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# Study Overview

- ▶ The Infinite Dial is the longest-running survey of digital media consumer behavior in America
- ▶ The annual reports in this series have covered a wide range of digital media and topics since 1998
- ▶ The Infinite Dial tracks mobile behaviors, internet audio, podcasting, social media, smart speakers and more

# Study Methodology

- ▶ In January/February 2020, Edison Research conducted a national telephone survey of 1502 people aged 12 and older, using random digit dialing techniques to both cell phones and landlines
- ▶ Survey offered in both English and Spanish
- ▶ Data weighted to national 12+ U.S. population figures





# Media & Technology



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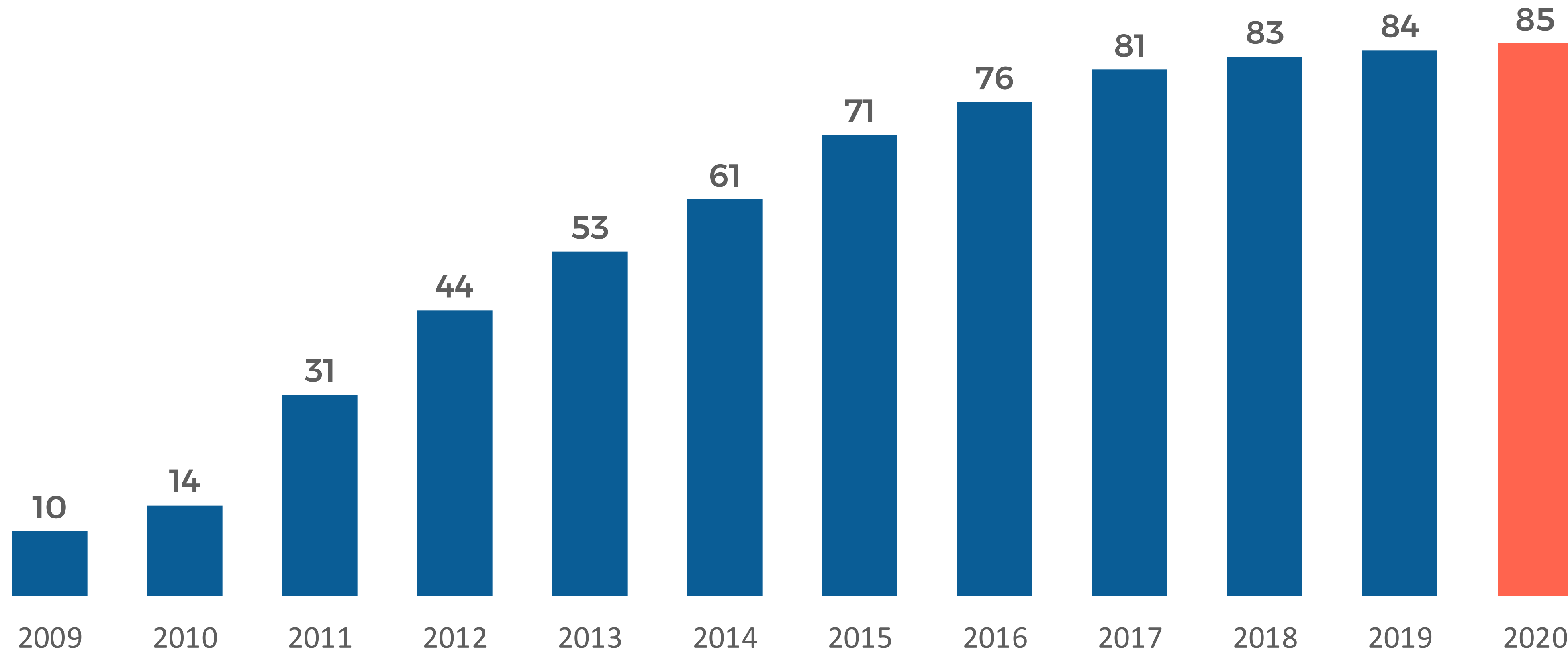
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# Smartphone Ownership

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% OWNING A SMARTPHONE

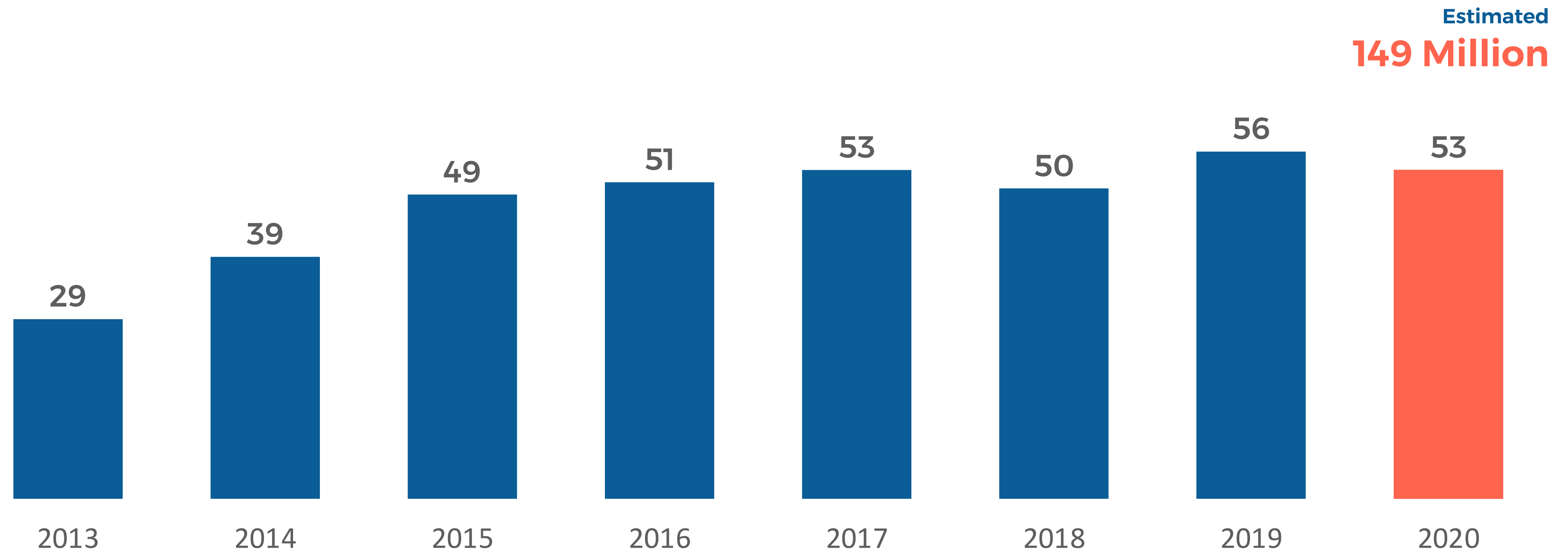
Estimated  
**240 Million**



# Tablet Ownership

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% OWNING A TABLET





# Smartwatch Ownership

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

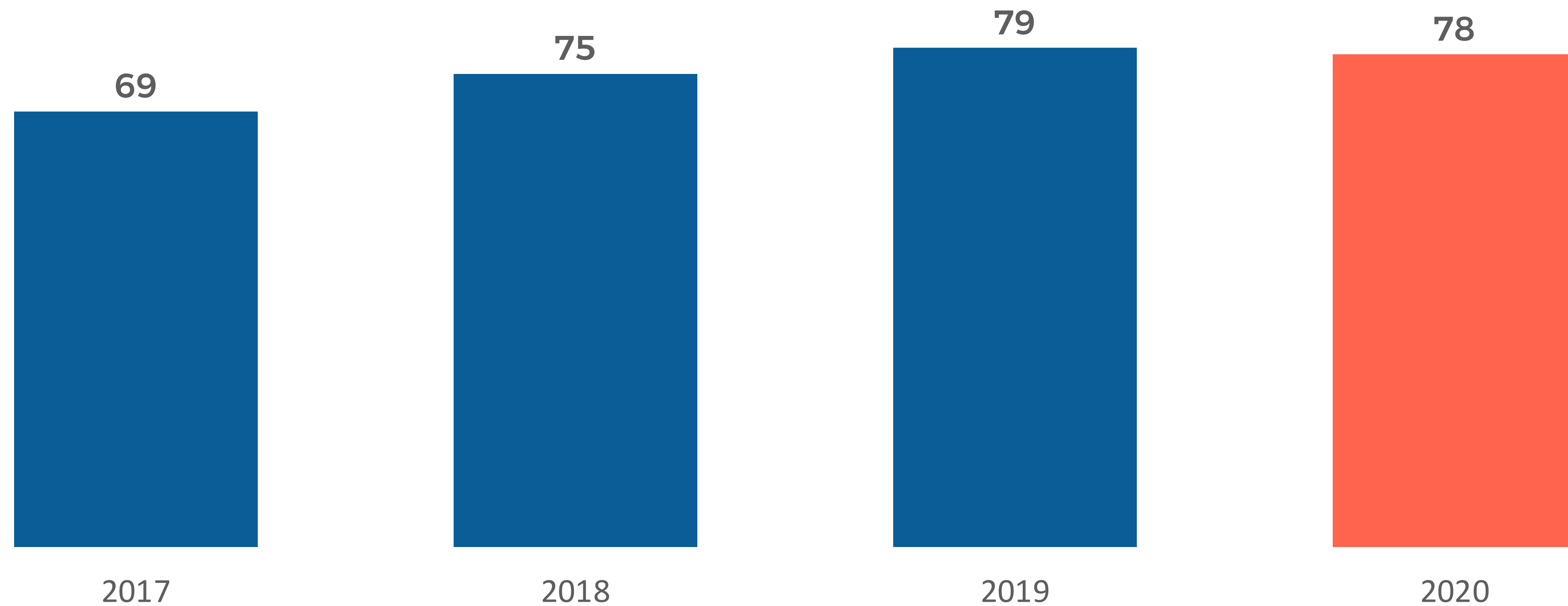
% OWNING A SMARTWATCH



# Smart Speaker Awareness

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% AWARE OF ANY SMART SPEAKER BRAND

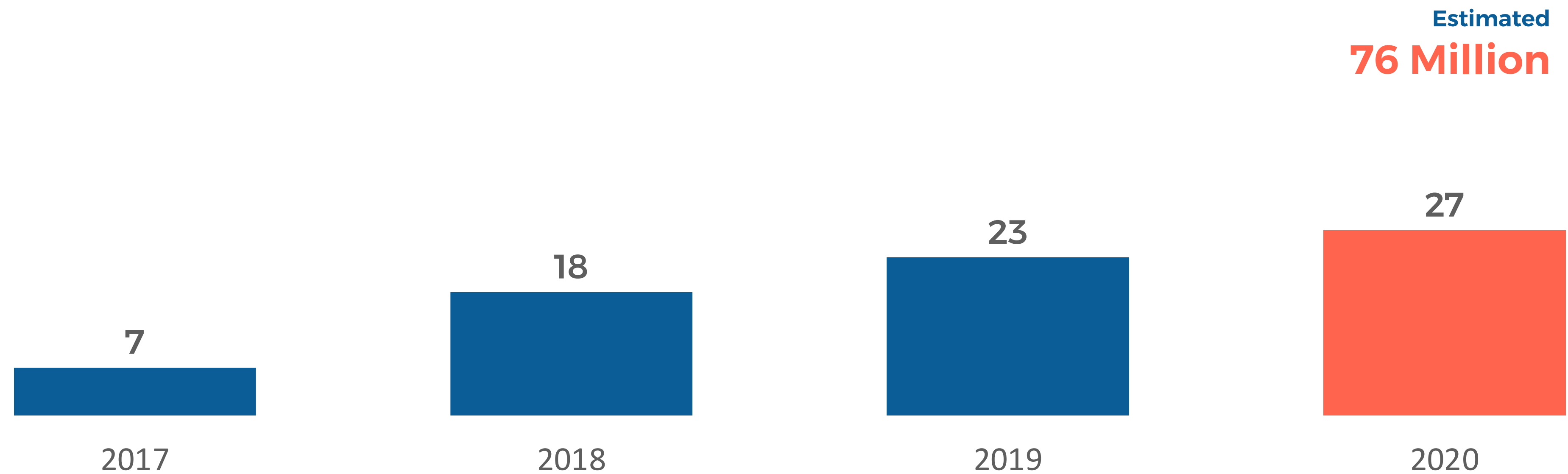




# Smart Speaker Ownership

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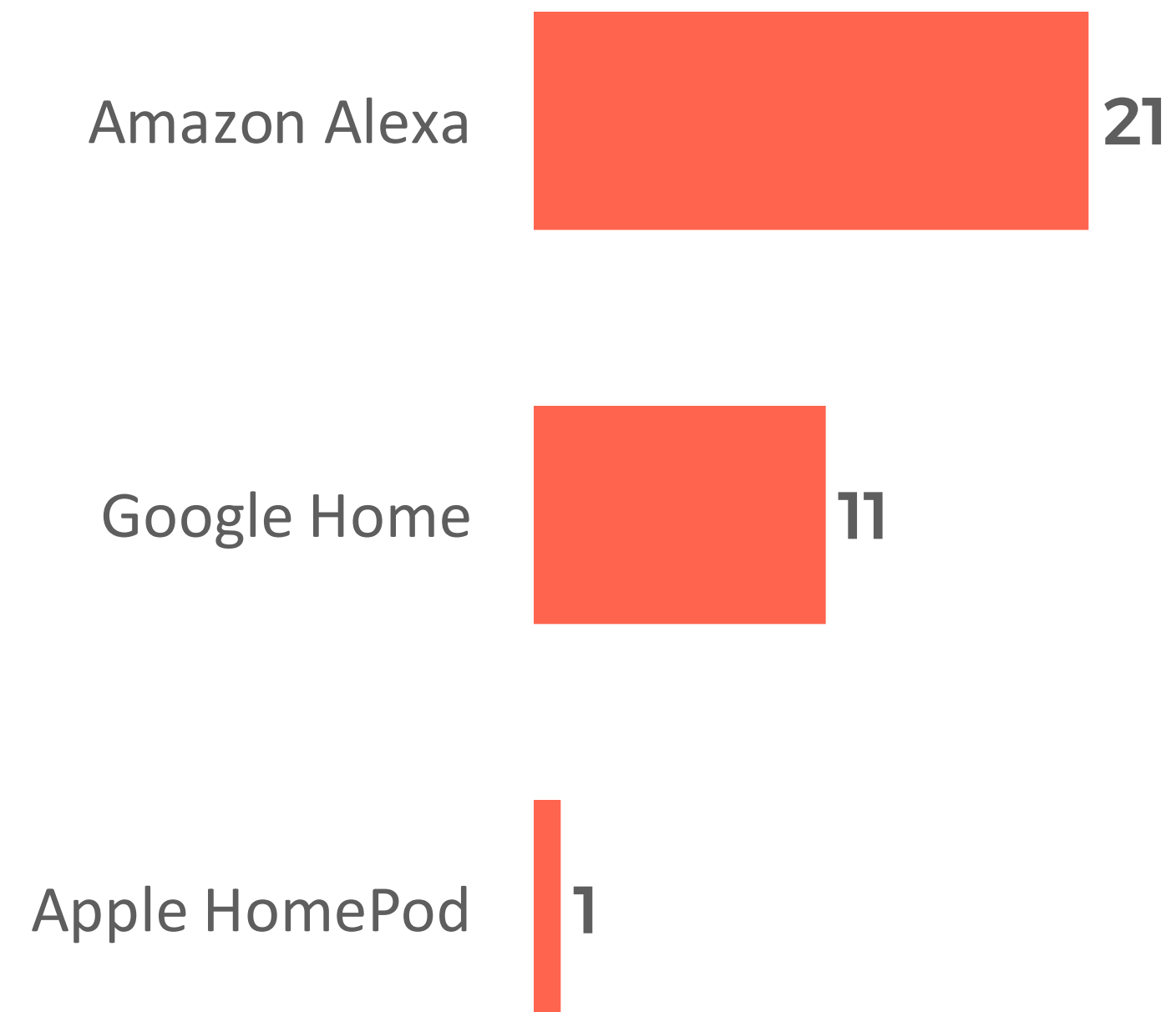
% OWNING A SMART SPEAKER



# Smart Speaker Ownership

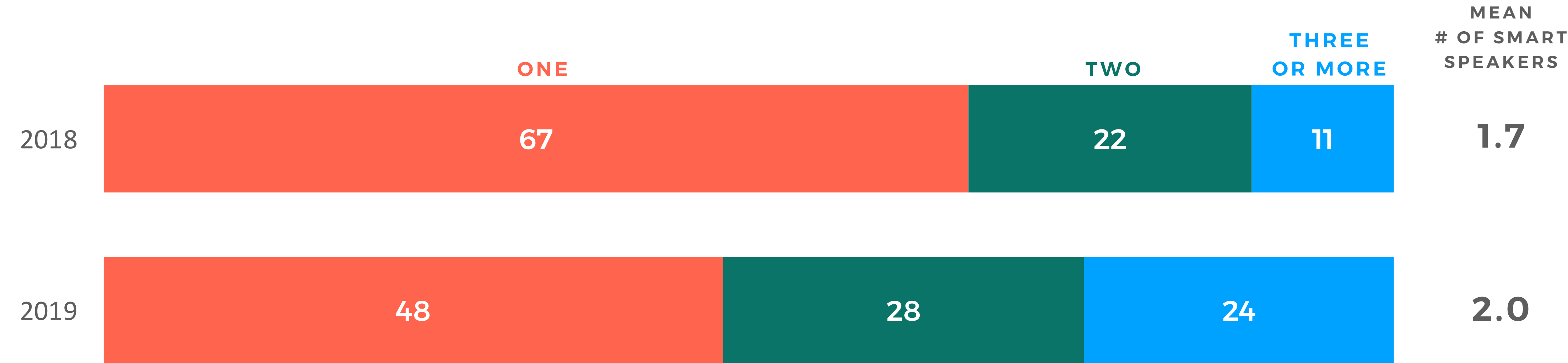
TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% OWNING SMART SPEAKER



# Number of Smart Speakers in Household

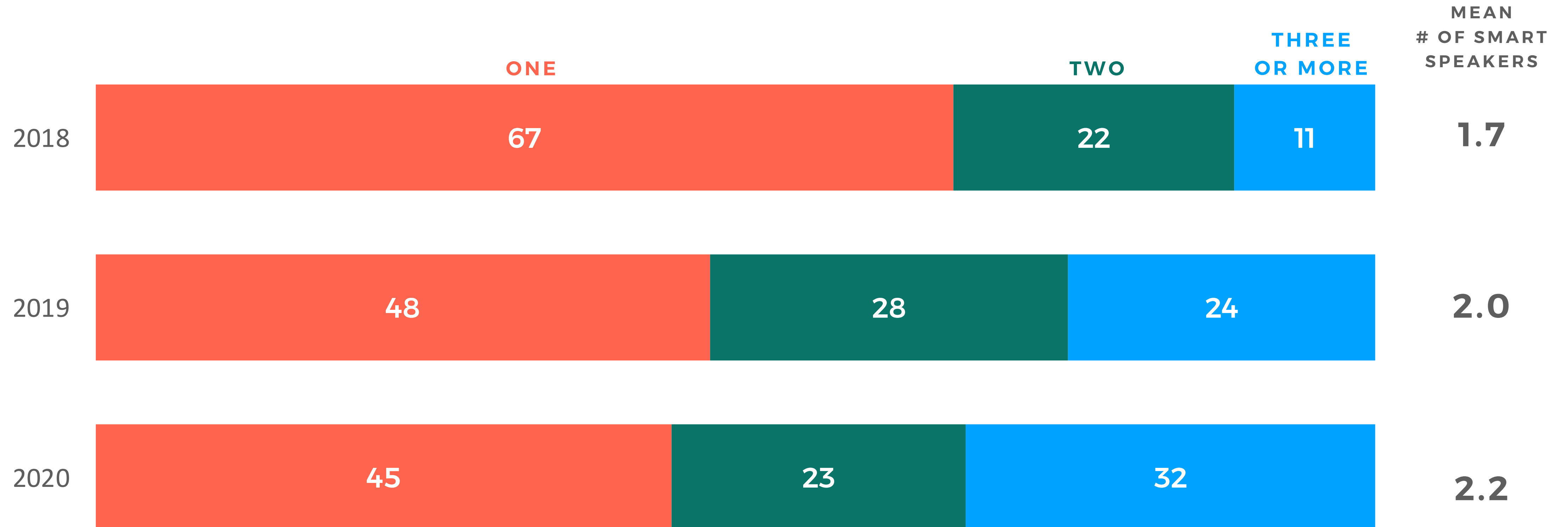
BASE: U.S. AGE 12+ SMART SPEAKER OWNERS





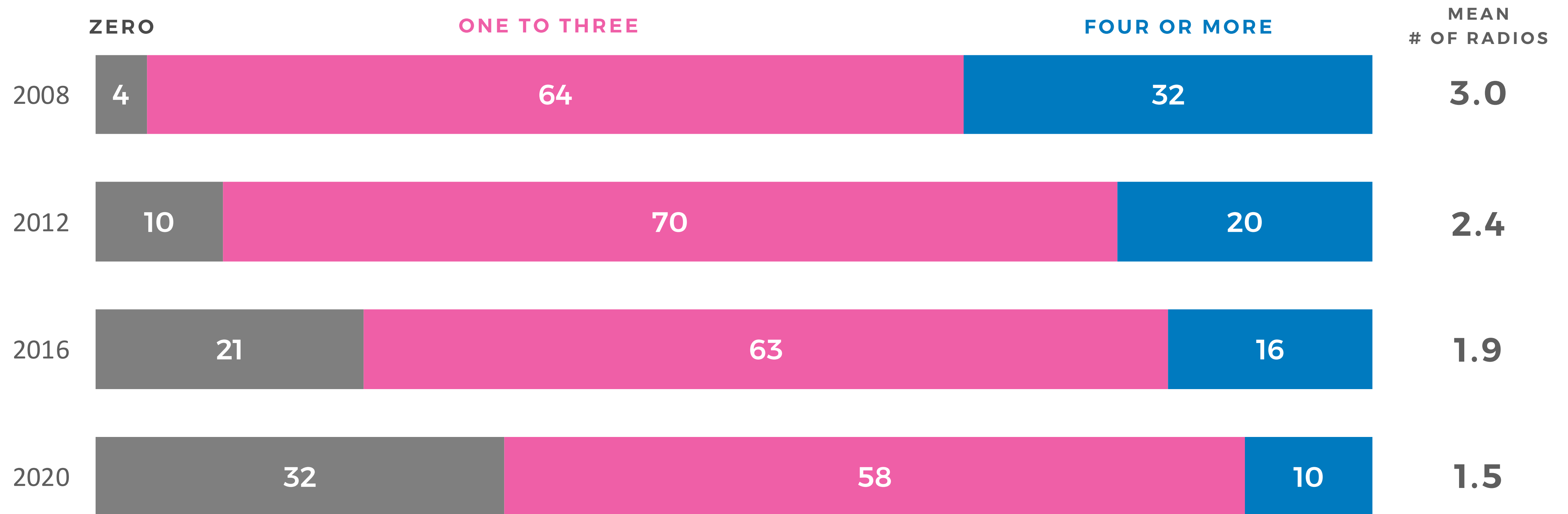
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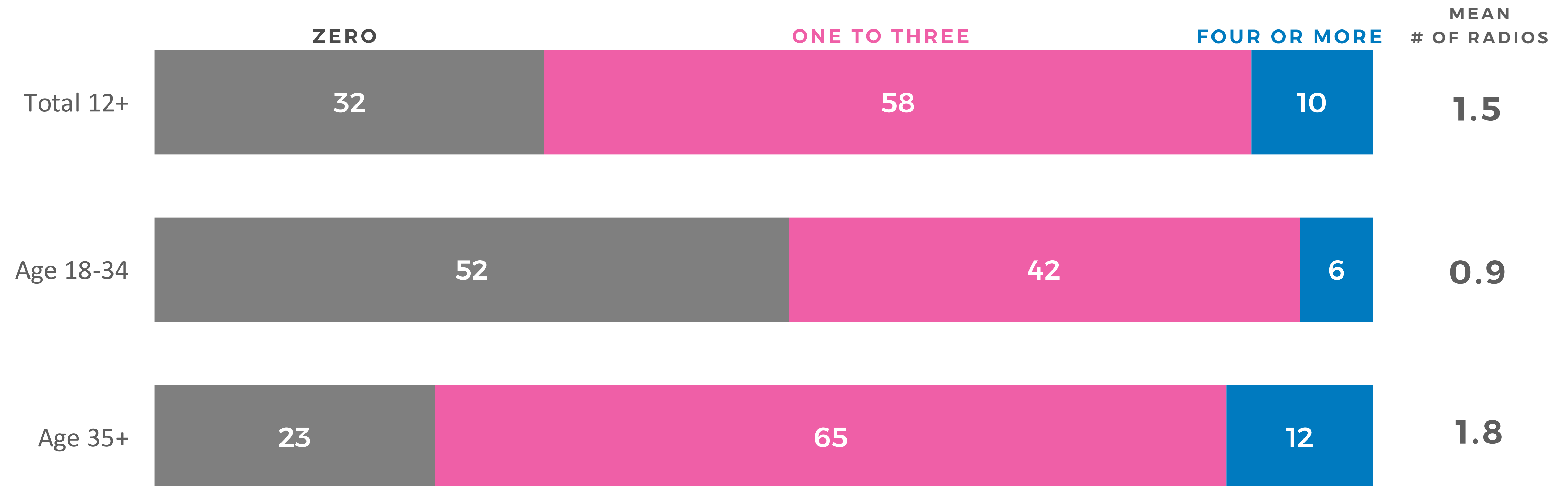
# Number of Radios in Household

