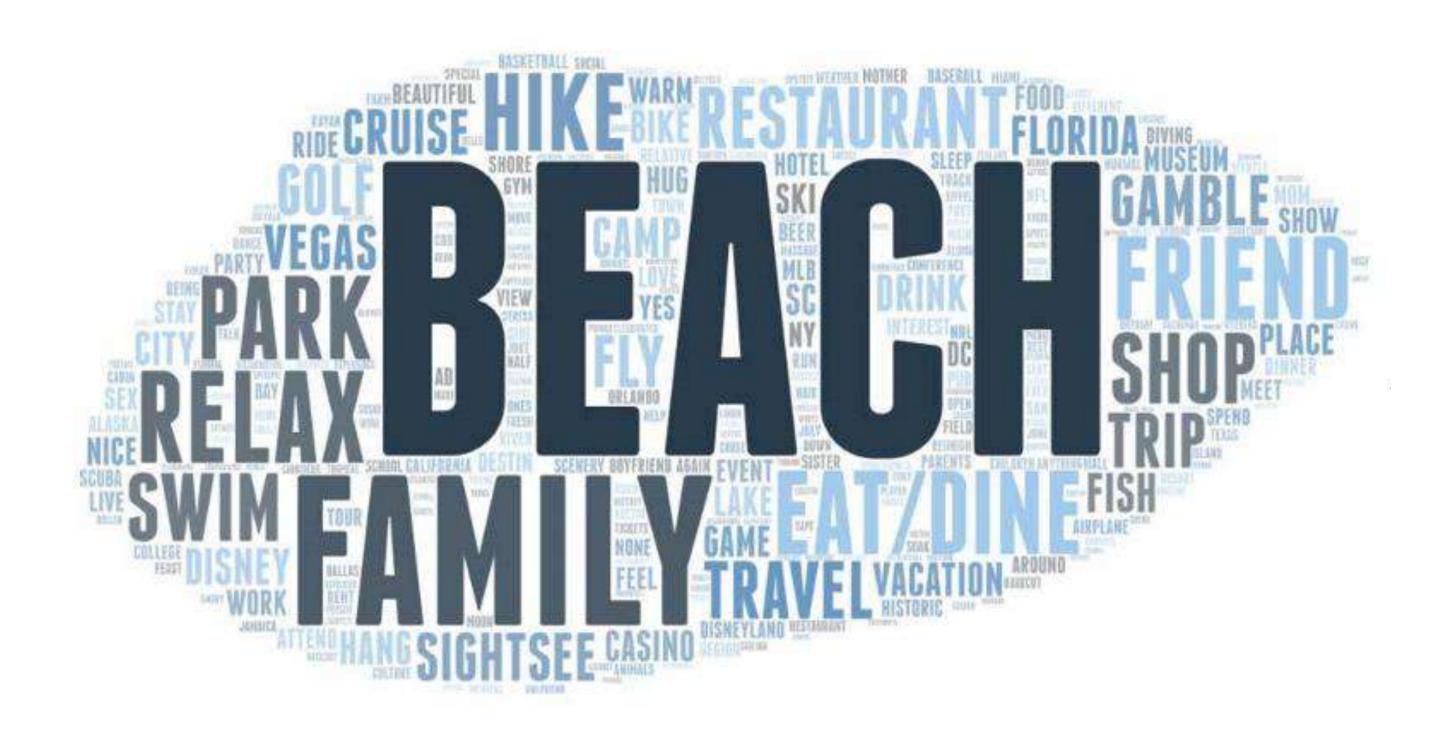
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The FIRST Trip Activities Americans Want to do Most Post-Pandemic:

Travelers have been telling us this for awhile

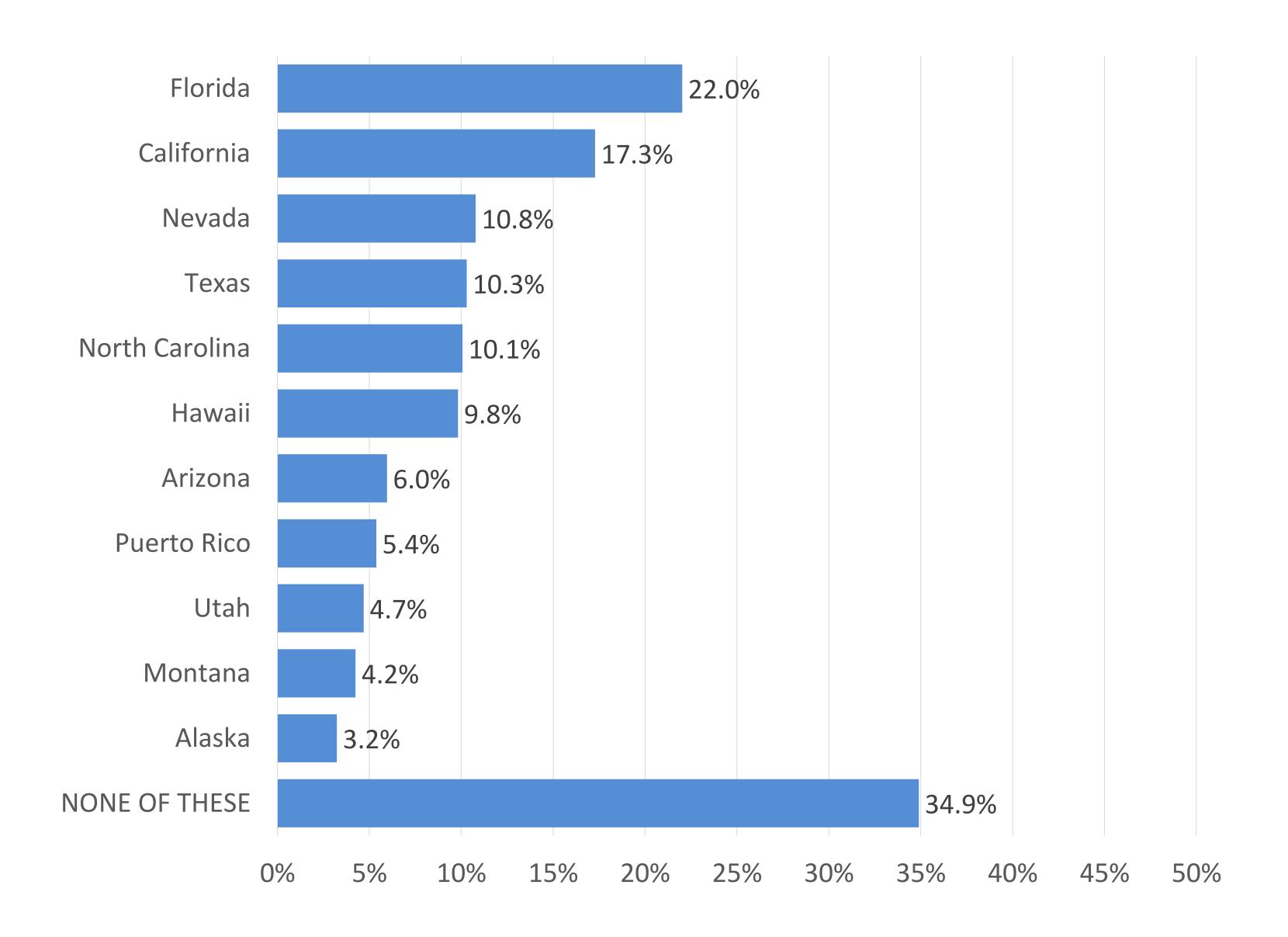




States Visited on Next Leisure Trip

Question: Will you visit (or travel within) any of the following states/territories on your next trip? (Select all that apply)

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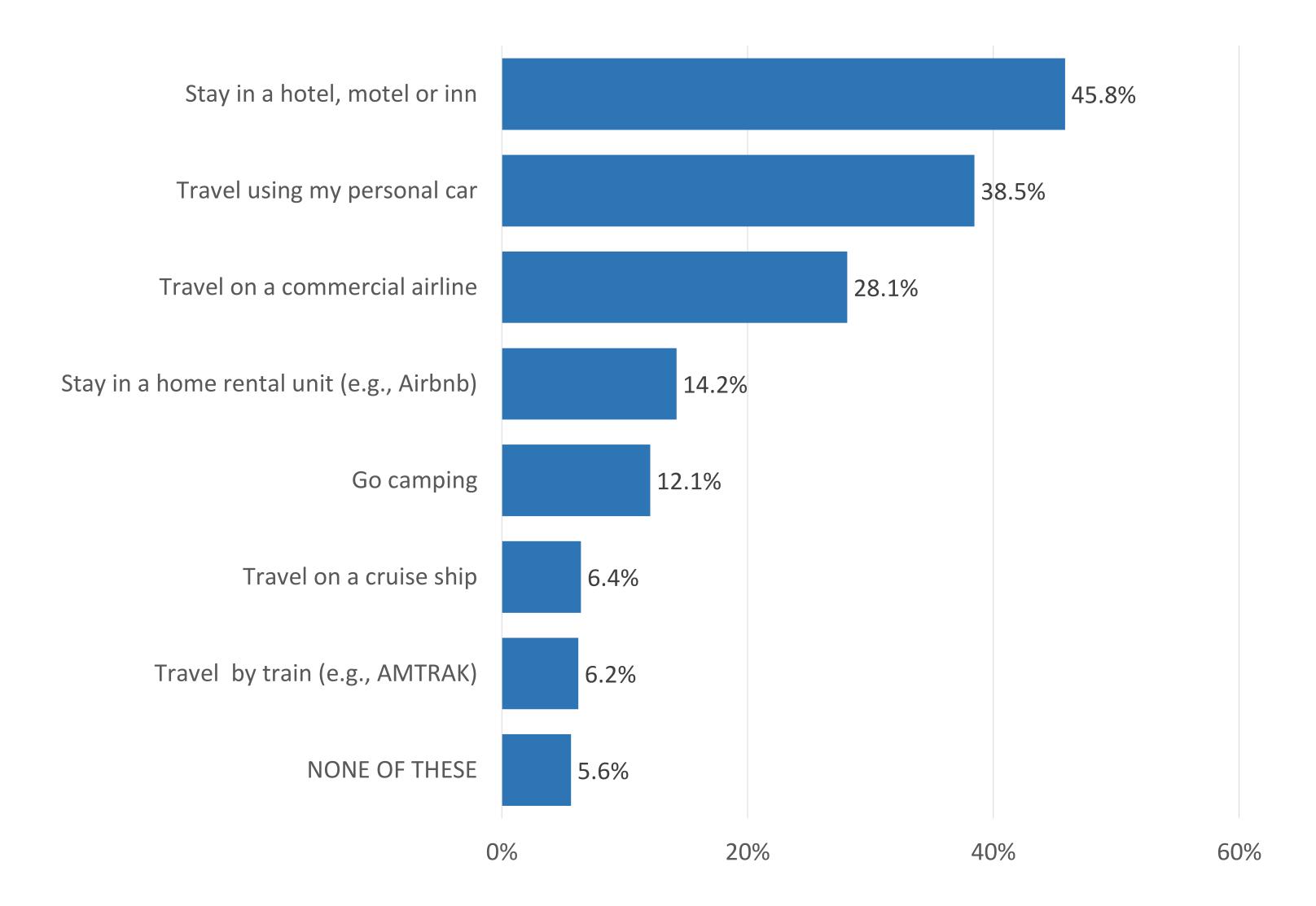




Behaviors on Next Leisure Trip

Question: Which of the following will you be likely to do on your NEXT LEISURE TRIP?

