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USA & CANADA
WILD BIRD FEEDING INDUSTRY
YEARLY RESEARCH 2014

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PAST RESEARCH

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND PAST KNOWLEDGE

2013

One wave benchmark study
18+ y.o.
USA & CA
N = 3200
Balanced by region

2014

One wave yearly tracking study
18+ y.o.
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DISCLAIMER

APPROXIMATION

PURCHASE VOLUMES, PREFERENCES AND DERIVED MARKET SIZE
ARE BASED ON **CONSUMERS' MEMORY**
OF THEIR PURCHASES WITHIN LAST YEAR.

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KEY FINDINGS

MARKET SIZE

USA



133 MM ➔

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
HOUSEHOLDS IN 2013

52.3 MM (39.4%)

OF HOUSEHOLDS BUY WILD BIRD FEED
AT LEAST SOMETIMES



🏠 = 1,000,000 HOUSEHOLDS

USA



$$\text{\$81.21} \times 52.3_{\text{MM}} = \text{\$4.25}_{\text{BN}}$$

MEAN (USD) AMOUNT THAT AVERAGE US HOUSEHOLD SPENDS ON WILD BIRDS **FEED**

$$\text{\$39.37} \times 52.3_{\text{MM}} = \text{\$2.06}_{\text{BN}}$$

MEAN (USD) AMOUNT SPENT ON WILD BIRDS **FEEDERS**

CA



13.3 MM ➔

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
HOUSEHOLDS IN 2011

7.8MM (58.8%)

OF HOUSEHOLDS BUY WILD BIRD FEED
AT LEAST SOMETIMES



🏠 = 1,000,000 HOUSEHOLDS

CA



$$\$95.66 \times 7.8_{\text{MM}} = \$0.75_{\text{BN}}$$

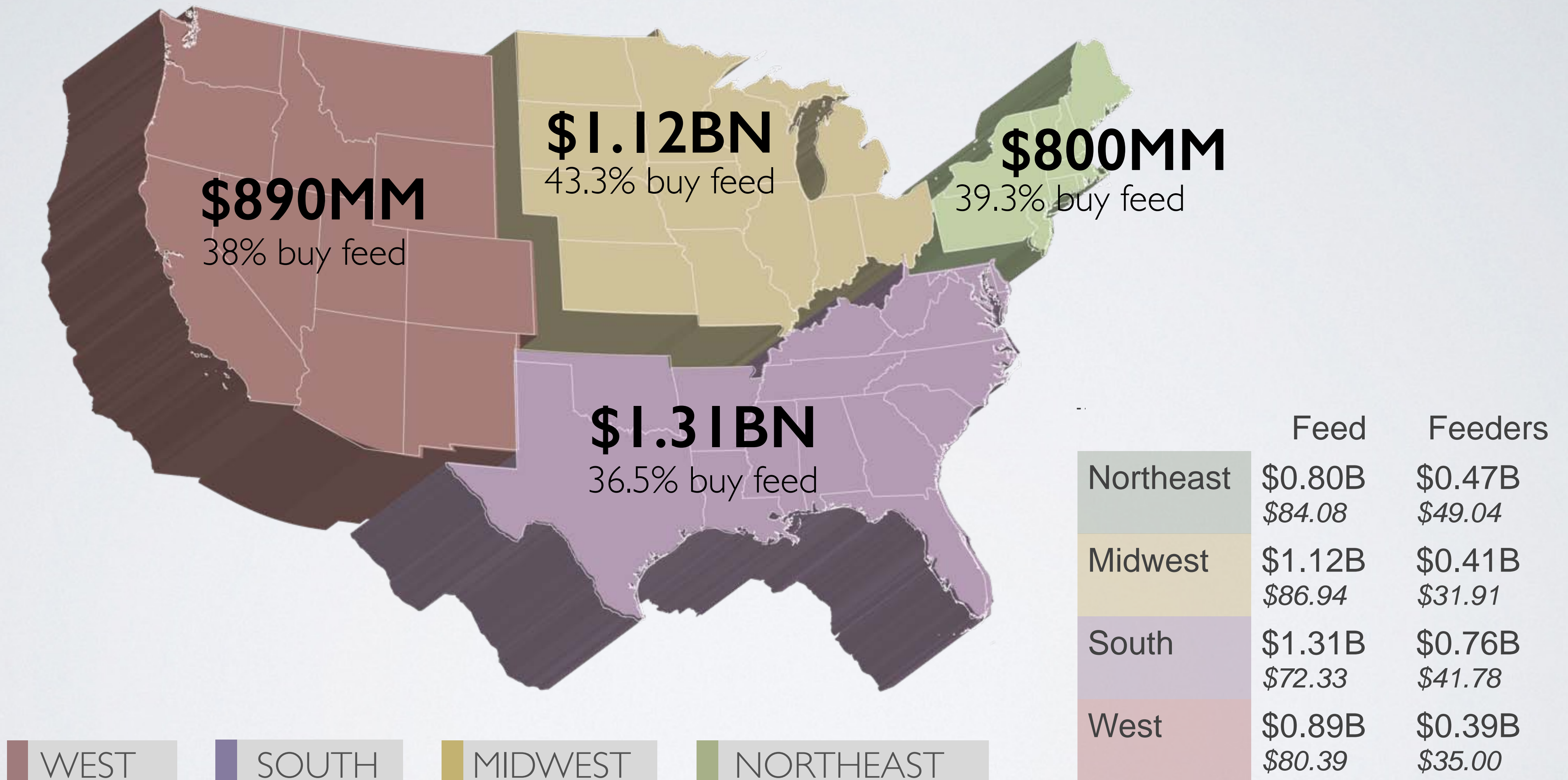
MEAN (USD) AMOUNT AVERAGE US HOUSEHOLD SPENDS ON WILD BIRDS **FEED**

$$\$45.05 \times 7.8_{\text{MM}} = \$0.35_{\text{BN}}$$

MEAN (USD) AMOUNT SPENT ON WILD BIRDS **FEEDERS**

1 USD = 1.3 CAD

MARKET SIZE BY US REGIONS



MARKET SIZE*

\$6.3 | BN

ESTIMATED **USA** MARKET FOR
WILD BIRD FEED & FEEDERS

\$1.10 BN

ESTIMATED **CANADIAN** MARKET FOR
WILD BIRD FEED & FEEDERS

\$7.4 | BN

ESTIMATED **US & CA** MARKET FOR
WILD BIRD FEED & FEEDERS

*THESE NUMBERS ARE **ESTIMATES ONLY** BASED ON CONSUMERS' RECOLLECTION OF HOW MUCH THEY'VE SPENT IN THE PAST YEAR. IT ALSO IS BASED ON THE ESTIMATED POPULATION SIZE & NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN THE US & CA

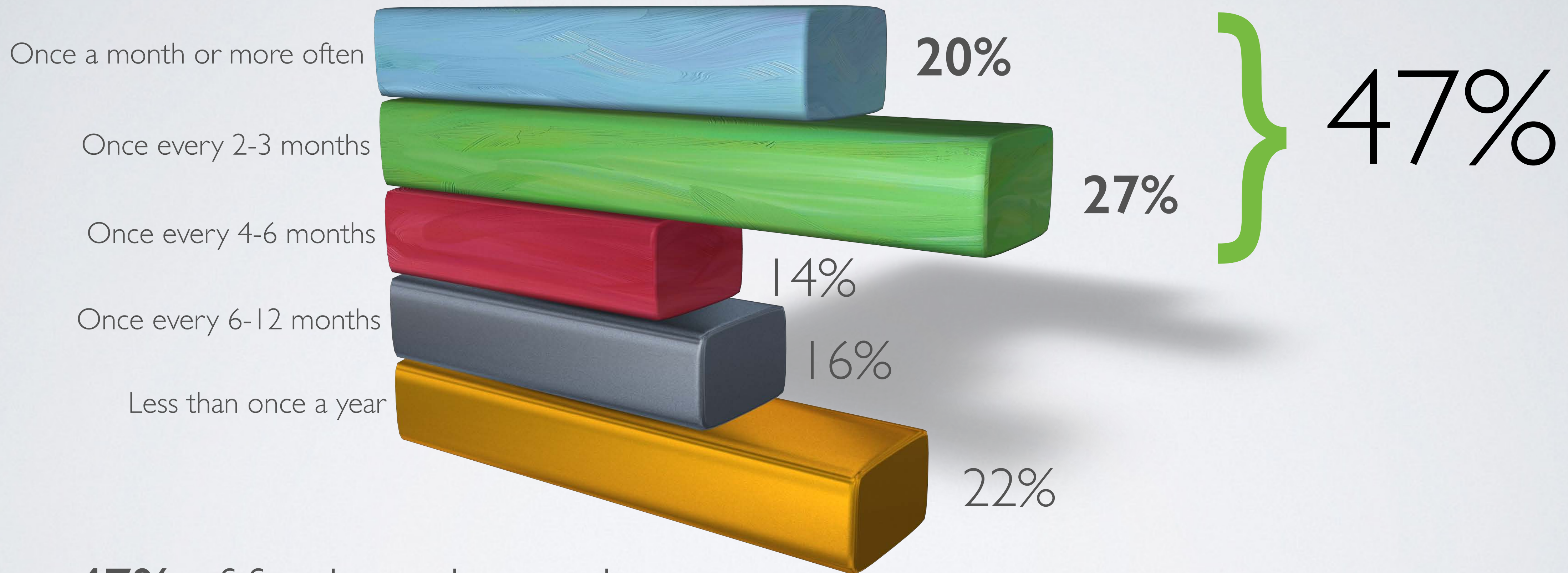
ADDITIONAL MARKET FINDINGS

- **49.1%** OF HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATE IN WILD BIRD FEEDING, EQUATING TO A MARKET OF **60.1 MILLION** HOUSEHOLDS IN THE US & CA.
- CANADIANS ARE **1.8X MORE** LIKELY TO BUY WILD BIRD FEED ON A REGULAR BASIS THAN AMERICANS
- ON AVERAGE YEAR CANADIANS SPEND **19% MORE** ON WILD BIRD FEED THAN AMERICANS (\$96 VS. \$81)
- ON AVERAGE CANADIANS SPEND **14% MORE** ON WILD BIRD FEEDERS THAN AMERICANS (\$45 VS. \$39)

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BIRD **FEED** SHOPPING HABITS
& PREFERENCES

