

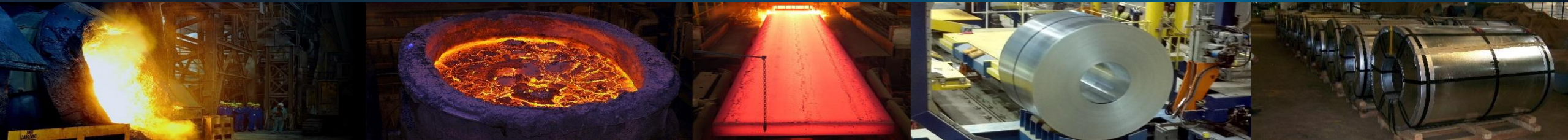


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SMU Flat Rolled Market Trends Analysis

Responses from our December 19-21, 2022 Market Survey



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Our goal is to provide quality information to the flat-rolled steel industry.

We invite over 800 companies to participate in our surveys.

All responses are kept confidential and are never attributed to the individual or company responding.

To become a data provider, contact Brett@SteelMarketUpdate.com

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Venue
January 17-18	<u>Steel 101 Workshop</u>	Virtual
February 5-7	<u>Tampa Steel Conference 2023</u>	Live - Tampa, Florida

If you would like more information about any of our workshops, you may visit SteelMarketUpdate.com/Events or e-mail our team at Events@SteelMarketUpdate.com



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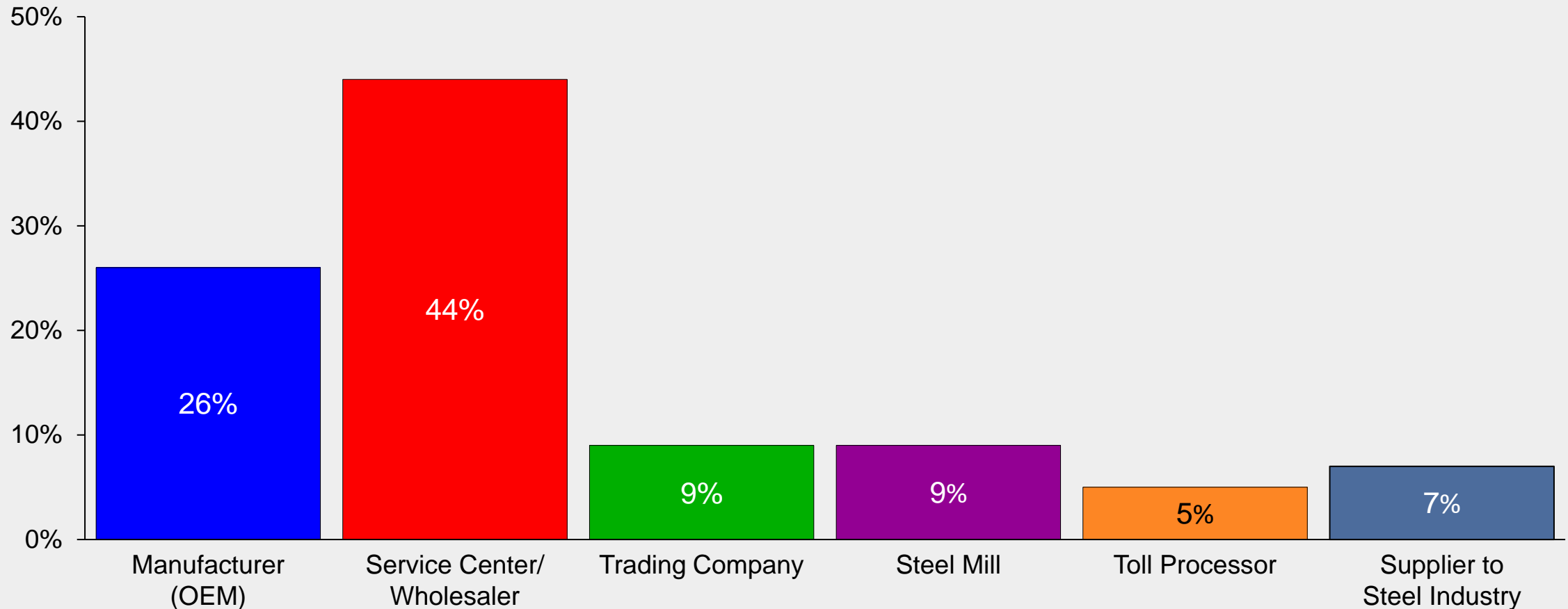
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Survey Participants

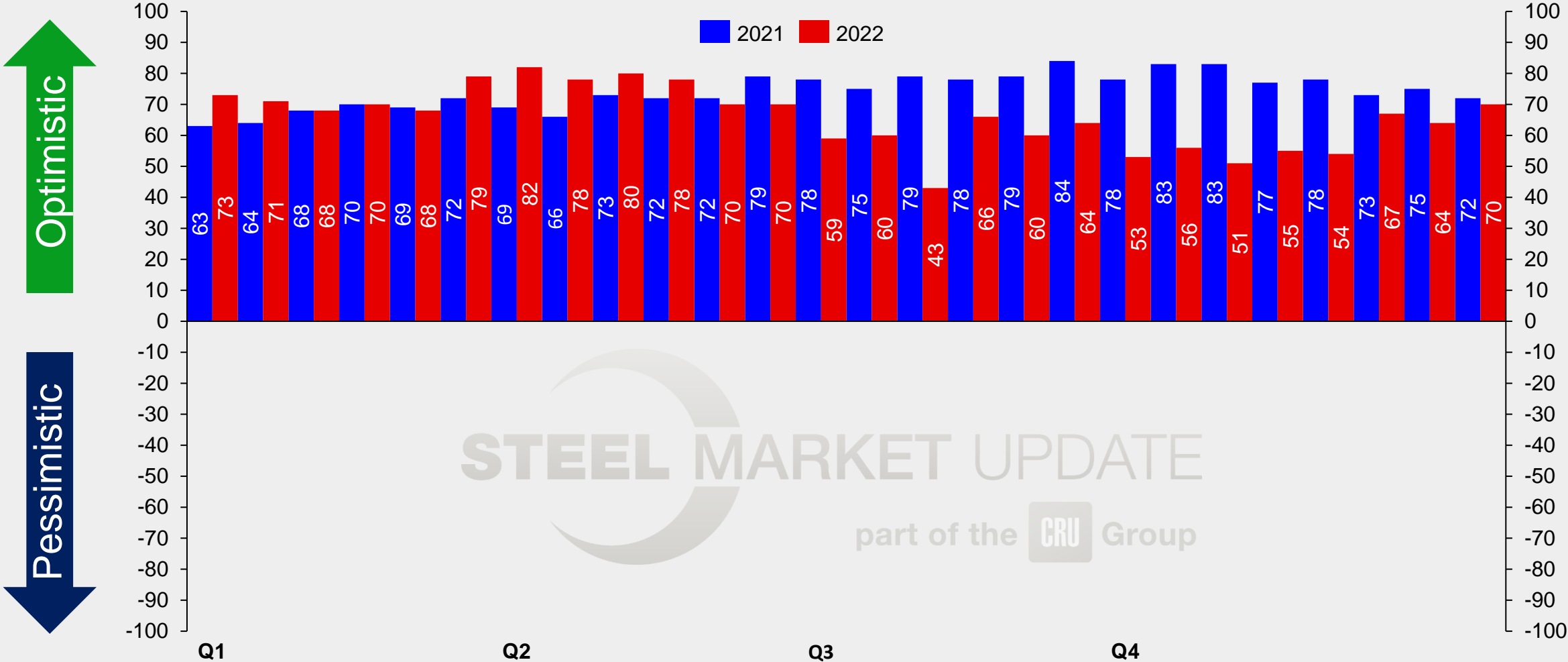
Our survey is by invitation only. Over 800 companies, mostly in the manufacturing or distribution industries, are asked to participate. Here are the percentages of participation in this week's survey by market sector.



Steel Buyers Sentiment

Up 6 points to +70

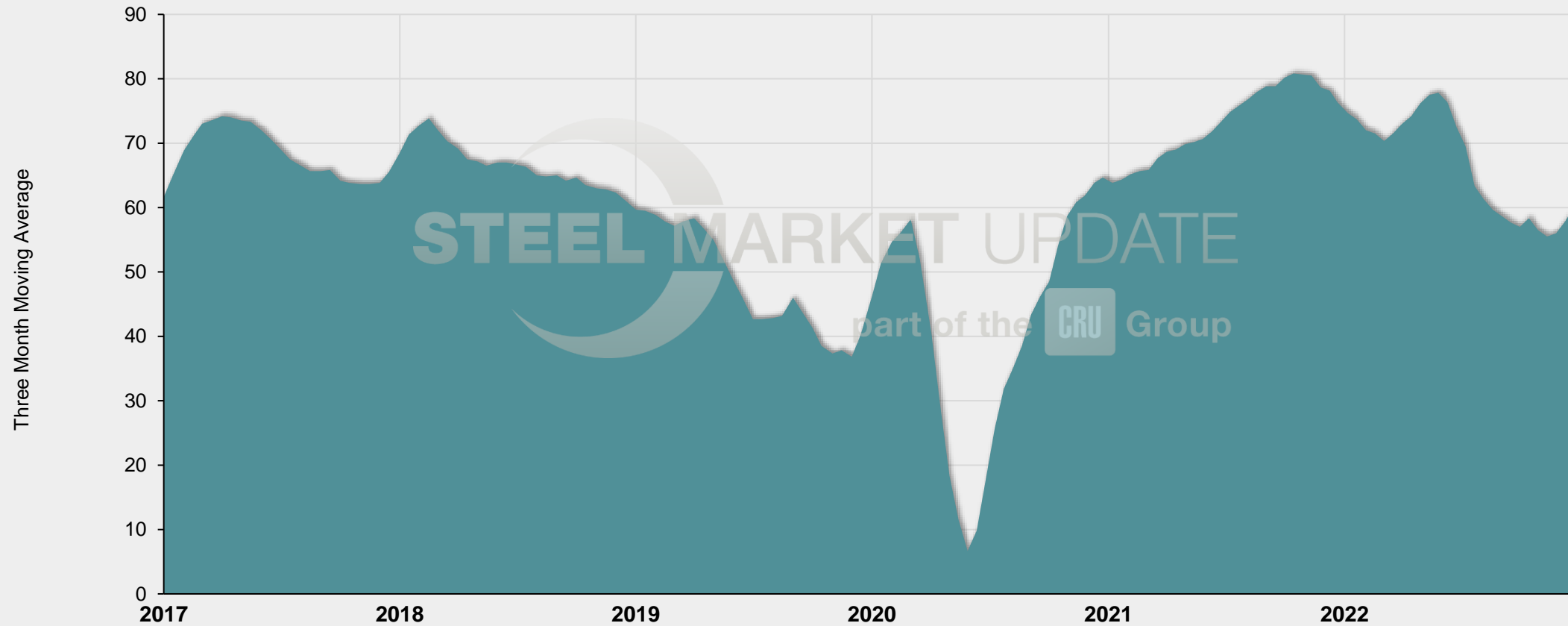
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Steel Buyers Sentiment

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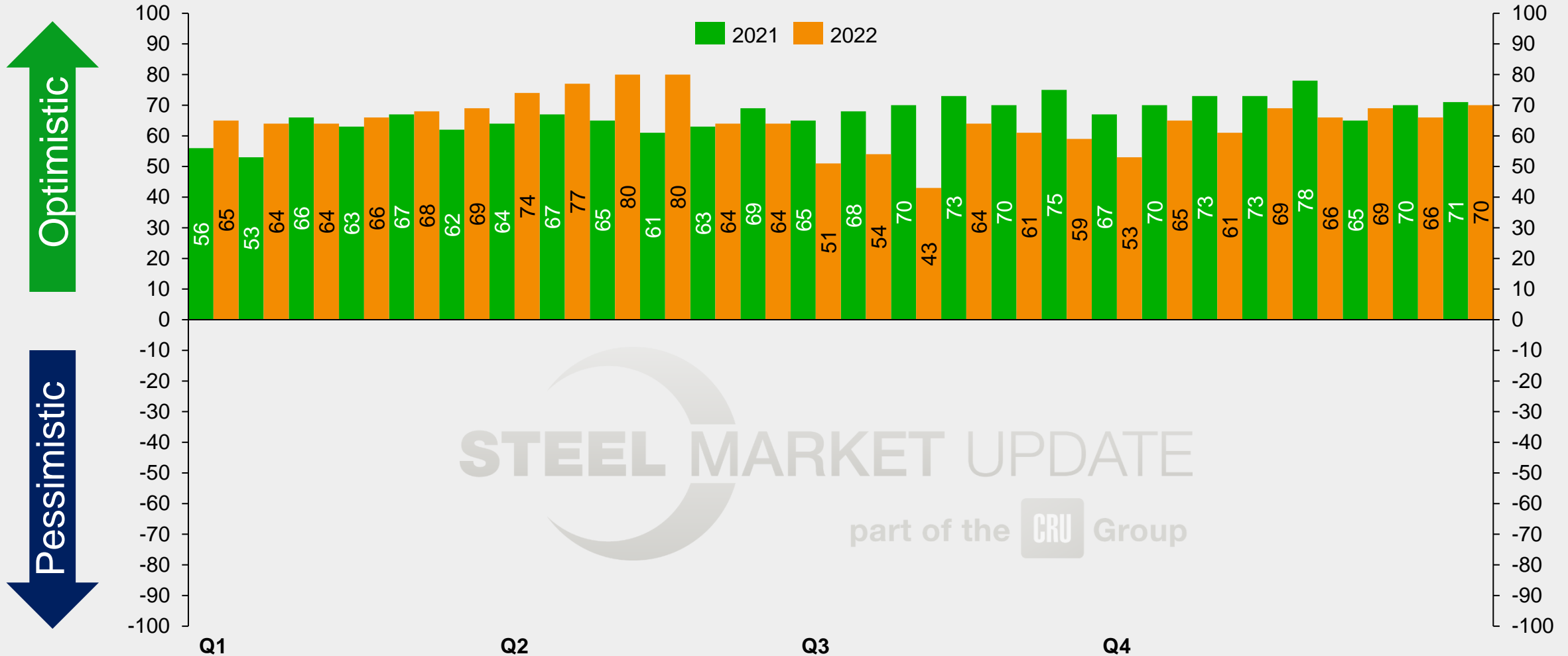
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3-Month Moving Average



Steel Buyers Future Sentiment

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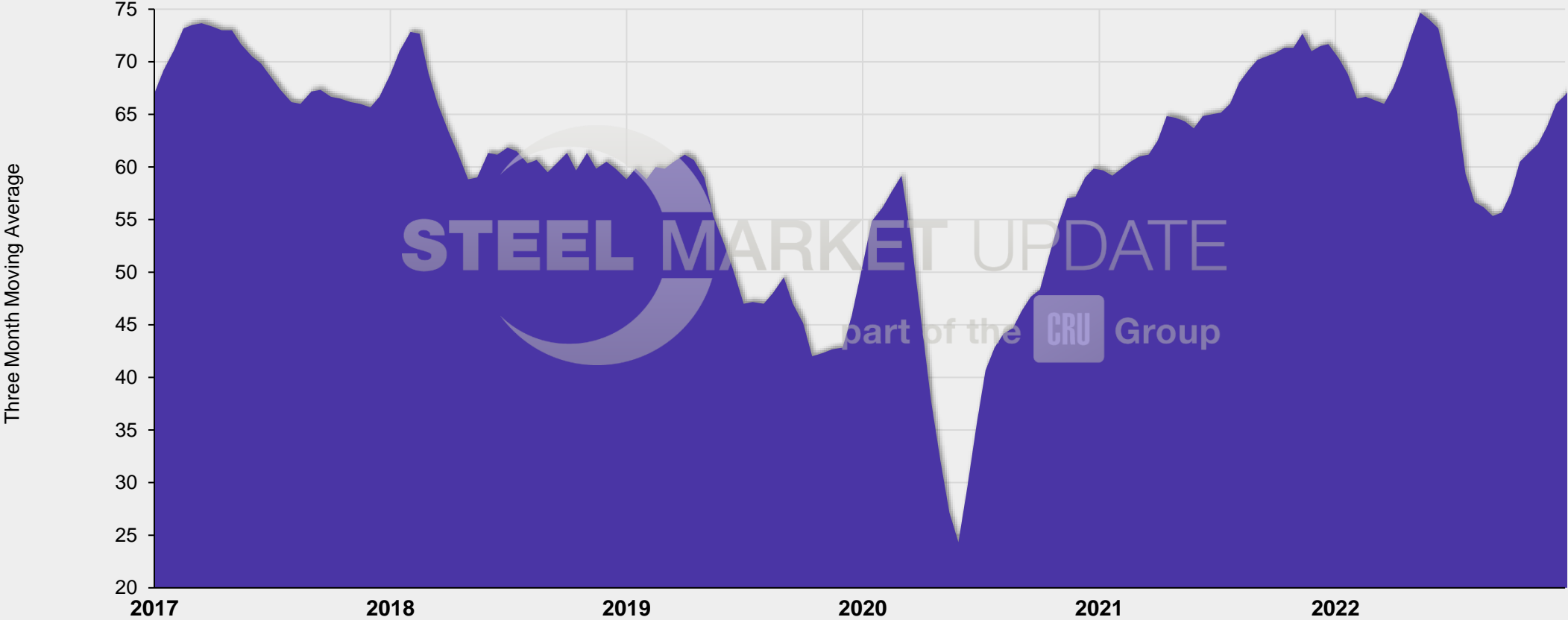
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Steel Buyers Future Sentiment

