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SMU Flat Rolled Market Trends Analysis

Responses from our August 15-17, 2022 Market Survey



Steel Market Update Team



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 700 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
August 22-24	SMU Steel Summit Conference	Live	Georgia International Convention Center, Atlanta, Georgia
August 22-24	SMU NexGen Leadership Award	Link	SMU Steel Summit Conference
October 19-20	SMU Steel 101 Workshop	Live	Corpus Christi, Texas

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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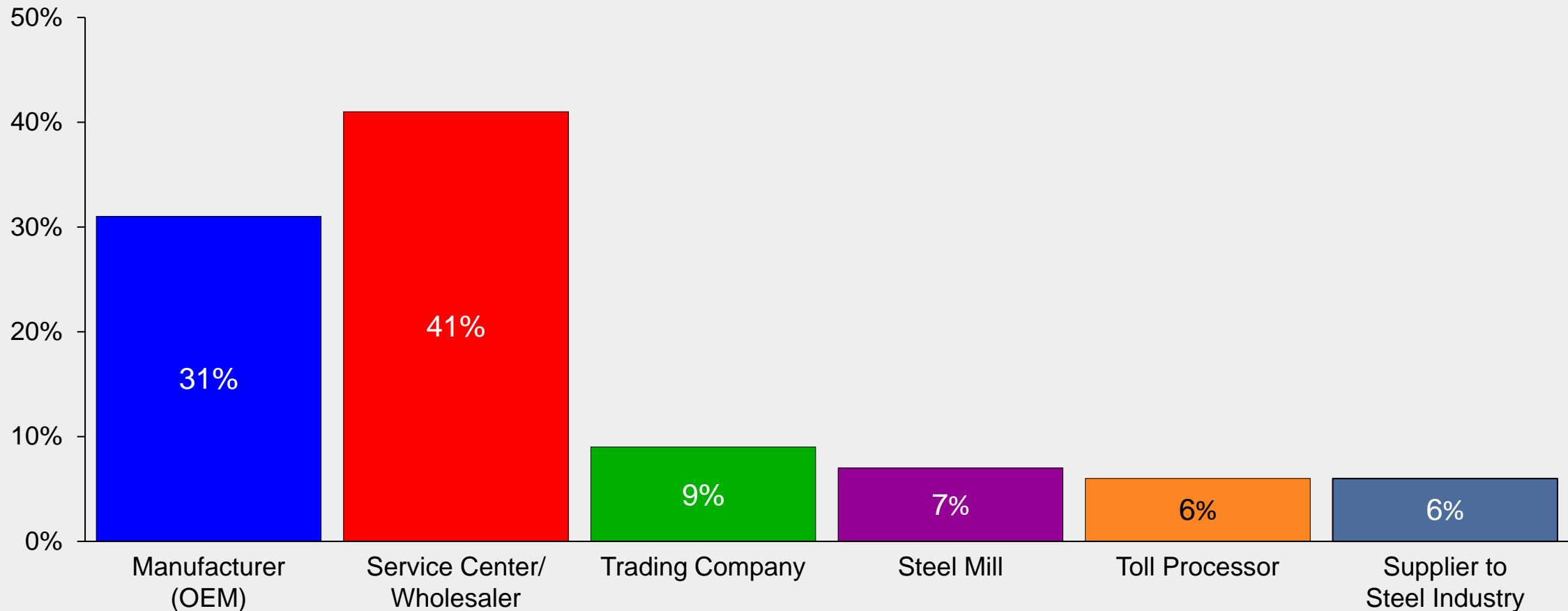
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company's experience reflected in it.

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Survey Participants

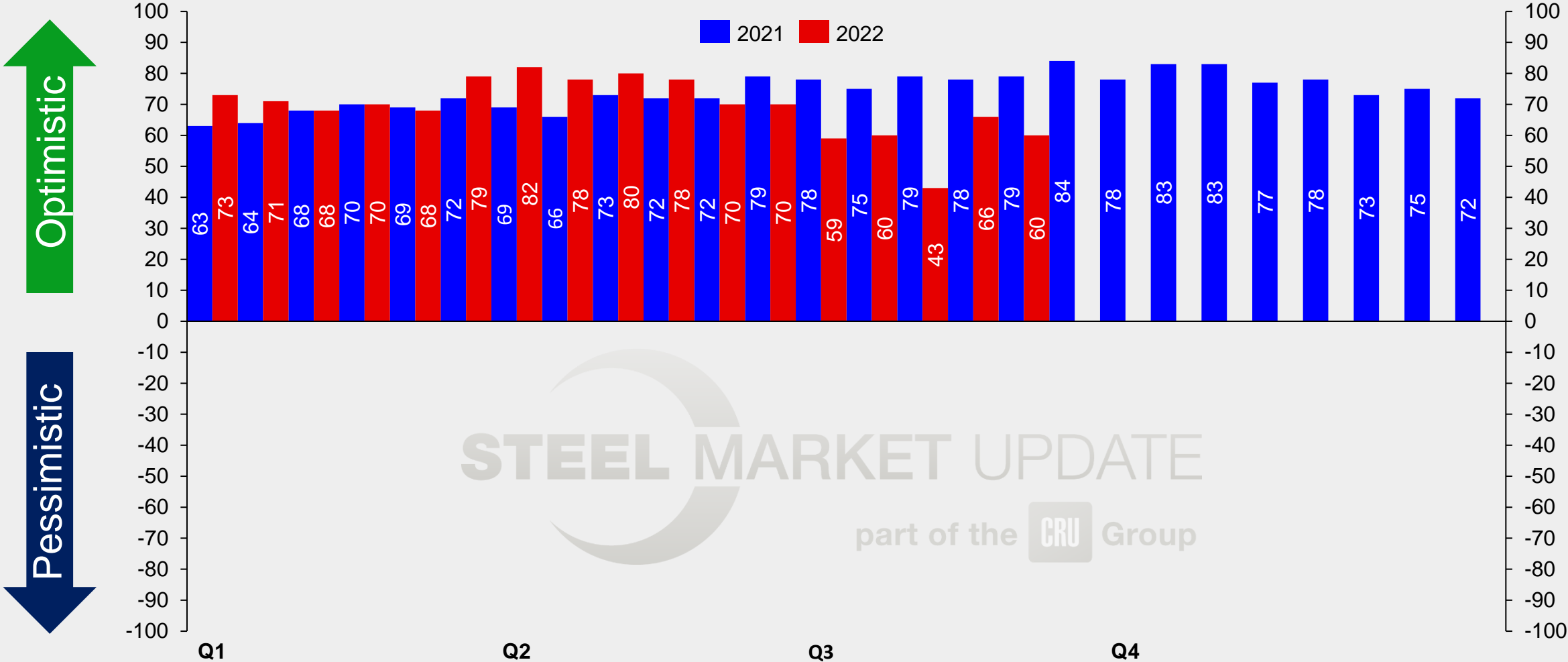
Our survey is by invitation only. Over 700 companies, mostly in the manufacturing or distribution industries, are asked to participate. Here are the percentages of participation in this week's survey by market sector.



Steel Buyers Sentiment

Down 6 points to +60

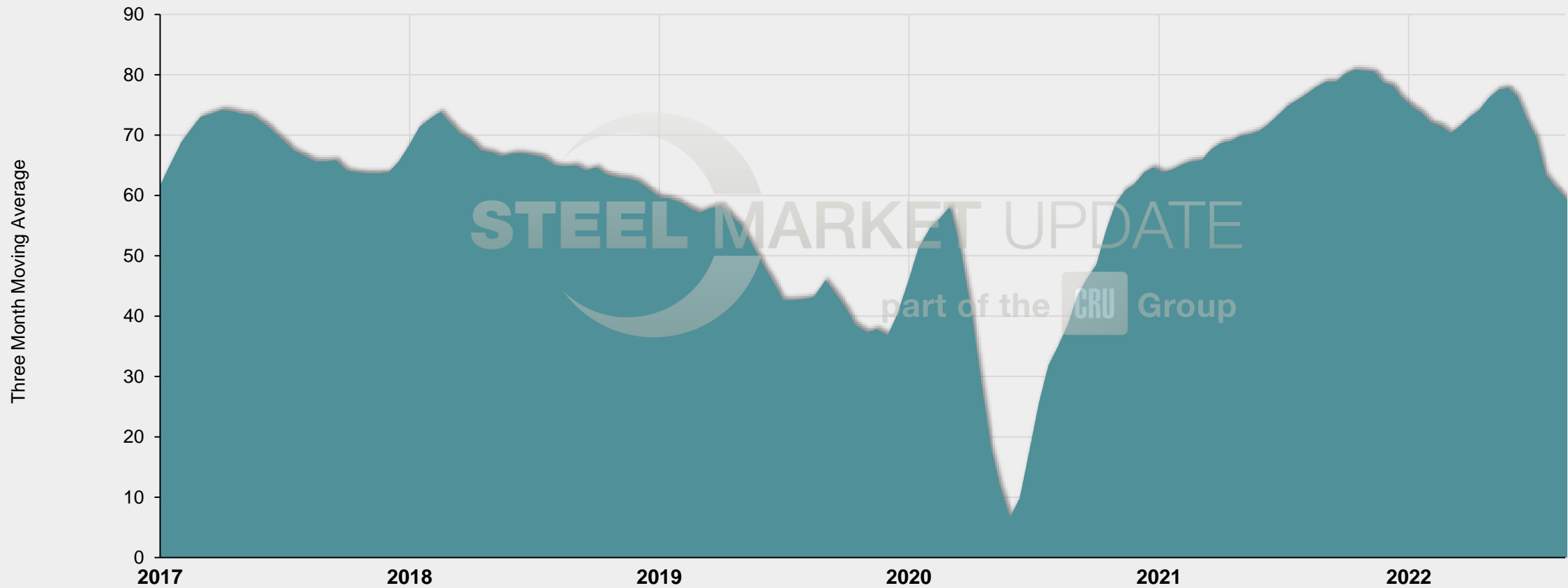
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Steel Buyers Sentiment

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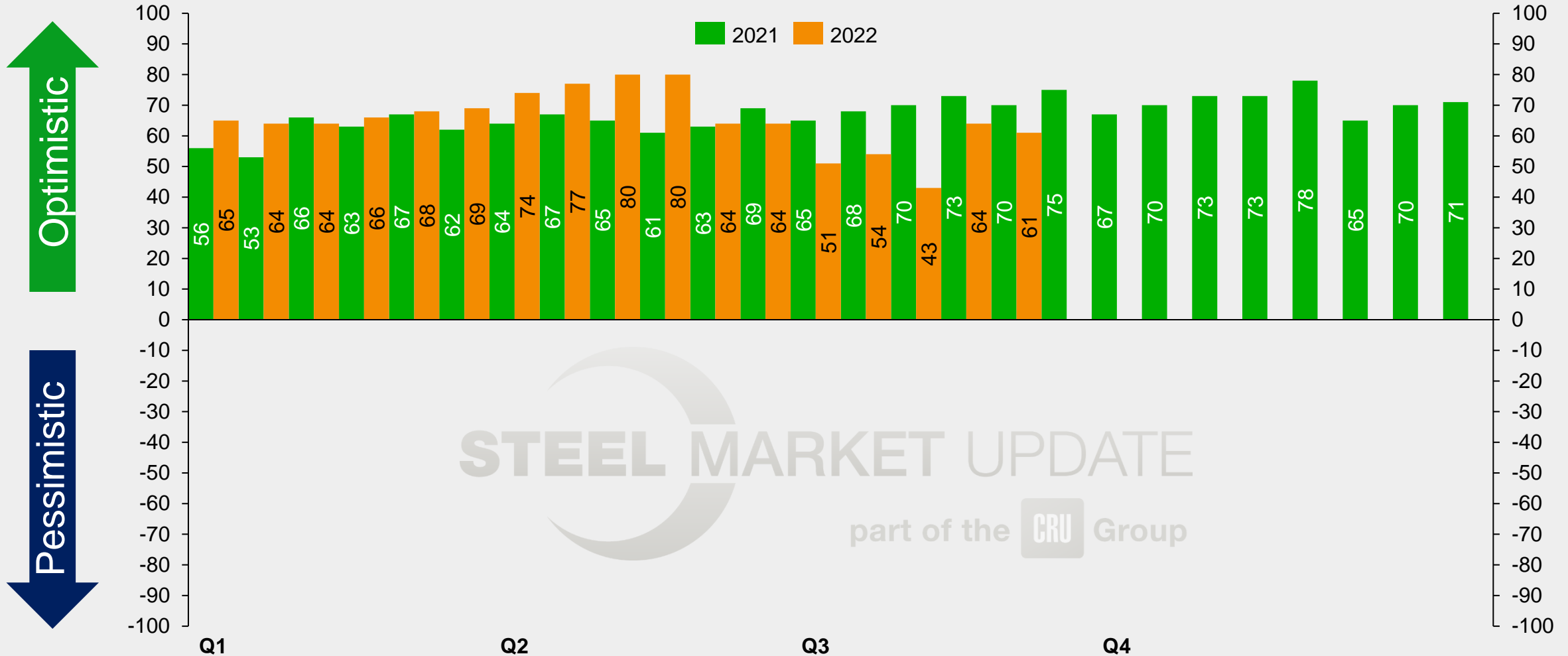
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Steel Buyers Future Sentiment