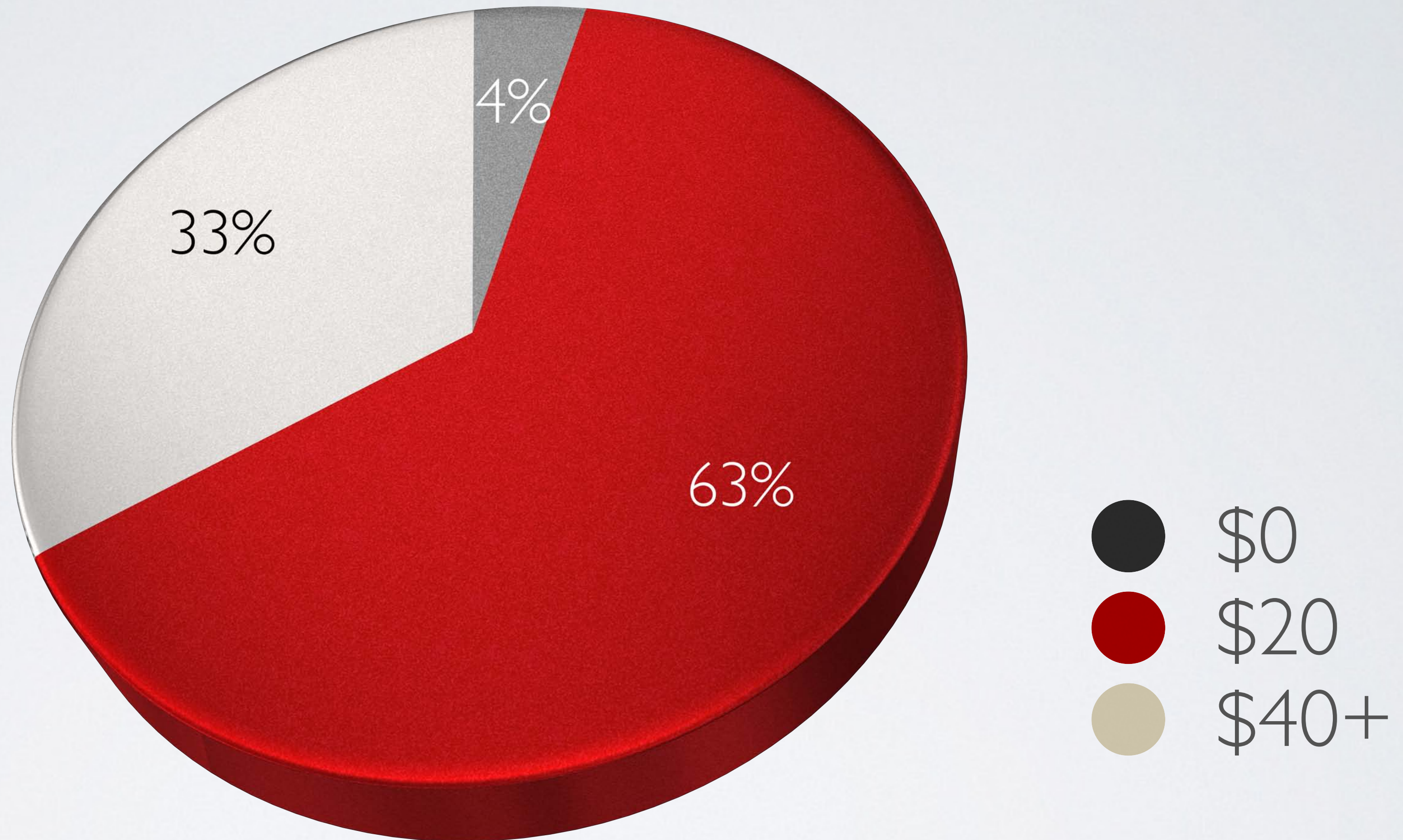
HOW FREQUENTLY DO THEY BUY **FEED**?



47% of feed purchasers buy
at least every 2-3 months

HOW MUCH DO THEY SPEND AT A TIME?

Average spend is up
year over year for
most recent trip
from \$29.49
to **\$34.84**
&
from \$91.67
to **\$97.31**
yearly



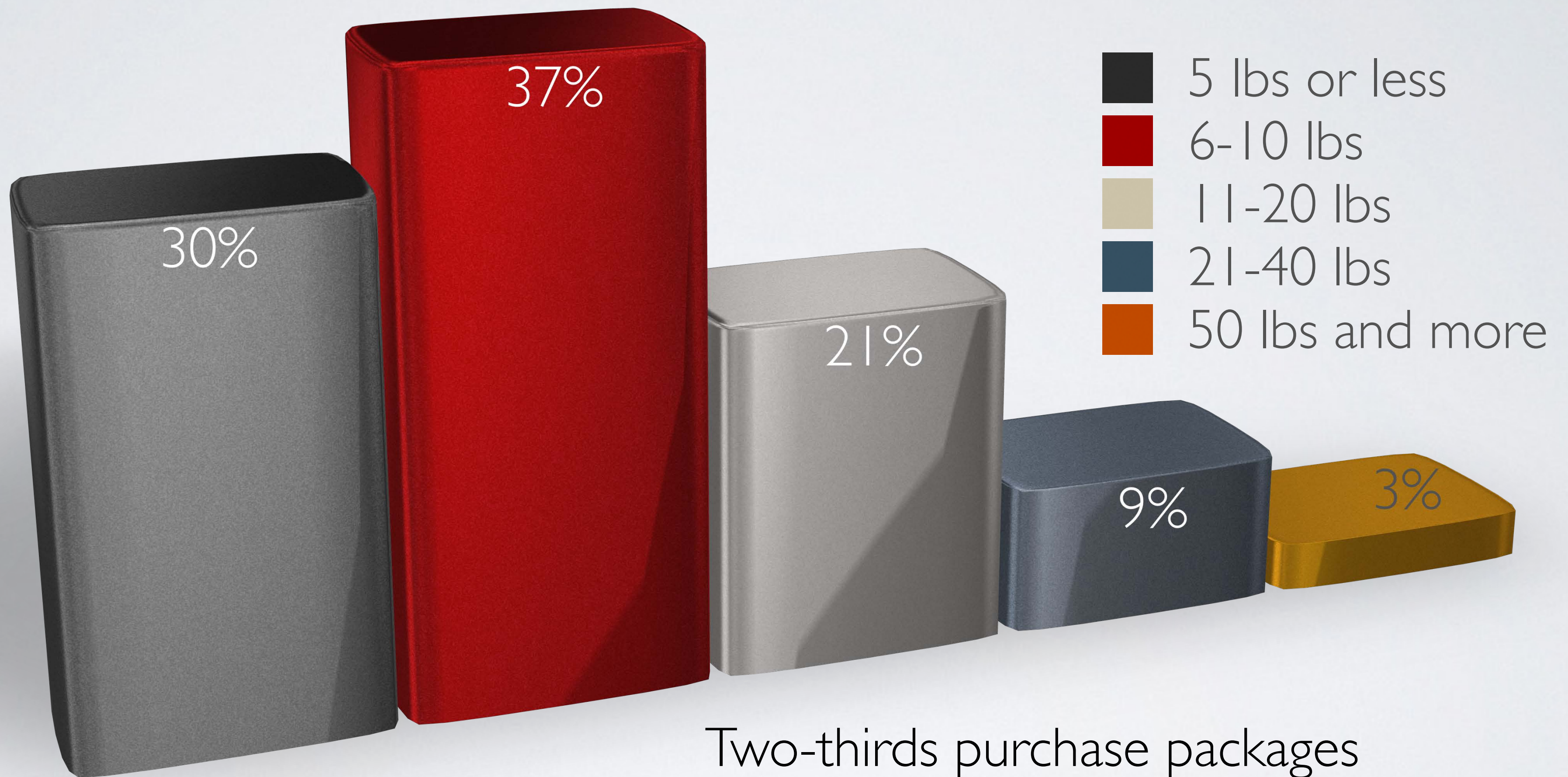
How much would you say you spend on wild bird **feed**
during one typical shopping trip or one online purchase?

WHERE DO THEY BUY FEED?



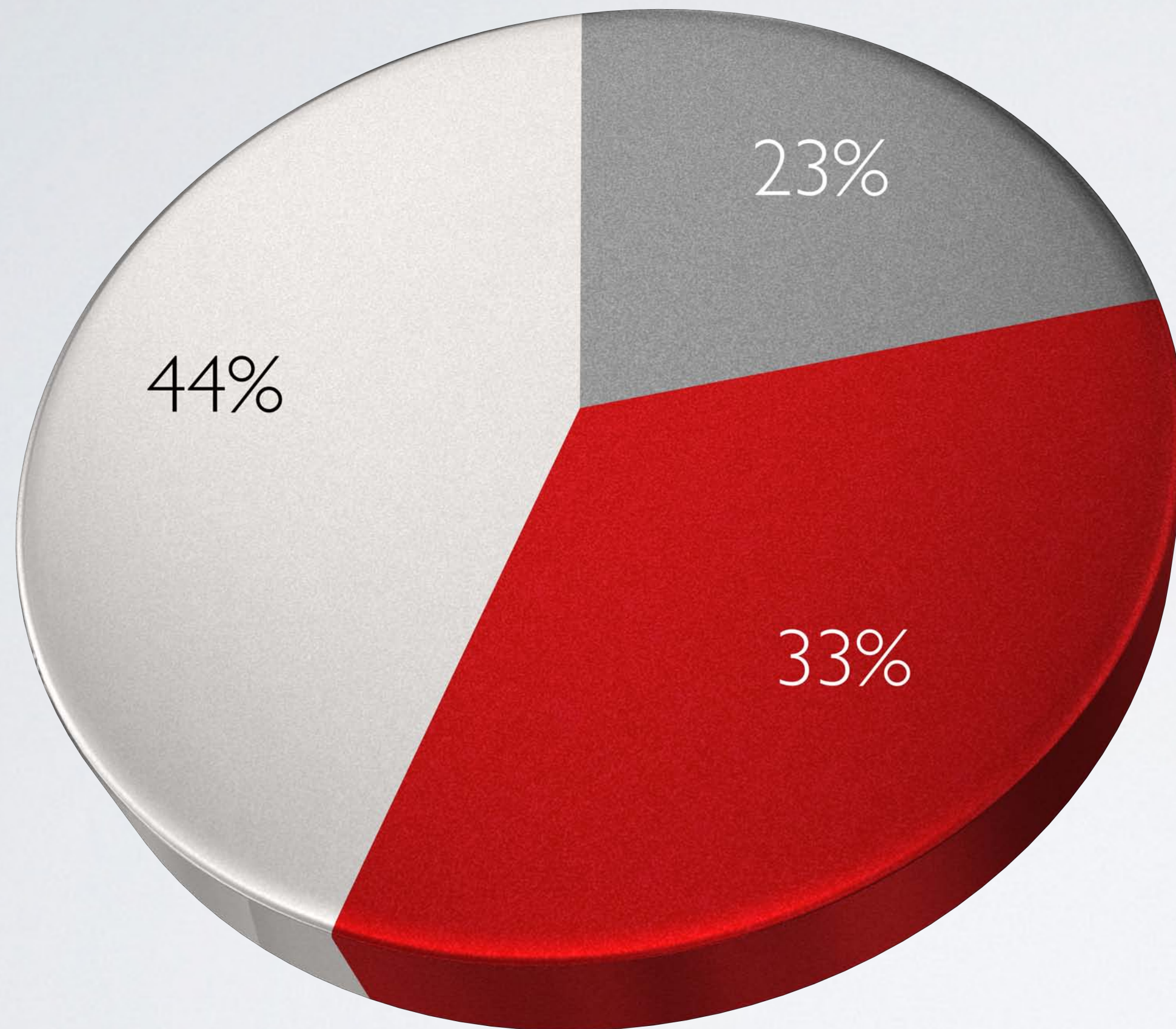
Nearly half of purchasers buy wild bird feed from **mass retailers**.