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+



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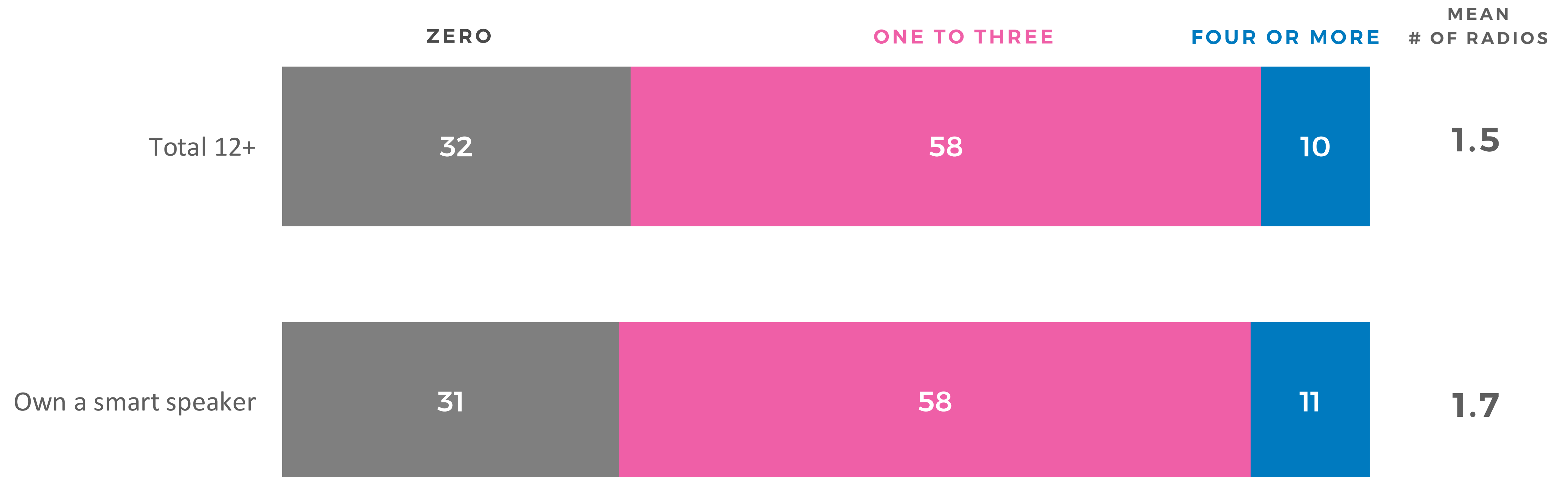
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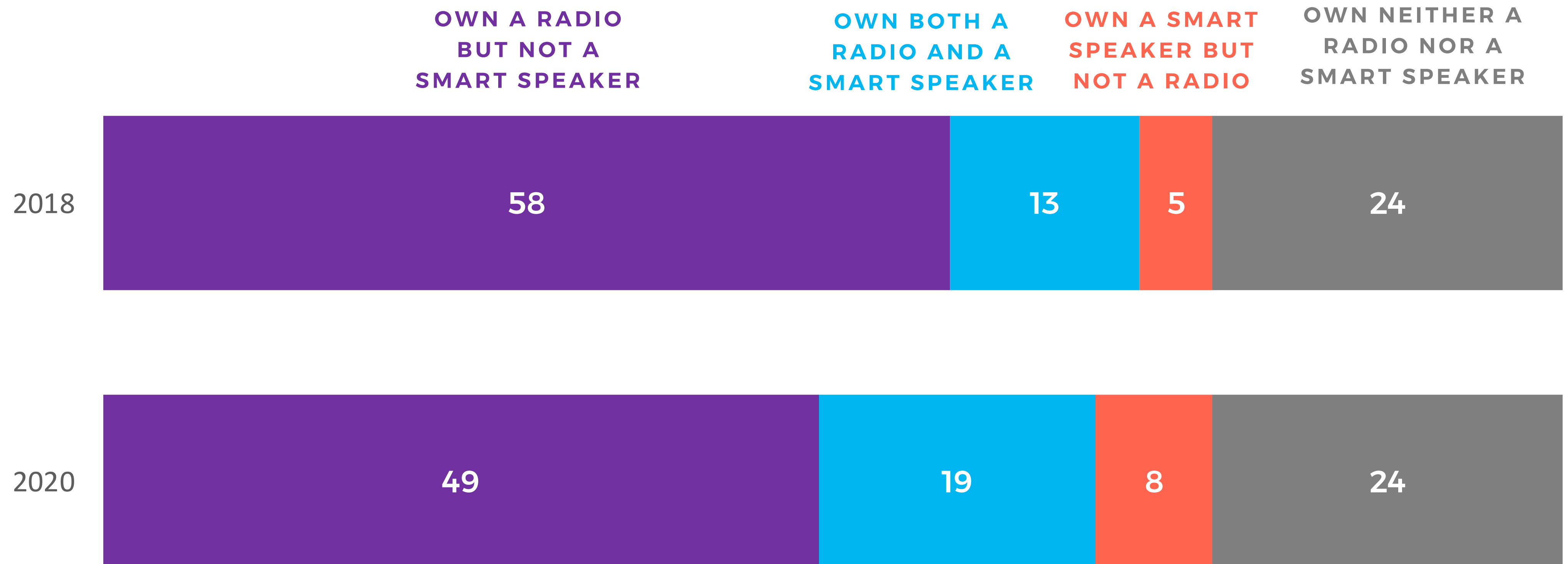
# Number of Radios in Household

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION



# Radio Ownership and Smart Speaker Ownership

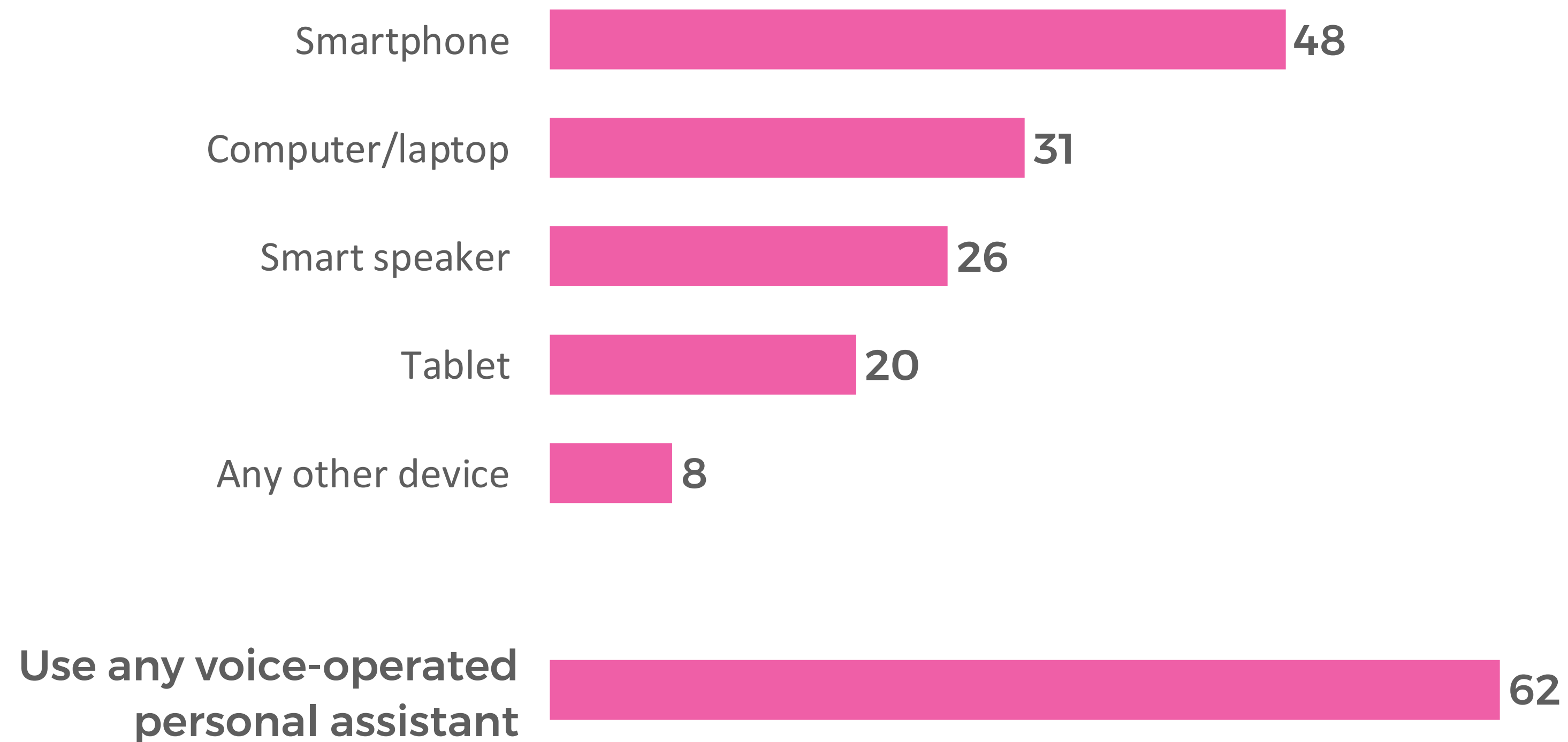
TOTAL U.S. POPULATION



# Voice-Operated Personal Assistant Usage

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% USING VOICE-OPERATED PERSONAL ASSISTANTS ON DEVICE

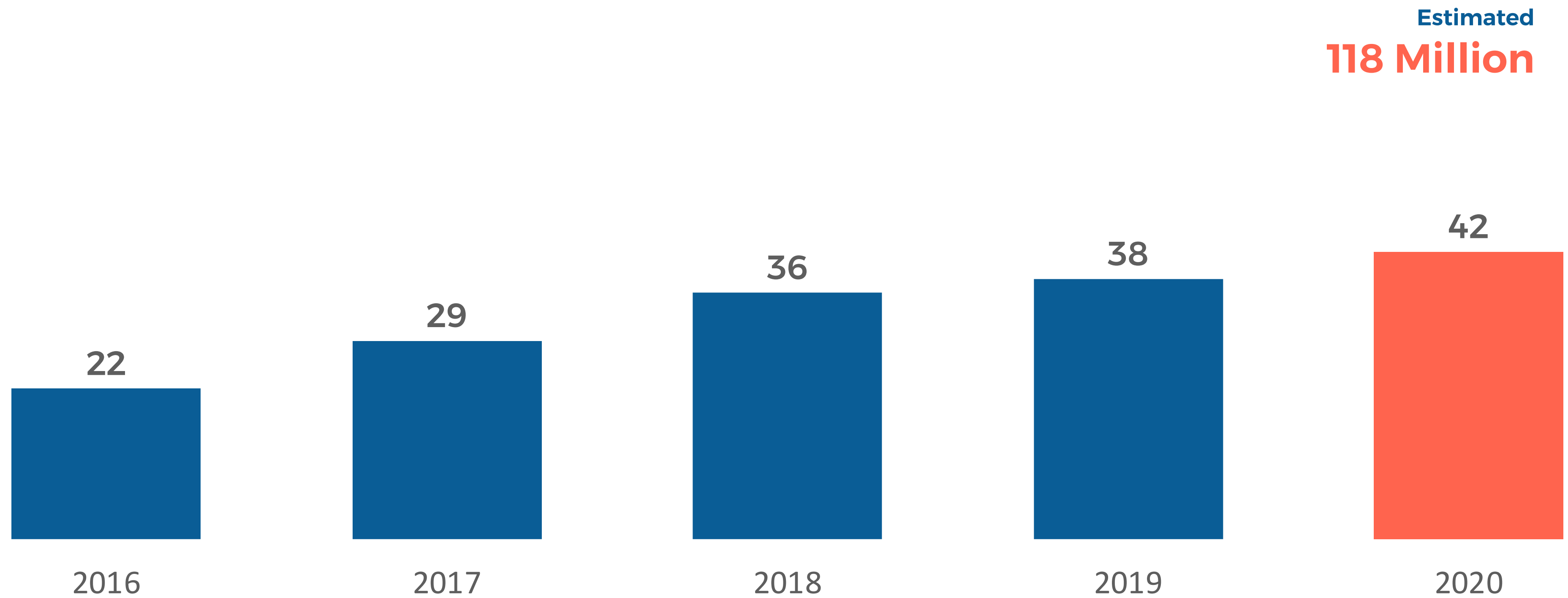




# Amazon Prime Subscription

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% SUBSCRIBE TO AMAZON PRIME



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# Social Media



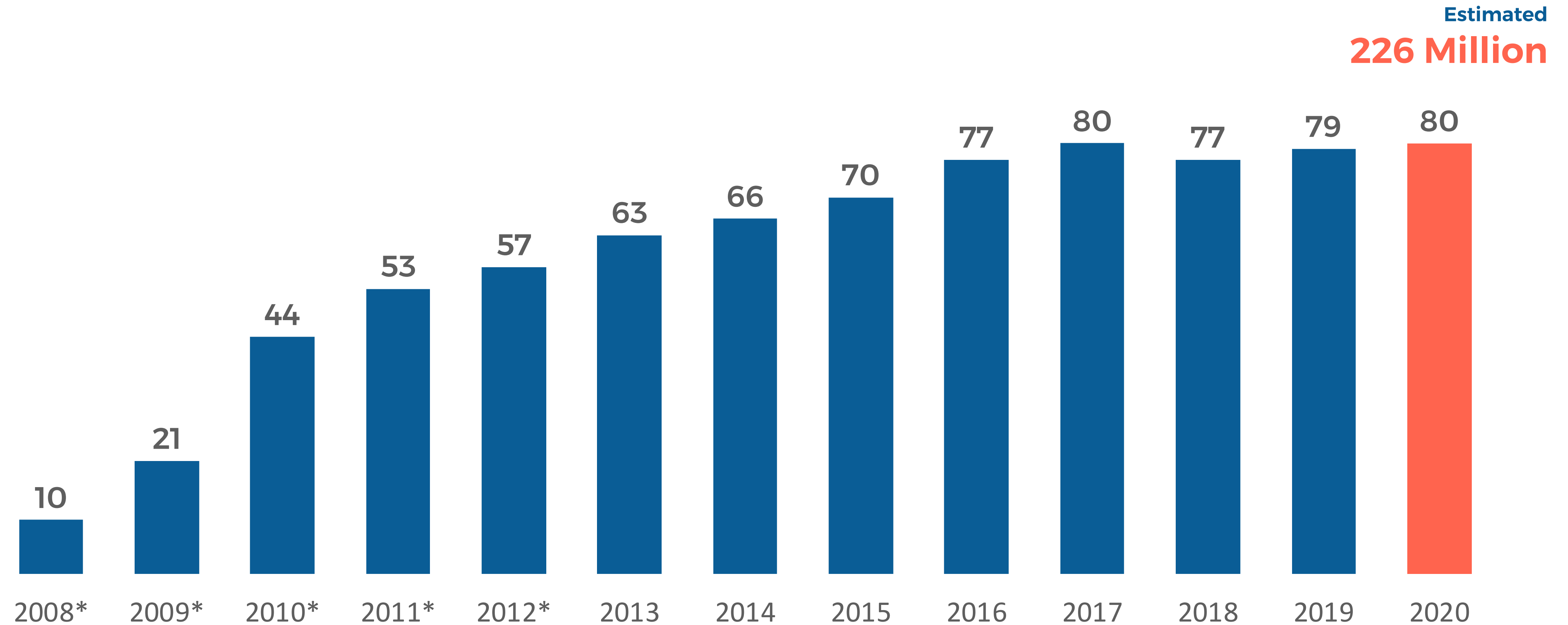
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# Social Media Usage

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% USING SOCIAL MEDIA



\*2008-2012: EVER USE FACEBOOK, TWITTER, OR LINKEDIN



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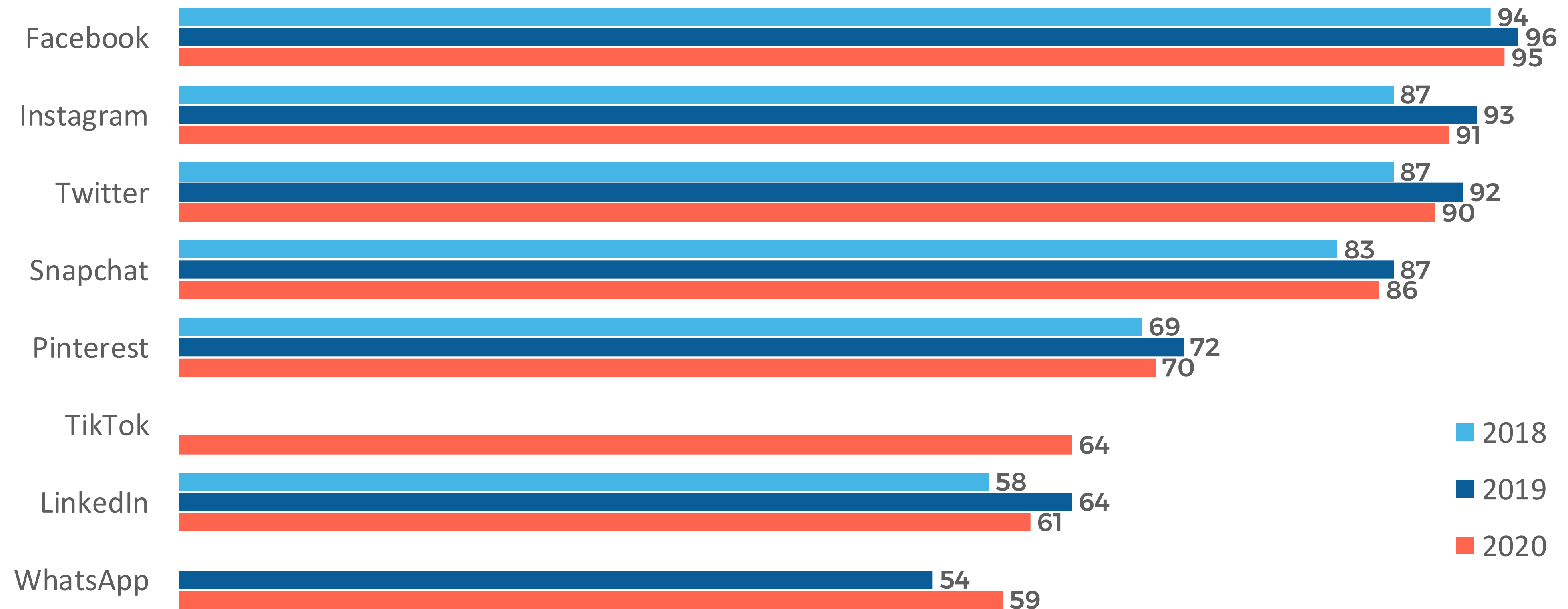
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# Social Media Brand Awareness