Down 3 points to +61

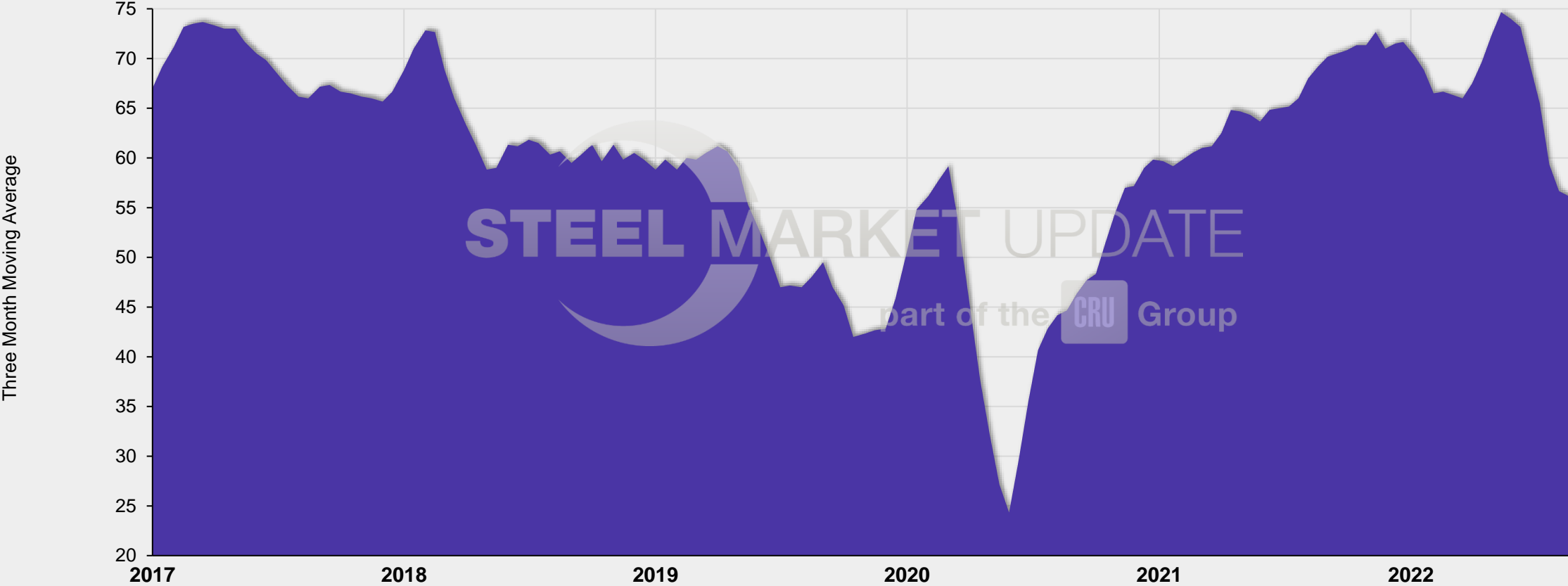
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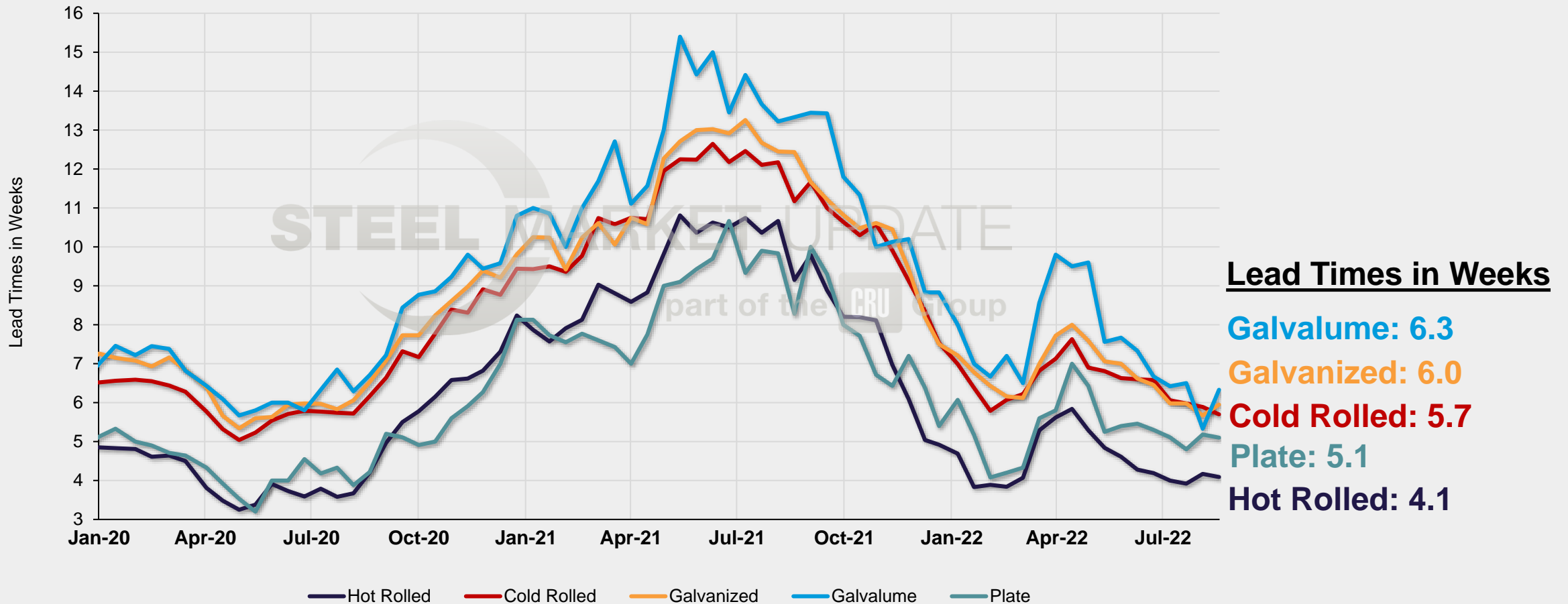
Three Month Moving Average at +56.17

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Steel Mill Lead Times by Product

SMU Lead Times Comparison
January 2020 through August 18, 2022

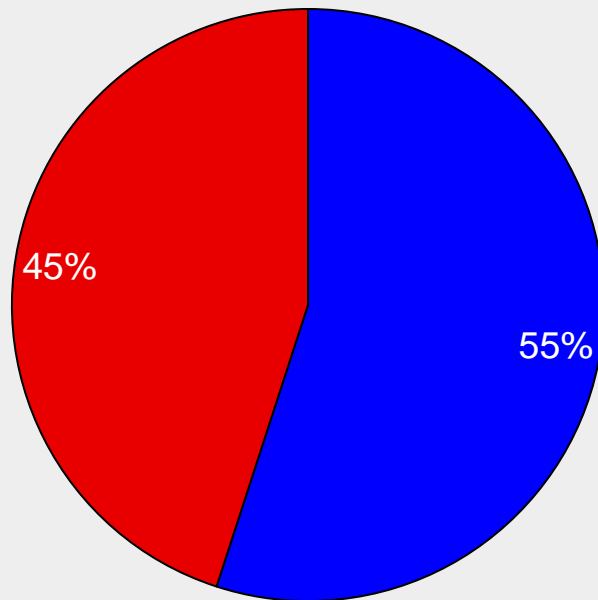


Steel Mill Lead Times

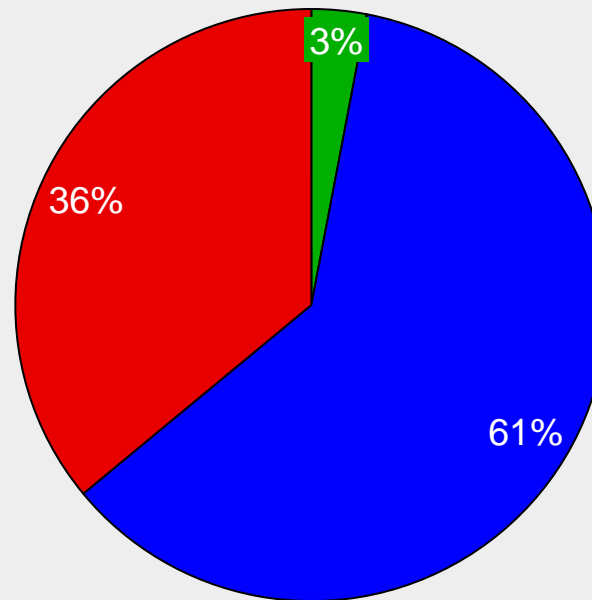
Which way are lead times going?

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

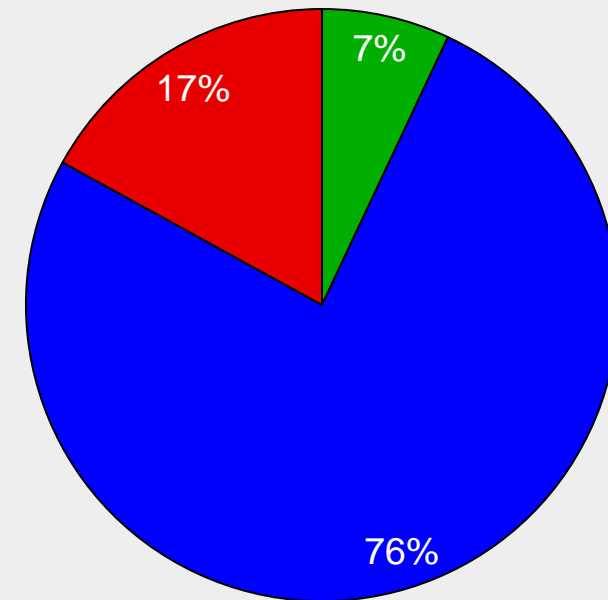
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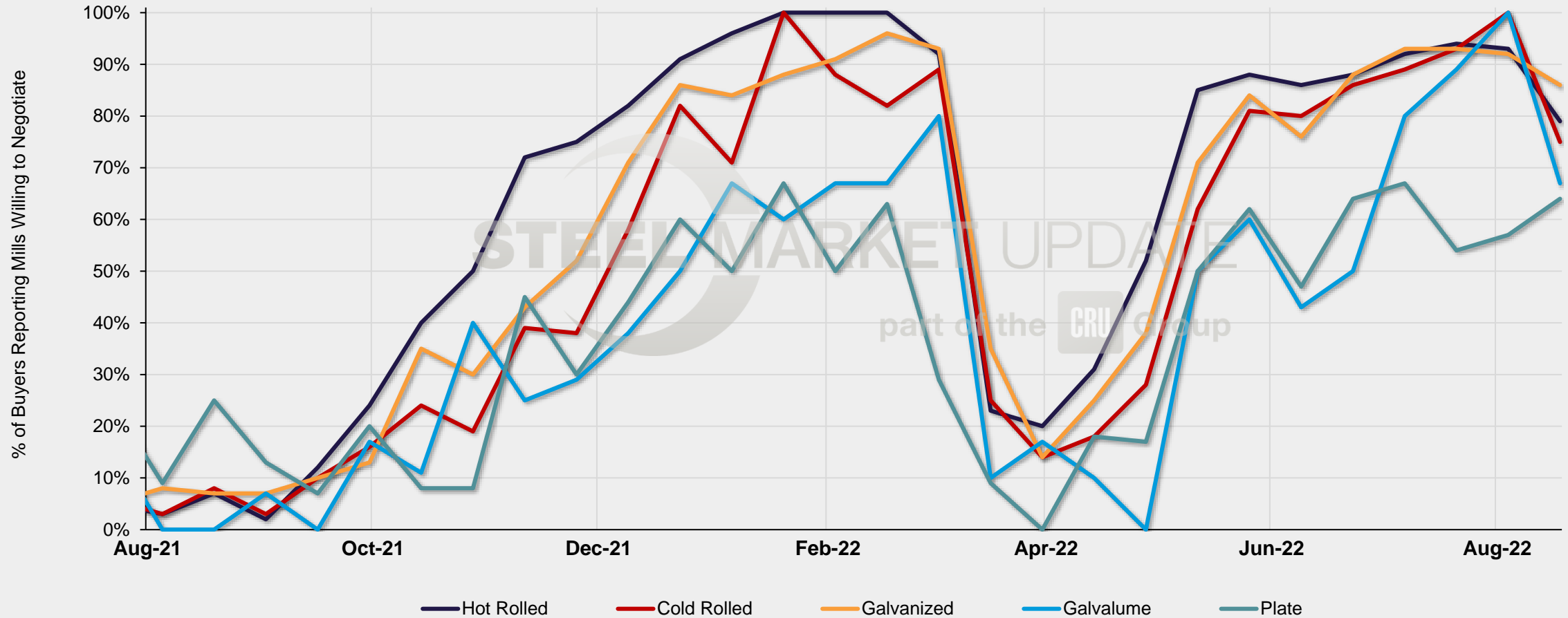


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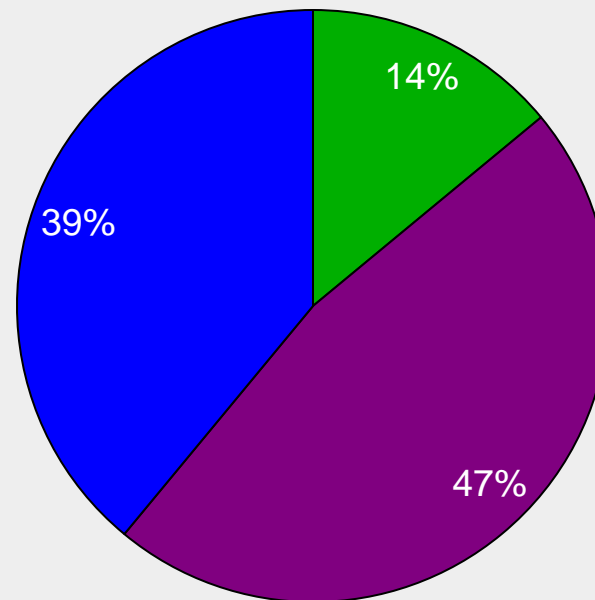
Steel Mill Negotiations

SMU Price Negotiations on New Steel Orders
August 2021 through August 18, 2022



Are recently announced sheet price increases sticking, and why or why not?

Yes No Partially

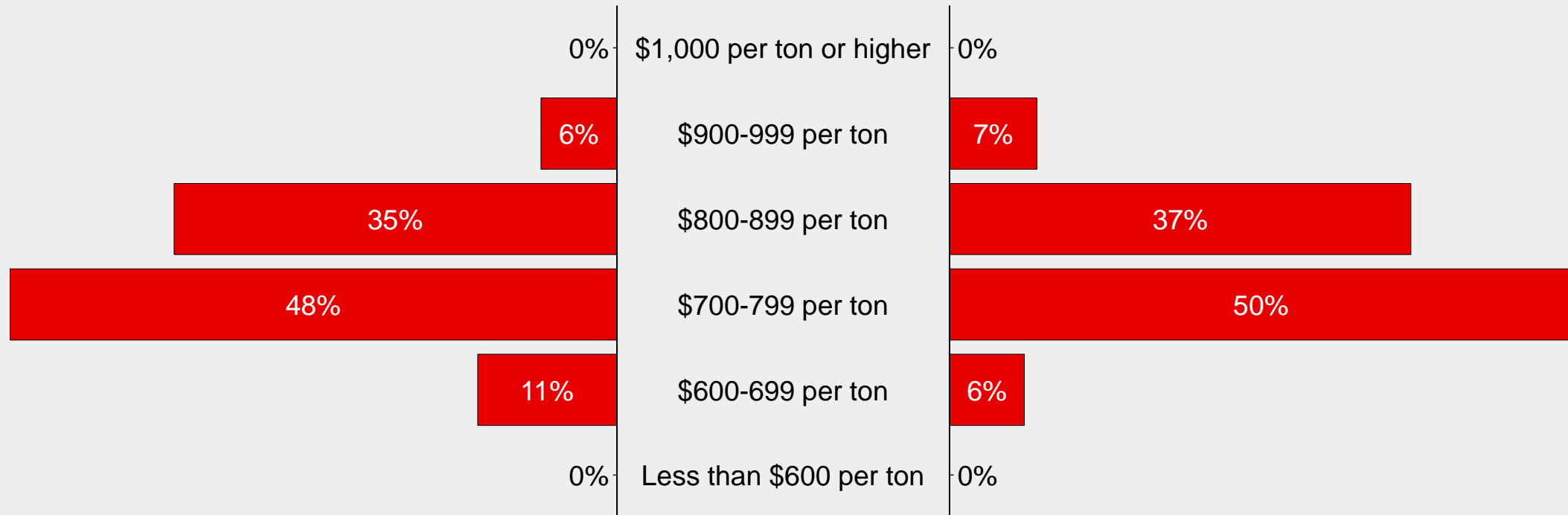


Future HRC Prices

Where do you think HRC prices will be two months from now?

