

Home Retail Consumer Monitor

Methodology

N = 649

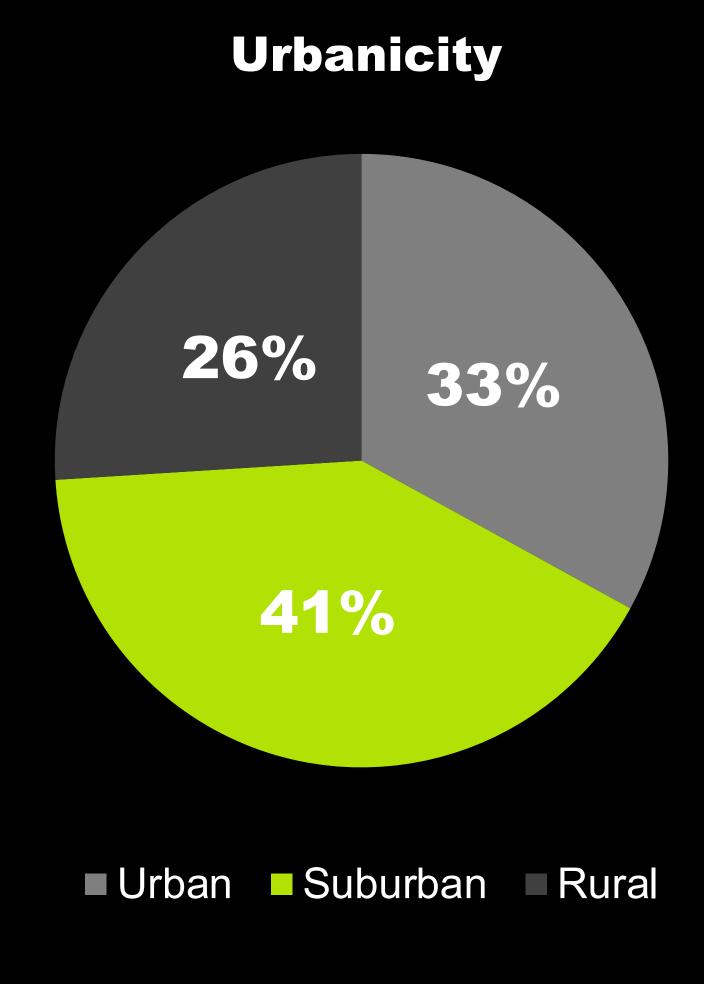
MOE ± 3.85%

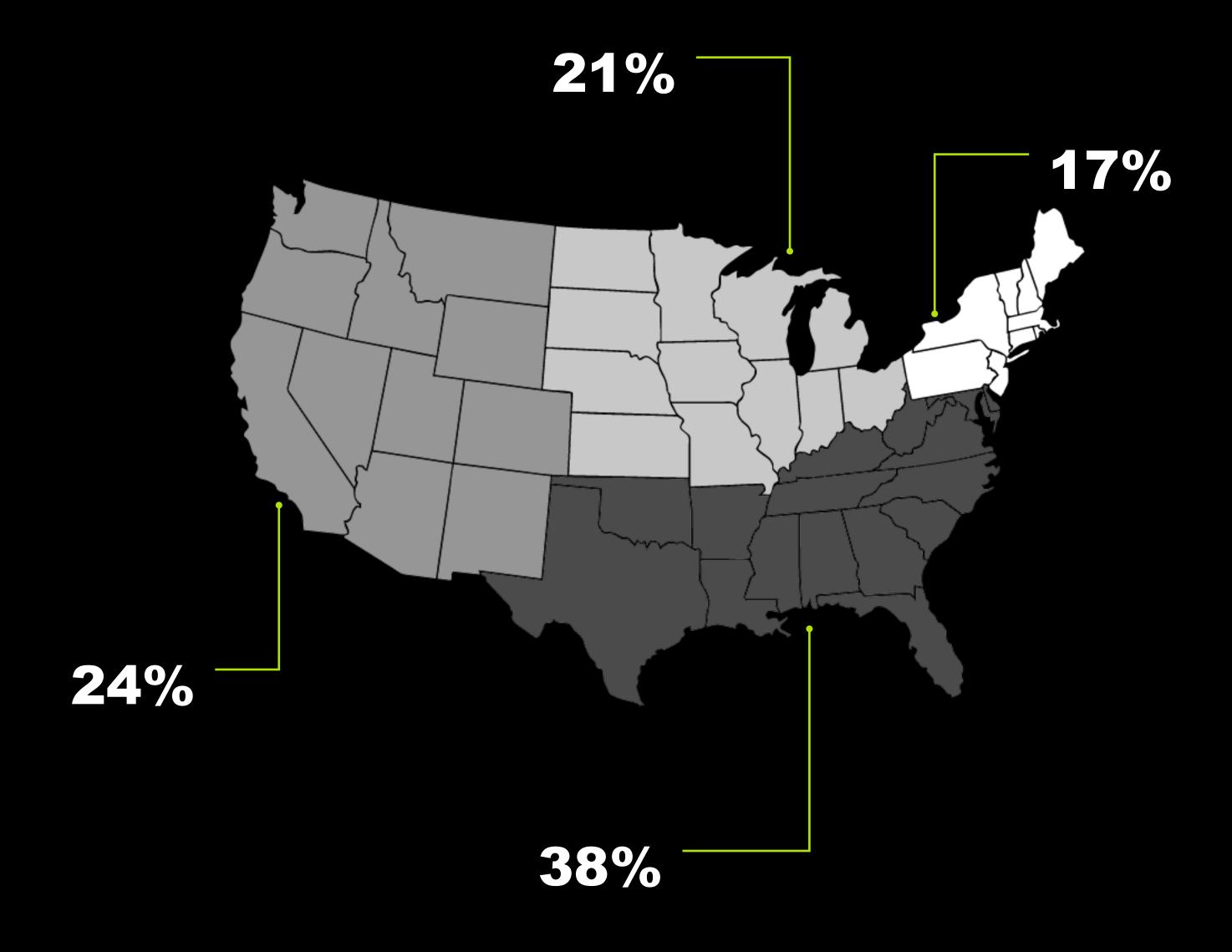
Panel: General Population

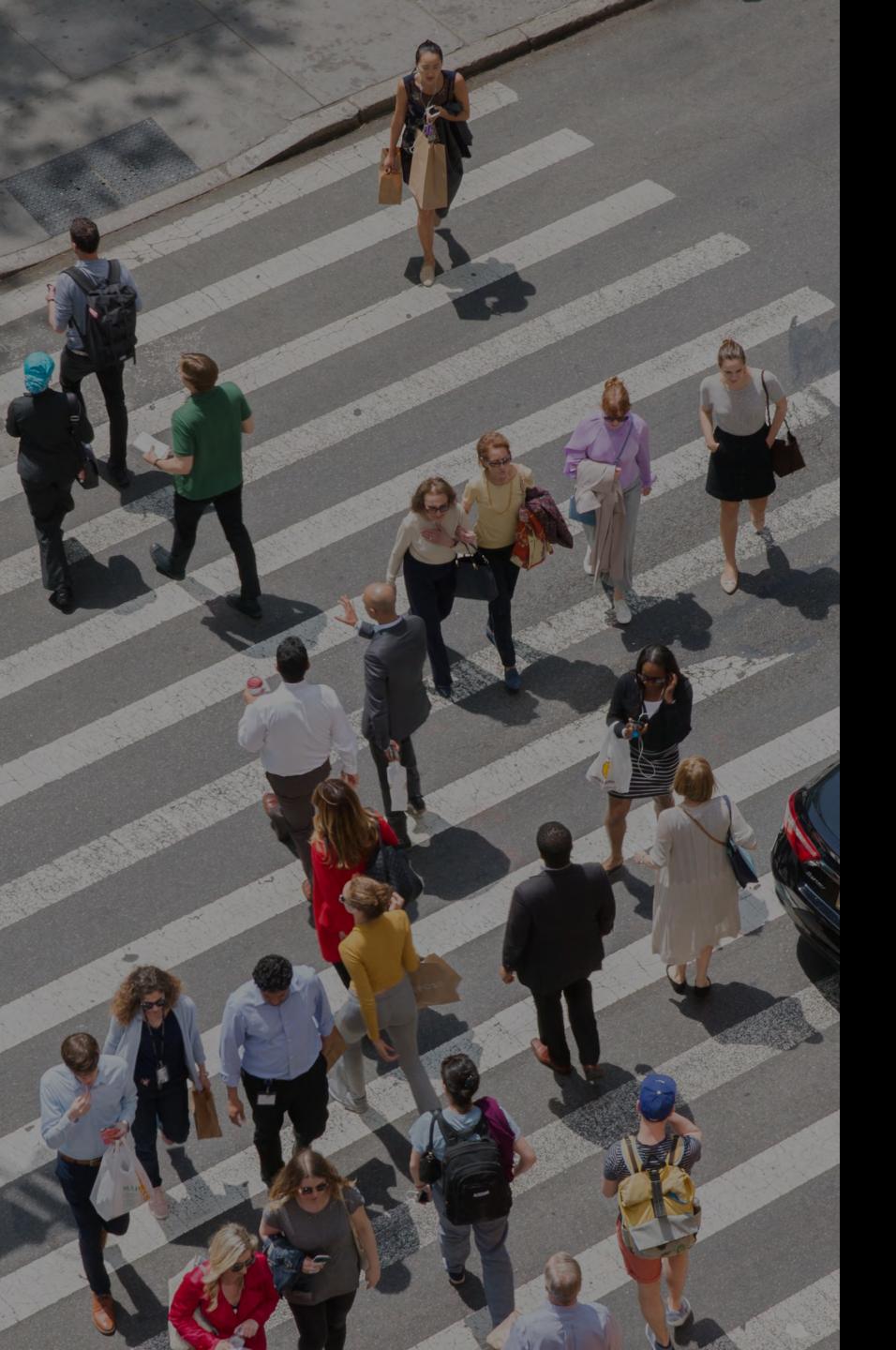
Collected: 2/9/21, 2/10/21

