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SMU Flat Rolled Market Trends Analysis

Responses from our May 9-11, 2022 Market Survey





SMU Newsletter developed for active buyers & sellers of flat rolled steel.

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

We invite over 600 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	Status	Venue
July 12-13	SMU Advanced Steel Hedging Workshop	Virtual	Online
July 19-20	SMU Steel 101 Workshop	Virtual	Online
August 22-24	SMU Steel Summit Conference	Live	Georgia International Convention Center, Atlanta, Georgia

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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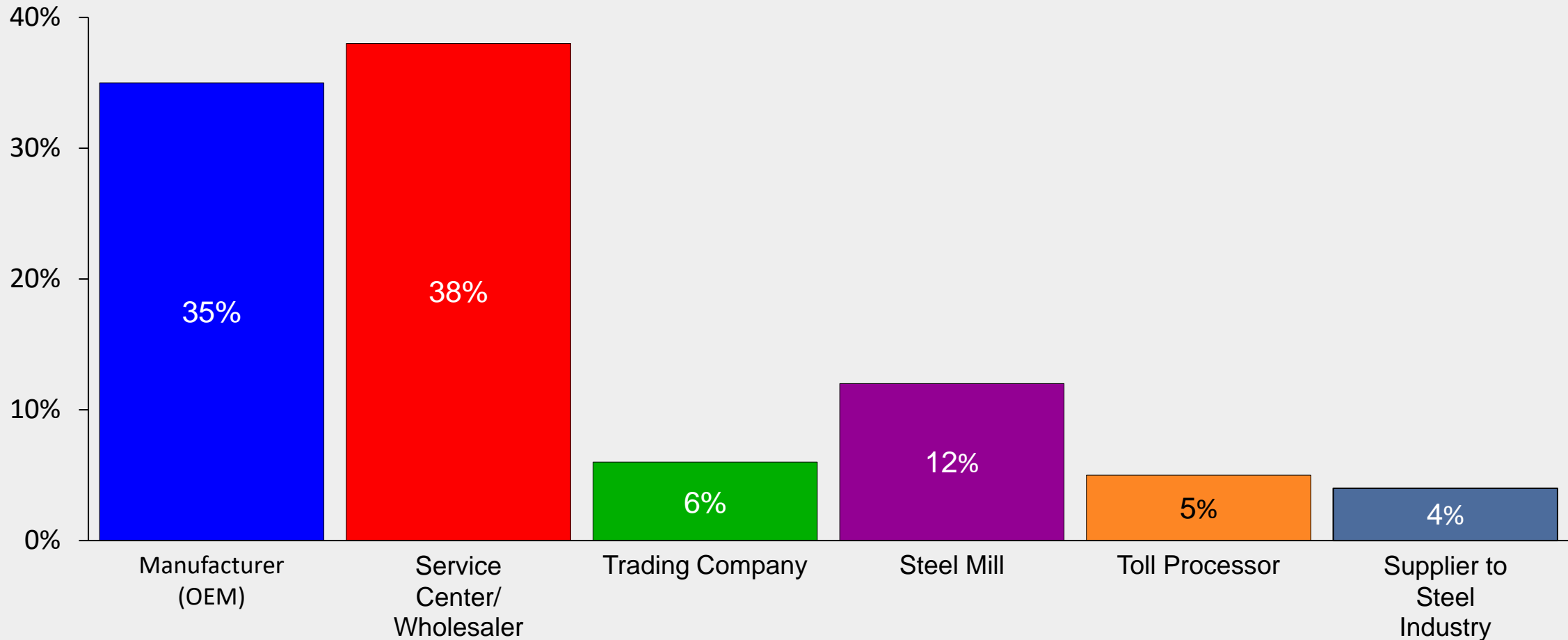
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company's experience reflected in it.

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Survey Participants

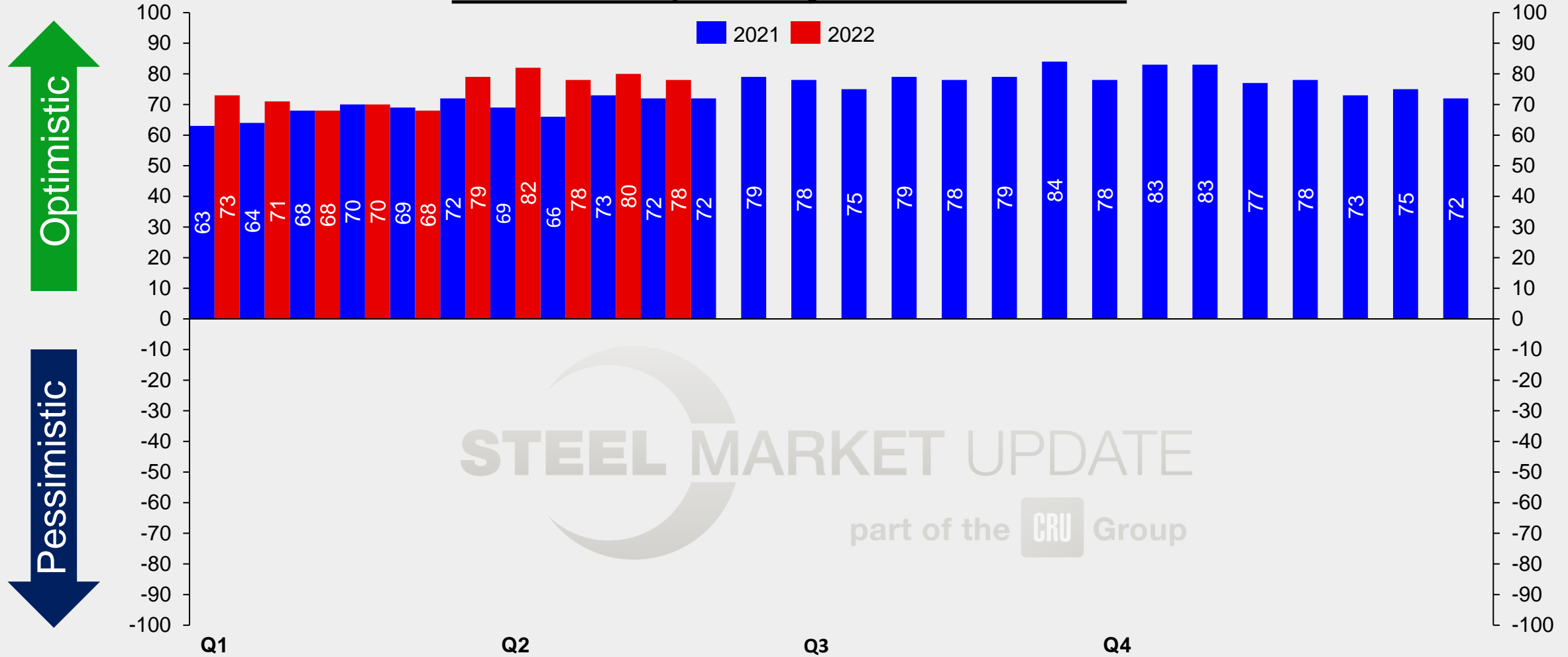
Our survey is by invitation only- Over 600 companies, mostly in the manufacturing or distribution industries, are asked to participate. Here are the percentages of participation in this week's survey by market sector.



SMU Buyers Sentiment Index

Down 2 points to +78

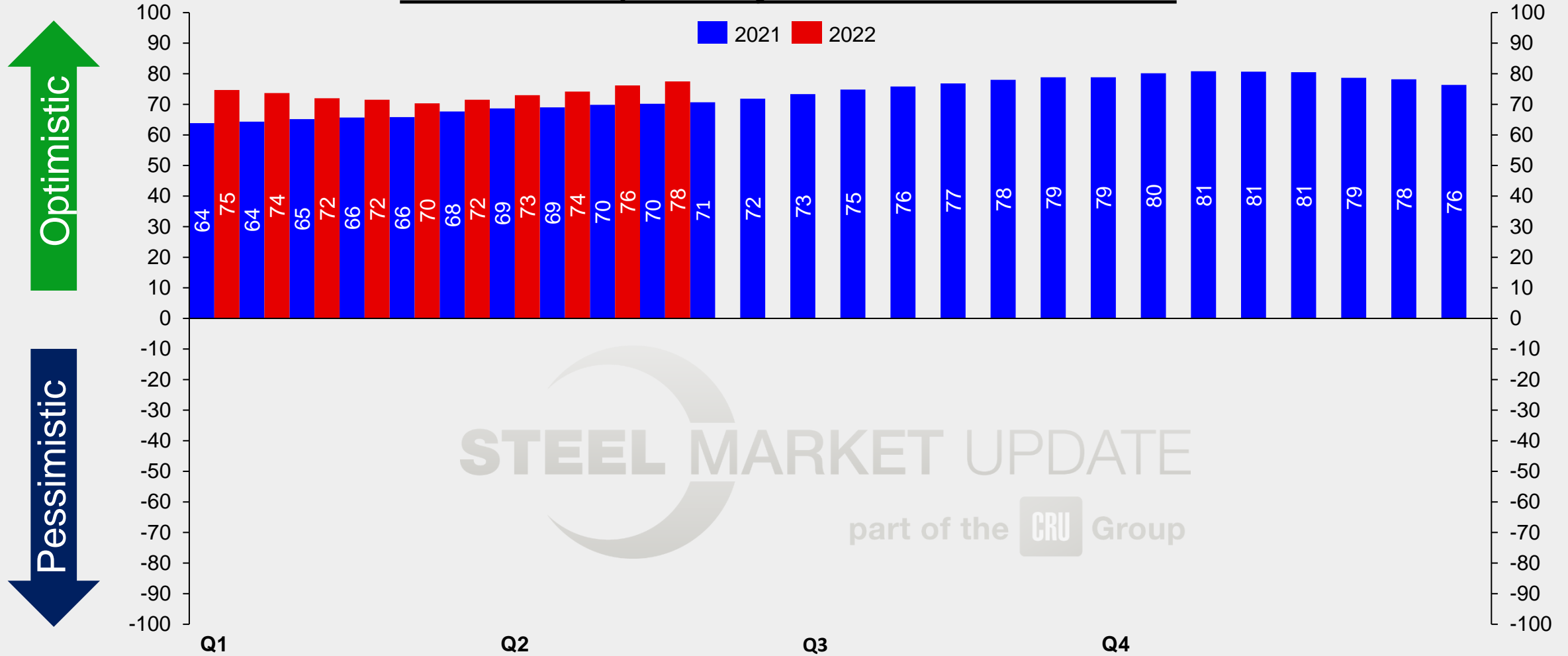
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Three Month Moving Average at +77.50

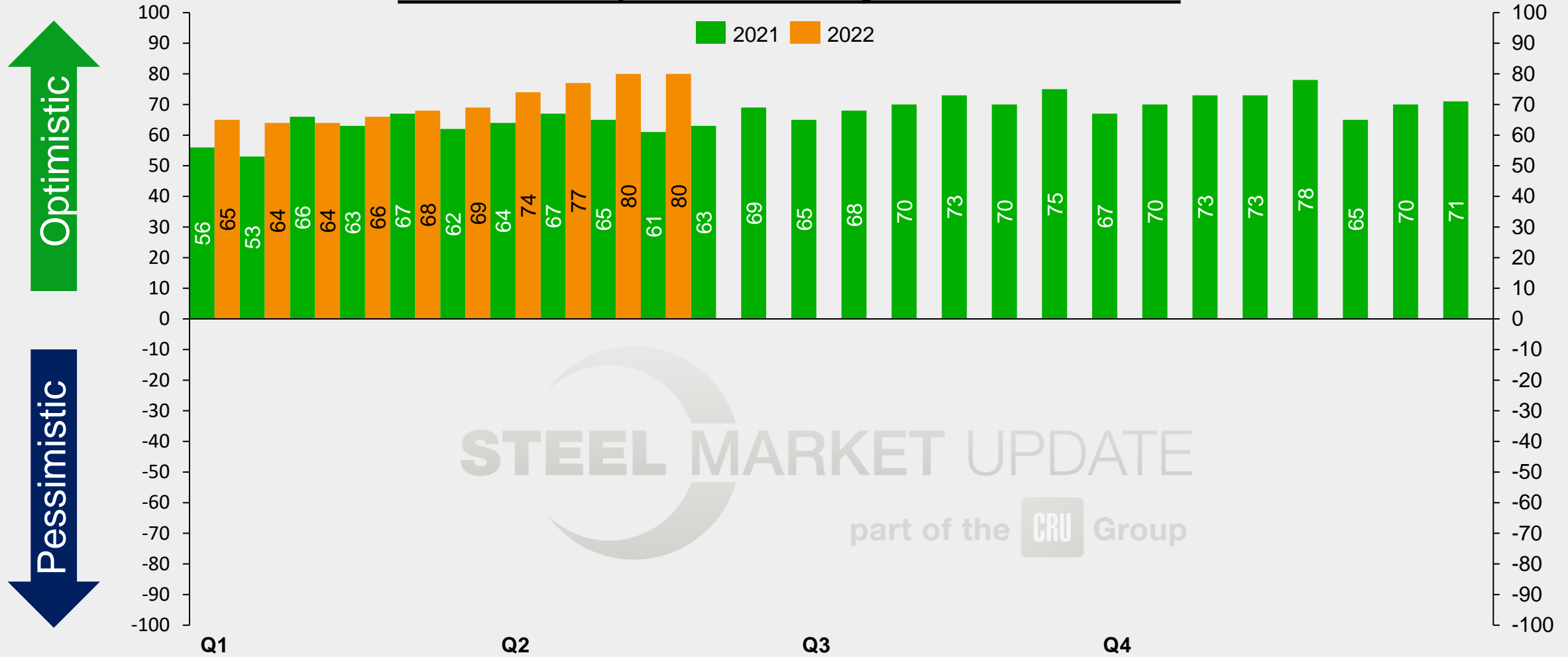
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Unchanged at +80