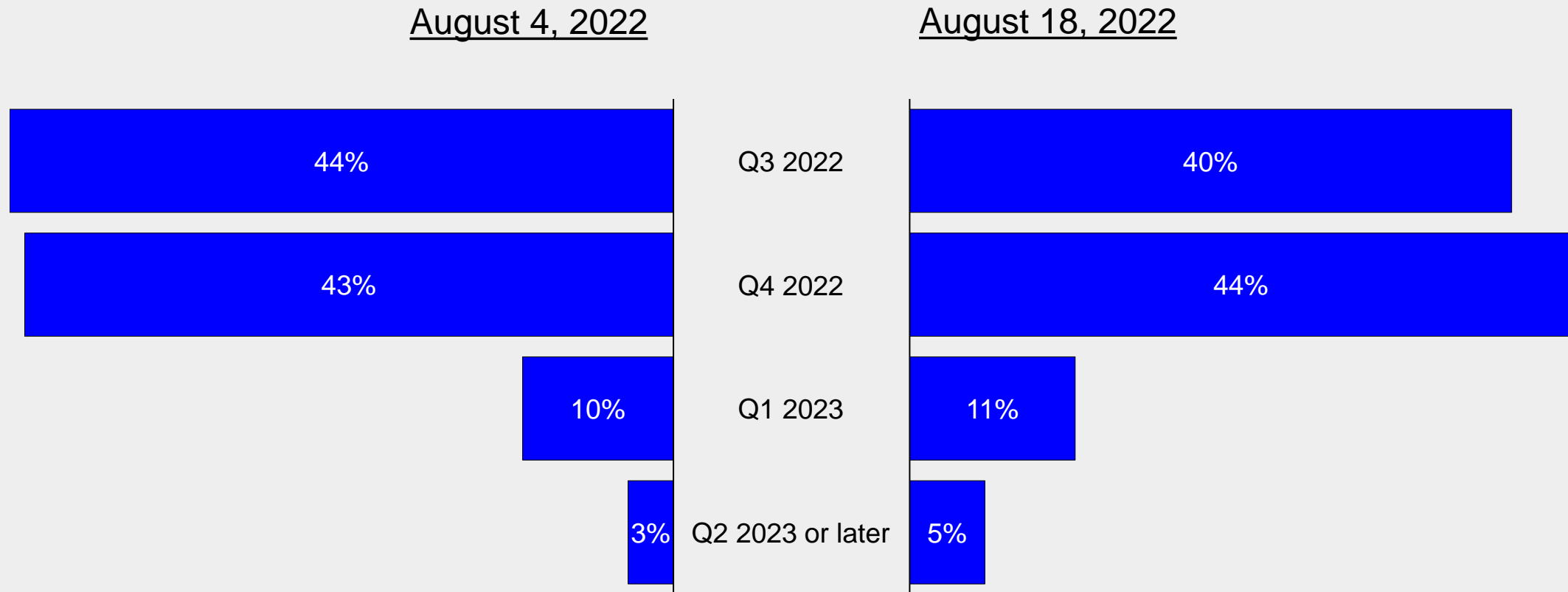
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HRC Price Inflection Point

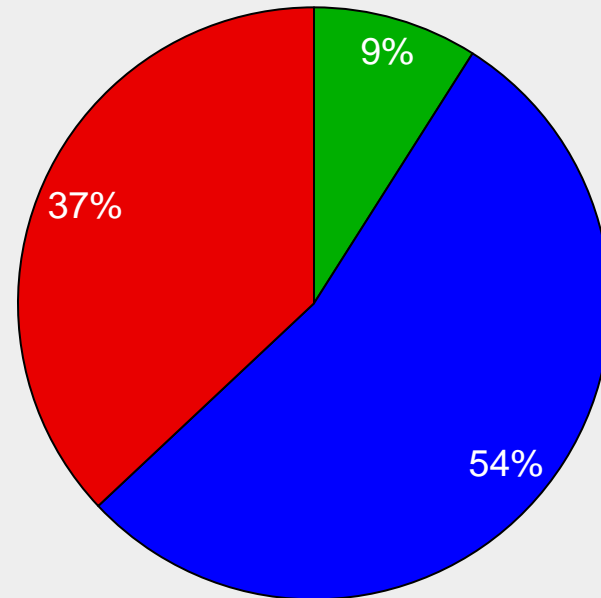
When do you think HRC prices will bottom out and why?



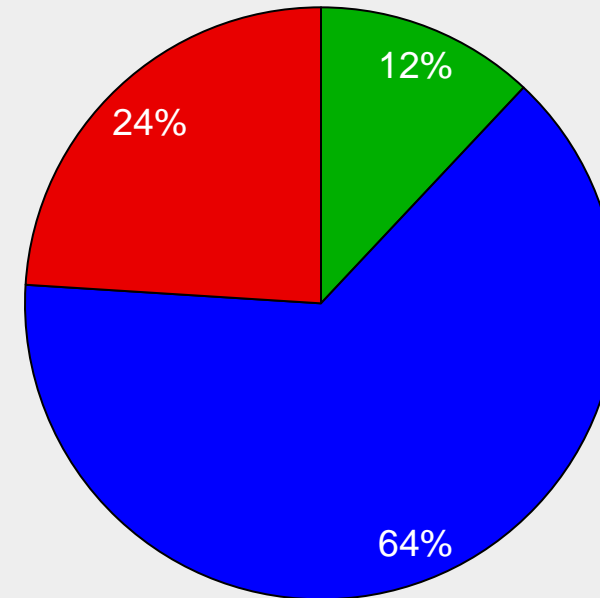
How is your company performing this month compared to your forecast?

- We expect to exceed our forecast
- We expect to meet our forecast
- We do not expect to meet our forecast

July 21, 2022 – For July



August 18, 2022 – For August

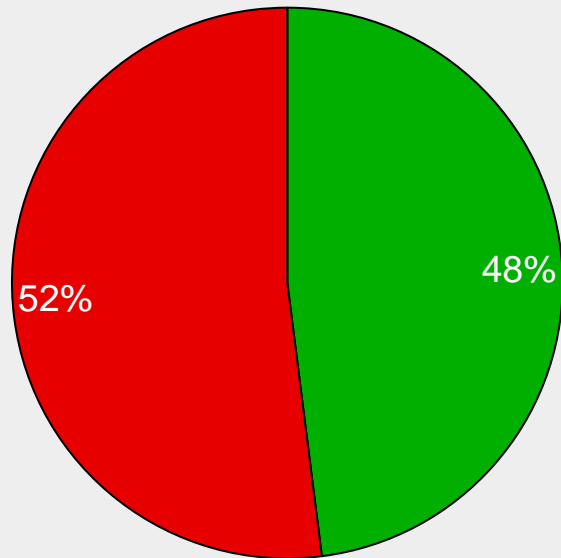


Future Prospects

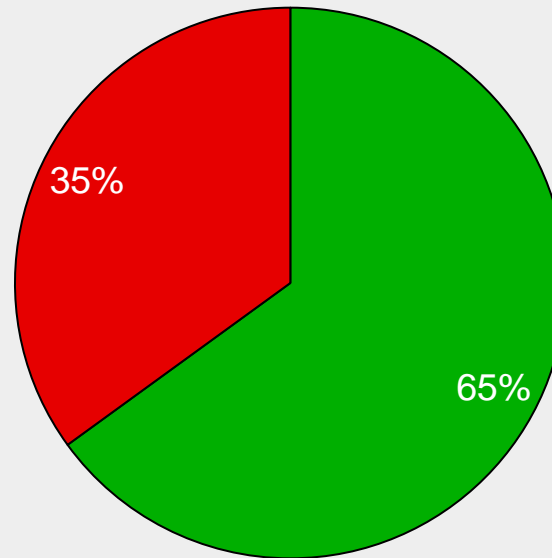
Would you describe yourself as optimistic or pessimistic about your prospects for the remainder of 2022?

■ Optimistic ■ Pessimistic

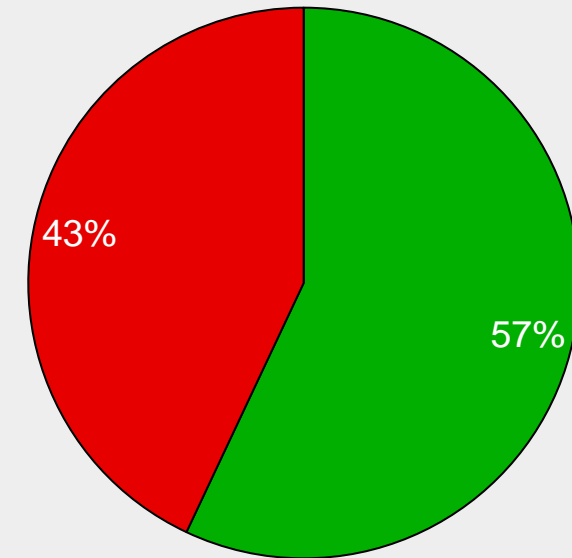
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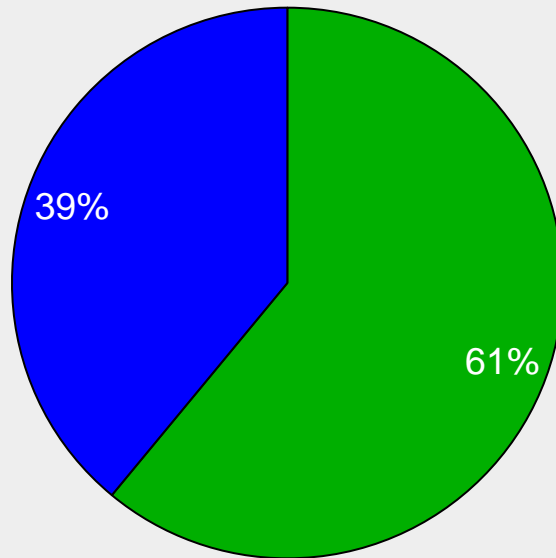


Staying on the Sidelines?

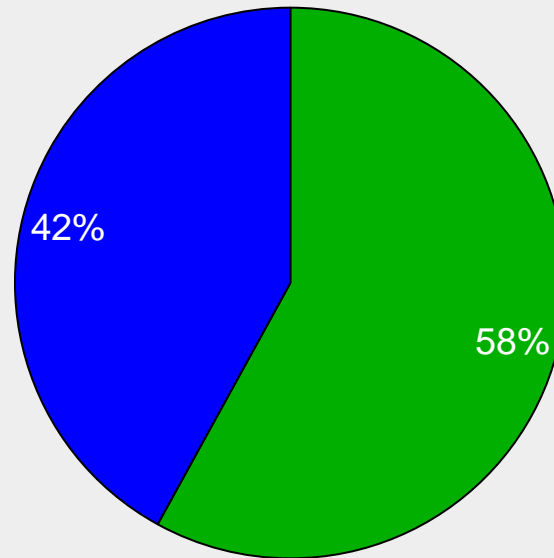
Are you an active buyer or staying on the sidelines?

■ Active buyer ■ On the sidelines

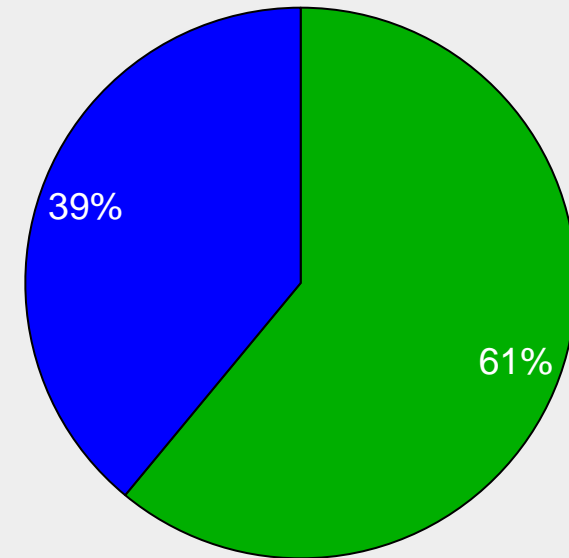
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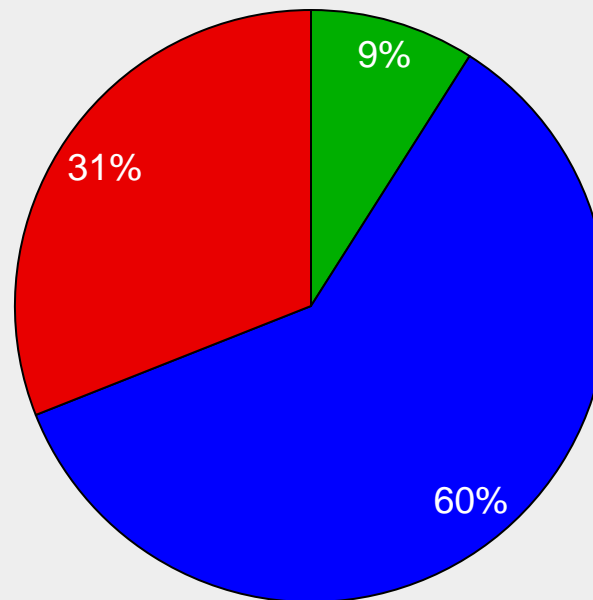


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How are you seeing demand for your products?

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

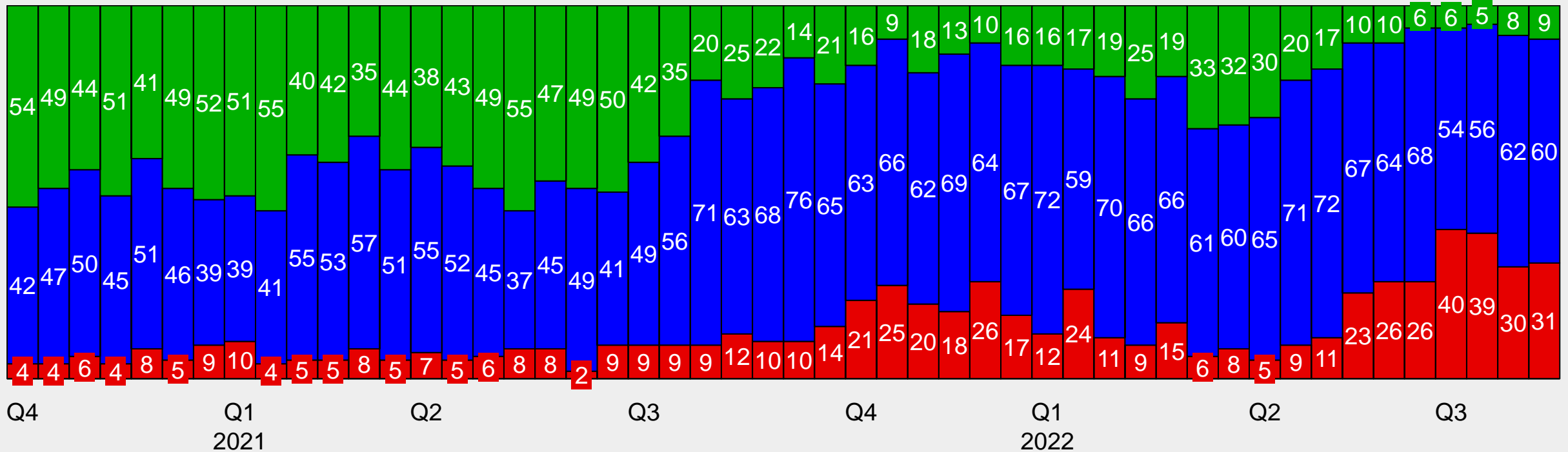


Overall Demand History

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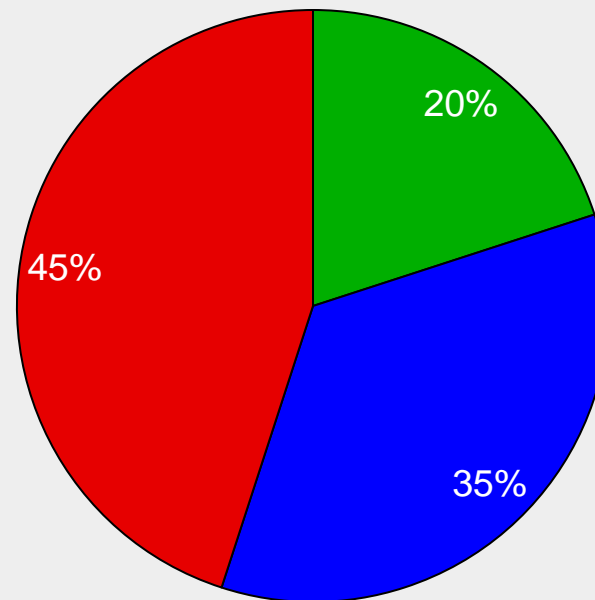
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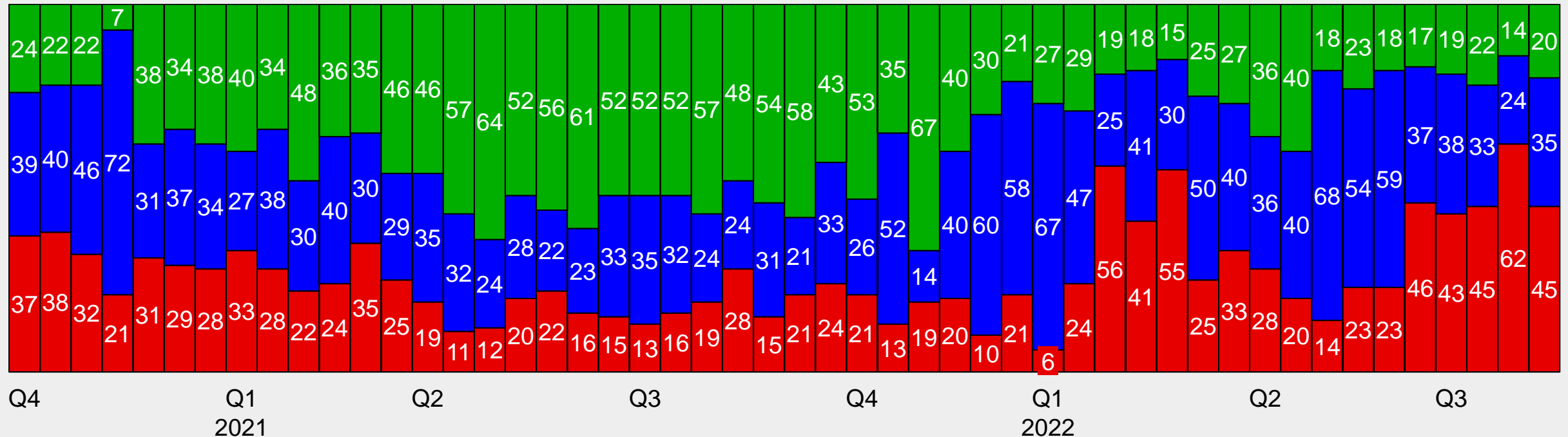