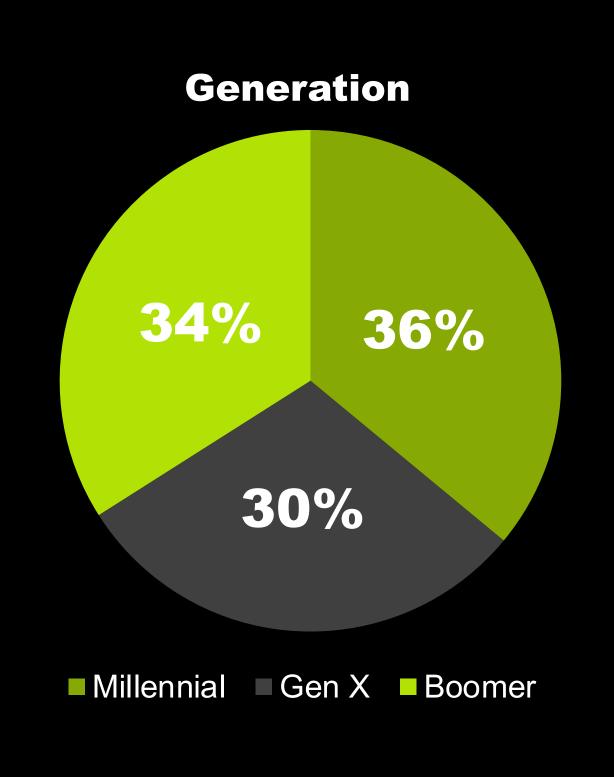


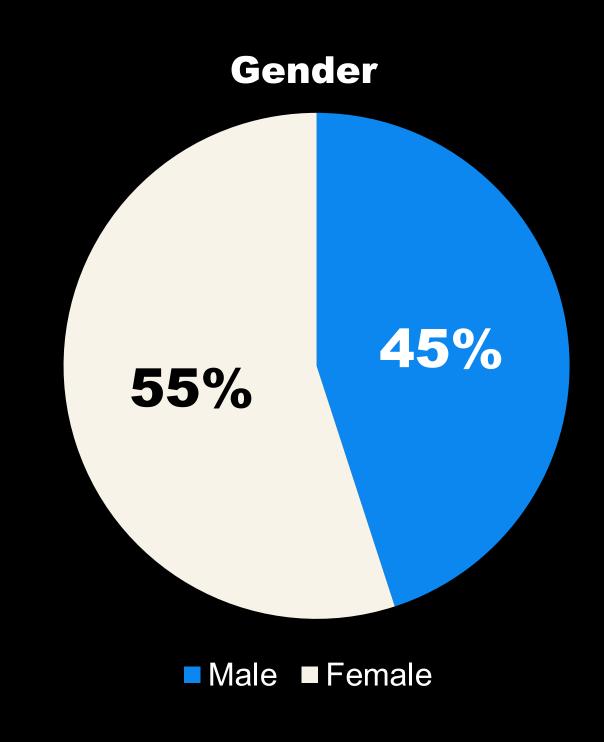
Panel Composition





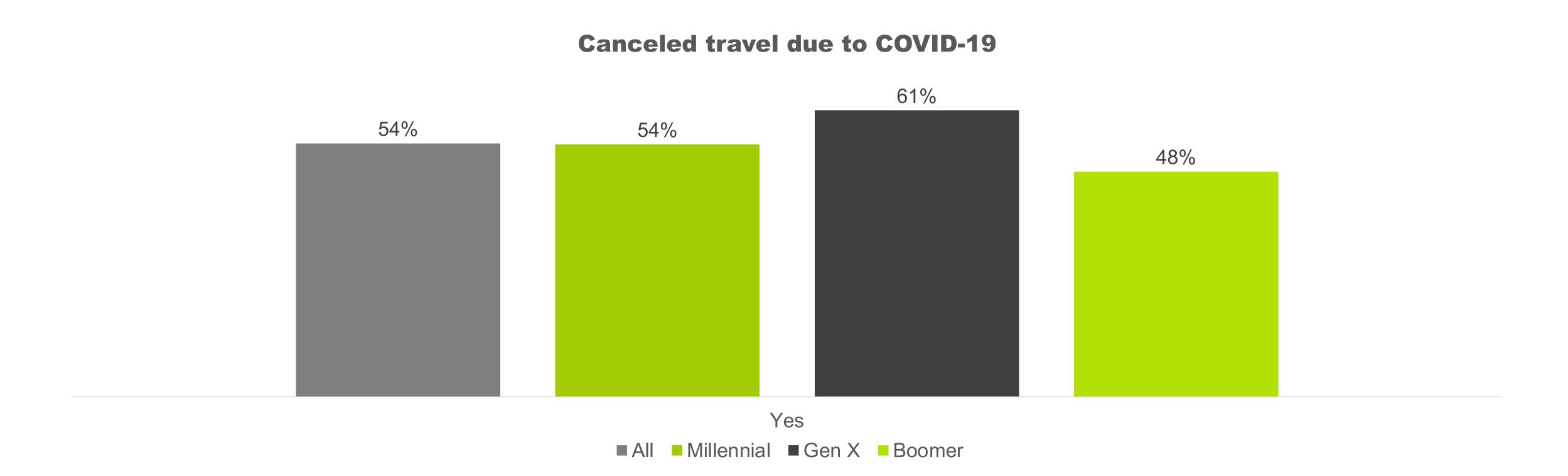




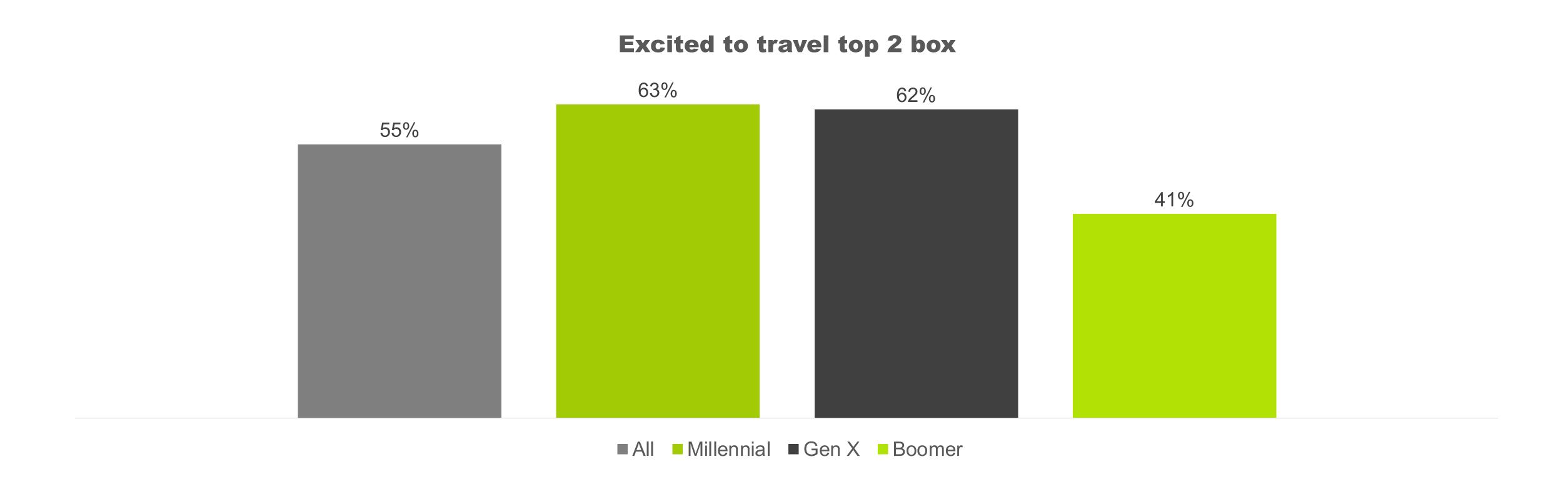




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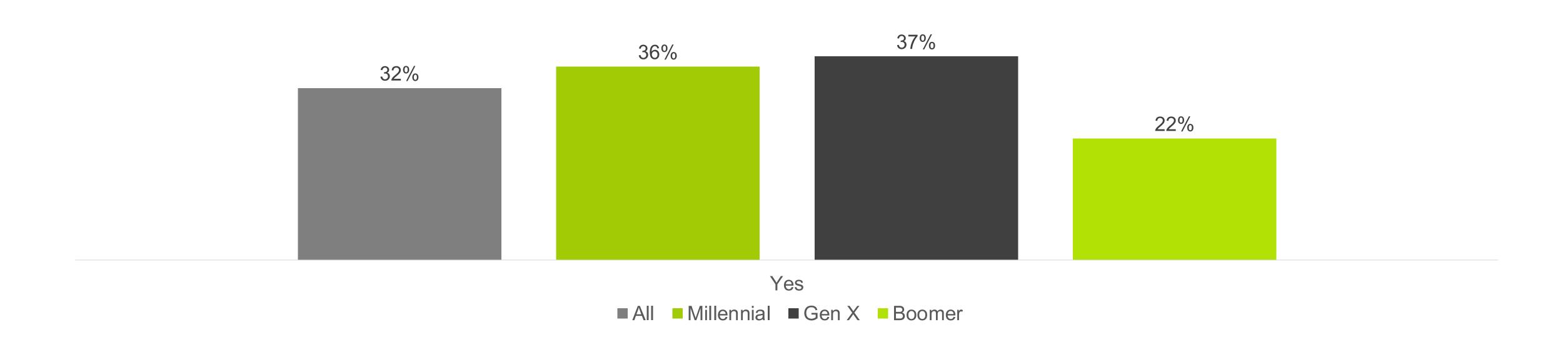


