

**HESITATIONS FOR
SUMMER/FALL 2020
TRAVEL**

**COVID SPECIFIC
EXPECTATIONS
FRONT & CENTRE**

**WHAT IS THE
STORY?**

ABACUS DATA

**COVID-19 & TRAVEL IMPACT
STUDY
INDIVIDUAL RTO REPORT:
RTO 7
FINAL RESULTS
SURVEY OF ONTARIO RESIDENTS**



METHODOLOGY

The survey was conducted with 3,000 Canadian residents from June 2 to 18, 2020. This include 2000 Ontario residents, 400 Winnipeg residents, and 600 Montreal area residents. A random sample of panelists were invited to complete the survey from a set of partner panels based on the Lucid exchange platform. These partners are typically double opt-in survey panels, blended to manage out potential skews in the data from a single source.

In this report:

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The margin of error for the residents sample for a comparable probability-based random sample of the same size is +/- 4.7%, 19 times out of 20.

The data were weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Canada's population according to age, gender, and region. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

PROFILES

	SAMPLE SIZE	THOSE WHO...
VISITORS TO YOUR REGION....	n=457	Visited a small town OR national park for 25%+ of their trips last year in Summer/Fall 2019 AND Loves outdoor activities when they travel OR regularly visited their second property
RESIDENTS OF YOUR REGION...	n=436	Region 4, 5 6 and 7 FSAs

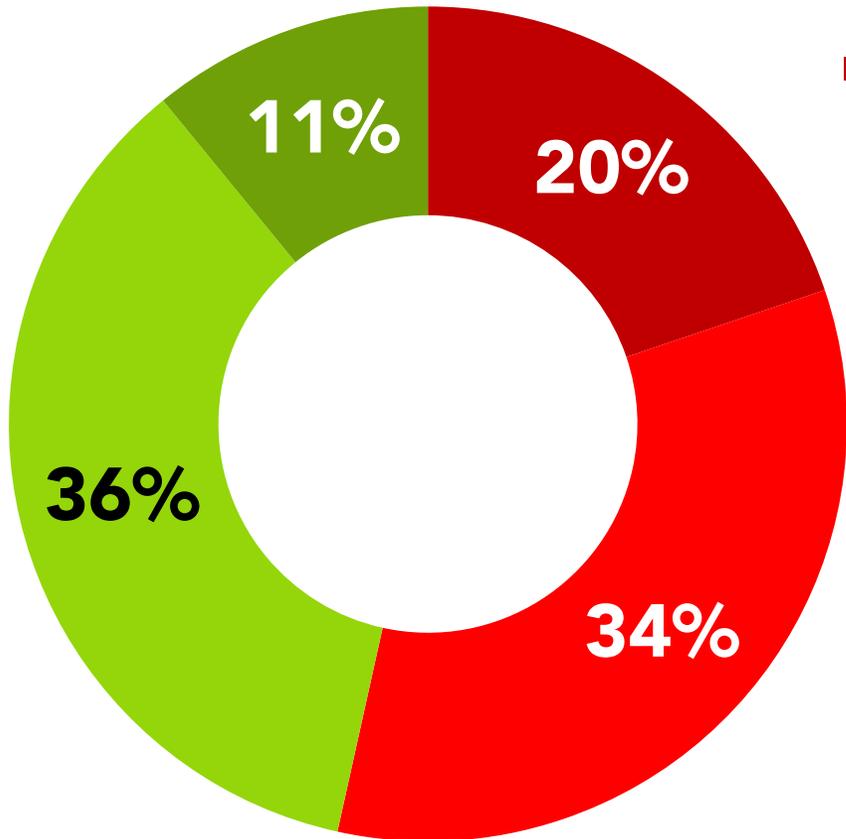
KEY FINDINGS FOR RTO: 7

1. Like all Ontario residents, those likely to travel to your region are still worried about coronavirus and are hesitant to get back into travelling right away.
2. Travellers will be most comfortable with the outdoor activities your region has to offer.
3. COVID-19 procedures and protocol will be key, especially for activities that are indoor, and will require physical distancing guidelines.
4. 60% of residents in your region would consider a trip in the region sometime this summer. 49% would consider a trip to a destination in another region. And few are interested in travelling any further.
5. 50% are open to visitors from other communities nearby, and just under half would welcome visitors from other parts of the province.

A dark, atmospheric photograph of an airport terminal. In the foreground, a black rolling suitcase stands upright. The background shows a busy airport with people walking, sitting, and standing. There are flight information screens and structural beams visible. The overall lighting is dim, creating a moody and professional feel.

PART 1: VISITORS TO YOUR REGION

WORRY ABOUT THE PANDEMIC



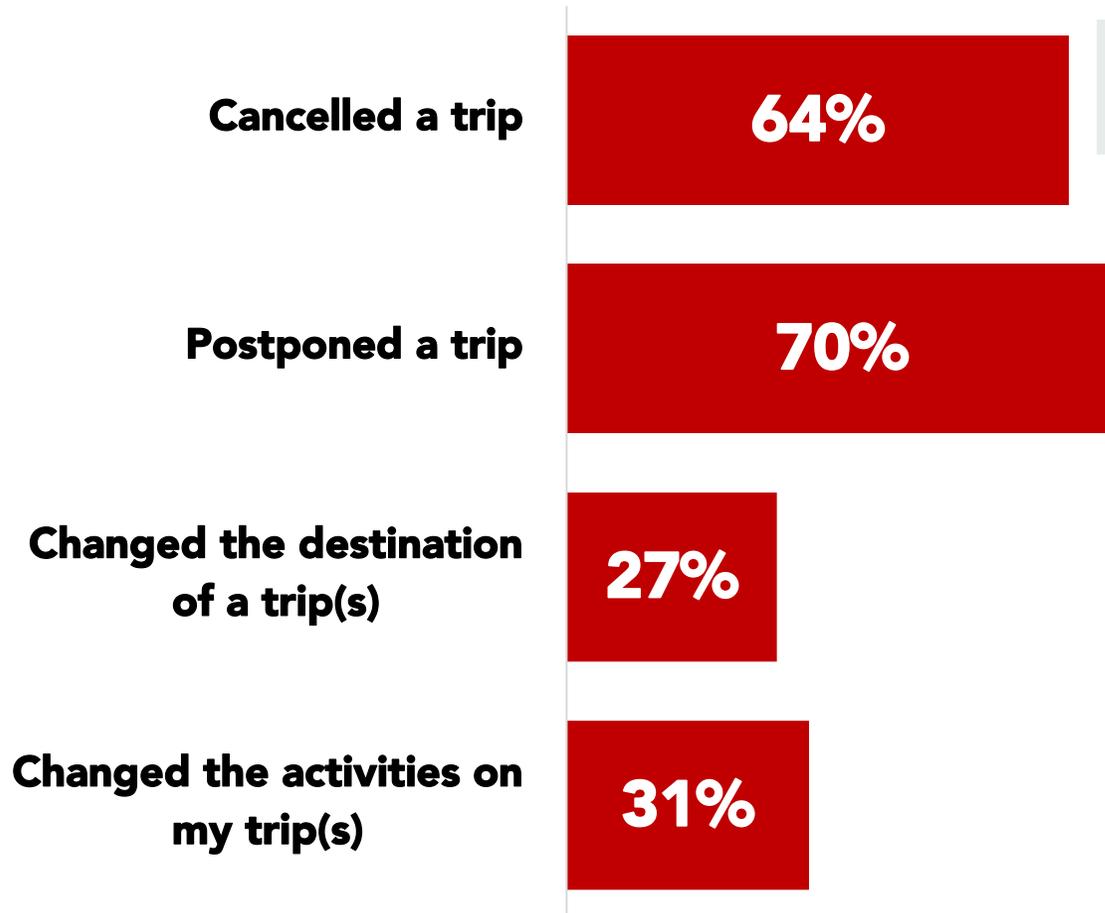
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54% say coronavirus is making them really/somewhat worried.