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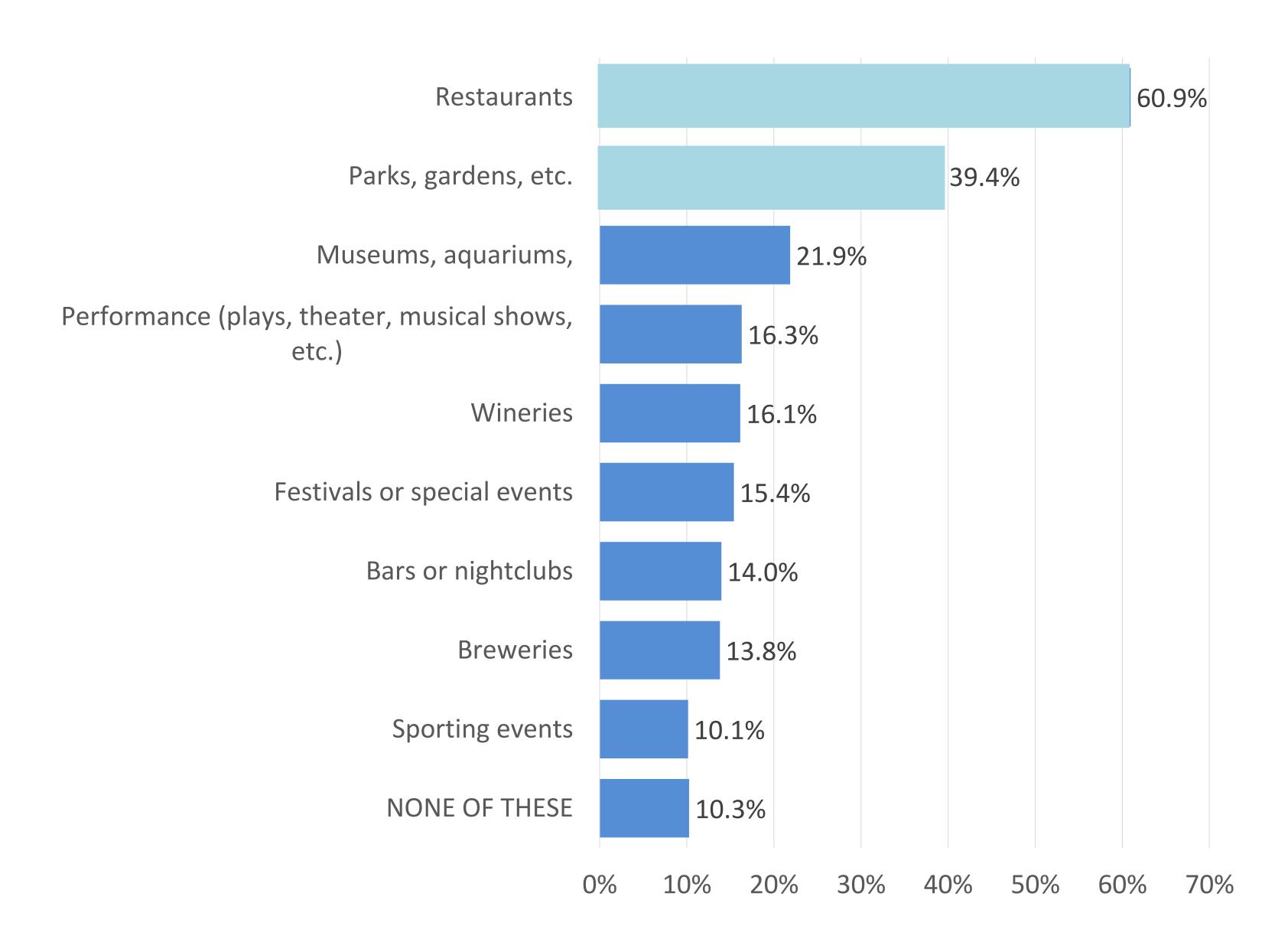




Businesses Visited on Next Leisure Trip

Question: Which of these will you be likely to do on this trip?

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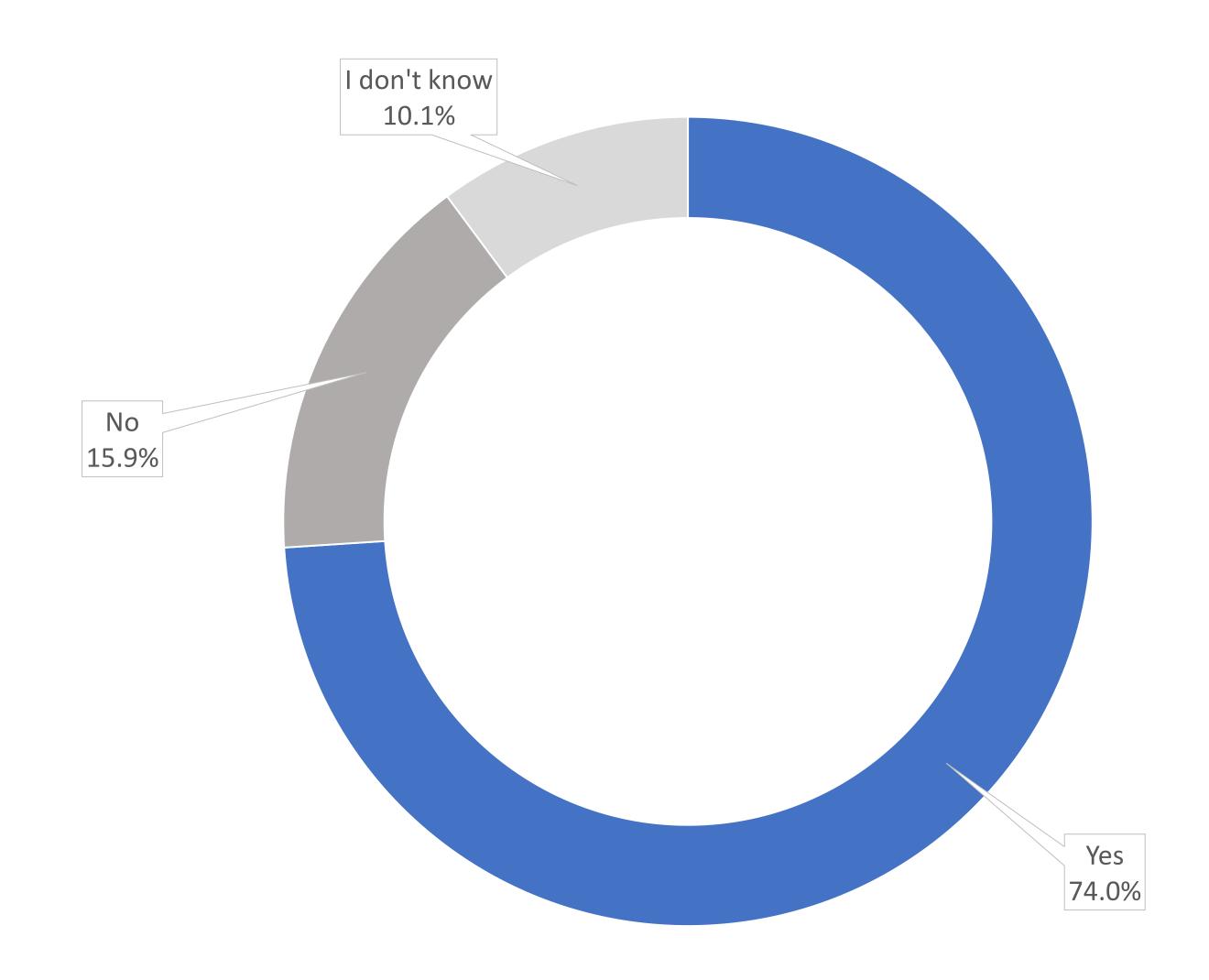




Safety Research Prior to Next Leisure Trip

Question: Before your next leisure trip, will you research how the destination and/or its businesses are managing the Coronavirus situation?

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Which of These Will You Be Likely to Do on Your Next Trip?

(% of travelers selecting any of the following)



Carry hand sanitizer (65.5%)



Follow social distancing guidelines (64.4%)



Avoid crowds (58.5%)



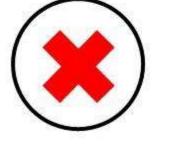
Wear a face mask (57.3%)



Only eat restaurant take-out (28.3%)



Wear gloves (22.8%)

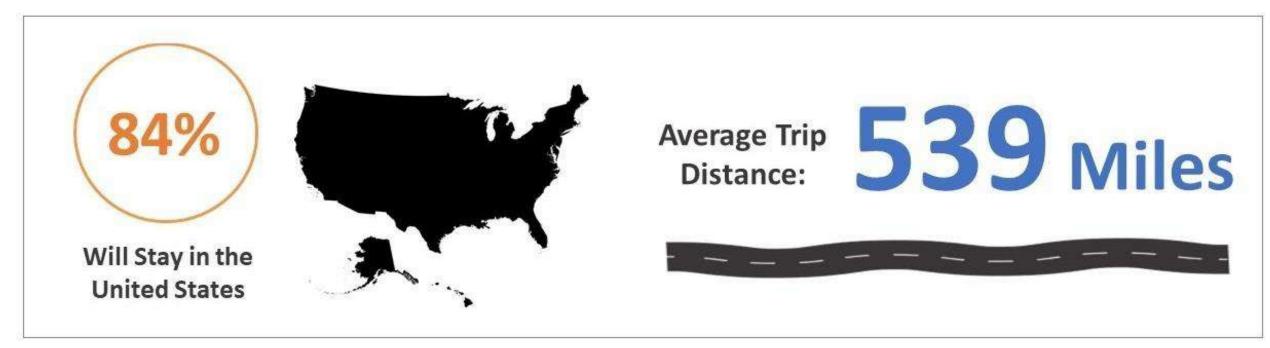


None of these (5.7%)

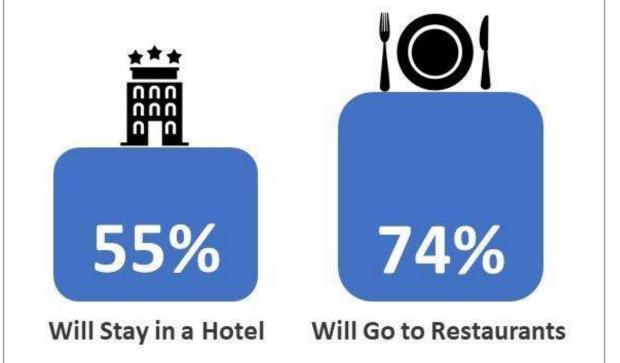


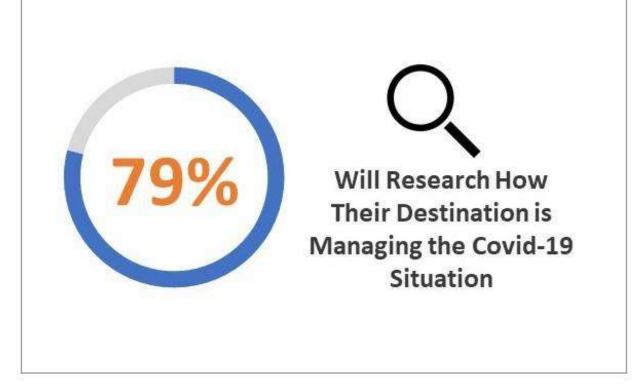
Americans Who Will Take a Vacation/ Weekend Getaway for their Next Trip









