

Bespoke Survey Research

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Low-Cost Retail

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1,000 US Consumers Balanced To Census

Tickers Covered: WMT, TGT, AMZN, COST.

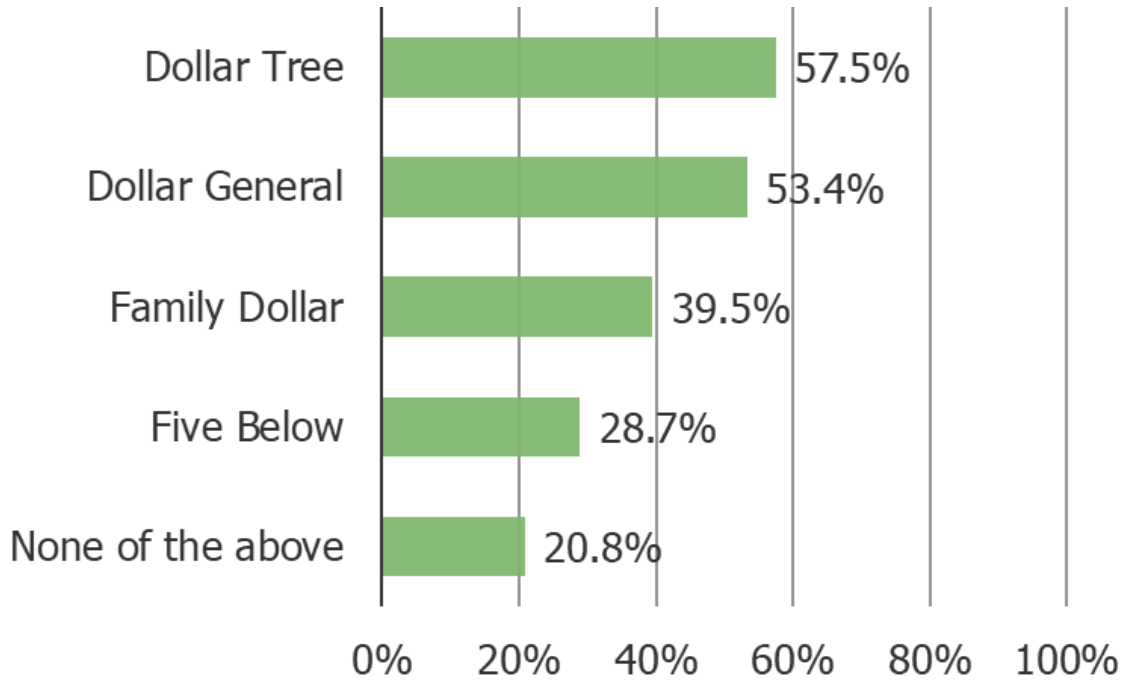
KPIs and Key questions

1. Feedback toward Five Below was generally positive, with NPS coming in above dollar stores tested and favorable readings for in-store shopping and in-store experience.
2. At the same time, a higher percentage of Five Below customers said Temu will impact their shopping there going forward relative to customers of dollar stores tested.
3. Over 60% of Costco customers feel that their most recent in-store experience was about the same compared to one year ago (~17% said most recent trip was better).
4. Costco customers continue to say that Costco fuel prices are lower relative to other gas stations, and that remains important to them.
5. The share of Costco customers who would cancel their account and would not pay the extra \$5 if Costco increased pricing moved higher q/q (though a larger share would be fine paying the higher price of a membership).
6. Wal-Mart engagement trends are generally positive, both with regard to the share of consumers who shop it and how frequently customers visit. Average spend per visit is unchanged q/q and y/y. Despite these generally positive trends, we did see an uptick in the share of customers who said Amazon impacts their shopping at Wal-Mart.
7. Self-reported Target shopping engagement trends were generally less favorable than what we observed for Wal-Mart. While average spend per visit is up relative to our August survey, it is lower than what we observed last year at this time and the share of customers who say Amazon impacts their Target spending increased sequentially.
8. The share of Wal-Mart and Target customers who call out higher product prices at their last visit remains elevated, but less so compared to earlier this year.
9. Groceries, household items, and clothing/apparel are the main drivers of Walmart traffic, consistent with prior checks.
10. Clothing apparel, groceries, and household items are the main drivers of Target traffic.

NEW QUESTIONS | DOLLAR STORES AND TEMU

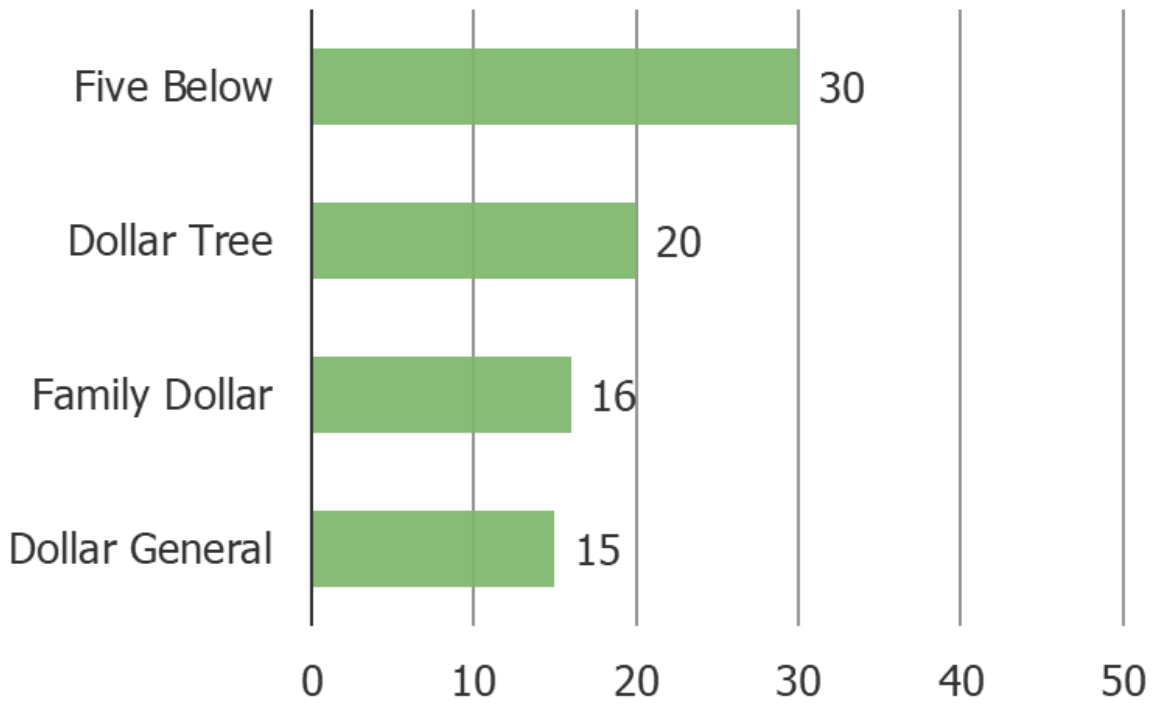
DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE A CUSTOMER OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY...

This question was posed to all respondents...



NPS

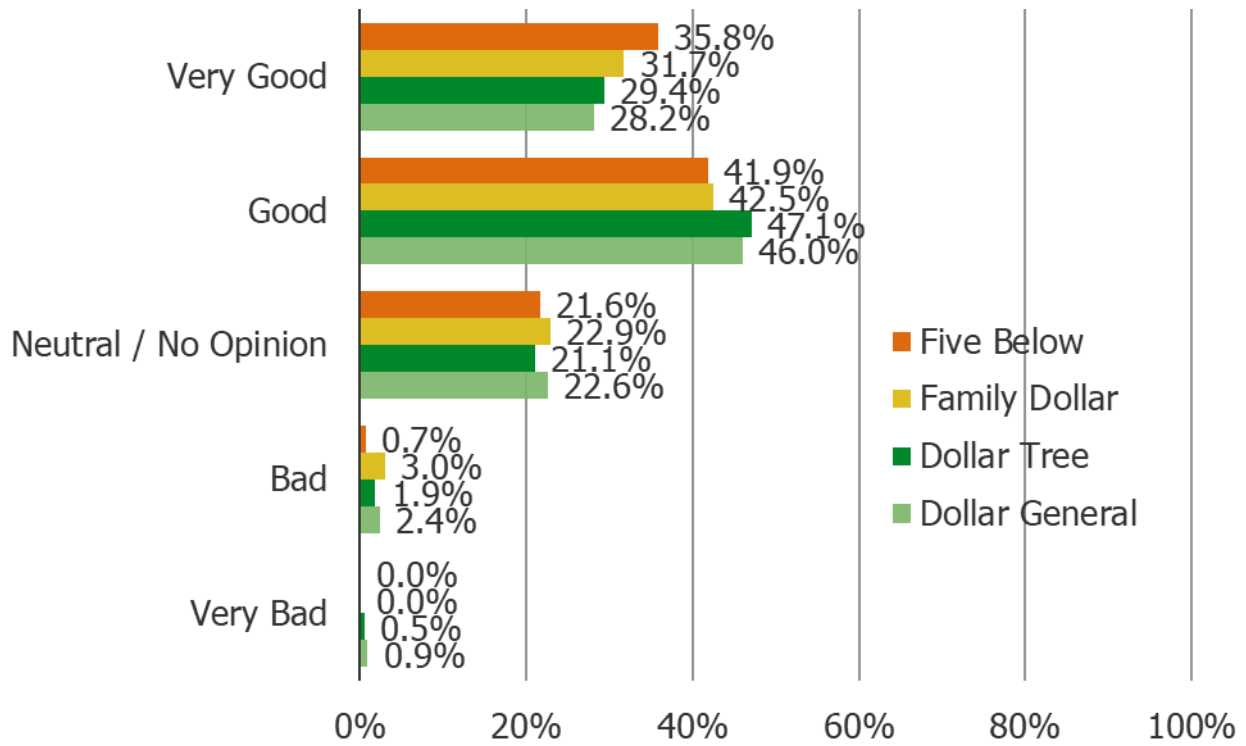
This question was posed to customers of each of the following...



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Dollar Tree	592
Family Dollar	407
Five Below	296

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AT THIS STORE?

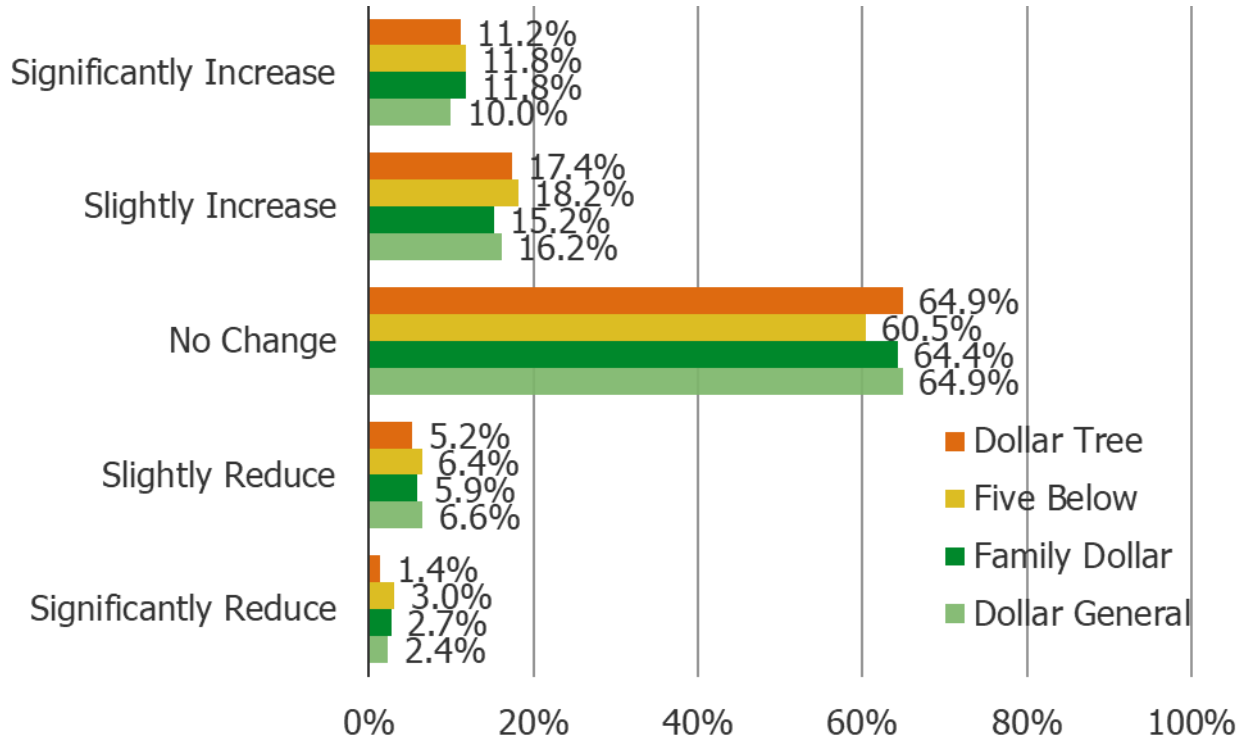
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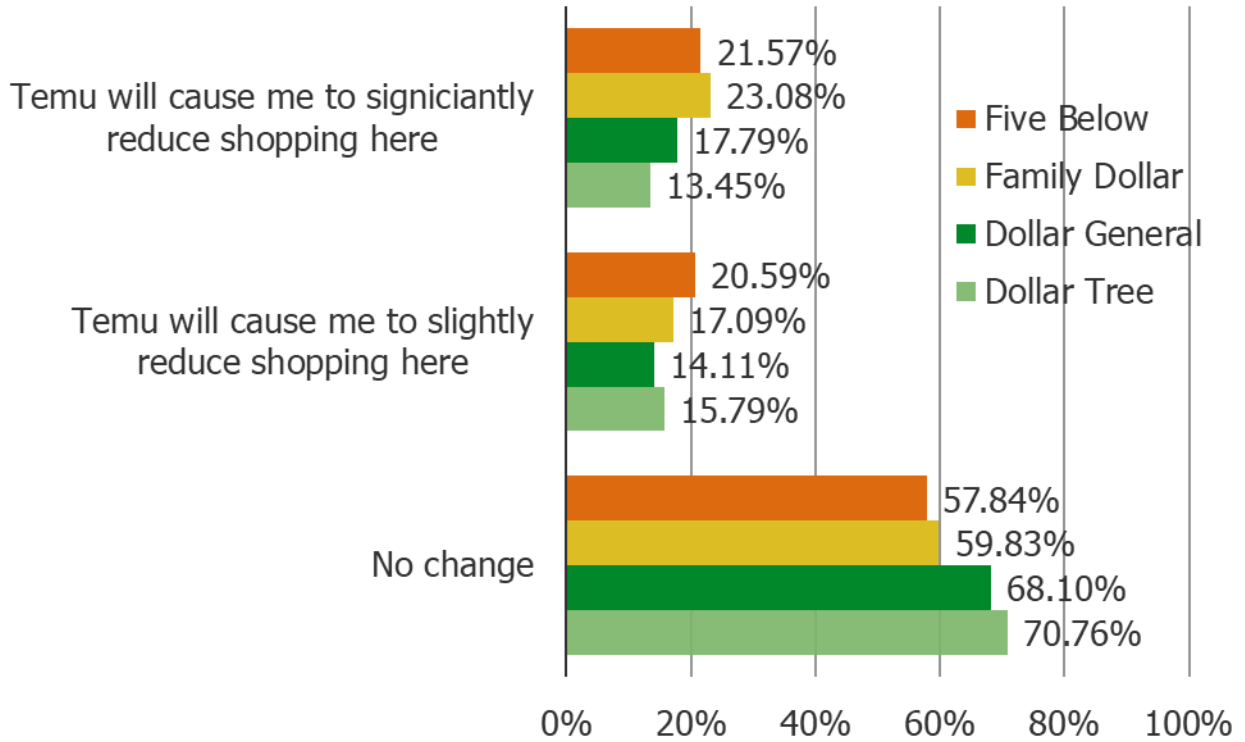
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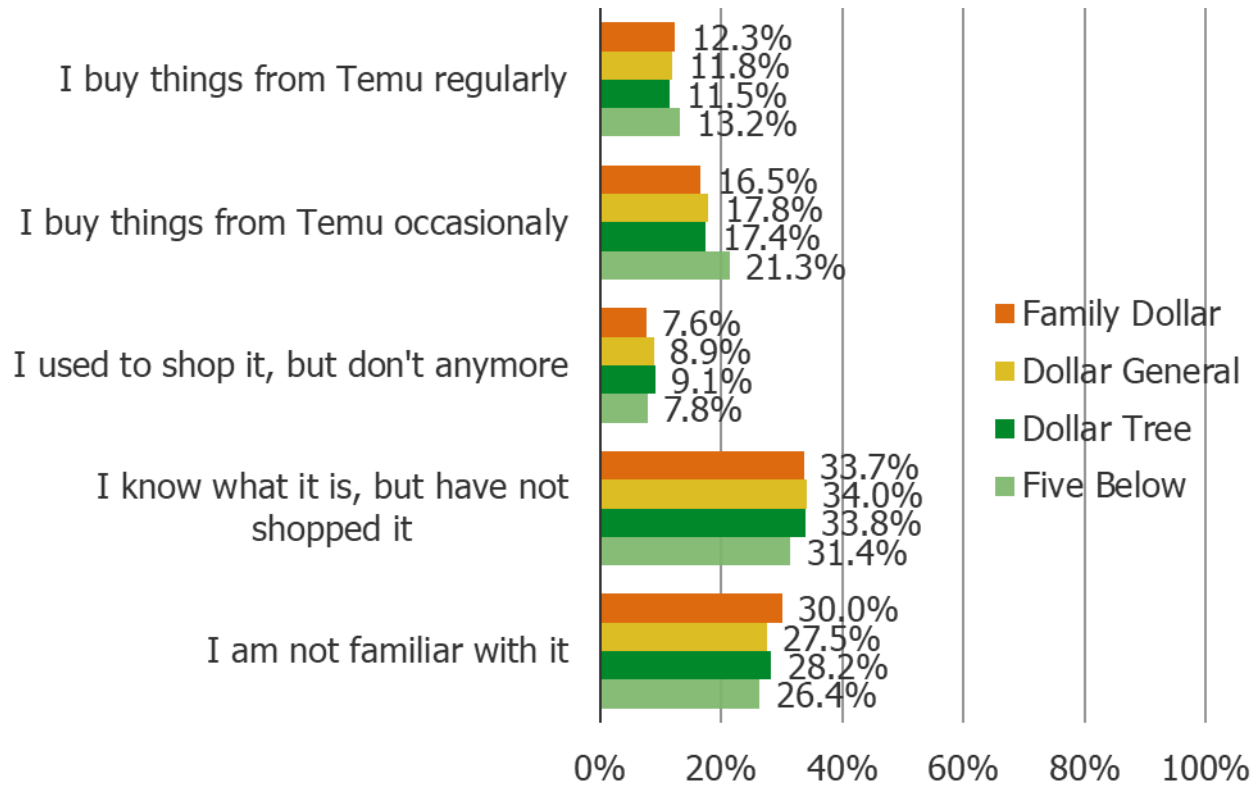
This question was posed to customers of Temu who ALSO shop each of the following...