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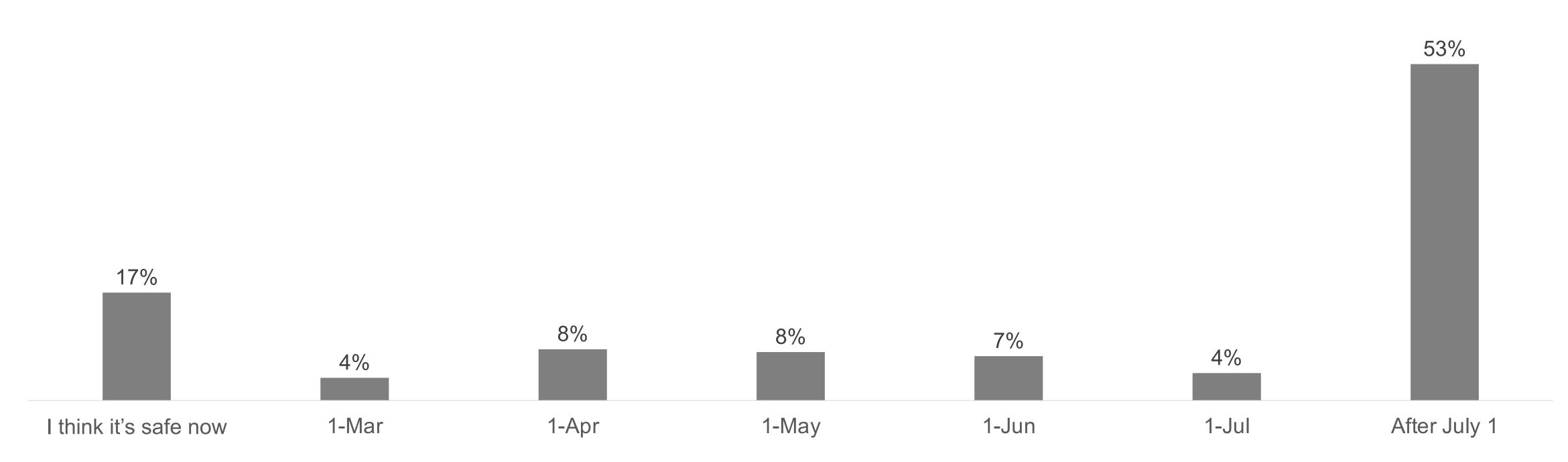
Money or credits saved for travel



Do you have money or credits with an airline, hotel, cruise line etc. that you've saved to use for traveling when it's safer?