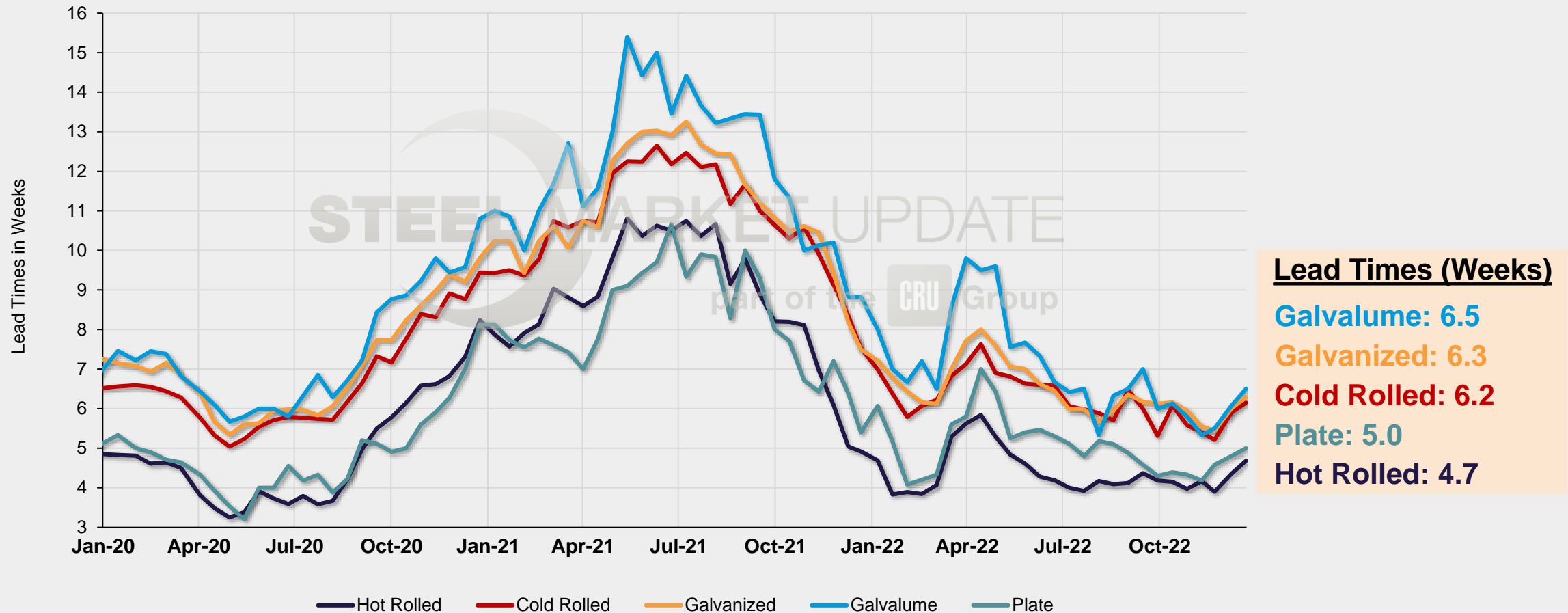
Three Month Moving Average at +66.83

SMU Future Steel Buyers Sentiment Index
3-Month Moving Average



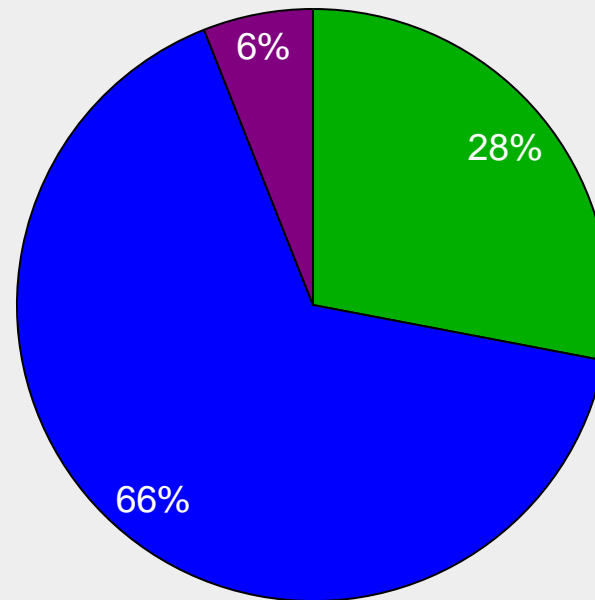
Steel Mill Lead Times by Product

SMU Lead Times Comparison
Through December 22, 2022



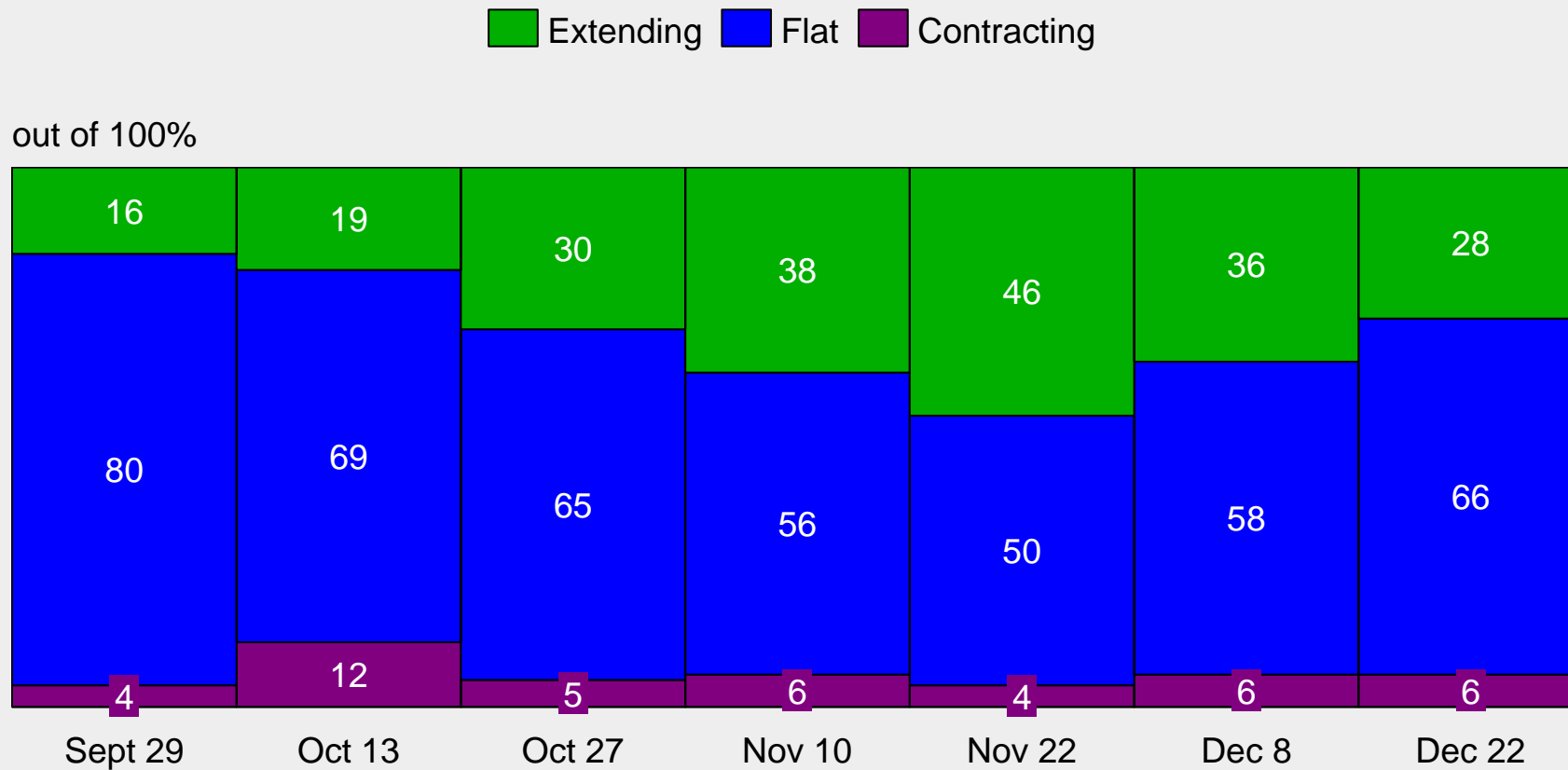
Two months from now, will lead times be extending, flat, or contracting?

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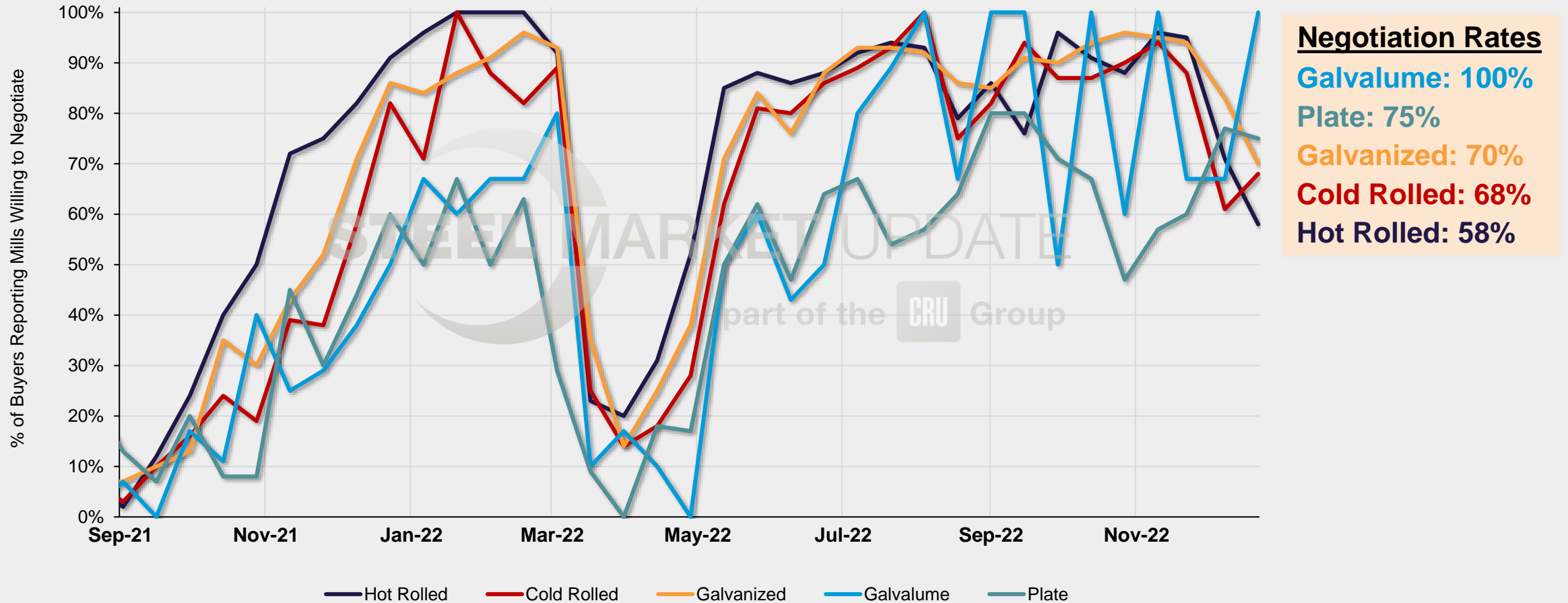
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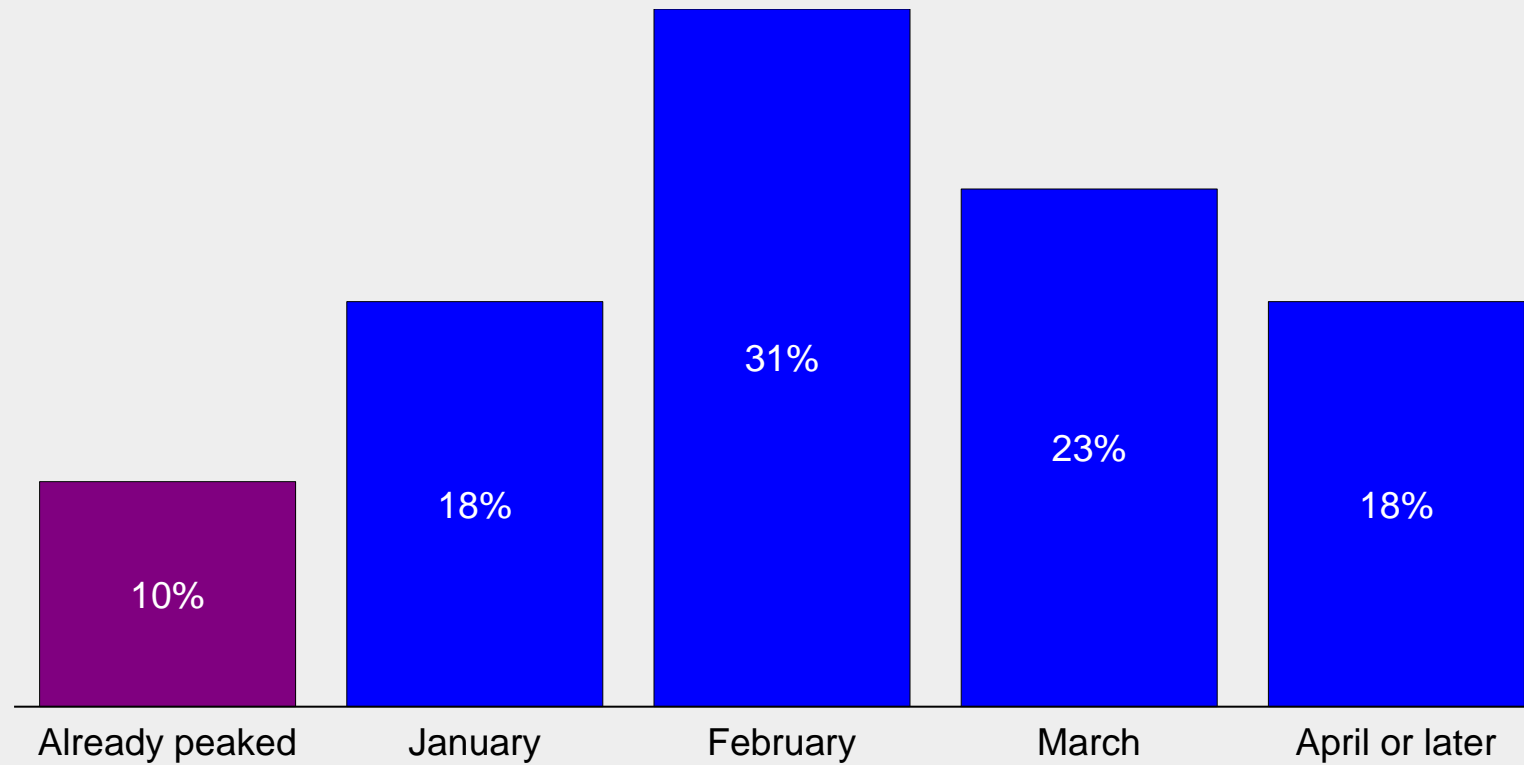
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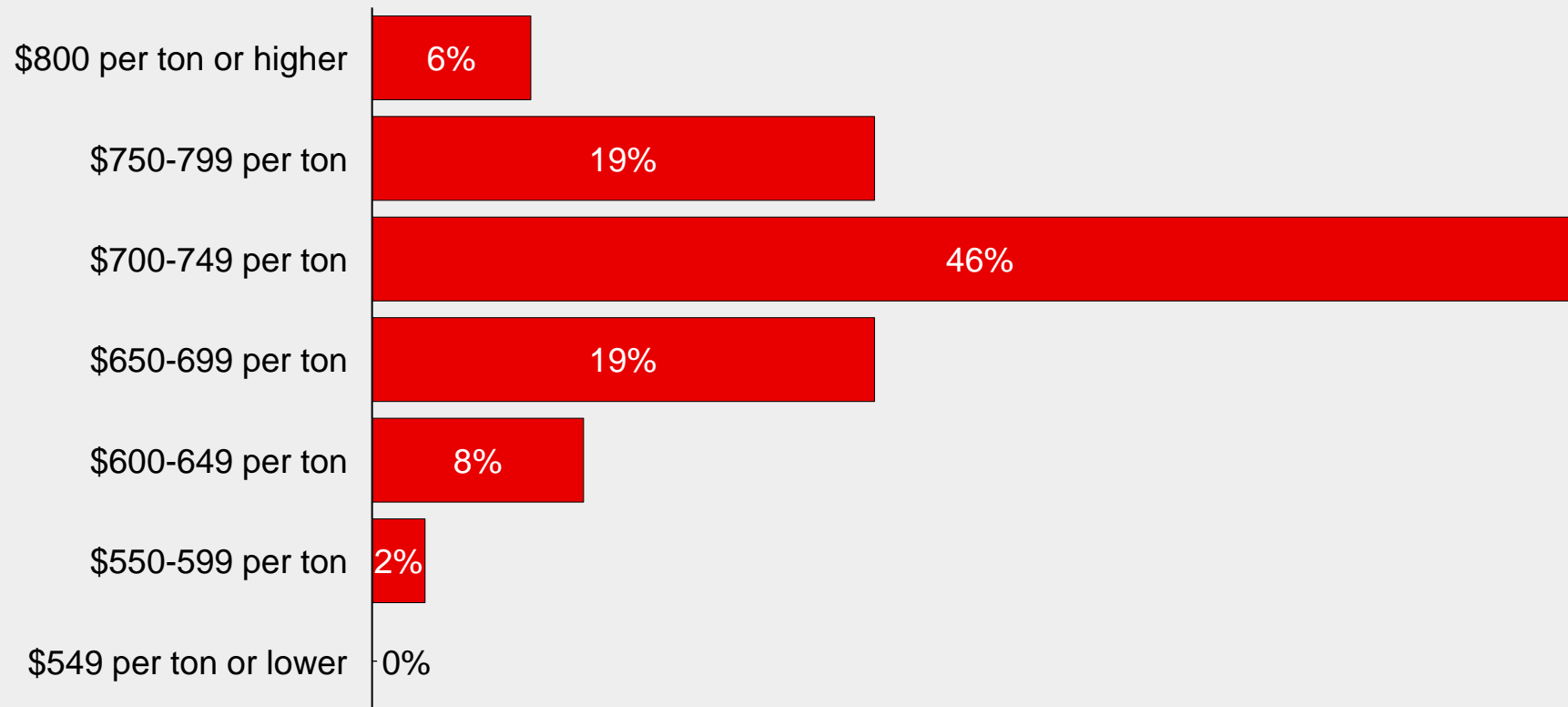
Hot Rolled Inflection Point