FEED PACKAGE SIZE



Two-thirds purchase packages of **10 lbs. or less.**

FEED BRAND LOYALTY



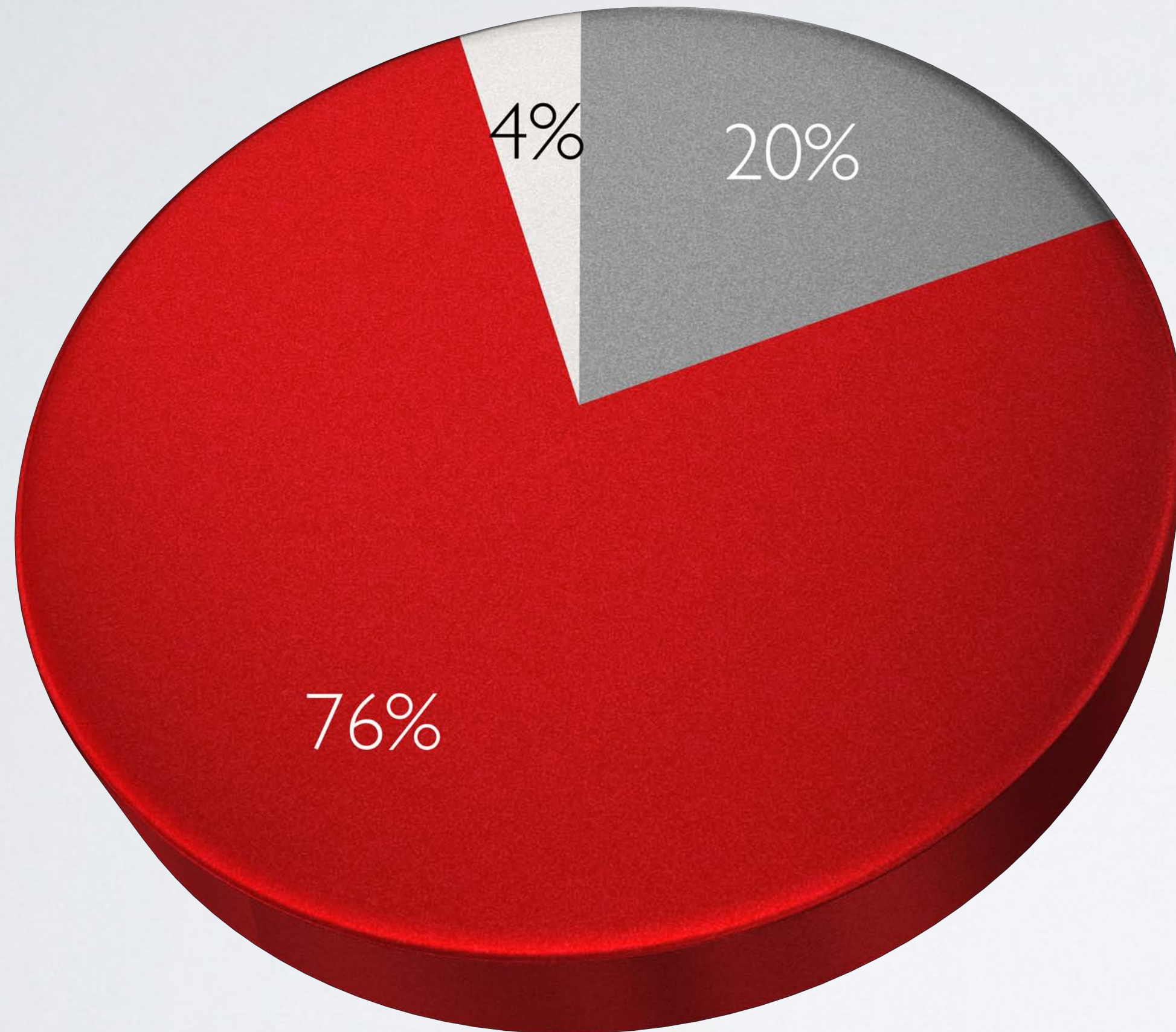
- I always buy the same brand
- I have a couple of brands that I switch between
- Brand doesn't matter

More than half of respondents are somewhat loyal to a brand, either buying the same product, or switching between a couple of brands. No significant change in brand loyalty from 2013.

FEED RETAILER LOYALTY

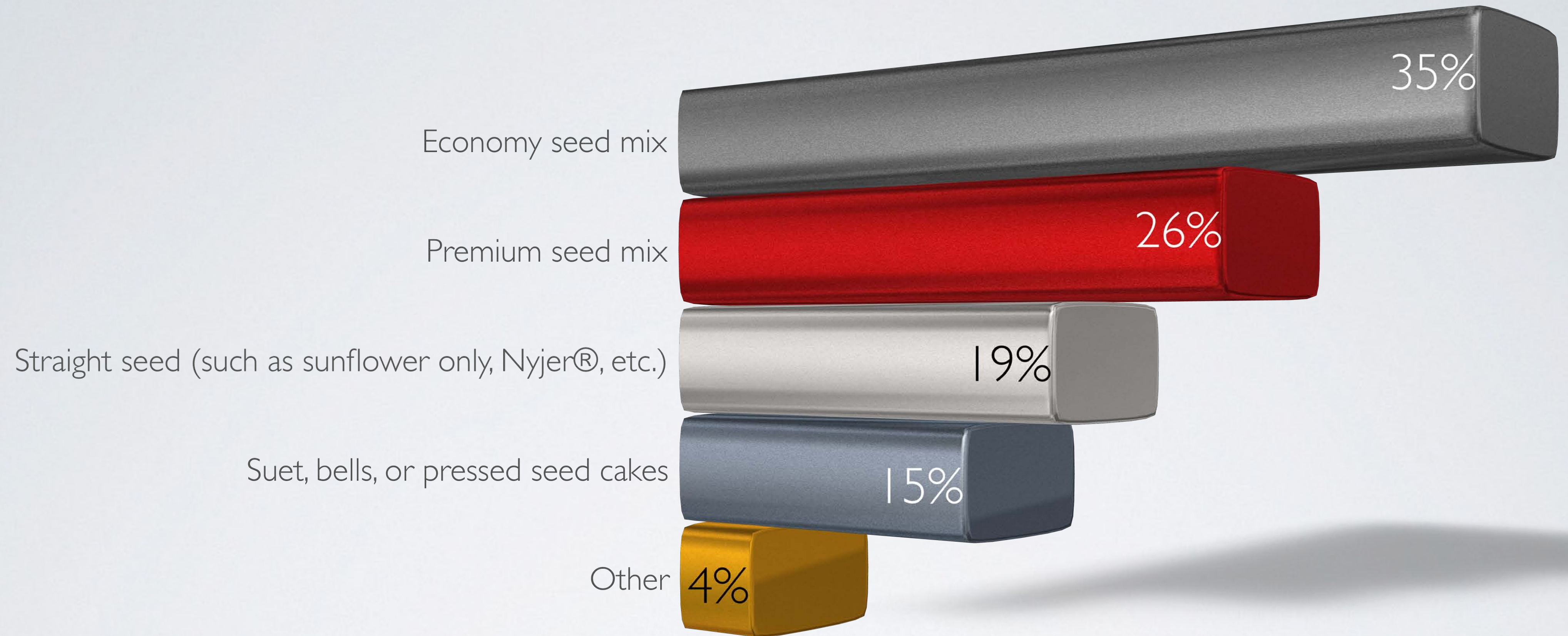
Which of the following best describes what you would most likely do if the store you buy from stops carrying your brand(s) of wild bird FEED?

- I would go to a different store to find my brand
- I would purchase a different brand
- I would not purchase any bird feed



However, **store loyalty** (or perhaps convenience), plays a larger role, with three-quarters saying they would change brands if the store where they shop stopped carrying the brand they usually buy. Even if their regular brand wasn't available, **96%** would still buy some brand of feed.

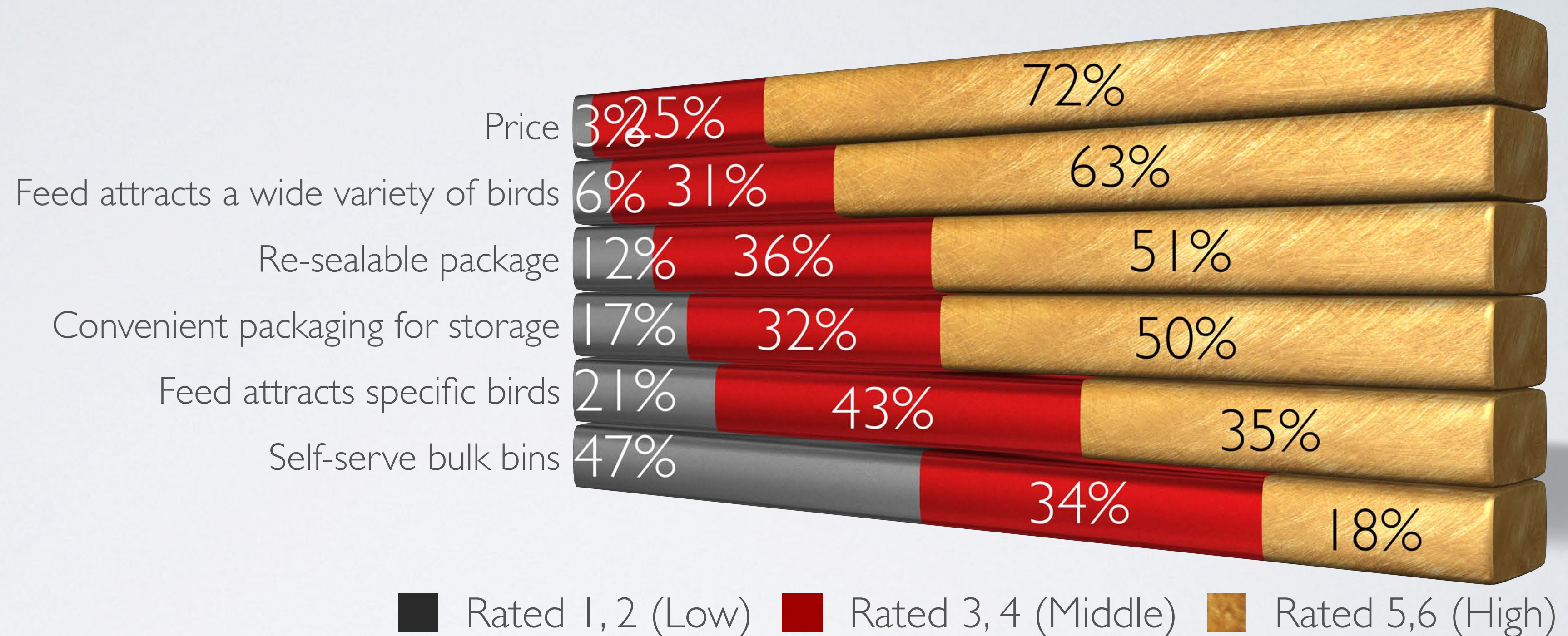
SHARE OF THE MARKET BY TYPES OF BIRD FEED



Mixes account for over **half** of all purchased types of bird feed. **Economy seed mix** is the most purchased, capturing **35%** of the dollars spent on bird feed in a typical year. **One-quarter** of the market goes to **straight seed**.