History of Manufacturer Purchases

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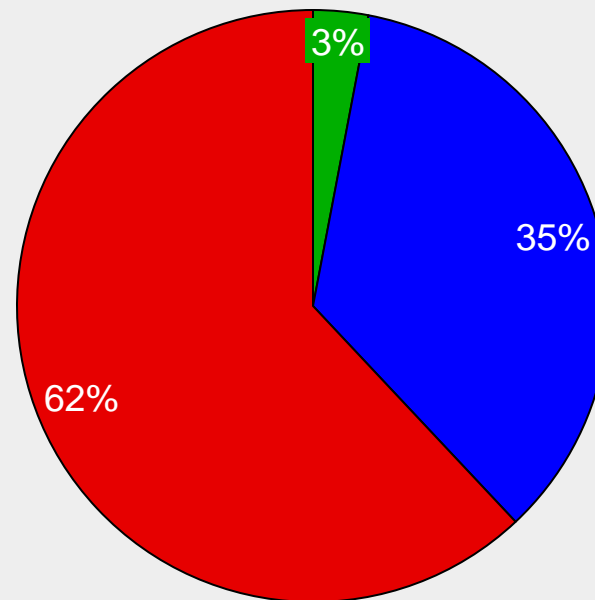
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Service Centers- How do you see your customers releases (demand) for the products your company provides compared to one year ago?

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

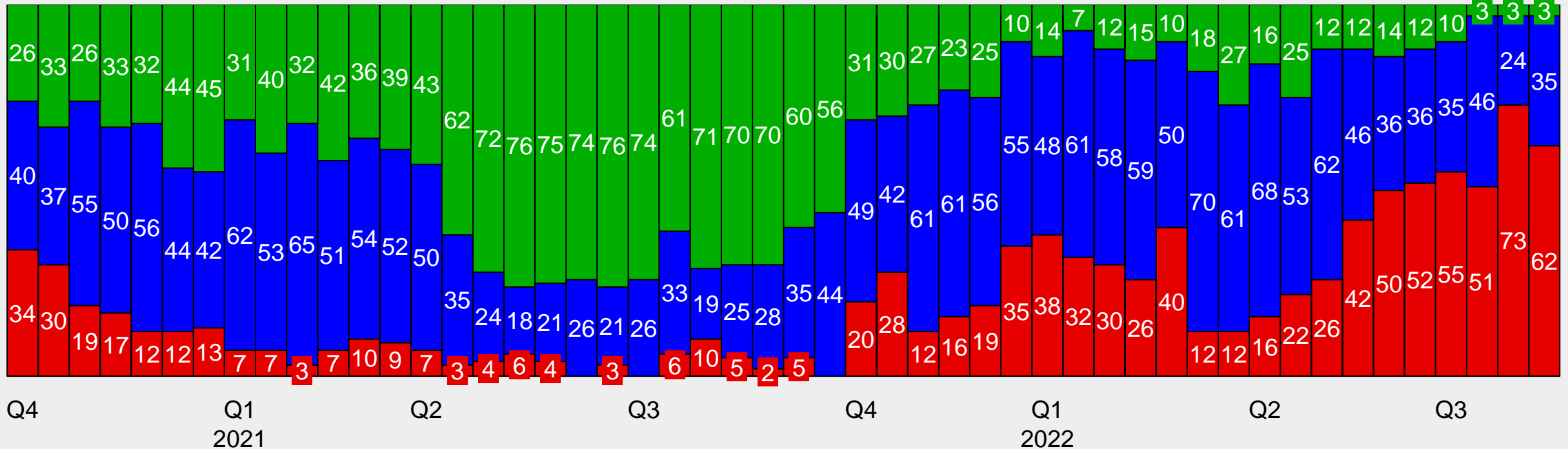


Service Center Release History

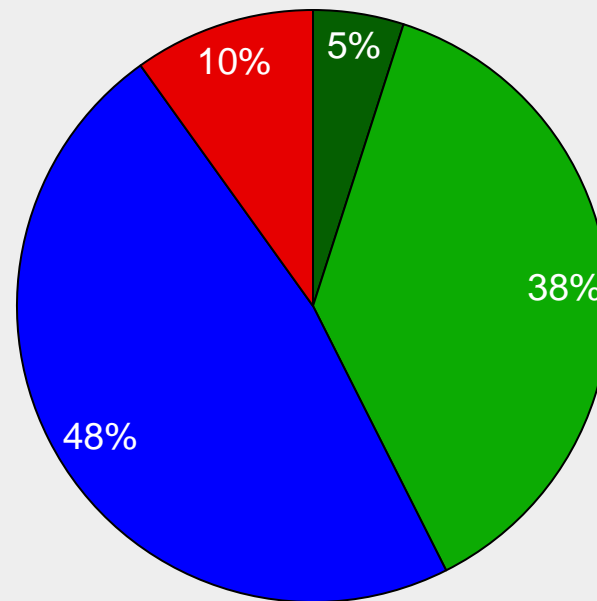
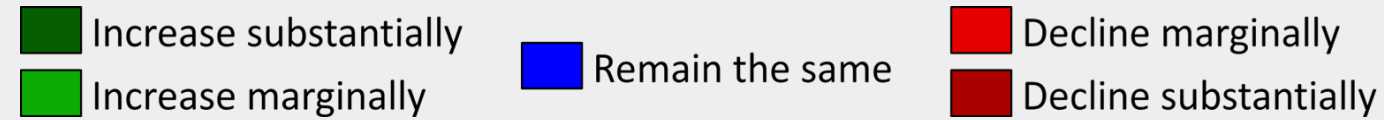
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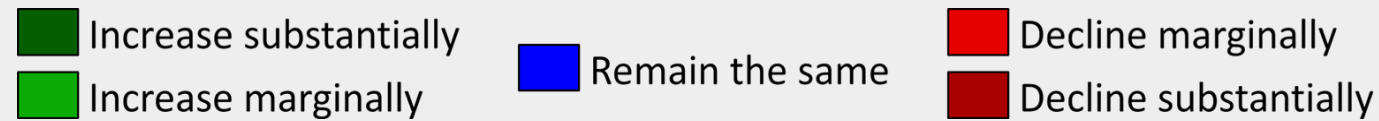


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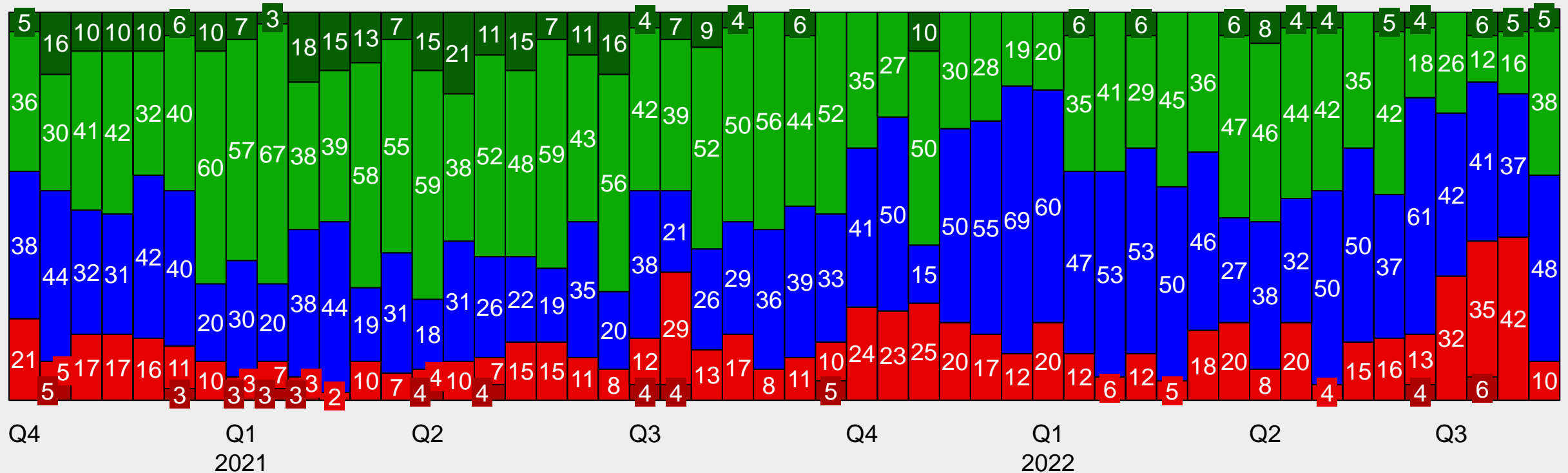


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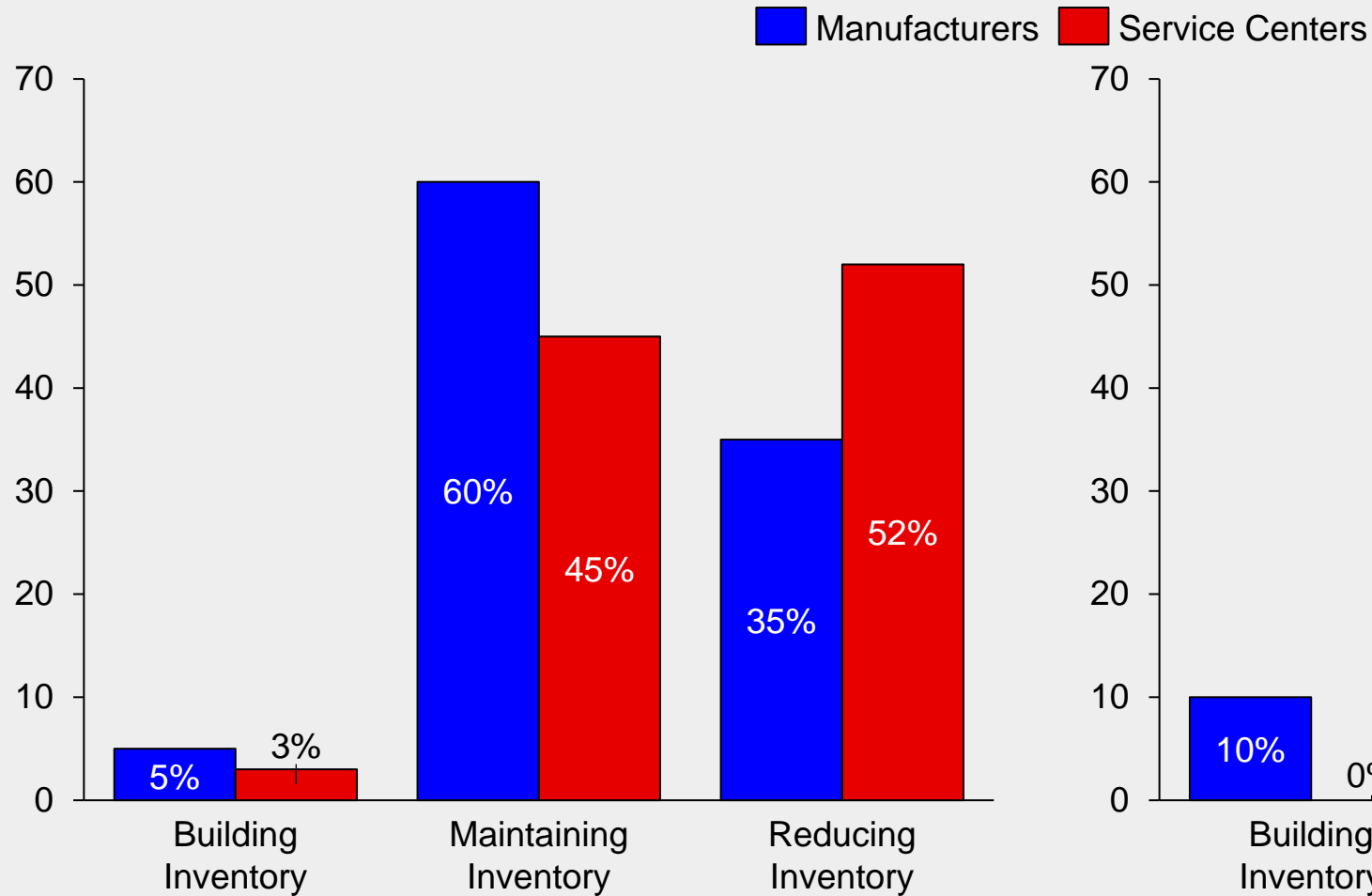


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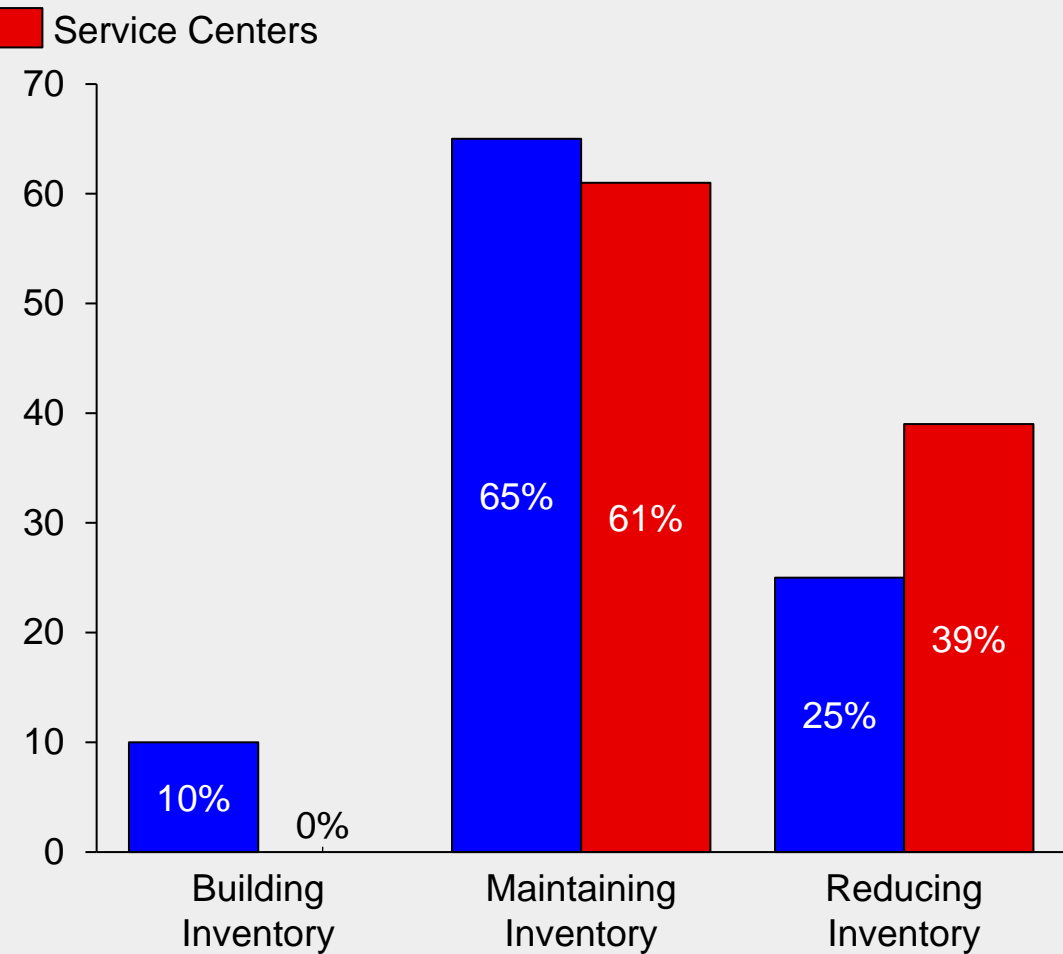