When do you think steel prices will peak, and why?

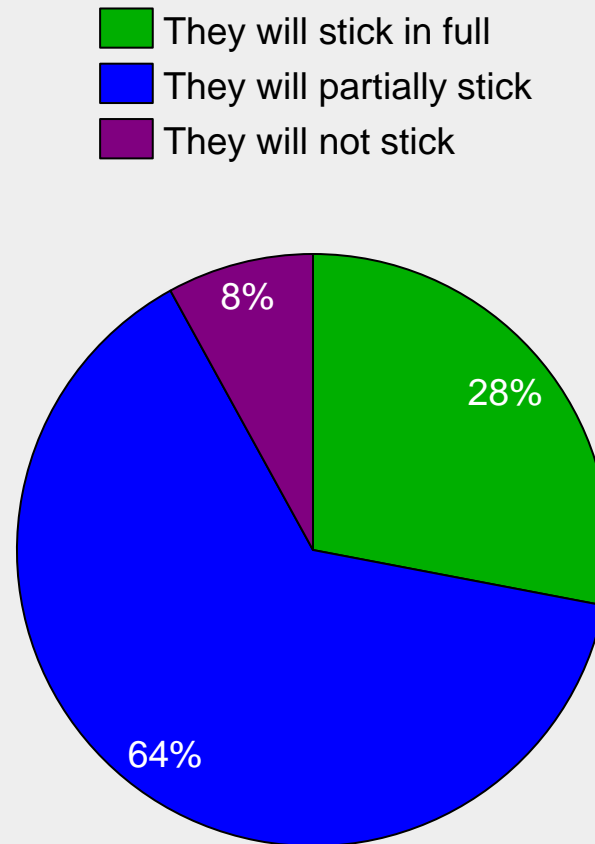


Future Hot Rolled Prices

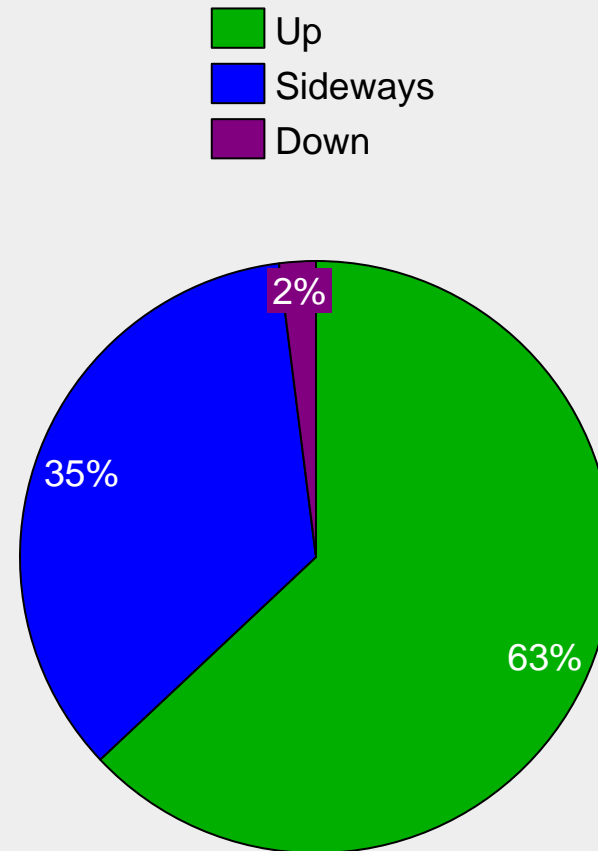
Where do you think HRC prices will be in two months?



Do you think the sheet price hikes announced in mid-December will stick?



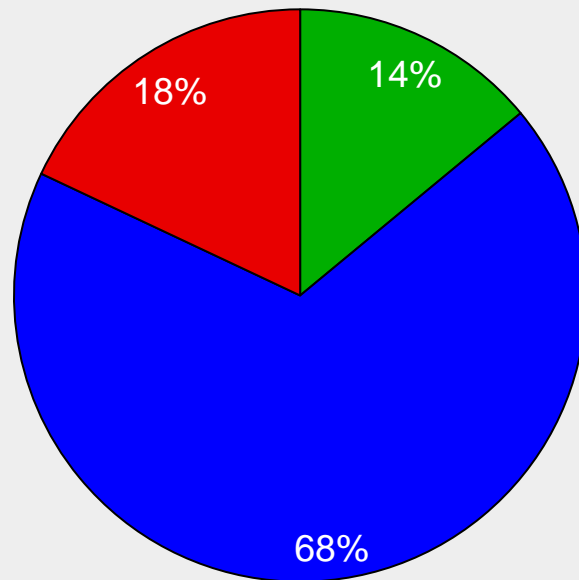
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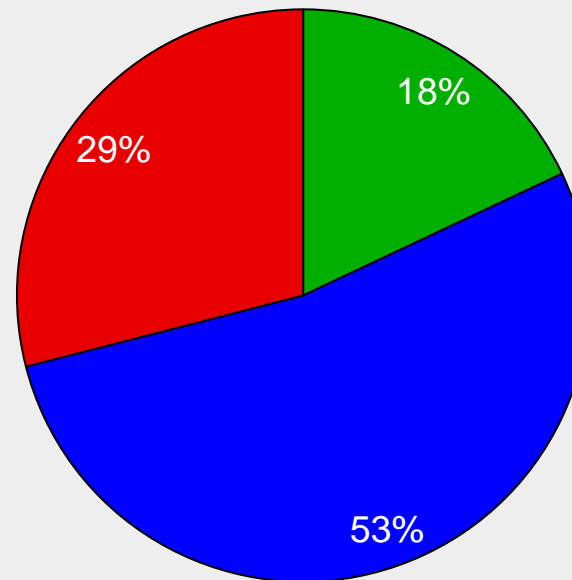
How do you expect your company to perform this month compared to your forecast?

- We will exceed forecast
- We will meet forecast
- We will not meet forecast

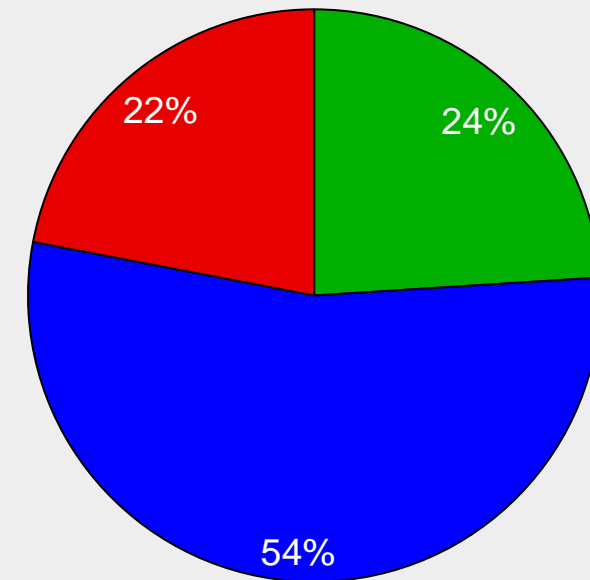
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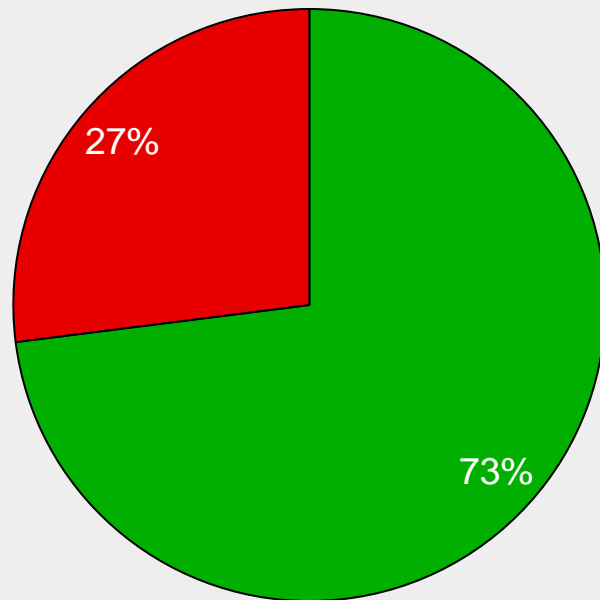
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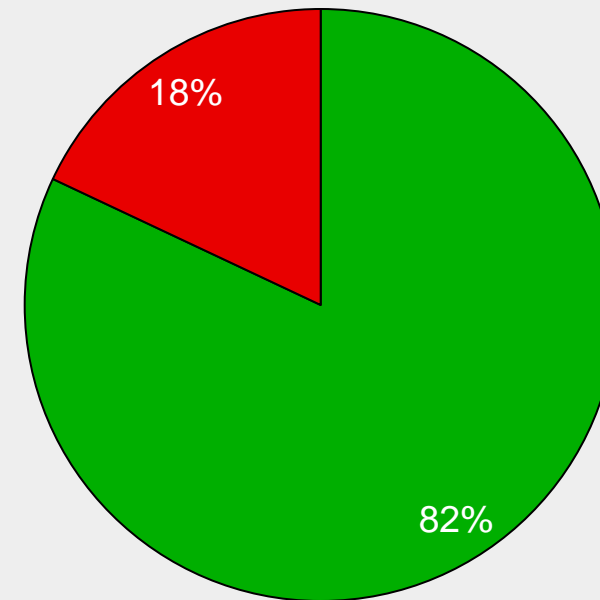
Are you optimistic or pessimistic about your prospects for the first half of 2023?

■ Optimistic
■ Pessimistic

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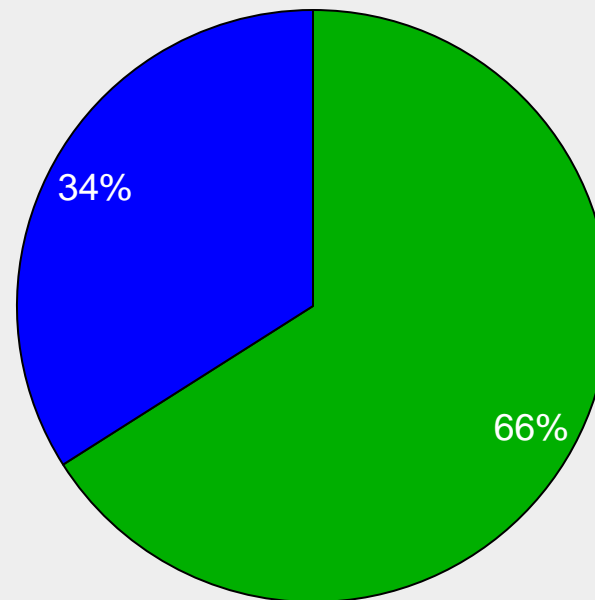
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Staying on the Sidelines?

Are you an active buyer or on the sidelines?