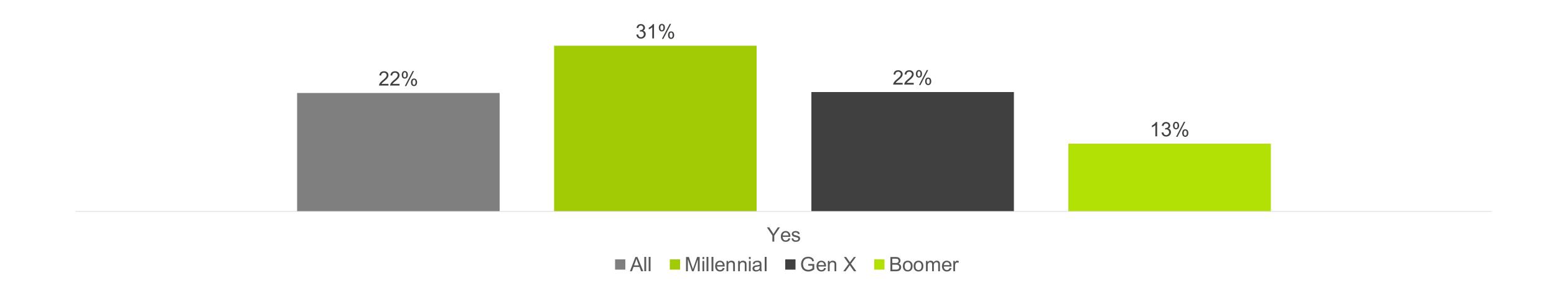
While nearly 1 person in 5 (17%) feels it is safe to travel now, 53% think safe travel won't be available until after July 1.

When travel will be safe



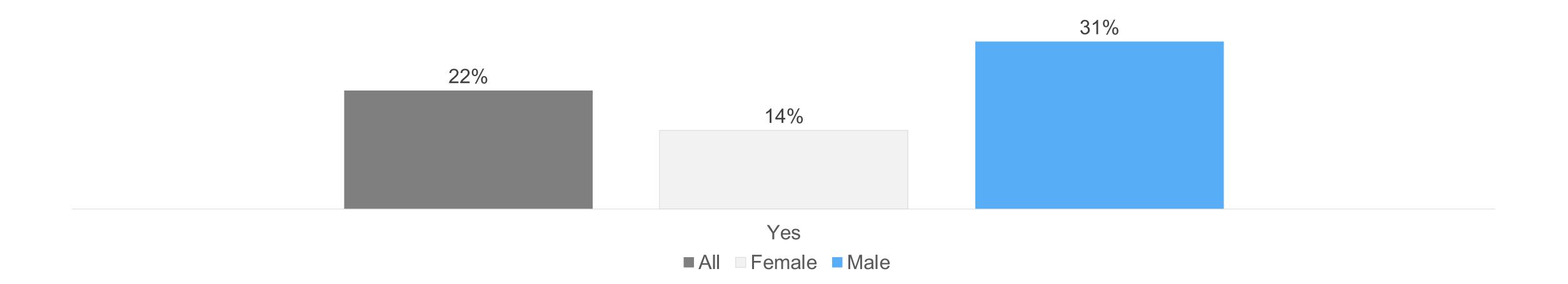
Given the uncertainty of when it will be safe to travel, it's not surprising that only 22% have their plans booked for 2021.

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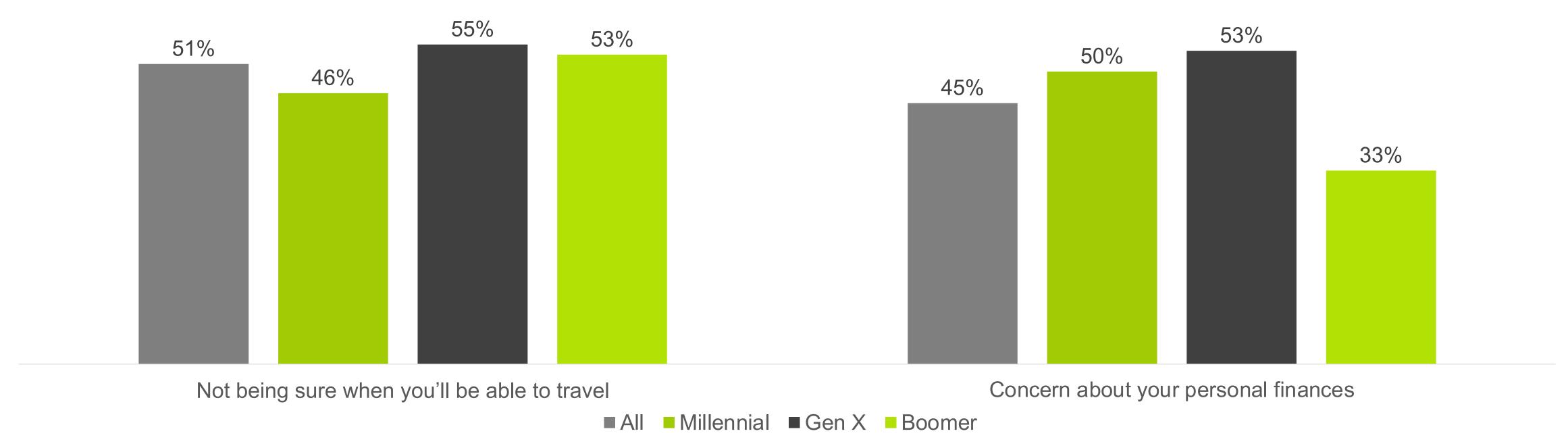
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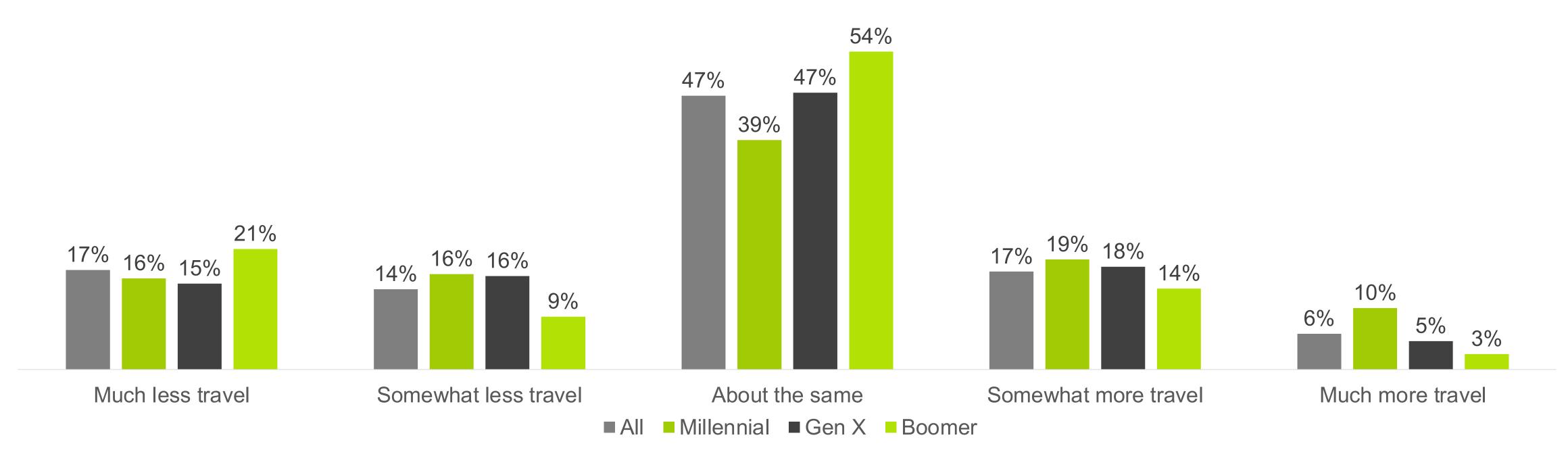
Uncertainty about the safety of travel (51%) is not the only thing interfering with bookings. Nearly half of the sample (45%) have concerns about their finances.