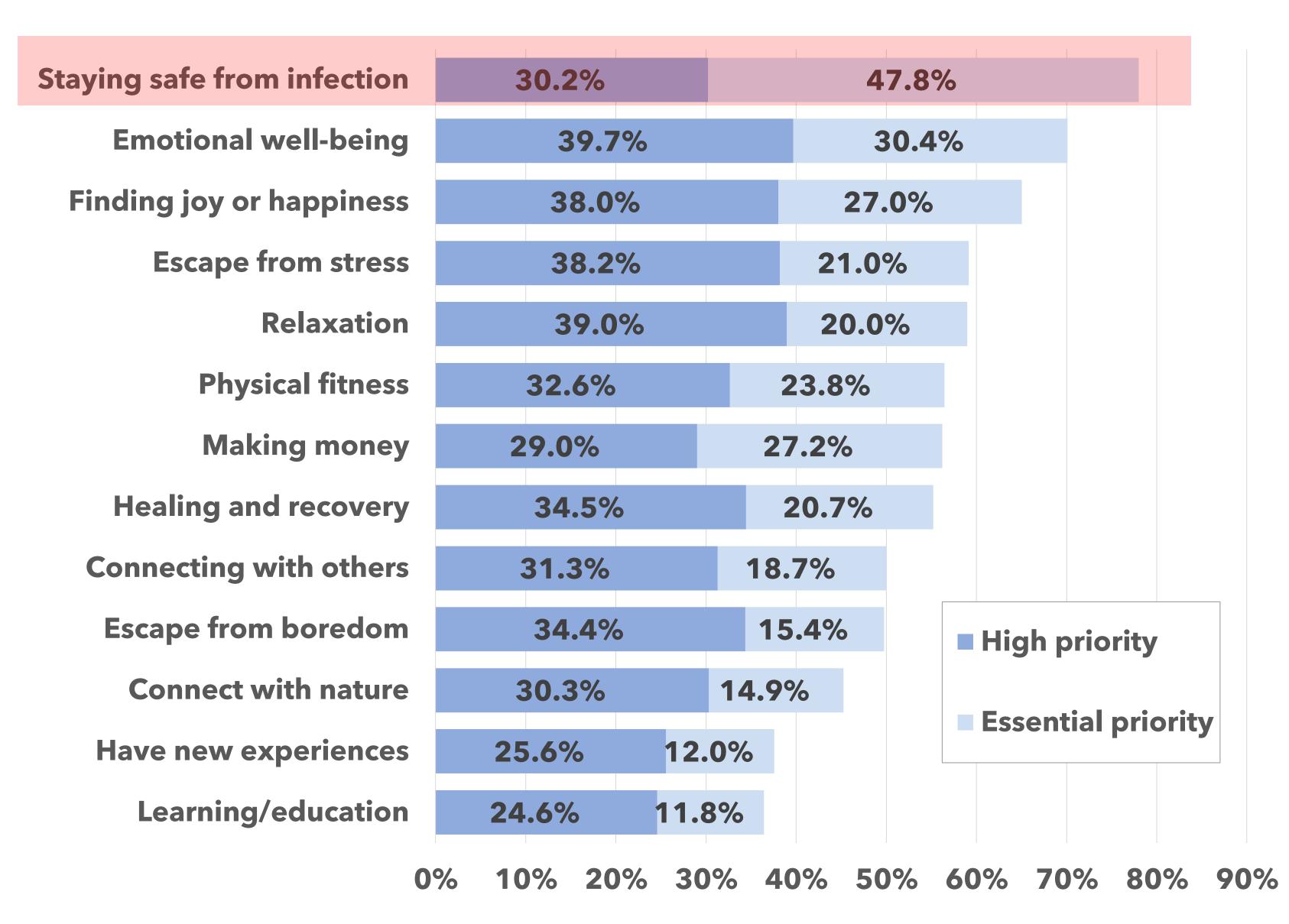








Travelers' Lifestyle Priorities next 6 months





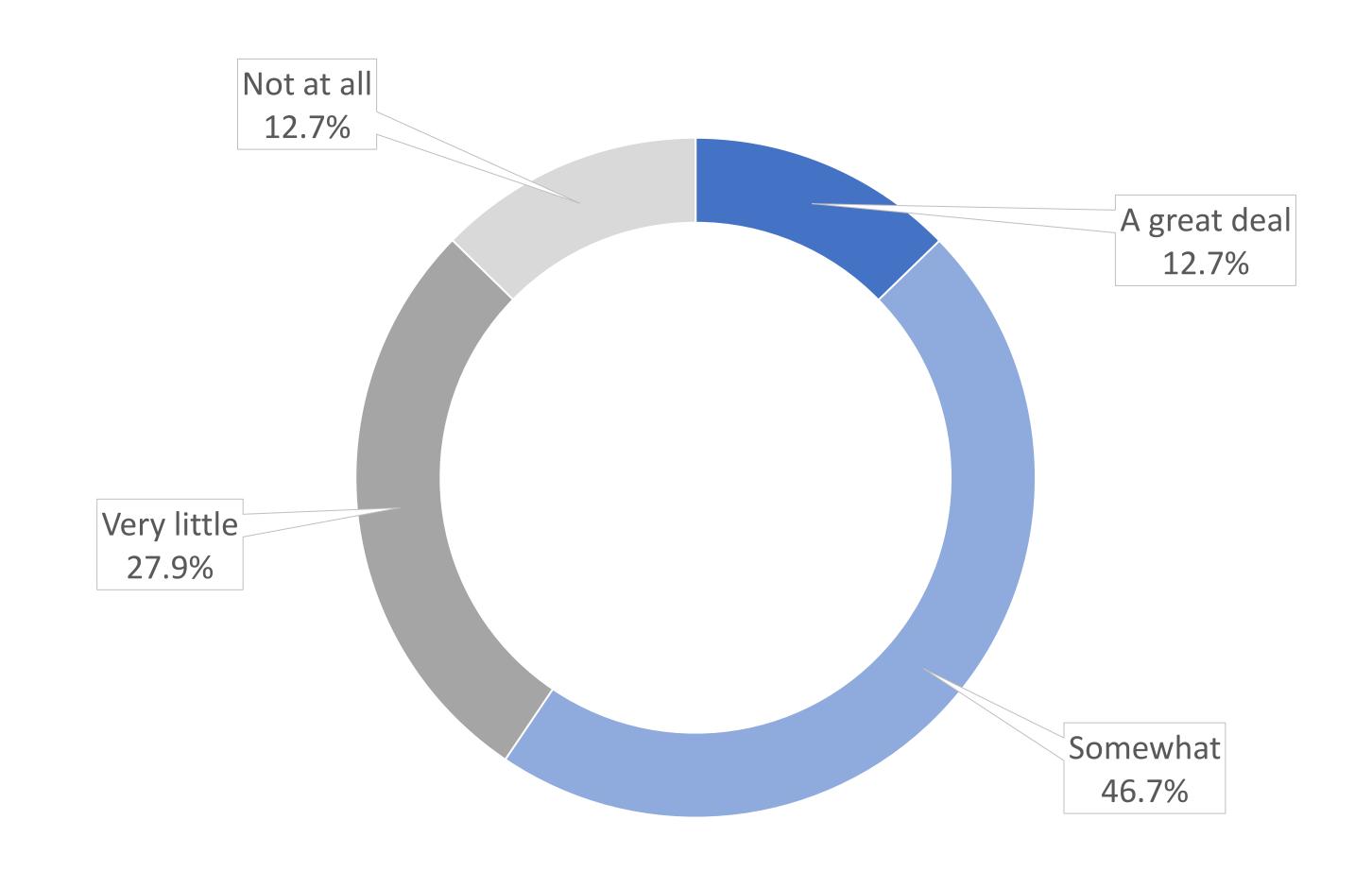
"Travelers Need to Feel Safe in Every Aspect of their Journey"

Trust in Travel-related Companies

Question: In general, how much do you trust travel-related businesses to look out for your health while traveling? (Select one)

I trust these companies

(Base: All respondents, 1,208 completed surveys. Data collected May 15-17, 2020)

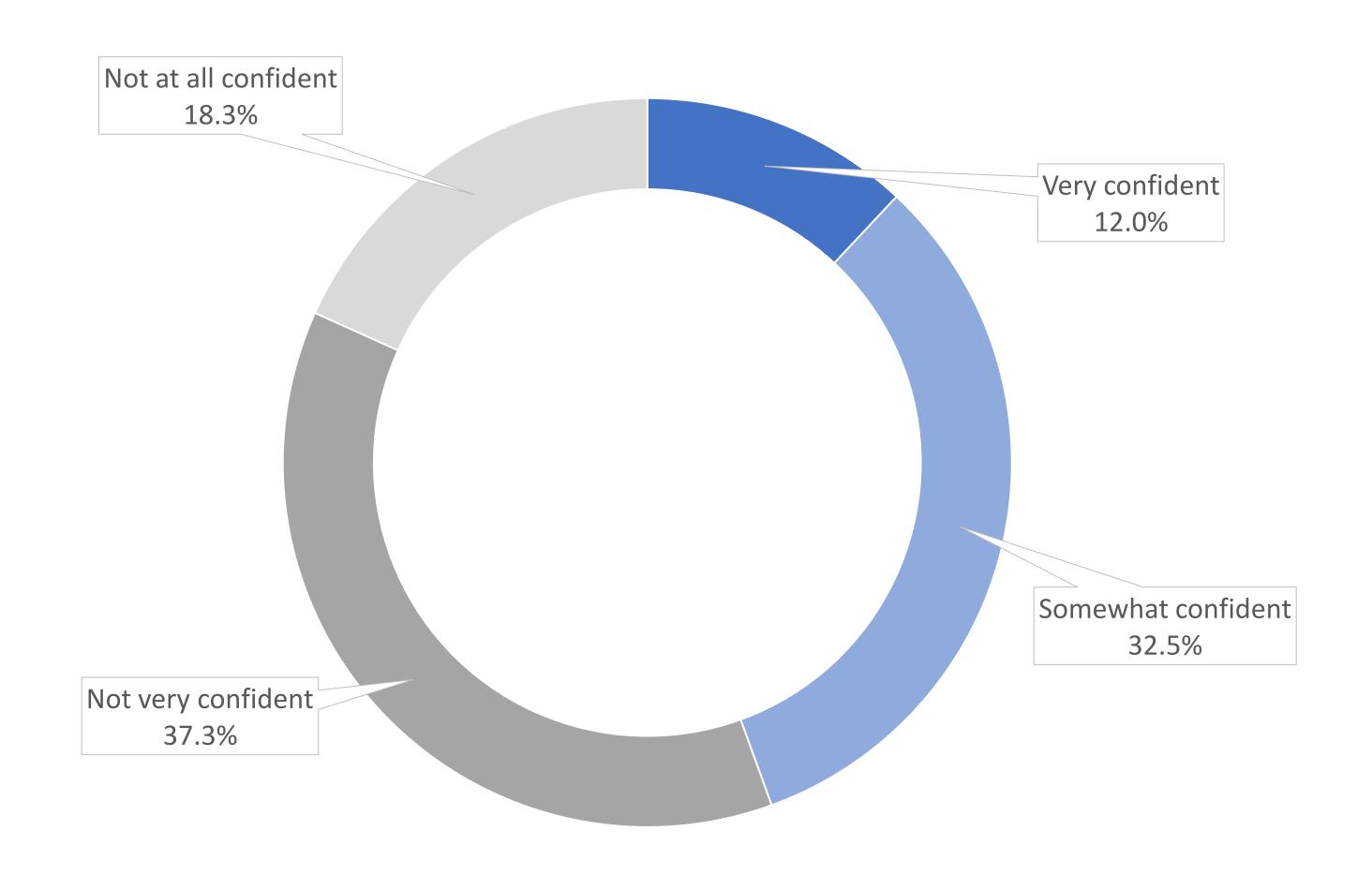




Confidence in Re-opening Safely

Question: How confident are you that travel-related businesses can now open safely? (Select one)

(Base: All respondents, 1,207 completed surveys. Data collected May 15-17, 2020)