- Active buyer
- On the sidelines

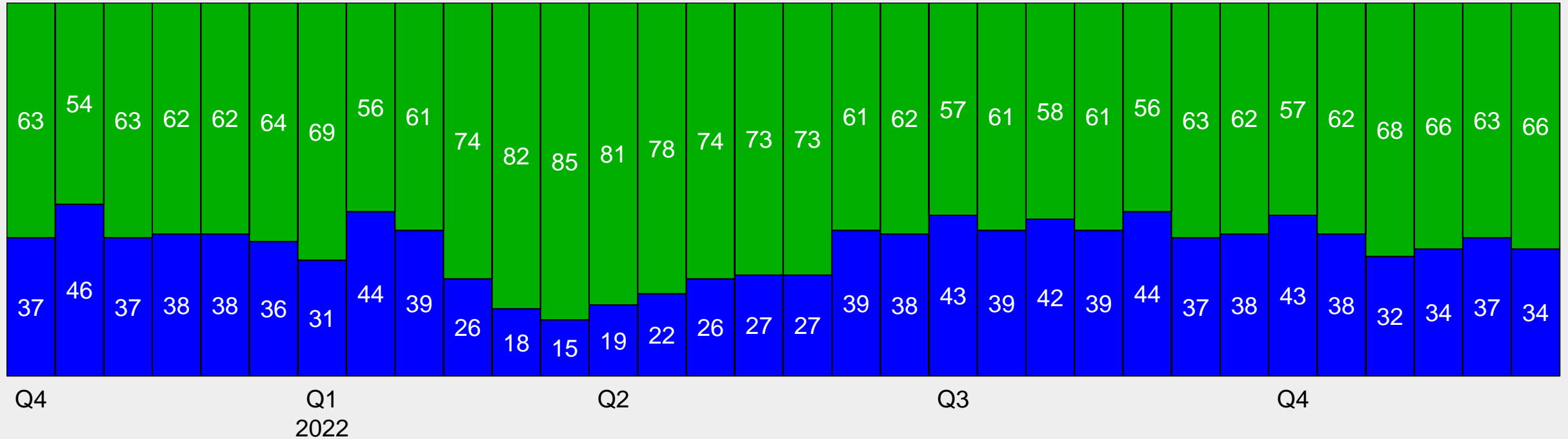


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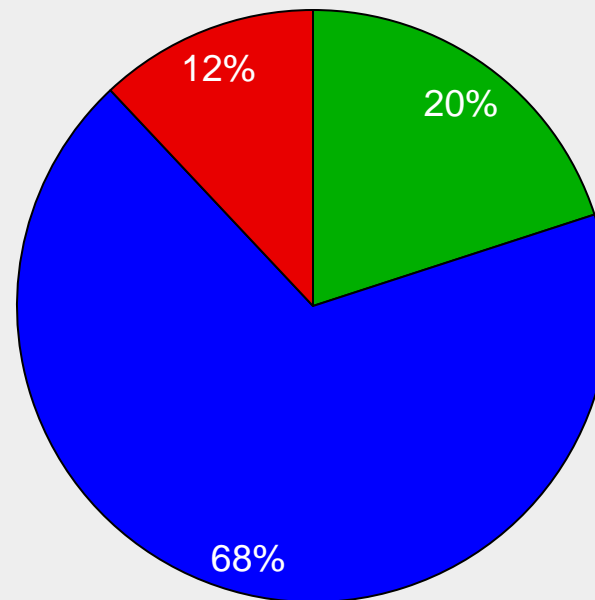
Active buyer
On the sidelines

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How are you seeing demand for your products?

- Improving
- Stable
- Declining

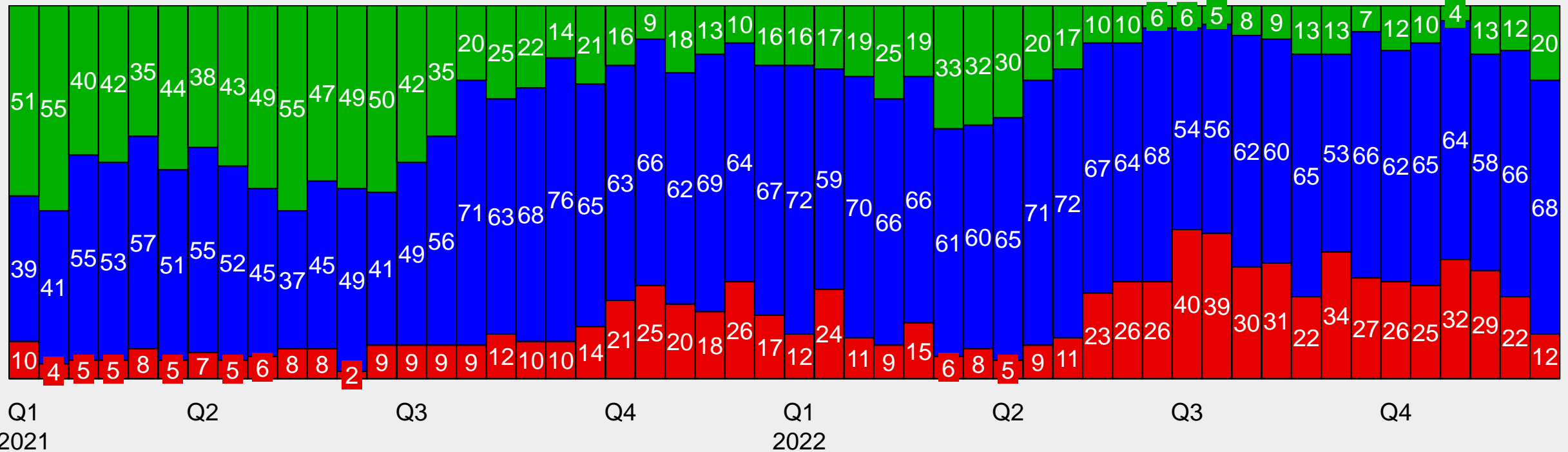


Overall Demand History

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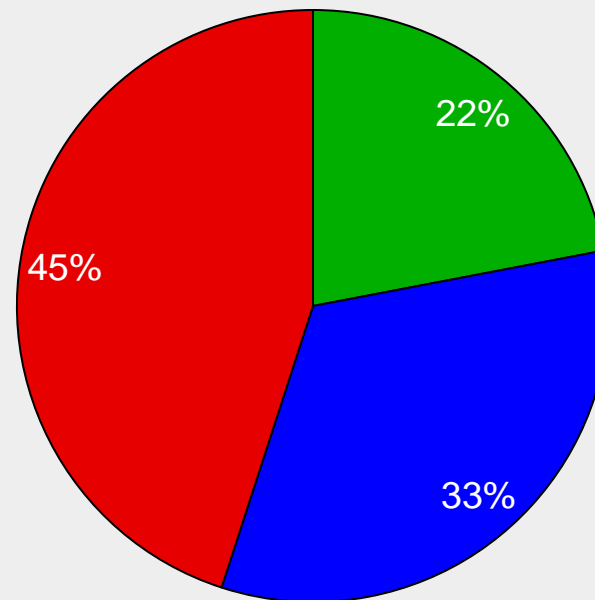
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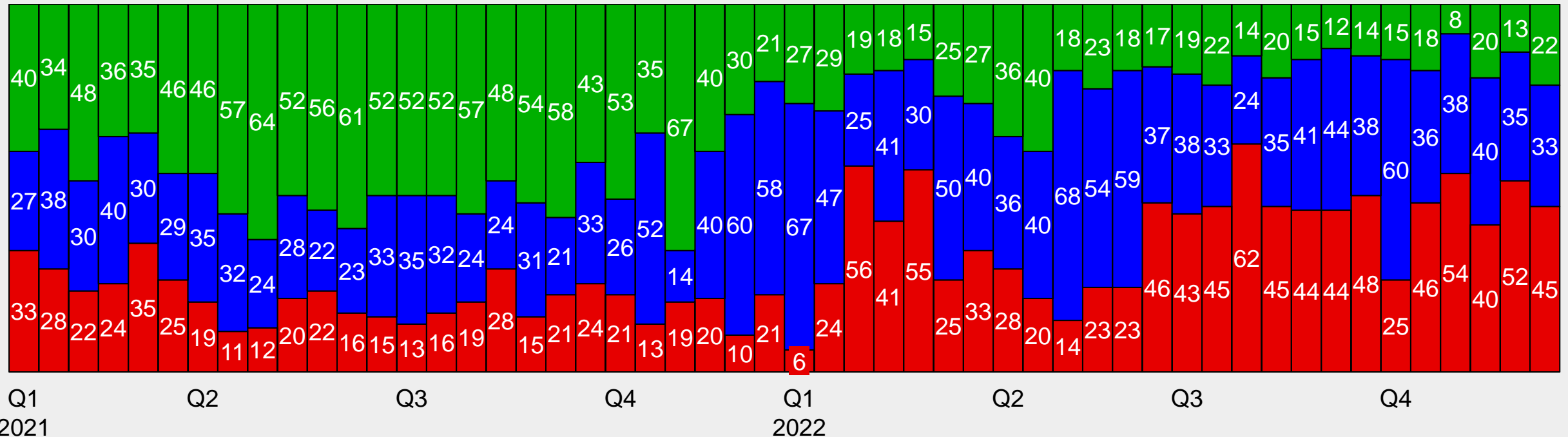


History of Manufacturer Purchases

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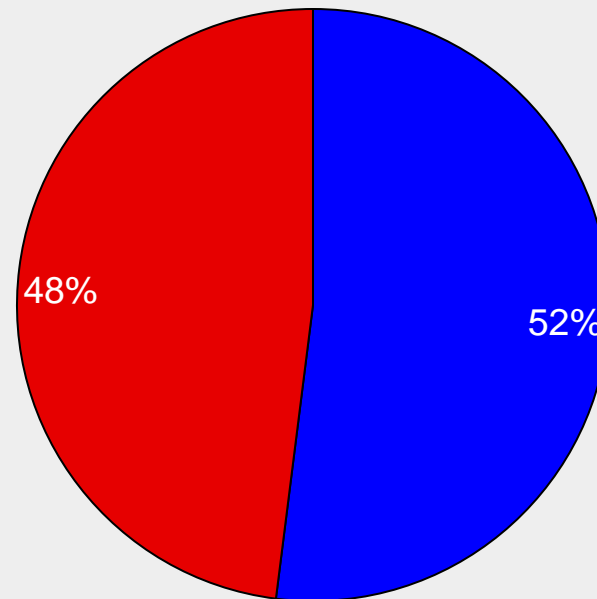
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Service Centers: How do you see your customer releases (demand) for your products compared to one year ago?

- Releasing more steel
- Releasing the same amount of steel
- Releasing less steel

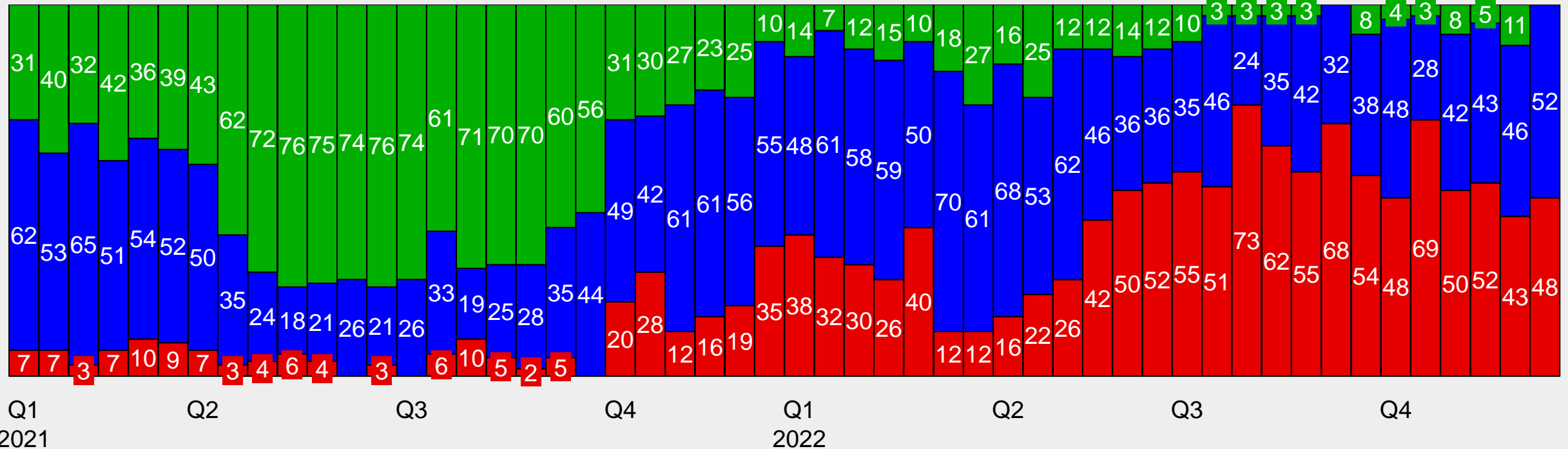


Service Center Release History

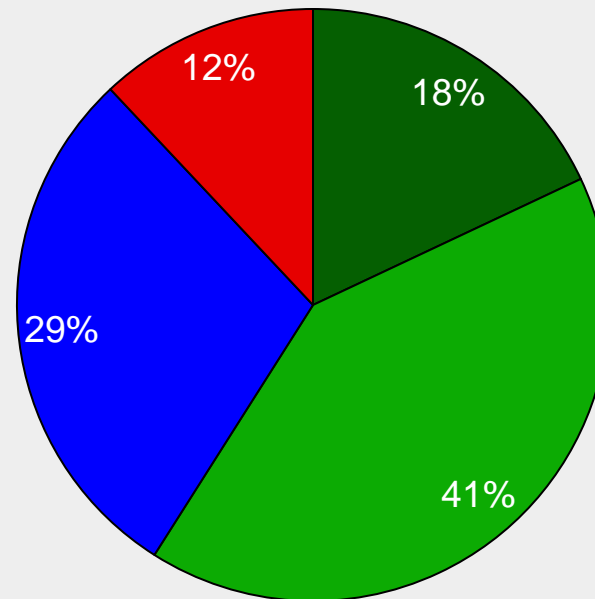
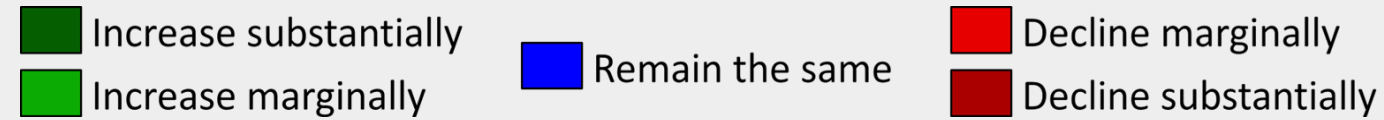
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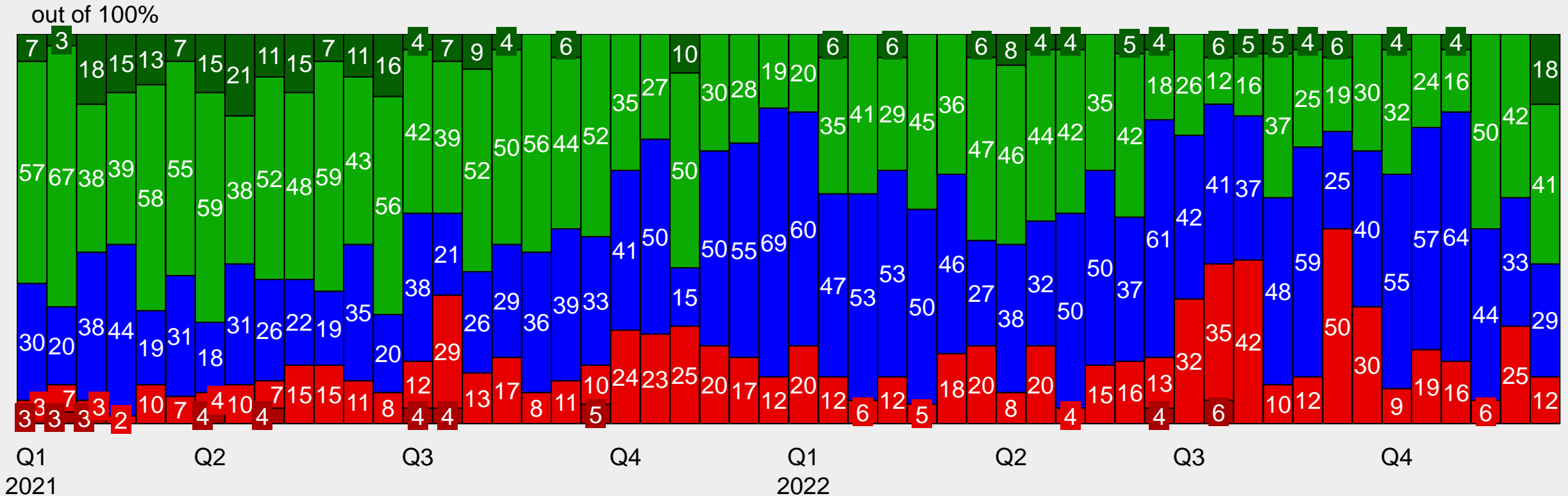
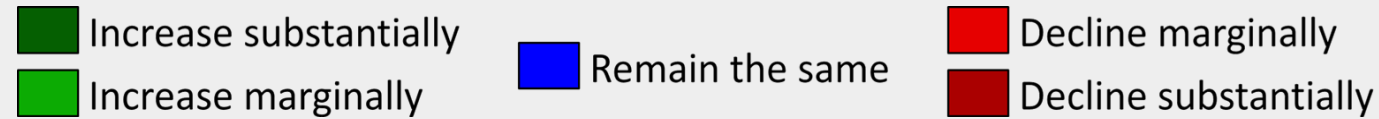