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Travel second half 2021 vs second half 2019

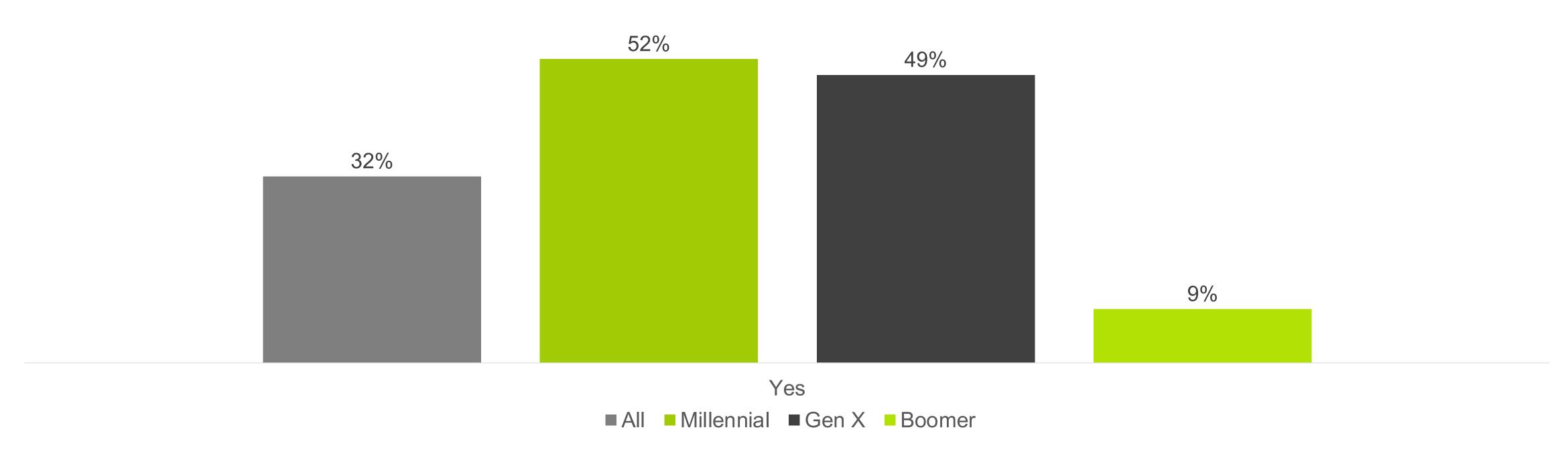


How will your personal travel in the second half of 2021 compare to the travel you did in the second half of 2019 before COVID?



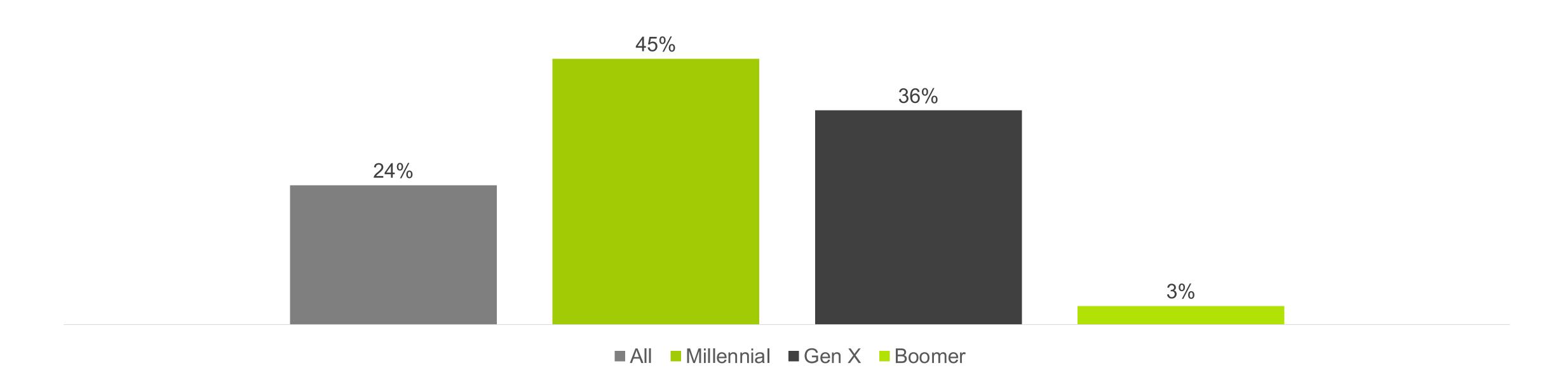
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Follow home improvement brands on social media



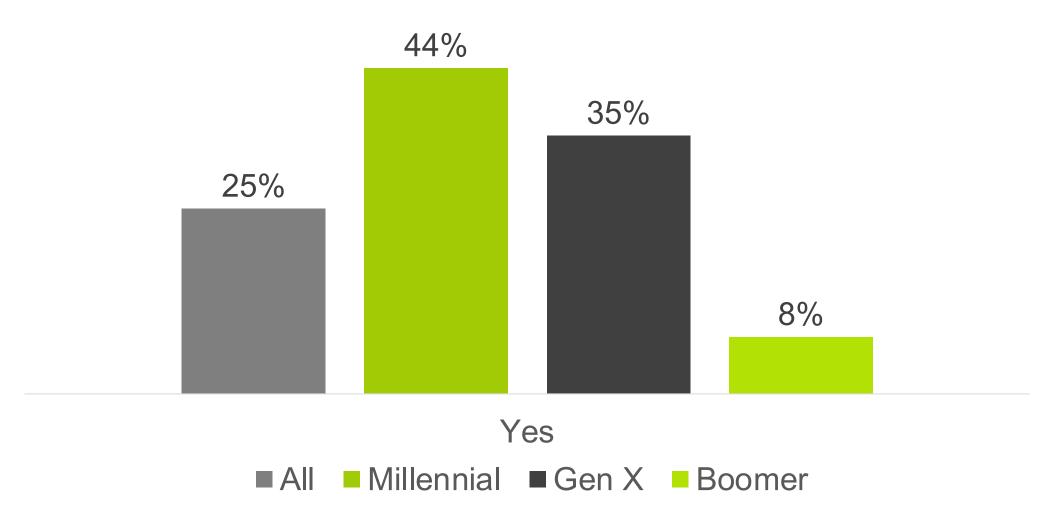
Nearly 1 person in 4 believes it's important for home improvement brands to have a social media presence. The overall number would be quite a bit higher were it not for Boomers.