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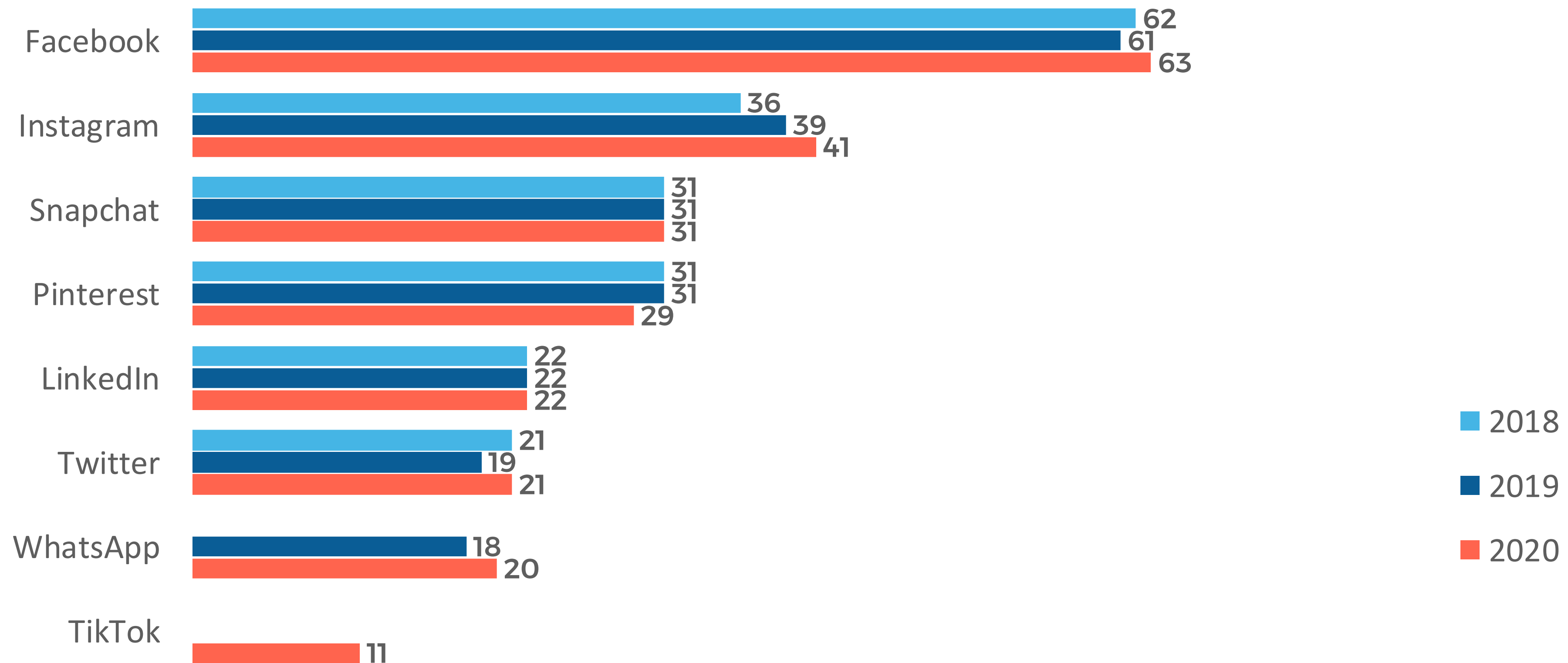
% AWARE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BRAND



# Social Media Brand Usage

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

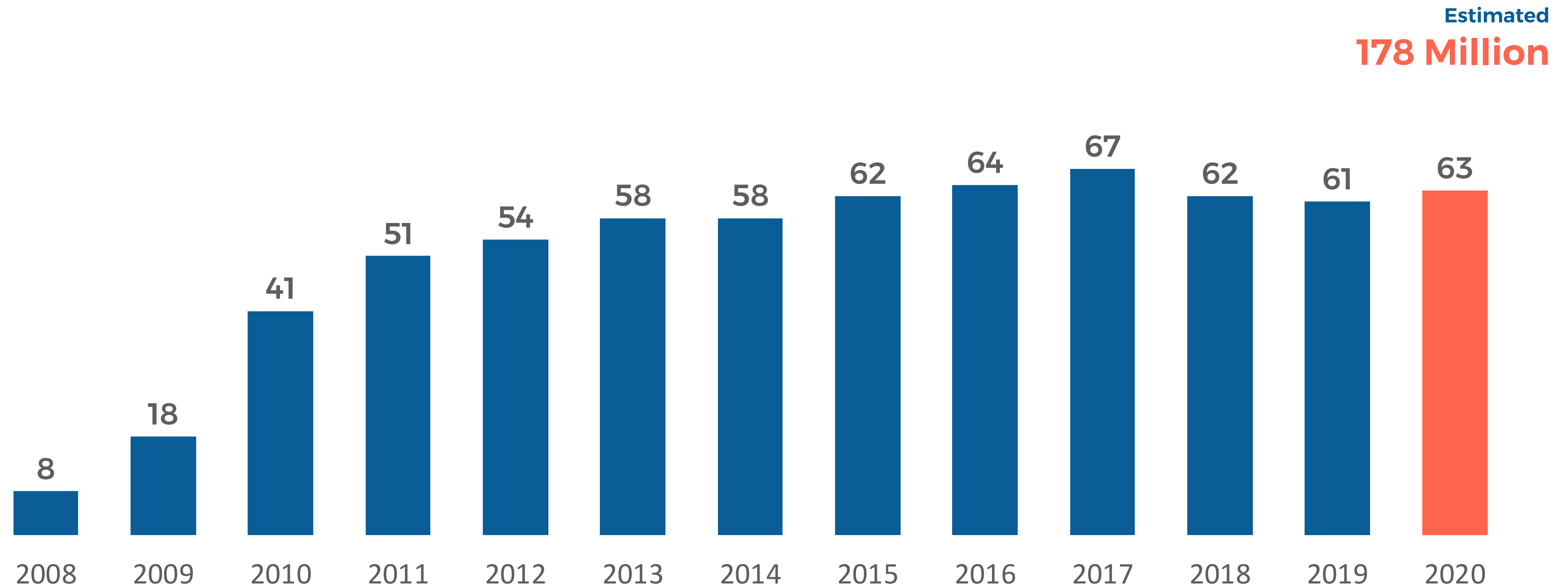
% USING SOCIAL MEDIA BRAND



# Facebook Usage

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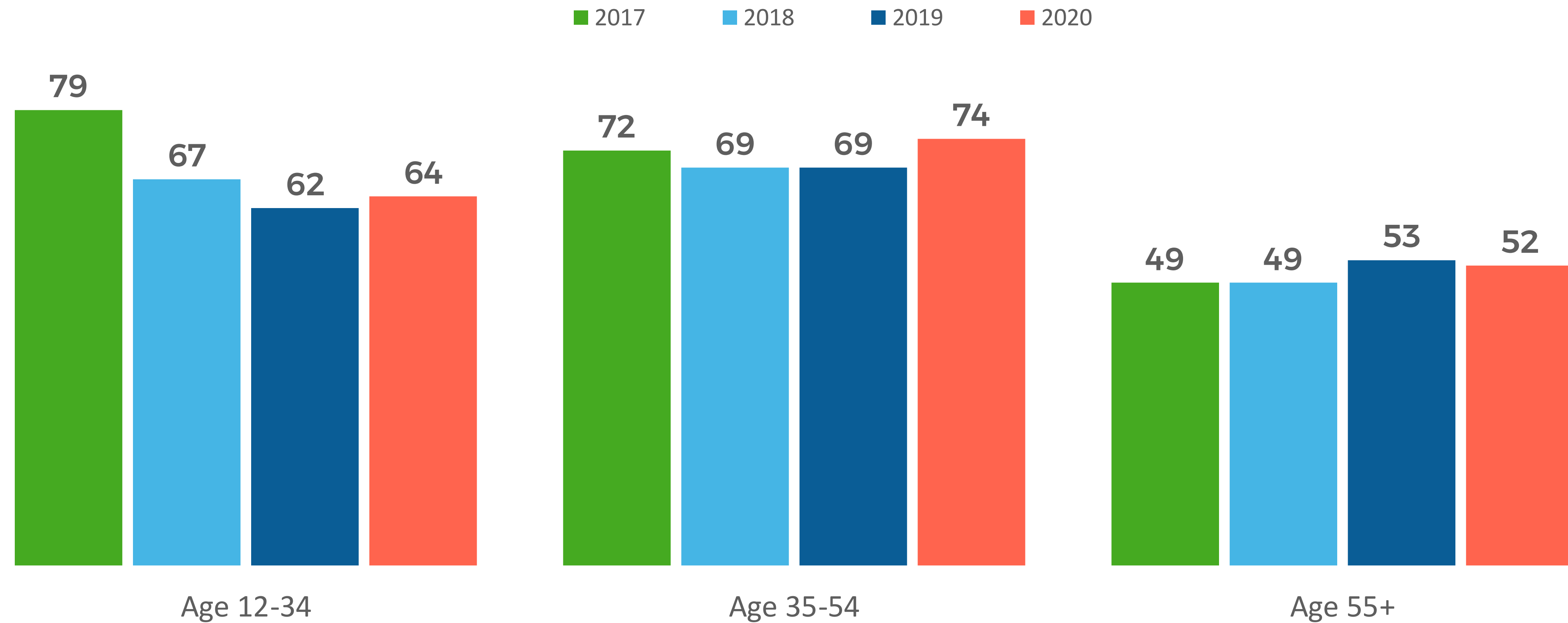
% USING FACEBOOK



# Facebook Usage

U.S. POPULATION

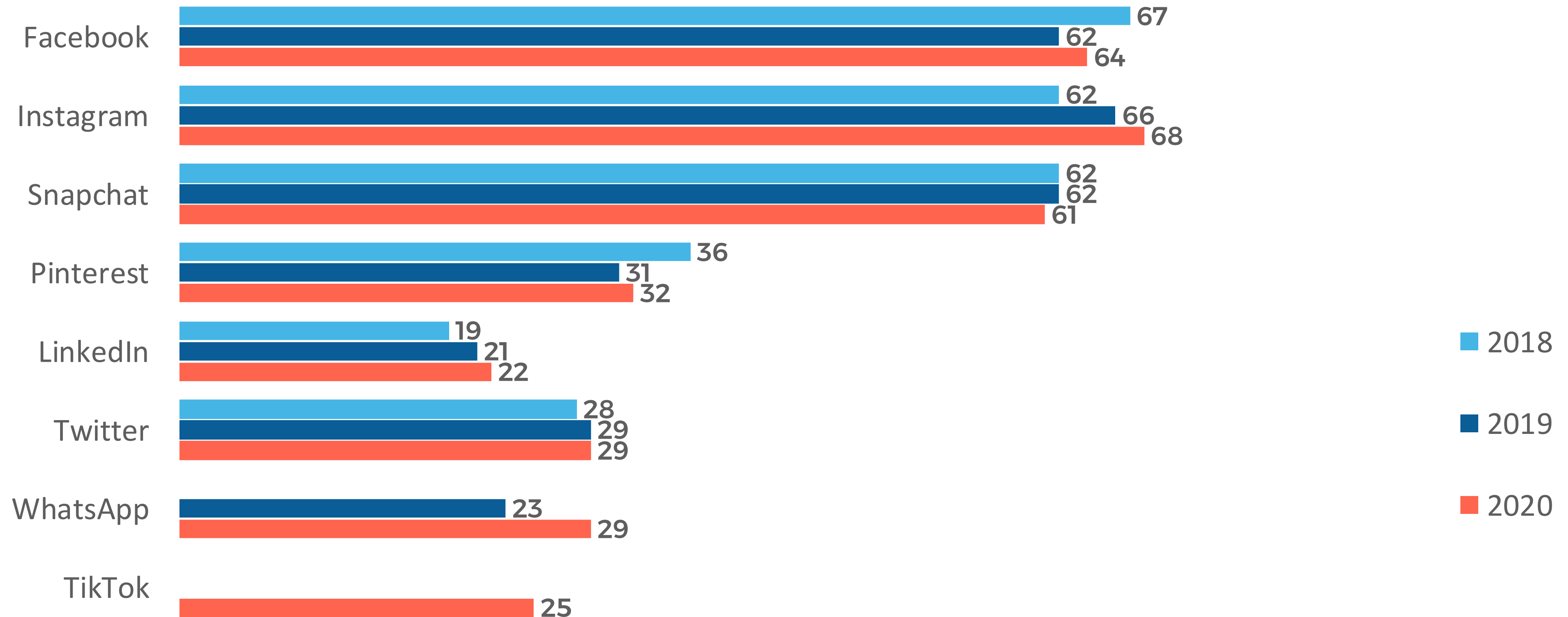
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# Social Media Brand Usage (Age 12-34)

U.S. POPULATION

% USING SOCIAL MEDIA BRAND

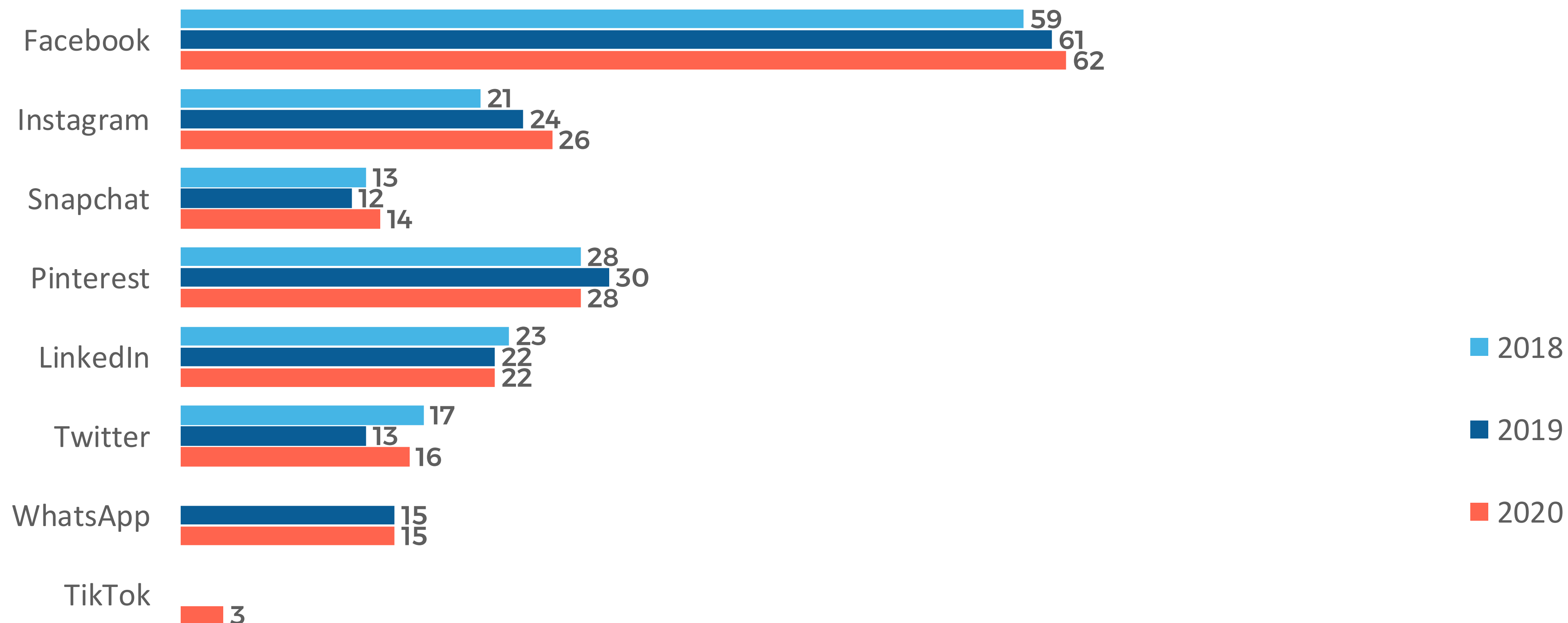




# Social Media Brand Usage (Age 35 and older)

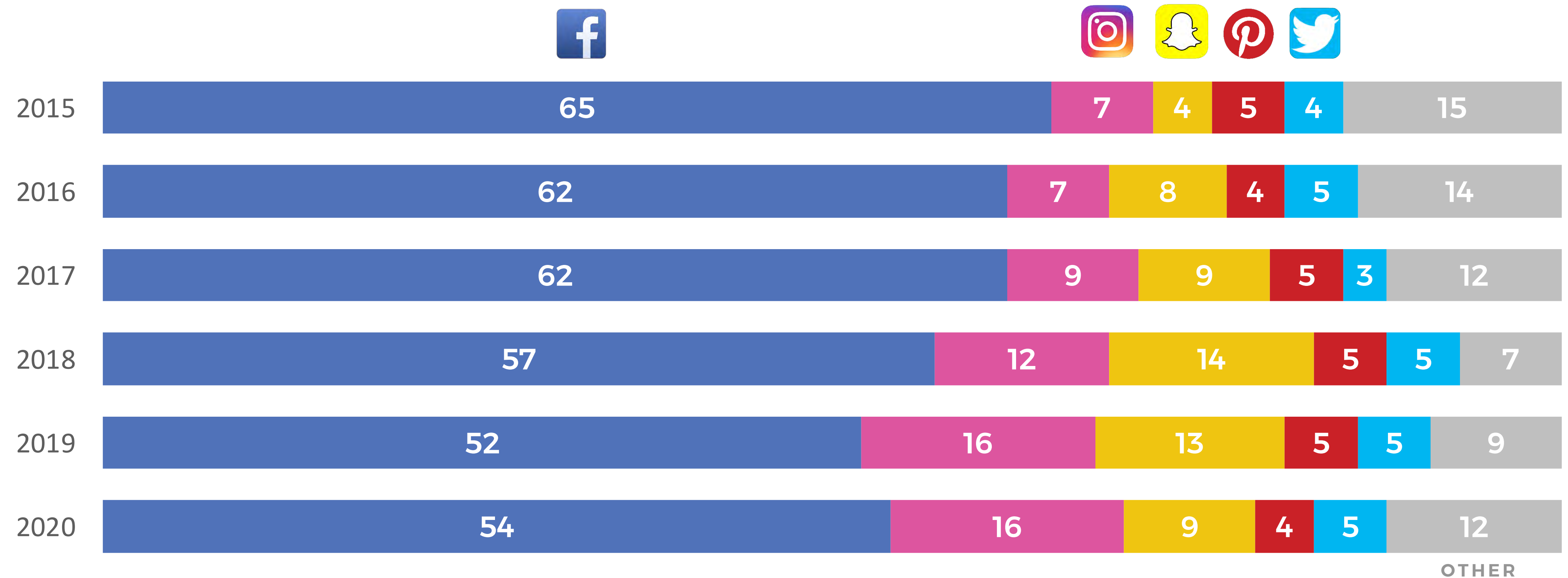
U.S. POPULATION

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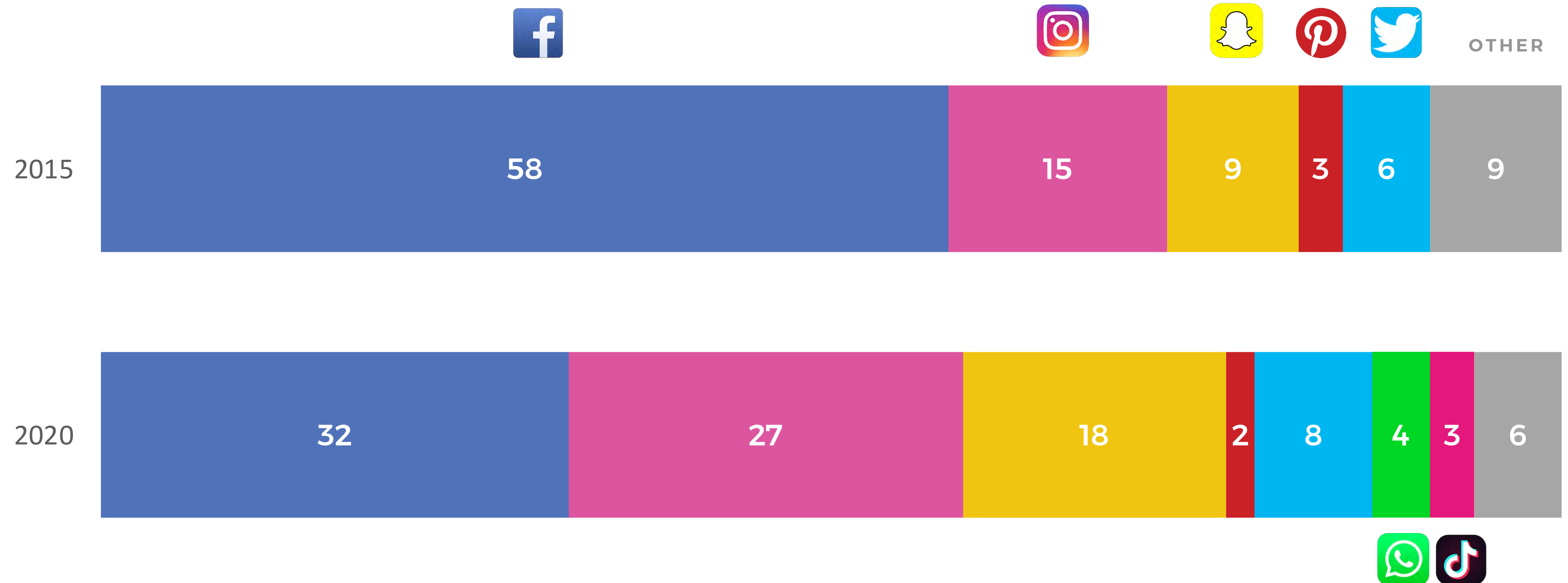
# Social Media Brand Used Most Often

BASE: U.S. AGE 12+ SOCIAL MEDIA USERS



# Social Media Brand Used Most Often (Age 12-34)

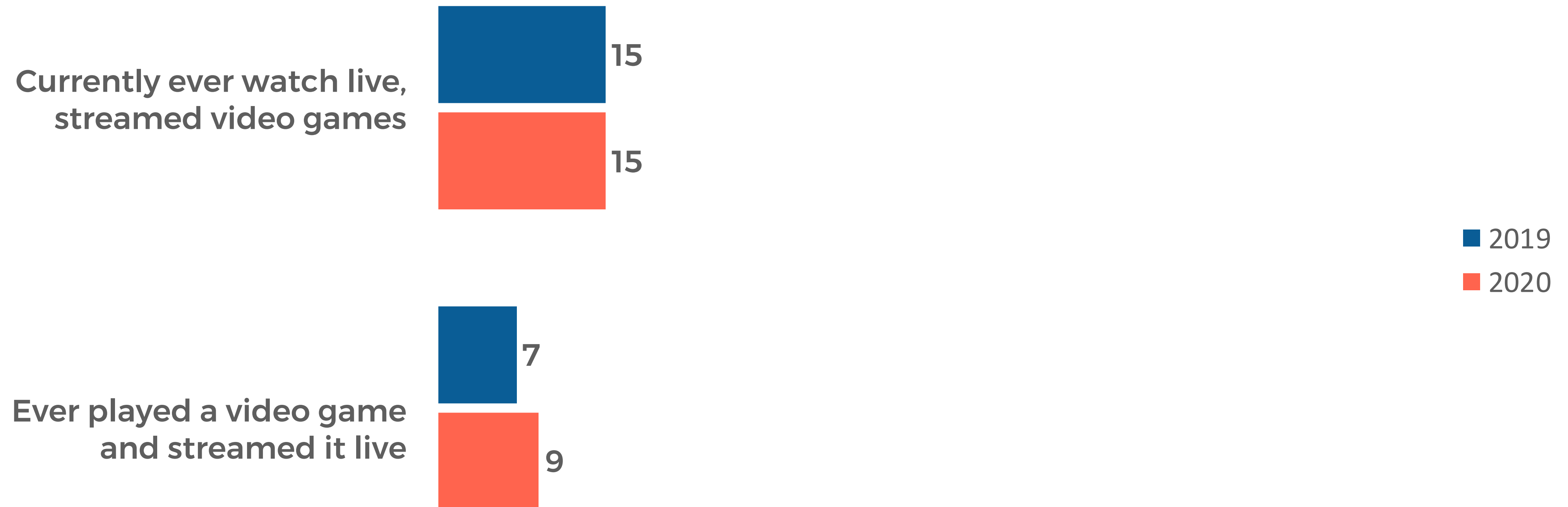
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# Live Streamed Video Games