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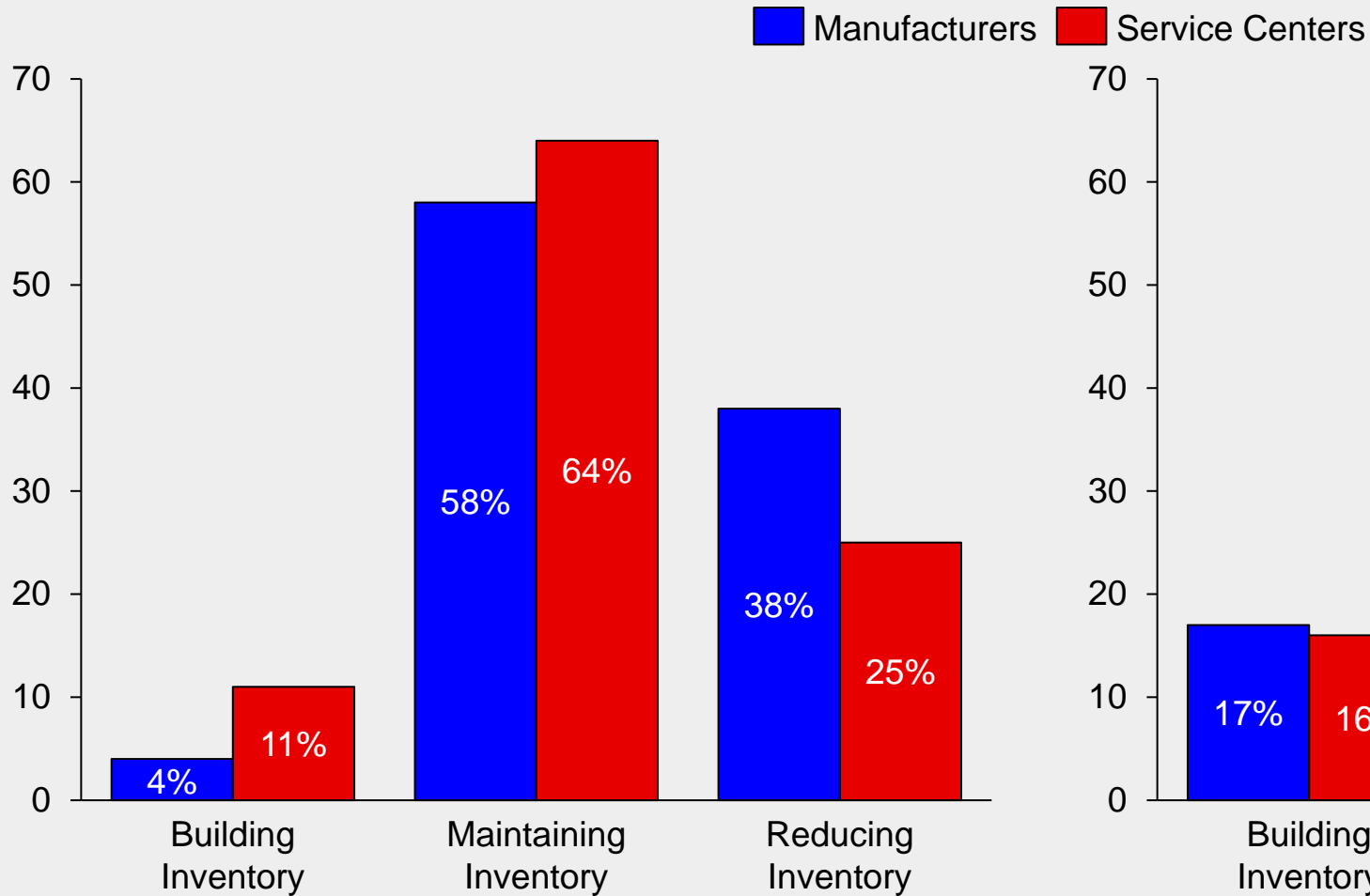
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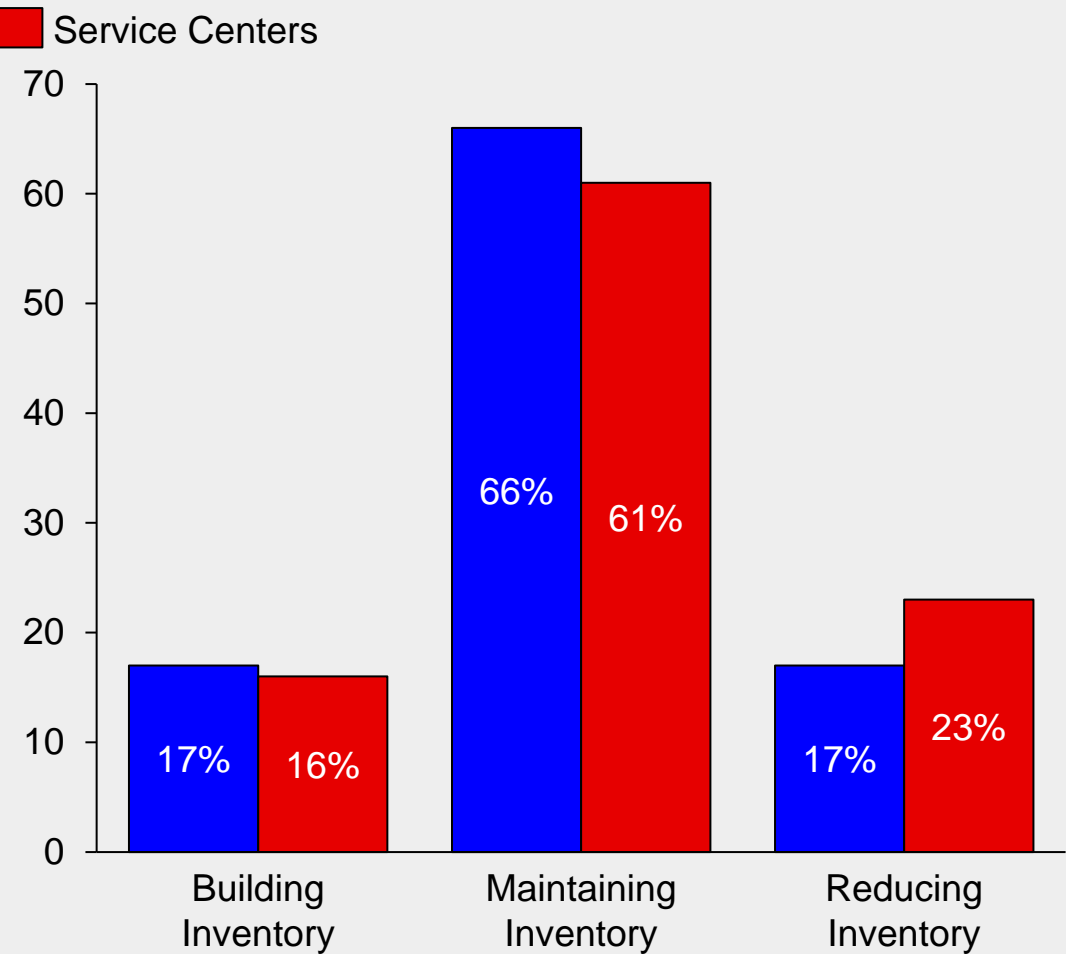


Manufacturer and Service Center Inventory Buying Patterns

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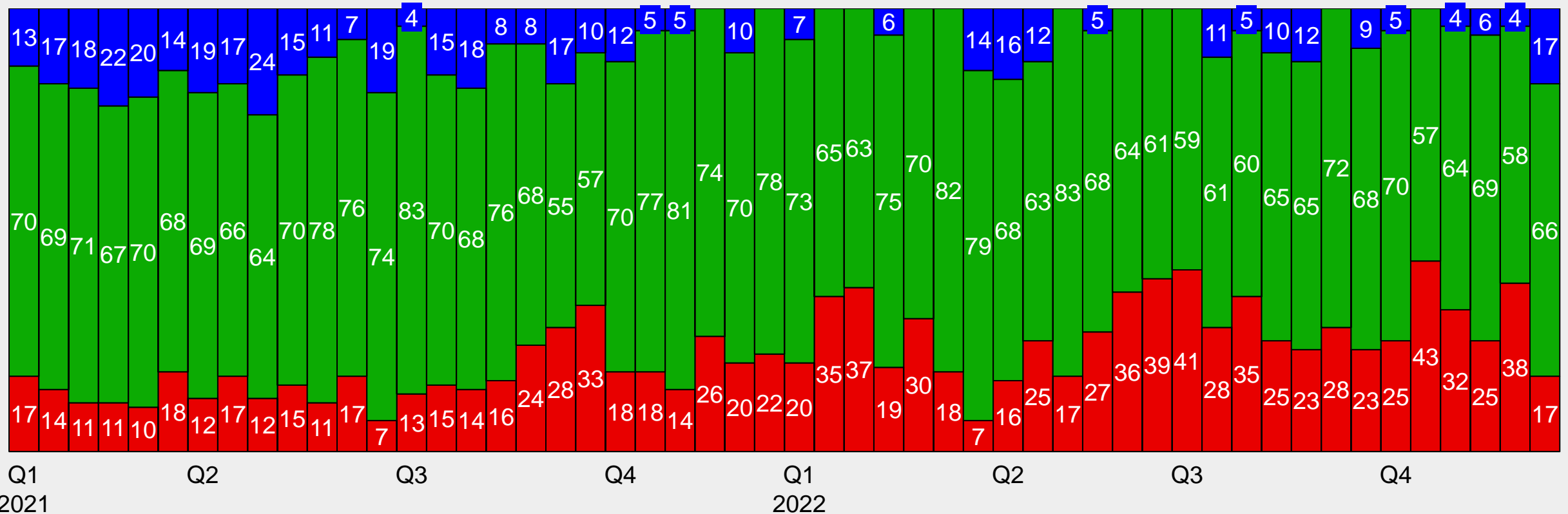


Manufacturer Inventory Buying History

Manufacturers: Is your company building, reducing or maintaining its flat-rolled steel inventory?

■ Building Inventory
 ■ Maintaining Inventory
 ■ Reducing Inventory

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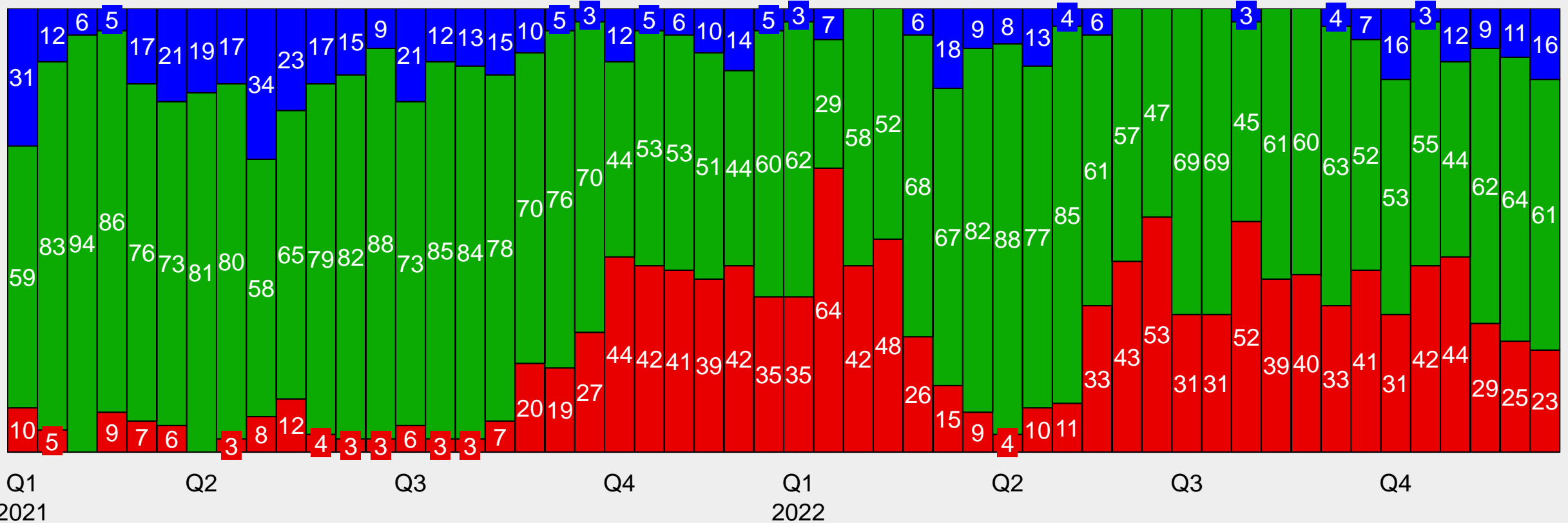


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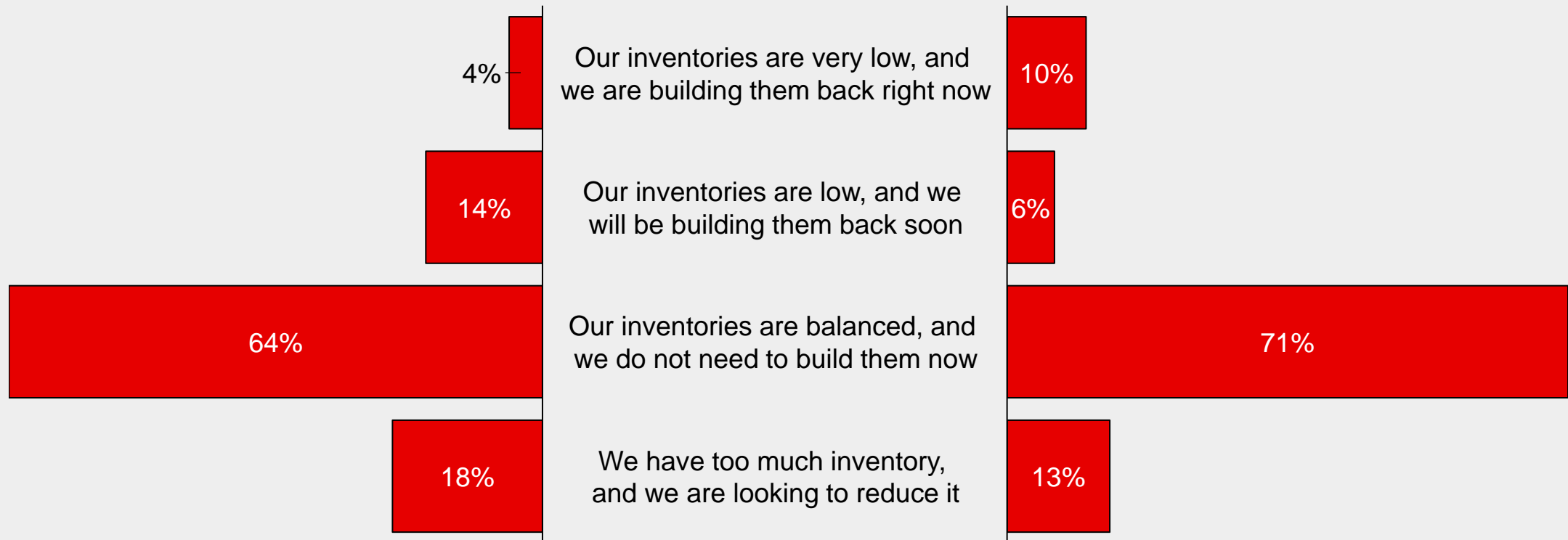


Service Center Inventories

Service Centers: Does your company need to rebuild flat-rolled inventories, or are you comfortable with your floor stock?