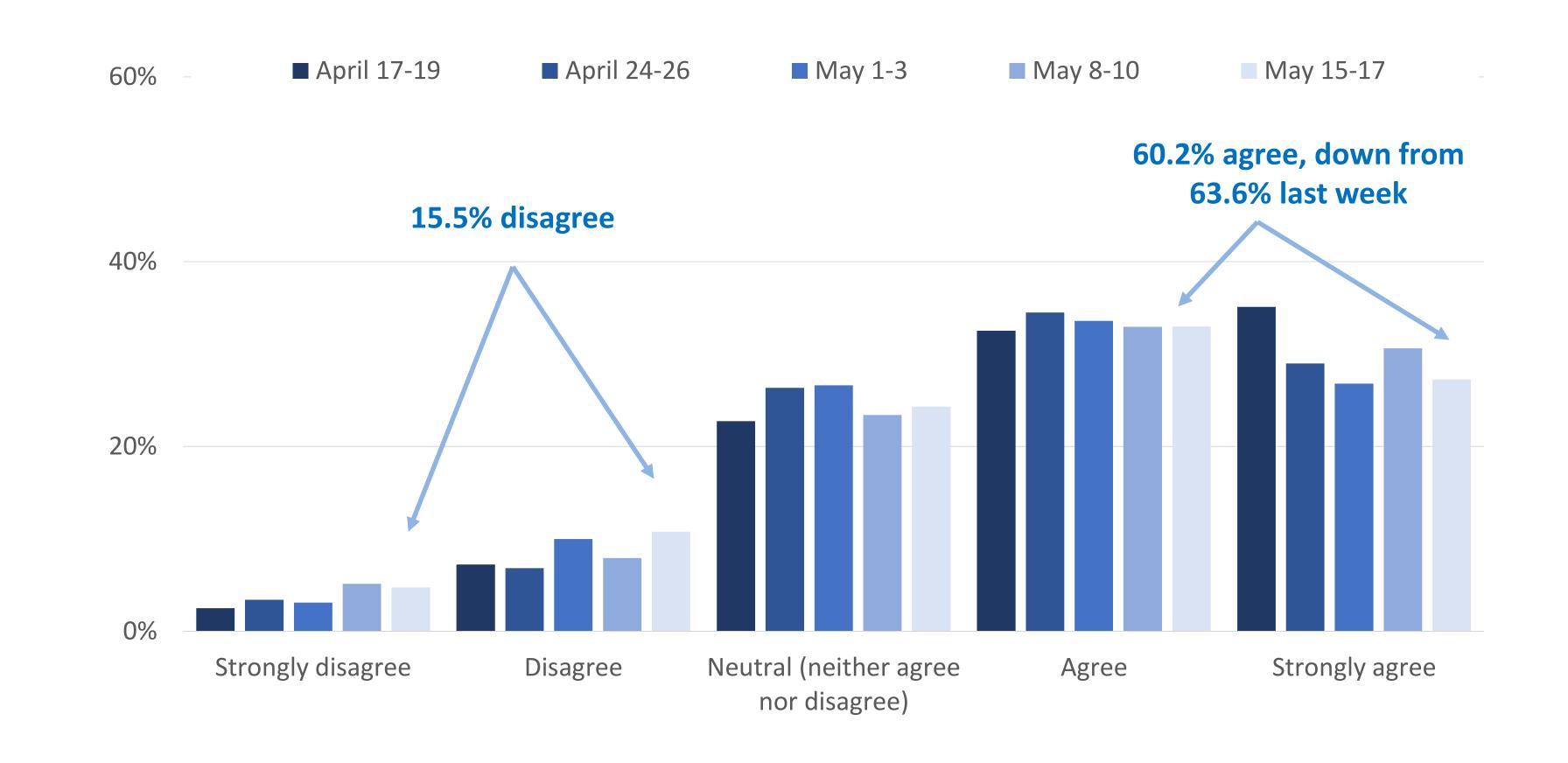


Travelers in Community are Unwanted

How much do you agree with the following statement?

Statement: I do not want travelers coming to visit my community right now.

(Base: All respondents, 1,238, 1,208, 1,204, 1,200 and 1,212 completed surveys. Data collected April 17-19,24-26, May 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17, 2020)



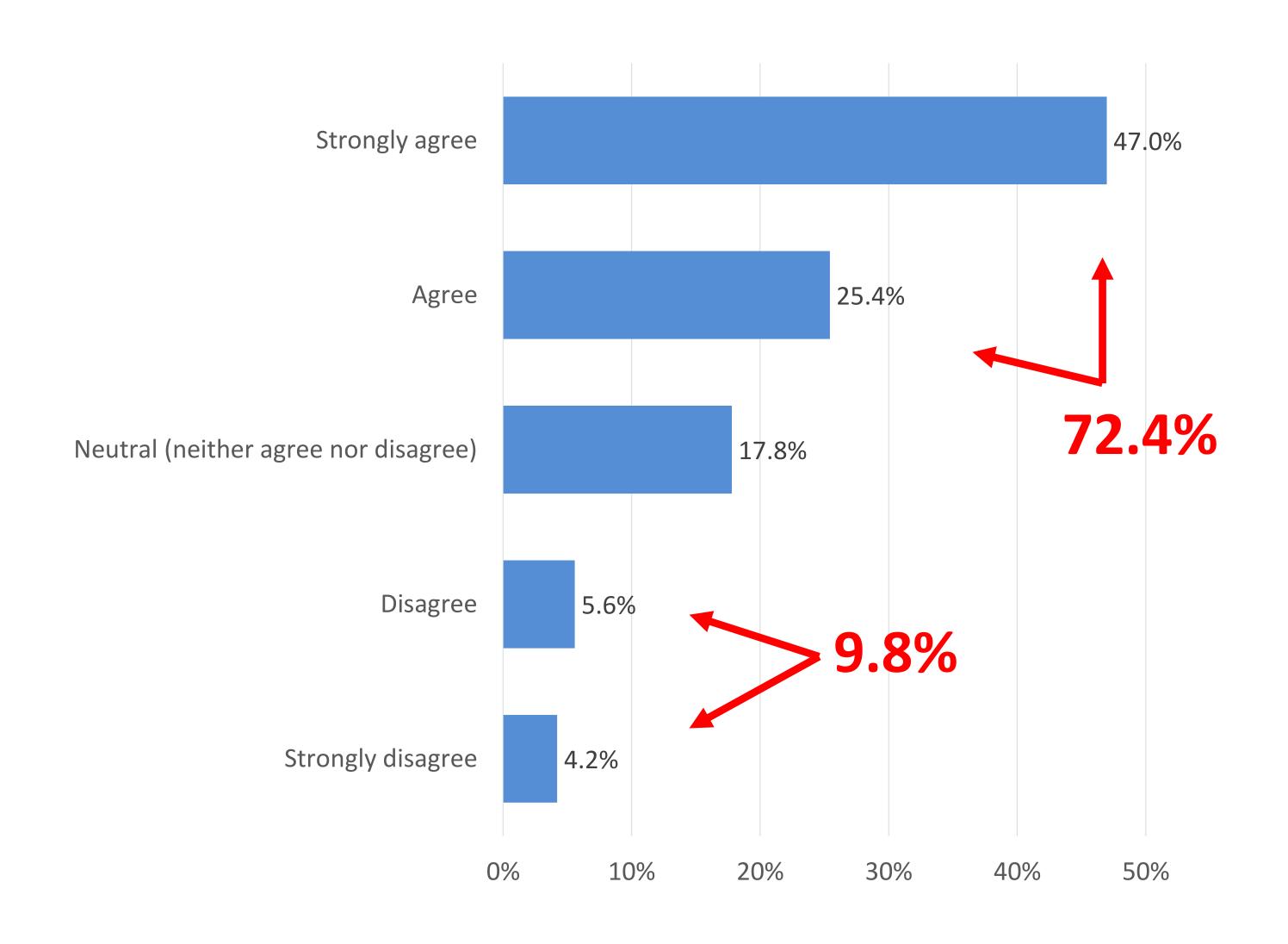


Opinions on Face Masks

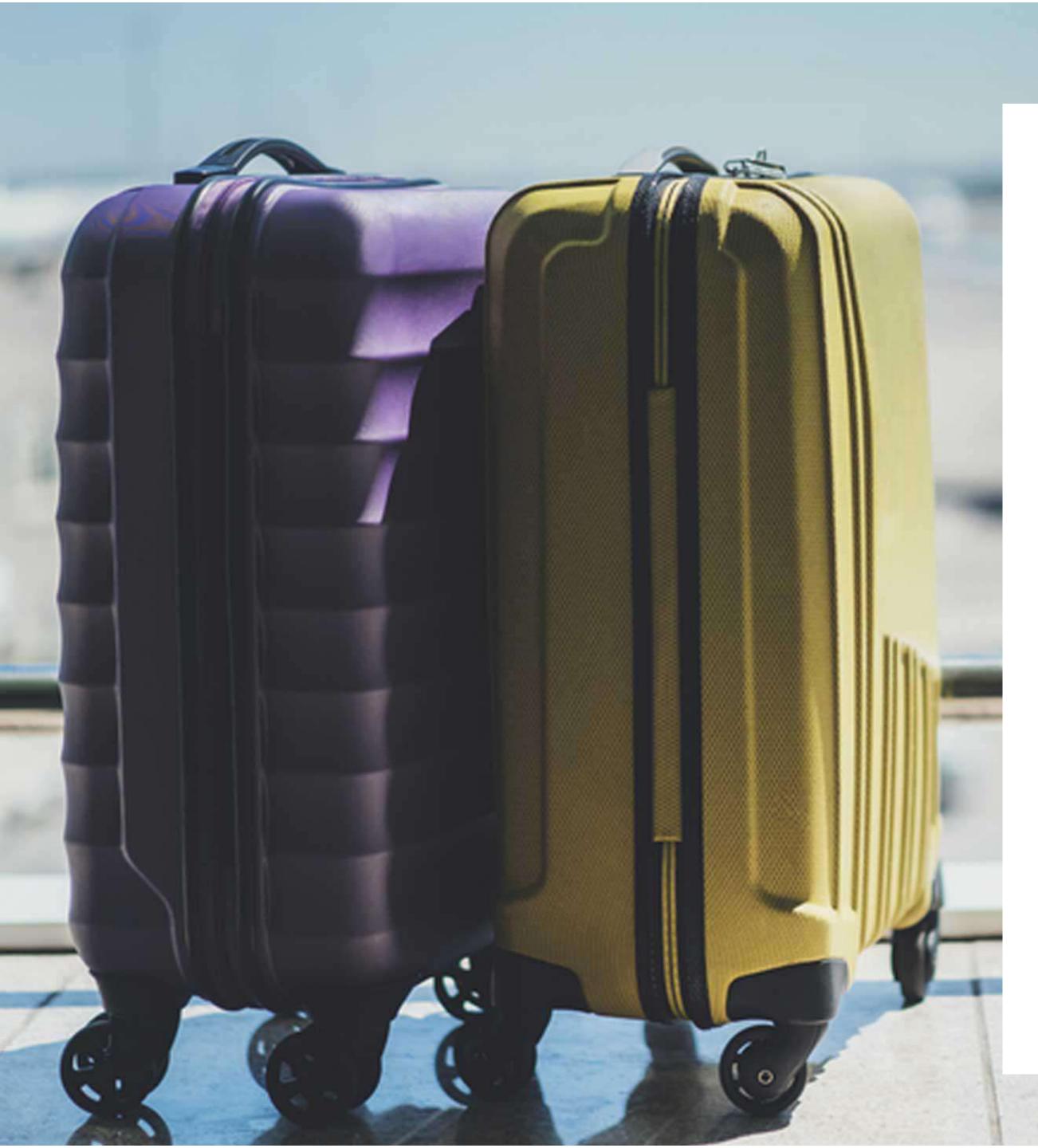
How much do you agree with the following statement?

