

# ACTIVATE TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA OUTLOOK 2023



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# 11 Takeaways from the Activate Technology & Media Outlook 2023

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**Time and Attention:** User time spent with technology and media jumped during the pandemic by almost an hour, and that level has largely been sustained. More consumer time will lead to new opportunities to grow revenues and build new businesses.

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**eCommerce and Marketplaces:** By 2026, we forecast that 20% of retail sales in the U.S. will be through eCommerce. The growth will be fueled by large eCommerce players as well as category-focused businesses across all consumer categories. Even high-ticket categories such as automotive, jewelry, and furniture will accelerate their move online. A number of consumer trends including interest and adoption of re-commerce, livestream shopping, BNPL (Buy Now, Pay Later), and shopping memberships will be growth accelerators.

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**Video:** TikTok will be one of the most disruptive forces, not only in video but also in messaging, search, and eCommerce. Consumer time in streaming and social video will surpass that of television. The streaming wars will intensify, leading to bundled offerings of streaming services to lower acquisition costs and churn, increased spend on originals, advertising-supported tiers, and focus on international growth – all to drive subscriber growth and profitability.

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**Gaming and Esports:** Video gaming is a mainstream behavior appealing to a diverse array of users, from habitual gamers who embrace gaming as a lifestyle to occasional gamers. Habitual Gamers will be the earliest adopters of the Metaverse as they already take advantage of opportunities for immersive activities within games today.

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**NFTs:** The consumer use cases for NFTs will move away from speculative investments into more tangible use cases, rooted in community, loyalty, and collecting. We estimate that NFT revenues globally have already exceeded \$23B in 2022 and we forecast continued growth in the coming years.

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**Metaverse:** Most of the foundational elements of the Metaverse are already here in video games. Over 300M people are spending a large part of their lives in Metaverse virtual worlds. People and companies cannot stand by and wait for the Metaverse to happen. Now is the time for sustained development and investment in practical applications. There will be vast opportunities for companies who can be part of the “interoperability layer.” Super Users are the “Metaverse Natives” and will lead the way to the Metaverse for gamers and non-gamers alike. To scale, most experiences will be in 2D as we forecast that global sales of VR and AR headsets will grow to 44M units by 2026.

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**Audio:** Digital audio will lead to more time and spend on music and more advertising for podcasts. Most people are using multiple music services. TikTok is reshaping how users discover and engage with music. In-person live event revenue will surpass pre-COVID-19 levels, and virtual live events are here to stay. Podcasts are one of the fastest growing user behaviors and will reach nearly 160M U.S. listeners by 2026.

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**Sports and Sports Betting:** Sports fan consumption and engagement is in a transitional period – a new generation of consumers is emerging, live sports are moving to streaming, and sports betting is becoming an increasingly prevalent consumer behavior.

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**Digital Fitness:** Consumer adoption of digital fitness technologies has significantly increased since the COVID-19 outbreak. We forecast that this growth will continue, reaching a combined \$30B in revenue by 2026, up from \$23B today. Going forward, virtual reality will enhance digital fitness experiences in the Metaverse.

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**Super Users:** It will be critical for technology and media companies to identify, reach, and super-serve Super Users, who account for 22% of the population and heavily over-index on time and dollar spend. Super Users are “Metaverse Natives,” with over 80% having used a Metaverse platform over the last 12 months.

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**Technology and Media Revenues:** We forecast over \$400B in global spend by 2026, as consumers continue to spend on technology and media through economic uncertainty.

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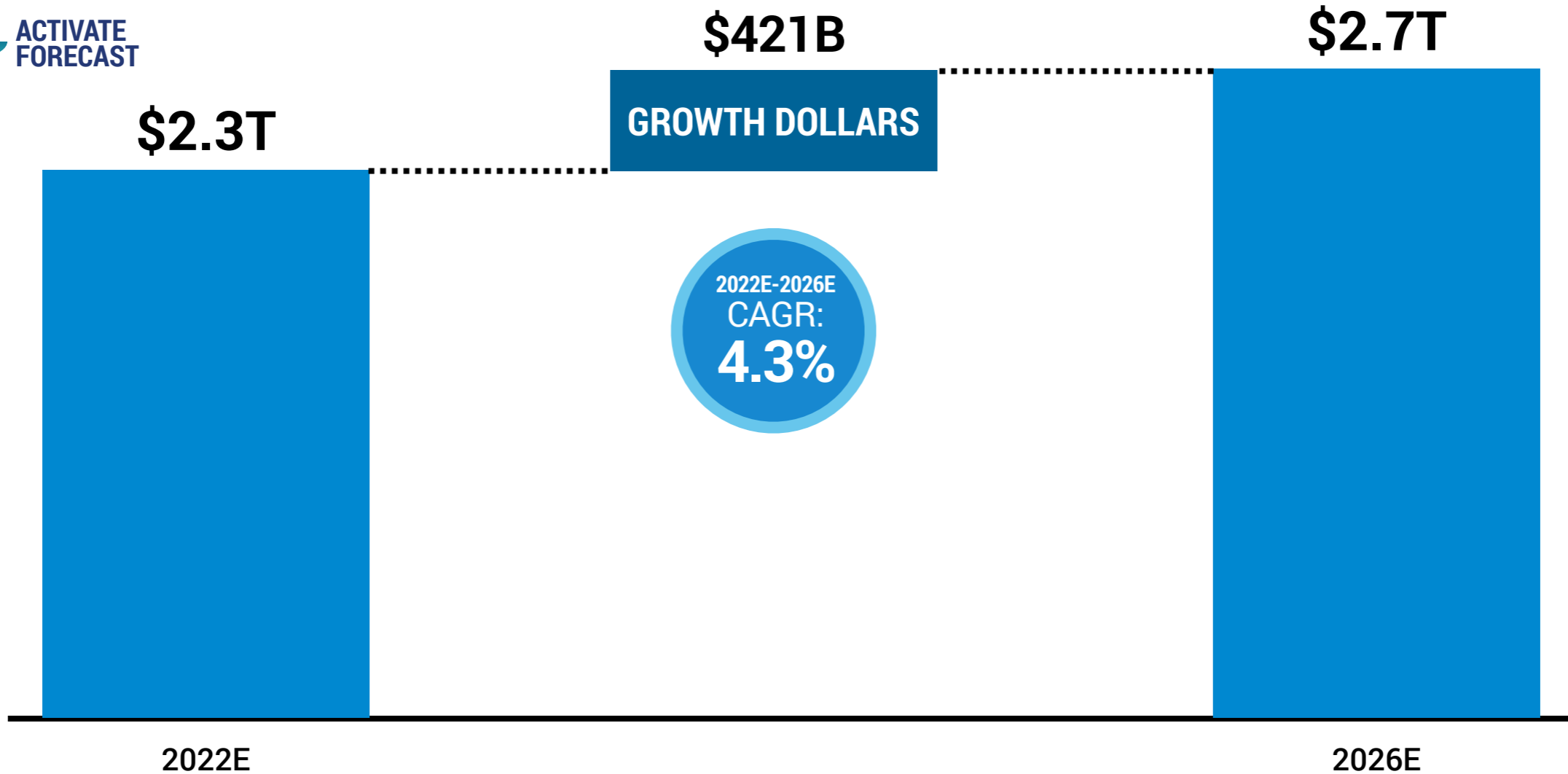
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# We forecast significant growth ahead for the global internet and media industries, with more than \$400B in growth between 2022 and 2026

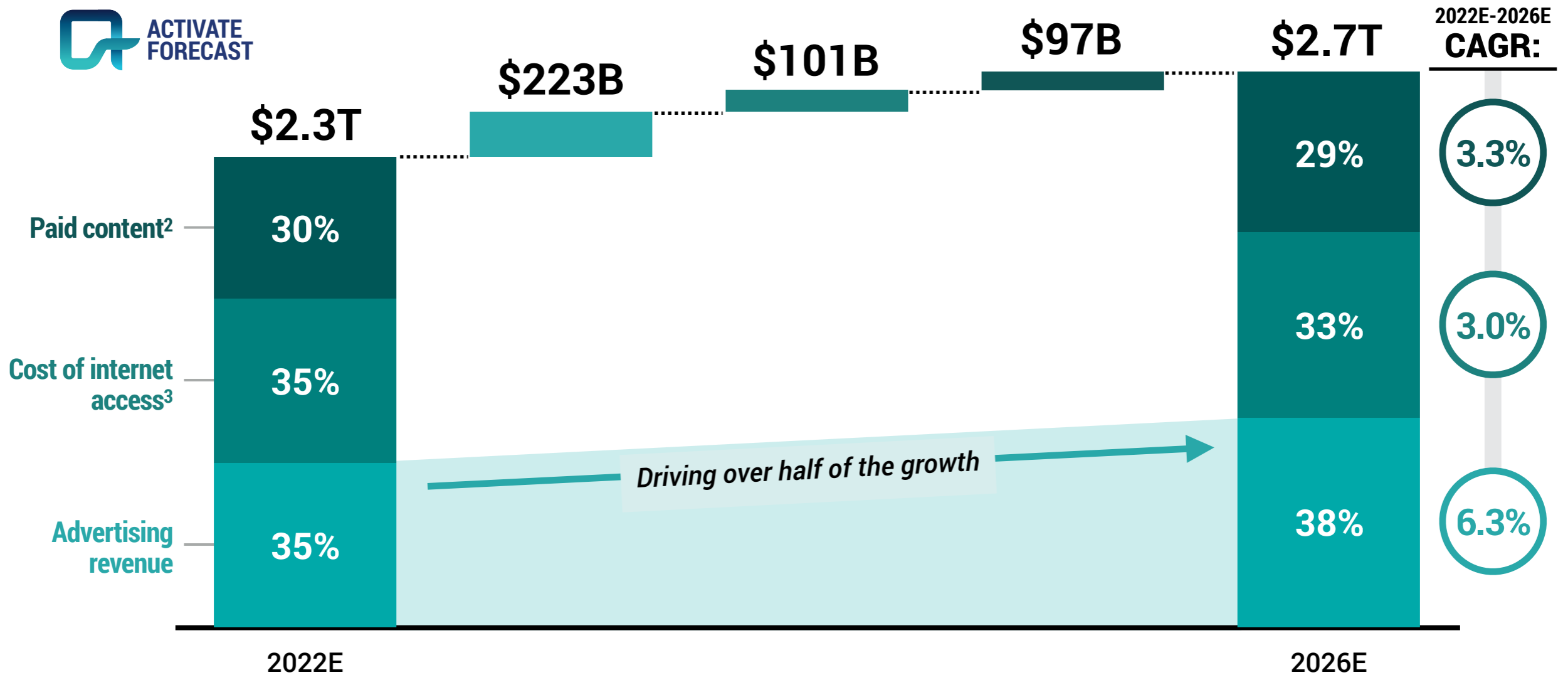
INTERNET AND MEDIA REVENUES<sup>1</sup>, GLOBAL, 2022E VS. 2026E, USD



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# Global advertising spend will drive more than half of the growth

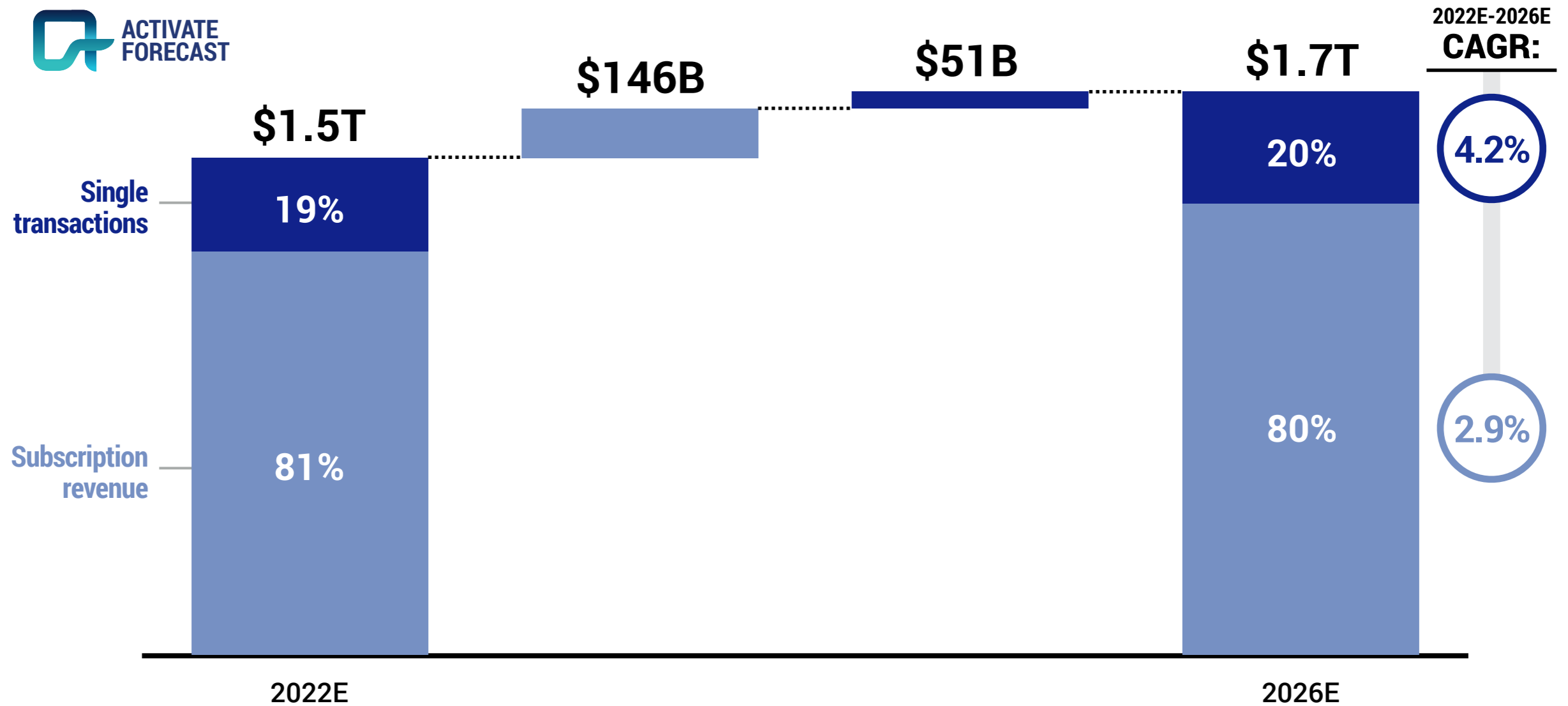
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# In terms of consumer spending, subscriptions will add \$146B in growth dollars and single transactions will add \$51B

CONSUMER INTERNET AND MEDIA REVENUE<sup>1</sup> GROWTH BY REVENUE MODEL, GLOBAL, 2022E VS. 2026E, USD



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# In response to economic uncertainty, most consumers anticipate they would maintain their spend on technology and media; adults with household incomes above \$100K are more likely to maintain/increase their spend

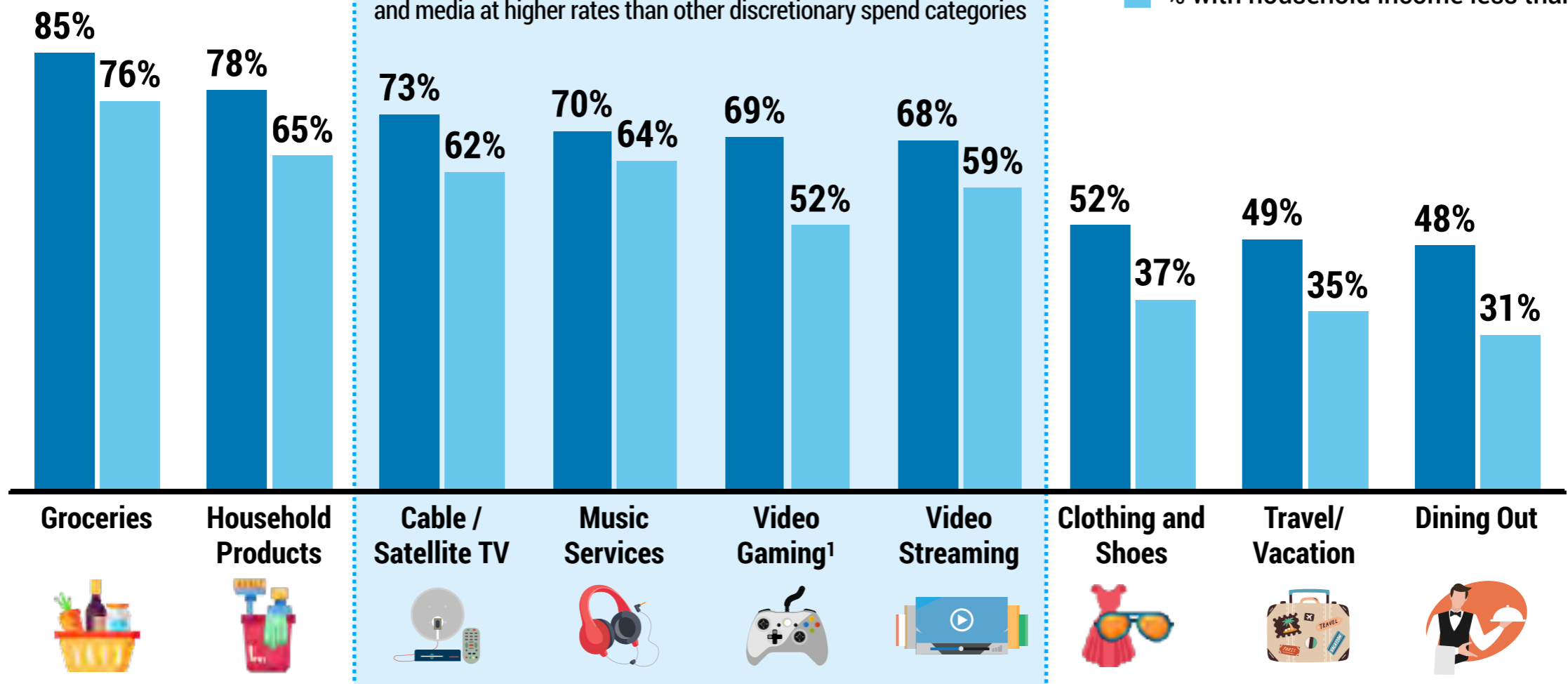
EXPECTATION TO MAINTAIN OR INCREASE SPEND IN RESPONSE TO ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY BY CATEGORY, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO CURRENTLY SPEND IN EACH CATEGORY



## TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA SPEND CATEGORIES

Adults expect they would maintain/increase their spend on technology and media at higher rates than other discretionary spend categories

■ % with household income at or above \$100K  
 ■ % with household income less than \$100K

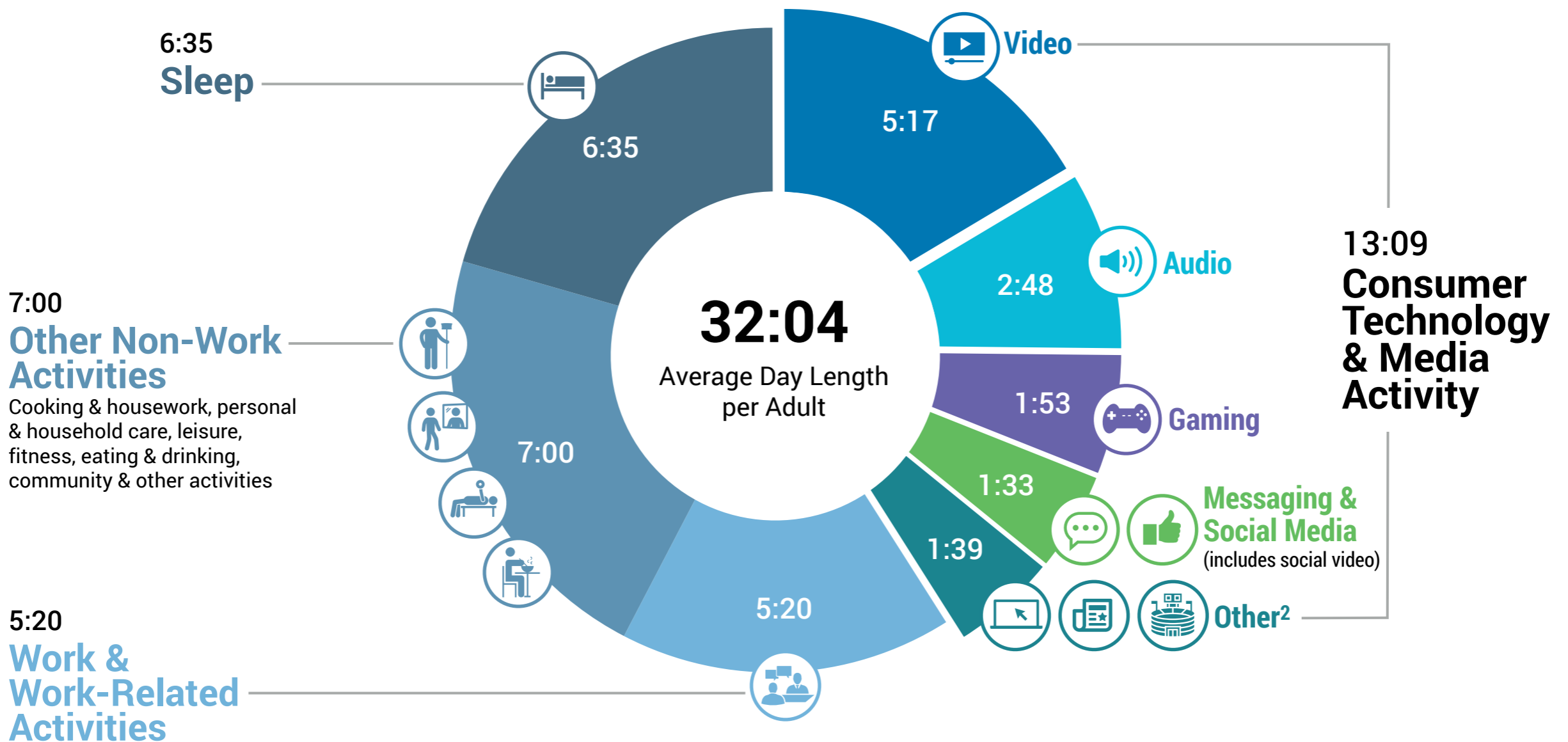


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# Activate's Attention Clock: Our analysis of consumer technology and media activity shows that multitasking leads to a 32-hour day for the average American, with over 13 hours spent using technology and media

 AVERAGE DAY BY ACTIVITY PER ADULT AGED 18+1, U.S., 2021, HOURS:MINUTES



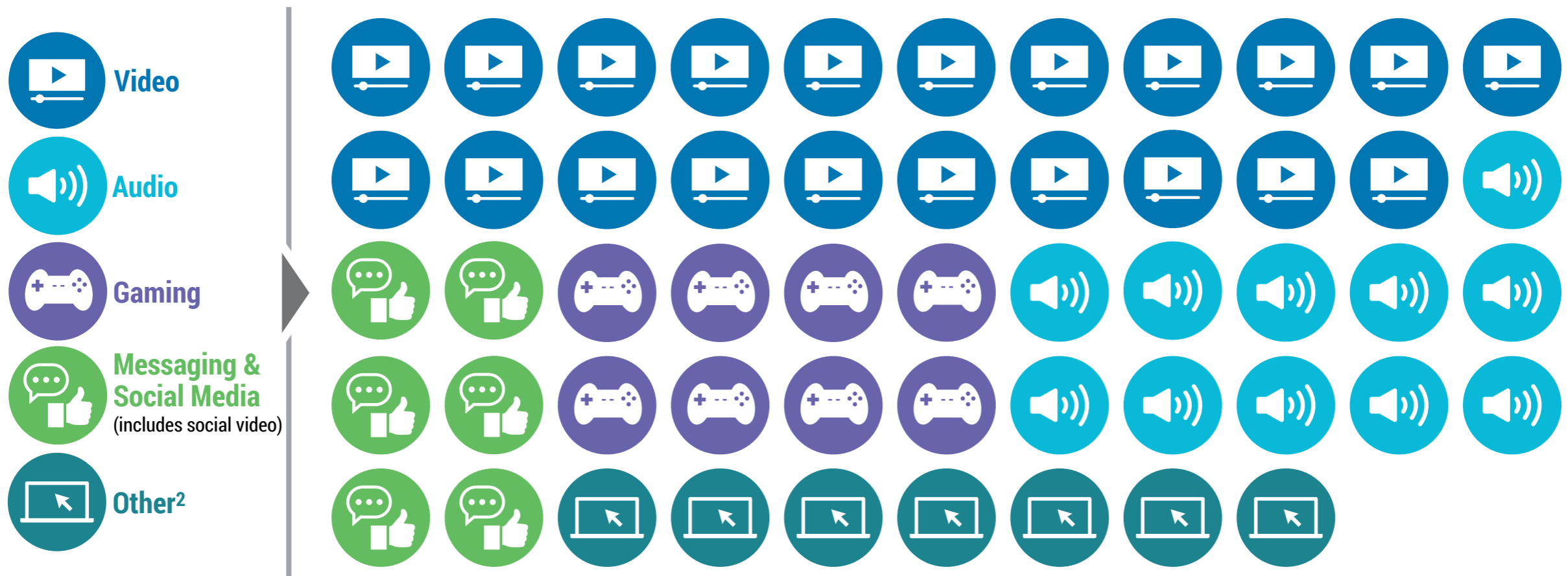
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# Video captures the largest share of consumers' daily time spent with technology and media

 AVERAGE DAILY TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA ATTENTION PER ADULT AGED 18+<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2021, 15-MINUTE INTERVALS

An average 13-hour technology and media day in 15-minute intervals



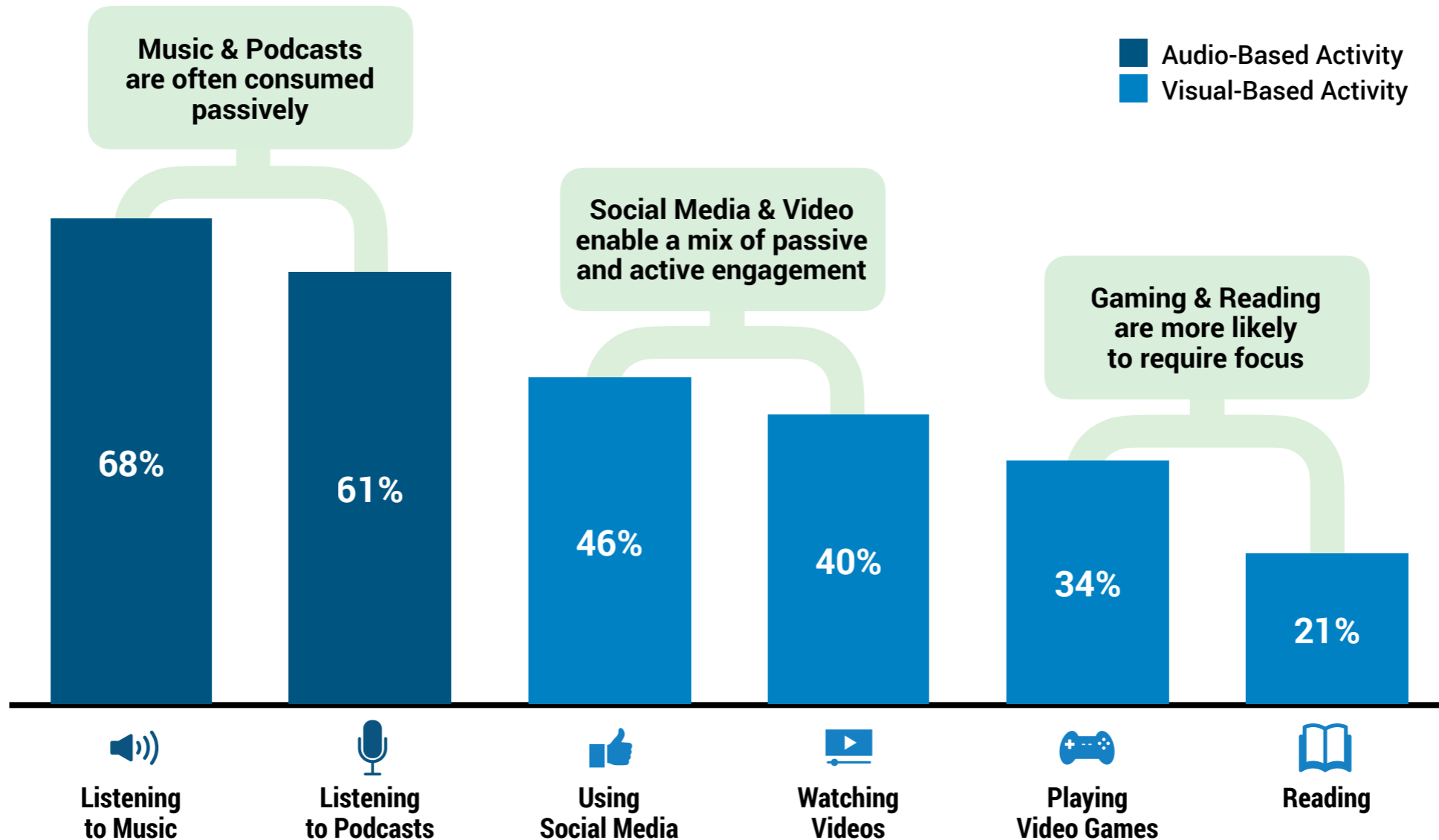
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# Multitasking is a prevalent behavior among consumers and explains the growth in time spent with technology and media

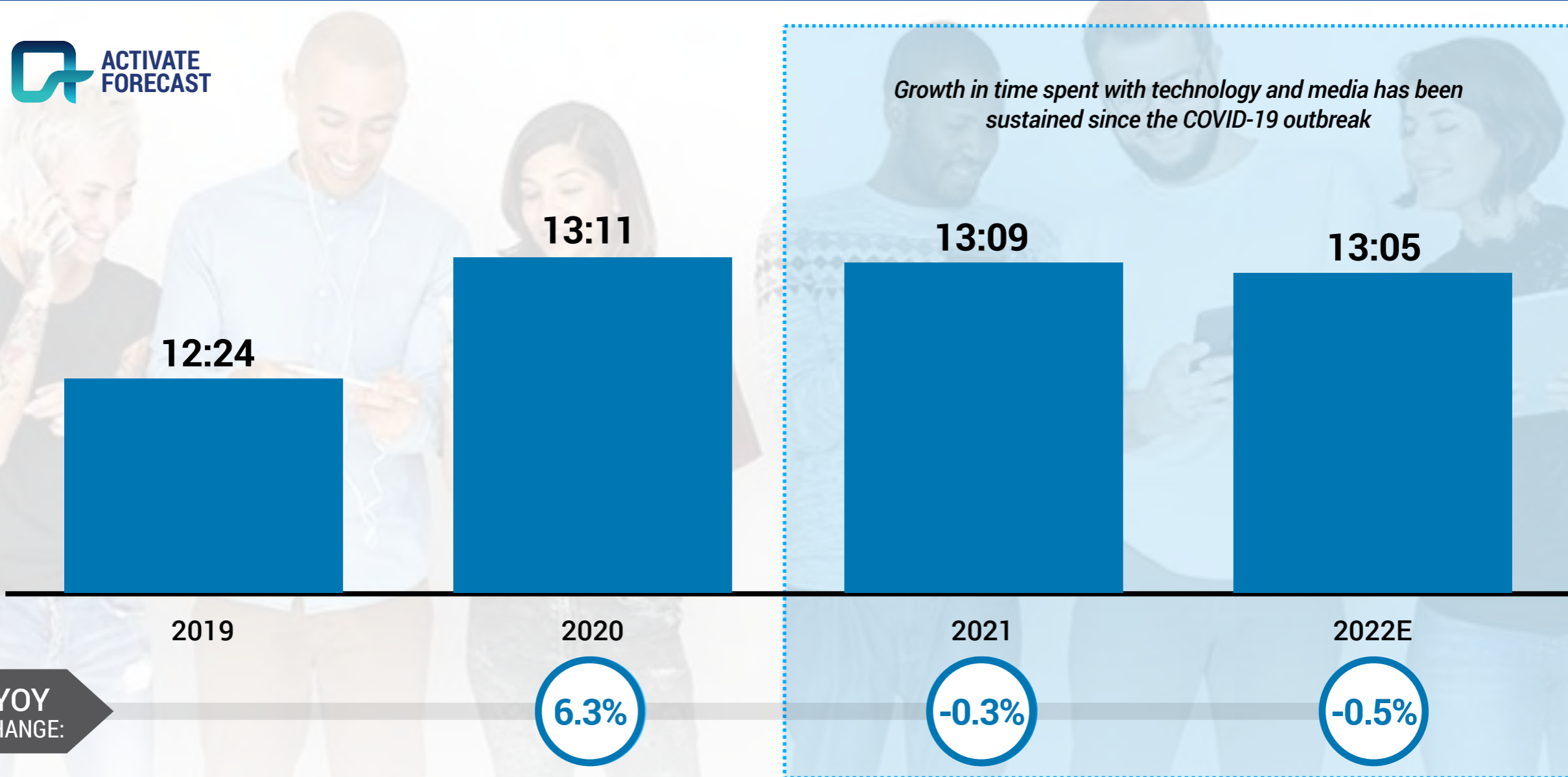
MULTITASKING<sup>1</sup> BEHAVIOR BY ACTIVITY, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO ENGAGE IN EACH ACTIVITY

Consumers who multitask<sup>1</sup> all, almost all, or most of the time when...



# The growth in daily time spent with technology and media since the COVID-19 spike has largely been sustained

AVERAGE DAILY TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA ATTENTION PER ADULT AGED 18+<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2019-2022E, HOURS:MINUTES



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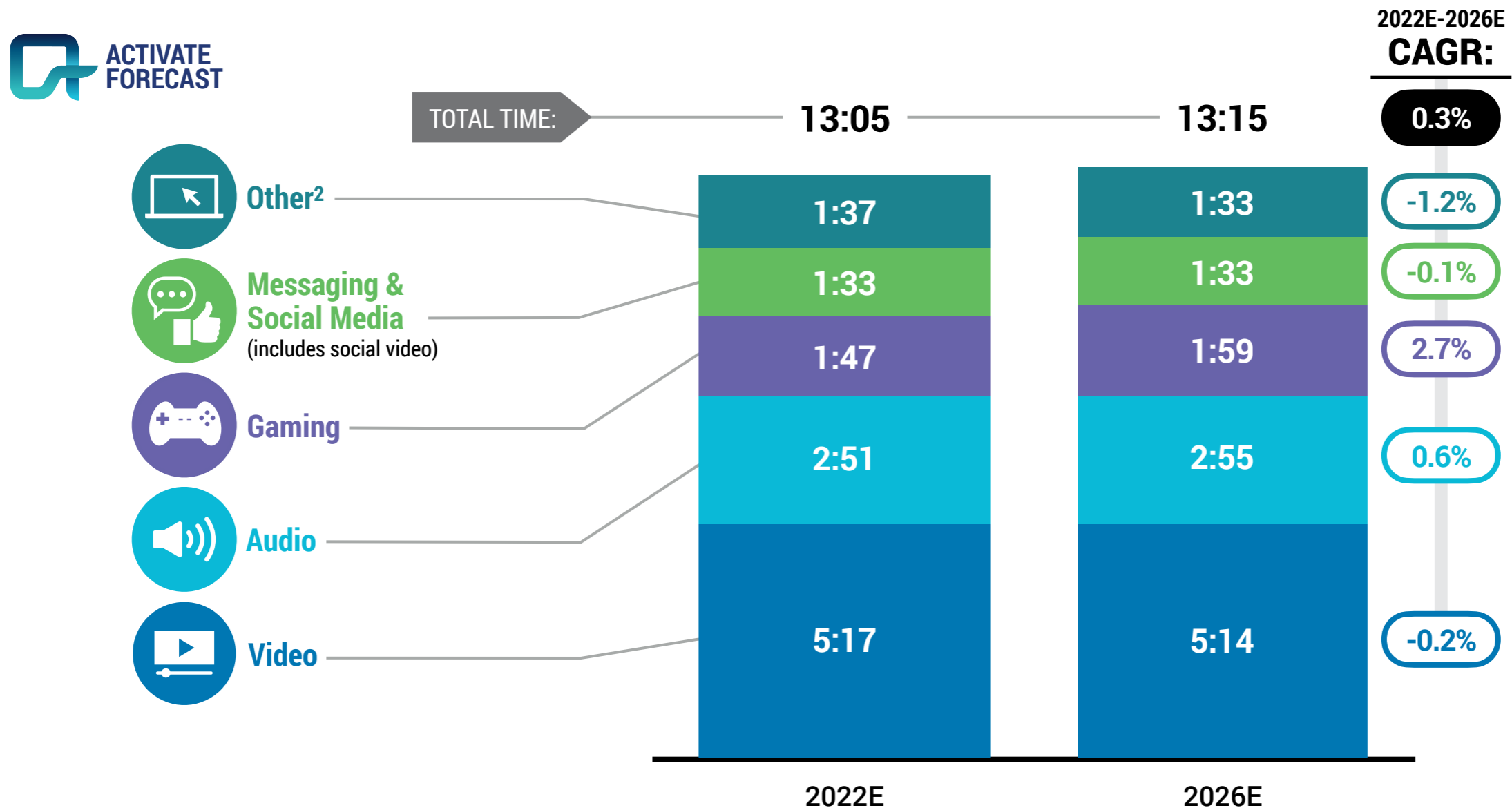


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# We forecast that gaming will lead the growth in consumer daily time spent with technology and media over the next four years

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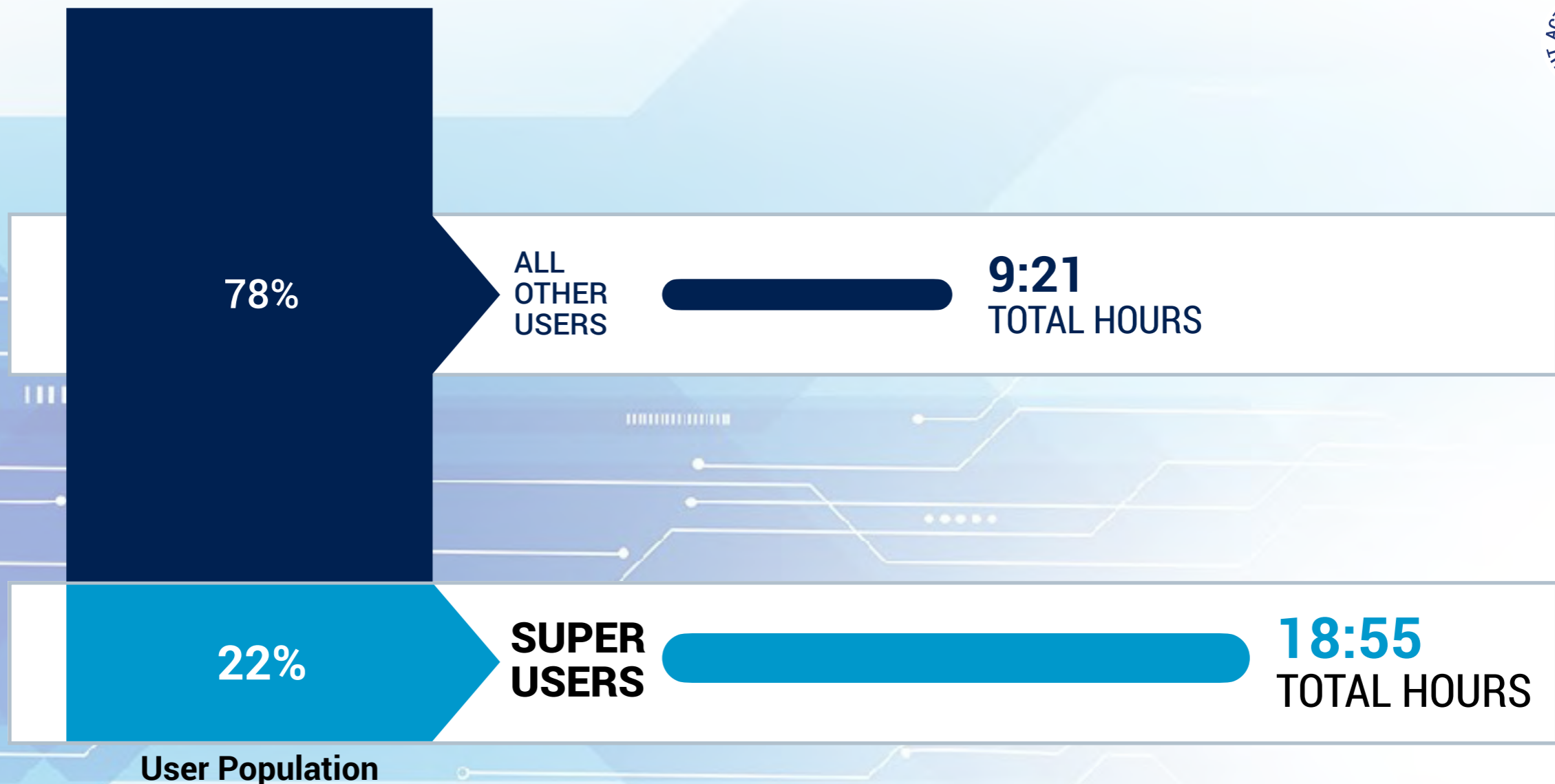
**Over the next years, the imperative for technology and media companies will be to identify, reach, and super-serve Super Users – the single group of power users whose time and spend far surpass those of other users**

**Super Users account for a disproportionately large share of time and spend across all major media and technology verticals, including video, gaming, music, podcasts, messaging and social media, eCommerce, Metaverse, live events, mobile data, and more**

**The key challenge and opportunity for technology and media companies will be to successfully target these consumers, and capture their time and spend, through unique and personalized experiences**

# Representing 22% of the U.S. population, Super Users spend more than double the amount of time consuming media as all other users

AVERAGE DAILY TIME SPENT WITH MEDIA PER USER<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2022E, % ADULTS AGED 18+ / HOURS:MINUTES



# Super Users spend substantially more time engaging in all major media activities than all other users

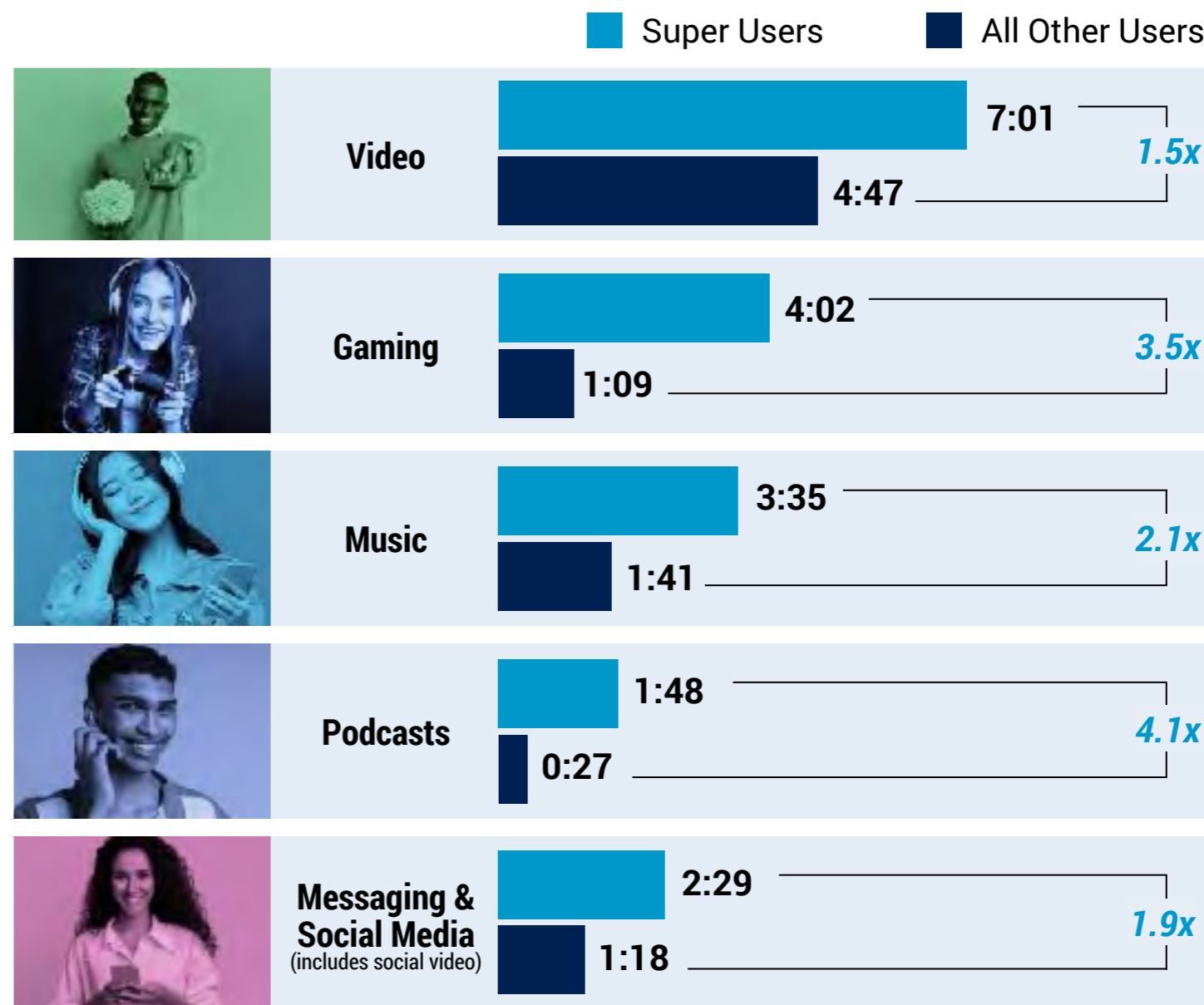
AVERAGE DAILY TIME SPENT PER USER BY MEDIA TYPE, U.S., 2022E, HOURS:MINUTES

## SUPER USERS

**18:55**  
Total Hours<sup>1</sup>

## ALL OTHER USERS

**9:21**  
Total Hours<sup>1,2</sup>

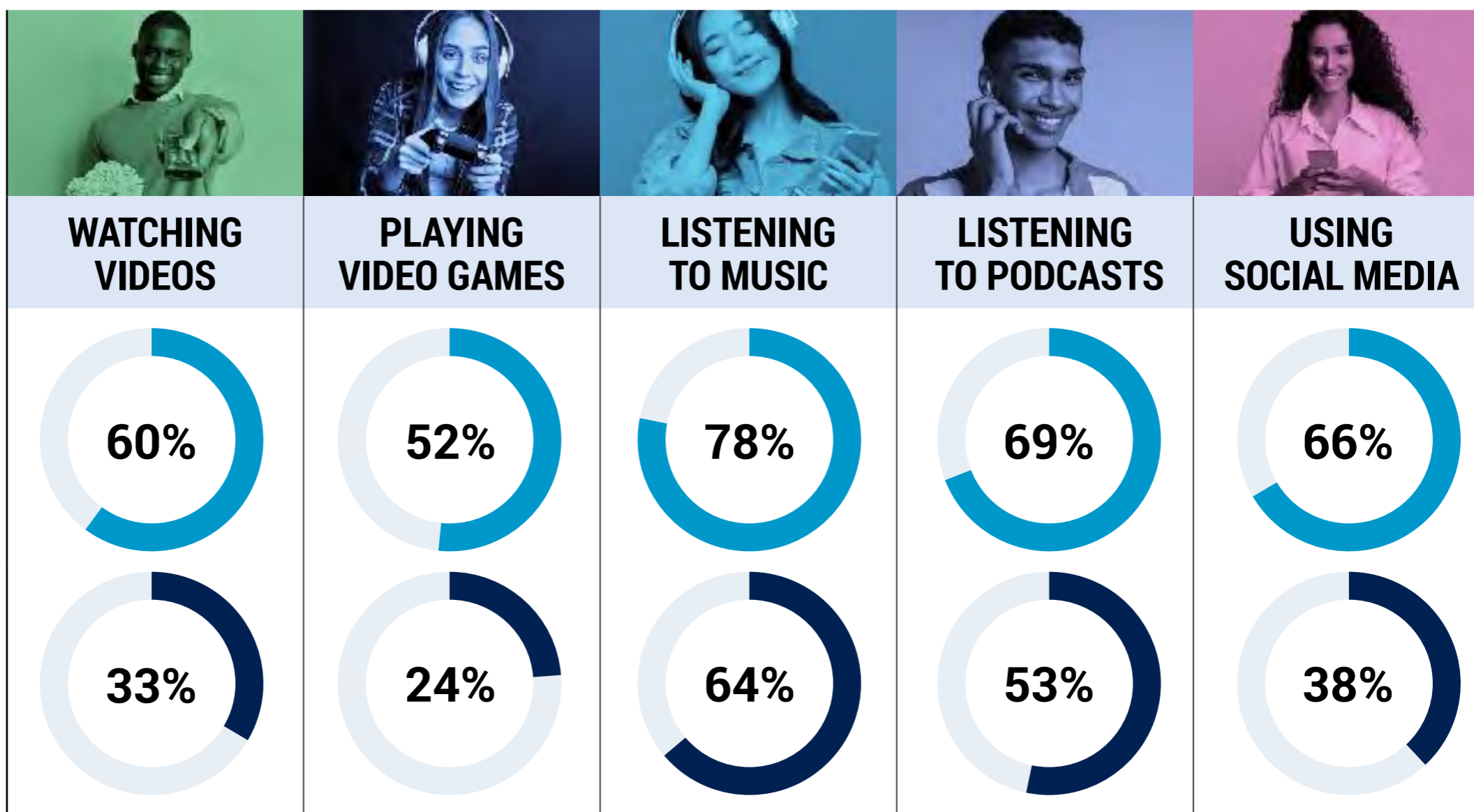


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# Across all major media activities, Super Users are significantly more likely to multitask, enabling them to spend more overall time with media

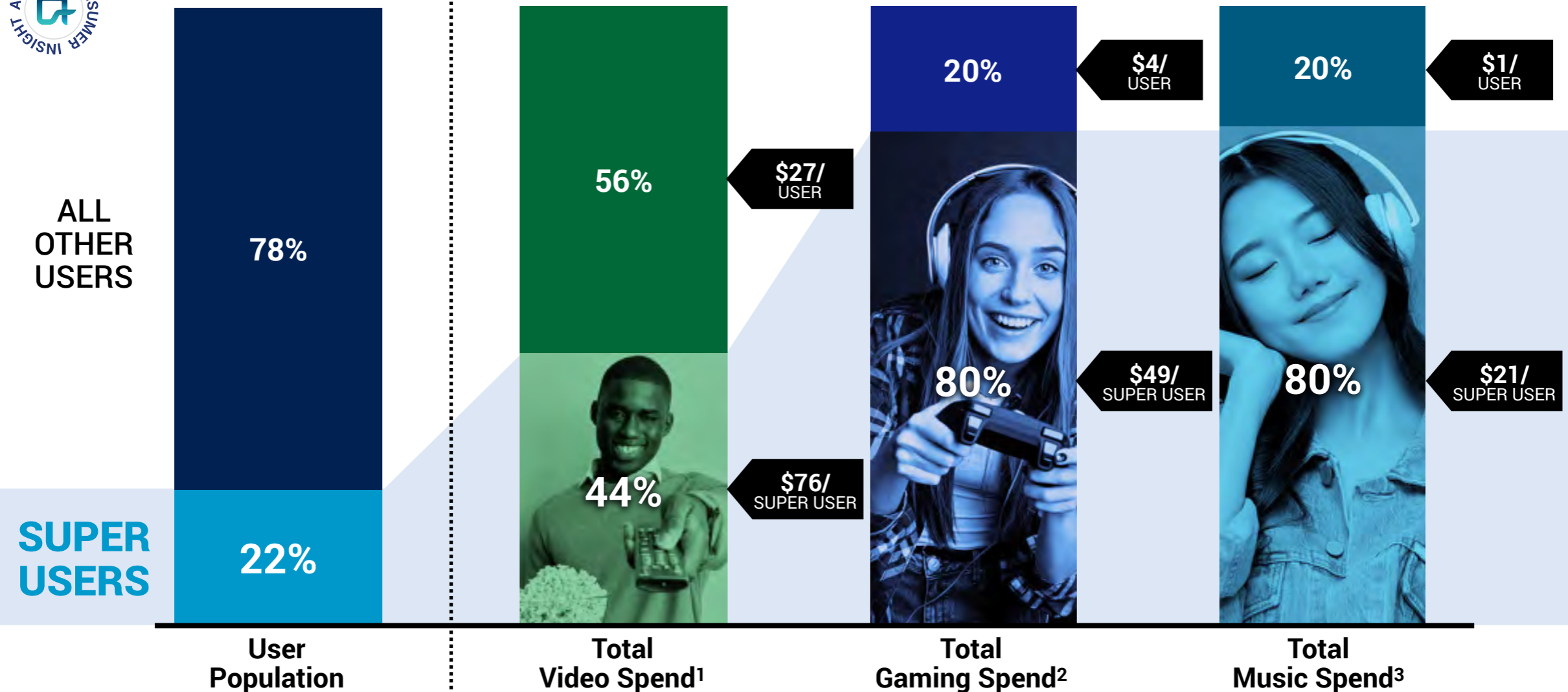
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# Commensurate with the amount of time they spend with media, Super Users account for a disproportionately high share of dollar spend across video, gaming, and music

MONTHLY DOLLAR SPEND BY MEDIA TYPE, U.S., 2022E, % ADULTS AGED 18+ / % TOTAL SPEND BY MEDIA TYPE / USD PER USER

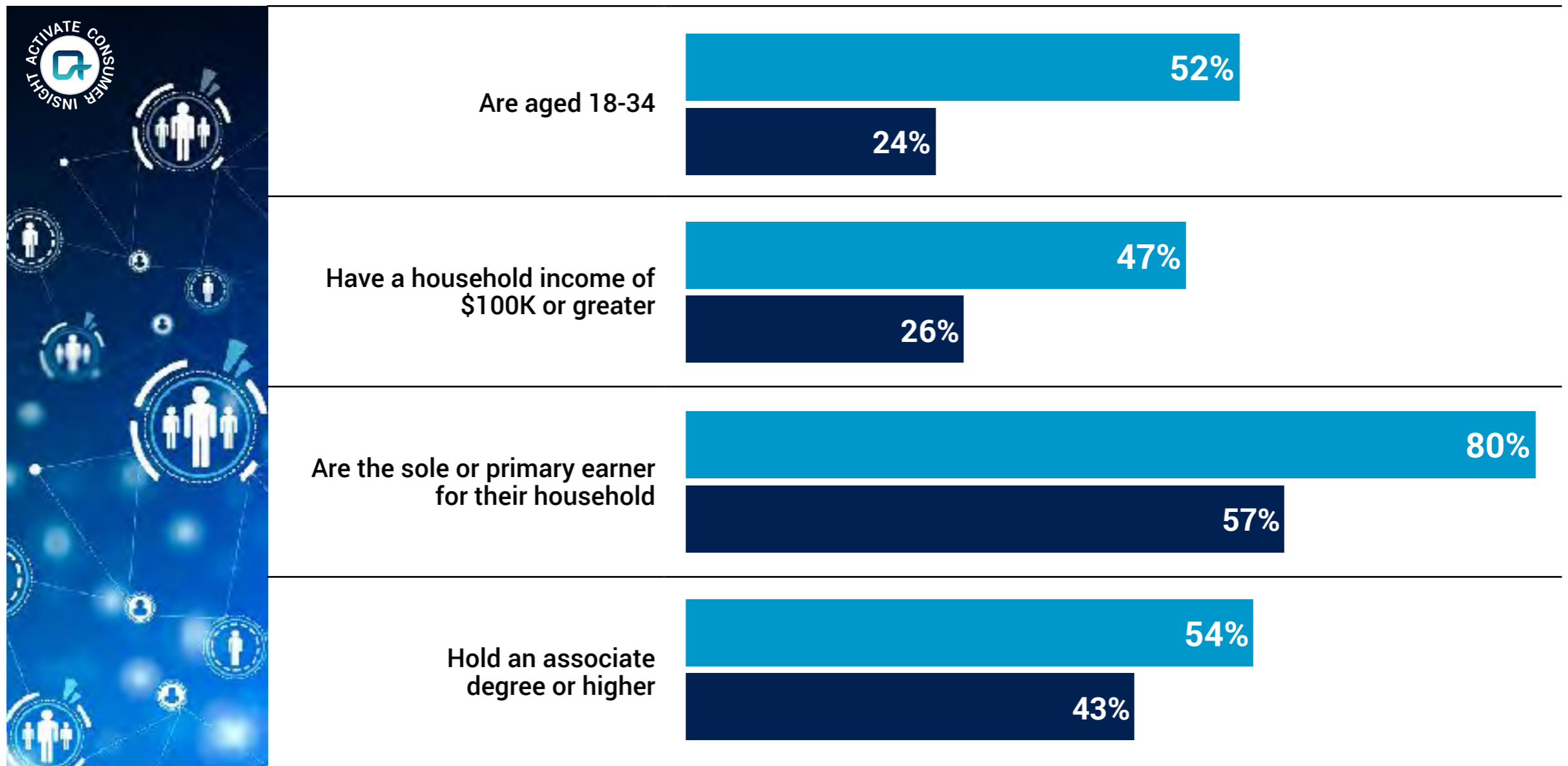


1. Includes money spent on all videos and video services, including traditional/virtual Pay TV, video streaming subscription services, and video purchases/rentals. 2. Includes money spent on video games and other video gaming purchases (e.g. in-app purchases, video gaming subscription services) across all devices. 3. Includes money spent on music and music services. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), eMarketer, Goldman Sachs, Grand View Research, IFPI, Newzoo, Omdia, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Recording Industry Association of America, SiriusXM, Statista

# Super Users are younger, more affluent, and have a higher level of education than all other users

USER DEMOGRAPHICS, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+

■ % Super Users ■ % All Other Users



# Super Users are highly connected; the vast majority subscribe to unlimited mobile data plans

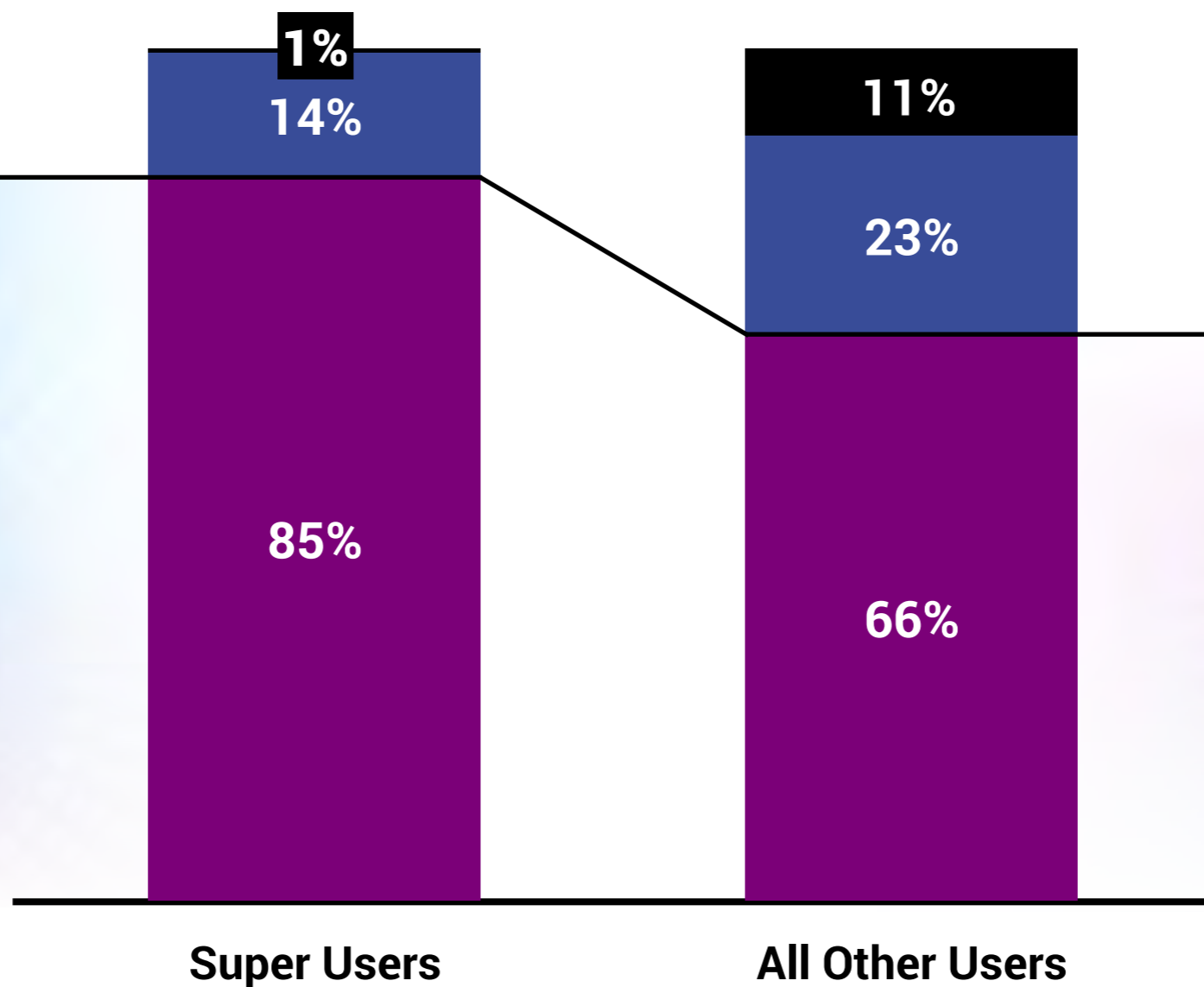
MOBILE DATA PLAN ACCESS, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+



No mobile data plan

Mobile data plan with data limit

Unlimited<sup>1</sup> mobile data plan



# Super Users are in the vanguard of technology and media adoption; the majority are brand advocates, highly attuned to new products/services, and comfortable expressing themselves and sharing their personal data online

CONSUMER ATTITUDES, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+



■ % Super Users ■ % All Other Users



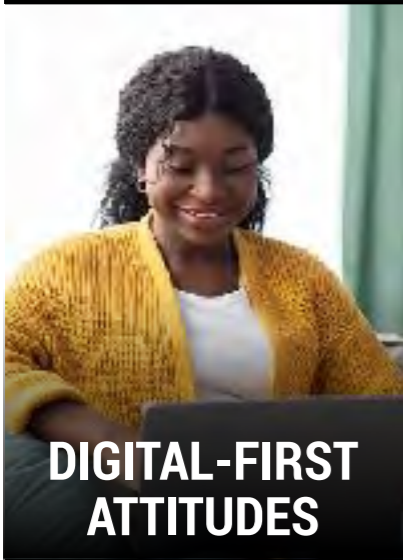
Enjoy **keeping informed on trends and news** about the latest technology and media products/services



Enjoy **buying/using** new technology and media products/services **before anyone else they know**



Enjoy **recommending** technology and media products/services to others



Feel that they can **better express themselves when online**



Feel that it is **easier to socialize and make new friends online**



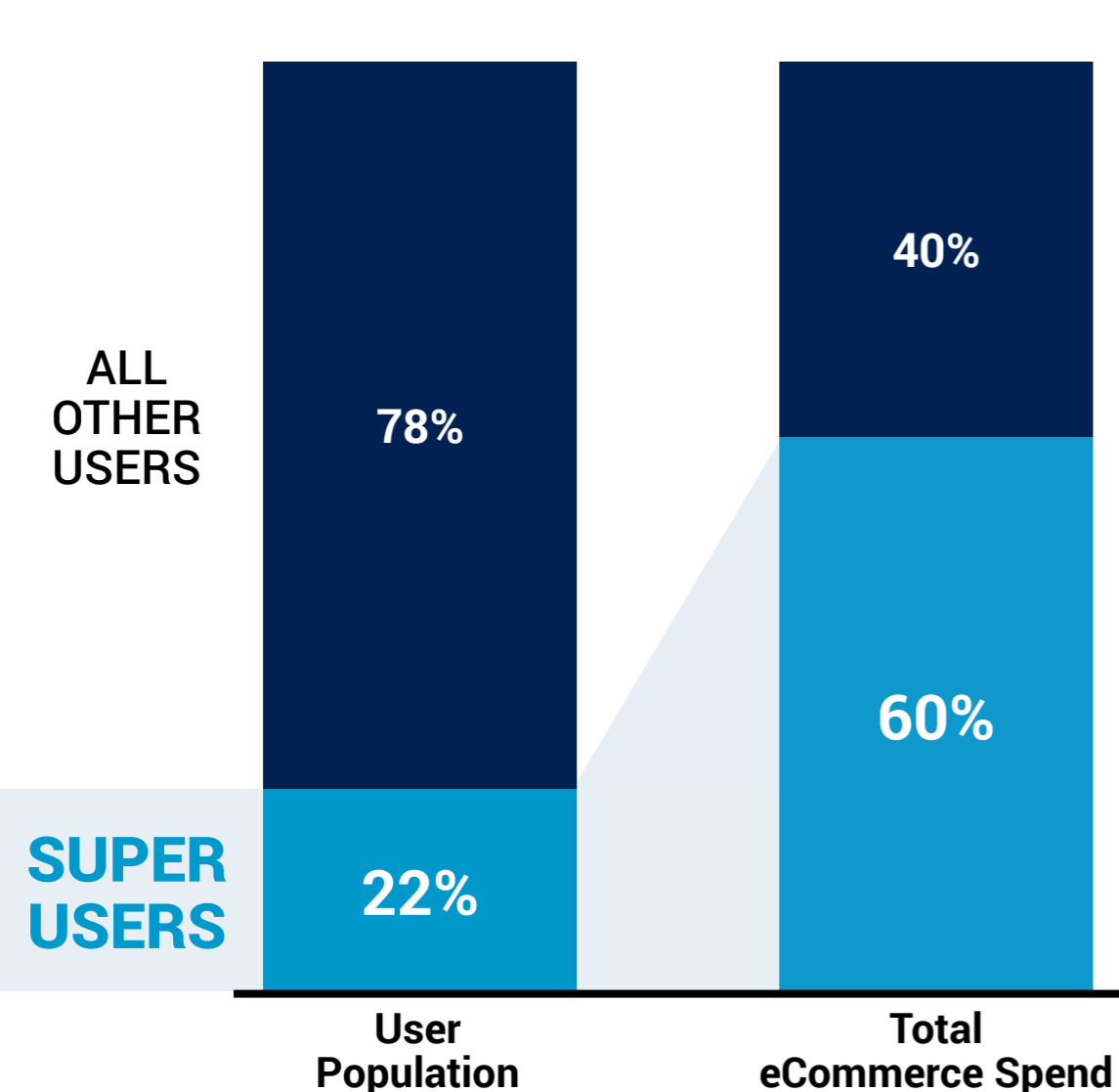
Feel **comfortable sharing data** with technology and media companies **in exchange for more personalized/relevant recommendations and ads**





# Within eCommerce, Super Users account for the bulk of total spend and also over-index on emerging eCommerce behaviors

ECOMMERCE SPEND, U.S., 2022,  
% ADULTS AGED 18+ / % TOTAL ECOMMERCE SPEND



## EMERGING ECOMMERCE BEHAVIORS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, SUPER USERS INDEXED TO ALL OTHER USERS

Super Users over-index on several emerging eCommerce activities



As likely to have bought a product directly through a social media website/app



As likely to have bought a product through a livestream shopping event

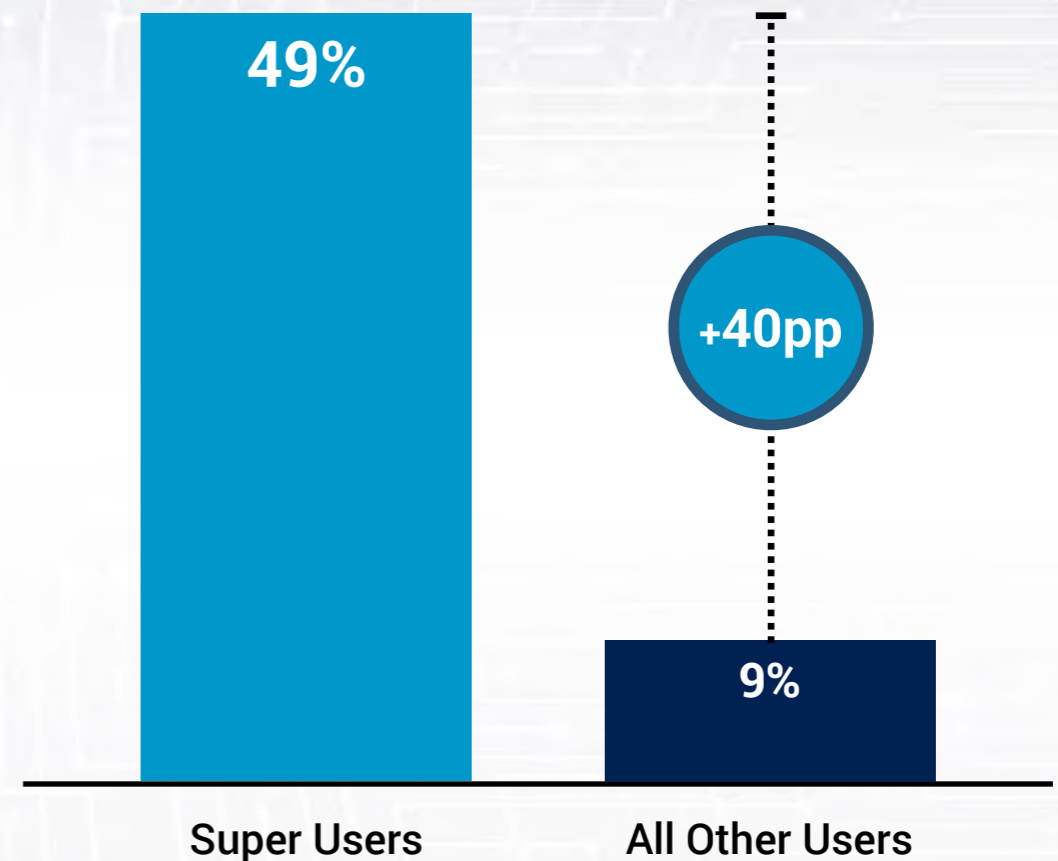
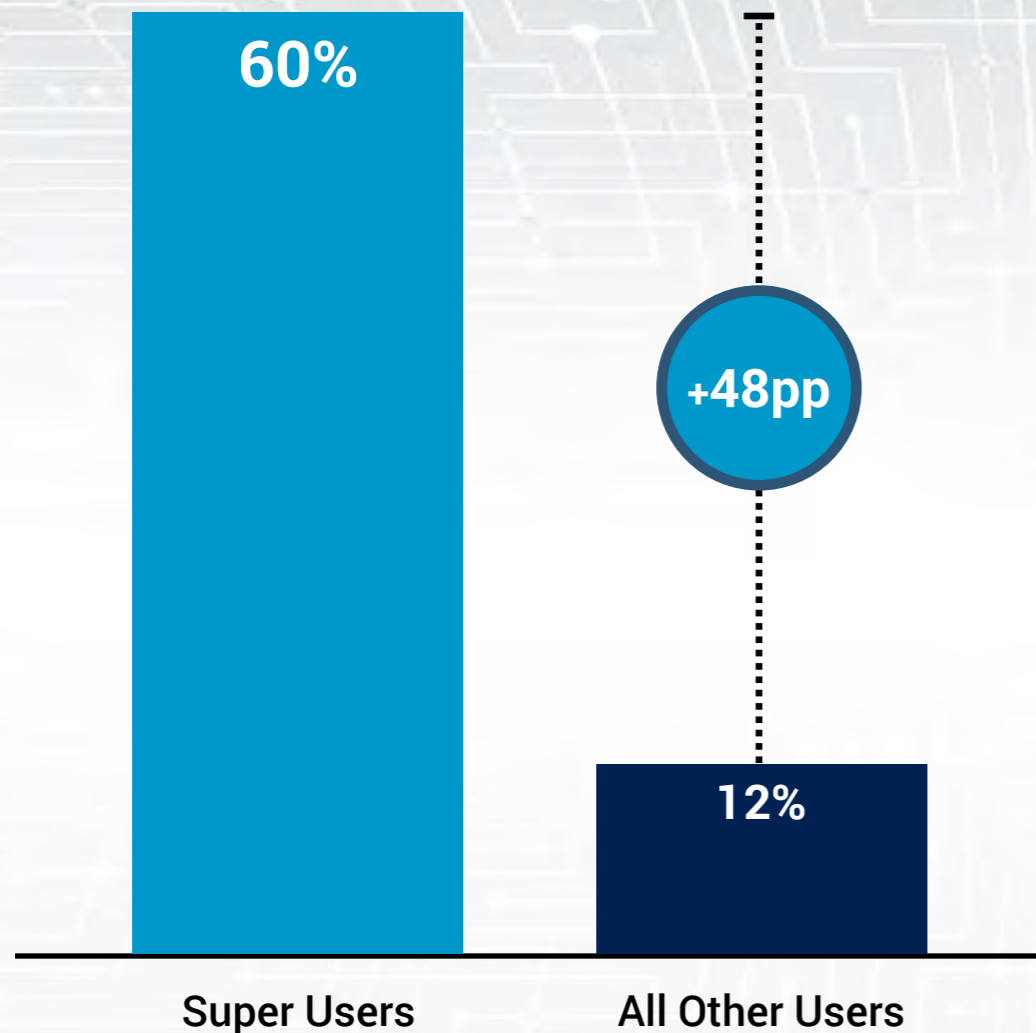


As likely to have used an AR-powered virtual try-on or visualization feature (e.g. to test clothing, footwear, accessories, beauty products, furniture, home goods, appliances)

# Super Users are early adopters of both cryptocurrency and NFTs

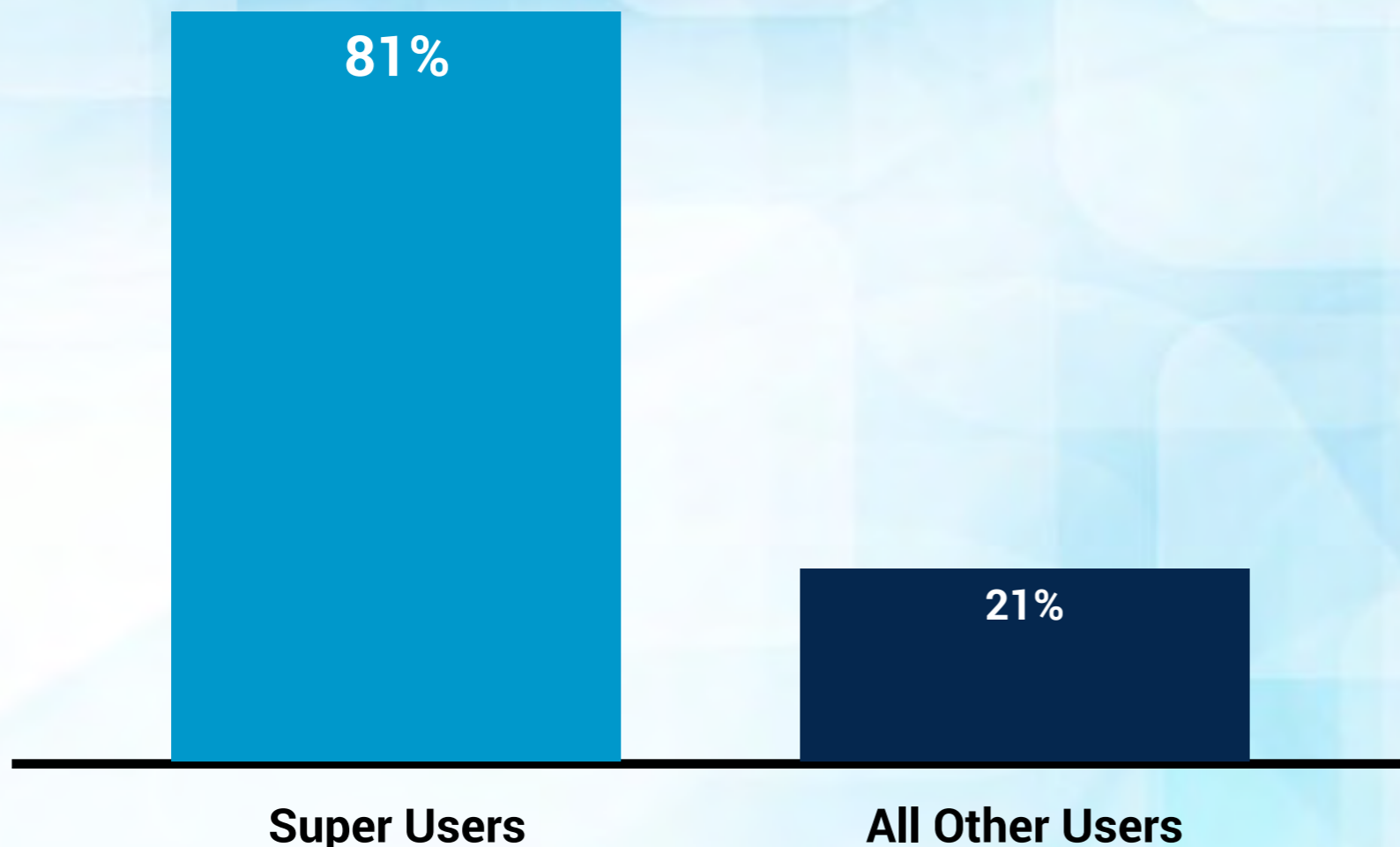
**CRYPTOCURRENCY PARTICIPATION<sup>1</sup> IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+**

**NFT PARTICIPATION<sup>2</sup> IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+**



# Super Users are the pioneers of the Metaverse, with over 80% having used a Metaverse platform in the last 12 months

USAGE OF METAVERSE PLATFORMS<sup>1</sup> IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+



EXAMPLE METAVERSE PLATFORMS<sup>1</sup>

- FORTNITE
- GRAND THEFT AUTO ONLINE
- MINECRAFT
- ROBLOX
- WORLD OF WARCRAFT
- THE SANDBOX
- VR CHAT

1. "Metaverse platforms" are defined as platforms with immersive virtual worlds, within which consumers can explore with a personalized character/avatar, interact with other users, and participate in a range of activities (e.g. online concerts, online games, online work meetings).