Importance of home improvement brands presence on social media: top 2 box

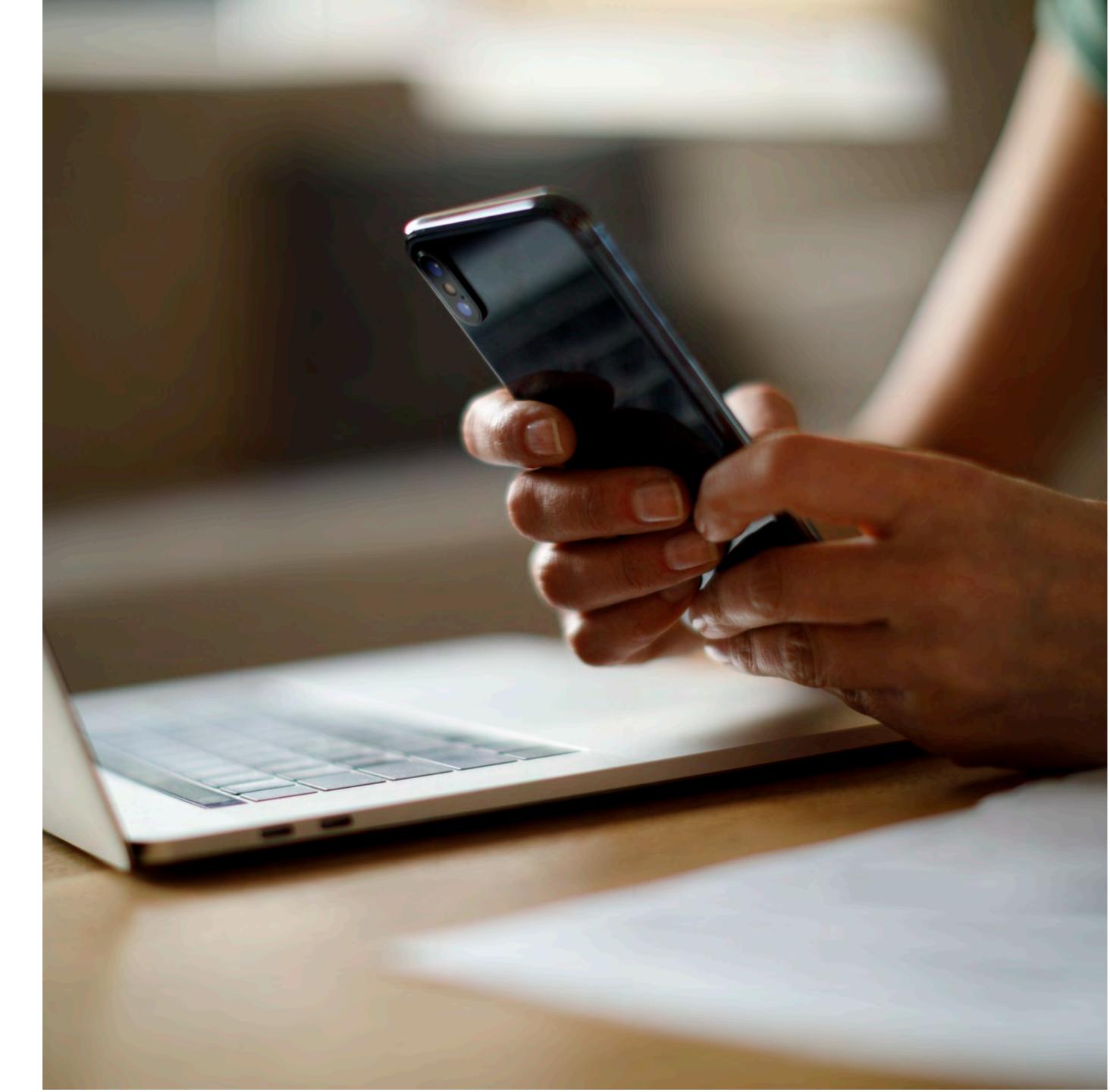


When considering a purchase from a new home improvement brand, 25% check to see if the brand has a social media presence. Again, the generational bias is extreme.

Check for home improvement brands on social media

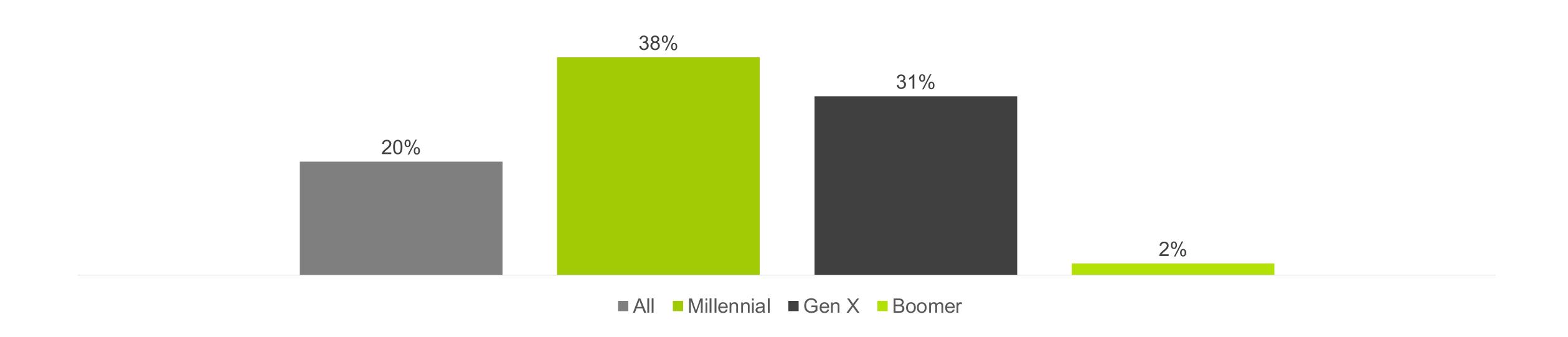


Before purchasing tools or materials from a new brand, do you check to make sure the brand is on social media?