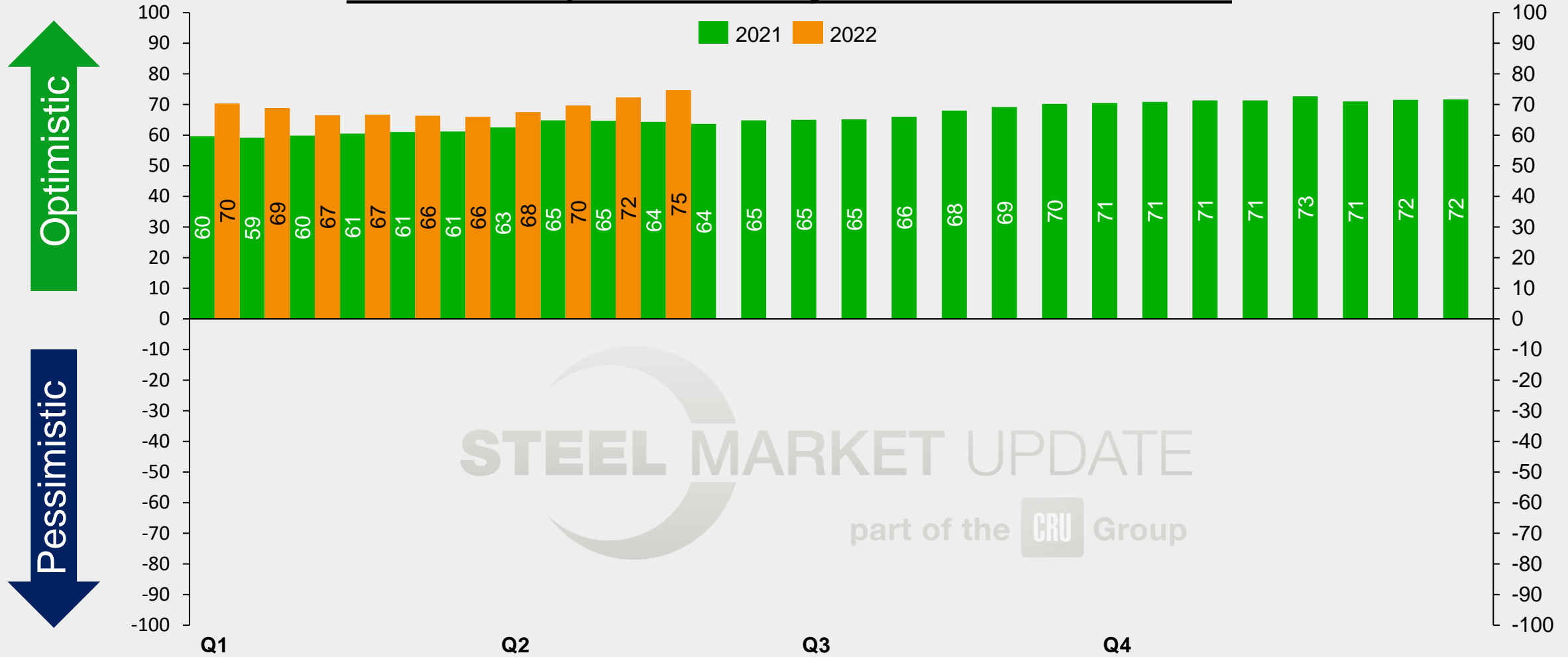
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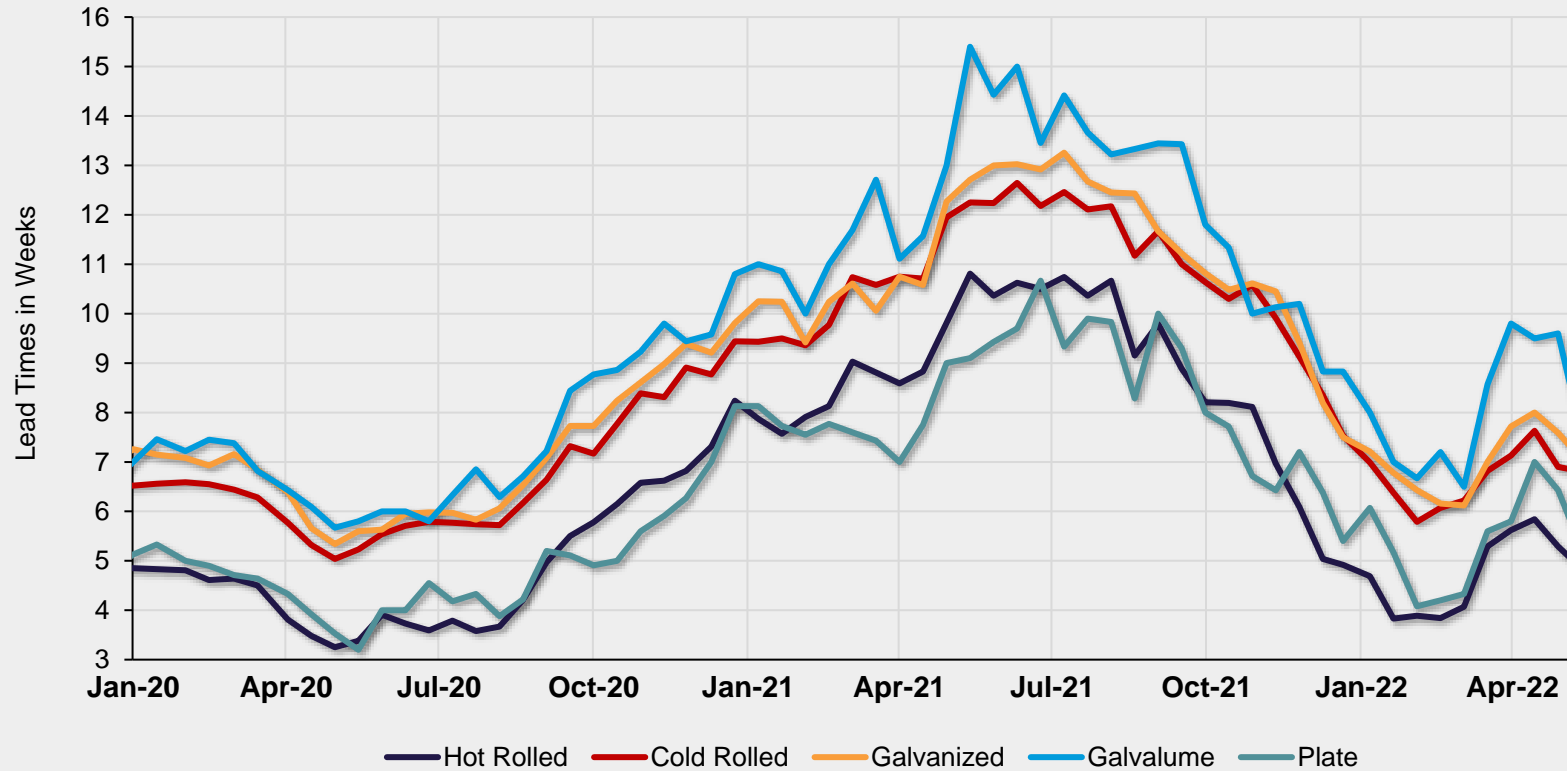
Three Month Moving Average at +74.67

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Steel Mill Lead Times

SMU Lead Times Comparison
January 2020 through May 12, 2022



Lead Times in Weeks

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Galvanized: 7.1

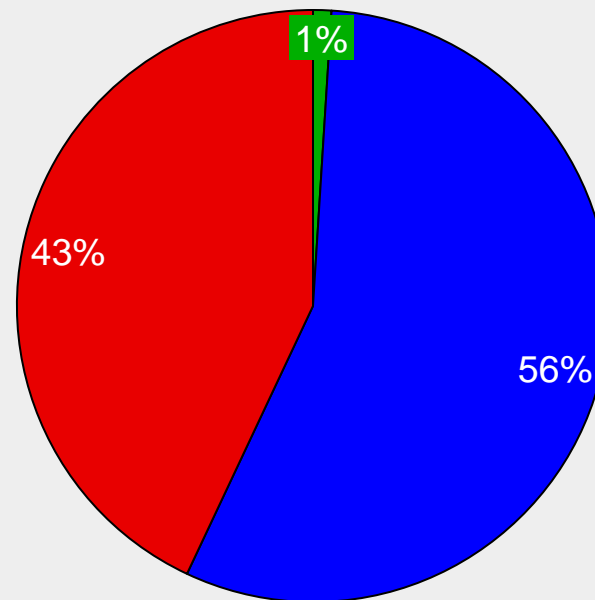
Cold Rolled: 6.8

Plate: 5.3

Hot Rolled: 4.8

Which way are lead times going, and why?

- Lead times are extending
- Lead times are stable
- Lead times are slipping

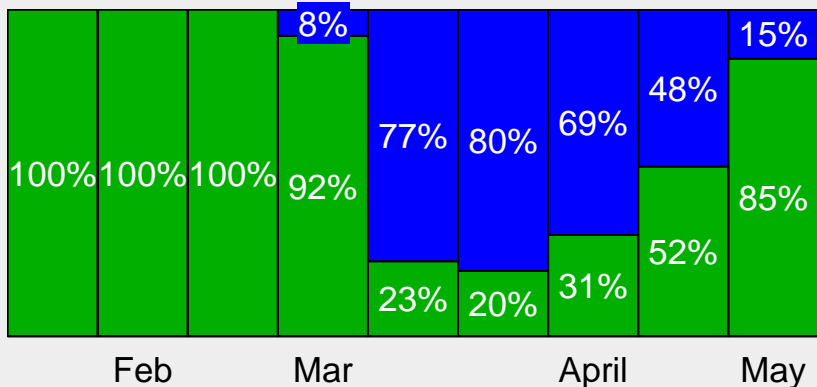


Mill Negotiations

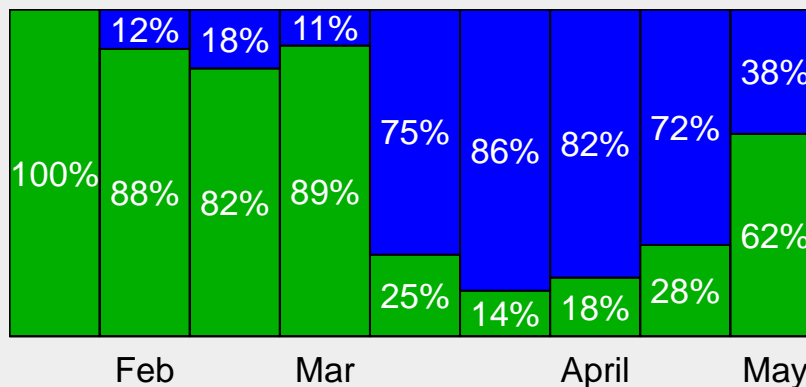
Are you finding the domestic mills are willing to negotiate pricing on brand new orders placed this week?

Yes No

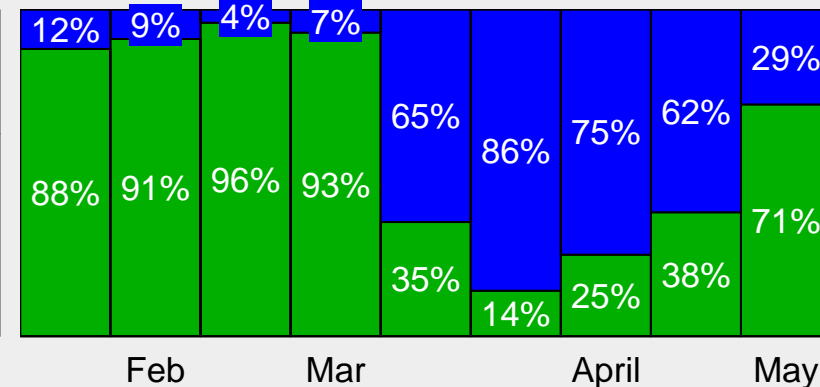
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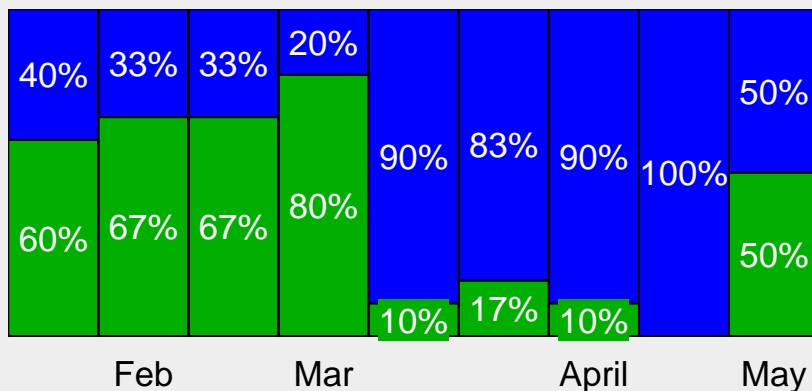
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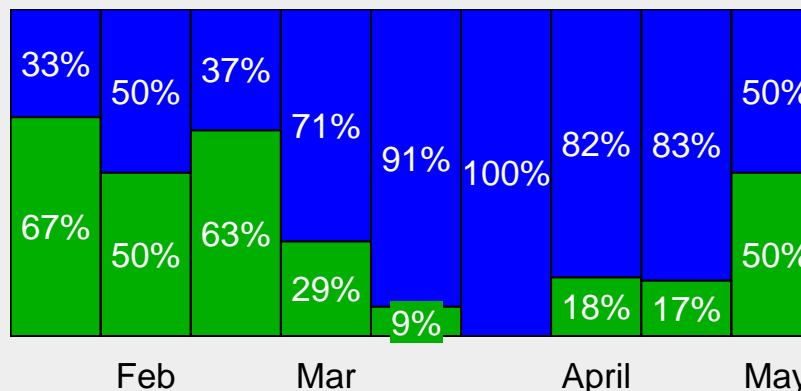
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Galvalume

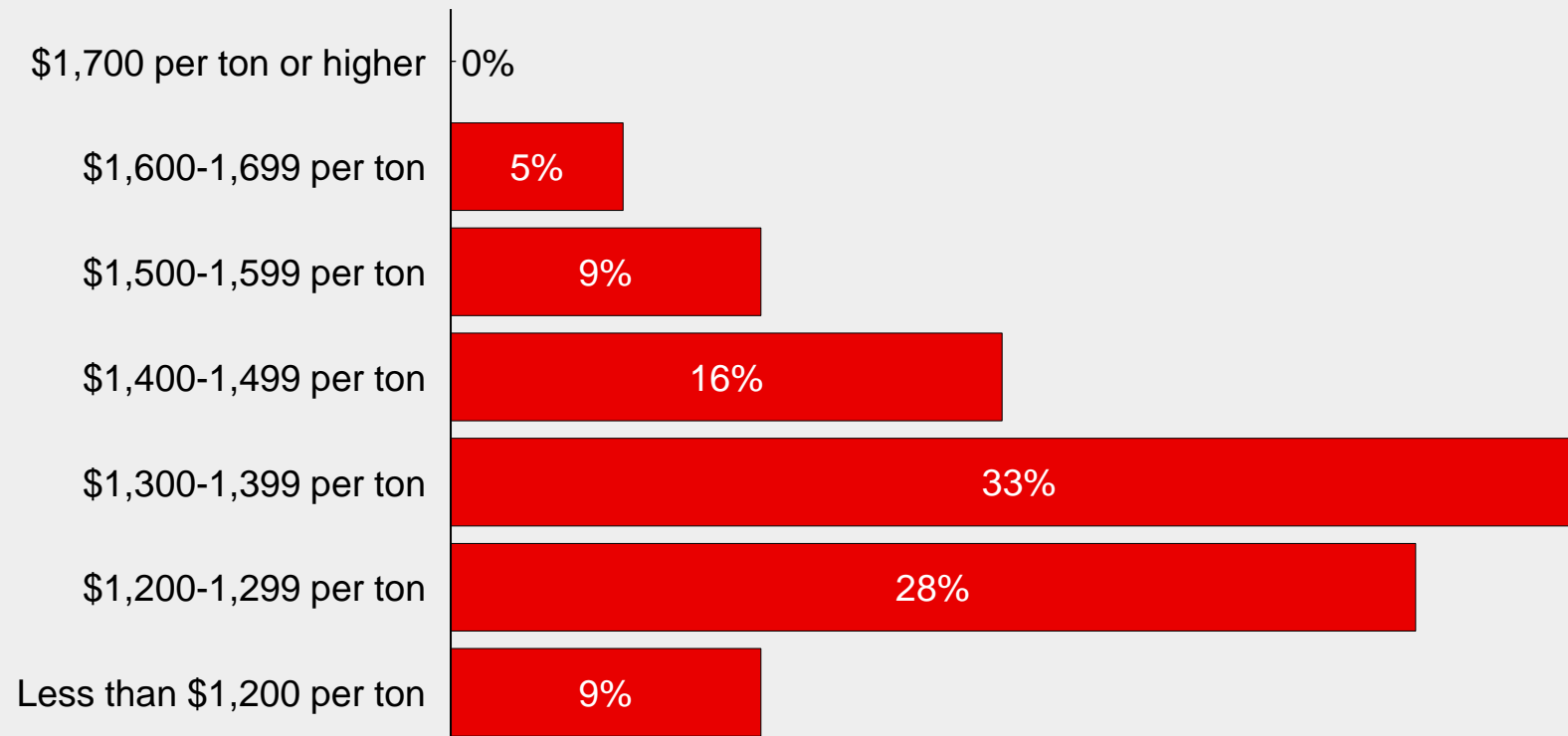


Plate



Q2 2022 HRC Prices

Hot rolled coil prices averaged \$1,440* per ton last week.
Where do you think HRC prices will be at the end of Q2 2022?