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001)

# Going forward, Super Users are interested in using the Metaverse for a broad range of activities

INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN SELECT METAVERSE ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+



**CREATION ACTIVITIES  
IN THE METAVERSE**



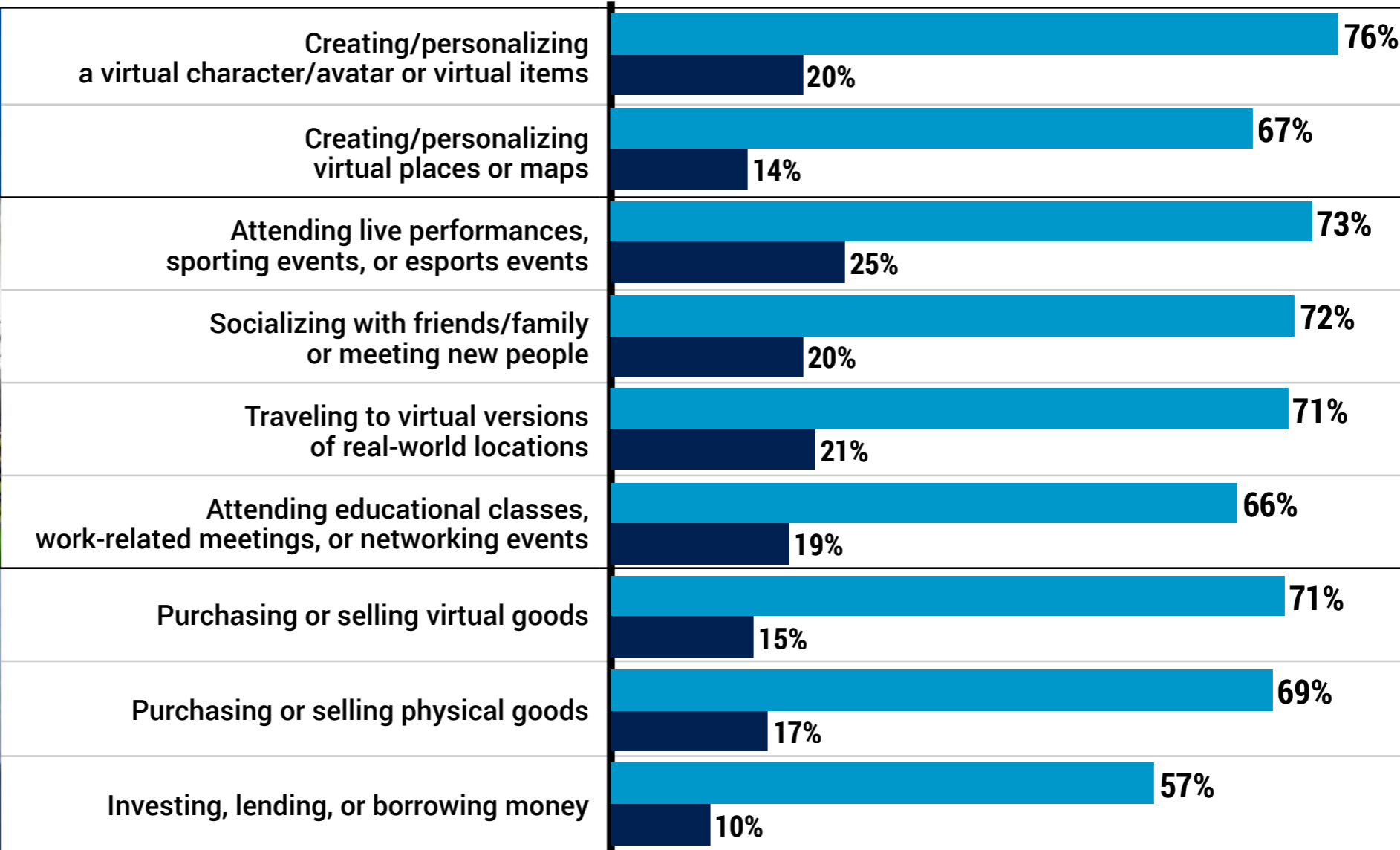
**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES  
IN THE METAVERSE**



**TRANSACTIONAL  
ACTIVITIES  
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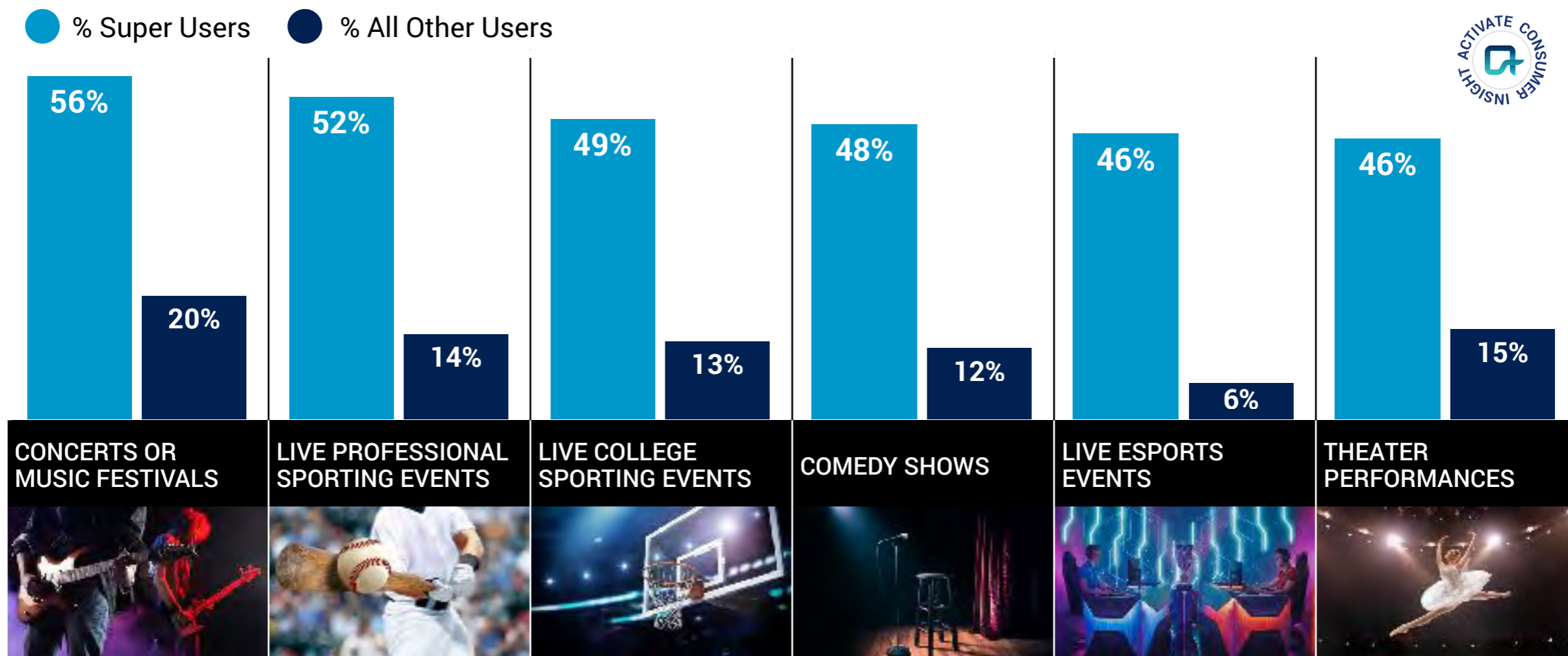
EXTREMELY OR VERY INTERESTED IN...

■ % Super Users    ■ % All Other Users



# Super Users will also usher in the return of live in-person events

INTENT TO ATTEND MORE LIVE EVENTS<sup>1</sup> IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS THAN IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LIVE EVENTS<sup>1</sup> ATTENDED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

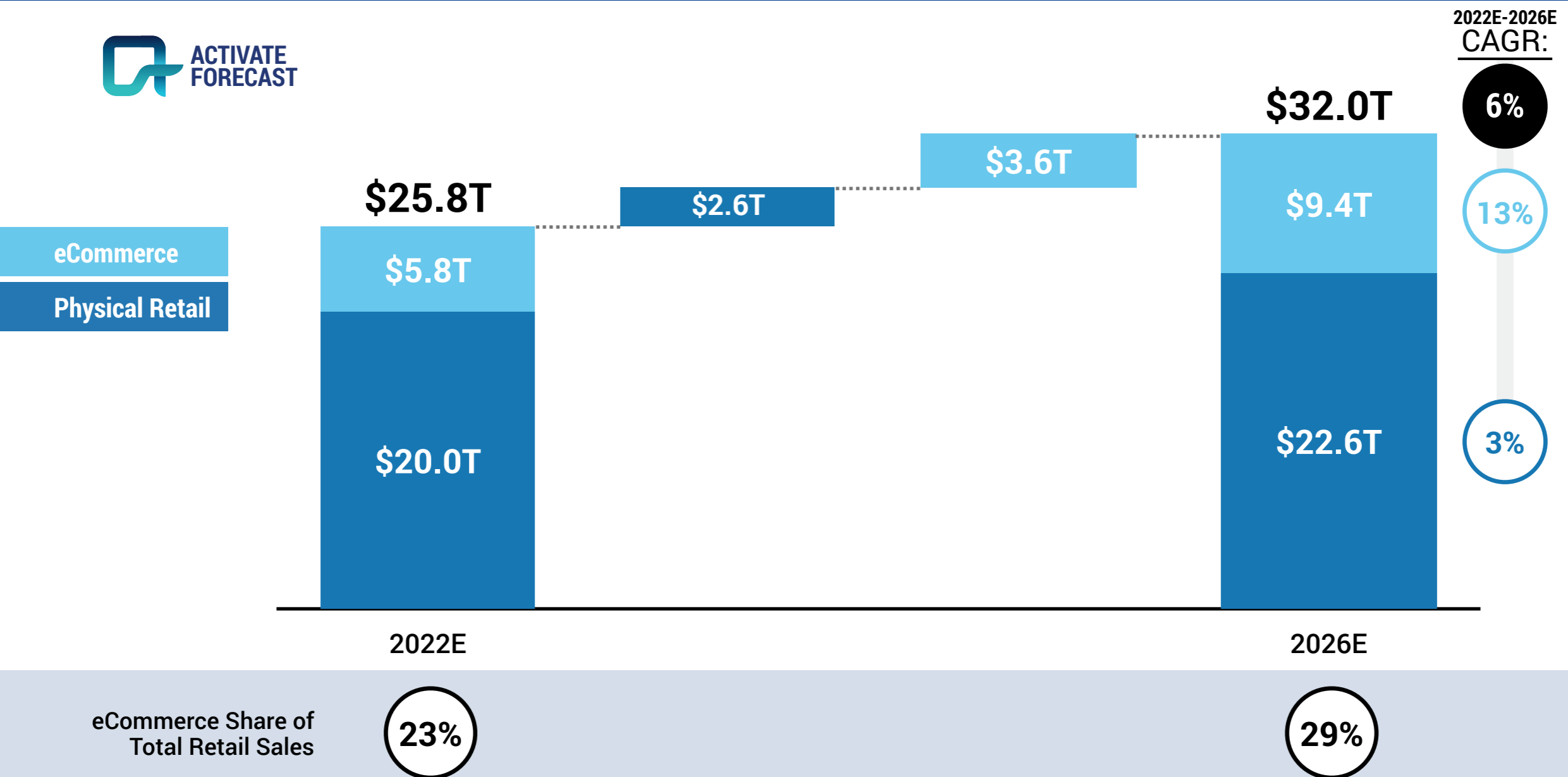


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# Global eCommerce will reach \$9.4T in 2026, continuing to grow faster and add more absolute dollars than physical retail post-pandemic

RETAIL SALES<sup>1</sup> BY CHANNEL, GLOBAL, 2022E VS. 2026E, TRILLIONS USD



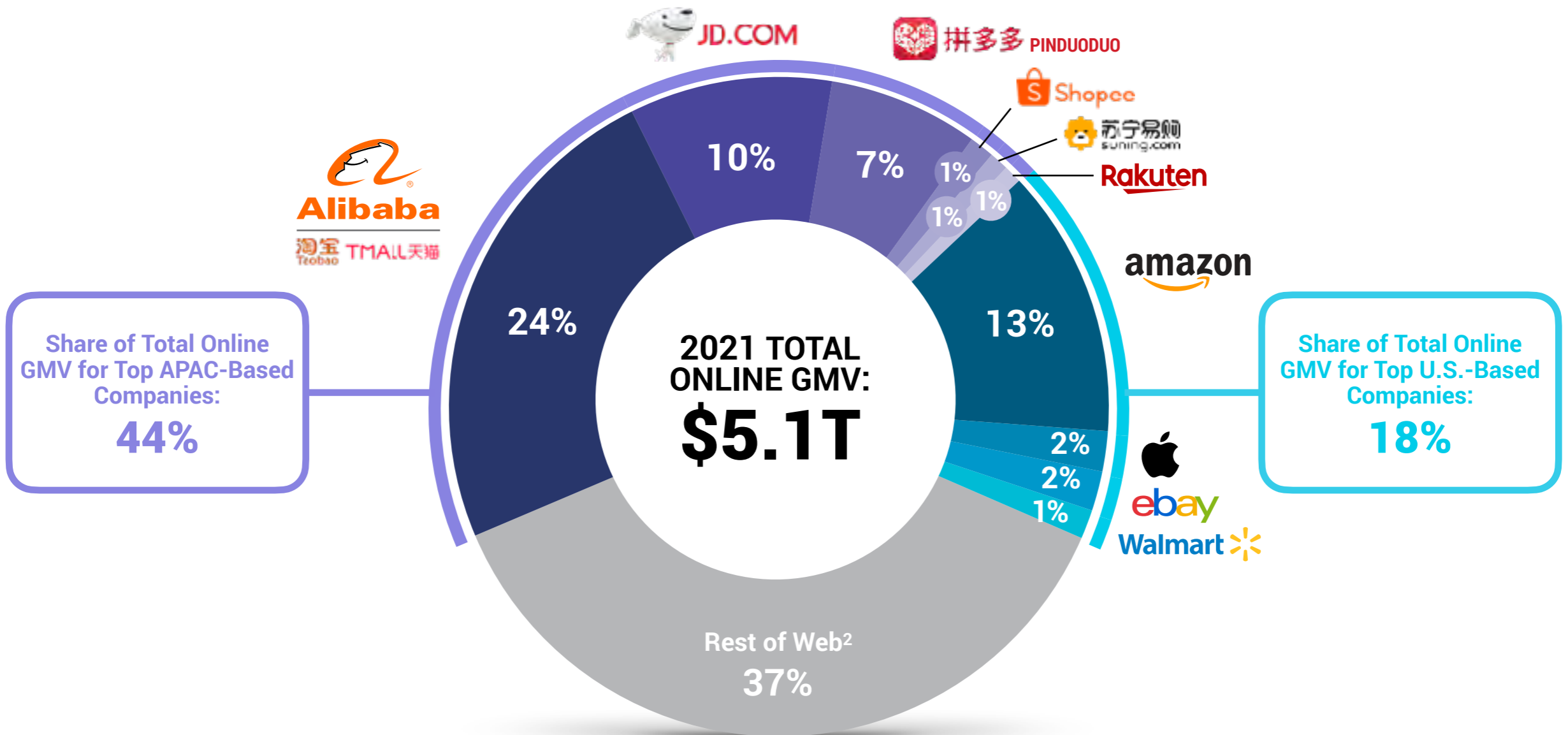
eCommerce Share of Total Retail Sales

23%

29%

# The leaders in eCommerce are companies based in APAC and the U.S.

SHARE OF ONLINE GROSS MERCHANDISE VOLUME (GMV) BY COMPANY<sup>1</sup>, GLOBAL, 2021, % TOTAL ONLINE GMV

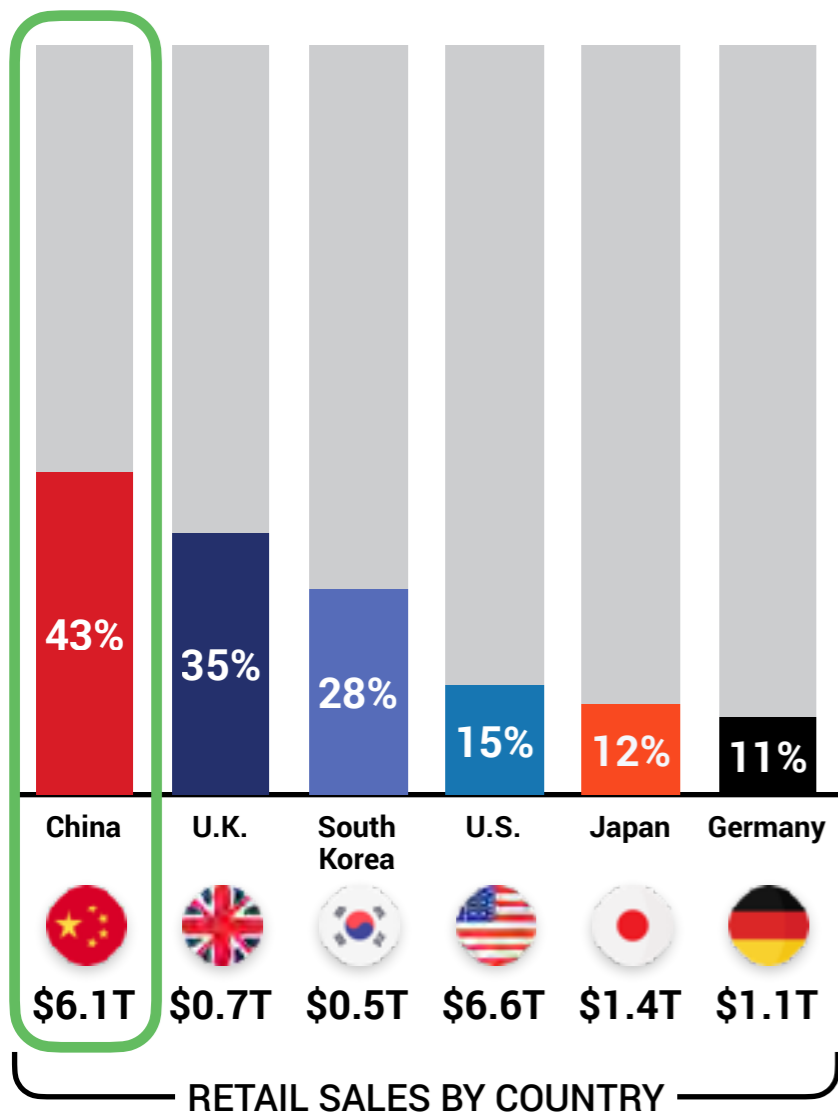




# China has been at the vanguard of eCommerce, as it represents over 50% of total eCommerce sales worldwide

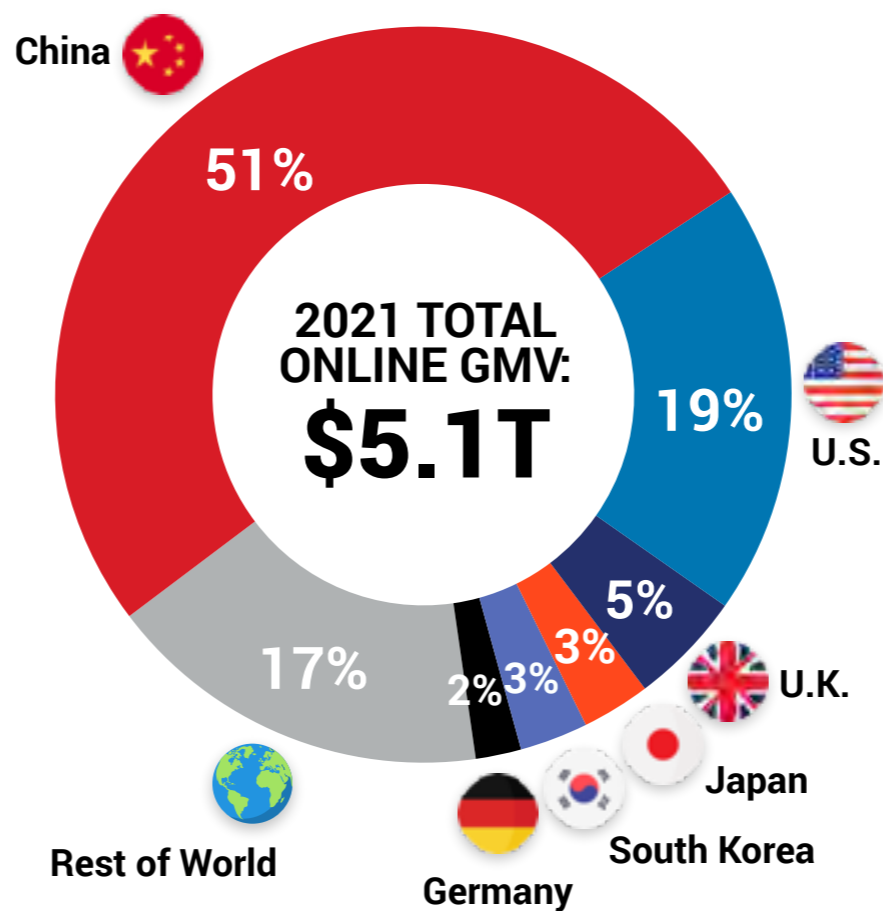
## ECOMMERCE SHARE OF RETAIL SALES BY COUNTRY, GLOBAL, 2021, % TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN EACH COUNTRY

China leads in both total retail sales as well as eCommerce share of retail sales



## SHARE OF ONLINE GROSS MERCHANDISE VOLUME (GMV) BY COUNTRY, GLOBAL, 2021, % TOTAL ONLINE GMV

As such, China is a dominant force in eCommerce, with over 50% share of worldwide online GMV



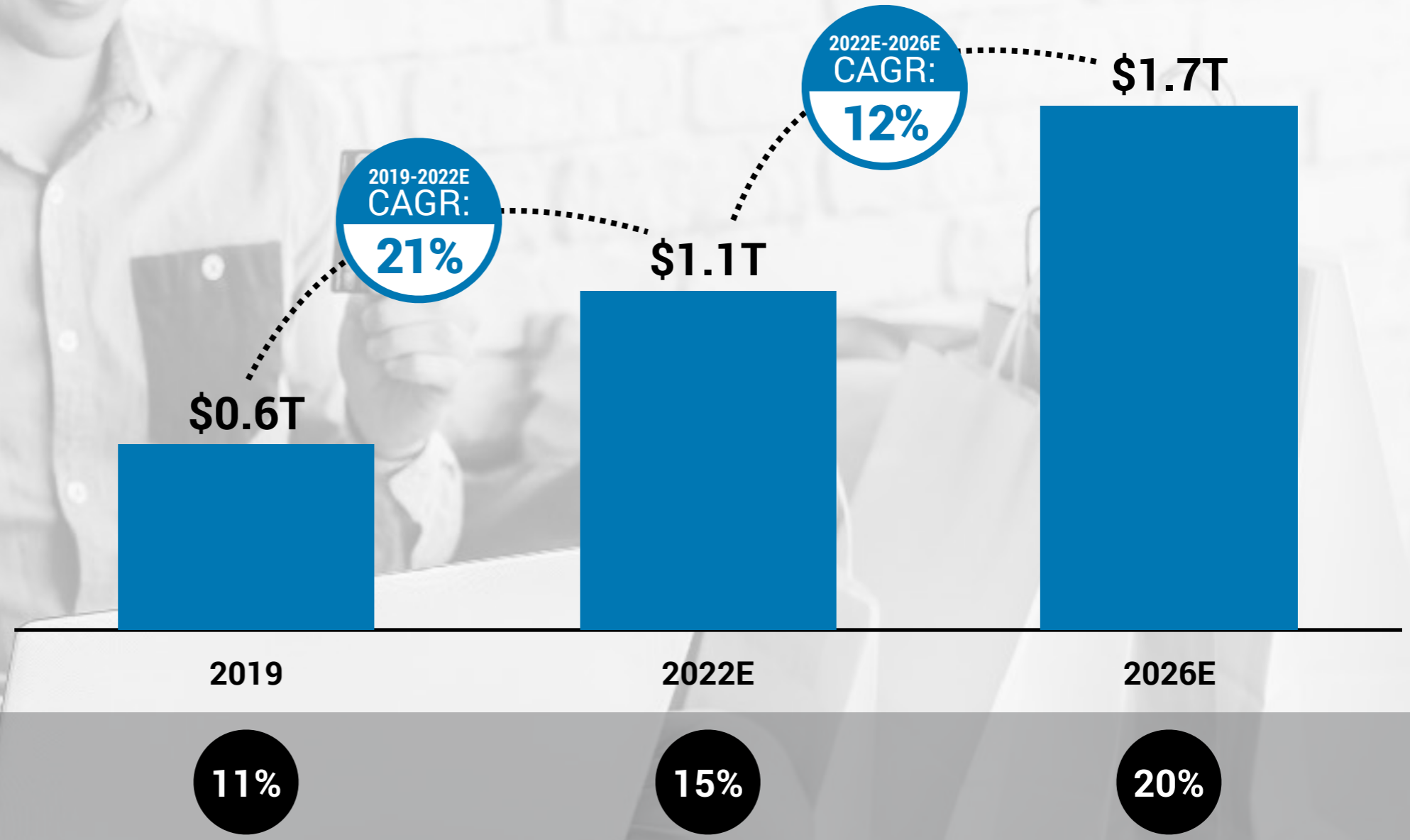
Going forward, drivers of China's eCommerce growth could propel growth in other major markets, particularly the U.S.

## ECOMMERCE GROWTH DRIVERS

- Consumer preference for online vs. in-store shopping
- Adoption of digital wallets and mobile payments
- Usage of platform experiences (e.g. WeChat)

# We forecast that eCommerce in the U.S. will reach \$1.7T by 2026, accounting for 20% of total retail sales

RETAIL ECOMMERCE SALES, U.S., 2019 VS. 2022E VS. 2026E, TRILLIONS USD



ECOMMERCE SHARE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES

# There will be large category-focused eCommerce businesses selling through their own online stores in addition to mass online retailers

## MASS ONLINE RETAILERS



## CATEGORY-FOCUSED RETAILERS

### GROCERIES



### HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS



### CLOTHING, SHOES, ACCESSORIES



### JEWELRY



### BEAUTY & PERSONAL CARE



### FURNITURE



### HOME IMPROVEMENT & DECOR



### ELECTRONICS



### SPORTING GOODS



### TOYS & GAMES

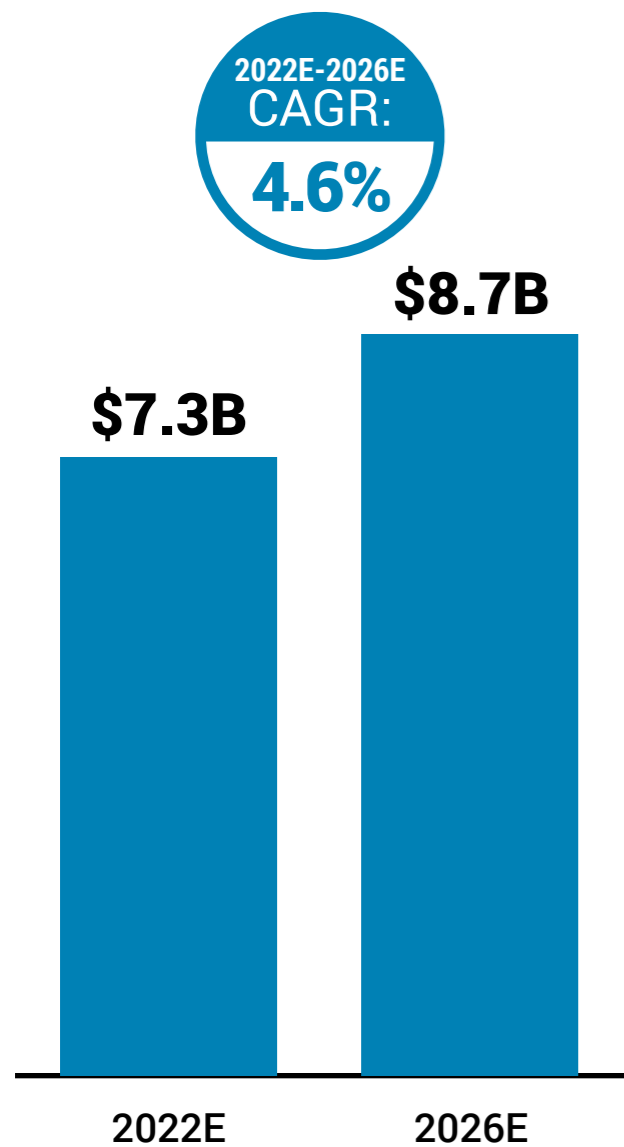


### AUTOMOTIVE



# eCommerce enablement solutions, including storefront and site creation tools, will fuel the growth of category-focused players

**ECOMMERCE ENABLEMENT REVENUE, GLOBAL, 2022E VS. 2026E, BILLIONS USD**

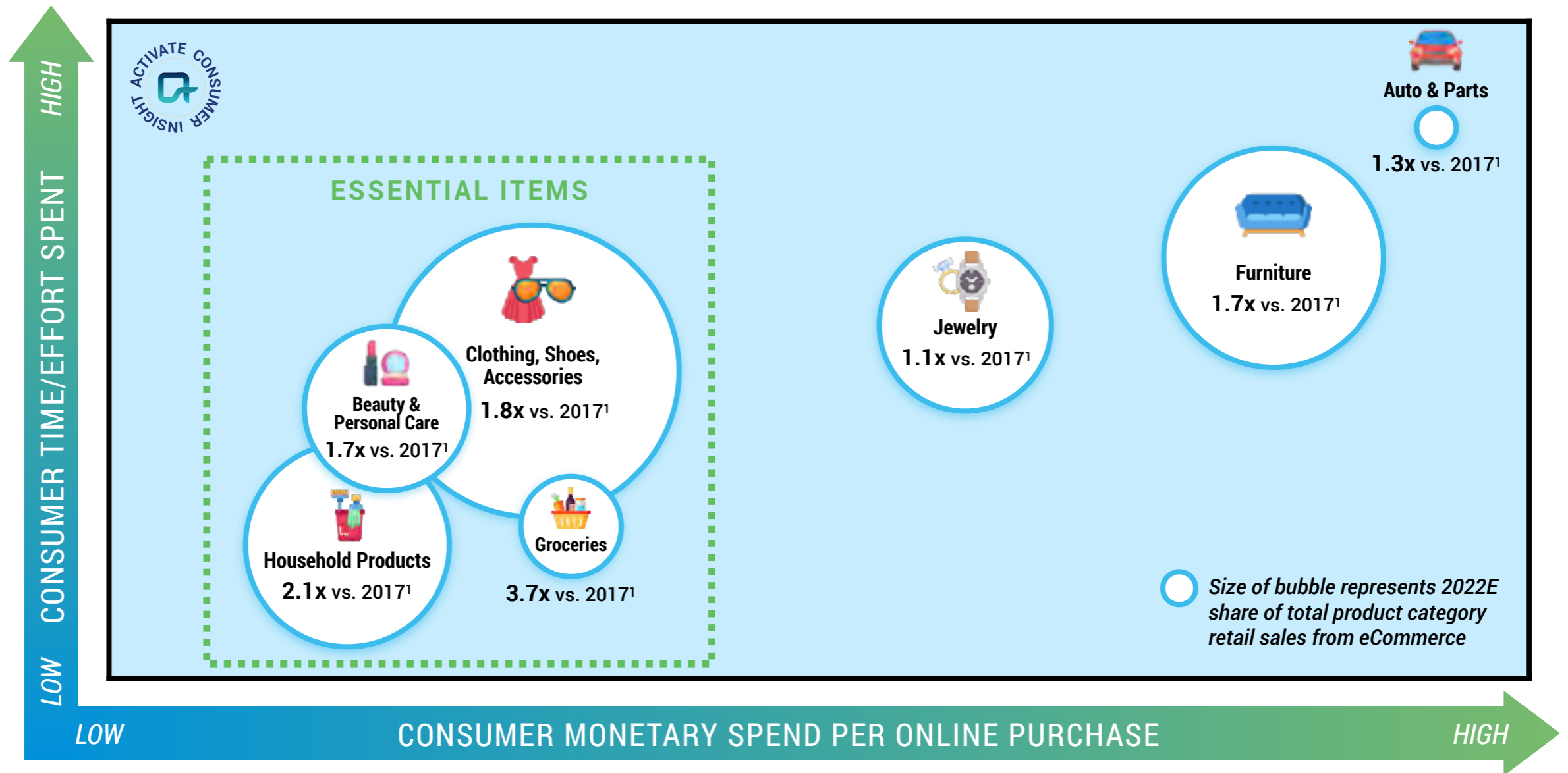


FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE COMPANIES
<b>Storefront Creation</b>	Providers for eCommerce website creation and hosting capabilities	PrestaShop, AUTOMATTIC, volusion, BIGCOMMERCE, SQUARESPACE
<b>Inventory Management and Fulfillment</b>	Tools essential to tracking and managing inventory (e.g. location, amount, current mix) as well as delivering products (e.g. carriers, delivery and shipping options)	SQUARESPACE, Geek+, 3PLCentral, Fullfillment by amazon, ShipBob, BIGCOMMERCE
<b>Payment Services</b>	Providers enabling eCommerce purchasing through first- and third-party gateways, POS app and hardware integration, and payment and financing plans	SQUARESPACE, stripe, lightspeed, BIGCOMMERCE, 2checkout (is now Verifone), clover, Brex, Square, affirm, Bolt
<b>Customer Service, Relationship Management, and Loyalty</b>	Tools and services dedicated to tracking customer relationships and communicating with customers	salesforce, twilio, FIVESTARS
<b>Marketing and Sales Effectiveness</b>	Solutions with capabilities that utilize data to effectively reach consumers across channels (e.g. analytics, sales channels, pricing, merchandising)	salesforce B2C ecommerce, /LiveRamp, mailchimp, BIGCOMMERCE, Qubit, Google Analytics, channeladvisor, DATAWEAVE, SQUARESPACE, bloomreach
<b>Back-end Solutions</b>	Solutions enabling eCommerce sales, including cloud storage/hosting, content delivery, and accounting software	ORACLE NETSUITE, wave, FreshBooks, xero, Akamai, CLOUDFLARE, intuit quickbooks

# Essential product categories will continue to lead eCommerce growth as they require less consideration before purchase decisions and continue to exhibit growing online penetration

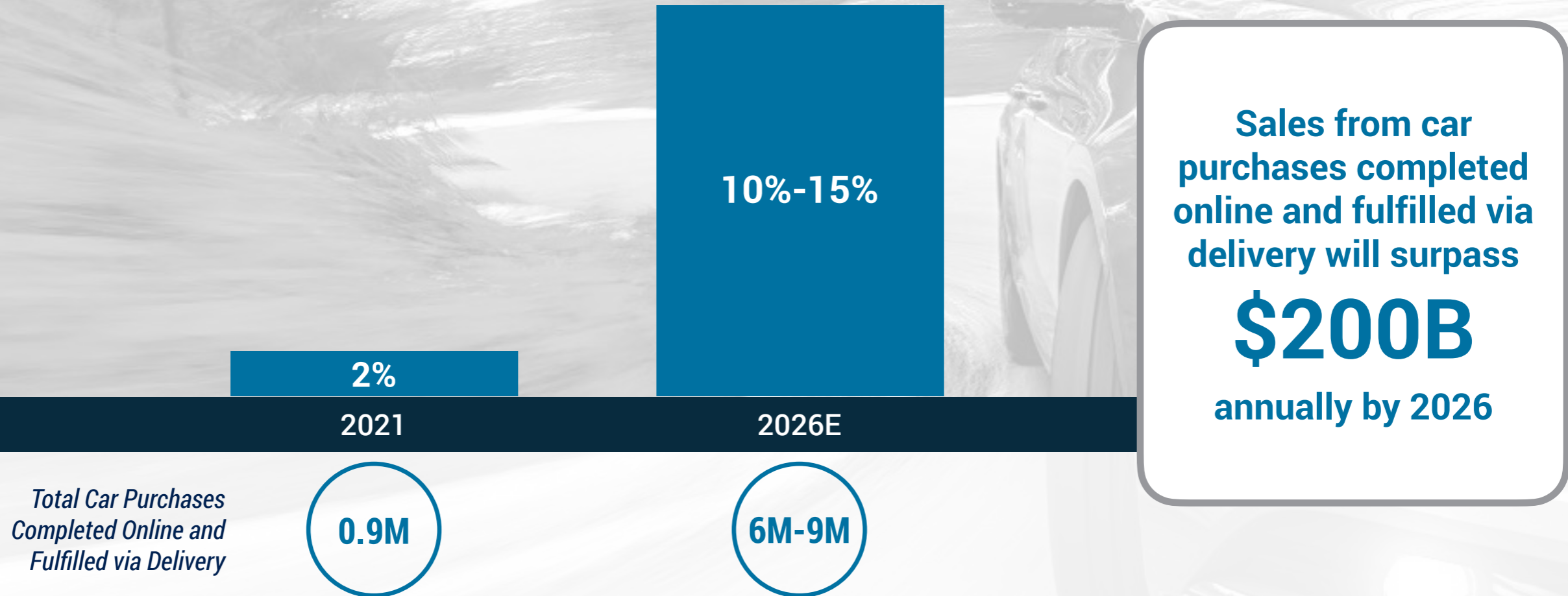


## PRODUCT CATEGORY SEGMENTATION FOR ONLINE PURCHASES



# As one of the major retail categories with low eCommerce penetration today, we forecast that by 2026, revenue from cars purchased online and fulfilled via delivery will reach over \$200B and represent over 10% of total car purchases

CAR PURCHASES COMPLETED ONLINE<sup>1</sup> AND FULFILLED VIA DELIVERY, U.S., 2021 VS. 2026E, % TOTAL CAR PURCHASES<sup>2</sup>



Total Car Purchases Completed Online and Fulfilled via Delivery

0.9M

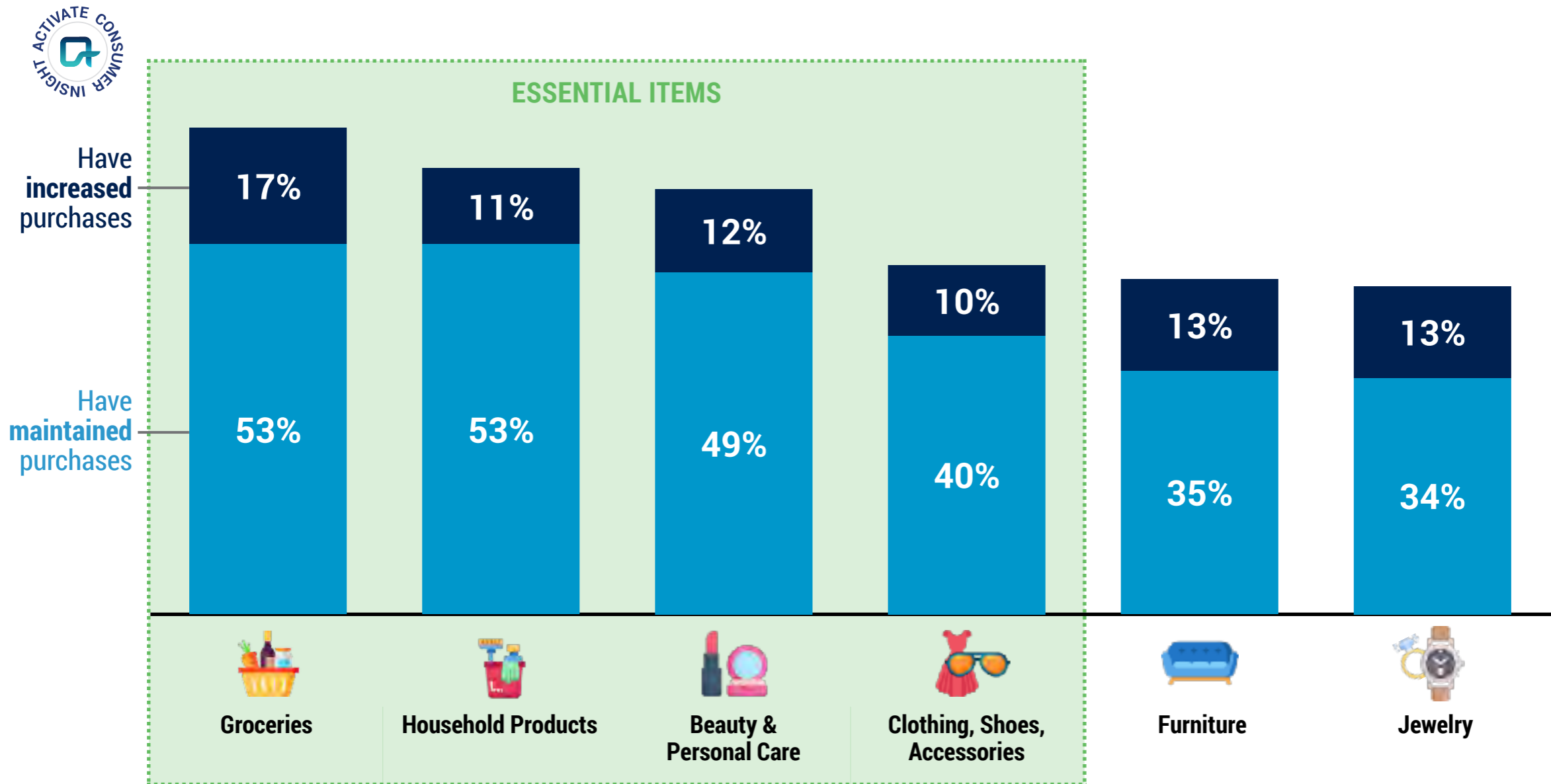
6M-9M

1. "Completed online" is defined as having set up the full car deal online, including the down payment, monthly payment, and trade-in. 2. "Total car purchases" include both new and used cars.

Sources: Activate analysis, Company filings, Company press releases, Company sites, Comscore, Cox Automotive, eMarketer, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, IBISWorld, IHS Markit, Khaveen Investments, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau, Wells Fargo

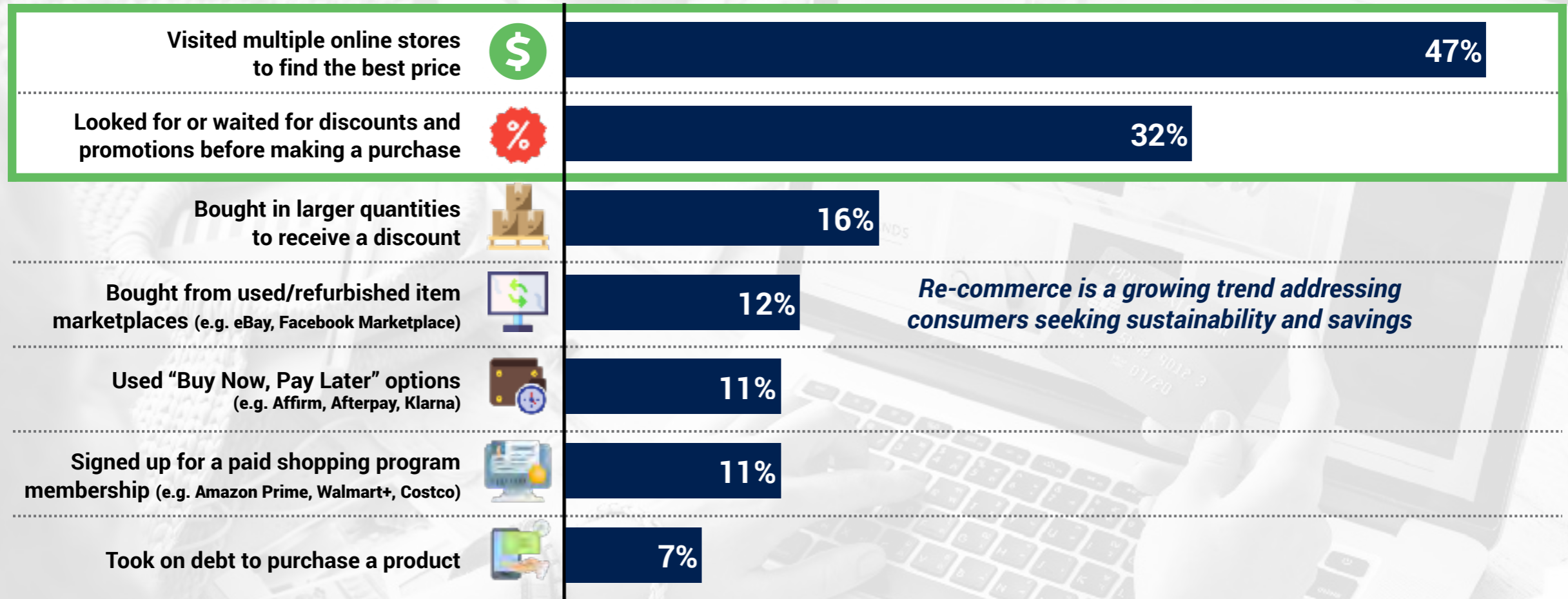
# Despite rising prices due to inflation, over half of online shoppers have increased or maintained online purchases across essential categories

CHANGE IN ONLINE PURCHASING BEHAVIOR IN RESPONSE TO RECENT PRICE INCREASES BY CATEGORY, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS 18+ WHO HAVE SHOPPED FOR PRODUCTS ONLINE IN EACH CATEGORY IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS



# In response to the recent price increases, consumers are choosing to use online channels to compare prices and find deals and promotions

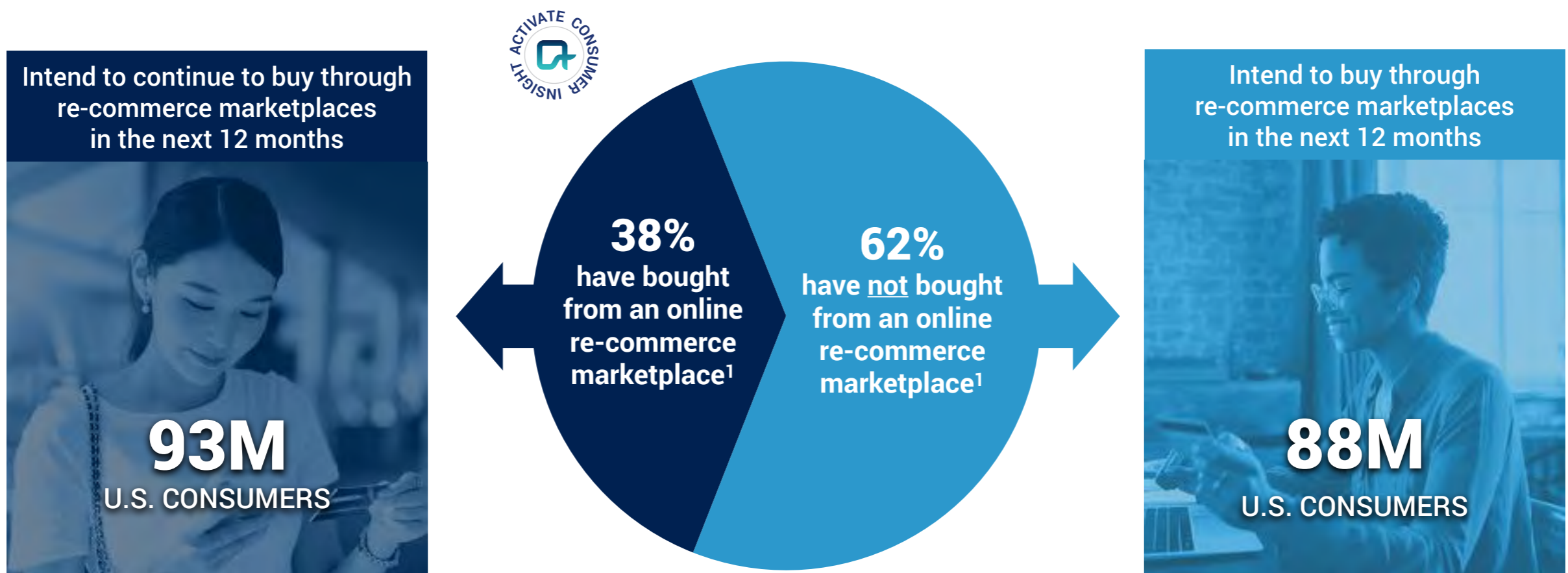
ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE IN RESPONSE TO RECENT PRICE INCREASES, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO HAVE SHOPPED ONLINE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS





# Re-commerce is one of the major growth drivers of eCommerce, with high levels of current and expected consumer usage

USAGE OF ONLINE RE-COMMERCE MARKETPLACES<sup>1</sup> FOR BUYING IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022,% ADULTS AGED 18+



EXAMPLE  
RE-COMMERCE MARKETPLACES



TheRealReal

THREDUP

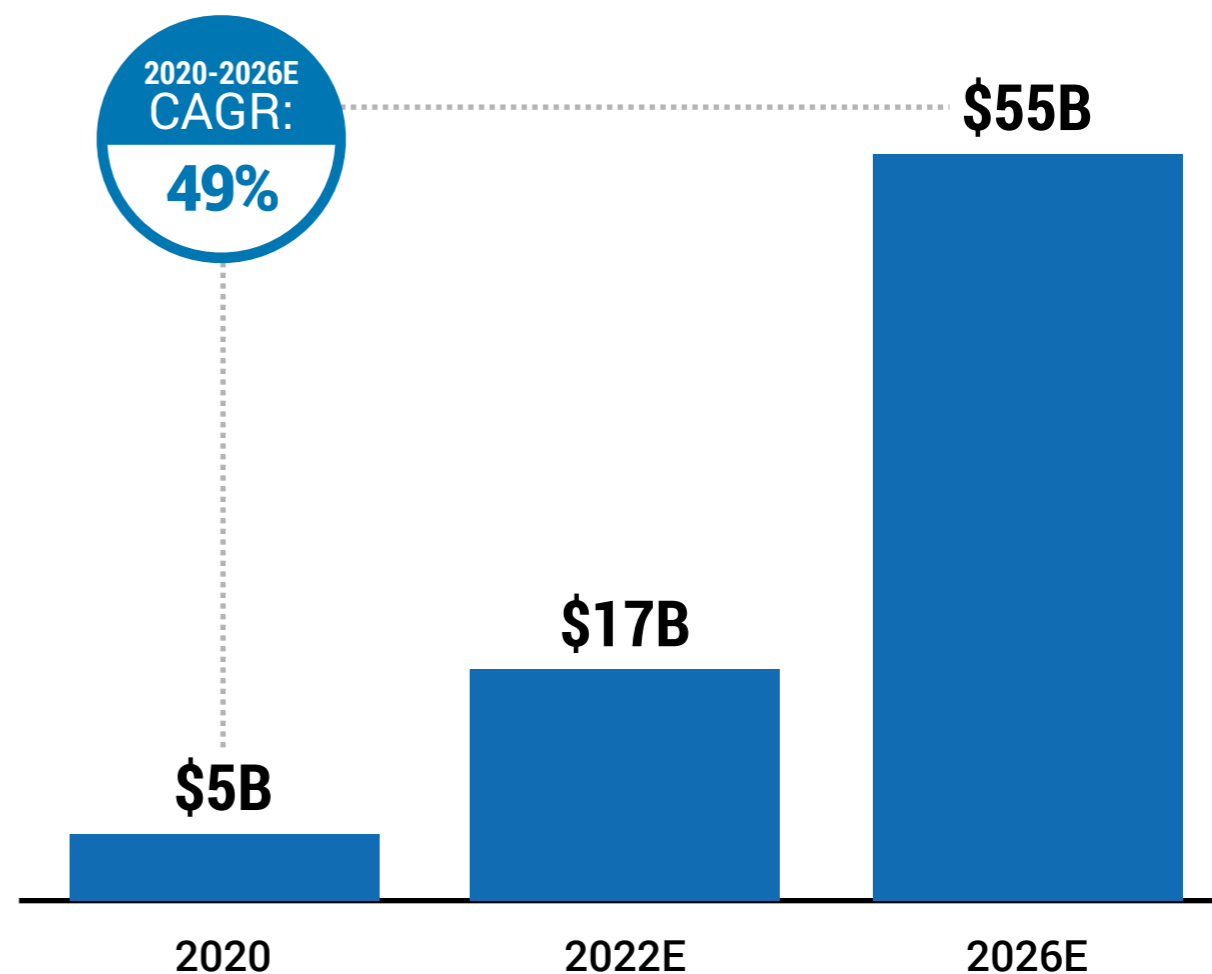
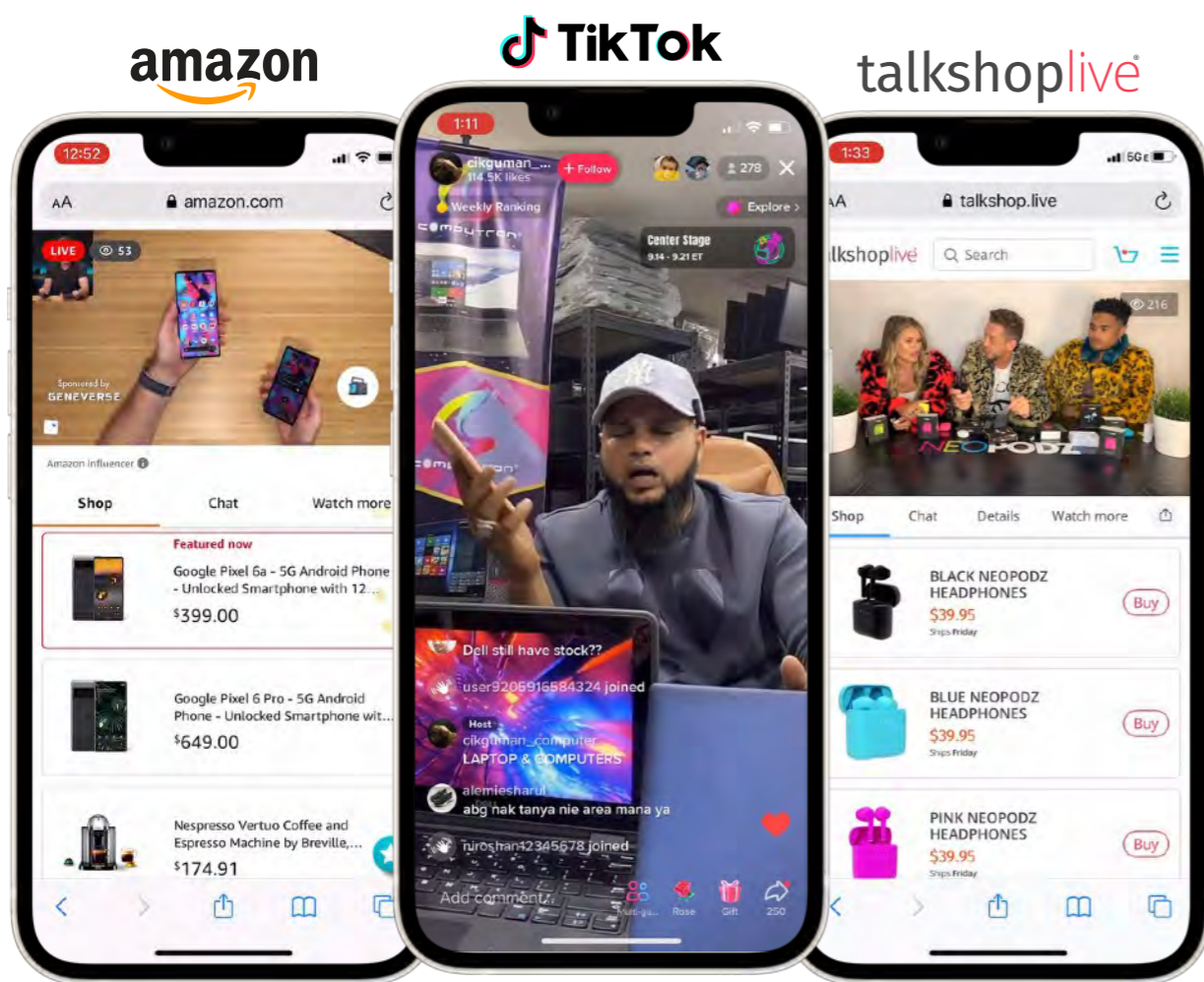


1. "Online re-commerce marketplaces" are defined as online platforms where previously owned items (e.g. clothing, accessories, or other goods) can be purchased and sold.  
Sources: Activate analysis, 2022 Activate Re-Commerce Marketplace Consumer Research Study (n = 2,026), U.S. Census Bureau

# Livestream shopping sales will continue to increase as it becomes a popular way for major retailers to engage consumers through eCommerce

RETAILERS ARE USING THEIR OWN PLATFORMS, SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, AND THIRD-PARTY PLATFORMS TO ENGAGE CONSUMERS THROUGH LIVESTREAM SHOPPING

LIVESTREAM ECOMMERCE SALES, U.S., 2020 VS. 2022E VS. 2026E, BILLIONS USD

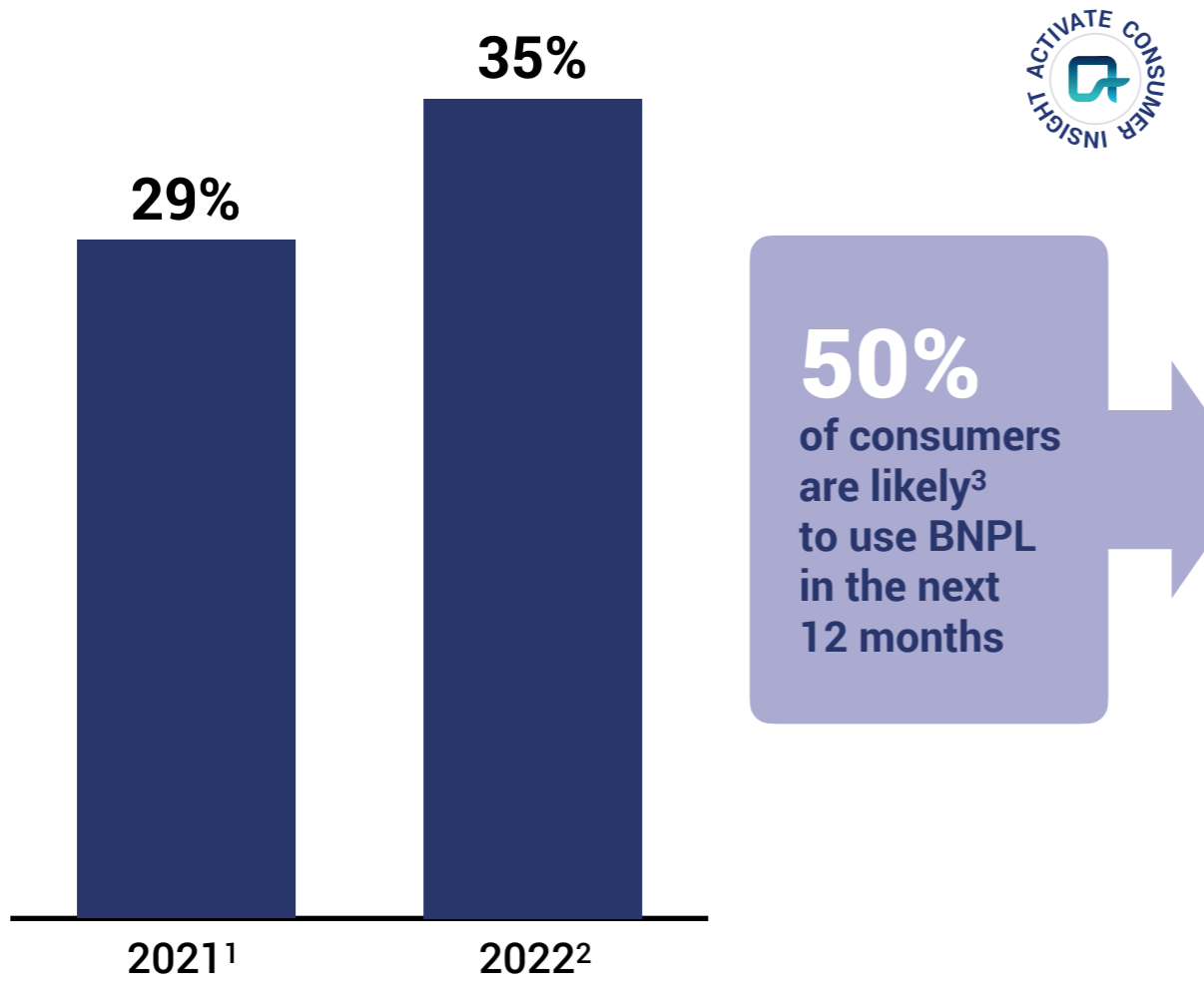


MAJOR RETAILERS USING LIVESTREAM SHOPPING

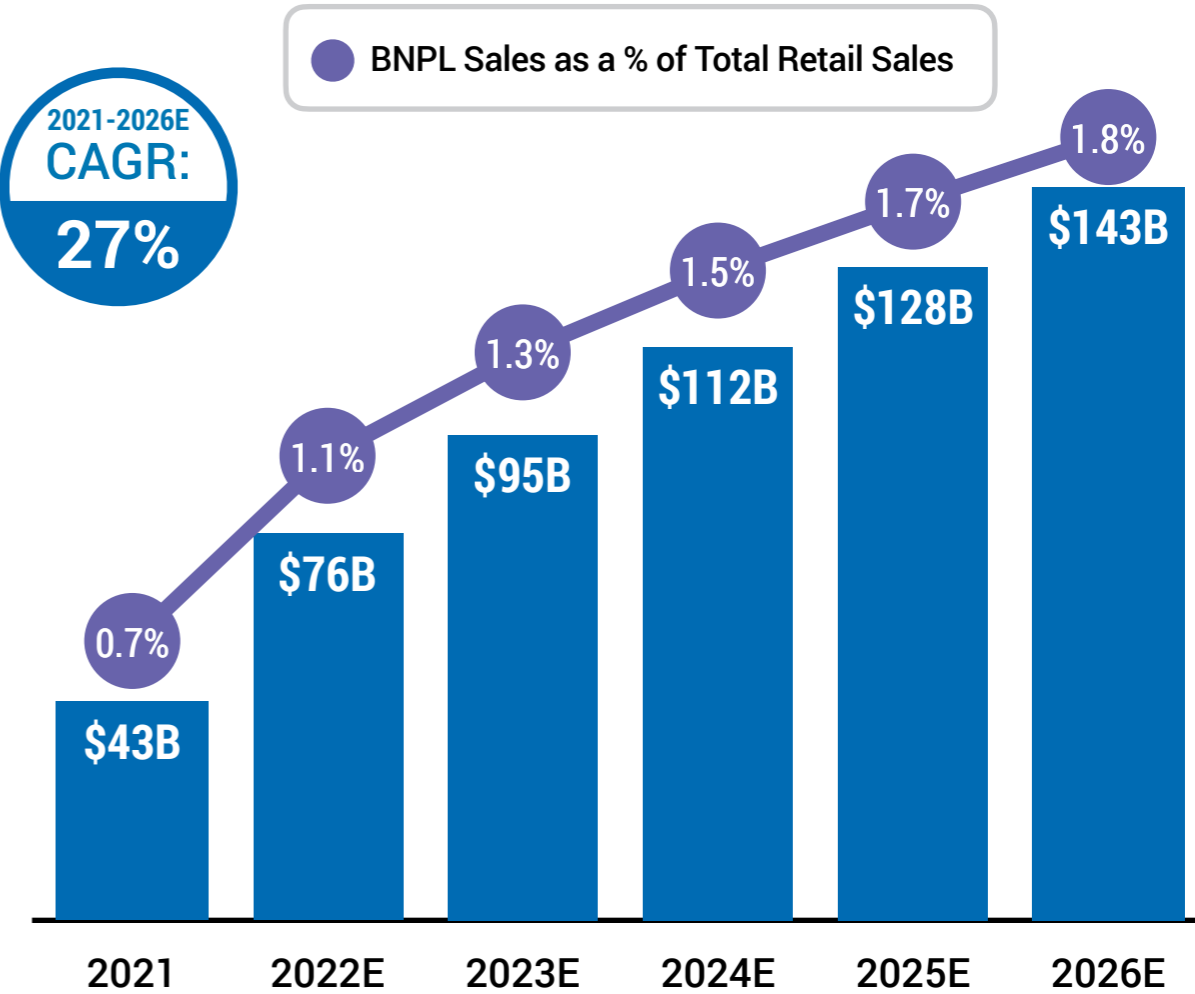


# The growth of Buy Now, Pay Later adoption will fuel eCommerce sales

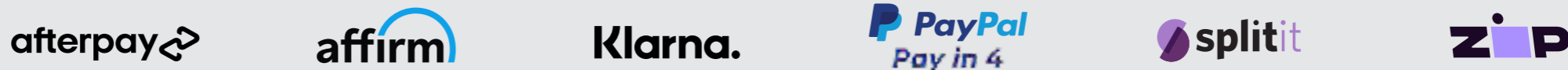
USAGE OF BUY NOW, PAY LATER (BNPL) SERVICES WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE, U.S., 2021<sup>1</sup> VS. 2022<sup>2</sup>, % ADULTS 18+



BUY NOW, PAY LATER (BNPL) SALES, U.S., 2021-2026E, BILLIONS USD / % TOTAL RETAIL SALES



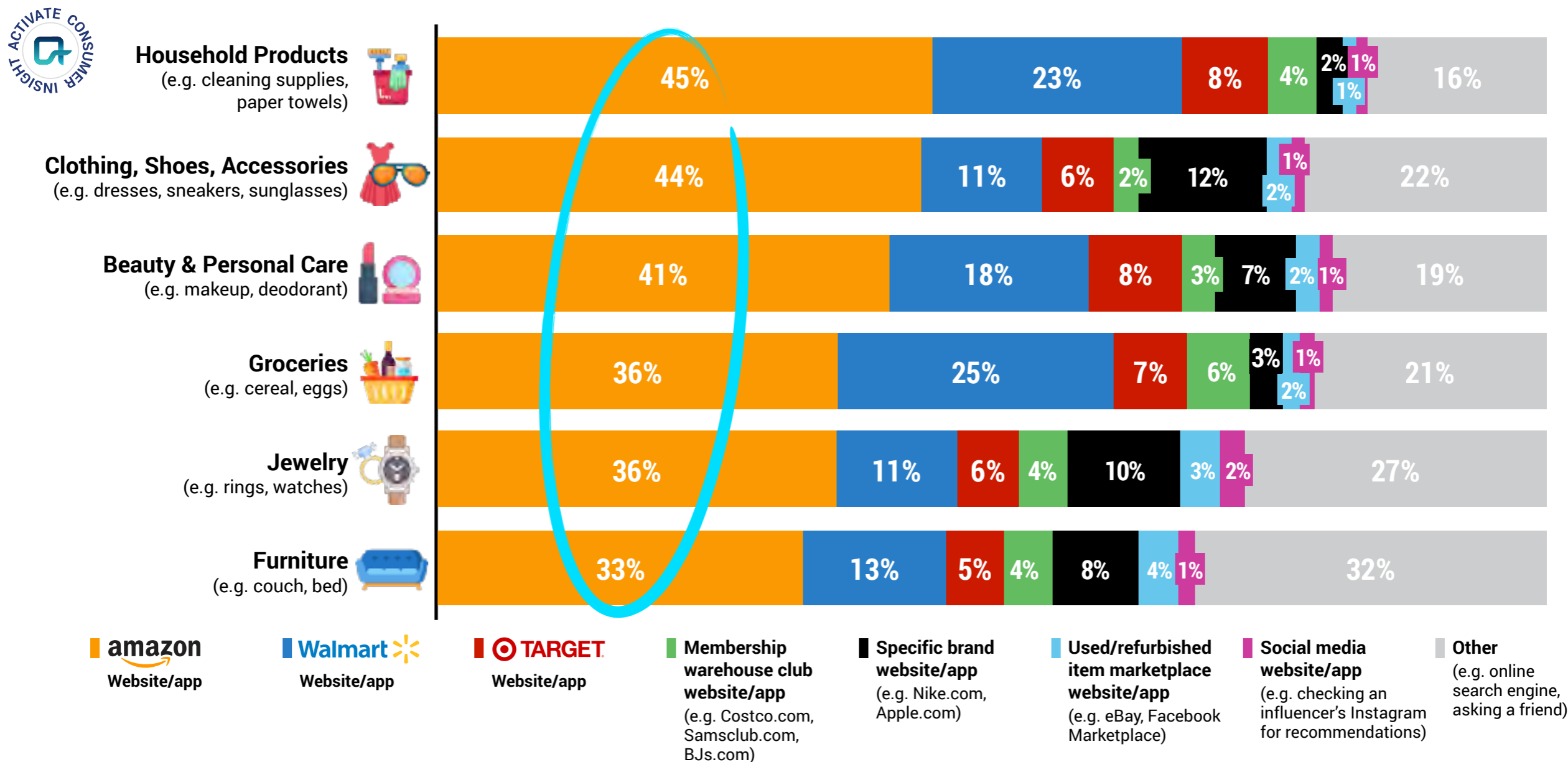
EXAMPLE BUY NOW, PAY LATER SERVICES



1. Reflects Sept. 2020-Aug. 2021. 2. Reflects Sept. 2021-Aug. 2022. 3. "Likely" is defined as extremely, very, somewhat, or slightly likely.  
 Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2021 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,018), Activate 2022 Metaverse & NFT Consumer Research Study (n = 3,078), eMarketer, Statista

# When consumers are looking for specific products to purchase, Amazon is the go-to online channel to begin their search

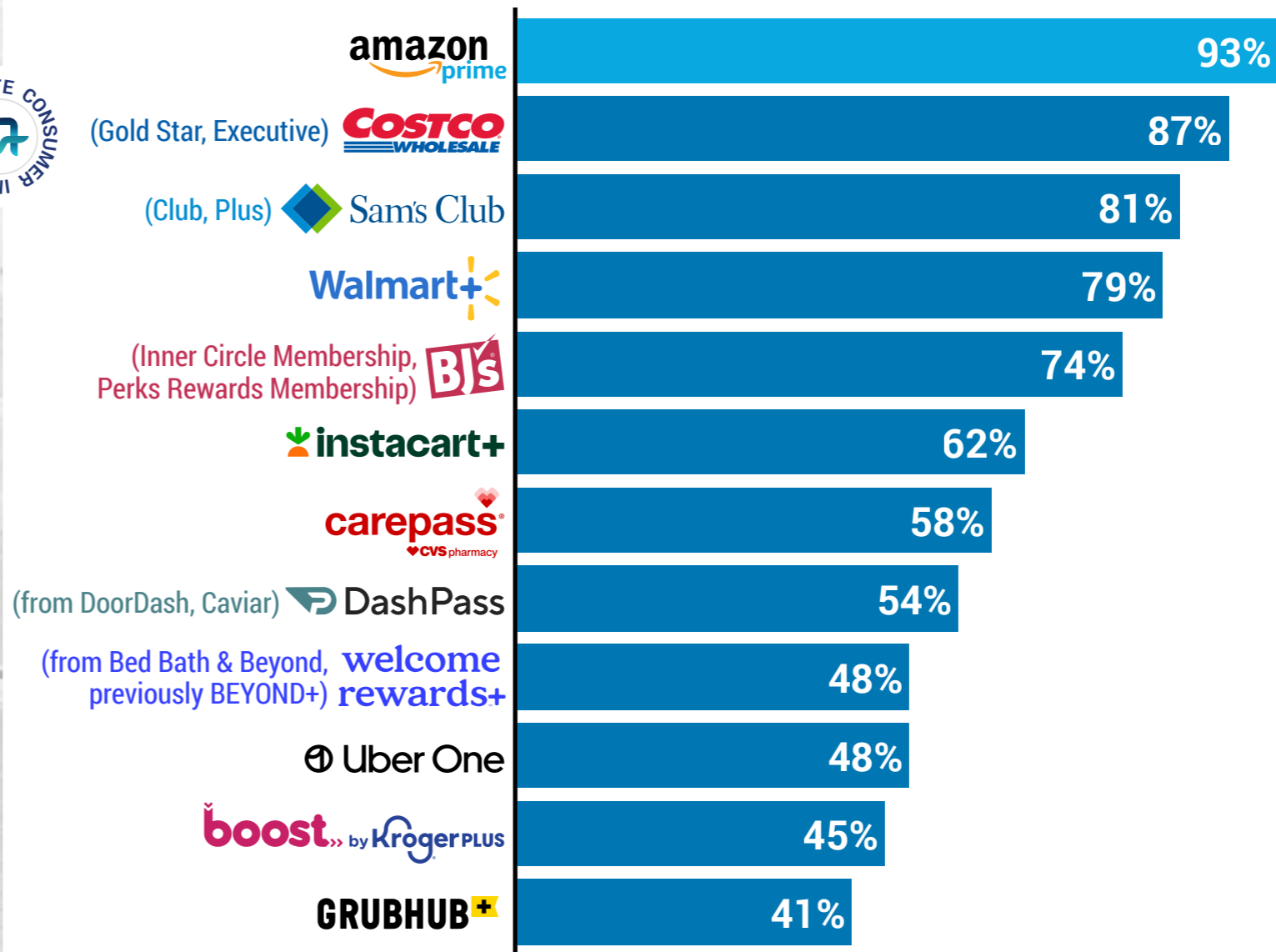
CHANNELS USED TO START SEARCHES FOR SPECIFIC PRODUCTS ONLINE BY CATEGORY<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO HAVE SHOPPED FOR PRODUCTS ONLINE IN EACH CATEGORY IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS



# Amazon Prime drives loyalty for Amazon as a platform; consumer demand for shopping program memberships goes well beyond Amazon to a broader set of providers

**IMPORTANCE OF AMAZON PRIME BENEFITS, U.S., 2021, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHOSE HOUSEHOLD PAYS FOR AMAZON PRIME**

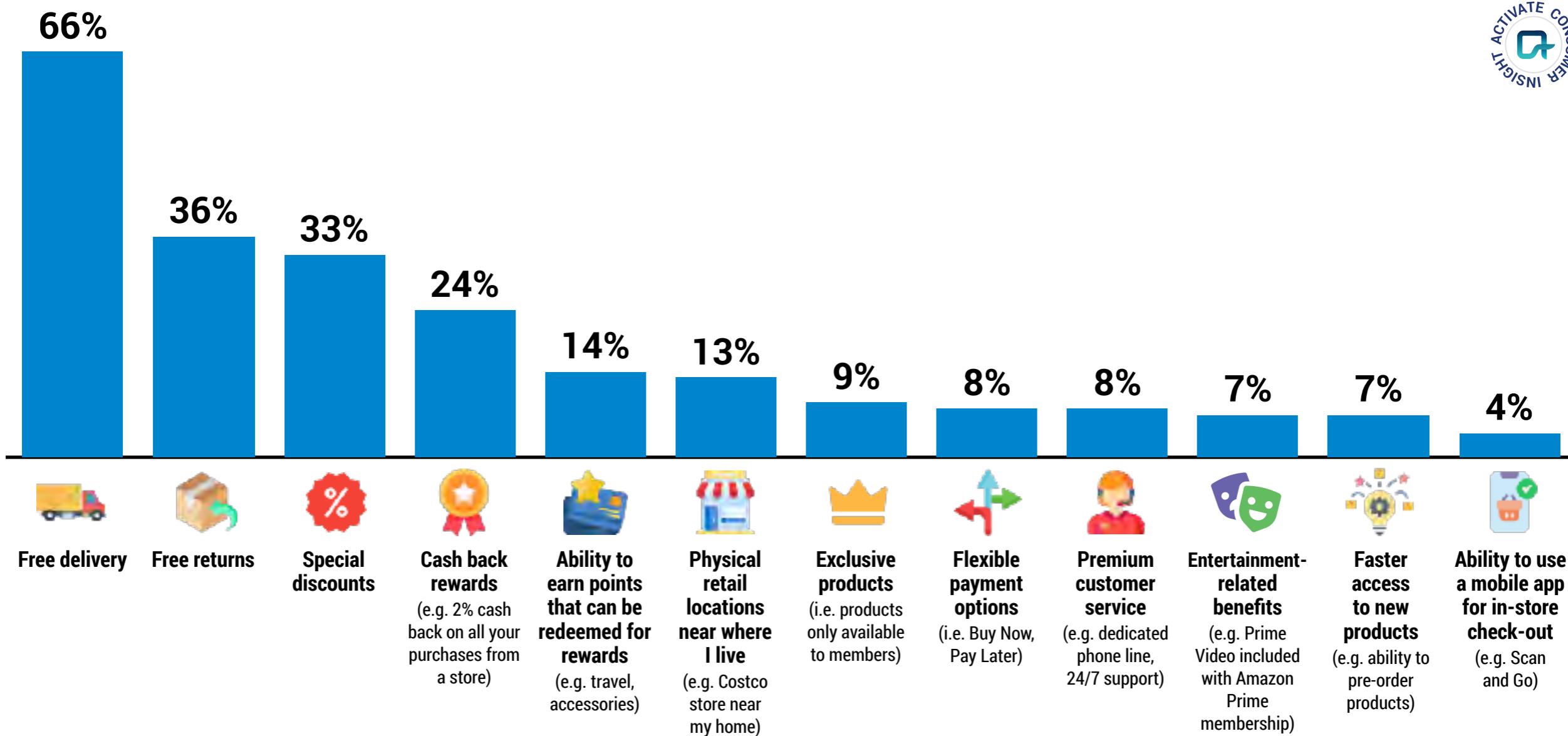
**INTENT TO CONTINUE PAYING FOR PAID SHOPPING PROGRAM MEMBERSHIPS<sup>1</sup> IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHOSE HOUSEHOLD CURRENTLY PAYS FOR EACH PAID SHOPPING PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP<sup>1</sup>**



1. "Paid shopping program memberships" are defined as paid loyalty program memberships providing members exclusive access to benefits (e.g. Amazon Prime, Walmart+, Uber One).  
Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Activate COVID-19 Consumer Technology & Media Study May 2021 (n = 2,913), Company sites

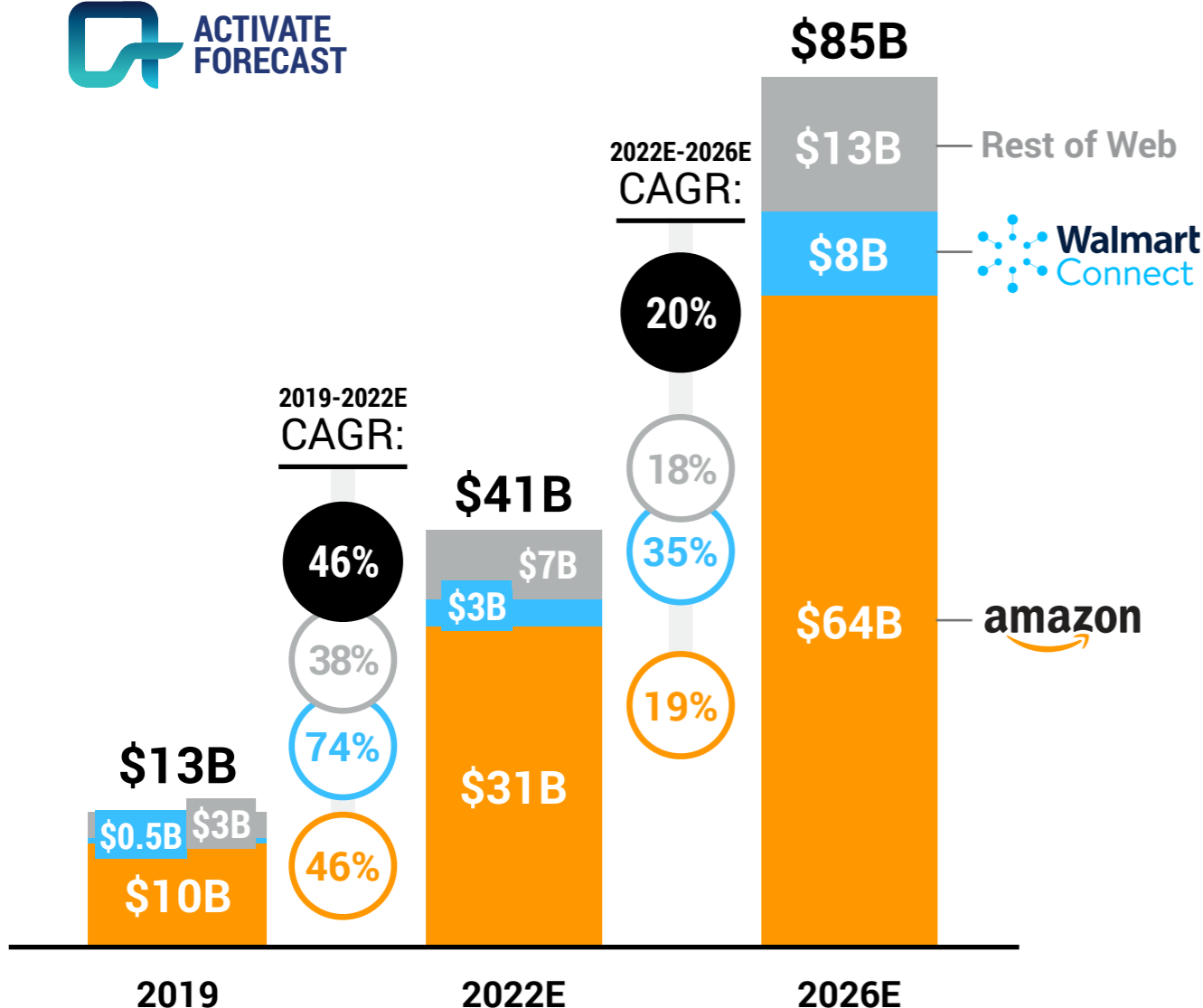
# When it comes to paid shopping program membership benefits, free delivery is considered the most important

TOP MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS<sup>1</sup> INFLUENCING SUBSCRIPTION TO A PAID SHOPPING PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP<sup>2</sup>, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHOSE HOUSEHOLD CURRENTLY PAYS FOR AT LEAST ONE PAID SHOPPING PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP<sup>2</sup>



# Going forward, retail media networks will be increasingly instrumental in leveraging first-party data to provide retailers with greater personalization for customer experience and consumer targeting

RETAIL MEDIA NETWORK ADVERTISING SPEND<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2019 VS. 2022E VS. 2026E, BILLIONS USD



## FEATURES DRIVING THE VALUE PROPOSITION OF RETAIL MEDIA NETWORKS

<b>First-Party Customer Loyalty Data</b>	Enables measurement of both offline and online sales, allowing <b>personalized, targeted advertising for brands</b> with the ability to activate against <b>highly customized segments</b>
<b>Access to Scaled Marketplace Audiences</b>	Provides <b>large, engaged audiences</b> who can be targeted with <b>relevant advertisements through an effective medium</b> (i.e. able to drive shopper behavior as close as possible to point of sale)
<b>Accurate Sales Attribution Metrics</b>	Measures <b>impact of advertisements through direct links to customer purchases</b> , allowing ongoing view of campaign performance and mid-campaign optimization
<b>Partnerships with CTV Publishers</b>	Allows <b>upper-funnel brand advertising</b> , facilitated through partnerships providing access to <b>CTV inventory</b> (e.g. Kroger & Roku, Target & Disney)

### EMERGING RETAIL MEDIA NETWORKS



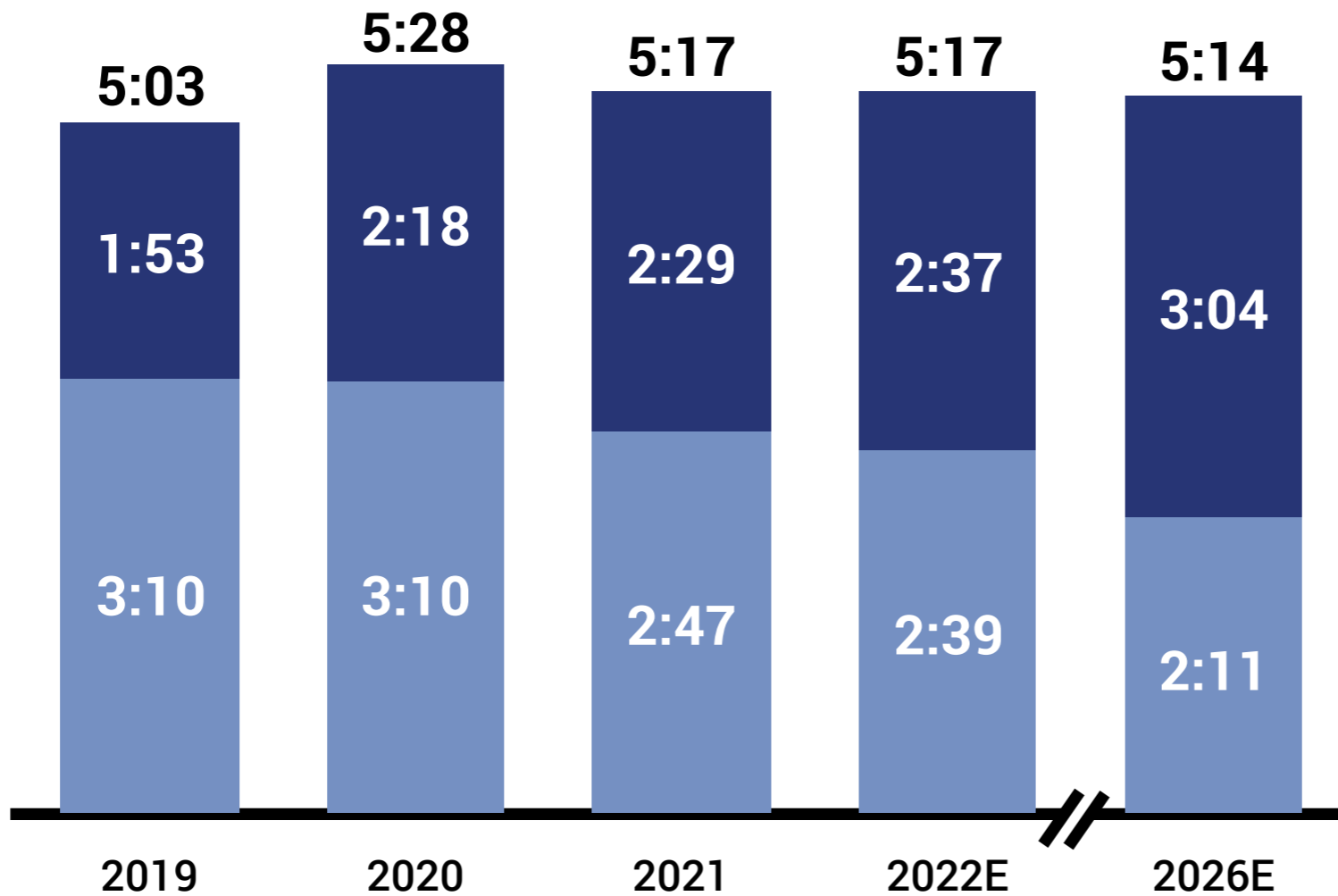
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# Overall time spent with video will remain flat through 2026, though digital video will continue to grow at the expense of traditional television

AVERAGE DAILY VIDEO TIME SPENT PER ADULT AGED 18+ BY TYPE<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2019-2022E VS. 2026E, HOURS:MINUTES



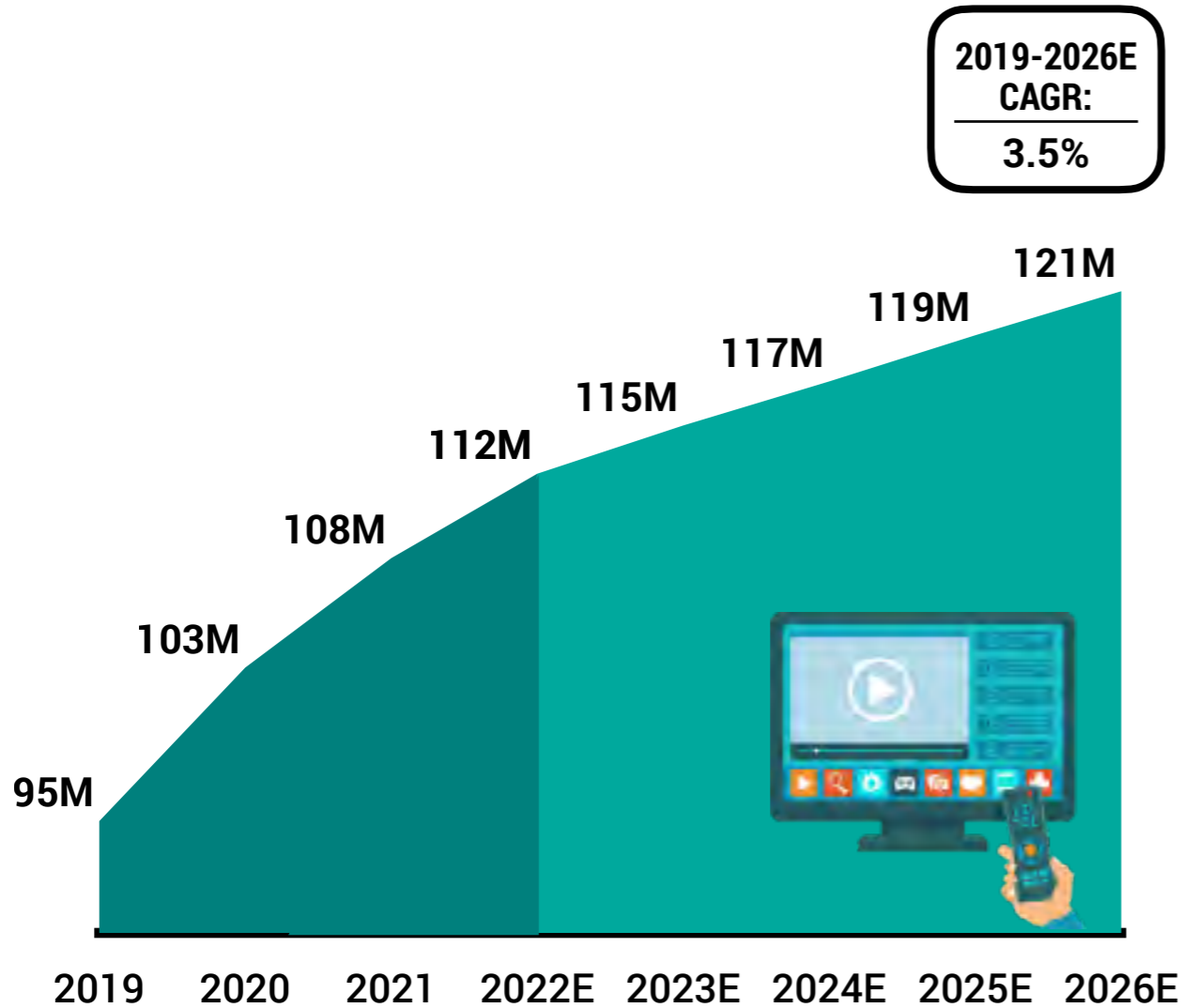
2019-2022E CAGR:	2022E-2026E CAGR:
1.4%	-0.2%
11.7%	4.0%
-5.8%	-4.8%

1. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 2. "Digital video" is defined as video watched on a mobile phone, tablet, desktop/laptop, or Connected TV. Connected TVs are TV sets that can connect to the internet through built-in internet capabilities (i.e. Smart TVs) or through another device such as a streaming device (e.g. Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, Google Chromecast, Roku), game console, or Blu-ray player. Does not include social video. 3. "Television" is defined as traditional live and time-shifted (e.g. DVR) television viewing.