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

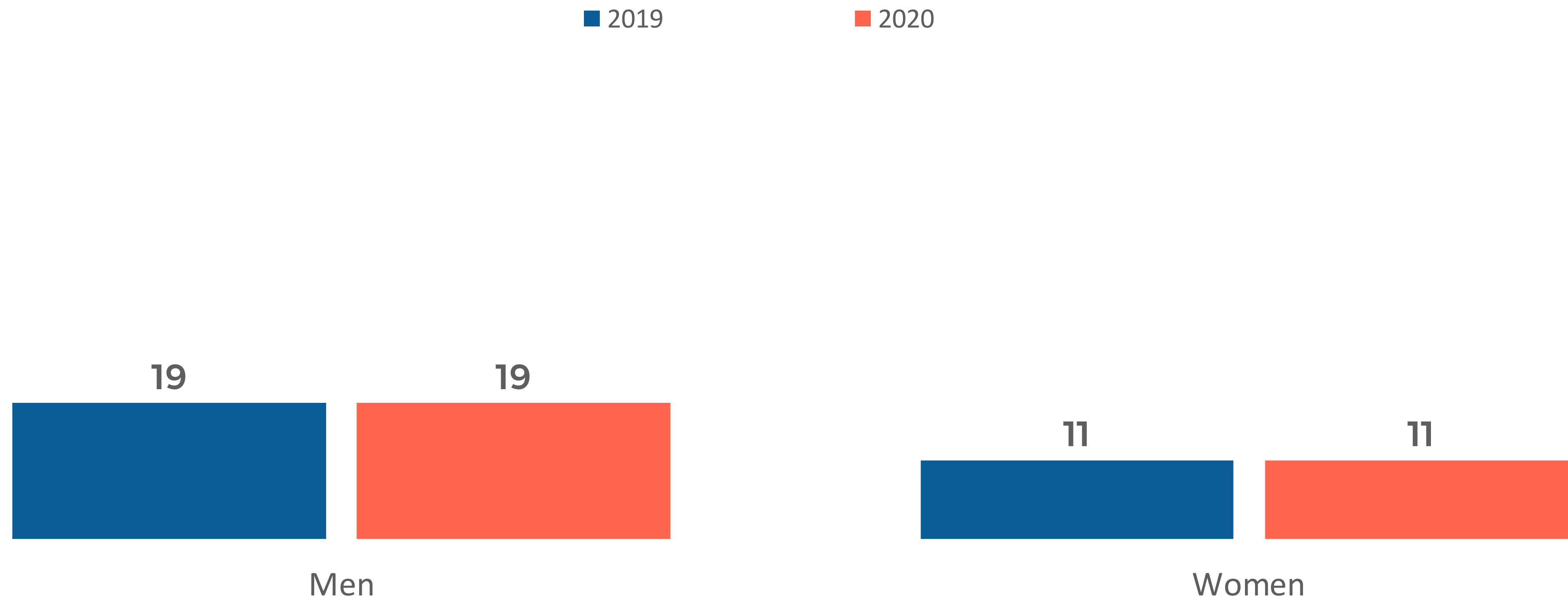
% SAYING YES



# Currently Ever Watch Live Streamed Video Games

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% SAYING YES

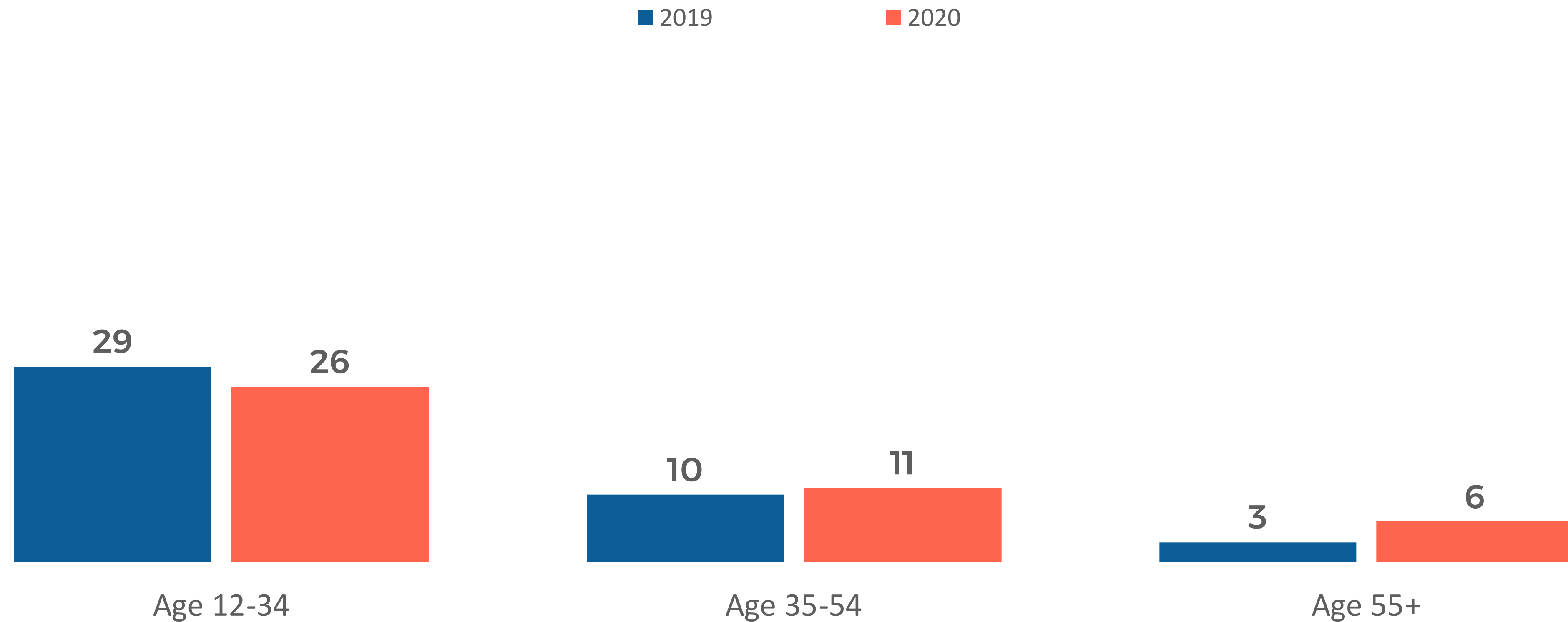




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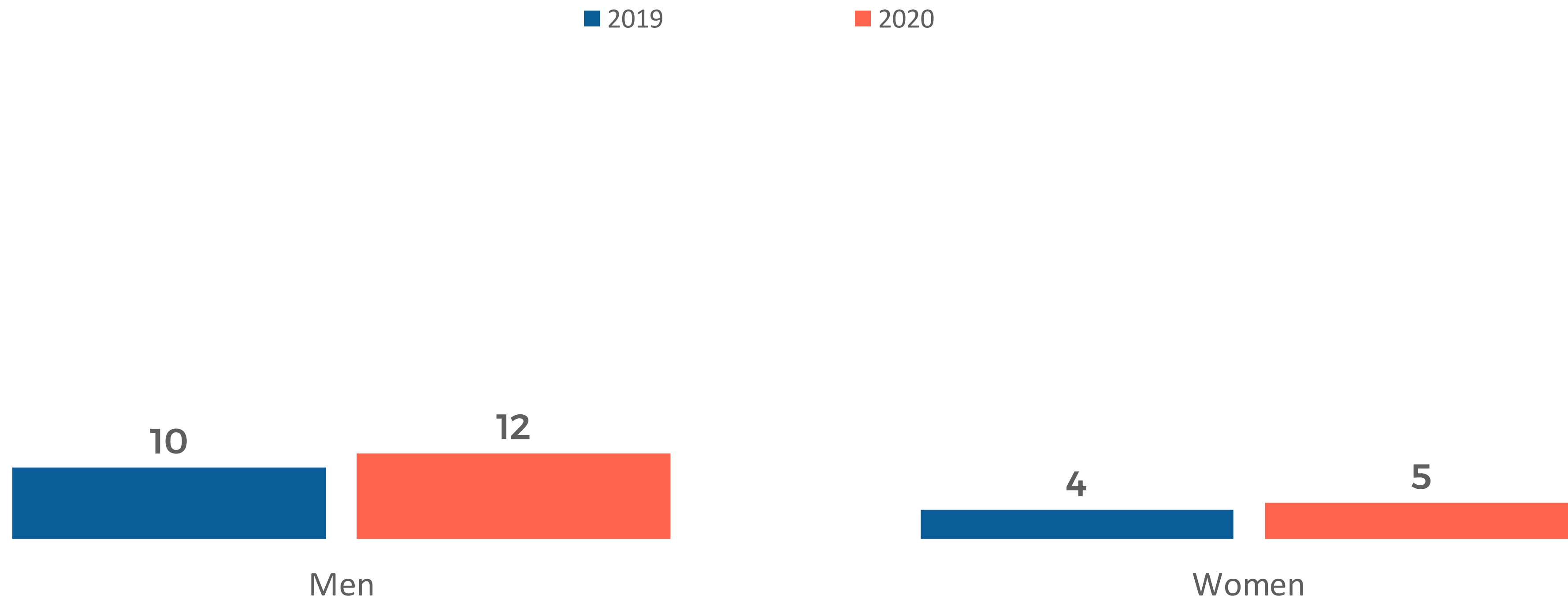
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# Ever Played a Video Game and Streamed It Live

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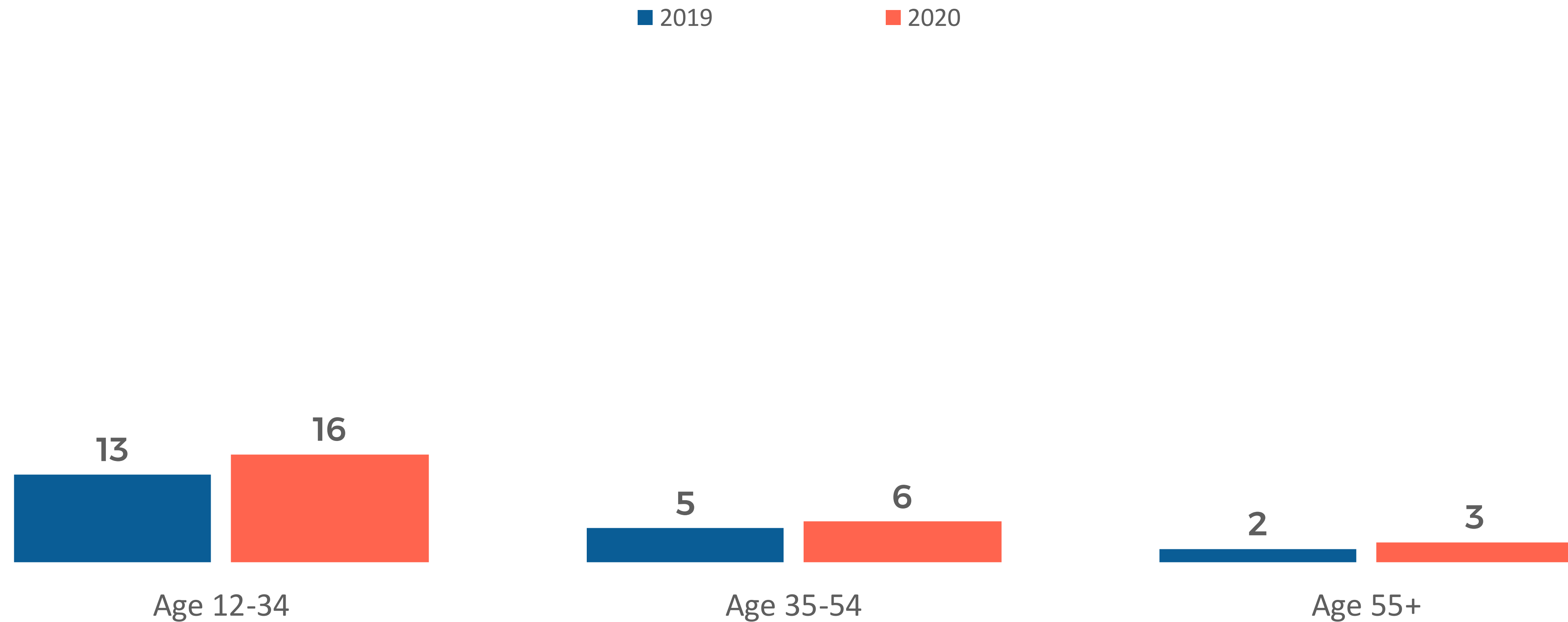
% SAYING YES



# Ever Played a Video Game and Streamed It Live

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% SAYING YES





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# Online Audio



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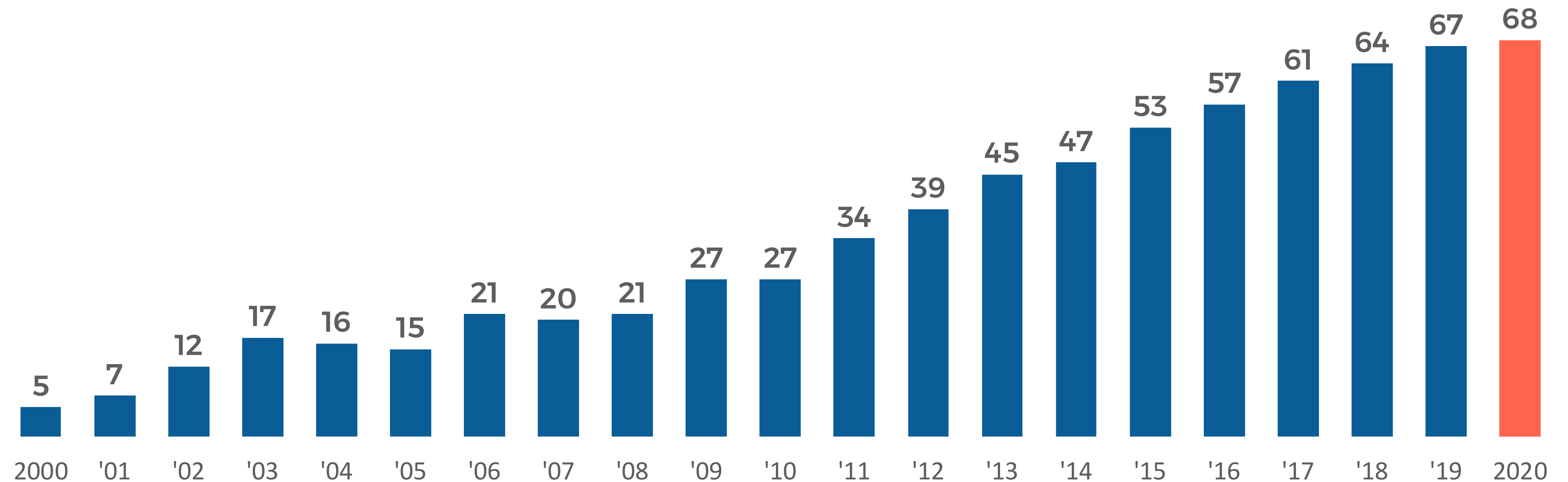
# Monthly Online Audio Listening

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% LISTENED TO ONLINE AUDIO IN LAST MONTH

ONLINE AUDIO = LISTENING TO AM/FM RADIO STATIONS ONLINE AND/OR  
LISTENING TO STREAMED AUDIO CONTENT AVAILABLE ONLY ON THE INTERNET

Estimated  
**192 Million**



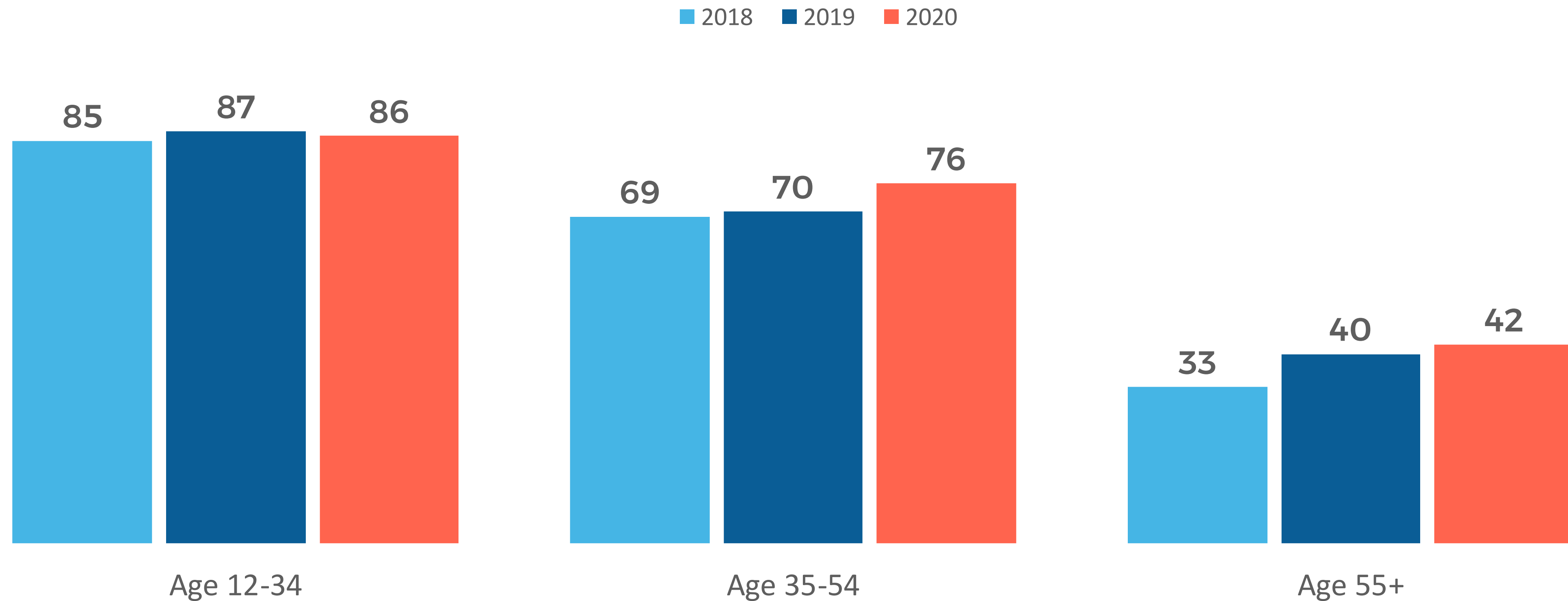


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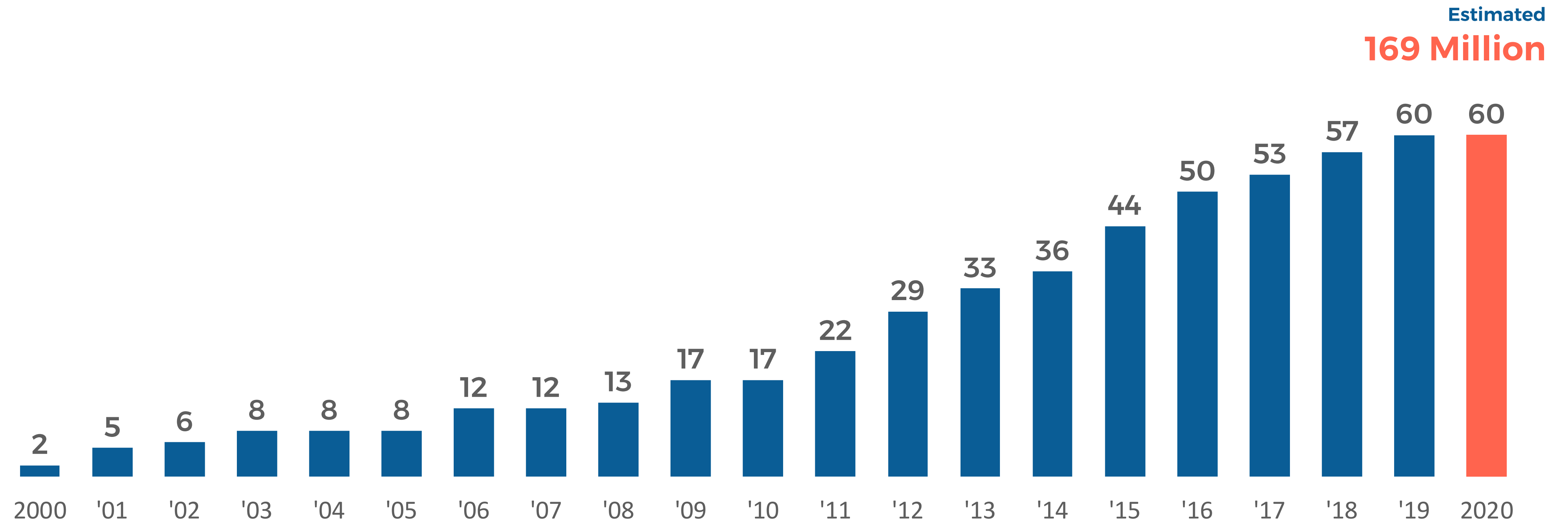


# Weekly Online Audio Listening

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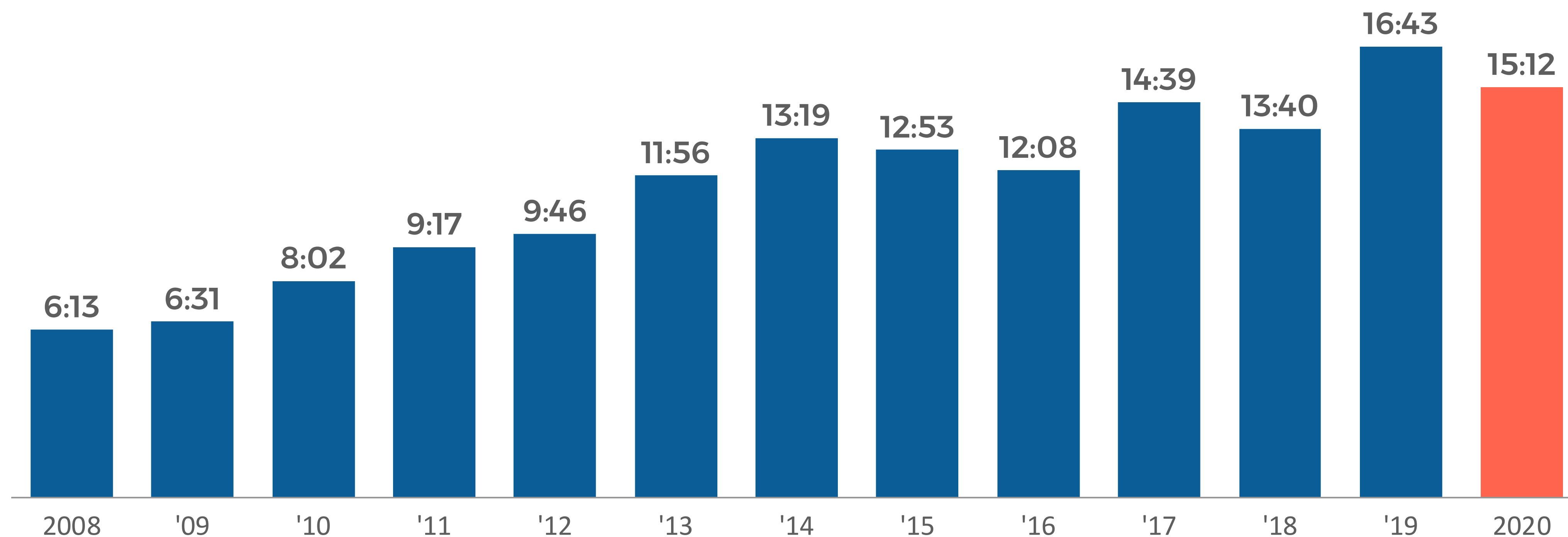
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# Average Time Spent Listening to Online Audio

