



# STEEL MARKET UPDATE

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## SMU Flat Rolled Market Trends Analysis

Responses from our August 5-8, 2019 Market Survey





- 31 years actively selling flat rolled steel – 40+ years in the steel business.
- Newsletter developed for active buyers & sellers of flat rolled steel.
- Prices – Momentum – Trends – Analysis – with a guarantee.
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Steel 101 Workshop, Severstal Dearborn 2012

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

We invite over 650 companies to participate in our surveys.

Normal response rate is 100-150 individuals on any one survey.

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

**Steel Summit:** A steel conference for manufacturing companies, fabricators, service centers, wholesalers, trading companies, steel mills, toll processors and companies who provide products and services to the steel industry.

**When:** August 26-28, 2019

**Where:** Atlanta, Georgia, USA –  
Georgia International Convention Center

**Lead Hotel:** Atlanta Airport Marriott  
Gateway Hotel (adjacent to the Georgia  
International Convention Center)

Additional details can be found at [www.SteelMarketUpdate.com/Events/Steel-Summit](http://www.SteelMarketUpdate.com/Events/Steel-Summit)





# Steel 101: Introduction to Steelmaking & Market Fundamentals

**Instructors:** John Packard, Charles McDaniels, Mario Briccetti, Sandy Simon & Roger Walburn

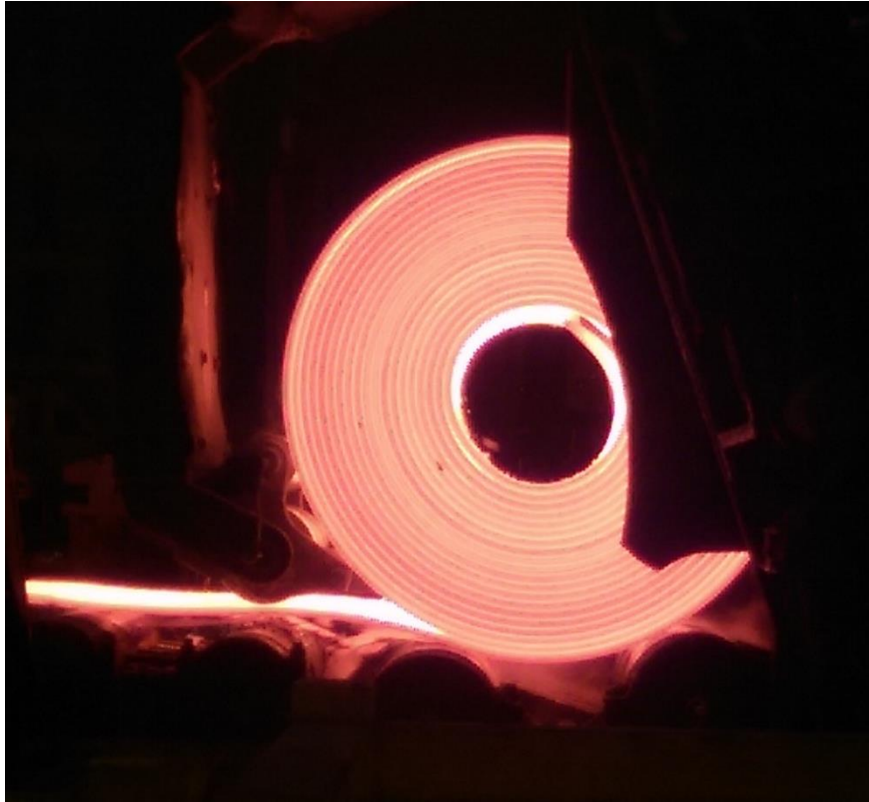
We have both classroom & on-site (mill) instruction during our 2 day workshop.  
For more information [visit our website here.](#)