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EXPERIENCE WITH TEMU | CUSTOMERS OF DOLLAR STORES

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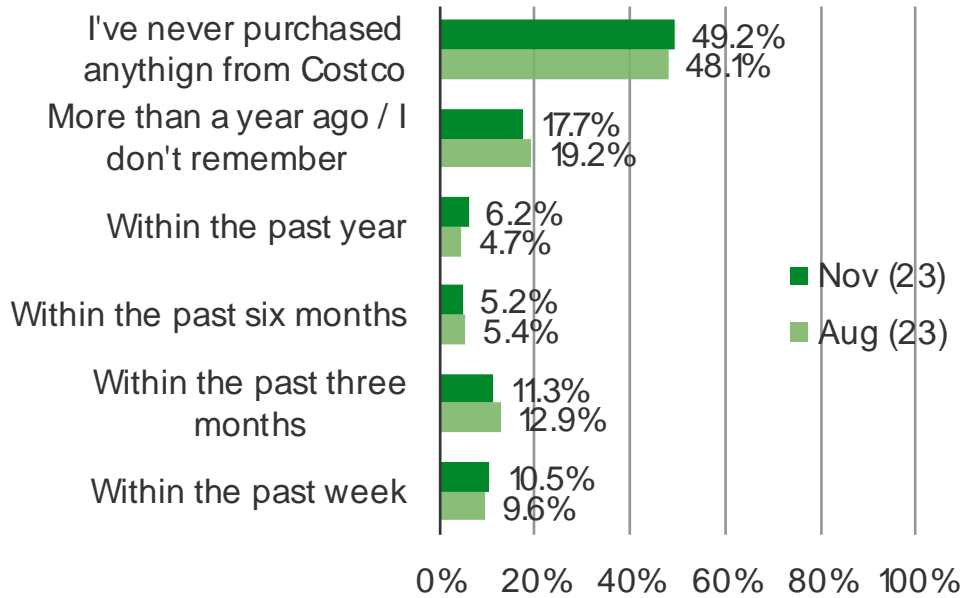
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Consumer Traffic, Online Share, and Sentiment

COSTCO

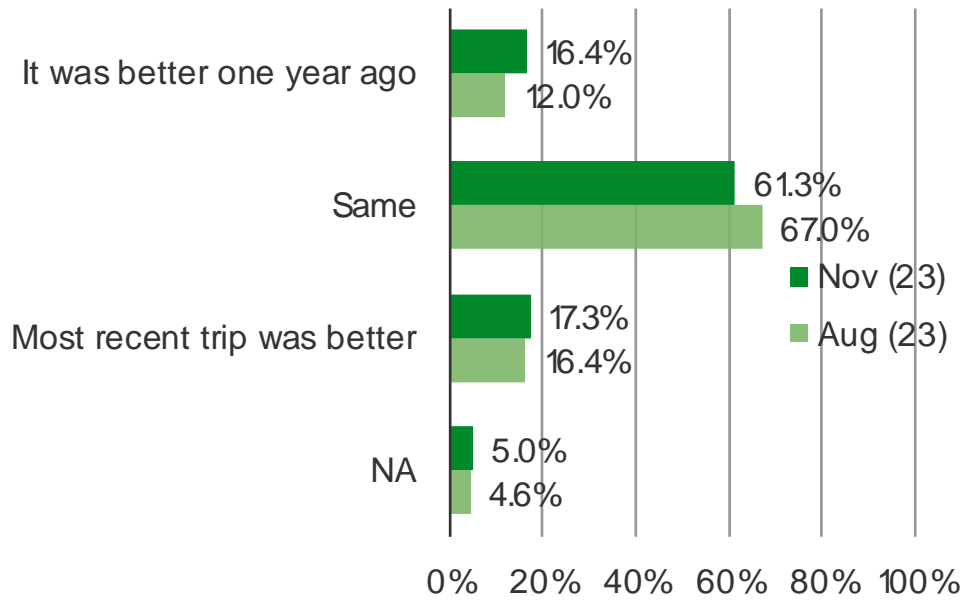
WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU PURCHASED ANYTHING FROM COSTCO?

This question was posed to all consumers.



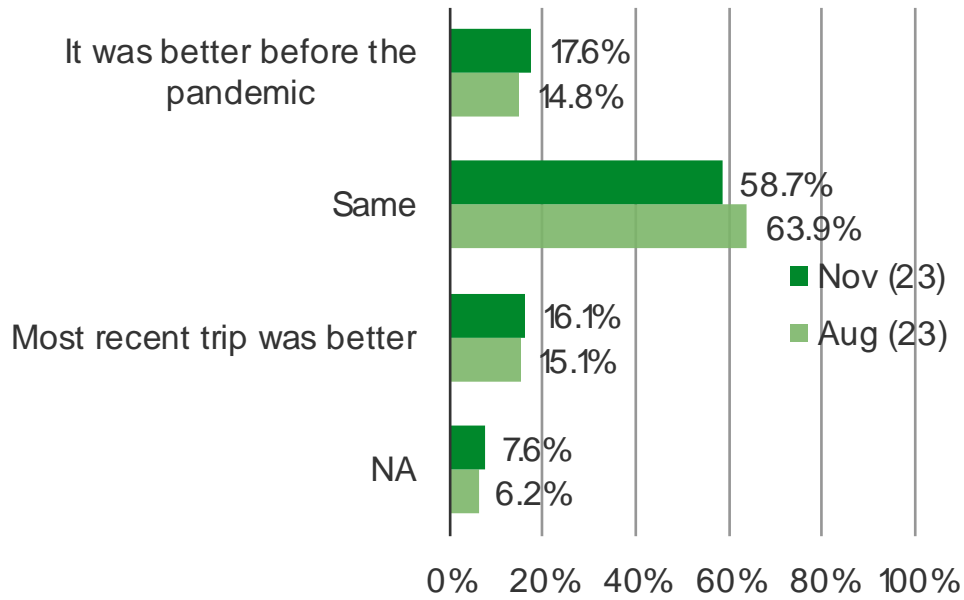
THINKING ABOUT YOUR LAST TRIP TO COSTCO, WAS THE IN-STORE EXPERIENCE BETTER OR WORSE COMPARED TO ONE YEAR AGO?

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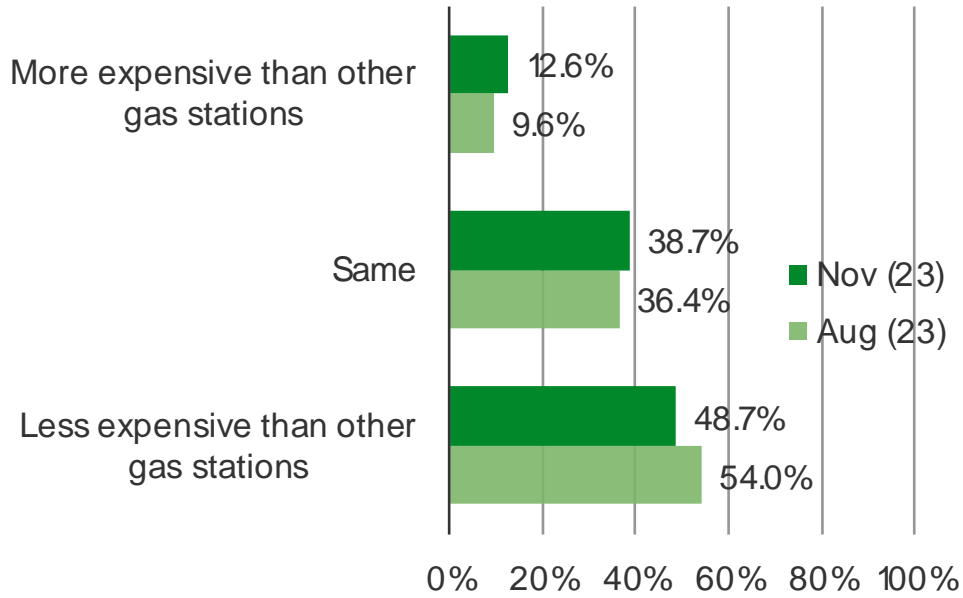
THINKING ABOUT YOUR LAST TRIP TO COSTCO, WAS THE IN-STORE EXPERIENCE BETTER OR WORSE COMPARED TO BEFORE THE PANDEMIC?

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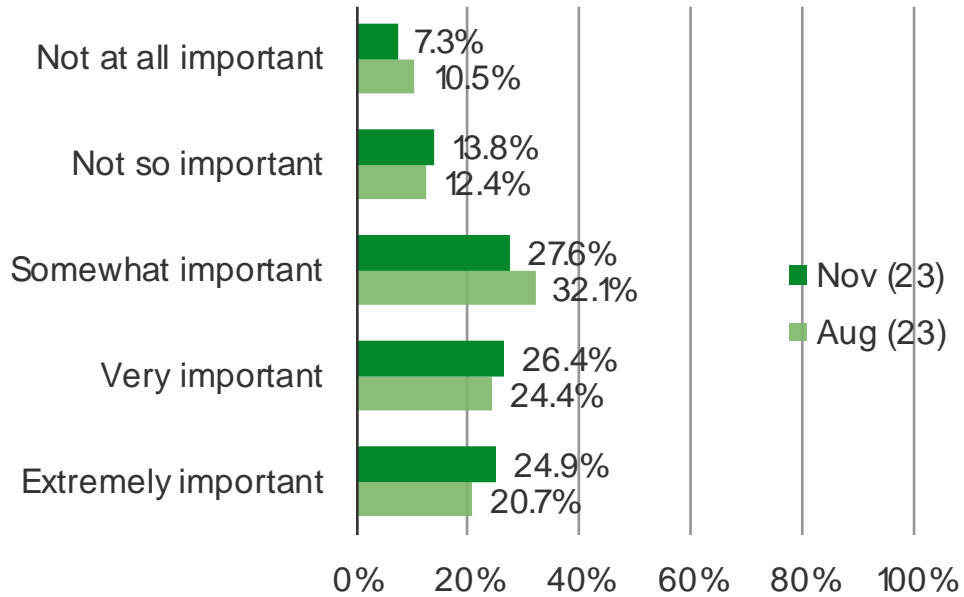
DO YOU FIND THAT COSTCO FUEL/GAS PRICING IS...

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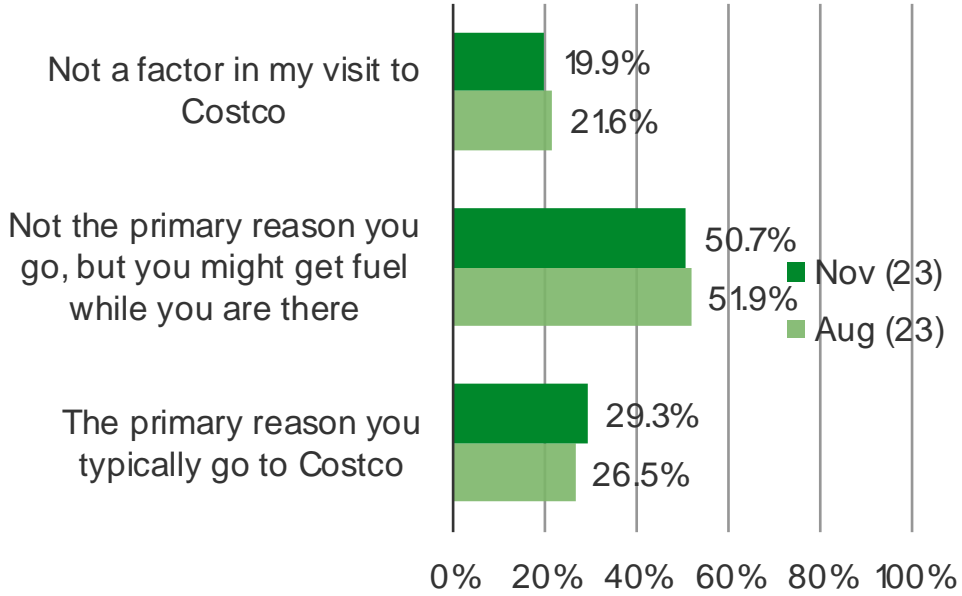
HOW IMPORTANT WAS SAVING MONEY ON FUEL TO YOU IN SIGNING UP FOR A COSTCO MEMBERSHIP TO BEGIN WITH?