BASE: U.S. AGE 12+ WEEKLY ONLINE AUDIO LISTENERS

HOURS:MINUTES IN LAST WEEK







# Audio Brands



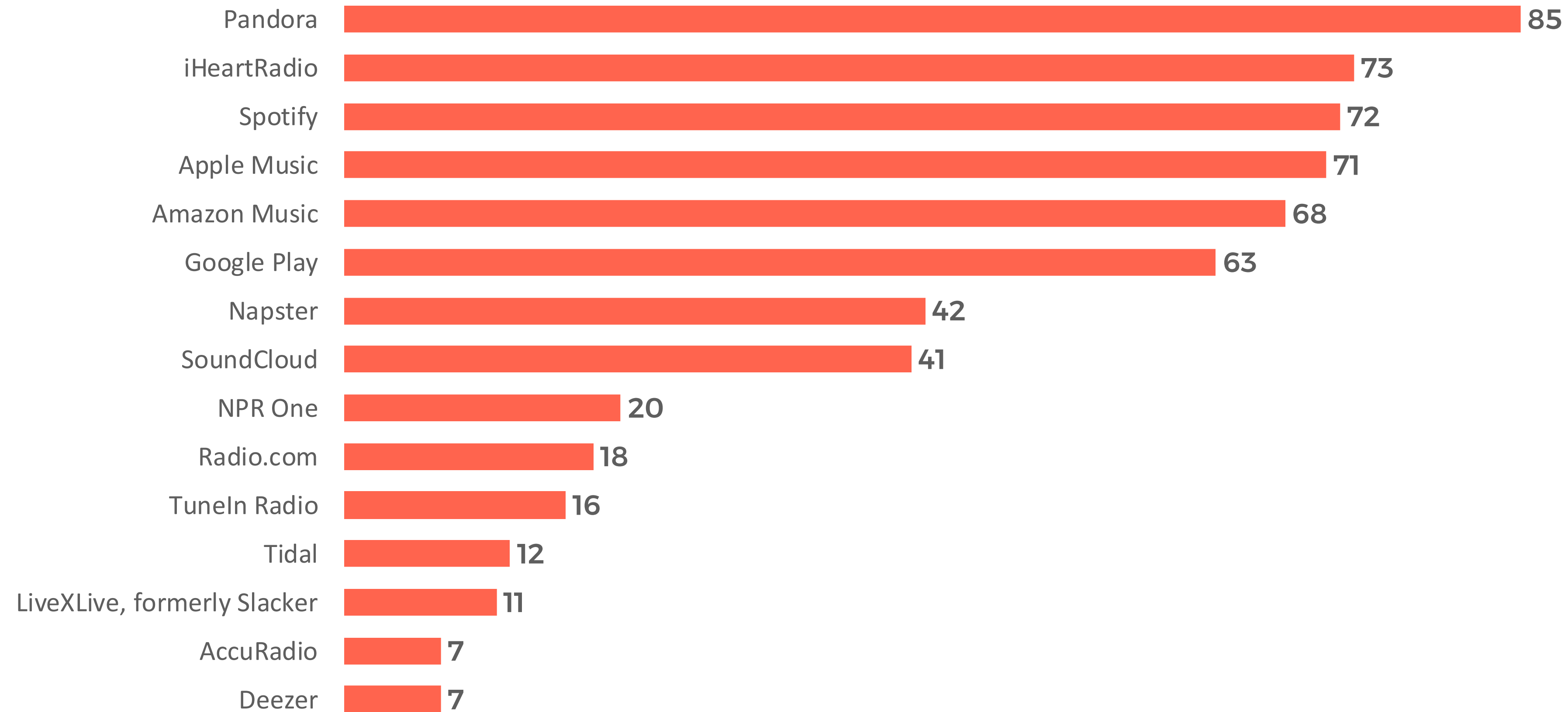
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# Audio Brand Awareness

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% AWARE OF AUDIO BRAND

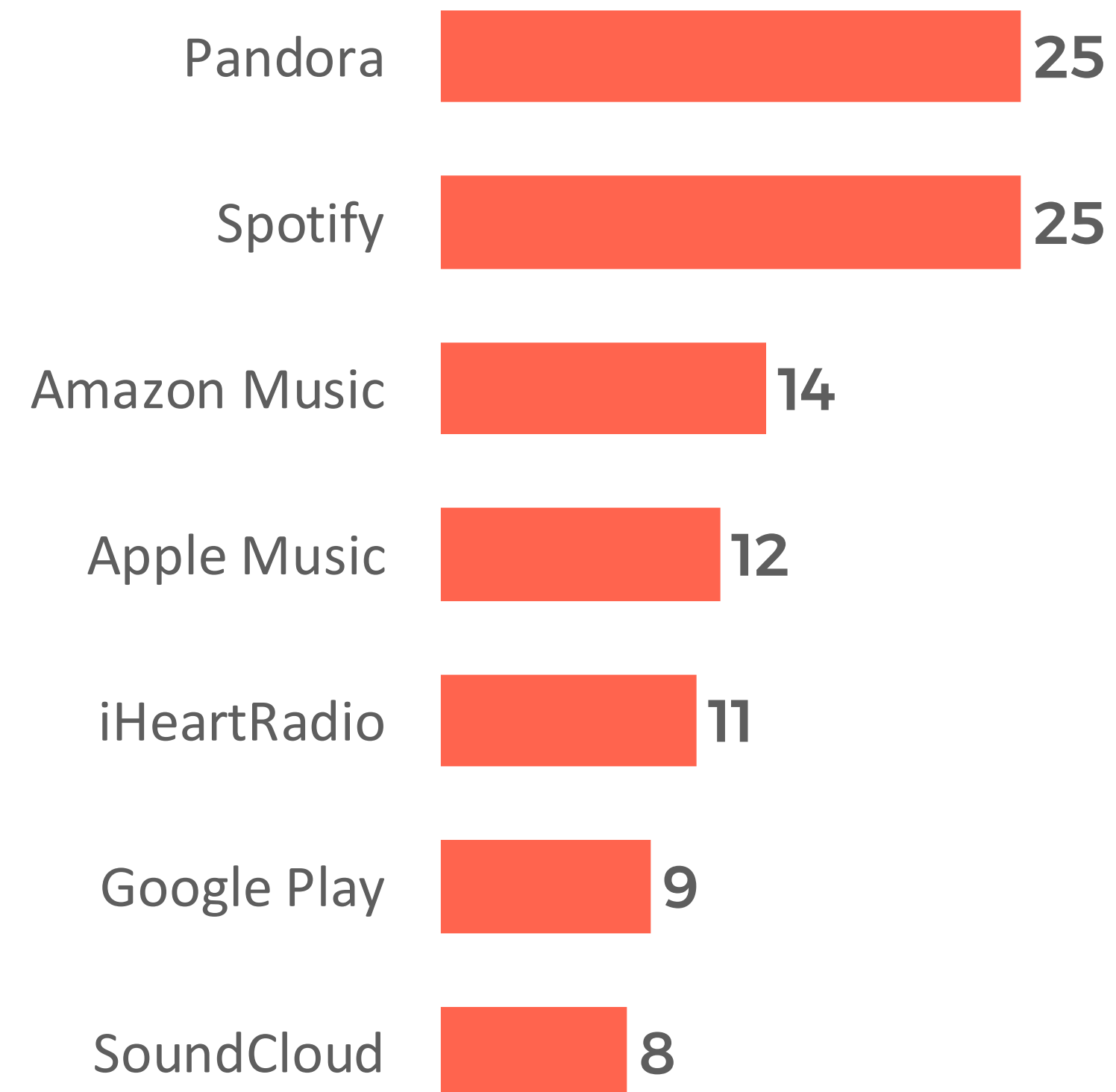




# Audio Brands Listened to in Last Month

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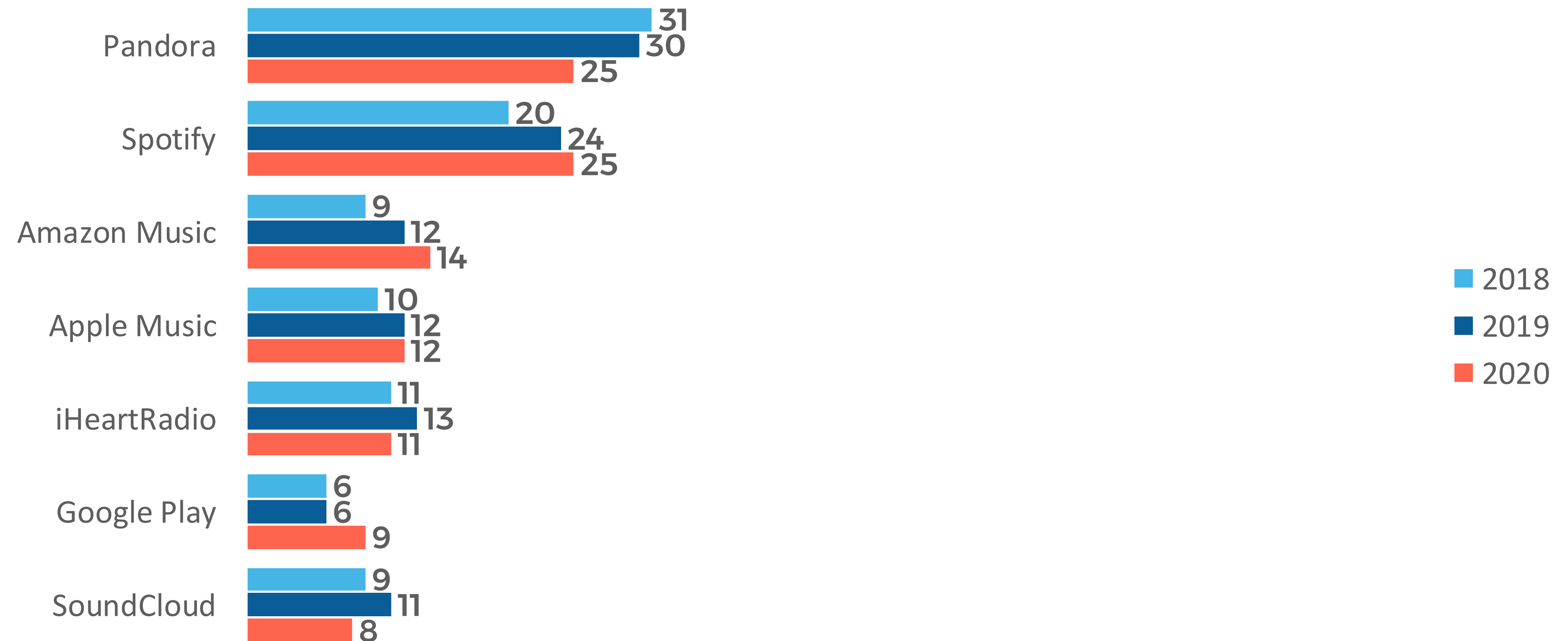
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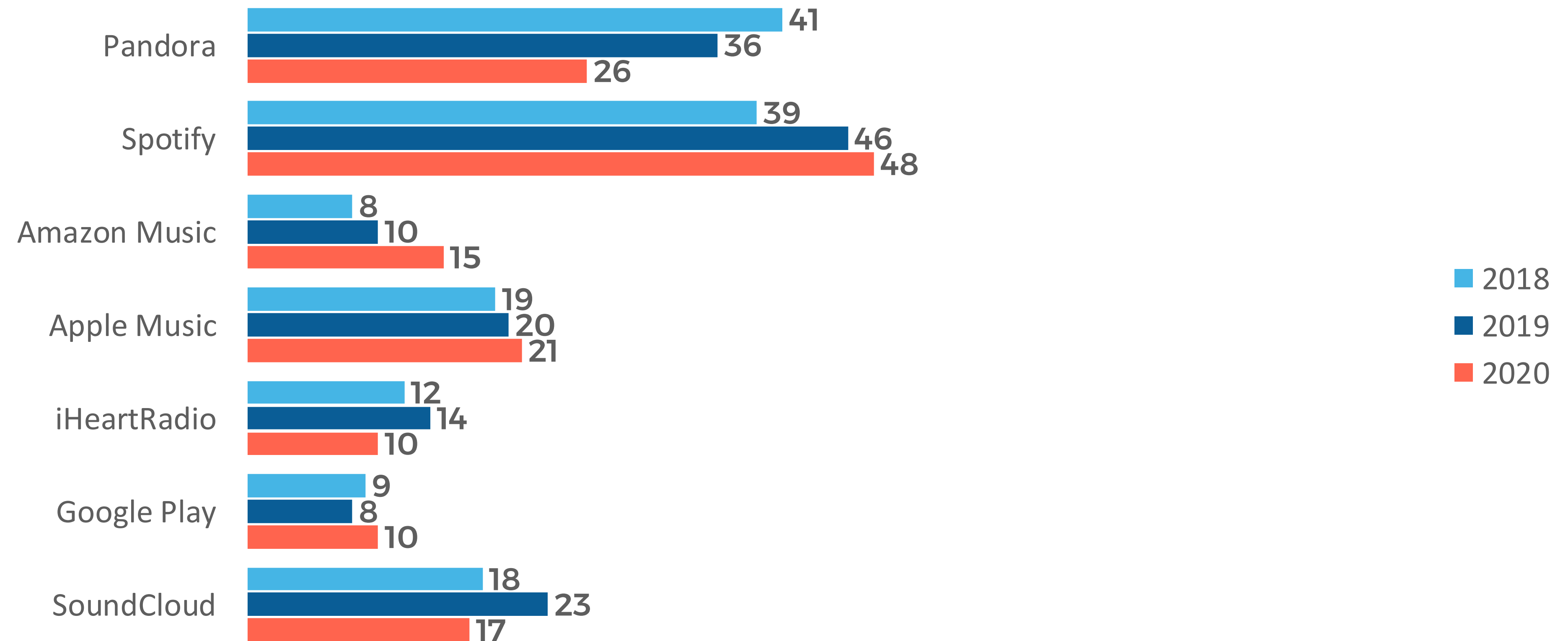
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# Audio Brand Listened to in Last Month (Age 12-34)

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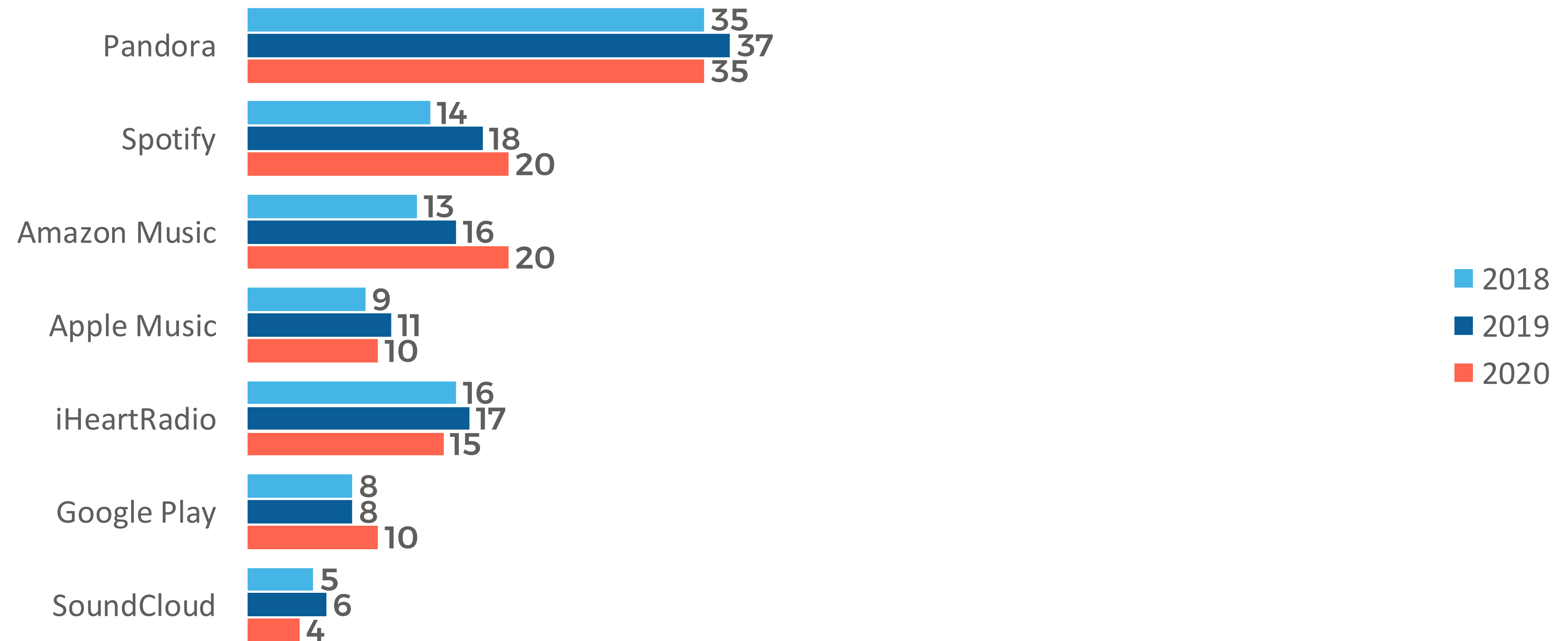
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# Audio Brand Listened to in Last Month (Age 35-54)

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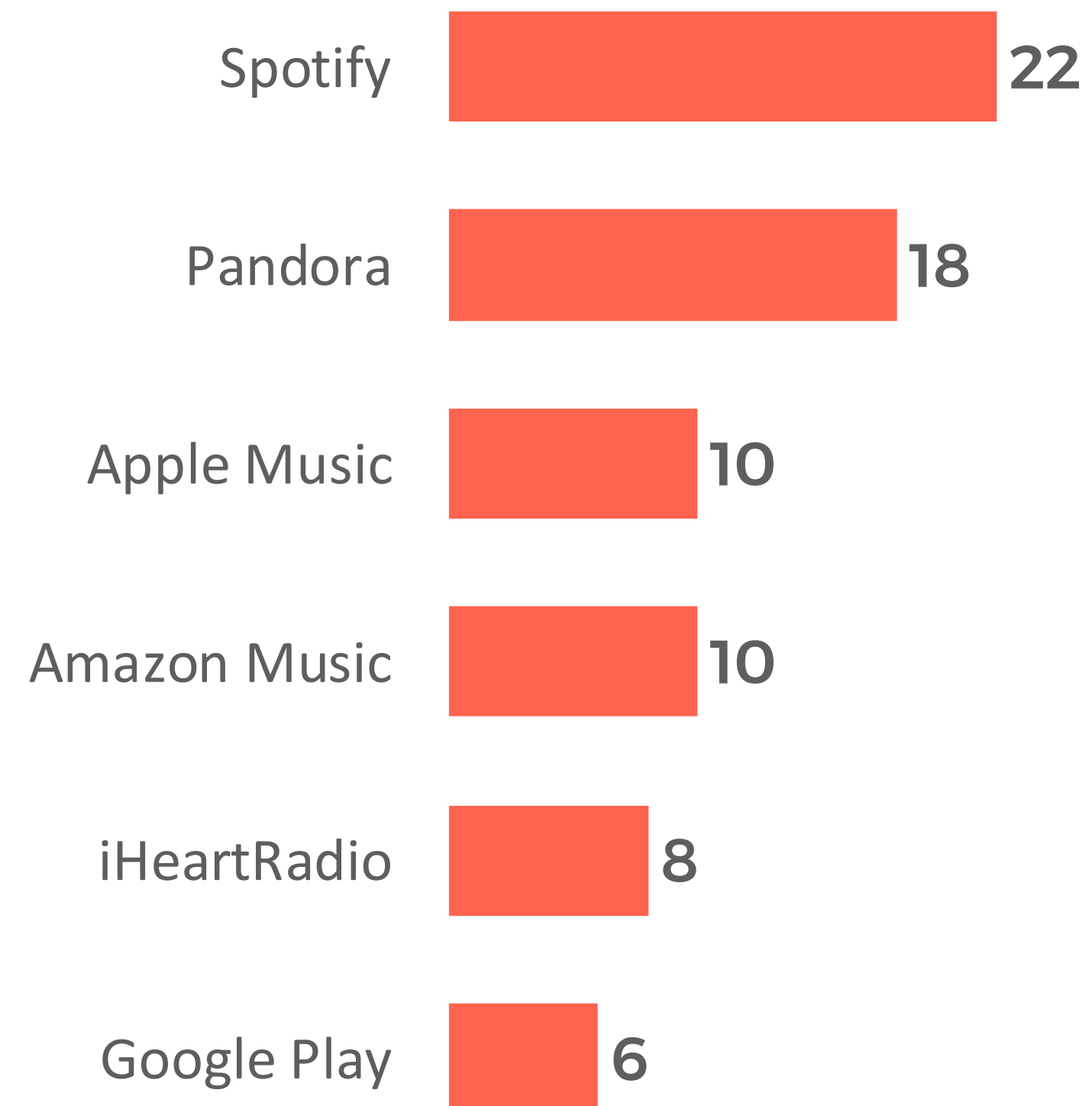
% LISTENED TO AUDIO BRAND IN LAST MONTH



# Audio Brands Listened to in Last Week

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% LISTENED TO AUDIO BRAND IN LAST WEEK