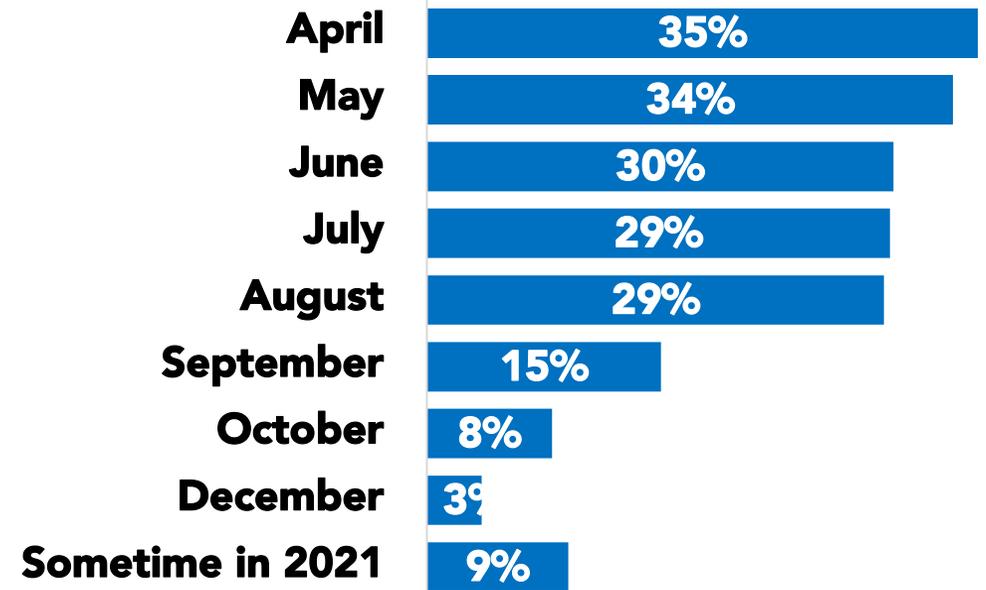
**Among all Ontarian travellers
52% say coronavirus is making them worried.**

Overall, how worried, if at all, is the situation with the coronavirus or COVID-19 making you right now?/To what extent, if at all, are you worried about the following when it comes to the COVID-19 pandemic?

IMPACT ON TRAVEL PLANS



Visitors to your region are slightly more likely to have cancelled a trip compared to Ontarian travellers overall (64%).



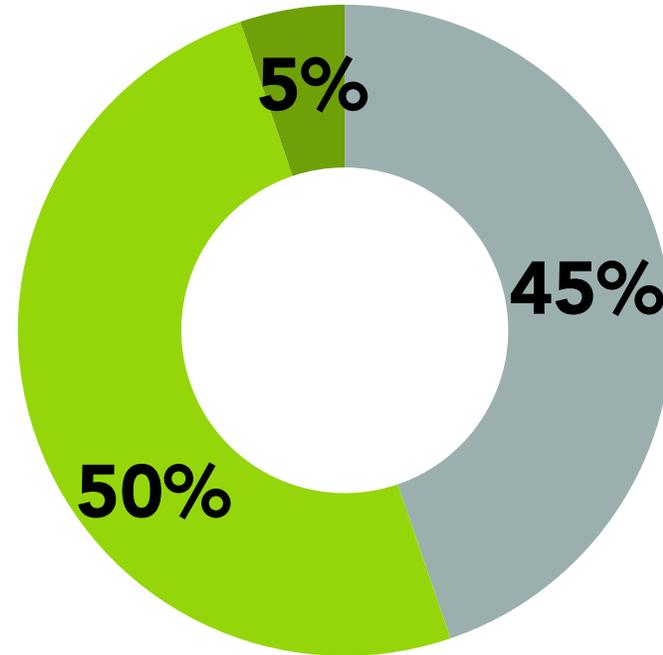
Due to the coronavirus outbreak have you had to do any of the following.../Of the trips that you cancelled/postponed, which month(s) were they scheduled to take place? Please select all that apply

POST-COVID TRAVEL COMFORT

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■ I'll get back in but carefully

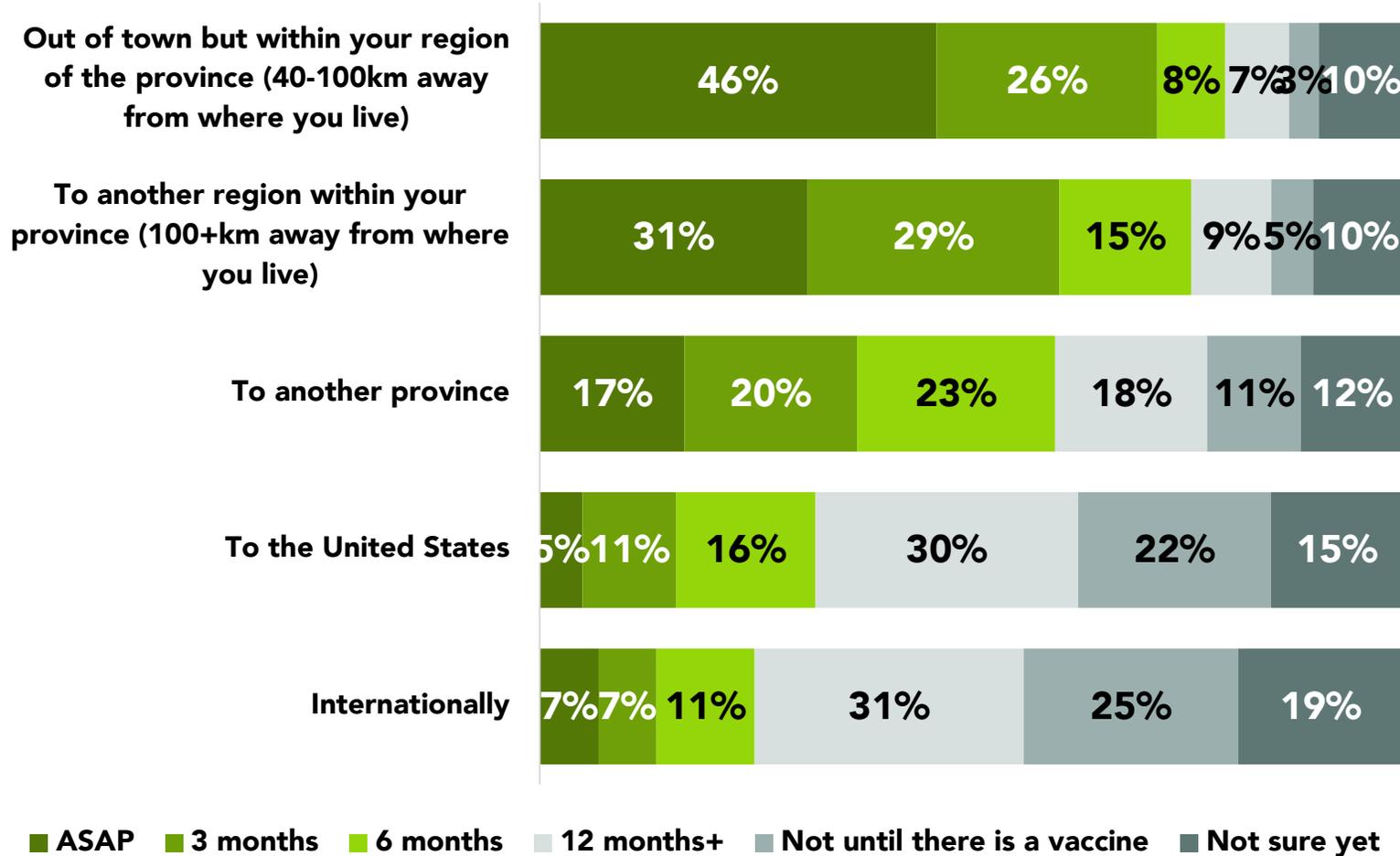
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Like Ontarian travellers overall, few will jump right back in.