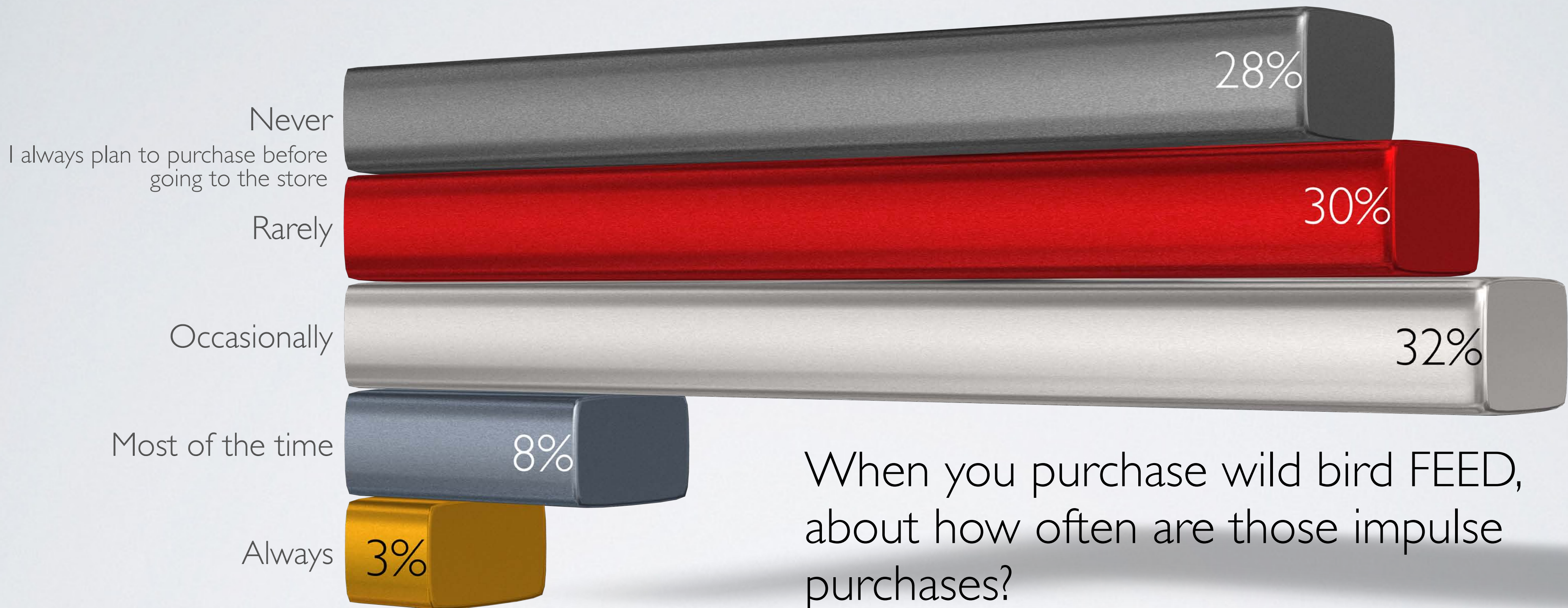
FEED PURCHASE DRIVERS

Importance rose for most purchase drivers in 2014, in particular feed **attracting a wide variety of birds** (55% in 2013), **convenient packaging** (41% in 2013), & **resealable packaging** (43% in 2013).



Price is the primary driver when purchasing wild bird feed, followed by attracting a wide **variety of birds**. 4 in 10 purchasers also consider **packaging** to be an important factor.

BIRD FEED PURCHASES ARE PLANNED



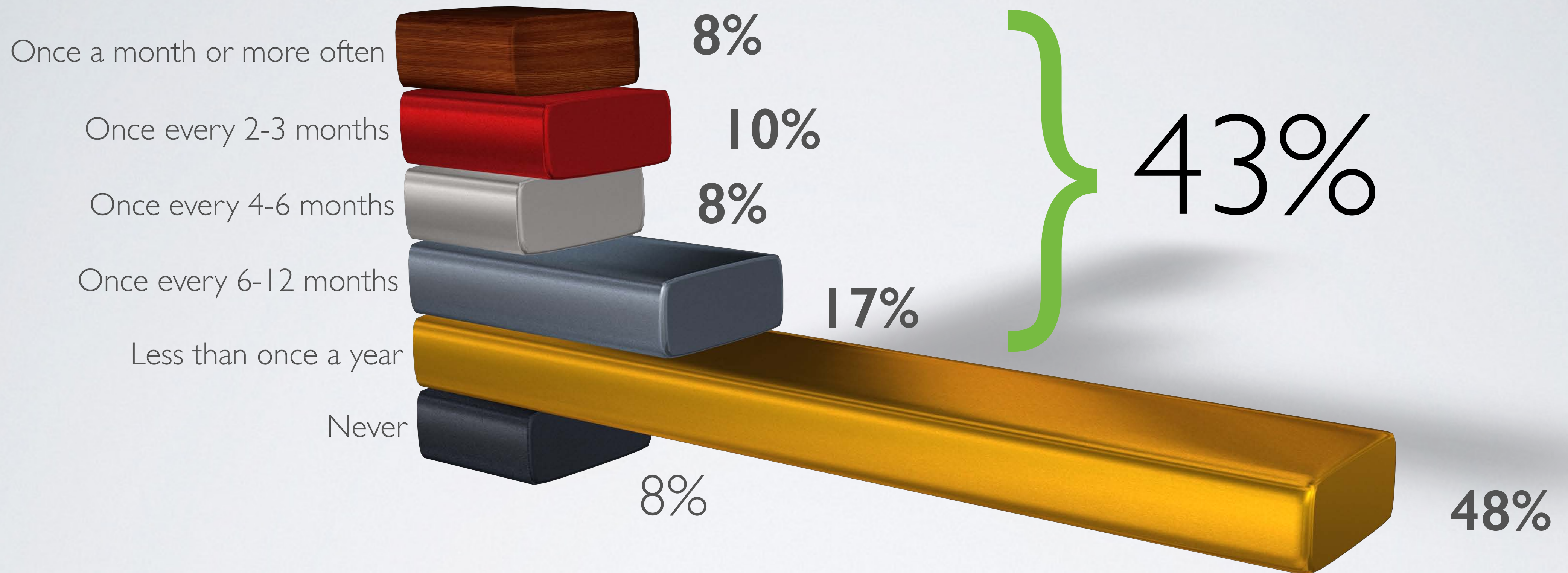
When you purchase wild bird FEED, about how often are those impulse purchases?

For the vast majority of purchases, wild bird feed is a planned and expected purchase, as **90%** say that they typically **plan their purchase** prior to shopping.

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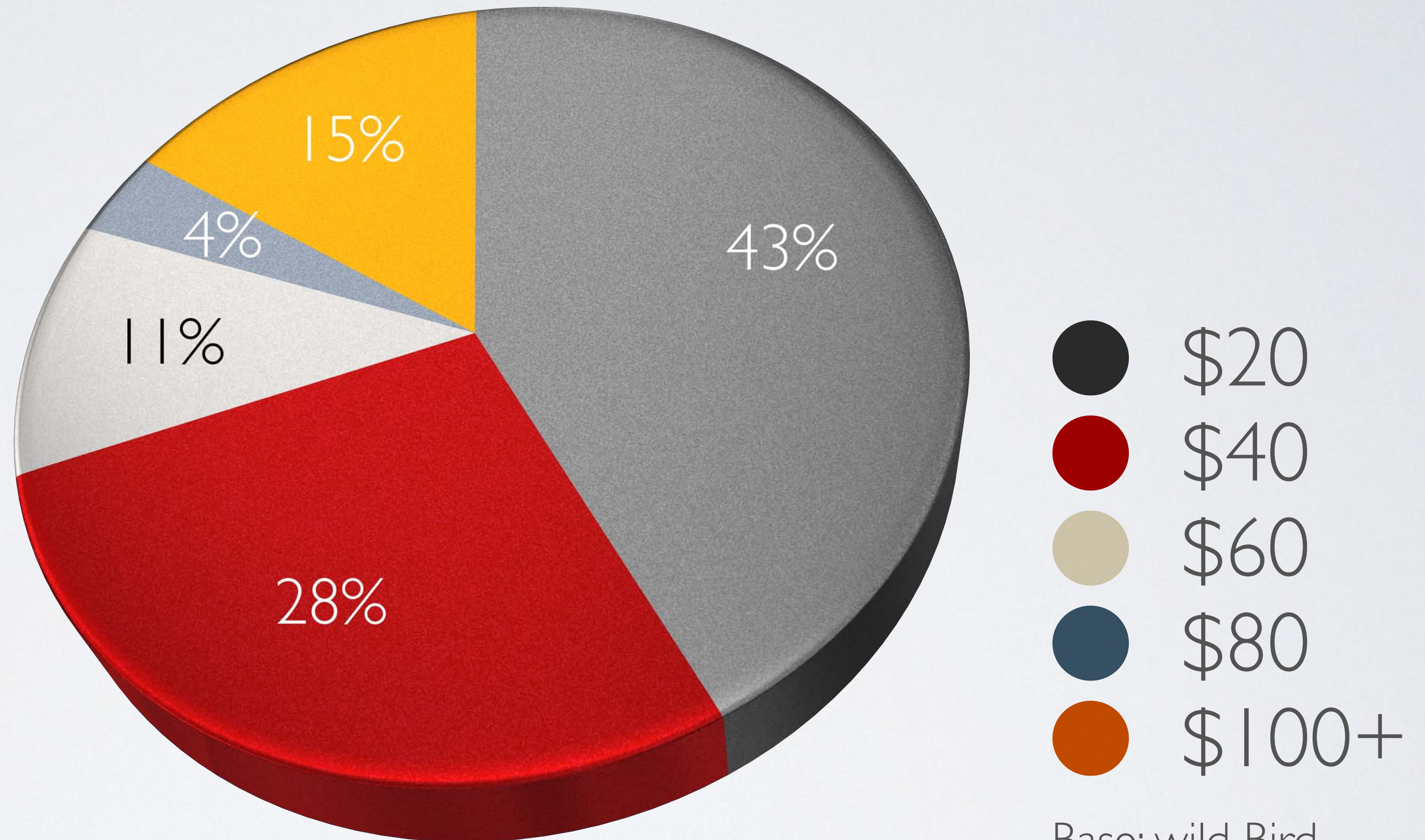
BIRD **FEEDERS** SHOPPING HABITS & PREFERENCES

HOW OFTEN DO THEY BUY FEEDERS?