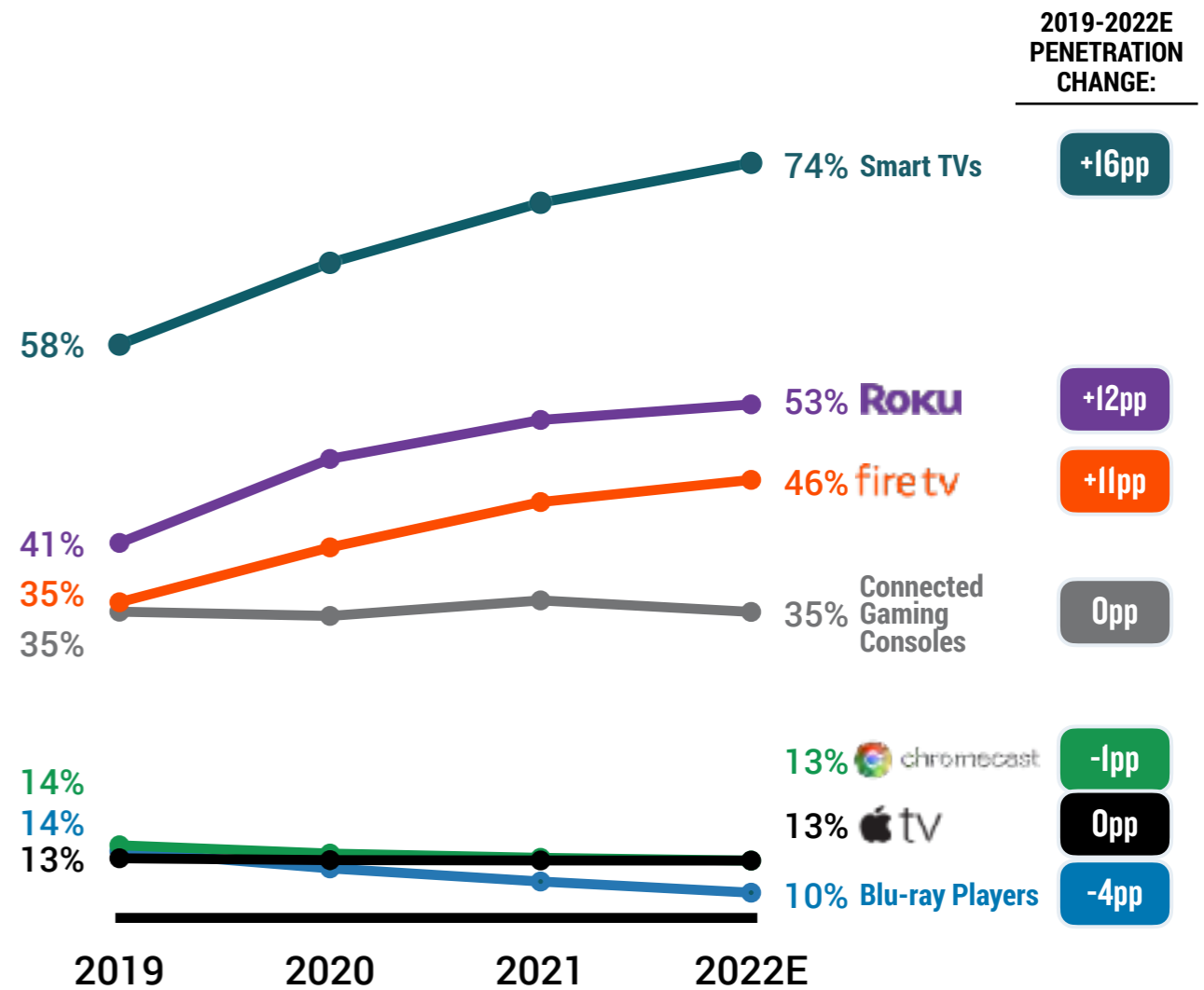
Sources: Activate analysis, eMarketer, GWI, Nielsen, Pew Research Center, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Increasingly, Connected TVs will play a larger role in digital video consumption; nearly all U.S. households will have a Connected TV by 2026

**CONNECTED TV HOUSEHOLDS<sup>1,2</sup>, U.S., 2019-2026E, MILLIONS HOUSEHOLDS**



**PENETRATION<sup>3</sup> BY SELECT CONNECTED TV DEVICES<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2019-2022E, % CONNECTED TV MONTHLY USERS<sup>4</sup>**

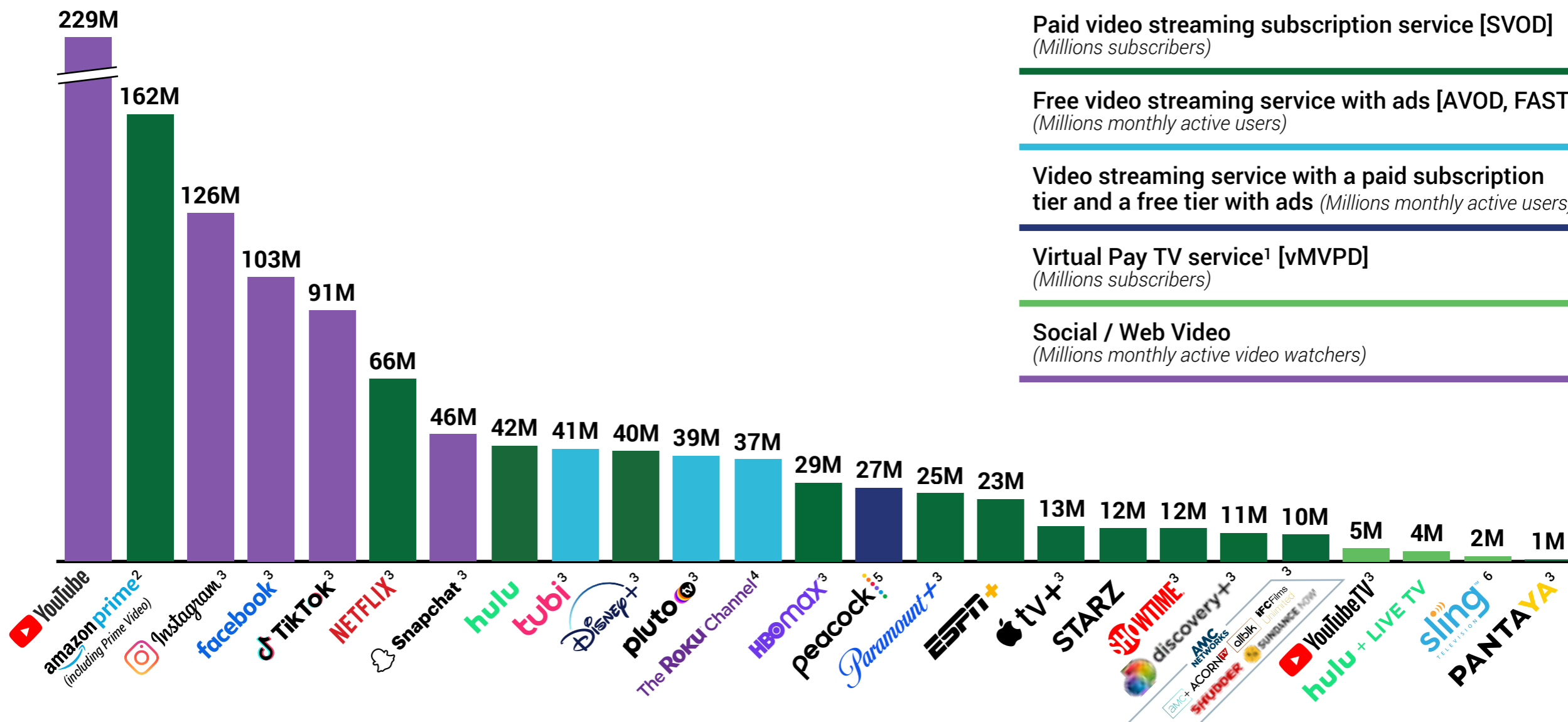


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Sources: Activate analysis, eMarketer, Leichtman Research Group

# Digital video consumption is taking place across a wide range of platforms

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS/USERS/WATCHERS BY SELECT VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES, U.S., Q2 2022, MILLIONS SUBSCRIBERS / MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS / MONTHLY ACTIVE VIDEO WATCHERS



Note: Figures reflect latest publicly disclosed statistics as of Oct. 2022, unless noted otherwise. 1. "Virtual Pay TV service" is defined as a service that delivers TV through the internet without a set-top box. 2. Reflects estimate of total Prime users. 3. Reflects estimate. 4. Reflects estimate of Roku monthly active accounts in North America viewing The Roku Channel. 5. Reflects monthly active accounts as of the end of Q3 2022. Includes 15M paid subscribers. 6. Includes Sling Blue and Orange. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), CNBC, Company filings, Company press releases, Company sites, eMarketer, Entertainment Strategy Guy, MoffettNathanson, Morgan Stanley

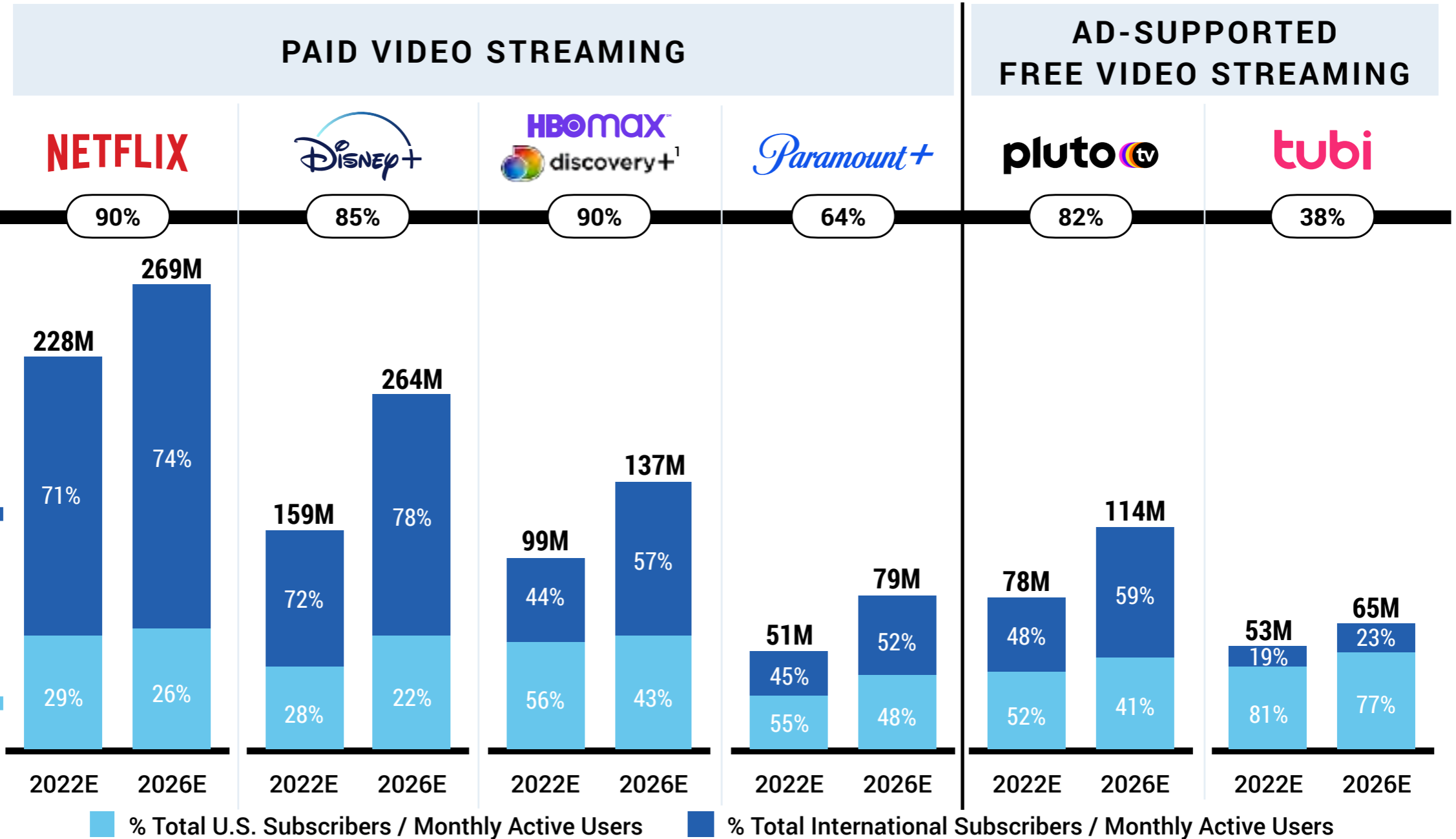
# Major streaming platforms will rely on international markets to drive subscriber growth

PAID STREAMING AND AD-SUPPORTED FREE STREAMING SUBSCRIBERS / MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS BY REGION, GLOBAL, 2022E VS. 2026E, MILLIONS SUBSCRIBERS / MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS

INTERNATIONAL SHARE OF INCREMENTAL NEW SUBSCRIBERS / MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS:

INTERNATIONAL

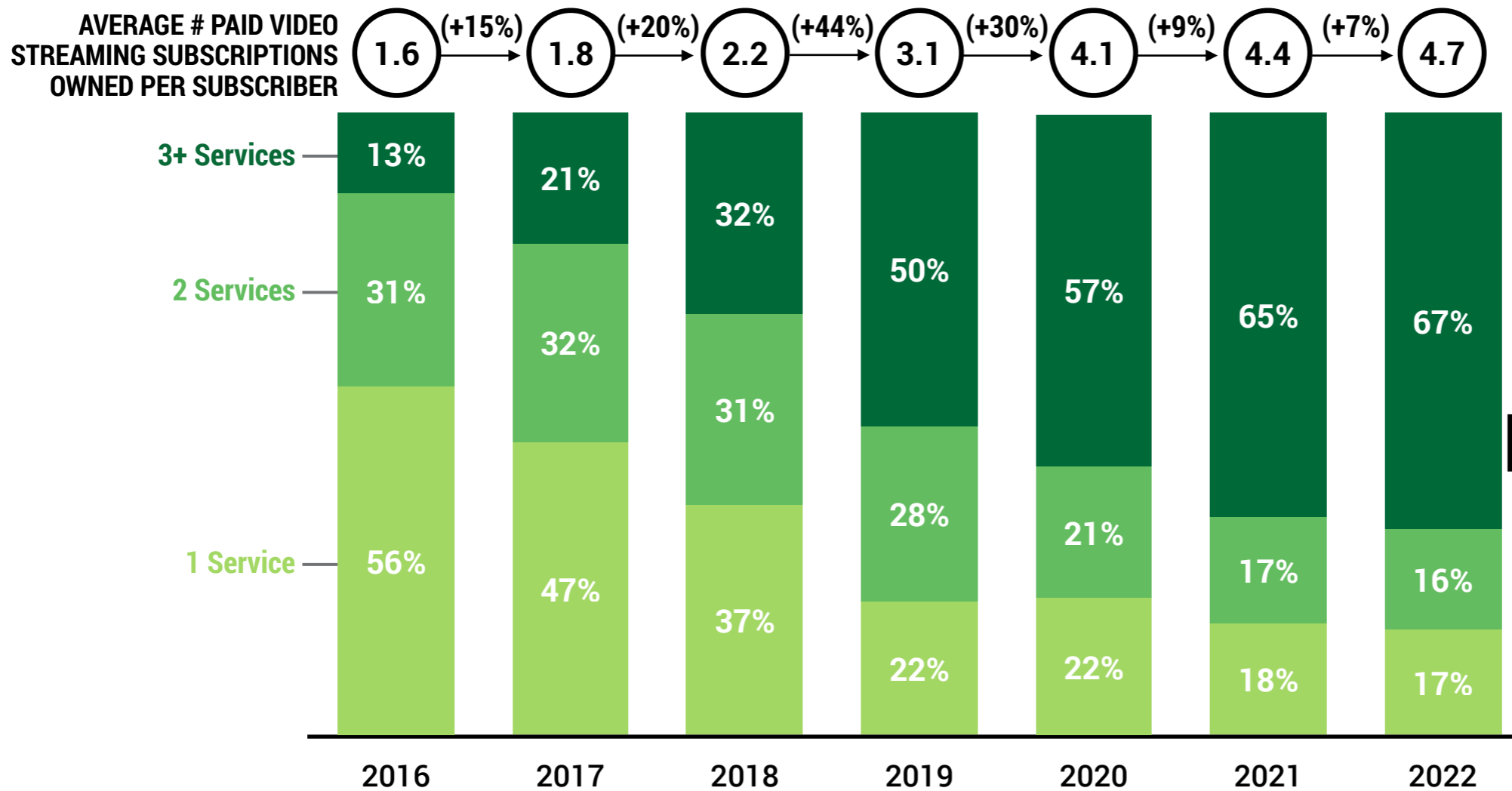
U.S.



1. Includes OTT and linear subscribers.  
 Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Bank of America, Company filings, Company press releases, Company sites, Eikon, eMarketer, Entertainment Strategy Guy, JP Morgan, MoffettNathanson, Morgan Stanley, S&P Global, Wells Fargo

# By 2026, the average paid video streaming subscriber will have 6.3 subscriptions

NUMBER OF PAID VIDEO STREAMING SUBSCRIPTIONS OWNED PER PAYING SUBSCRIBER<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2016-2022, % PAID VIDEO STREAMING SUBSCRIPTION OWNERS AGED 18+



**ACTIVATE FORECAST**

We forecast that the average paid video streaming subscriber will own

# 6.3

subscriptions by 2026

1. Figures do not sum to 100% due to rounding. Includes both ad-supported and ad-free paid video streaming subscriptions. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2016 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,000), Activate 2017 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,047), Activate 2018 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,000), Activate 2019 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,006), Activate 2020 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,003), Activate 2021 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,018), Activate 2021 Consumer Video Research Study (n = 2,014), Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Omdia, PricewaterhouseCoopers, U.S. Department of Labor

# During the pandemic, direct-to-streaming strategies from HBO Max and Disney+ led to subscriber growth and retention

## MOVIE RELEASE STRATEGIES BY HBO MAX AND DISNEY+, U.S., 2021

**HBOmax™** All 2021 Warner Bros. movies were made available to stream through HBO Max for 31 days on the same day as their theatrical releases

**Cost: Included with ad-free subscription (\$14.99/month)**



Select Disney movies were made available for purchase through Disney+ Premier Access on the same day as their theatrical releases

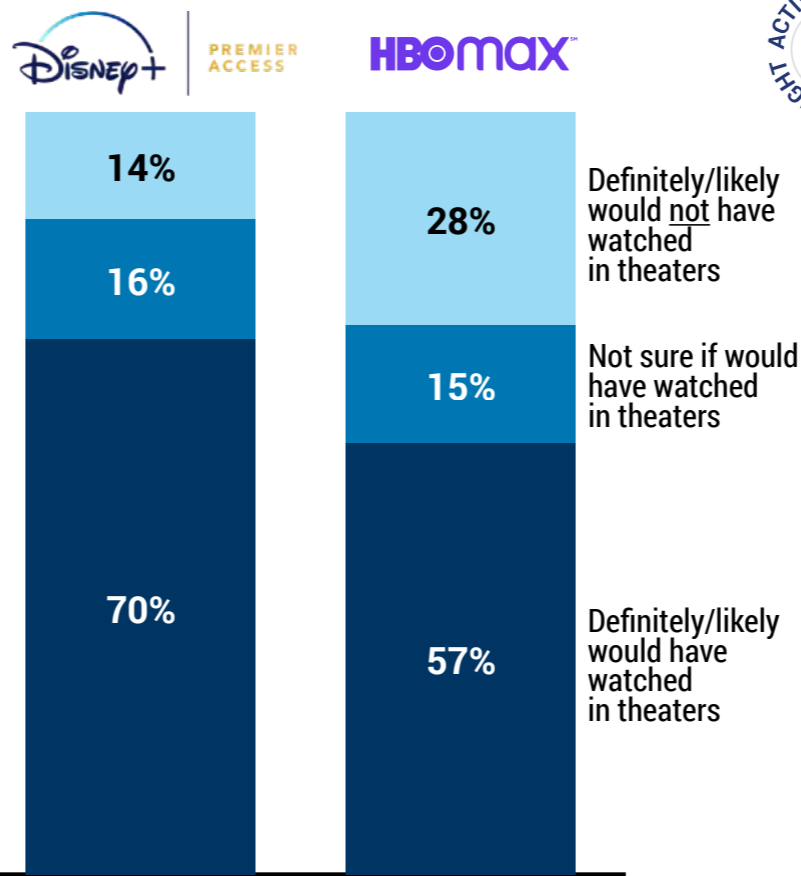
**Cost: \$29.99/movie plus price of Disney+ (\$7.99/month)**



### LIKELIHOOD OF HAVING GONE TO A THEATER TO WATCH NEWLY RELEASED MOVIES<sup>1</sup> VIEWED ON EACH SERVICE, U.S., 2021, % VIEWINGS OF NEWLY RELEASED MOVIES<sup>1</sup> ON DISNEY+ PREMIER ACCESS OR HBO MAX<sup>2,3</sup>

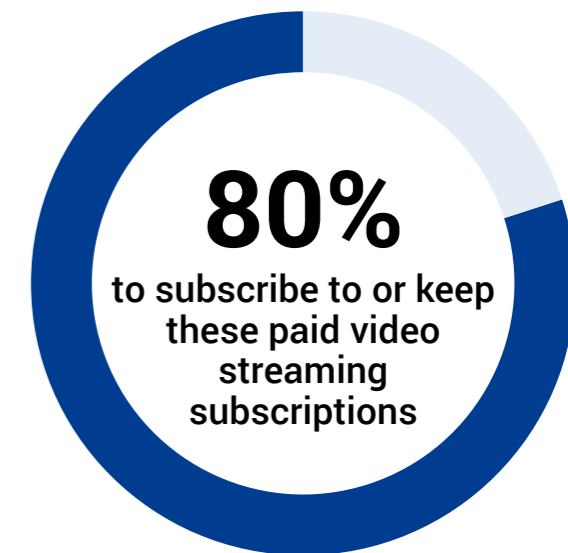
Had the movie not been available through Disney+ Premier Access or HBO Max and assuming personal health due to COVID-19 was not a concern...

NEWLY RELEASED MOVIE<sup>1</sup> VIEWINGS THROUGH:



### IMPACT OF ACCESS TO NEWLY RELEASED MOVIES<sup>1</sup> FOR SELECT SUBSCRIPTIONS, U.S., 2021, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO VIEWED A NEWLY RELEASED MOVIE<sup>1</sup> ON DISNEY+ PREMIER ACCESS OR HBO MAX<sup>2</sup>

Of those who watched newly released movies<sup>1</sup> through Disney+ Premier Access or HBO Max, access to these movies influenced...













1. "Newly released movies" are defined as movies that are not yet widely available (i.e. only available in theaters or on Disney+ Premier Access / HBO Max). 2. If multiple newly released movies were viewed on Disney+ or HBO Max, answers for each movie/service were counted separately. 3. Viewings by adults aged 18+. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2021 Consumer Video Research Study (n = 2,014)

# In 2022, major film studios have returned to giving films an exclusive theatrical run but now have greater flexibility over theatrical window length

## MOVIE RELEASE STRATEGIES BY SELECT MAJOR FILM STUDIOS, U.S., 2022

2022













**ADHERENCE TO ~45-DAY THEATRICAL WINDOW:** Tentpole films are given at least a 45-day theatrical window before they appear on streaming platforms

	Jackass Forever was released exclusively in theaters on 2/4/22 and arrived on Paramount+ 45 days later  <i>Paramount+</i>
	Sonic the Hedgehog 2 was released exclusively in theaters on 4/8/22 and arrived on Paramount+ 45 days later  <i>Paramount+</i>
	The Batman was released exclusively in theaters on 3/4/22 and arrived on HBO Max 45 days later  <b>WB</b> <b>WARNER BROS. PICTURES</b> <b>HBO MAX</b>
	DC League of Super-Pets was released exclusively in theaters on 7/29/22 and arrived on HBO Max 45 days later  <b>WB</b> <b>WARNER BROS. PICTURES</b> <b>HBO MAX</b>
	Lightyear was released exclusively in theaters on 6/17/22 and arrived on Disney+ 47 days later  <i>Disney+</i>

**FURTHER FLEXIBILITY / "CASE-BY-CASE":** Some films are receiving longer theatrical windows before reaching streaming platforms

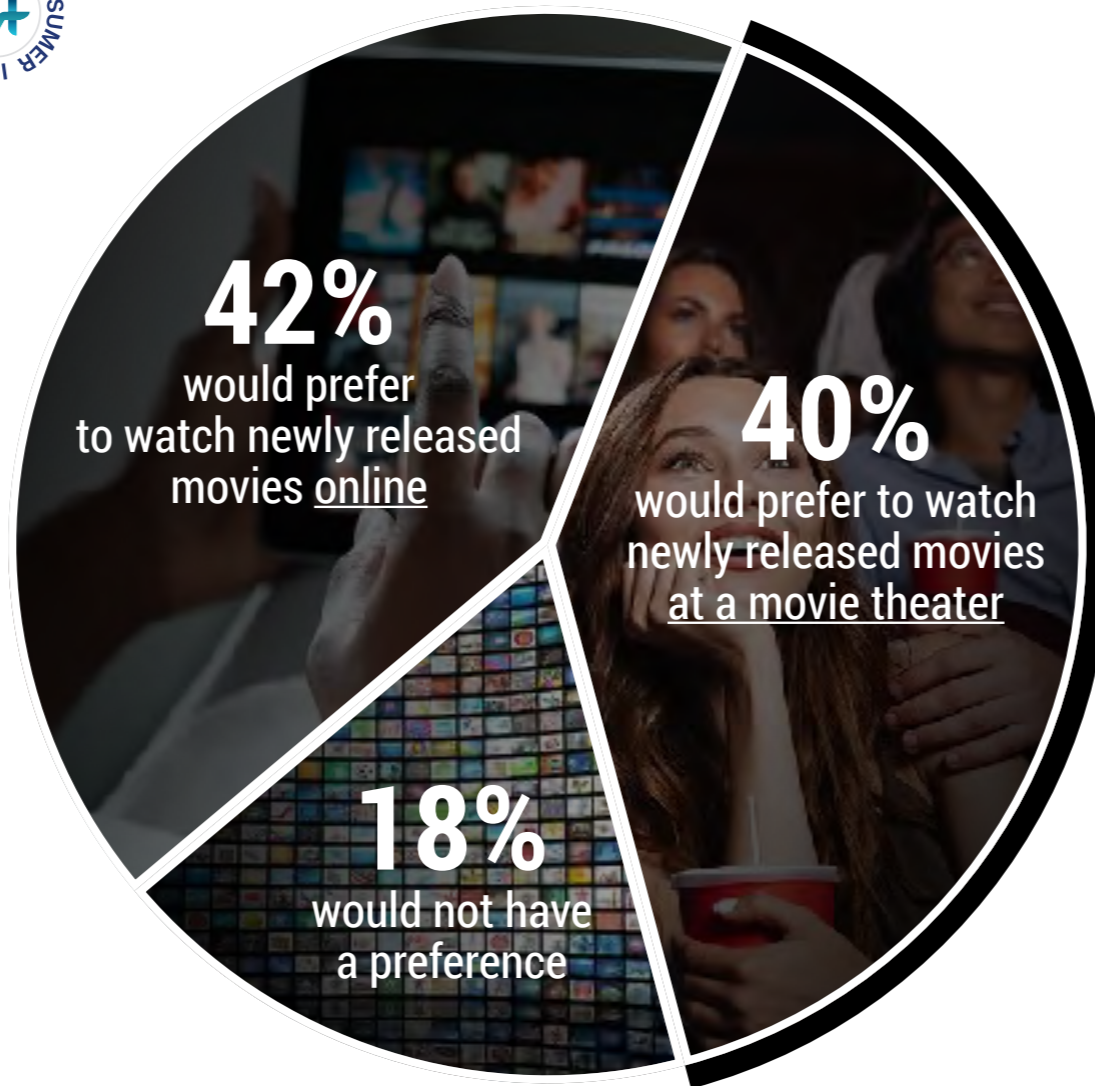
	Top Gun: Maverick was released exclusively in theaters on 5/27/22, and the film's Paramount+ arrival date has yet to be announced; it is the top-grossing film of 2022 so far (~\$715M in U.S. box office revenue as of 10/13/22)  <i>Paramount+</i>
	Elvis was released exclusively in theaters on 6/24/22 and arrived on HBO Max 70 days later; the film grossed over \$150M in U.S. box office revenue  <b>WB</b> <b>WARNER BROS. PICTURES</b> <b>HBO MAX</b>
	Thor: Love and Thunder was released exclusively in theaters on 7/8/22 and arrived on Disney+ over 60 days later; the film grossed over \$340M in U.S. box office revenue  <b>MARVEL STUDIOS</b>  <i>Disney+</i>

### STUDIO/EXHIBITOR DEAL EXAMPLES

STUDIO	EXHIBITORS	DEAL DETAILS
	  	Greater than \$50M opening weekend box office gross: 31-day exclusive theatrical window
	  	Less than \$50M opening weekend box office gross: 17-day exclusive theatrical window; Universal then has the option to release the film digitally
	  	45-day exclusive theatrical window, followed by digital release

# There is a sizable audience who prefers to watch newly released movies in theaters, validating movie studios' renewed focus on theatrical releases

PREFERENCE FOR WATCHING NEWLY RELEASED MOVIES, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+



**50%**  
expect to see a movie in theaters **at least once per month**

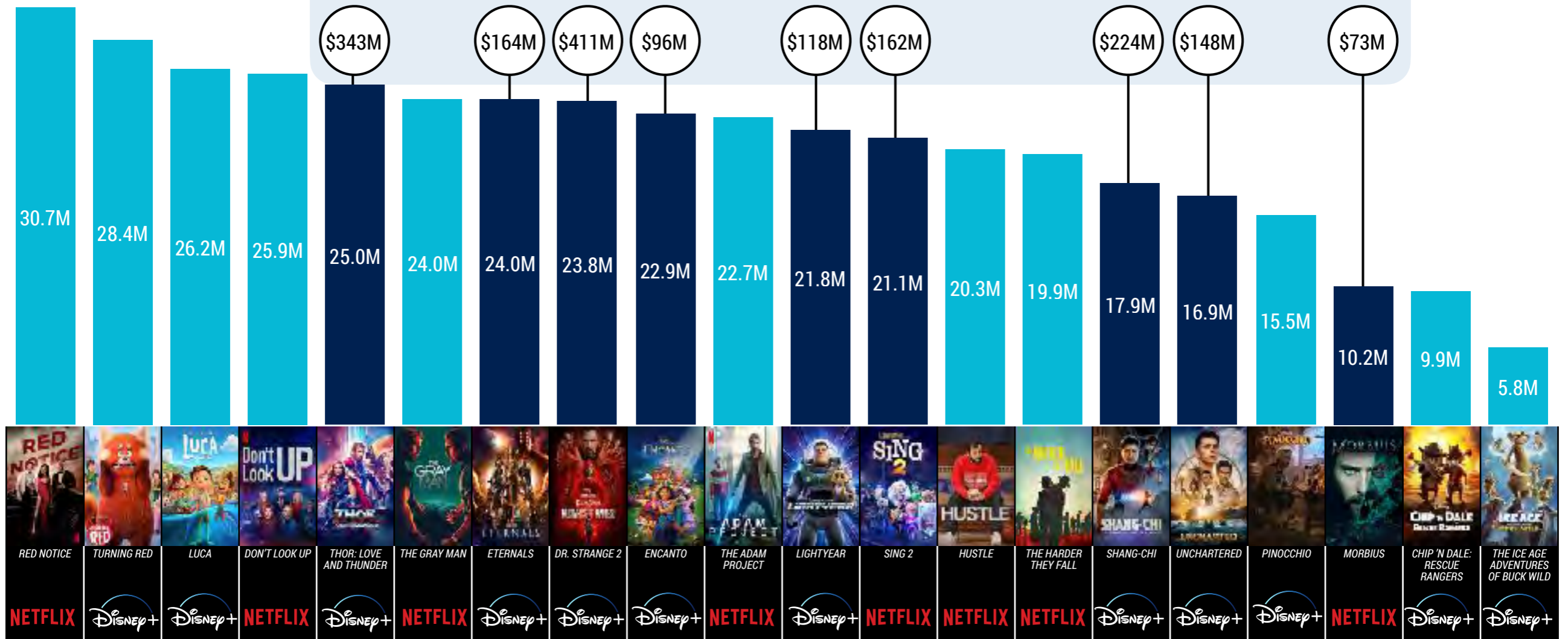


# Many top performing films on streaming also drove substantial theatrical revenues, suggesting that a theatrical window does not cannibalize engagement on streaming platforms

TOTAL HOURS WATCHED IN DEBUT WEEK ON STREAMING<sup>1</sup>, U.S., JAN. 2021-SEPT. 2022, MILLIONS HOURS

RELEASE MODEL: ■ Direct-to-streaming ■ Theatrical-exclusive window ○ Domestic theatrical gross

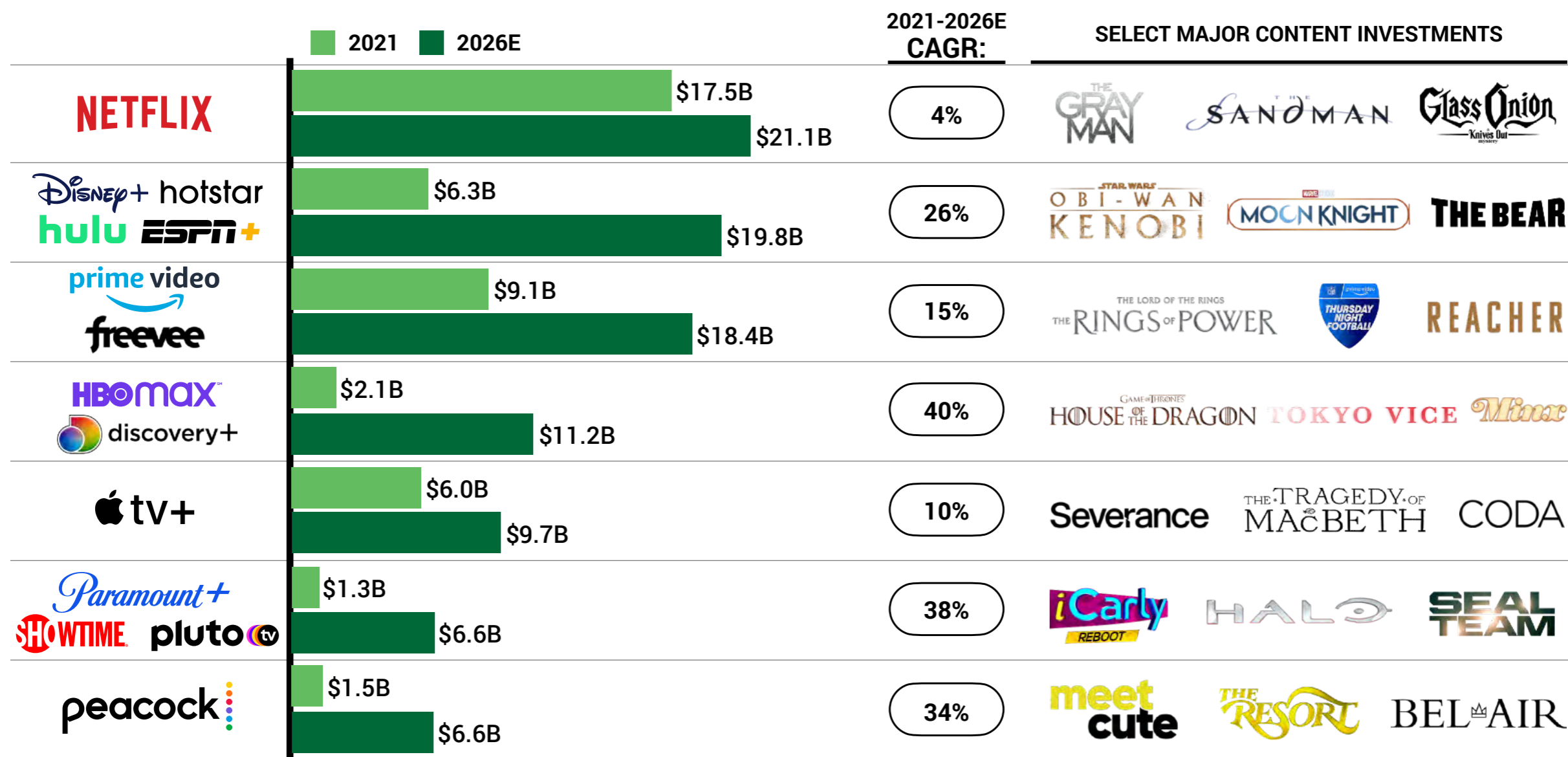
Many of the top performers on streaming also drove revenues through theatrical releases:



1. Based on viewership during debut week on paid streaming services (as determined by Nielsen Streaming Content Ratings). SVOD services measured include Netflix, Disney+, Amazon Prime Video, HBO Max, and Hulu. Reflects films streamed by persons aged 2+. Excludes movies released via Disney+ Premier Access. Sources: Activate analysis, Box Office Mojo, Entertainment Strategy Guy, Nielsen Streaming Content Ratings

# Streaming content spend on original series and movies is growing to drive increased consumption

STREAMING SERVICE CONTENT SPEND BY COMPANY<sup>1</sup>, GLOBAL, 2021 VS. 2026E, BILLIONS USD



# Movie consumption on streaming is driven by new releases – of the top 30 movies streamed in 2022 so far, only three films were released before 2021

TOP 30 MOST STREAMED FILMS ON PAID VIDEO STREAMING SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES<sup>1</sup>, U.S., DEC. 2021-SEPT. 2022<sup>2</sup>, BILLIONS MINUTES STREAMED

Only three movies in the Top 30<sup>1</sup> were released before 2021

LEGEND



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 RATING  
 BILLIONS MINUTES  
 RELEASE YEAR

- = Disney+
- = Netflix
- = Amazon Prime Video
- = Hulu
- = HBO Max

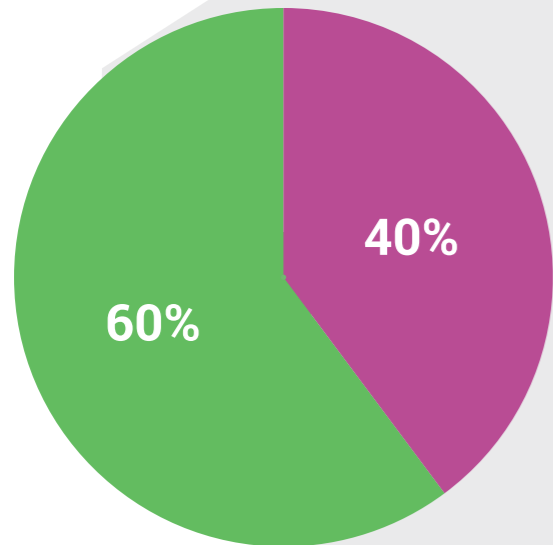
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2021   R   3.7B	2022   PG-13   2.9B	2022   PG   2.8B	2022   PG-13   2.8B	2021   PG-13   2.6B	2022   R   2.6B
2022   PG-13   2.5B	2022   R   2.3B	2022   R   2.3B	2022   PG   2.2B	2022   PG-13   2.1B	2022   R   2.1B
2022   TV-MA   2.0B	2010   PG   2.0B	2022   TV-14   1.9B	2021   PG-13   1.8B	2022   PG   1.4B	2022   TV-MA   1.4B
2022   PG   1.3B	1986   PG   1.3B	2022   R   1.3B	2022   PG   1.2B	2022   PG-13   1.2B	2022   PG-13   1.1B

1. Based on aggregate viewership of weekly top 10 most viewed films across select paid video streaming subscription services (determined by Nielsen Streaming Content Ratings). Services measured include Amazon Prime Video, Disney+, HBO Max, Hulu, and Netflix. Includes films streamed by persons aged 2+.  
 2. Period spanning Dec. 27, 2021 to Sept. 18, 2022.  
 Sources: Activate analysis, Nielsen Streaming Content Ratings

# Original and acquired series are critical to drive viewing and engagement

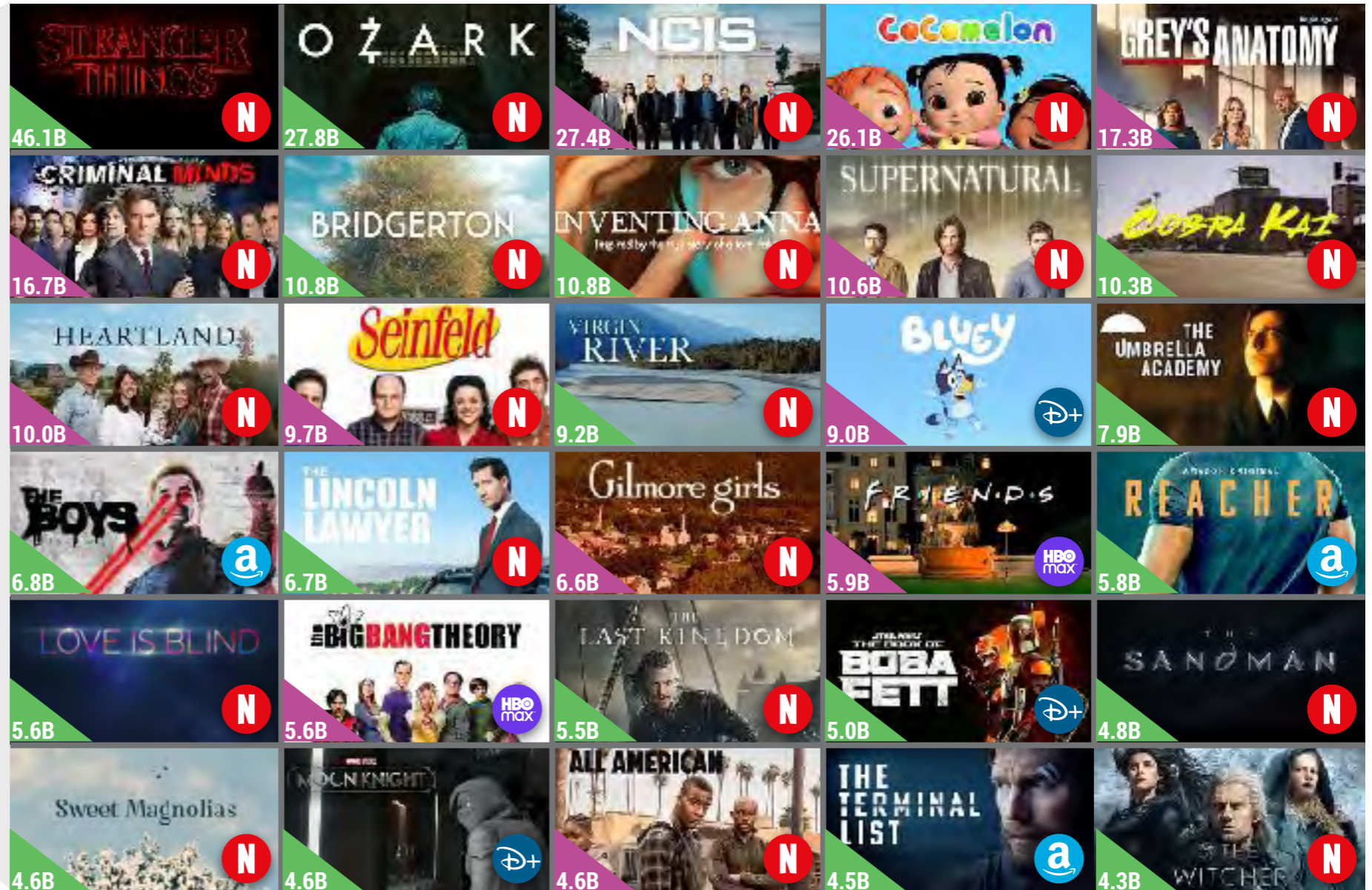
TOP 30 MOST STREAMED SERIES ON PAID VIDEO STREAMING SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES<sup>1</sup>, U.S., DEC. 2021-SEPT. 2022<sup>2</sup>, BILLIONS MINUTES STREAMED

ORIGINAL VS. ACQUIRED VIEWING SHARE OF TOP 30 SERIES STREAMED ON PAID STREAMING SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES<sup>1</sup>, U.S., DEC. 2021-SEP. 2022<sup>2</sup>, % TOTAL MINUTES STREAMED<sup>1</sup>



LEGEND

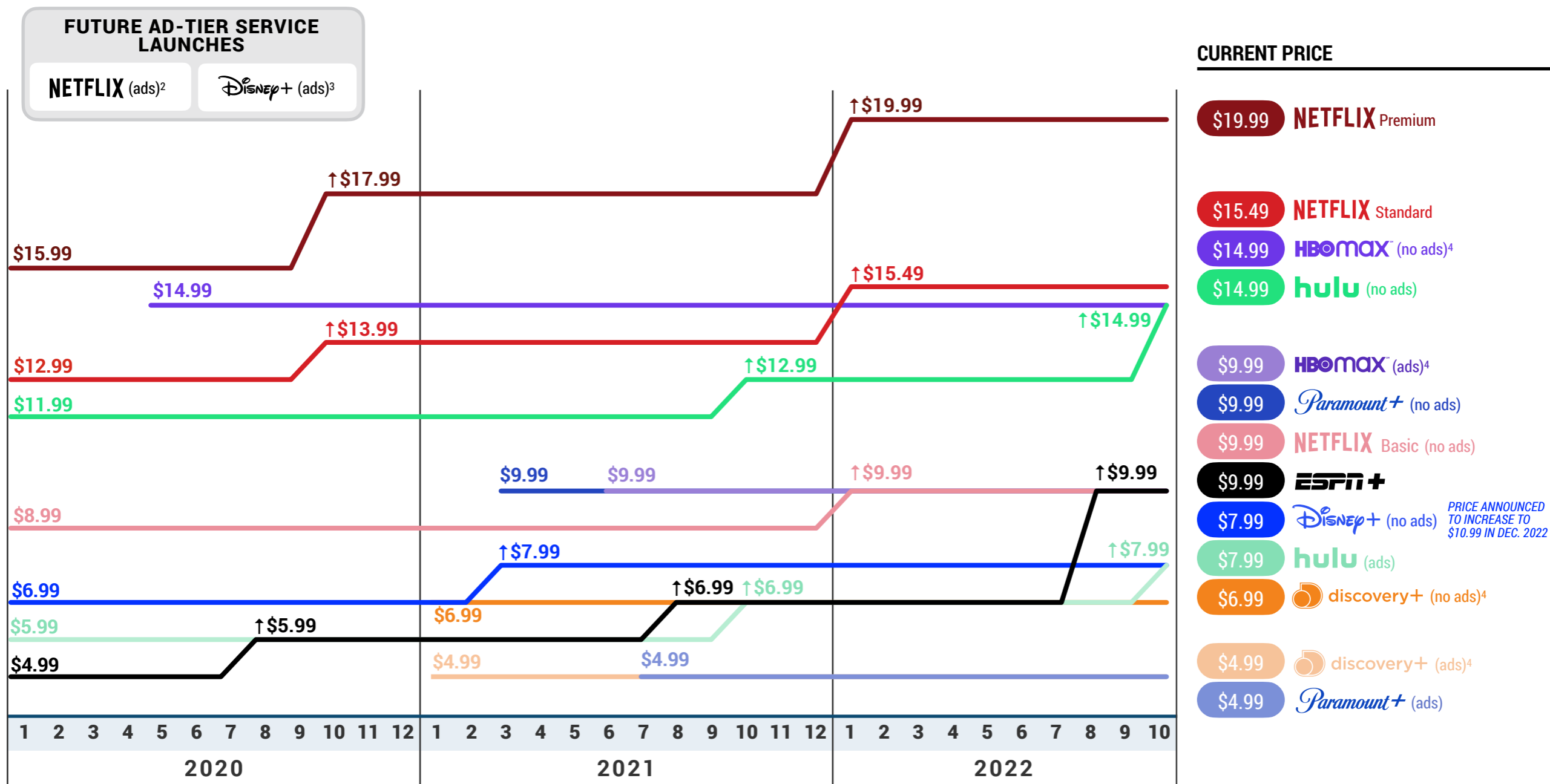
- X.X ORIGINAL
- X.X ACQUIRED
- = Disney+
- = Amazon Prime Video
- = Netflix
- = HBO Max



1. Based on aggregate viewership of weekly top 10 most viewed series across select paid video streaming subscription services (determined by Nielsen Streaming Content Ratings). Services measured include Amazon Prime Video, Disney+, HBO Max, Hulu, and Netflix. Includes series streamed by persons aged 2+.  
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# As services have become more established and increased in scale, they have raised prices to drive monetization

MONTHLY STANDARD SUBSCRIPTION PRICES OF SELECT PAID VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES, U.S., JAN. 2020-OCT. 2022<sup>1</sup>, USD



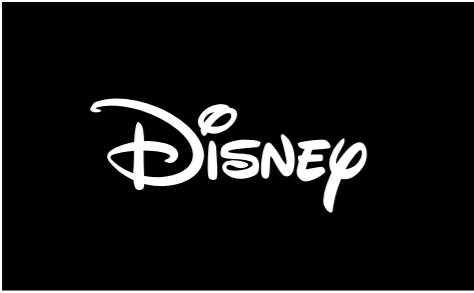





1. As of Oct. 1, 2022. 2. Reported launch date: Nov. 3, 2022. Cost for Netflix Basic with ads: \$6.99. 3. Reported launch date: Dec. 8, 2022. Cost for Disney+ with ads: \$7.99. 4. By summer 2023, HBO Max and Discovery+ expected to merge into a new streaming service; name, exact launch date, and subscription price have not been announced. Sources: Activate analysis, Company press releases, Company sites

# As individual streaming service prices increase, consumers will increasingly turn to bundles offering higher value

**TODAY: MEDIA COMPANIES BUNDLE THEIR OWN VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES TO DRIVE SUBSCRIPTION GROWTH**

**FUTURE: BUNDLING WILL CONTINUE AND EXPAND TO INCLUDE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES ACROSS PARENT COMPANIES**

*NOT EXHAUSTIVE*

MEDIA COMPANY	BUNDLES
	 Price <sup>2</sup> : \$13.99 <sup>3</sup> (\$25.97 value)
	 Price <sup>2</sup> : \$11.99 (\$15.98 value)
	 Price <sup>2</sup> : \$8.99 (\$18.97 value)

**POTENTIAL SERVICES FOR BUNDLING**

*NOT EXHAUSTIVE*

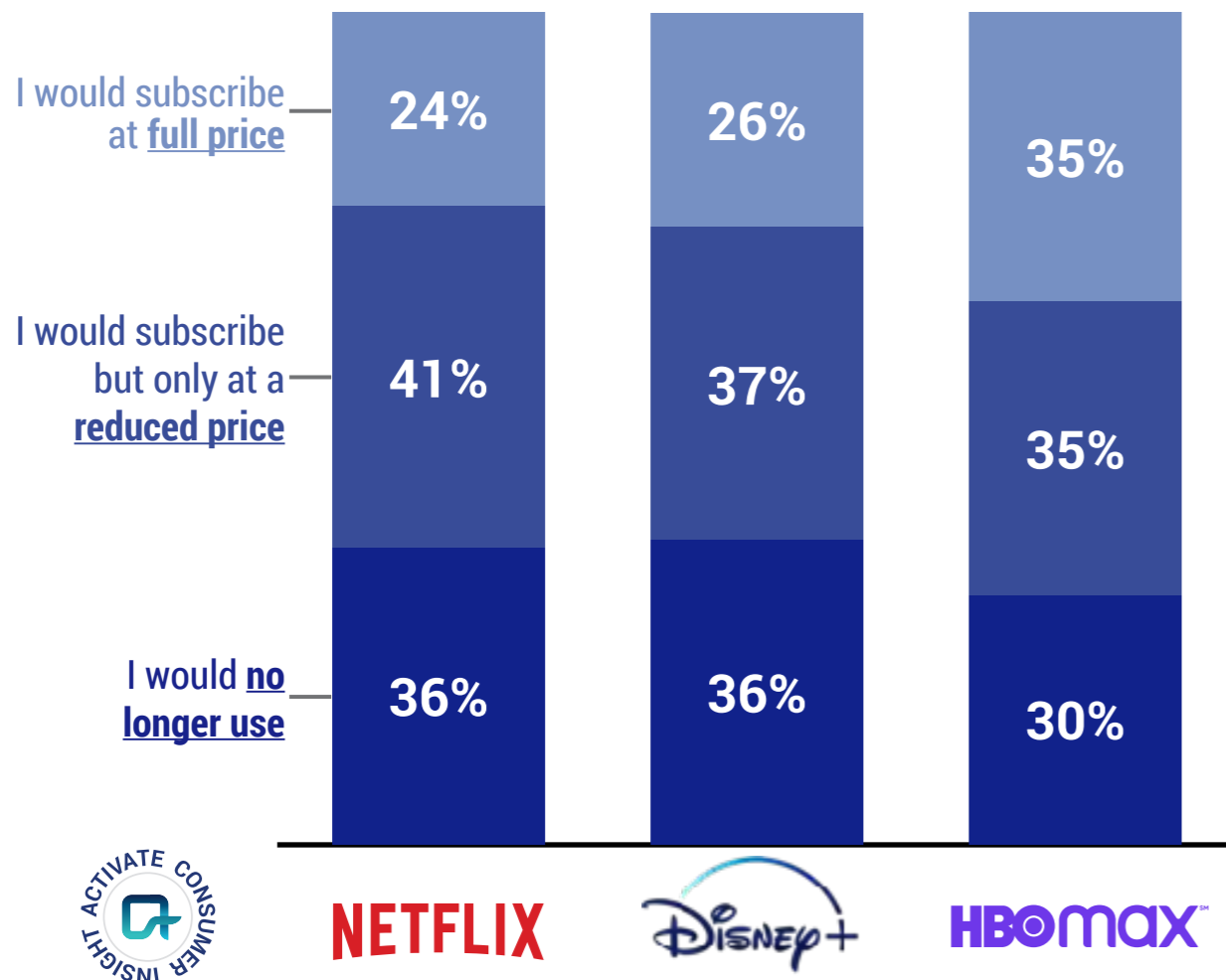


1. Not exhaustive. 2. Prices reflect the ad-supported monthly service tiers when applicable. Prices as of Oct. 23, 2022.  
 3. Price announced to increase to \$14.99 on Dec. 8, 2022. 4. AMC+ also includes additional content from AMC, BBC America, IFC, and Sundance TV.  
 Sources: Activate analysis, Company press releases, Company sites

# Streaming players have also signaled that they will crack down on password sharing, which could convert non-paying borrowers to paying subscribers

**EXPECTED RESPONSE TO PASSWORD-SHARING CRACKDOWN ON PAID STREAMING SUBSCRIPTION BORROWER BEHAVIOR<sup>1,2</sup>, U.S., 2022, % PAID STREAMING SUBSCRIPTION BORROWERS<sup>1</sup>**

IF I WERE NO LONGER ABLE TO USE/ACCESS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES WITHOUT PAYING FOR MY OWN SUBSCRIPTION...



## STREAMING PLAYERS ARE TAKING MEASURES TO MINIMIZE PASSWORD SHARING

### NETFLIX

**Netflix unveils “add a home” feature to curb password sharing** | July 19, 2022 | Fierce Video

“Starting next month, Netflix subscribers in select Latin American countries will be able to purchase up to a certain number of additional homes, depending on the subscription tier.”



### Disney+ may be next to crack down on password sharing

| May 5, 2022 | Protocol

“Disney recently sent out a questionnaire to subscribers in Spain, asking them why they are sharing their Disney+ passwords with people outside of their own household.”

### HBOmax

**AT&T: HBO Max has built-in features to mitigate password sharing** | April 21, 2022 | Fierce Video

“AT&T incorporated features into HBO Max to crack down on password sharing and actions considered as ‘rampant abuse’ of the streaming service.”