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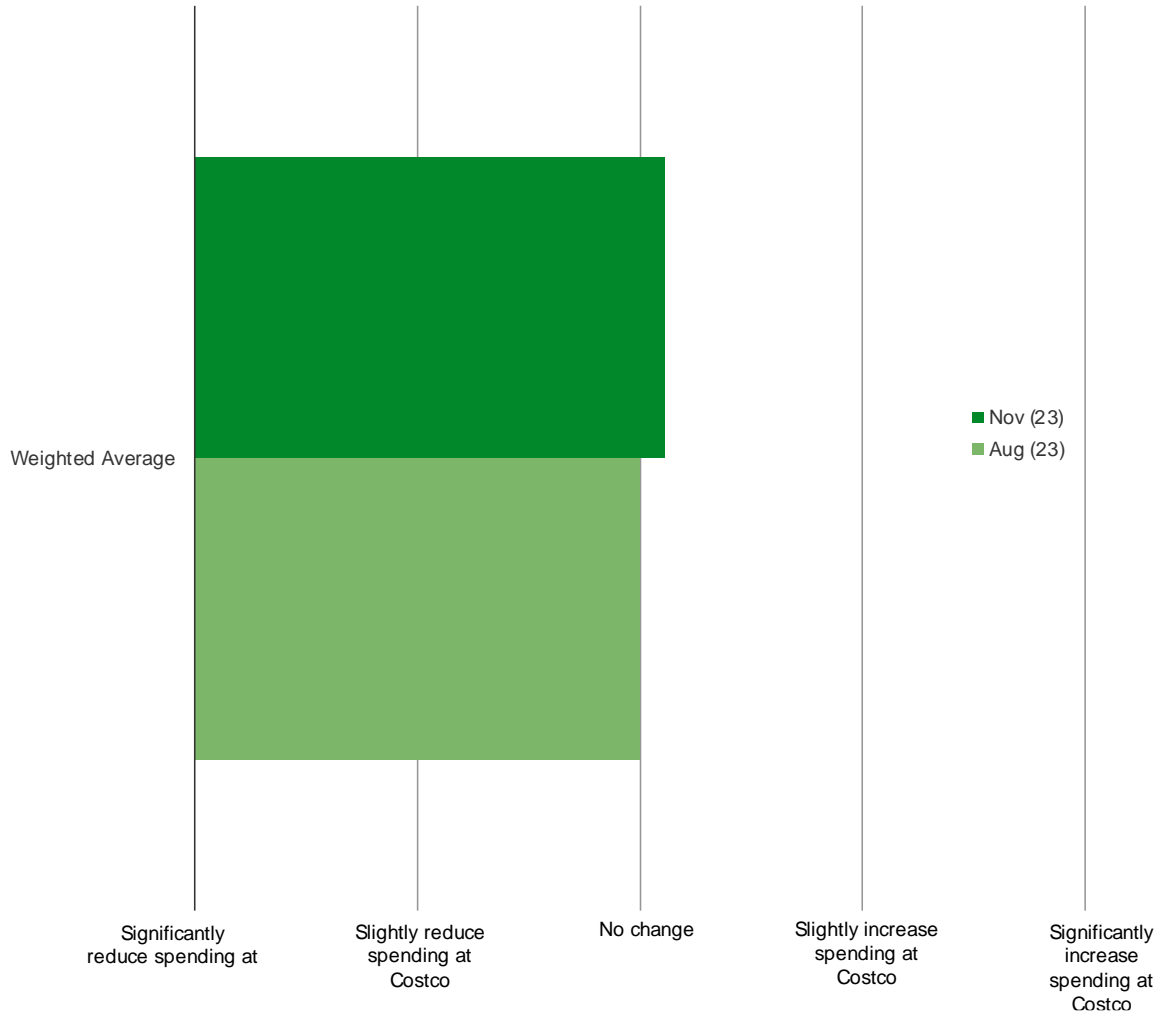
WHEN YOU GO TO COSTCO, IS GETTING LOWER COST FUEL...

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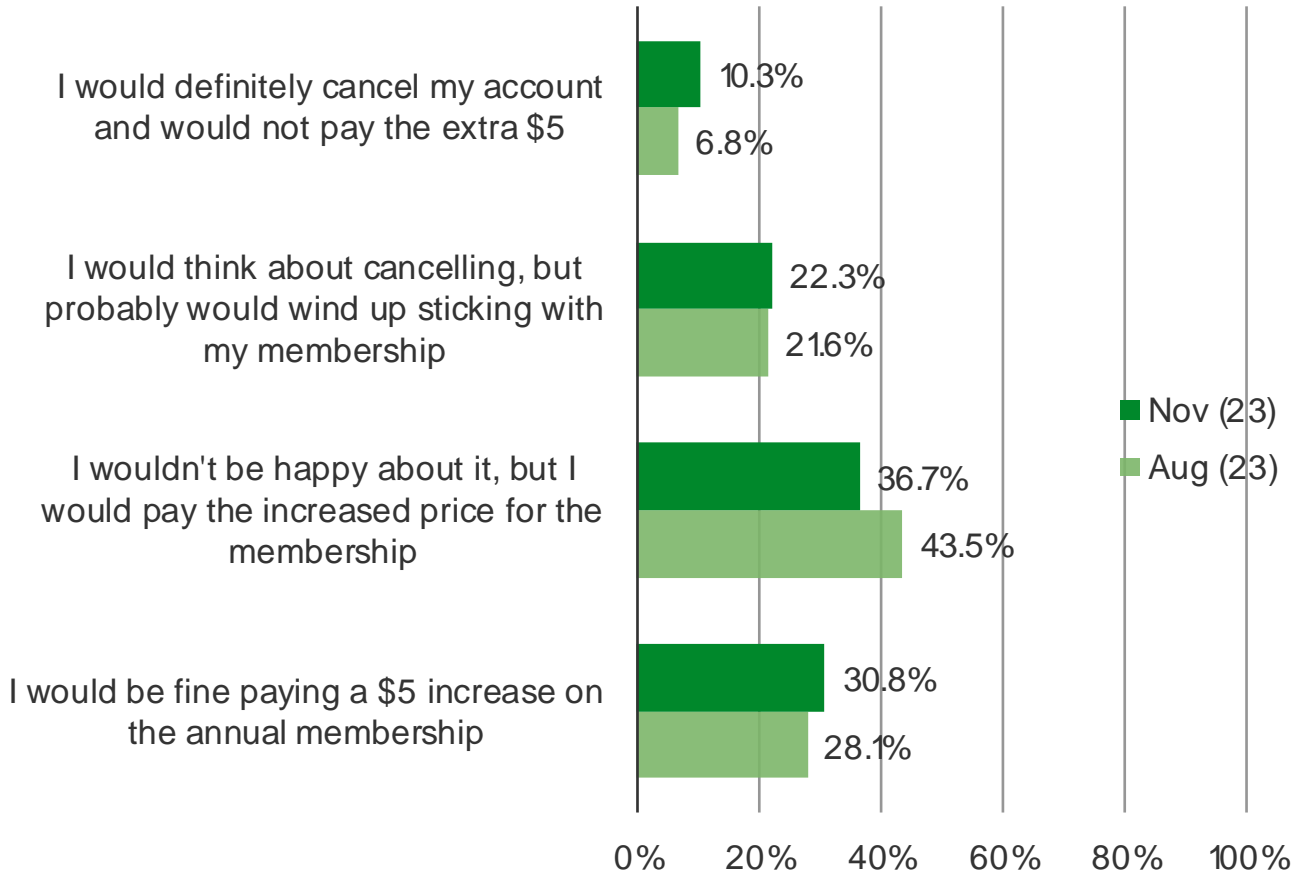
GOING FORWARD, DO YOU EXPECT TO...

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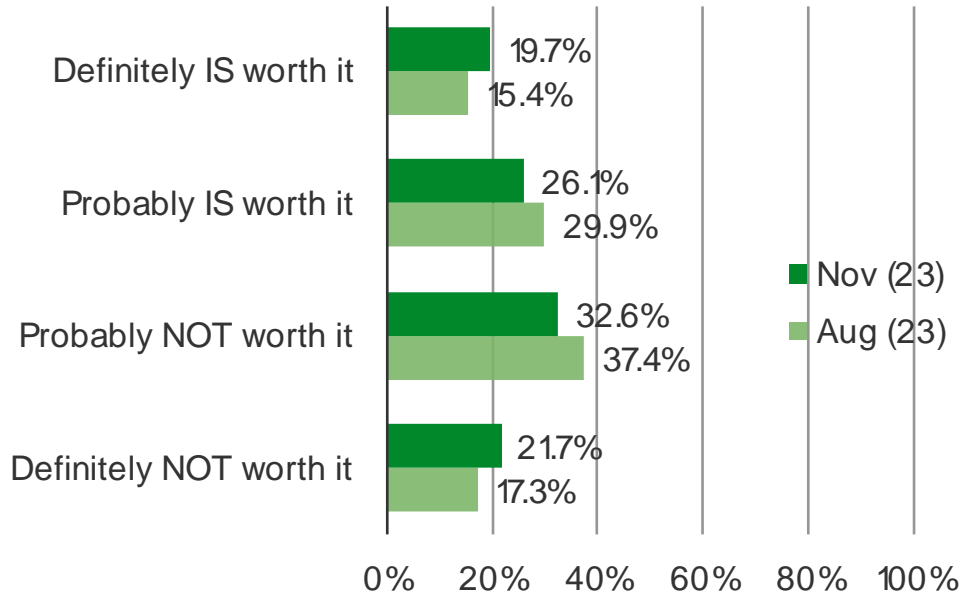
IF COSTCO INCREASED THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES BY \$5, HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND?

This question was posed to all consumers who have purchased anything from Costco within the past year.



IN YOUR OPINION, IS IT WORTH IT TO UPGRADE FROM THE \$60 MEMBERSHIP TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR \$120 PER YEAR TO GET ACCESS TO THE 2% CASH BACK REWARD ON YOUR COSTCO PURCHASES?

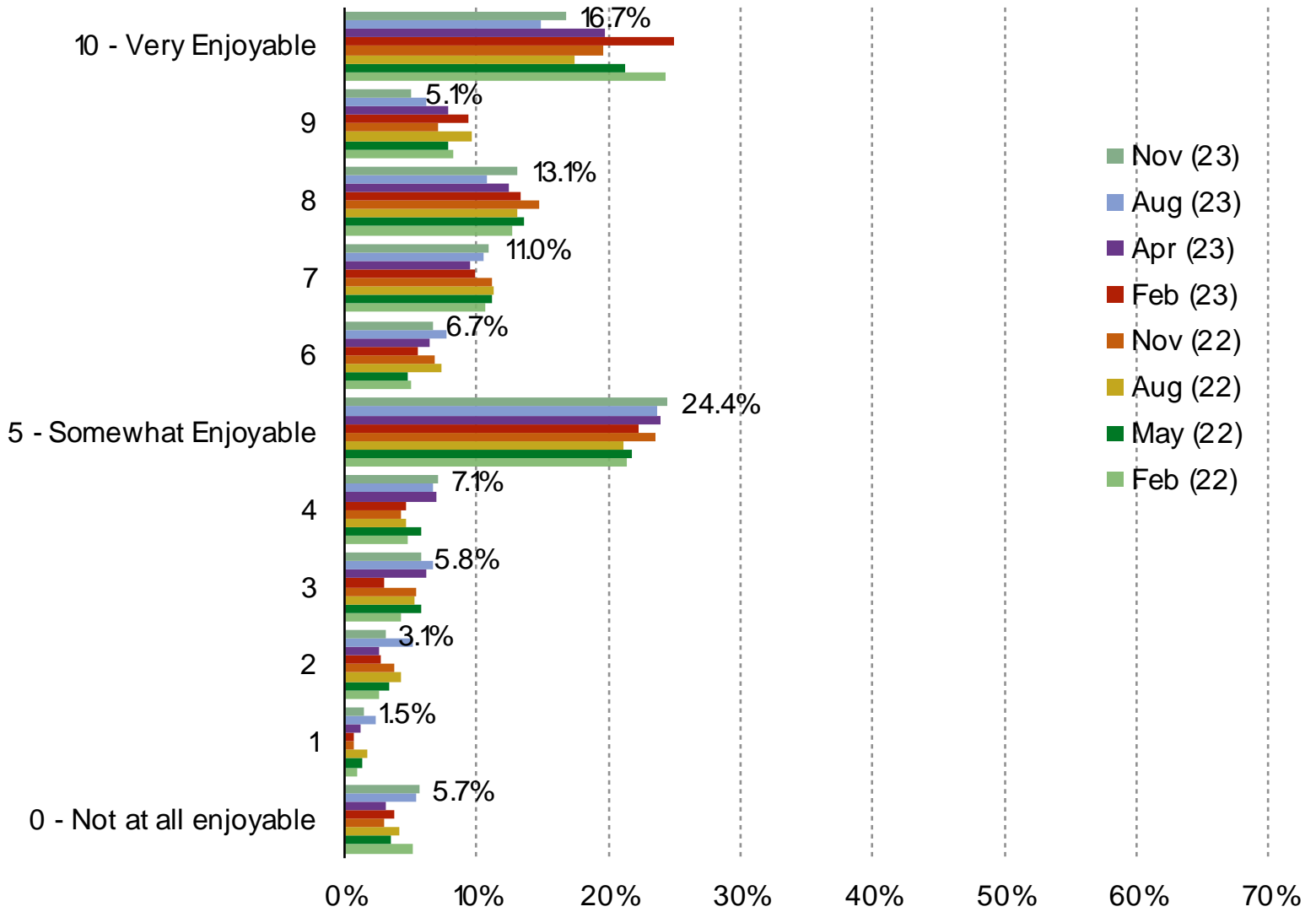
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IN-STORE EXPERIENCE

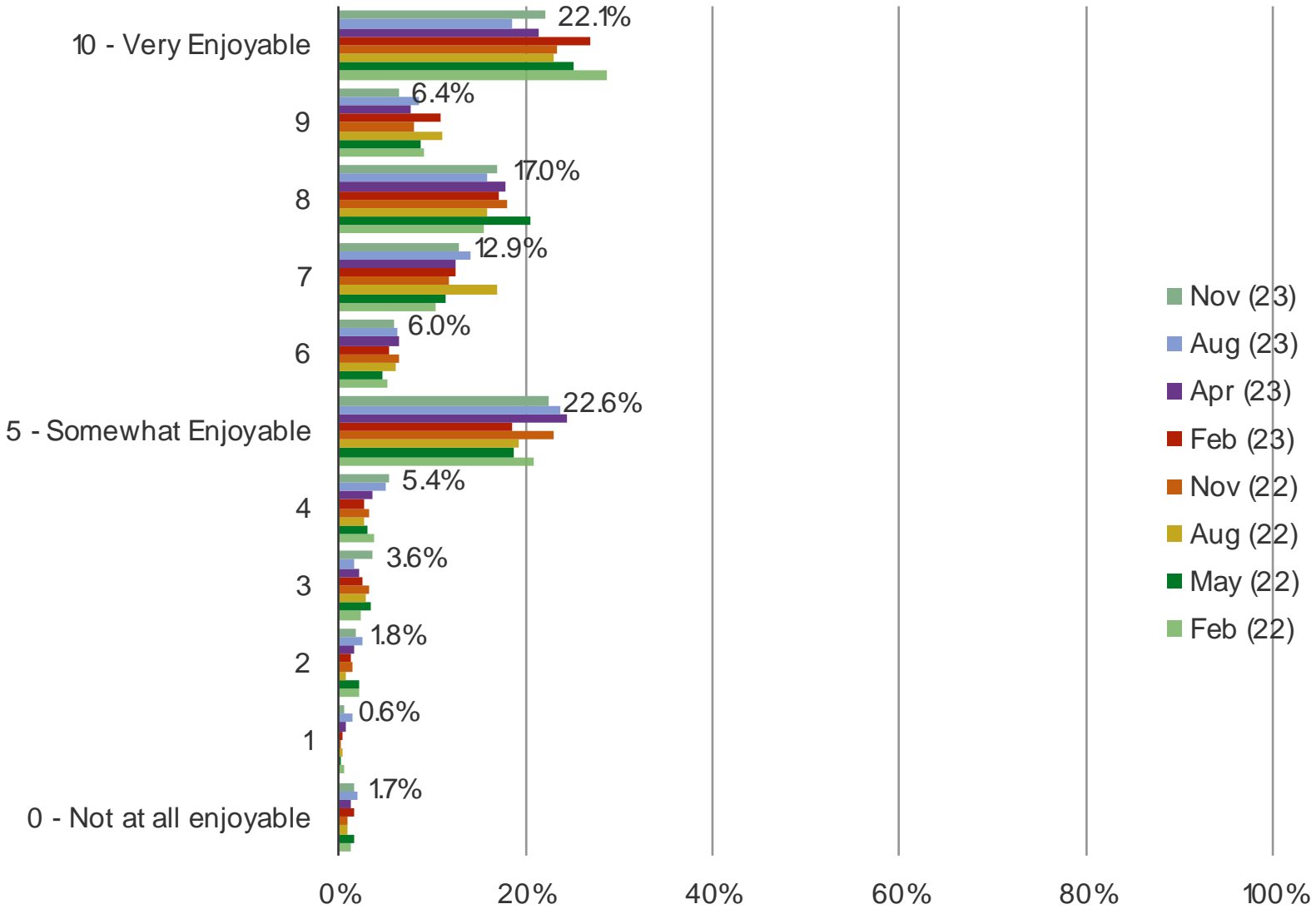
DO YOU FIND IT ENJOYABLE TO VISIT WAL-MART STORES?