More than 90% of wild bird feed purchasers buy **feeders**, and nearly **half** of those purchasers buy **one or more each year**.

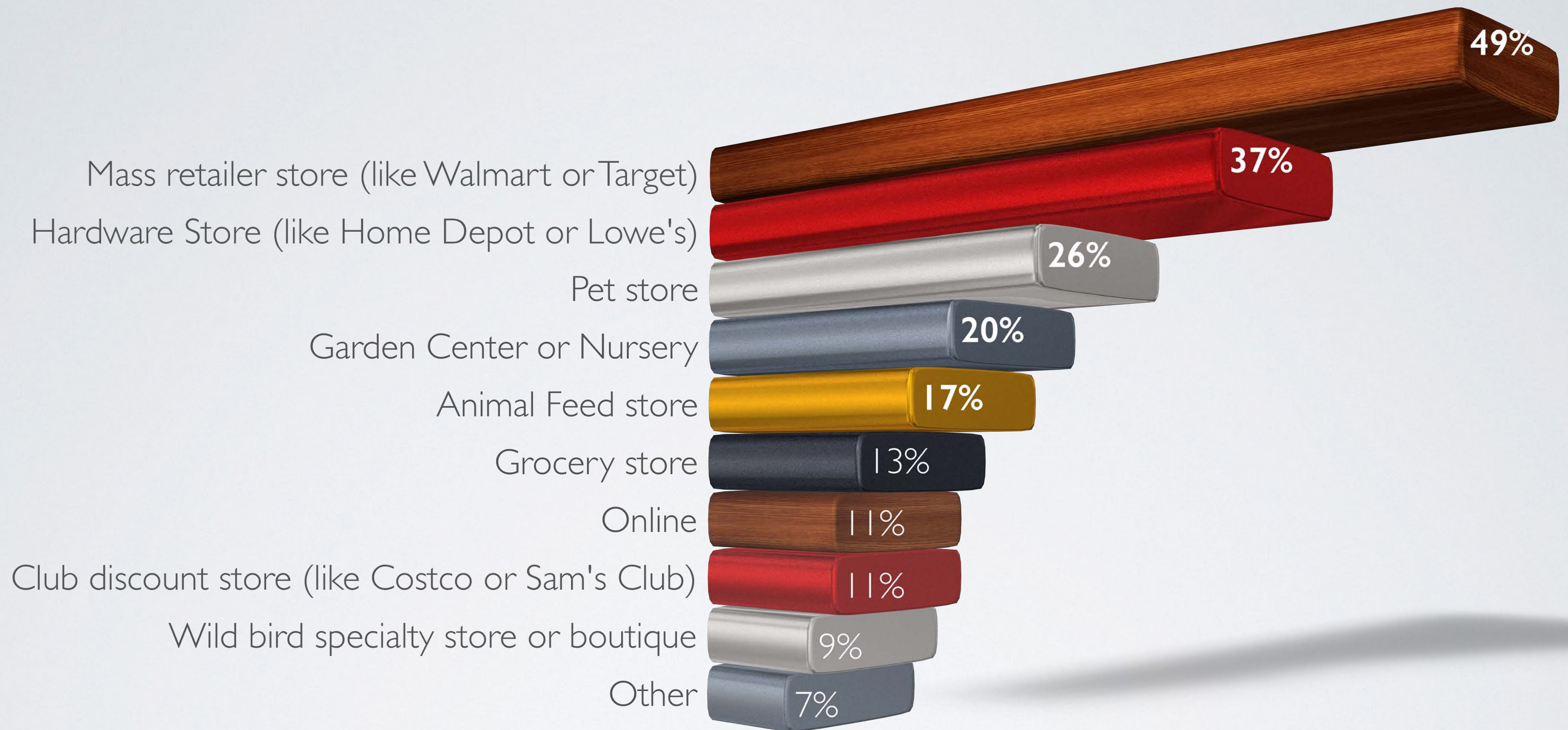
HOW MUCH DO THEY SPEND ON **FEEDERS** /YEAR?



How much would you say you spend on wild bird **feeders** in a typical year?

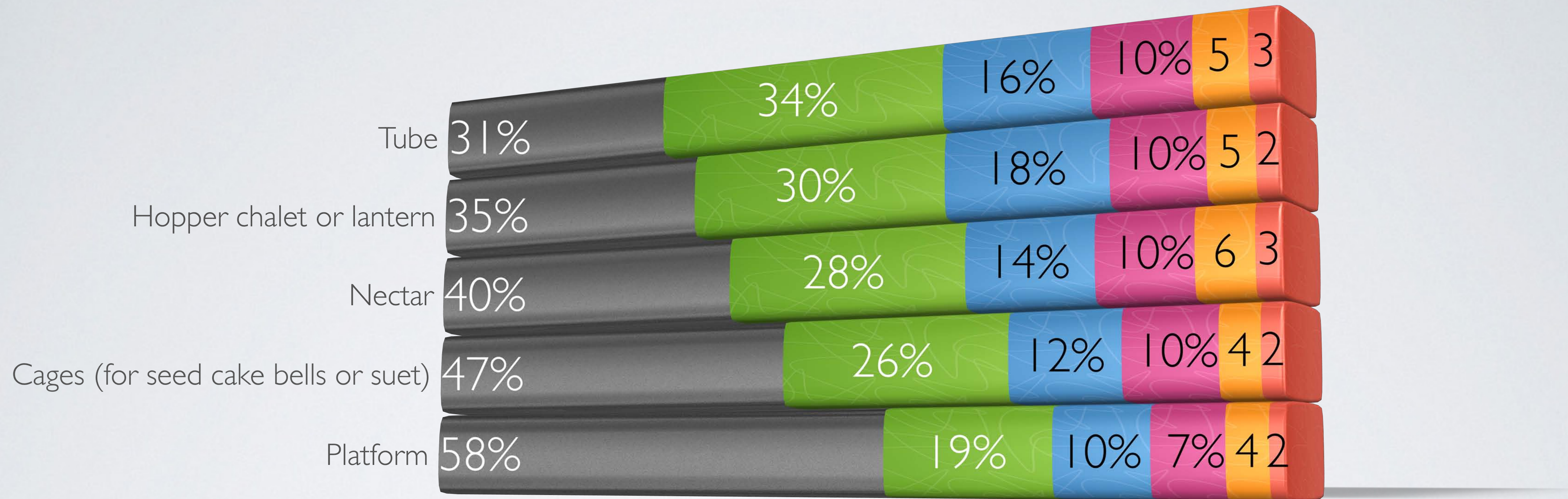
Base: wild Bird
Feeders Purchasers
n=1571

WHERE DO THEY BUY FEEDERS?



Similar to feed, about half of respondents shop at **mass retailers** for their feeders, with hardware stores also garnering a noteworthy share of feeder purchases.

CURRENTLY OWNED TYPES OF FEEDERS

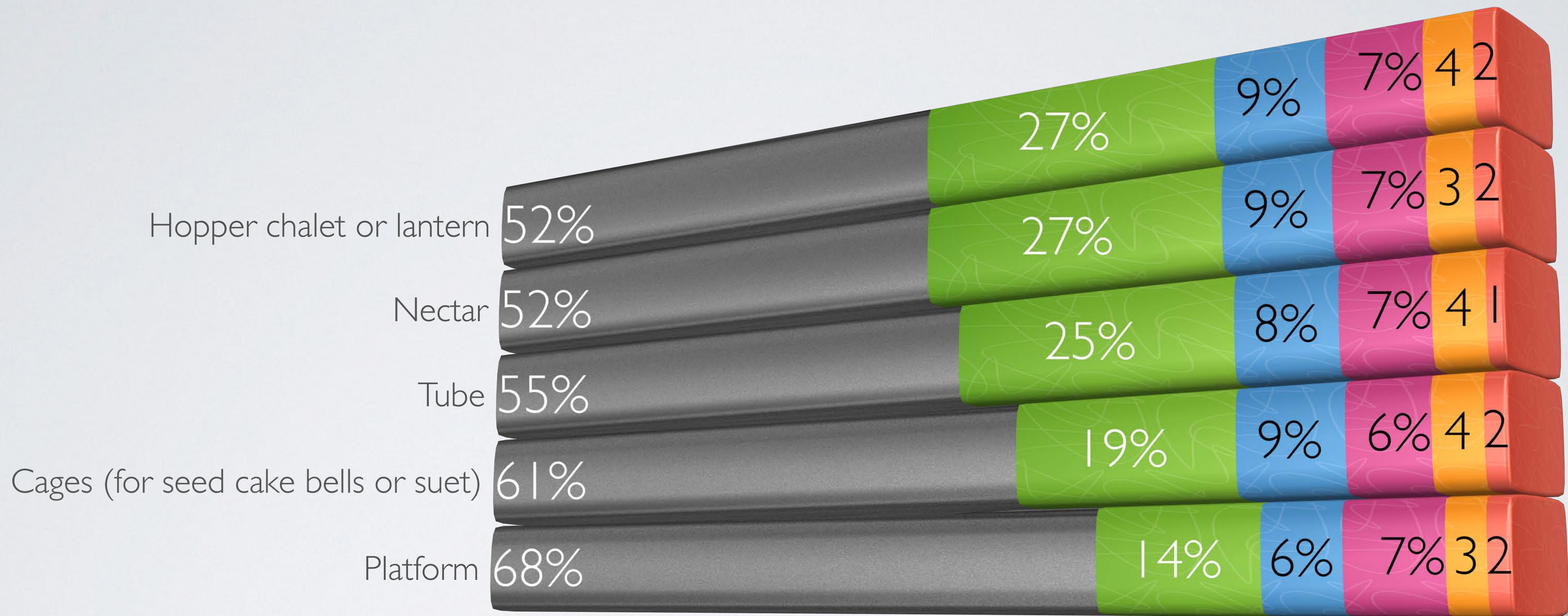


How many of the following wild bird FEEDERS do you currently have and use?

