

SCC | STUDY OF THE CANADIAN CONSUMER

# Shopper Update

Online | In-Store | Grocery | Pets  
Summer 2023





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## KEY CHARACTERISTICS

**40,000+**

Annual Respondents

**60,000+**

Variables

**4,000+**

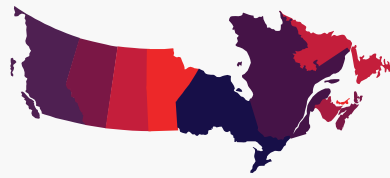
Brands

## REGIONS AND MARKETS



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Regions



**10**

Provinces



**38**

Markets



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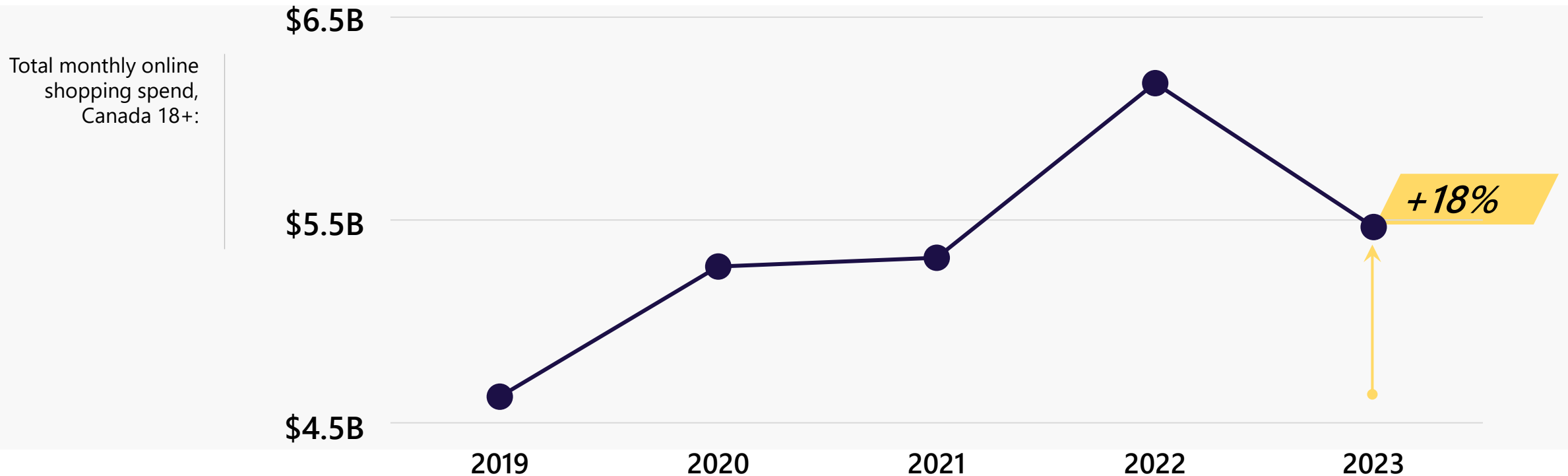
# Online Shopping

26M

Canadians shop online in an average year, spending \$5.5B in an average month.

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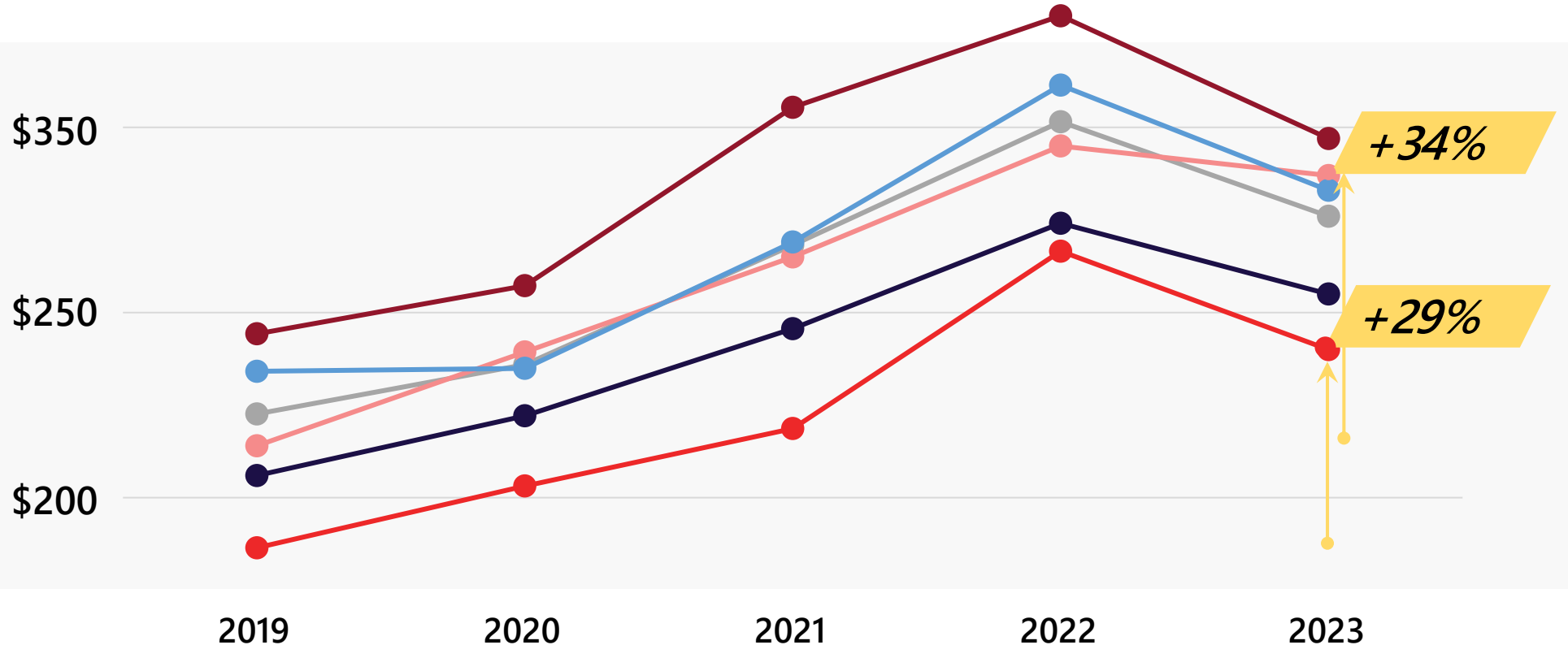
Canadians spend a total of **\$5.5 billion** per month on online shopping purchases – **18%** more than in 2019.



Younger Canadians saw the biggest increases in online spend since 2019, with those 25 to 34 seeing the highest increase.