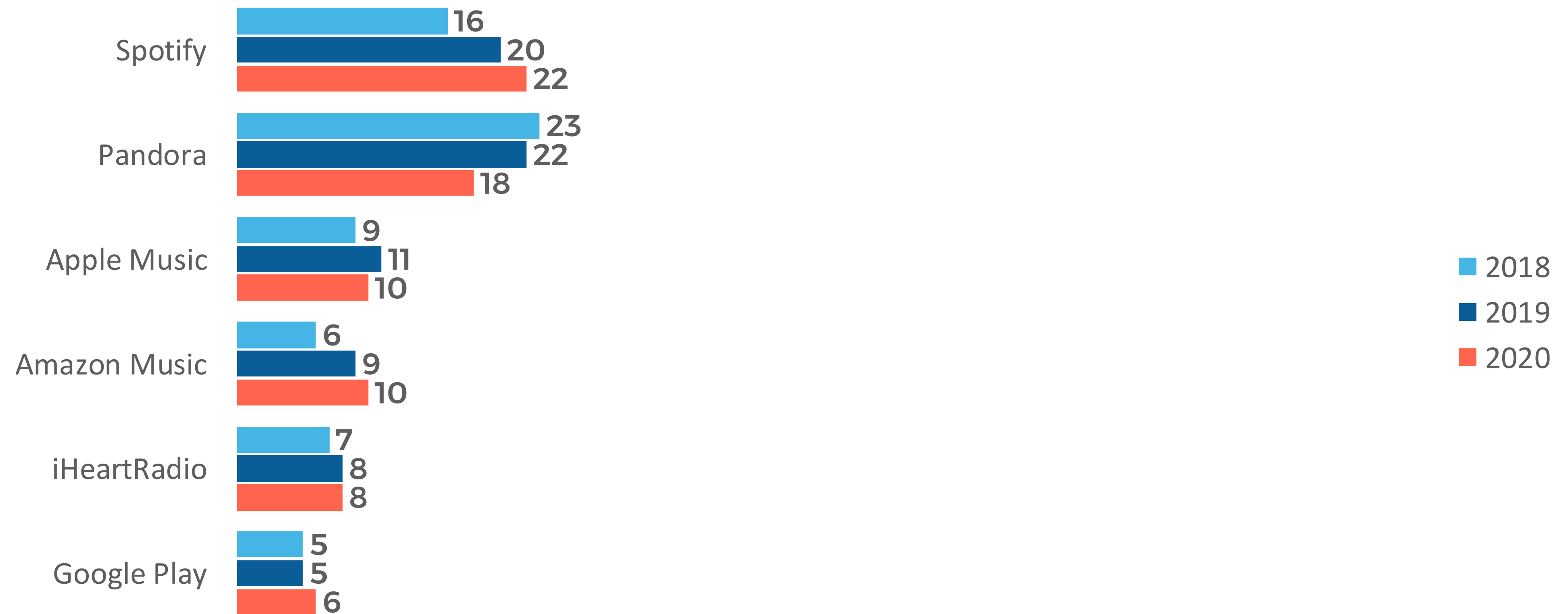




# Audio Brands Listened to in Last Week

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

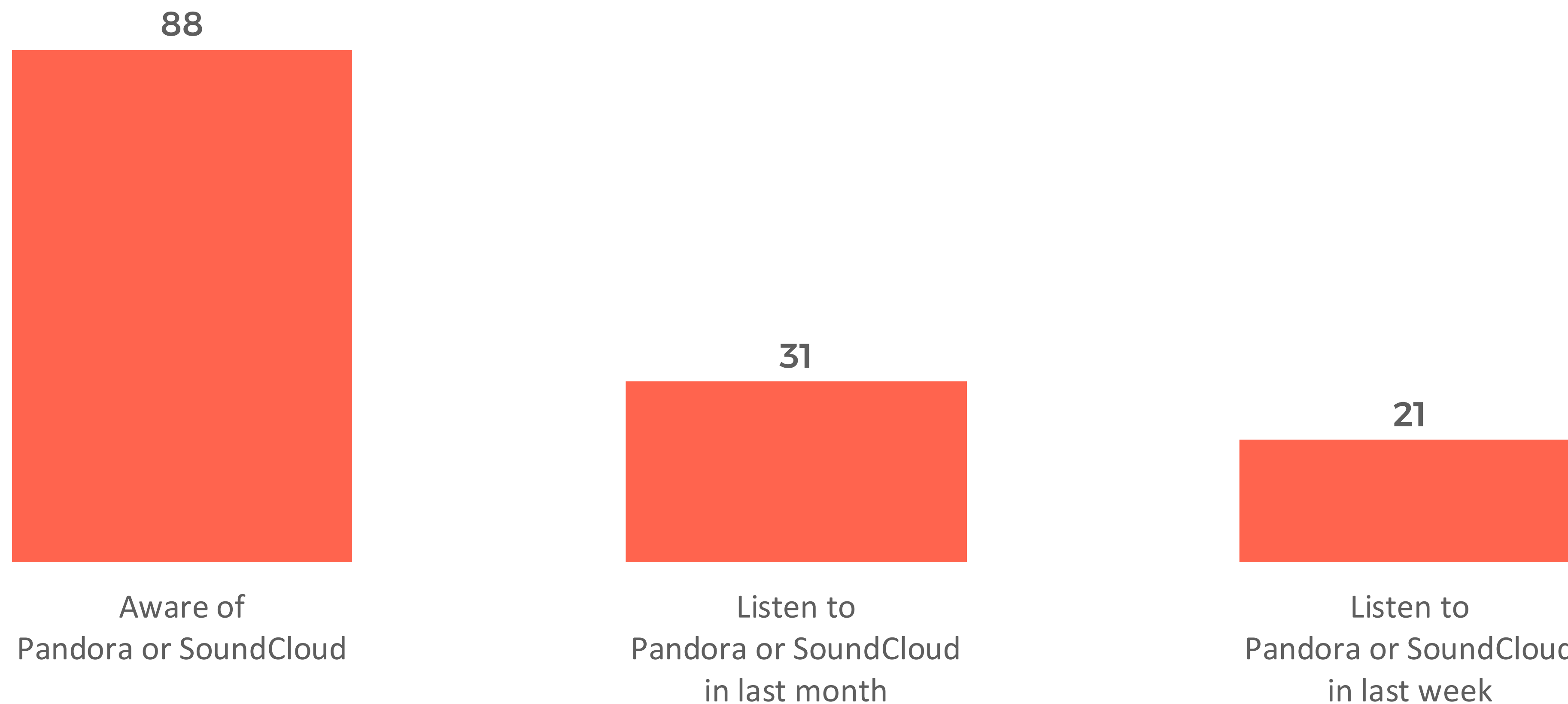
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# Pandora/SoundCloud Awareness and Usage

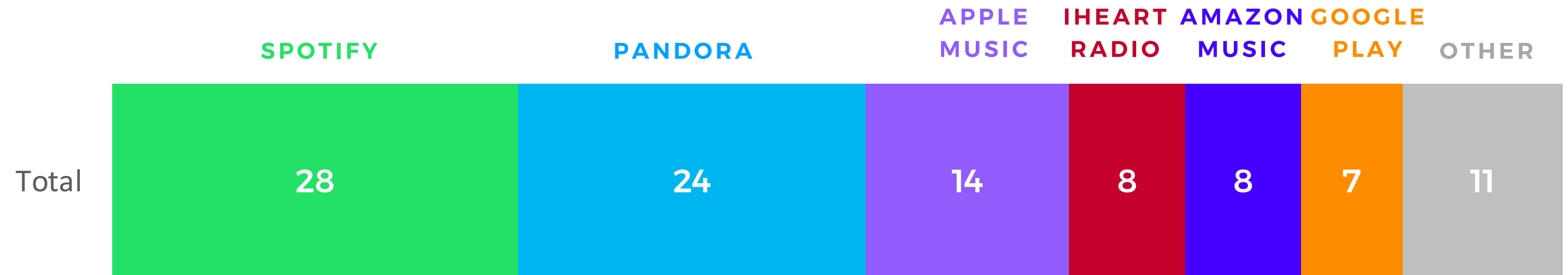
TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% SAYING YES



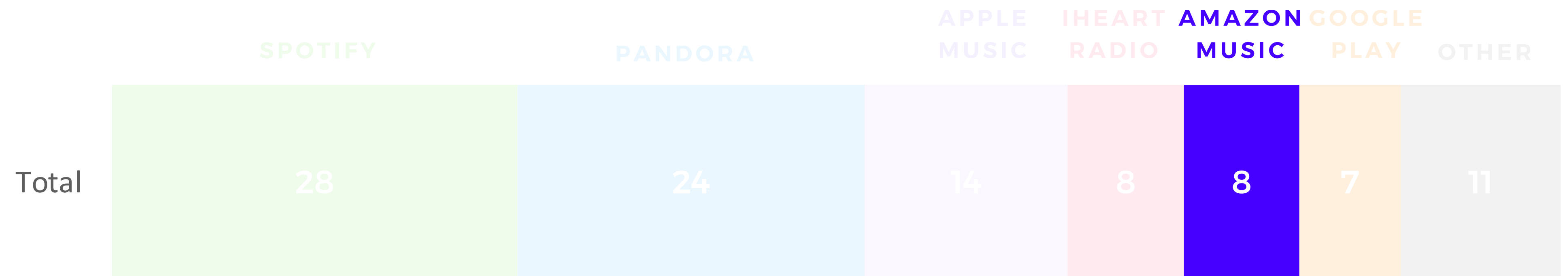
# Audio Brand Used Most Often

BASE: U.S. AGE 12+ AND CURRENTLY EVER USE ANY AUDIO BRAND



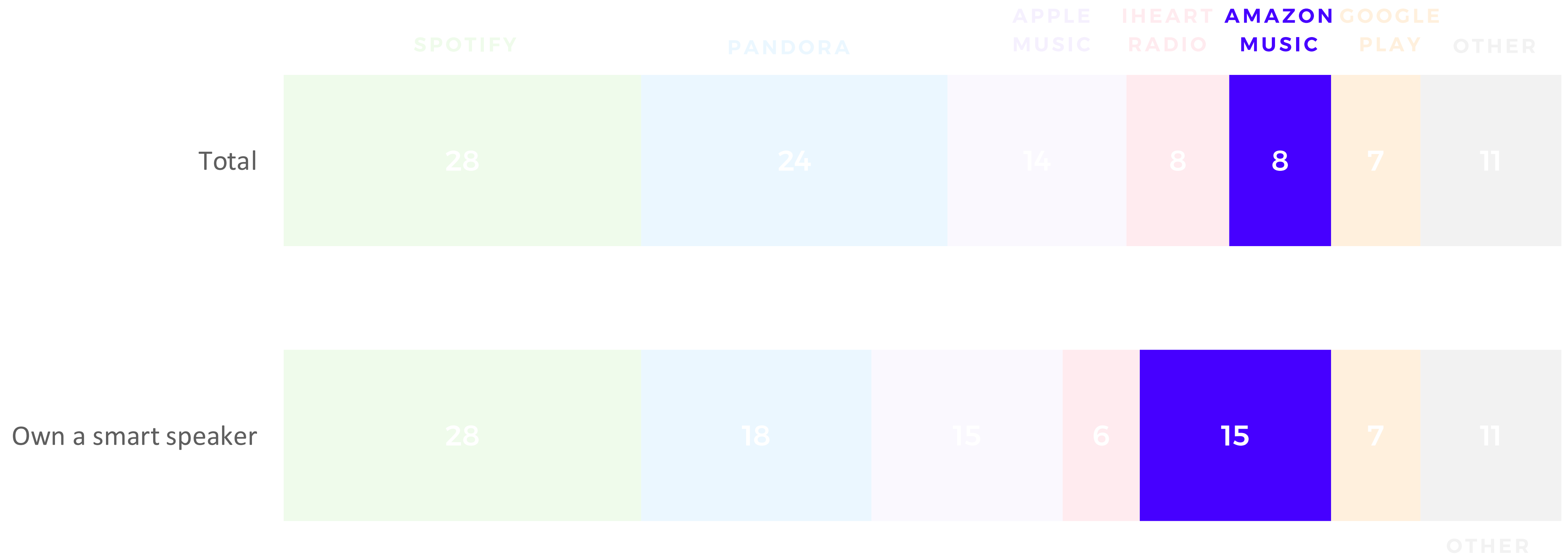
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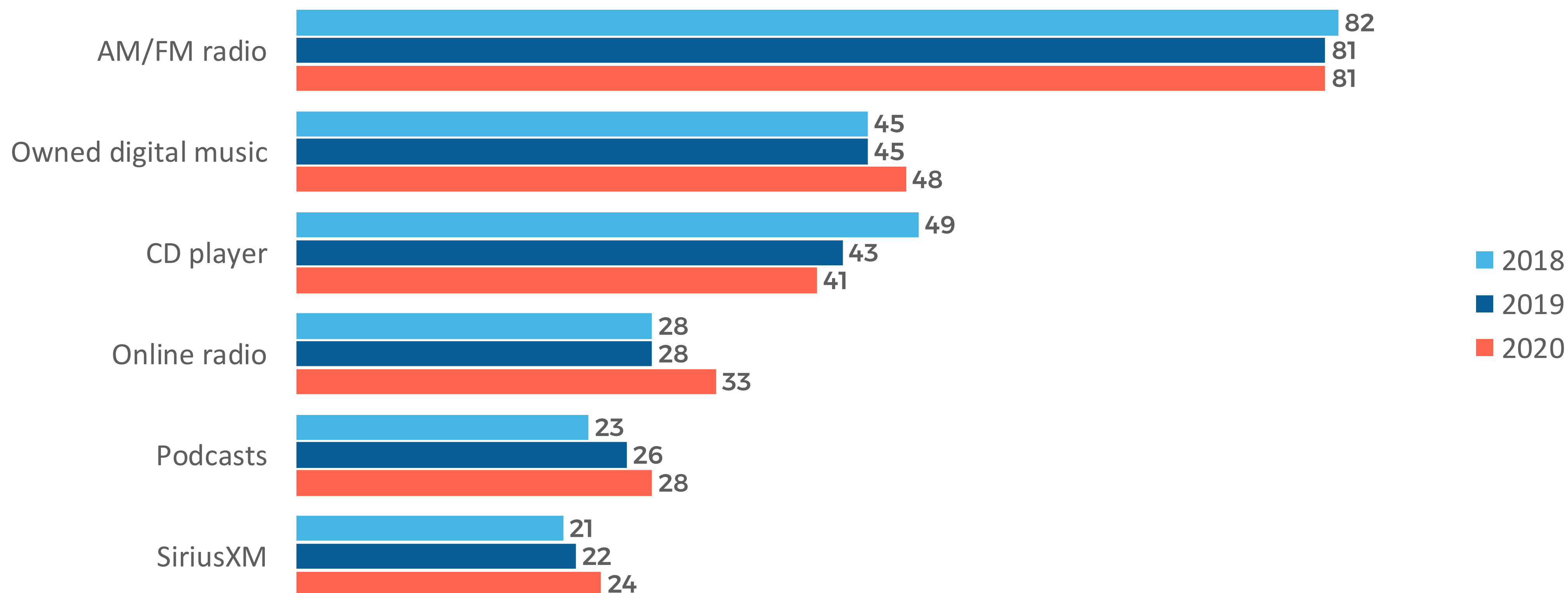
# In-Car Media



# Audio Sources Currently Ever Used in Car

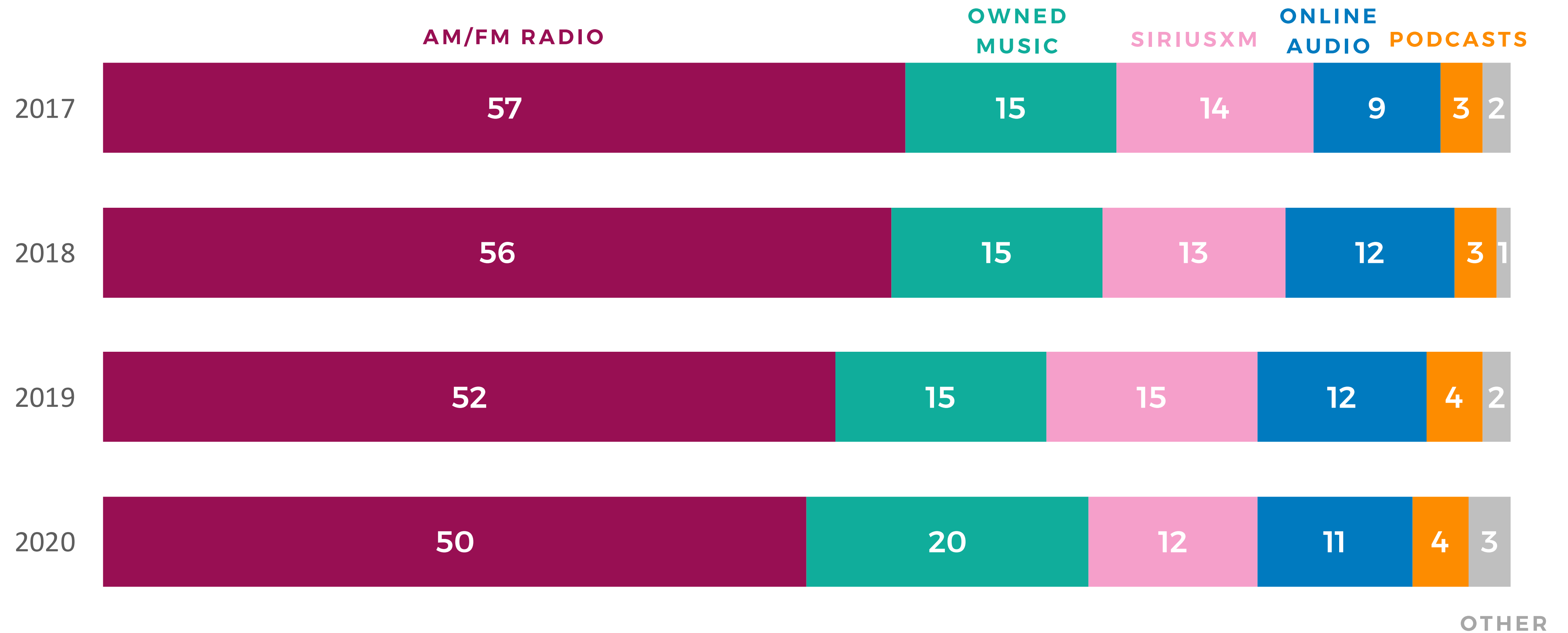
BASE: U.S. AGE 18+ AND HAS DRIVEN/RIDDEN IN CAR IN LAST MONTH; 89%

% USING AUDIO SOURCE IN CAR



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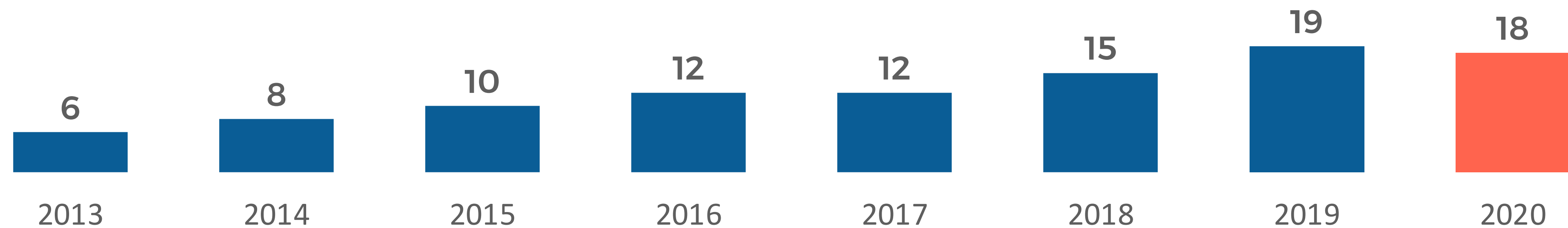
BASE: U.S. AGE 18+, DRIVEN/RIDDEN IN CAR IN LAST MONTH, AND USE ANY AUDIO SOURCE IN CAR



# In-Dash Information and Entertainment Systems

BASE: U.S. AGE 18+ AND HAS DRIVEN/RIDDEN IN CAR IN LAST MONTH; 89%

% OWNING IN-DASH INFORMATION AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM IN CAR



# Vehicle Integrated Mobile Operating Systems

BASE: U.S. AGE 18+, DRIVEN/RIDDEN IN CAR IN LAST MONTH, 89%

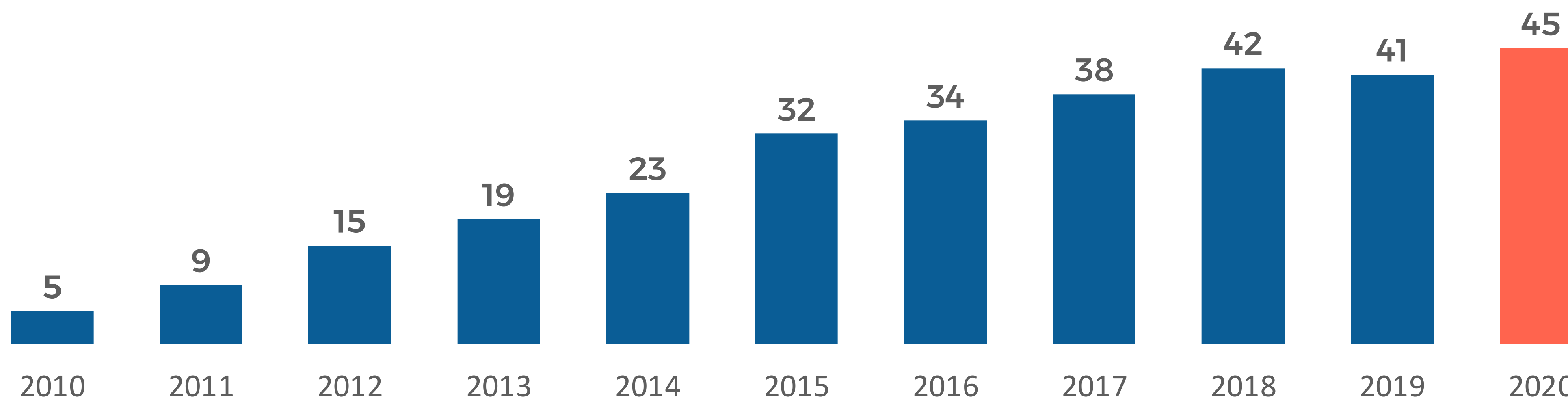
% HAVE SYSTEM IN PRIMARY VEHICLE



# Online Audio Listening in Car Through a Cell Phone

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% EVER LISTENED TO ONLINE AUDIO IN A CAR THROUGH A CELL PHONE





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# Podcasting



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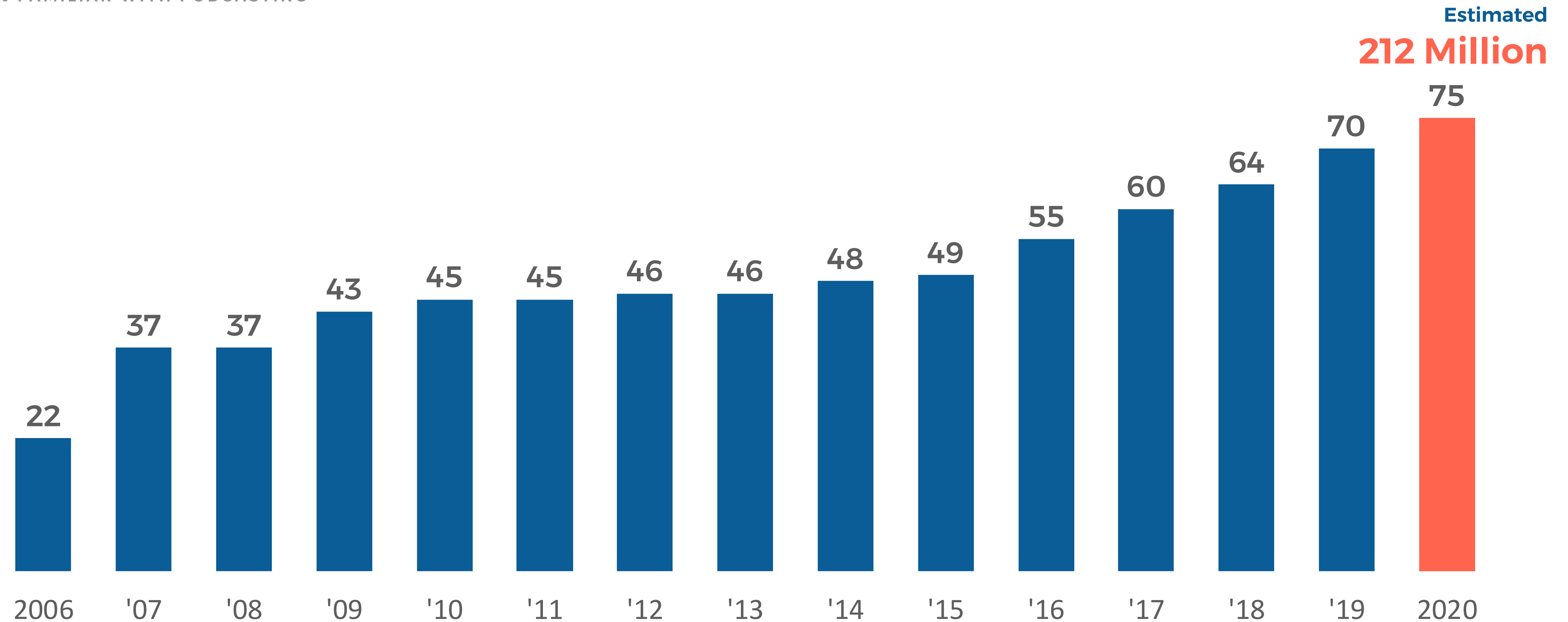
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# Podcasting Familiarity