0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

Tube, hopper and **nectar feeders** are the most commonly owned, with 60% owning one or more.

FUTURE PURCHASE TYPES OF FEEDERS

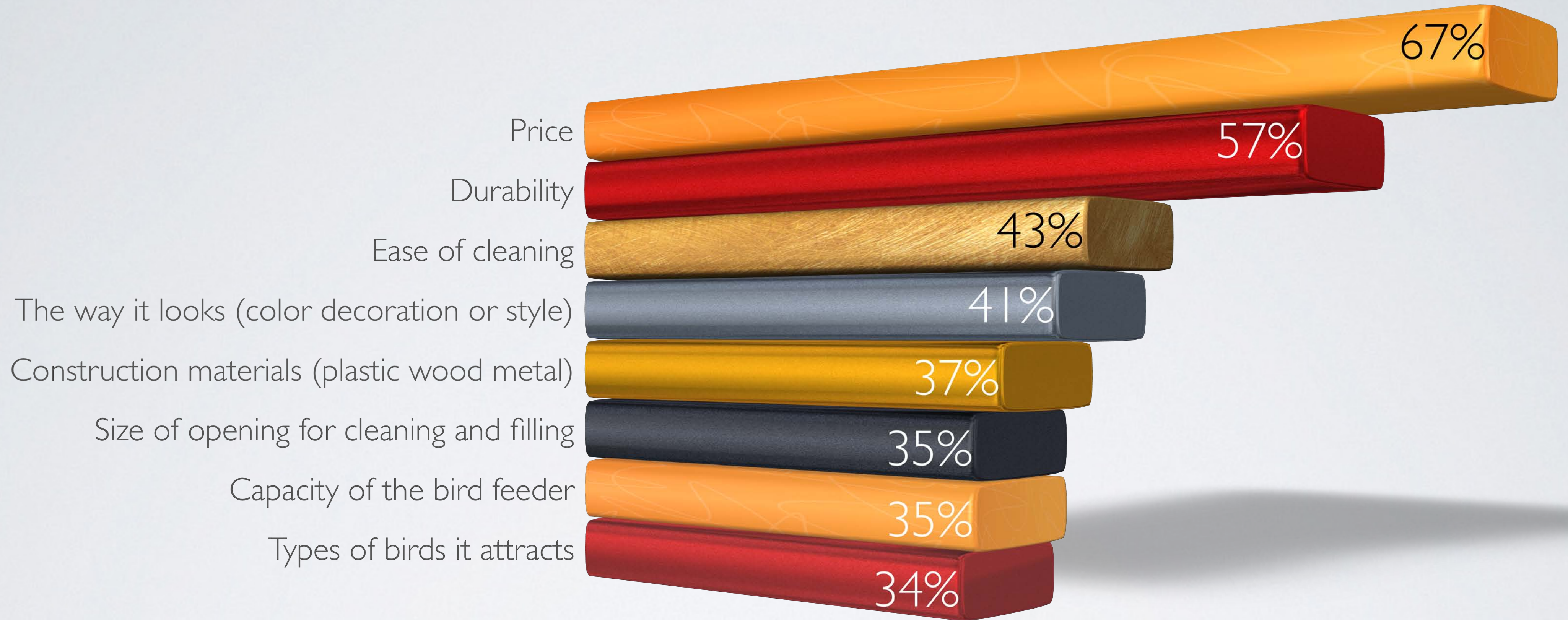


How many of the following wild bird FEEDERS do you plan to purchase in the next 12 months?

0
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5 or more

Additionally, nearly half of respondents expect to **purchase** these **same types** in the next year.

FEEDERS PURCHASE DRIVERS



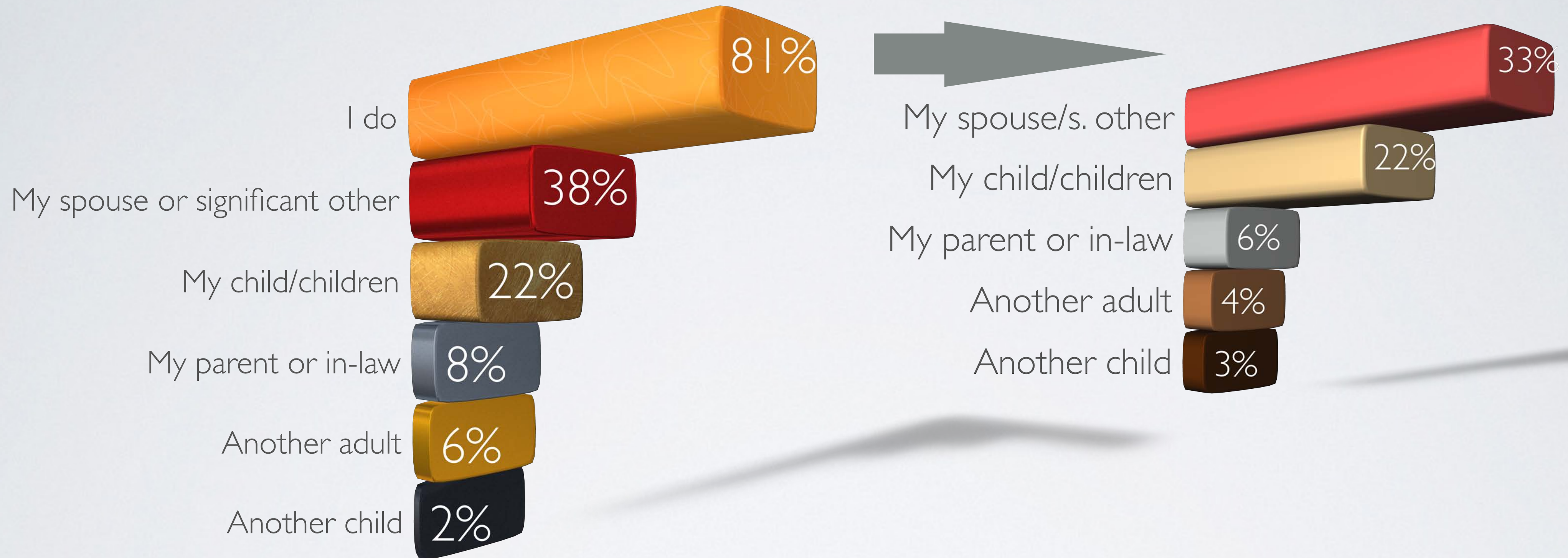
Price and **durability** are the primary factors in feeder choice, with over half of respondents citing each.

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GENERAL BIRD FEEDING HABITS & ACTIVITIES

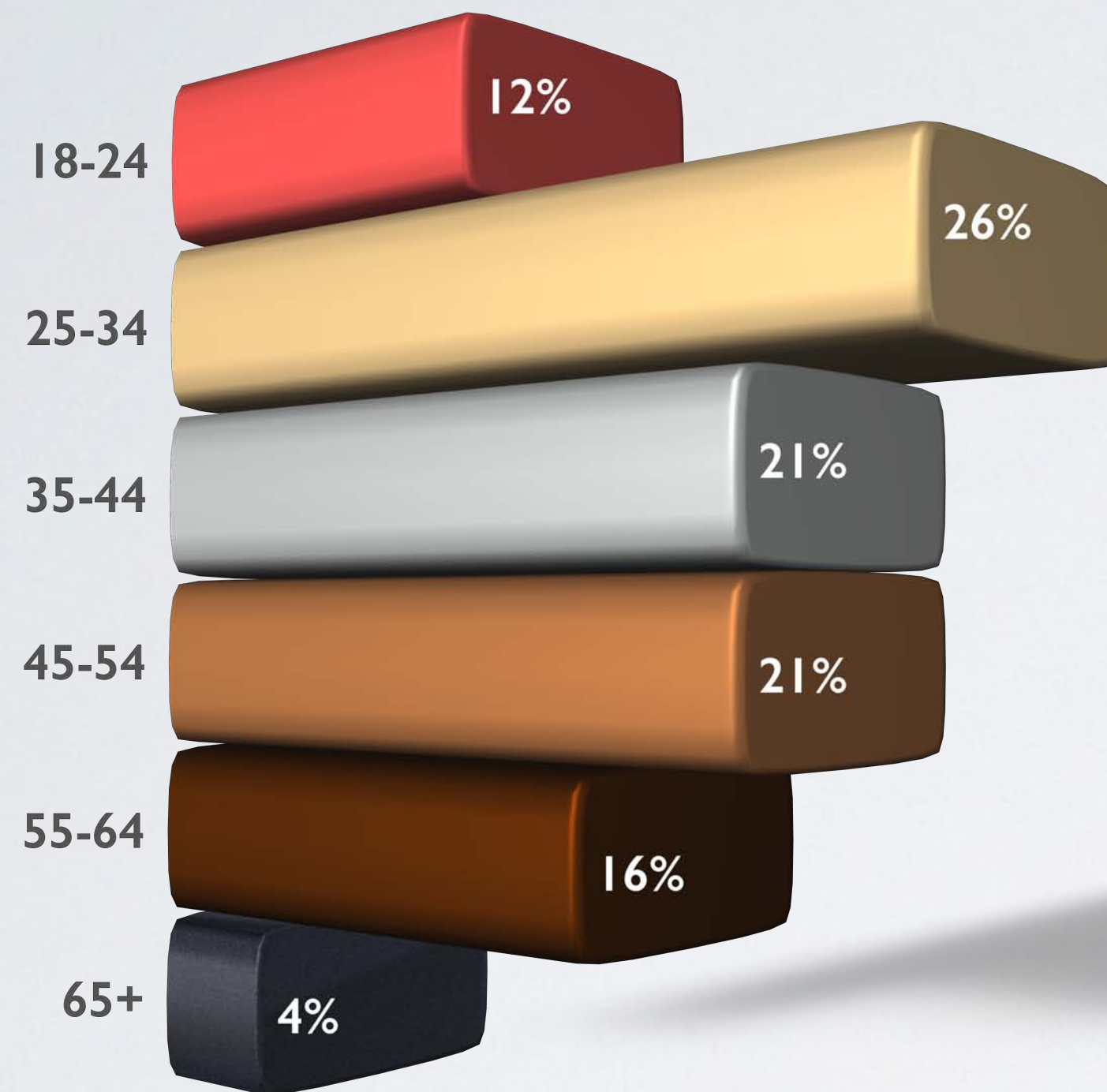
BIRD FEEDING IS A FAMILY ACTIVITY

Who in your household participates in wild bird feeding, whether it is watching the birds, refilling the feeders, or other related activity?