This question was posed to all consumers who visit Walmart stores.



DO YOU FIND IT ENJOYABLE TO VISIT TARGET STORES?

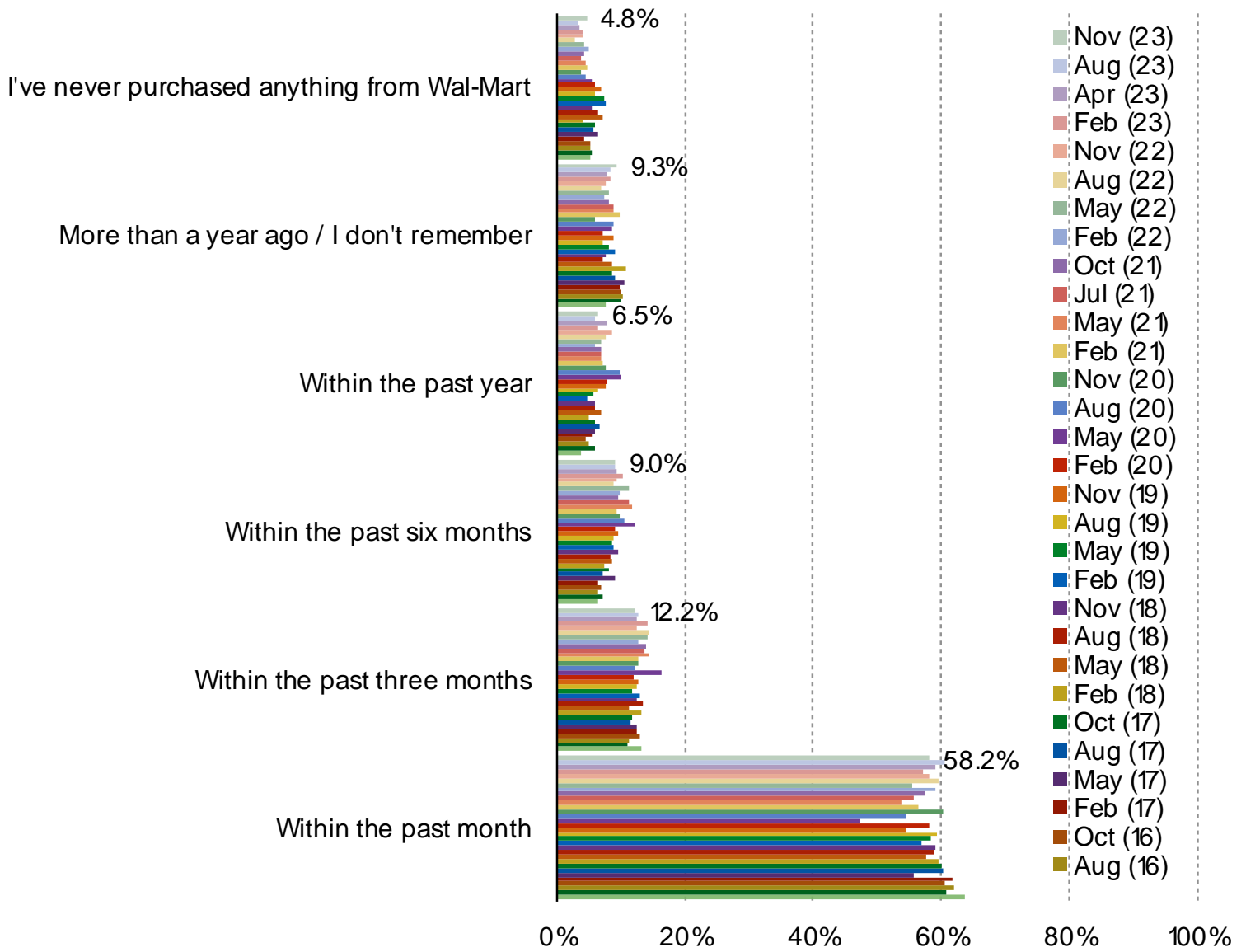
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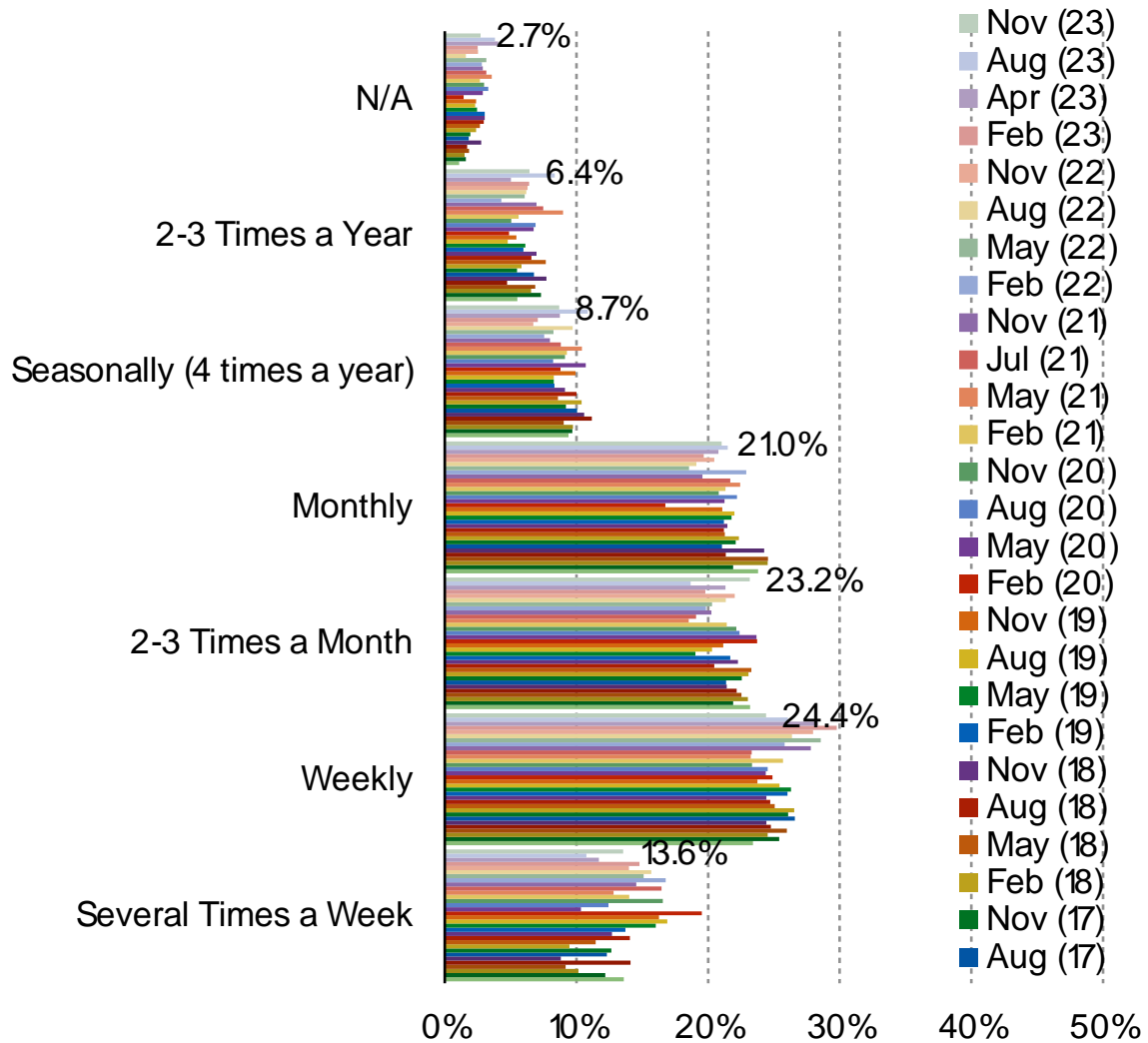
ALL CONSUMERS: LAST TIME PURCHASING FROM WAL-MART

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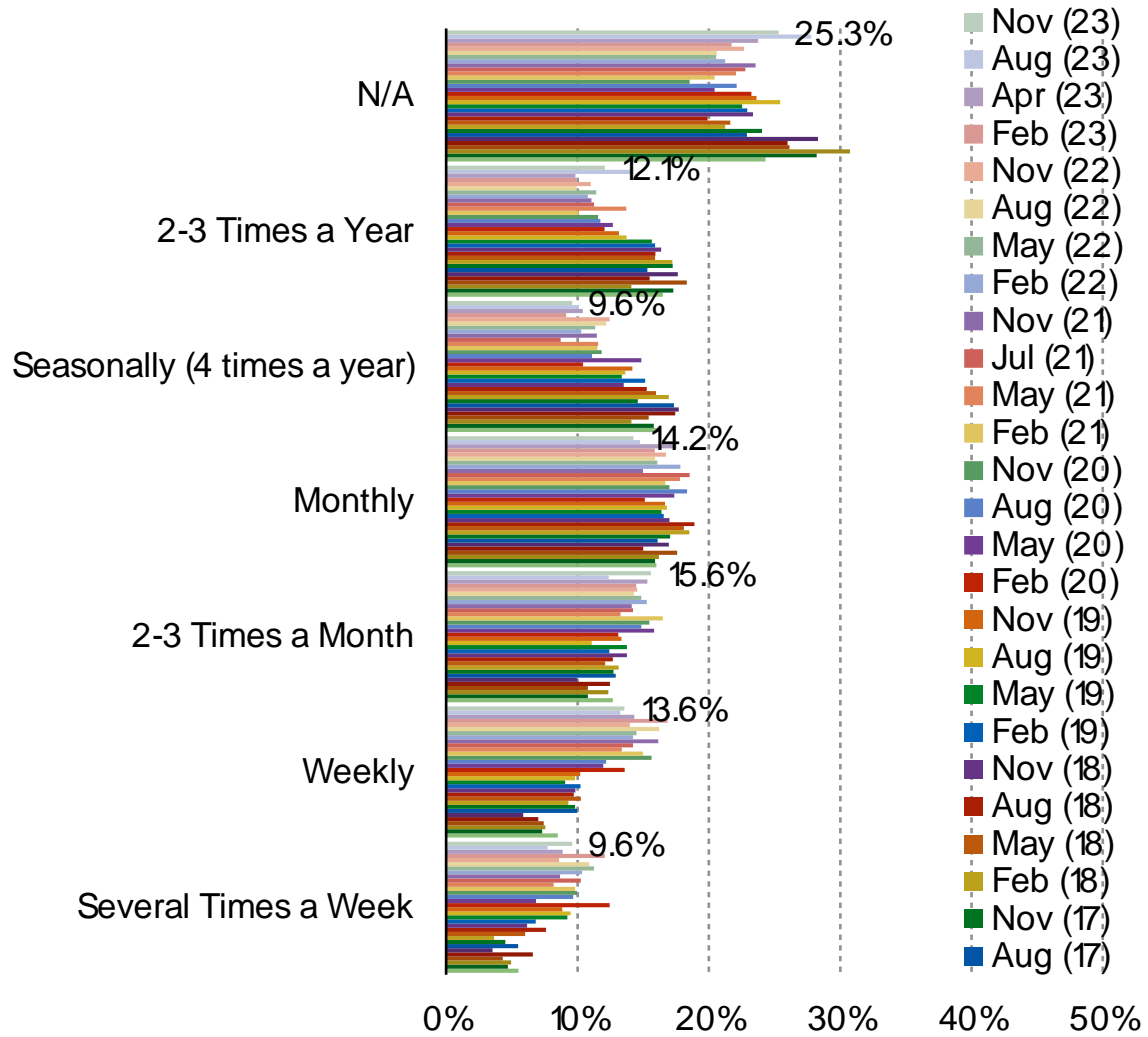
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Posed to respondents who have purchased from Wal-Mart in the past 12 months.