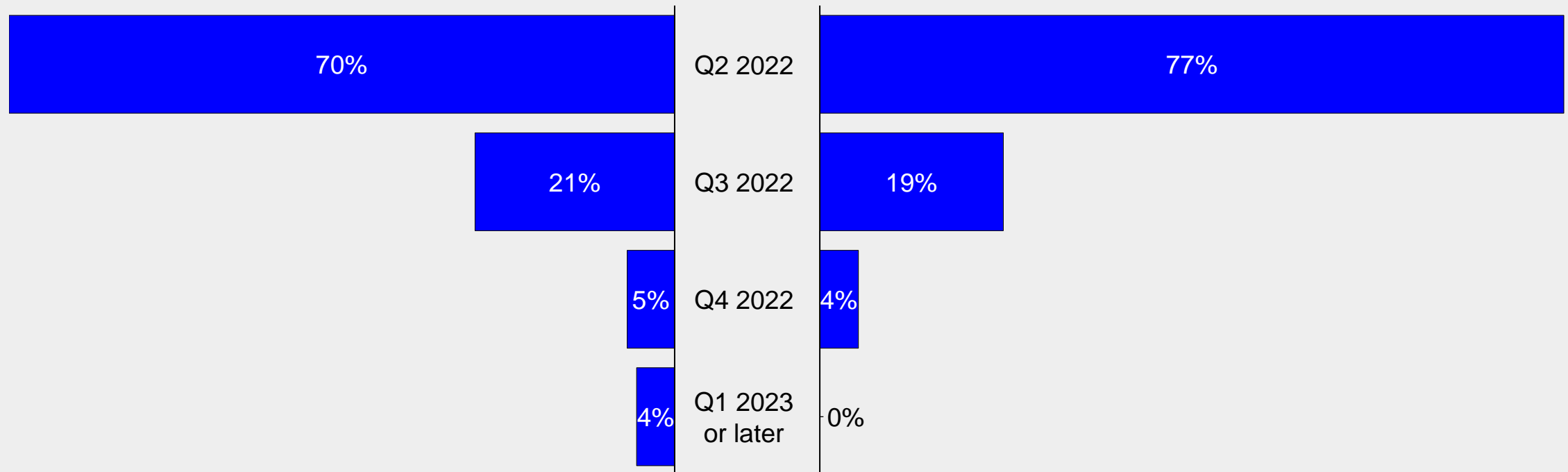
* As of Monday, May 9, 2022; the latest SMU HR average is \$1,365 per ton

HRC Price Peak

When do you think HRC prices will peak and why?

April 28, 2022

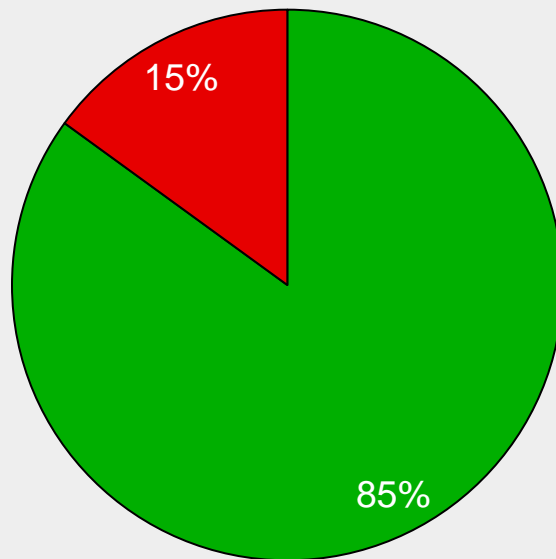
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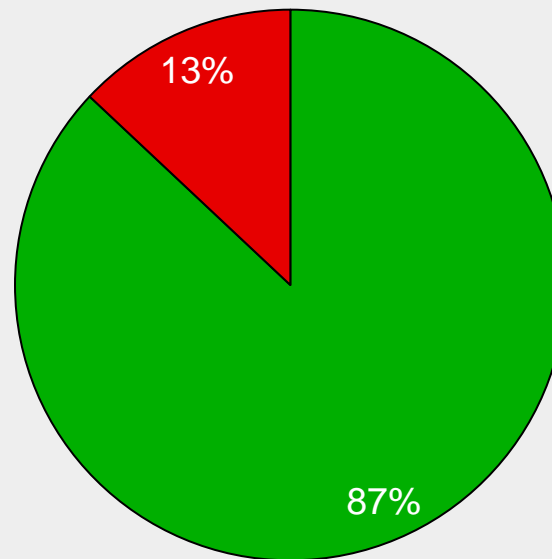
Would you describe yourself as optimistic or pessimistic about your prospects in the second quarter of 2022?

■ Optimistic ■ Pessimistic

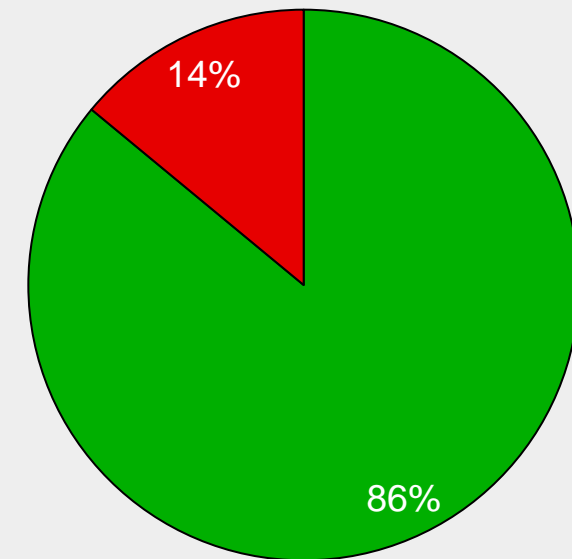
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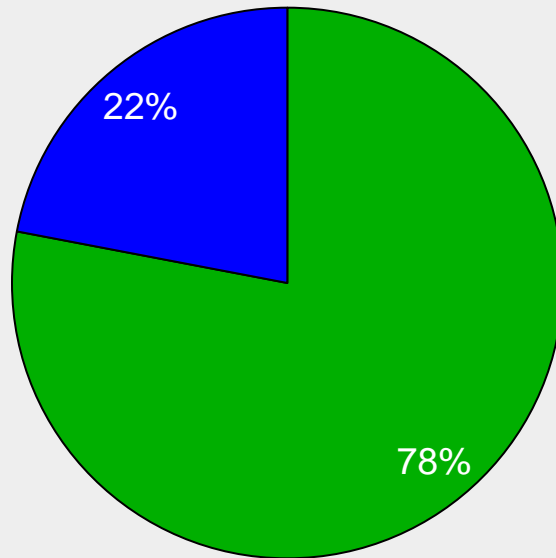


Staying on the Sidelines?

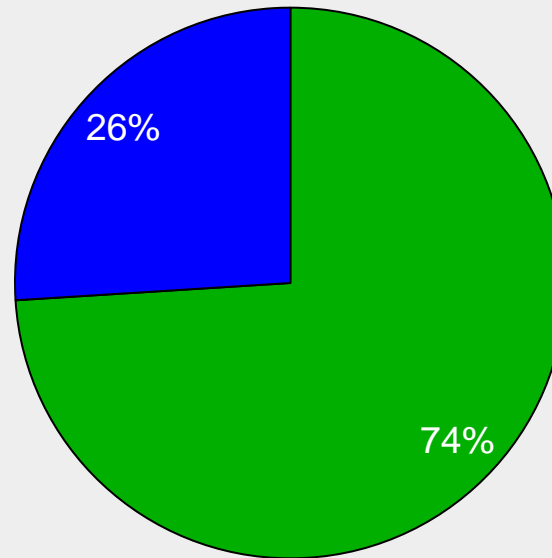
Are you an active buyer or staying on the sidelines?

■ Active buyer ■ On the sidelines

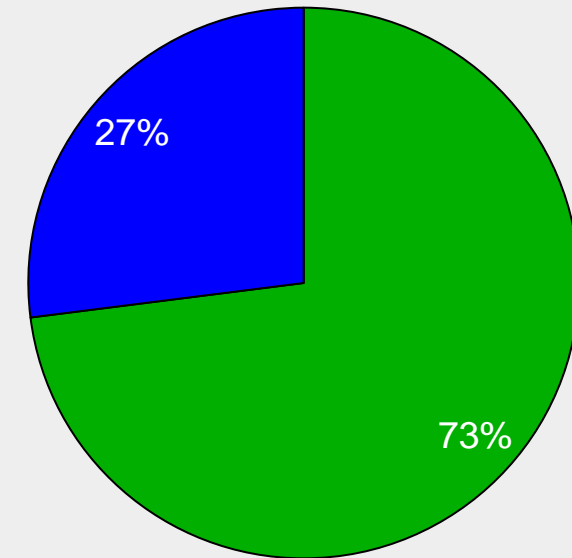
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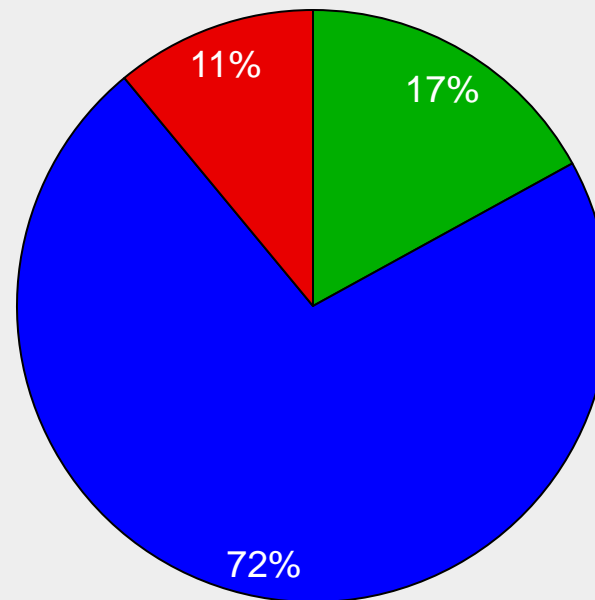


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- Demand is improving
- Demand is stable
- Demand is declining

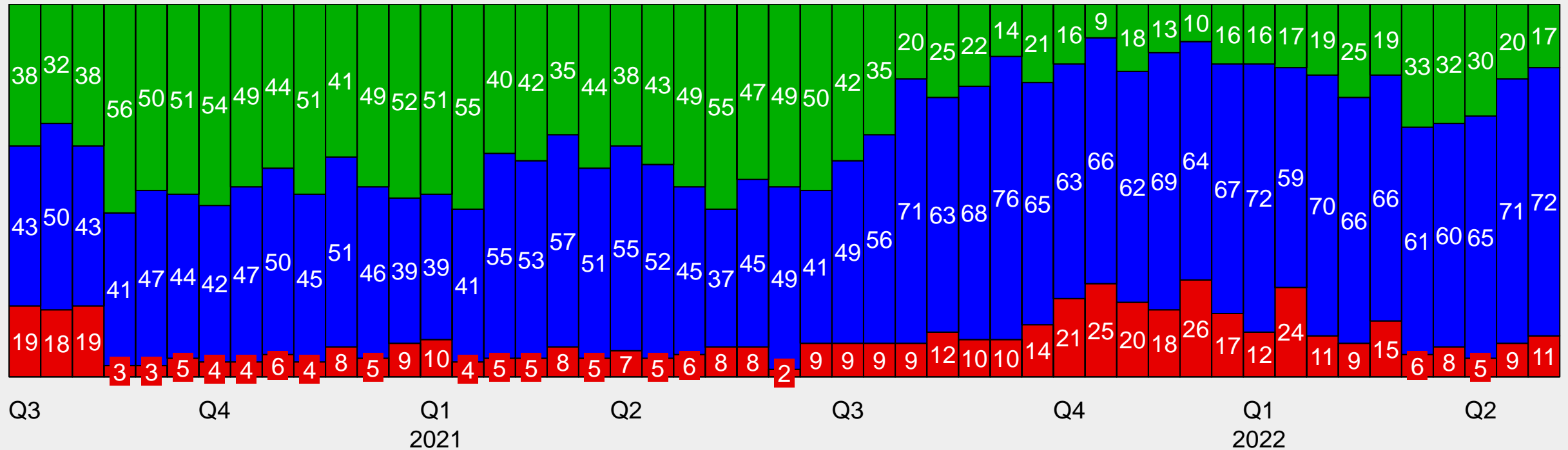


Overall Demand History

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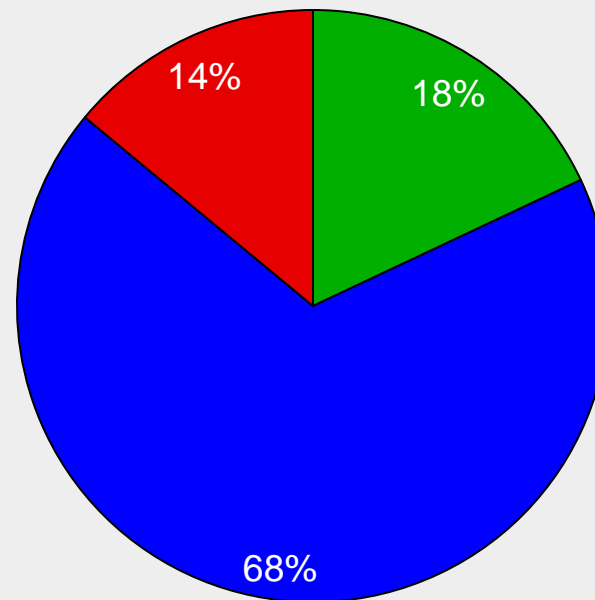
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out of 100%



Manufacturers- Compared to this time last year –
is your company buying more, less or the same
amount of flat rolled steel as one year ago?