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# Next Steel 101 Workshop

## October 8-9, 2019



Steel 101 Workshop, NLMK Indiana 2015

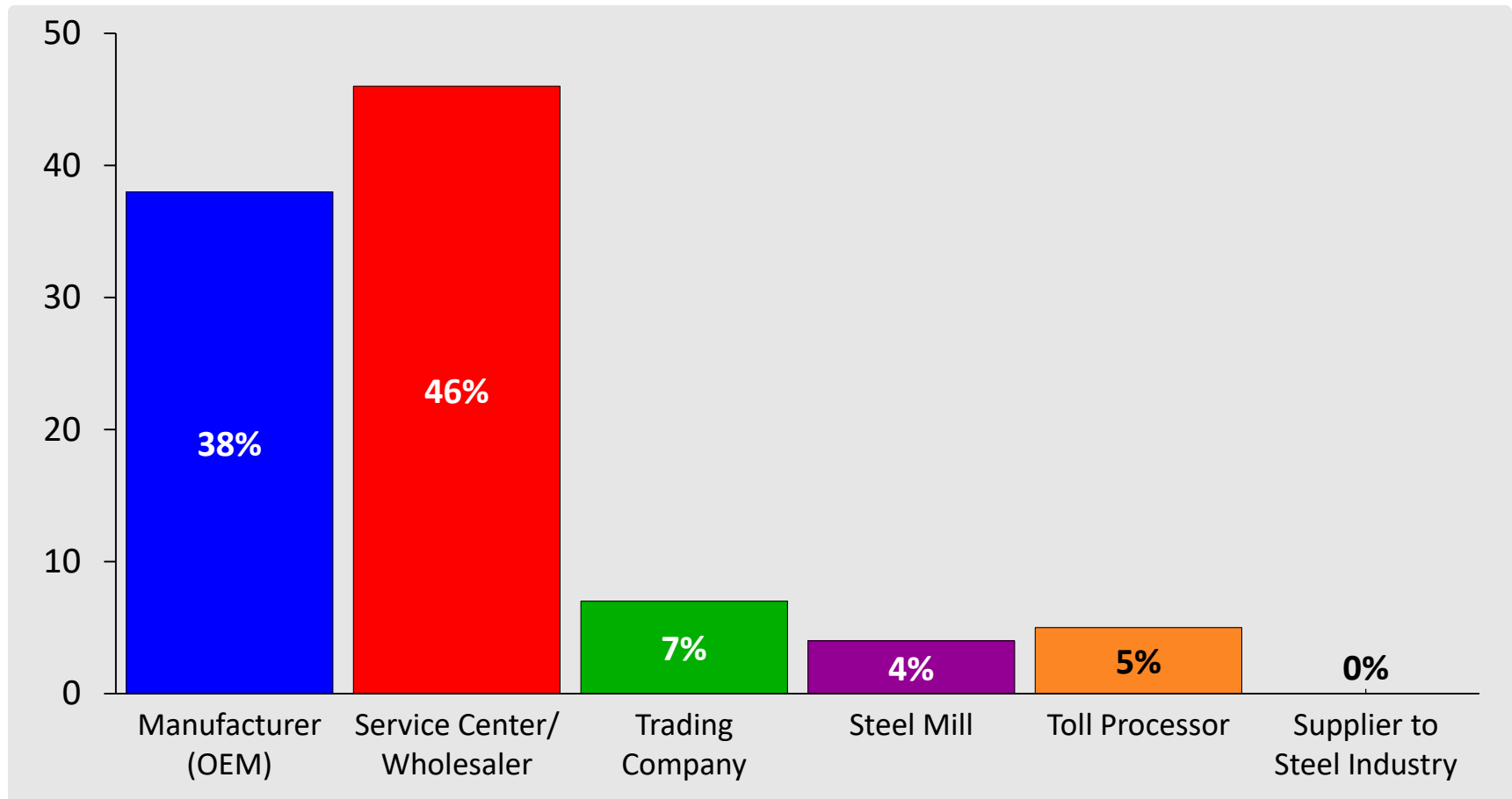
Our next Steel 101 workshop will be held in **Cincinnati, Ohio** on **October 8-9, 2019**. Our class will tour the Nucor Gallatin steel mill.

If you would like more information about any of our workshops, you may visit

[SteelMarketUpdate.com/Events](https://SteelMarketUpdate.com/Events),  
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# Survey Participants