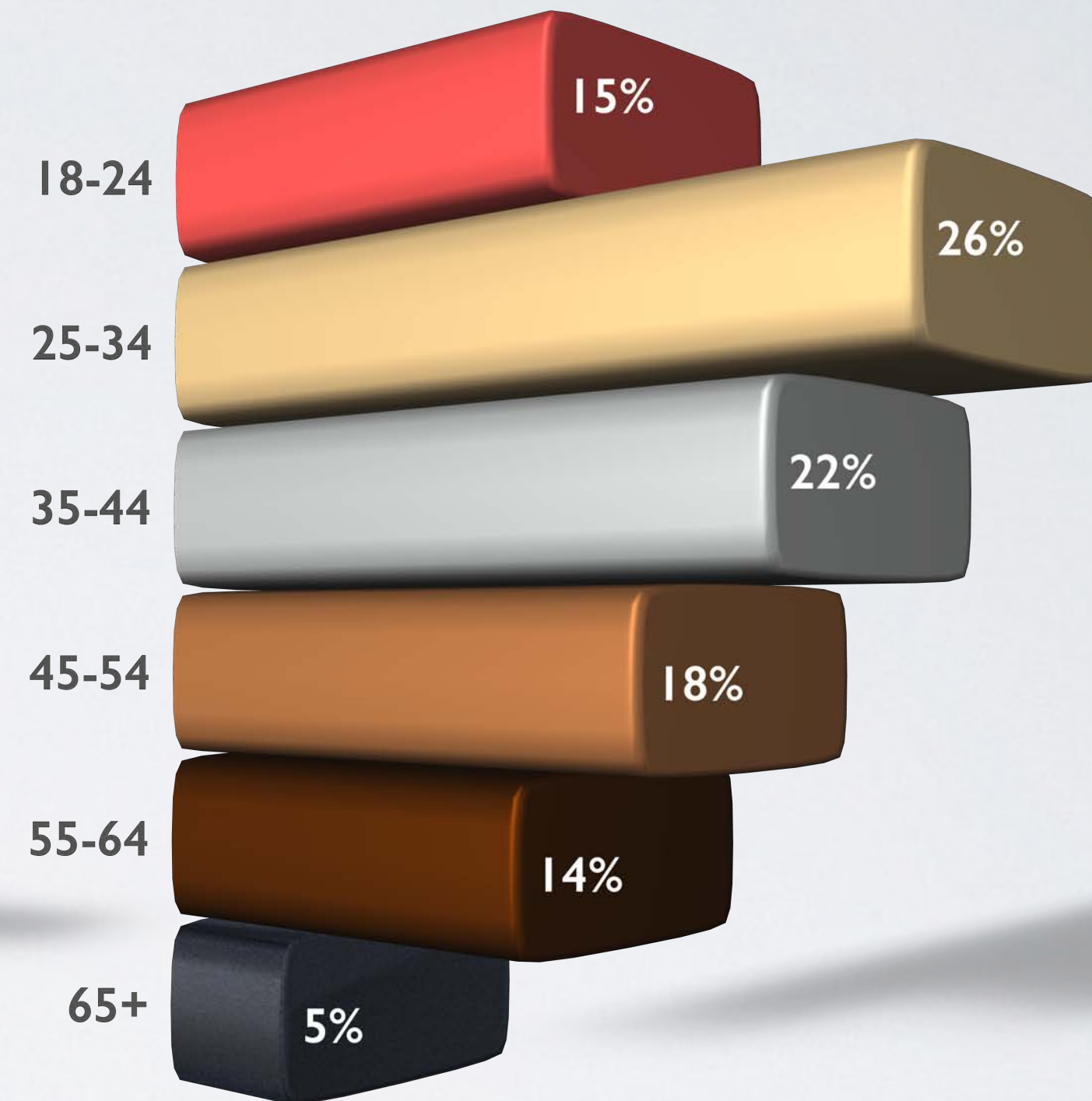
80% of wild bird feed purchasers themselves participate in feeding the birds. When we consider only those who do participate, we can see that **33%** do so with their spouses and **22%** with their children, making feeding a family activity.

AGE DISTRIBUTION



Bird Feed Purchasers

average age: 41.36

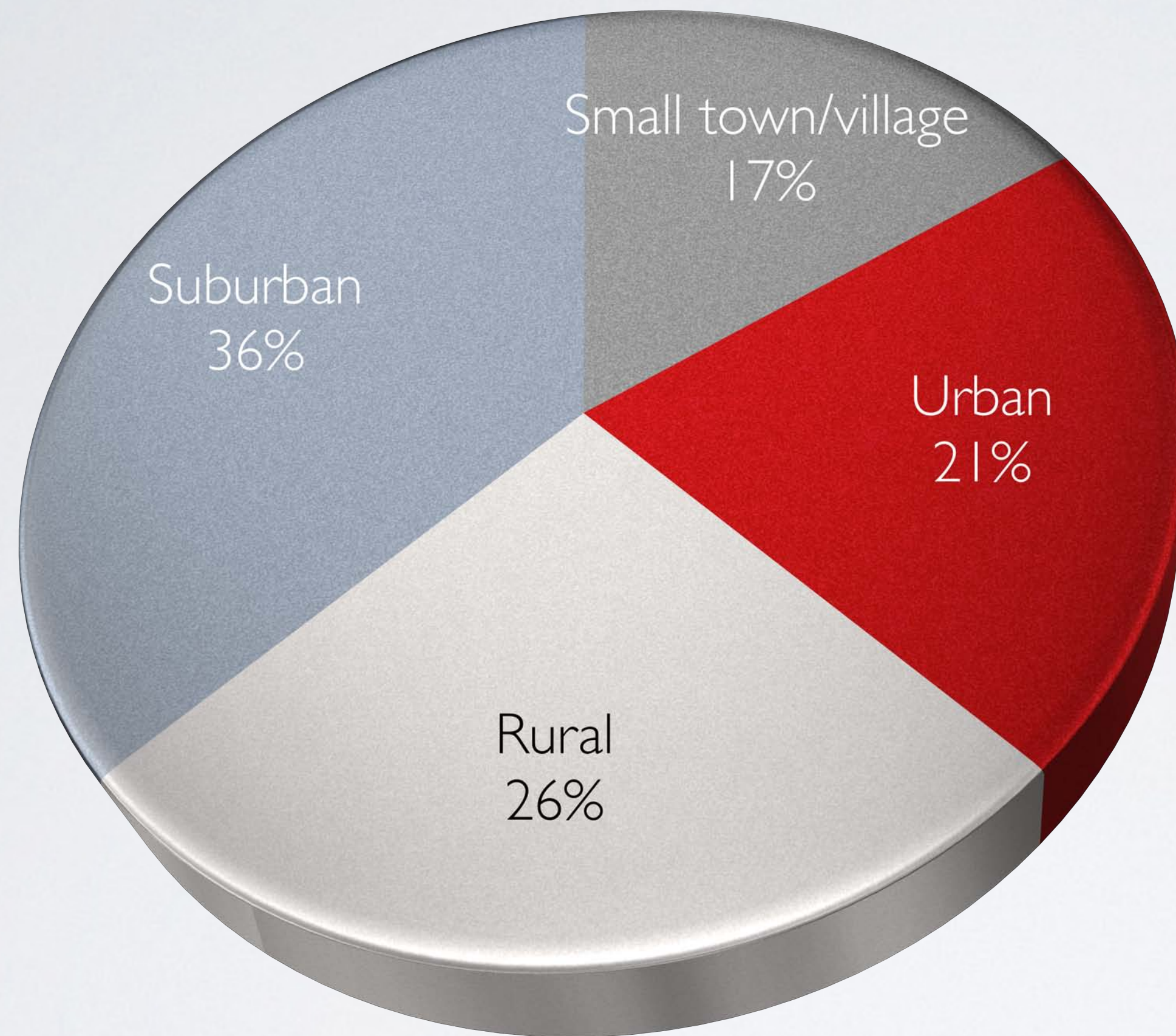


Non-Purchasers

average age: 40.01

Bird feeding is enjoyed by all ages. On average, bird feed purchasers are just one year older than non-purchasers.

WHERE DO THEY LIVE?



Which of the following best describes the type of area you live in?

Wild bird feeding is well distributed from urban to rural areas.

“I find bird watching to be very calming and soothing. I love watching the interaction they have with each other and knowing that they have something to eat during the hard winter months.”

Tags: Calming; Caring; Friendly

Watching the birds is a lovely learning environment for little ones so they can see the these delicate animals, learn about ecosystems and different varieties of birds, what they eat, how they sound, etc.

Tags: Family Activity; Educational

“Watching countless kinds of colorful, wild birds and their various songs takes away the stress of daily life and can be enjoyed by the whole family.”

Tags: Calming; Family Activity

“Seeing a beautiful new kind of bird at the feeder is incredibly exciting, and I love when the same birds come back time and time again.”

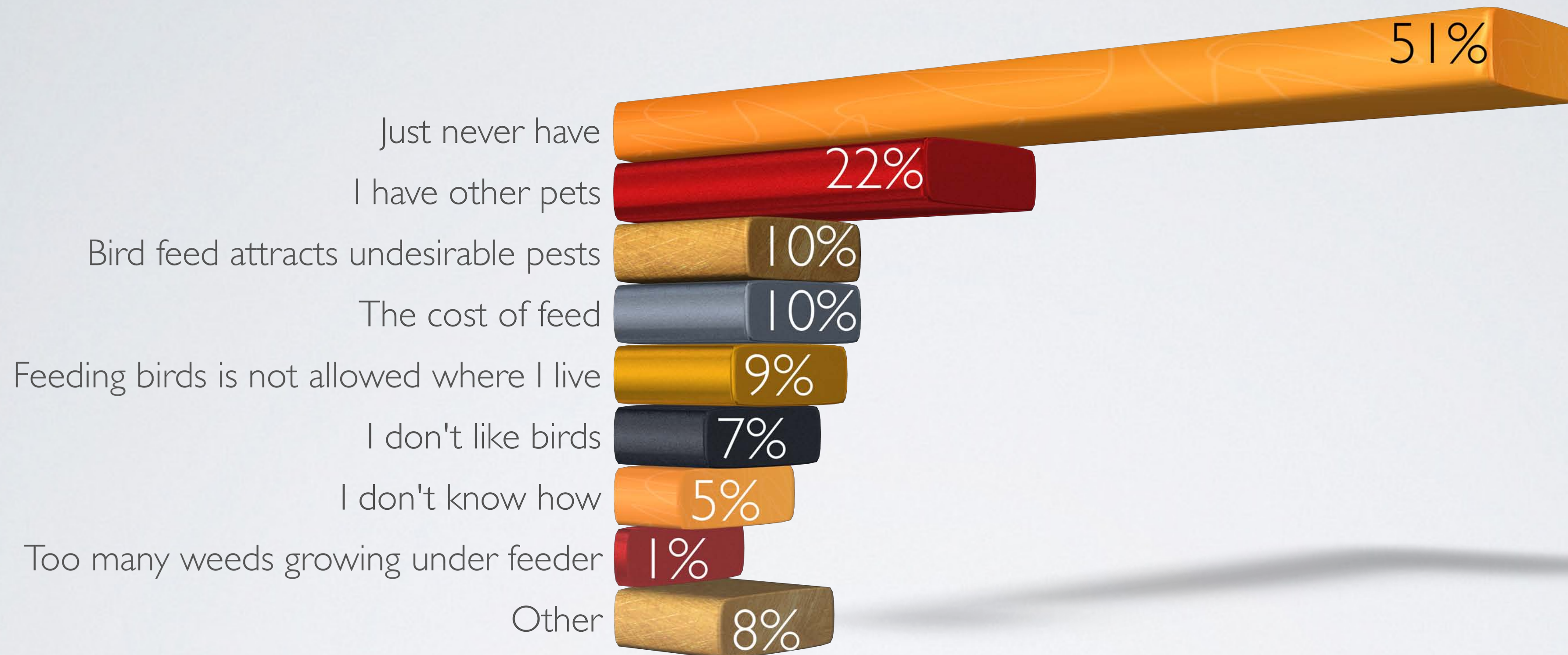
Tags: Exciting; Friendly, “Relationship”