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

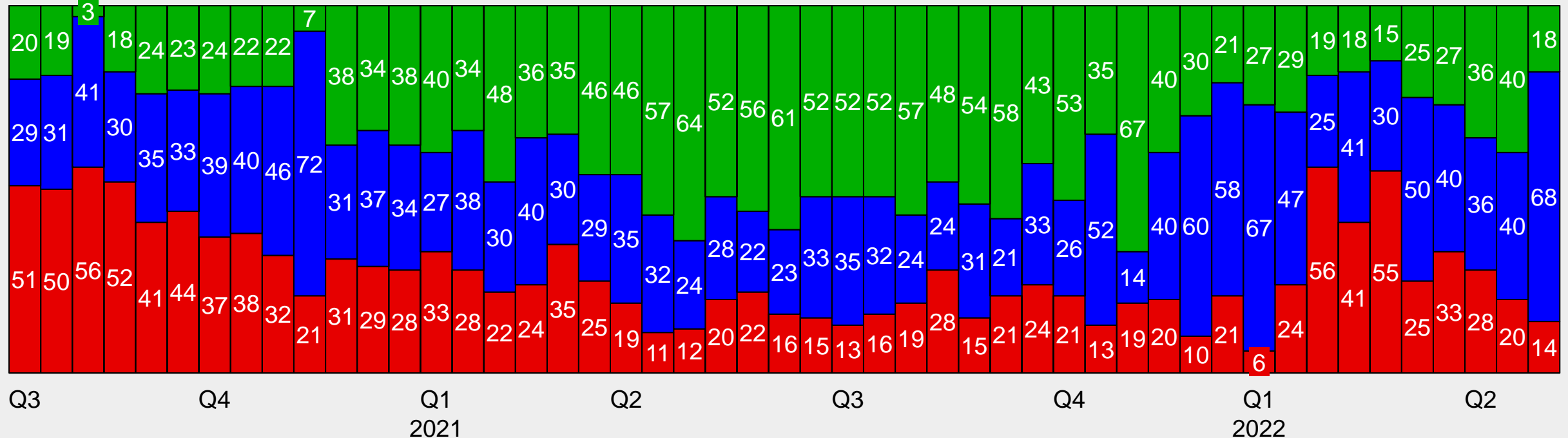


History of Manufacturer Purchases

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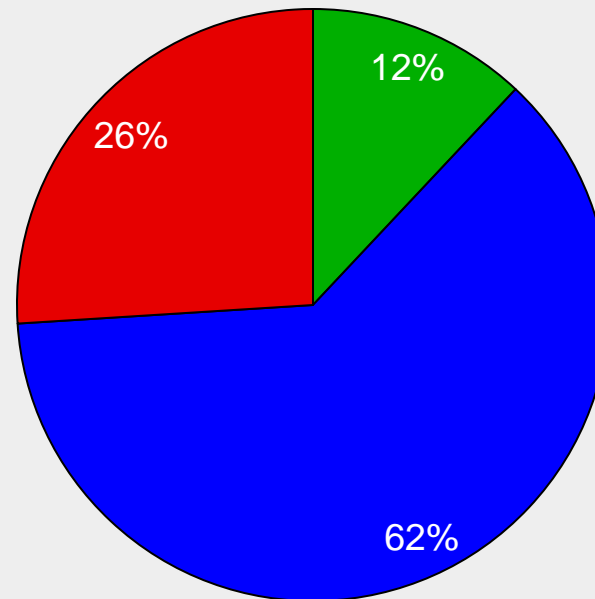
- Buying more steel
- Buying the same amount of steel
- Buying less steel

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Service Centers- How do you see your customers releases (demand) for the products your company provides this year compared to this time last year?

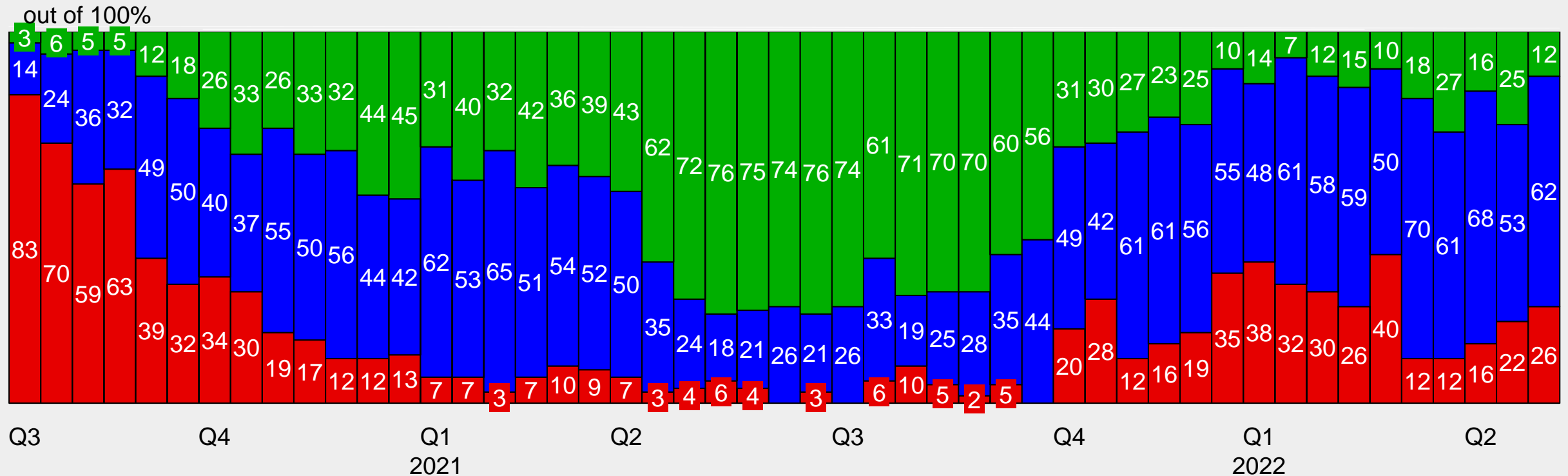
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- Releasing less steel



Service Center Release History

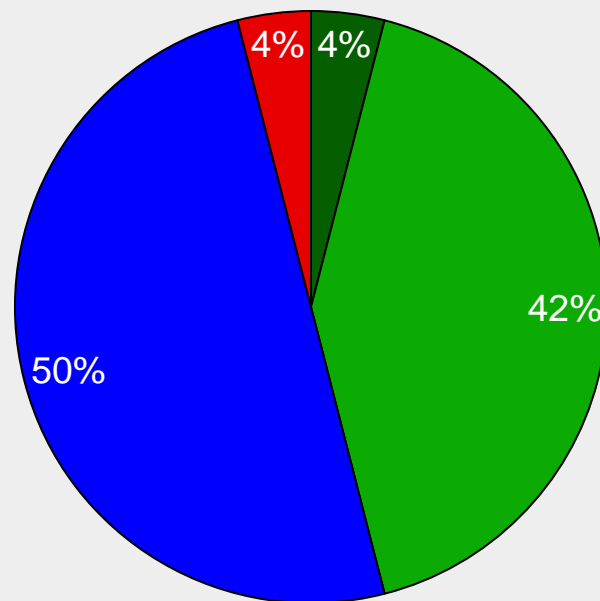
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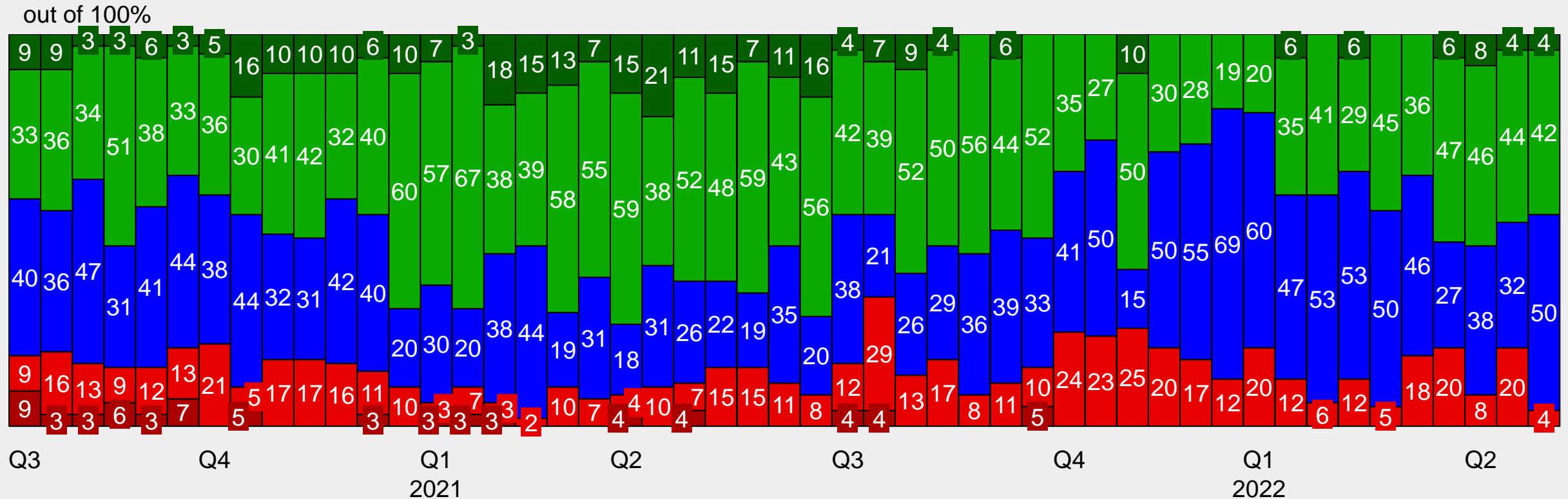
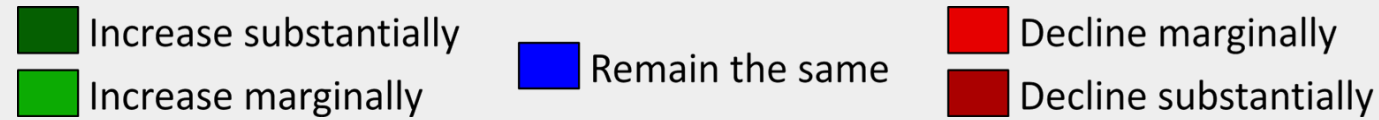
Manufacturers- Demand for your products will _____
over the next 3 months based on current order flows.

- Increase substantially
- Increase marginally
- Remain the same
- Decline marginally
- Decline substantially



Manufacturer Demand History

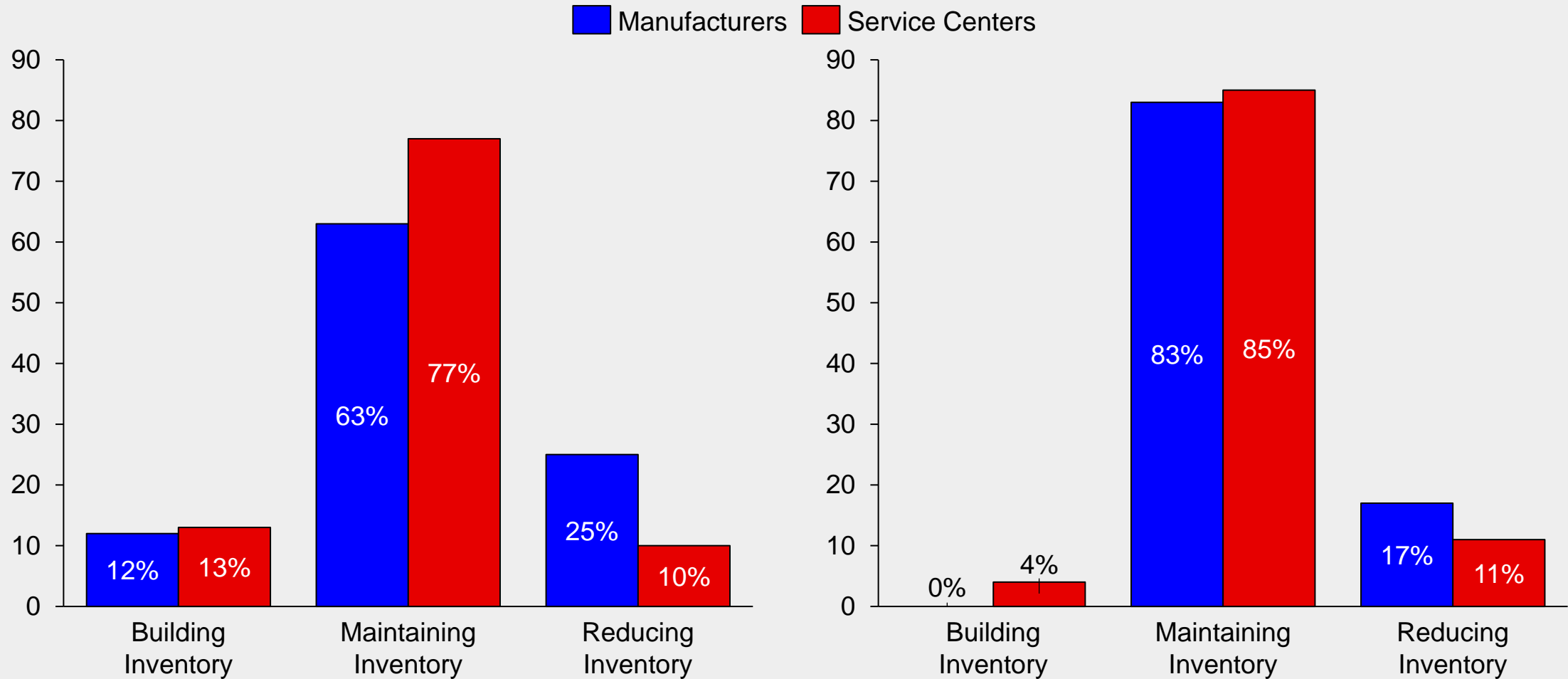
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Manufacturer and Service Center Inventory Buying Patterns