Average (non-zero) monthly online shopping spend, by age, Canada 18+ :

- All 18+
- <25
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 49
- 50 to 65
- 65+



# 2 in 3 Canadians 18+ bought from Amazon in the past year.

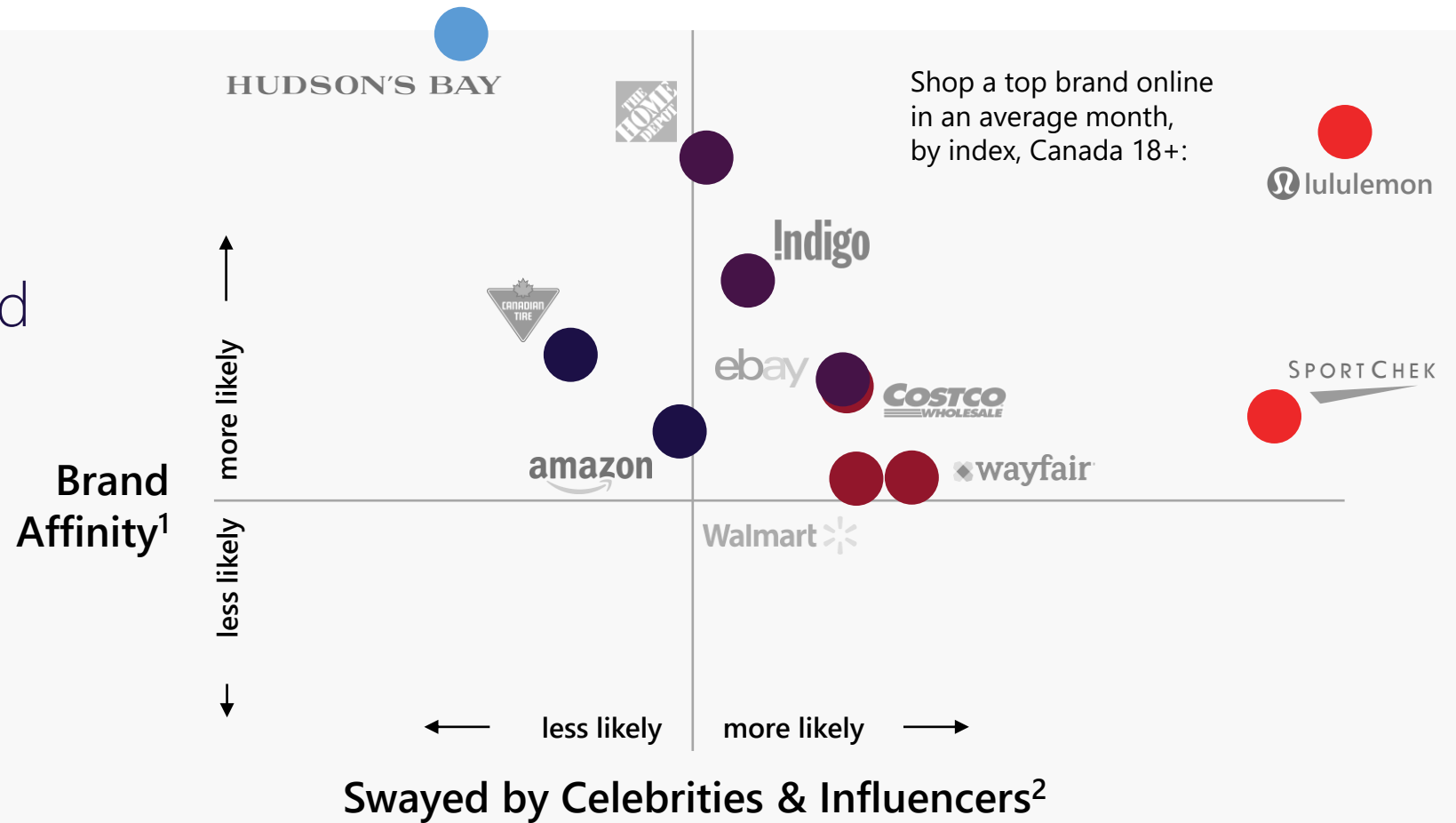
Top 10 websites or apps purchased from (past 12 months), Canada 18+:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	47%	56%	69%	71%	67%
	13%	12%	18%	20%	19%
	10%	11%	14%	20%	13%
	8%	10%	13%	17%	12%
	6%	9%	13%	13%	10%
	6%	7%	11%	8%	7%
	4%	5%	8%	8%	6%
	4%	4%	7%	8%	6%
	3%	4%	4%	6%	5%
	2%	4%	4%	6%	4%



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ONLINE SHOPPING

Canadians who have higher Brand Affinity tend to shop at Hudson's Bay, while those who are swayed by celebrities and influencers prefer to shop at Lululemon and SportChek.



<sup>1</sup> Agree with "Once I find a brand I like I tend to stick to it" OR disagree with "Even though I have a favourite brand, if another brand is on special offer I buy it instead". <sup>2</sup> Agree with "I often buy a product recommended by an influencer I follow online" OR "Celebrities influence my purchase decisions" OR "I carefully consider product recommendations made by influencer follow online".



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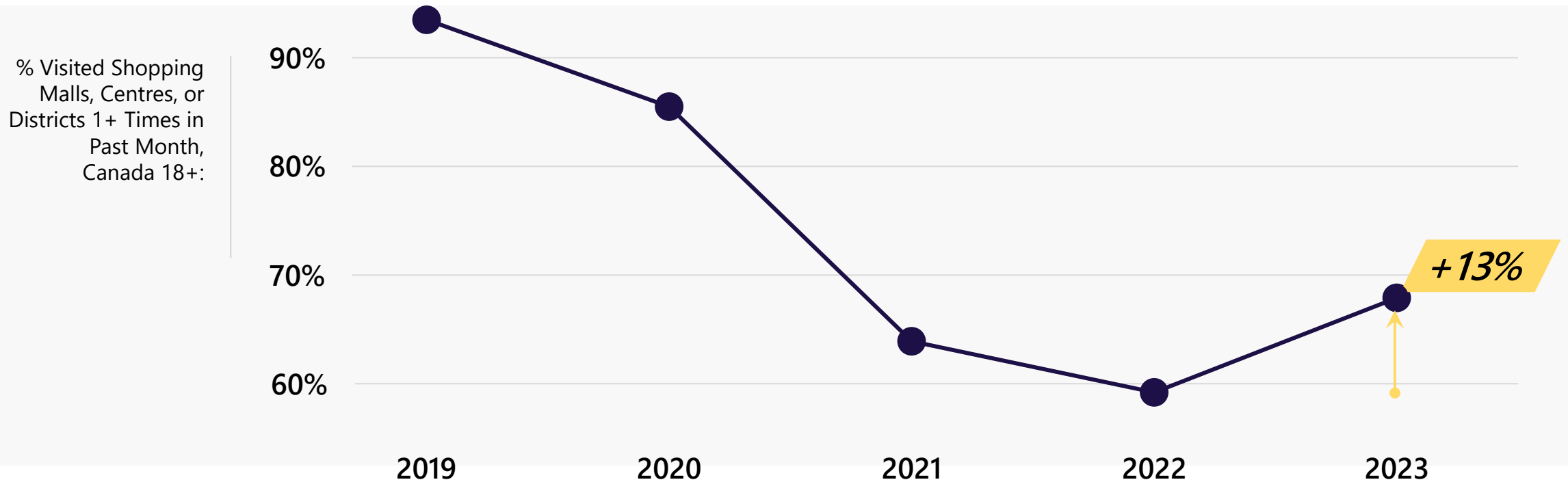
# In-Store Shopping