What best describes how you feel about travelling now as physical distancing restrictions start to be lifted?

TIME HORIZON FOR DIFFERENT DESTINATIONS

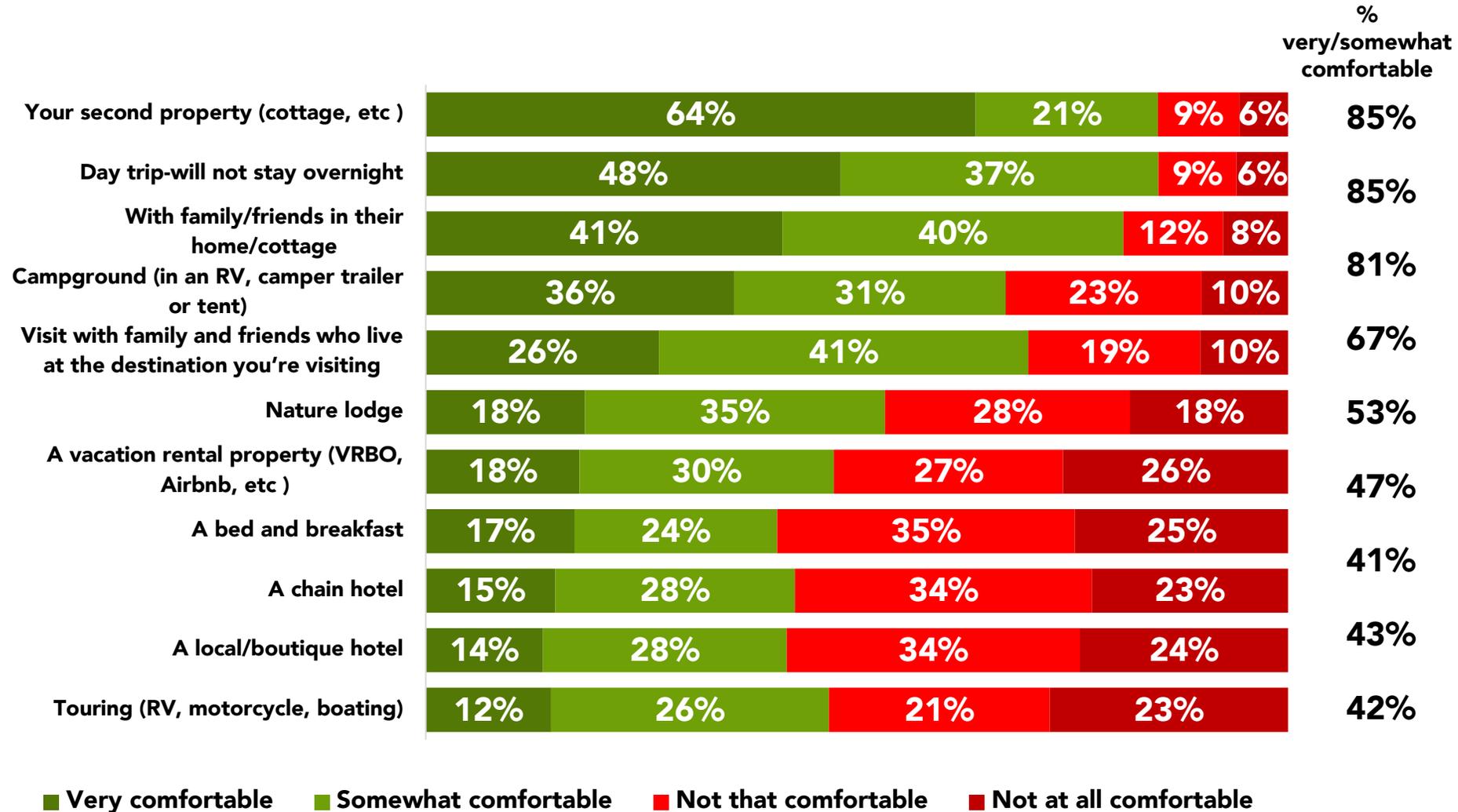


72% of travellers to your region say they will travel out of town but within their region this summer.

60% of travellers to your region say they will travel out of their region this summer.

Once travel restrictions are lifted, how long will it be before you feel comfortable travelling? *Not interested removed