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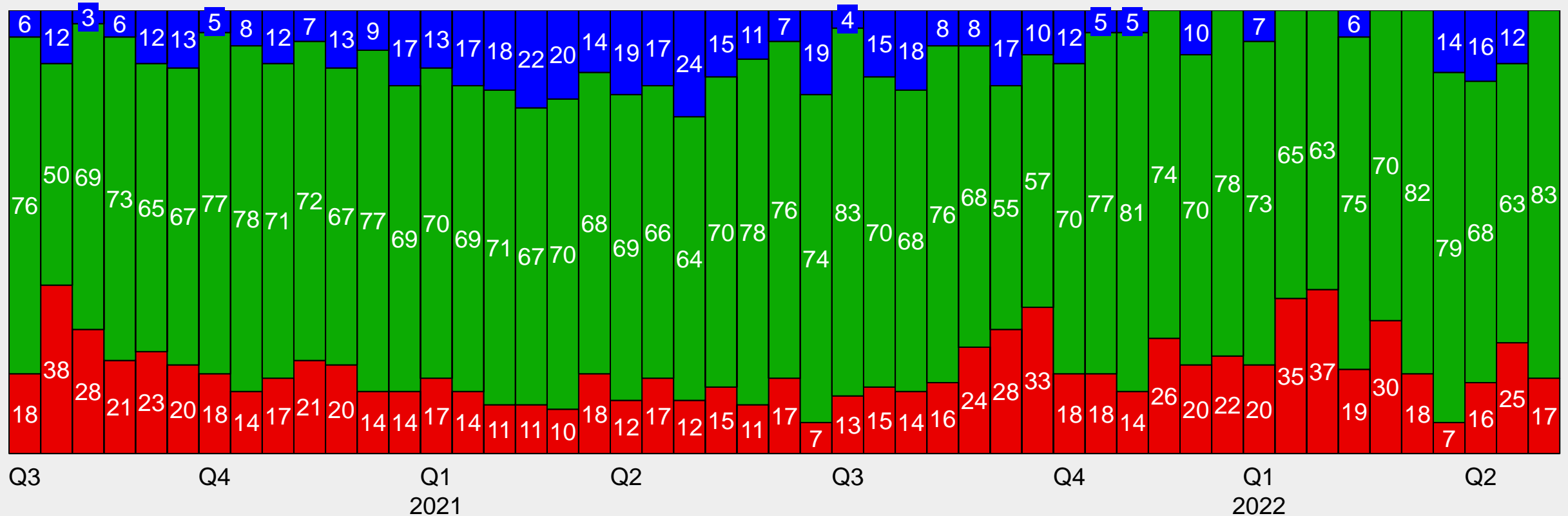


Manufacturer Inventory Buying History

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

■ Building Inventory
 ■ Maintaining Inventory
 ■ Reducing Inventory

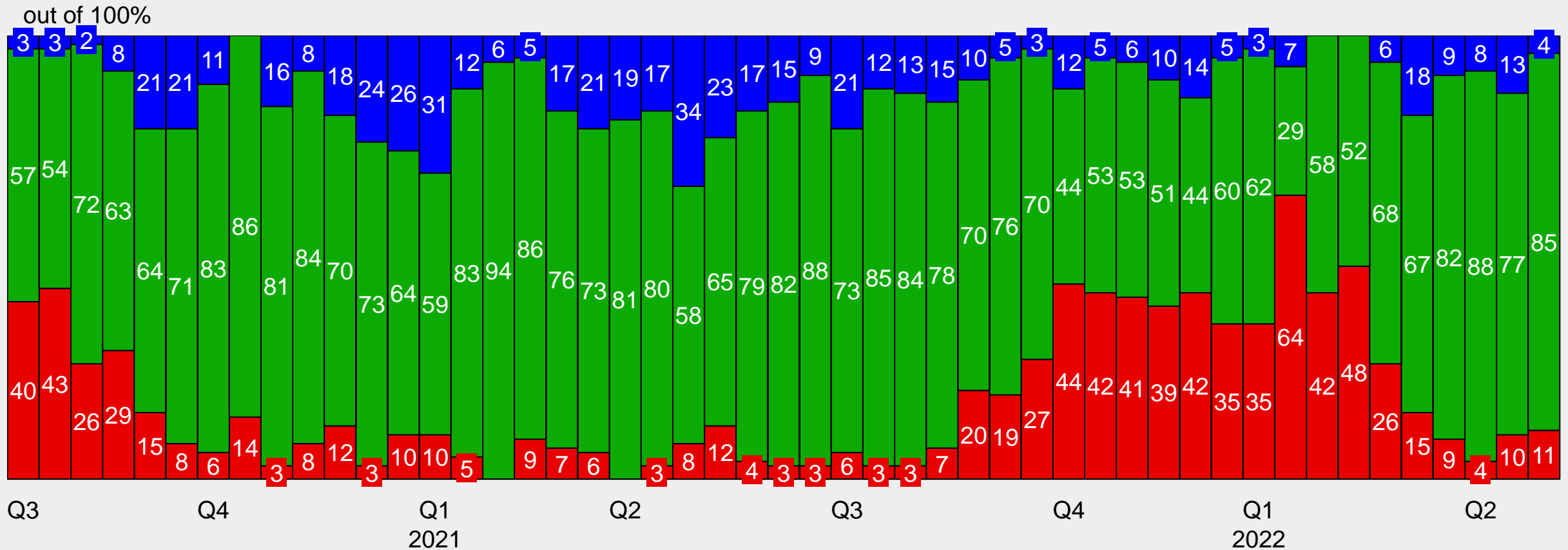
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Service Center Inventory Buying History

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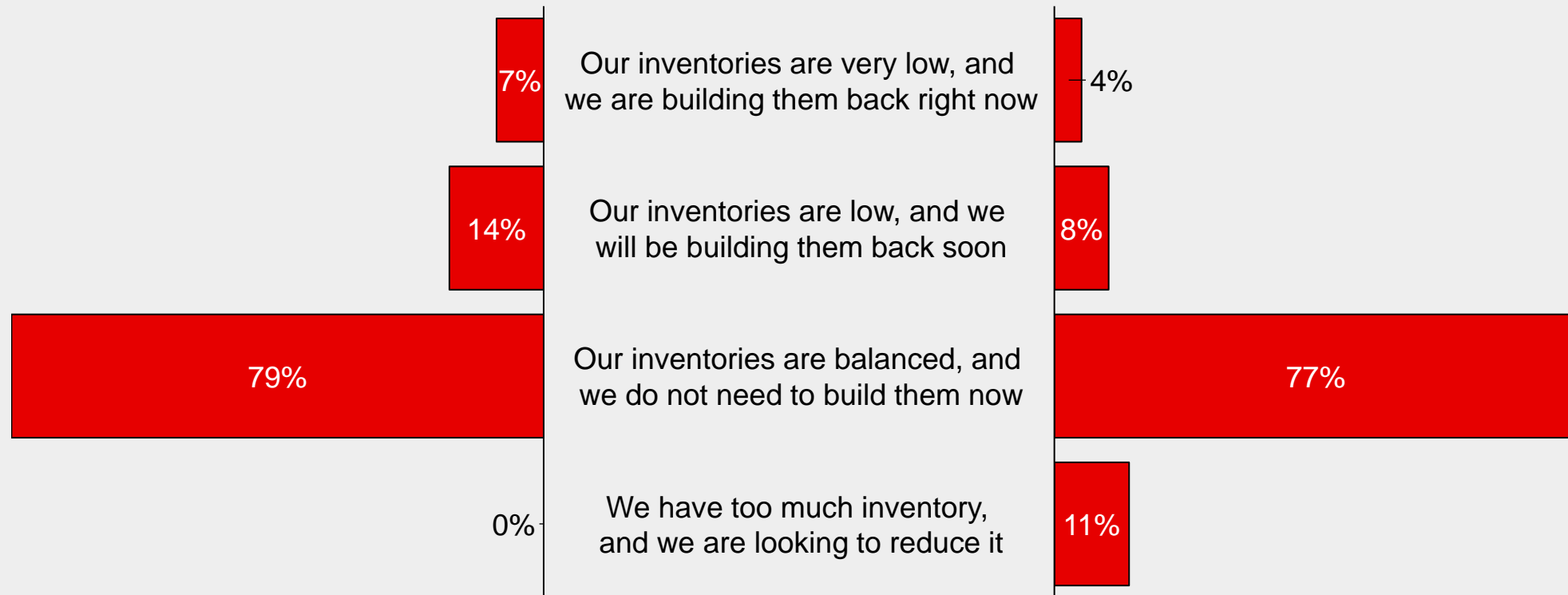


Service Center Inventories

Service Centers- Does your company need to build back inventories or are you comfortable with the levels you are holding on your floor?

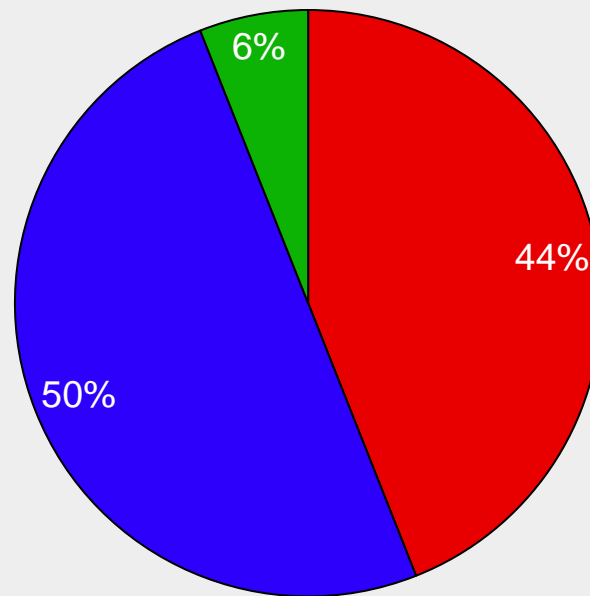
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Manufacturers- Which comment do you feel is representative of service center pricing right now compared to two weeks ago?

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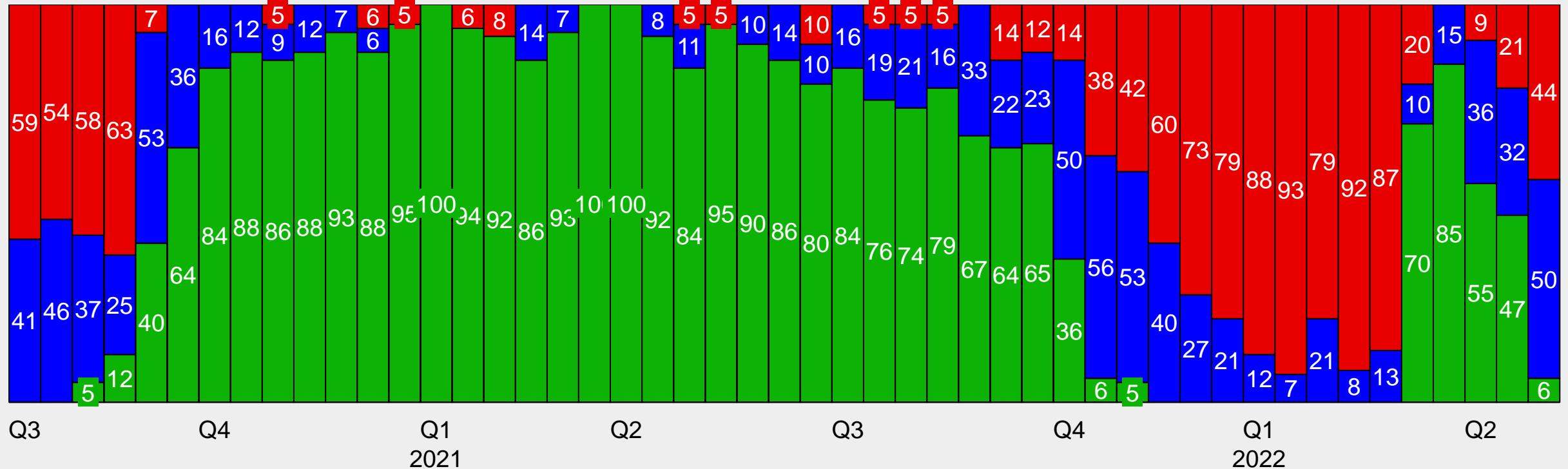


Manufacturer's View of Service Center Selling Prices History

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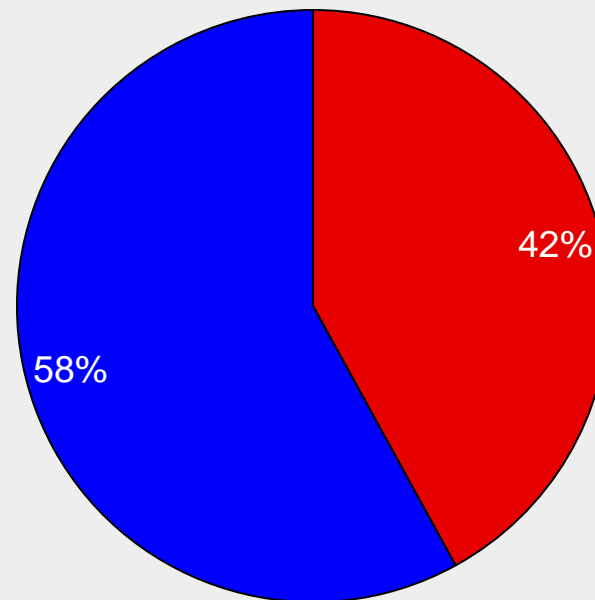
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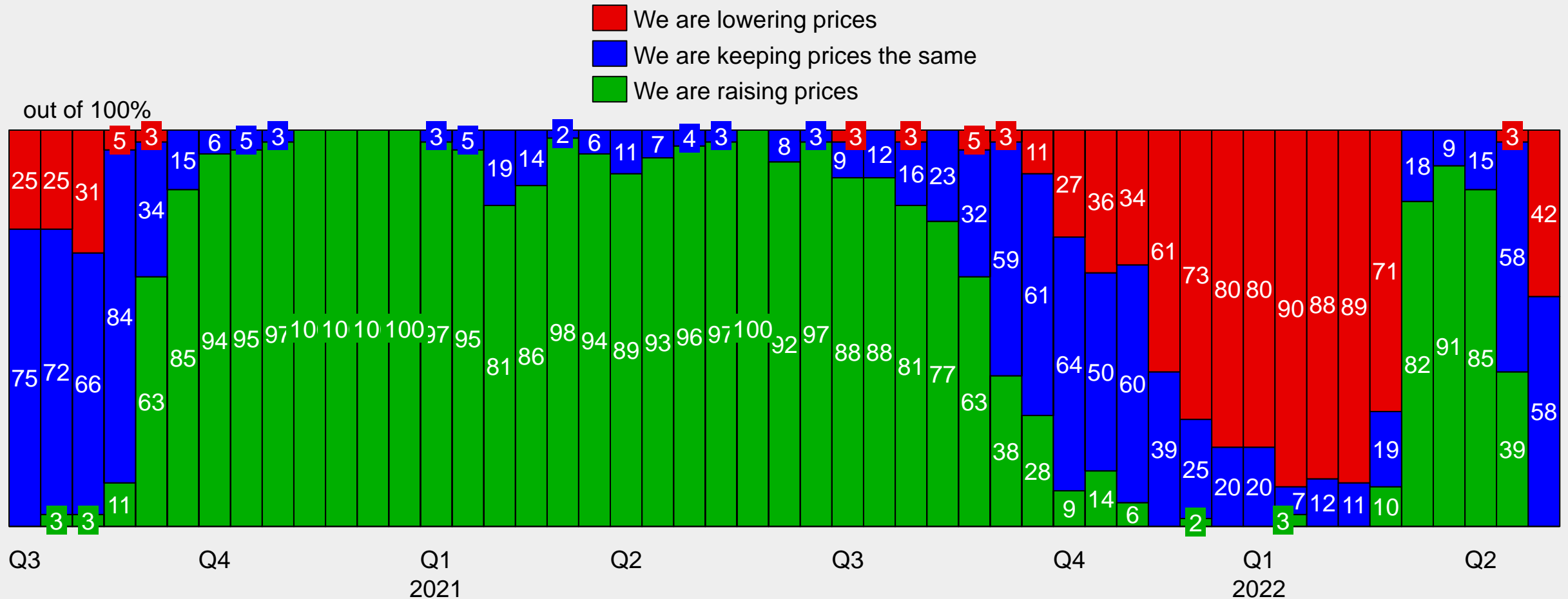
Service Centers- Compared to two weeks ago, how is your company handling spot pricing to your customers at this time?