12M

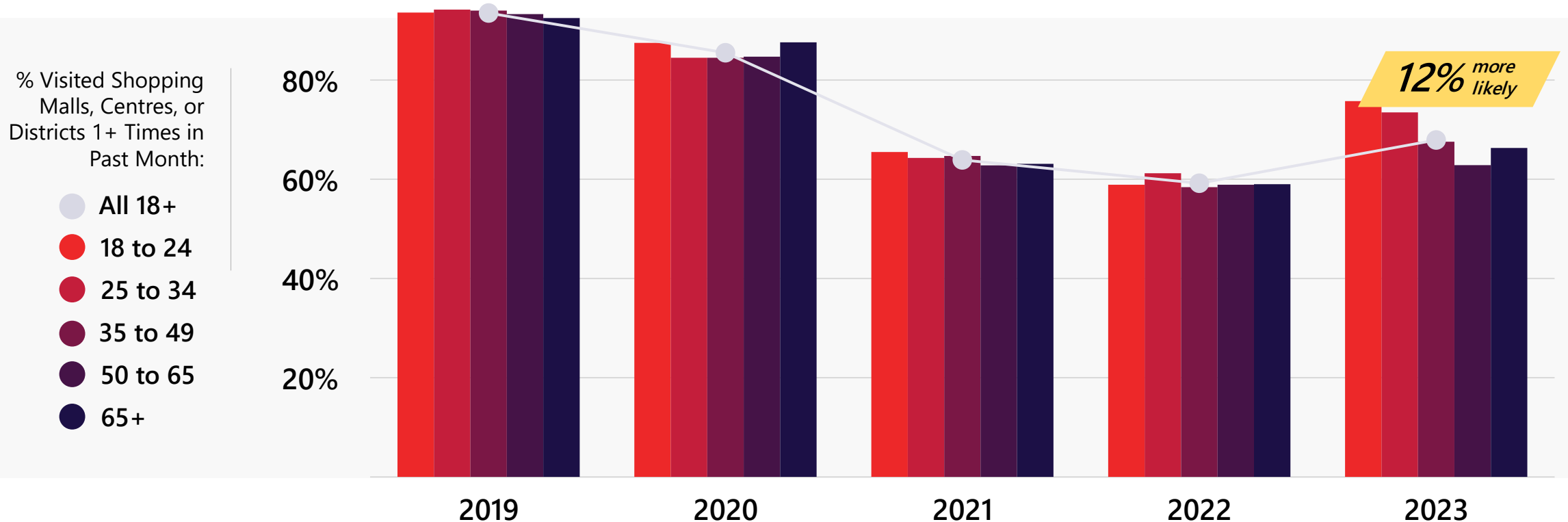
Canadians 18+ visited a shopping mall, centre, or district in the past week.

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In-store shopping is on a post-COVID rebound, with **68%** of Canadians having **shopped in-store 1+ times** in an average month.

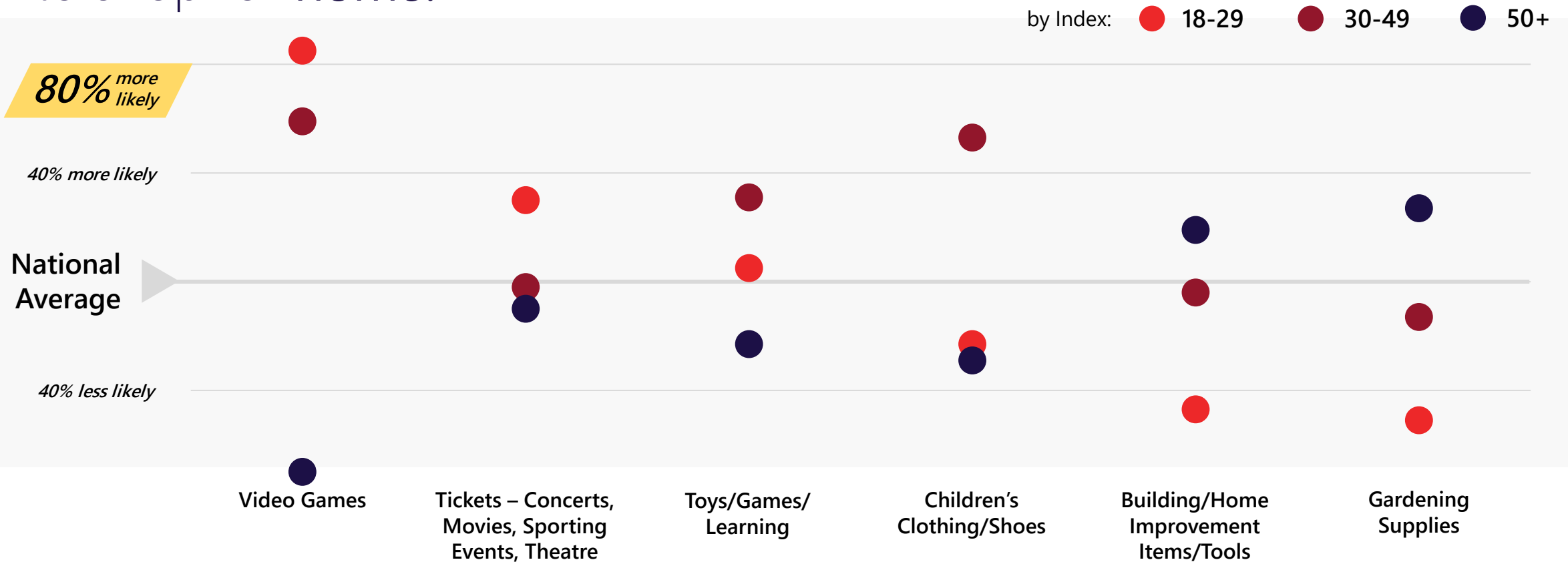


# Younger Canadians are now more likely to visit a shopping mall, centre, or district in an average month.



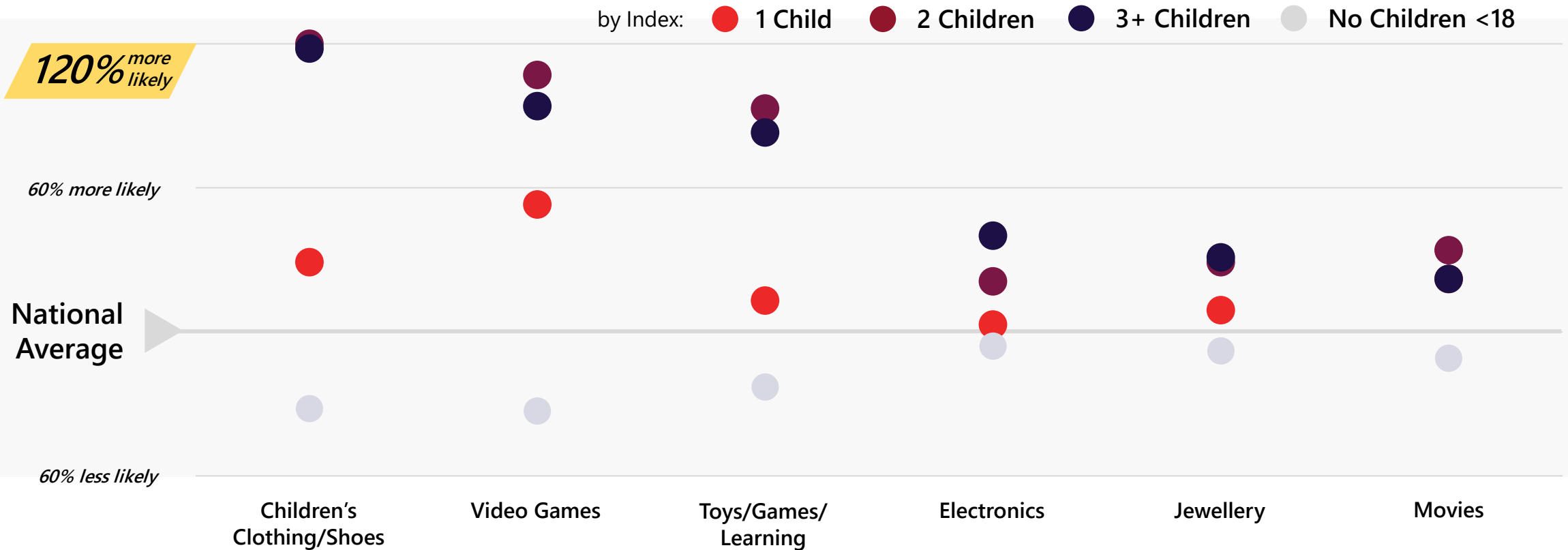
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Canadians 18 to 29 are **85% more likely** to shop in-store for **entertainment**, while those 50+ are **27% more likely** to shop for **home**.