WHERE TO STAY

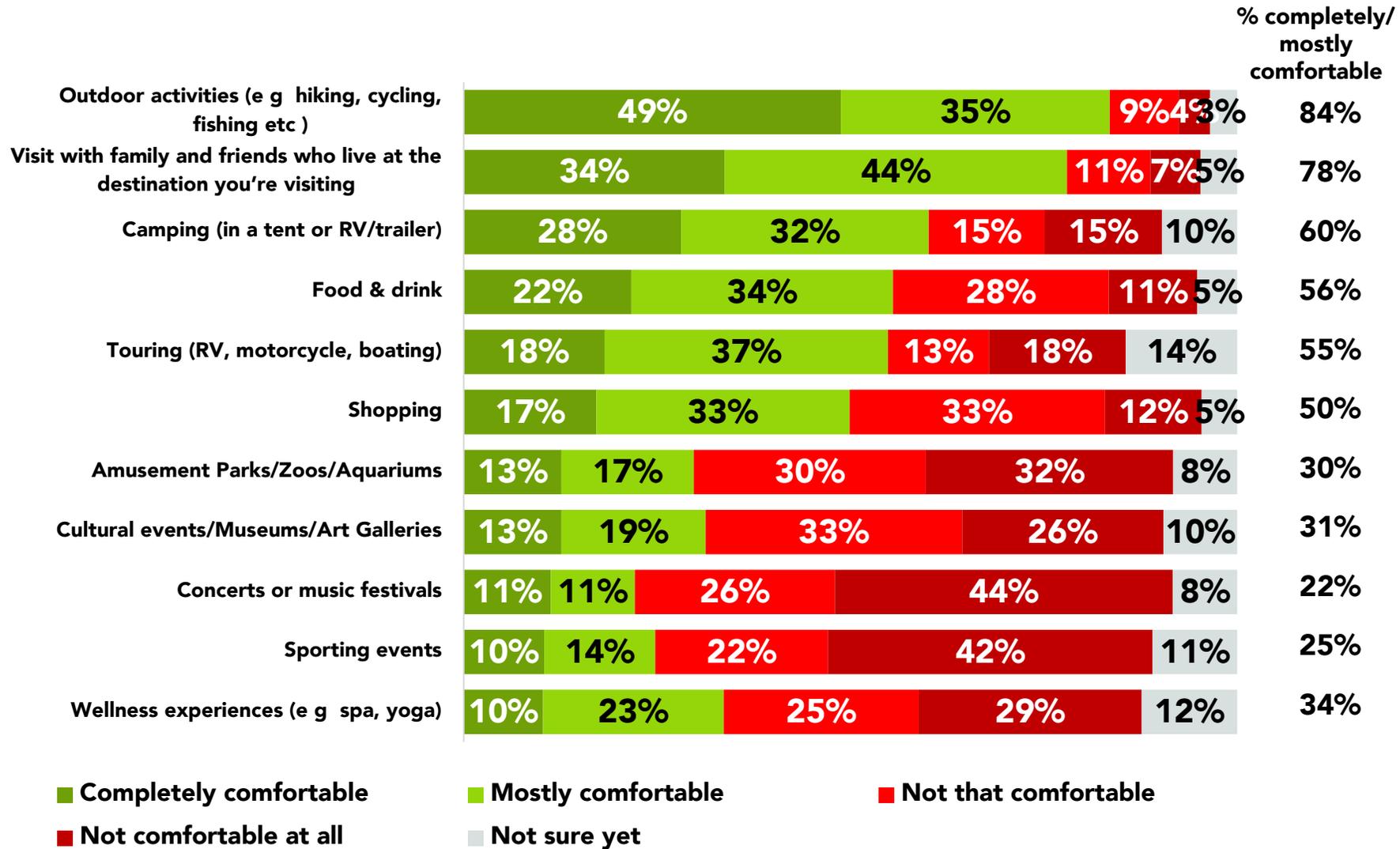


Visitors to your region are most comfortable staying at:...

- Their second property (85%)
- Or not staying overnight (85%)

During Summer/Fall 2020, how comfortable would you be taking a trip to...

WHAT TO DO



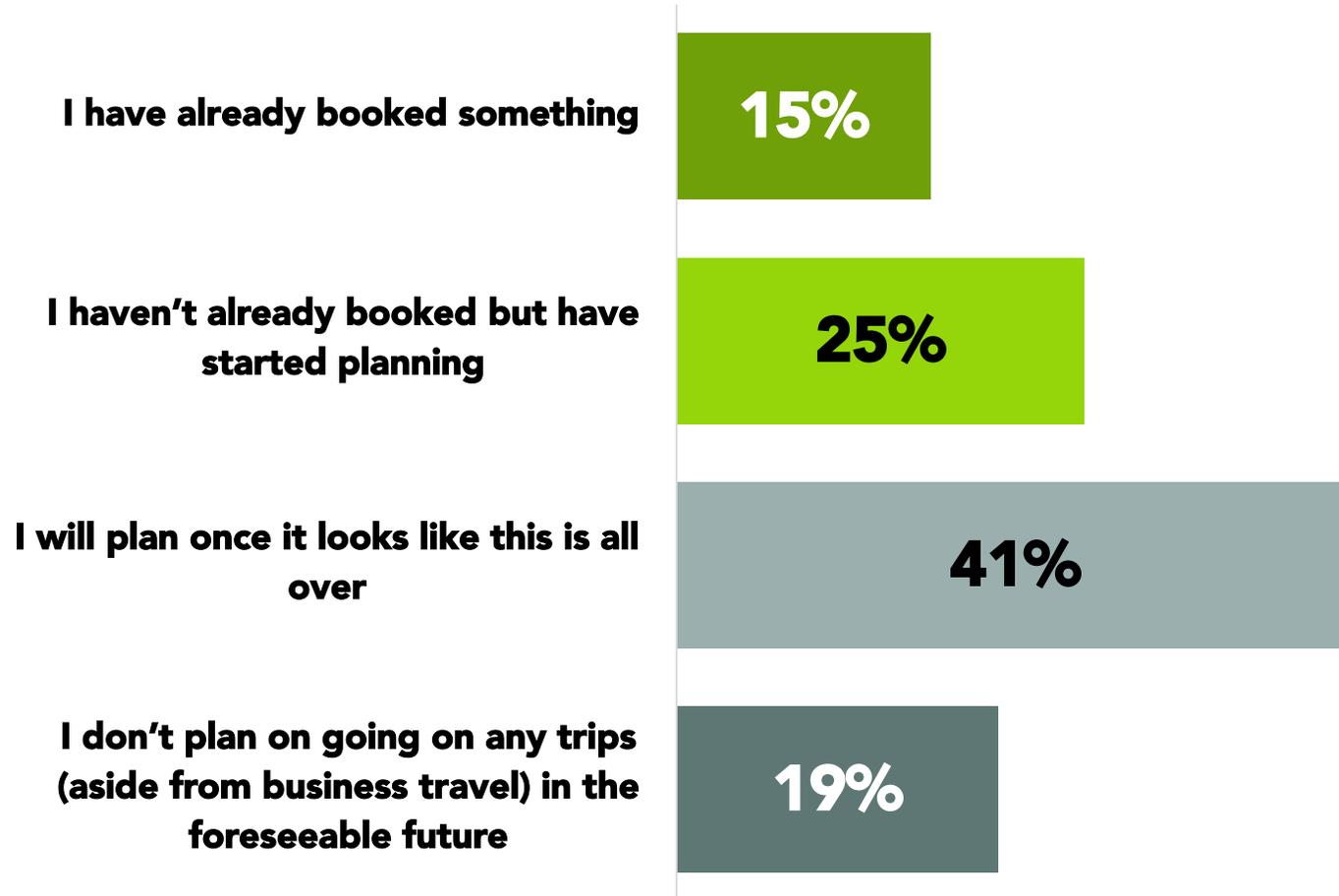
Visiting travelers are also most comfortable with outdoor activities/visiting with family/friends.

During Summer/Fall 2020, to what extent will you feel comfortable, if at all, doing the following activities?

CONCERN PROFILES

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PHYSICAL DISTANCING	57%
BEING CLOSE TO HOME	46%
COVID-19 PROCEDURES AND COMMS	64%
FAMILIARITY	50%
COST	43%

BOOKINGS AND INTENTIONS

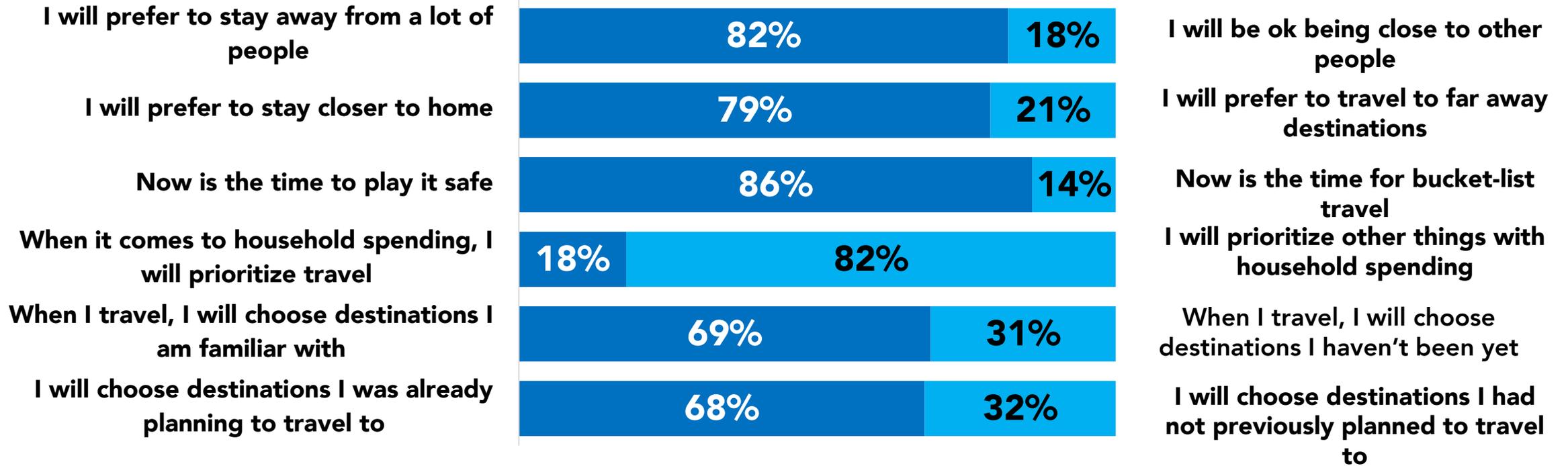


As with Ontarians, very few have actually booked travel so far.