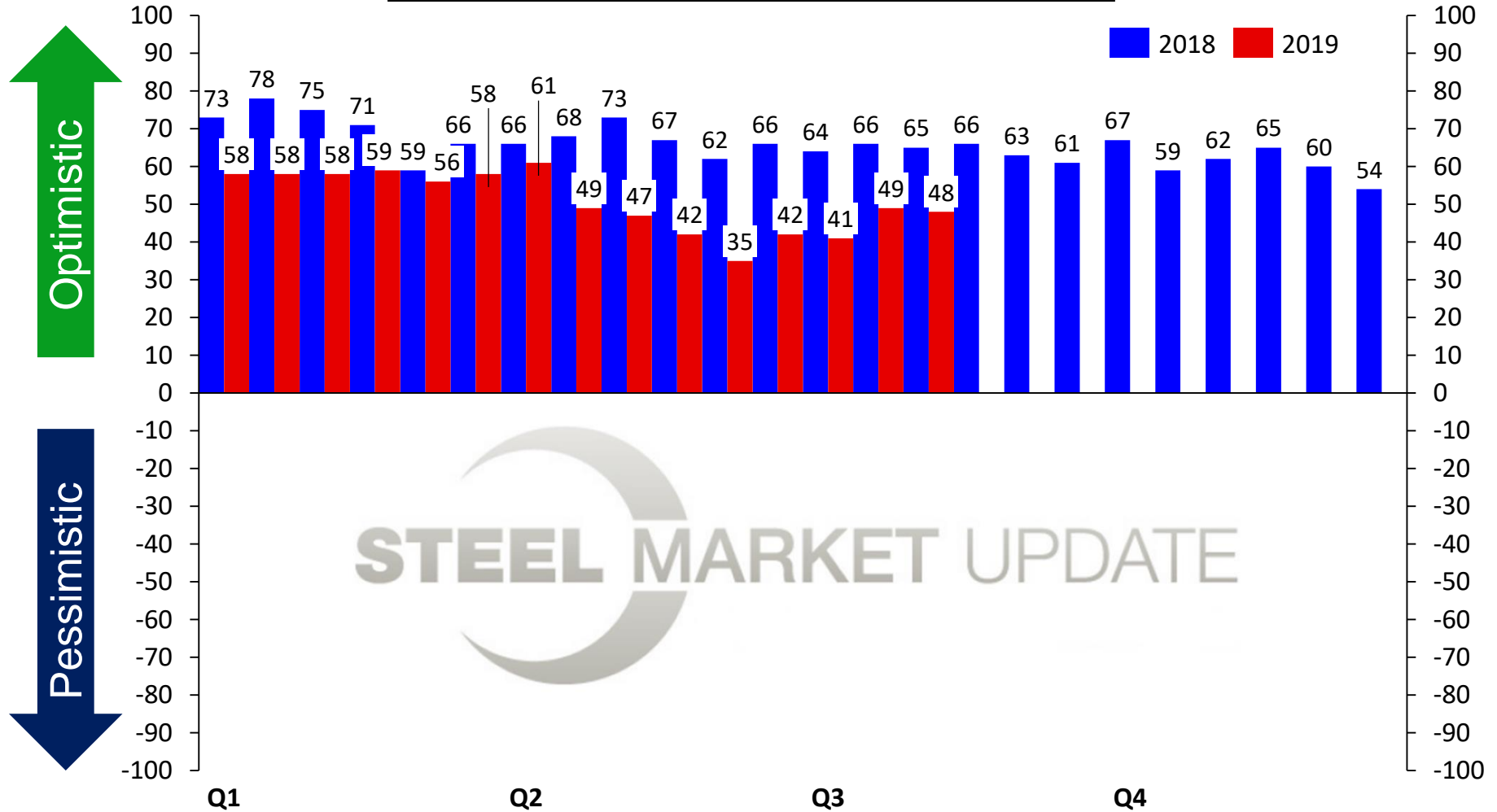
Our survey is by invitation only- Nearly 600 companies, mostly in the manufacturing or distribution industries, are asked to participate. Here are the percentages of participation in this week's survey by market sector.