- We are lowering prices
- We are keeping prices the same
- We are raising prices



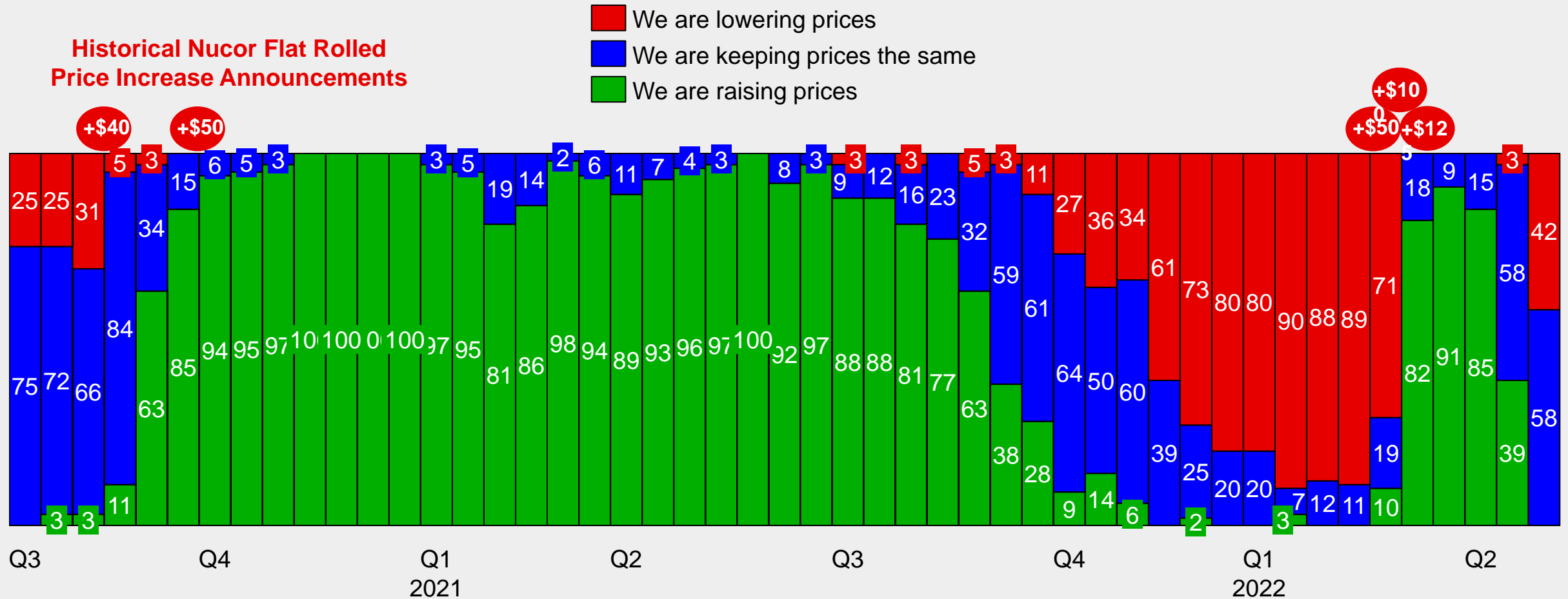
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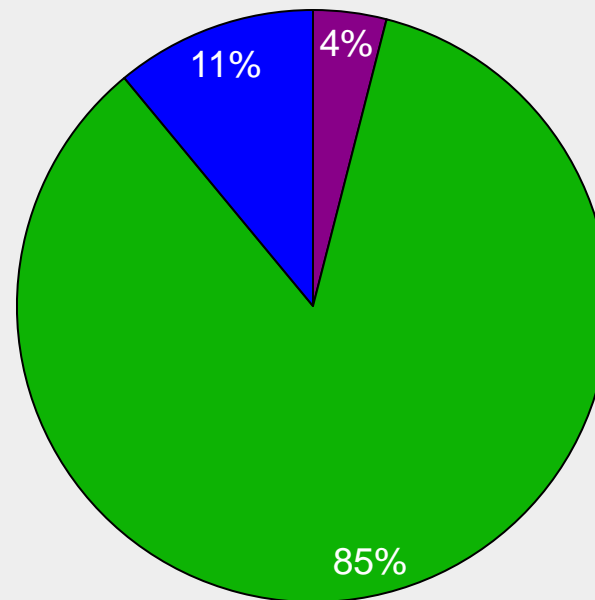
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- Our manufacturing customers are maintaining their orders
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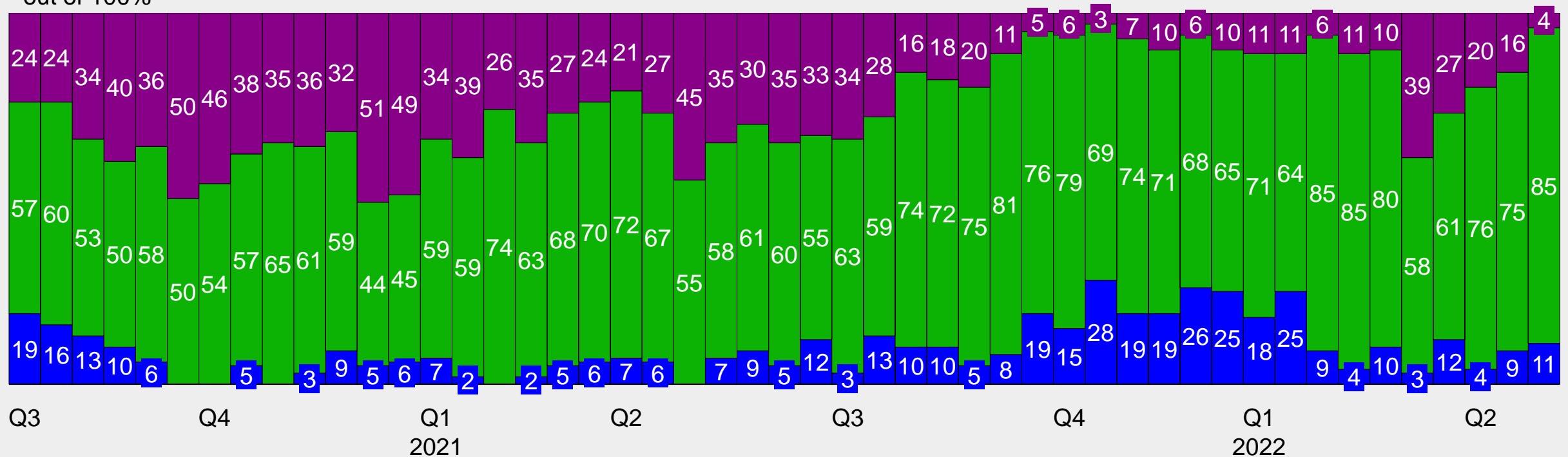


Service Centers on Manufacturer Orders History

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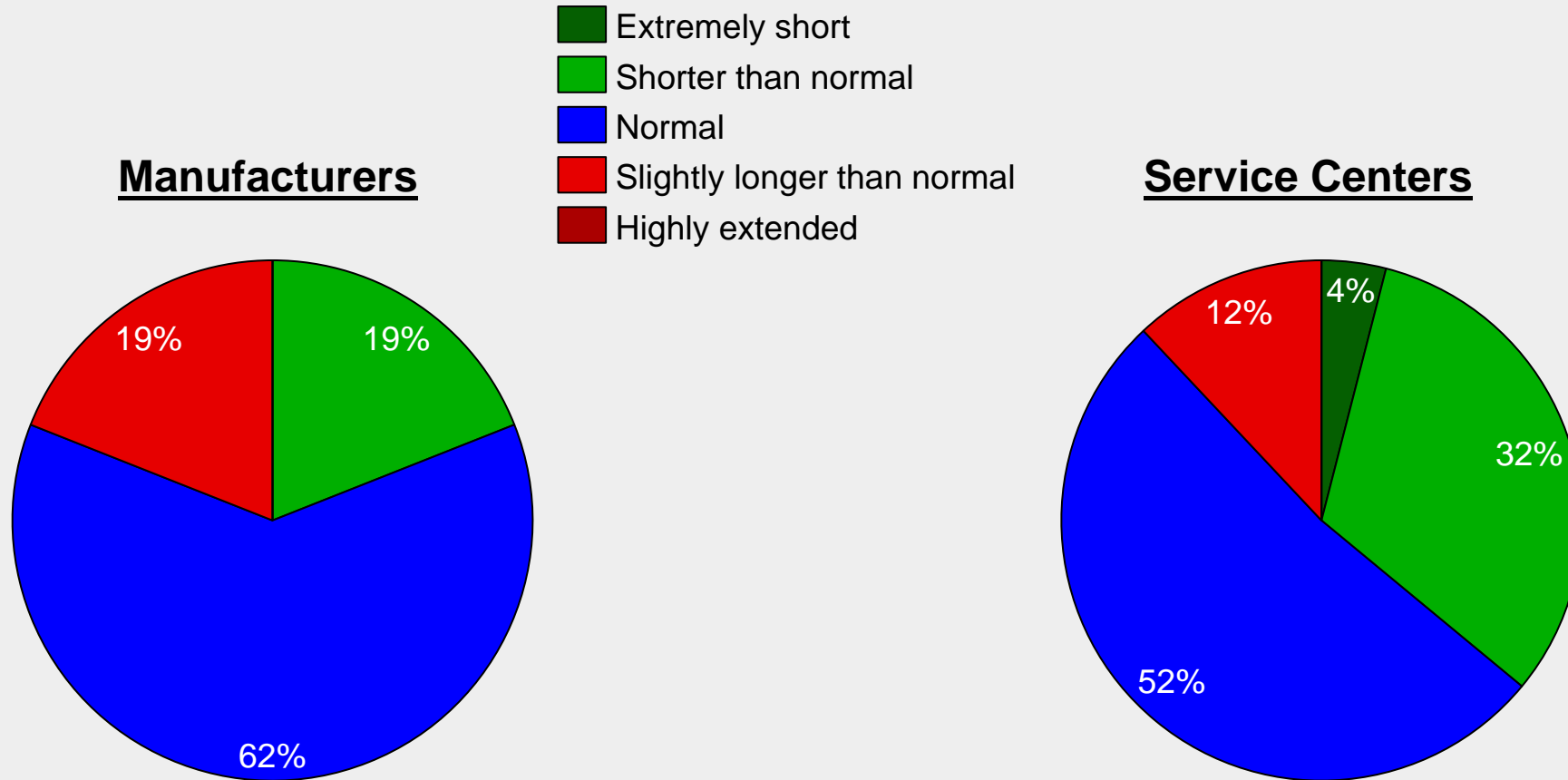
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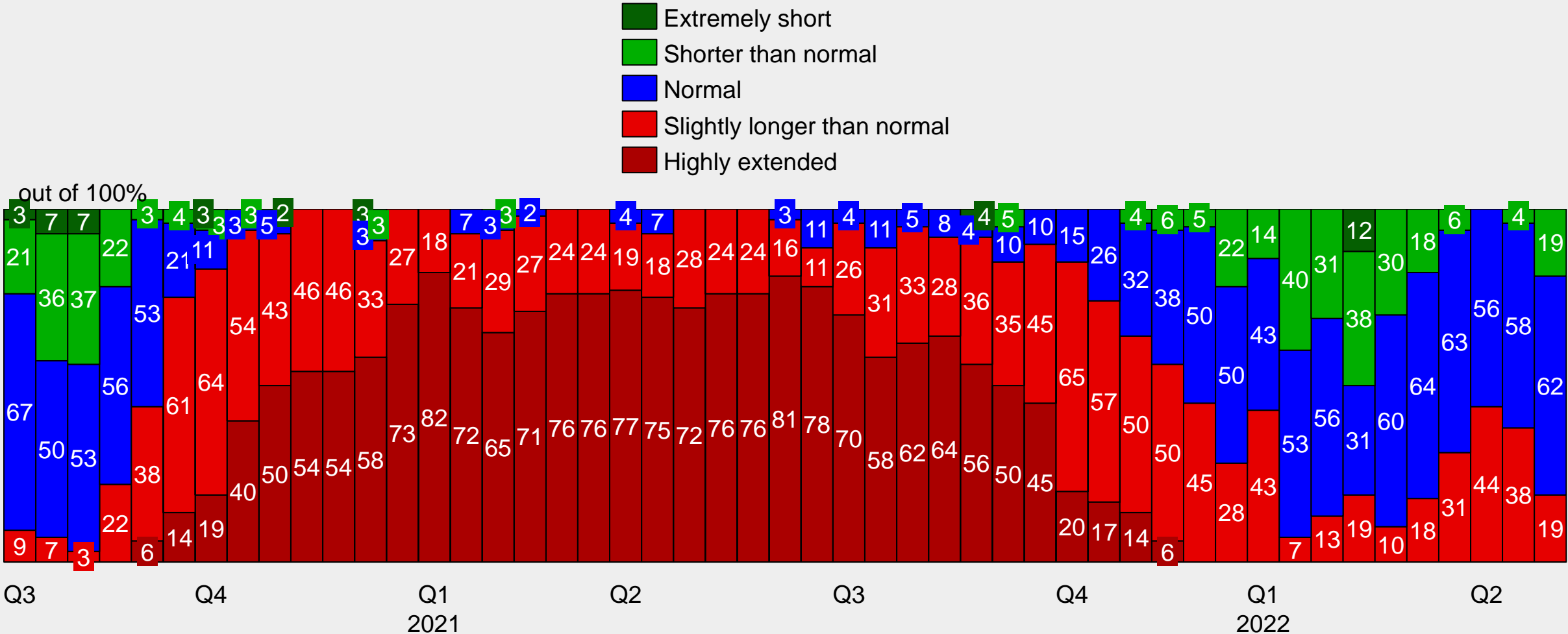
Mill Lead Times