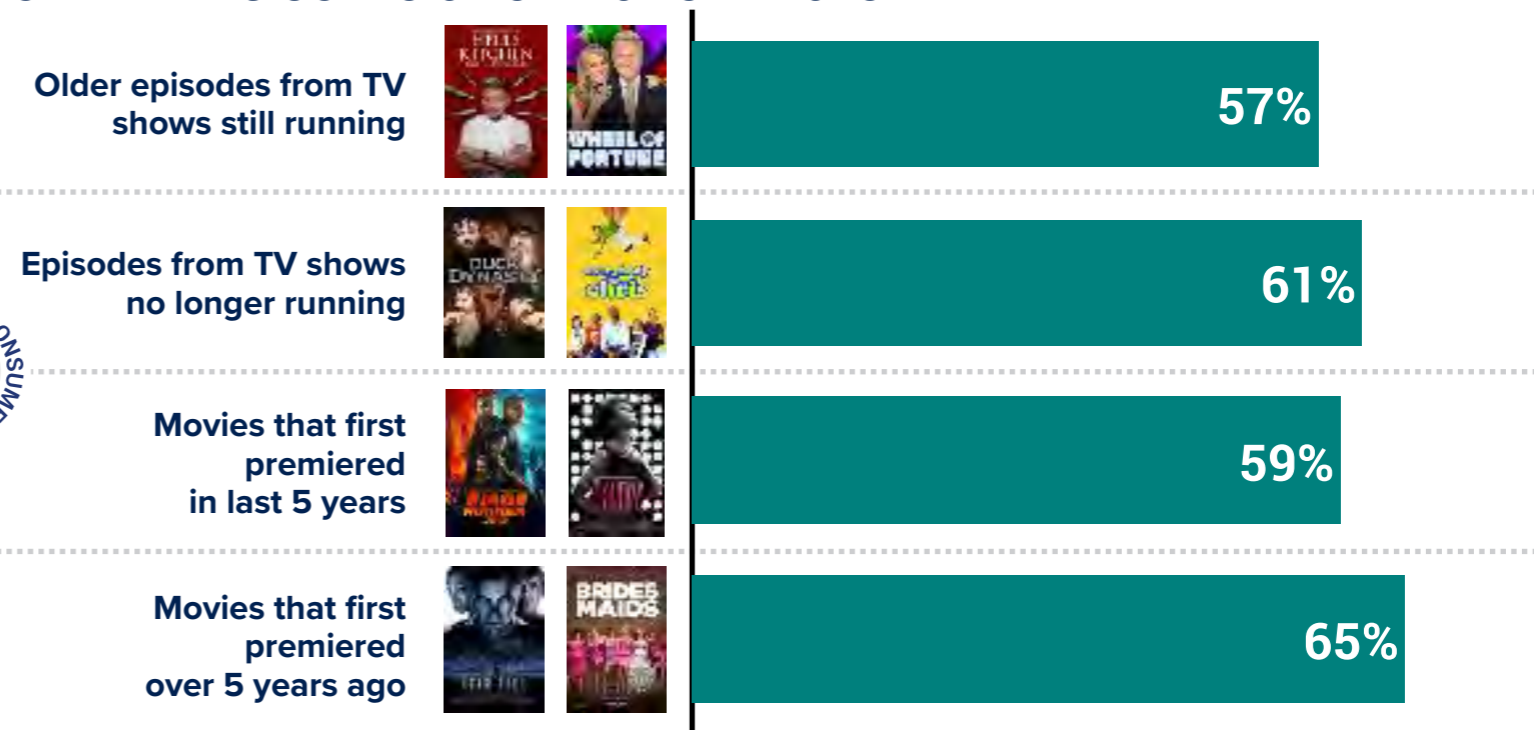


# To capture audience time, ad-supported free streaming services have been investing in original programming and deepening their library of content

**USE OF FREE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES WITH ADS<sup>1</sup> BY PAID VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE SUBSCRIBERS, U.S., 2022, % PAID VIDEO WATCHERS<sup>2</sup>**



**CONTENT TYPES FREQUENTLY<sup>3</sup> WATCHED ON SELECT AD-SUPPORTED FREE STREAMING SERVICES<sup>4</sup>, U.S., 2022, % AD-SUPPORTED FREE STREAMING USERS OF SELECT SERVICES<sup>5</sup>**



**EXAMPLES OF AD-SUPPORTED FREE STREAMING SERVICES INVESTING IN ORIGINAL CONTENT**

**tubi**

Tubi is streaming 27,000 hours of Halloween-related content throughout October 2022, including 6 brand-new Tubi Originals

**The ROKU Channel**

*Weird: The Al Yankovic Story* | Released Sept. 8, 2022

- A music biopic parody of Weird Al Yankovic, starring Daniel Radcliffe
- A 2022 Toronto International Film Festival's People's Choice winner in the Midnight Madness Award category

1. YouTube and Twitch excluded due to their focus on user-generated video. 2. "Paid video watchers" are defined as adults aged 18+ who use at least one paid video streaming subscription service at least once per month. 3. "Frequently" is defined as a 4 or 5 on a scale of 1-5, where 5 represents "I frequently watch this type of content on this service" and 1 represents "I never watch this type of content on this service." 4. Includes Pluto TV, Tubi, and XUMO. 5. "Ad-supported free streaming users" are defined as adults aged 18+ who use either Pluto TV, Tubi, or XUMO to watch video. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Company press releases, Company sites



# Paid video streaming services are launching ad-supported tiers to better align with consumer preferences

**EXPECTED RESPONSE TO PAID STREAMING SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES LAUNCHING LOWER-PRICED PLANS WITH ADS<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2022, % CURRENT DISNEY+/NETFLIX USERS AGED 18+**

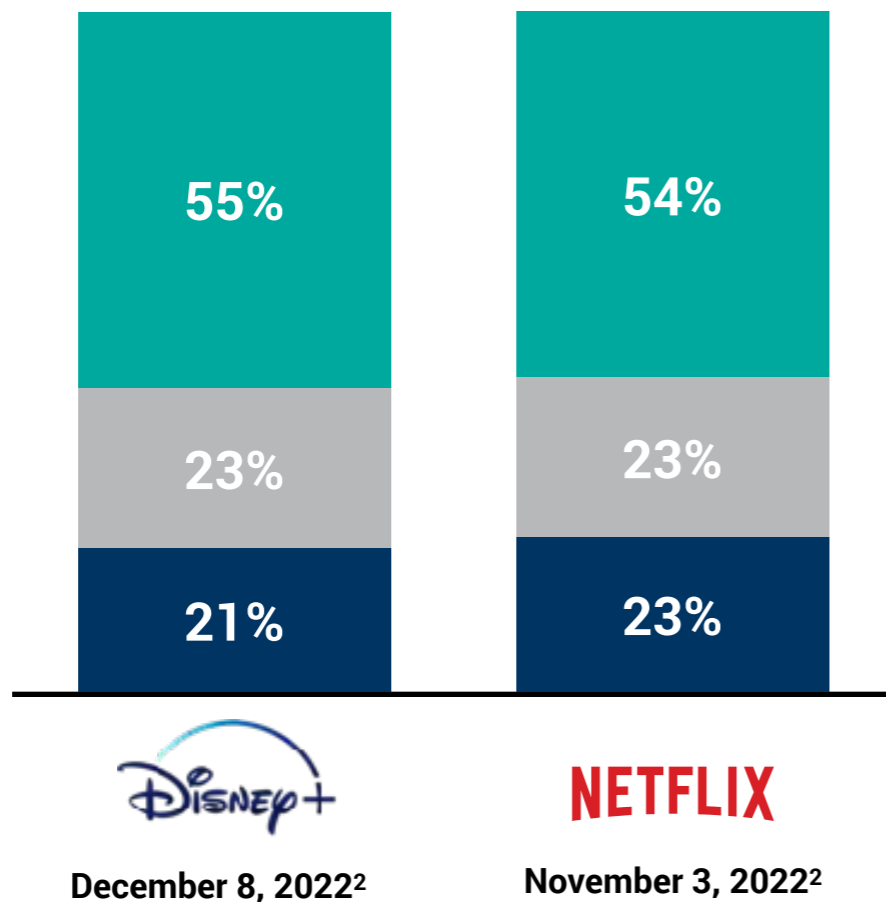
**AD-SUPPORTED SUBSCRIPTIONS AS A SHARE OF TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS BY SERVICE, U.S., JUNE 2022, % SUBSCRIBERS FOR EACH SERVICE<sup>3</sup>**

**If Disney+/Netflix offered a new lower-priced plan with ads...**

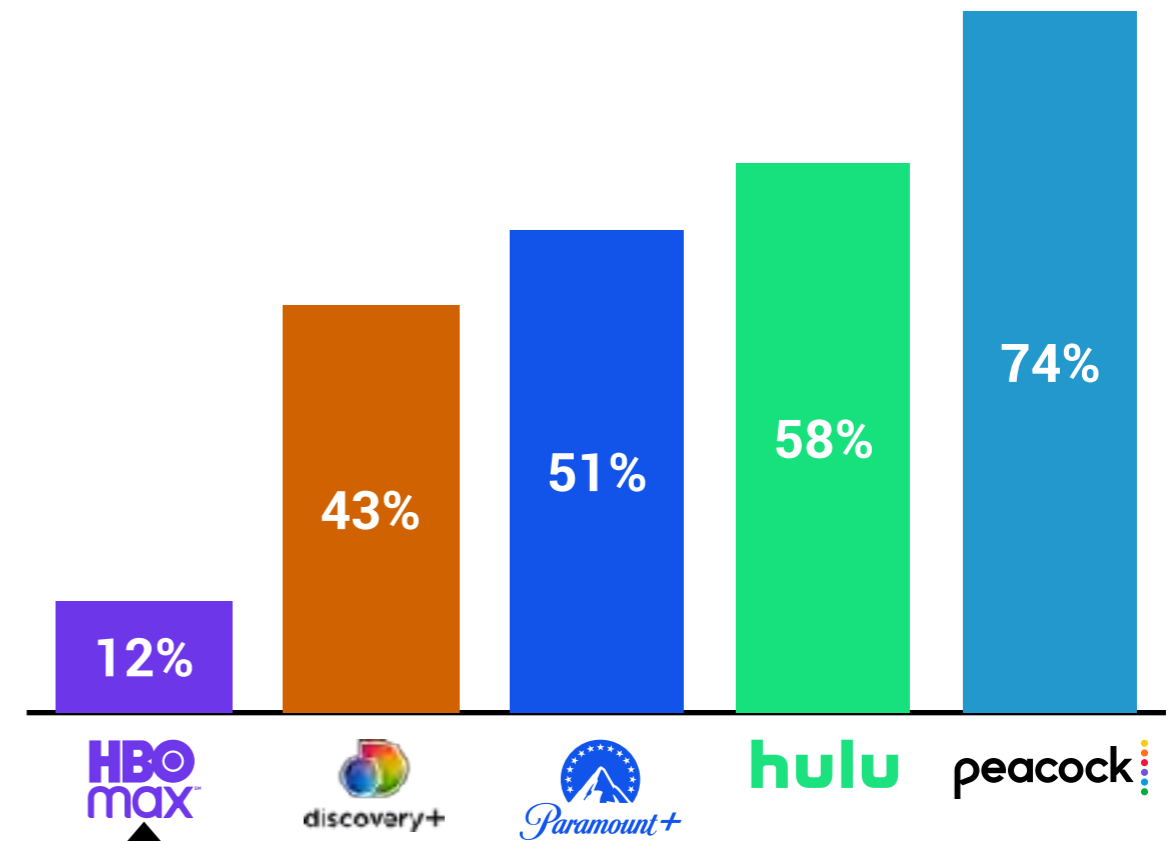
Would prefer plan **without ads** that has a **higher price**

No preference

Would prefer plan **with ads** that has a **lower price**



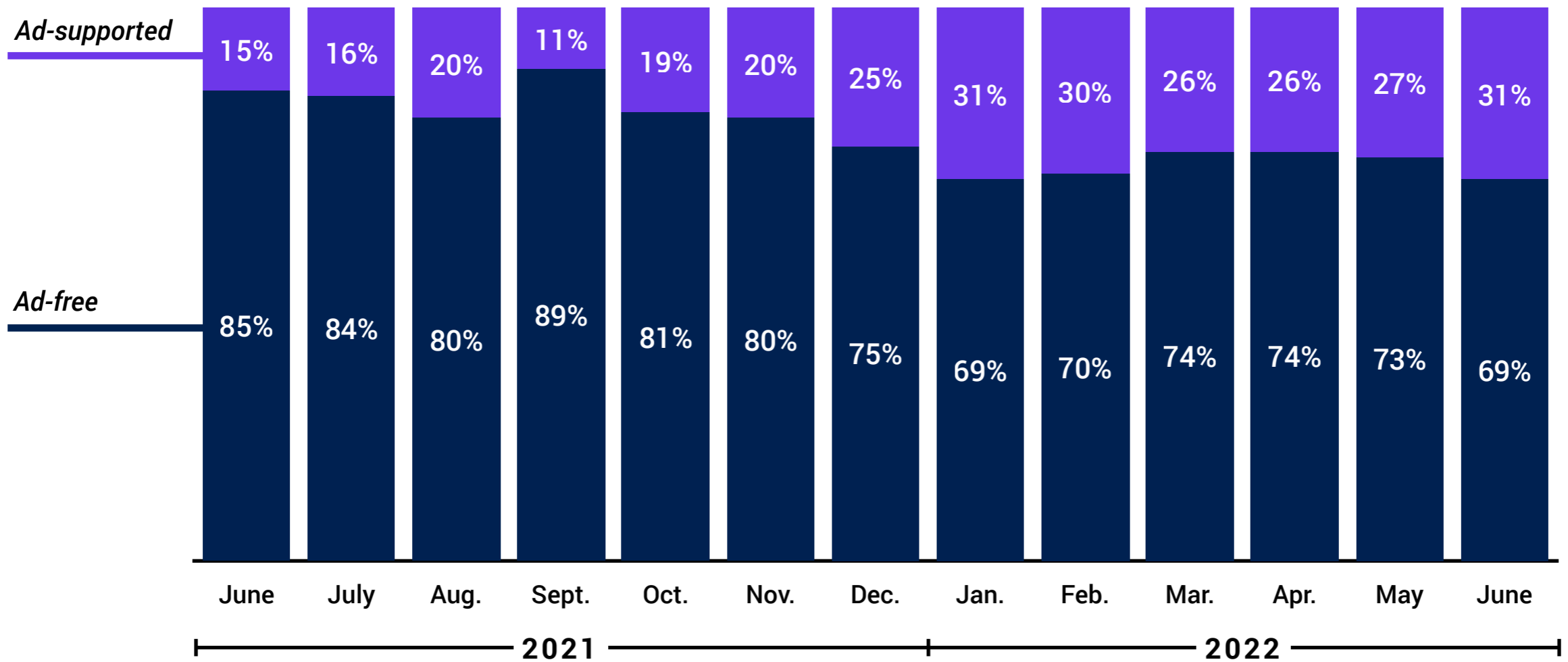
Ad-Supported Tier Launch Date:



HBO Max launched with only an ad-free offering on May 27, 2020 while its ad-supported tier was not offered until June 2, 2021; the other streaming platforms shown launched ad-free and ad-supported tiers at similar times, which increased the uptake of their ad-supported tiers

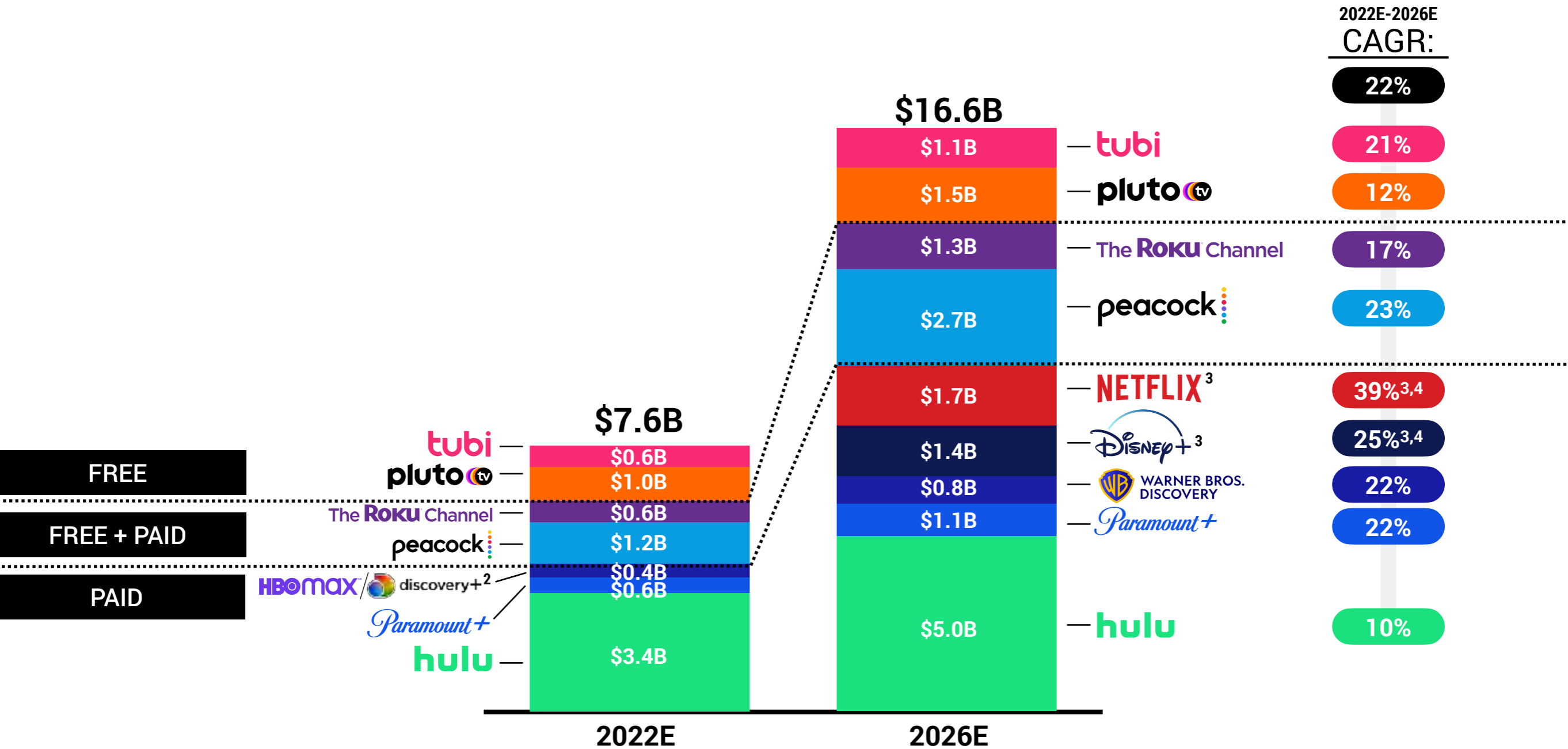
# HBO Max's experience demonstrates that adding an ad-supported tier can be an effective way to drive customer acquisition

HBO MAX GROSS SUBSCRIBER ADDITIONS<sup>1</sup> BY TIER, U.S., JUNE 2021-JUNE 2022, % GROSS SUBSCRIBER ADDITIONS<sup>1</sup>



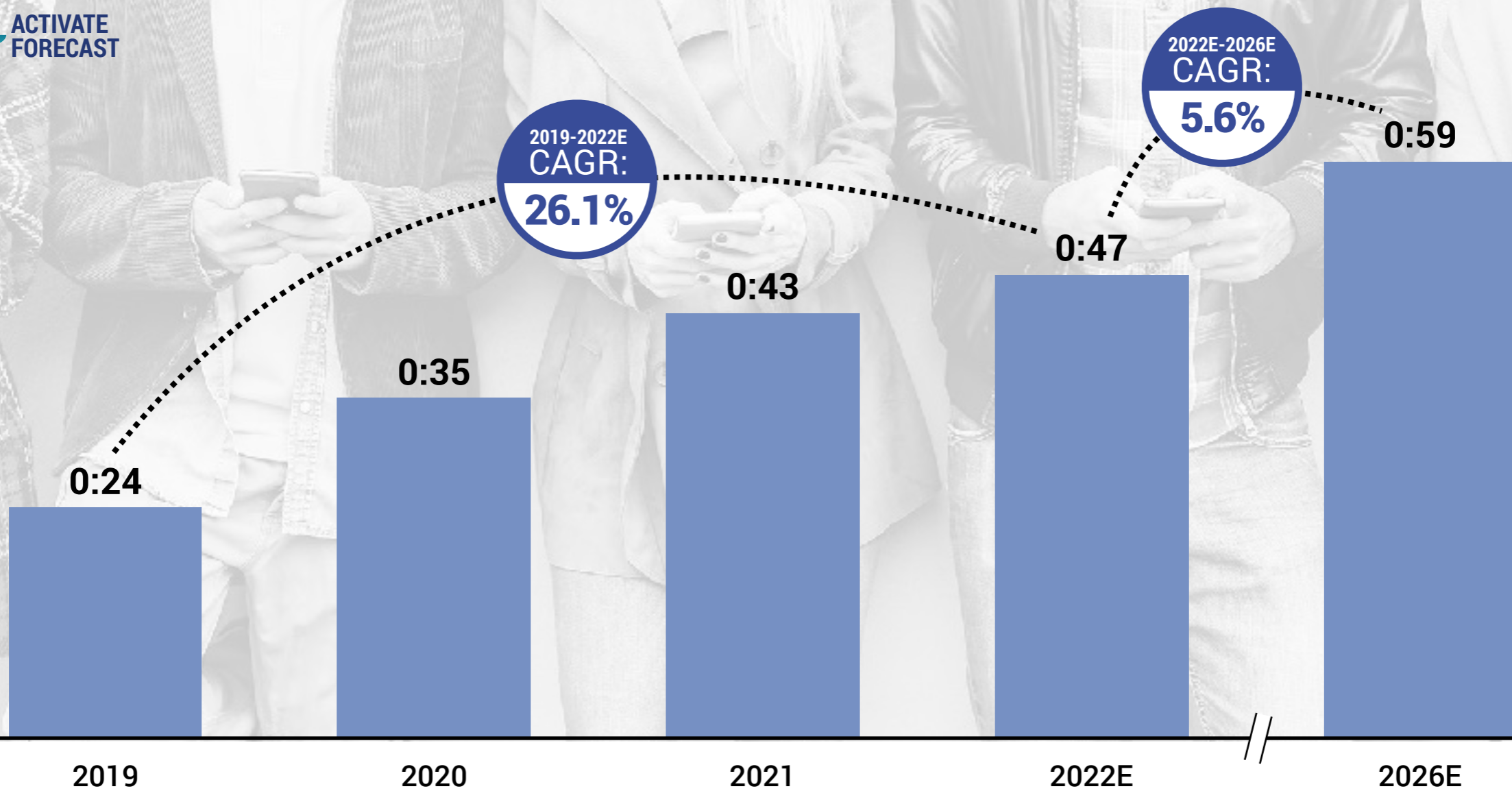
# Domestic advertising revenues for the major streaming services will more than double to \$16B between 2022 and 2026

ADVERTISING REVENUES FOR SELECT AD-SUPPORTED SERVICES<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2022E VS. 2026E, BILLIONS USD



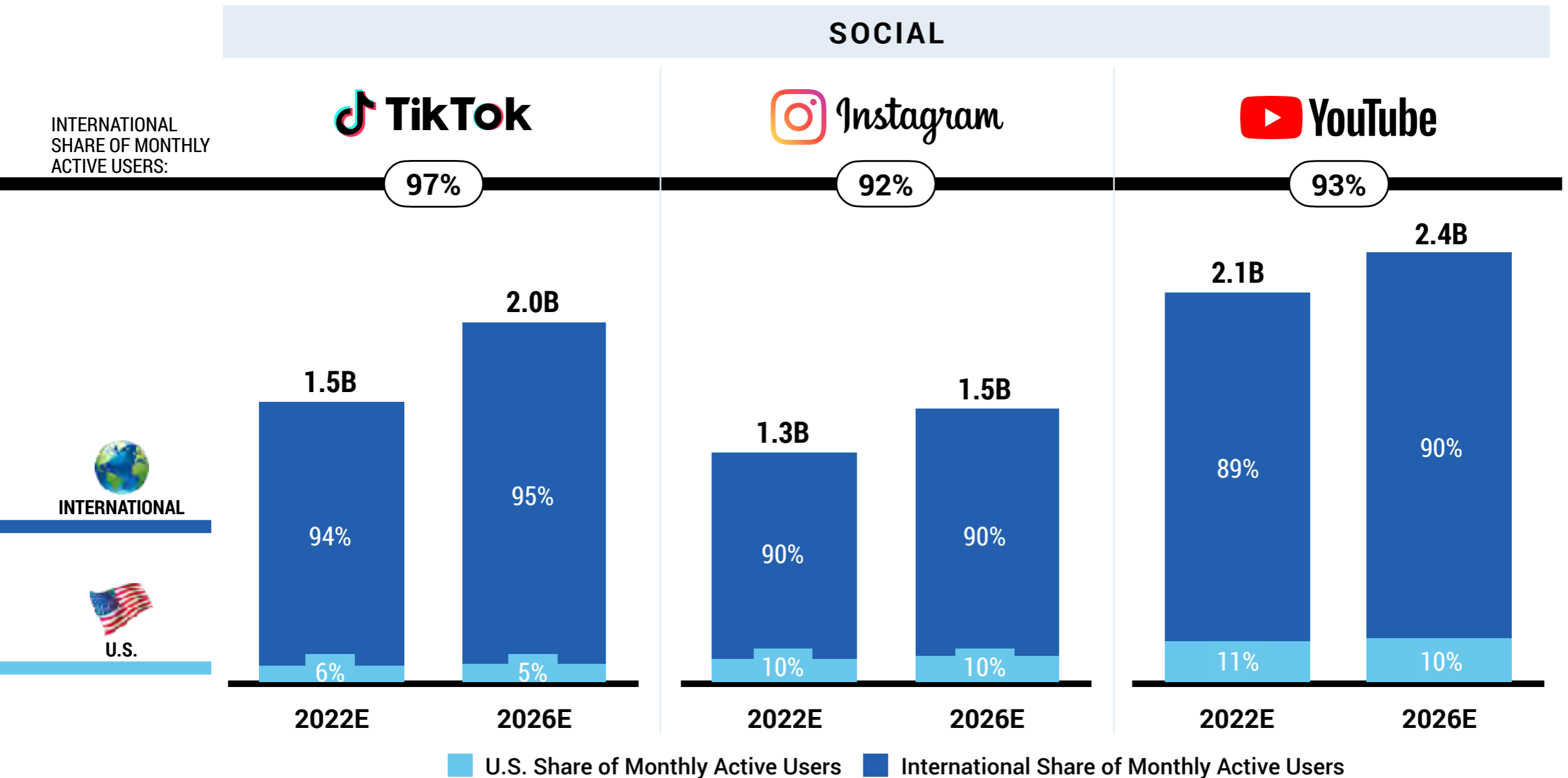
# Consumers will grow their consumption of social video, reaching almost an hour per day by 2026

AVERAGE DAILY TIME SPENT WITH SOCIAL VIDEO PER ADULT AGED 18+, U.S., 2019-2022E VS. 2026E, HOURS:MINUTES



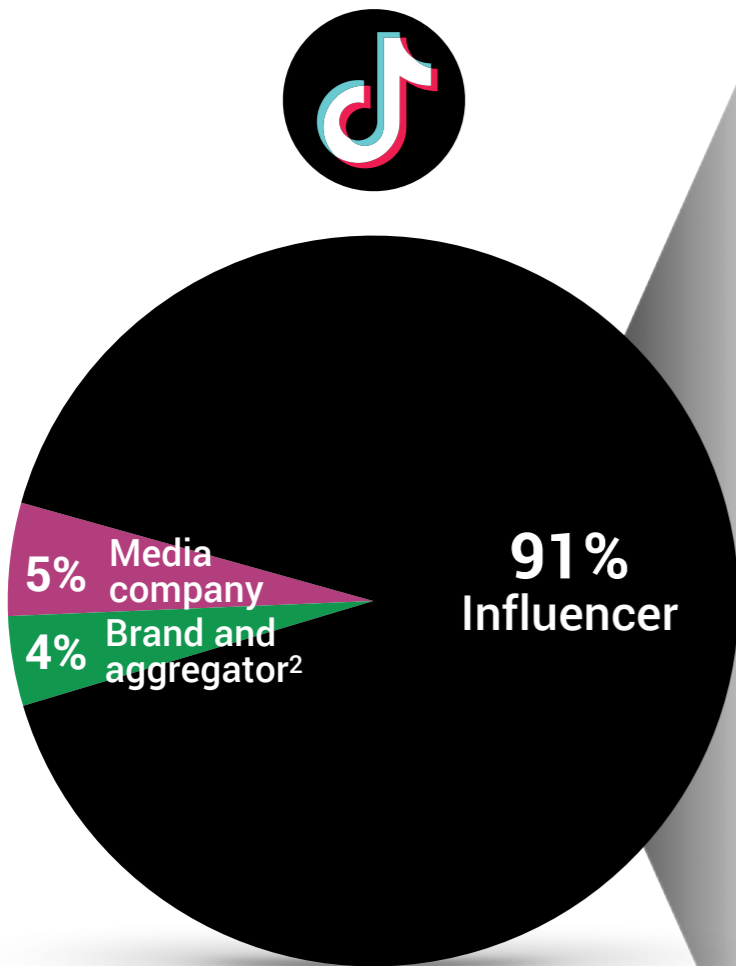
# Social platforms will continue to grow around the world

SOCIAL PLATFORM MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS BY REGION, GLOBAL, 2022E VS. 2026E, BILLIONS MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS



# Social video engagement is driven by influencers (1/2)

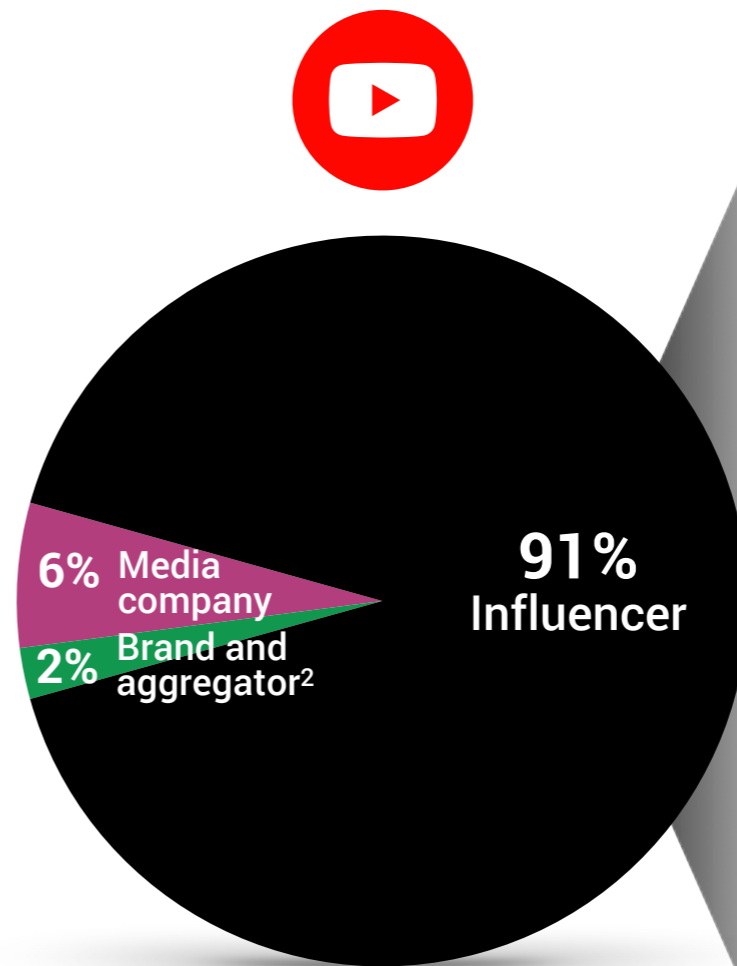
SHARE OF TIKTOK VIDEO VIEWS BY CREATOR CATEGORY, U.S., YTD JULY 2022, % VIEWS



TOP TEN TIKTOK INFLUENCERS<sup>1</sup>, U.S., JULY 2022

<b>Kylie Jenner</b> Reality TV Star & Internet Personality	
<b>Charli D'Amelio</b> Dancer & Lifestyle Content Creator	
<b>Bader Al Safar</b> ASMR Creator & Food Explorer	
<b>KEEMOKAZI</b> Lifestyle & Comedy Content Creator	
<b>XO TEAM</b> Creative Community	
<b>Brooke Monk</b> Dancer & Lip-Syncer	
<b>JoJo Siwa</b> Dancer & Actress	
<b>That Little Puff</b> Cat Chef	
<b>Katy Vine</b> Model & Comedy Content Creator	
<b>Abbie Herbert</b> Parenting Content Creator	

SHARE OF YOUTUBE VIDEO VIEWS BY CREATOR CATEGORY<sup>3</sup>, U.S., YTD JULY 2022, % VIEWS



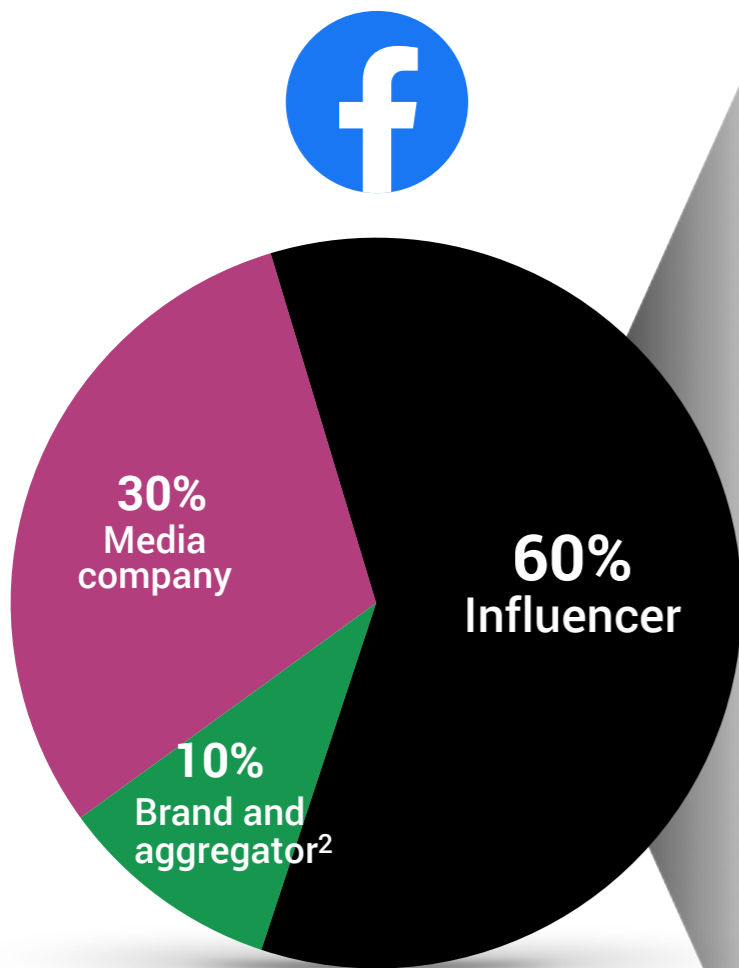
TOP TEN YOUTUBE INFLUENCERS<sup>4</sup>, U.S., JULY 2022

<b>LeoNata Family</b> Family Content Creators	
<b>Alan Chikin Chow</b> Comedy Content Creator	
<b>XO TEAM</b> Creative Community	
<b>Omar Raja</b> Sports Commentator	
<b>LankyBox</b> Gamers & Reaction Video Creators	
<b>That Little Puff</b> Cat Chef	
<b>Filaretiki</b> Family Content Creators	
<b>NichLMAO</b> Prankster & Challenge Completer	
<b>Marta and Rustam</b> Internet Couple	
<b>Zhong</b> Prankster & Challenge Completer	

1. Rank based on platform viewing metrics. 2. "Brands" are defined as organizations that sell primarily non-media goods or services, and "aggregators" are defined as unverified creators who mainly repost content. 3. Figures do not sum to 100% due to rounding. 4. Rank based on total 30-second views. Sources: Activate analysis, Tubular Labs

# Social video engagement is driven by influencers (2/2)

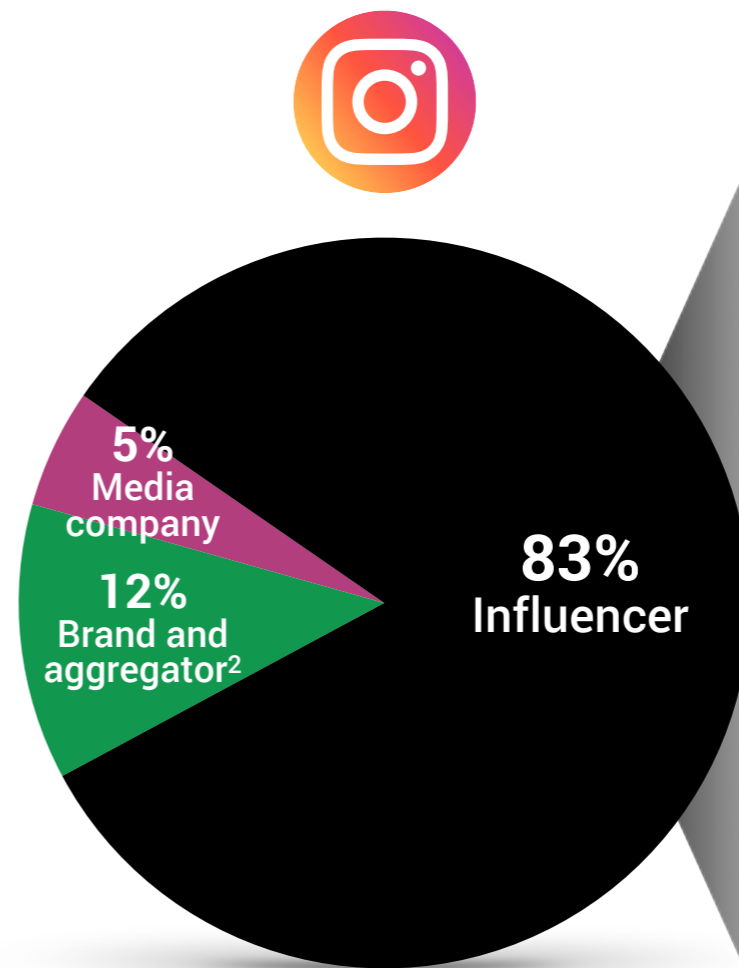
SHARE OF FACEBOOK VIDEO VIEWS BY CREATOR CATEGORY, U.S., YTD JULY 2022, % VIEWS



TOP TEN FACEBOOK INFLUENCERS<sup>1</sup>, U.S., JULY 2022

<b>Sean Bridon</b> Comedy Content Creator	
<b>Rick Lax</b> Magician	
<b>Justin Flom</b> Magician	
<b>Jibrizy</b> Magician & Comedy Content Creator	
<b>Alberto Stylee</b> Reggaeton Singer	
<b>Khizar Omer</b> Comedy Content Creator	
<b>PaulVuTV</b> Magician	
<b>Yanni Foody Fetish</b> Food Content Creator	
<b>Patrick Cloud</b> Music Artist & Lifestyle Content Creator	
<b>Marcus Dobre</b> Prankster & Comedy Creator	

SHARE OF ENGAGEMENTS FOR INSTAGRAM VIDEOS BY CREATOR CATEGORY, U.S., YTD JULY 2022, % ENGAGEMENTS



TOP TEN INSTAGRAM INFLUENCERS<sup>3</sup>, U.S., JULY 2022

<b>Snoop Dogg</b> Rapper & Internet Personality	
<b>Itzy</b> K-Pop Girl Group	
<b>Krutika</b> Lifestyle Content Creator	
<b>Dwayne Johnson</b> Movie Star	
<b>DJ Akademiks</b> Hip-Hop Personality	
<b>Sofi Manassyan</b> Dancer & Actress	
<b>Kristy Sarah</b> Lifestyle Content Creator	
<b>DJ Khaled</b> Hip-Hop Personality	
<b>Diljit Dosanjh</b> Music Artist & Actor	
<b>V</b> K-Pop Superstar	

1. Rank based on total 30-second views in July 2022. 2. "Brands" are defined as organizations that sell primarily non-media goods or services, and "aggregators" are defined as unverified creators who mainly repost content. 3. Rank based on total engagements in July 2022. Sources: Activate analysis, Tubular Labs

# TikTok's rise has inspired other social platforms to build short-form video products and provides a potential launch pad for new talent to enter traditional long-form entertainment, though few have yet to successfully make the leap

## SELECT SHORT-FORM VIDEO PRODUCTS LAUNCHED BY MAJOR SOCIAL PLATFORMS

PLATFORM	SHORT-FORM VIDEO PRODUCT	U.S. LAUNCH DATE
 Instagram	 REELS	August 2020
 Snapchat	 SPOTLIGHT	November 2020
 YouTube	 SHORTS	March 2021
 facebook	 REELS	September 2021

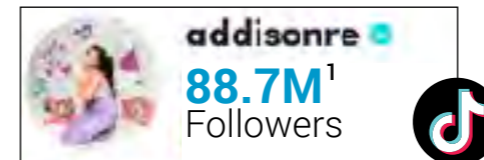
## THERE ARE LIMITED EXAMPLES OF TIKTOK STARS SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITIONING INTO LONG-FORM MEDIA

### SUCCESS STORIES



**NETFLIX**

**TikTok Star:**  
Addison Rae



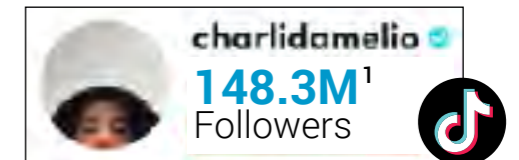
**Release date:** August 25, 2021

**Description:** Film starring TikTok star Addison Rae



**hulu**

**TikTok Stars:**  
Charli D'Amelio, Dixie D'Amelio



**Release date:** September 3, 2021 (Season 1)



**Release date:** September 3, 2021 (Season 1)

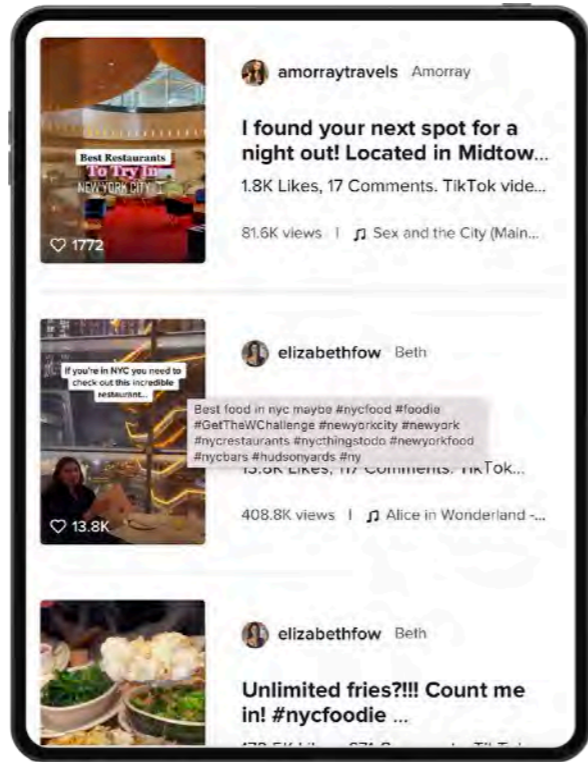
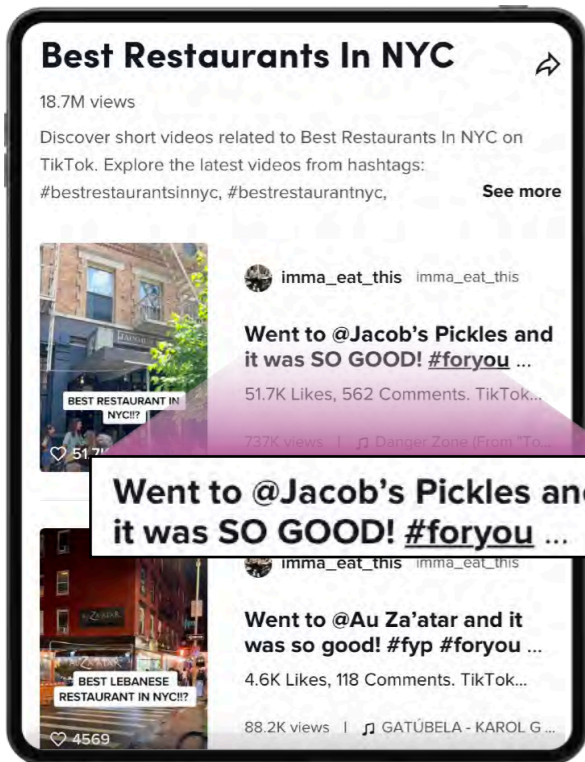
**Description:** Reality show following the D'Amelio family; currently in Season 2



# Video consumption is driving innovation in advertising: TikTok is becoming a space for search-based ads, and streaming platforms have begun launching interactive ads

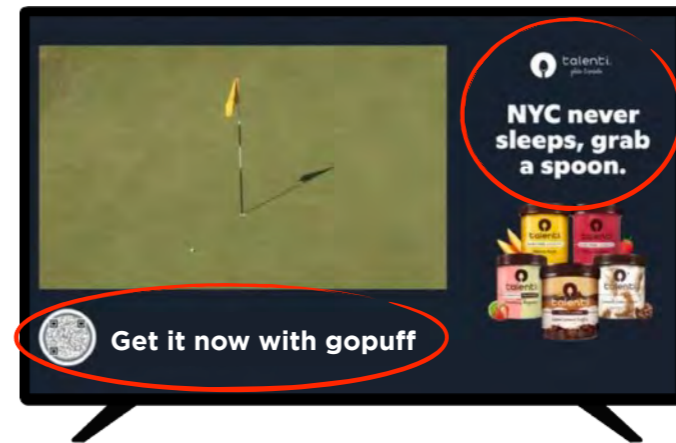
**~40%**  
of Gen Z prefers  
TikTok for online  
searches

**GEN Z IS INCREASINGLY USING TIKTOK AS ITS SEARCH ENGINE OF CHOICE**



In September 2022, TikTok announced that the **maximum length of its video descriptions would increase from 300 to 2,200 characters**, making space for advertisers to post their information and making it easier to find advertiser content in search results

**STREAMING PLATFORMS ARE INTRODUCING MORE INTERACTIVE AD FORMATS**



Peacock has been trialing new forms of **interactive advertising** on its video streaming platform to make it easier for consumers to interact with and purchase advertised products

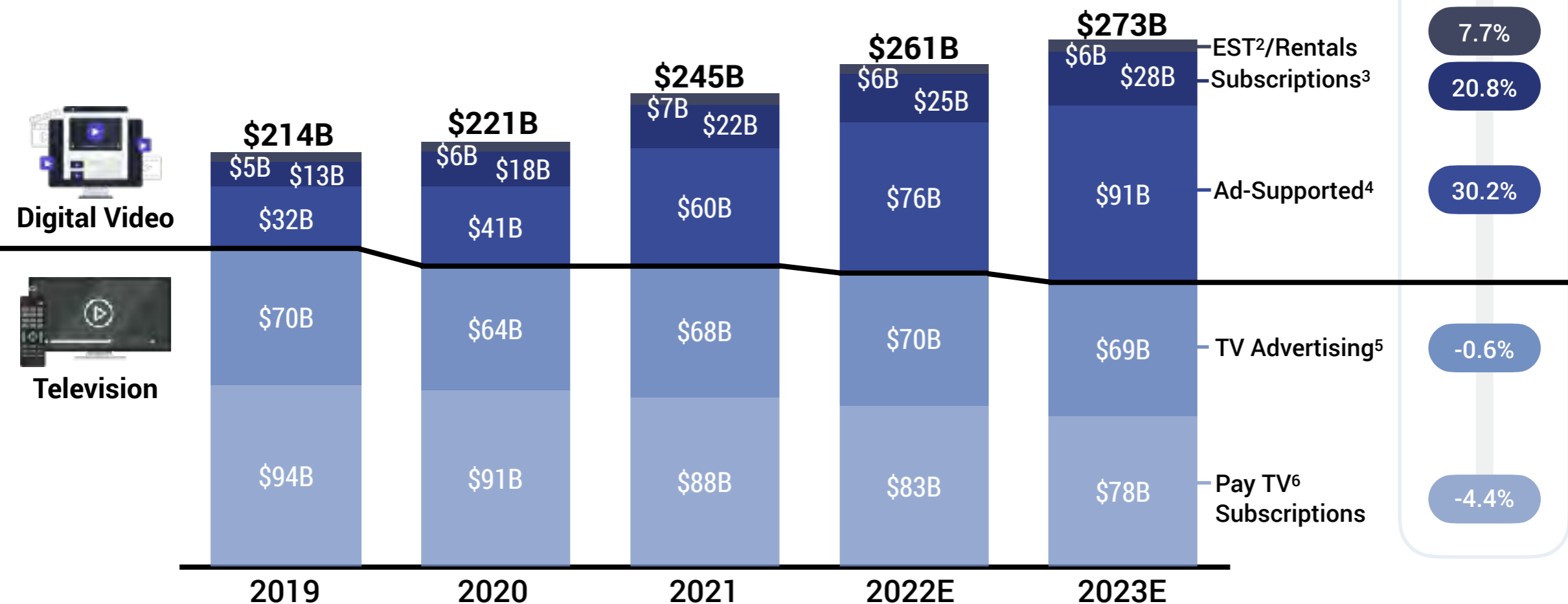


Amazon Freevee is beta testing a seven-second, full-screen **Welcome Screen** for customers launching the app on Fire TV; this will **allow brands to greet audiences with their creative content in place of the standard loading screen**



# Despite the decline in the Pay TV universe and the growth in streaming, Pay TV still commands a significant share of value in the video ecosystem

VIDEO REVENUE BY TYPE<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2019-2023E, BILLIONS USD

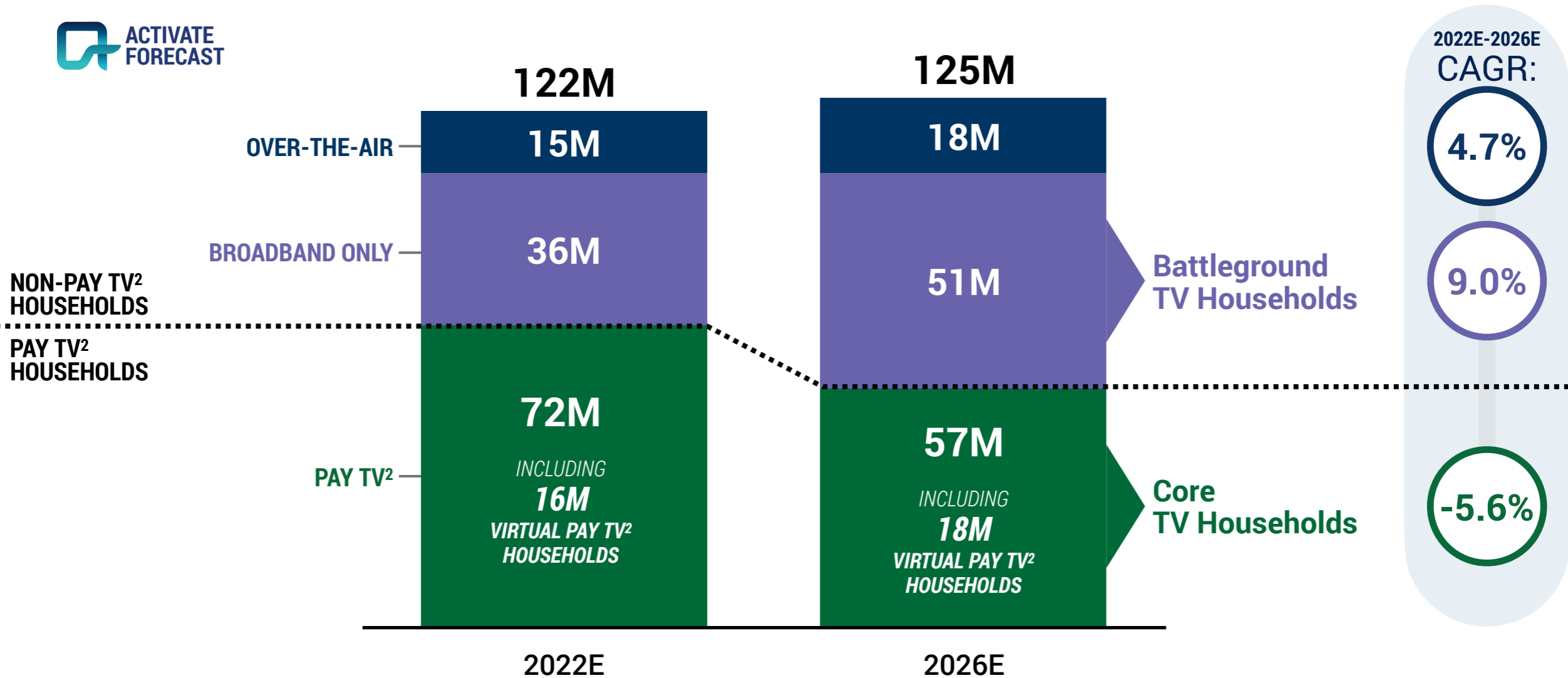


1. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 2. "EST" stands for electronic sell-through; includes spend on online video on-demand transactions (e.g. purchases and rentals). 3. Includes spend on paid video streaming subscriptions. 4. Includes in-stream video advertising (e.g. pre-roll, mid-roll, post-roll) on digital video content, including on social networks and out-stream video advertising (e.g. native, in-feed, in-article, in-banner, interstitial). 5. Includes advertising on broadcast TV and Pay TV. 6. "Pay TV" includes traditional Pay TV (i.e. TV delivered through a set-top box) and virtual Pay TV (i.e. TV delivered through the internet without a set-top box).

Sources: Activate analysis, BMO Capital Markets, eMarketer, MoffettNathanson, Omdia, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Wells Fargo

# We forecast that “battleground TV households” will continue to grow as Pay TV households decline through 2026

TELEVISION HOUSEHOLD BREAKDOWN<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2022E VS. 2026E, MILLIONS HOUSEHOLDS

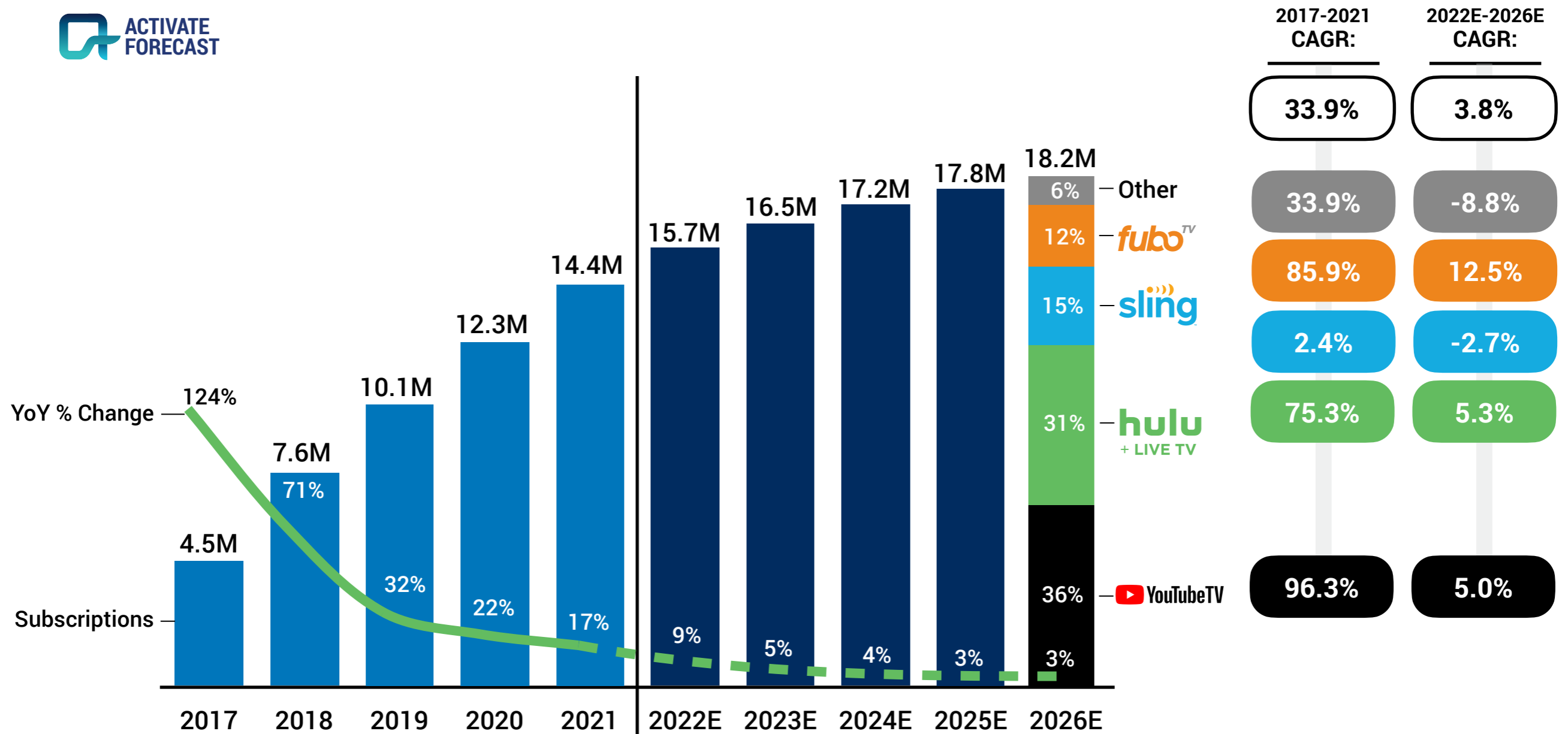


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Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2016 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,000), Activate 2017 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,047), Activate 2018 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,000), Activate 2019 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,006), Activate 2020 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,003), Activate 2021 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,018), Activate 2021 Consumer Video Research Study (n = 2,014), Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), eMarketer, MoffettNathanson, Nielsen, S&P Global, U.S. Census Bureau, Wells Fargo

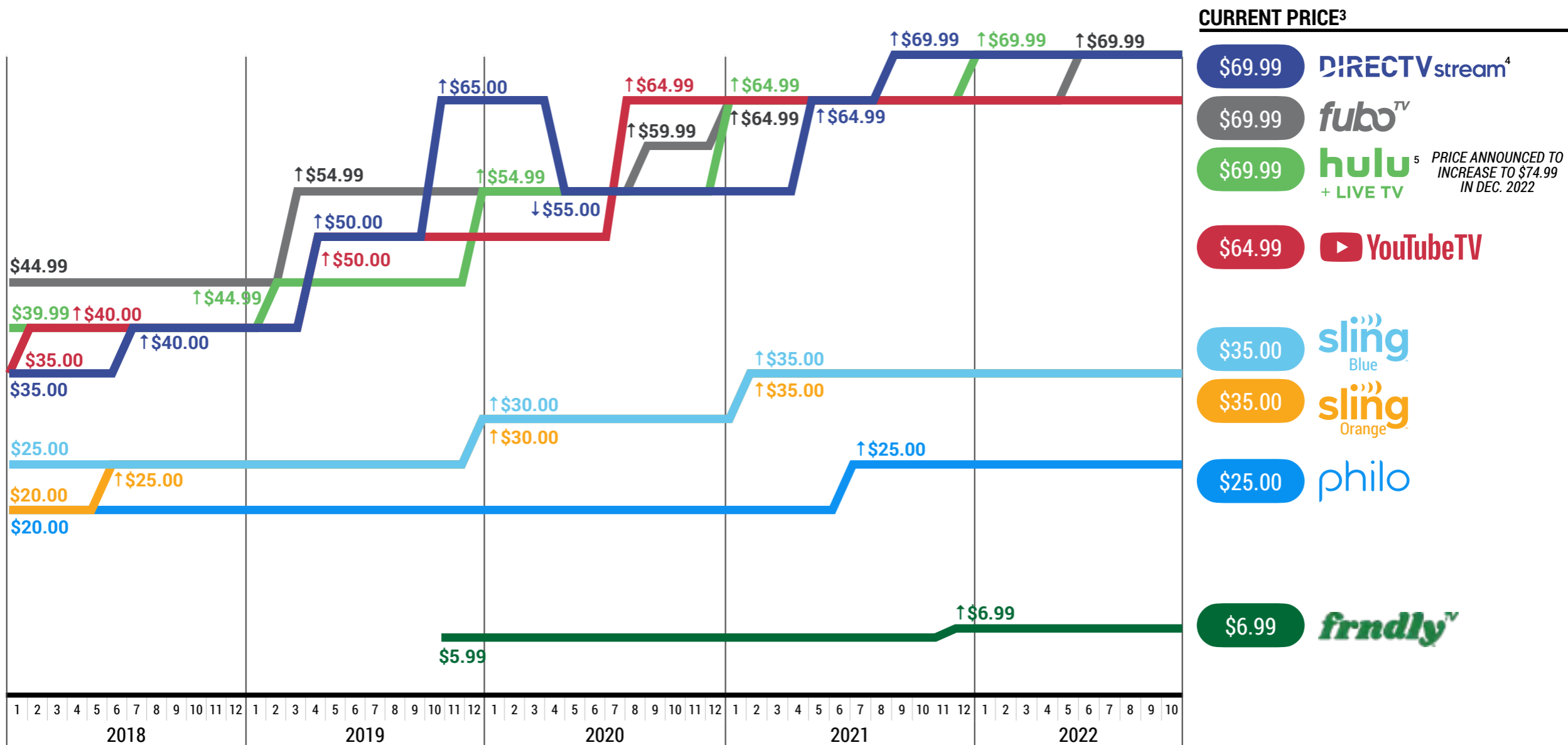
# After growing at over 30% per year, Virtual Pay TV growth will slow through 2026

VIRTUAL PAY TV<sup>1</sup> SUBSCRIPTIONS, U.S., 2017-2026E, MILLIONS SUBSCRIPTIONS / YOY % CHANGE



# Virtual Pay TV prices will continue to increase, resulting in lower growth in the adoption of these services

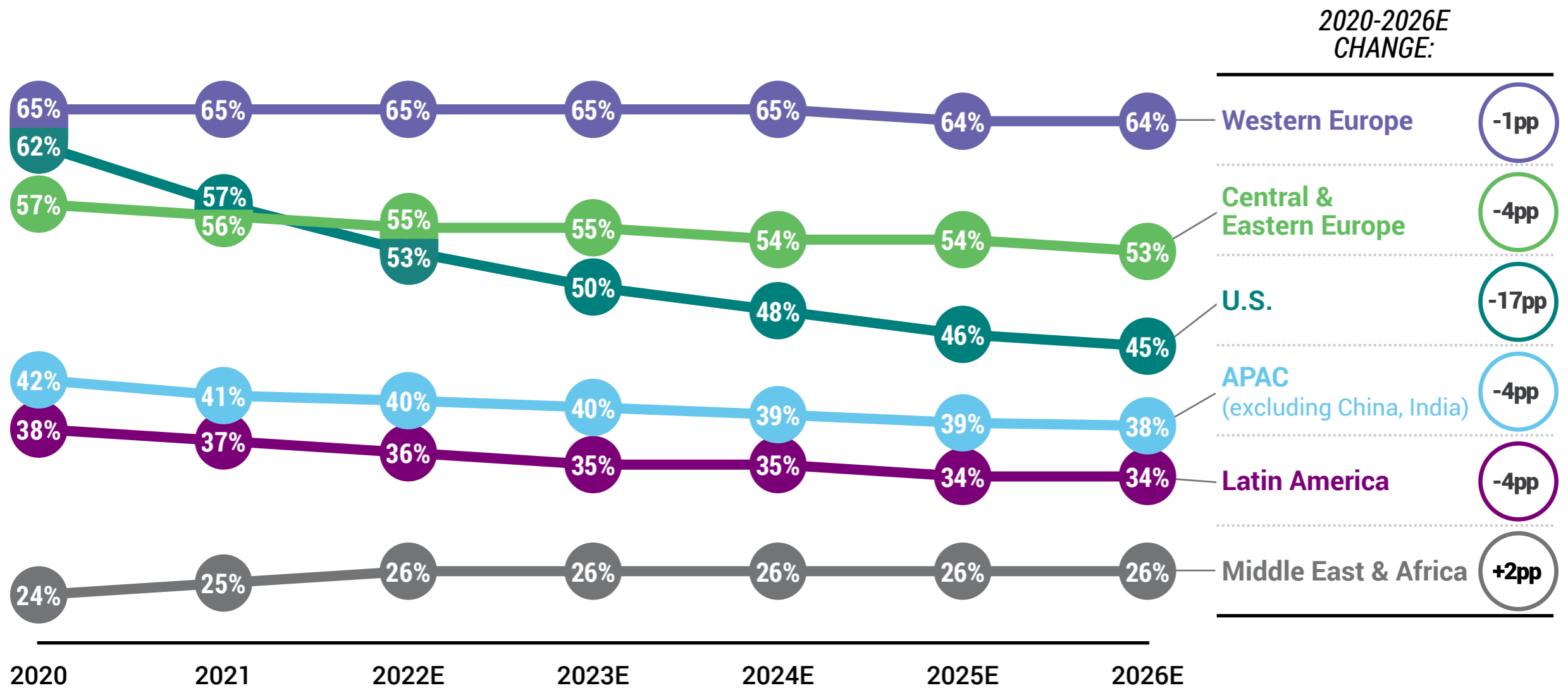
MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION PRICE<sup>1</sup> OF VIRTUAL PAY TV SERVICES<sup>2</sup>, U.S., JAN. 2018-OCT. 2022<sup>3</sup>, USD



1. Price reflects each service's base package. 2. "Virtual Pay TV services" are defined as services that deliver TV through the internet without a set-top box. 3. Pricing information as of Oct. 10, 2022. 4. Includes prices from previously rebranded services (i.e. DirecTV Now, AT&T TV Now, and AT&T TV). 5. As of Dec. 21, 2021, Hulu + Live TV subscriptions include Disney+ and ESPN+. Sources: Activate analysis, Company press releases, Company sites, S&P Global

# We forecast that Pay TV will mostly decline and do so at a much slower pace internationally than in the U.S.

PAY TV<sup>1</sup> PENETRATION BY REGION, GLOBAL, 2020-2026E, % HOUSEHOLDS IN EACH REGION



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# There are nearly 150M active gamers in the U.S. today, up from 124M in 2019

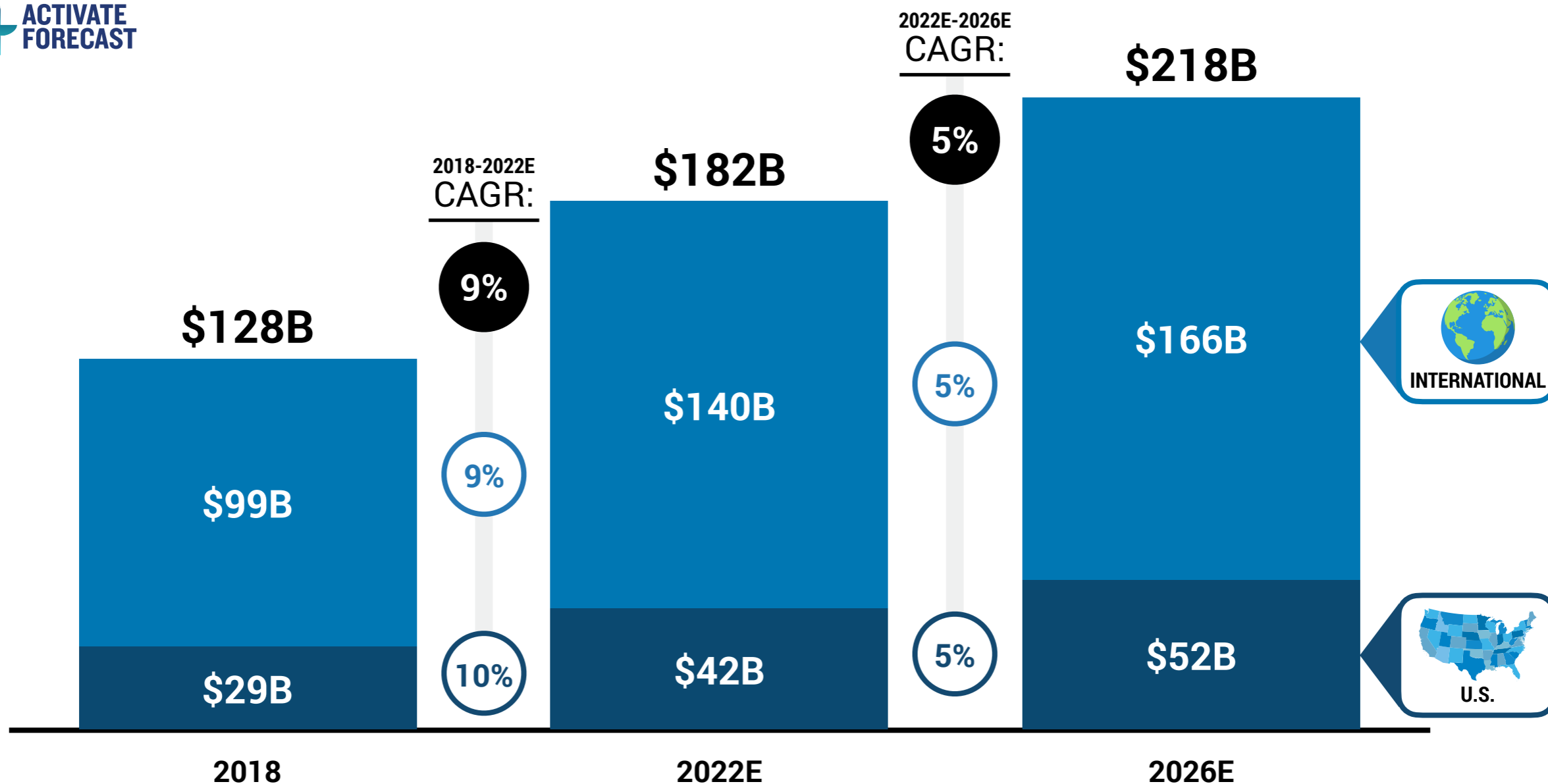
GAMING POPULATION BY REGION, GLOBAL, 2019 VS. 2022E, MILLIONS GAMERS<sup>1</sup>





# We forecast that the global video game market will grow to nearly \$220B by 2026, with over \$50B generated in the U.S.

CONSUMER VIDEO GAME REVENUE BY REGION<sup>1</sup>, GLOBAL, 2018 VS. 2022E VS. 2026E, BILLIONS USD



# We have segmented the gaming population by their level of engagement within the space, from the most involved Habitual Gamers to the more infrequent Occasional Gamers

OUR RESEARCH SHOWS THAT U.S. GAMERS<sup>1</sup> FALL INTO ONE OF THREE SEGMENTS...



## HABITUAL GAMERS<sup>2</sup>



- Play video games as their **primary source** of entertainment
- **Follow** gaming content online (e.g. watch playthroughs, read reviews)

**35%**  
OF U.S. GAMERS<sup>1</sup>

**51M**  
IN THE U.S.

## RECREATIONAL GAMERS<sup>3</sup>



- Play video games as **one of a few equivalent sources** of entertainment
- **May follow** gaming content online

**36%**  
OF U.S. GAMERS<sup>1</sup>

**54M**  
IN THE U.S.

## OCCASIONAL GAMERS<sup>4</sup>



- Play video games **only when other sources** of entertainment are **unavailable**
- **Are unlikely to follow** gaming content online

**29%**  
OF U.S. GAMERS<sup>1</sup>

**43M**  
IN THE U.S.

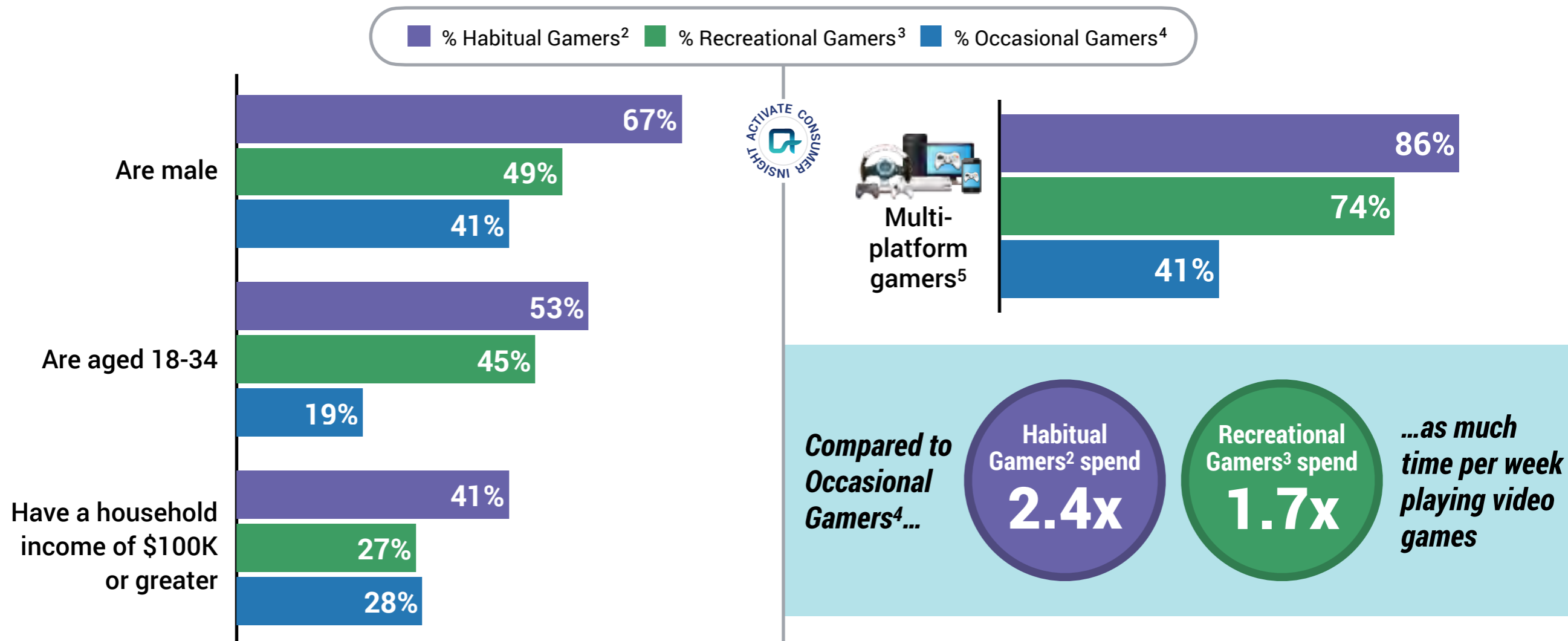
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# Gamers in each segment are demographically and behaviorally distinct: Habitual Gamers are more likely to be male, younger, and higher-income, and they dedicate more time to gaming across multiple devices

DEMOGRAPHICS BY GAMER<sup>1</sup> SEGMENT, U.S., 2022, % GAMERS<sup>1</sup> BY SEGMENT

MULTI-PLATFORM USAGE BY GAMER<sup>1</sup> SEGMENT, U.S., 2022, % GAMERS<sup>1</sup> BY SEGMENT



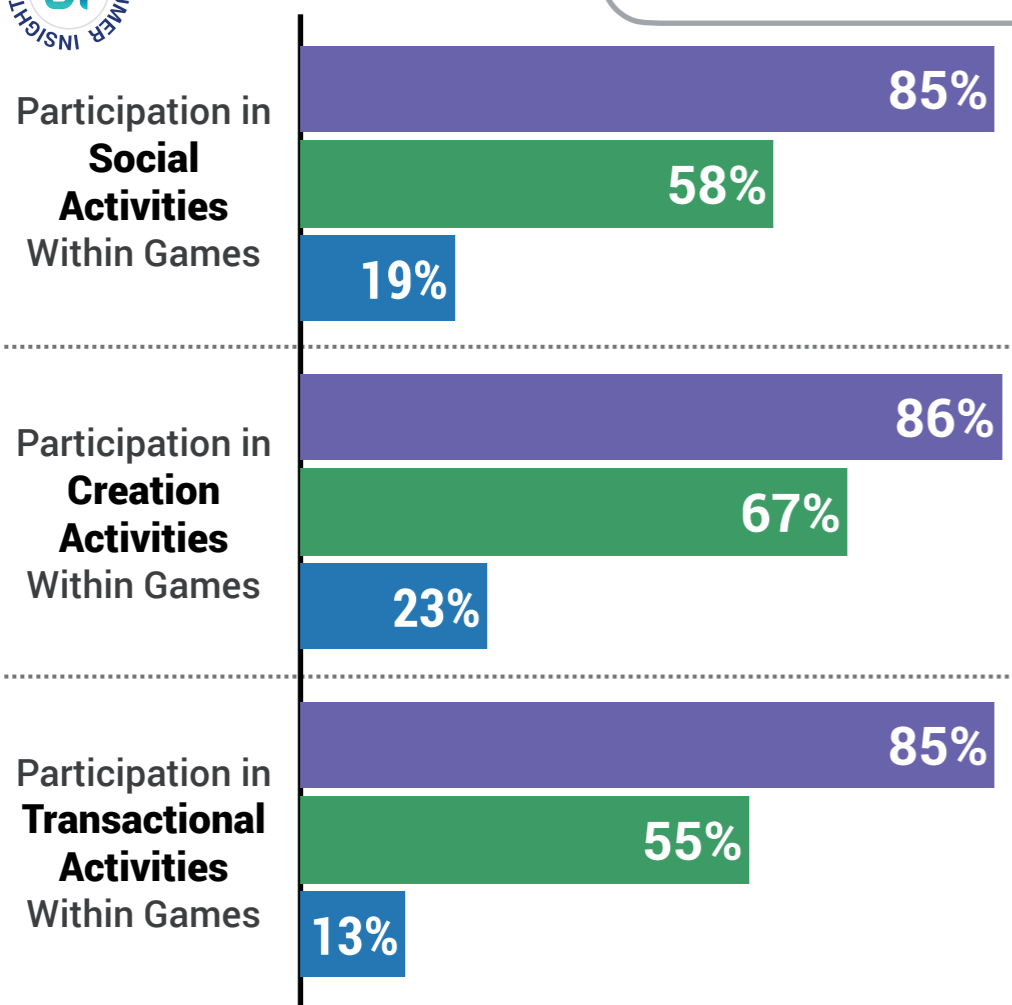
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# Habitual Gamers will be the earliest adopters of the Metaverse as they already take advantage of opportunities for immersive activities within games today

PARTICIPATION IN SELECT METAVERSE ACTIVITIES WITHIN GAMES BY GAMER<sup>1</sup> SEGMENT, U.S., 2022, % GAMERS<sup>1</sup> BY SEGMENT



■ % Habitual Gamers<sup>2</sup> ■ % Recreational Gamers<sup>3</sup> ■ % Occasional Gamers<sup>4</sup>



**76%** of Habitual Gamers<sup>2</sup> participated in all three types of activities within games in the last 12 months

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN GAMES INCLUDE:

Socializing with friends/family or meeting new people; attending educational classes, work-related meetings, networking events, or live in-game performances; watching in-game movies, TV shows, or previews; traveling to virtual versions of real-world locations

### CREATION ACTIVITIES WITHIN GAMES INCLUDE:

Creating/personalizing characters/avatars, items, places, maps, or new games/levels



### TRANSACTIONAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN GAMES INCLUDE:

Purchasing game skins, emotes, and other in-game personalization content/items; purchasing virtual versions of brand-name items; selling virtual goods/items to other players; completing jobs in games in exchange for money from other players; offering money to other players in exchange for completing jobs; investing, lending, or borrowing money; betting/gambling; owning virtual land


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# The top-performing PC and console game titles of the last year offer cross-platform, multiplayer, and open-world features to enable creative and connected experiences for gamers

## TOP-EARNING PAID PC AND CONSOLE VIDEO GAME TITLES, U.S., 2021

 NINTENDO SWITCH
  PLAYSTATION
  XBOX
  DESKTOP/LAPTOP

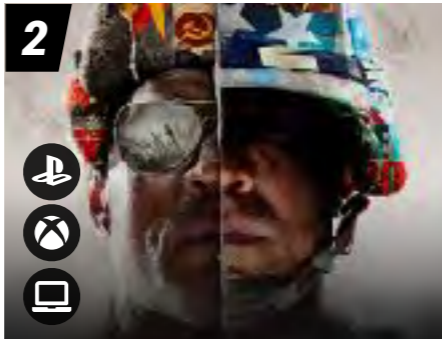
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**CALL OF DUTY: VANGUARD**


**2**






**CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS COLD WAR**


**3**




**MADDEN NFL 22**


**4**








**POKEMON: BRILLIANT DIAMOND / SHINING PEARL**


**5**




**BATTLEFIELD 2042**


**6**







**MARVEL'S SPIDER-MAN: MILES MORALES**

**7**





**MARIO KART 8**

**8**










**RESIDENT EVIL: VILLAGE<sup>1</sup>**


**9**




**MLB: THE SHOW 21**

**10**





**SUPER MARIO 3D WORLD**

■ **Includes Multiplayer**  
 (i.e. ability to play with others)
 ■ **Includes Open World**  
 (i.e. ability to freely explore and interact with environment)

# The top-earning mobile game titles offer integrated social features and unique rewards for playing online with friends, suggesting that gaming is increasingly a community-driven behavior

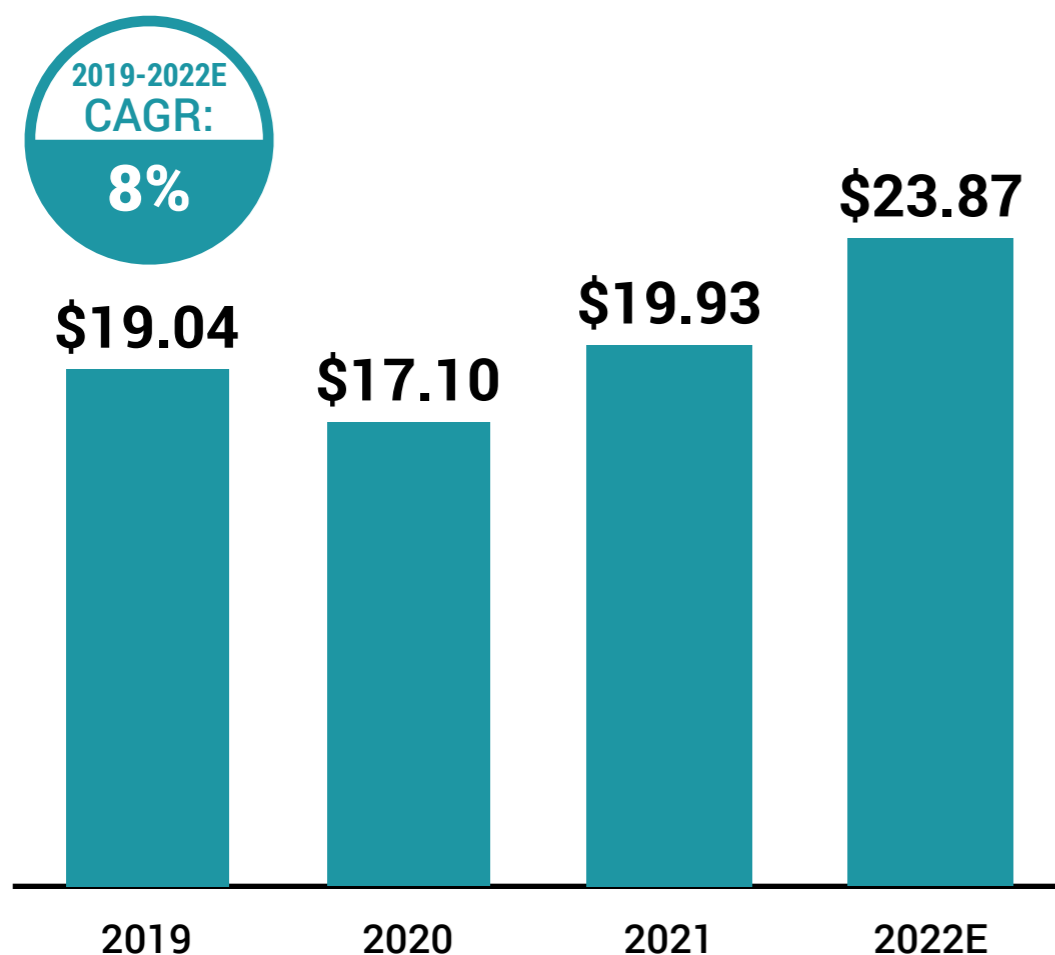
TOP-EARNING<sup>1</sup> MOBILE GAME TITLES, GLOBAL, 2021<sup>2</sup>, BILLIONS USD

## TOP MOBILE GAMES ENCOURAGE PLAYERS TO ENGAGE SOCIALLY WITH OTHERS

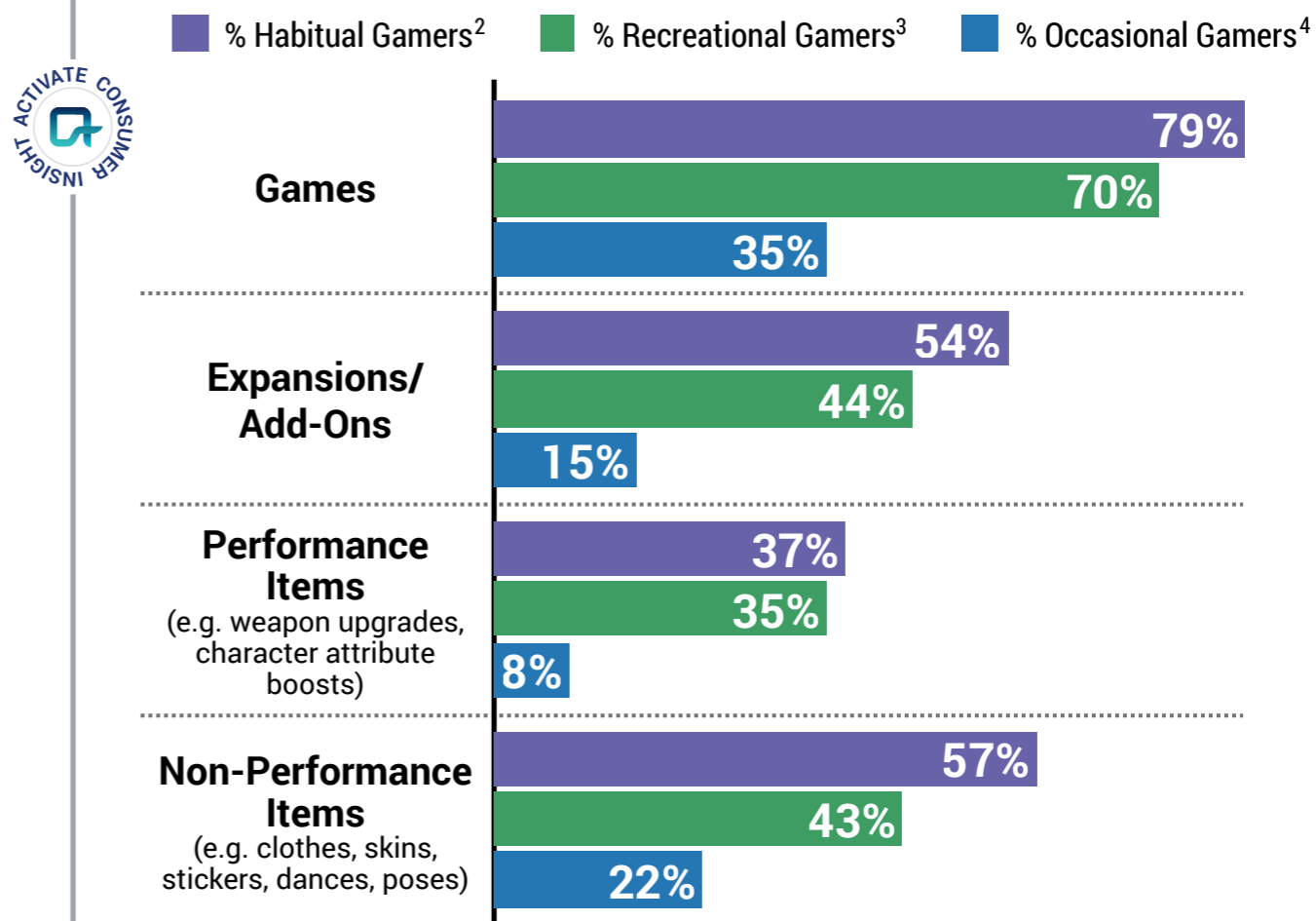
MOBILE GAMING TITLE	REVENUE <sup>3</sup>	SOCIAL FEATURES/REWARDS	In-Game Chat Feature	Ability to Connect to Social Media	Ability to Form Teams
	\$2.8B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to share highlights and results via chat</li> <li>Ability to invite and compete with players from the same region</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
	\$2.8B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooperative play with five people</li> <li>Integrations with social or messaging platforms (e.g. WeChat, QQ)</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
	\$1.8B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to invite others to online cooperative mode</li> <li>Built-in chat system to communicate within server</li> </ul>	✓	✓	—
	\$1.3B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to invite others to specific servers</li> <li>Increasing in-game payouts based on engagement</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
	\$1.3B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bonuses for linking to social media accounts (e.g. Facebook)</li> <li>In-game rewards for inviting friends</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
	\$1.2B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to send in-game gifts to others</li> <li>Bonuses based on tiered "Friendship Levels"</li> </ul>	<i>Announced</i>	✓	✓

# Gamers on average are spending more than ever as content offerings become more varied – Habitual Gamers are especially eager to spend on add-ons and items to enhance their experiences

**AVERAGE MONTHLY SPEND PER GAMER<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2019-2022E, USD PER MONTH**



**GAMING PURCHASES BY PURCHASE TYPE AND GAMER<sup>1</sup> SEGMENT, U.S., 2022, % GAMERS<sup>1</sup> WHO SPEND ON GAMING CONTENT BY SEGMENT**