# SMU Buyers Sentiment Index

Down 1 point to +48

## Steel Market Update Buyers Sentiment Index

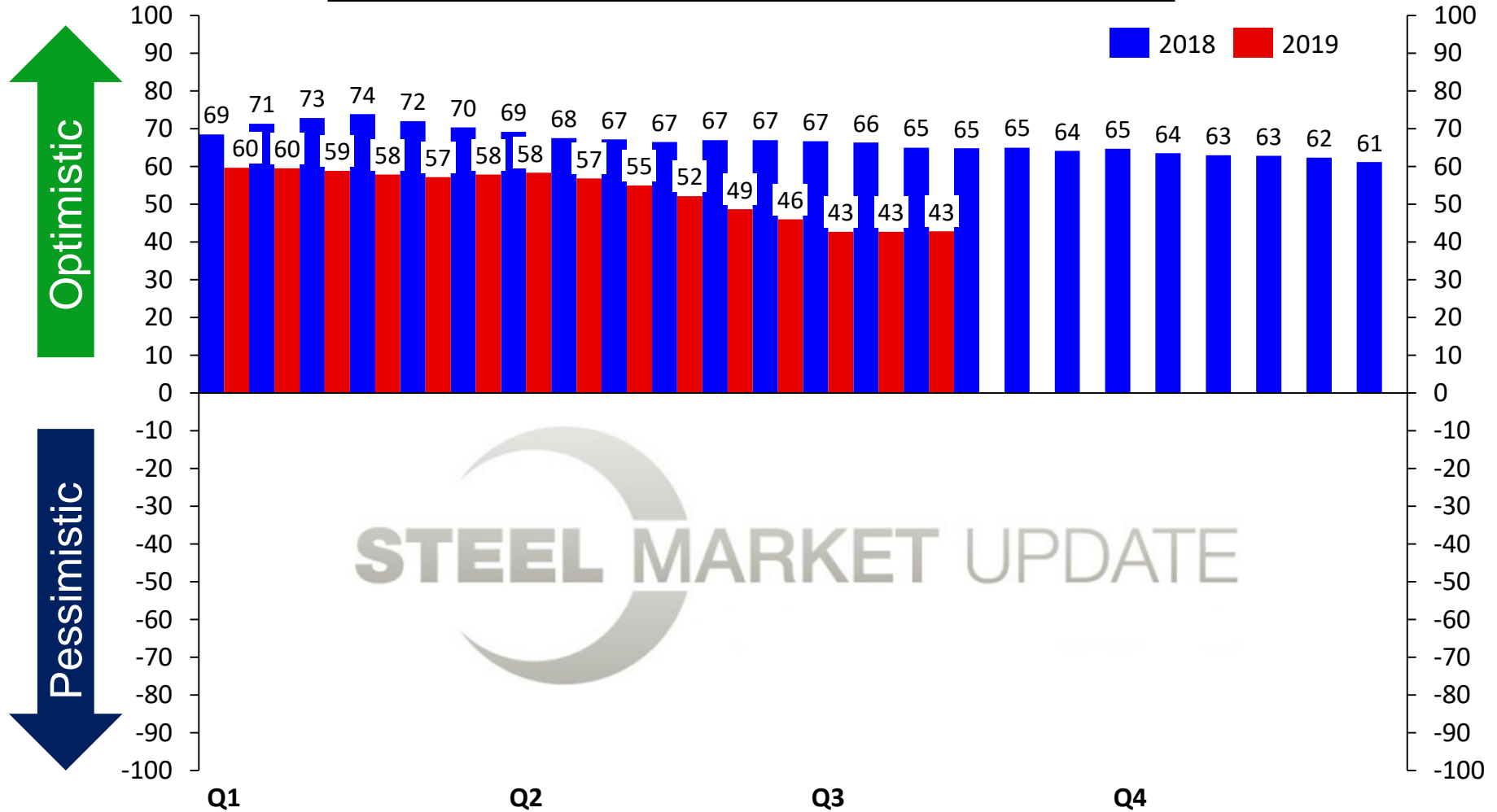




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Three Month Moving Average at +42.83

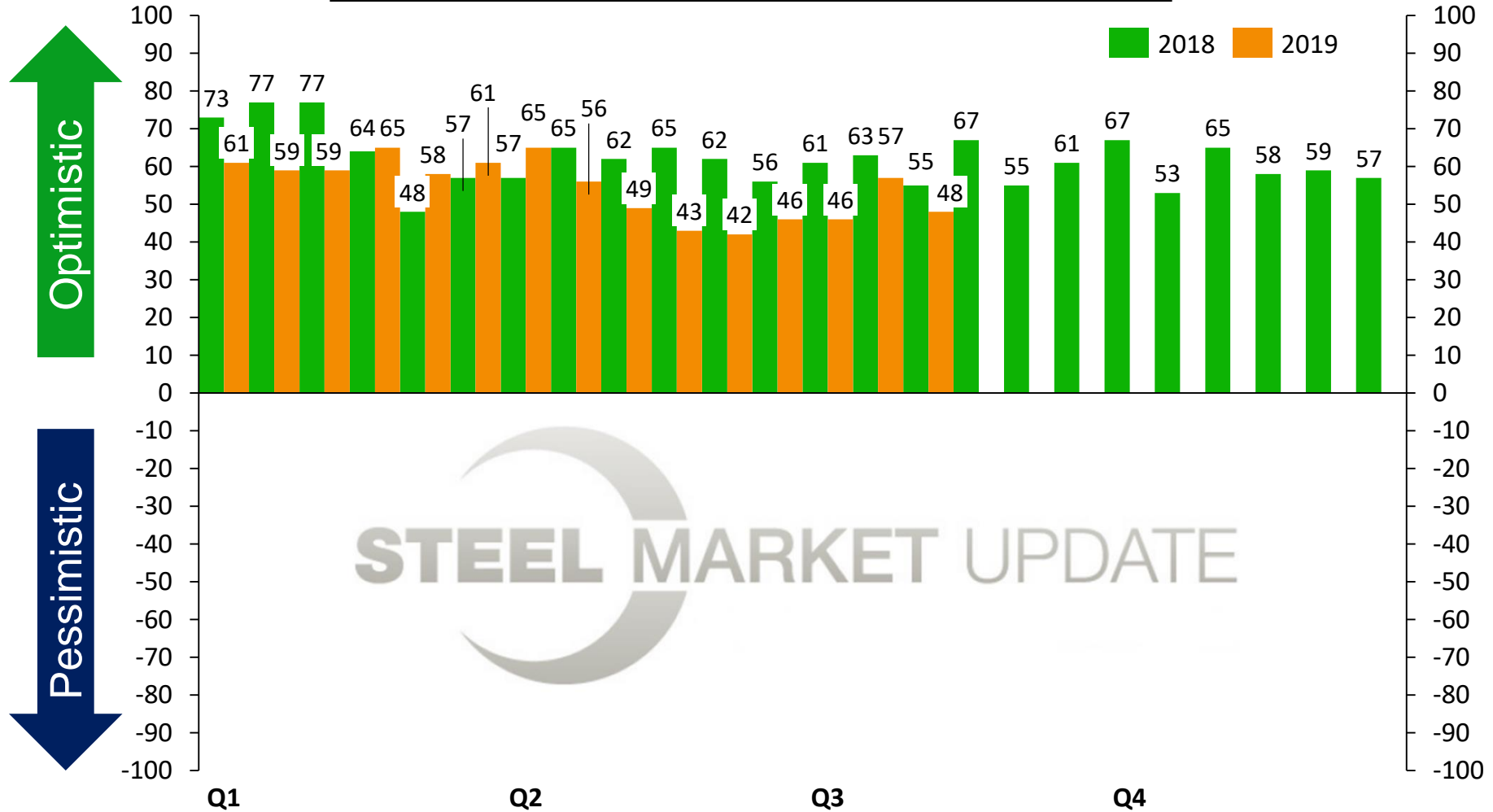
## Steel Market Update Buyers Sentiment Index 3MMA