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Canadians with children are up to 2x more likely to shop in-store for key **apparel** and **entertainment** items.

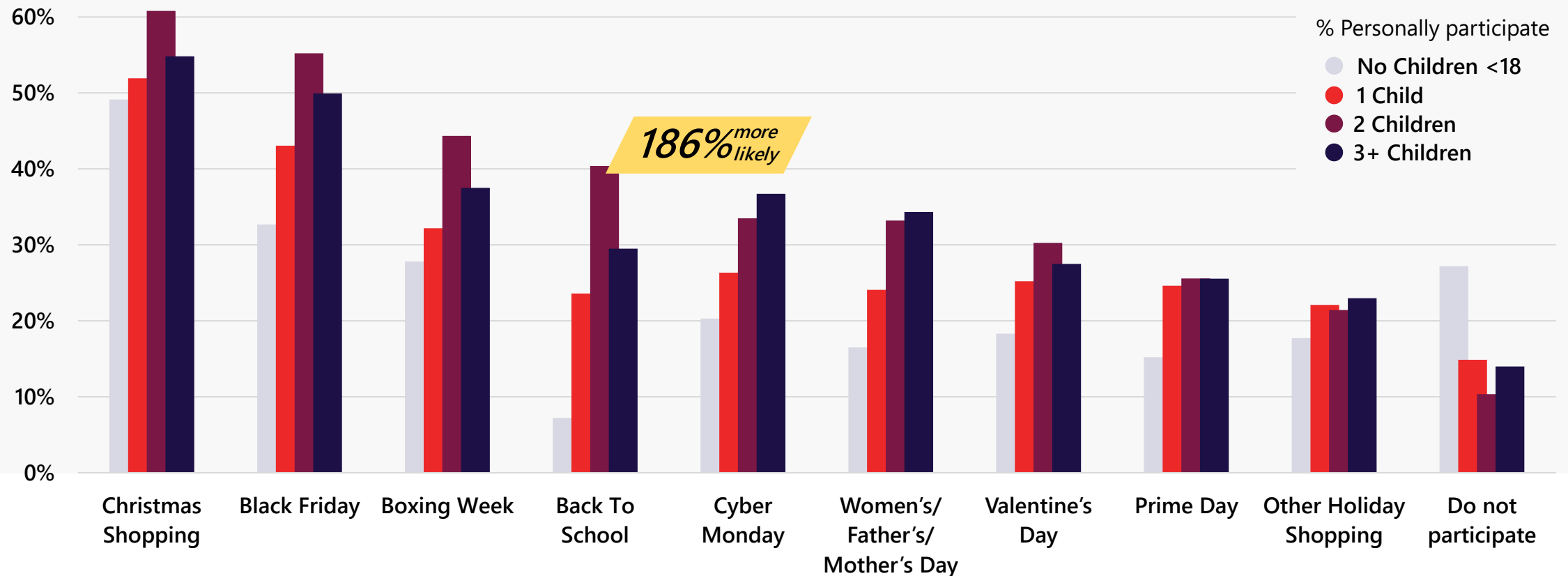


24M

Canadians 18+ personally participate in **shopping events** of any kind.



Households with two children are the most likely to shop during Christmas, Black Friday, Boxing Week, and Back to School.





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# Grocery Shopping

35%

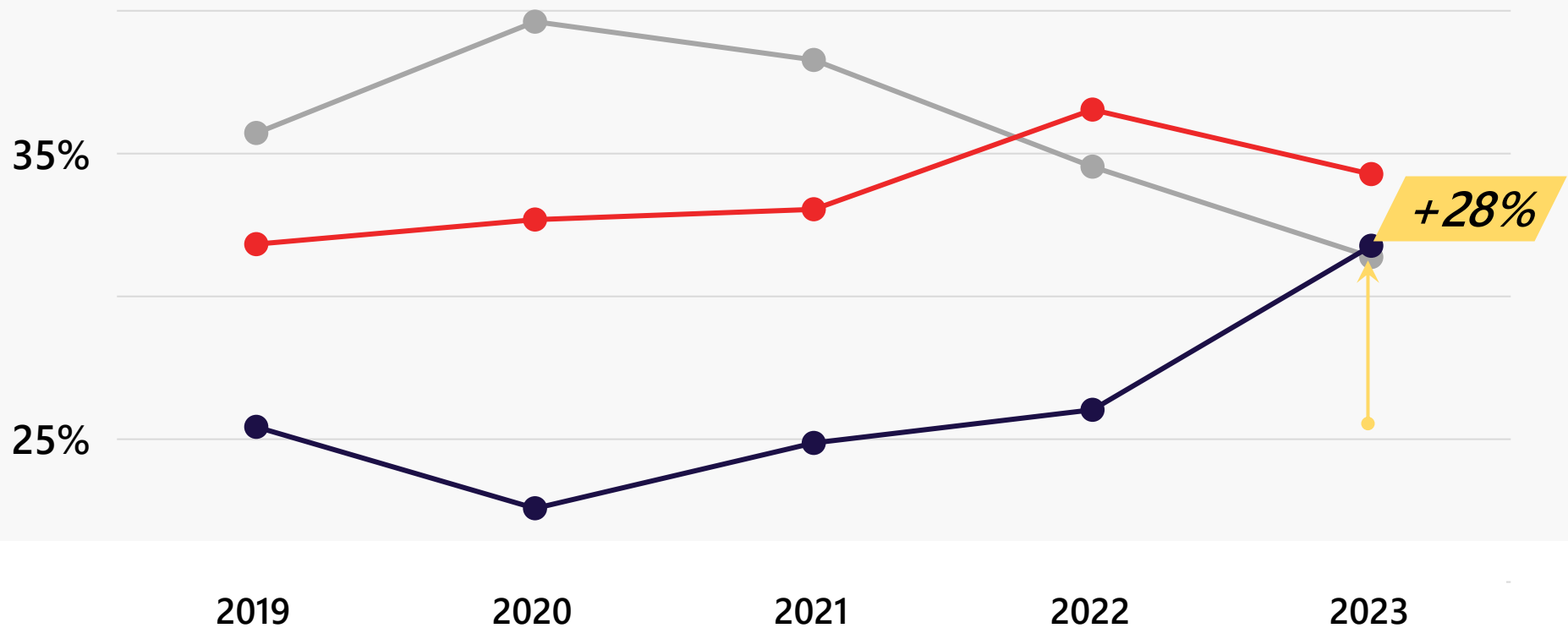
– the increase in the average Canadian's **weekly grocery spend** from 2019 to 2023

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Compared to 2019, **28% more** Canadians are spending **\$150+ on groceries** in an average week.