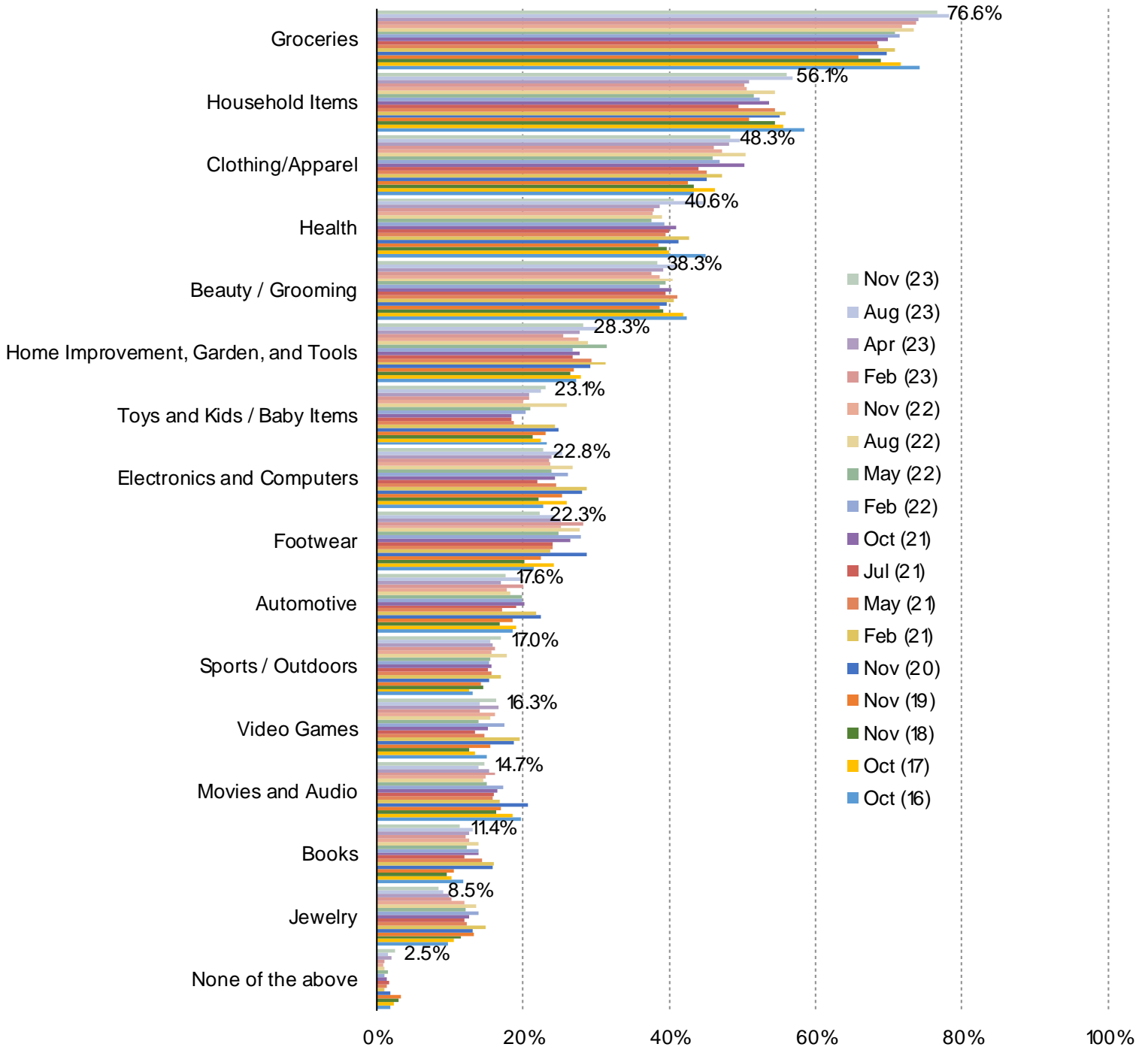
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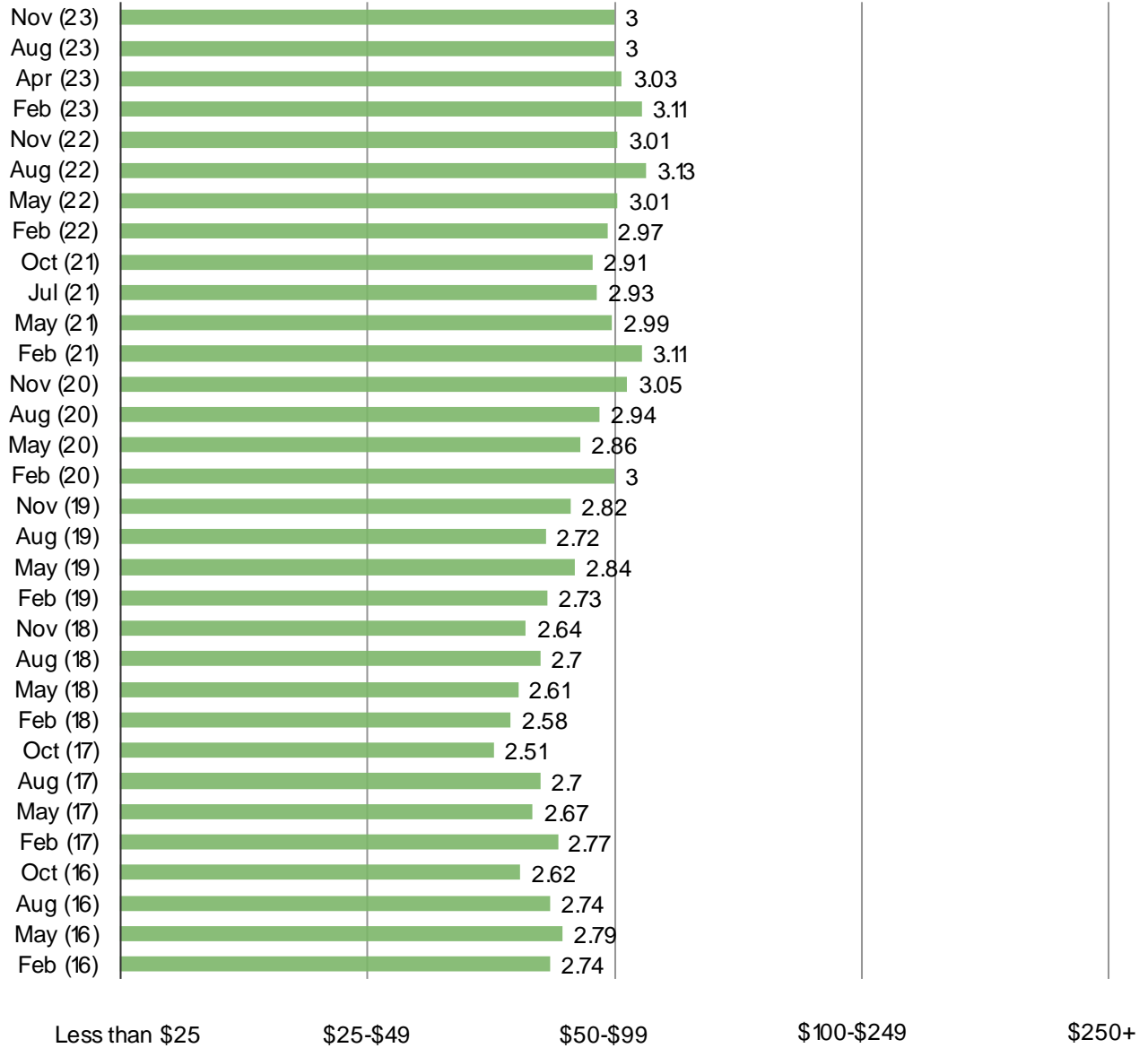
WAL-MART CUSTOMERS: WHAT THEY TYPICALLY BUY FROM WAL-MART (Q/Q TREND)