# SMU Future Buyers Sentiment Index

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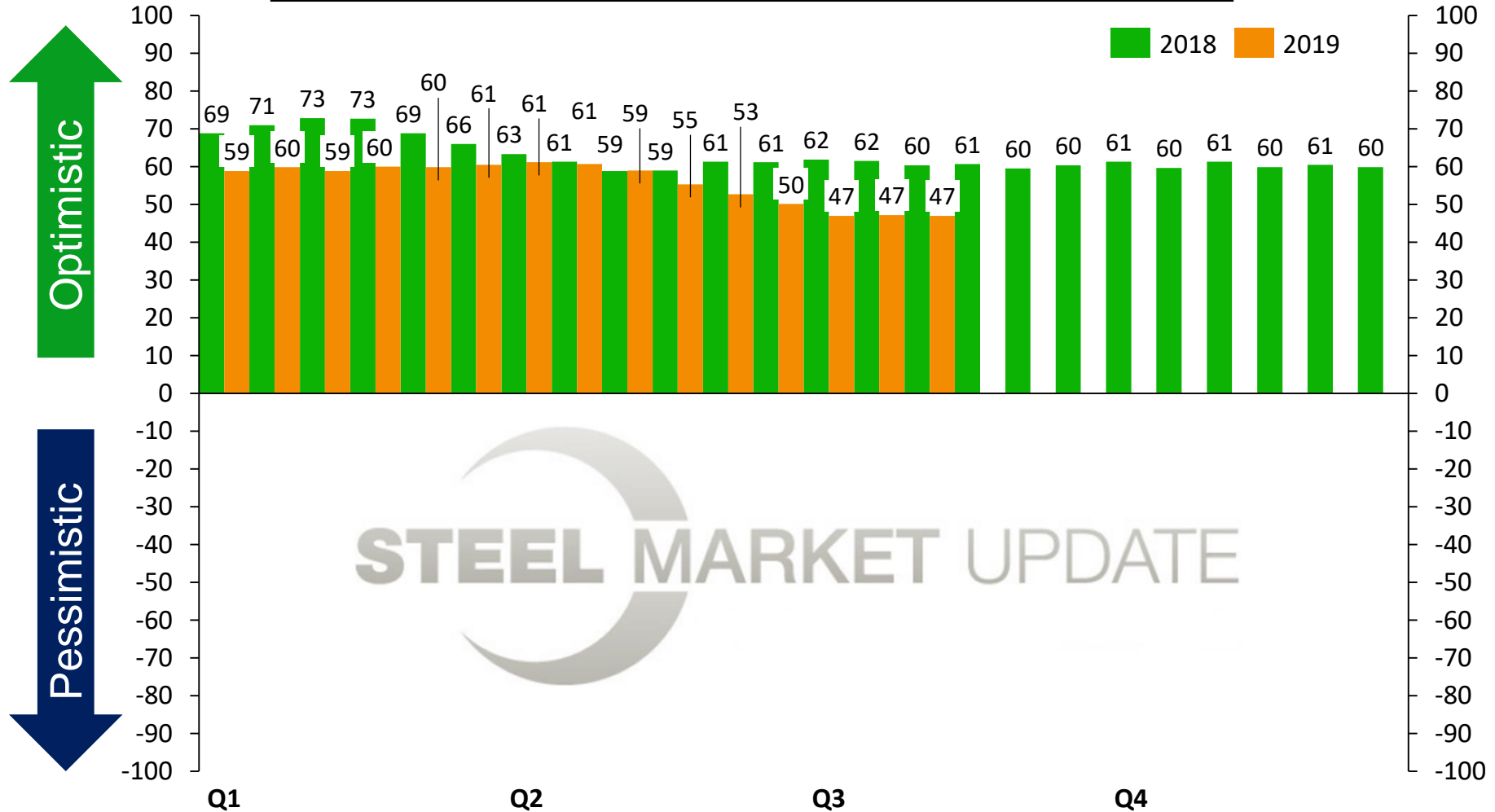
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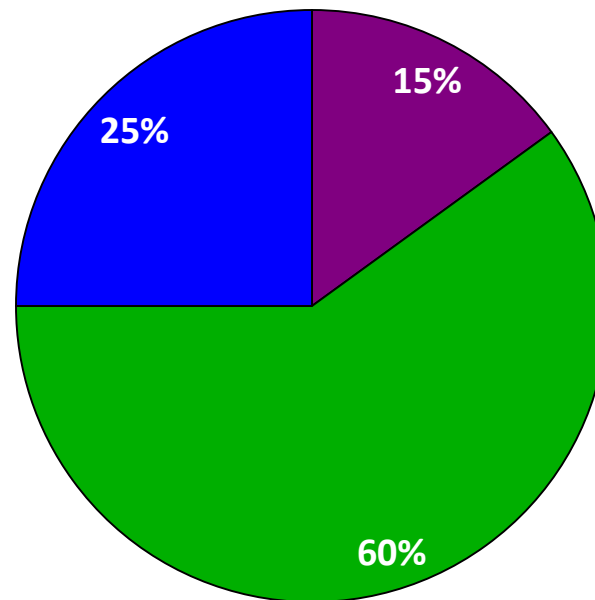
Three Month Moving Average at +47.00