Statement: In this environment, people should wear face masks when they are in public.

(Base: All respondents, 1,212 completed surveys. Data collected May 15-17, 2020)

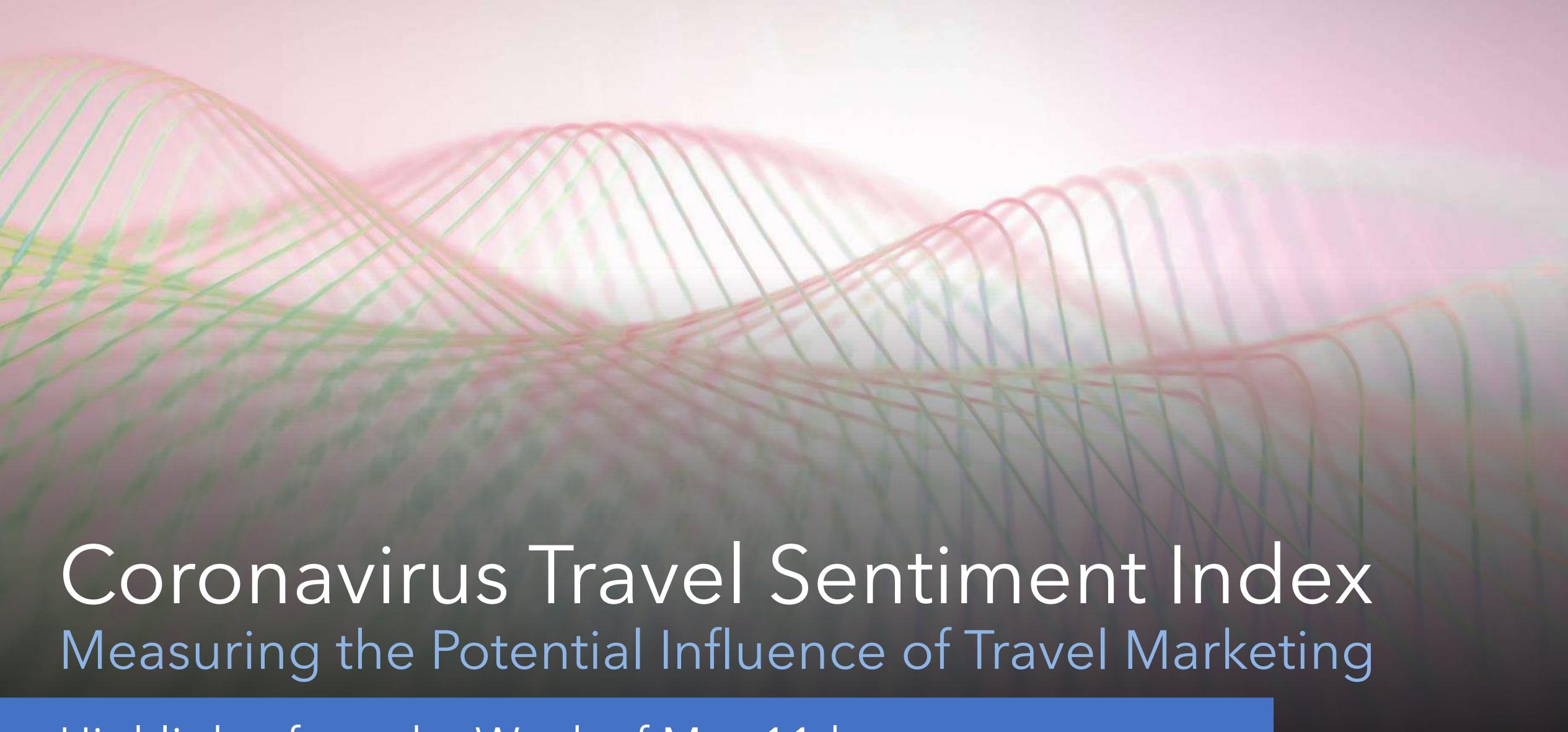






KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Travel businesses should not assume their guests are entirely trusting of them to take care of their health right now and should take extra measures to earn this trust
- Most travelers are not yet convinced that the industry can now safely reopen
- Rural residents are the least comfortable with tourists, setting up some potential tension if there is increased visitor volume and lack of hygienic behavior



Highlights from the Week of May 11th



Indexing is the practice of compiling data into one single metric.

What is a Predictive Index?



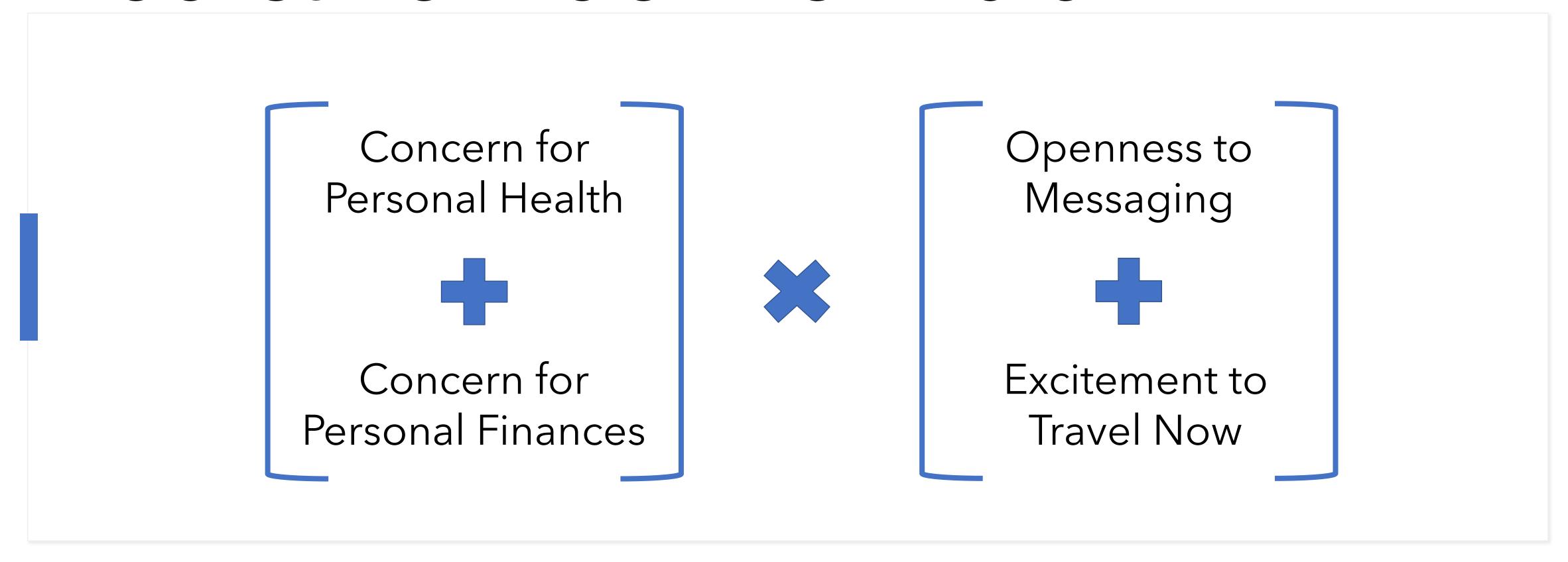
A predictive index is a statistical measure of change in a representative group of data points. The predictive index is then compared to a standard base value in order to make data-driven predictions.



The goals are to identify:

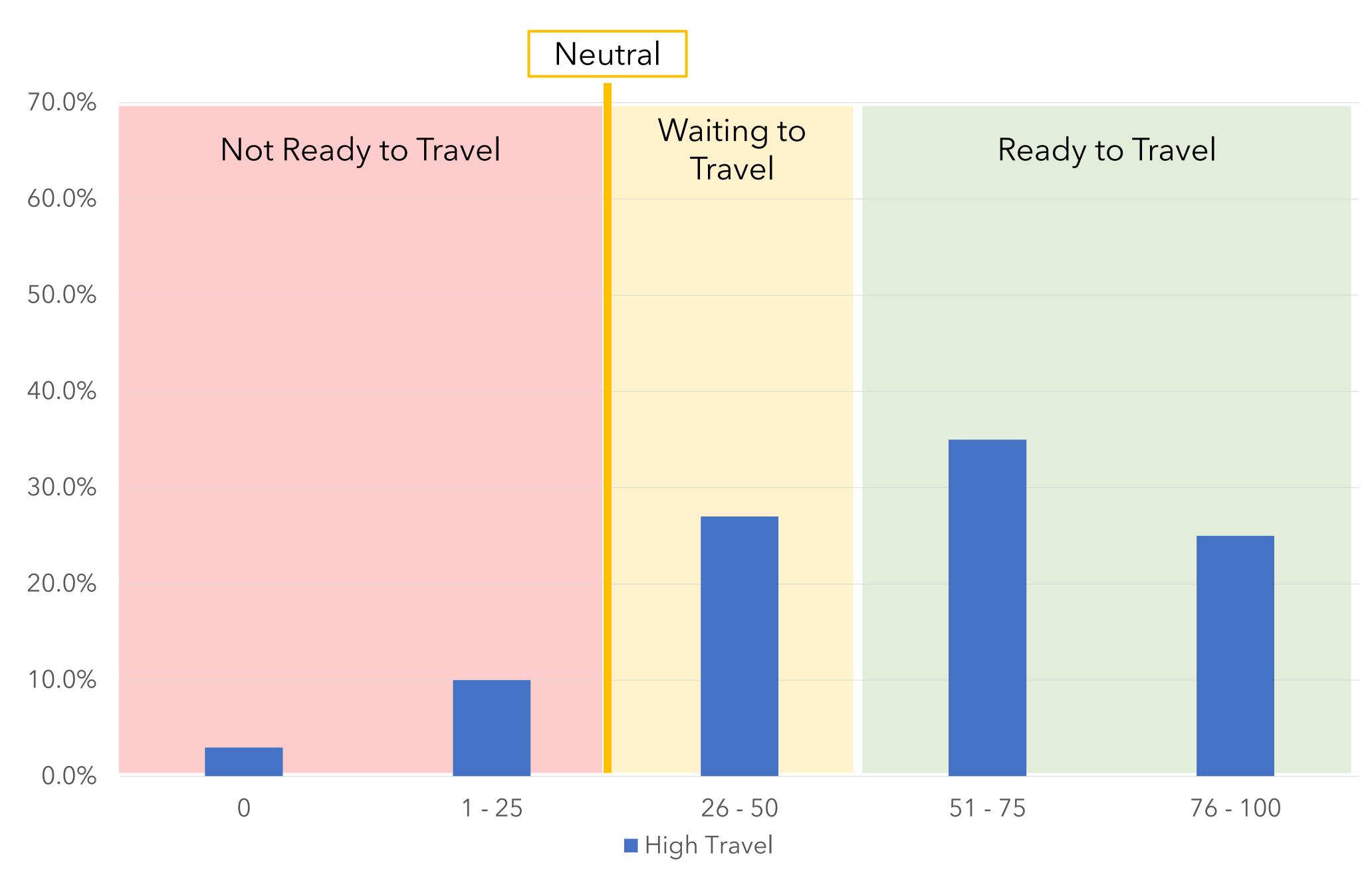
- WHO are the traveler segments that appear receptive to travel marketing and
- WHEN will they be ready to travel