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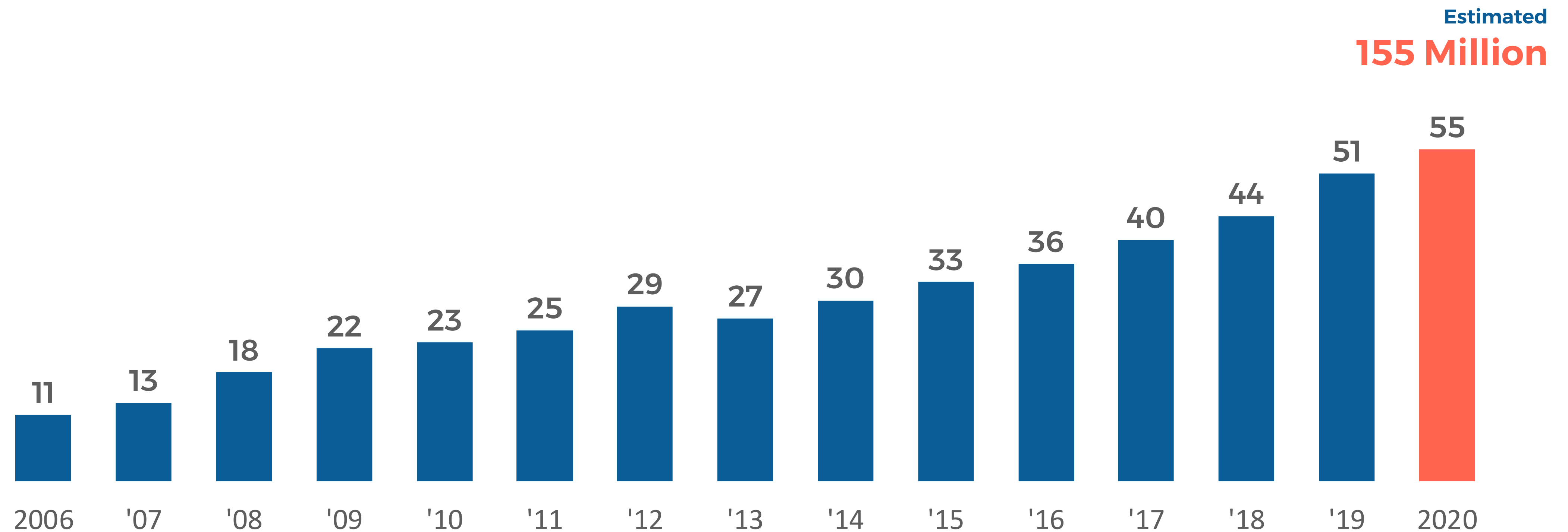
% FAMILIAR WITH PODCASTING



# Podcasting Listening

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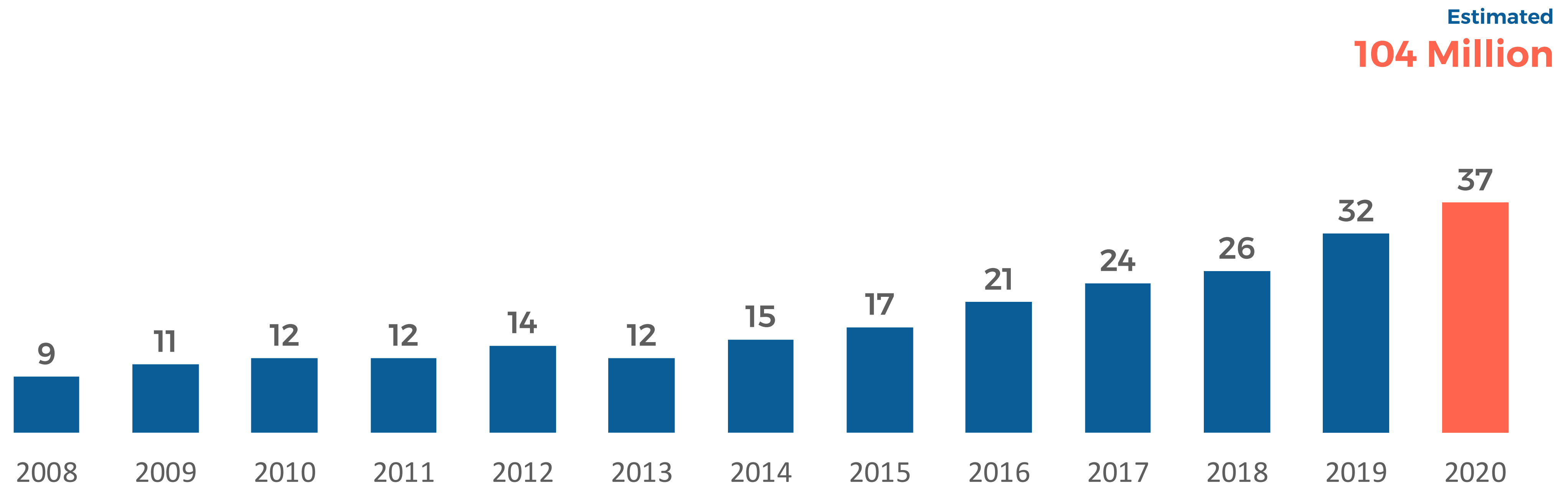
% EVER LISTENED TO A PODCAST



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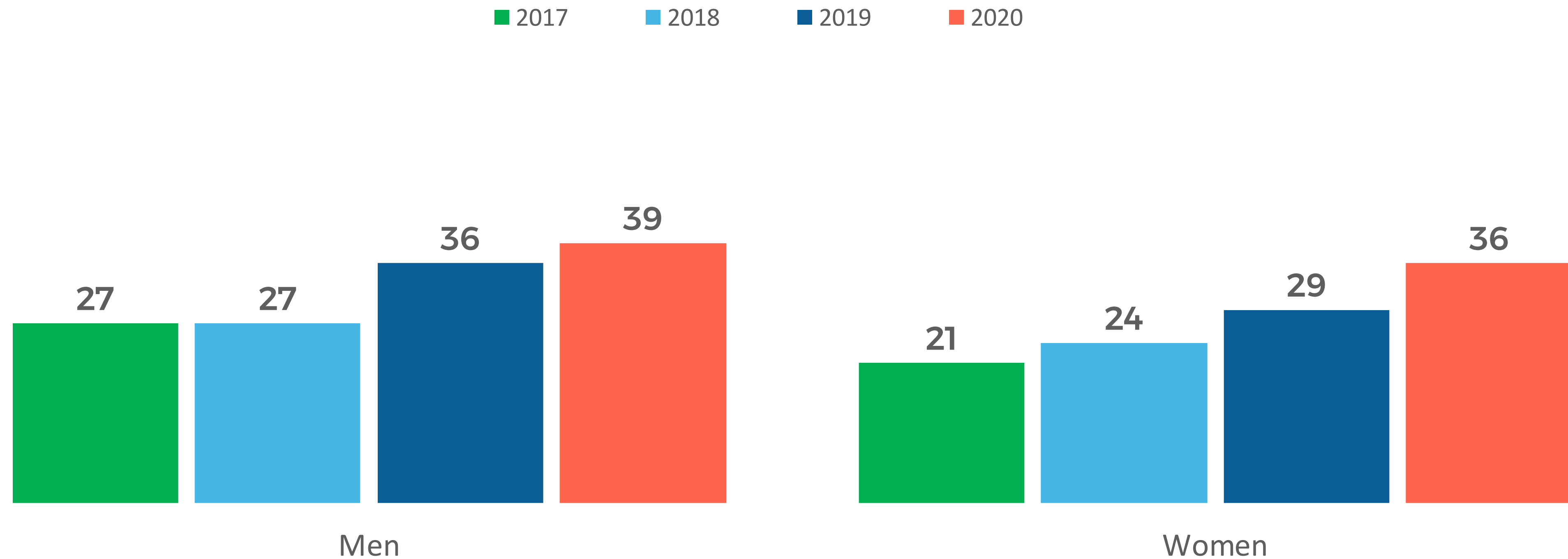
% LISTENED TO A PODCAST IN LAST MONTH



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U.S. POPULATION

% LISTENED TO A PODCAST IN LAST MONTH

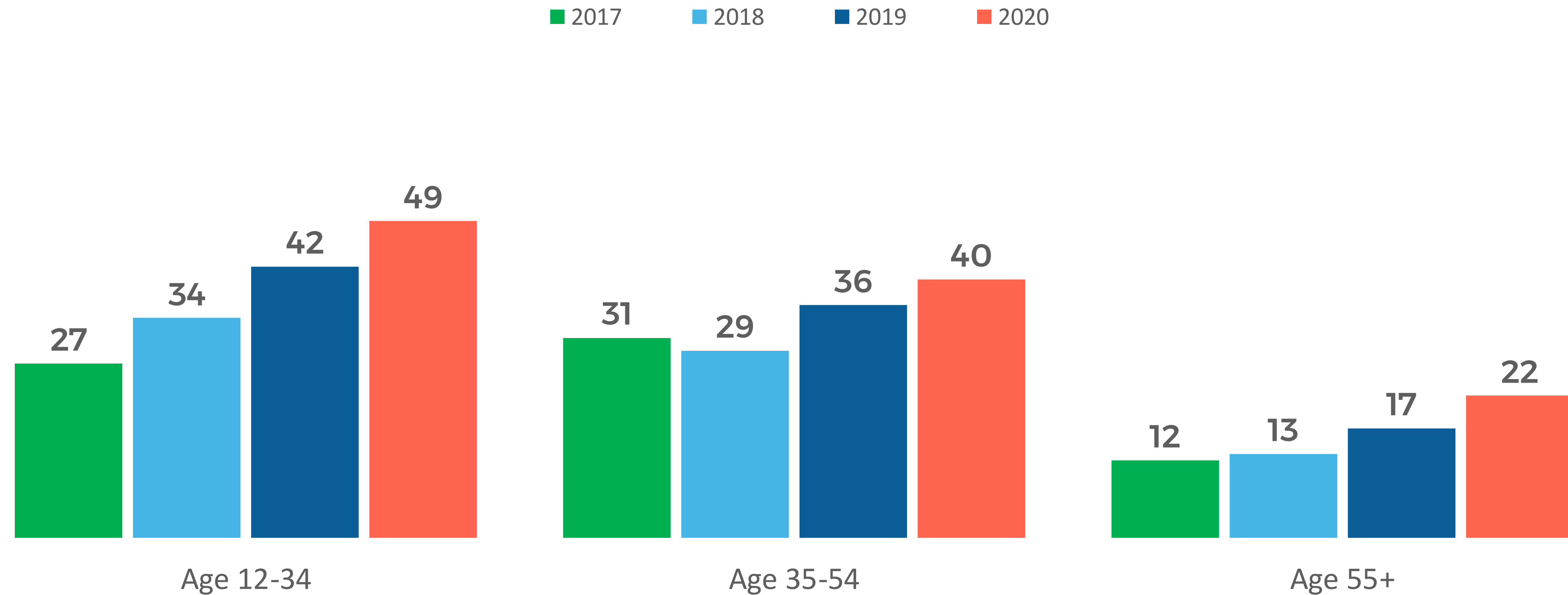




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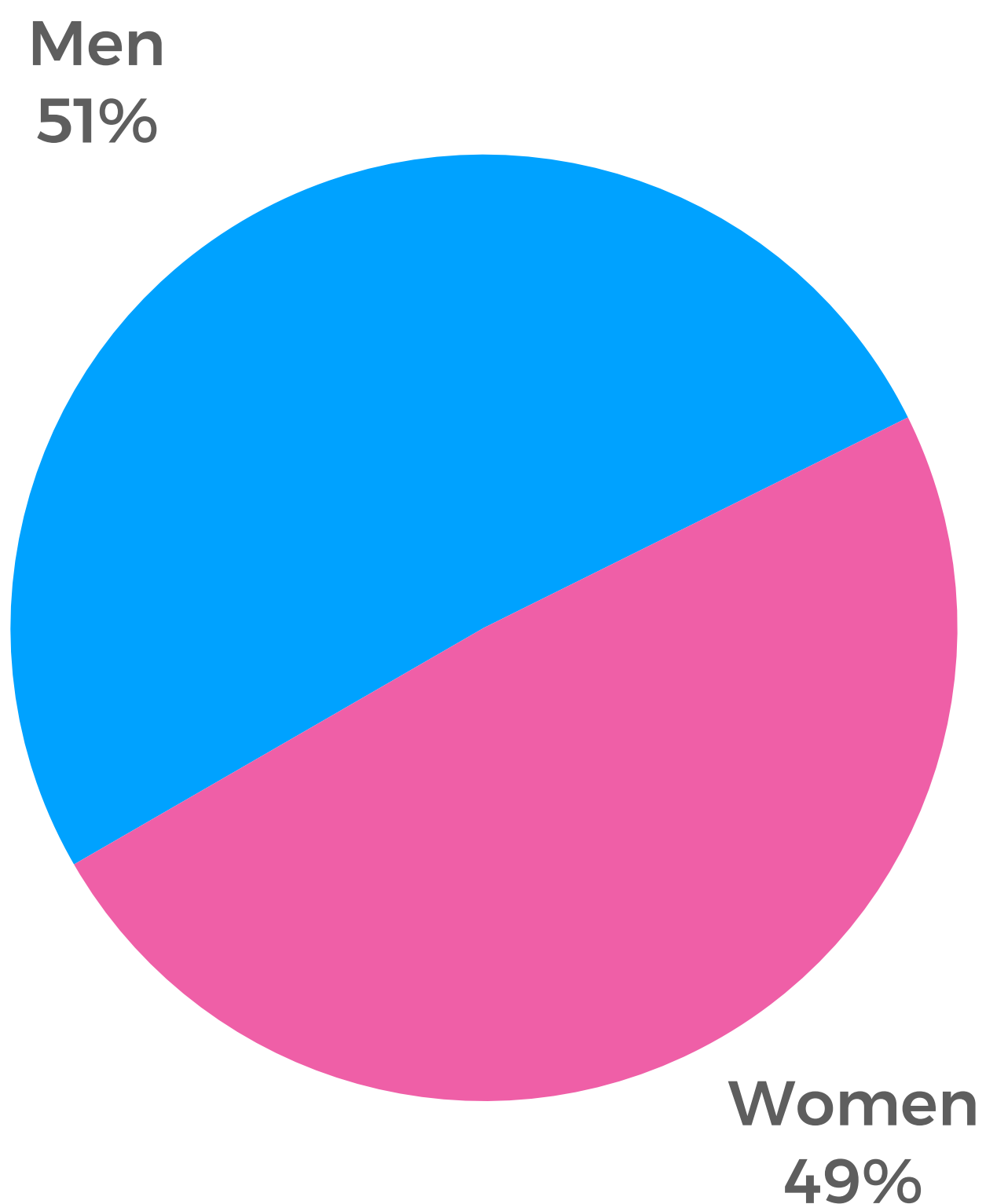
% LISTENED TO A PODCAST IN LAST MONTH