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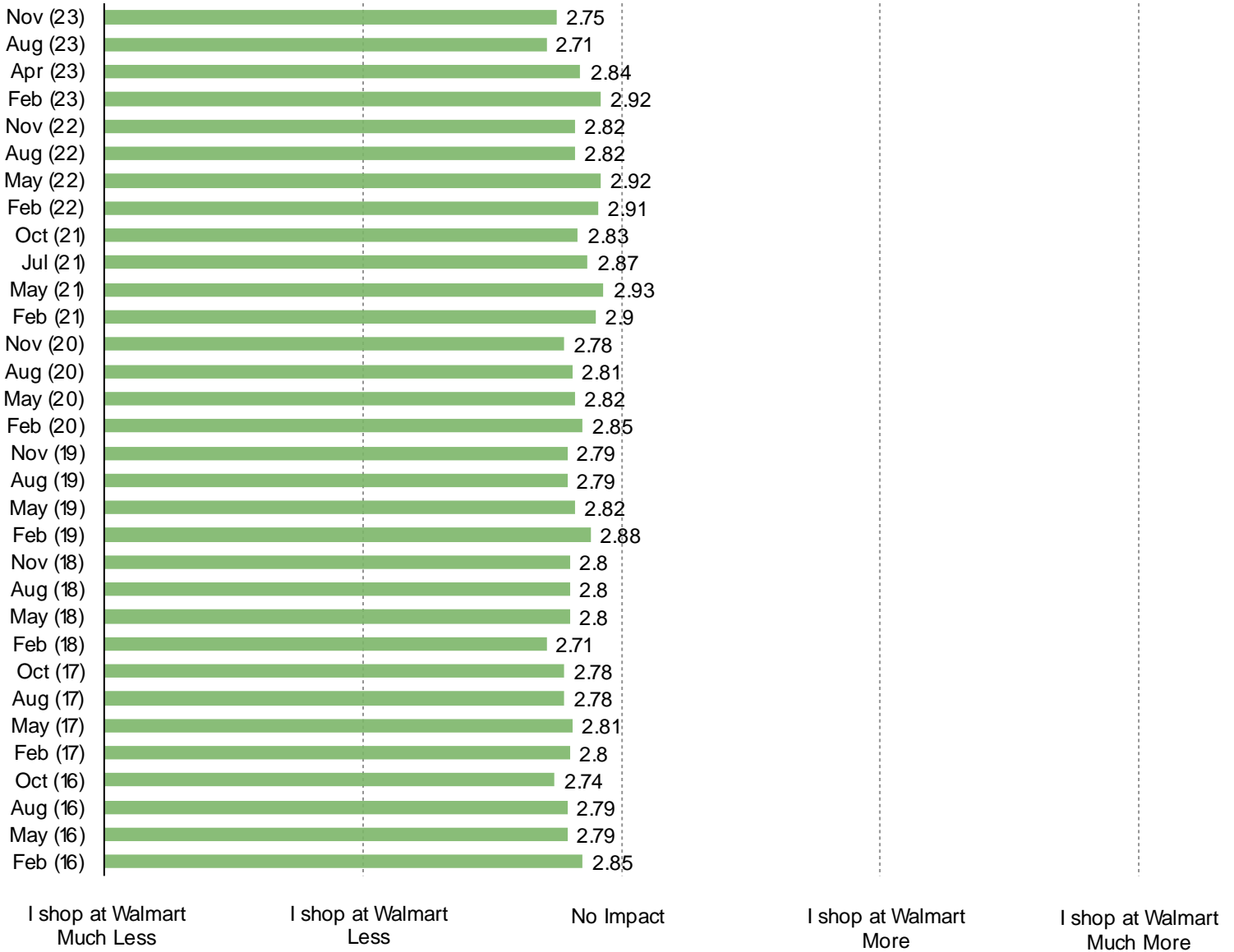
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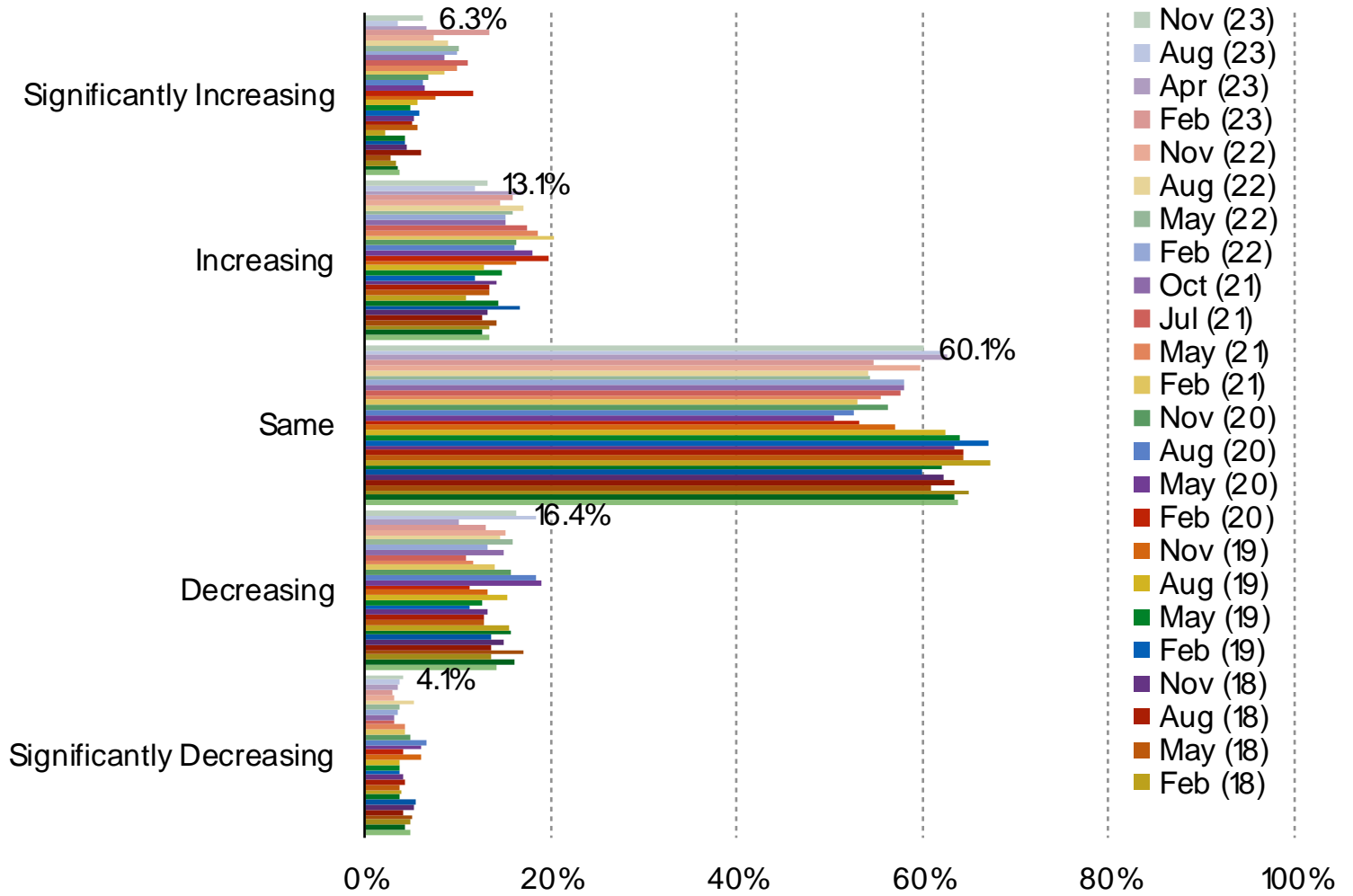
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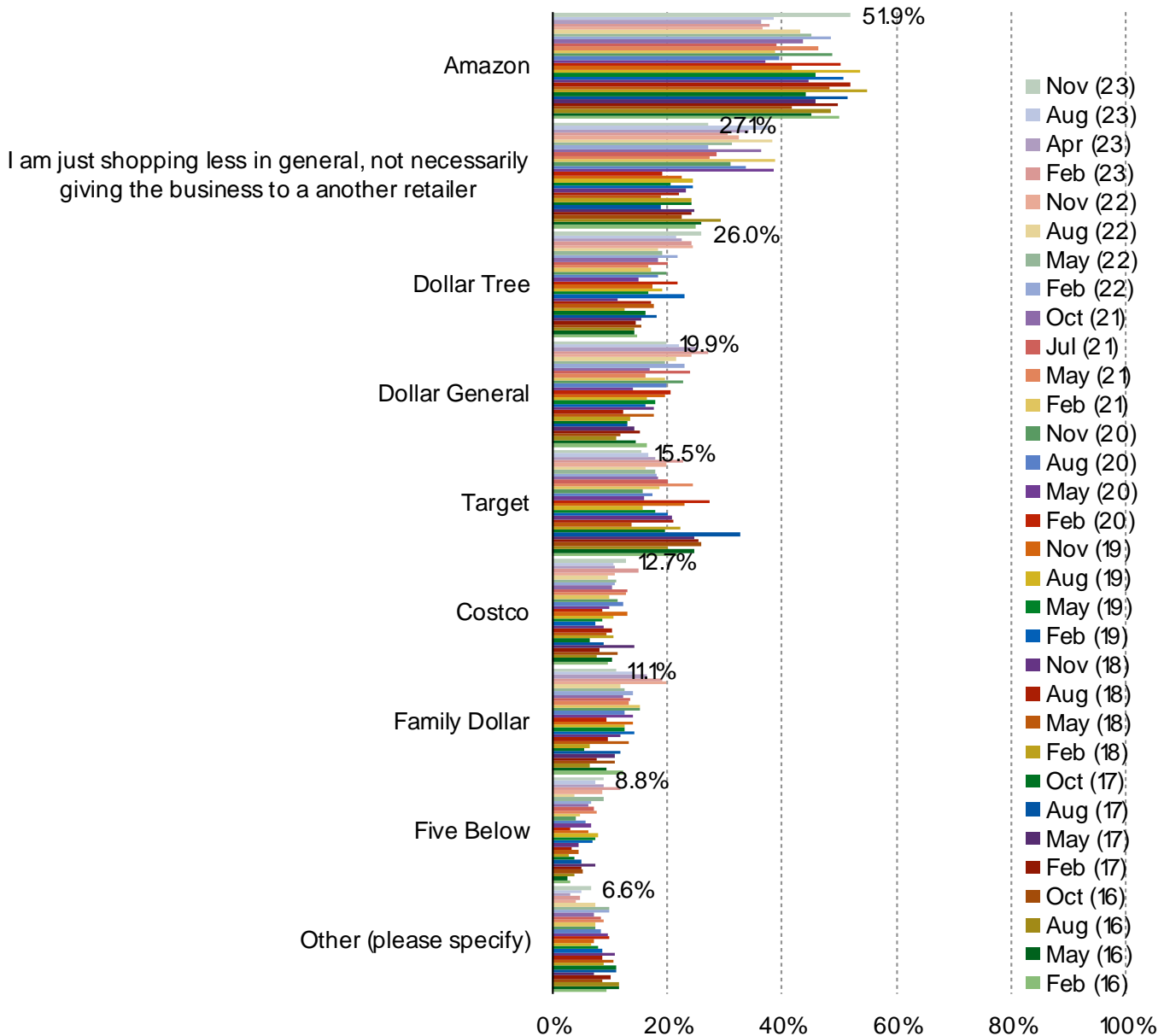
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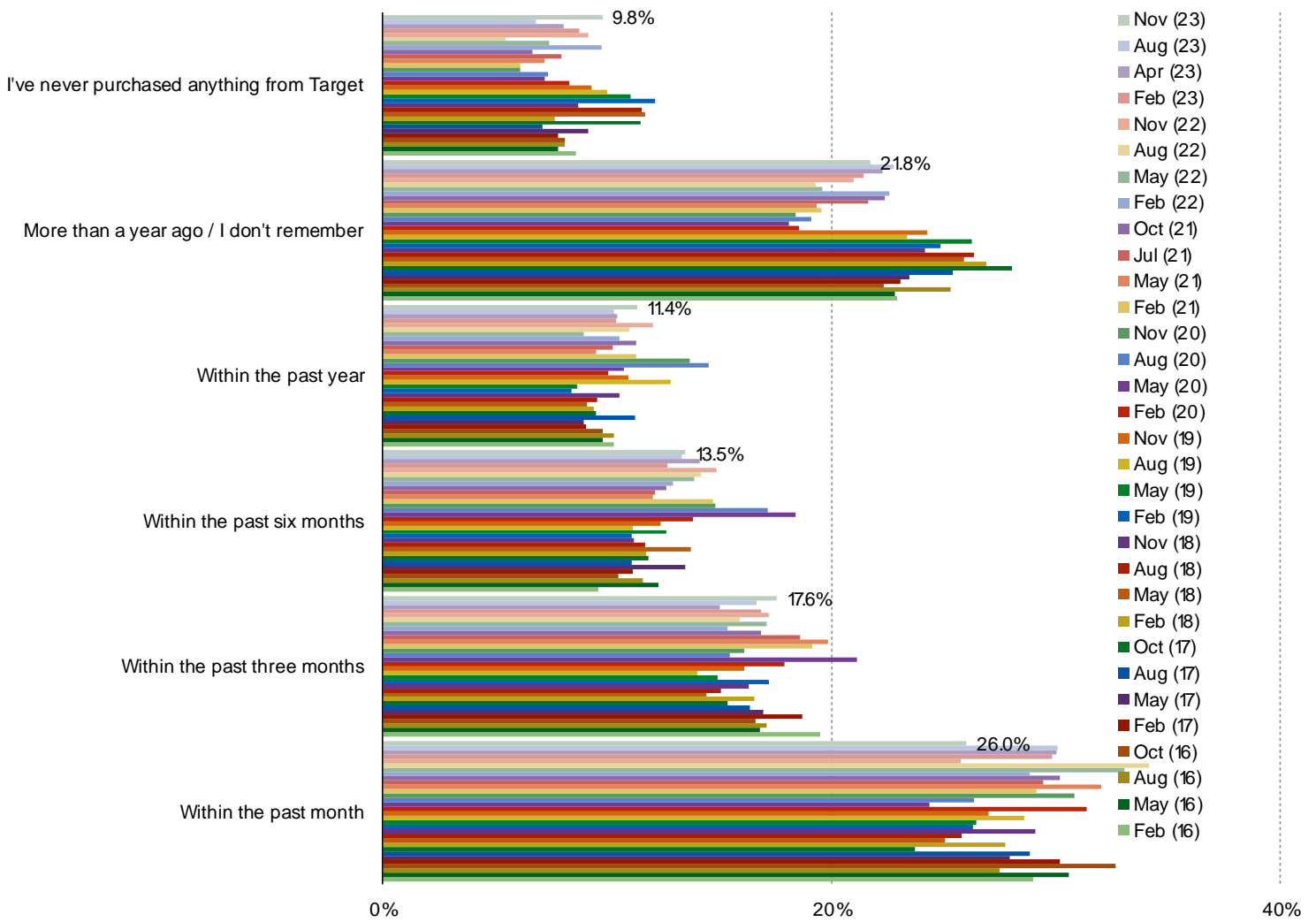
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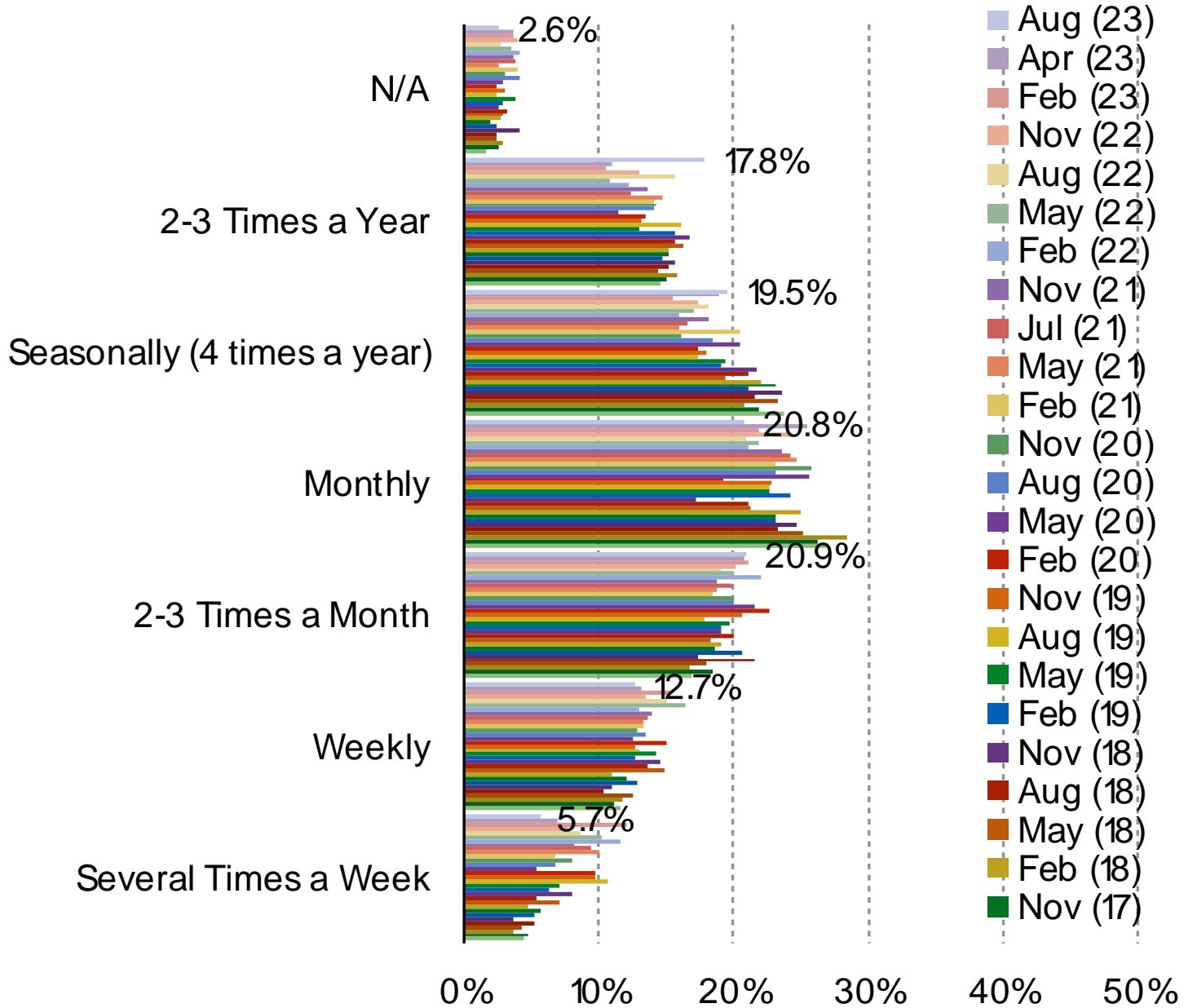
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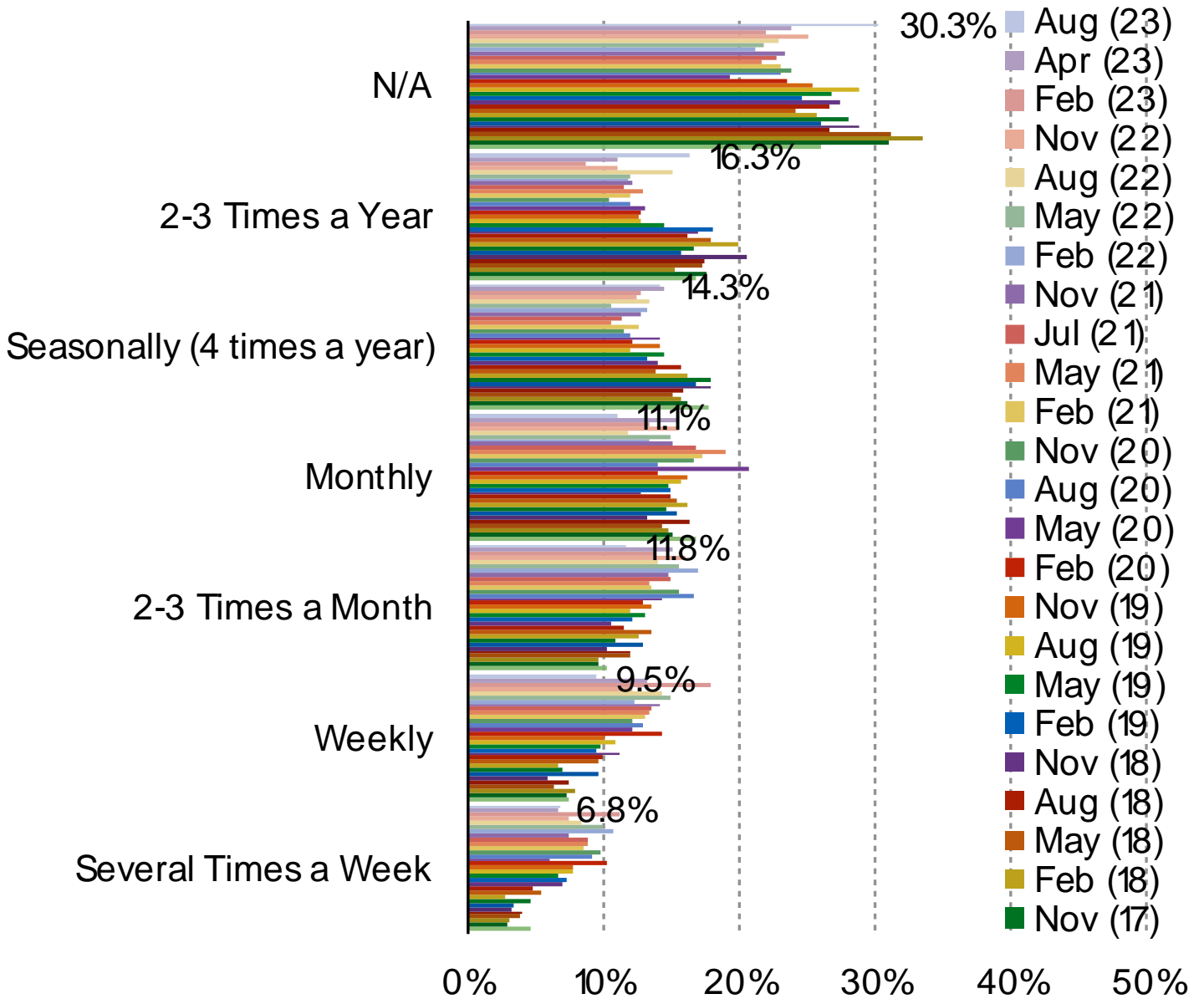
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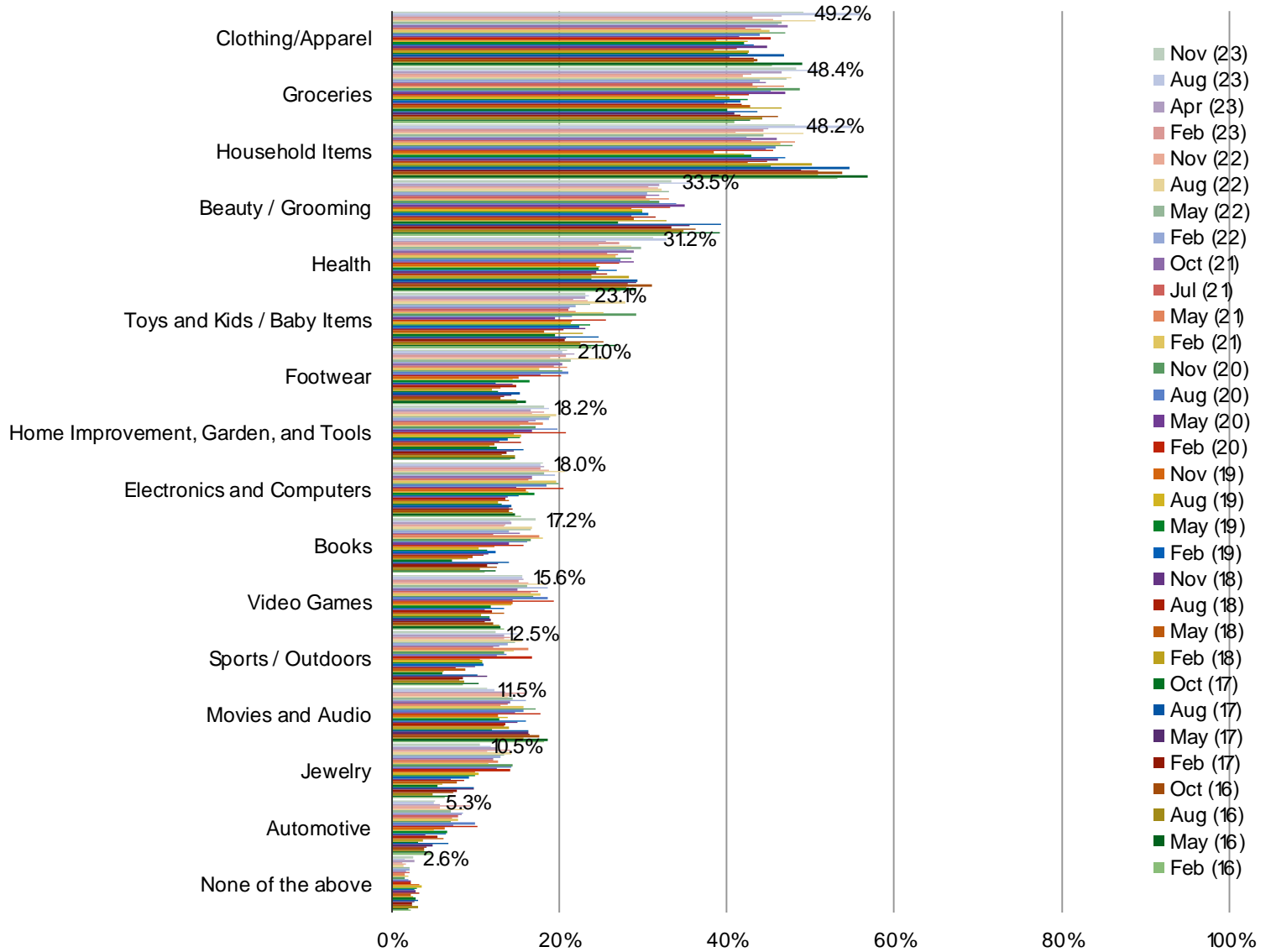
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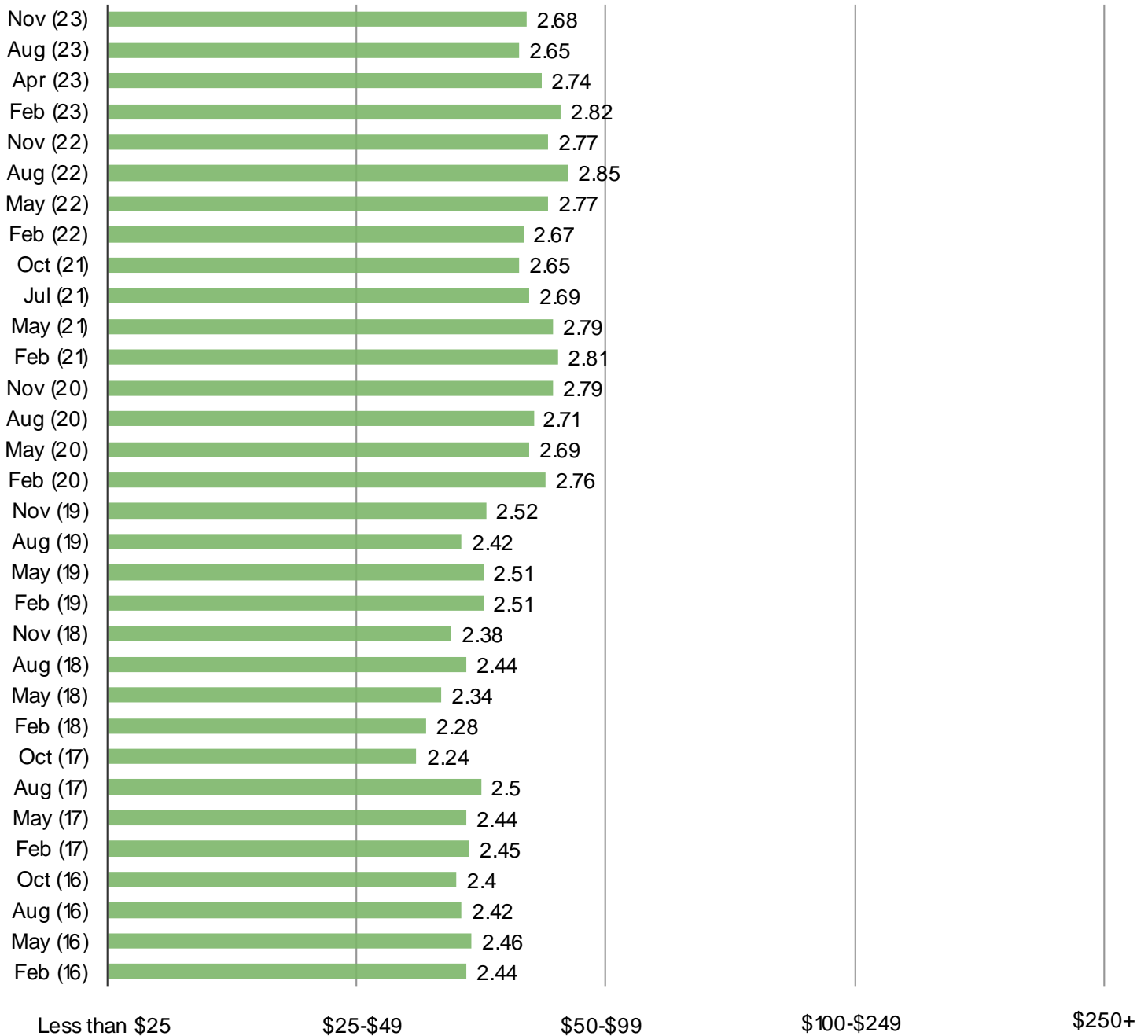
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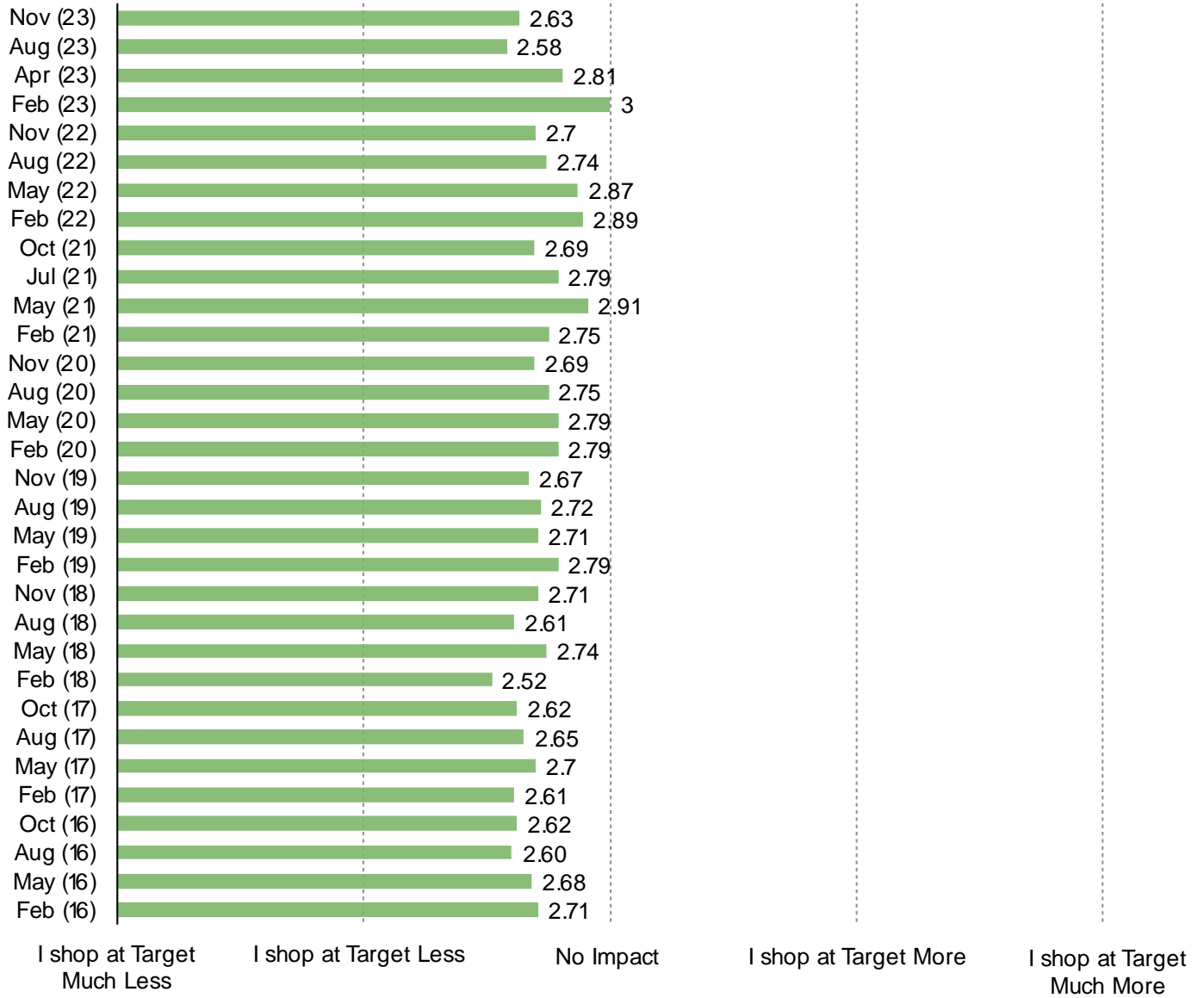
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I shop at Target
Much Less