Predictive Index Formula

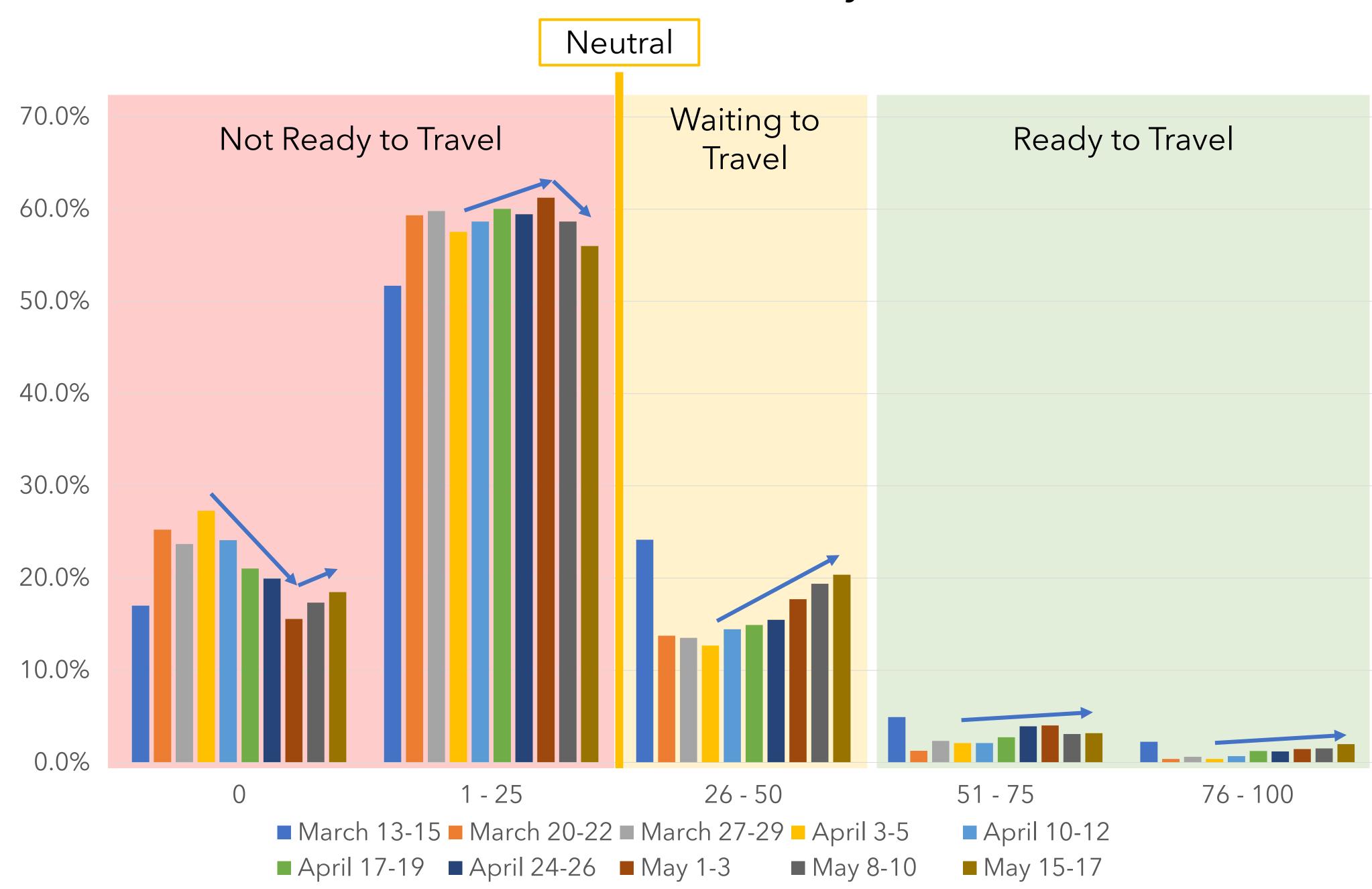


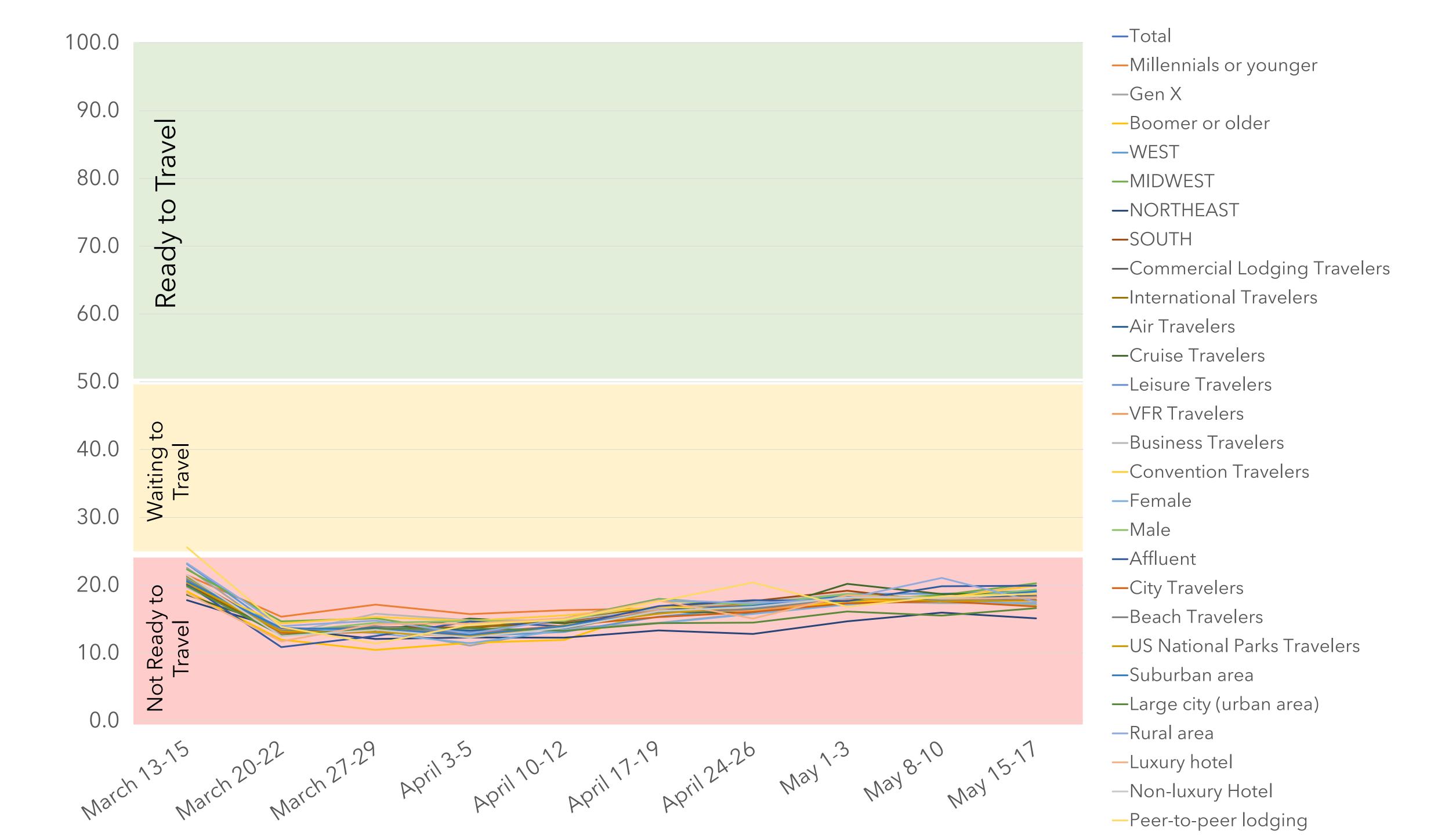
*Normalized to a 100pt scale

Healthy Travel Outlook



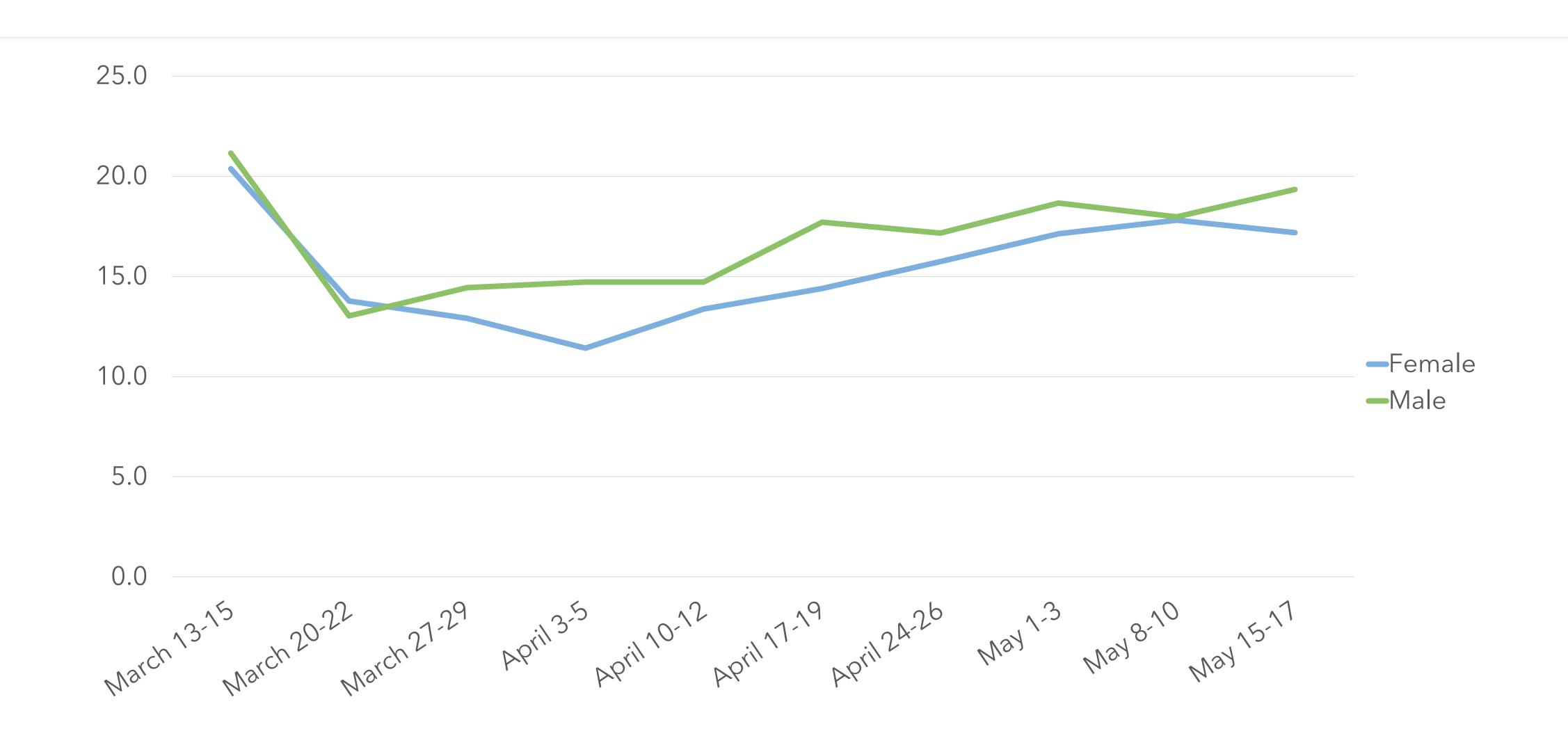
Travel Outlook: Week of May 11th





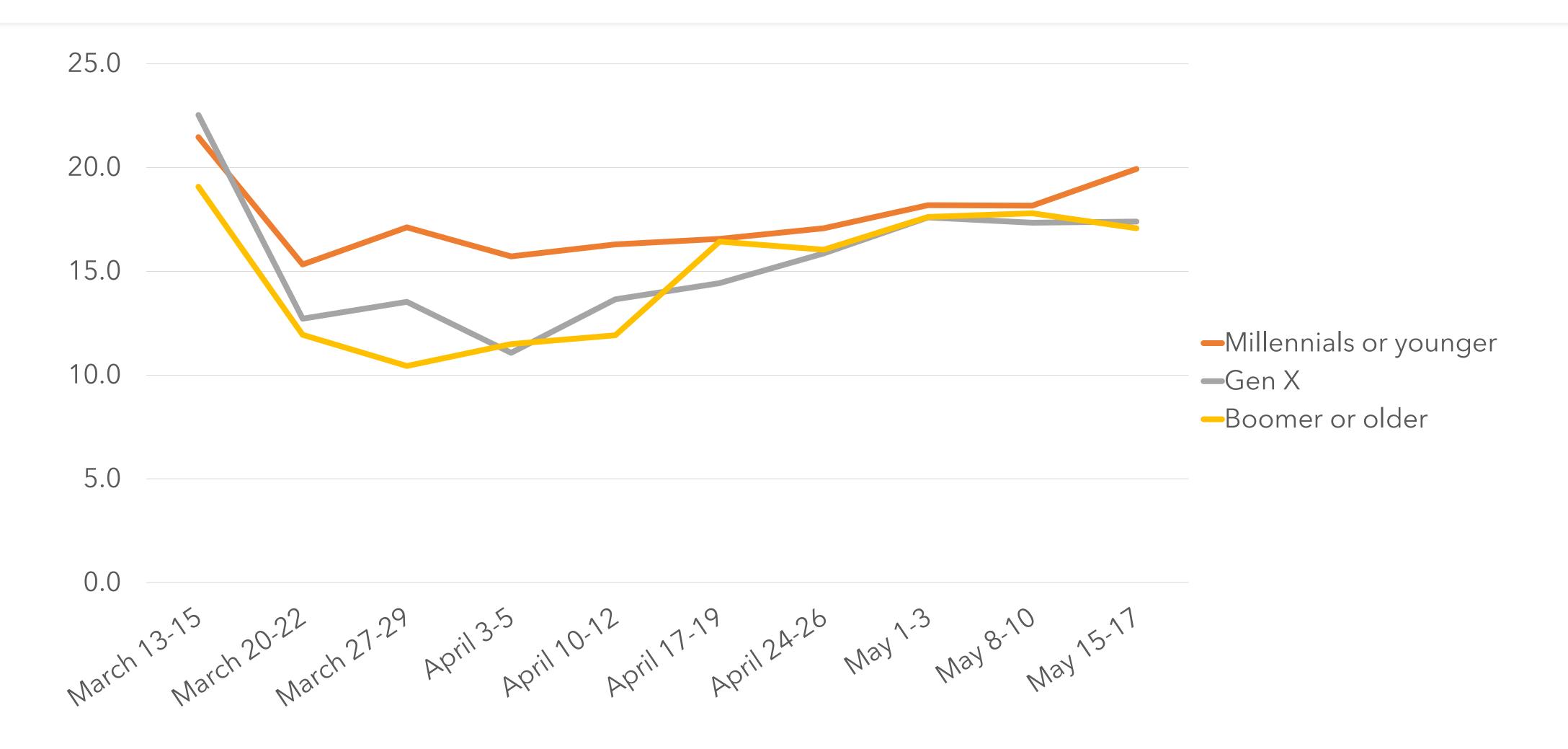
Gender

- Financial concerns for men dropped slightly this week while safety concerns for both men and women remained consistent with previous waves.
- A third of women this week said they have no plans to travel in 2020 (33.2%) while only a quarter of men (26.0%) said the same.



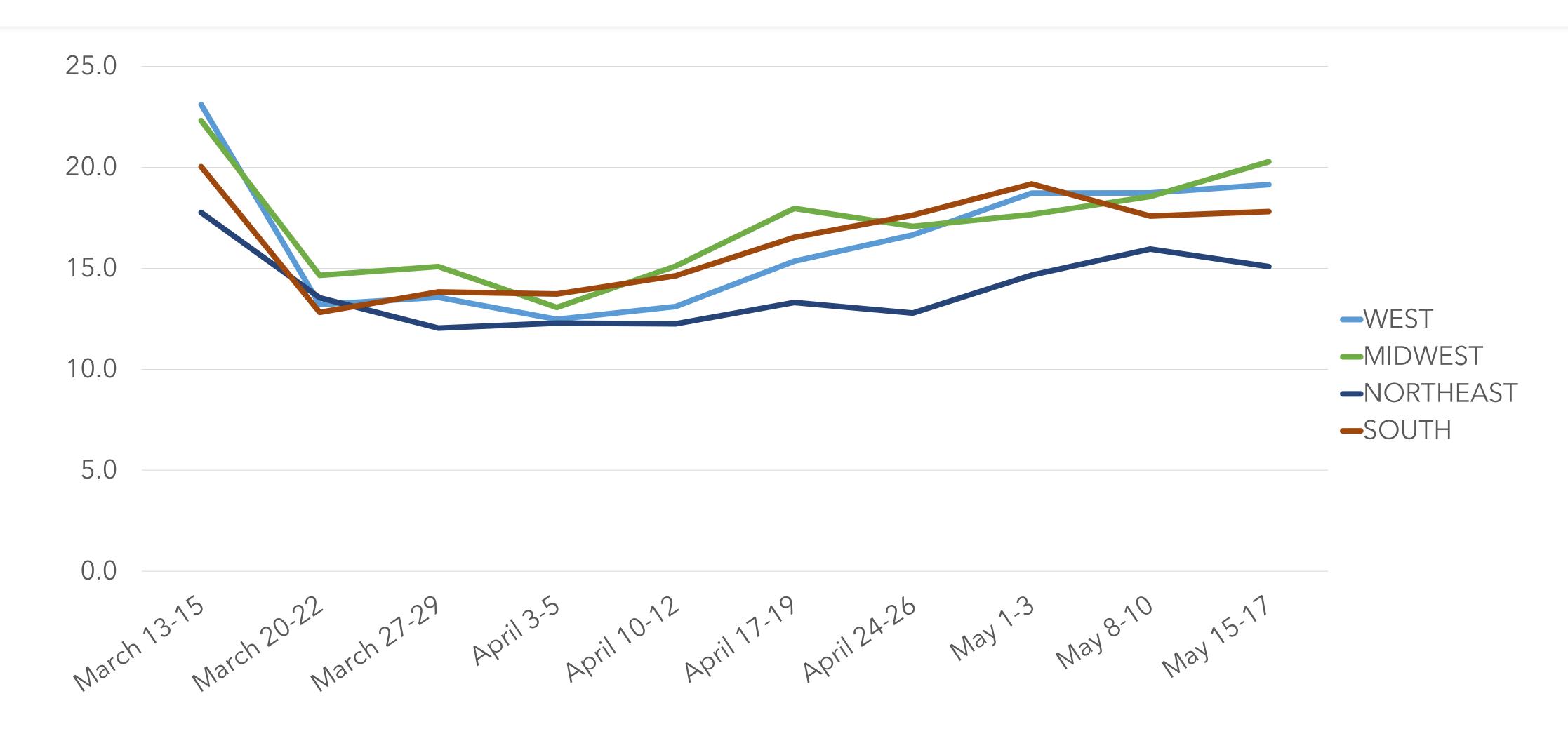
Generation

- Millennials reported a slight drop in safety concerns this week while safety concerns for Gen X and Boomers slightly grew.