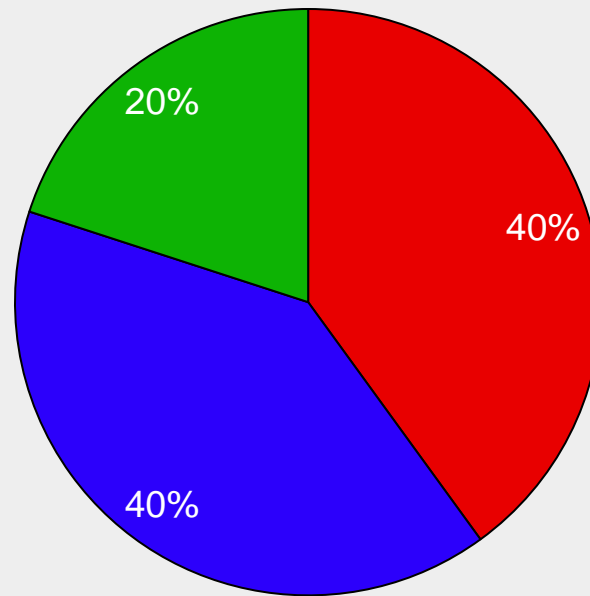
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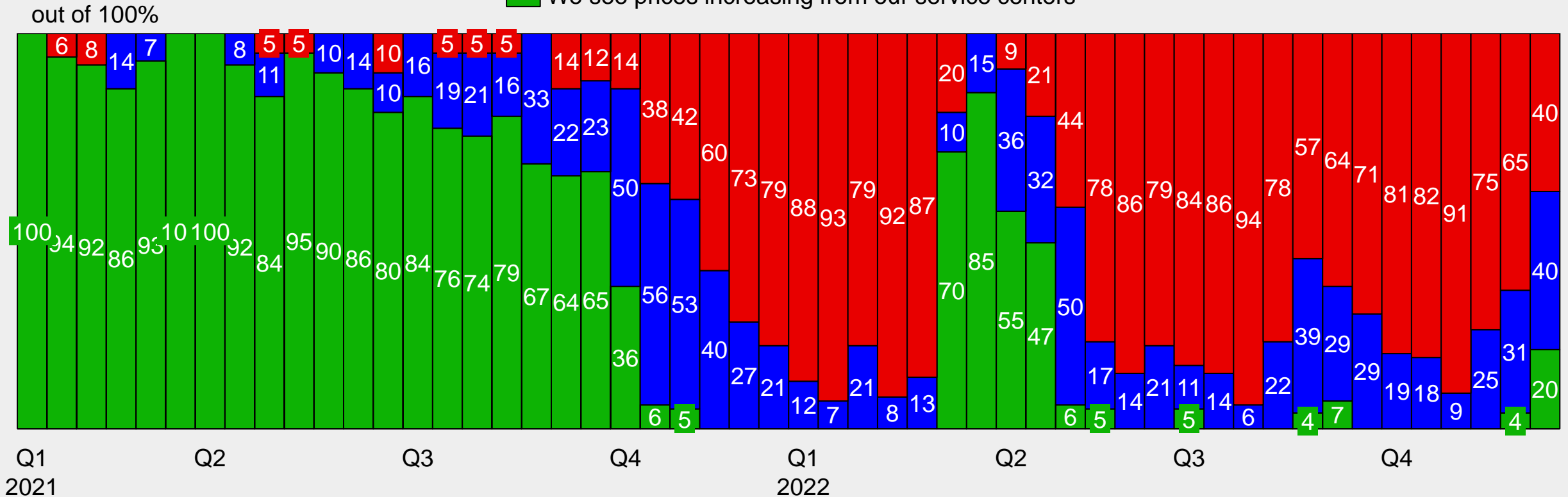
- We see prices decreasing from our service centers
- We see stable prices from our service centers
- We see prices increasing from our service centers



Manufacturer's View of Service Center Selling Prices History

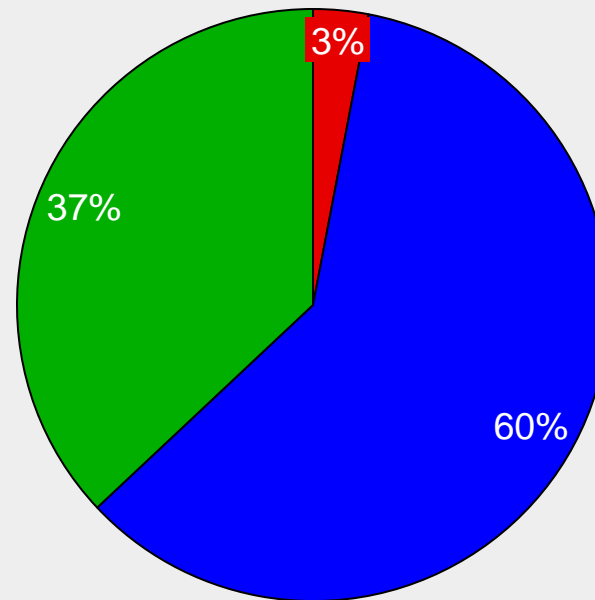
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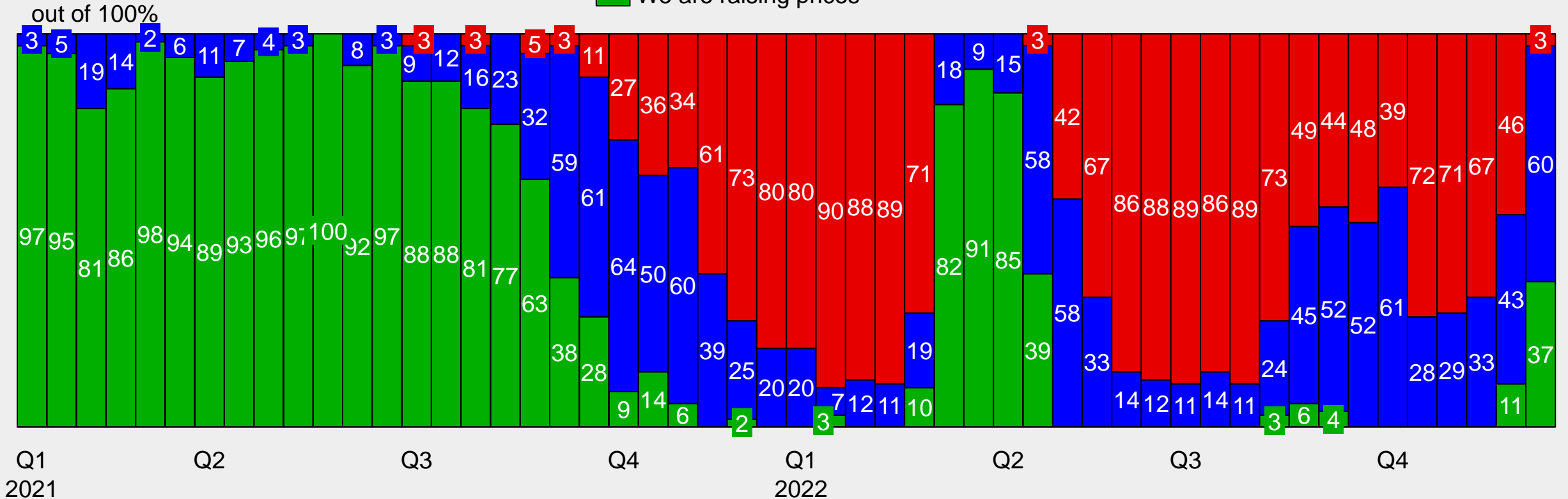
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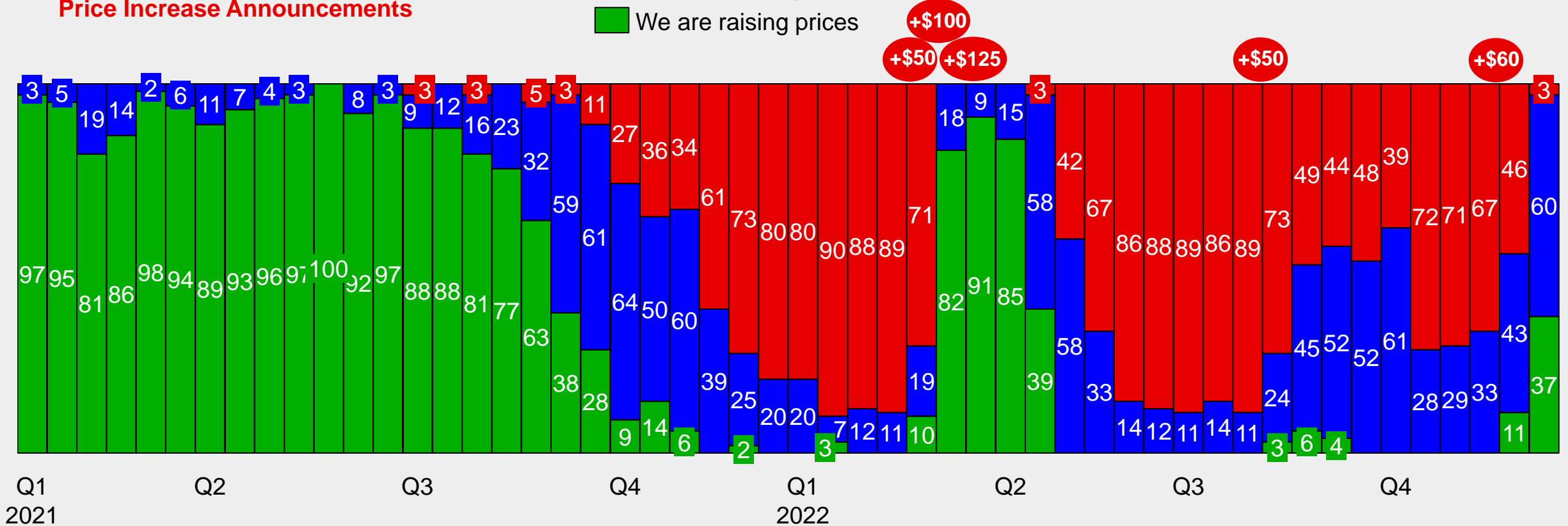


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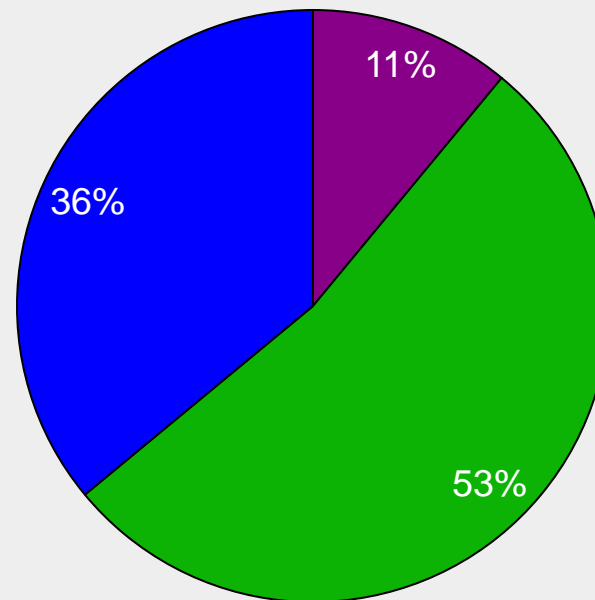
Historical Nucor Flat Rolled Price Increase Announcements

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Service Centers: Are your manufacturing customers increasing orders, keeping them the same or reducing orders?

- Our manufacturing customers are increasing orders
- Our manufacturing customers are maintaining their orders
- Our manufacturing customers are reducing their orders

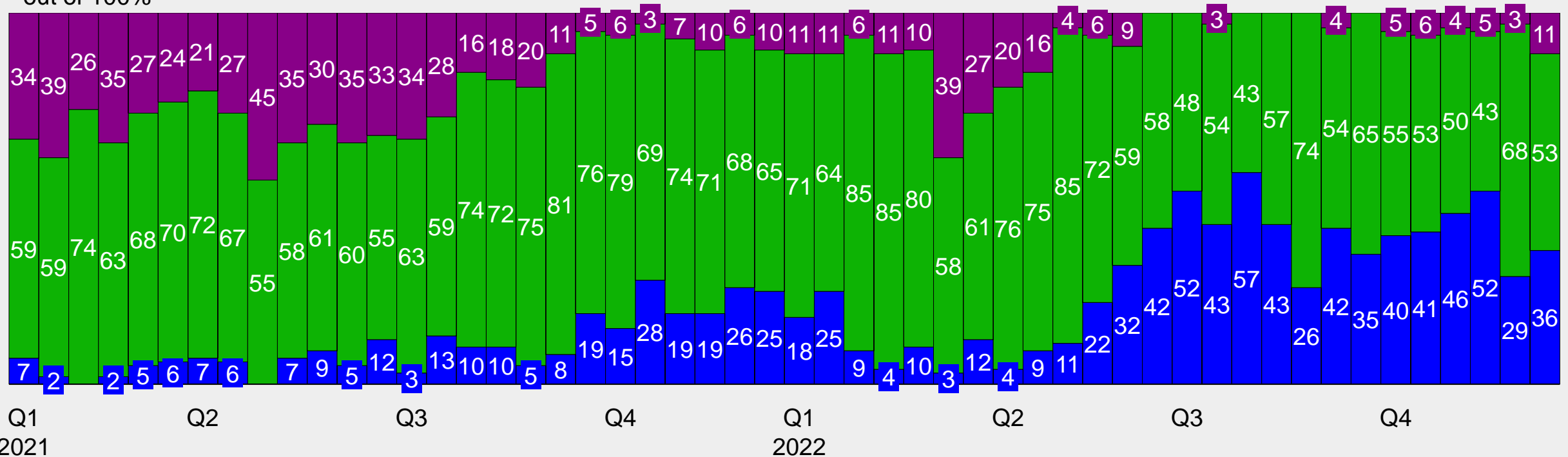


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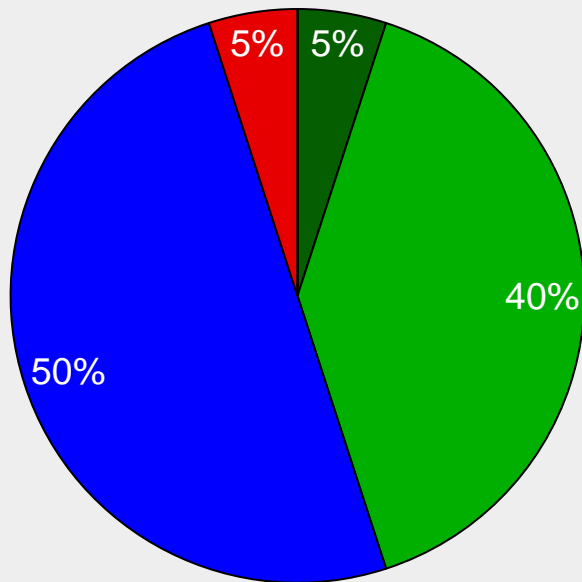


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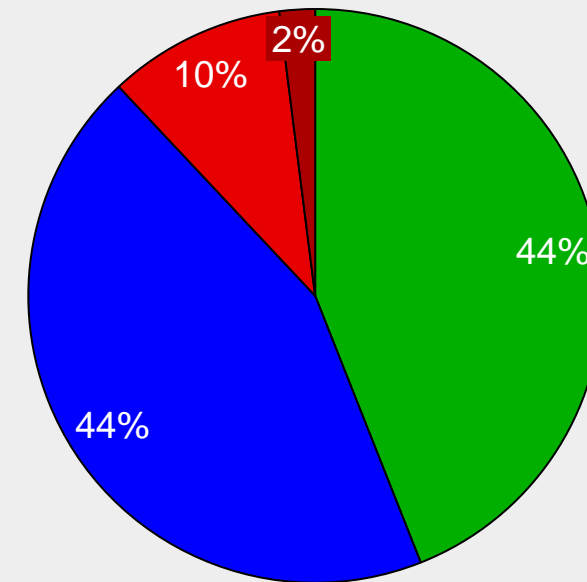
How would you describe domestic mill lead times for new orders placed right now?