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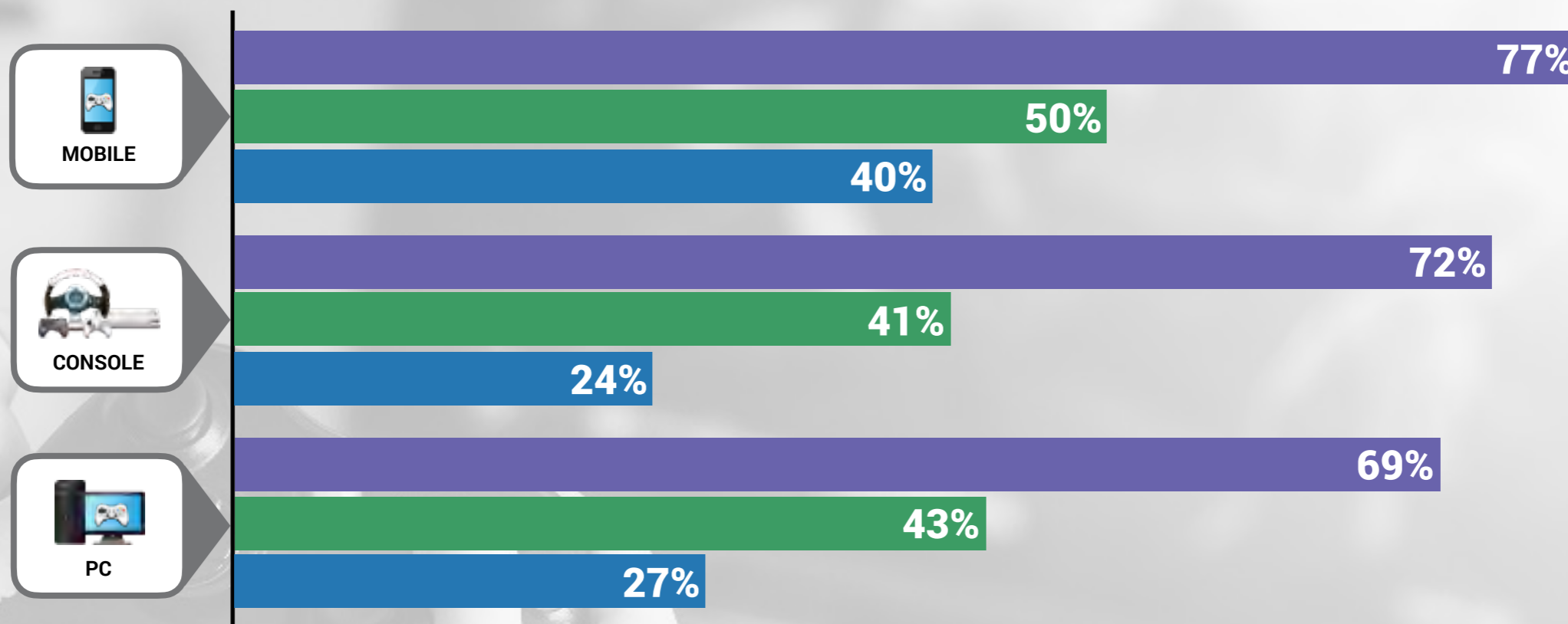
# In-game advertising captures consumer attention in exchange for free in-game content; Habitual Gamers are most receptive to in-game advertising, especially on mobile

WILLINGNESS TO VIEW IN-GAME ADVERTISEMENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR FREE IN-GAME CONTENT BY PLATFORM, U.S., 2022, % GAMERS<sup>1</sup> WHO USE EACH PLATFORM BY SEGMENT



■ % Habitual Gamers<sup>2</sup>
■ % Recreational Gamers<sup>3</sup>
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*Extremely or very willing to view in-game ads for free in-game content on...*



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# Gaming IP is increasingly leveraged in all forms of media and entertainment as studios capitalize on increased consumer affinity and demand

## SELECT TV/FILM ADAPTATIONS OF GAMING IP

### SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2 APRIL 2022

*Sonic the Hedgehog 2* became the top-grossing video game movie of all time, earning \$331M at the box office

The *Sonic the Hedgehog* game series sold ~5M units in 2022, quadrupling from 2021



### UNCHARTED FEBRUARY 2022

*Uncharted* became the fifth-highest-grossing video game movie of all time

The movie had a budget of \$120M and starred Tom Holland and Mark Wahlberg



### THE WITCHER DECEMBER 2021

Netflix released Season 2 of *The Witcher*, a fantasy drama TV series

Following the release, *The Witcher* video game spiked to 71,000 concurrent players



### HALO: THE SERIES MARCH 2022










This science fiction series was developed for Paramount+

*Halo* is now the streaming service's second-most-watched original series



# Technology companies are increasingly taking a full-stack approach to build out capabilities in the gaming space as consumer demand grows

## SELECT COMPANIES' PRESENCE IN GAMING<sup>1</sup>

 Announced, not yet released	amazon	Apple	Google	Meta	Microsoft	NETFLIX	Nintendo	SONY	Tencent	VALVE
 GAME PUBLISHER	games			READY AT DAWN	XBOX GAME STUDIOS	night school BOSSFIGHT	Nintendo	Sony Interactive Entertainment	Tencent Games	VALVE
 VIRTUAL WORLD				horizon FACEBOOK Reality Labs	MINECRAFT AltspaceVR					garry's mod <sup>2</sup>
 CONSOLE <sup>3</sup>					XBOX		NINTENDO SWITCH	PlayStation	logitech G* handheld <sup>4</sup>	STEAM DECK
 AR/VR DEVICE		Apple Glass*	GLASS	oculus Meta* Quest Pro	Microsoft HoloLens		NINTENDO LABO	PlayStation VR PlayStation VR2*		STEAMVR VIVE VALVE INDEX
 CLOUD	luna			facebook <sup>5</sup> gaming	CLOUD GAMING <sup>6</sup>		NINTENDO SWITCH CLOUD STREAMING <sup>7</sup>	PlayStation Now	START	STEAM CLOUD PLAY
 APP STORE	amazon appstore	Apple App Store	Google Play	Meta Quest Store	Microsoft Store		Nintendo eShop	PlayStation Store	应用宝 egapp.com	STEAM
 SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	luna prime gaming	Apple Arcade	Google Play Pass		XBOX GAME PASS CLOUD GAMING <sup>6</sup> XBOX LIVE GOLD	NETFLIX	NINTENDO ONLINE Nintendo Switch Online	PlayStation Plus	START	
 GAMING AS VIDEO	twitch		YouTube GAMING	facebook <sup>5</sup> gaming					企鹅电竞 EGAME	STEAM TV

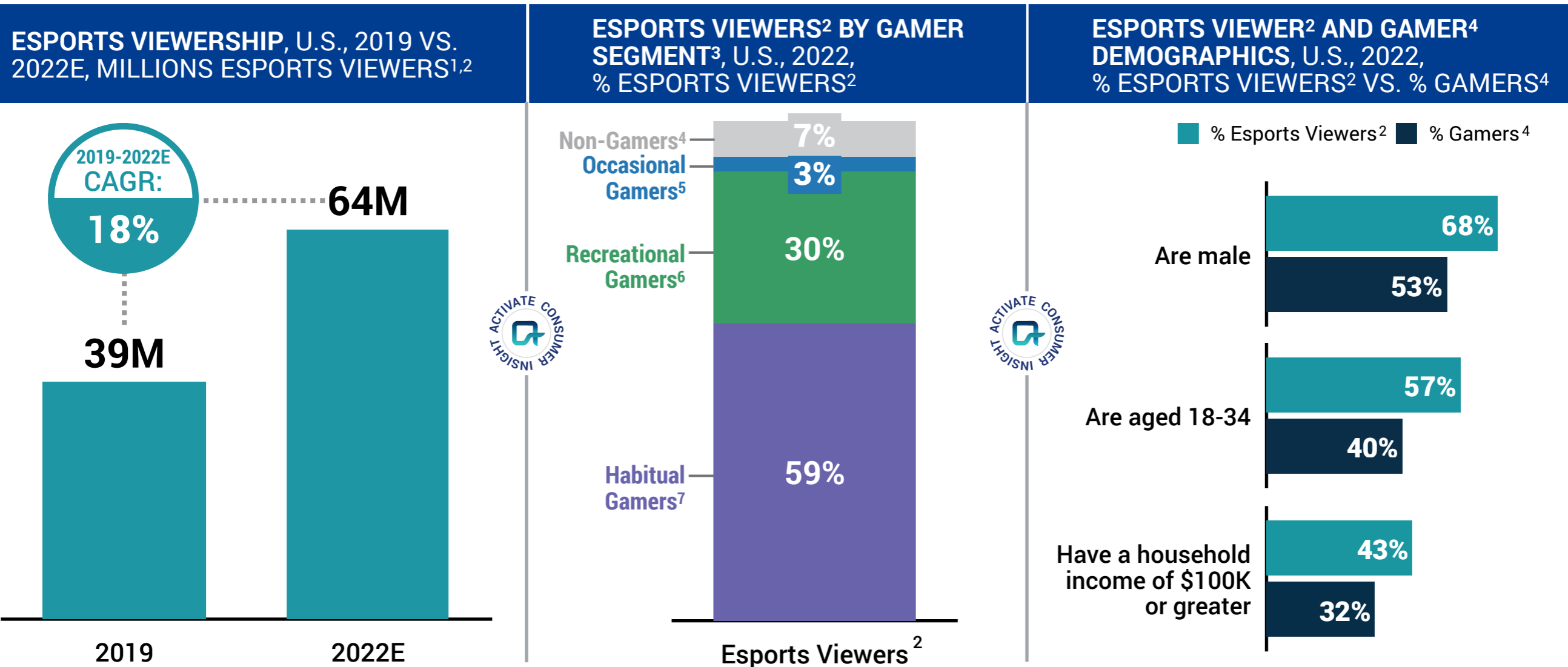
1. Information as of Oct. 2022. Does not include areas in which company is a majority stakeholder. 2. Engine created by Valve and game eventually published by Valve, but independently developed by Garry Newman and Facepunch Studios. 3. Excludes devices with a primary purpose other than gaming (e.g. Apple TV). 4. Co-developed by Logitech and Tencent. 5. Meta does not offer a standalone cloud service but allows streaming of select games through Facebook on Android and web. The standalone Facebook Gaming app for iOS and Android will be shut down in Oct. 2022 but gaming features will remain available in the main Facebook app. 6. Only available through a bundle with Xbox Game Pass Ultimate. 7. On a game-by-game basis, not as a subscription or service. Sources: Activate analysis, Company press releases, Company sites

# Major technology companies are leveraging their scale to acquire game publishers in pursuit of full-stack gaming capabilities – this is only the beginning for M&A in the gaming space, as we expect industry consolidation to continue

## RECENT ACQUISITIONS OF GAMING STUDIOS

ACQUIRING COMPANY	TARGET COMPANY	DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT	ACQUIRING COMPANY MARKET CAP <sup>1</sup>	REPORTED TRANSACTION VALUE	RATIONALE
 Microsoft	 ACTIVISION	Jan. 2022	\$1,830B	\$68.7B	Provide building blocks for the Metaverse
 TAKE TWO INTERACTIVE	 zynga	Jan. 2022	\$20.6B	\$12.7B	Expand into mobile gaming
 SONY	 BUNGIE	Jan. 2022	\$80.5B	\$3.6B	Expand live service game offerings
 EMBRACER+ GROUP	 asmodee	Dec. 2021	\$5.47B	\$3.0B	Improve player experience
 SAVVY GAMING GROUP	 ESL/FACEIT	Jan. 2022	<i>Undisclosed</i>	\$1.5B	Improve capabilities and resources in esports
 EMBRACER+ GROUP	 SQUARE ENIX	May 2022	\$5.47B	\$0.3B	Create new installments from original IP
 STILLFRONT GROUP	 6waves	Jan. 2022	\$1.26B	\$0.2B	Strengthen presence in free-to-play gaming and the Japanese market
 SONY	 SAVAGE GAME STUDIOS	Aug. 2022	\$80.5B	<i>UNDISCLOSED</i>	Expand to additional platforms

# There are over 64M esports viewers in the U.S. today – while the majority of esports viewers are also gamers, there are key differences in the populations the two spaces attract



1. "Esports viewers" (2019) are defined as adults aged 18+ who have watched an esports competition at any point in time.  
 2. "Esports viewers" (2022) are defined as adults aged 18+ who have watched or attended an esports competition within the last 12 months. 3. Figures do not sum to 100% due to rounding. 4. "Gamers" are defined as adults aged 18+ who currently play video games. 5. "Occasional Gamers" are defined as gamers who only view gaming as an entertainment option when other options are not available, or gamers who view gaming as one of a few equivalent options for entertainment but do not follow gaming content online. 6. "Recreational Gamers" are defined as gamers who view gaming as one of a few equivalent options for entertainment, or Gamers who view gaming as their primary source of entertainment but do not follow gaming content online. 7. "Habitual Gamers" are defined as gamers who view gaming as their primary source of entertainment and follow gaming content online.

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# The global esports audience has already surpassed half a billion viewers and will continue to grow as the space develops

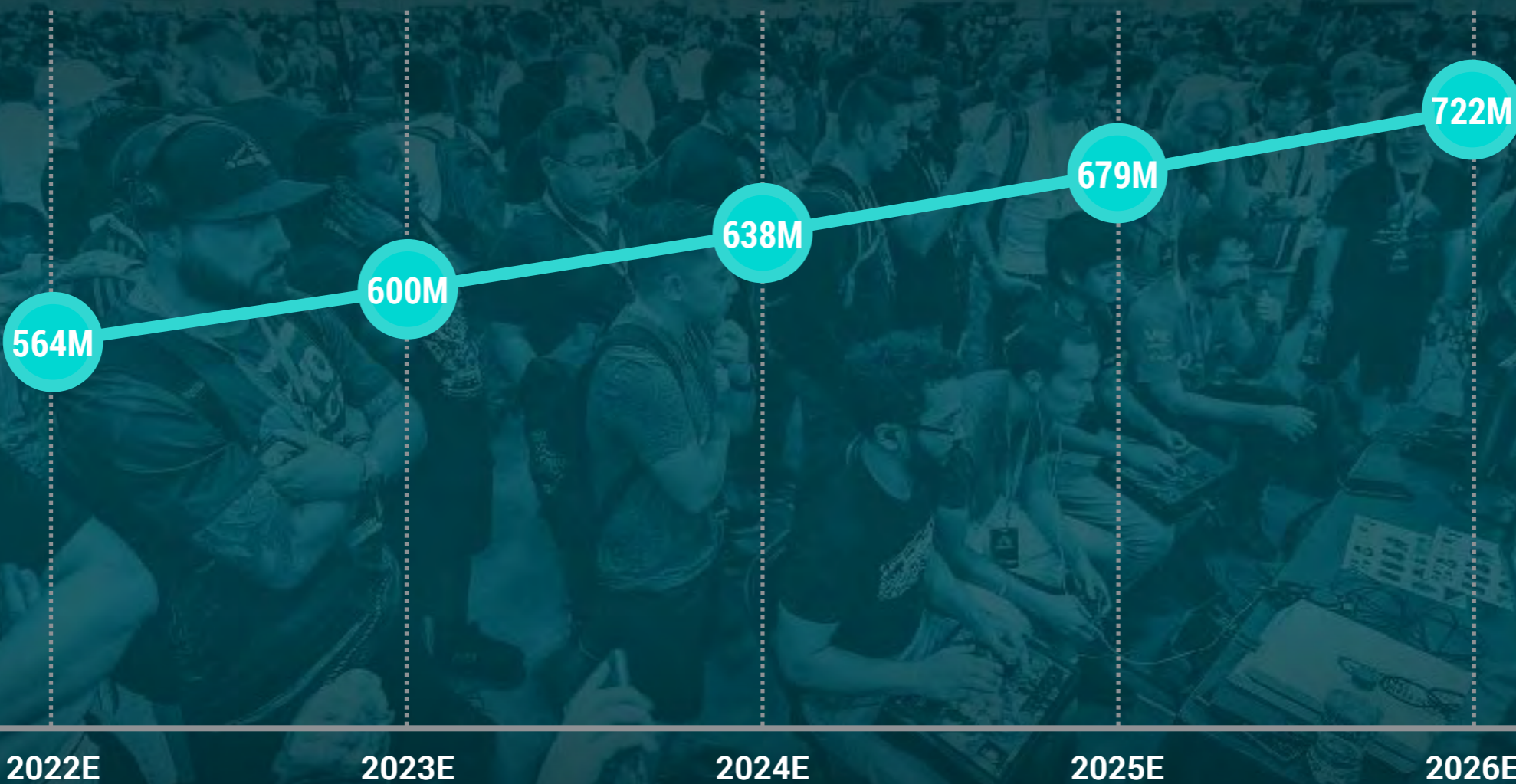
ESPORTS VIEWERSHIP, GLOBAL, 2022E-2026E, MILLIONS ESPORTS VIEWERS



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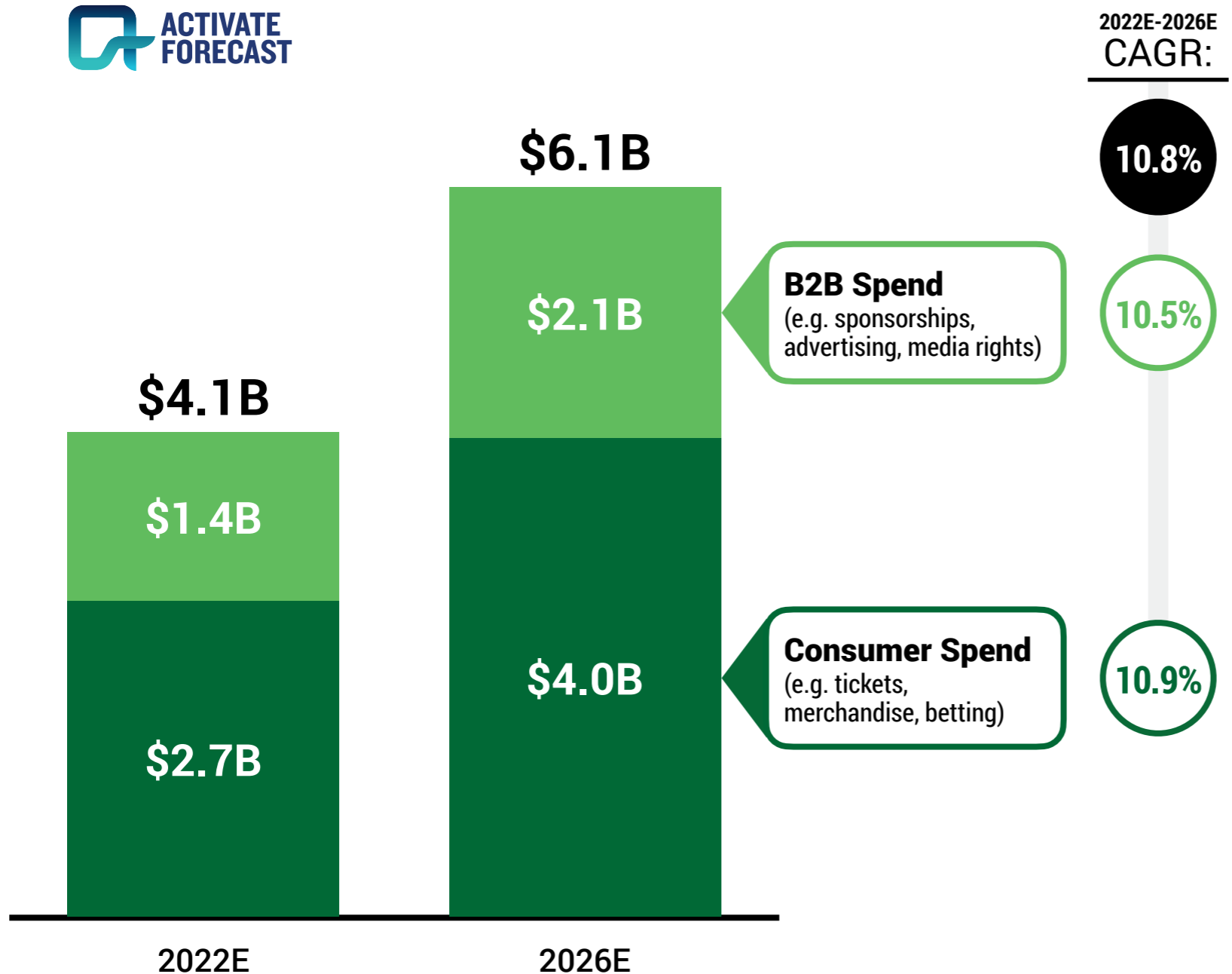
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GLOBAL  
ESPORTS  
AUDIENCE



# The future of esports will be driven by media rights and distribution to capture incremental audiences

ESPORTS REVENUE BY TYPE, GLOBAL, 2022E VS. 2026E, BILLIONS USD



## SELECT DEVELOPMENTS IN ESPORTS MEDIA RIGHTS



CS:GO esports series BLAST Premier has agreed to 35 media deals for the broadcast of its 2022 season



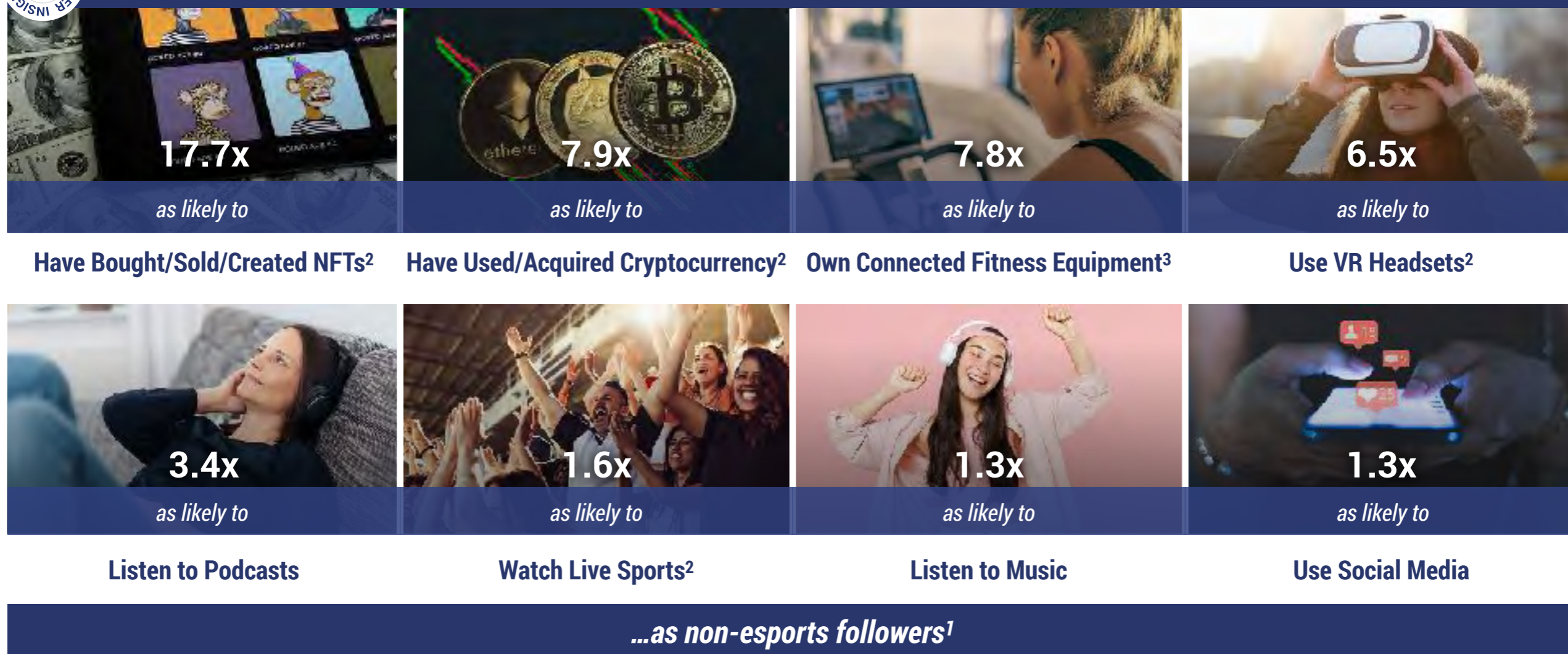
G4, the exclusive media rights partner to ESL Gaming, has partnered with Pluto TV to distribute its content through ad-supported free streaming

# Growing esports markets will have an amplified impact across technology and media, enabling a broad set of other digital activities

MEDIA BEHAVIORS, U.S., 2022, ESPORTS FOLLOWERS<sup>1</sup> INDEXED TO NON-ESPORTS FOLLOWERS<sup>1</sup>



## Esports followers<sup>1</sup> are...



1. "Esports followers" are defined as adults aged 18+ who have attended esports events or watched, listened to, or read esports content (e.g. highlights, news, competitions) in the last 12 months. 2. Based on behaviors in the last 12 months. 3. "Connected fitness equipment" is defined as internet-connected exercise equipment with social / live-class capabilities. Ownership is defined at the household level.  
Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001)

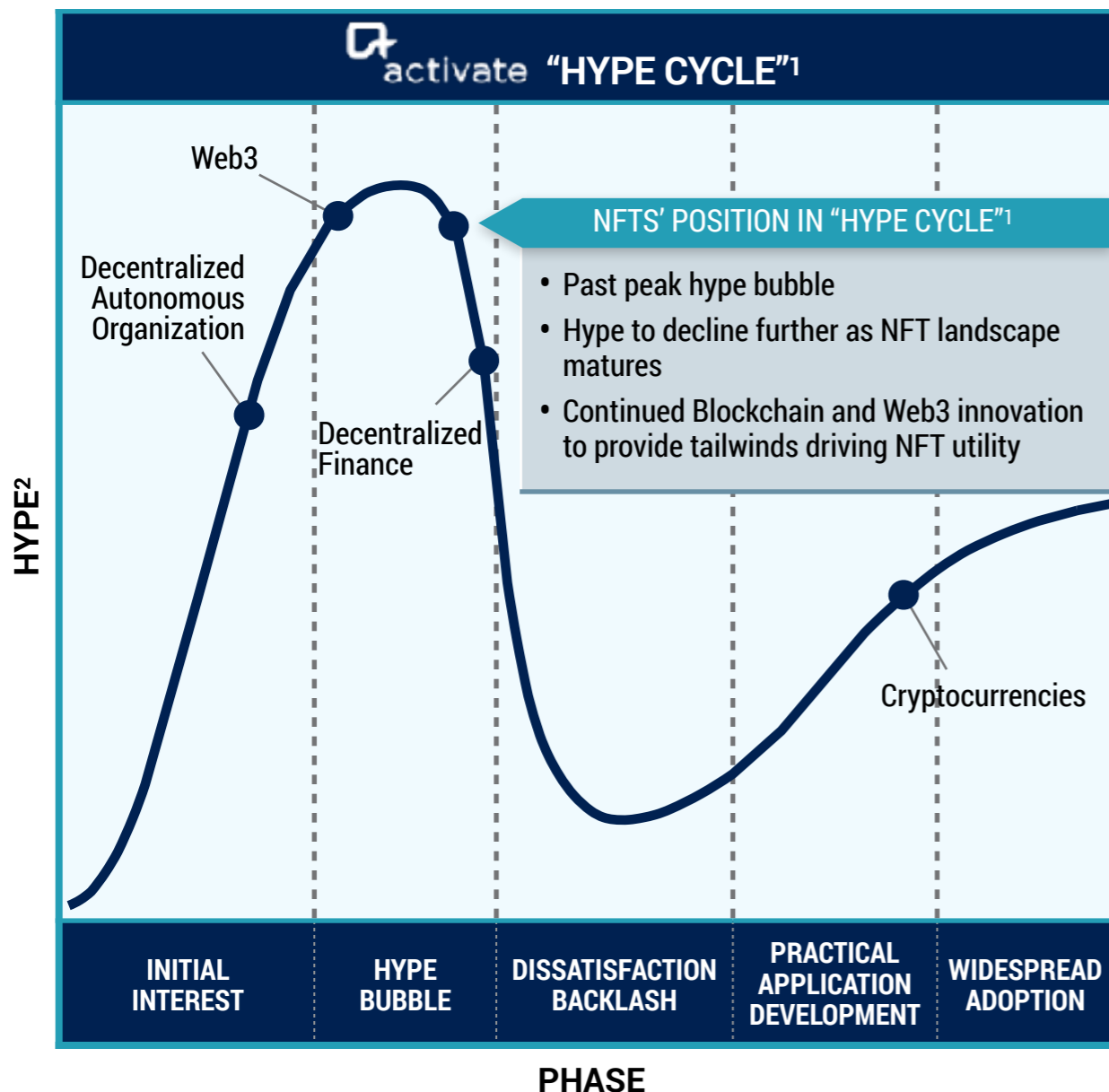
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# In 2022, NFTs passed their peak hype, making way for more tangible use cases

“HYPER CYCLE”<sup>1</sup> FOR NFTS AND RELATED TOPICS, U.S., SEPT. 2022



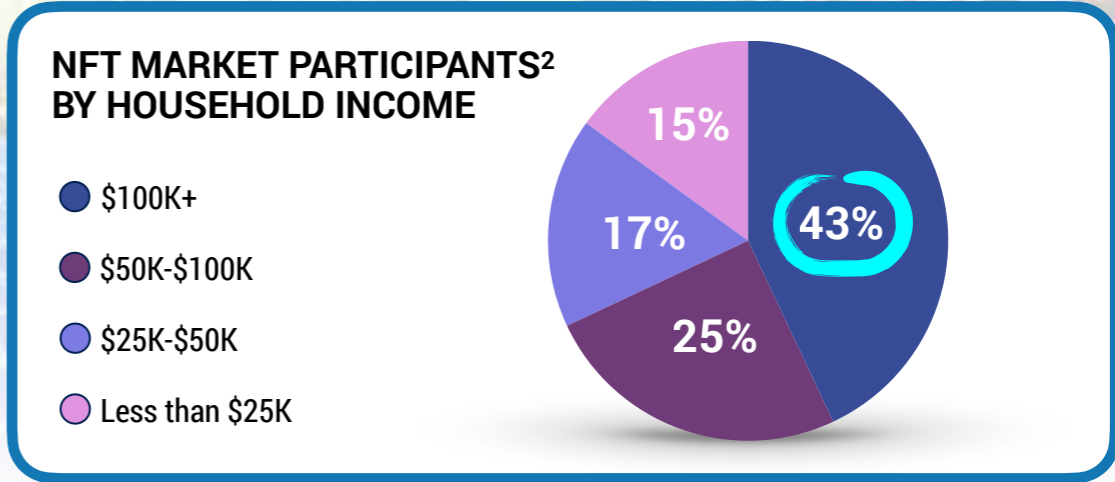
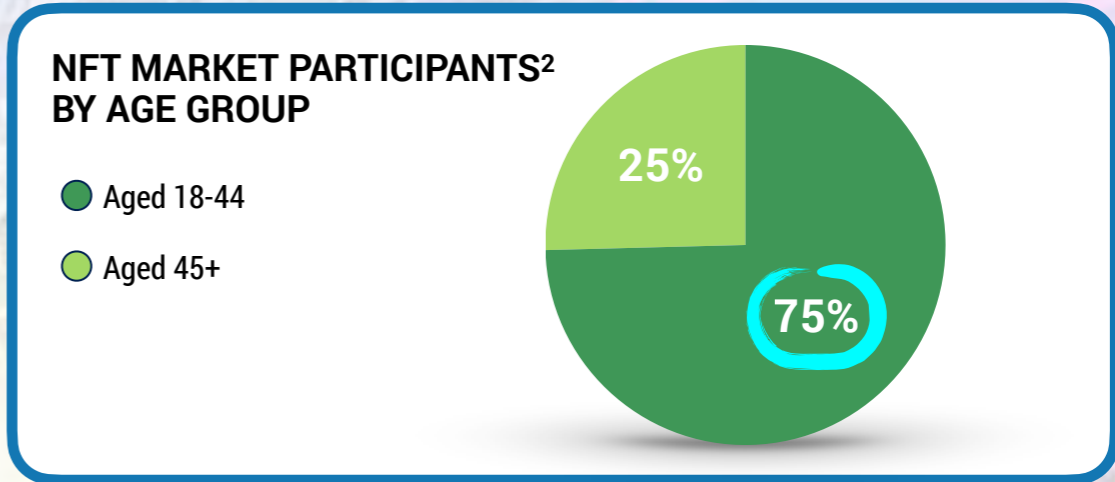
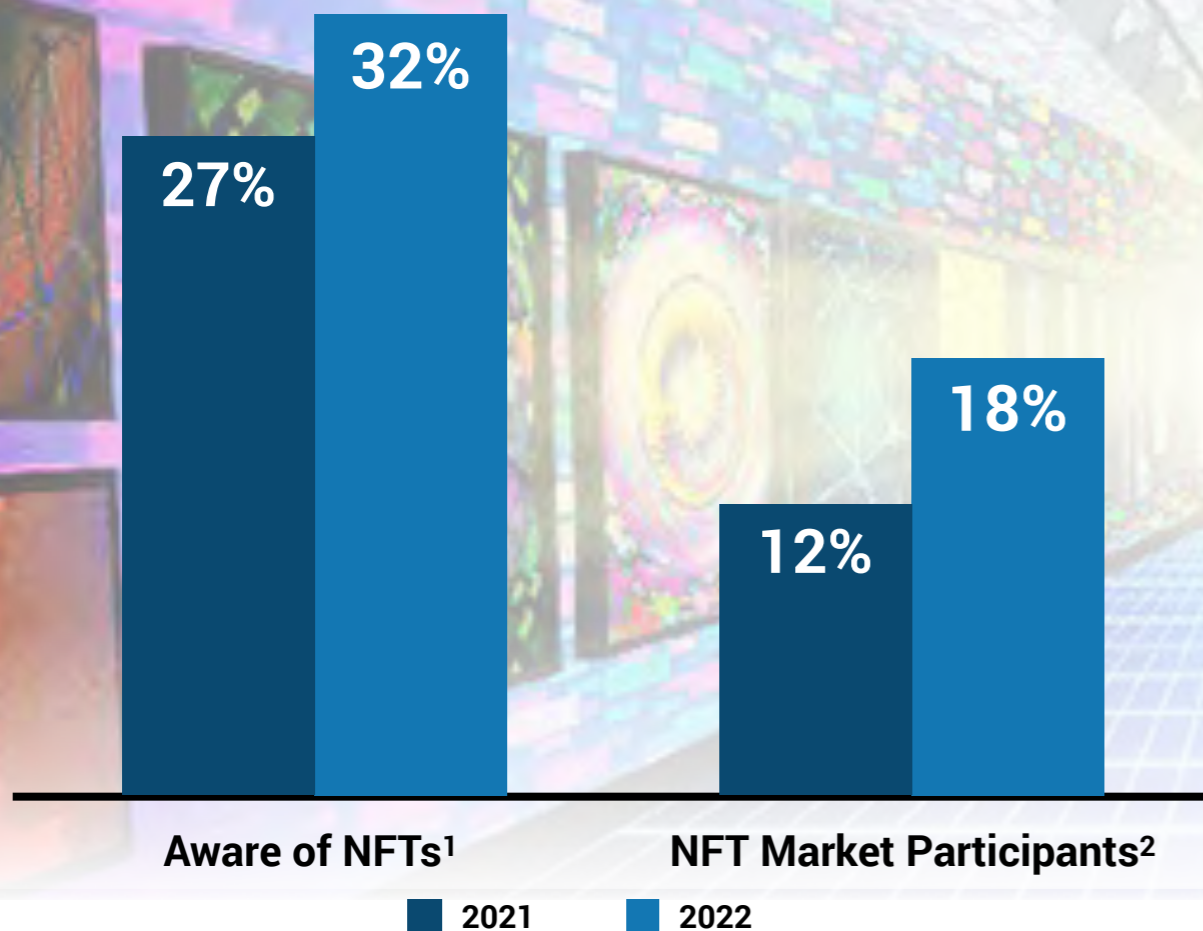
## ACTIVATE POINT OF VIEW

- 1 The end of excessive NFT hype is making way for a new set of more tangible use cases rooted in established technology and media behaviors (e.g. commerce, social)
- 2 Moving forward, these use cases will focus on problems that NFTs have a strong rationale for solving, such as community building and rewarding loyal brand users
- 3 User rationale for purchasing NFTs has also changed, moving away from investment use cases and towards displaying and collecting
- 4 NFT companies have continued to be attractive targets for investors and have grown substantially in the last 12 months, reflecting continued interest in the NFT market (despite falling cryptocurrency values driving down NFT prices)

# NFT usage is still a relatively nascent behavior, with less than one third of the population aware of what NFTs are and relatively younger and more affluent consumers leading the way

**NFT AWARENESS<sup>1</sup> AND PARTICIPATION<sup>2</sup>, U.S., 2021 VS. 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+**

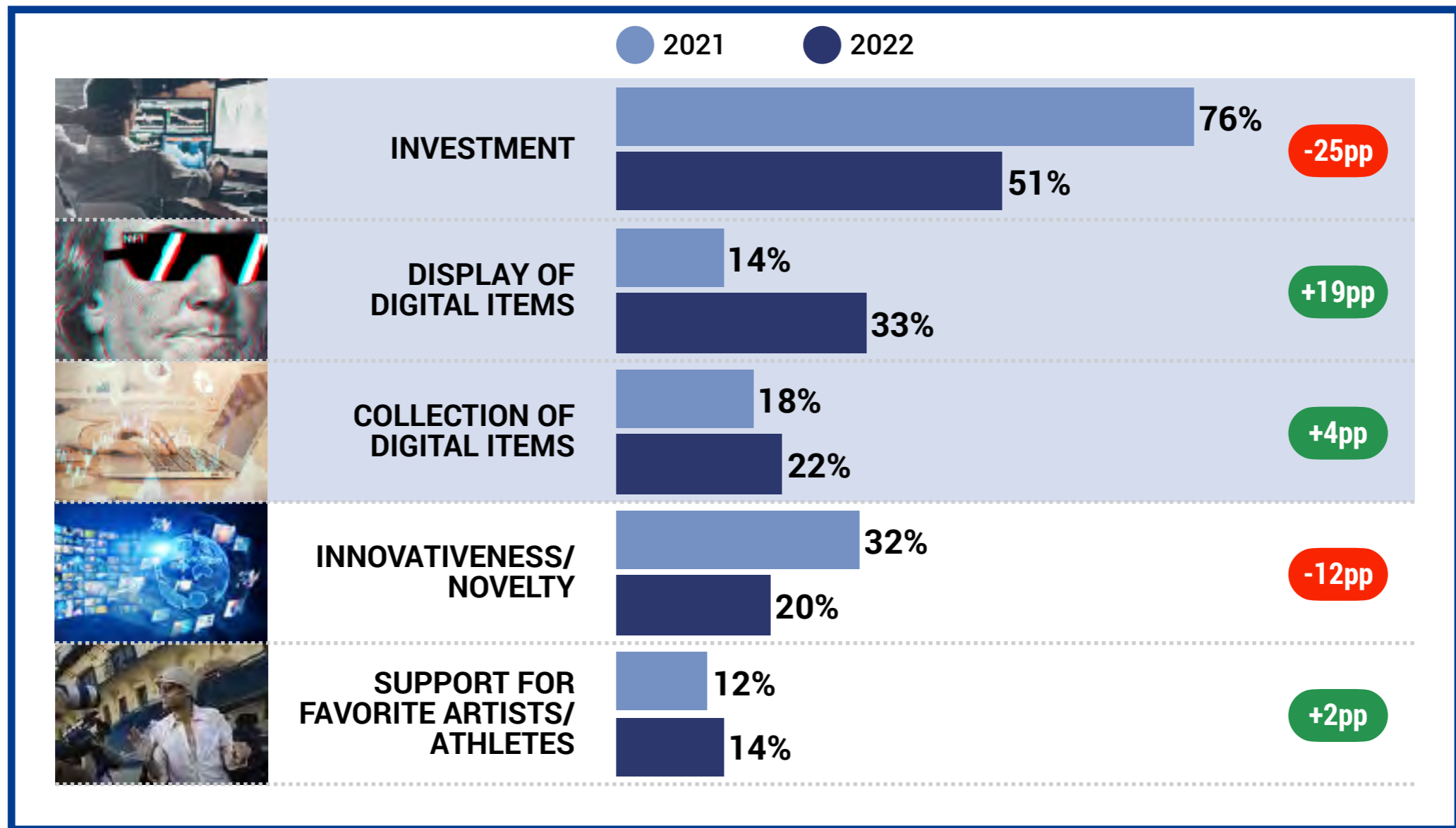
**NFT MARKET PARTICIPANT<sup>2</sup> DEMOGRAPHICS, U.S., 2022, % NFT MARKET PARTICIPANTS<sup>2</sup> AGED 18+**



1. "Aware of NFTs" is defined as knowing what NFTs are. 2. "NFT market participants" are defined as those who researched/discussed, browsed, bid on, purchased, displayed, sold, or created NFTs in the last 12 months. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2021 Consumer NFT Research Study (n = 1,040), Activate 2022 Metaverse & NFT Consumer Research Study (n = 3,078)

# Consumers are moving away from primarily buying NFTs as investments and towards other tangible use cases, such as displaying and collecting digital items

TOP REASONS<sup>1</sup> FOR PURCHASING NFTS, U.S., 2021 VS. 2022, % NFT PURCHASERS<sup>2</sup>



1. Consumers were asked to select up to two top reasons. 2. "NFT purchasers" are defined as adults 18+ who have purchased NFTs in the last 12 months.  
 Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2021 Consumer NFT Research Study (n = 1,040), Activate 2022 Metaverse & NFT Consumer Research Study (n = 3,078)

# Moving forward, NFTs can add the most value through creating exclusive digital communities and rewarding loyal customers

## SELECT NFT USE CASES



**Community Building:** NFTs enable digital communities to form around the ownership of scarce collectibles

- **Sellers:** Enables the leveraging of a community vs. a one-off sale
- **Buyers:** Provides outlet for connection and feelings of belonging in digital spaces



**Bored Ape Yacht Club's** success hinges upon **scarcity**; there are only 10,000 unique Bored Ape NFTs in existence, so **membership is limited and exclusive**, similar to physical membership clubs (e.g. Soho House)



**Rewarding Loyal Users:** NFTs can function as a way to reward loyal customers with perks and connections to the brand

- **Sellers:** Develops a more engaged customer base
- **Buyers:** Allows customers to connect with, support, and invest in the brand in novel ways



**Starbucks** plans to create a series of branded NFT collections, which will allow members to **access exclusive experiences and rewards** (e.g. espresso martini-making class, exclusive artwork)

# Community Building: Many NFT projects are finding success online through Discord, beginning with the development of a project server and eventually growing into a global community

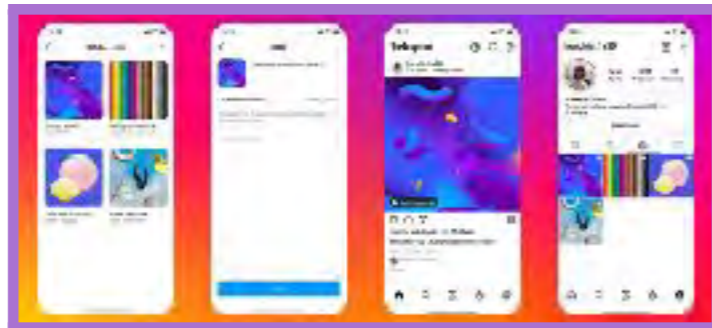
## NFT PROJECT GROWTH PROCESS ON DISCORD



# Community Building: Social media companies are integrating features to support users who want to display NFTs as part of a community identification

## EXAMPLE NFT USE CASES IN SOCIAL MEDIA

### INSTAGRAM



#### Description:

Instagram allows users to **integrate their digital wallet into their profile to display their NFT collection**

#### Activate Perspective:

The **ability to integrate NFTs seamlessly into profiles** will be critical for NFT use in social media

### TIKTOK



#### Description:

TikTok released **three one-of-one and limited-edition drop NFTs** of viral videos through **TikTok Top Moments**, but faced issues releasing more due to **waning user interest**

#### Activate Perspective:

Social media companies **must provide a clear utility to users** when launching NFT projects to achieve success

### TWITTER



#### Description:

Twitter launched support for **NFT profile pictures**, which take on a distinct hexagonal shape

#### Activate Perspective:

The **ability to signal membership in exclusive clubs** remains the major use case for NFTs in social media

# Rewarding Loyal Users: eCommerce Brands will use NFTs that are redeemable for physical goods as a rewards system for their most loyal customers

## EXAMPLE NFT USE CASES IN ECOMMERCE

### LOYALTY

#### Description:

Existing brands can **offer NFTs to reward their most engaged clients**, which can include **attaching physical perks** to digital collectibles

#### Example:

**Clinique** ran a competition for its loyalty program members, **offering a limited-edition NFT to three winners**, which gave them **access to exclusive products** each year for the next decade

CLINIQUE



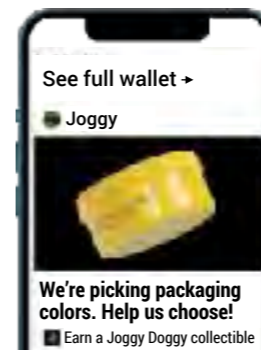
#### Description:

Emerging brands are using NFTs as part of their **customer rewards** strategy, **promising collectibles as incentives for early adopters**

#### Example:

**Try Your Best** is a Web3 platform designed to help consumer goods brands offer their most loyal customers **incentives to share their feedback and preferences in exchange for collectible NFTs, physical products, and the ability to influence product choices** (e.g. packaging colors)

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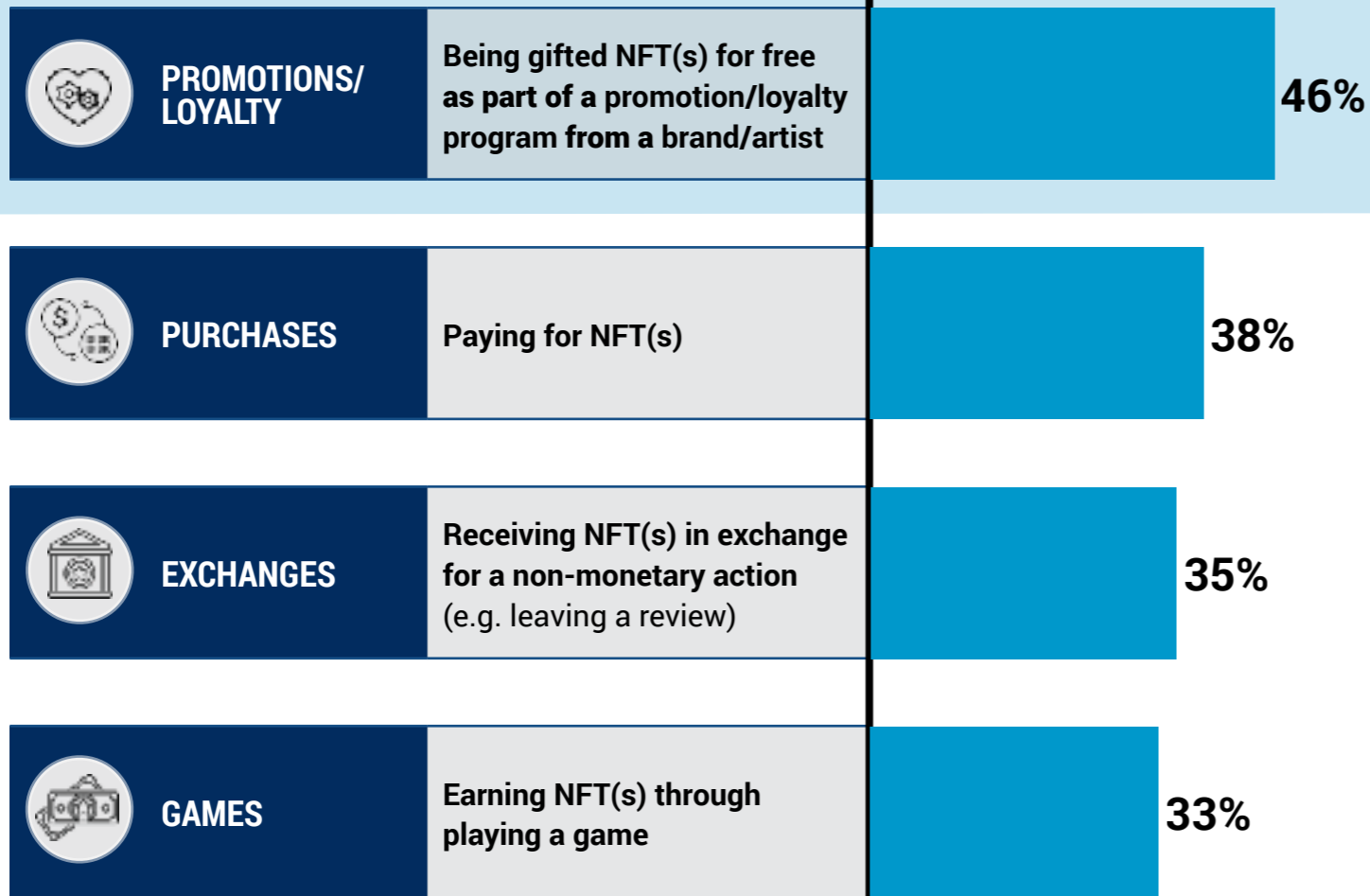
#### Activate Perspective:

**The most successful innovators with NFTs will be able to provide consumers with tangible benefits** (e.g. physical product counterparts, exclusive product launches, influence on future products)

### PRODUCT CONTRIBUTION

# Rewarding Loyal Users: Promotional/loyalty campaigns are the most common pathway to NFT ownership as companies look for new ways to reward their loyal customers

METHODS OF NFT ACQUISITION IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % NFT OWNERS AGED 18+



## PROMOTION/LOYALTY EXAMPLES



**BURGER KING, "KEEP IT REAL MEALS" NFT CAMPAIGN:** QR CODE LEADING TO DIGITAL COLLECTIBLE ON NEARLY SIX MILLION MEAL BOXES. REWARDS INCLUDED:

- WHOPPER SANDWICHES FOR A YEAR
- AUTOGRAPHED GOODS
- PHONE CALL WITH ONE OF THE CAMPAIGN'S CELEBRITIES

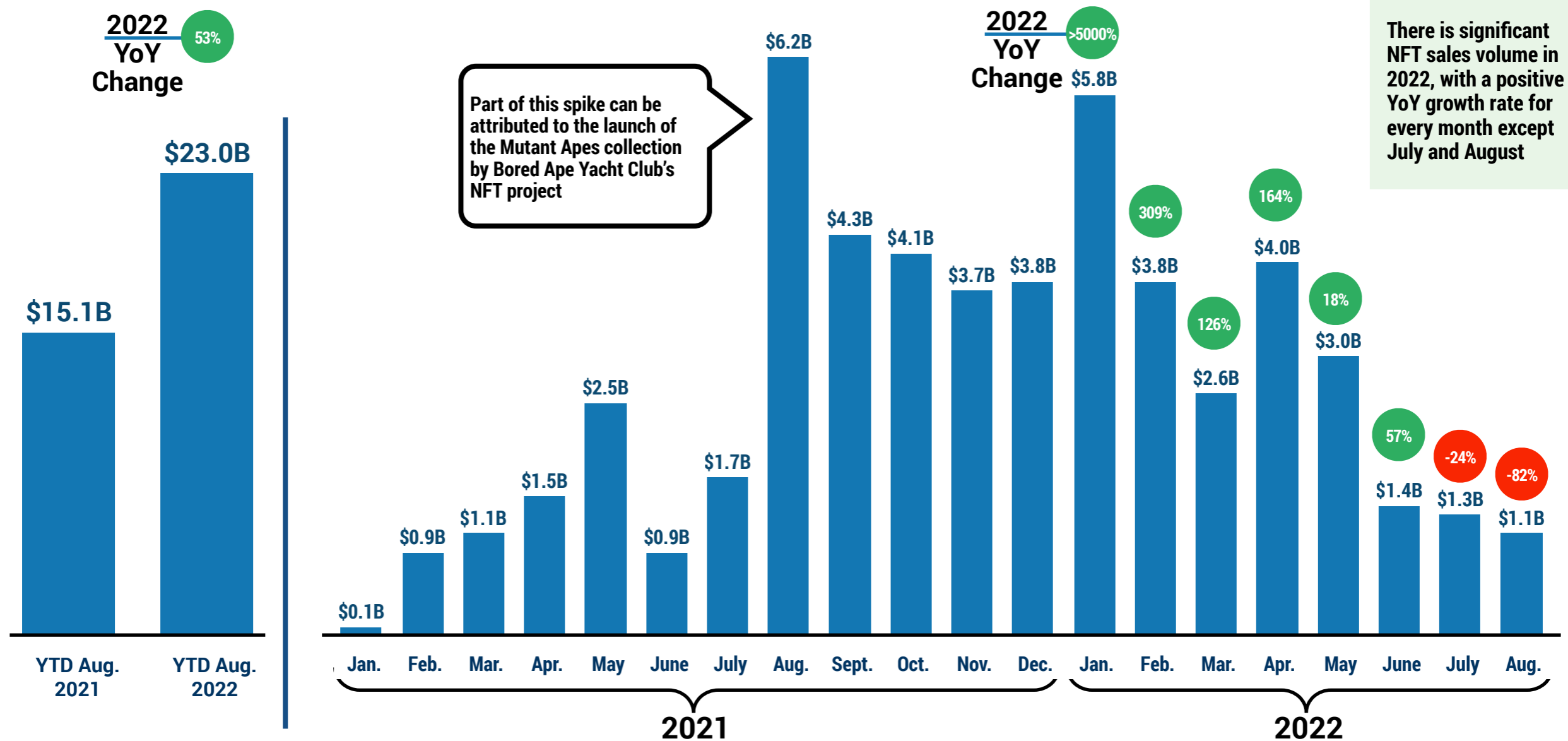


**NFL, COMPLIMENTARY NFTS FOR SELECT GAMES:** THE LEAGUE DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 500,000 COMPLIMENTARY VIRTUAL COMMEMORATIVE TICKET NFTS TO FANS



# While NFT sales growth has slowed recently, overall sales volume has already exceeded \$23B in 2022, underscoring continued consumer interest

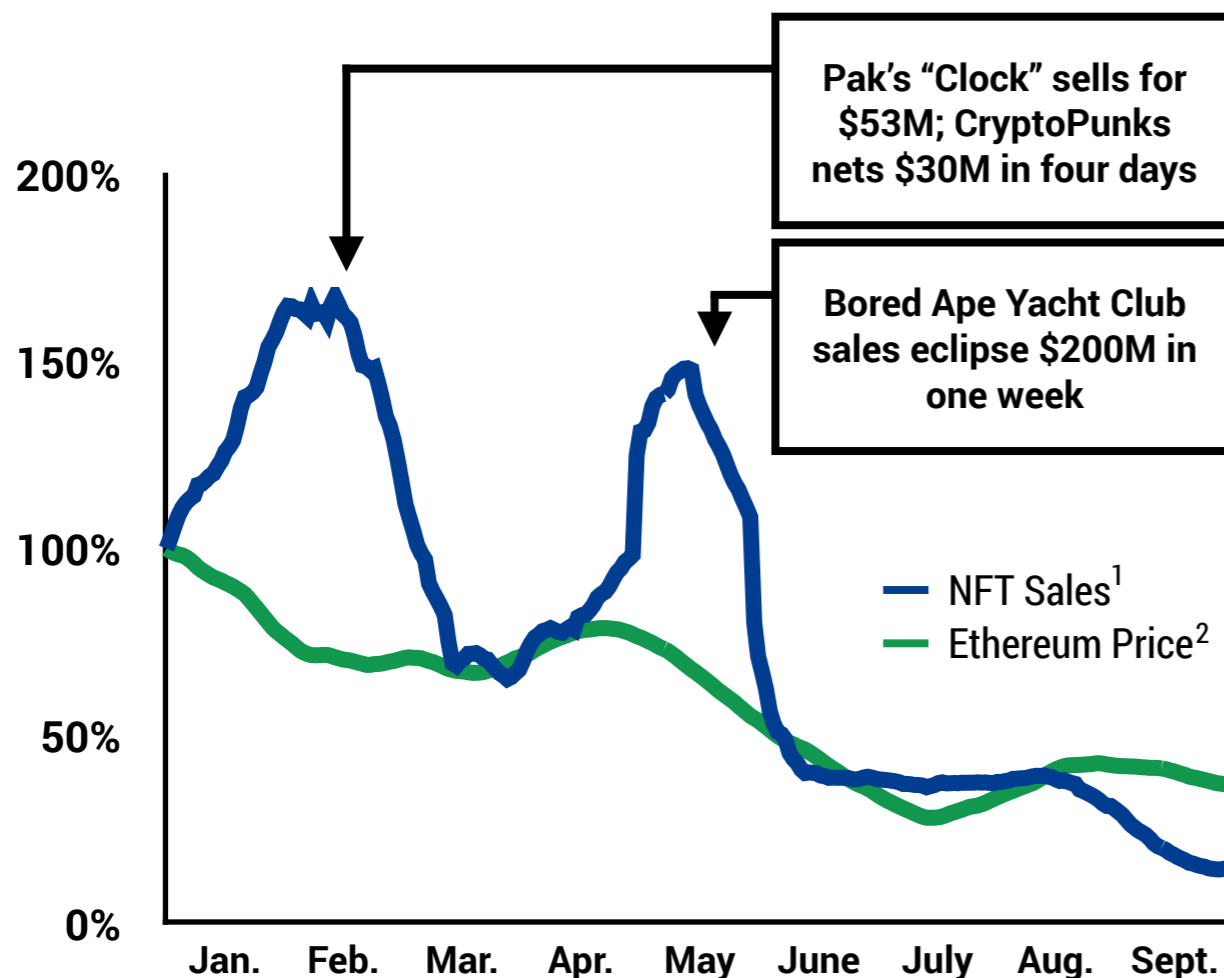
TOTAL SALES OF NFTS<sup>1</sup>, GLOBAL, 2021-YTD AUG. 2022, USD BILLIONS



1. Includes primary and secondary market sales. 95% of the sales from LooksRare is excluded due to wash trading. Wash trading is an act where a trader sells an asset belonging to them to another wallet controlled by them (often to game platform financial incentives).  
Sources: Activate analysis, Bloomberg, CryptoSlam, DappRadar

# Recent trends in the NFT market have mirrored those in cryptocurrency, given the overlap of users and dependencies on cryptocurrency for purchasing

AVERAGE NFT SALES<sup>1</sup> AND ETHEREUM PRICE<sup>2</sup>,  
GLOBAL, YTD SEPT. 2022, % INDEXED TO JAN. 1, 2022


























## RATIONALE FOR COMPARING NFT SALES TO ETHEREUM PRICE

- **Ethereum** is the underlying blockchain for **over 86% of current NFTs<sup>3</sup>**
- As a general rule, **consumers can only purchase NFTs using cryptocurrency, typically Ethereum**
- There is a significant overlap of purchasers for NFTs and cryptocurrency, with **over two thirds of NFT purchasers also purchasing cryptocurrency**
- Given this, **when cryptocurrency prices (especially Ethereum) decline, it has a direct impact on NFT sales value** when expressed in fiat currency (e.g. USD)

# Significant growth in funding for NFT-related ventures in 2022 will further support NFT use cases, especially those related to Gaming and Marketplaces, which have made up more than 70% of all investments

TOP NFT INVESTMENT CATEGORIES BY FUNDING SIZE<sup>1</sup>, GLOBAL, SEPT. 2020-SEPT. 2022, MILLIONS USD

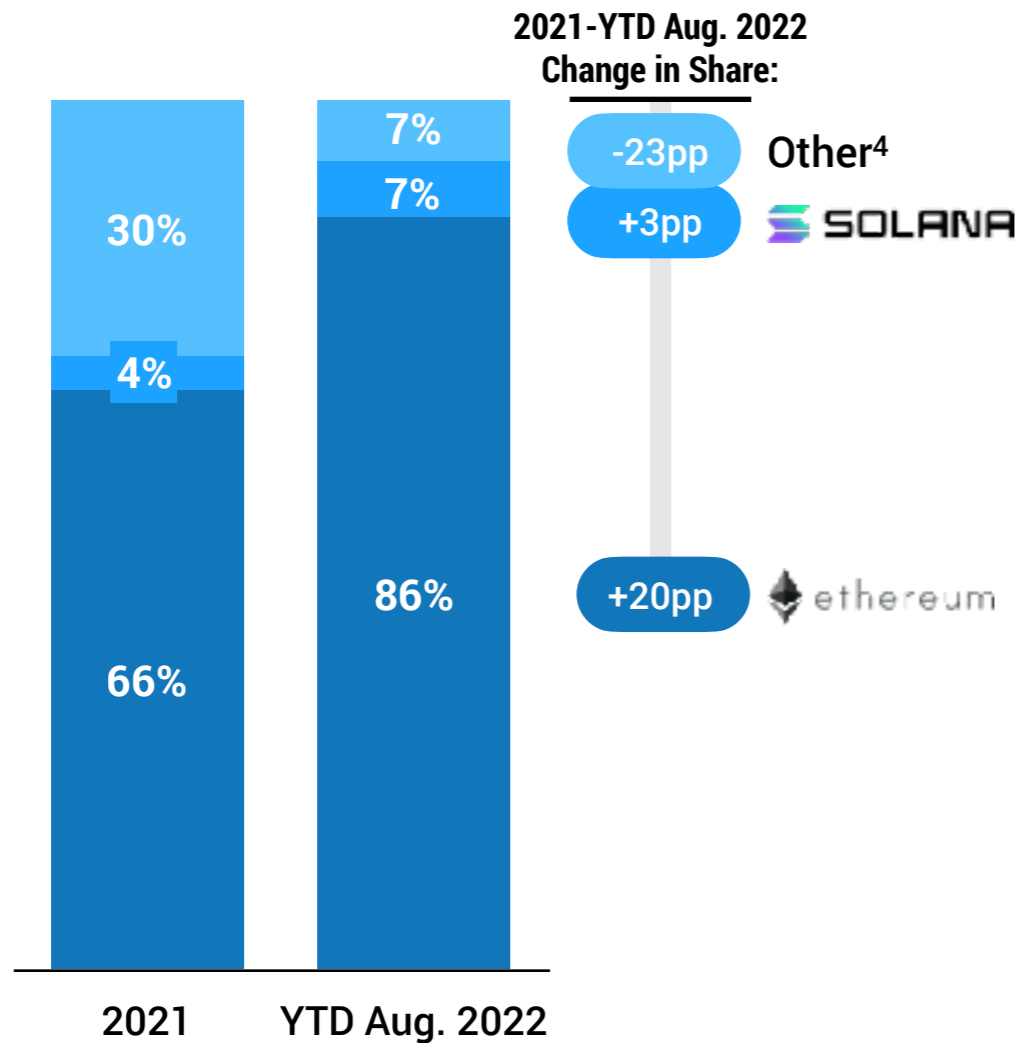
■ Sept. 2020-Sept. 2021  
 ■ Sept. 2021-Sept. 2022

CATEGORY	PRIMARY FOCUS		EXAMPLES
 <b>GAMING</b>	Building NFT-native games	\$573M \$1,733M	 
 <b>NFT MARKETPLACES</b>	Functioning as a place to buy and sell third-party NFTs	\$294M \$1,109M	  
 <b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Developing technology to enable specific advancements in NFT projects	\$46M \$855M	  
 <b>INVESTING</b>	Creating investment vehicles for funding other NFT projects	\$56M \$190M	  
 <b>MEDIA</b>	Generating narrative storytelling media content around NFT projects	\$42M \$177M	  
 <b>MUSIC</b>	Supporting monetization of musical content and performances through NFTs	\$87M \$126M	  

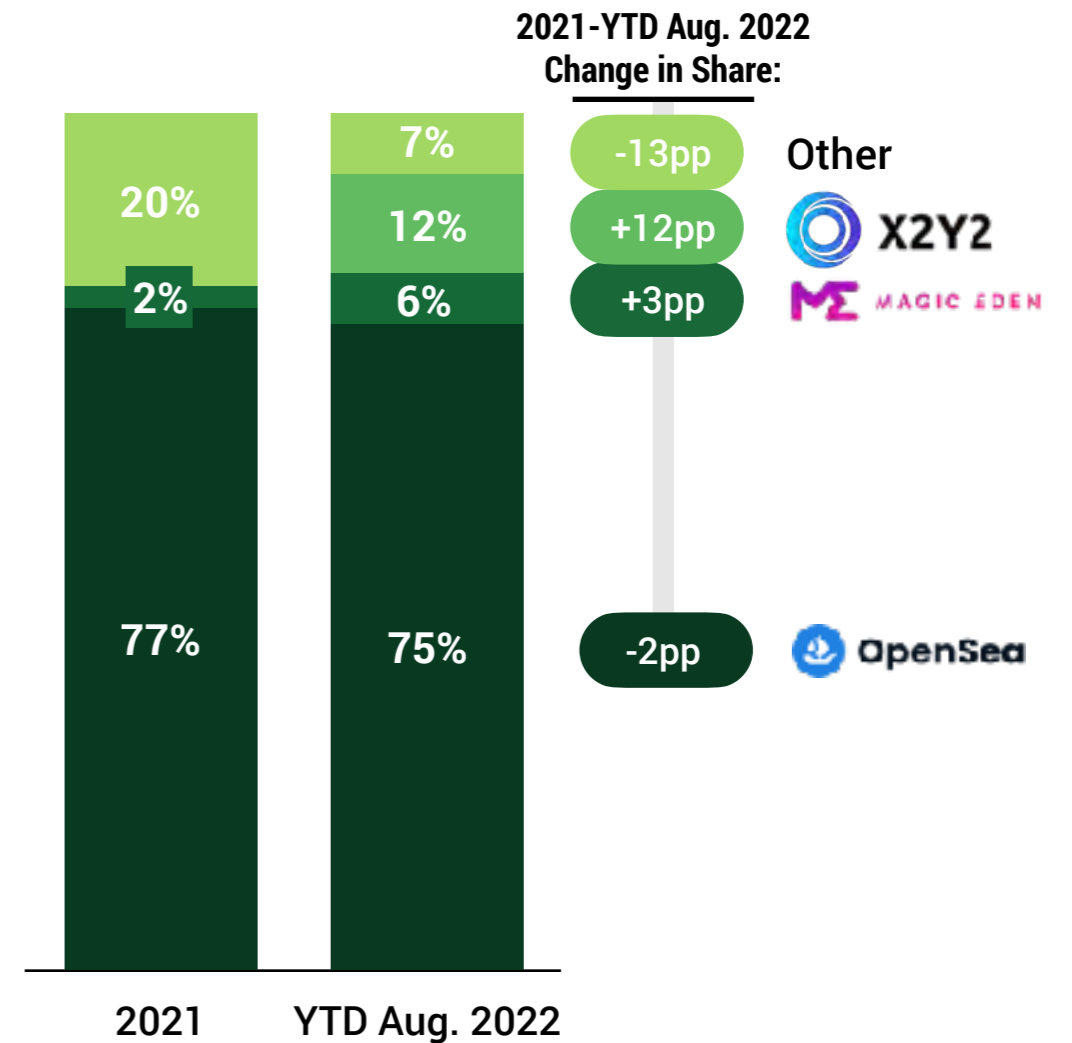
1. Data is based on the 50 largest investments made in NFT projects between Sept. 8, 2020 and Sept. 7, 2021 and the 50 largest investments made in NFT projects between Sept. 8, 2021 and Sept. 7, 2022.  
 Sources: Activate analysis, PitchBook

# More than 80% of NFTs are part of the Ethereum blockchain and the majority of them go through the OpenSea marketplace

SHARE OF NFT SALES<sup>1</sup> BY BLOCKCHAIN, GLOBAL, 2021 VS. YTD AUG. 2022, % NFT SALES<sup>1</sup>



SHARE OF NFT SALES<sup>1</sup> BY MARKETPLACE<sup>2,3</sup>, GLOBAL, 2021 VS. YTD AUG. 2022, % NFT SALES<sup>1</sup>



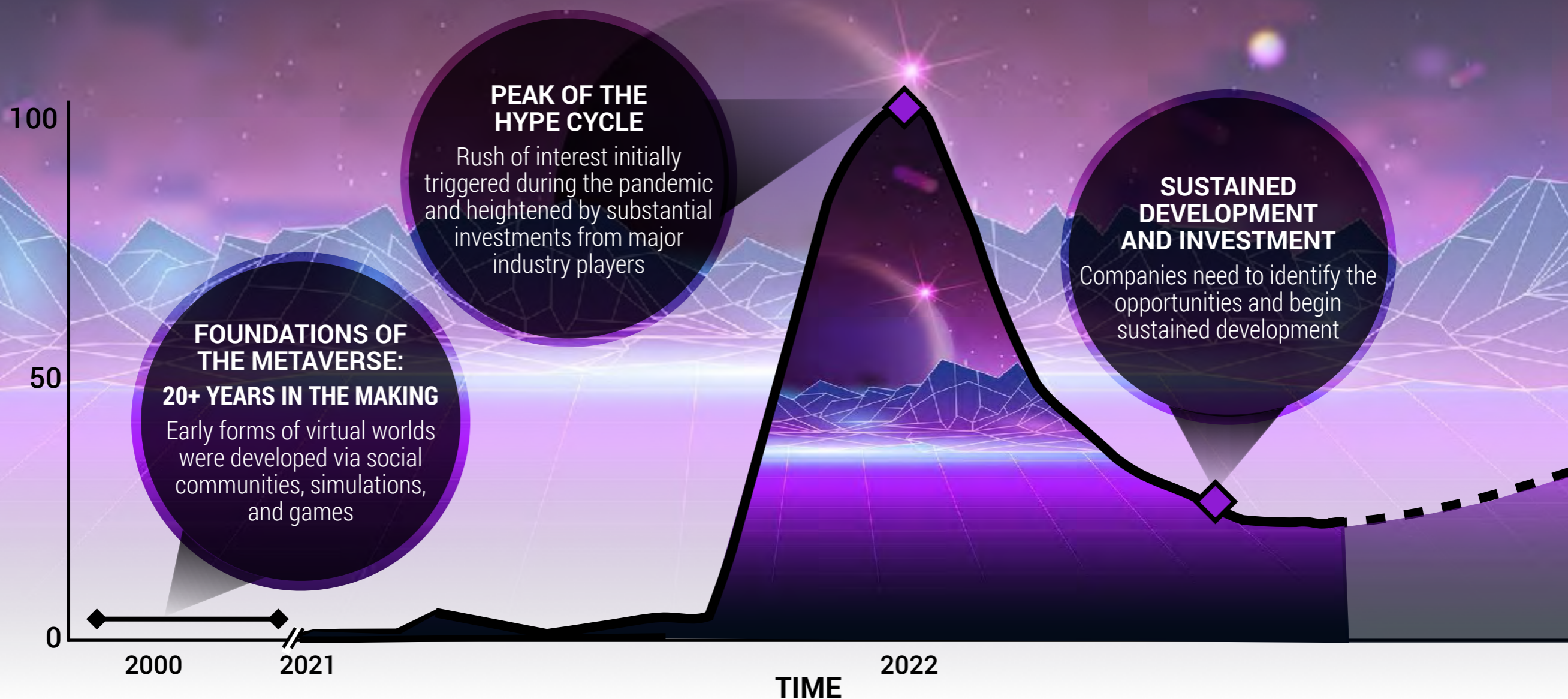
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# We believe that the Metaverse has just passed its peak hype cycle; now is when companies need to begin sustained development and investment

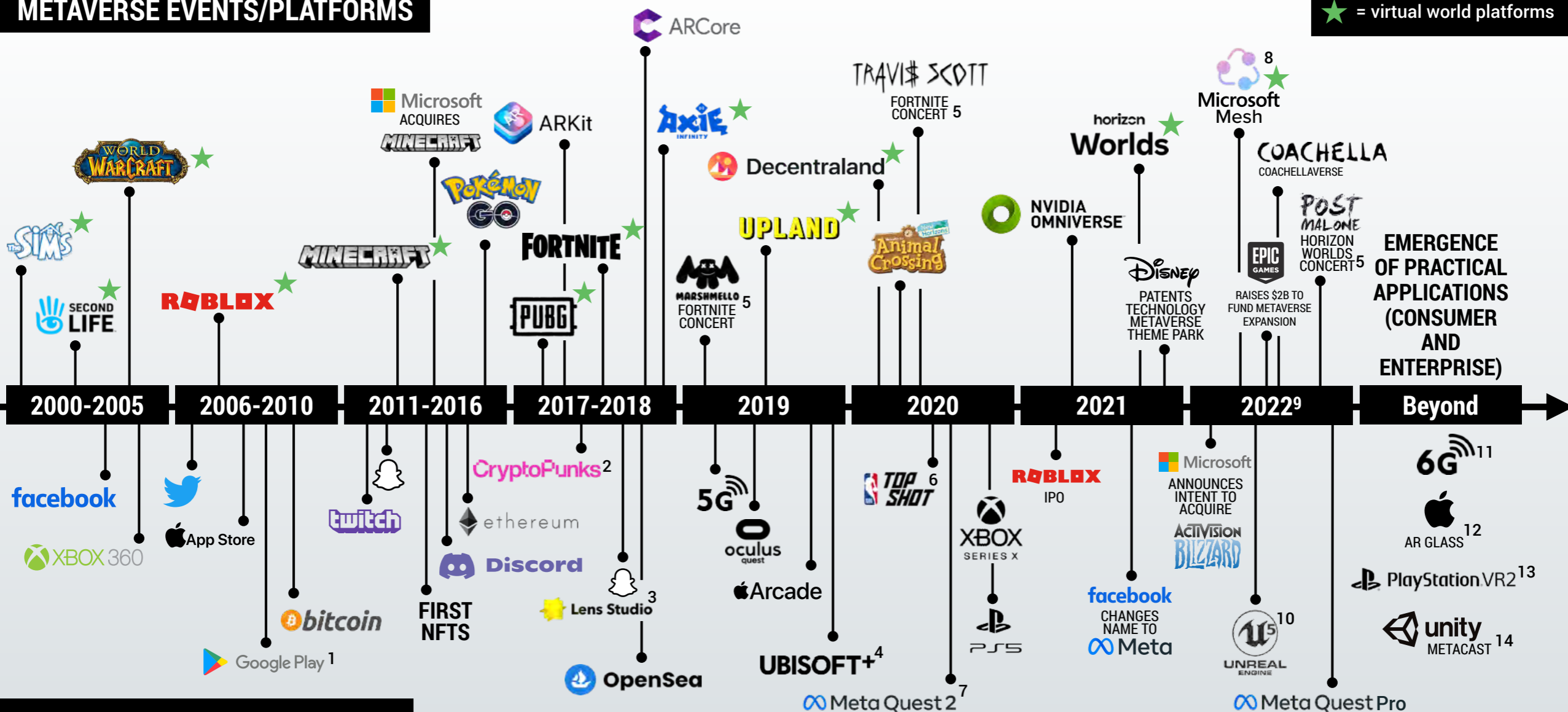
GOOGLE SEARCH INTEREST<sup>1</sup> IN THE METaverse, U.S., JAN. 2021-OCT. 2022, INDEXED TO PEAK INTEREST



# The foundation for the Metaverse has been in development for the last 20 years through games, virtual experiences, and technologies; going forward we will see the emergence of practical applications (consumer and enterprise)

## METaverse EVENTS/PLATFORMS

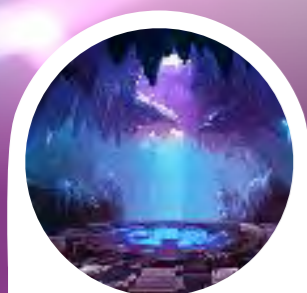
★ = virtual world platforms



## TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS

Note: Not exhaustive. 1. Previously Android Market. Rebranded to Google Play in Mar. 2012. 2. CryptoPunks is an early NFT project developed on the Ethereum blockchain. 3. Lens Studio is Snap's AR platform available on mobile devices. 4. Previously Uplay+, Ubisoft+ is a game subscription service that allows access to 100+ games. 5. Not exhaustive. Other Metaverse concerts include but are not limited to Ariana Grande in Fortnite, Charli XCX in Roblox, BLACKPINK in PUBG, and BTS in Minecraft. 6. Top Shot is a collection of NFTs that showcase memorable NBA moments. 7. Rebranded from Oculus Quest 2. 8. Microsoft Mesh became available for limited preview in Mar. 2022. Initially announced in Mar. 2021. 9. As of Oct. 24, 2022. 10. Unreal Engine 5 released in 2022. Unreal Engine originally released in 1998. 11. 6G projected in the coming years. 12. Apple AR glass rumored. 13. PlayStation VR2 expected to launch in early 2023. 14. Unity Metacast to offer interactive 3D sports experiences. Sources: Activate analysis, Company press releases, Company sites

# The Metaverse is already here (not years away): virtual worlds, experiences, large scale user bases, functionality, IP, user agency, and social activities largely exist inside of video games today and will provide the foundation for the future



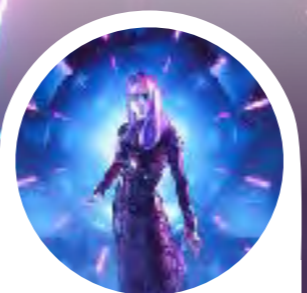
**Video games already offer connected immersive experiences at scale**



**Consumers are participating in non-gaming activities and demonstrating social behaviors inside of video games**



**User creation, co-creation, and building are established behaviors**  
(e.g. user-generated activities, games, experiences, virtual goods, environments, worlds)



**Players control their identity**  
Users can customize a digital persona in a virtual world distinct from their real-world identity, for use in virtual platforms



**Digital twins as mirrors of the real world**  
(e.g. virtual representations of real-world spaces/objects)



**Established IP and relatable contexts and characters**






















**Technology, game engines, and platforms already in wide use**  
(e.g. game mechanics, concurrency, social, AR/VR integration, security, identity, content moderation)



**Large-scale, established global economies**



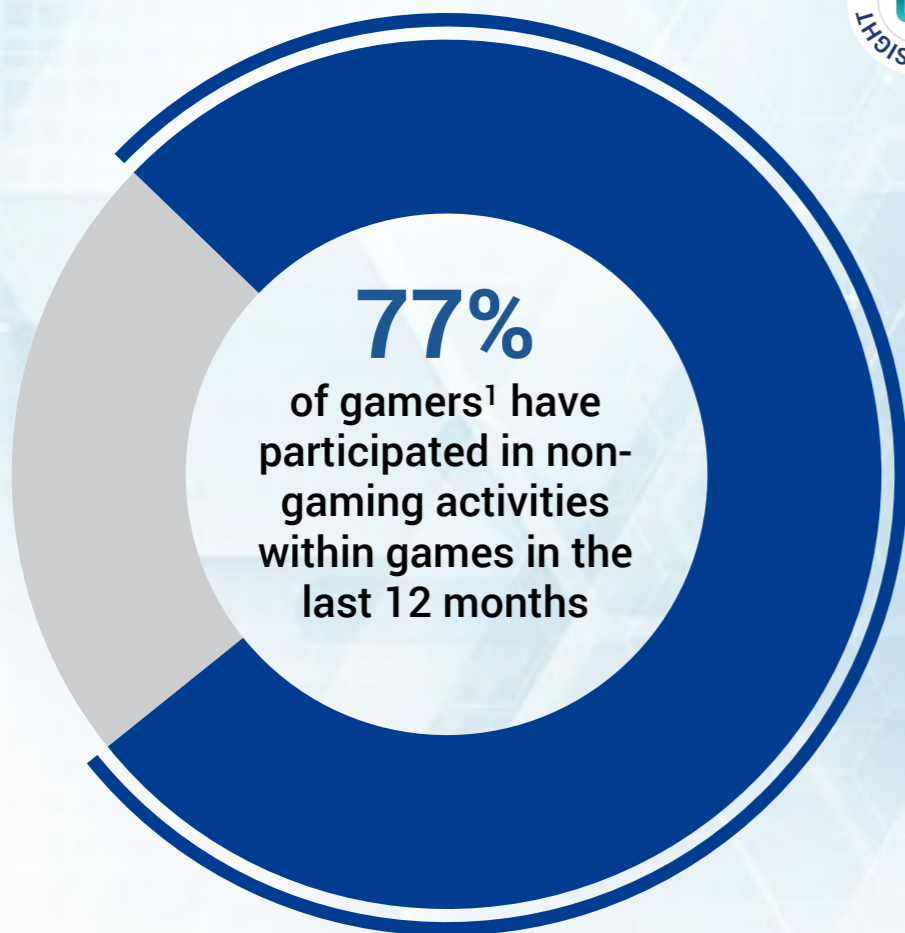
# Eventually, all digital behavior and many daily activities will be in Metaverse platforms; many of these take place in games today