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



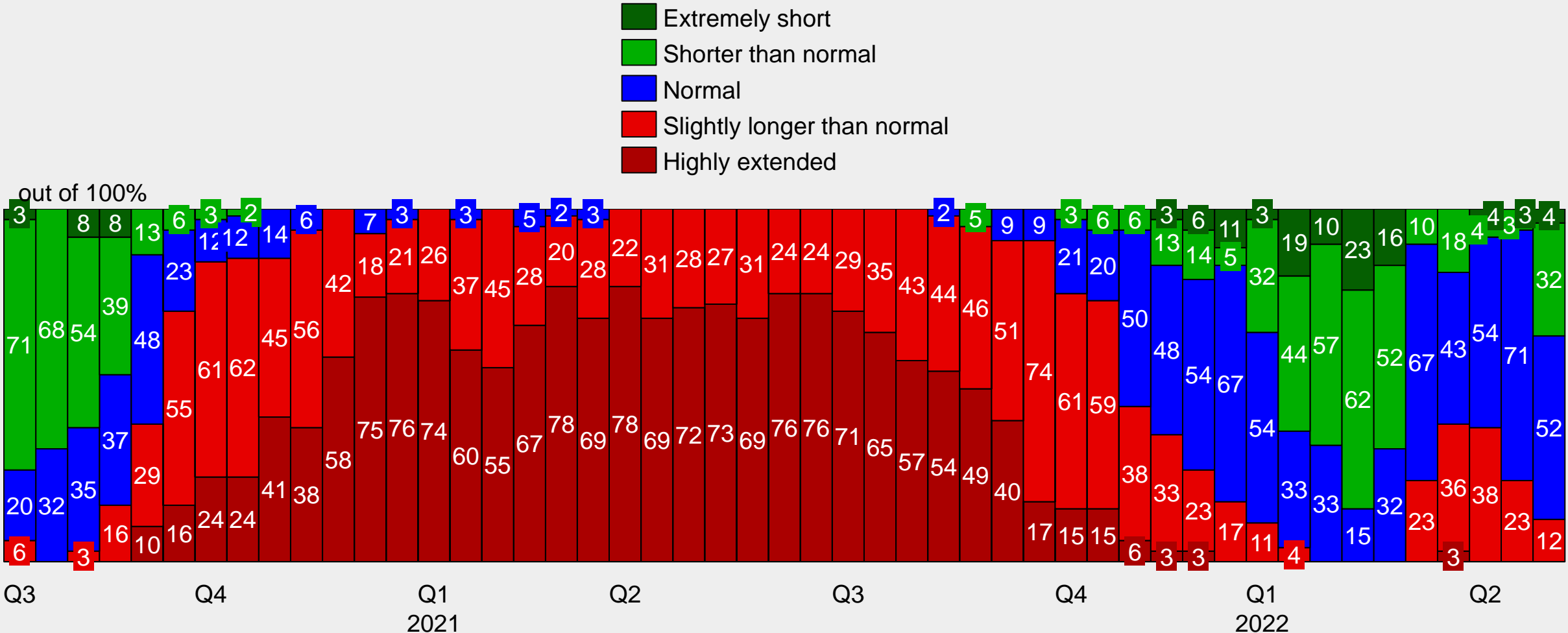
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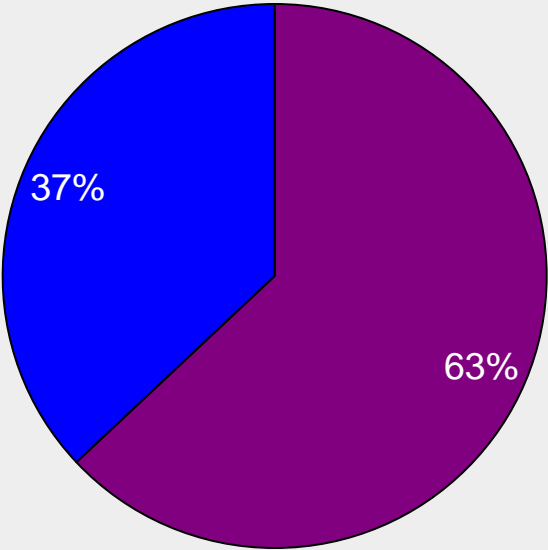
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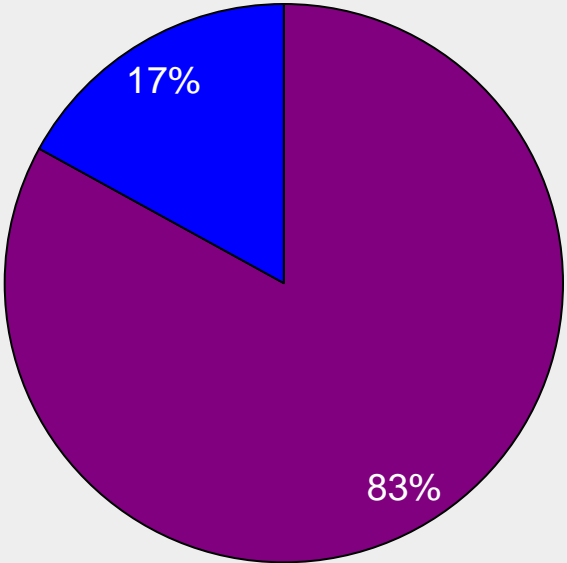
Does your company buy foreign steel?

Yes No

Manufacturers



Service Centers

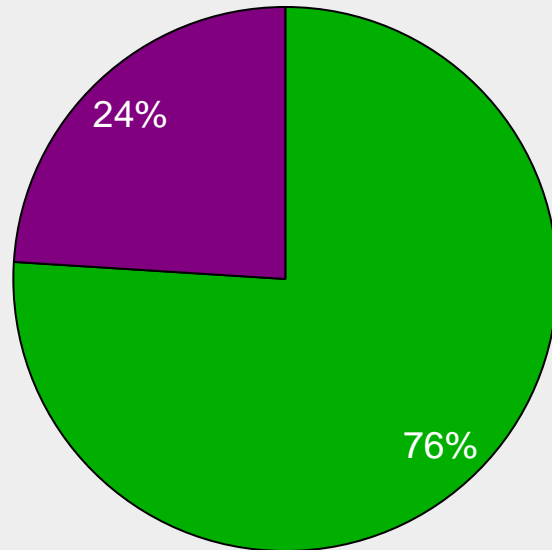


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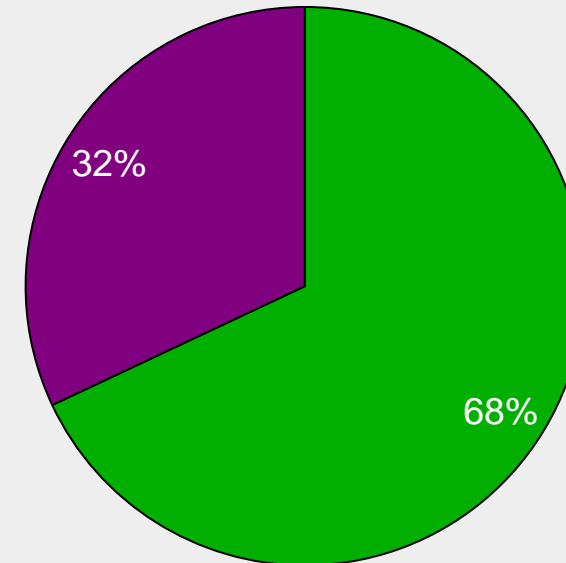
Are your foreign steel suppliers quoting you competitive prices for new orders for future delivery?

Yes No

Manufacturers



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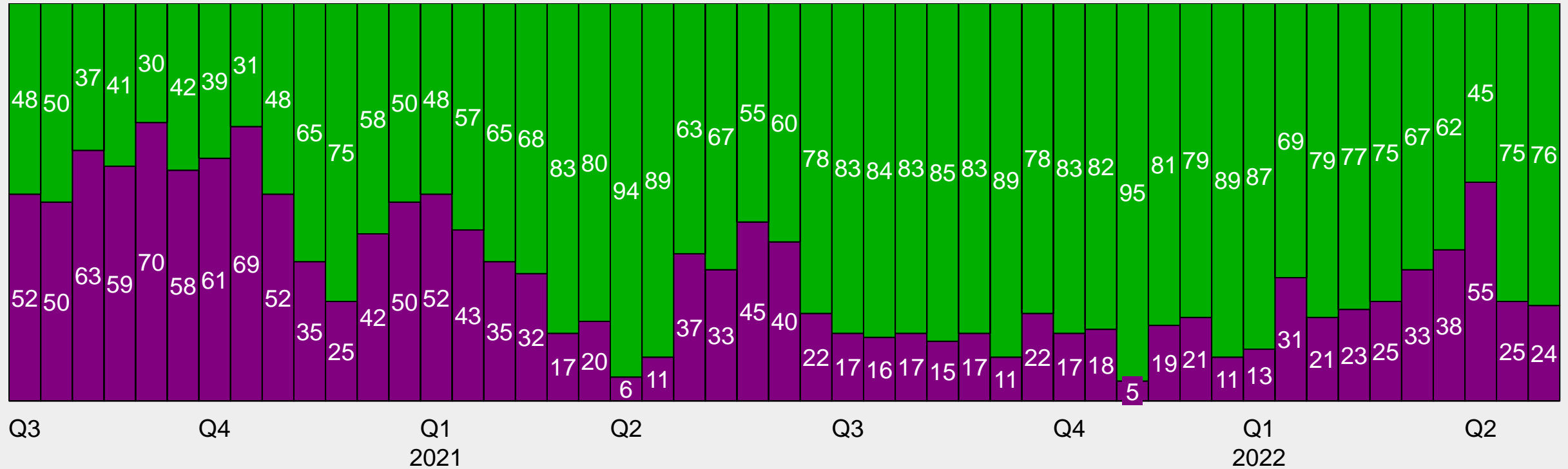


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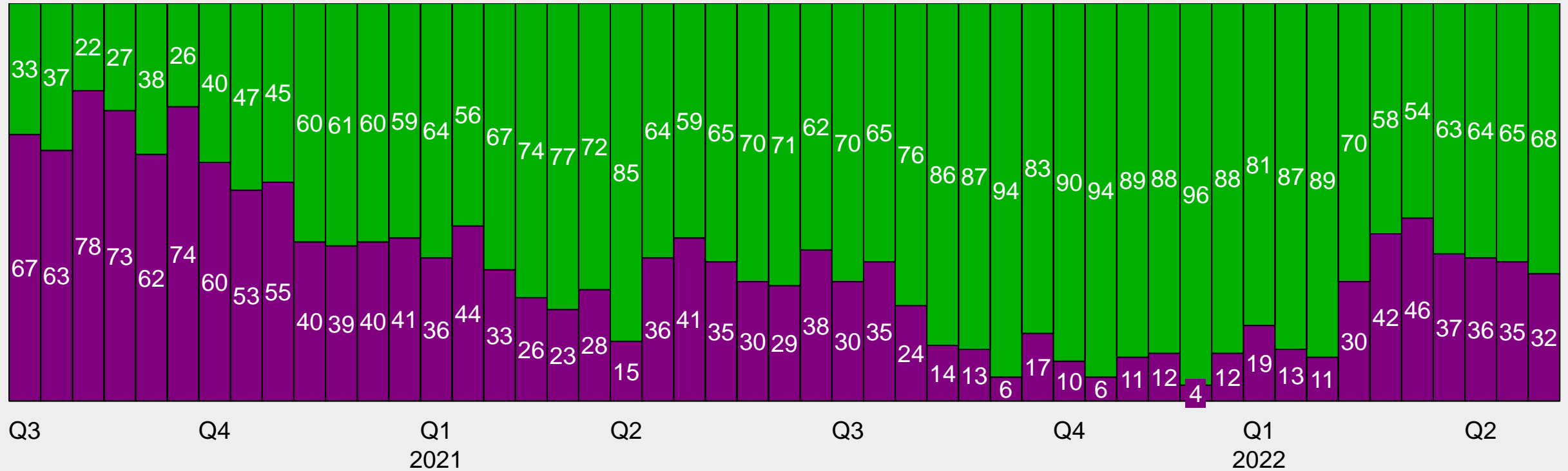
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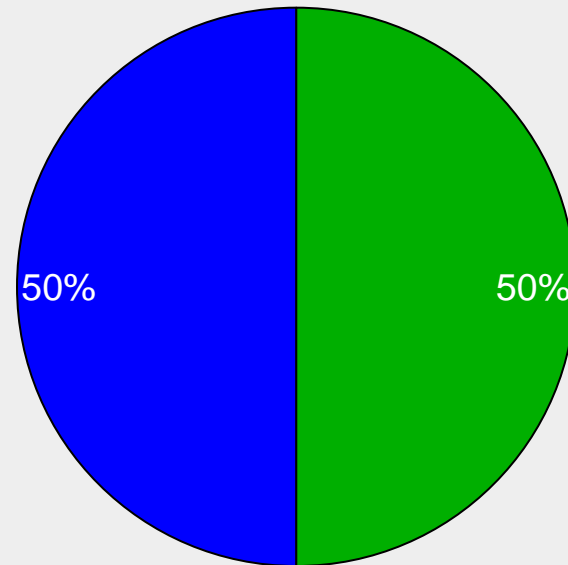
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Manufacturers- Are you buying new orders of foreign steel for future delivery?