Most haven't even started making plans.

Have you booked future travel plans (aside from business travel) or talked about future travel plans with your family or friends for when the COVID-19 pandemic is over?

TRAVEL DECISIONS BASED ON...



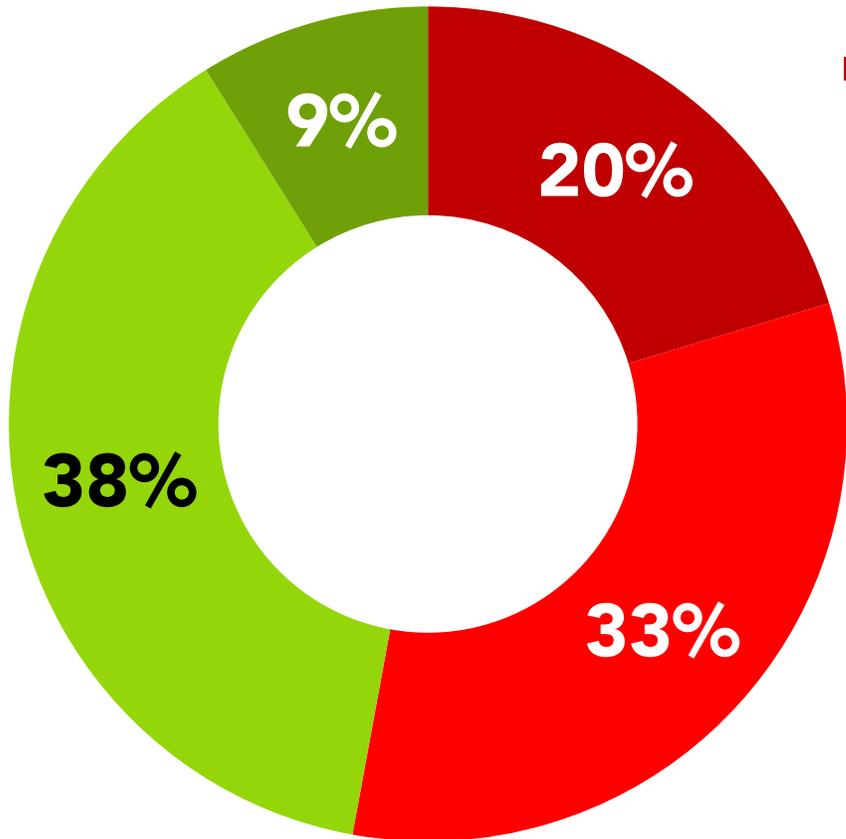
Again, proximity to home and small groups are key.
Right now, familiarity is also important (69% will travel to destinations they were already planning on).
Travel is also not a big financial priority.

86% say right now is the time to play it safe.

A photograph of an airport terminal with a dark, moody atmosphere. In the foreground on the right, a black rolling suitcase stands upright. The background shows a busy airport with people walking, sitting on chairs, and standing near information screens. The ceiling has a modern, geometric design with white beams. The overall scene is dimly lit, with some light coming from the screens and overhead lights.

PART 2: RESIDENTS OF YOUR REGION

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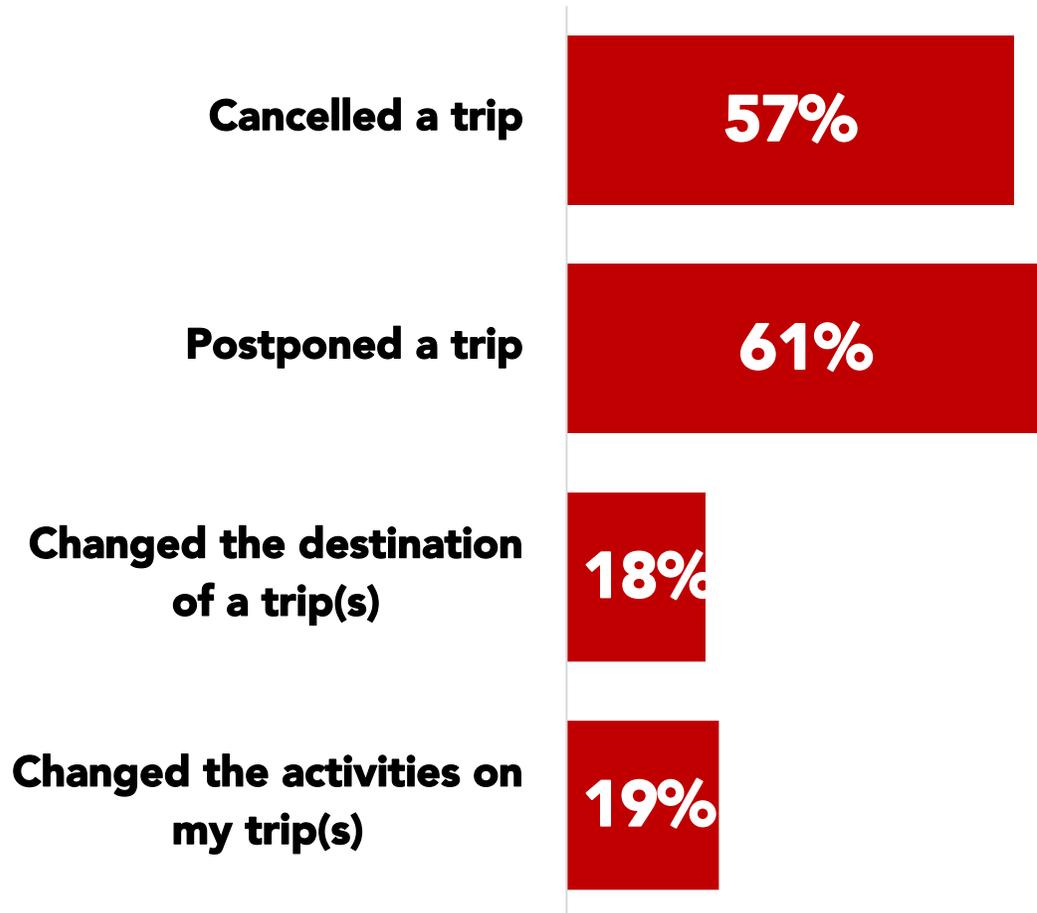


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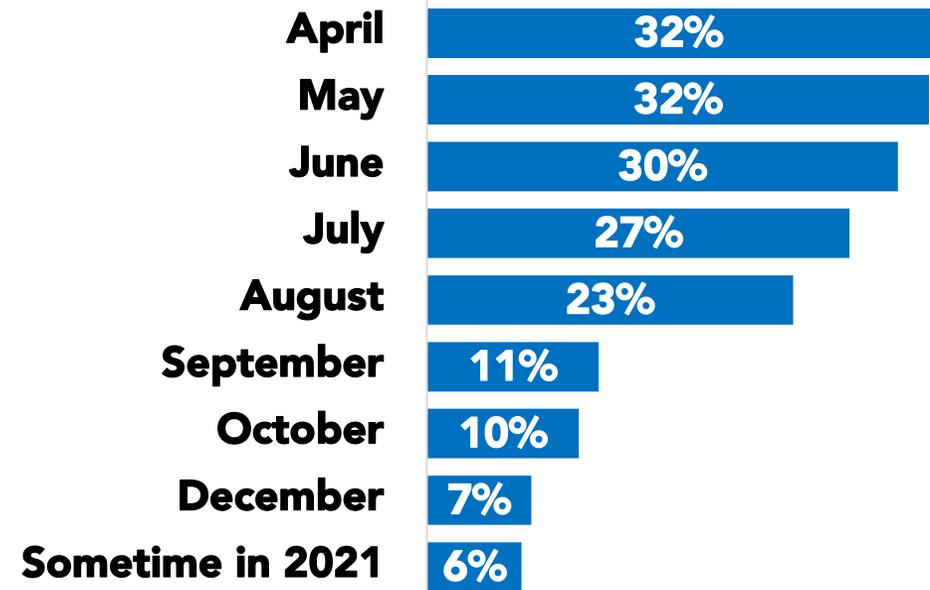
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IMPACT ON TRAVEL PLANS



Over half have cancelled and nearly two-thirds have postponed at least one trip.