SOCIAL			ENTERPRISE		
 Communication	 Social Networks	 Messaging	 Workplace and Productivity	 Browsing	 Search
 Telephony	 Dating/ Relationships	 Shopping and Marketplaces	 Events/ Performances/ Exhibits	 Learning	 Experience and Content Creation
 Sex and Pornography	 NFTs and Other Digital Goods	 Real Estate and Land Ownership	 Video	 Music	 Video Games
 Advertising/ Sponsorships/ Partnerships	 Trading and Finance	 Payments and Currency	 Gambling	 News	 Sports
<b>ECONOMIES</b>			<b>MEDIA EXPERIENCES</b>		

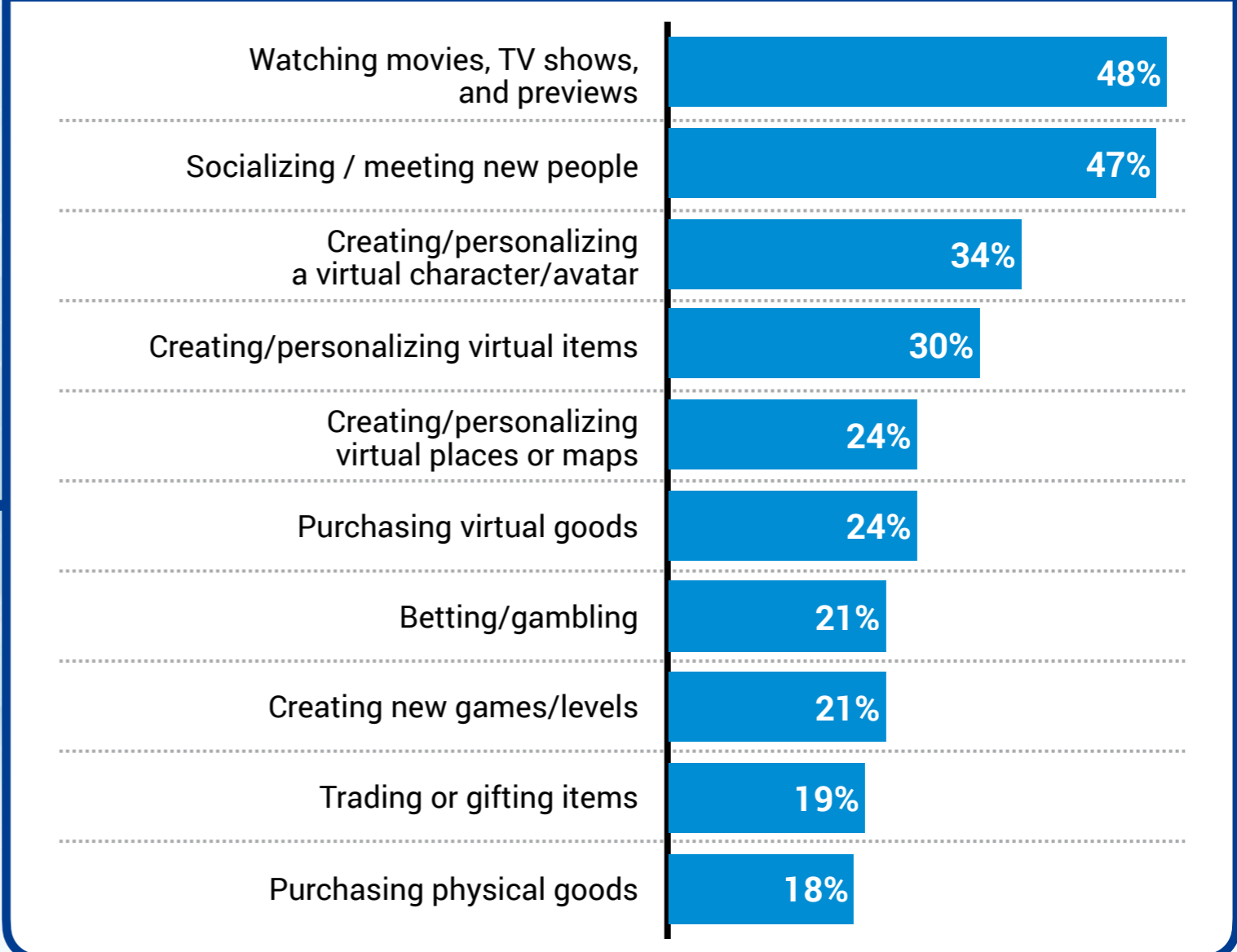
# Our research shows that the majority of gamers participate in non-gaming, Metaverse-like activities inside of games

## PARTICIPATION IN NON-GAMING ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS WITHIN VIDEO GAMES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % GAMERS<sup>1</sup>

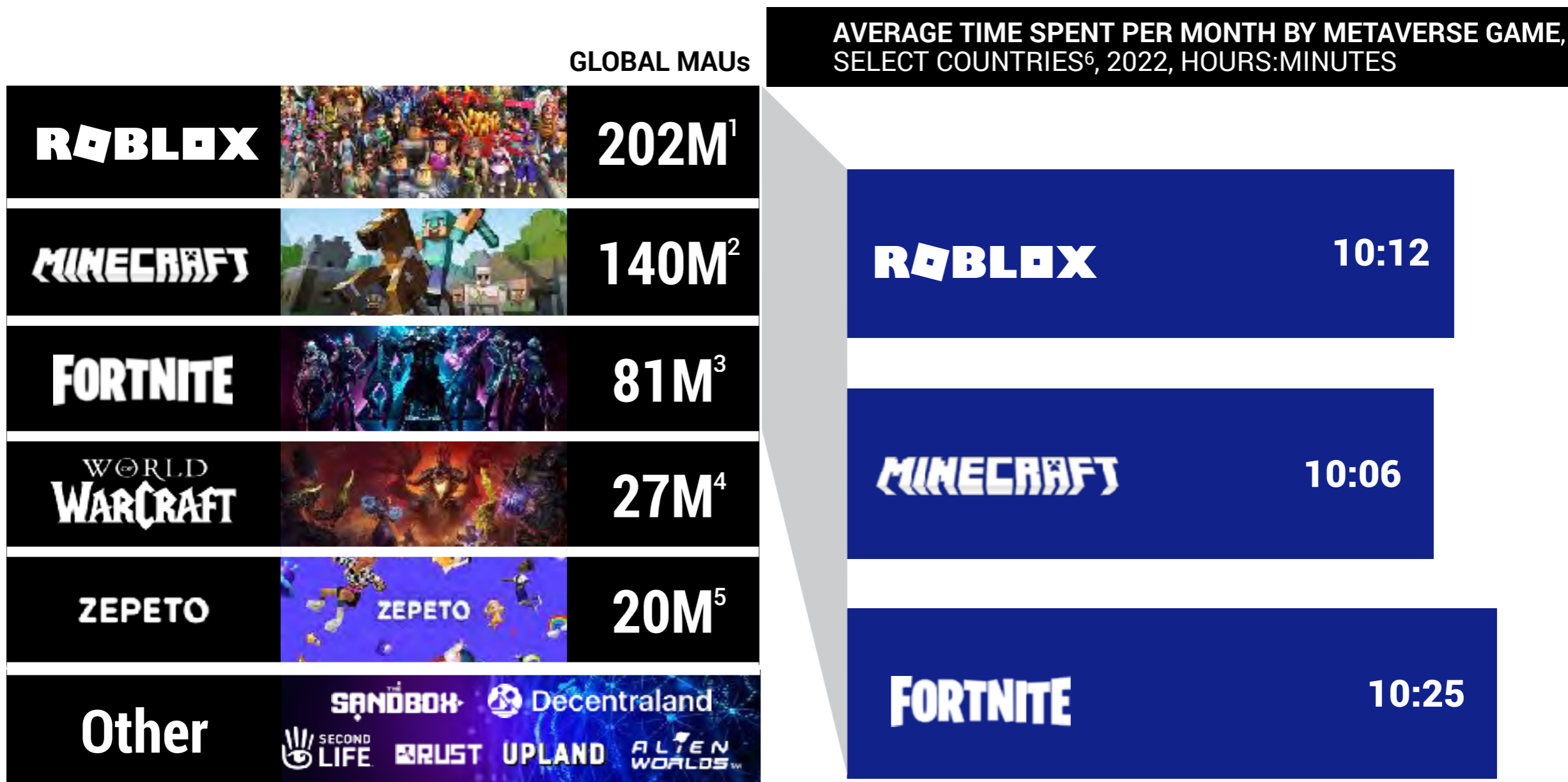
100% = 148M U.S. Gamers<sup>1</sup>



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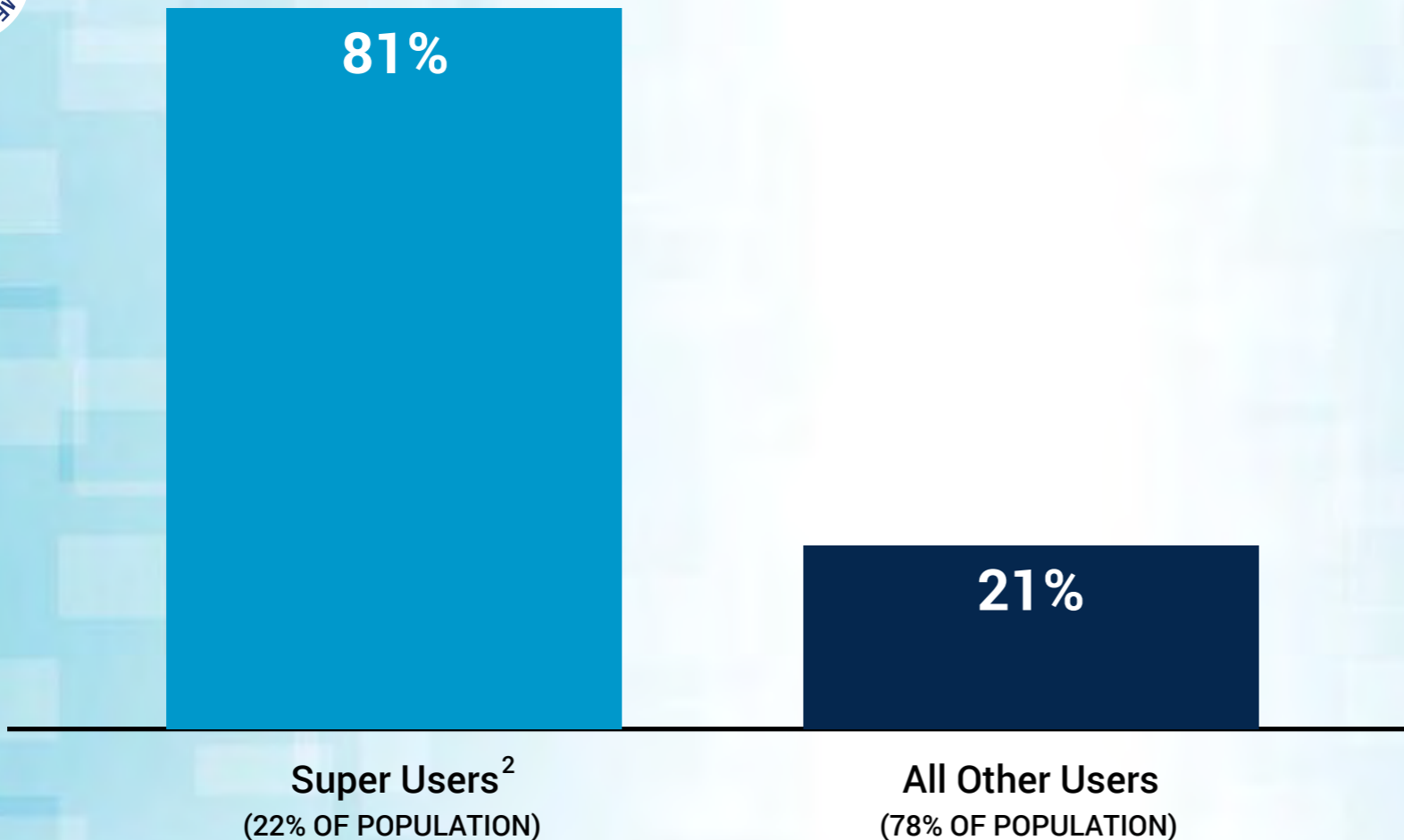


# Today, there are over 300M people globally who spend a great part of their lives in the major virtual world Metaverse games



# Media and Technology Super Users are Metaverse Natives; over 80% of Super Users have used a Metaverse platform in the last 12 months

USAGE OF METAVERSE PLATFORMS<sup>1</sup> IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+



EXAMPLE METAVERSE PLATFORMS<sup>1</sup>

- FORTNITE
- grand theft auto ONLINE
- MINECRAFT
- ROBLOX
- WORLD OF WARCRAFT
- THE SANDBOX
- VR CHAT

SEE SUPER USERS SECTION FOR DETAILED DEFINITION AND ANALYSIS

1. "Metaverse platforms" are defined as platforms with immersive virtual worlds, within which consumers can explore with a personalized character/avatar, interact with other users, and participate in a range of activities (e.g. online concerts, online games, online work meetings). 2. "Super Users" are a segment who over-index on daily time spent with technology and media (18:55 vs. 9:21 for all other users).

Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001)

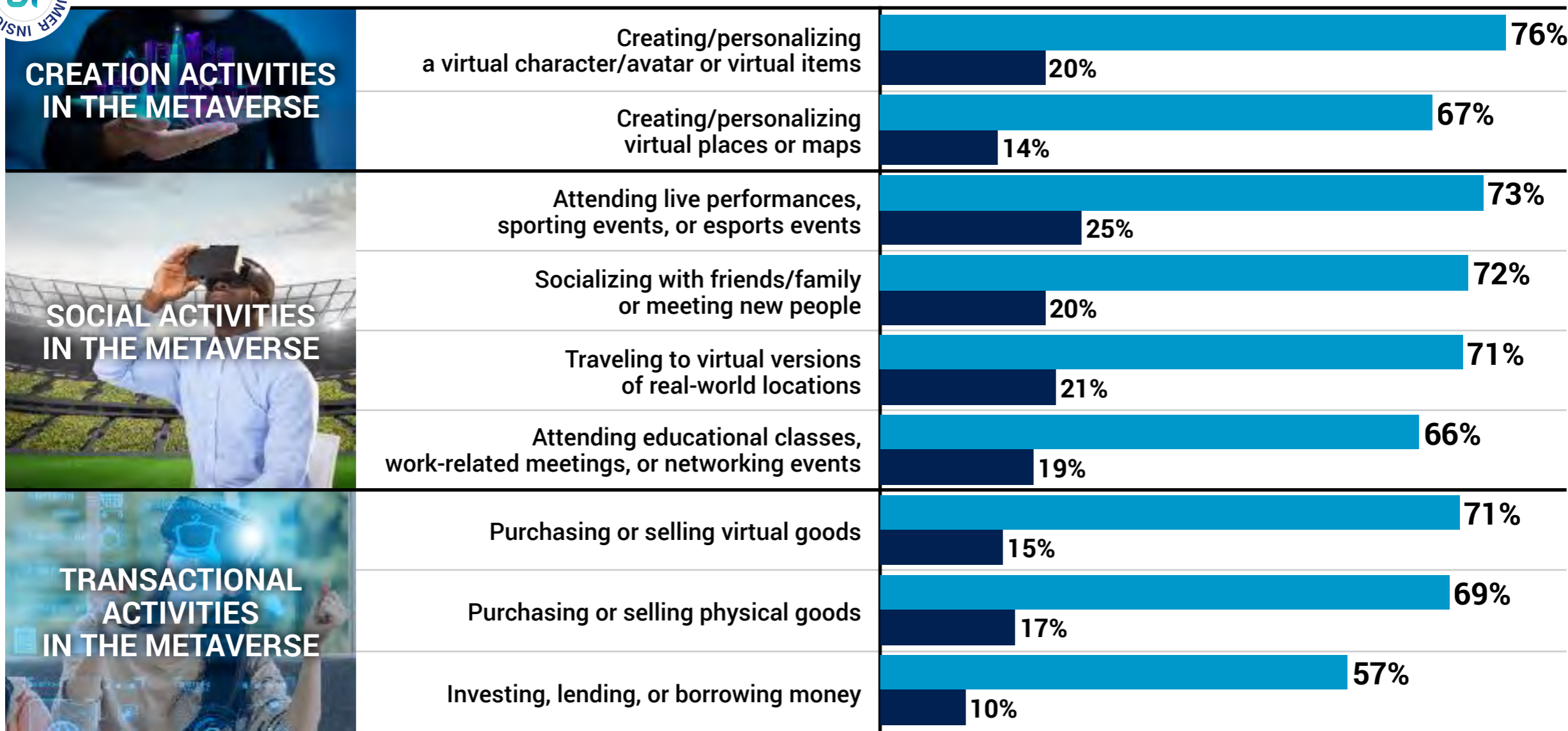
# Super Users – the most important user segment for all technology and media businesses – will be critical for the growth of Metaverse platforms

INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN SELECT METAVERSE ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+



■ % Super Users<sup>1</sup> (22% OF POPULATION) ■ % All Other Users (78% OF POPULATION)

EXTREMELY OR VERY INTERESTED IN...



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# We see eight foundational elements of the Metaverse and proof points for each of these elements today

## IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Interactive gameplay in virtual worlds
- Presence in simulated environments

## SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

- Immersive social communities and experiences
- Enterprise collaboration / distributed work

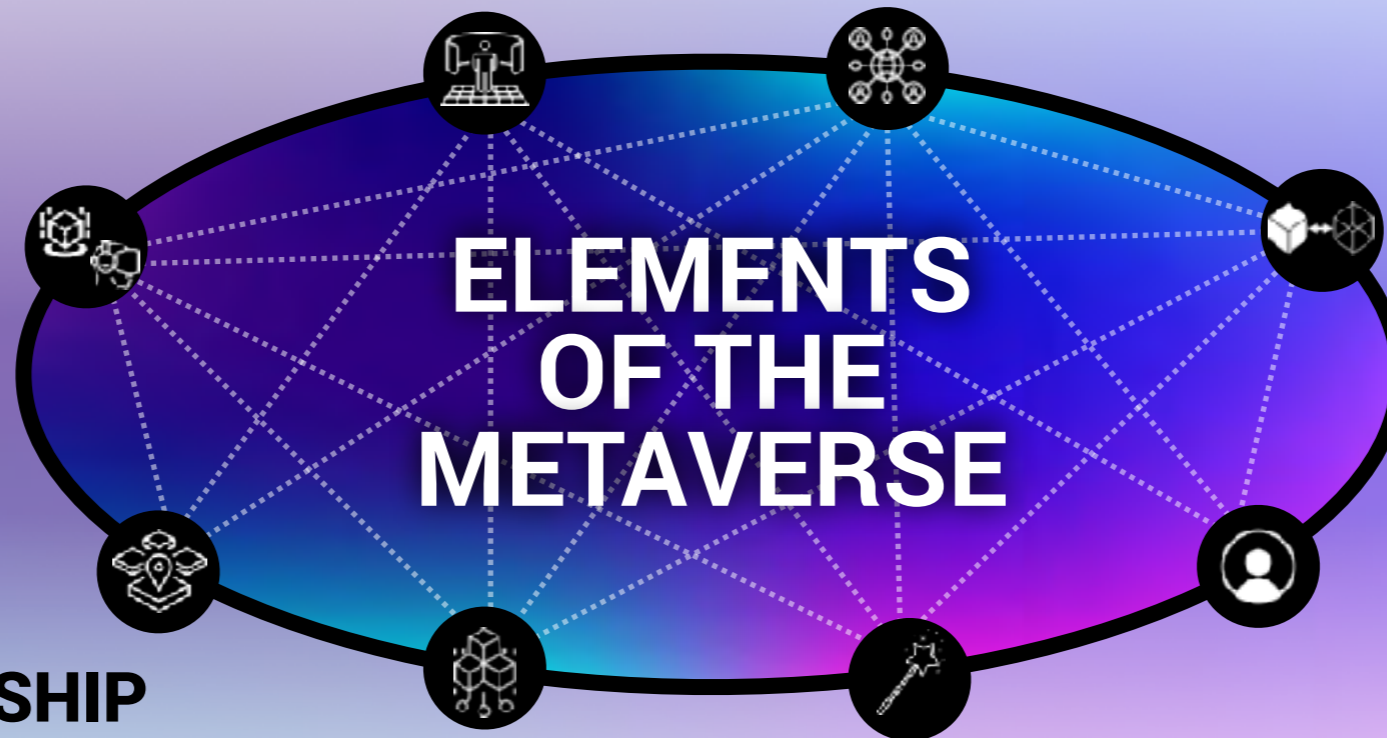
## MIXED REALITY

- Immersive virtual worlds
- Interactive digital overlays in physical spaces
- Persistent digital content anchored to real-world locations

## DIGITAL TWINS

- Digital counterparts to physical spaces/objects with real-time synchronization

# ELEMENTS OF THE METaverse



## IDENTITY

- Personalized avatars enabling self-expression
- Persistent identity

## VIRTUAL OWNERSHIP

- Virtual goods ownership and usage
- Authenticated ownership of digital/physical assets

## ECONOMY

- Marketplaces
- Branding and advertising

## CREATION AND AGENCY

- In-game experience creation
- Design and development tools

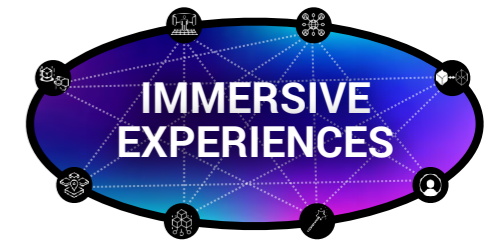
# Virtual world video games already include most of the eight foundational Metaverse elements

## SELECT VIRTUAL WORLDS AND METaverse ELEMENTS

✓ FEATURE/CAPABILITY AVAILABLE

### MAJOR VIRTUAL WORLD GAMES

		FORTNITE	ROBLOX	MINECRAFT	WORLD OF WARCRAFT	SECOND LIFE
METaverse ELEMENTS	 IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	 IDENTITY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	 CREATION & AGENCY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	 DIGITAL TWINS		✓	✓		✓
	 SOCIAL INTERACTIONS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	 VIRTUAL OWNERSHIP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	 ECONOMY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	 MIXED REALITY		✓	✓		



# Shared immersive experiences will be the foundation for Metaverse platforms

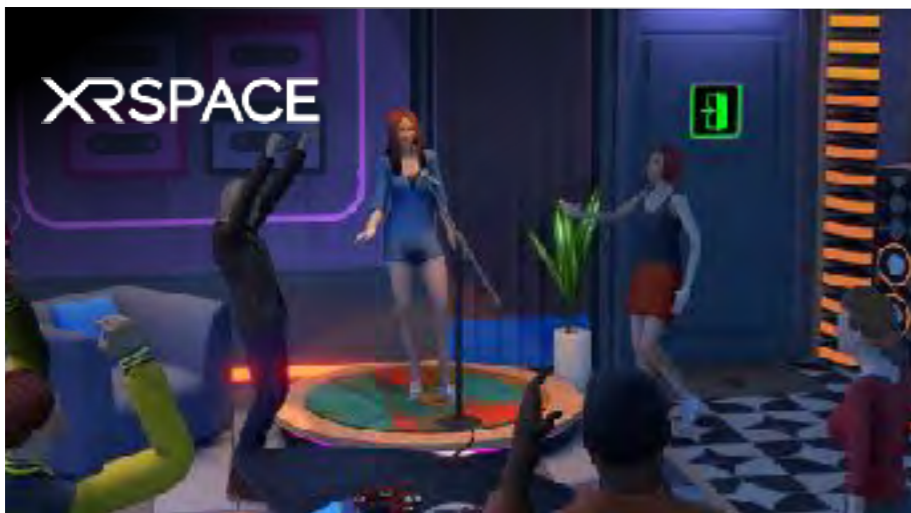
## EXAMPLES OF IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES WITHIN THE METaverse



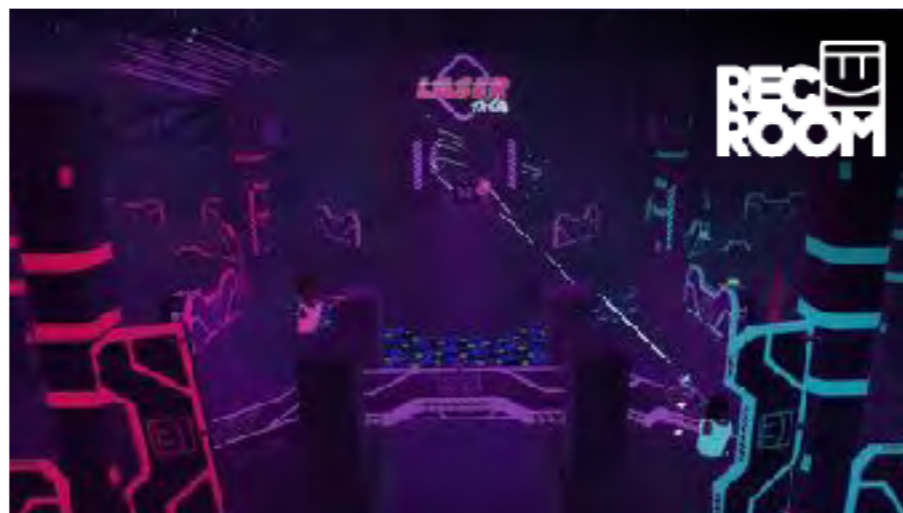
EXPLORE WORLD OF WARCRAFT'S OPEN-GAME WORLD, COMPLETE QUESTS, AND INTERACT WITH OTHER PLAYERS



ATTEND A LIVE VIRTUAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE WITH FRIENDS IN SOUNDSCAPE VR



PARTICIPATE IN A 3D VIRTUAL KARAOKE EXPERIENCE IN XRSPACE PARTYON



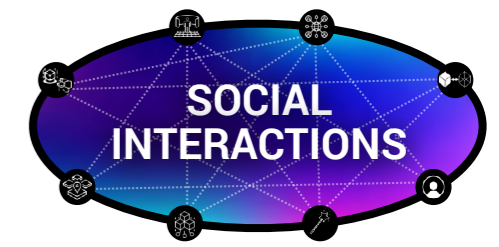
BATTLE OTHER USERS IN REC ROOM'S LASER TAG ARENA

### ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

Immersive experiences in the Metaverse will:

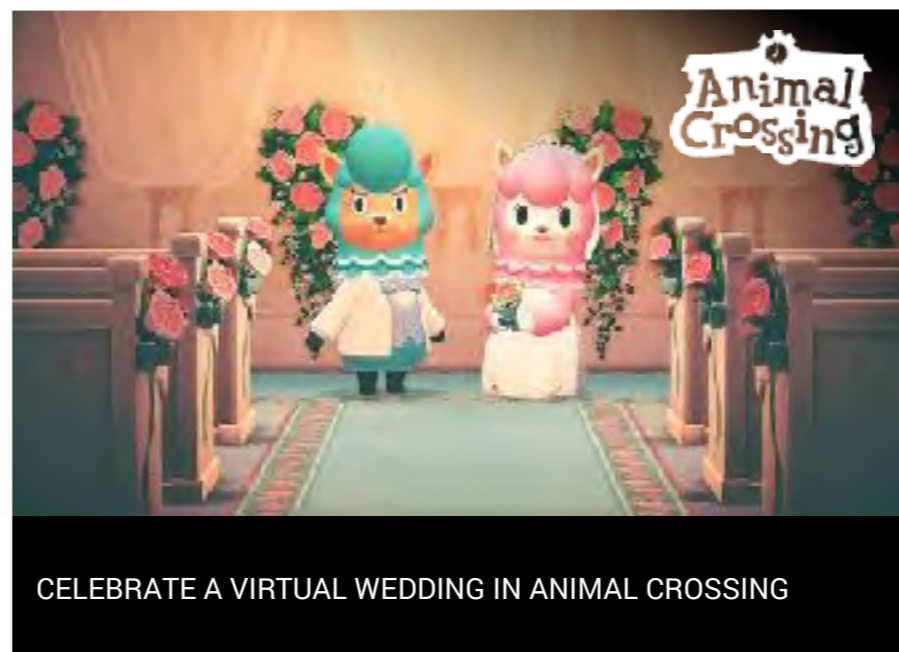
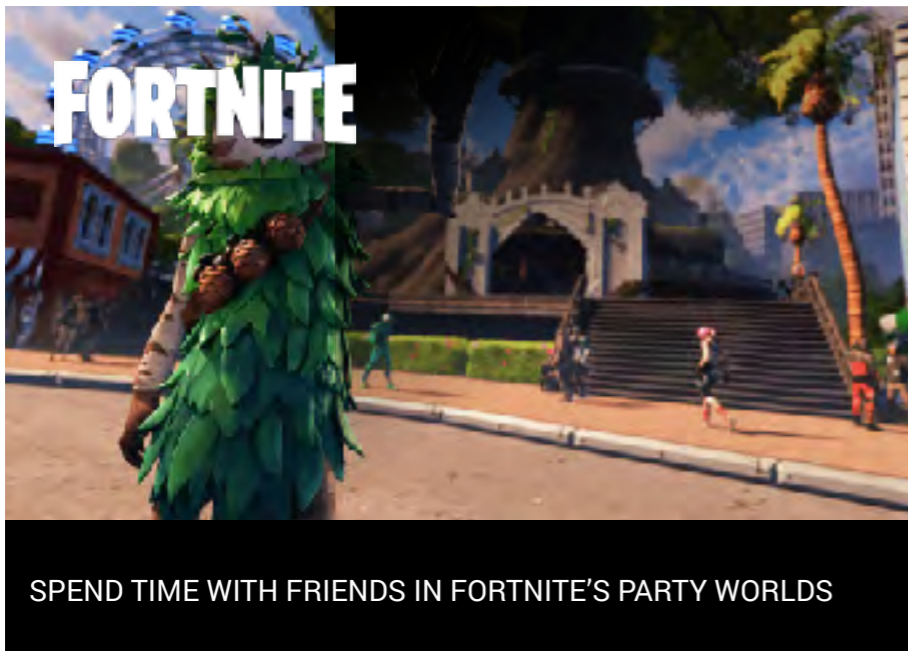
- Grow in variety and number as the Metaverse develops
- Provide opportunities to meet people through both structured activities (e.g. sports, games, concerts) and non-structured activities (e.g. open space exploration)
- Increasingly replicate real-life activities and experiences as Metaverse participation becomes a more mainstream behavior
- Evolve in complexity, detail, and functionality to offer virtual experiences with greater similarity to physical world activities





# Social experiences and interactions will increasingly take place in Metaverse platforms

## EXAMPLES OF SOCIAL INTERACTIONS WITHIN THE METaverse



### ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

Social interactions in the Metaverse will:

- Include the ability to engage with real-life friends and meet new people in virtual worlds (e.g. open spaces, events, meetings)
- Enhance activities with live user-to-user interaction (e.g. virtual gameplay)
- Develop additional applications as more activities become available (e.g. dating, attending festivals, professional networking)
- Supplement or even replace an increasing number of real-world social events over time (e.g. parties, weddings, sports games)



# Metaverse workplace collaboration platforms will provide a more immersive vehicle for virtual interaction and an expansion of video conferencing technologies

## EXAMPLES OF EARLY METAVERSE WORKPLACE COLLABORATION

 A screenshot of the Horizon Workrooms virtual meeting environment. It shows a 3D-rendered conference room with several avatars seated around a long table. A large screen in the background displays a grid of video feeds for participants. The text "horizon Workrooms" is visible in the top left corner.
 

**DEVELOP AND SHARE IDEAS REMOTELY IN CUSTOMIZED, FLEXIBLE ROOMS WITH HORIZON WORKROOMS**

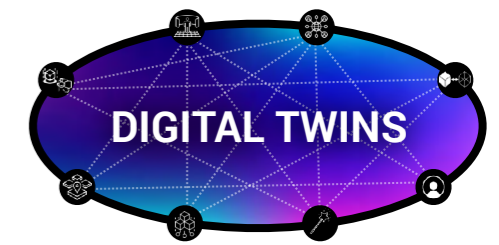
 A screenshot of the Microsoft Mesh virtual meeting environment. It shows two avatars, a man and a woman, standing in a virtual space. In the background, there is a large, glowing globe and a whiteboard with a pie chart. The text "Microsoft Mesh" is visible in the top left corner.
 

**BUILD IMMERSIVE WORKSPACES TO GATHER WITH COWORKERS AND ATTEND MEETINGS WITH MESH FOR TEAMS**

### ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

**Collaboration in the Metaverse will:**

- Enable deeper levels of immersion over time
- Leverage avatars to create a sense of presence and provide users with agency over their own representation
- Include a broadening set of tools and resources to facilitate immersive collaboration (e.g. virtual conference rooms, shared whiteboards, spatial audio)
- Allow users to collaborate directly on files/projects as if in person together (e.g. object manipulation, 3D physical objects, interoperability of files across platforms)



# Digital twins will provide a bridge between the real world and virtual worlds

## EXAMPLES OF EARLY METAVERSE DIGITAL TWINS



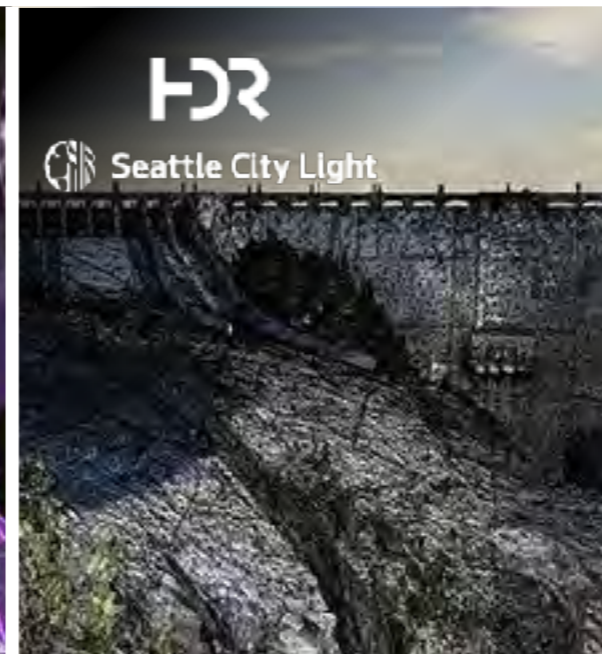
**BuildTheEarth** is an open-contribution effort to **recreate the world at a 1:1 scale in Minecraft**

Currently, BuildTheEarth has **over 4,700 ongoing build projects across more than 7,000 square kilometers**



Real estate giant **Jamestown** and digital assets investor **Digital Currency Group** partnered to recreate **One Times Square in Decentraland**

The build area spans **170 LAND parcels** and was launched on New Year's Eve with the **MetaFest 2022 global party**



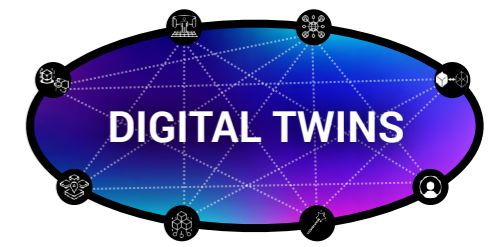
**HDR, Inc. and Seattle City Light** developed a digital twin model of **Diablo Dam** down to a **2cm visual accuracy** through high-res photography

The model incorporates **data from additional technologies** for a holistic view of the dam (e.g. piezometers, seepage/leakage detectors, ground-penetrating radar)

### ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

Digital twins in the Metaverse will:

- Serve as digital replications of a growing number of real-world systems, objects, and locations
- Develop to be larger, more complex, and more synchronized with their real-world counterparts
- Incorporate a range of data types beyond visual inputs (e.g. spatial data, performance data, health data)
- Become increasingly accessible for public viewing, usage, and contribution
- Feature two-way synchronization, more closely linking the physical and digital worlds (e.g. products, changes, ownership)



# The tools to build digital twins are becoming accessible to enterprise and SMBs to create their own digital models of environments

## EXAMPLES OF DIGITAL TWINS WITH ENTERPRISE AND SMB USE CASES



### AZURE DIGITAL TWINS:

Allows users to create digital models of buildings, factories, energy networks, railways, cities, and more

**Example Applications:** Ansys, Bentley Systems, Bosch, ICONICS, Samsung, and Willow use Azure Digital Twins in their software applications



### NVIDIA OMNIVERSE DIGITAL TWINS:

Enables users to develop physically accurate, AI-enabled virtual simulations of real world environments

**Example Applications:** BMW uses NVIDIA's Omniverse platform to build digital twins for 31 different factories; individual creators and developers can download, use, and contribute to NVIDIA Omniverse for free



### GE DIGITAL TWIN SOFTWARE:

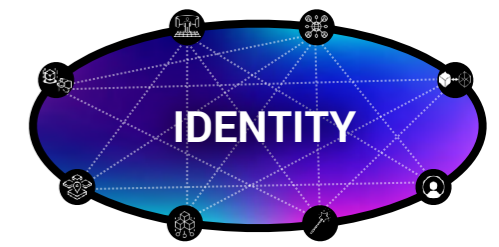
Allows users to create digital twins that represent an individual asset, an integrated system of assets, or a fleet of assets

**Example Applications:** Chevron uses GE's Digital Twin software for predictive maintenance in its oil fields and refineries

### ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

Digital twins in the Metaverse will:

- Be applied to a greater set of enterprise use cases and leveraged across a widening set of businesses
- Become increasingly accessible to SMBs and consumers, in addition to enterprises, as tools for building and using digital twins become more user-friendly
- Evolve to support systems with greater size and complexity as technology improves

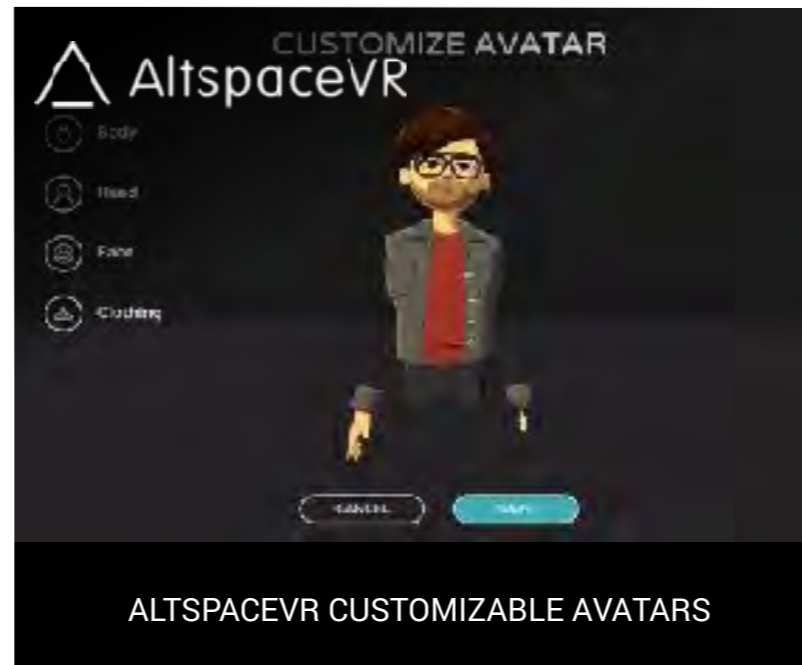


# People will have an expansive set of options to define their Metaverse identity – either as themselves today, an idealized version, or entirely new person

## IMPORTANCE OF IDENTITY IN THE METAVVERSE

### IDENTITY WILL BE CORE TO THE METAVVERSE

- **Personalized identities** will allow people to **reinvent themselves**, reflecting who they are and want to be
- The ability to use a **consistent identity across platforms** will serve to **unify the Metaverse** across separate systems
- Building the infrastructure and systems to **ensure security, privacy, and protections** for participants will be critical to the development of the Metaverse



### KEY ELEMENTS FOR IDENTITY IN THE FUTURE STATE OF THE METAVVERSE



#### Interoperability

(i.e. use the same avatar in separate platforms and environments)



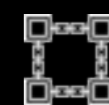
#### Personalization

(i.e. customize how one wants to be perceived in a virtual world through self-expression)



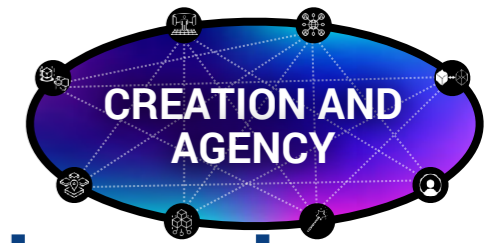
#### Authentication

(i.e. establish procedures for identify verification to ensure security and build trust between users)



#### Privacy

(i.e. provide users the choice over how their personal data and digital identity is used)



# User creation and agency will be critical to the full development of Metaverse platforms; people will expect to create and build themselves (not just accept a world created for them)

INTEREST<sup>1</sup> IN CREATION ACTIVITIES IN THE METAVVERSE, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+

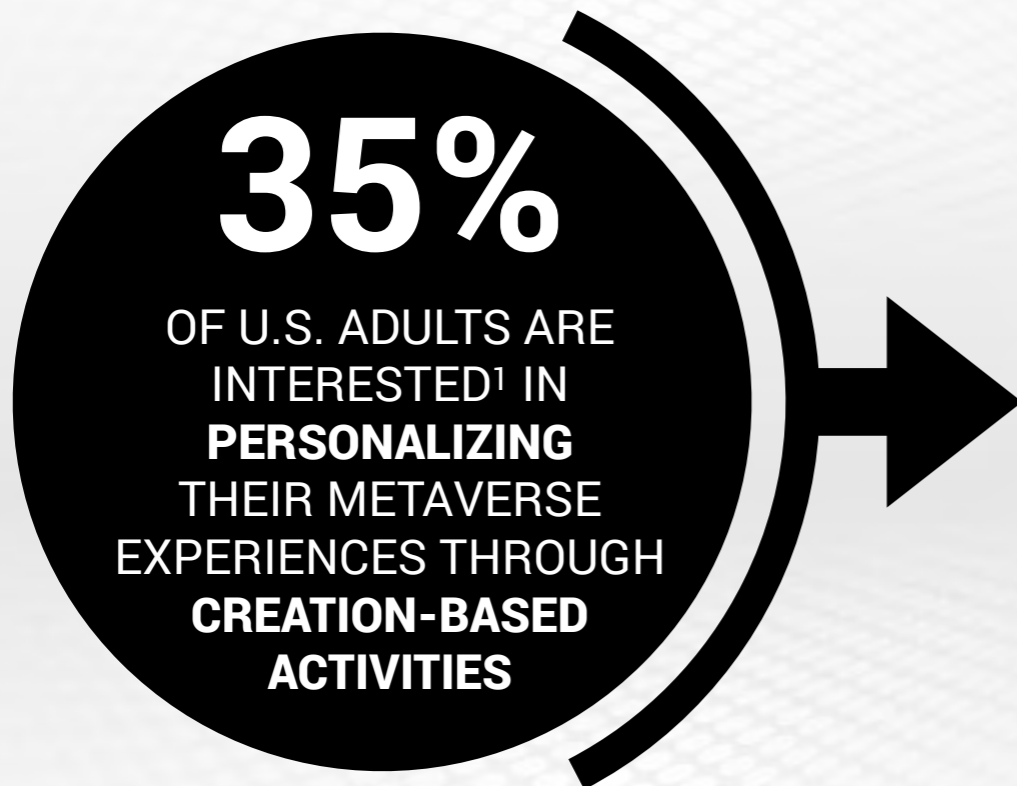


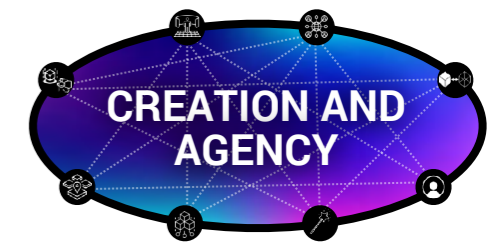
**29%** CREATING/PERSONALIZING AN AVATAR

**27%** CREATING/PERSONALIZING VIRTUAL ITEMS

**26%** CREATING/PERSONALIZING VIRTUAL PLACES OR MAPS

**23%** CREATING NEW GAMES OR LEVELS





# User creation and agency are core to today's major Metaverse platforms and games

## EXAMPLES OF USER-GENERATED CONTENT AND CREATOR ECONOMIES WITHIN THE METaverse



### ROBLOX

- Roblox experiences are **built almost entirely by users and developers**
- Roblox has **more than 10M developers** globally who have built **over 29M virtual experiences**
- In 2021, Roblox paid out **over \$500M in in-game currency** to developers and creators, **up by 52% from 2020** – 2,200 creators earned over \$10K, and 500 creators earned over \$100K



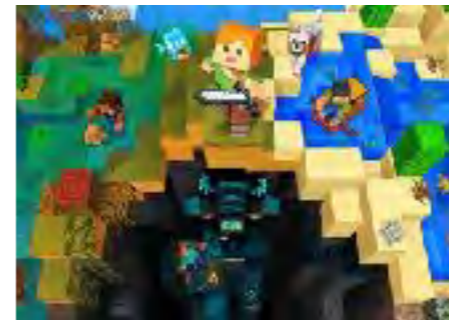
### REC ROOM

- Rec Room enables users to **build, create, and play games** in rooms, with **over 12M rooms** created as of Dec. 2021
- Rec Room also offers community programs to **educate and connect creators**
- During Q1 2021, Rec Room paid creators **\$1M for their contributions** to the platform



### FORTNITE

- Fortnite allows players to make **unique islands and games** to share with friends through its **Creative Mode**
- Fortnite also **features new games on their discovery page** to encourage **exploration of user-generated content**
- **Over 50% of playtime** among Fortnite users is spent with **content made by other players**

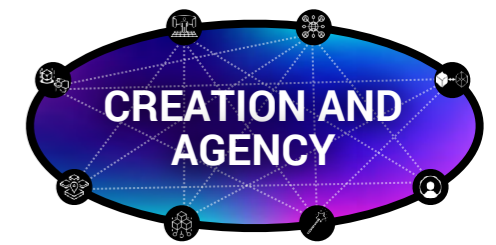


### MINECRAFT

- Minecraft users can **build worlds** in Creative Mode and **develop story-based games** in Adventure Mode
- Users can **monetize creations** through the **Minecraft Marketplace** (e.g. maps, mini games, skins)
- As of Q3 2021, creators have generated **over \$350M in revenue** for Minecraft from **over 1B downloads** of mods, add-ons, and experiences

### ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

- The Metaverse will be built by both professional developers and everyday users
- User-generated creation will lead to a rapid proliferation of virtual content and Metaverse experiences
- Tools for content creation will become more intuitive, widely available, and easy to use, allowing for greater participation, creation, and sharing of unique experiences (e.g. A.I.-enhanced hyper-personalization of avatars, drag-and-drop tools for in-game creation and customization, and stable diffusion to create original and explicit image and video content)
- The development of Metaverse economies, virtual ownership, and content monetization will create an ecosystem that fosters user-led creation



# Consumerization of development tools will fuel expanded Metaverse creation and participation

## EXAMPLES OF CREATOR TOOLS WITHIN THE METaverse



Roblox Studio is a **free immersive creation engine** that users can access **on their own Windows or Mac devices**



Creative mode in Minecraft is **free and simple**, and enables users to **generate custom content across all platforms**



Unreal Engine is **free for all creators**, and the Blueprints Visual Scripting system **allows beginners to create game elements without writing any code**



Unity's ProBuilder is a hybrid design tool with **tutorials for beginners** and a **consumer-friendly interface**, providing **easy access to world generation and object modeling**



Adobe Substance 3D Modeler, **available on desktop and in VR with a free trial**, allows users to create 3D models



**Consumers of all design backgrounds** can create in Meta Horizon Worlds by leveraging **templates and tutorials** in build mode



**Everyday users** can leverage Microsoft Mesh's simple **menu of creative actions** to quickly build collaborative spaces for free

### ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

Developer tools will evolve to include:

- Increasingly accessible versions for everyday consumers (e.g. user-friendly interfaces, project templates, free pricing)
- More complex capabilities and toolsets available to expand the possibilities of creation
- More comprehensive integration of data, analytics, and AI services to fuel creation in the Metaverse
- Ability to import content from third-party tools and other platforms, further enabling user creativity and unifying content across otherwise siloed experiences





# Virtual economies, created by companies and users, will become increasingly sophisticated and expansive; we expect that a substantial number of people will make their entire living in the Metaverse

## EXAMPLES OF VIRTUAL ECONOMIES WITHIN THE METAVERSE

**ZEPETO**

Zepeto users can design and sell clothes to other users on the platform, earning a revenue share with in-game currency

**THE SANDBOX**

In The Sandbox, users can purchase, sell, and rent land to other users, including through secondary markets (e.g. OpenSea, Rarible)

**SECOND LIFE**

Second Life players can generate income from designing and selling goods on the platform (e.g. homes, furniture, vehicles) and can hire other players to fulfill certain roles (e.g. shop attendants, security agents, real estate agents)

**ROBLOX**

Developers on Roblox can earn money by designing and selling access to games, experiences, and virtual items, with Roblox paying out over \$500M to developers in 2021

### ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

- Building blocks of the Metaverse economy will include:
  - Digital goods/services (e.g. skins for avatars, virtual fashion, virtual makeup)
  - eCommerce (e.g. shopping for physical goods in a virtual environment)
  - Advertising (e.g. showrooms, product testing, product placement)
- Brands will utilize both virtual and real-world storefronts to engage with customers
  - Digital outfits from Balenciaga, Prada, and Thom Browne are coming to Meta's soon-to-be-unveiled Avatar Store



# One world will not be enough: brands will need to build a presence in multiple Metaverse platforms and virtual worlds

## EXAMPLES OF IN-GAME BRAND PLACEMENTS

Visit Ralph Lauren's Winter Escape in **Roblox** to enjoy winter activities and discover exclusive Ralph Lauren styles



Participate in Puma Mania in **NBA 2K22 The City**, receiving bonus XP for playing games while wearing Puma gear



Unlock **Star Wars** skins in **Fortnite** and wield signature lightsabers and blaster rifles in combat

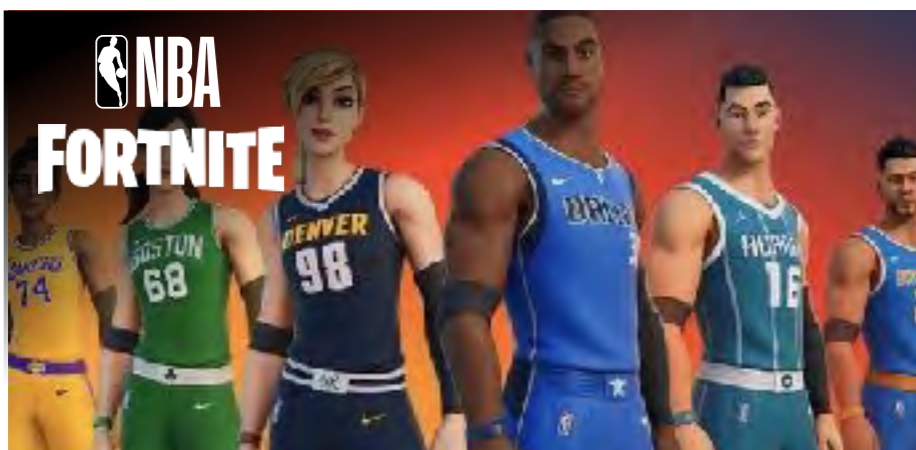


Play as *Die Hard's* John McClane in **Call of Duty: Warzone** and complete special quests inside *Die Hard*-themed locations

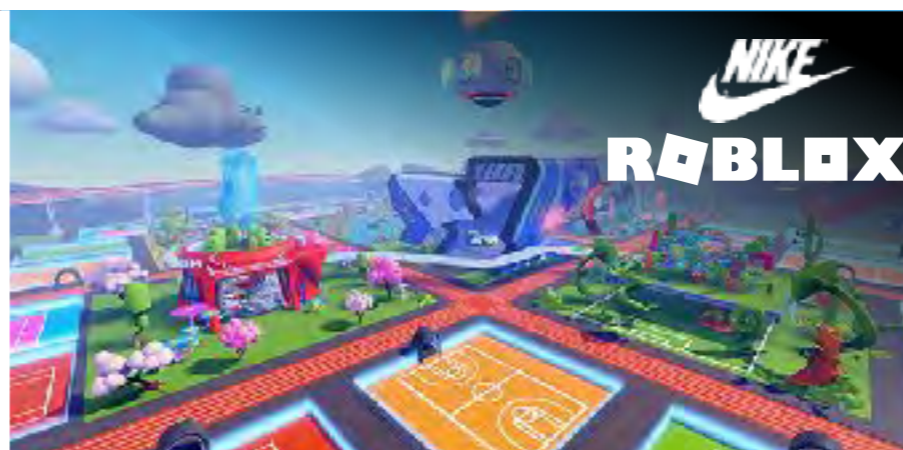


# Virtual ownership will be more than just virtual goods; it will be about self-expression, prestige, personalization, and the fundamental need to belong

## EXAMPLES OF OWNING VIRTUAL GOODS WITHIN THE METaverse



Fortnite partnered with the NBA to celebrate the NBA's 75th anniversary by offering a collection of transactable in-game character skins modeled after NBA team apparel and uniforms



Nike partnered with Roblox to create a Nike-branded virtual world called Nikeland where users can buy virtual goods from Nike, which has reached over 21M visitors as of Sept. 2022



Decentraland users can display owned 2D NFTs on the platform, including displaying virtual art galleries in owned spaces



Zara partnered with Zepeto in Mar. 2022 to launch a limited-edition fashion collection for users' avatars, including a range of apparel, makeup, and accessories

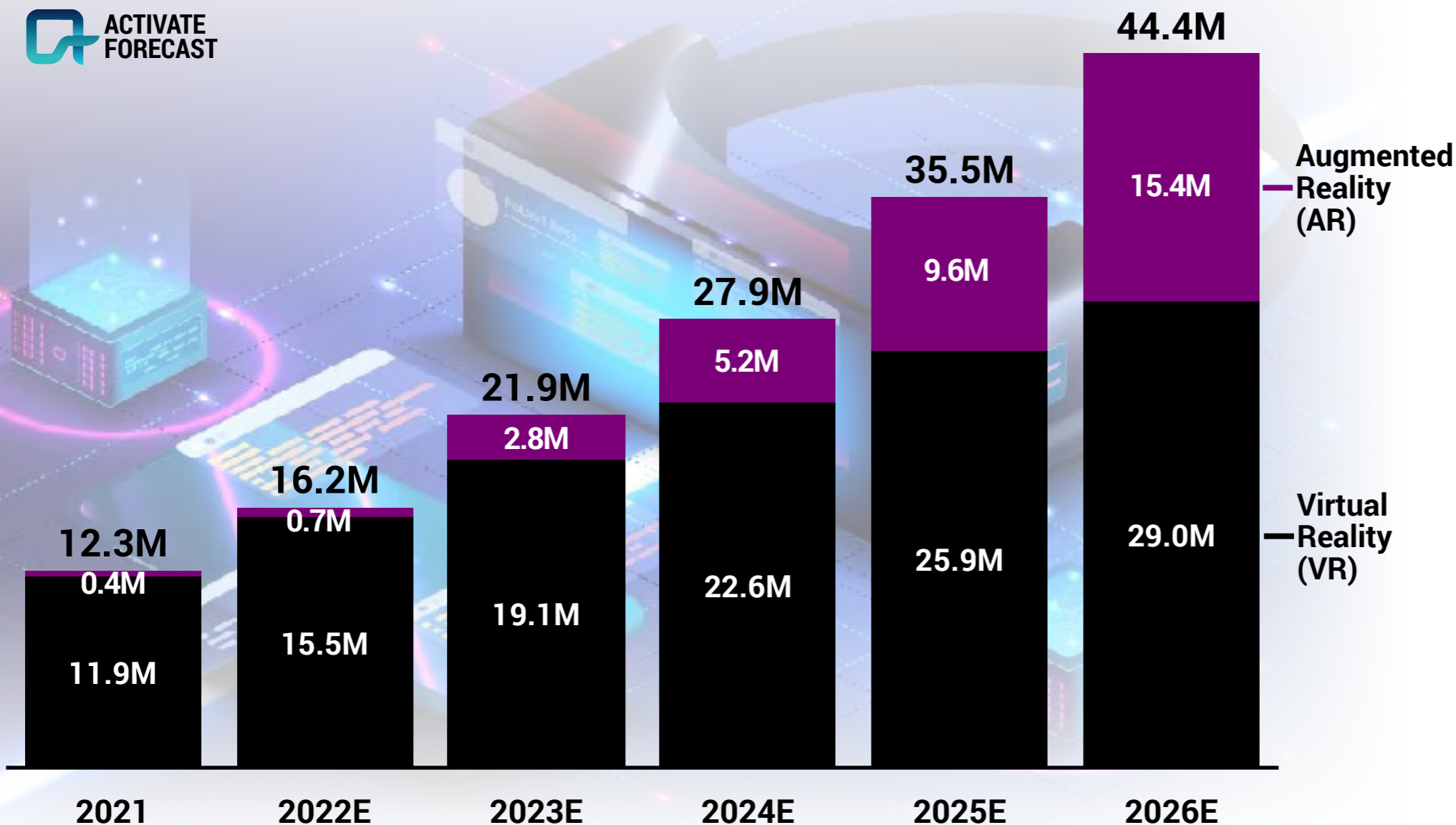
### ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE

- Virtual ownership will become more mainstream as platforms make items more attainable, a wider range of items become available, and a greater number of brands and users participate
- Virtual goods will hold value for consumers (e.g. self-expression, status, exclusivity, personalization, ability to trade)
- Platforms will explore select circumstances in which consumers can access owned virtual goods from other platforms
- Physical items will be paired with ownership of digital items (e.g. ownership of real-world items will be reflected on virtual platforms)



# Mixed reality will significantly enhance immersion but will not be critical to the growth of the Metaverse; we forecast that VR and AR headset sales will fall short in reaching the great majority of potential Metaverse users

AR AND VR HEADSET UNIT SALES<sup>1</sup>, GLOBAL, 2021-2026E, MILLIONS UNITS



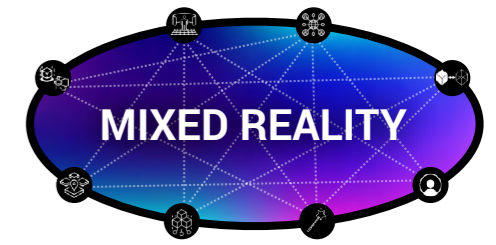
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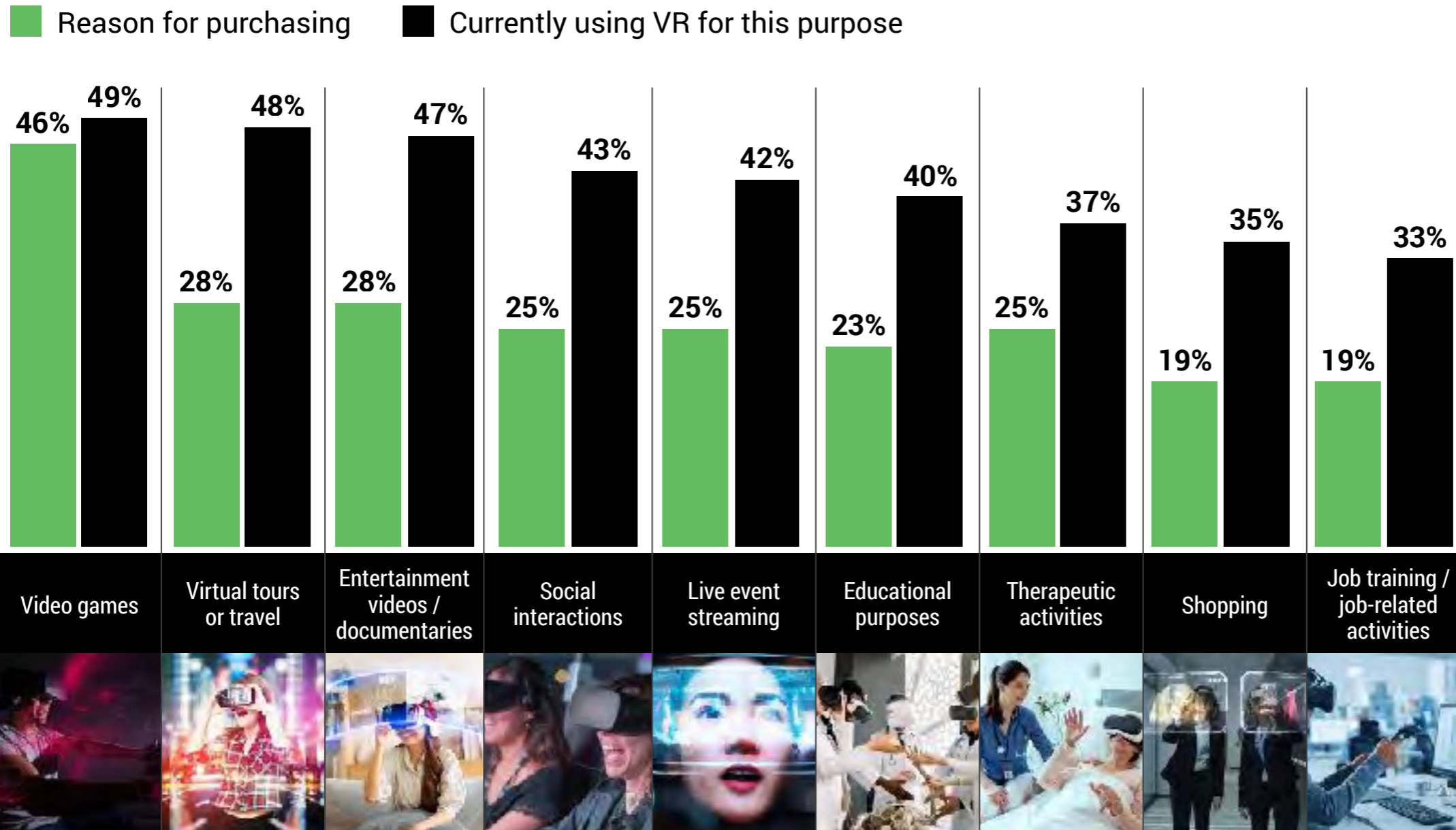
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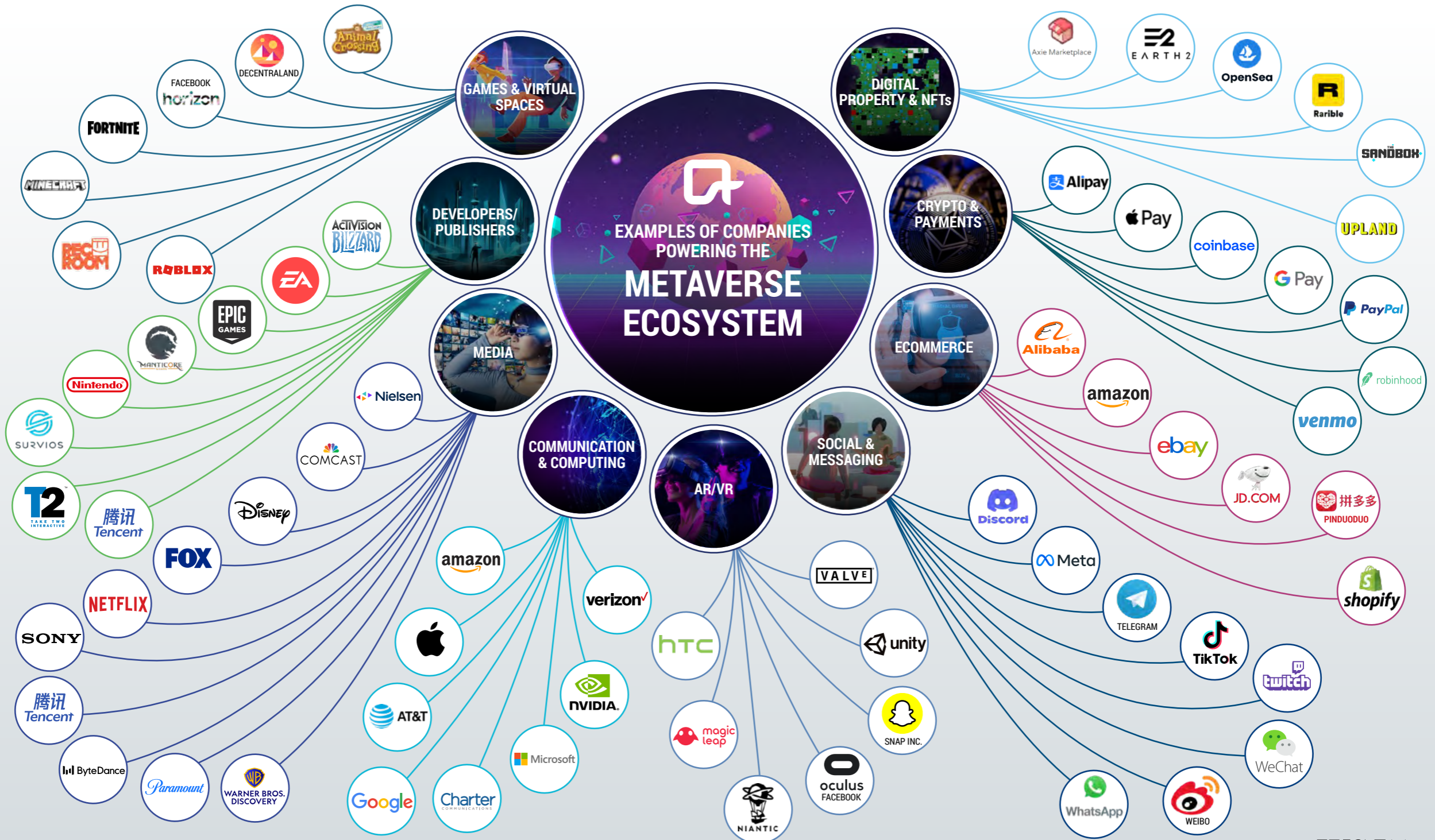
# Actual usage of VR headsets for non-gaming/Metaverse activities has far exceeded the original purchase intent for the headset

REASONS FOR PURCHASING AND USING VR HEADSETS, U.S., 2022, % VR HEADSET USERS



**91% of VR users are gamers<sup>1</sup>, and 78% of VR users use VR for non-gaming activities**

# Over the next years, companies building the Metaverse will be part of an extensive ecosystem



# The major technology and gaming companies will build out their capabilities across each element of the Metaverse

	amazon	Apple	EPIC GAMES	Google	∞ Meta	Microsoft	ROBLOX	SONY	Tencent
Immersive Experiences	games Luna		FORTNITE		Gaming BEAT SABER horizon Worlds	XBOX ACTIVISION MINECRAFT Mesh	ROBLOX	PlayStation BUNGIE PlayStation Plus	Tencent Games
Mixed Reality: AR	AR View	Apple Glass (Rumored)	Reality Scan	Google Lens Google Maps Live View GLASS	Meta Quest Pro REALITY LABS	Microsoft HoloLens 2 Mesh		Partnership KRAMER	ultraleap (Series D Investment)
Mixed Reality: VR	prime video vr	NEXTVR		Google Earth VR YouTube VR	Meta Quest 2 horizon Worlds REALITY LABS	HP REVERB G2 Co-development Mesh AltSpace VR	ROBLOX VR	PlayStation VR	ultraleap (Series D Investment)
Social Interactions	twitch	iMessage	Fortnite Party Royale	Project Starline	Instagram horizon Worlds Messenger	Teams LinkedIn MINECRAFT Mesh	Roblox Chat & Community Space		QQ
Creation & Agency	Amazon Sumerian twitch	ARKit Reality Composer RoomPlan	Unreal Engine Fortnite Creative	ARCore YouTube VR	Meta Spark	MINECRAFT	Roblox Studio	dreams	
Identity		Memoji	Fortnite Avatars	Google Chrome Avatar	Meta 3D Avatar	Teams and Mesh Avatars	Roblox Avatars	DESTINY Guardian Creation	超级QQ秀 SUPER QQ SHOW
Digital Twins	aws IoT TwinMaker		Unreal Engine	Google Cloud: Supply Chain Twin and Pulse		Azure Digital Twins			Tencent Cloud
Economy	amazon appstore	Apple App Store	EPIC STORE FORTNITE ITEM SHOP	Google Play	Meta Quest Store Meta Pay	Microsoft Store	ROBLOX Game Shop Robux	PlayStation Store	WeChat Pay 应用宝 MY APP
Virtual Ownership	aws Build NFT Applications	Apple NFT Trading Cards (Rumored)	Enable NFT Games via Epic Games Store (e.g. Blankos Block Party)		NFT Sharing with Verified Ownership on Instagram/Facebook	NFTs in Windows 11			幻核 Magic Core (No longer issuing new NFTs)

# We expect to see significant and sustained investment in innovation over the next years

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES	MIXED REALITY	SOCIAL INTERACTIONS	CREATION & AGENCY	IDENTITY	DIGITAL TWINS	ECONOMY	VIRTUAL OWNERSHIP
IUVIUM CLOCKWORK LABS AltSpaceVR ETHERNITY SOMNIUM SPACE SMARTER verse BLOK TOPIA MINES OF DALARNIA REC ROOM PLAYABLE WORLDS	NIANTIC DIGILENS eon reality blippar JADU AR zSpace OSSO VR Metaverse ONE brightline	imvo KUMOSPACE GRAVITY HIGHRISE SpatialChat Topia IMVERSE VR CHAT	INFINITE REALITY Spatial inworld Pixel Canvas octi inverse	FILTERYA Genies soul machines Tafi Rephrase.ai DIDIMO LALALAND ObEN Avatoon	LIVING CITIES PassiveLogic 5x5 Technologies SharperShape SiteAware	MoonPay metajuce Sayollo enya.ai tZERO VOAX MetaStreet ELUV.IO CODA PAYMENTS	REB4S3 sorare FANCURVE HORIZON BLOCKCHAIN GAMES OpenSea exclusible LOOKSRARE ImmutableX

EXAMPLE INVESTORS
INSIGHT PARTNERS TIGERGLOBAL SEQUOIA Goldman Sachs Asset Management GENERAL ATLANTIC andreessen horowitz Accel



# Interoperability between Metaverse platforms will take place through third-party companies and applications, creating significant opportunities for all businesses to capitalize on the potential of the Metaverse

## INTEROPERABILITY LAYERS OF THE METaverse



# The Metaverse will be the user interface for Web3, similar to the role the browser played with the internet

**Metaverse**  
A digitally native world in which we will spend our time working, socializing, and engaging in all types of activities



- Immersive Experiences
- Social Interactions
- Digital Twins
- Identity
- Creation and Agency
- Economy
- Virtual Ownership
- Mixed Reality

**ACTIVATE PERSPECTIVE**  
The Metaverse and Web3 are two separate concepts

- Metaverse interfaces will be the user-friendly way to interact with Web3
- Web3 will set the future standards and technology foundations for Metaverse experiences
- Developments in both will be required to fully realize the potential of the Metaverse

The Metaverse will provide a unified, user-friendly interface that can integrate complex Web3 elements

**WEB3**  
A set of decentralized protocols and technologies that can be used to build parts of the Metaverse and secure the new communities and economies that it will enable

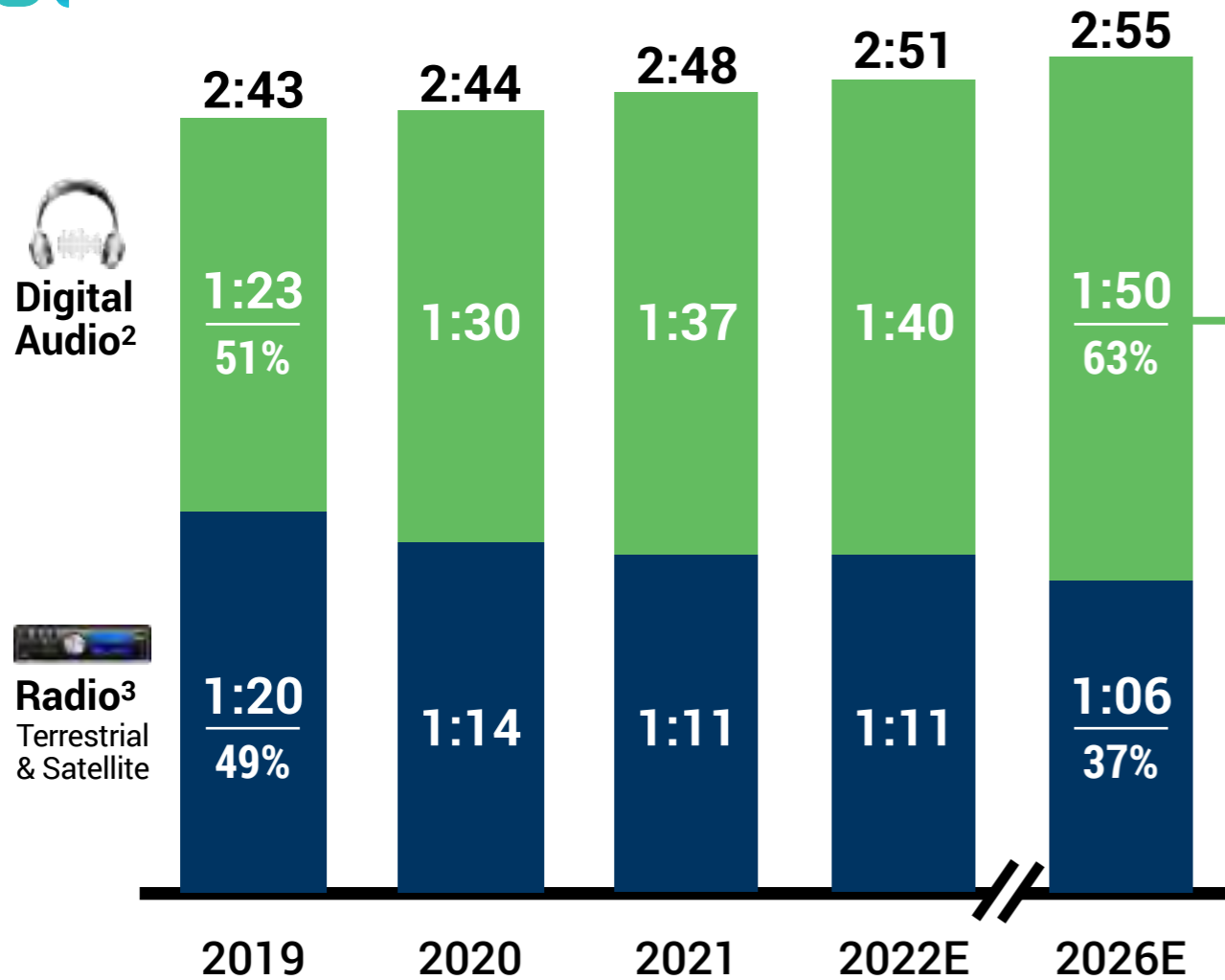
- NFTs
- Decentralized Infrastructure
- Blockchain
- Cryptocurrencies
- Decentralized Finance (DeFi)
- Decentralized Identity
- Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs)
- Artificial Intelligence

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# Consumer audio time will continue to increase and shift to digital; by 2026, 63% of audio time will be digital, up from 51% in 2019

AVERAGE DAILY AUDIO TIME PER ADULT AGED 18+ BY TYPE<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2019-2022E VS. 2026E, HOURS:MINUTES



2022E-2026E CAGR:

- 0.6%
- 2.3%
- 1.9%

CORE BEHAVIORS DRIVING INCREASED TIME SPENT WITH DIGITAL AUDIO<sup>2</sup>

- ▶ **88%** of music listeners<sup>4</sup> use a **free or paid music service**<sup>5</sup> at least once per month
- ▶ **64%** of music listeners<sup>4</sup> use **multiple music services**<sup>5</sup> at least once per month
- ▶ Music listeners<sup>4</sup> are now more likely to use a **smartphone or tablet** to listen to music than any other device

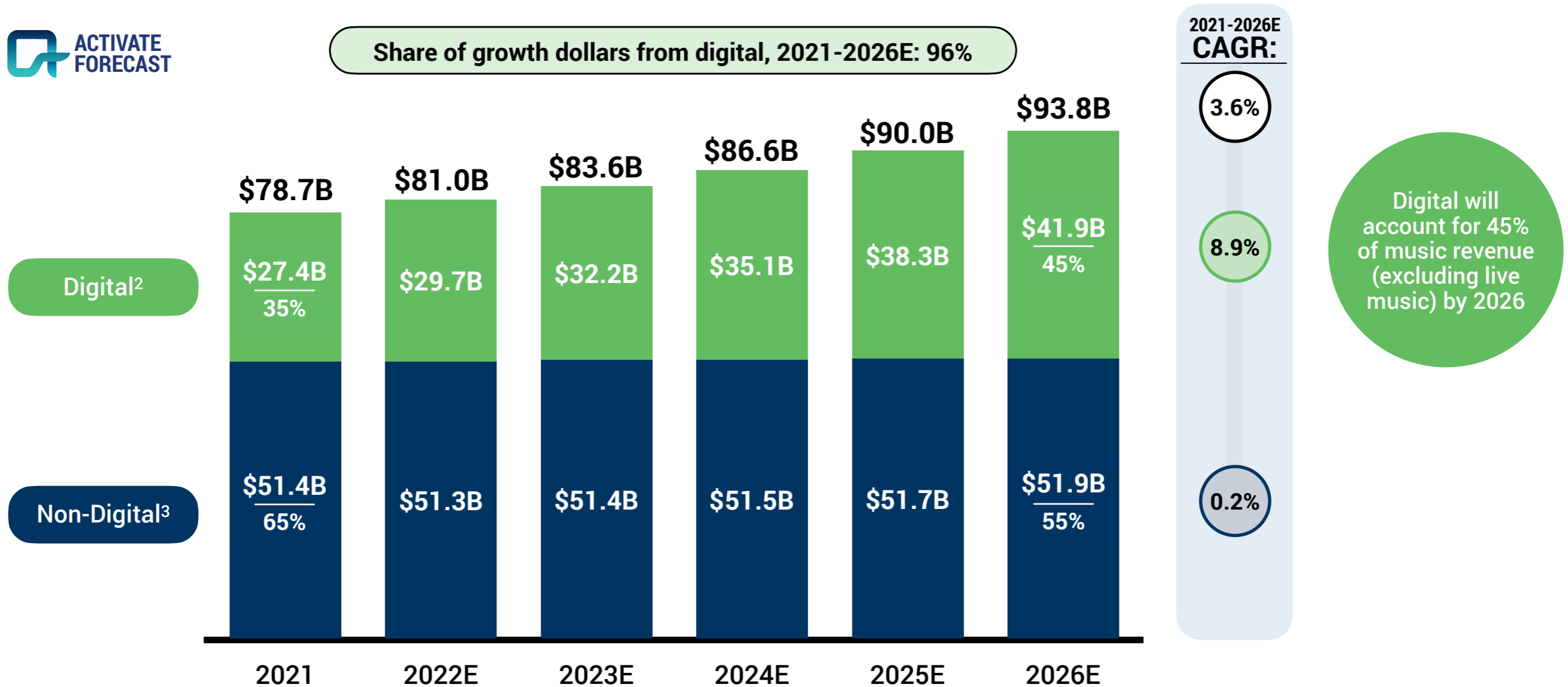
1. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 2. "Digital audio" includes audio streamed via mobile and desktop/laptop. 3. "Radio" excludes digital radio. 4. "Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music. 5. "Music services" include free and paid services used for listening to music through any format excluding terrestrial radio. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), eMarketer, GWI, Music Biz

# Significant growth in the global music industry will continue in the coming years, reaching \$94B in revenue by 2026, driven almost entirely by digital audio

MUSIC REVENUE BY TYPE (EXCLUDING LIVE MUSIC)<sup>1</sup>, GLOBAL, 2021-2026E, BILLIONS USD



Share of growth dollars from digital, 2021-2026E: 96%

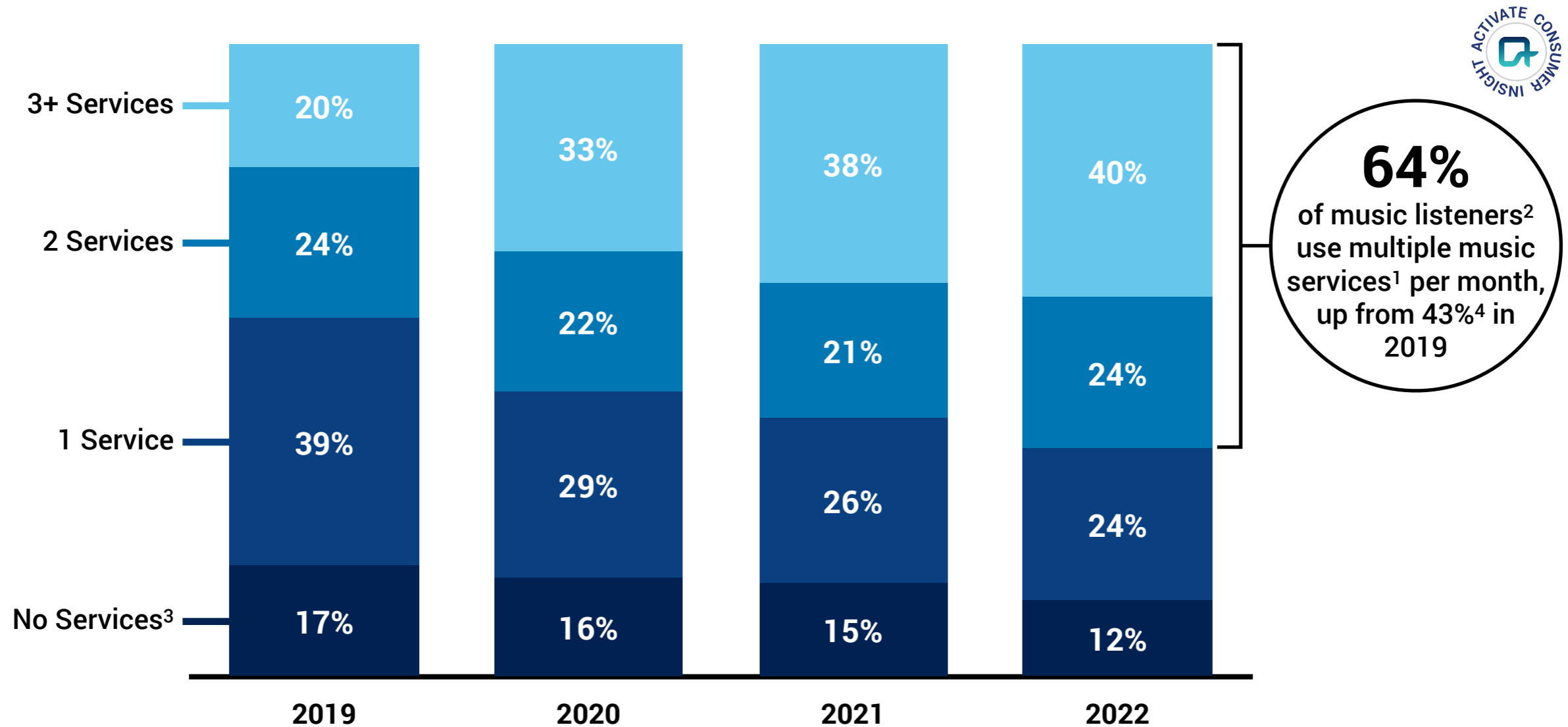


1. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 2. "Digital" is defined as revenue generated from paid digital downloads of any licensed recorded music and from subscriptions and advertising on music streaming platforms, including platforms that offer podcasts (e.g. Spotify). 3. "Non-Digital" is defined as revenue generated from the use of music in other media (e.g. television), paying record companies for the right to play their music publicly, any purchase of physical audio formats (e.g. vinyl), satellite radio subscriptions and advertising (including non-music content such as talk and sports), and AM/FM radio stations and networks (including non-music content such as talk and sports).