## Steel Market Update Future Buyers Sentiment Index 3MMA



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- Demand is improving
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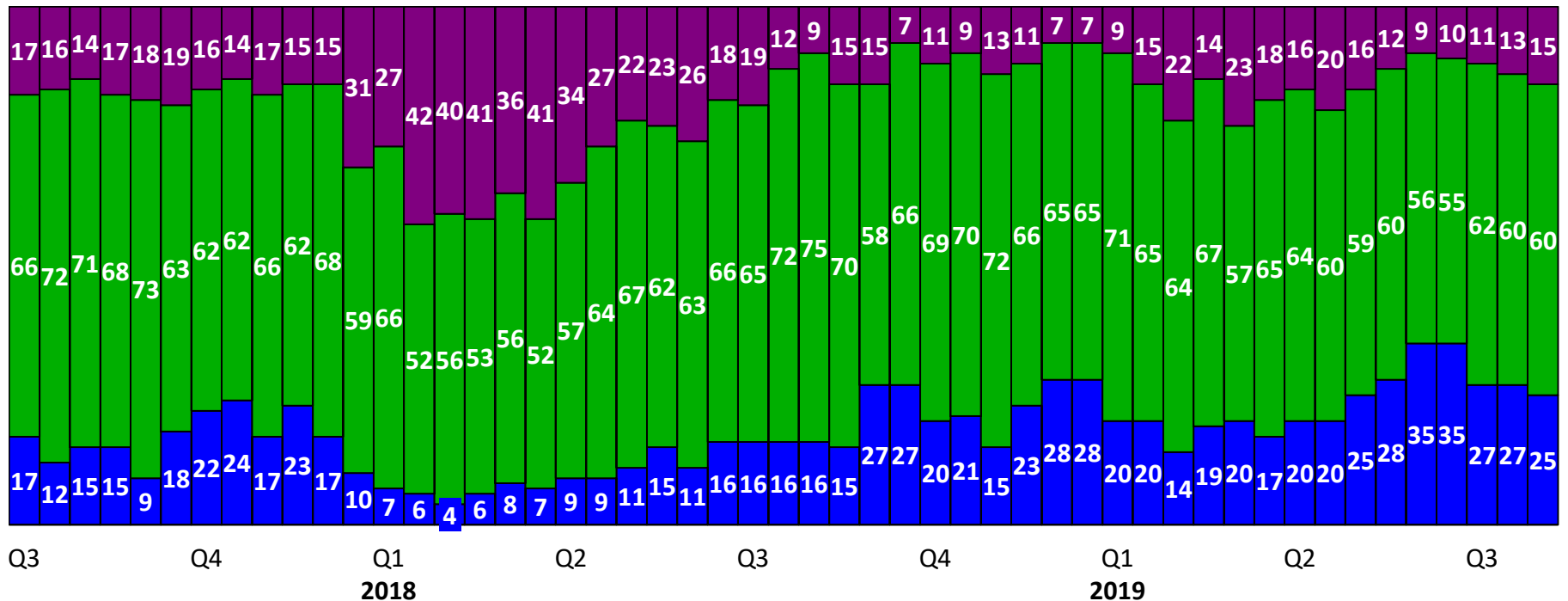