- Extremely short
- Shorter than normal
- Normal
- Slightly longer than normal
- Highly extended

Manufacturers

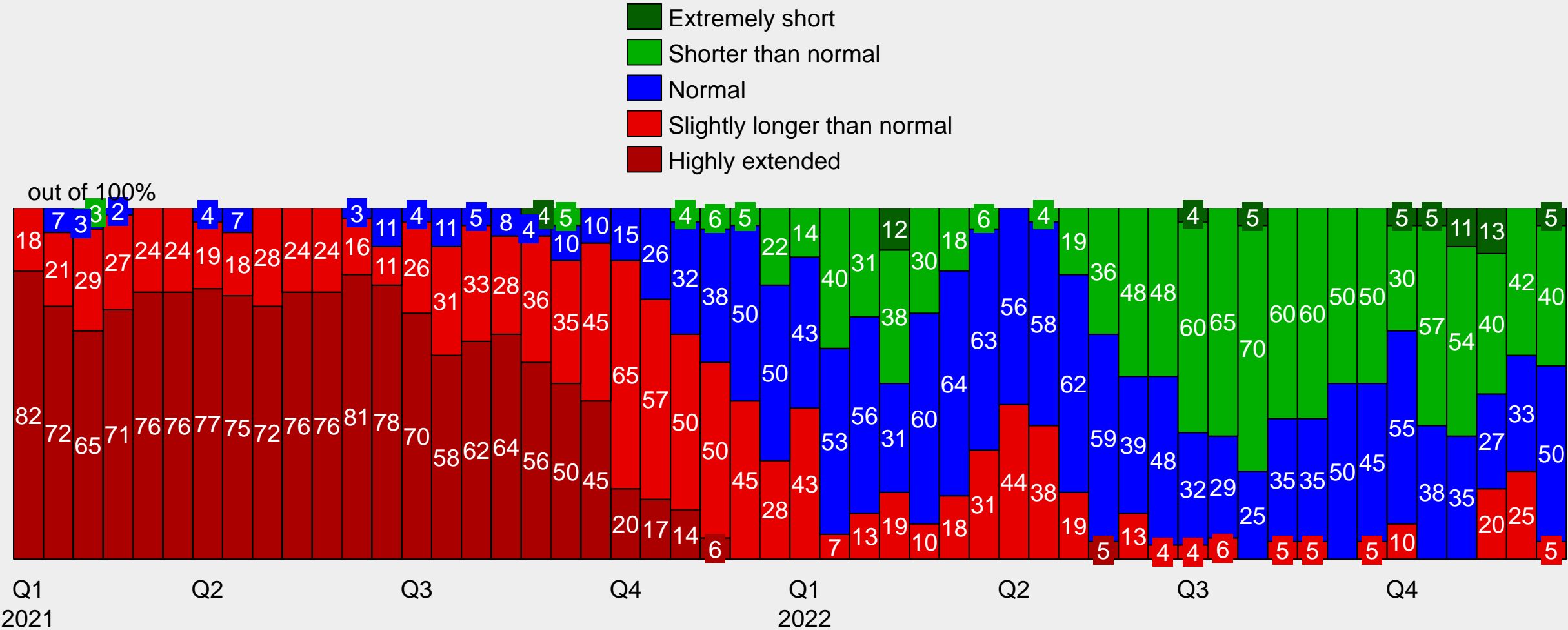


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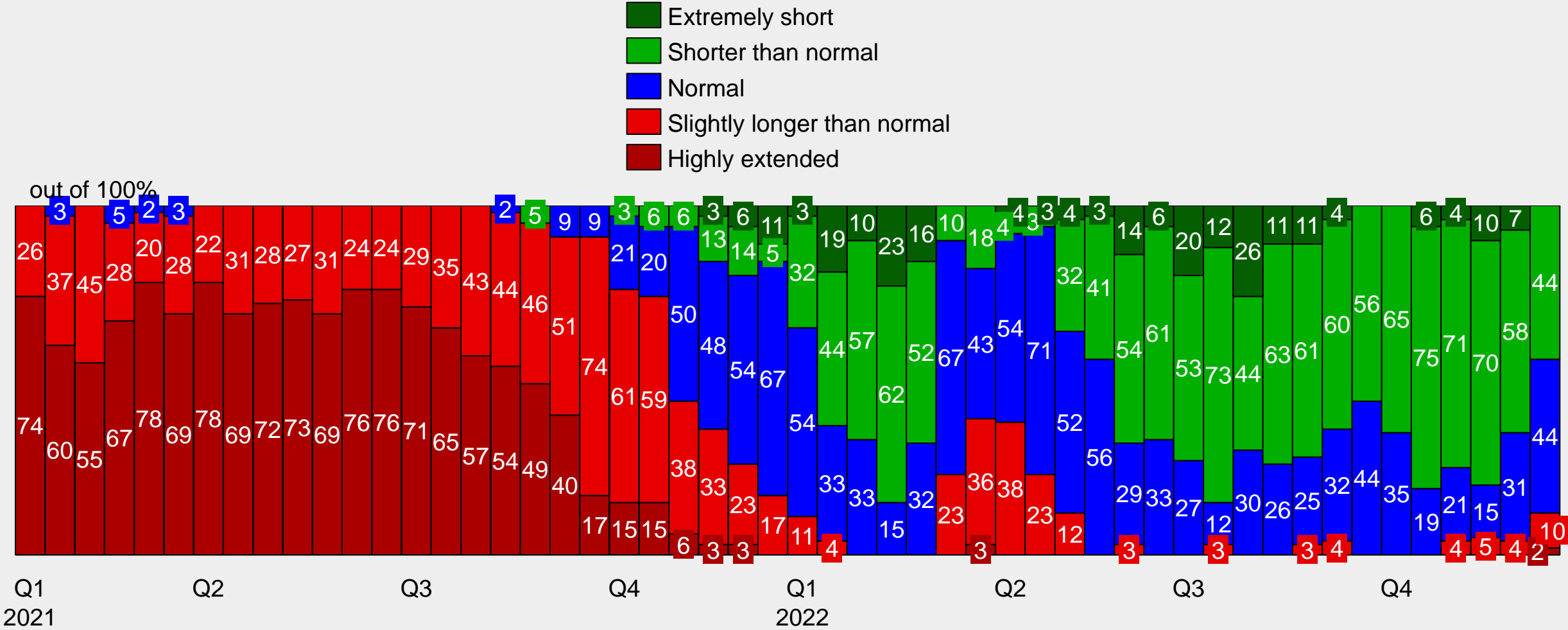
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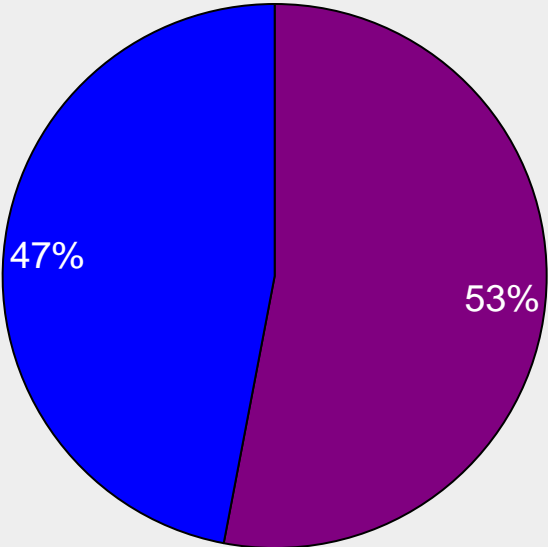
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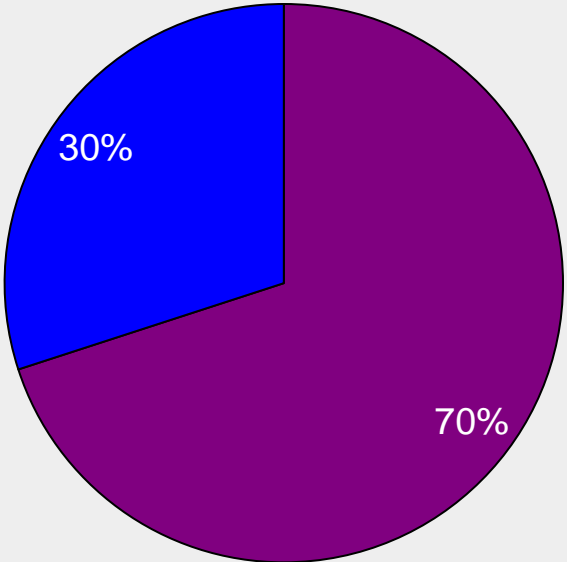
Does your company buy foreign (offshore) steel?

Yes No

Manufacturers



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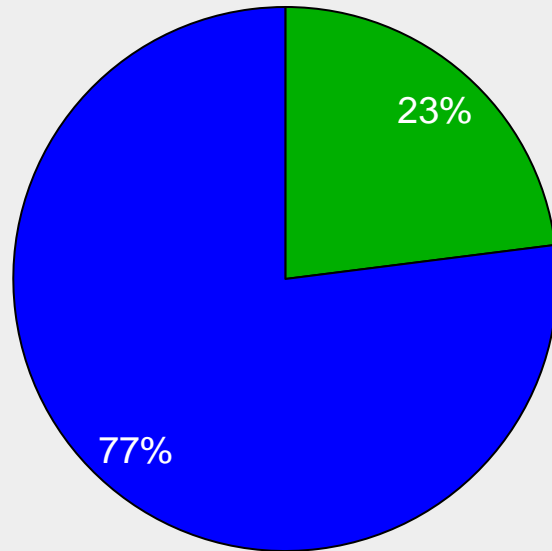


New Foreign Steel Orders

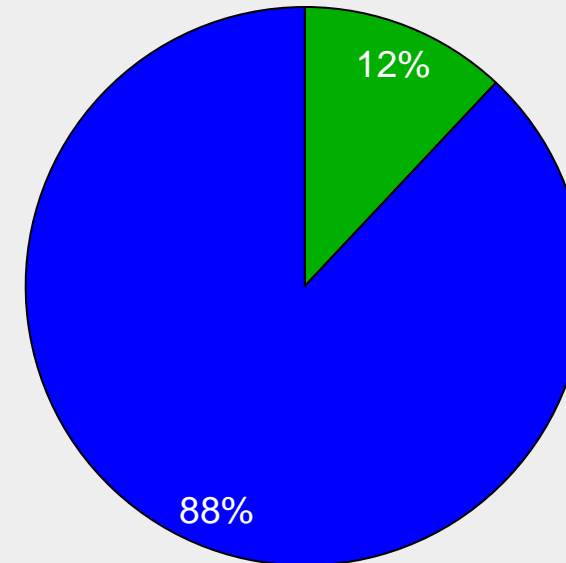
Are you buying new orders of foreign steel for future delivery?

Yes No

Manufacturers



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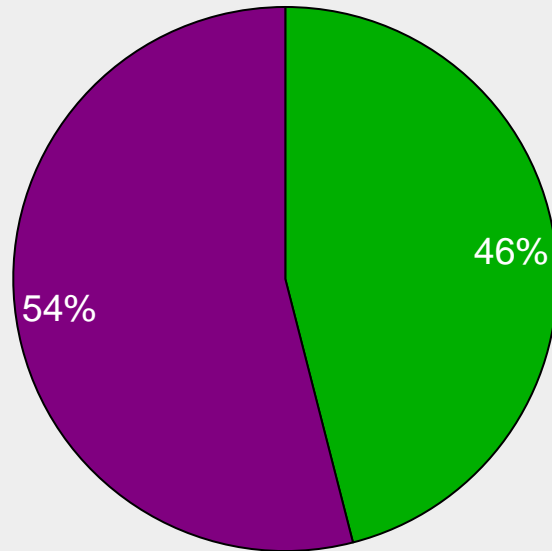


Foreign Steel Competitive?

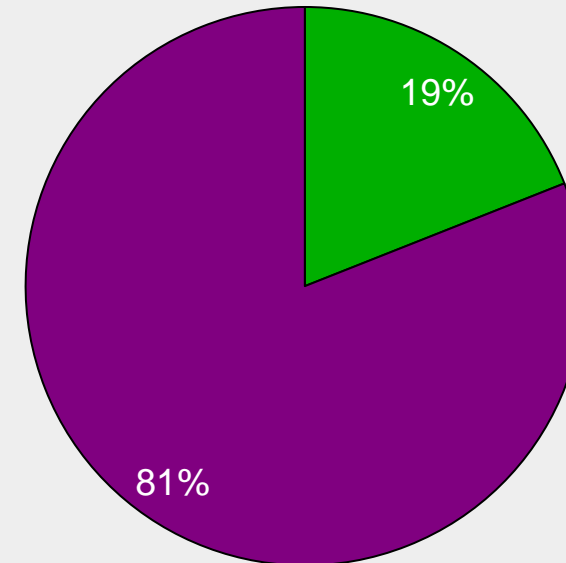
Are your foreign steel suppliers quoting you competitive prices for new orders for future delivery?

Yes No

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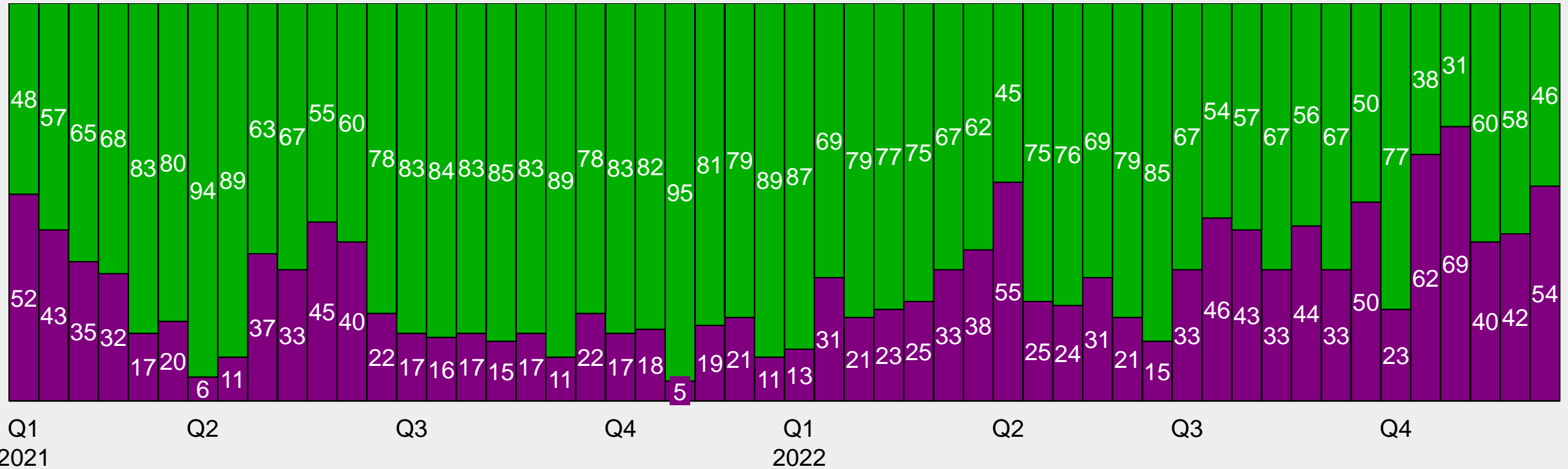