Manufacturer and Service Center Inventory Buying Patterns

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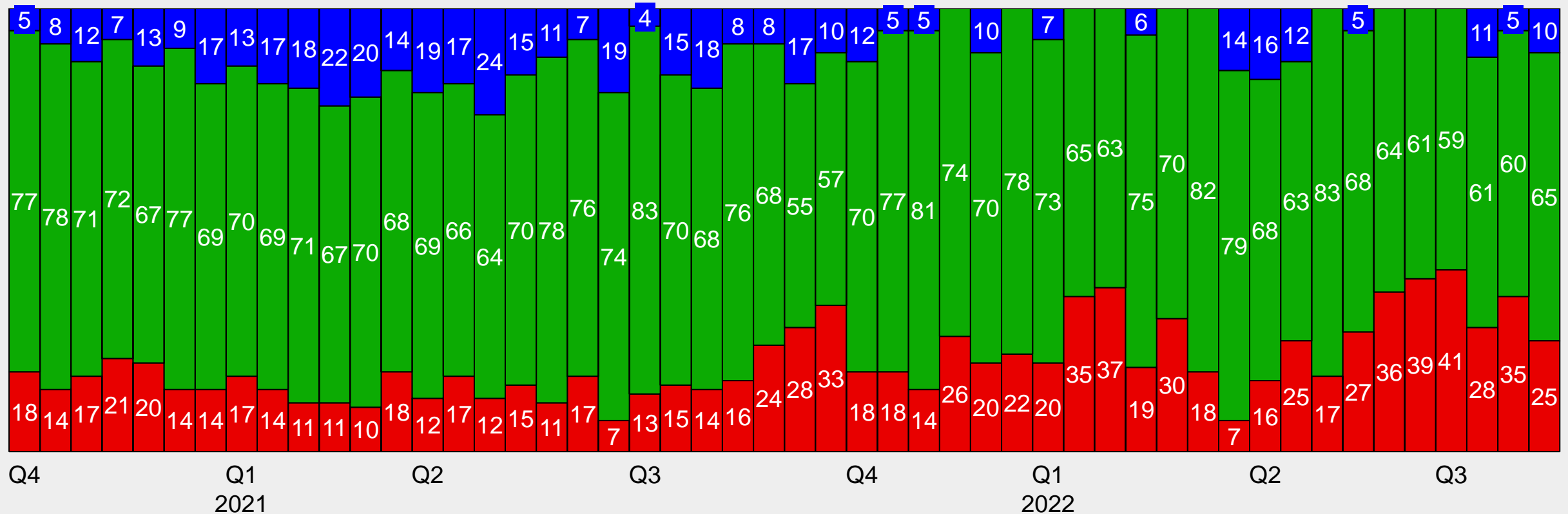


Manufacturer Inventory Buying History

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

■ Building Inventory
 ■ Maintaining Inventory
 ■ Reducing Inventory

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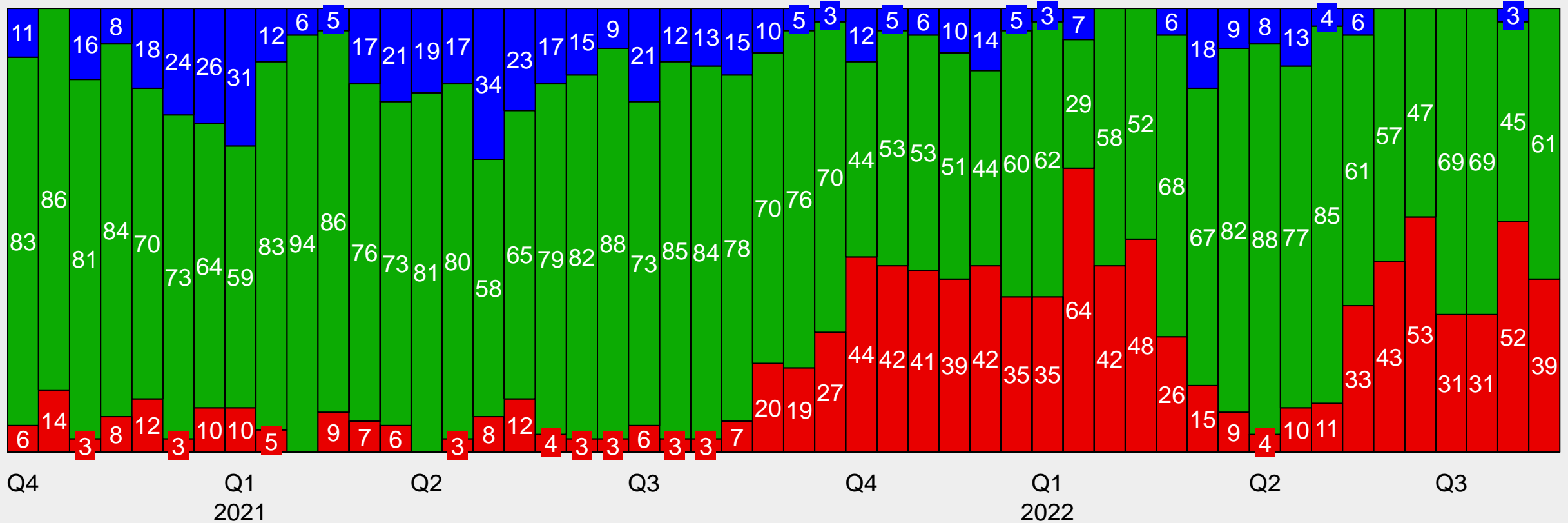


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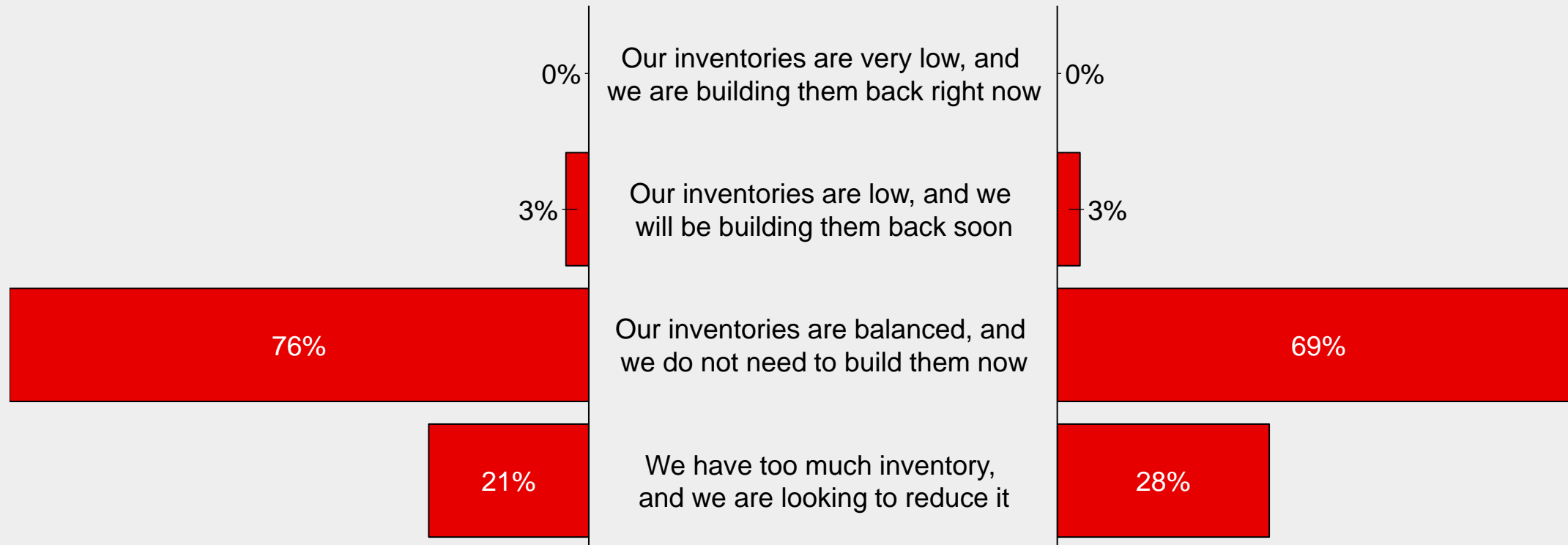


Service Center Inventories

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

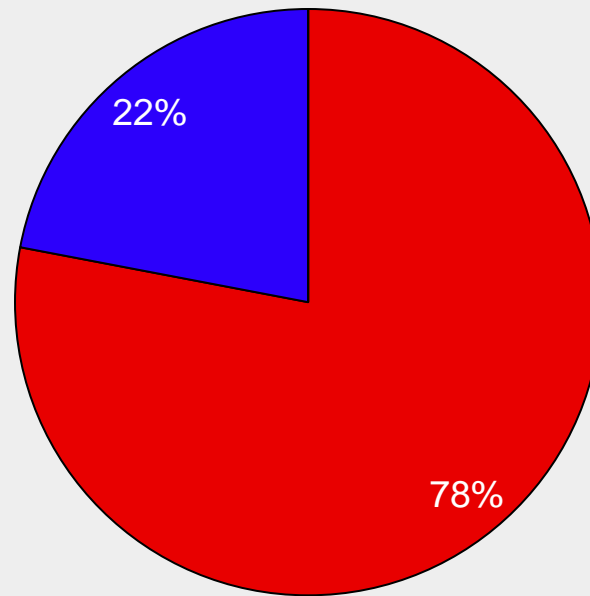
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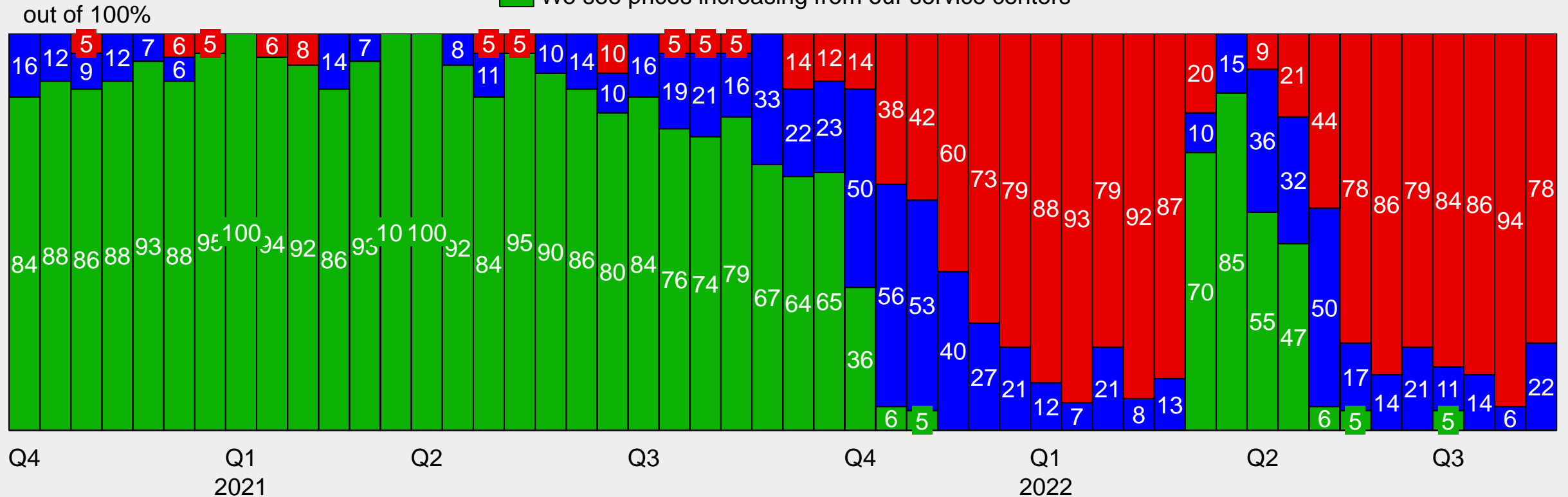
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- We see stable prices from our service centers
- We see prices increasing from our service centers