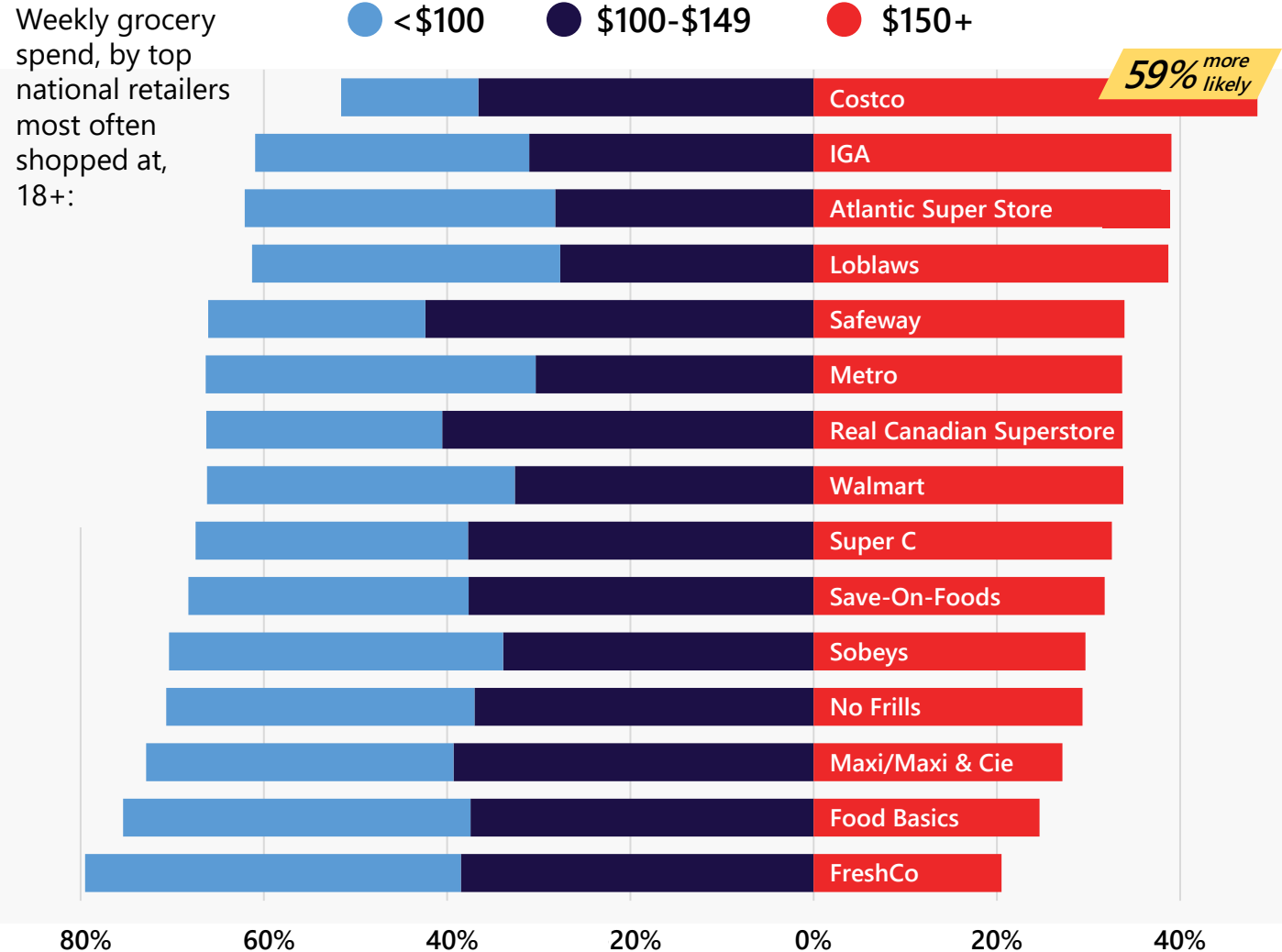
% Household Spent on Groceries in an Average Week:

- <\$100
- \$100-149
- \$150+



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GROCERY SHOPPING

Canadians that spend \$150+/week on groceries are up to **59% more likely** to shop at **Costco** or **IGA**, while those that spend less are more likely to shop at **FreshCo** or **Food Basics**.



**54%**

of Canadians are looking to reduce spending on groceries – the most of any category.

% of Canadians 18+ looking to reduce spending by category:

**47%**

Clothing/  
Footwear

**38%**

Travel

**33%**

Personal Care/  
Cosmetics

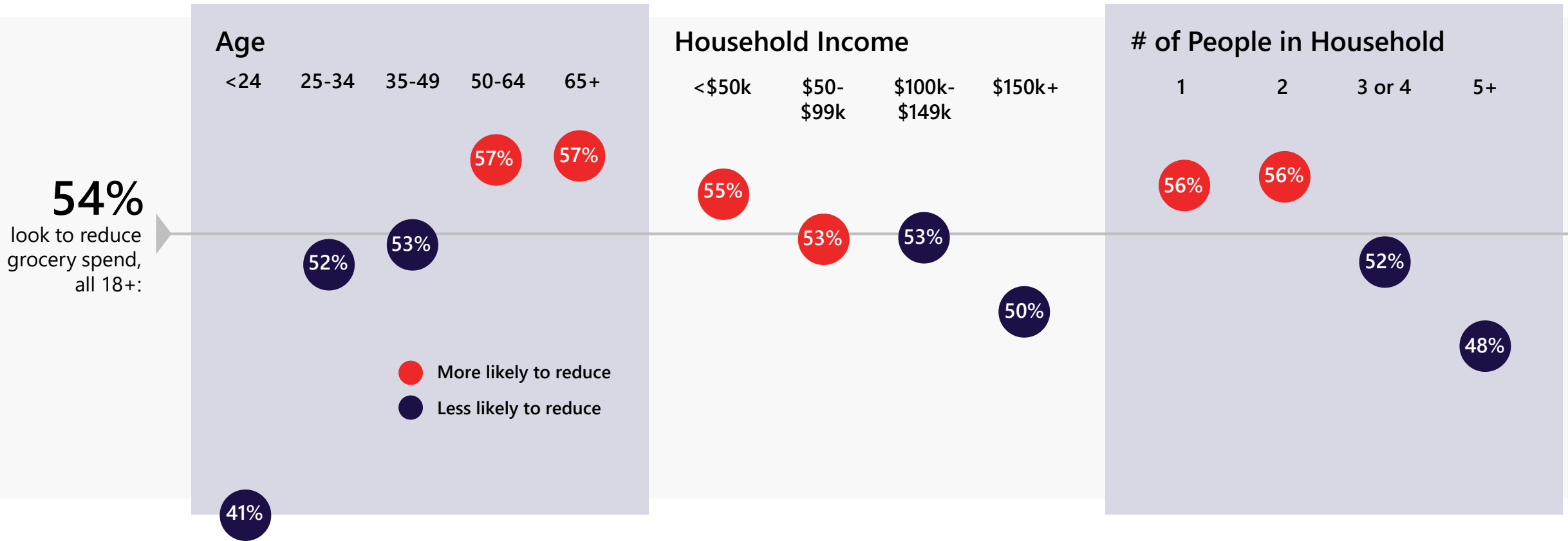
**32%**

Utilities

**31%**

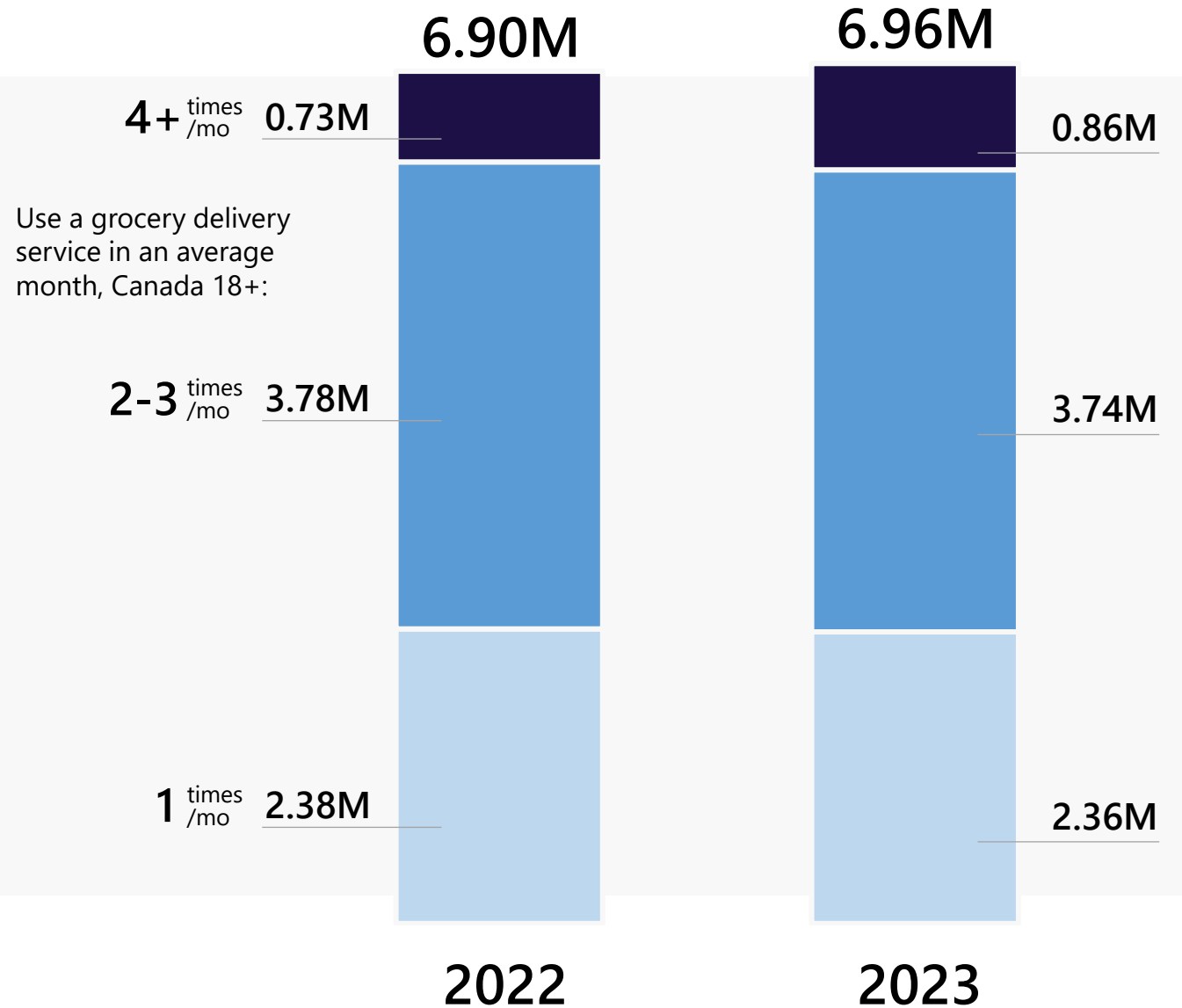
Electronics/  
Tech

Canadians who are **older**, live in **smaller households**, or are **lower income** are the most likely to want to **reduce grocery spend**.



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GROCERY DELIVERY

Grocery delivery saw little change compared to 2022, however over 22% of Canadians use the service in an average month.







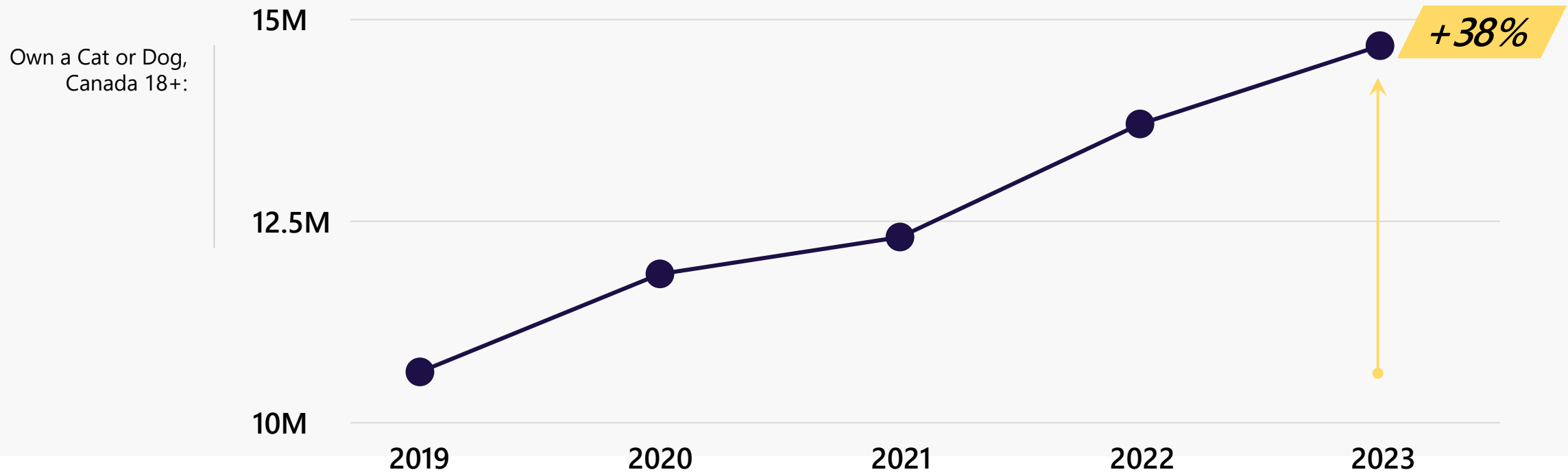
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Pets

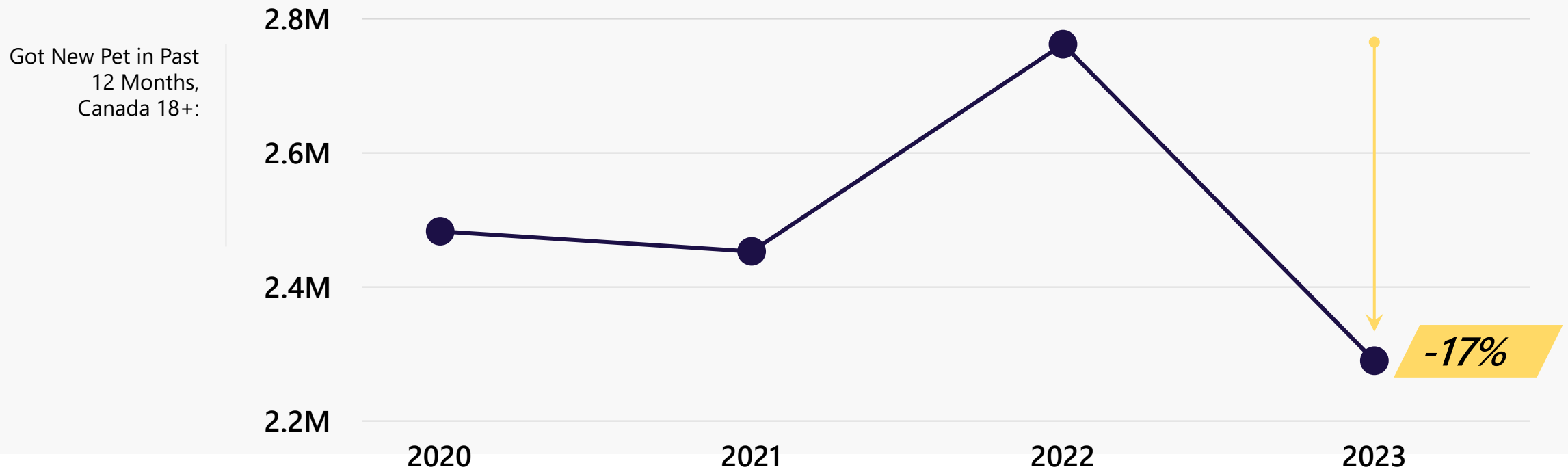
**3.8M**

more Canadians 18+  
own a pet in 2023,  
compared to 2019.