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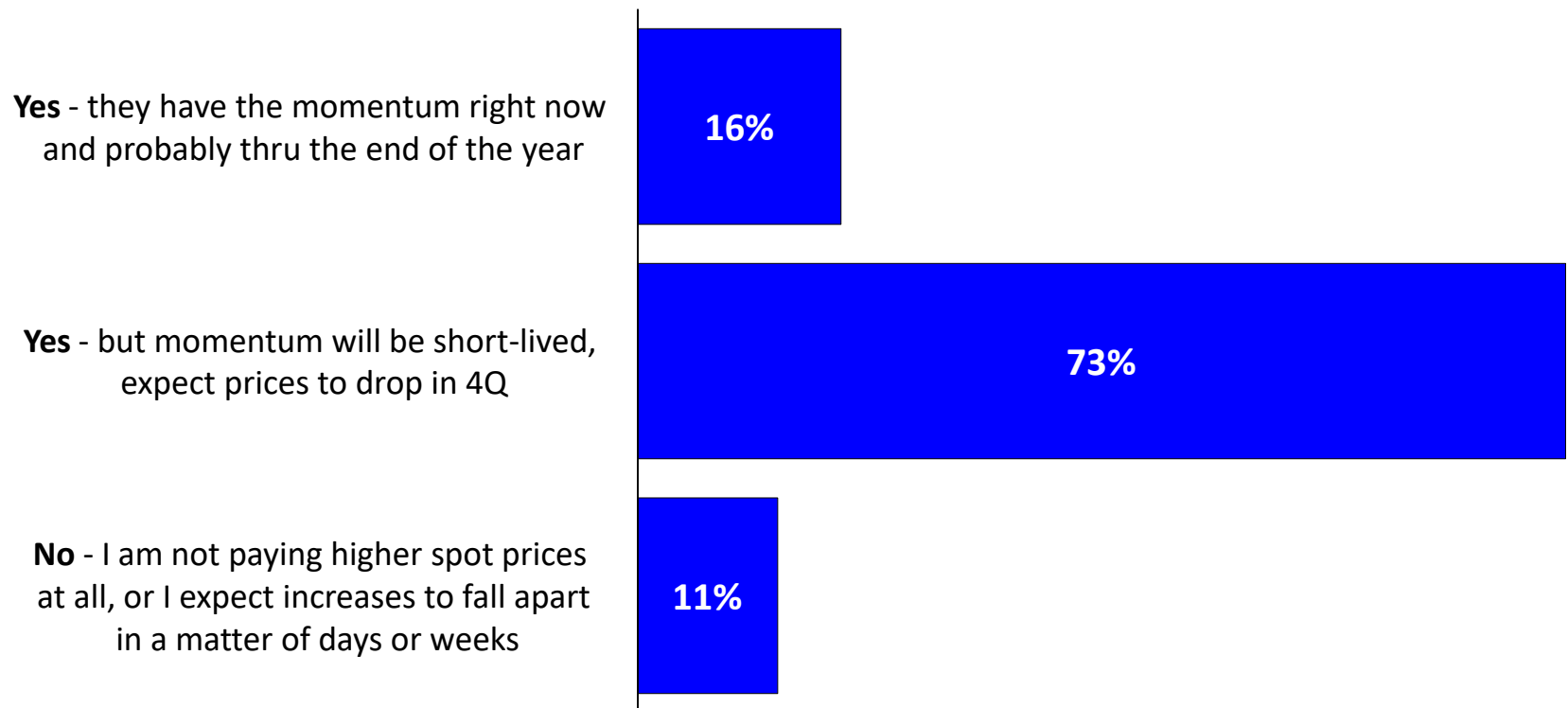
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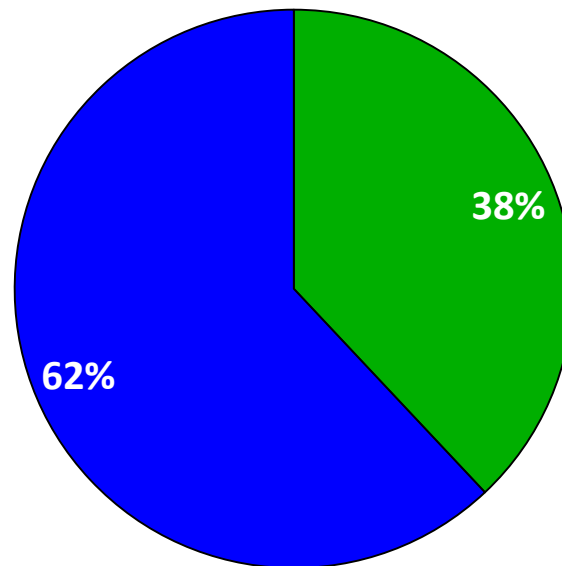
# Mill Price Increases

Have the mills seized pricing momentum or are these flat rolled and plate price increases short-lived?



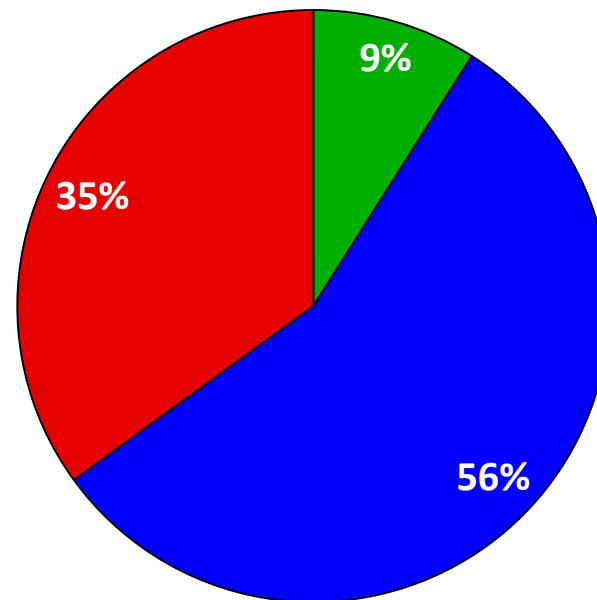
Do you think the limitations on orders of foreign steel will tighten the market in late 3Q and 4Q 2019?