- Millennials this week show optimism for the severity of the coronavirus situation; 34.5% (down from 45.5% last week) said they expect the situation to get worse or much worse. Comparatively both Gen X and Boomers showed little change in this expectation week over week.



US Region

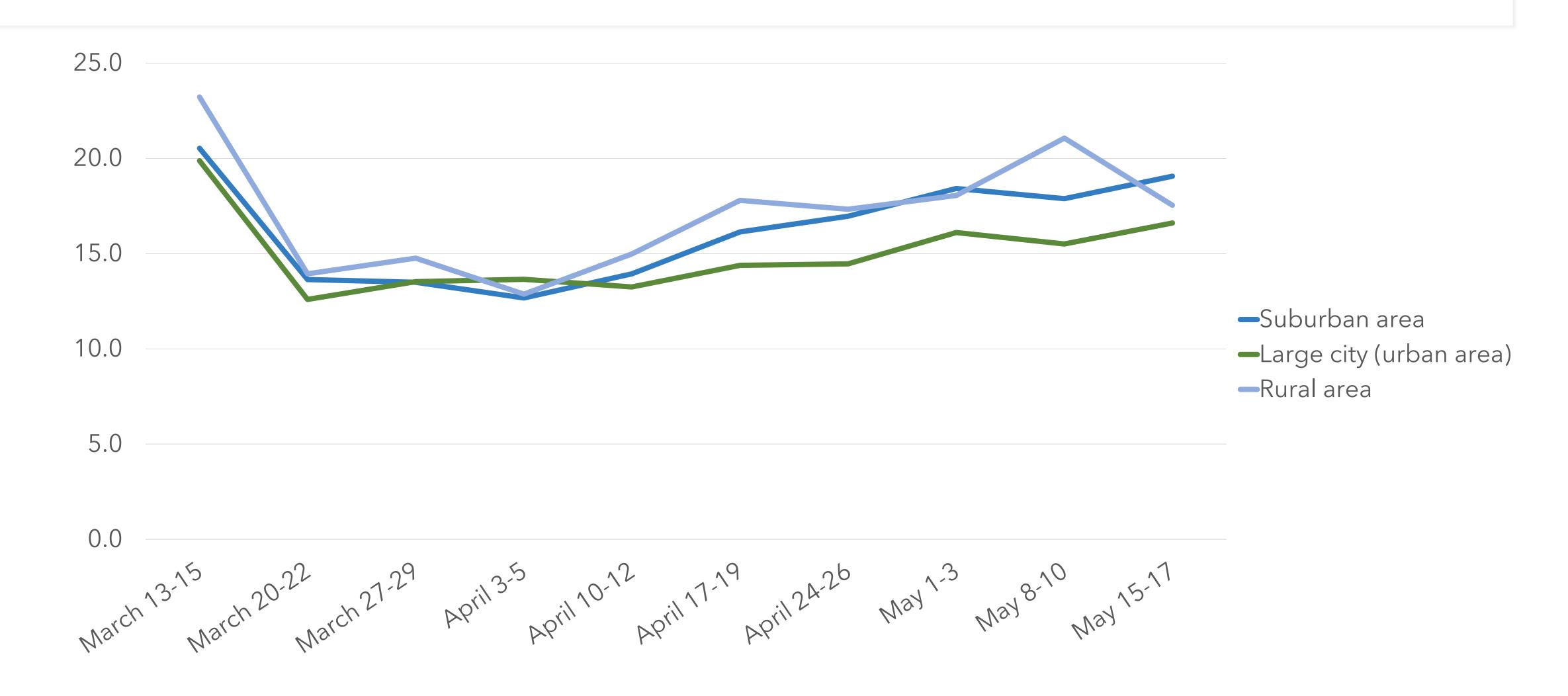
- Safety concerns in the West grew this week while similar concerns dropped in the Midwest and remained consistent in the Northeast and South.
- Financial concerns also dropped in the Midwest but grew in the Northeast
- Both excitement to travel and openness to messaging grew overall this week.
- Excitement grew most notably in the West and Northeast while openness grew most significantly in the South