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BRIGHT FUTURE

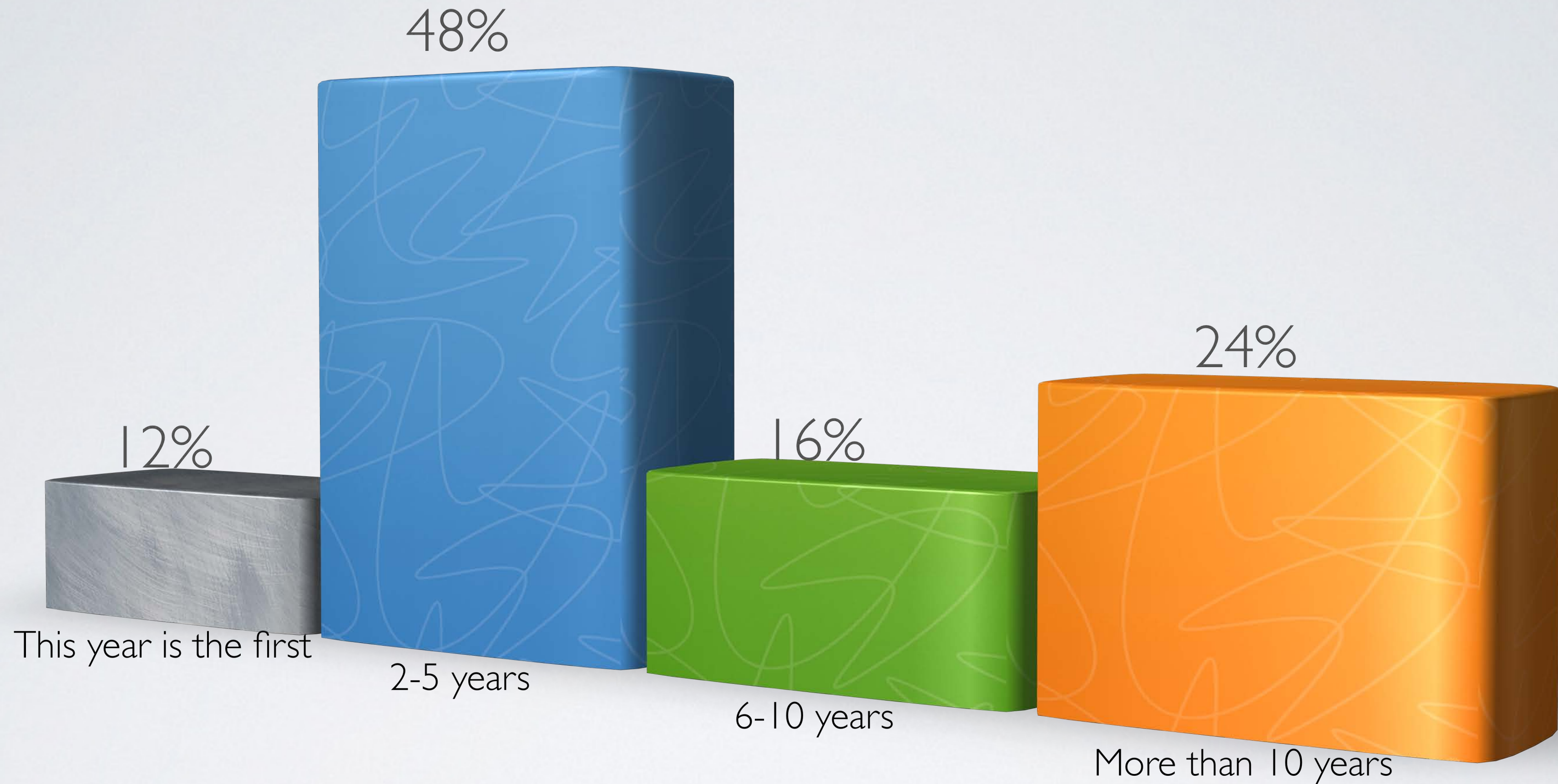
FOR WILD BIRD FEEDING

WHY NOT?



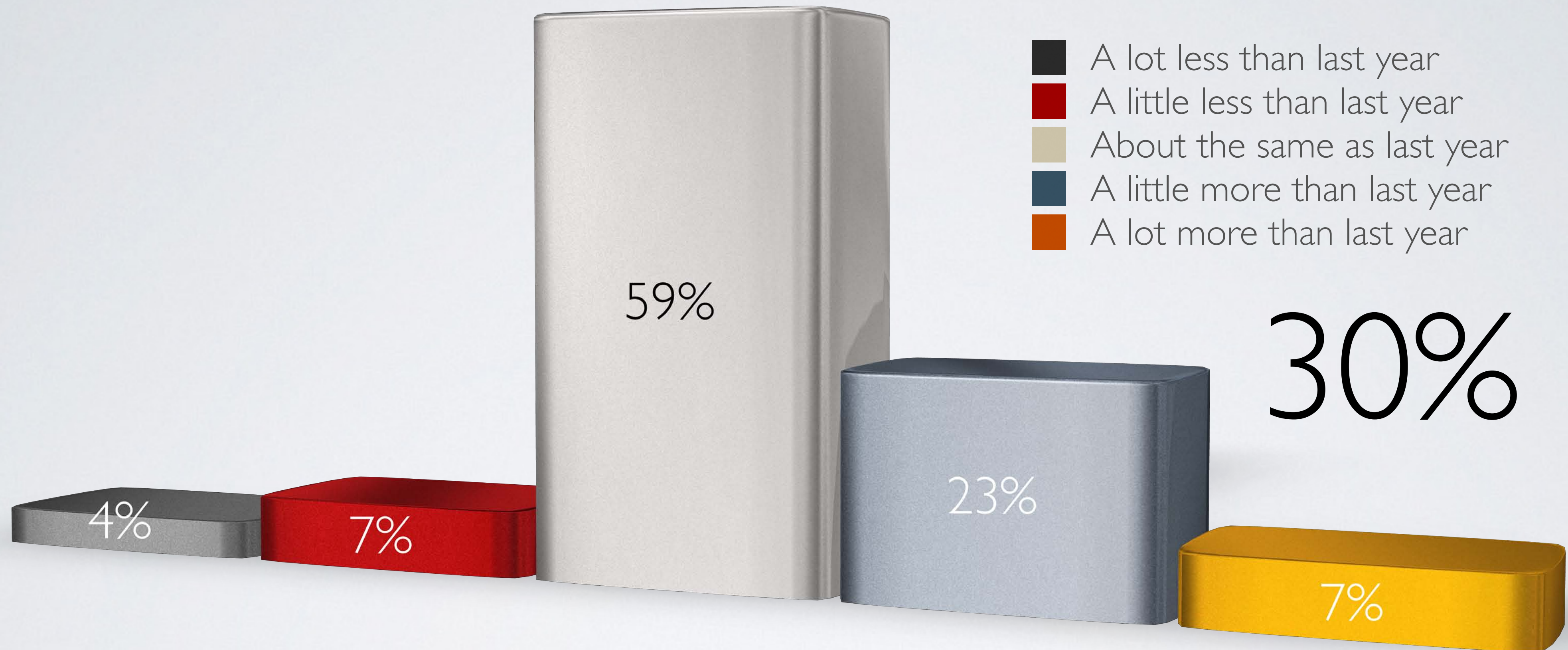
Among those that **do not buy** wild bird feed or feeders, half say that they **“just never have.”** This suggests that with **education and attraction**, an interest could develop in wild bird feeding, moving some of these to become purchasers.

WILD BIRD FEEDING IS FOR LIFE



Only 12% of respondents say that this is their **first year** of wild bird feeding, suggesting that once someone begins, it's an activity that will continue for years to come

MARKET IS GROWING



Expectations are that the **market is growing**. Nearly one-third of purchasers **expect to spend more** this year on wild bird feed and feeders, and more than half will maintain their spending level.

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NEXT STEPS

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I. GET MORE ACCURATE ESTIMATES

1. GET MORE ACCURATE ESTIMATES

2. UNDERSTAND CUSTOMER'S
DNA

1. GET MORE ACCURATE ESTIMATES

**2. UNDERSTAND CUSTOMER'S
DNA**

3. GET MORE SPECIFIC

RECOMMENDED NEXT STEP #1:

FINE TUNE THE DATA,
GET MORE ACCURATE ESTIMATES OF THE MARKET

Setting up a **monthly tracking study for 2015** that would give us:

- Access to more accurate expenditure estimates based on shorter (monthly) periods that consumers will report on
- Better understanding of market fluctuations throughout the year
- Larger sample = higher confidence levels in the data

RECOMMENDED NEXT STEP #2:

FIND OUT WHAT MAKES PEOPLE MORE LIKELY TO SPEND MONEY ON WILD BIRD FEEDING ACTIVITIES

Conducting customer **segmentation study** that would give us:

- understanding of the consumers' psychographic dna. what matters to them, what sets them apart
- finding traits that make consumer more likely to become customer - low hanging fruit for marketing efforts.
- understanding of behavioral patterns to better position, promote and deliver the products

RECOMMENDED NEXT STEP #3:

ZERO IN ON EACH INDUSTRY SEGMENT:
FEED/FEEDERS PRODUCTION, PACKAGING, RETAIL

Conducting **a series of in-depth studies** that would give us:

- Understanding of the consumers' preferences specifically for each of the topics
- Getting ongoing business questions answered before deploying to the market.
- Getting smarter about understanding consumer insights every step of the way.

EDUCATE & ENGAGE **THE OTHER HALF** OF THE POPULATION!

Tell the story in a way that people will enjoy and help evangelize among their peers.

Publishing an infographic is one of the proven ways to viral growth.

Opportunity for immediate growth is at least 50% of existing market size!



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