I shop at Target Less

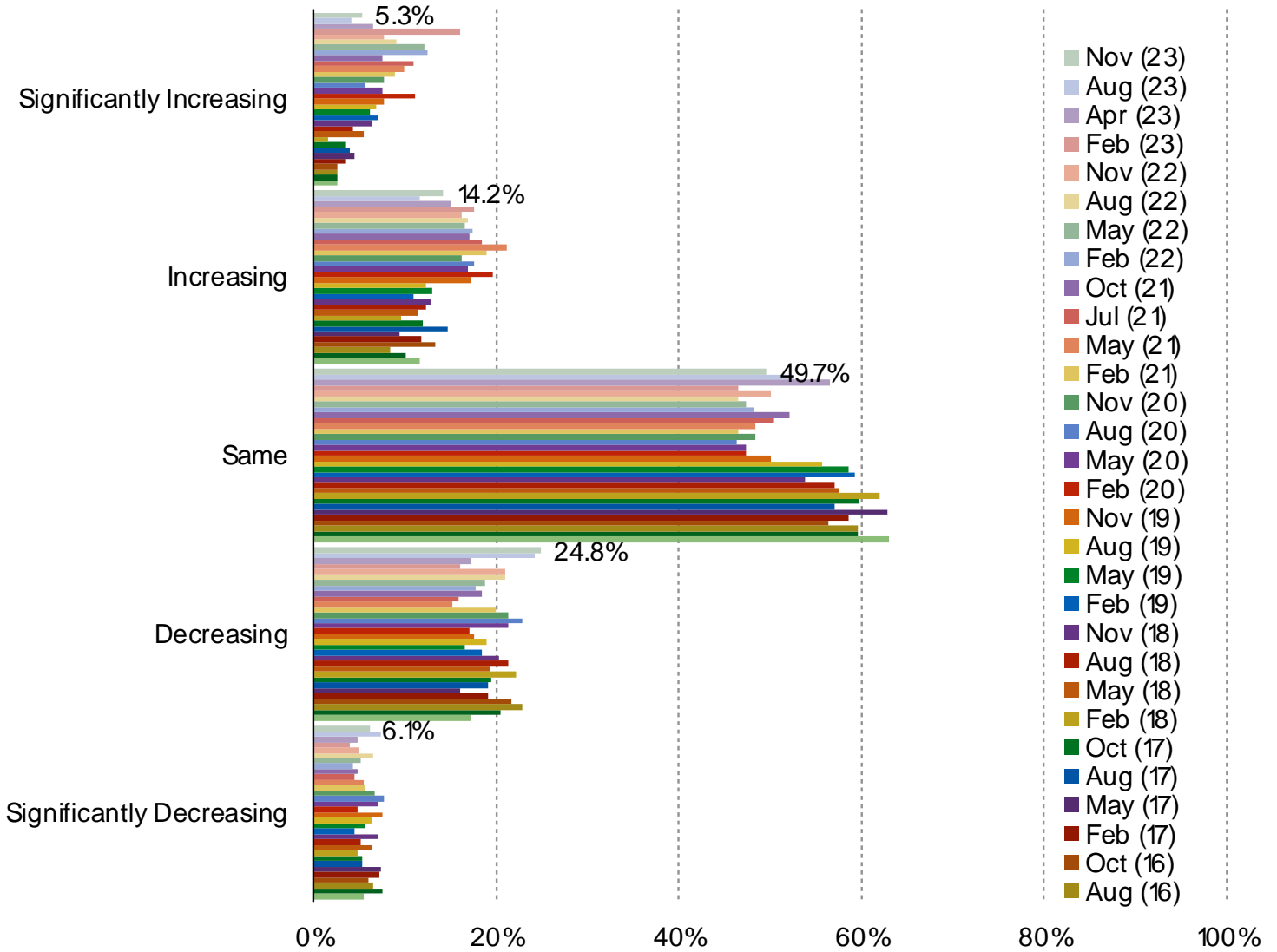
No Impact

I shop at Target More

I shop at Target
Much More

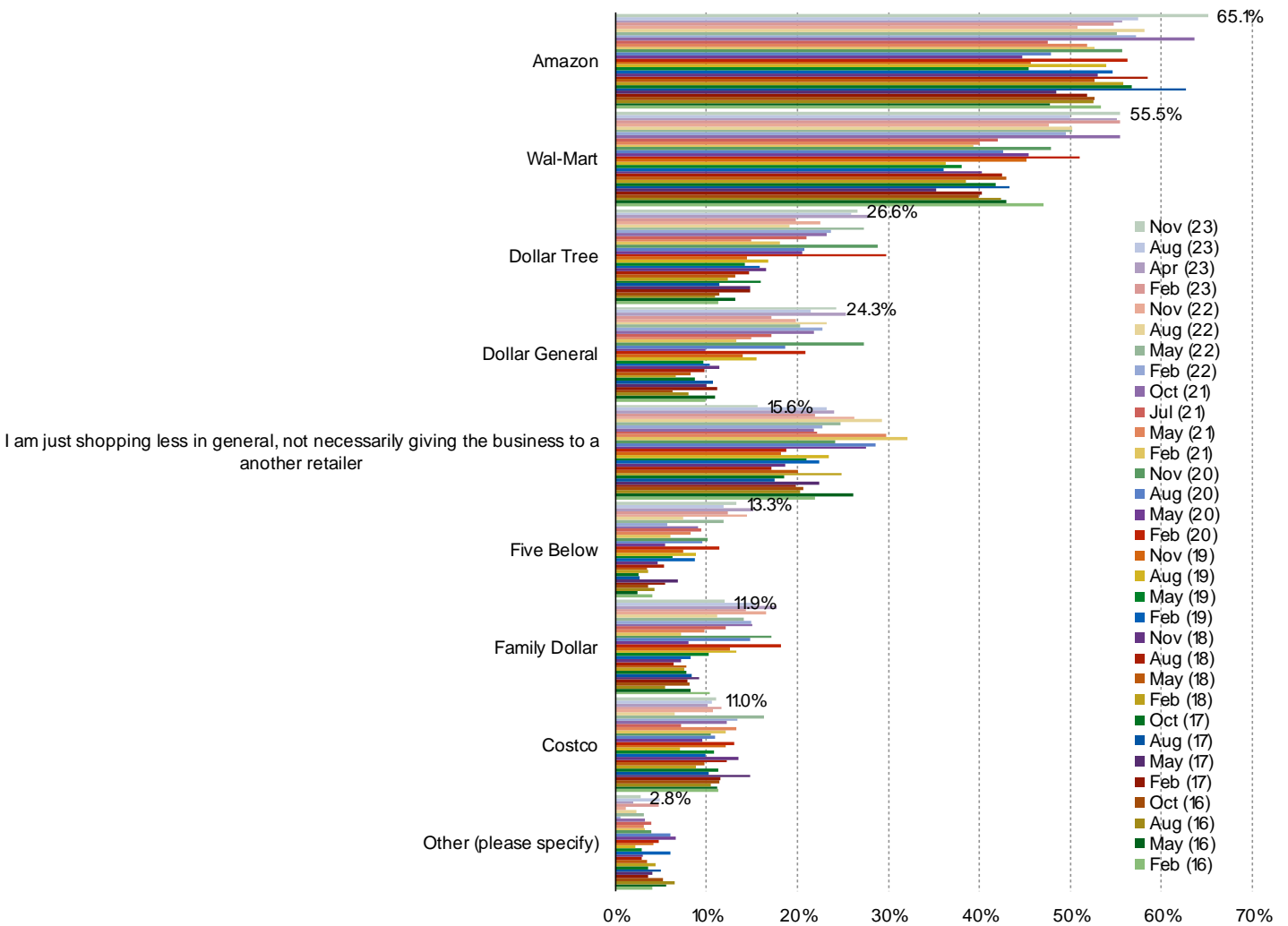
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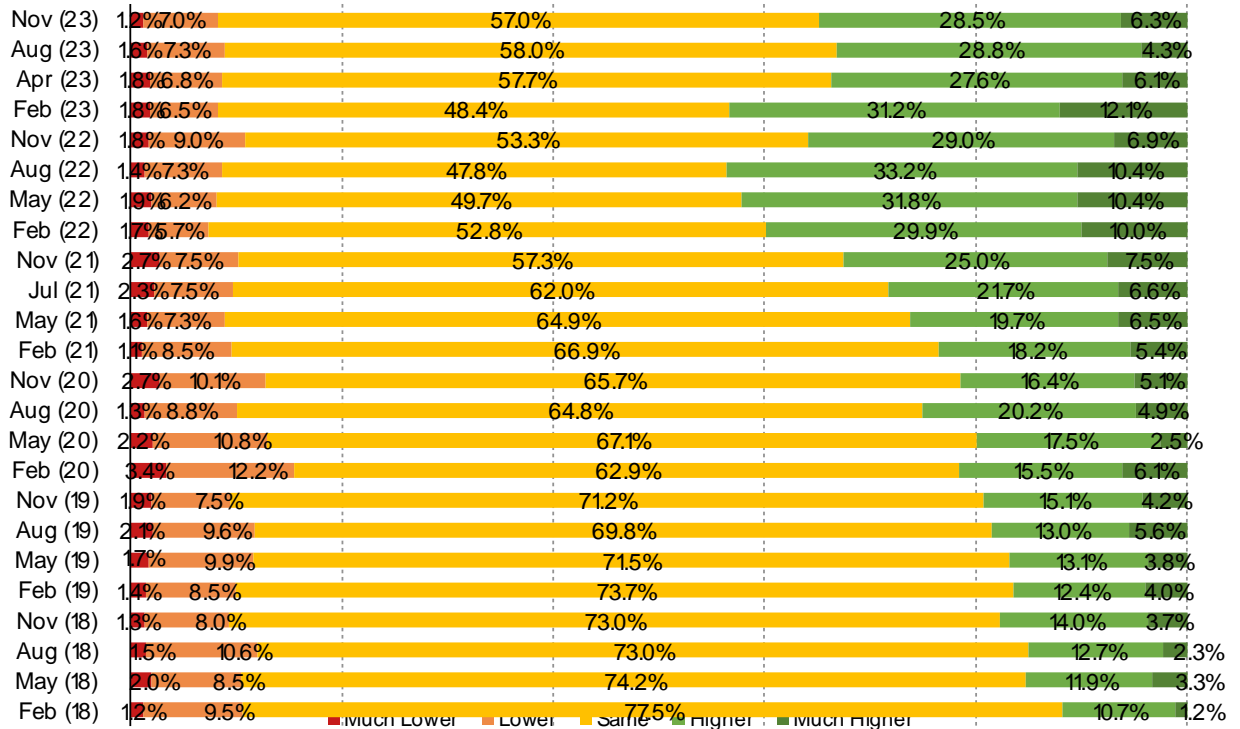
SENTIMENT TOWARD PRICING

WHEN YOU LAST VISITED, DID YOU NOTICE ANY CHANGES TO PRODUCT PRICES?