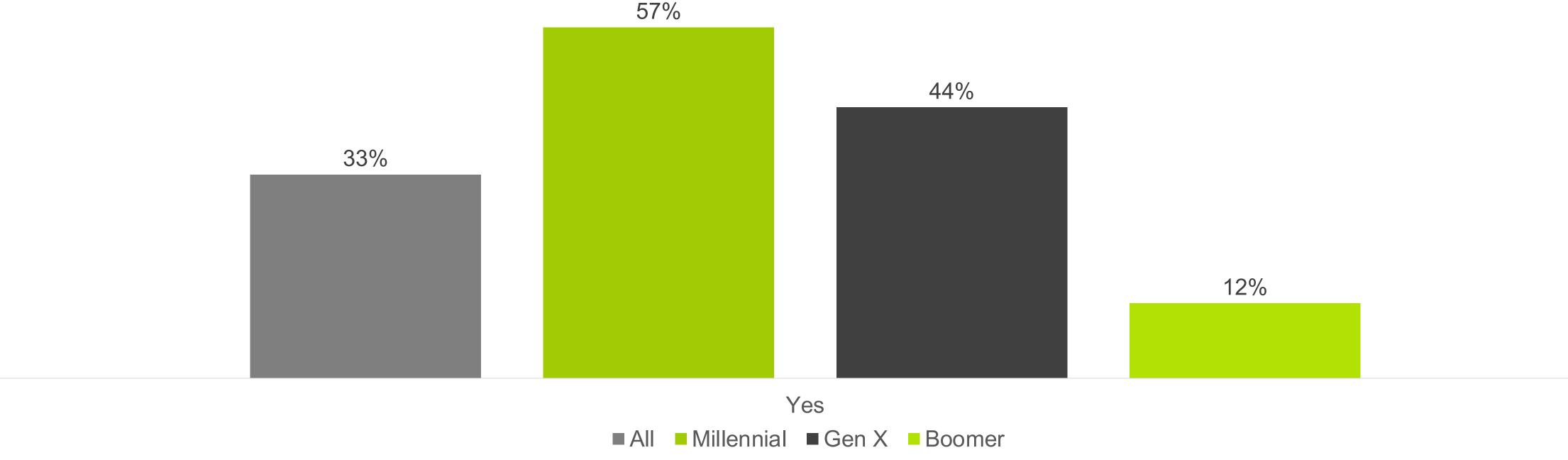
1 in 5 respondents say social media frequently influences their home improvement purchases. However, the influence on Boomer purchases is almost nil.

Social media influence on home improvement purchase: top 2 box



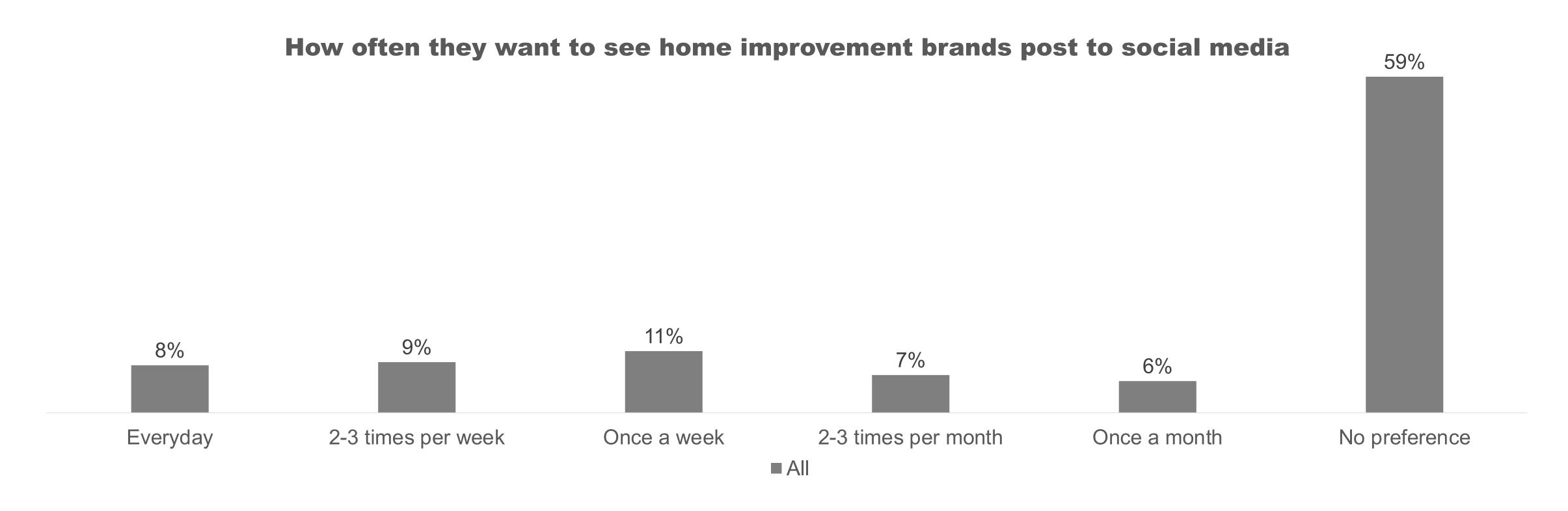
33% of respondents use social media to solicit opinions about home improvement brands they're considering.





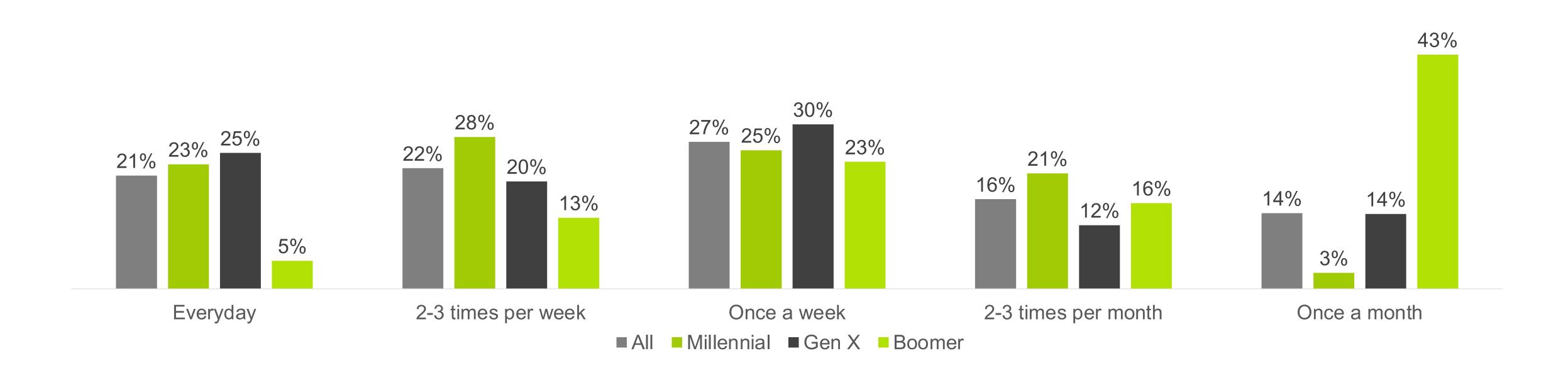
Have you ever checked on social media to get other people's opinion about a home improvement brand you were considering buying?

Less than half of the respondents (41%) have any opinion on the frequency with which a brand should post to social media.



Among those who do have an opinion on the frequency of posts, nearly half of Millennials and Gen X'ers think posts should occur twice a week or more. 43% of Boomers think monthly is sufficient.