14.7 Million Canadians now own a pet – a 38% increase from the number of Canadians who owned pets in 2019.

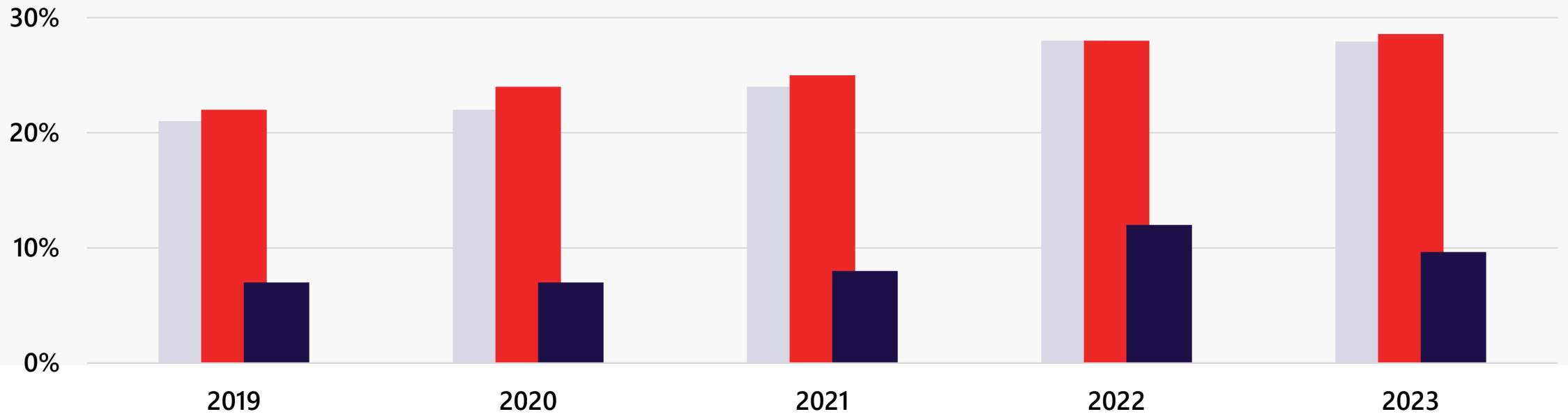


17% fewer Canadians got a new pet in the past 12 months, compared to the 2.76M Canadians who got new pets in 2022.

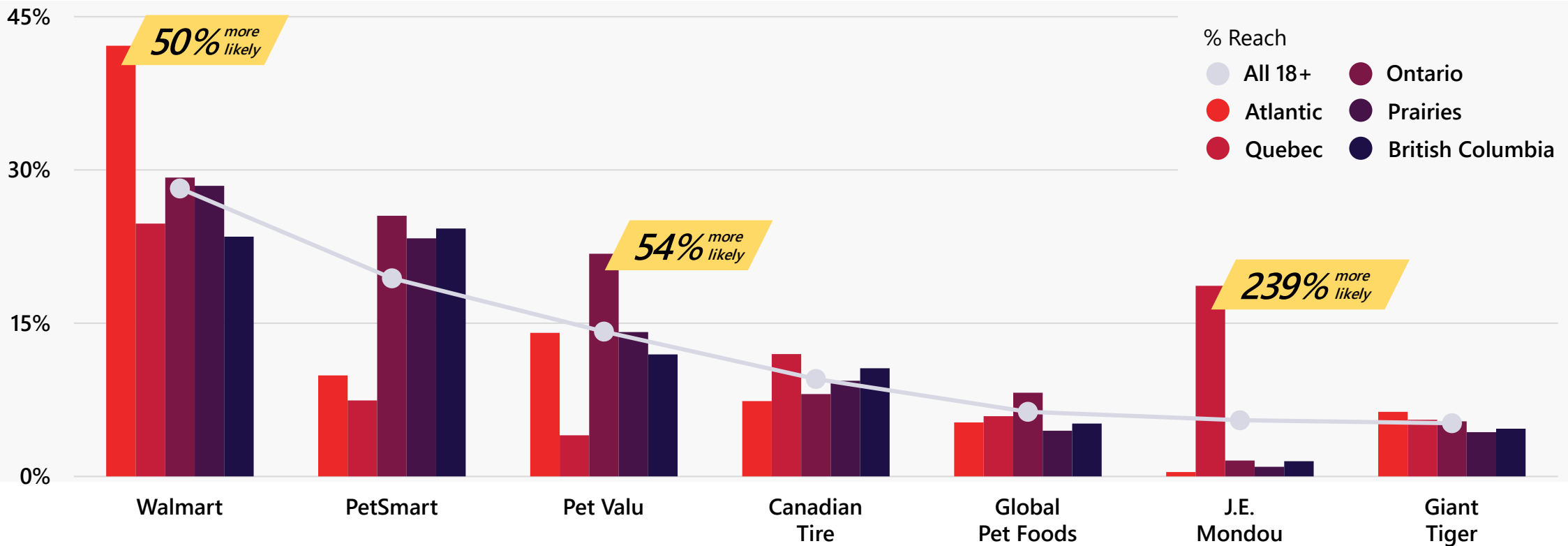


Mixed species pet ownership peaked in 2022 with 12% of Canadians owning at least one dog and one cat.

% Own: 1+ Dogs 1+ Cats 1+ Dog and 1+ Cat



Most Canadian pet owners buy pet food at **Walmart**, however **Pet Smart** and **Pet Valu** show strongly in Ontario while **J.E. Mondou** performs well with pet owners in Quebec.





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New For Summer

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# New to the SCC | Study of the Canadian Consumer

## NEW variables:

- New statements to describe **household structure**
- Time spent on **Traditional/Linear TV** in a typical day
- Amount spent monthly on **TV services, streaming services, and audio content services**
- New statements describing reasons to use **streaming services**
- Brands of TV device **owned** and **intend to purchase**
- Use of **QR Codes** related to marketing, advertising, or promotional offers in the past month



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# New to the SCC | Study of the Canadian Consumer

## NEW variables:

- 6 additional companies captured in **homeowners/property insurance** vendors
- Reasons for doing or planning to do **home modifications**
- Amount spent or intend to spend on **home modifications**
- Likelihood to **stay in current residence or move elsewhere** in relation to ageing
- Preferred **locations to age**
- **New brands** added to 8 consumer categories, including chocolate/candy bars, beer, frozen pizza, and more.