Manufacturer's View of Service Center Selling Prices History

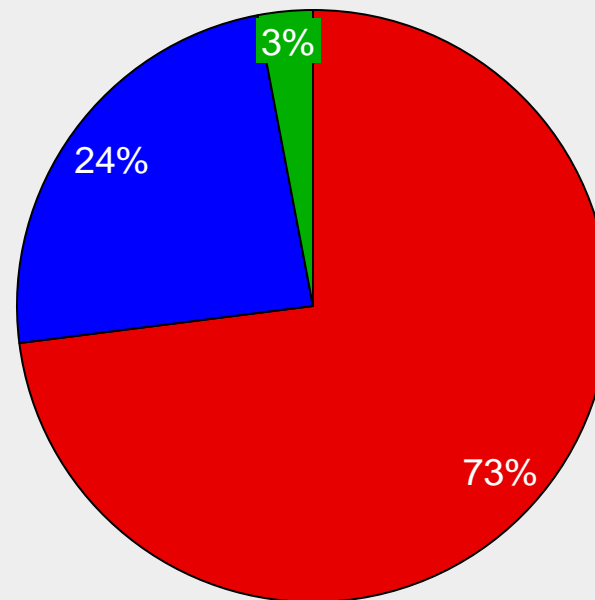
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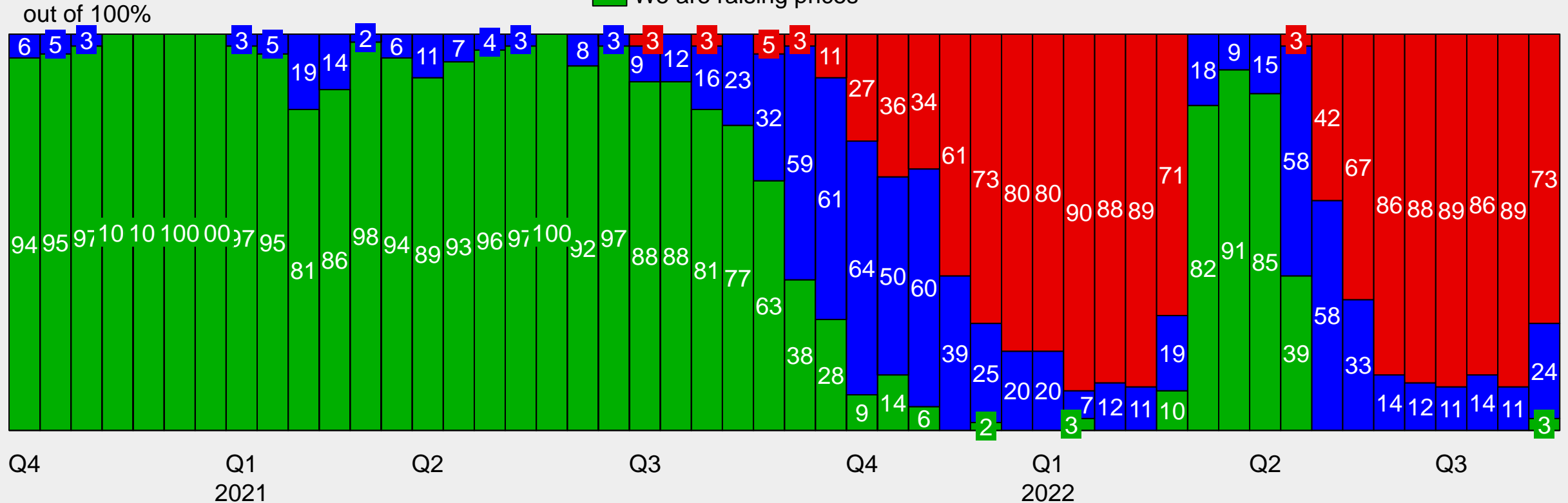
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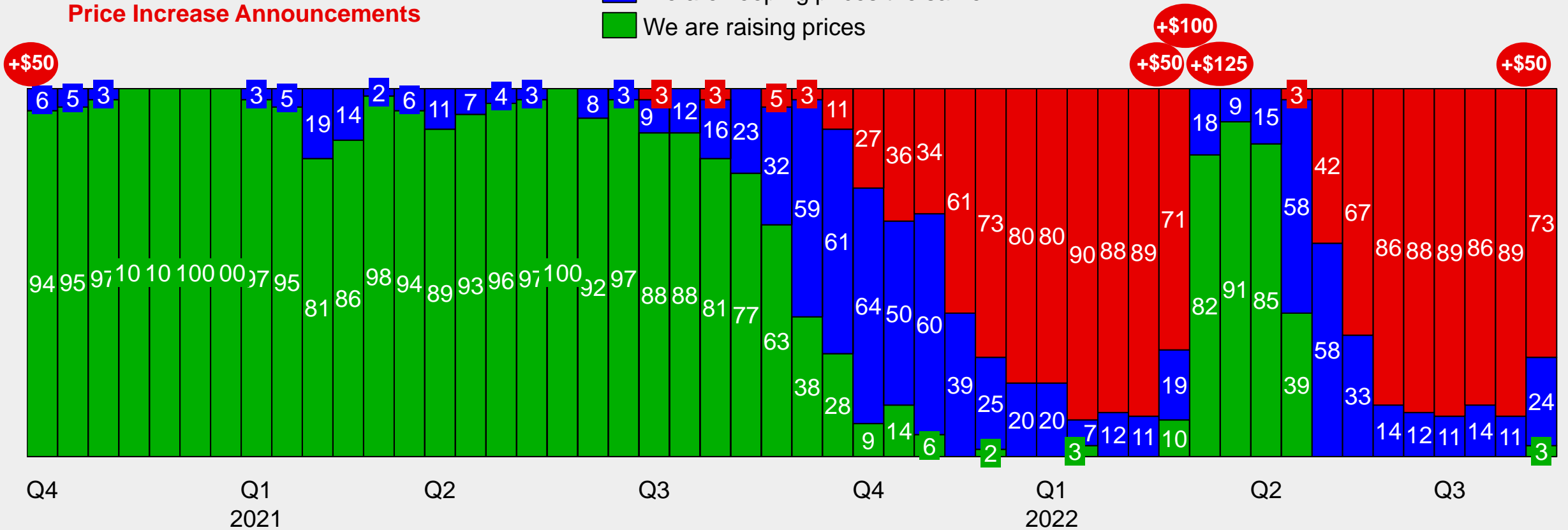


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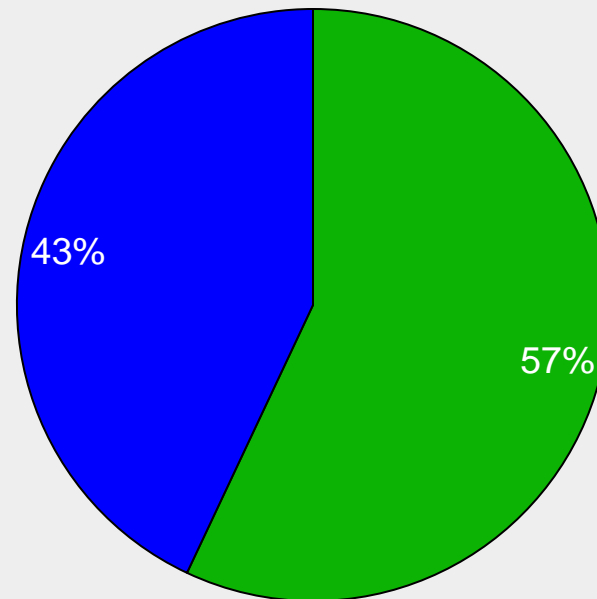
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Historical Nucor Flat Rolled Price Increase Announcements



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
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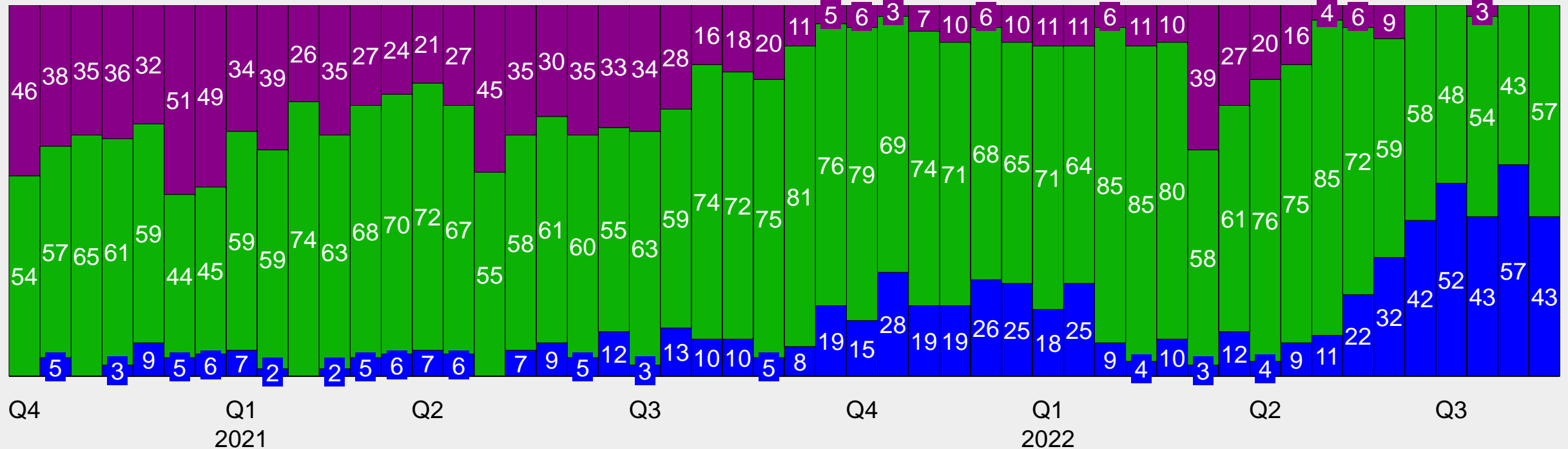


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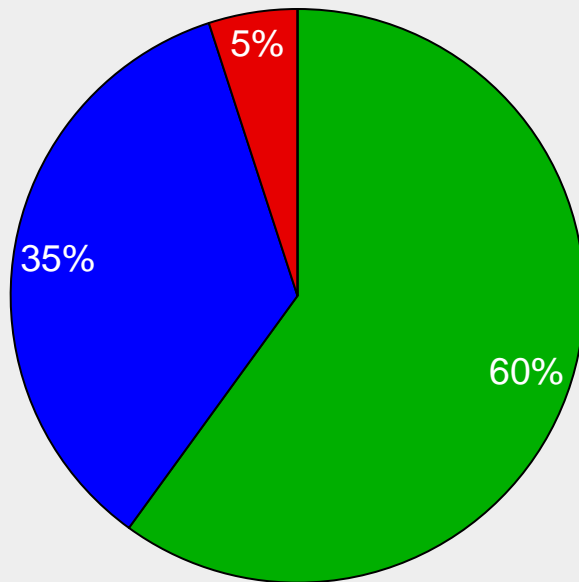


Mill Lead Times

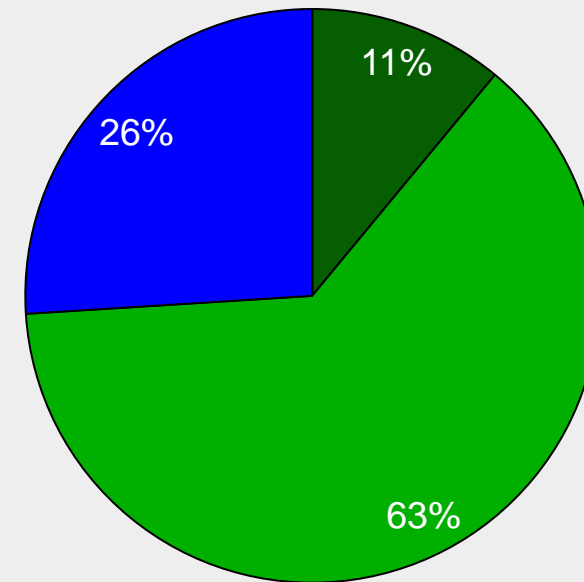
How would you describe domestic mill lead times for new orders placed right now?

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

Manufacturers

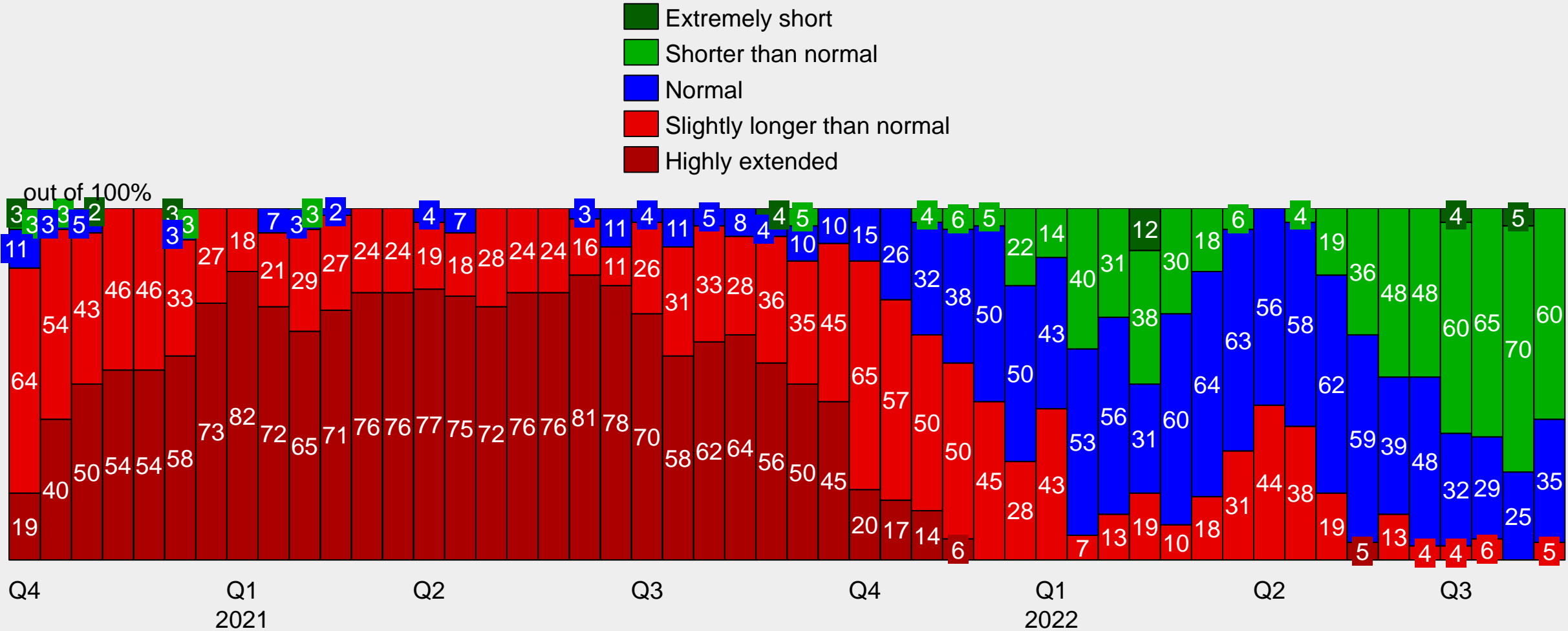


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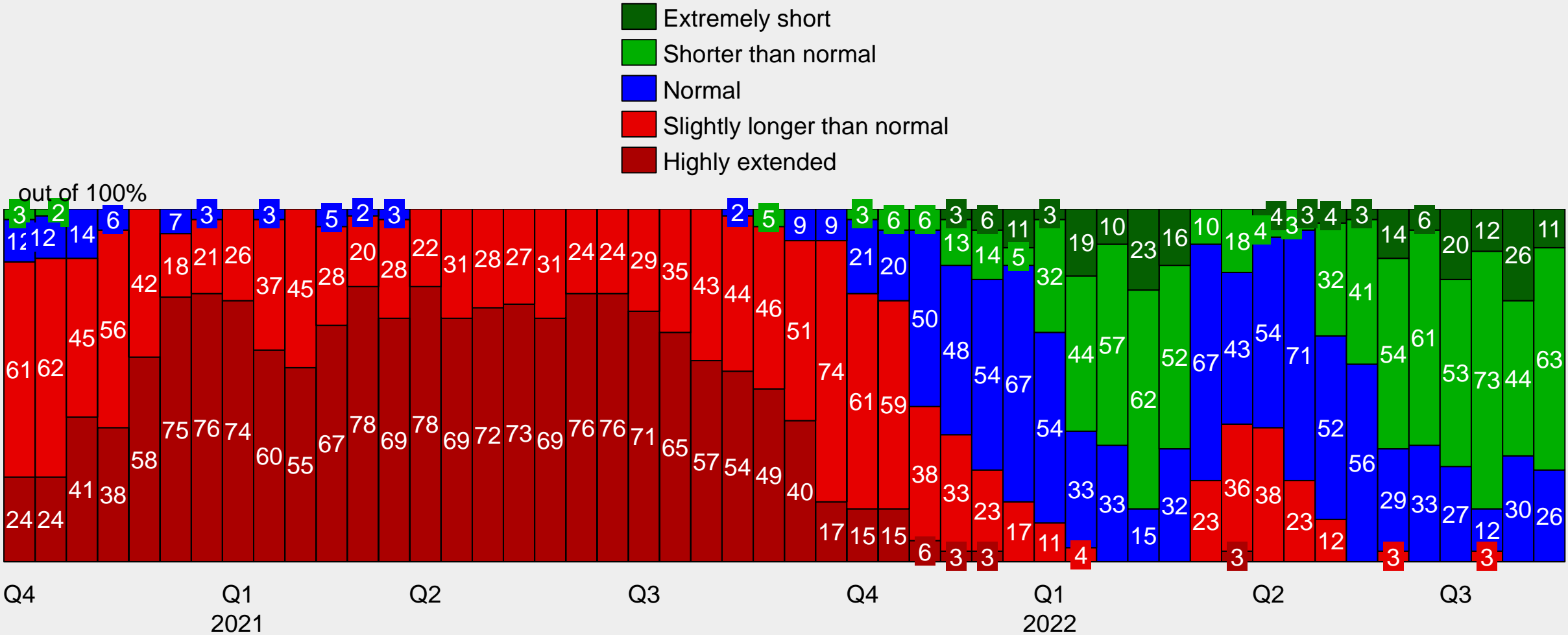
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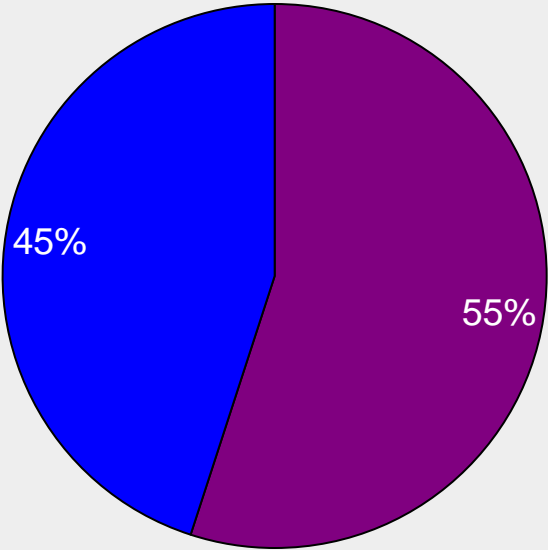
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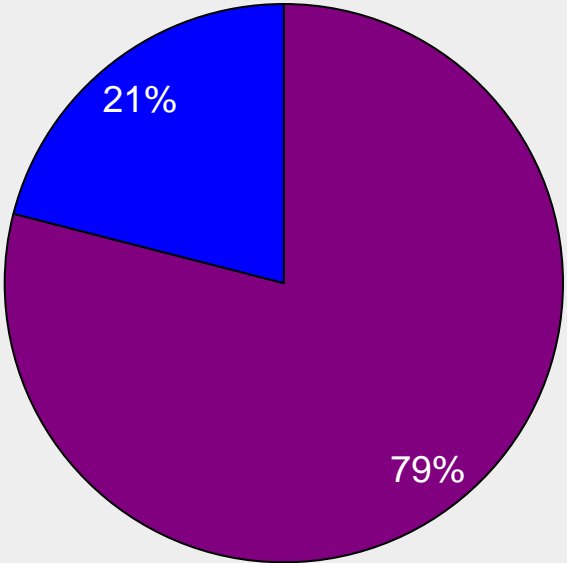
Does your company buy foreign steel?