Sources: Activate analysis, Goldman Sachs, Grand View Research, IFPI, Omdia, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Recording Industry Association of America, SiriusXM, Statista

# More listeners than ever are using multiple free and paid music services

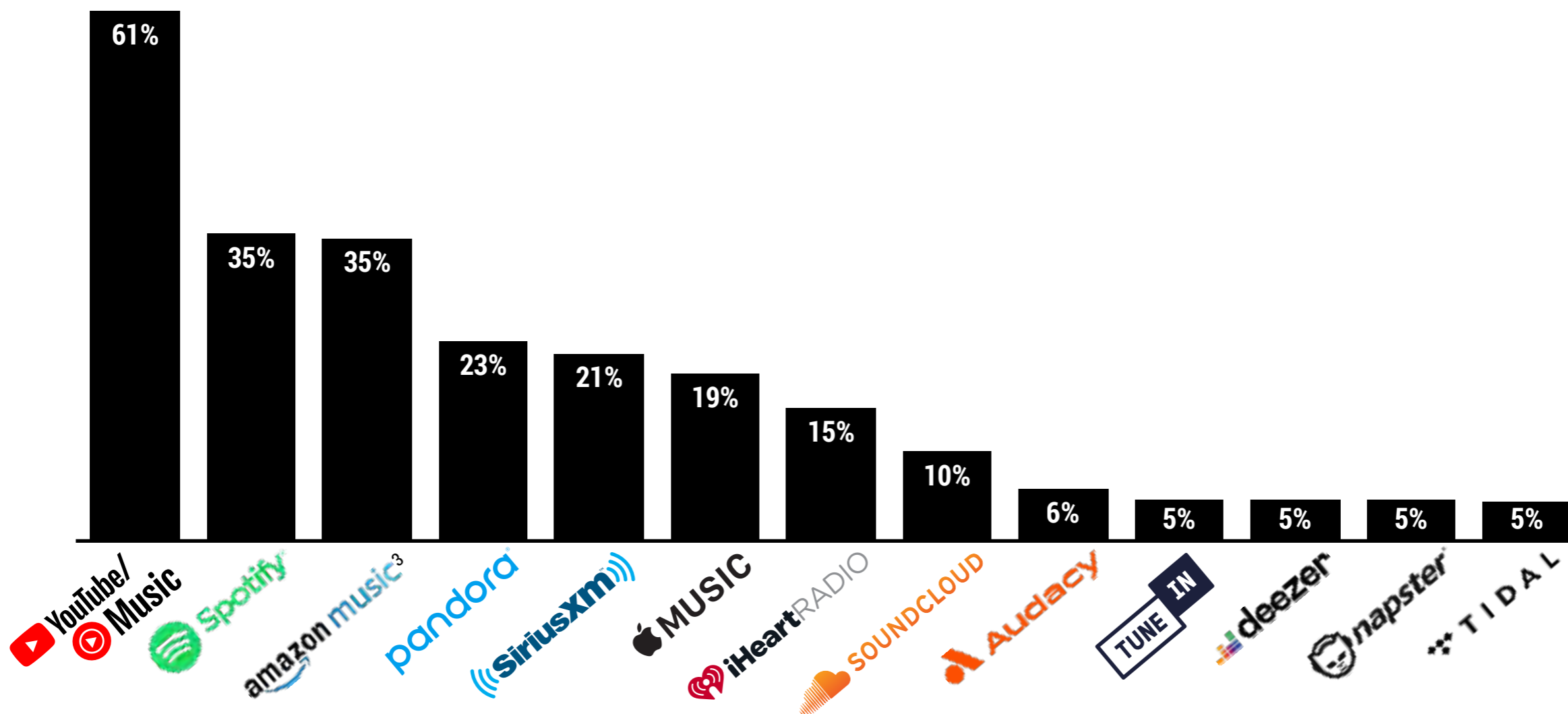
NUMBER OF FREE OR PAID MUSIC SERVICES<sup>1</sup> USED AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH, U.S., 2019-2022, % MUSIC LISTENERS<sup>2</sup>



1. "Music services" include free and paid services used for listening to music through any format excluding terrestrial radio. 2. "Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music. 3. "No services" includes those who do not use music services (e.g. only listen through terrestrial radio, CDs, vinyl). 4. Figures do not sum due to rounding. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2019 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,006), Activate 2020 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,003), Activate 2021 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,018), Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001)

# YouTube is the most used music service among music listeners, followed by Spotify and Amazon Music

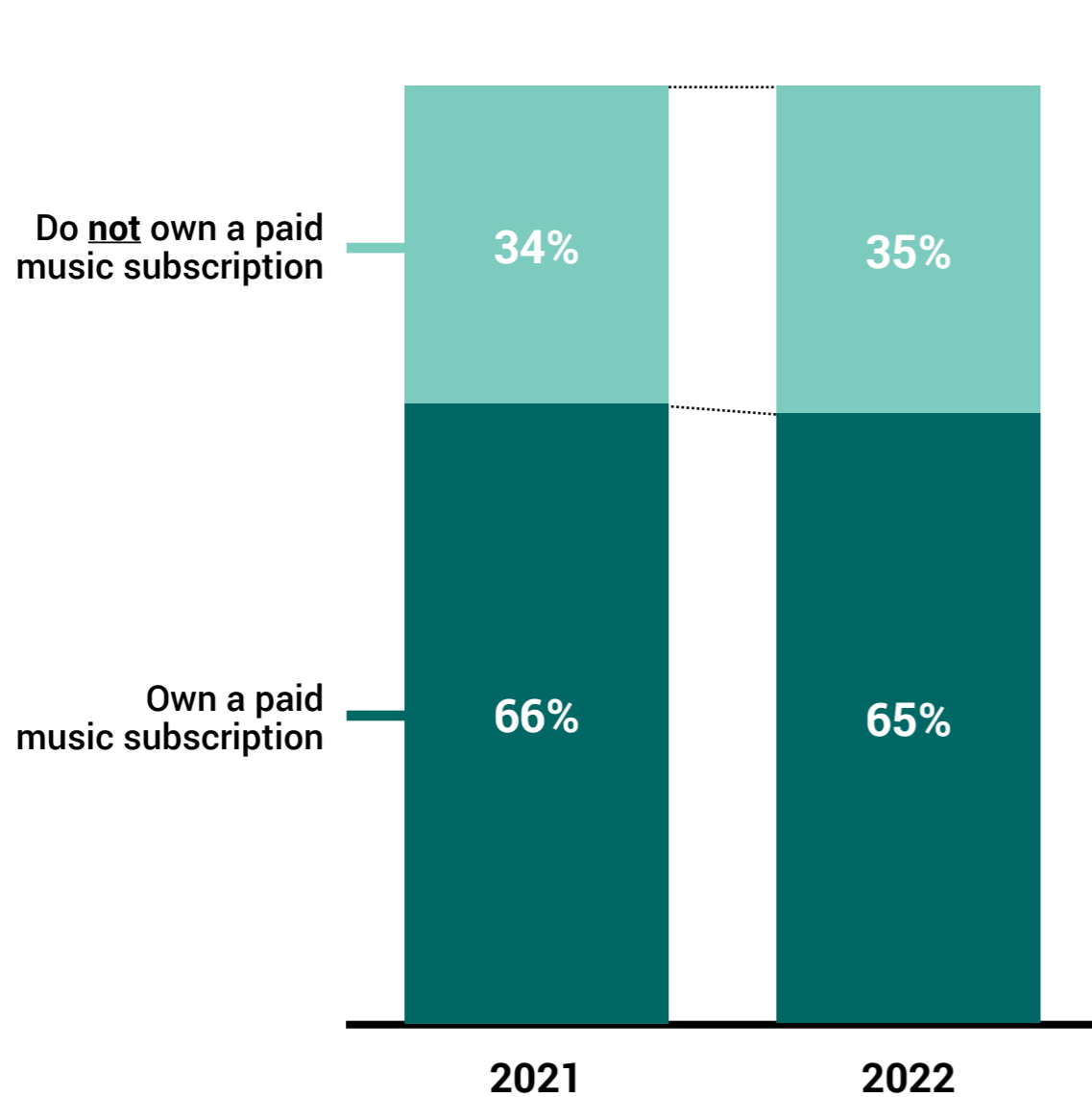
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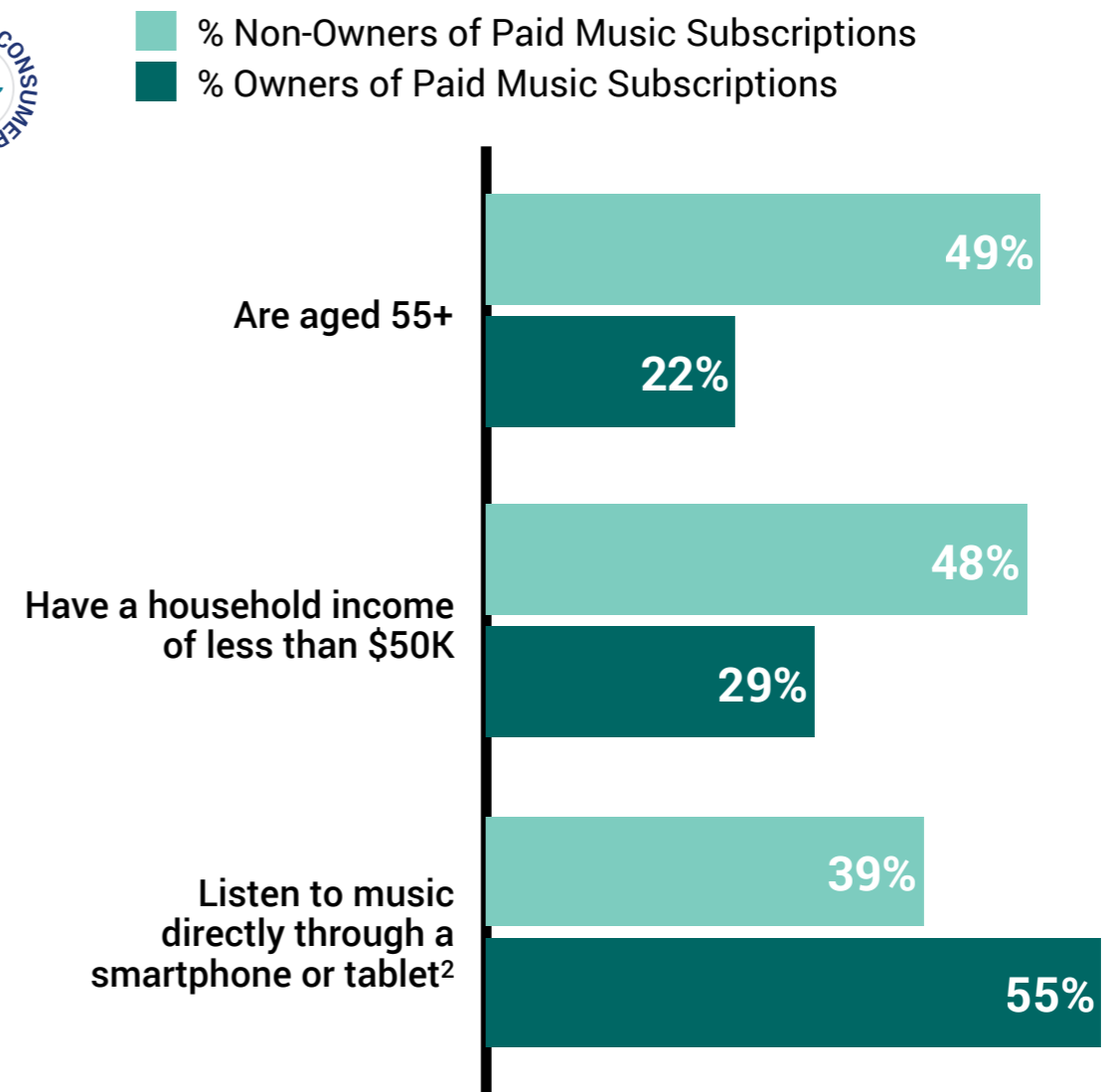
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 2. "Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music. 3. Includes consumers who use Amazon Music through their Amazon Prime subscription, as well as consumers who use the standalone Amazon Music service.  
 Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001)

# In 2021 and 2022, over a third of music listeners did not pay for a music service, presenting an opportunity to serve them via ad-supported offerings; these listeners are older, less affluent, and less likely to use mobile devices for music

**PAID MUSIC SUBSCRIPTION OWNERSHIP, U.S., 2021 VS. 2022, % MUSIC LISTENERS<sup>1</sup>**



**MUSIC LISTENER<sup>1</sup> DEMOGRAPHICS AND BEHAVIORS, U.S., 2022, % MUSIC LISTENERS<sup>1</sup>**





# TikTok has helped fuel consumer engagement with music; its users are significantly more likely to participate in music-related activities

PARTICIPATION IN MUSIC-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, % MUSIC LISTENERS<sup>1</sup>

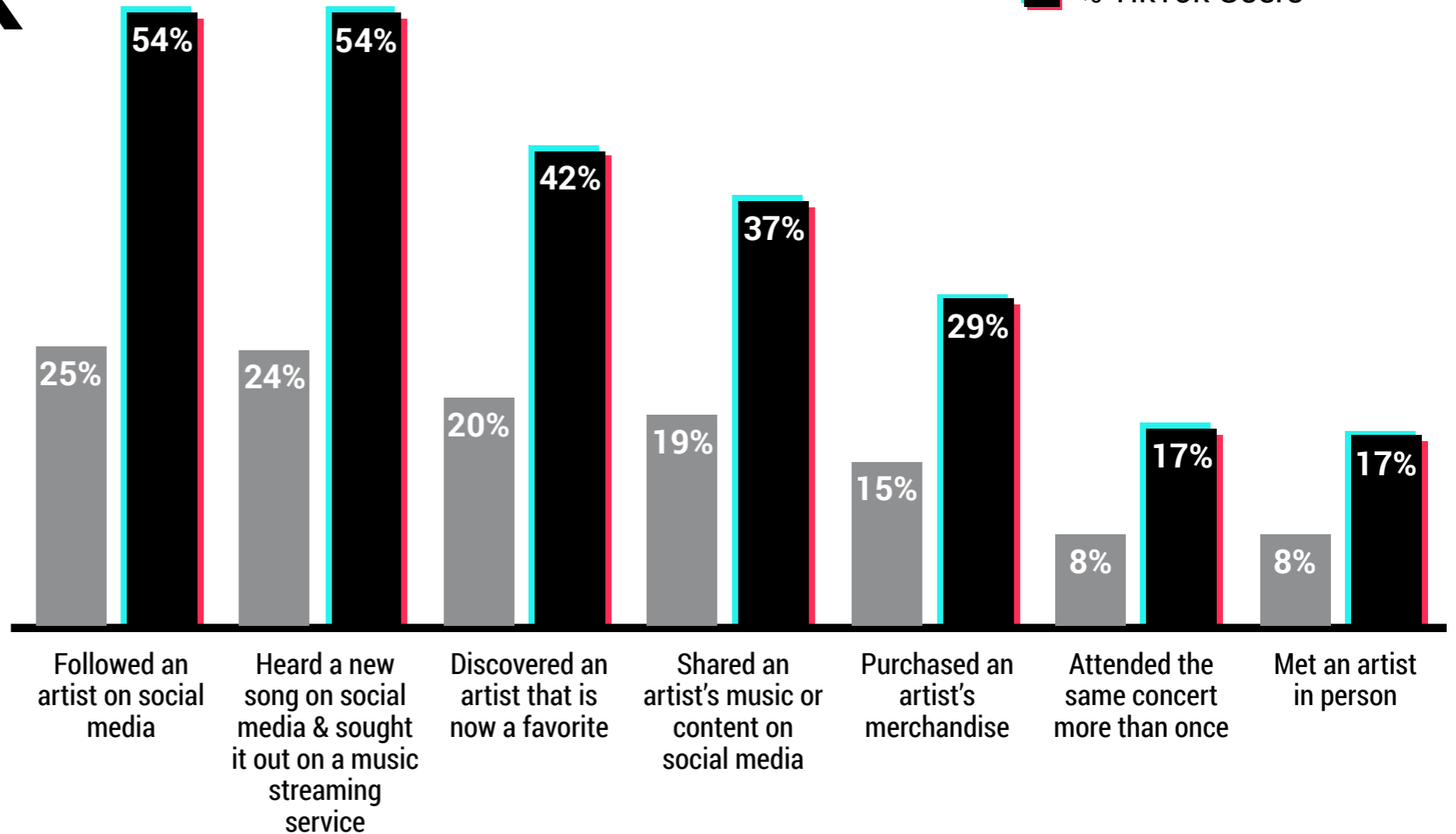


■ % Non-TikTok Users<sup>2</sup>  
 ■ % TikTok Users<sup>2</sup>

TikTok users<sup>2</sup> spend **2.1x** as much money on music and music services<sup>3</sup> as non-users<sup>2</sup>

TikTok users<sup>2</sup> are **1.5x** as likely to attend concerts as non-users<sup>2</sup>

TikTok users<sup>2</sup> use **1.8x** as many music services<sup>3</sup> as non-users<sup>2</sup>

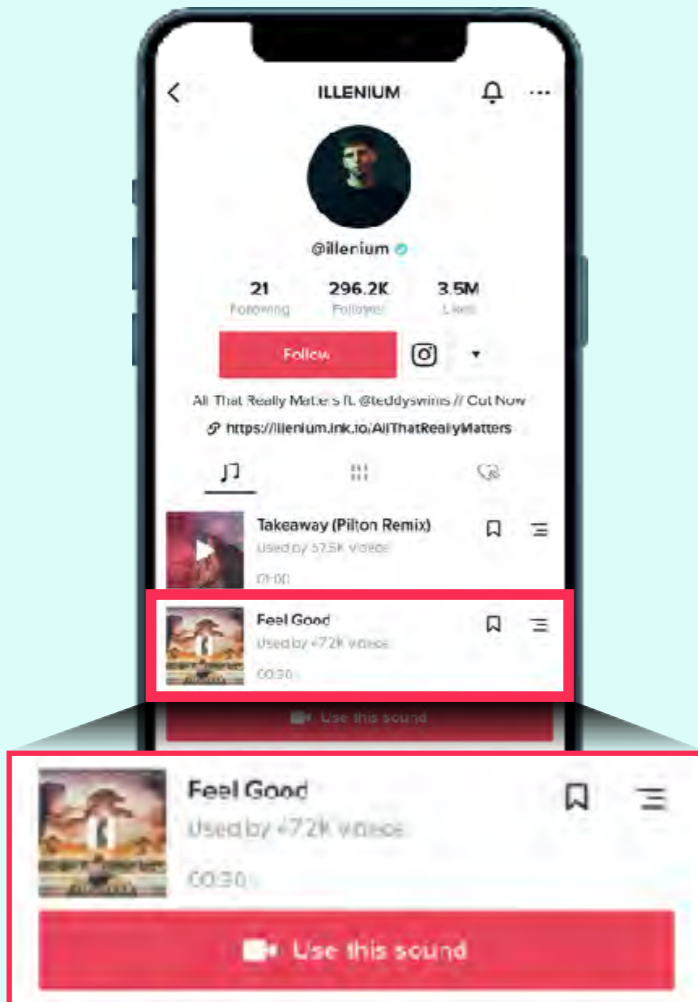


1. "Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music. 2. "TikTok users" are defined as adults aged 18+ who use TikTok at least once per month. 3. "Music services" include free and paid services used for listening to music through any format excluding terrestrial radio. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001)

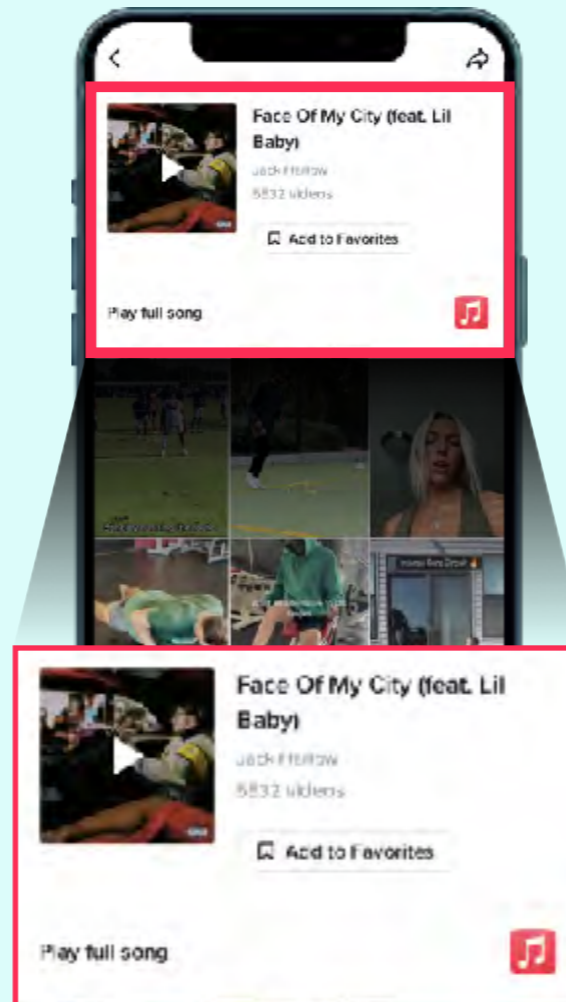
# TikTok's discovery features help spur consumer interest in new artists and genres, further deepening engagement

## SELECT TIKTOK DISCOVERY FEATURES

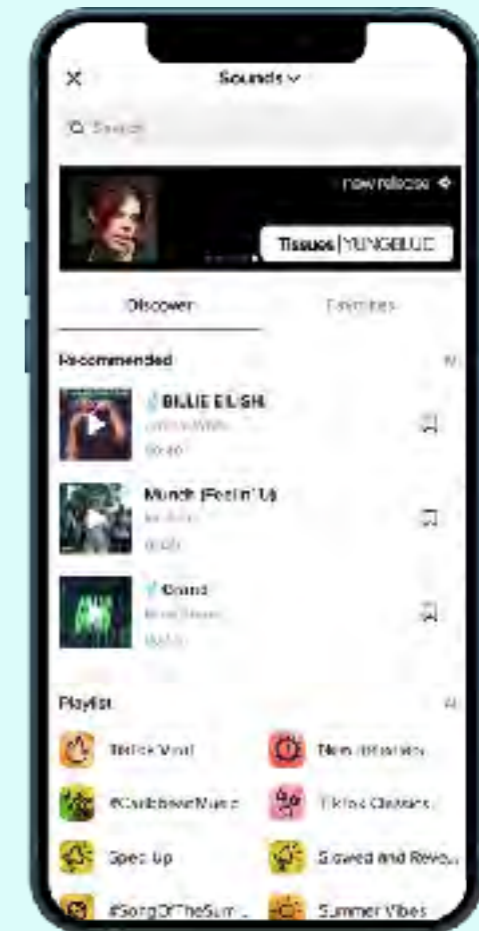
Discover music by listening to songs on an artist's profile



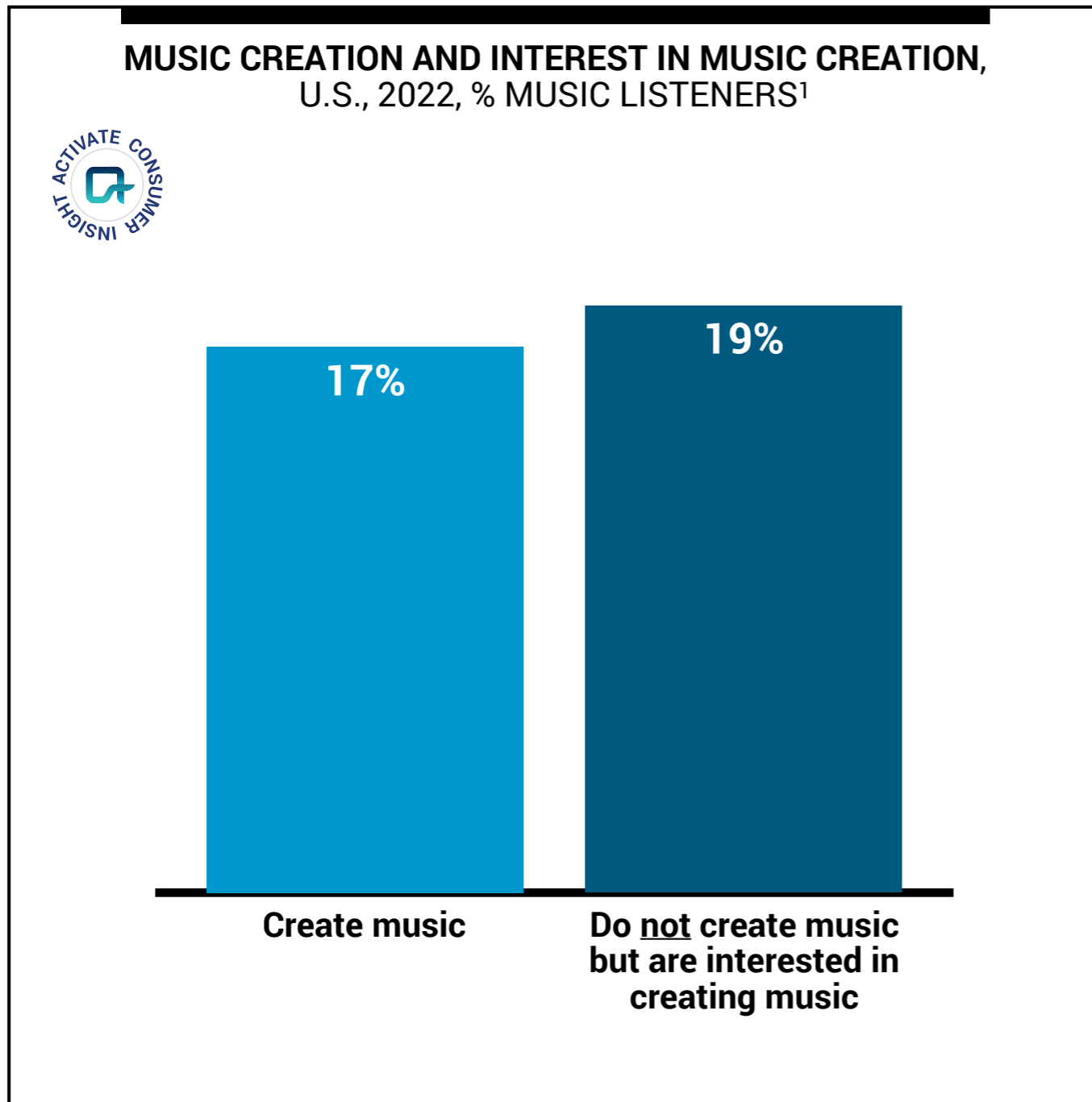
Listen to full songs with Apple Music integration<sup>1</sup>



Use the in-app search feature to discover new music and sounds by artist, genre, or popularity



# Nearly 40% of music listeners create music or are interested in creating music, driving demand for creation and distribution tools that best serve the needs of independent creators



**MAJOR MUSIC AND TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES ARE INVESTING IN CREATOR DISTRIBUTION TOOLS**

**SOUNDCLOUD**

**REPOST**

Gives independent artists distribution tools to share their music on major music streaming services, as well as marketing support to help promote their songs

**TikTok**

**SoundOn**

Enables creators to distribute their music on TikTok and all major music streaming services, providing artists with an opportunity to leverage TikTok as a major promotional channel

**Snapchat**

**DISTROKID**

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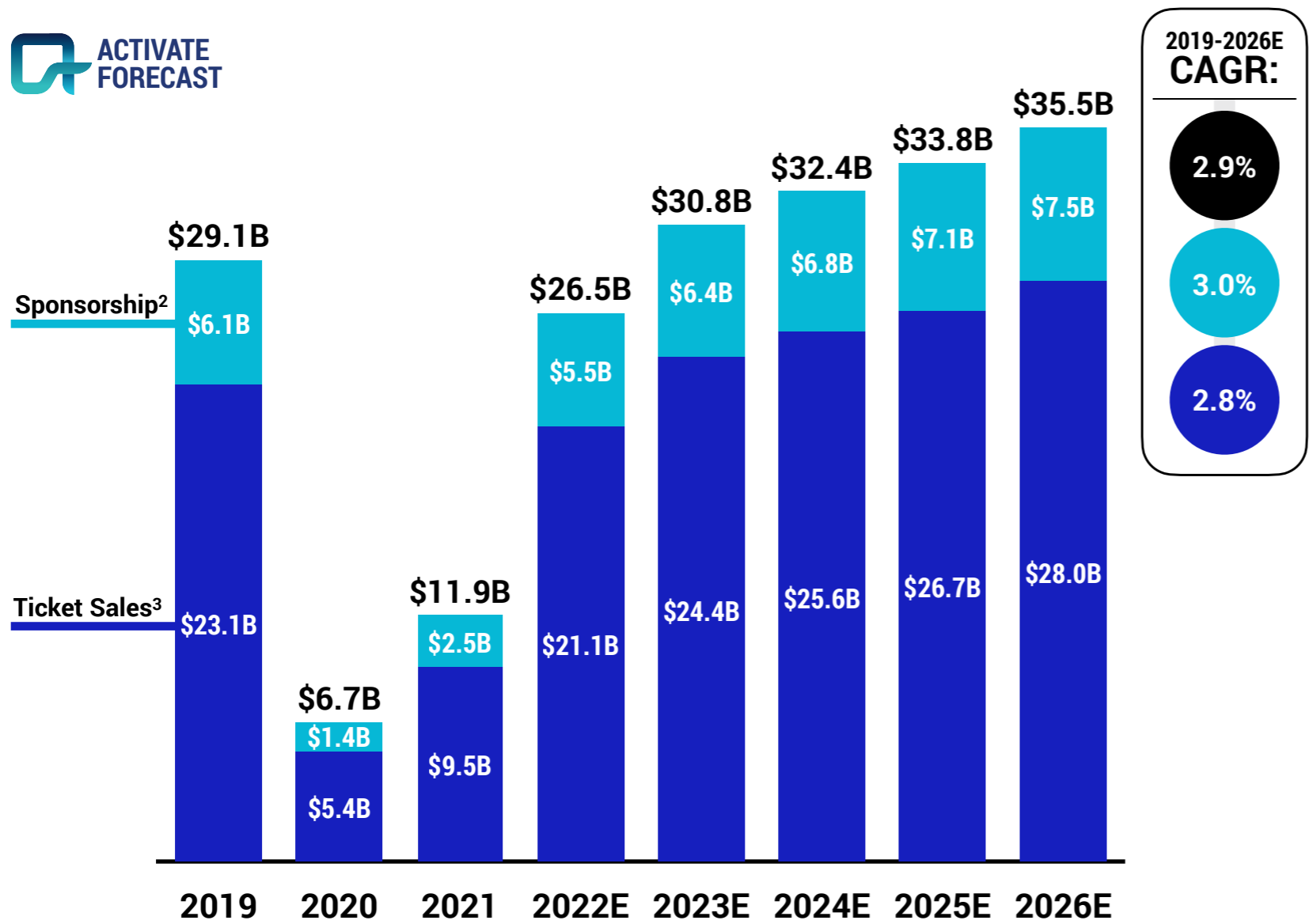
**Sounds Creator Fund**

Provides monthly grants of up to \$100K to independent artists and helps them distribute their music through Snapchat

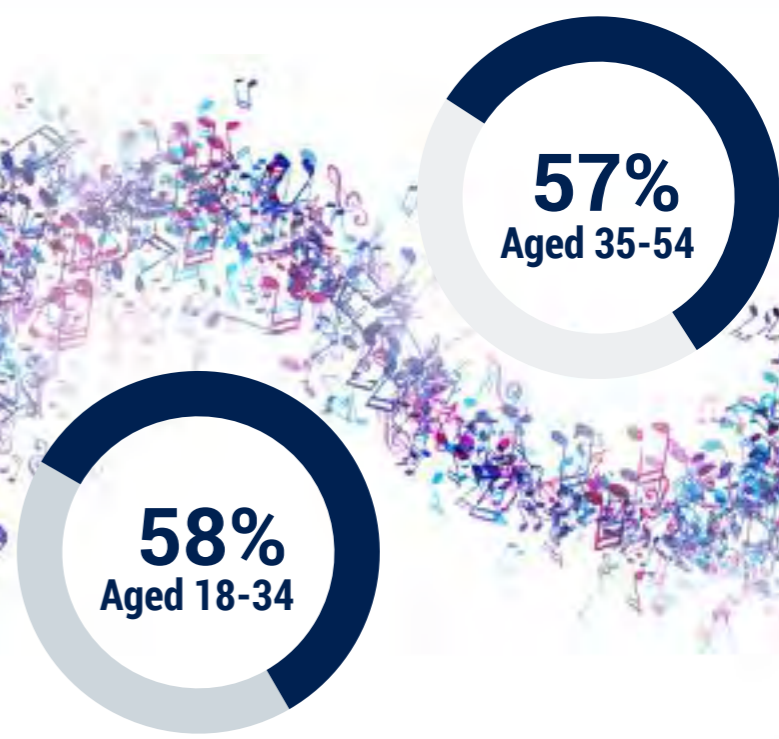
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# The live music industry will surpass pre-COVID-19 levels by 2023, with high participation expected across age groups

IN-PERSON LIVE MUSIC REVENUE BY TYPE<sup>1</sup>, GLOBAL, 2019-2026E, BILLIONS USD



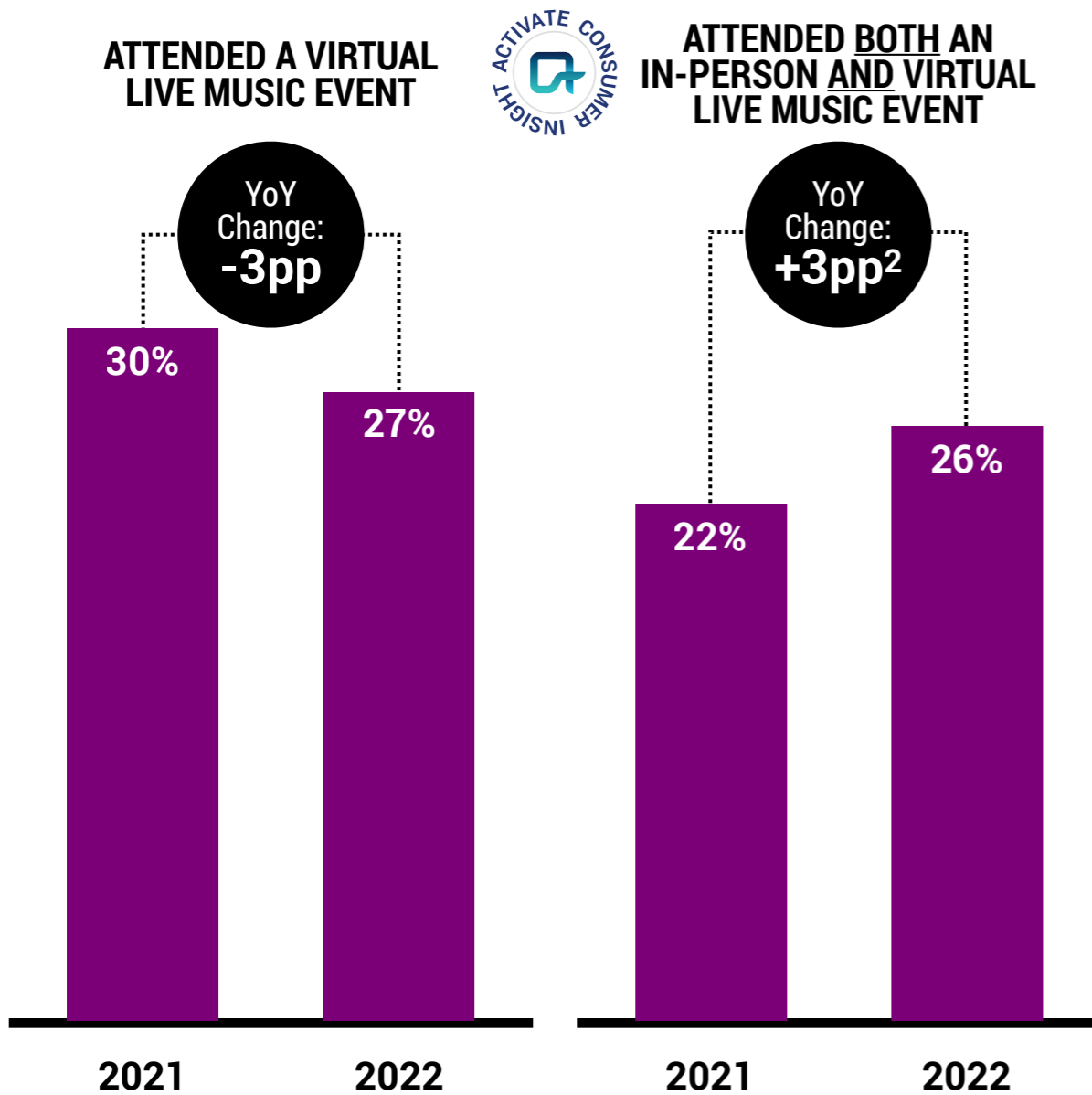
INTENT TO ATTEND AN IN-PERSON CONCERT OR MUSIC FESTIVAL IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS BY AGE GROUP, U.S., 2022, % MUSIC LISTENERS<sup>4</sup>



1. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 2. "Sponsorship" includes revenue from sponsorship of live music events (advertising spending). 3. "Ticket sales" include revenue from consumer spend on tickets to live music events. Does not include revenue from merchandise or concessions. 4. "Music listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to music. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Omdia, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Statista

# While virtual event attendance is down from 2021, consumers increasingly see virtual as a complement to, rather than a replacement for, in-person events, especially given the uniquely immersive experiences virtual events offer

## LIVE MUSIC EVENT ATTENDANCE, U.S., 2021 VS. 2022, % MUSIC LISTENERS<sup>1</sup>



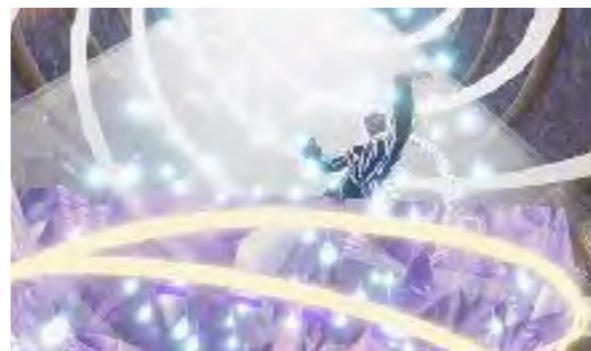
## EXAMPLES OF VIRTUAL LIVE MUSIC EVENT VR/AR TECHNOLOGY

### VR AND METAVERSE CONCERTS

Artists are increasingly performing in VR and Metaverse concerts, in which users can **watch artists through VR headsets or as avatars in virtual worlds**



For Megan Thee Stallion's 2022 VR tour, attendees were given VR headsets in select theaters for a more immersive concert experience



Grimes performed in her avatar form for the Metaverse Fashion Week in Decentraland

### AR-ENHANCED STREAMING

With AR, artists are able to provide **viewers at home with a differentiated experience compared to in-person live music events**



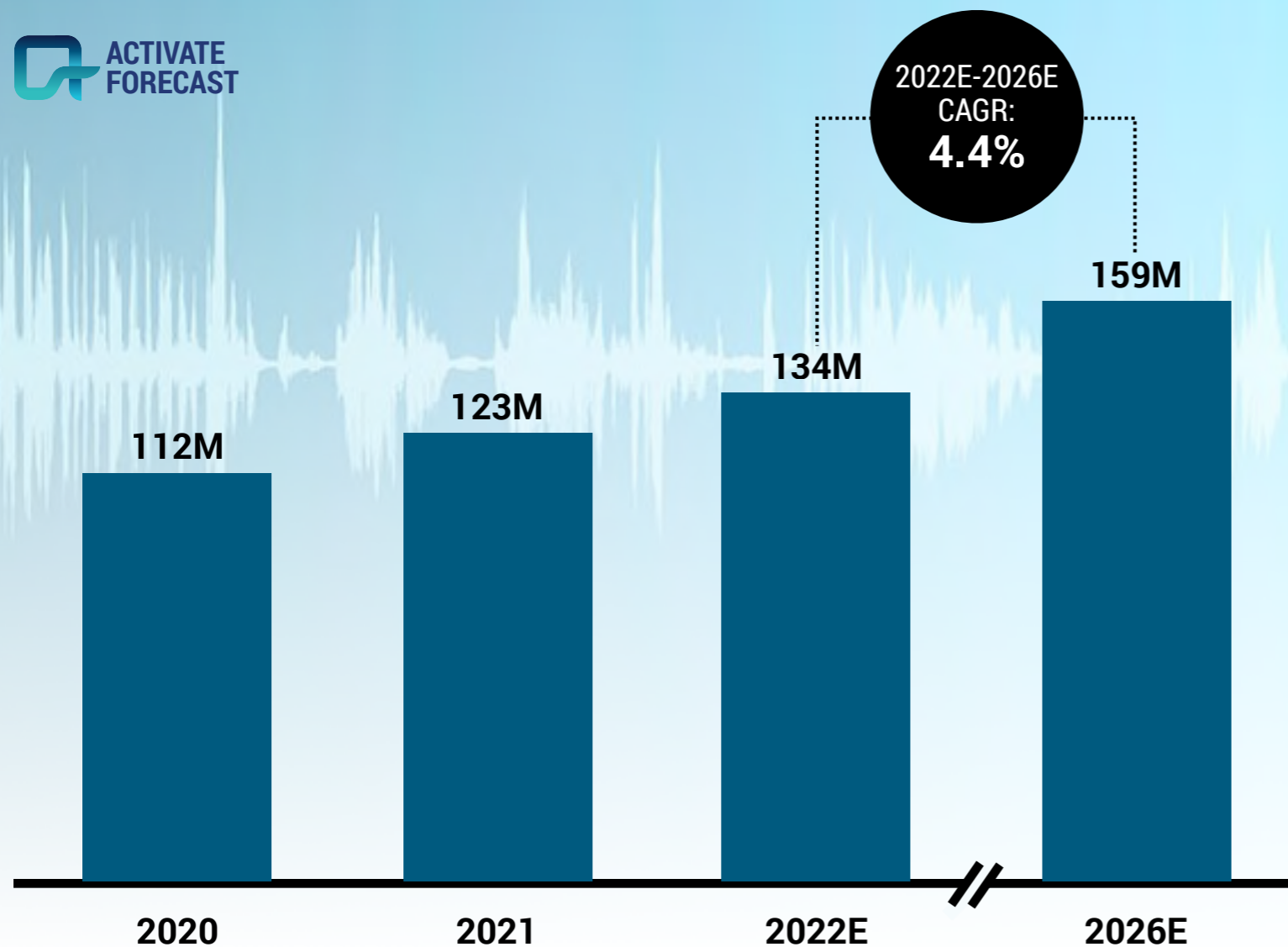
Using AR technology, Flume provided at-home viewers of his 2022 Coachella performance with a unique set of visuals that were overlaid onto the YouTube livestream



Beyond Live, an online paid concert platform, leverages augmented reality to create visual experiences optimized for online audiences, such as integrating 3D graphics into performances

# Podcast listening is a core behavior for audio platforms to address, with significant potential for further user growth

**MONTHLY PODCAST LISTENERS<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2020-2022E VS. 2026E, MILLIONS LISTENERS AGED 12+**



## DRIVERS OF PODCAST GROWTH

### INTEGRATION OF PODCASTS INTO MUSIC STREAMING SERVICES

Most major music services<sup>2</sup> now allow users to listen to podcasts, providing consumers with a single platform for multiple audio behaviors

### SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS' PUSH INTO THE PODCAST SPACE

Social media companies are increasingly integrating podcasts into their platforms, driving new modes of podcast discovery and consumption

### INCREASING VALUE OF AD SPOTS IN PODCASTS

Dynamic ad insertion will drive up the value of ad spots in podcasts – major acquisitions in adtech (e.g. Chartable and Podsights) have signaled a continued push into targeted advertising

1. "Podcast listeners" are defined as adults aged 12+ who spend any time listening to podcasts. 2. "Music services" include free and paid services used for listening to music through any format excluding terrestrial radio.

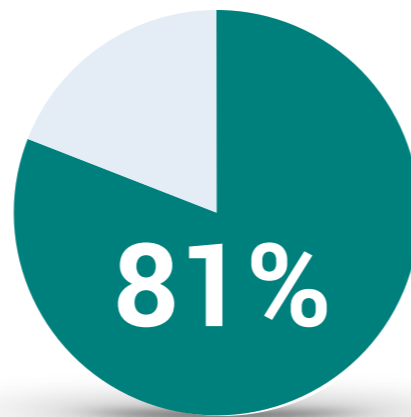
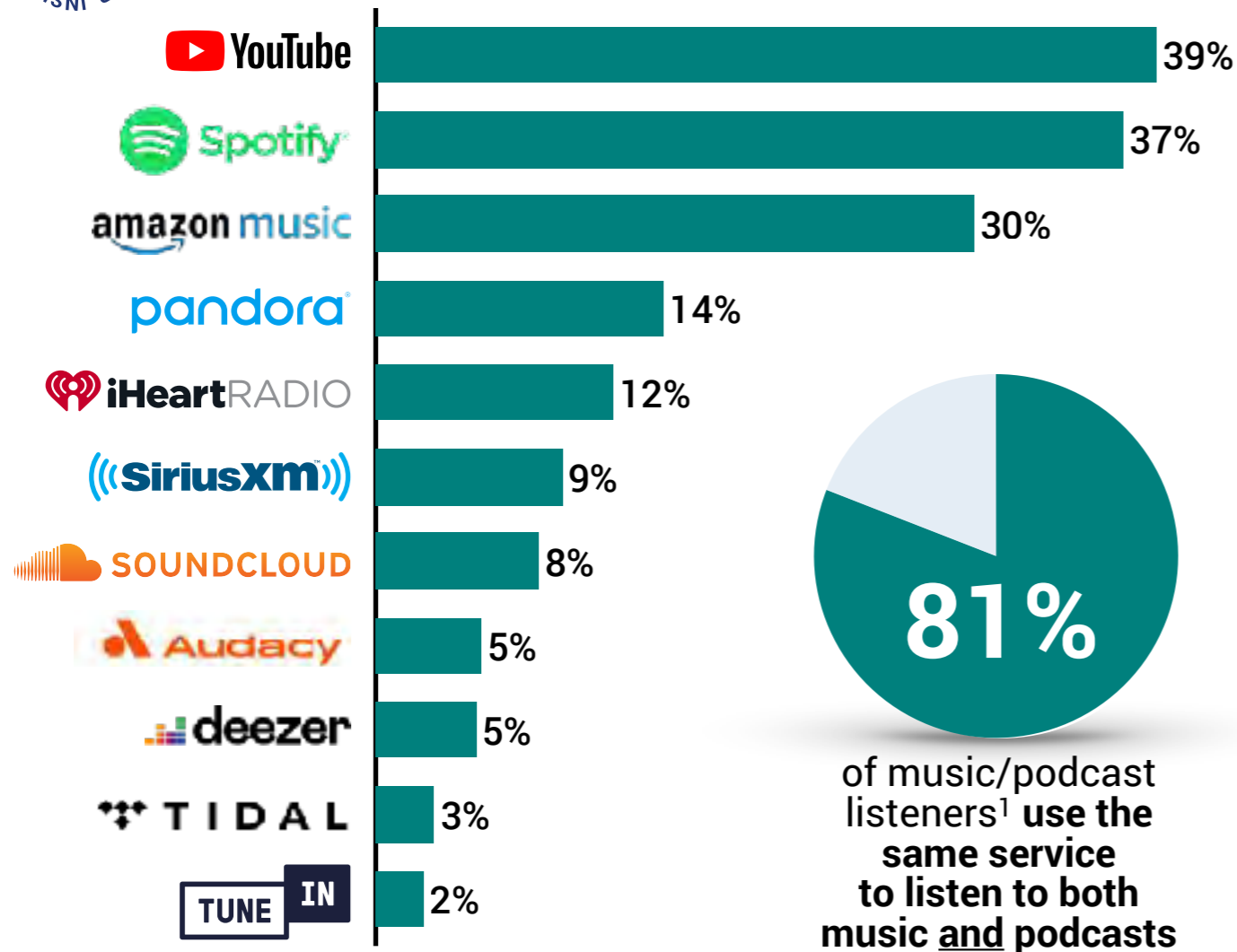
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# Most music and podcast listeners use the same service to listen to both types of content; music services will continue to acquire and produce major podcast titles to drive consumer engagement

FREE OR PAID SERVICES USED AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH FOR BOTH MUSIC AND PODCASTS, U.S., 2022, % MUSIC/PODCAST LISTENERS<sup>1</sup>



## SERVICES USED FOR BOTH MUSIC AND PODCASTS



of music/podcast listeners<sup>1</sup> use the same service to listen to both music and podcasts

## SELECT PODCAST TITLES ACQUIRED BY MAJOR AUDIO PLATFORMS

AUDIO PLATFORM	PODCASTS
Spotify	THE JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE, ARCHETYPES, CALL HER DADDY
amazon	MORBID
iHeart MEDIA	HELP! I SUCK AT DATING WITH DEAN, JARED & ...
(SiriusXM)	CONAN O'BRIEN NEEDS A FRIEND
Apple	SUAVE

1. "Music/podcast listeners" are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to both music and podcasts. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Apple Podcasts, Billboard, Company press releases, Company sites, The Hollywood Reporter, iHeartMedia, TechCrunch, Variety

# Consumers are highly receptive to podcast advertising; ad unit improvements, such as targeting and dynamic ad insertion, will continue to drive up the value of podcast inventory in the future

PODCAST AD RECEPTIVITY, U.S., 2022, % PODCAST LISTENERS<sup>1</sup>



82%

of podcast listeners<sup>1</sup> are likely<sup>2</sup> to look into a product/service being advertised during a podcast



## DYNAMIC AD INSERTION



Advertisers can deliver advertisements on-demand into ad slots, as opposed to advertisements being “baked-in” as permanent, pre-recorded components of a podcast

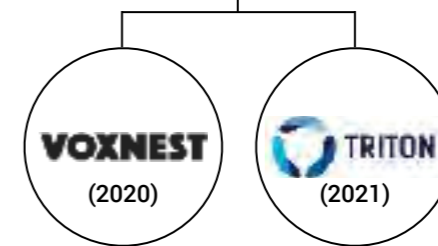
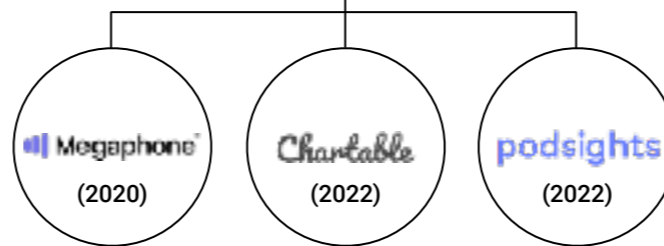


Advertisers can deliver different advertisements tailored to listeners based on their individual traits (e.g. geography, demographics)



Ad spots increase in value as a result of the increased targeting and measurement capabilities dynamic ad insertion enables

## KEY ACQUISITIONS



1. “Podcast listeners” are defined as adults aged 18+ who spend any time listening to podcasts. 2. “Likely” is defined as extremely, very, somewhat, or slightly likely. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Castos, Company press releases, Company sites, Digiday, RiversideFM



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# We expect three major trends to drive sports revenue growth in 2023 and beyond

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## **EMERGENCE OF NEXT-GEN SPORTS FANS**

A younger generation of sports fans will drive growth in:

- Live sports streaming
- Non-live game content consumption
- Participation in sports-related activities

2



## **TRANSITION OF LIVE SPORTS TO STREAMING**

- Media companies will continue to transition live sports to streaming
- Technology companies will increasingly enter live sports
- Fans will adopt sports-focused streaming services

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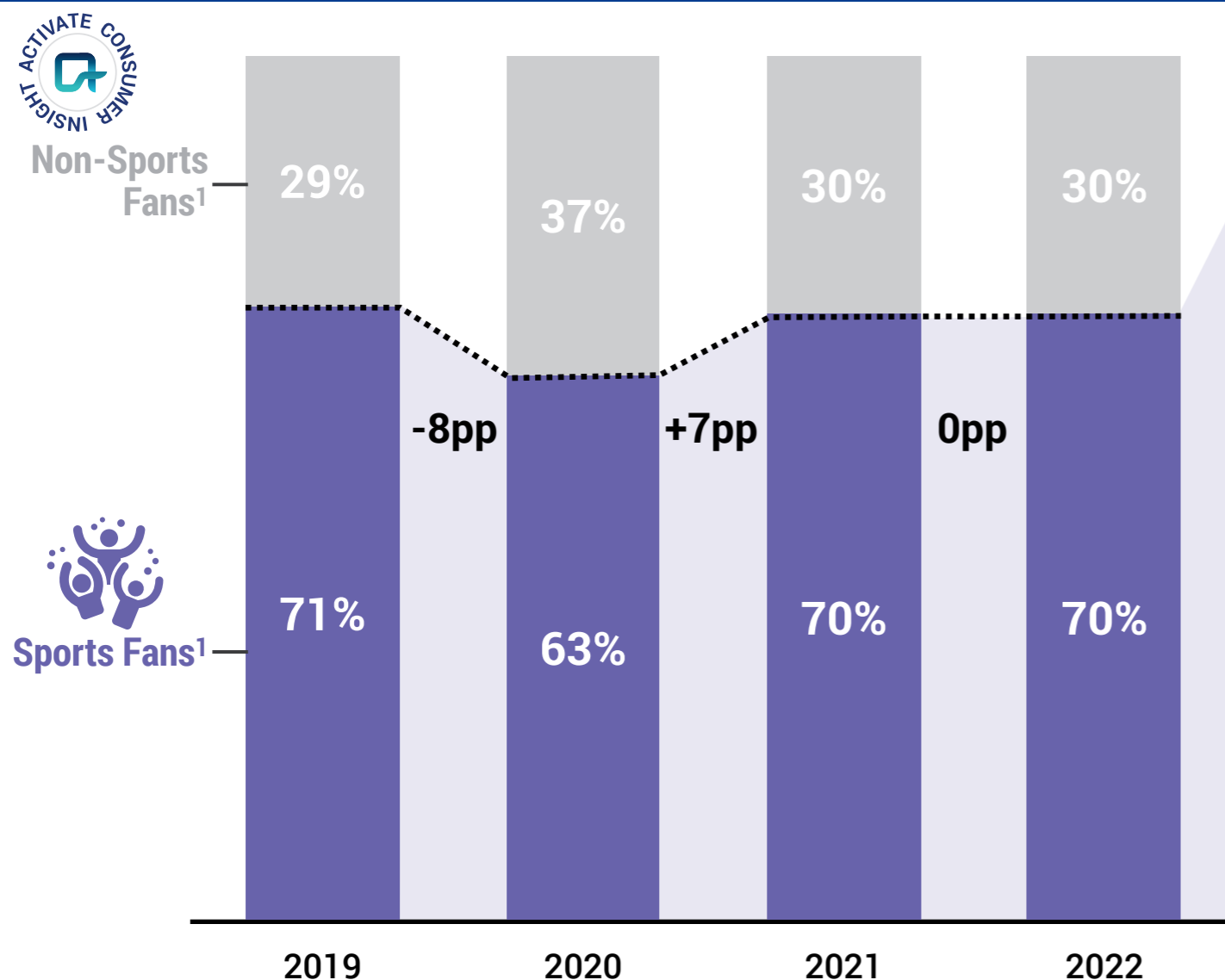




## **CONTINUED GROWTH OF SPORTS BETTING**

- A growing number of states will pursue legalization
- Overall consumer participation in sports betting will increase

# There is a growing divergence in behavior between Next-Gen and Legacy Fans that will impact the future of the sports ecosystem

**SPORTS FANS<sup>1</sup> VS. NON-SPORTS FANS<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2019-2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+**



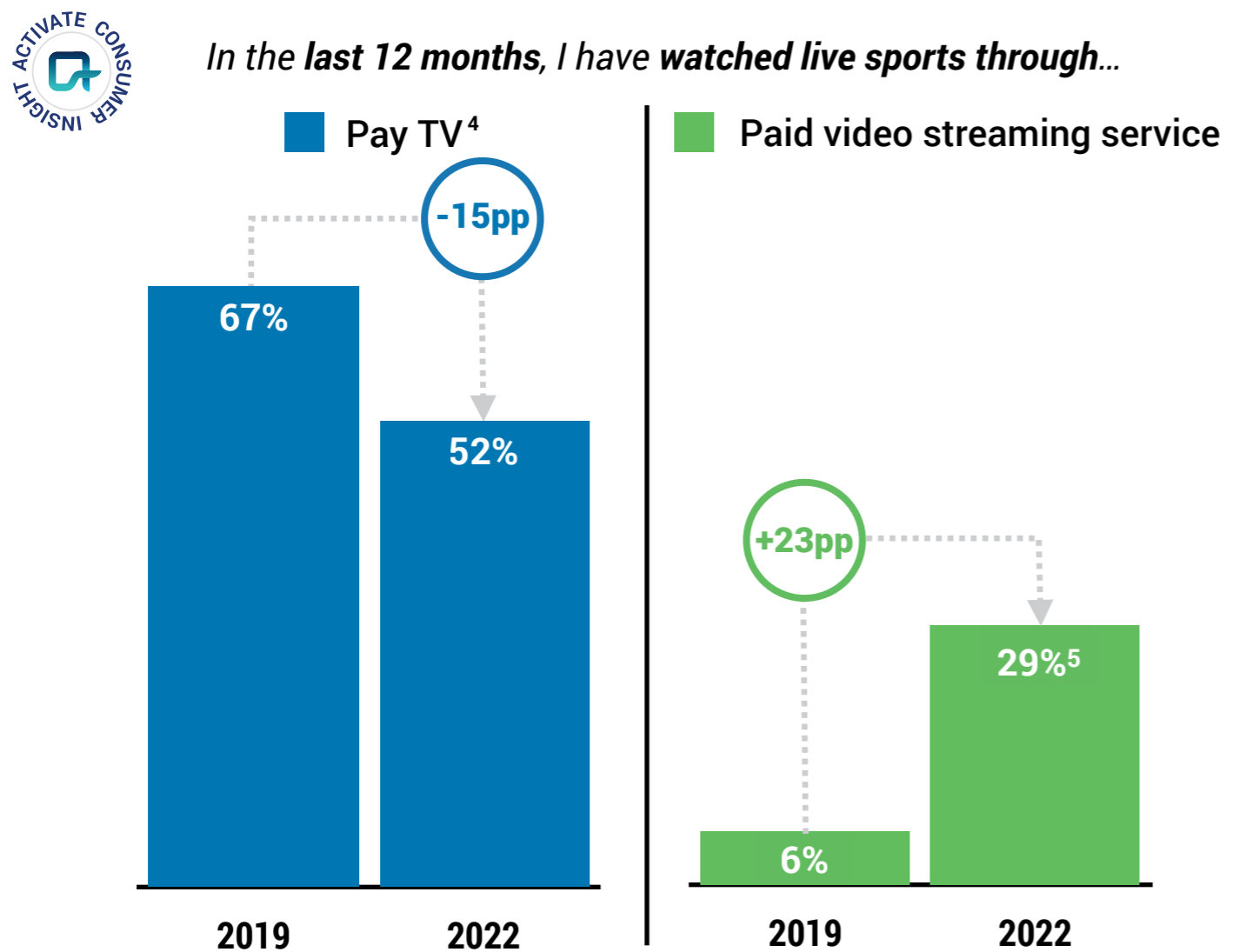
SPORTS FAN <sup>1</sup> SEGMENT	AGE GROUP	% OF SPORTS FANS <sup>1</sup>	TOTAL POPULATION
 NEXT-GEN FANS <sup>2</sup>	18-34	32%	58M
 LEGACY FANS <sup>3</sup>	35+	68%	122M

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# Live sports streaming continues to grow in 2022, driven by Next-Gen Fans who are avoiding the Pay TV bundle

**LIVE SPORTS VIEWERSHIP BY VIEWING METHOD, U.S., 2019 VS. 2022, % SPORTS FANS<sup>1</sup>**



**NEXT-GEN FANS<sup>2</sup> ARE 25% LESS LIKELY TO WATCH LIVE SPORTS THROUGH PAY TV<sup>4</sup>...**

**...AND 36% MORE LIKELY TO WATCH THROUGH A PAID VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE THAN LEGACY FANS<sup>3</sup>**

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Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2019 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,006), Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001)

# NFL Case Study: Live sports streaming will continue to grow in 2023, as technology and media companies increasingly provide access to premier sports properties through their paid services

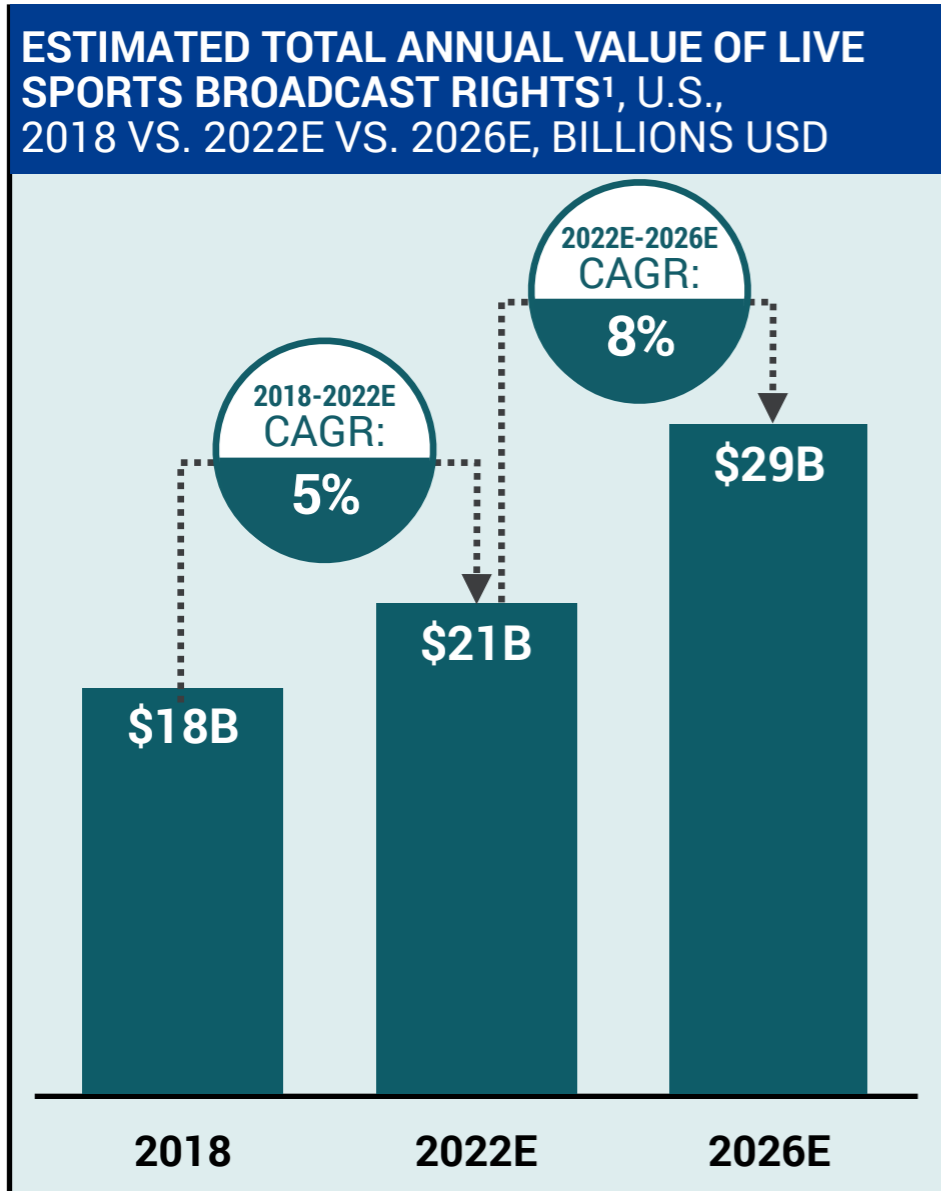


## U.S. NFL LIVE SPORTS PROGRAMMING ACCESS FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON

BROADCAST PARTNER	FOX	Disney	Paramount	COMCAST	amazon	prime video
EST. ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE <sup>1</sup>	\$2.0B	\$2.7B	\$2.1B	\$2.0B	\$1.2B	<p>The September 15th debut of Thursday Night Football on Prime Video averaged 13 million viewers, demonstrating to major leagues that streaming exclusives can reach a mass audience</p>
PROPERTY						
PAY TV <sup>2</sup> CHANNEL	FOX	ESPN	CBS	NBC	N/A	
INCLUDES DIGITAL RIGHTS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
STREAMING OPTION	No digital streaming option	Alternative broadcast on ESPN+	Digital simulcast full slate on Paramount+	Digital simulcast full slate on peacock	Exclusive rights on prime video	
FIRST YEAR OF FULL STREAMING AVAILABILITY	N/A	2021	2022	2022	2022	

For the first time, 3 out of 5 major NFL broadcast properties will be fully available via streaming for the 2022-2023 season

# Technology companies are increasingly competing with traditional media companies for live rights, driving contract values to new heights



**SELECT EXAMPLES OF RISING CONTENT RIGHTS VALUATIONS DRIVEN BY EMERGENCE OF TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES INTO SPORTS**

PROPERTY	PREVIOUS DEAL		NEW DEAL DATA AS OF OCTOBER 2022			VALUE INCREASE
	Rights Owners	Est. Annual Value <sup>2</sup>	Rumored Bidders <sup>3</sup>	Rights Owners	Est. Annual Value <sup>2</sup>	
SUNDAY TICKET	DIRECTV	\$1.5B	amazon YouTube Disney	Apple Rumored	\$2.5B	1.7X
THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL	FOX	\$0.7B	ESPN FOX CBS NBC	amazon	\$1.2B	1.8X
MLS	ESPN UNIVISION FOX	\$90M	ESPN UNIVISION	Apple	\$250M	2.8X
Formula 1	ESPN	\$5M	amazon NETFLIX COMCAST	ESPN	\$83M	17X

Technology company Traditional media company

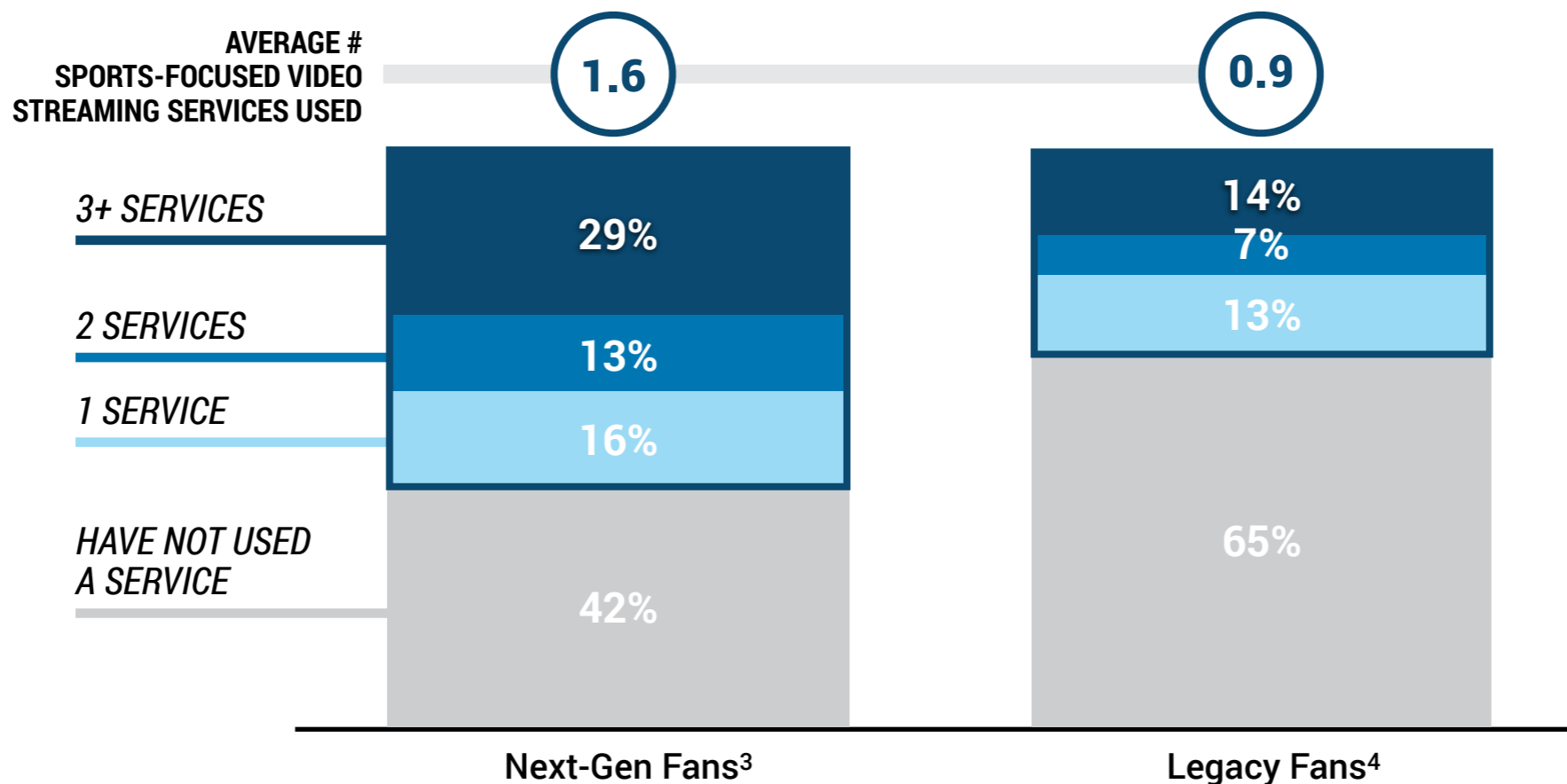
1. Includes spend by U.S. TV networks and streaming services on rights to major U.S. leagues (i.e. MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL), international leagues (e.g. English Premier League, Formula 1), top leagues in other major sports (e.g. golf, motor racing, pro wrestling, soccer, tennis, UFC), college sports, and the Olympics. 2. Based on total value and length of contract. 3. "Rumored Bidders" excludes new rights owners. Sources: Activate analysis, The Athletic, Bloomberg, The Guardian, MoffettNathanson, The New York Times, Sports Business Journal, Variety, The Wall Street Journal

# Next-Gen Fans are more likely to use sports-focused streaming services and will fuel the continued growth of these services going forward

NUMBER OF SPORTS-FOCUSED STREAMING SERVICES USED<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2022, % SPORTS FANS<sup>2</sup> BY SEGMENT



ON AVERAGE, NEXT-GEN<sup>4</sup> FANS USE 1.8X AS MANY SERVICES



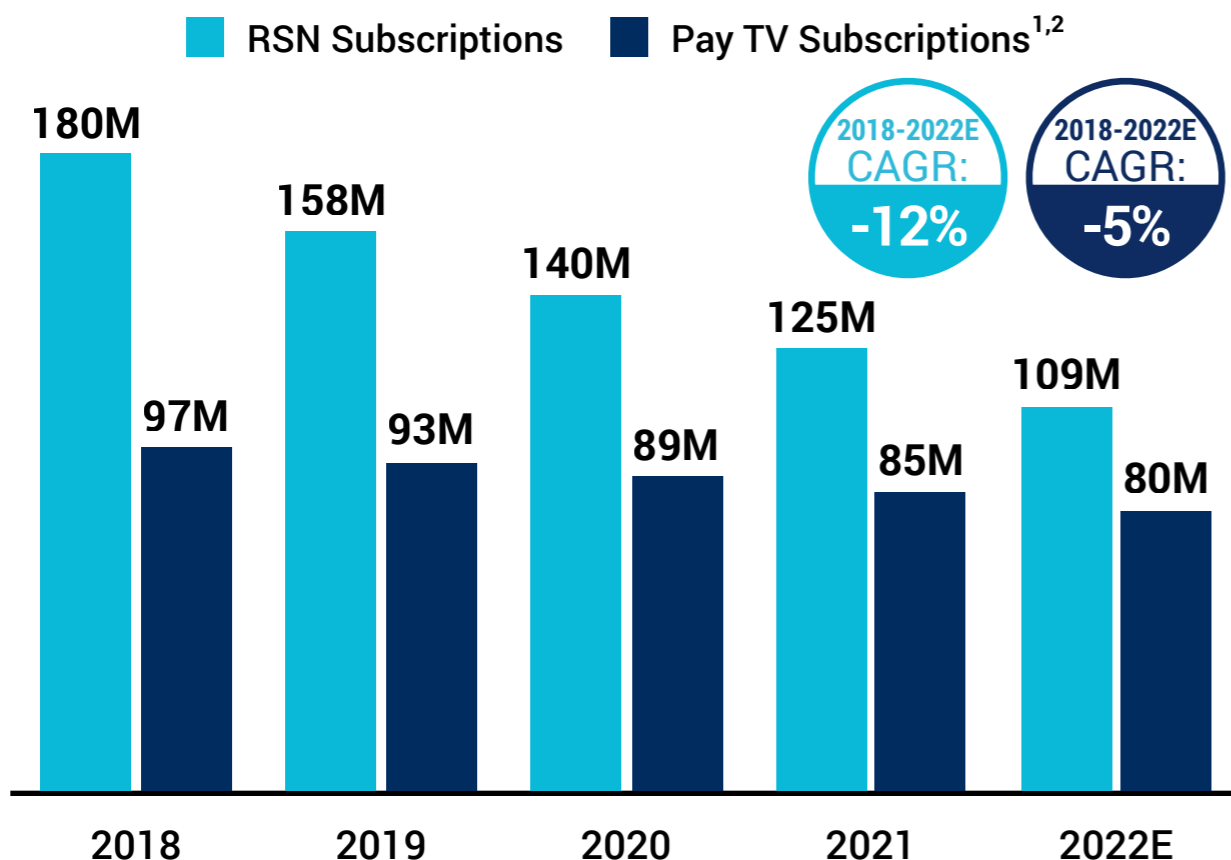
EXAMPLE SPORTS-FOCUSED VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES