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# Quintiles & Terciles

# Magazine Quintiles

		All	English	French			
<b>PRINT</b> Issues per Month, All 18+	Light	<= 0.00	<b>39.1%</b>	<= 0.000	<b>39.2%</b>	<= 0.000	<b>38.3%</b>
	Medium-Light	0.001 – 0.314	<b>15.3%</b>	0.001 – 0.311	<b>15.2%</b>	0.001 – 0.341	<b>15.2%</b>
	Medium	0.315 – 0.720	<b>15.1%</b>	0.312 – 0.687	<b>15.1%</b>	0.342 – 0.911	<b>16.0%</b>
	Medium-Heavy	0.721 – 1.866	<b>15.0%</b>	0.688 – 1.852	<b>15.0%</b>	0.912 – 1.898	<b>15.0%</b>
	Heavy	1.867+	<b>15.5%</b>	1.853+	<b>15.5%</b>	1.899+	<b>15.5%</b>
<b>PRINT</b> Issues per Month, Users Only, 18+	Light	<= 0.287	<b>20.3%</b>	<= 0.274	<b>20.5%</b>	<= 0.314	<b>20.8%</b>
	Medium-Light	0.288 – 0.529	<b>20.2%</b>	0.275 – 0.495	<b>20.0%</b>	0.315 – 0.685	<b>20.6%</b>
	Medium	0.530 – 1.074	<b>20.0%</b>	0.496 – 1.043	<b>20.0%</b>	0.686 – 1.237	<b>20.1%</b>
	Medium-Heavy	1.075 – 2.453	<b>20.0%</b>	1.044 – 2.468	<b>20.0%</b>	1.238 – 2.522	<b>20.0%</b>
	Heavy	2.454+	<b>19.5%</b>	2.469+	<b>19.5%</b>	2.523+	<b>18.5%</b>
<b>DIGITAL</b> # of Times Accessed per Month, All 14+	Light	<= 0.00	<b>49.3%</b>	<= 0.00	<b>50.2%</b>	<= 0.00	<b>45.4%</b>
	Medium-Light	0.01 - 1.00	<b>12.2%</b>	0.01 – 1.00	<b>12.5%</b>	0.01 – 1.50	<b>13.1%</b>
	Medium	1.01 – 4.00	<b>12.6%</b>	1.01 – 4.00	<b>12.8%</b>	1.51 – 5.00	<b>13.9%</b>
	Medium-Heavy	4.01 – 16.50	<b>13.3%</b>	4.01 – 16.50	<b>12.2%</b>	5.01 – 16.50	<b>14.1%</b>
	Heavy	16.51+	<b>12.6%</b>	16.51+	<b>12.3%</b>	16.51+	<b>13.5%</b>
<b>DIGITAL</b> # of Times Accessed per Month, Users Only, 14+	Light	<= 1.00	<b>24.0%</b>	<= 1.00	<b>25.0%</b>	<= 1.00	<b>19.7%</b>
	Medium-Light	1.01 – 3.50	<b>21.2%</b>	1.01 – 3.00	<b>18.8%</b>	1.01 – 3.50	<b>19.6%</b>
	Medium	3.51 – 8.50	<b>17.3%</b>	3.01 – 8.50	<b>19.2%</b>	3.51 – 8.00	<b>20.4%</b>
	Medium-Heavy	8.51 – 24.50	<b>18.3%</b>	8.51 – 24.50	<b>17.6%</b>	8.01 – 22.50	<b>20.1%</b>
	Heavy	24.51+	<b>19.2%</b>	24.51+	<b>19.4%</b>	22.51+	<b>20.2%</b>

# Newspaper Quintiles

		All	English	French			
<b>PRINT</b> Days per Week, All 18+	Light	<= 0.000	<b>69.0%</b>	<= 0.000	<b>70.9%</b>	<= 0.000	<b>61.1%</b>
	Medium-Light	0.001 – 1.125	<b>7.65</b>	0.001 – 1.125	<b>6.3%</b>	0.001 – 0.875	<b>9.0%</b>
	Medium	1.126 – 2.625	<b>8.4%</b>	1.126 – 2.625	<b>8.1%</b>	0.876 – 1.875	<b>10.0%</b>
	Medium-Heavy	2.626 – 5.125	<b>8.0%</b>	2.626 – 4.875	<b>7.1%</b>	1.876 – 4.625	<b>10.0%</b>
	Heavy	5.126+	<b>7.0%</b>	4.876+	<b>7.6%</b>	4.626+	<b>9.9%</b>
<b>PRINT</b> Days per Week, Users Only, 18+	Light	<= 1.000	<b>23.7%</b>	<= 1.000	<b>20.7%</b>	<= 0.750	<b>21.8%</b>
	Medium-Light	1.001 – 2.000	<b>21.4%</b>	1.001 – 2.000	<b>21.8%</b>	0.751 – 1.375	<b>19.0%</b>
	Medium	2.001 – 3.500	<b>17.5%</b>	2.001 – 3.500	<b>18.9%</b>	1.376 – 2.675	<b>18.9%</b>
	Medium-Heavy	3.501 – 5.500	<b>19.0%</b>	3.501 – 5.500	<b>19.8%</b>	2.676 – 5.375	<b>19.8%</b>
	Heavy	5.501+	<b>18.4%</b>	5.501+	<b>18.8%</b>	5.376+	<b>20.5%</b>
<b>DIGITAL</b> # of Times Accessed per Month, All 14+	Light	<= 0.00	<b>37.2%</b>	<= 0.00	<b>38.0%</b>	<= 0.00	<b>34.0%</b>
	Medium-Light	0.01 – 2.50	<b>15.6%</b>	0.01 – 2.50	<b>15.9%</b>	0.01 – 3.50	<b>16.5%</b>
	Medium	2.51 – 10.00	<b>17.2%</b>	2.51 – 10.00	<b>17.4%</b>	3.51 – 11.00	<b>15.9%</b>
	Medium-Heavy	10.01 – 34.50	<b>15.1%</b>	10.01 – 34.50	<b>14.9%</b>	11.01 – 35.00	<b>16.8%</b>
	Heavy	34.51+	<b>14.9%</b>	34.51+	<b>13.8%</b>	35.01+	<b>16.8%</b>
<b>DIGITAL</b> # of Times Accessed per Month, Users Only, 14+	Light	<= 2.50	<b>24.8%</b>	<= 2.00	<b>20.0%</b>	<= 2.50	<b>21.3%</b>
	Medium-Light	2.51 – 7.00	<b>16.7%</b>	2.01 – 5.50	<b>19.8%</b>	2.51 – 9.50	<b>18.8%</b>
	Medium	7.01 – 15.50	<b>19.9%</b>	5.51 – 13.00	<b>19.9%</b>	9.51 – 19.50	<b>19.4%</b>
	Medium-Heavy	15.51 – 35.00	<b>18.0%</b>	13.01 – 35.00	<b>21.0%</b>	19.51 – 39.00	<b>20.2%</b>
	Heavy	35.01+	<b>20.6%</b>	35.01+	<b>19.3%</b>	39.01+	<b>20.3%</b>

# Media Terciles

## TELEVISION

Live or Streaming,  
Hours per Week,  
All 18+

		All	English	French
Light	<= 10.50	<b>48.8%</b>	<b>50.2%</b>	<b>42.7%</b>
Medium	10.51 – 21.00	<b>30.6%</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>33.4%</b>
Heavy	21.01+	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	<b>23.9%</b>

## RADIO

Live or Streaming,  
Hours per Week,  
All 18+

Light	<= 0.00	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>21.6%</b>	<b>29.6%</b>
Medium	0.01 – 3.50	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>30.1%</b>
Heavy	3.51+	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>47.9%</b>	<b>40.3%</b>

## INTERNET

Any online activity  
on any device,  
Hours per Week,  
All 18+

Light	<= 10.50	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>26.4%</b>	<b>35.4%</b>
Medium	10.51 – 21.00	<b>34.3%</b>	<b>33.8%</b>	<b>36.2%</b>
Heavy	21.01+	<b>37.6%</b>	<b>39.8%</b>	<b>28.4%</b>

## MOBILE INTERNET

Online activity on a  
mobile device,  
Hours per Week,  
All 18+

Light	<= 3.50	<b>32.4%</b>	<b>30.9%</b>	<b>38.9%</b>
Medium	3.51 – 10.50	<b>28.7%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	<b>30.3%</b>
Heavy	10.51+	<b>38.9%</b>	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>30.8%</b>



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# Appendix

# In-Field Dates

## SCC | Spring 2019

Major Markets	January 2018 to December 2018
Local Markets	January 2017 to December 2018

## SCC | Spring 2020

Major Markets	October to December 2018, April to December 2019
Local Markets	October 2017 to December 2018, April to December 2019

## SCC | Spring 2021

Major Markets	January 2020 to December 2020
Local Markets	October 2018 to December 2020

## SCC | Spring 2022

Major Markets	January 2021 to December 2021
Local Markets	January 2020 to December 2021


## SCC | Summer 2023

Major Markets	April 2022 to March 2023
Local Markets	April 2021 to March 2023

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1.8x more likely

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