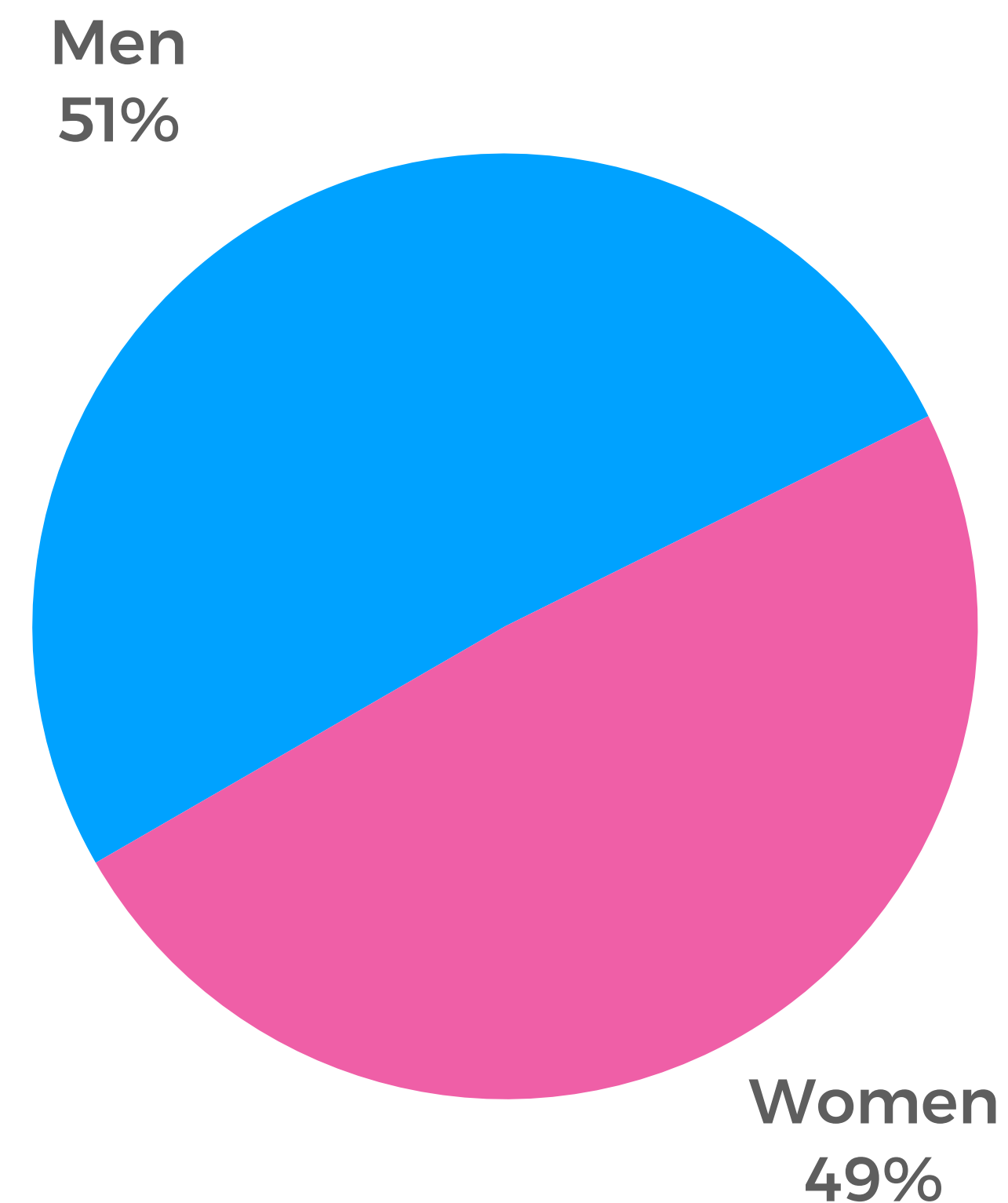
# Sex of Monthly Podcast Listeners

BASE: U.S. AGE 12+ AND LISTENED TO PODCAST IN LAST MONTH

U.S. POPULATION 12+



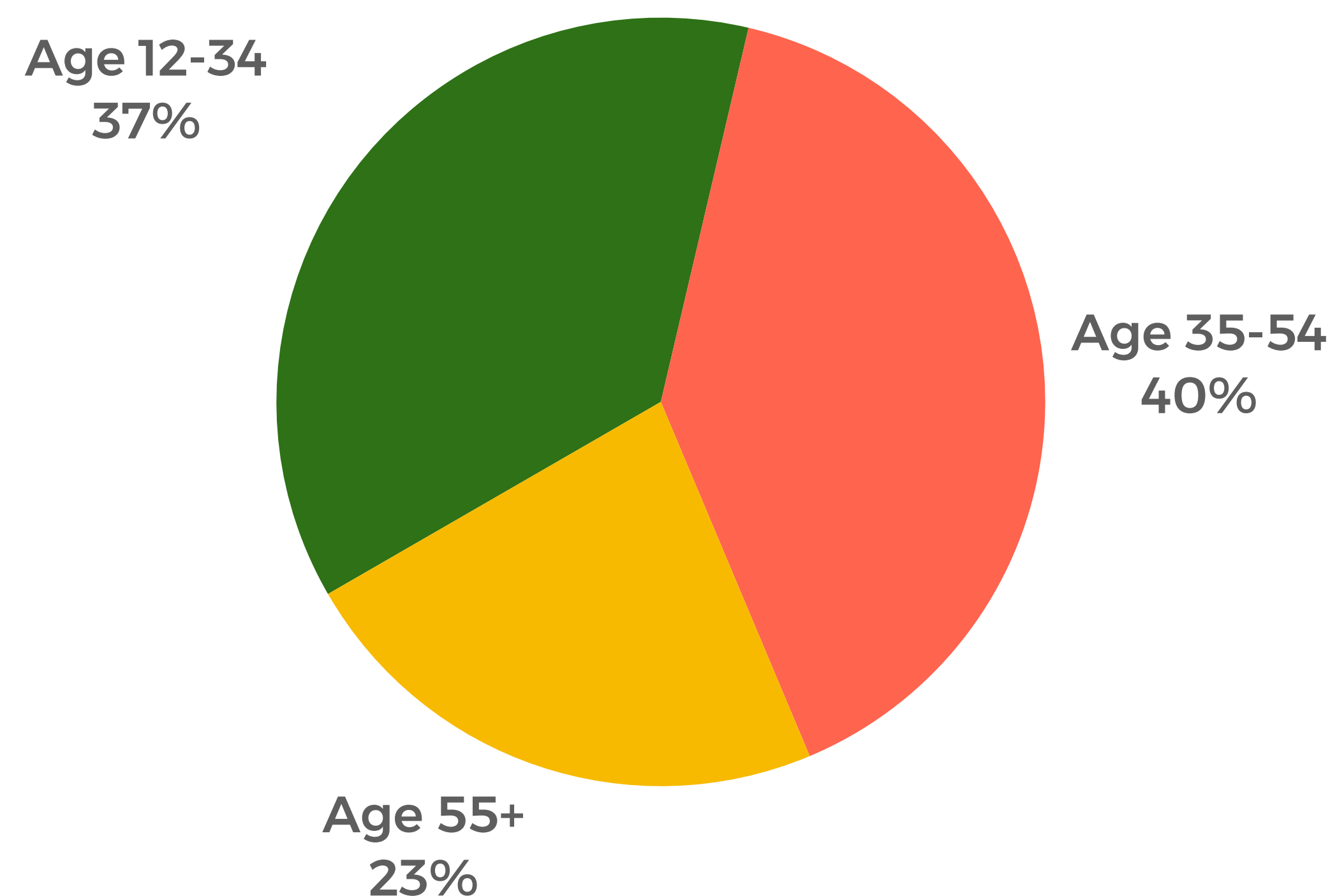
MONTHLY PODCAST CONSUMERS 12+



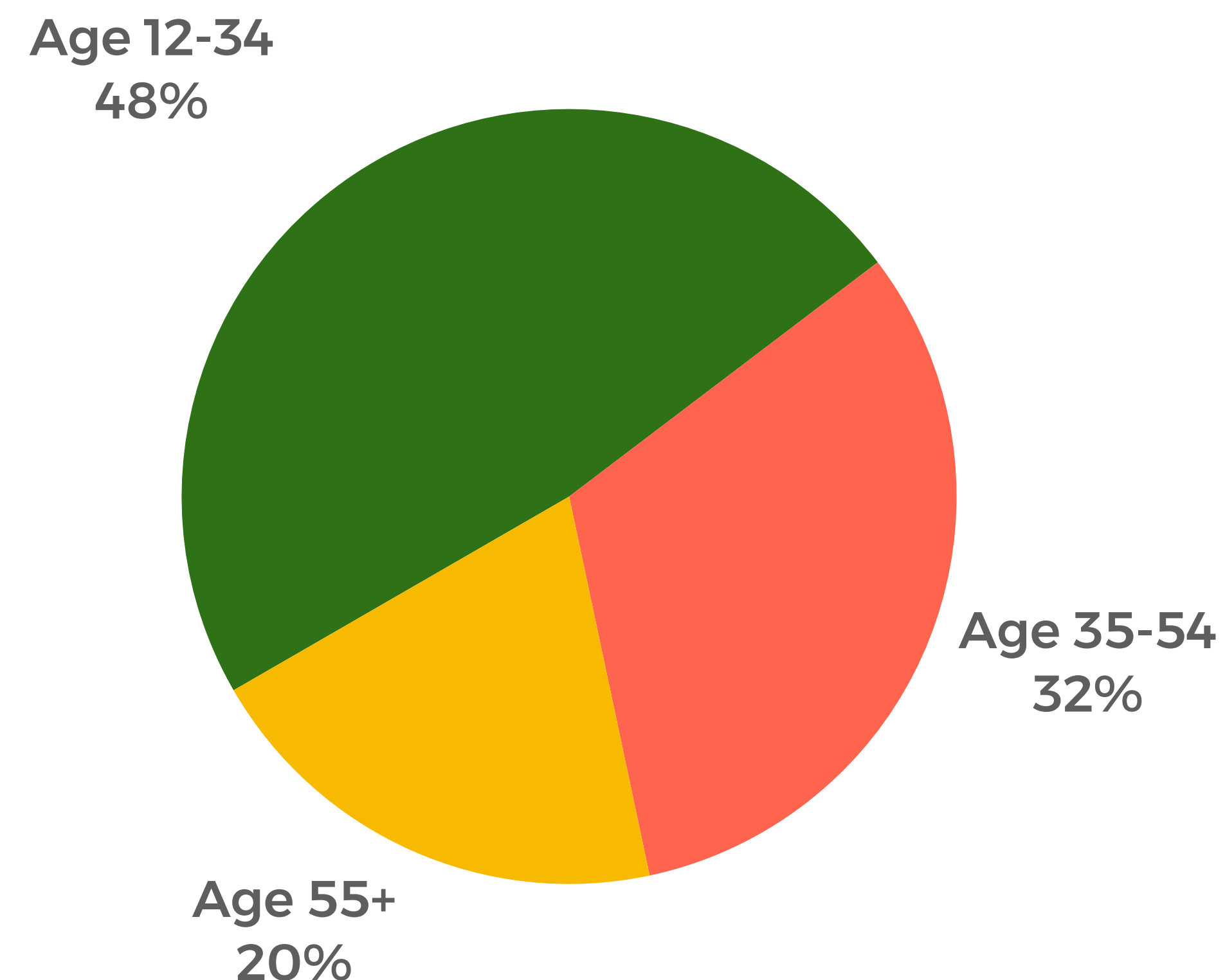
# Age of Monthly Podcast Listeners

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U.S. POPULATION 12+



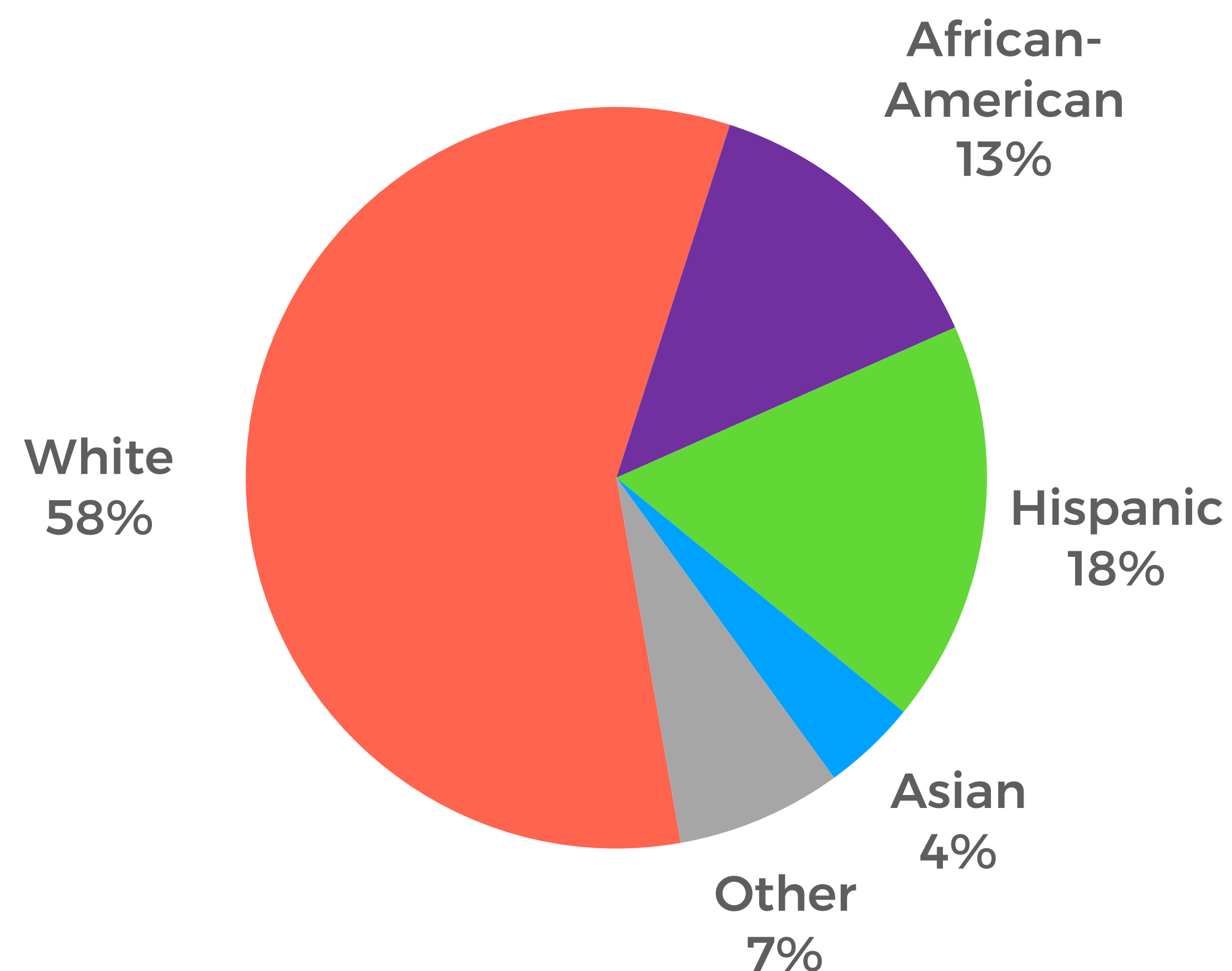
MONTHLY PODCAST CONSUMERS 12+



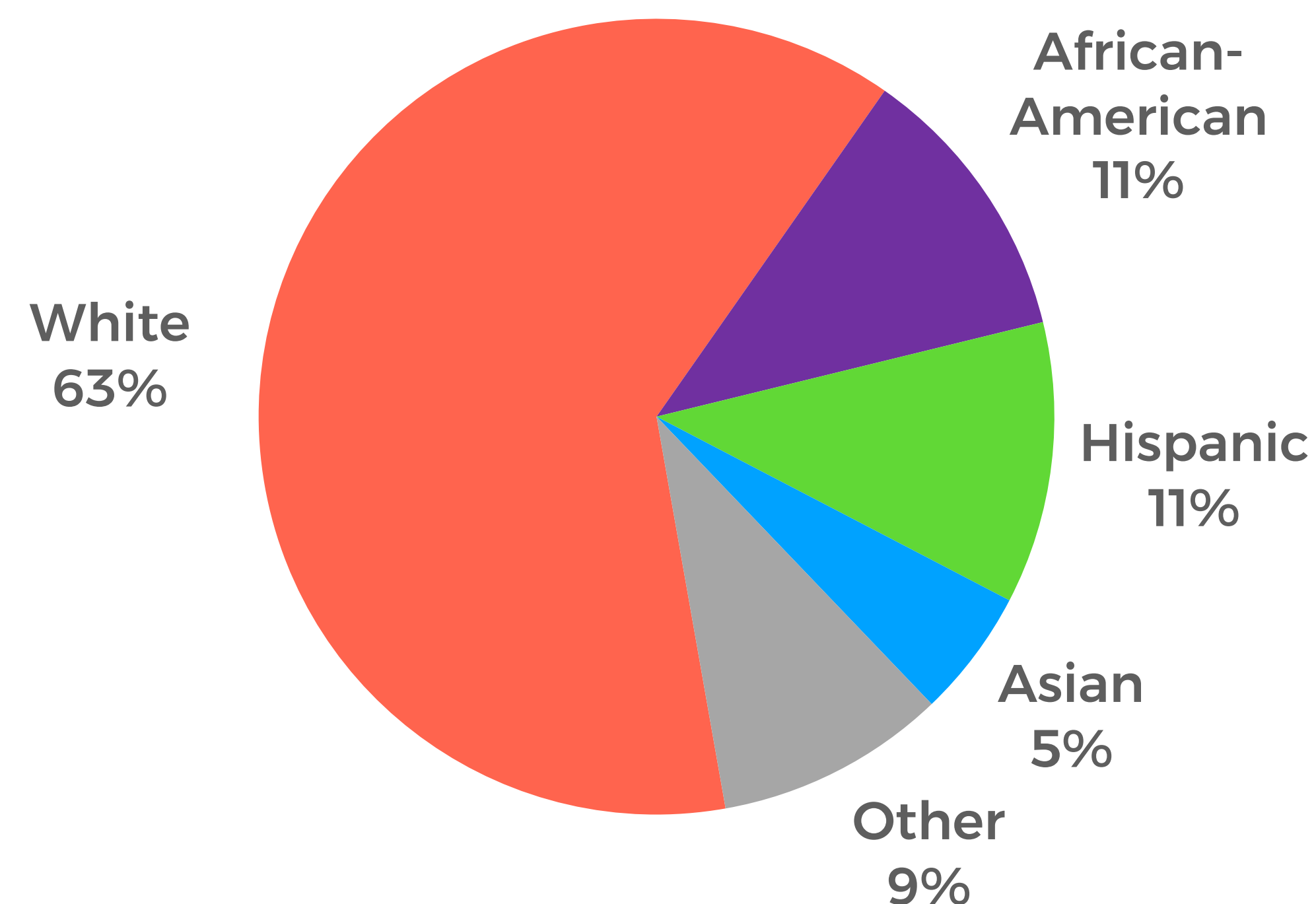
# Ethnicity of Monthly Podcast Listeners

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U.S. POPULATION 12+



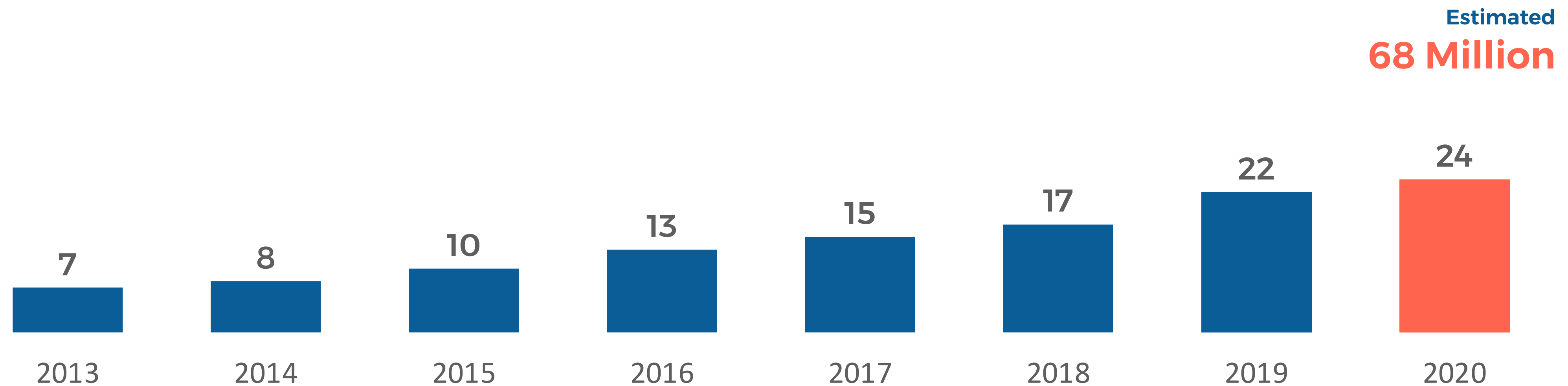
MONTHLY PODCAST CONSUMERS 12+



# Weekly Podcast Listening

TOTAL U.S. POPULATION 12+

% LISTENED TO A PODCAST IN LAST WEEK

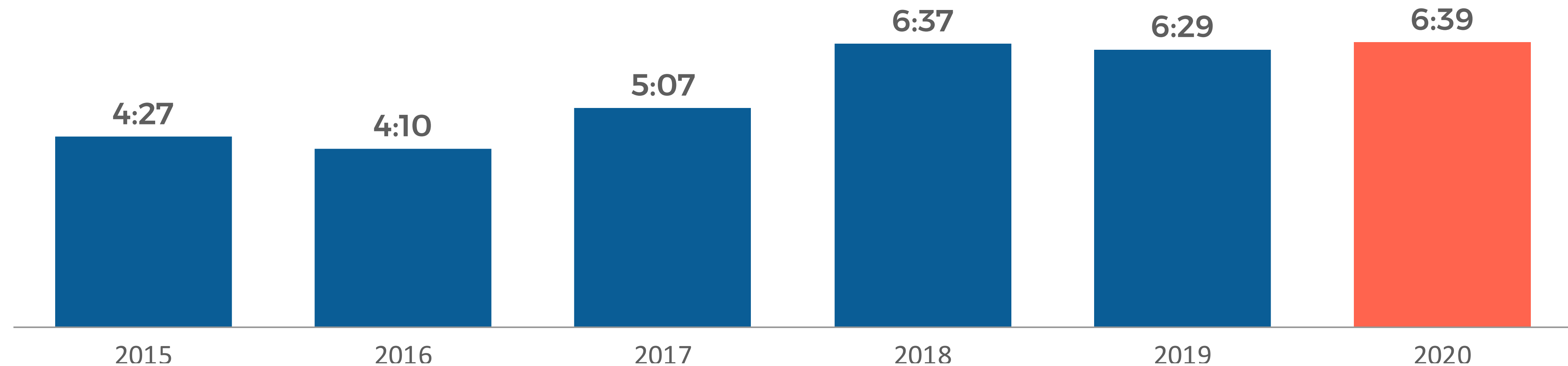




# Average Time Spent Listening to Podcasts

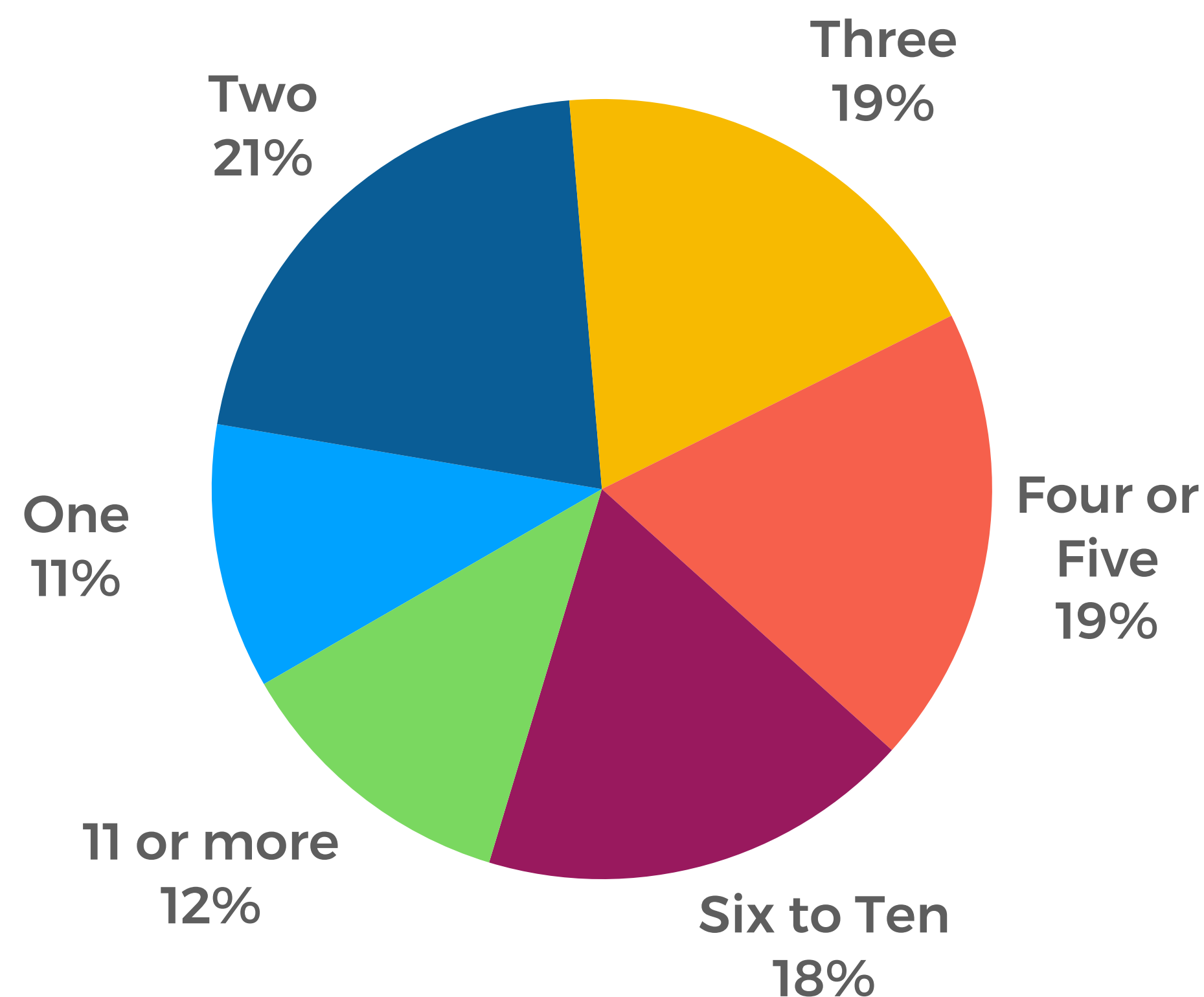
BASE: U.S. AGE 12+ AND LISTENED TO PODCAST IN LAST WEEK

HOURS:MINUTES IN LAST WEEK



# Number of Podcasts Listened to in Last Week

BASE: U.S. AGE 12+ AND LISTENED TO PODCAST IN LAST WEEK



U.S. weekly podcast listeners averaged  
**Six podcasts**  
in the last week

# Observations

Monthly podcast consumers grew by 16% year-over-year, cresting 100 million Americans for the first time.



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## Observations

Approximately 169 million Americans listened to online audio in the last week, spending an average of over 15 hours doing so.



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## Observations

More than six in ten Americans use some form of voice assistant technology. It is incumbent upon content producers to ensure their content is easily retrievable through voice.



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## Observations

With nearly one-third of smart speaker owners having three or more devices in their homes, there is increased opportunity to produce audio for environments and contexts previously underserved.



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## Observations

With smartphone, tablet, and smartwatch showing no new growth, in-car currently holds the most potential for digital audio growth.



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## Observations

In-car media users continue to incorporate digital audio, though AM/FM remains strong.



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## Observations

Pandora and Spotify are tied among Americans 12+ for monthly users, while Amazon music has become a strong third, buoyed by smart speaker owners.



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## Observations

Social media's growth cycle seems to have ended, though Instagram continues to show growth, and TikTok has made a strong early impression.



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**Coming Soon**

**April 2, 2020**

**Inside an award-winning content marketing program: The Infinite Dial**

**April 16, 2020**

**Portents for November: A review of the Edison Research Democratic Primary Exit Polls**

**Details soon**

**The Infinite Dial – Australia**

**Details soon**

**Moms and Media**

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**The Infinite Dial – Canada**

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