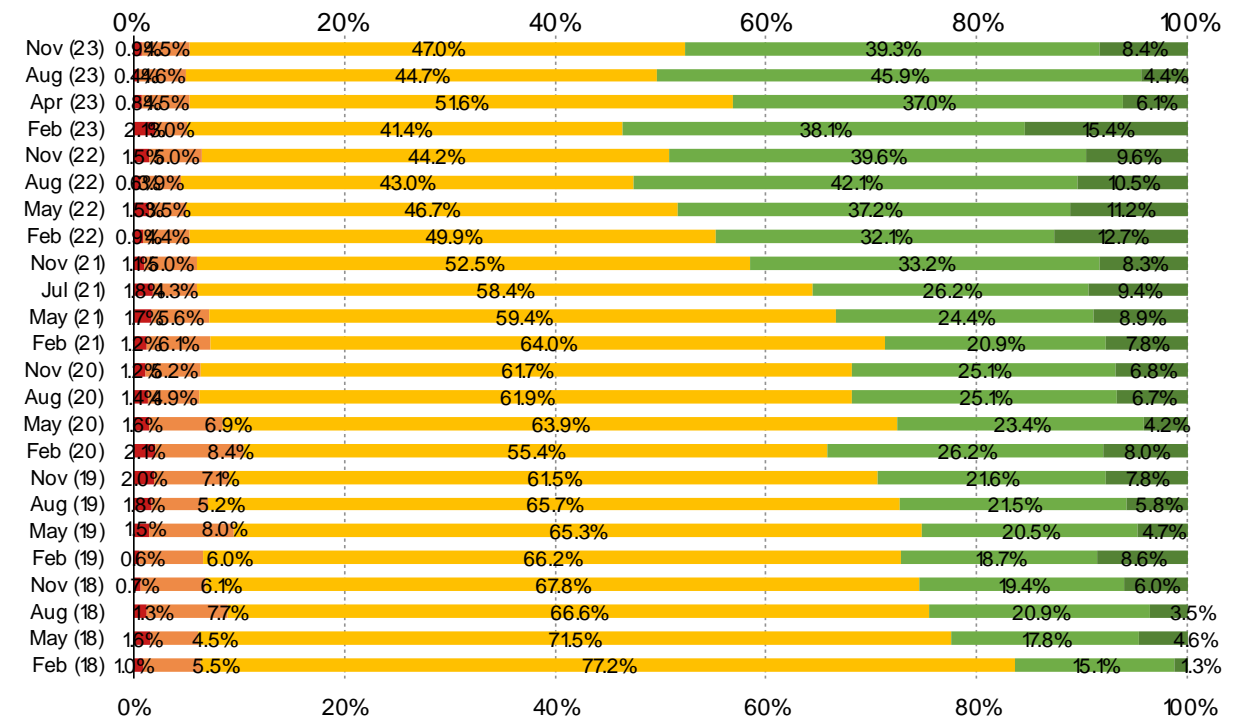
This question was posed to consumers who have shopped each retailer in the past 12 months.

■ Much Lower ■ Lower ■ Same ■ Higher ■ Much Higher

WALMART



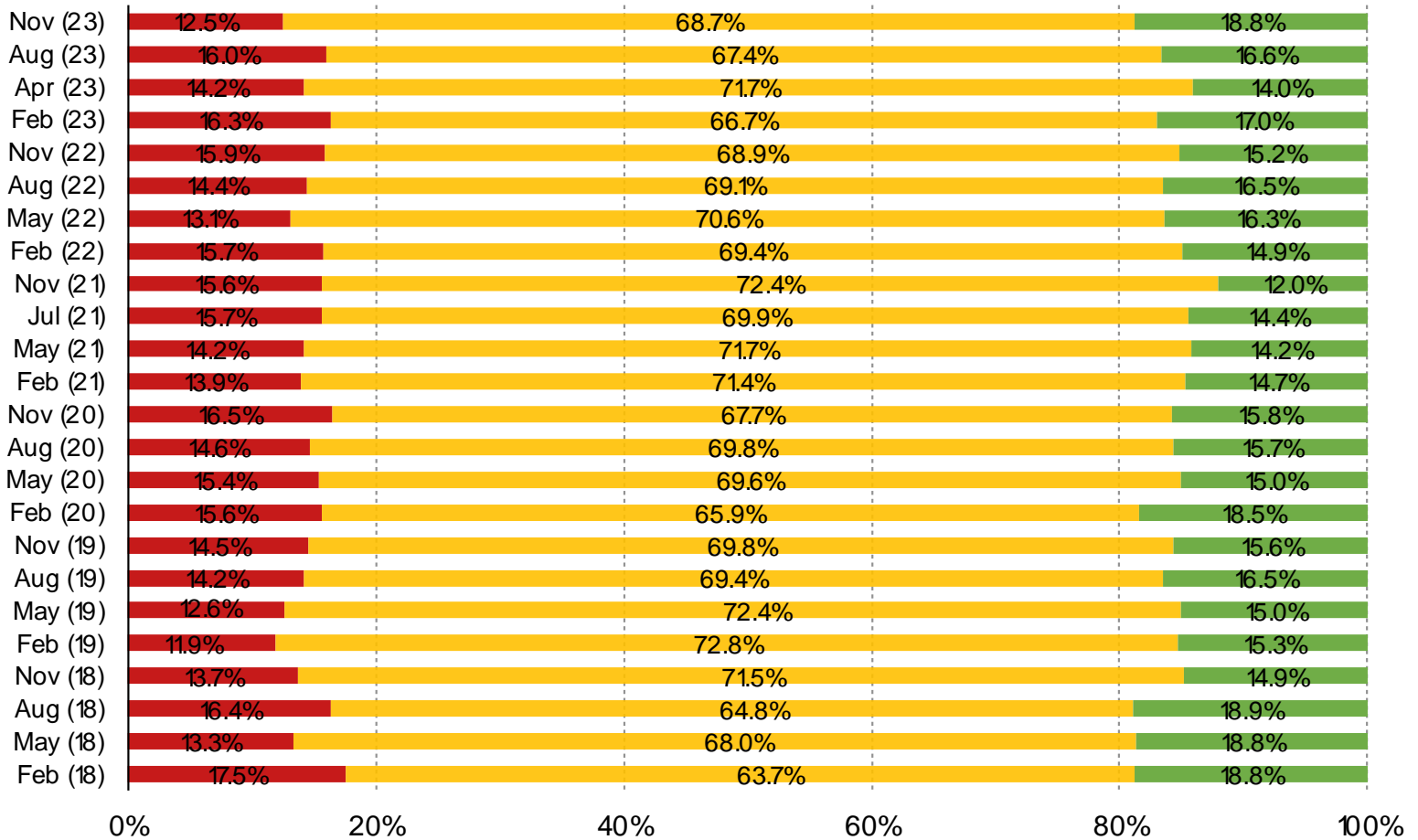
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FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE, ARE PRICES ON THE WAL-MART SITE DIFFERENT THAN THE PRICES IN-STORES

This question was posed to consumers who have shopped Wal-Mart online AND in-stores monthly or more frequently.

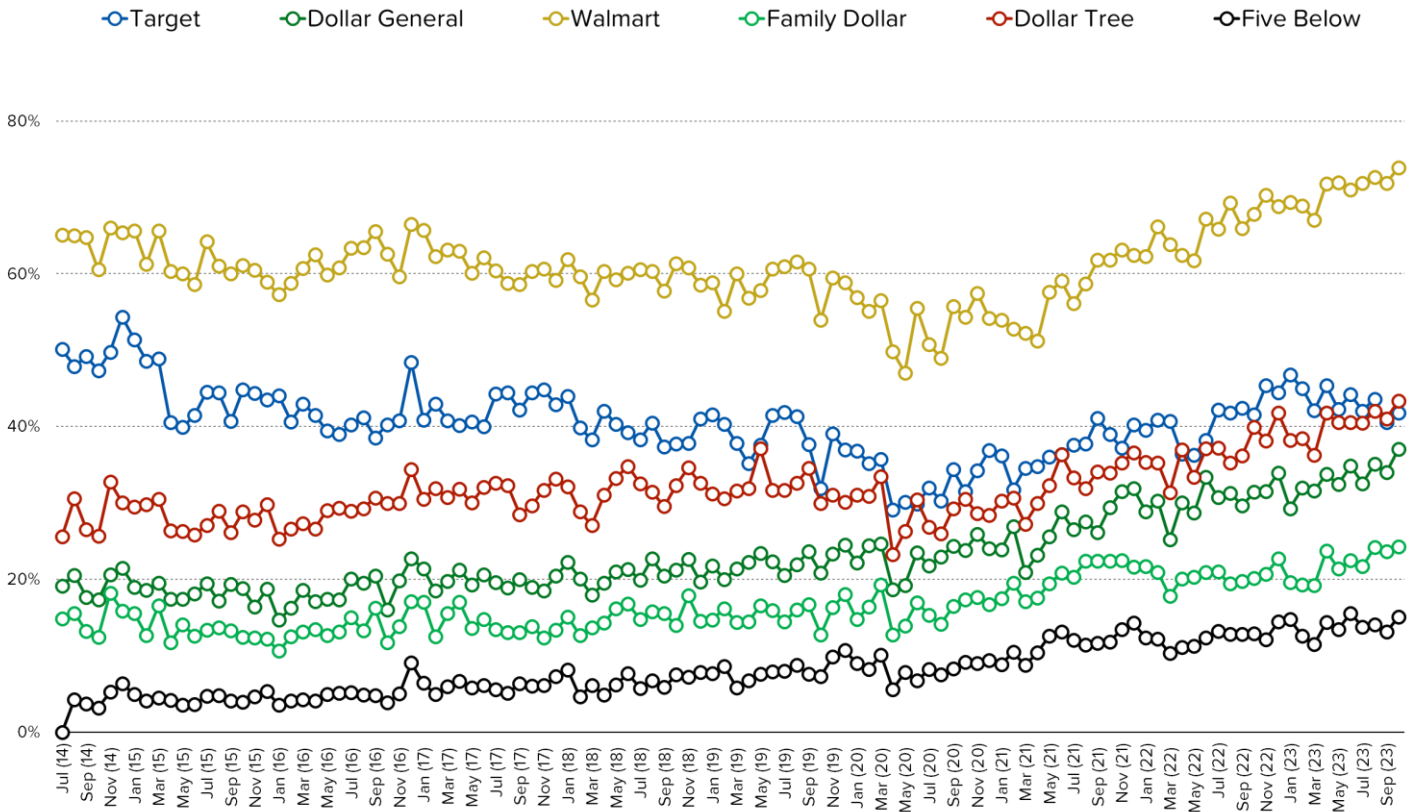
■ Lower Prices In-Stores ■ Same ■ Lower Prices Online



MONTHLY TRACKERS

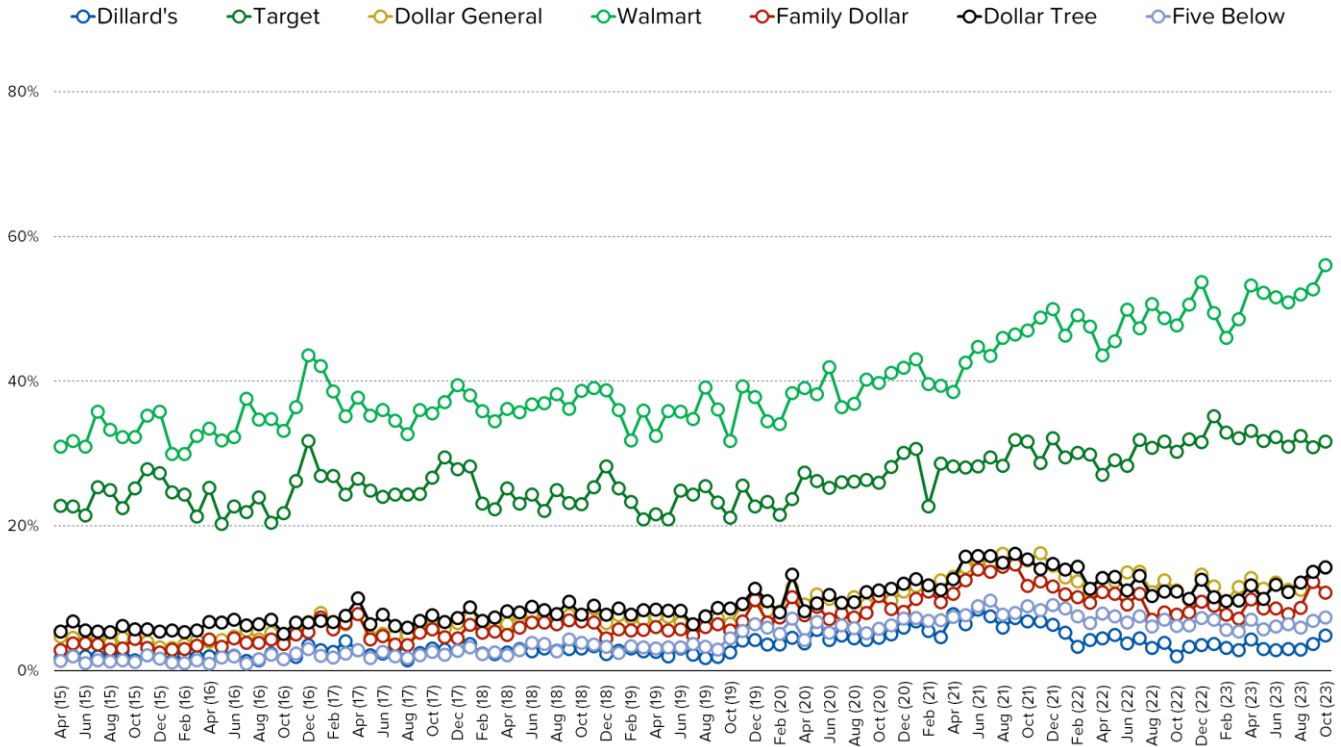
HAVE YOU VISITED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COMPANY STORES IN THE PAST MONTH?

This question was posed to all respondents.



HAVE YOU VISITED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COMPANY WEBSITES IN THE PAST MONTH?

This question was posed to all respondents.



HAVE YOU MADE A PURCHASE FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE PAST MONTH? (ONLINE OR IN-STORES)

This question was posed to all respondents.