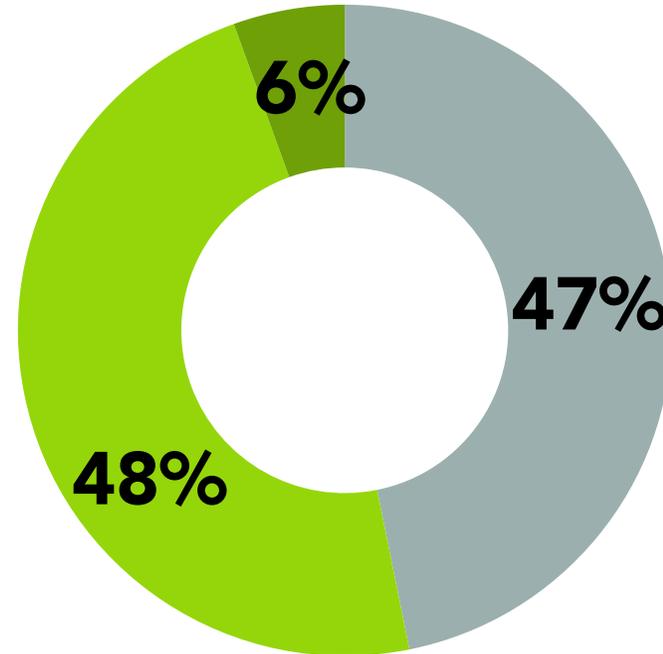
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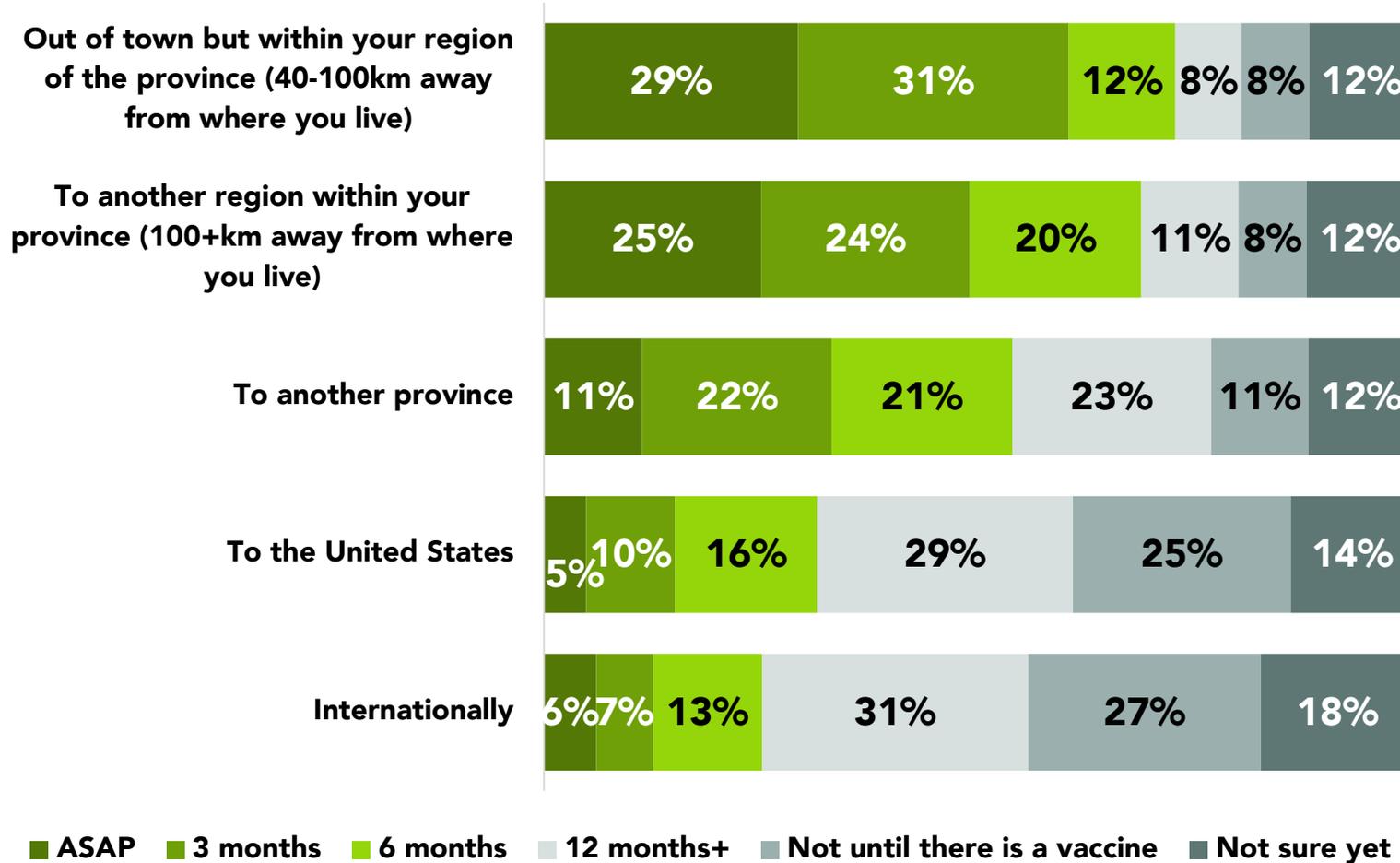
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Few residents are eager to get back into their travel habits. Only 6% are likely to resume their pre-COVID travel habits ASAP.