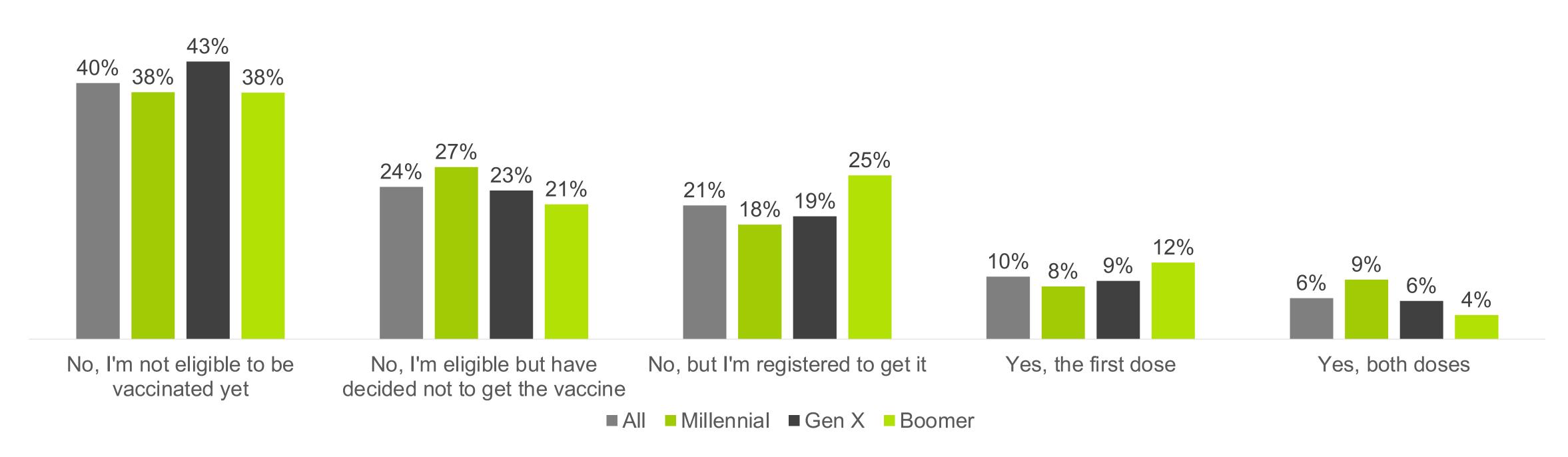
How often they want to see home improvement brands post to social media



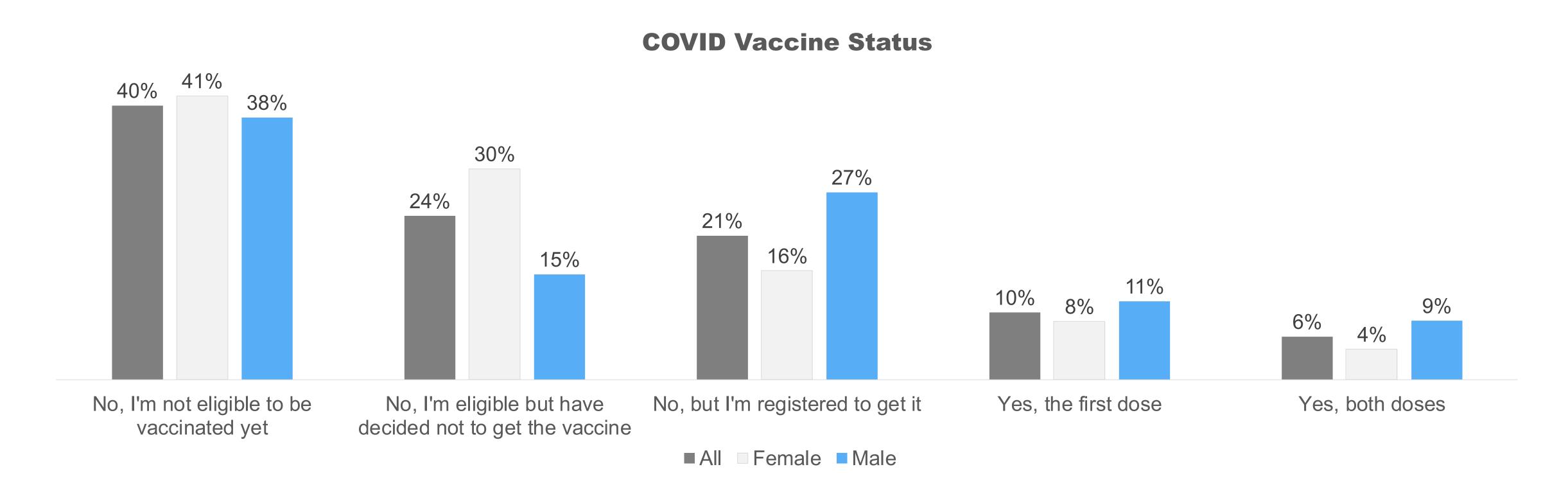


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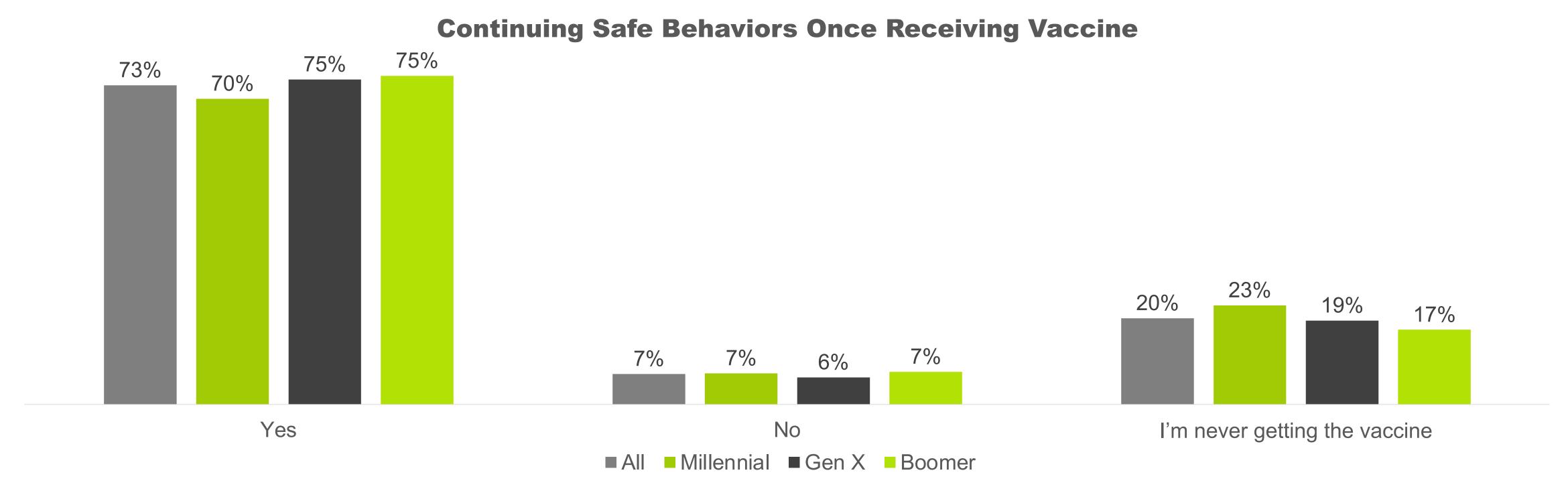




Women (30%) are twice as likely as men (15%) to say they're eligible for the vaccine but have decided not to get it yet.



Of the 80% likely to ultimately get the vaccine, 91% appreciate the need to maintain safety protocols. 20% of respondents remain adamant about not ever getting the vaccine.



Once you've had both doses of the vaccine will you continue to practice safe behaviors like wearing a mask and social distancing?

Summary

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- Nearly 1 person in 4 believes it's important for home improvement brands to have a social media presence. The number would be quite a bit higher were it not for Boomers.
- When considering a purchase from a new home improvement brand, 25% of respondents check to see if the brand has a social media presence.
 - Again, the generational bias is extreme. Only 8% of Boomers check as opposed to 44% of Millennials.
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