Yes No

Manufacturers



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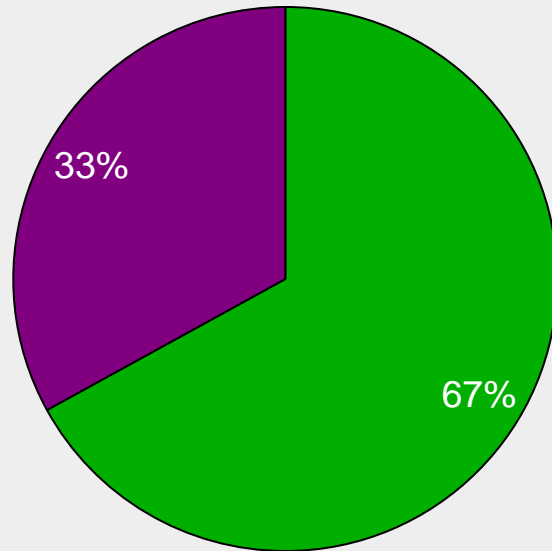


Foreign Steel Competitive?

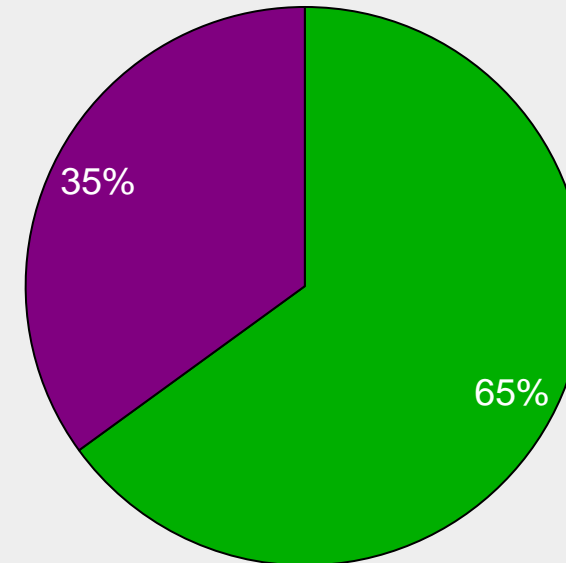
Are your foreign steel suppliers quoting you competitive prices for new orders for future delivery?

Yes No

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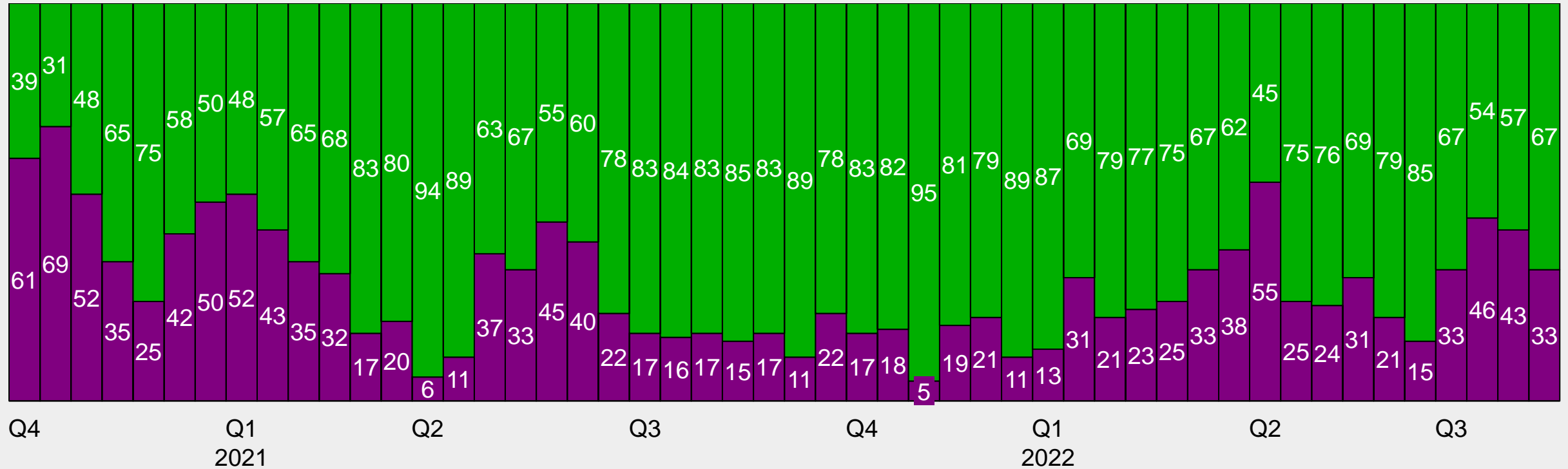


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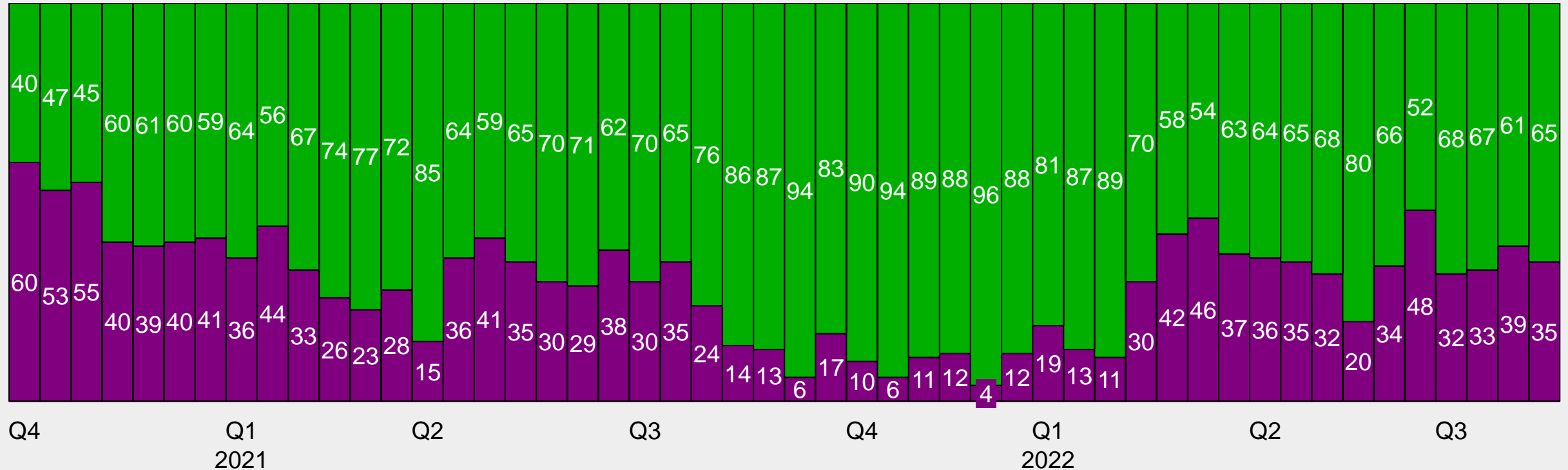
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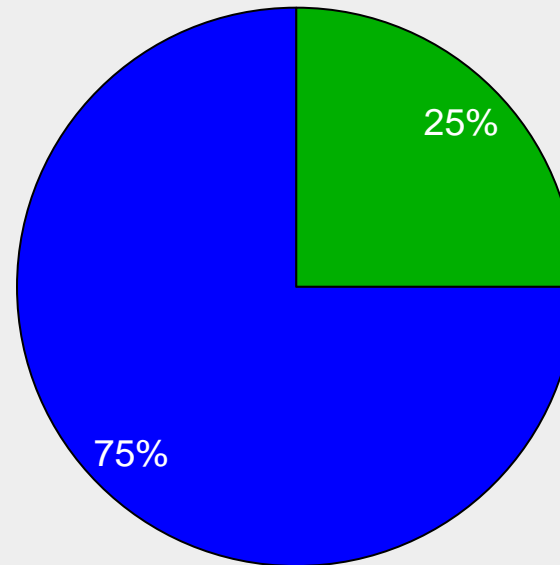
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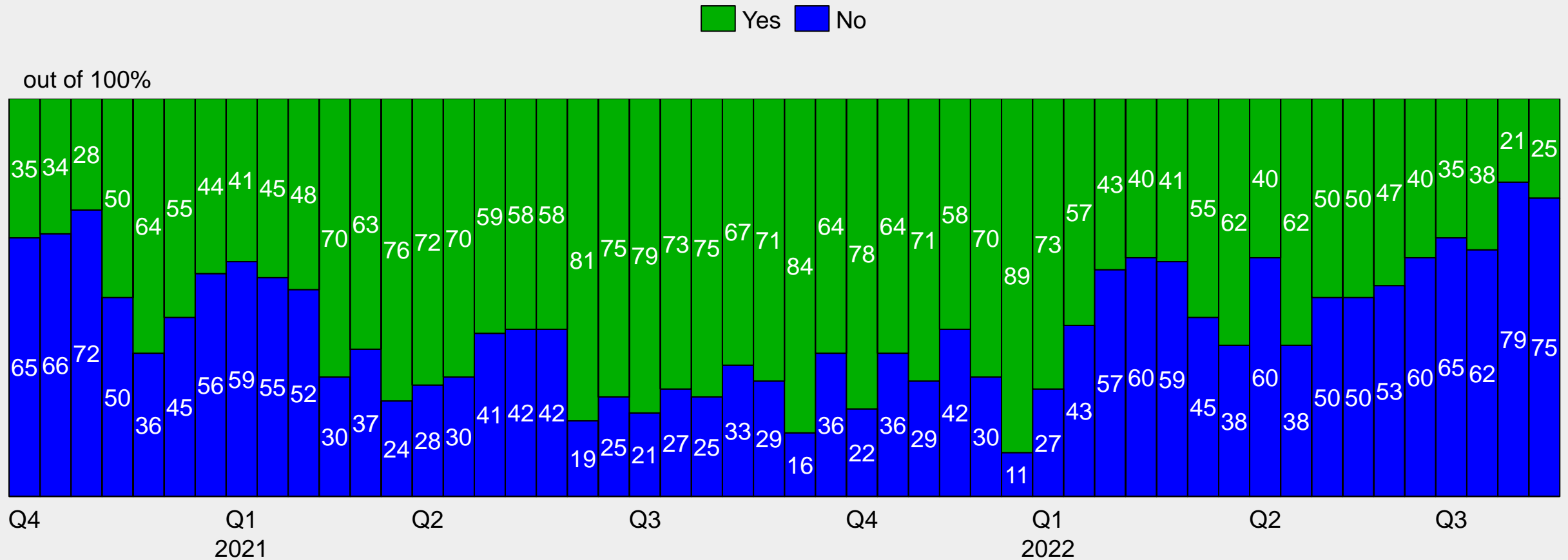
Manufacturers- Are you buying new orders of foreign steel for future delivery?

Yes No



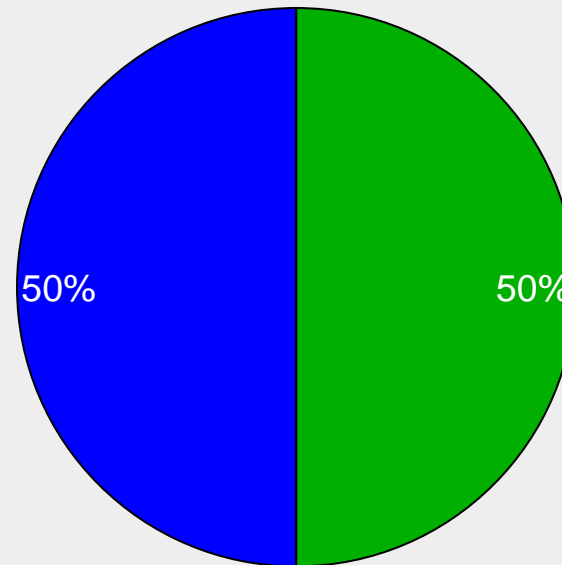
New Foreign Steel Orders History

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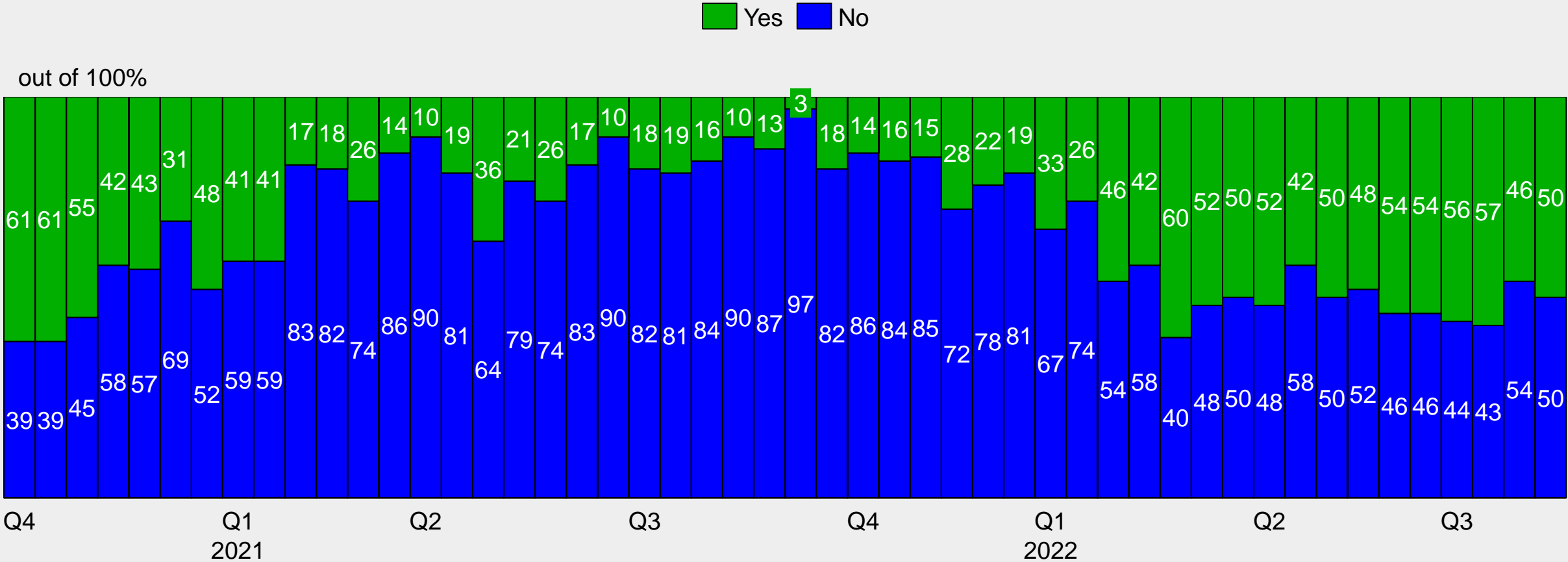
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Yes No