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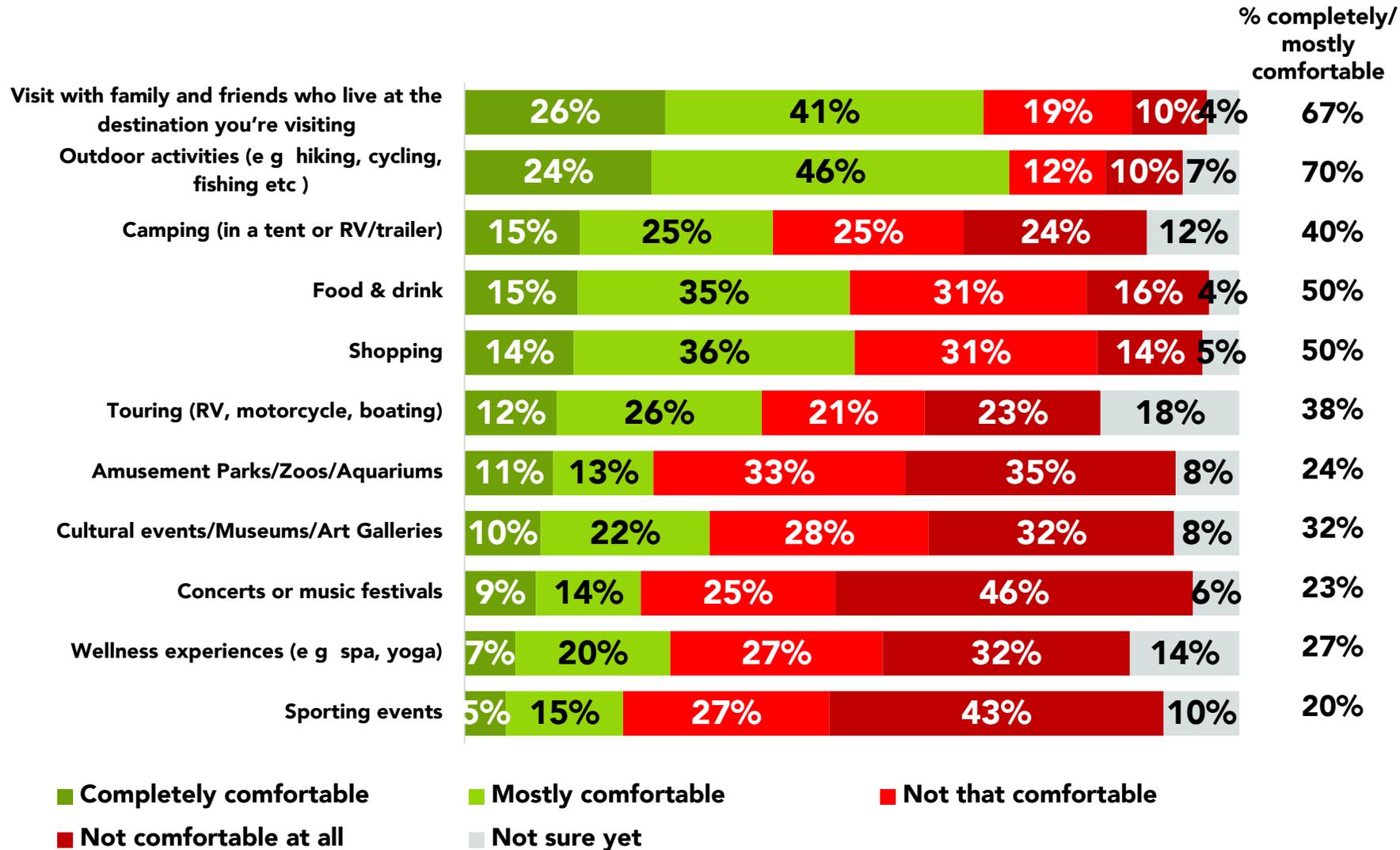


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WHAT TO DO



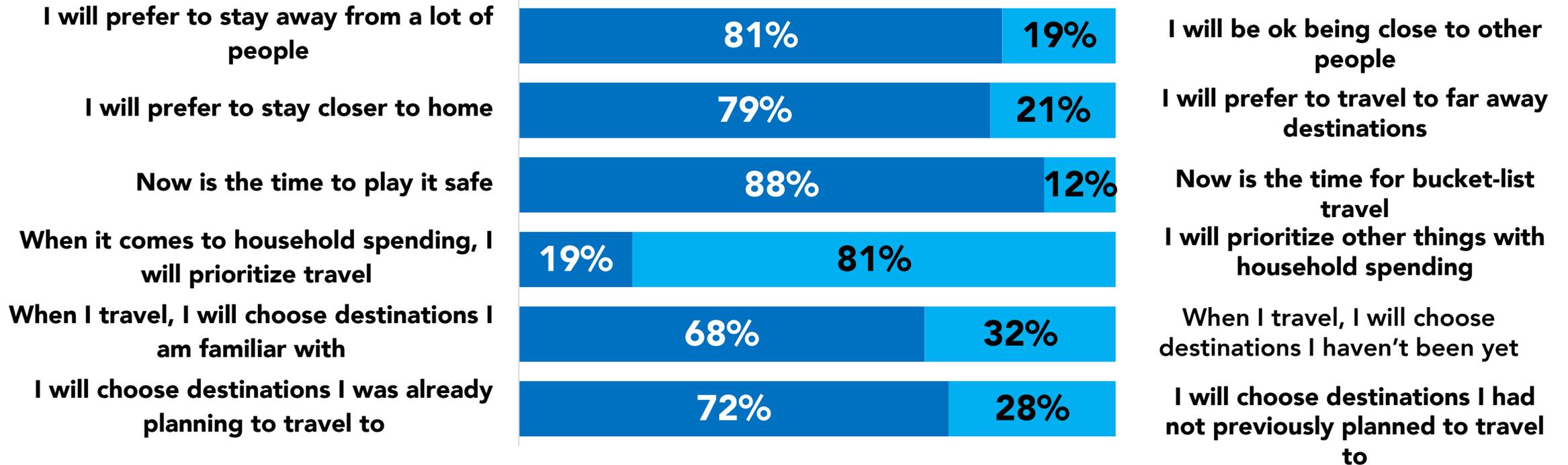
Residents are most comfortable with outdoor activities like hiking, cycling or fishing or visiting with family and friends.

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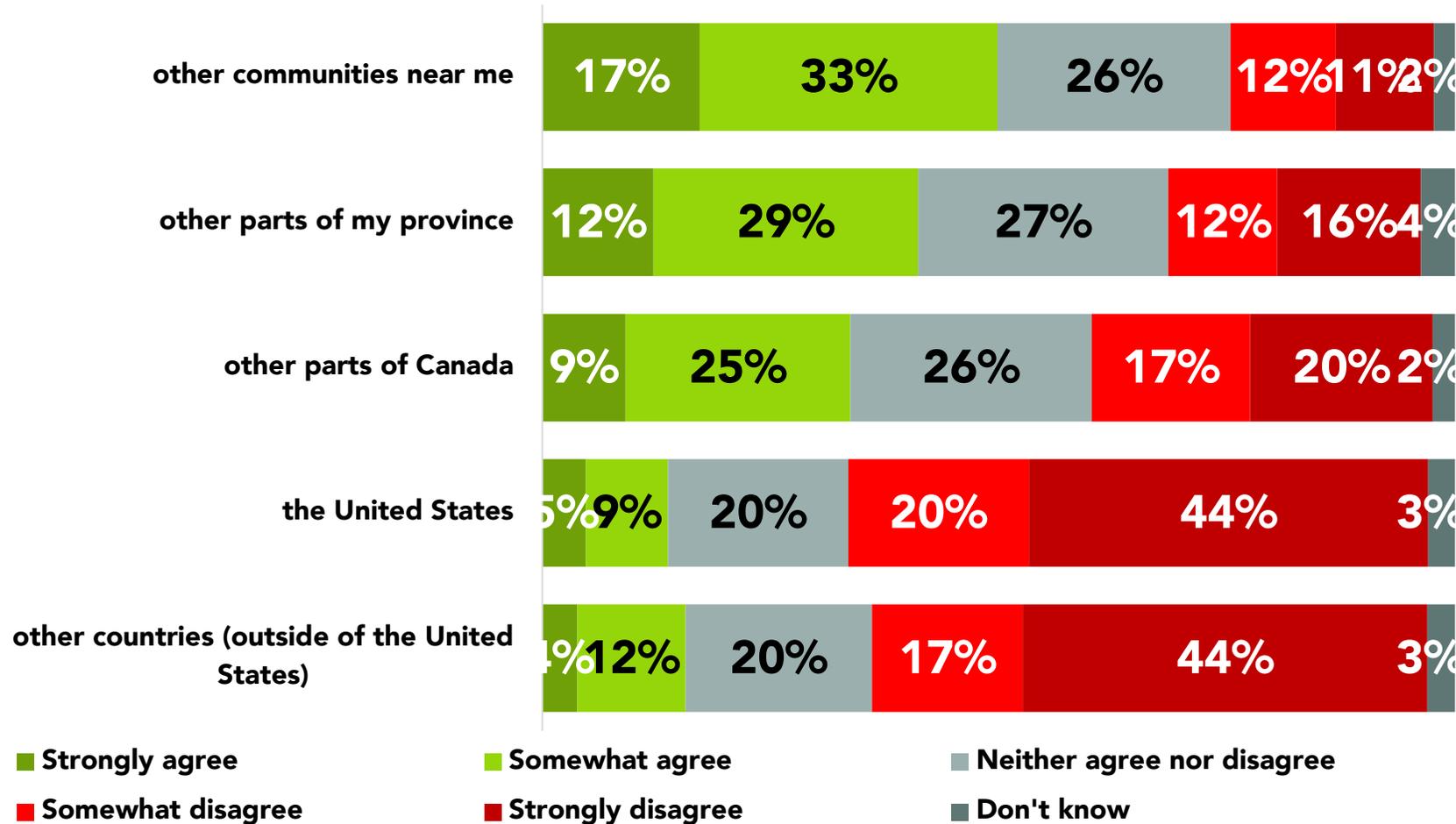
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I WOULD WELCOME VISITORS TRAVELING TO MY COMMUNITY FROM...