1. "Usage" is defined as having watched live sports through a sports-focused streaming service when the sport they follow was in season. 2. "Sports fans" are defined as followers (e.g. those attending live games in person, watching live games or game highlights, reading articles or statistics) of at least one sport in the last 12 months. 3. "Next-Gen Fans" are defined as sports fans between the ages of 18-34. 4. "Legacy Fans" are defined as sports fans aged 35 or older. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001)

# RSN subscriptions have declined faster than overall Pay TV subscriptions due to traditional and virtual Pay TV providers reducing carriage – the future role of RSNs in live sports is uncertain

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO TOP 50 RSNs VS. PAY TV SUBSCRIPTIONS<sup>1, 2</sup>, U.S., 2018-2022E, MILLIONS



RSN EXAMPLES



KEY INSIGHT

RSNs are declining faster than Pay TV<sup>1</sup>, as traditional and virtual Pay TV providers reduce RSN carriage or exclude them from the bundle

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

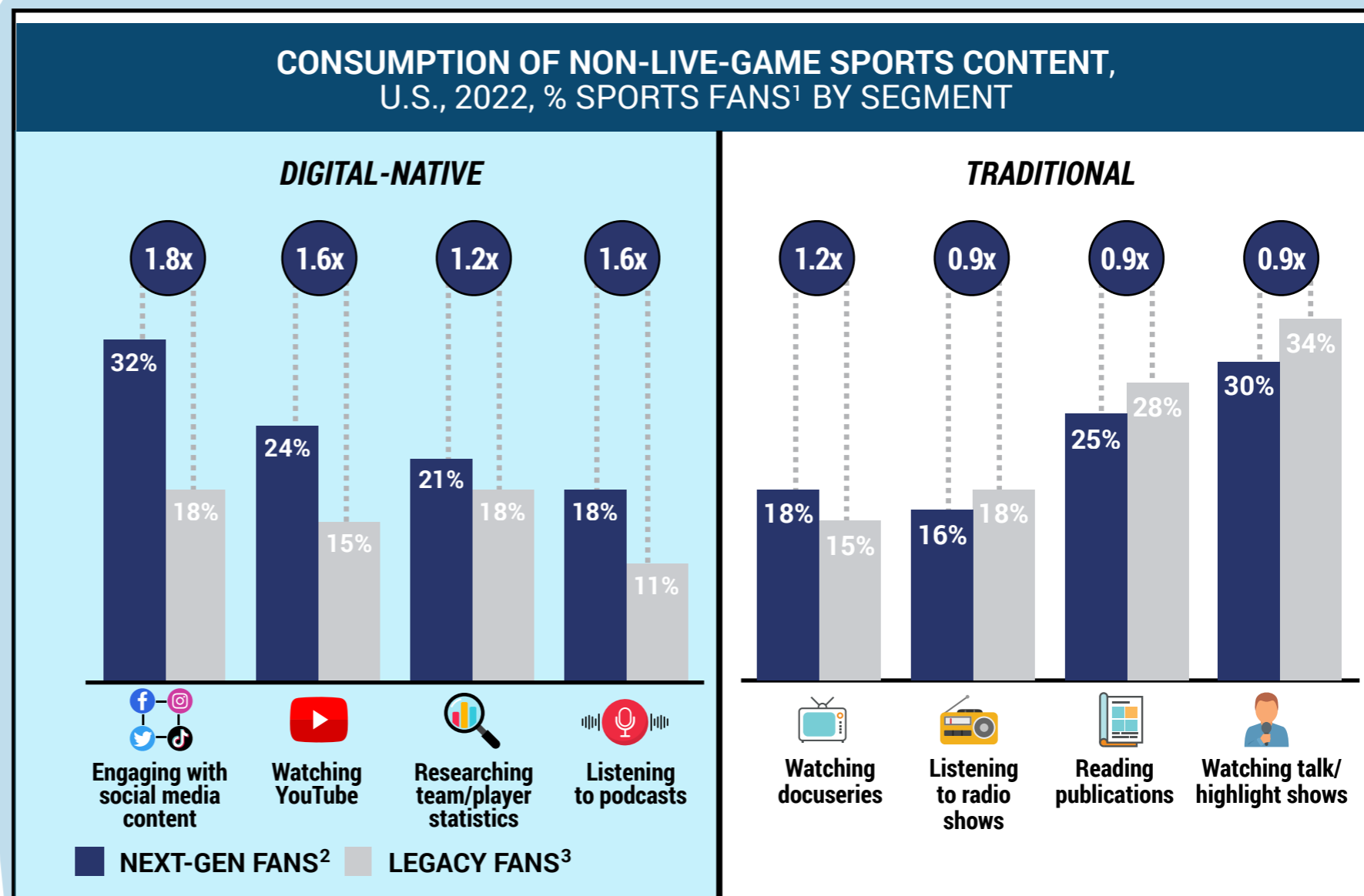
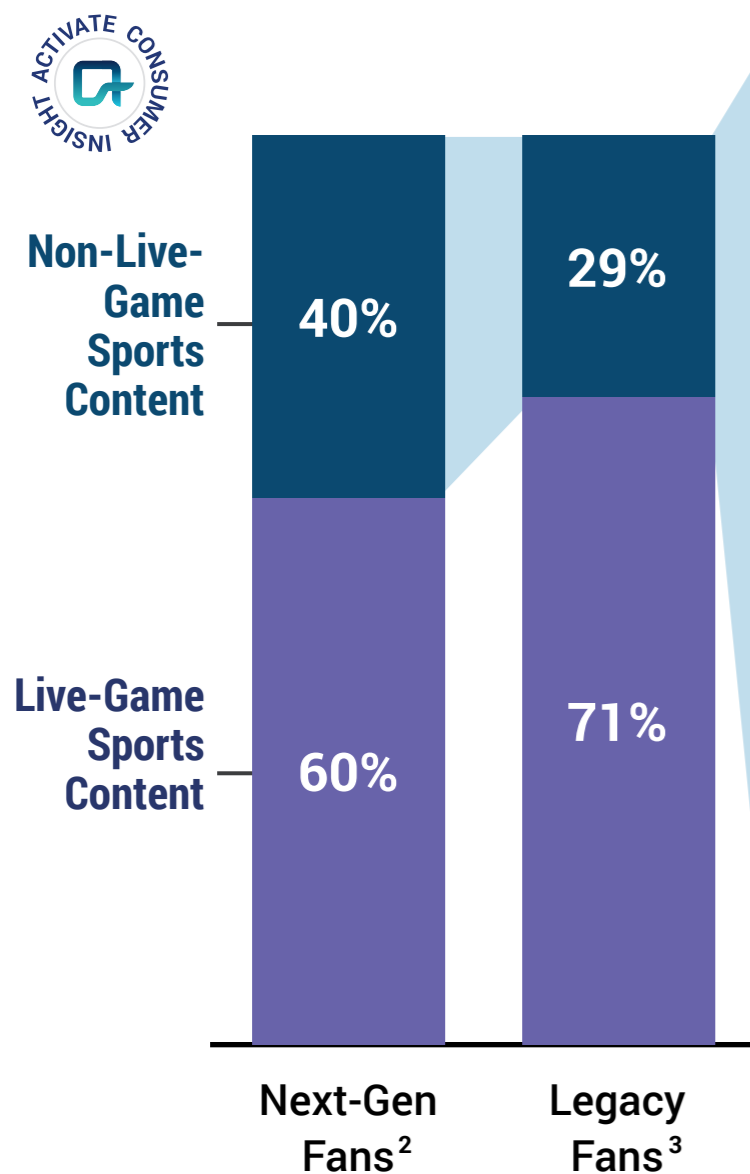
- RSNs drive significant costs for traditional and virtual Pay TV providers – they are among the most expensive in the Pay TV bundle (top RSNs average \$5-\$8 in monthly affiliate revenue per subscriber)
- Consumers are watching less live-game content on RSNs (e.g. the majority of RSNs saw year-over-year MLB ratings decline in the 2021-2022 season, regular-season NHL games on RSNs saw 23% ratings declines in 2021-2022)
- To adapt to a shifting landscape, RSNs will increasingly go direct-to-consumer (e.g. Bally Sports+, NESN 360)
- To be viable long-term, DTC services likely need to bundle

1. "Pay TV subscriptions" are defined as total subscriptions to traditional and virtual Pay TV. 2. "Pay TV" includes traditional Pay TV (i.e. TV delivered through a set-top box) and virtual Pay TV (i.e. TV delivered through the internet without a set-top box). Sources: Activate analysis, Company sites, eMarketer, Fierce Video, MoffettNathanson, Nielsen, S&P Global, The Sports Business Journal, Stratechery, The Streamable, U.S. Census Bureau, Wells Fargo



# Next-Gen Fans consume an outsized share of non-live-game content compared to Legacy Fans – they spend significantly more time engaged with digital-native sports content via social media, YouTube, and podcasts

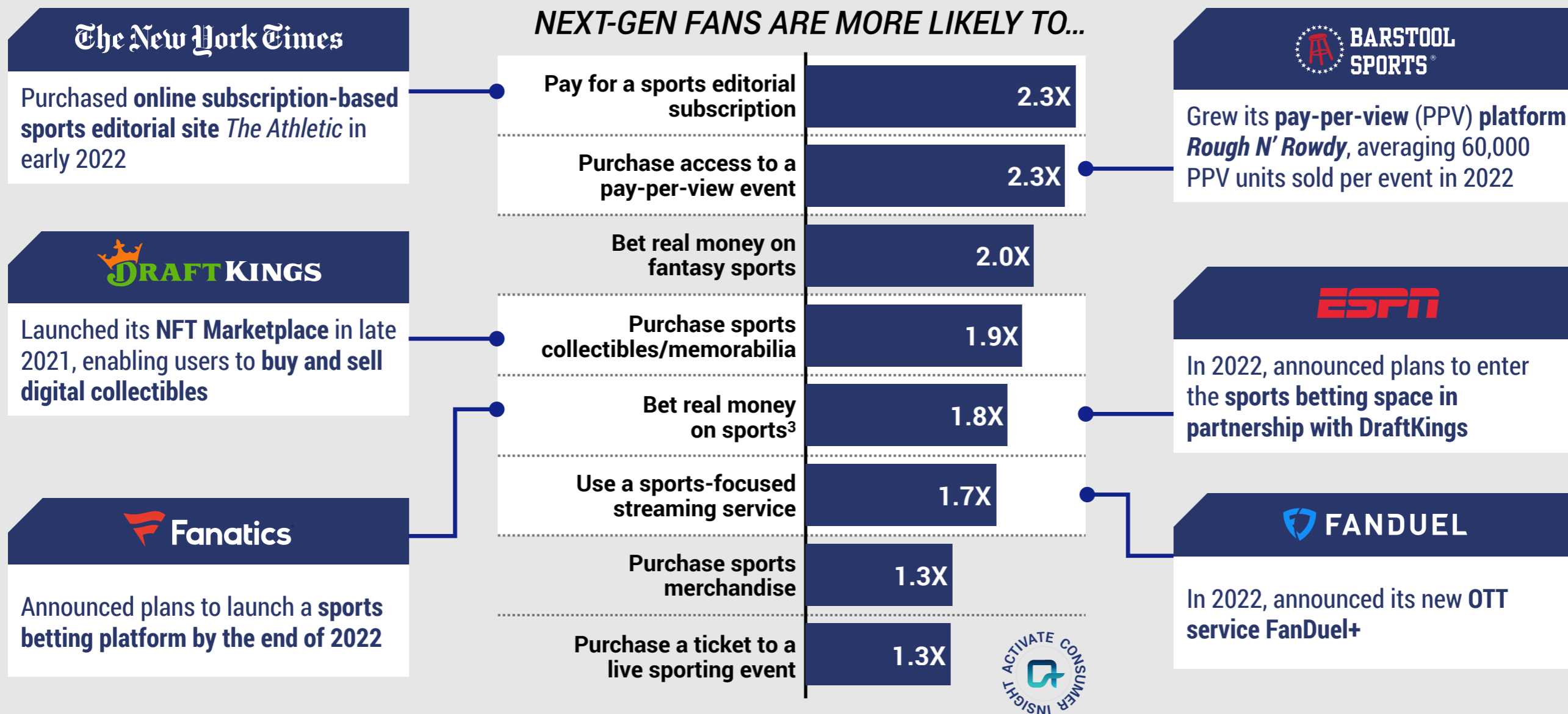
SHARE OF TIME SPENT CONSUMING SPORTS CONTENT BY CONTENT TYPE, U.S., 2022, % SPORTS FANS<sup>1</sup> BY SEGMENT



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# Next-Gen Fans are more likely to participate in sports-related spending activities – technology and media companies are diversifying their offerings to capture a greater share of Next-Gen Fan spend and attention

SPORTS-RELATED SPENDING BEHAVIORS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, U.S., 2022, NEXT-GEN FANS<sup>1</sup> INDEXED TO LEGACY FANS<sup>2</sup>

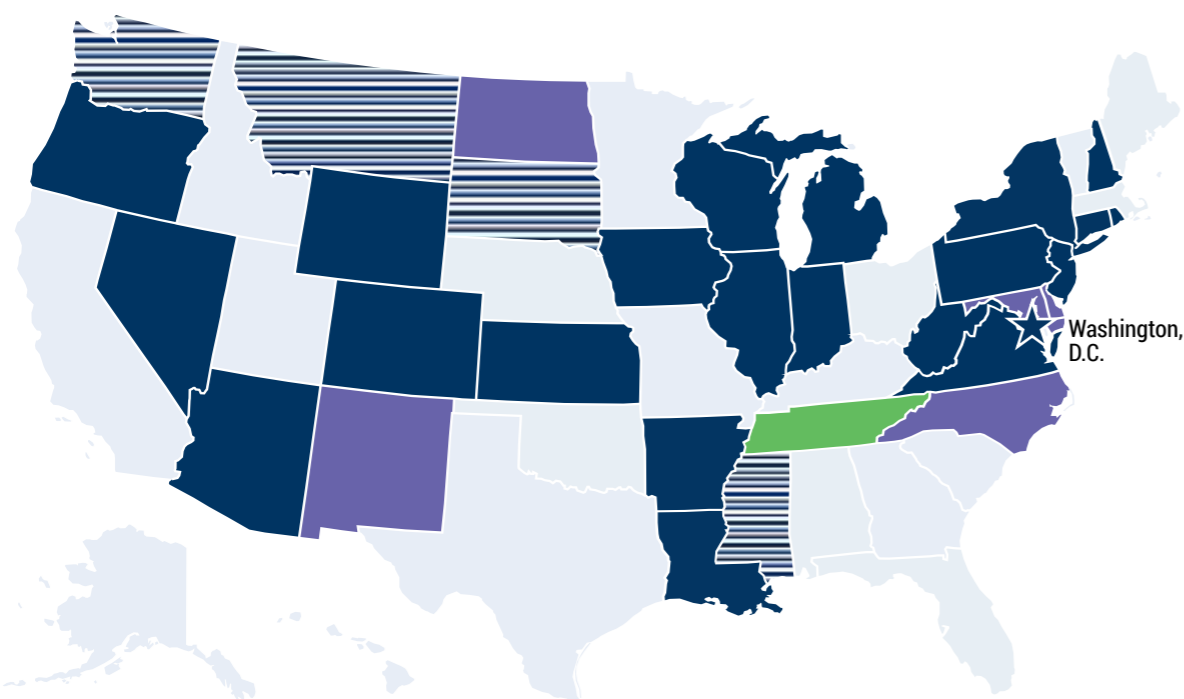


1. "Next-Gen Fans" are defined as sports fans between the ages of 18-34. 2. "Legacy Fans" are defined as sports fans aged 35 or older. 3. Does not include fantasy sports leagues, contests, or office pools.  
 Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Bloomberg, Company press releases, Company sites, Sports Business Journal



# Sports betting continues to surge in the U.S., with total wagers nearly doubling year-over-year to reach \$47B in the first half of 2022

SPORTS BETTING MARKET LIVE STATES<sup>1</sup> BY CHANNEL, U.S., SEPT. 2022

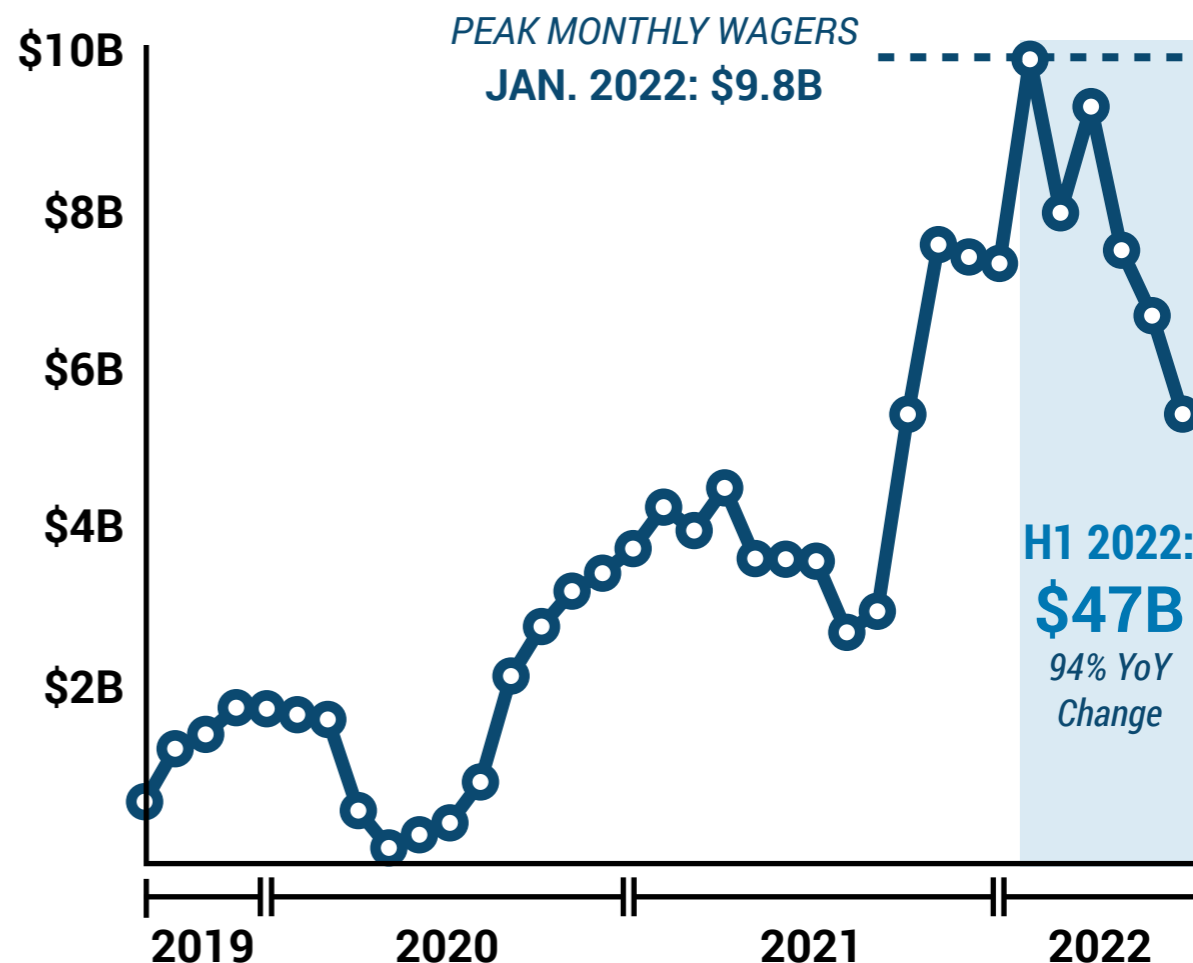


# States:

■ Online & Retail	22
▨ Geofenced Online & Retail <sup>2</sup>	4
■ Online Only	1
■ Retail <sup>3</sup> Only	5
■ Not Live <sup>4</sup>	19

**32 Live States<sup>1</sup>**

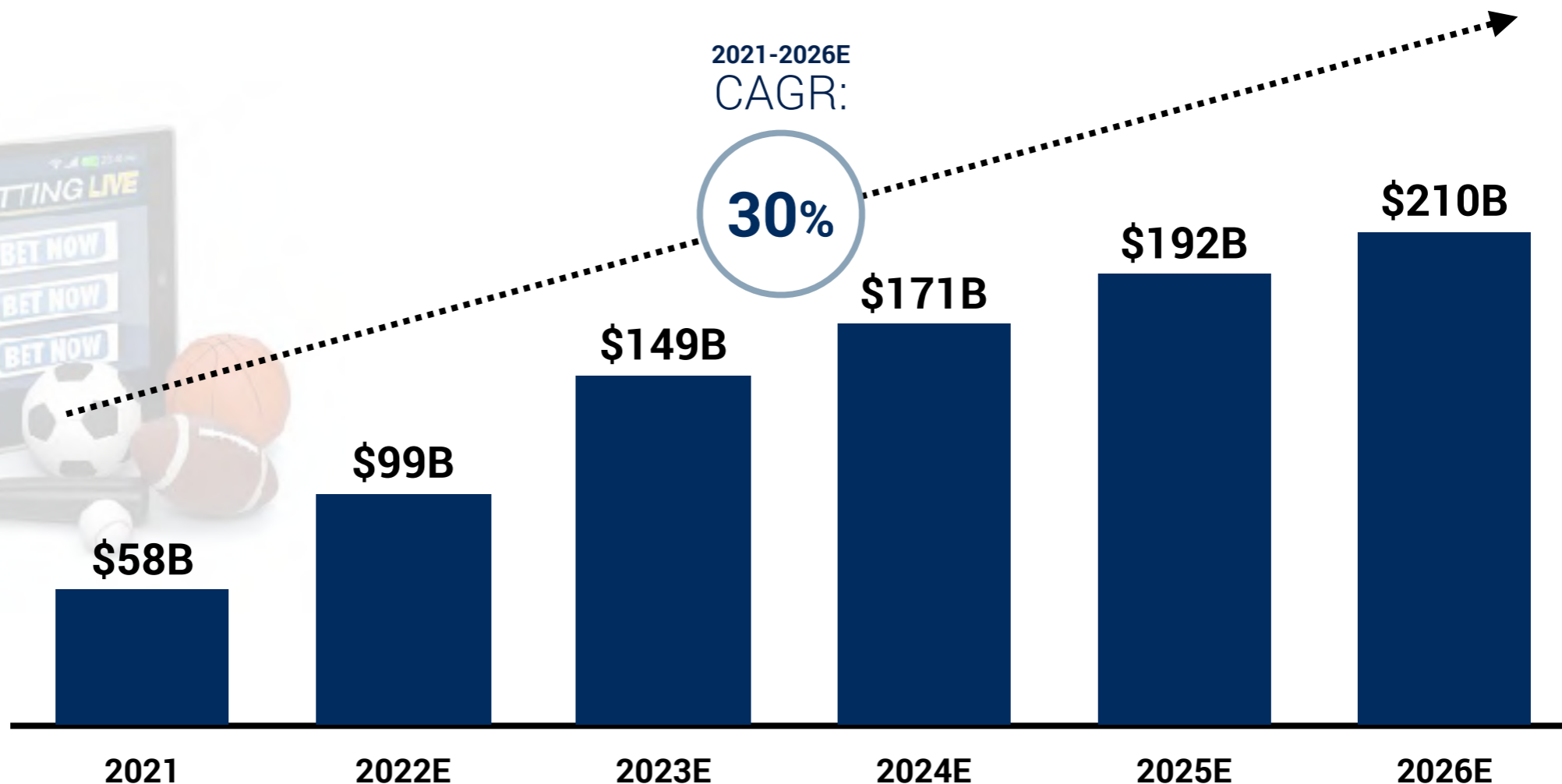
TOTAL SPORTS BETTING WAGERS BY MONTH, U.S., AUG. 2019-JUNE 2022, BILLIONS USD



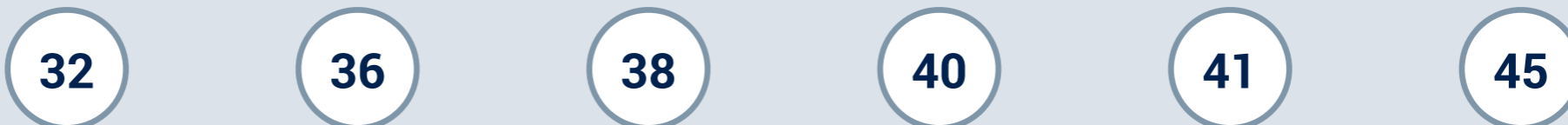
Note: Sports betting excludes fantasy sports and horse racing. Florida passed a gaming compact that legalized sports betting, but the compact has been vacated as of late 2021. 1. "Live states" are defined as states in which sports betting is legal and currently operational as of Sept. 2022. Includes Washington, D.C. as a state. Includes states in which sports betting is only legal and currently operational in tribal gaming venues via tribal-state compact. 2. "Geofenced online & retail" states are defined as states in which online sports betting is legal and live, but permitted only within the physical boundaries of a retail-licensed sports betting operator (e.g. sports venues, casinos, hotels, restaurants). 3. Online sports betting is legal in MD, but not live. 4. Both retail and online sports betting are legal in MA, ME, and OH, but not live. Sources: Activate analysis, Legal Sports Report, State regulator sites

# We forecast that the total sports betting amount wagered will reach \$210B by 2026 as sports betting becomes legal in a growing number of states

TOTAL SPORTS BETTING AMOUNT WAGERED<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2021-2026E, BILLIONS USD



NUMBER OF STATES WITH LEGAL SPORTS BETTING<sup>2</sup>:



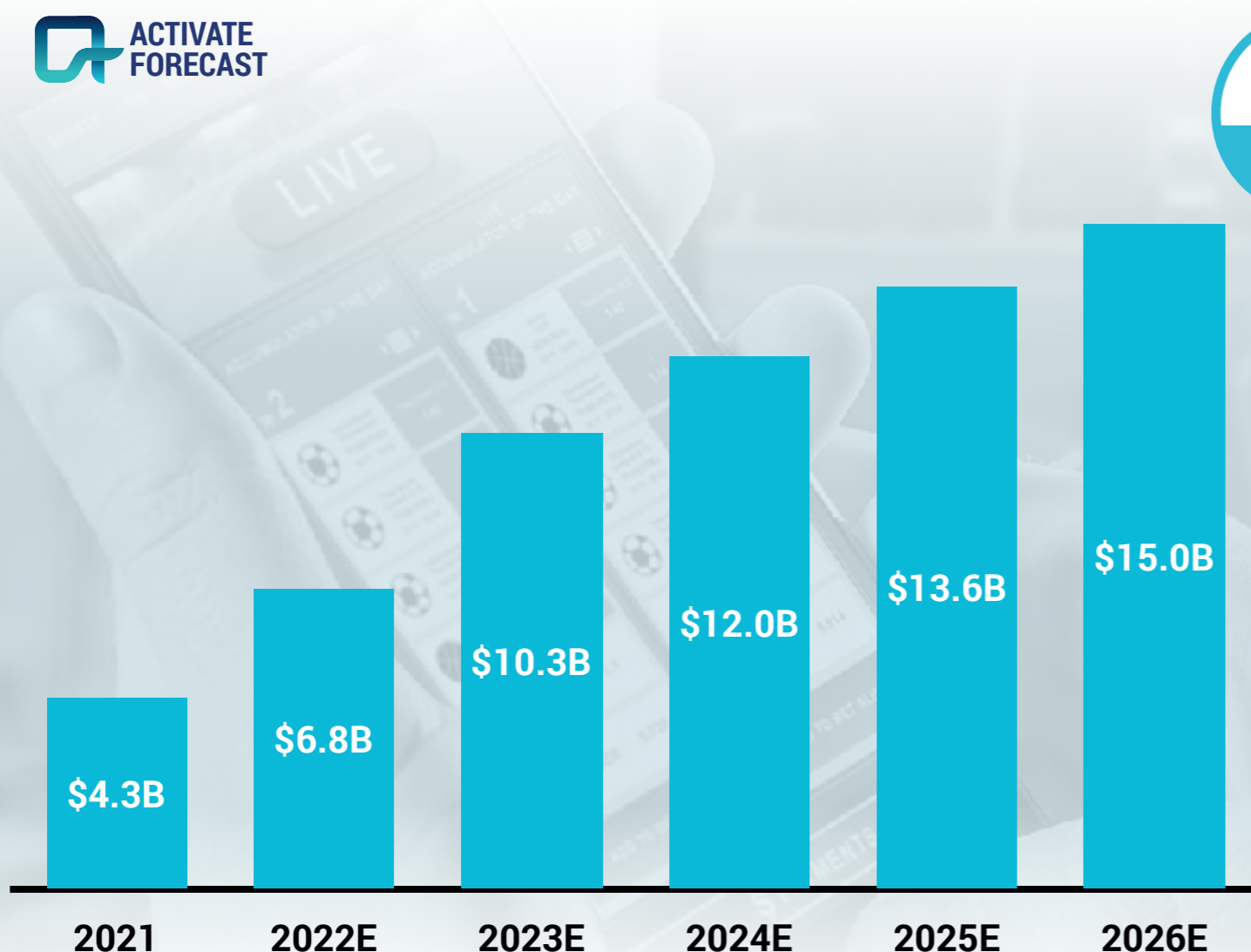
1. Projection assumes 45 states will legalize (but not necessarily launch) sports betting by 2026. 2. Projected number of states that have legalized (but not necessarily launched) betting by the end of the stated year. Includes Washington D.C., as a state. Sources: Activate analysis, Action Network, Legal Sports Report, State regulator reports, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

# We expect that U.S. sports betting direct revenues will reach \$15B by 2026

DIRECT SPORTS BETTING REVENUE<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2021-2026E, BILLIONS USD



2021-2026E  
CAGR  
29%



**DIRECT SPORTS BETTING REVENUE<sup>1</sup> GOES TO:**

**ONLINE SPORTSBOOKS**

DRAFT KINGS, BETMGM, Wynn BET, FANDUEL, Bally SPORTS, POINTSBET, CAESARS SPORTSBOOK

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**CASINOS/RACETRACKS**

pimlico (Home of The Preakness), Hard Rock HOTEL & CASINO, SANDS LAS VEGAS SANDSCORE, CHURCHILL DOWNS, BELMONT PARK

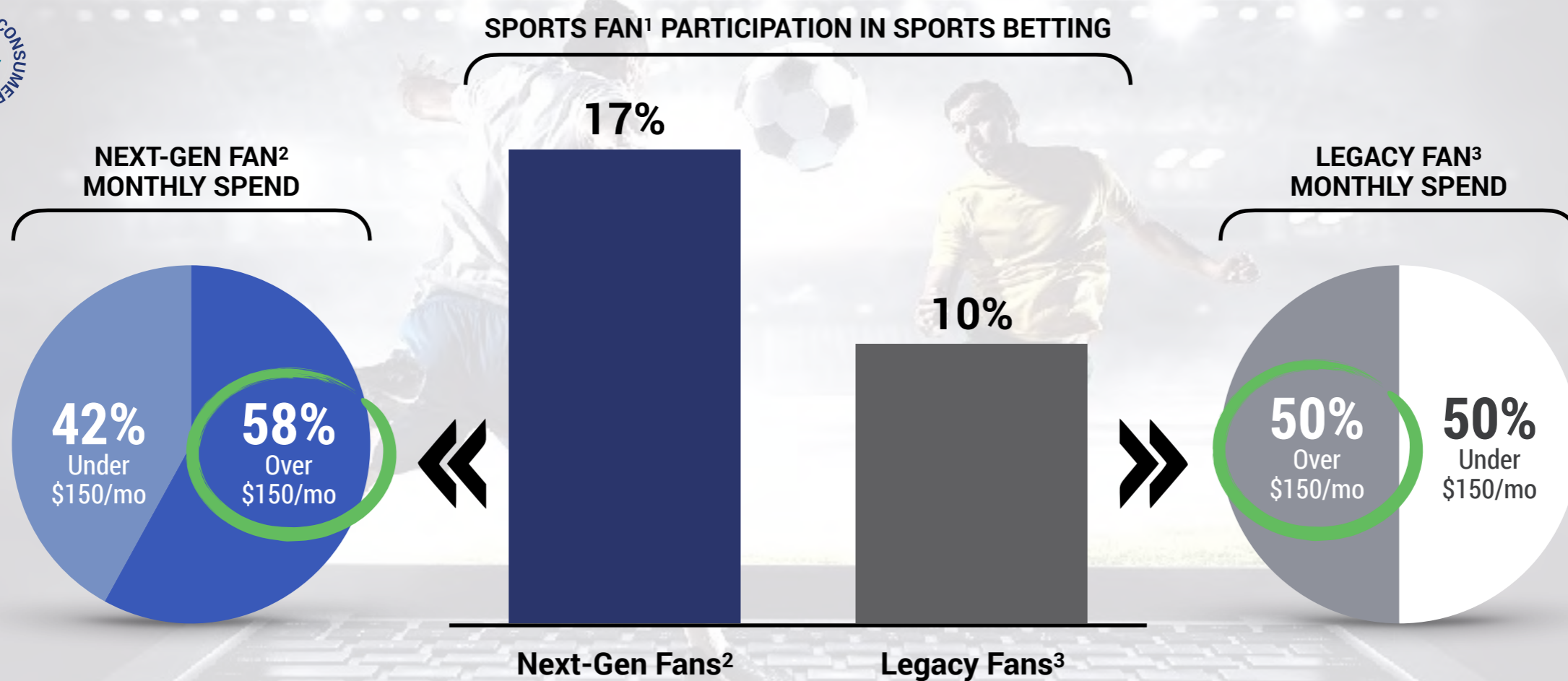
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**STATES<sup>2</sup>**

1. "Direct sports betting revenue" is defined as revenue calculated as a share of the total amount wagered and depends on odds, type of wager, and individual sportsbooks. 2. State tax income is generated as a share of the total amount wagered, a share of gross gaming revenue (ranges depending on the state and type of betting), and by gaming licensing fees. Sources: Activate analysis, Eilers & Krejcik Gaming, Legal Sports Report, The Lines, Nevada Gaming Control Board, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

# Next-Gen Fans are more likely to participate in and spend more on sports betting than Legacy Fans

SPORTS FAN<sup>1</sup> PARTICIPATION AND SPEND IN SPORTS BETTING, U.S., 2022, % SPORTS FANS BY SEGMENT

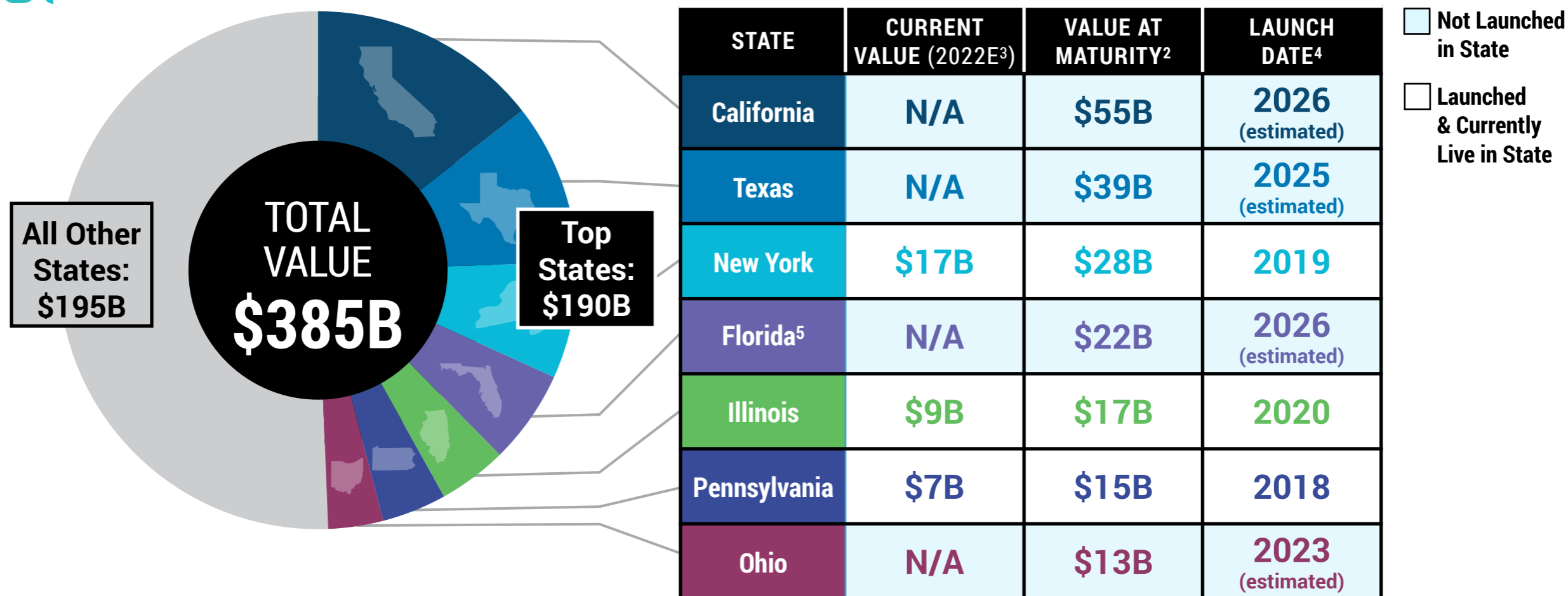


Next-Gen Fans<sup>2</sup> will define the trajectory of the U.S. sports betting market, already representing over half of U.S. aggregate total wagers year-to-date<sup>4</sup>

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# The largest states have yet to reach maturity or legalize sports betting – legislative battles in these states will be instrumental in determining the full U.S. market potential

## TOTAL SPORTS BETTING AMOUNT WAGERED AT MARKET MATURITY<sup>1,2</sup> BY STATE, U.S., BILLIONS USD



1. Figures do not sum due to rounding. Aggregate gross amount wagered. 2. "Maturity" is defined as when all states reach a steady-state average aggregate total wagers per capita. Excludes "betting never" states. 3. YTD June 2022 aggregate total wagers annualized. 4. "Launch date" is defined as the year in which sports betting became / will become operational (online or retail) in the state. 5. Florida signed legislation authorizing retail and online sports betting into law in Apr. 2021, but the tribal-state gaming compact ratified by the legislation was invalidated in Nov. 2021.

Sources: Activate analysis, Action Network, Legal Sports Report, Nevada Gaming Control Board, State legislature reports, State regulator reports, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau

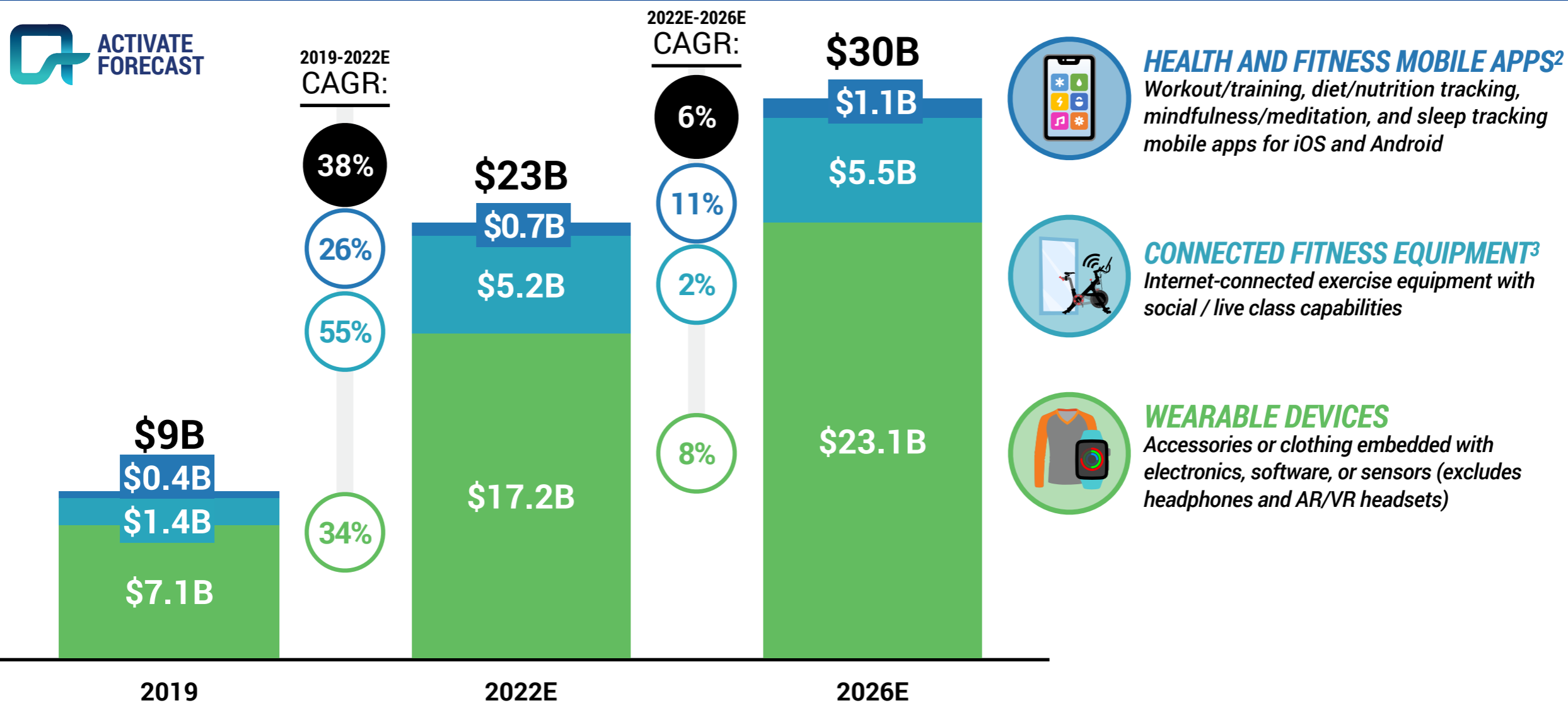
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# Health and fitness technology and services will reach a combined market value of \$30B by 2026

HEALTH AND FITNESS MOBILE APP, CONNECTED FITNESS EQUIPMENT, AND WEARABLE DEVICE REVENUE<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2019 VS. 2022E VS. 2026E, BILLIONS USD

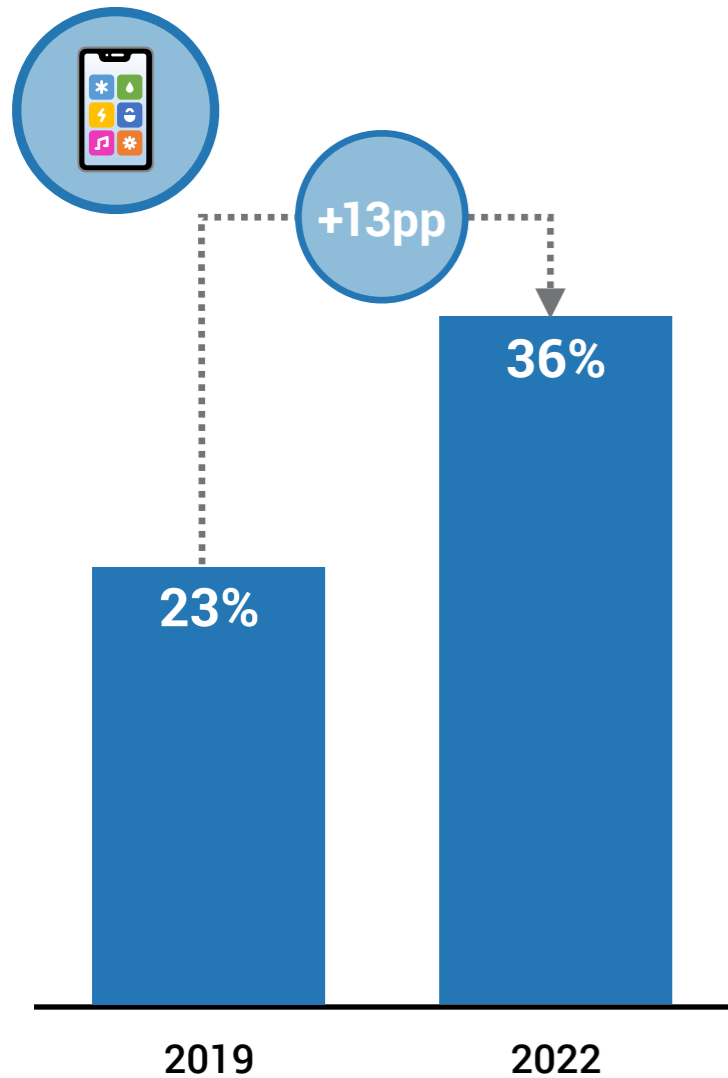


1. Figures do not sum due to rounding. 2. Includes revenue from both subscriptions and in-app purchases. 3. Includes B2C revenue only.

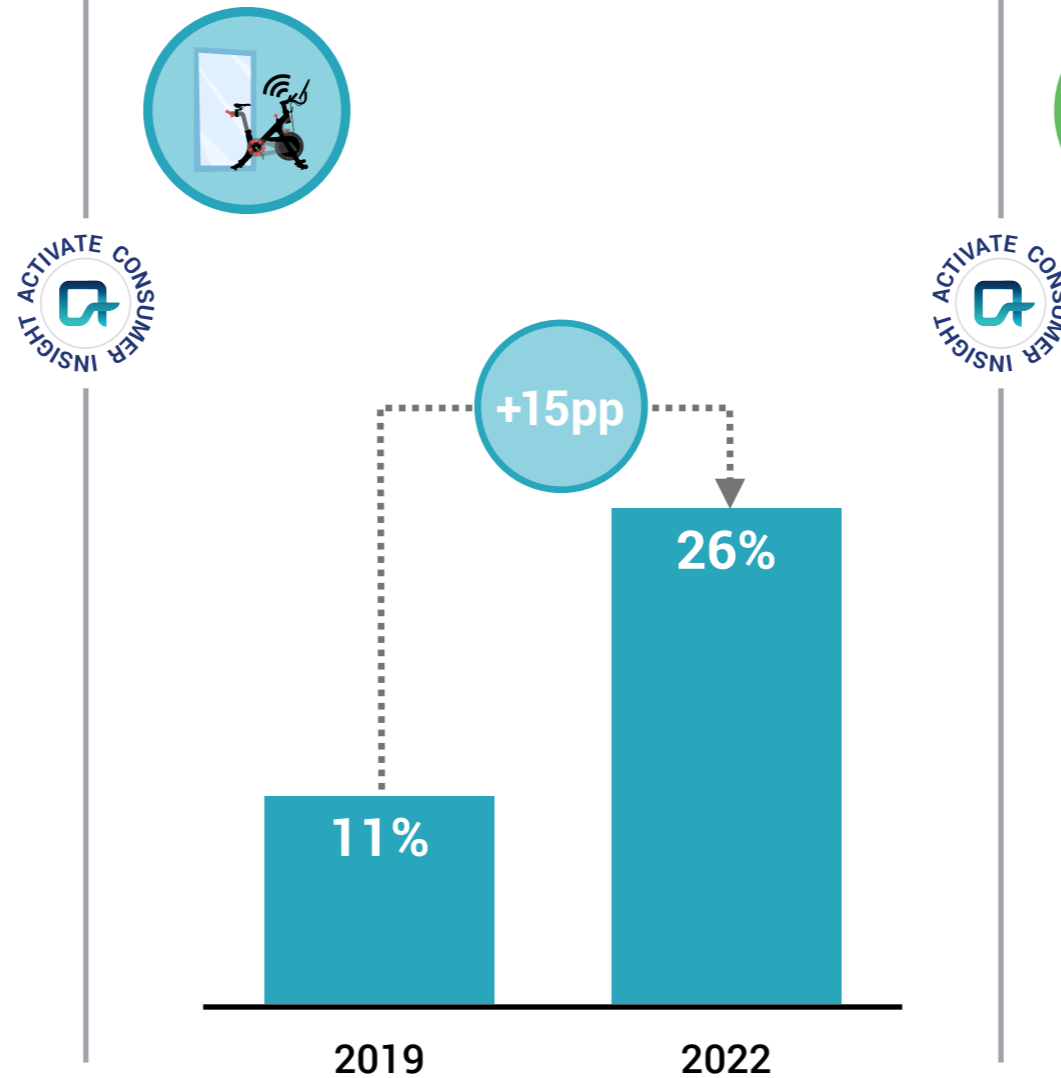
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# Consumer adoption of digital fitness technologies has significantly increased since the COVID-19 outbreak, with wearable devices having the largest penetration among consumers today

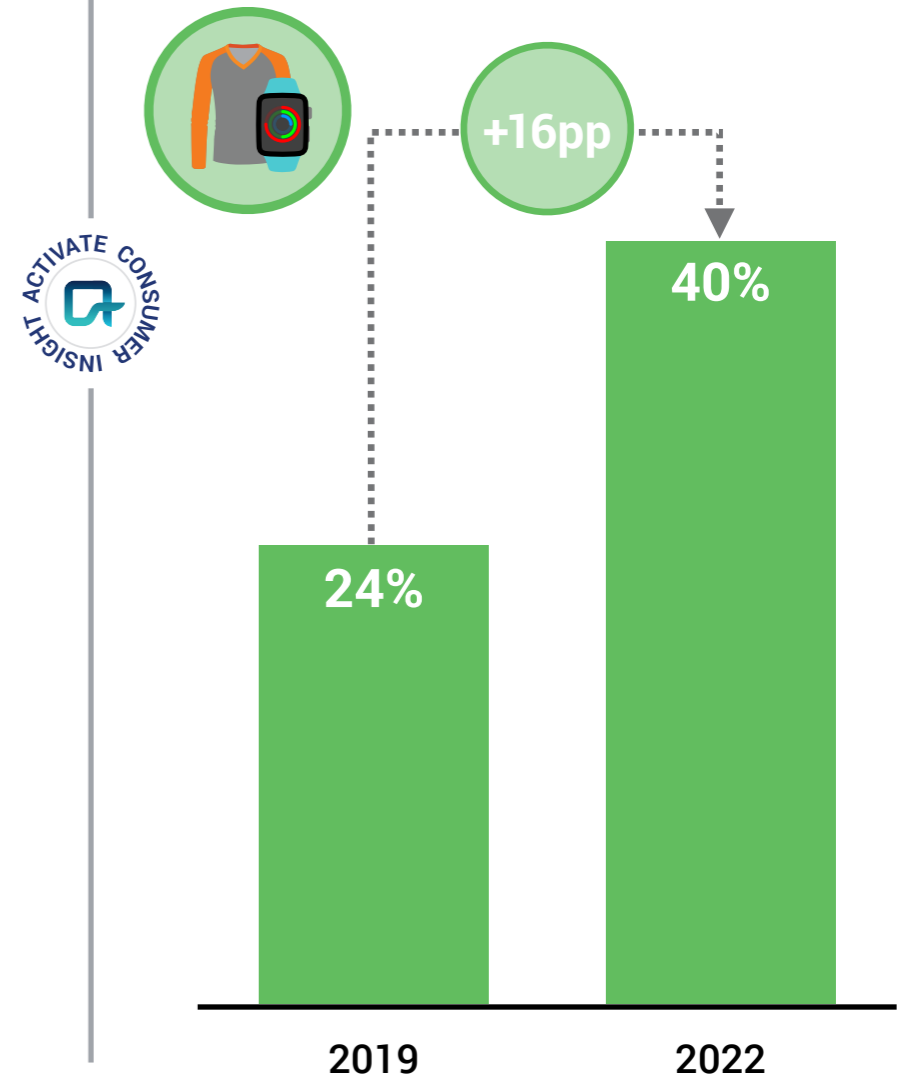
**USAGE OF HEALTH AND FITNESS SERVICES/APPS<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2019 VS. 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+**



**OWNERSHIP OF CONNECTED FITNESS EQUIPMENT<sup>2</sup>, U.S., 2019 VS. 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+**



**OWNERSHIP OF WEARABLE DEVICES<sup>3</sup>, U.S., 2019 VS. 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+**

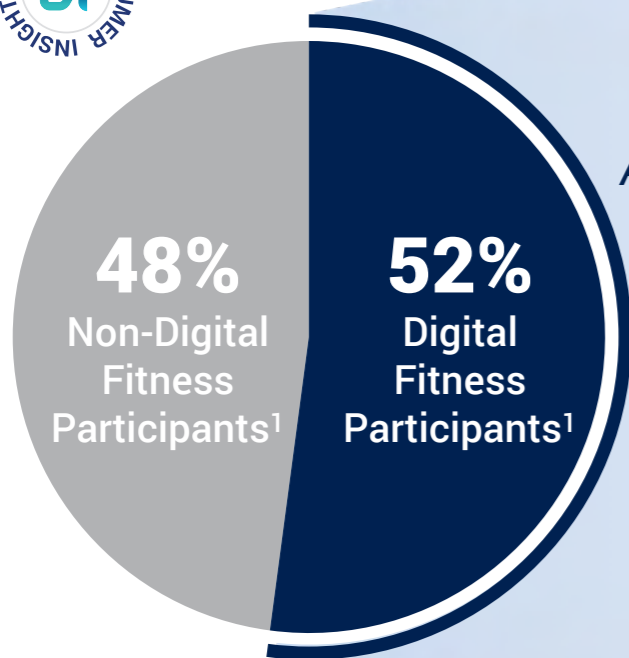


1. "Health and fitness services/apps" are defined as workout/training, diet/nutrition tracking, mindfulness/meditation, and sleep tracking services/apps. 2. "Connected fitness equipment" is defined as internet-connected exercise equipment with social / live class capabilities. Ownership is defined at the household level. 3. "Wearable devices" are defined as accessories or clothing embedded with electronics, software, or sensors. Excludes headphones and AR/VR headsets.

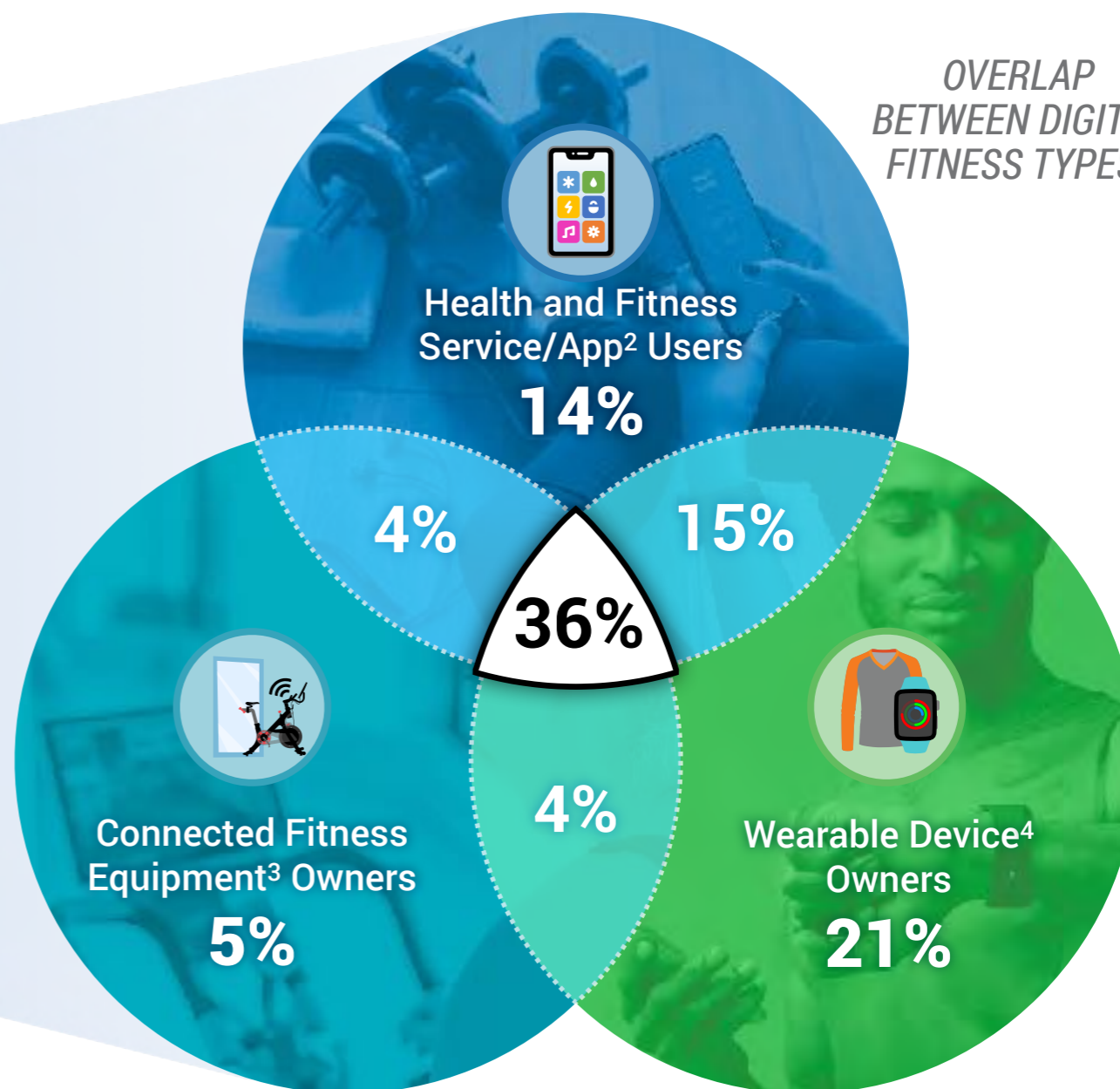
Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2019 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,006), Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001)

# There is high consumer overlap with these behaviors; over one third of digital fitness participants use all three digital fitness types

**DIGITAL FITNESS PARTICIPANTS<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+**



**135M**  
ADULTS AGED 18+  
ARE DIGITAL FITNESS PARTICIPANTS<sup>1</sup>



1. "Digital fitness participants" are defined as adults aged 18+ who use health and fitness services/apps, are in a household that owns connected fitness equipment, or own a wearable device. 2. "Health and fitness services/apps" are defined as workout/training, diet/nutrition tracking, mindfulness/meditation, and sleep tracking services/apps. 3. "Connected fitness equipment" is defined as internet-connected exercise equipment with social / live class capabilities. Ownership is defined at the household level. 4. "Wearable devices" are defined as accessories or clothing embedded with electronics, software, or sensors. Excludes headphones and AR/VR headsets. 5. Figures do not sum to 100% due to rounding.  
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# As consumer interest has grown, a broad set of companies have entered the digital health and fitness space



## HEALTH AND FITNESS SERVICES/APPS<sup>1</sup>

### WORKOUT/TRAINING



### DIET/NUTRITION TRACKING



### SLEEP TRACKING



### MINDFULNESS/MEDITATION



## CONNECTED FITNESS EQUIPMENT<sup>2</sup>

### STATIONARY BIKES



### TREADMILLS



### ELLIPTICALS



### ROWERS



### MIRRORS/SCREENS



### PUNCHING/BOXING EQUIPMENT



## WEARABLE DEVICES<sup>3</sup>

### SMARTWATCHES / FITNESS TRACKERS



### CHEST HEART RATE MONITORS



### SMART CLOTHING/SHOES



### SMART RINGS



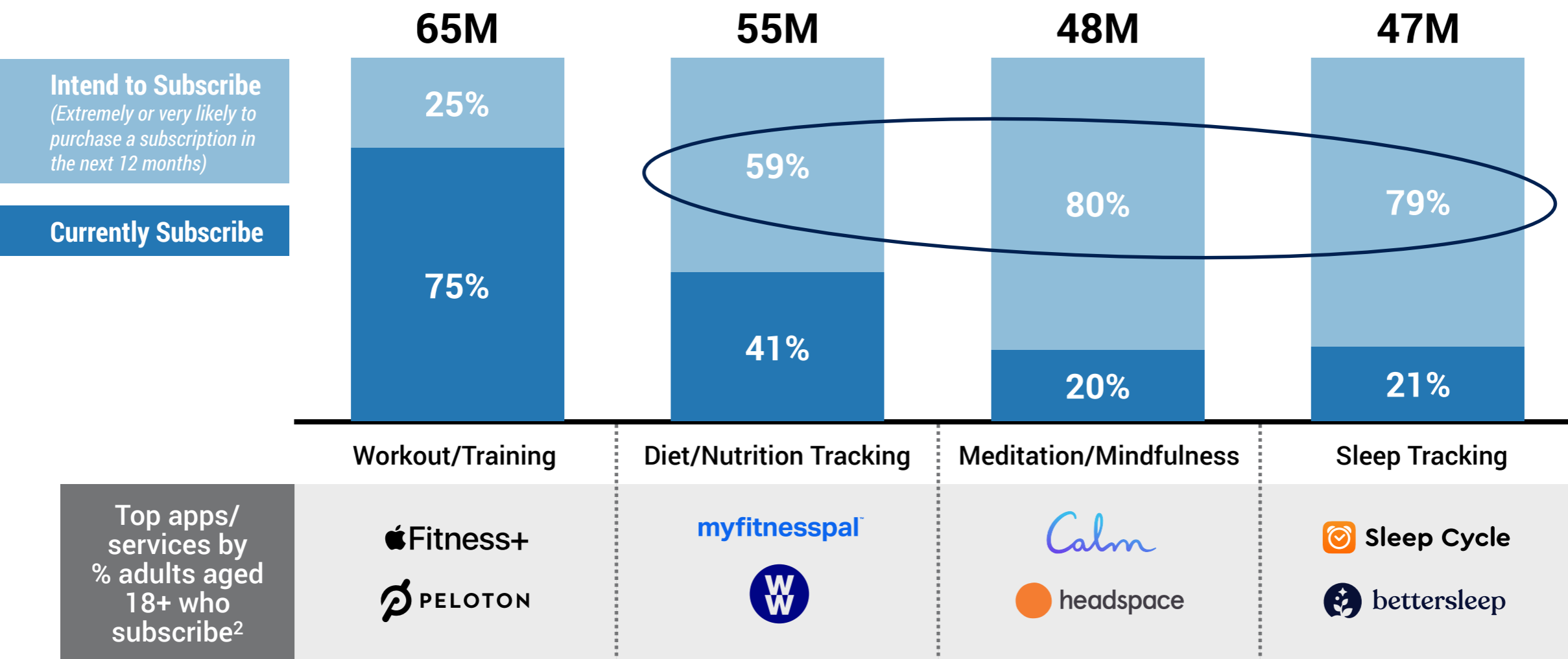
Note: As of Sept. 2022. 1. "Health and fitness services/apps" are defined as workout/training, diet/nutrition tracking, mindfulness/meditation, and sleep tracking services/apps. 2. "Connected fitness equipment" is defined as internet-connected exercise equipment with social / live class capabilities. 3. "Wearable devices" are defined as accessories or clothing embedded with electronics, software, or sensors. Excludes headphones and AR/VR headsets. Sources: Activate analysis, Company sites, data.ai

# While workout/training apps currently have the highest penetration, we forecast that the next wave of consumer growth will come from diet, meditation, and sleep services/apps



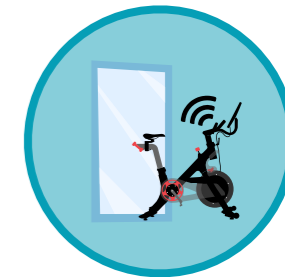
**CURRENT AND INTENDED OWNERSHIP OF DIGITAL HEALTH AND FITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS<sup>1</sup>, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO SUBSCRIBE<sup>2</sup> TO OR INTEND<sup>3</sup> TO SUBSCRIBE TO EACH TYPE OF DIGITAL HEALTH AND FITNESS SERVICE/APP**

Adults aged 18+ who currently subscribe<sup>2</sup> or intend<sup>3</sup> to subscribe



1. "Health and fitness subscriptions" are defined as paid subscriptions to workout/training, diet/nutrition tracking, mindfulness/meditation, and sleep tracking services/apps. 2. Defined at the household level. 3. "Intend" is defined as extremely or very likely to purchase a subscription in the next 12 months. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), U.S. Census Bureau

# Our consumer research shows that interest in connected fitness equipment is driven by convenience

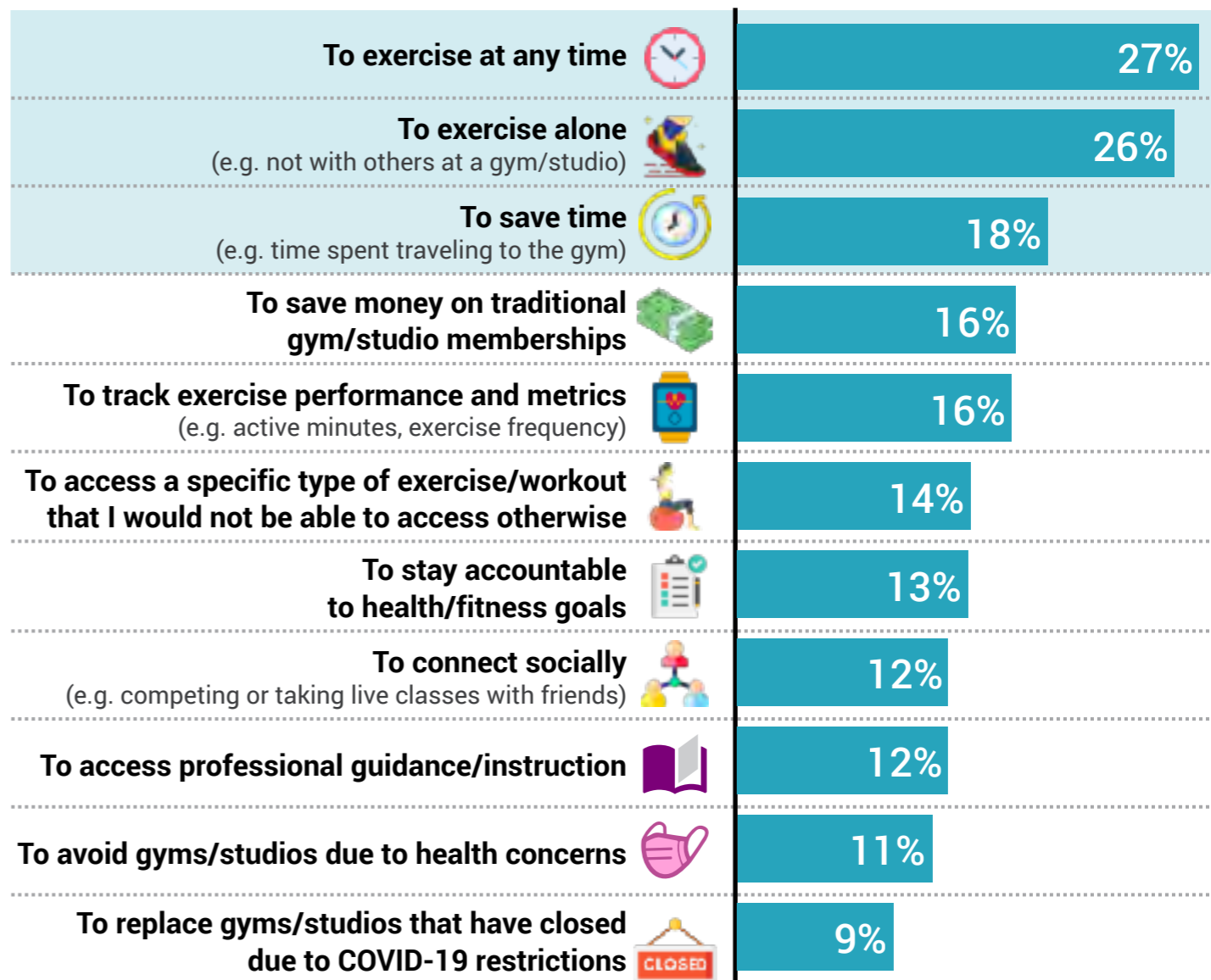


## INTENDED<sup>1</sup> OWNERSHIP OF CONNECTED FITNESS EQUIPMENT<sup>2</sup>, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+



**24%**  
of consumers are extremely or very interested in purchasing connected fitness equipment in the next 12 months

## TOP REASONS<sup>3</sup> FOR PURCHASING CONNECTED FITNESS EQUIPMENT<sup>2</sup>, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO OWN<sup>4</sup> CONNECTED FITNESS EQUIPMENT

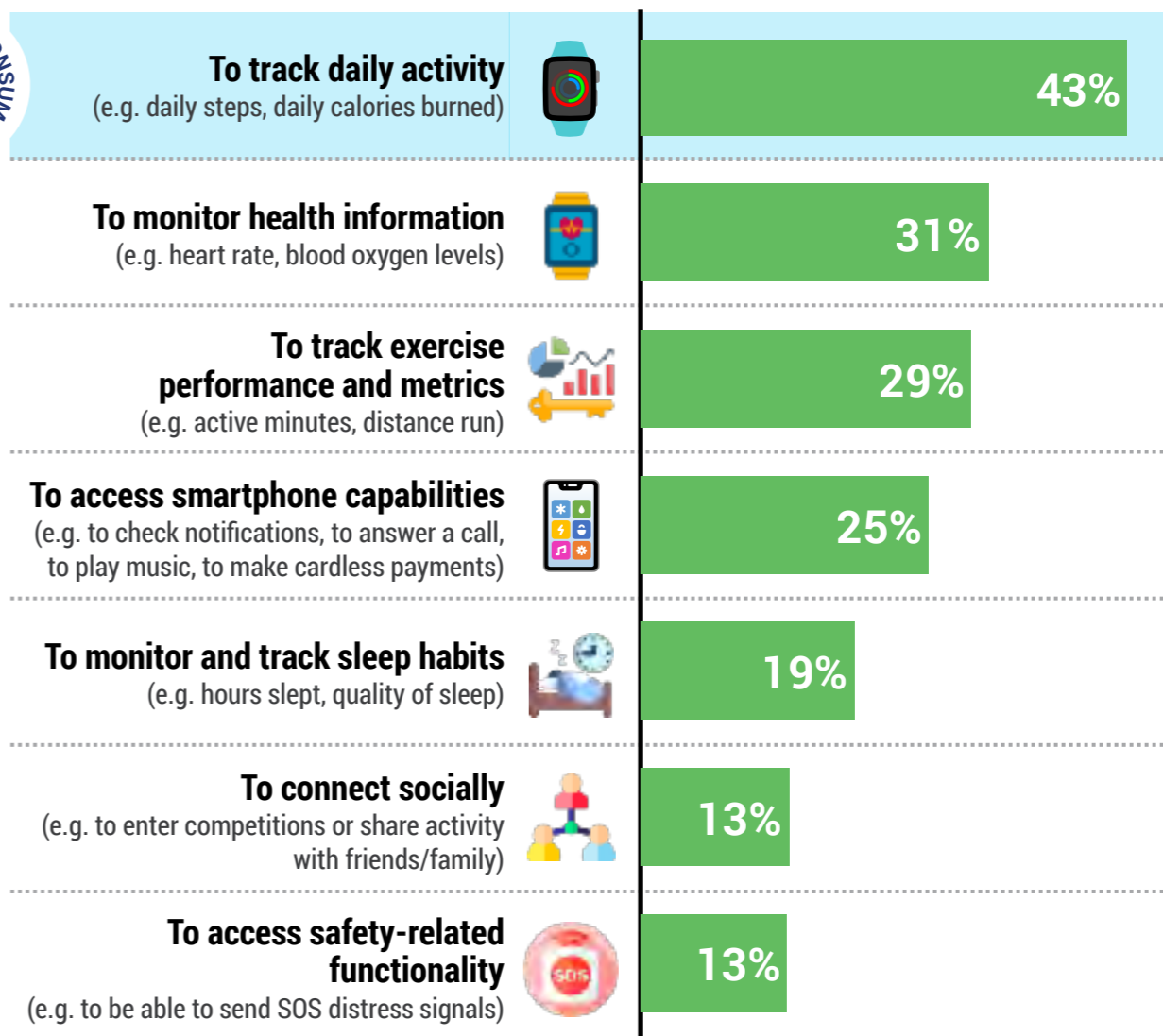
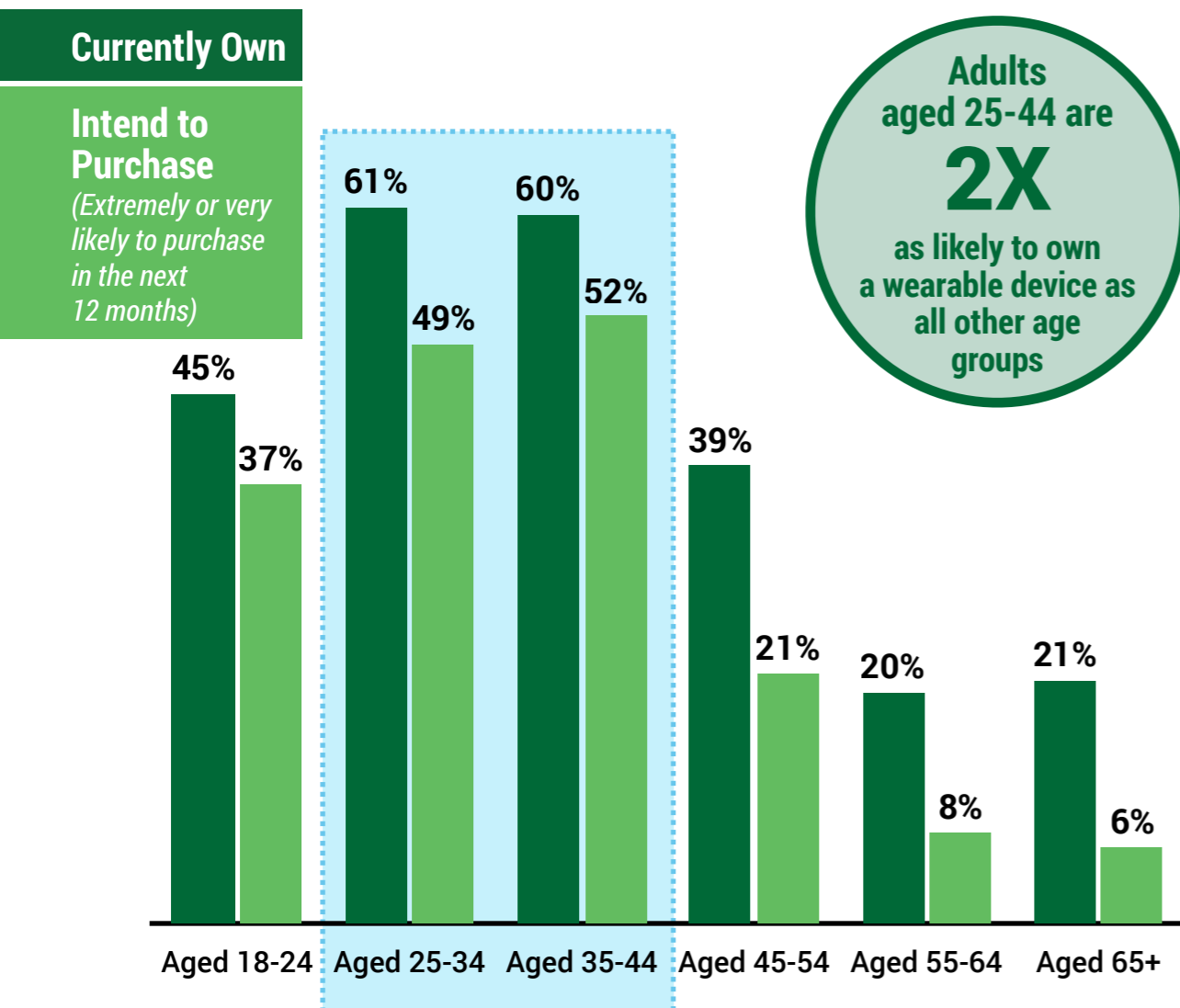


# Millennials are twice as likely as all other age groups to own a wearable device and also the most likely to purchase one in the future; the main use case across all consumers is tracking daily activity



## CURRENT AND INTENDED<sup>1</sup> OWNERSHIP OF WEARABLE DEVICES<sup>2</sup> BY AGE GROUP, U.S., 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+

## TOP REASONS<sup>3</sup> FOR PURCHASING A WEARABLE DEVICE, U.S. 2022, % ADULTS AGED 18+ WHO OWN A WEARABLE DEVICE<sup>2</sup>



1. "Intend" is defined as extremely or very likely to purchase a wearable device in the next 12 months. Includes both current owners and non-owners who intend to purchase. 2. "Wearable devices" are defined as accessories or clothing embedded with electronics, software, or sensors. Excludes headphones and AR/VR headsets. 3. Consumers were asked to select up to two top reasons. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001)

# Virtual reality fitness games will enhance the digital fitness experience through a combination of wearables, connected devices, and subscription services; potentially a precursor to more advanced Metaverse experiences



DIGITAL FITNESS PARTICIPANTS<sup>1</sup> ARE **5X** AS LIKELY TO HAVE USED<sup>2</sup> A VR HEADSET THAN NON-DIGITAL FITNESS PARTICIPANTS<sup>1</sup>



Immersive VR fitness game that provides a variety of workouts (e.g. cardio, meditation, stretching) set in virtual locations



A wide range of different types of VR exercise classes (e.g. HIIT, boxing, dance) guided by instructors and paired with music



VR rhythm game in which players hold virtual sabers and slash objects to the beat of music



VR app that allows users to do a wide variety of workouts (e.g. rowing, running, HIIT) with the option to connect to home fitness equipment



1. "Digital fitness participants" are defined as adults aged 18+ who use health and fitness services/apps, are in a household that owns connected fitness equipment, or own a wearable device. 2. Used in the last 12 months. Sources: Activate analysis, Activate 2022 Consumer Technology & Media Research Study (n = 4,001), Company sites, eMarketer, Everyday Health, The Gamer, Meta Quest Store, Muscle and Health, Steam, The Wall Street Journal



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## GROWTH STRATEGY

- Work with CEOs, Founders, and senior executives to build the strategic roadmap for growth and value creation
- Identify new market opportunities (business areas, new products/services, M&A)
- Create pragmatic growth initiatives to capture the opportunities



## REVENUE OPTIMIZATION AND ENGINEERING

- Go-to-market
- Customer acquisition
- Loyalty, retention, and reactivation
- Sales activation
- Customer insight and segmentation
- Marketing optimization
- Pricing



## IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES AND BUILD TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED BUSINESSES

- Identify major new opportunities
- Evaluate through consumer and market research
- Build the content, experience, functionality, distribution technology, and business plan
- Define the execution roadmap



## IMPLEMENTATION AND EXECUTION MANAGEMENT

- Create major initiatives
- Set revenue targets
- Create roadmap/timeline and ensure delivery
- Build organization and team
- Define and specify technology architecture
- Integration
- Build capabilities and enabling technology



## PRINCIPAL AND PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTORS

- Strategic due diligence
- Value creation programs and strategies
- Publicly-traded company opportunities
- Opportunity identification
- Sell-side diligence and market evaluation



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