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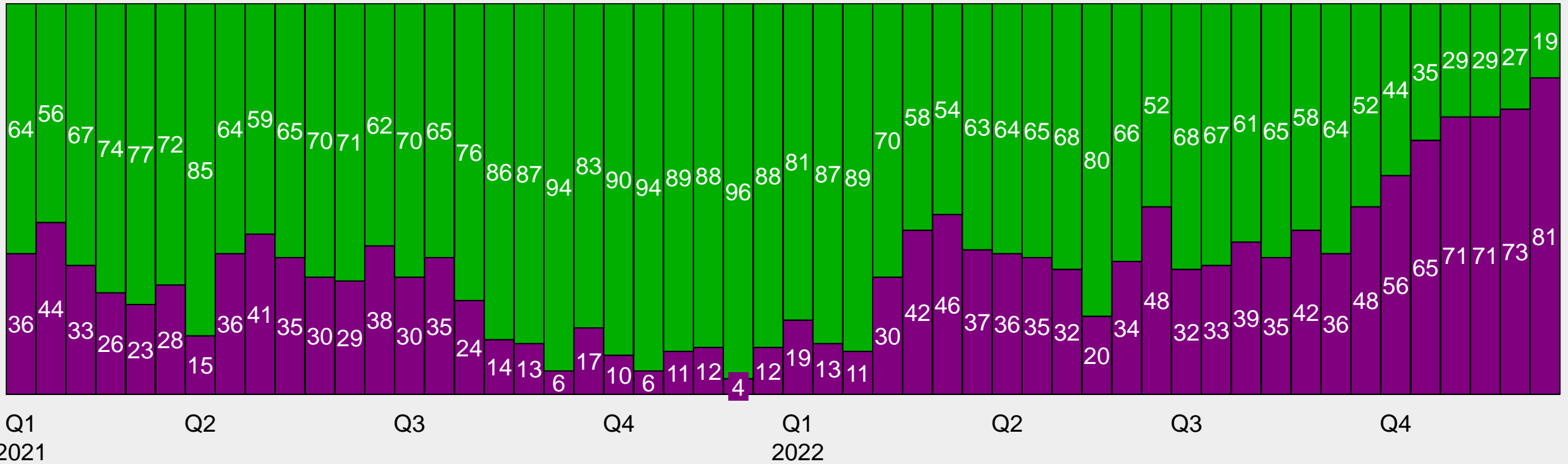
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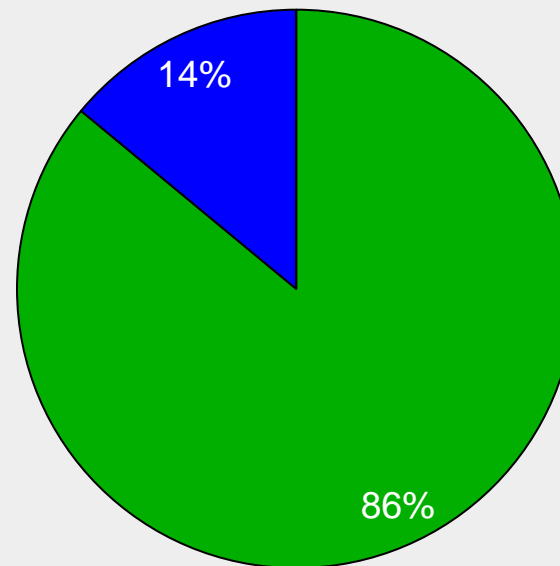
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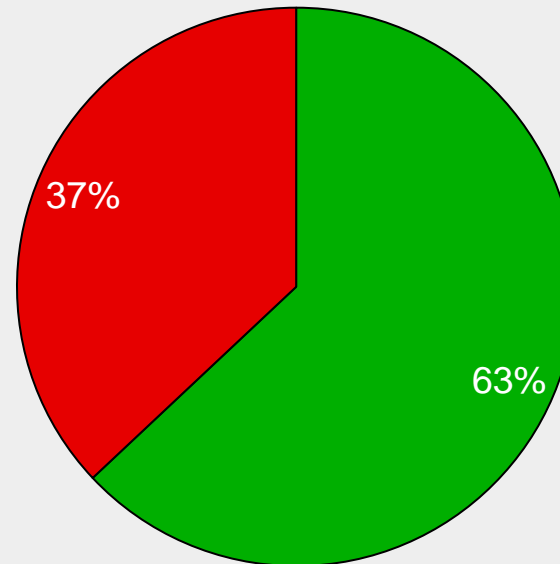
The current order book at your mill is better or worse than last month?*

- Better
- Same
- Worse



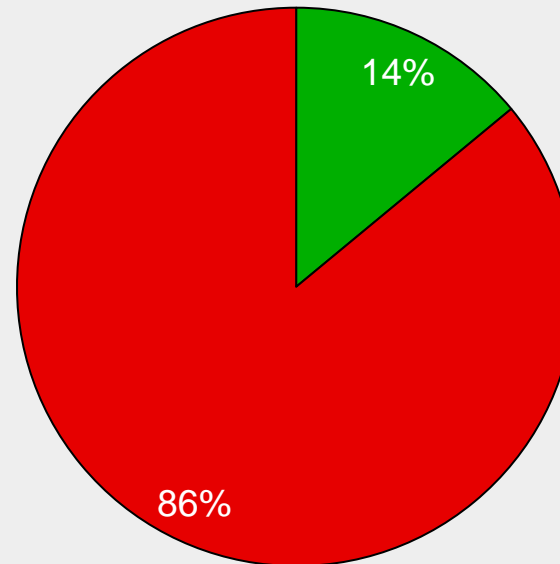
Are you seeing an increase or decrease in orders from your North American buyers?*

■ Increase
■ Decrease



Are foreign products attractive to U.S. buyers?*

Yes No



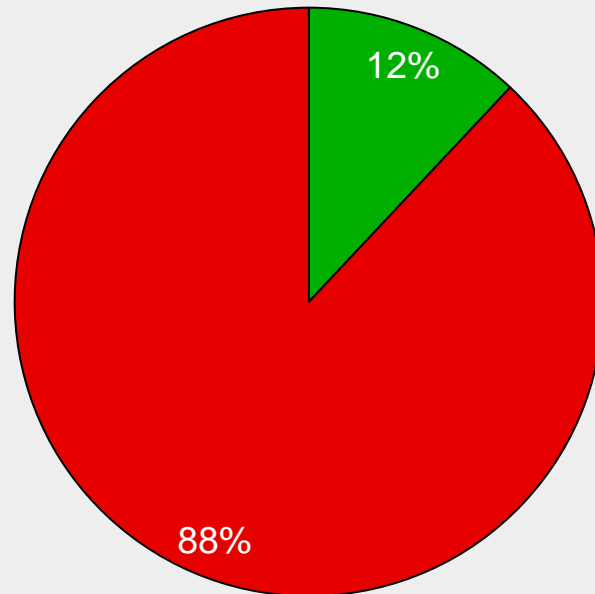
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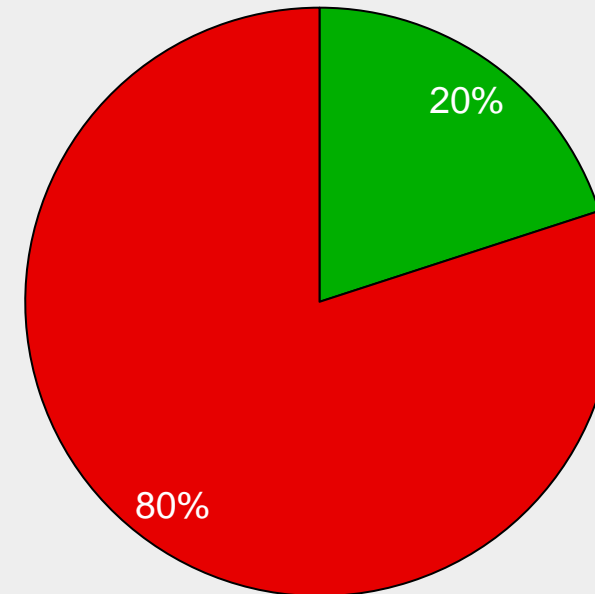
Are you able to offer hot rolled pricing that attracts buyers right now?*

Are you able to offer cold rolled pricing that attracts buyers right now?*

Yes No



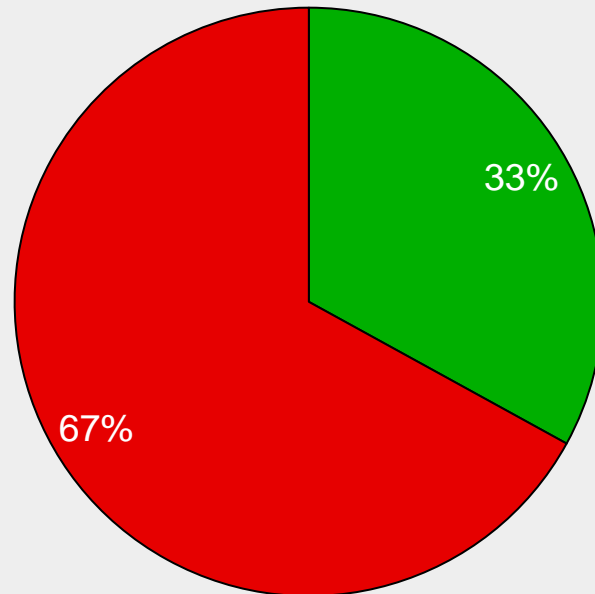
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Trading Companies on Coated and Plate

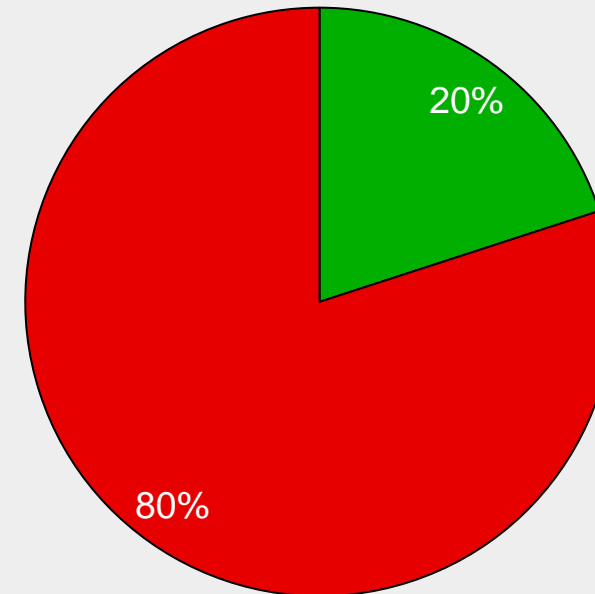
Are your coated prices competitive enough right now to get orders?*

Yes No



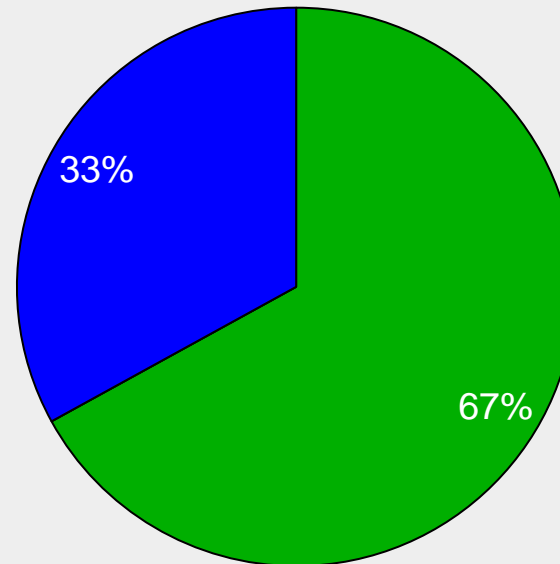
Are you able to offer plate pricing that attracts buyers right now?*

Yes No

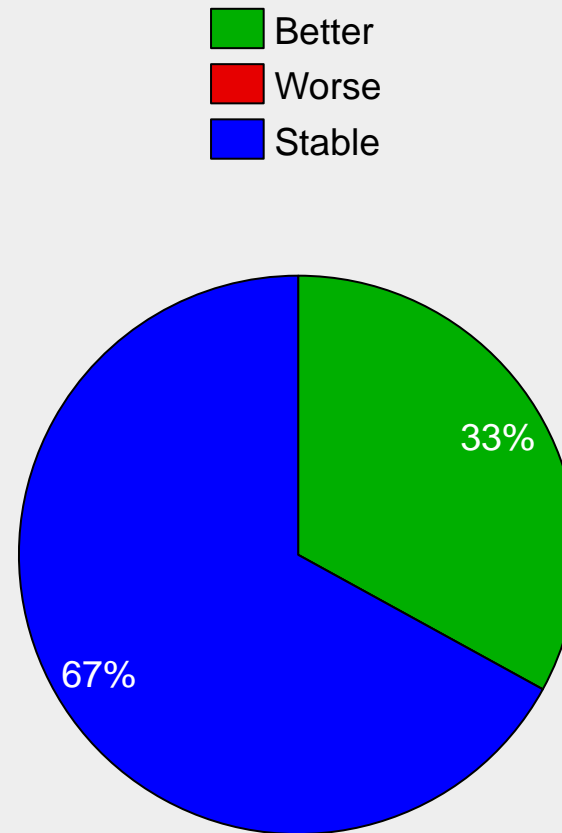


Has your business seen a change in demand this month compared to last month?*

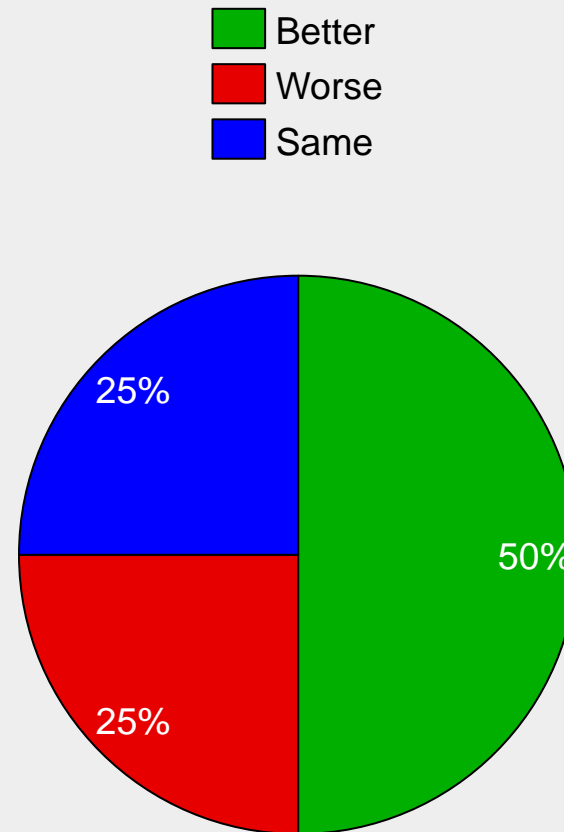
- Yes - Increase in demand
- Yes - Decline in demand
- No - Steady demand



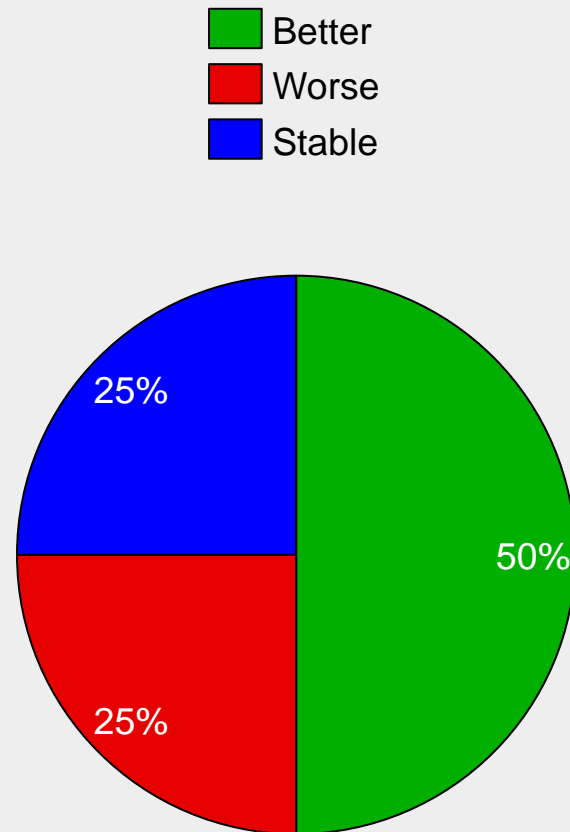
Will business levels be better, worse, or stable in the next 3-6 months?*



Are business levels better, worse or the same compared to last month?*



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the week of January 2, 2023**

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