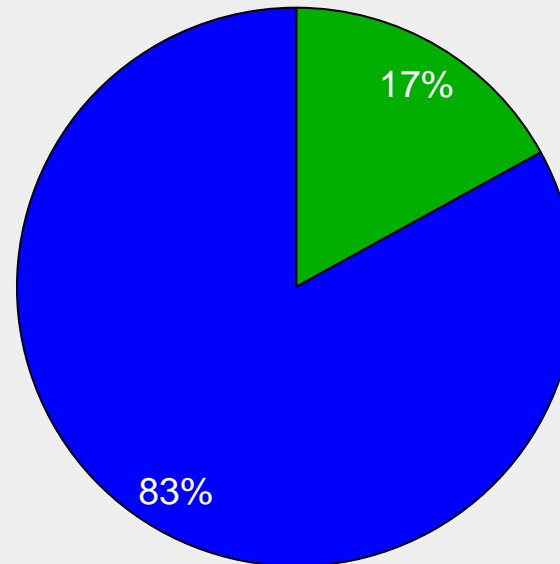
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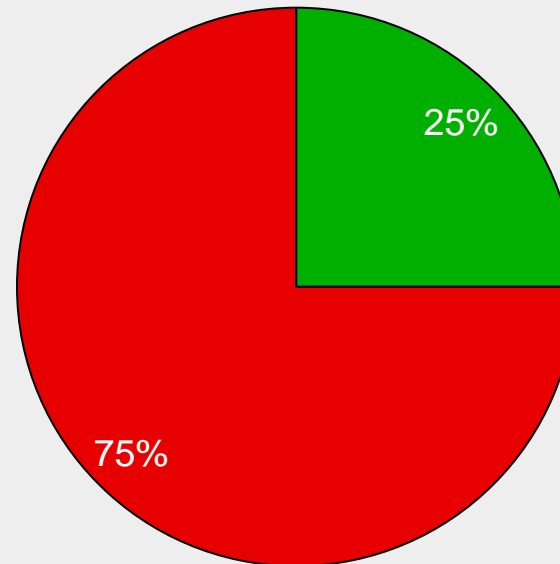
The current order book at your mill is better or worse than last month?

- Better
- Same
- Worse



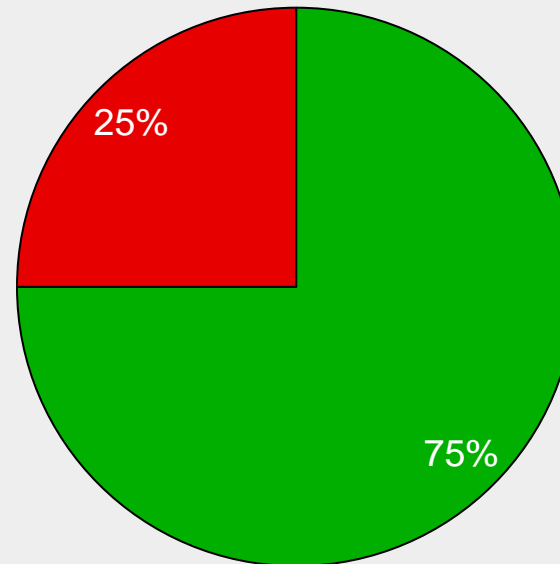
Are you seeing an increase or decrease in orders from your North American buyers?

■ Increase
■ Decrease



Are foreign products attractive to U.S. buyers?

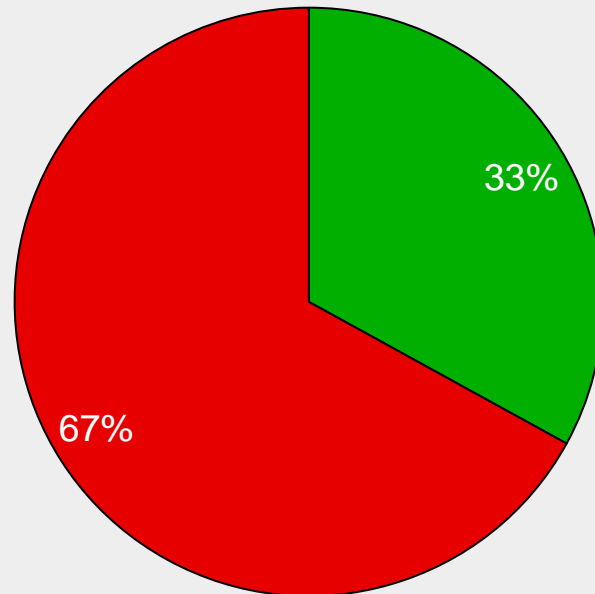
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Trading Companies on Hot Rolled and Plate

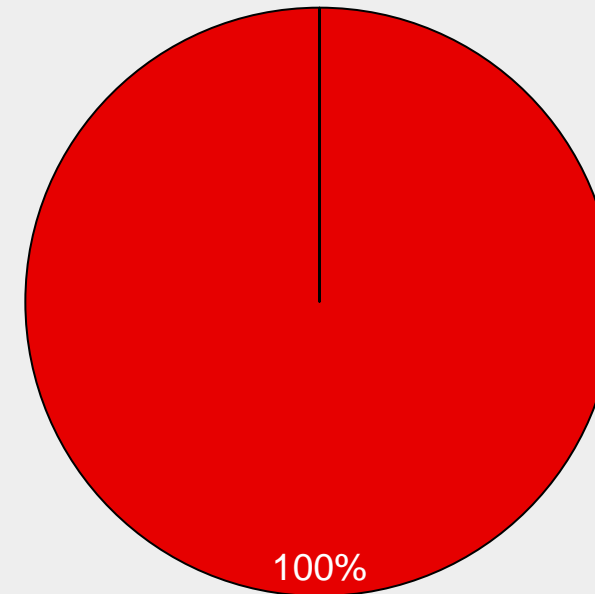
Are you able to offer hot rolled pricing that is attractive to buyers right now?

Yes No



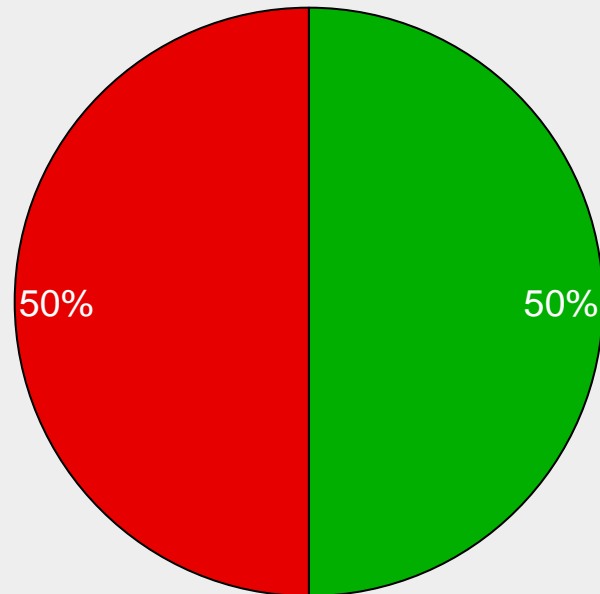
Are you able to offer plate pricing that is attractive to buyers right now?

Yes No



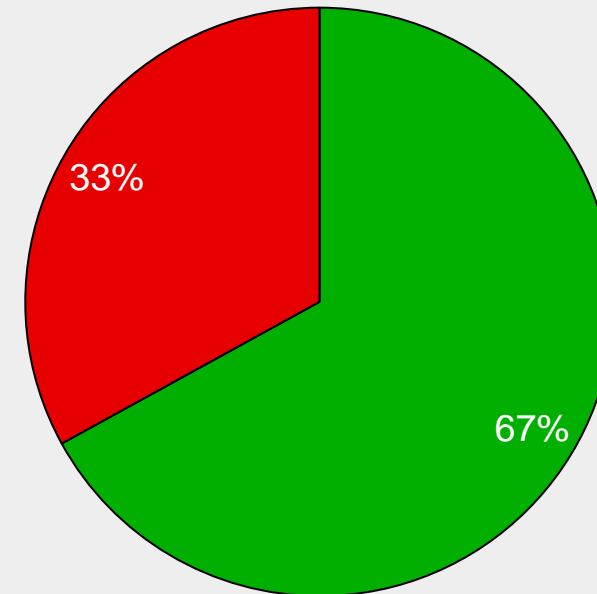
Are your galvanized prices competitive enough right now to get orders (including duties)?

Yes No



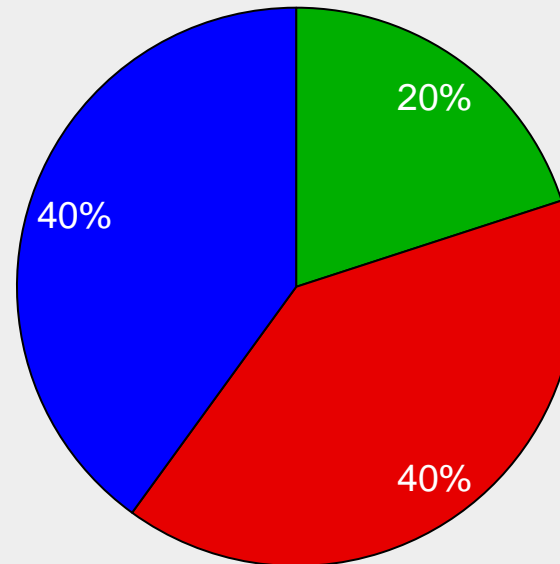
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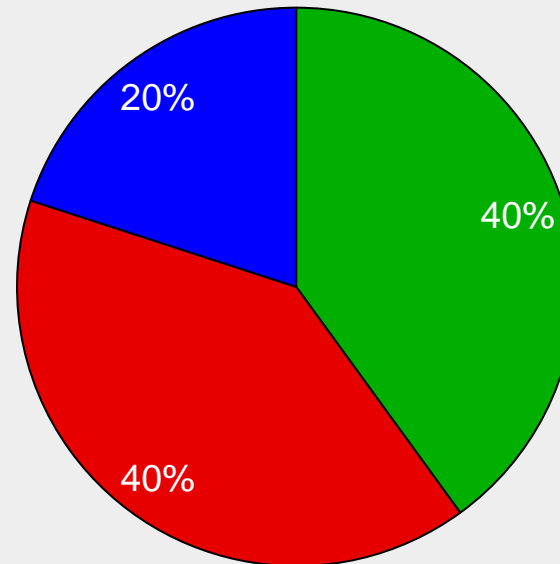
Has your business seen a change in demand this month compared to last month?

- Yes - Demand is increasing
- Yes - Demand is declining
- No - Steady demand



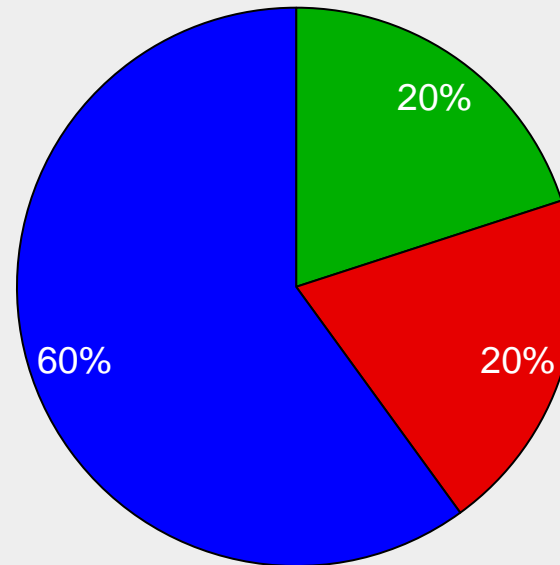
How do you see demand for your services over the next 3-6 months?

- Improving
- Declining
- Remaining the same



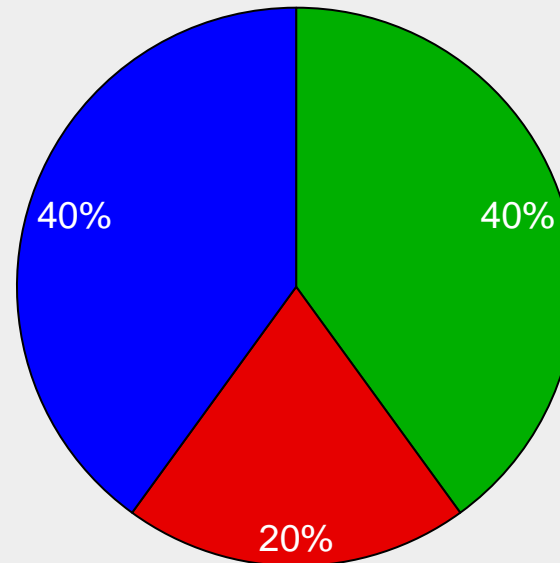
Are you forecasting business levels to be better, worse or the same during this month compared to last month?

- Better
- Worse
- Same



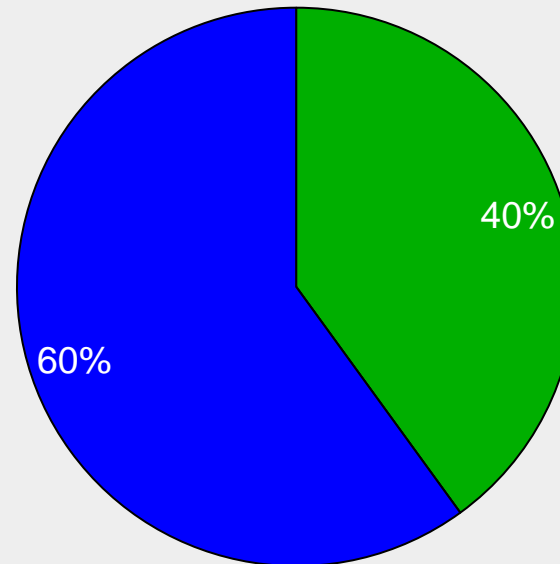
Are you starting to see inventory on your floor beginning to increase, decline or remain the same compared to what it has been over the previous month or two?

- Inventory is increasing
- Inventory has remained about the same
- Inventory is declining



How do you see demand for your services over the next 3-6 months?

- Improving
- Declining
- Remaining the same



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