Yes No

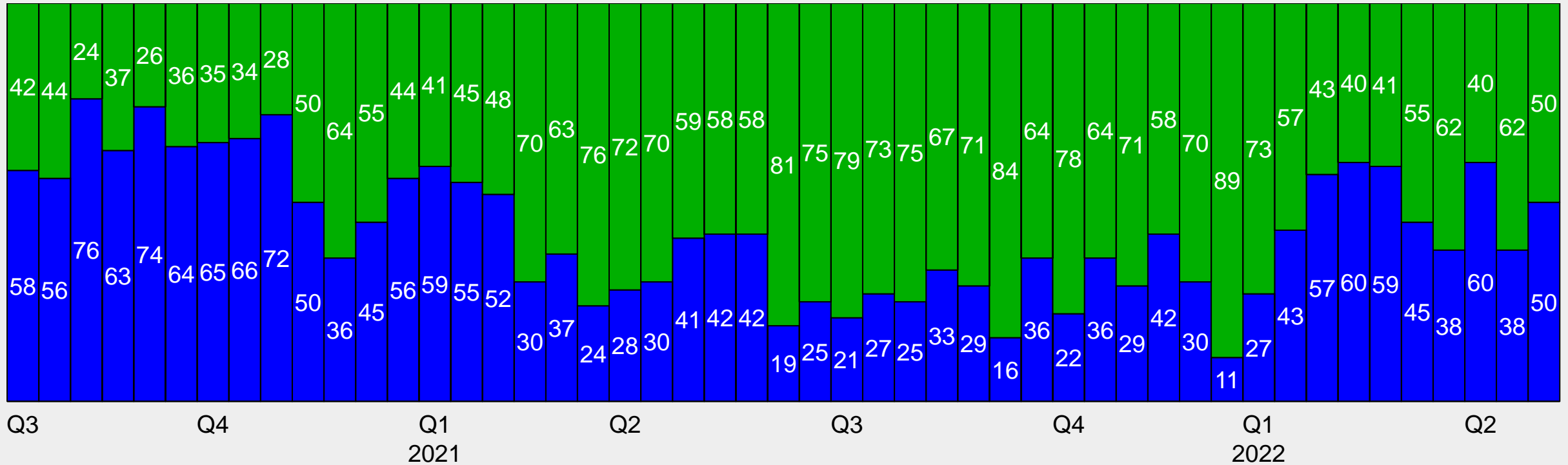


New Foreign Steel Orders History

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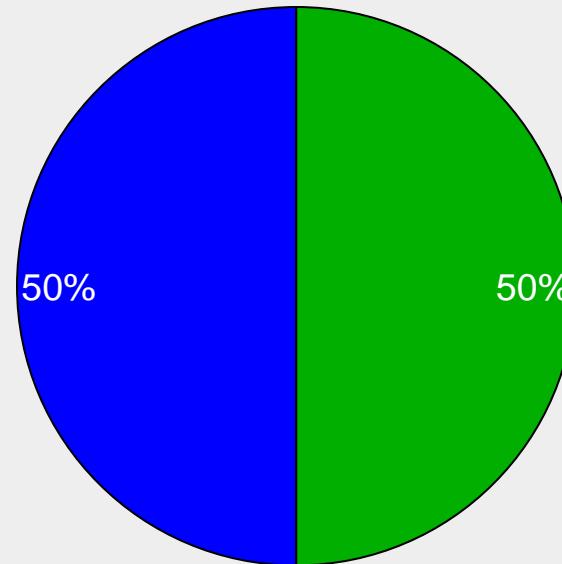
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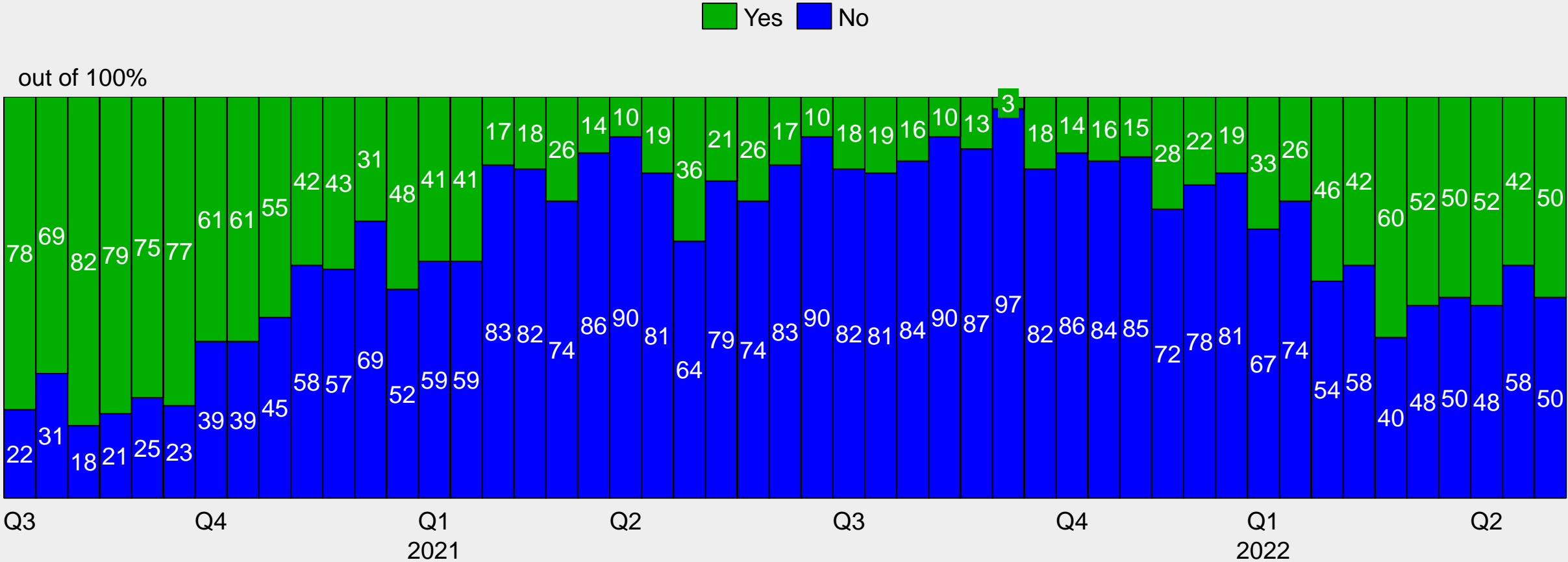
Service Centers- Are you decreasing the percentage of foreign steel on your order book?

Yes No



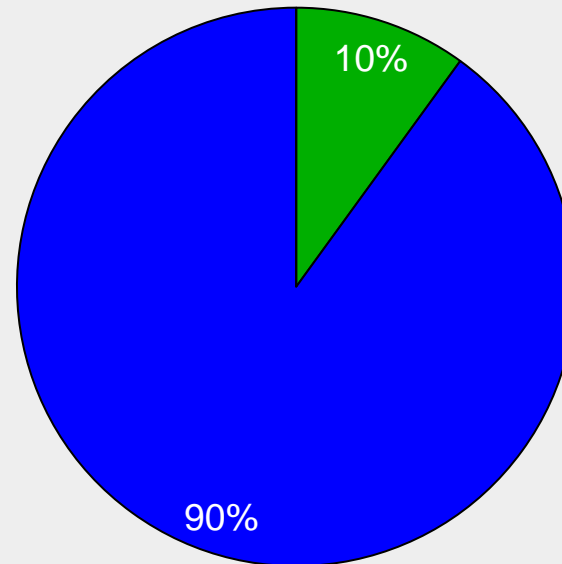
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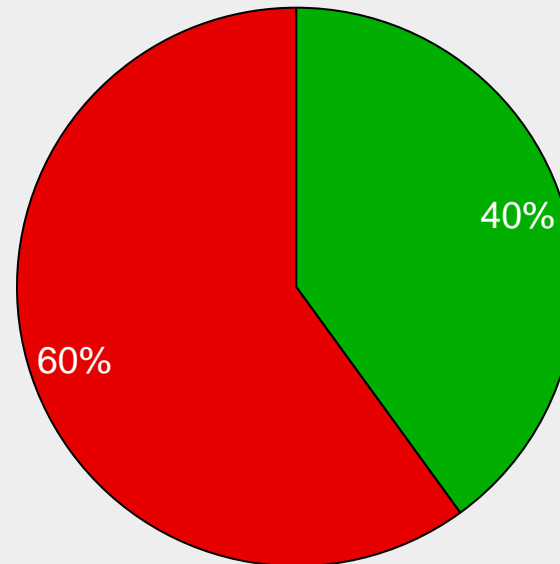
The current order book at your mill is better or worse than last month?

- Better
- Same
- Worse



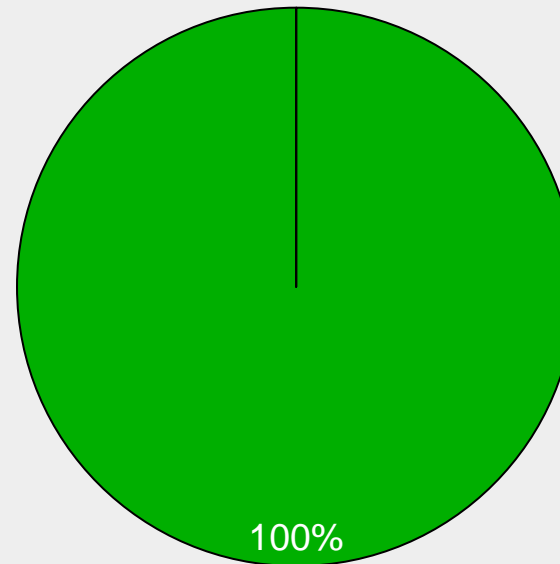
Are you seeing an increase or decrease in orders from your North American buyers?

■ Increase
■ Decrease



Are foreign products attractive to U.S. buyers?

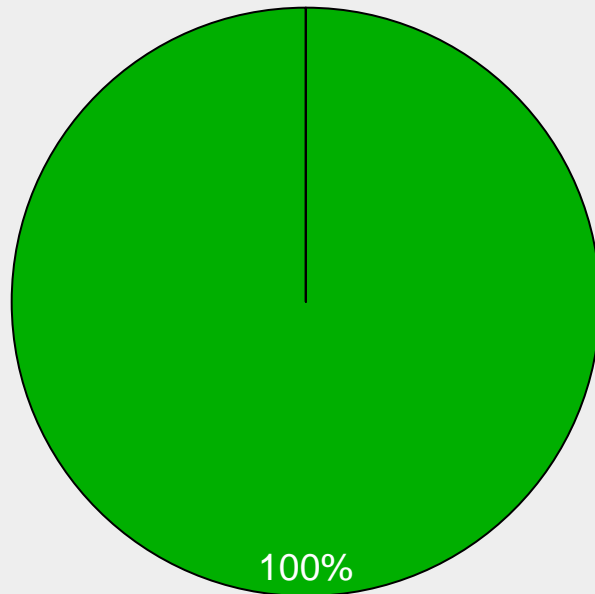
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Trading Companies on Hot Rolled and Plate

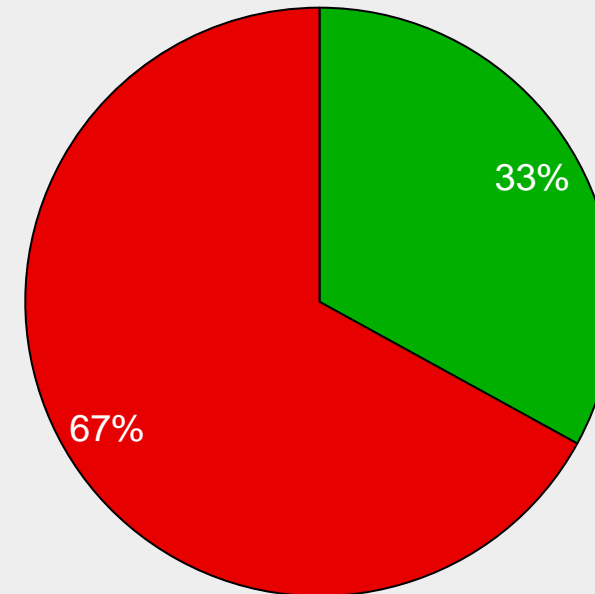
Are you able to offer hot rolled pricing that is attractive to buyers right now?

Yes No



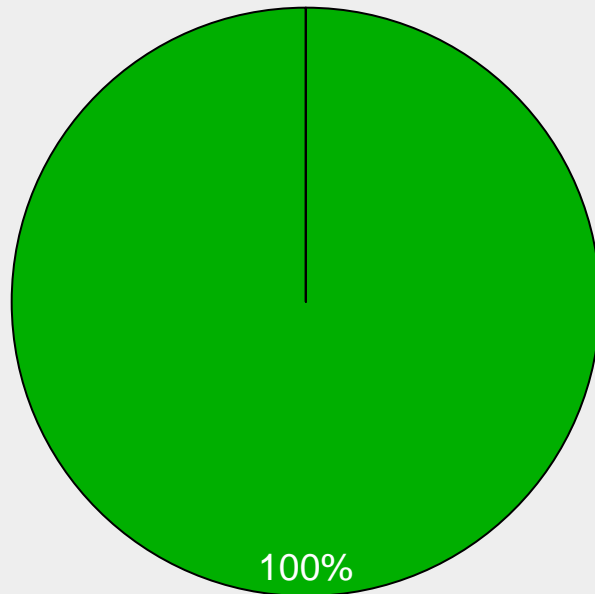
Are you able to offer plate pricing that is attractive to buyers right now?

Yes No



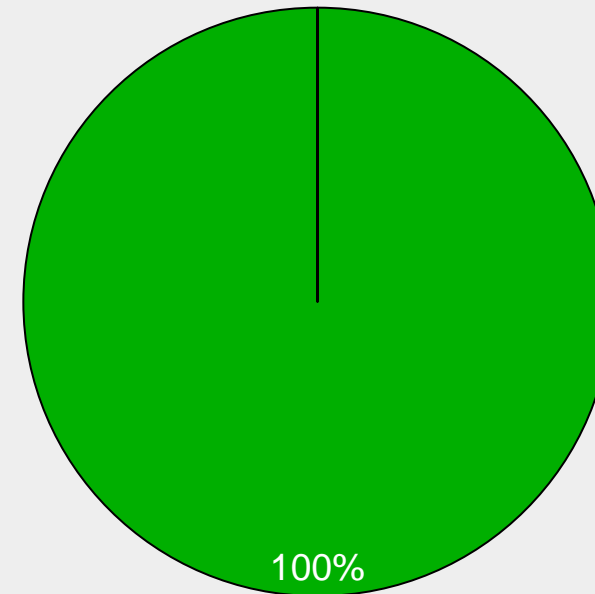
Are your galvanized prices competitive enough right now to get orders (including duties)?

Yes No



Are your Galvalume prices competitive enough right now to get orders (including duties)?

Yes No



Questions?

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**Look for our next survey
the week of May 23, 2022**

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