Type Of Residence

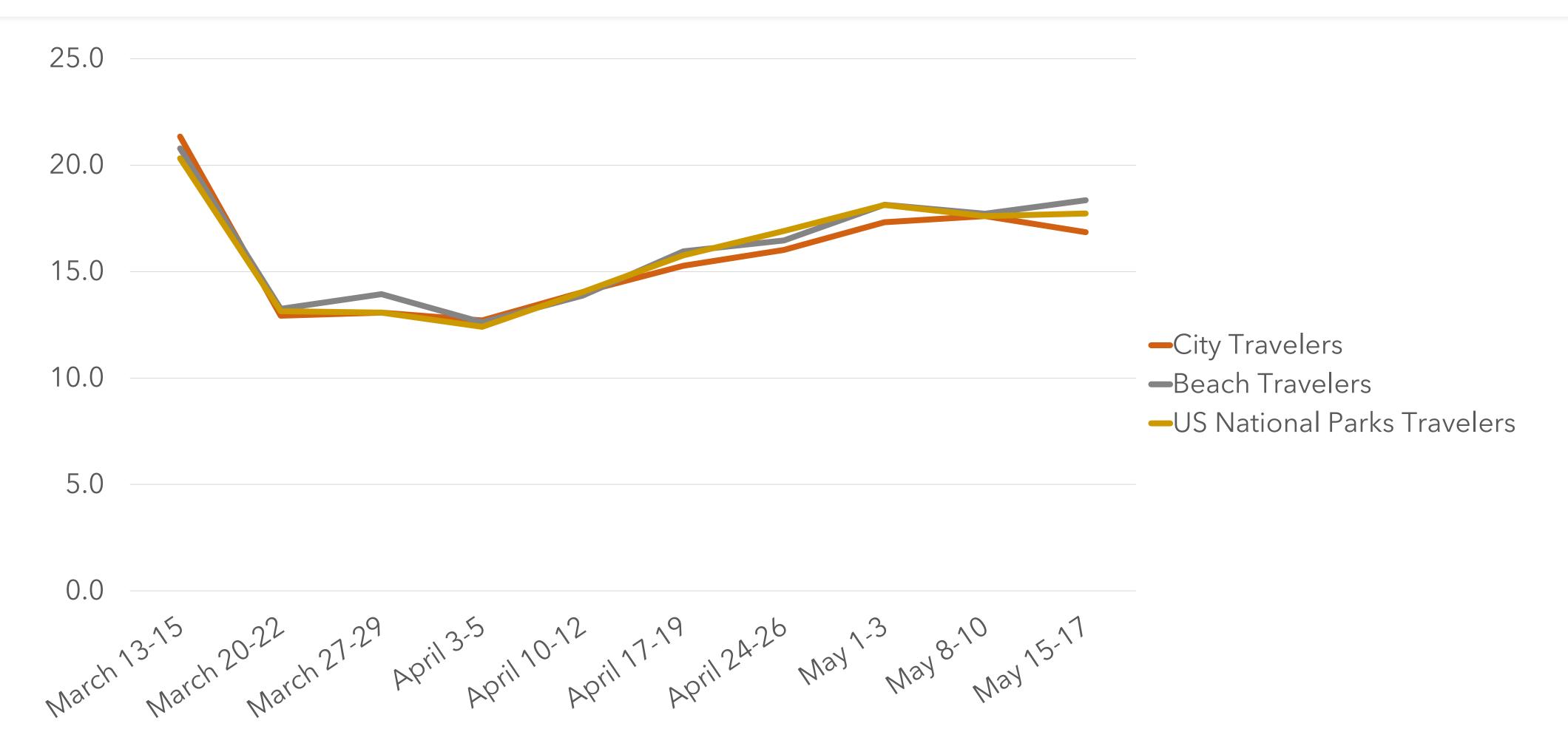
Points of Interest Impacting Index Scores:

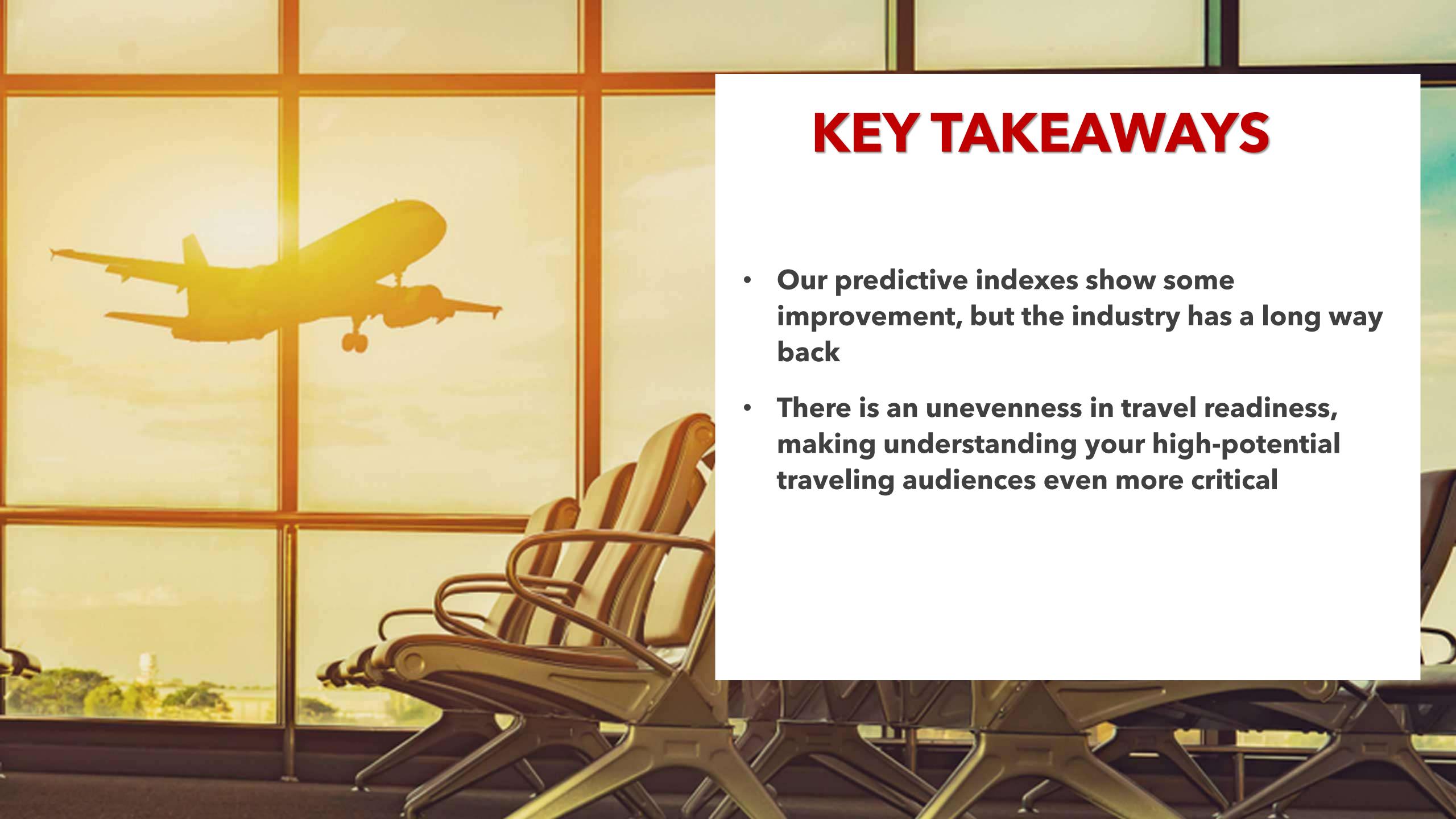
- Showing a dramatic shift from last week, Rural respondents showed the highest levels of both personal and financial concerns this week compared to their Urban and Suburban counterparts
- Excitement to travel also dipped this week for Rural respondents



Favorite Destination Types

- Travelers who love beach destinations report the highest relative excitement for travel this week.
- Travelers who love cities report higher levels of safety concerns than beach and national park travelers.
- However, city travelers report wanting to travel the furthest distance from home on their next leisure trip.





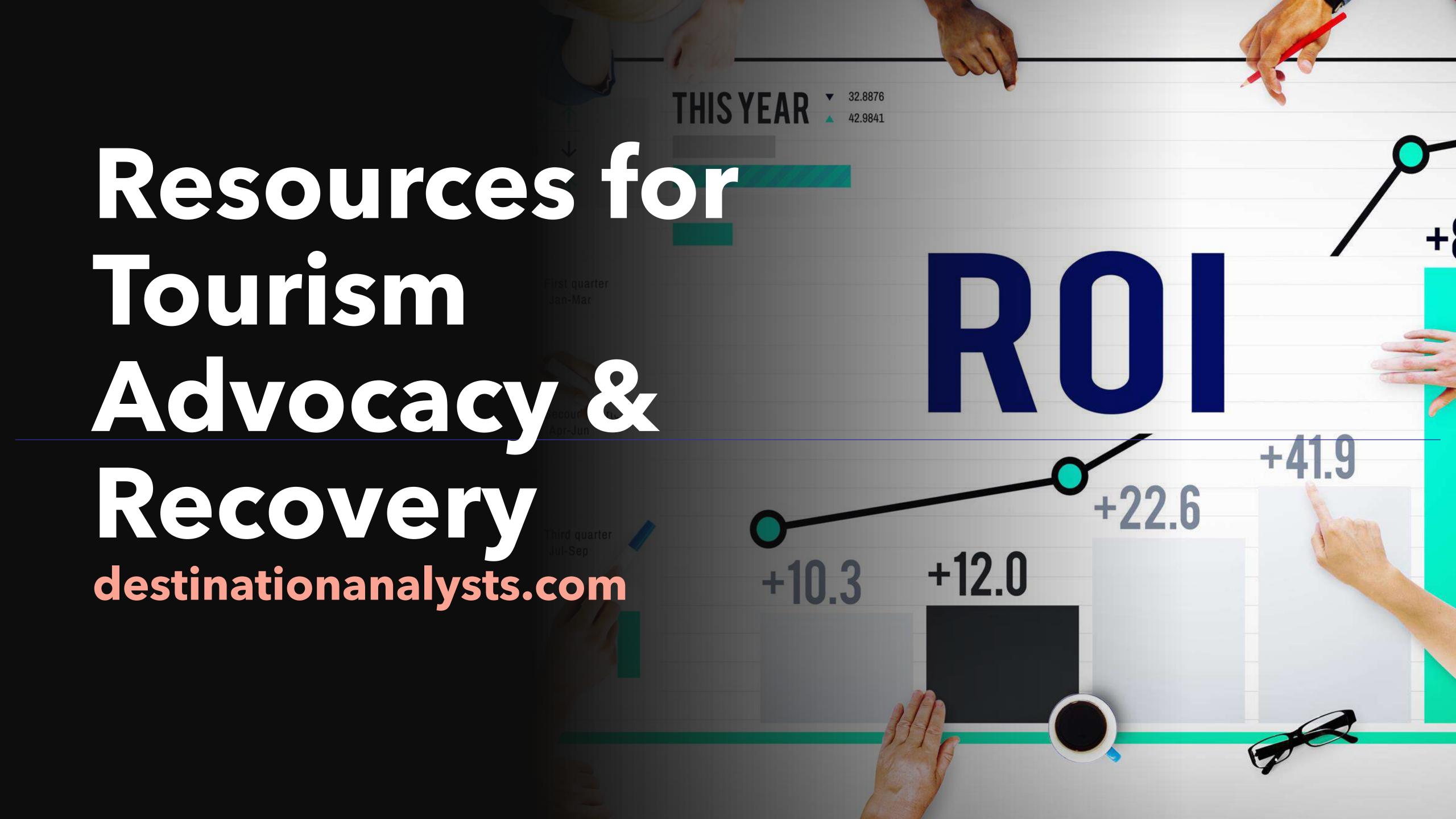
Next/Ongoing Updates

- Key Findings to Know released via email every Monday morning
- Complete Report of Findings sent (and dashboard updated) by each Tuesday morning
- Online Presentation of Findings every Tuesday at 8:00am PST/11:00am EST
- Shareable infographics and gifs on social media











Upcoming for You

- Meeting Planner Sentiment Survey Findings
- Early Insights from the DMO Website Importance Study
- Online Focus Groups with Travelers
- Traveler Segment Profiles