50% say they would welcome visitors from other communities near them.

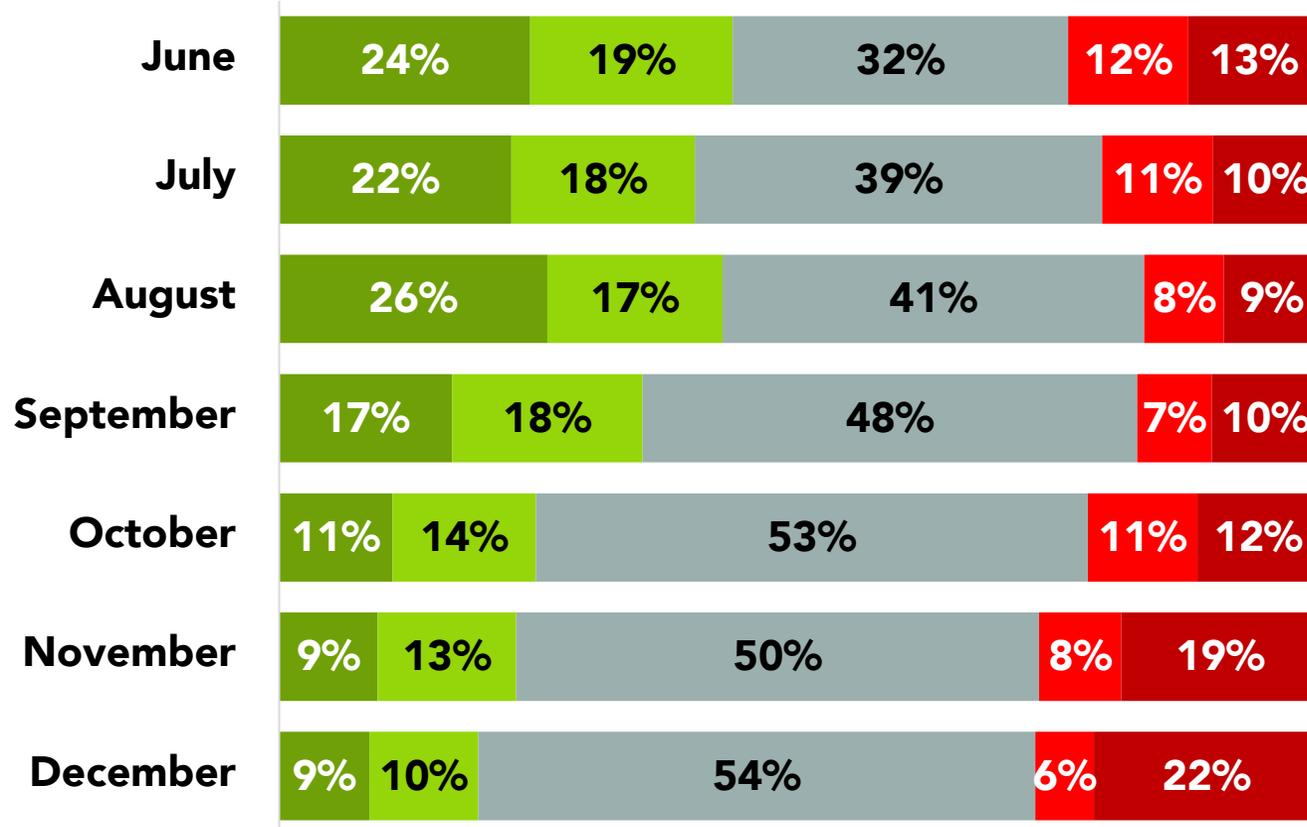
41% say they would welcome visitors from other parts of the province.

I would welcome visitors travelling to my community from X: Once travel restrictions are lifted, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements

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PART 3: RTO QUESTIONS

VISITING A SECOND HOME



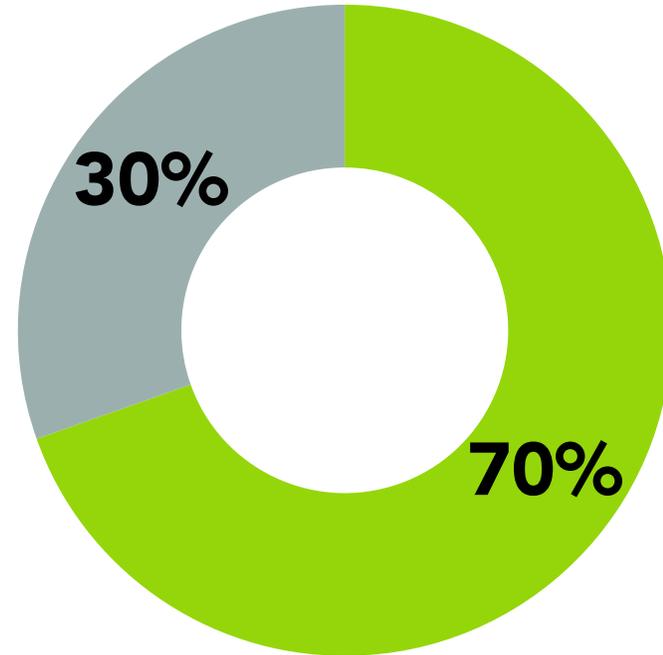
Individuals are more likely to visit their second home in June and August. Whereas they are less likely to visit their second home in December.

■ Much more ■ Somewhat more ■ The same amount ■ Somewhat less ■ Much less

For each of the following months, do you plan on visiting your second home in Ontario, more or less than the same month in 2019? **those that have a second property/cottage

TRAVELLING AS RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED

- Spend more time than usual on your property and avoid going out to the community (to get groceries, participating in activities, etc)
- Spend just as much time as usual in the community, (getting groceries, participating in activities, etc)



A majority of Individuals will be spending more time on their property than usual.

What best describes how you feel about travelling now as physical distancing restrictions start to be lifted? **those that have a second property/cottage