 Yes  No



**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
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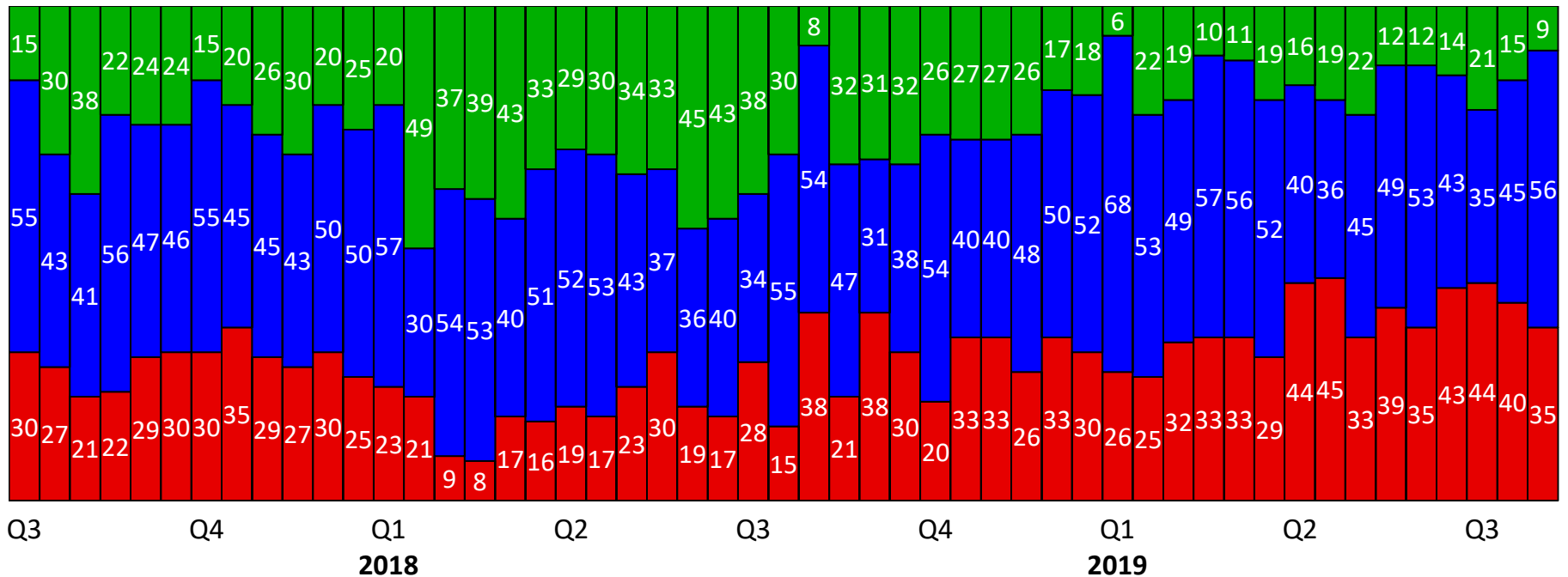


# History of Manufacturer Purchases

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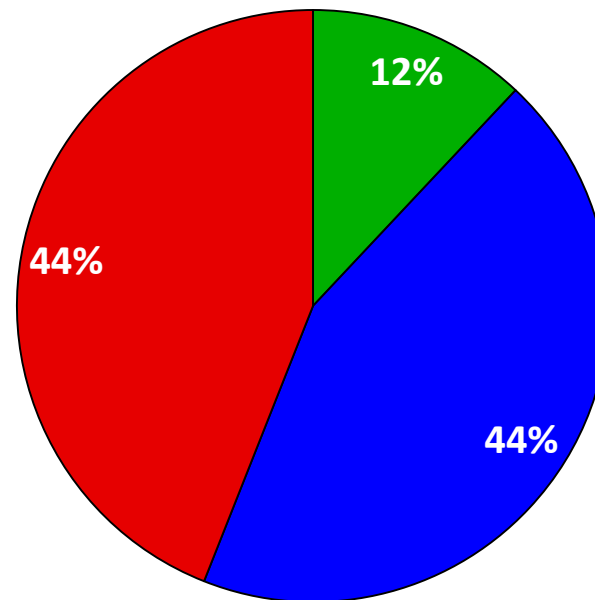
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**Service Centers-** How do you see your customers releases (demand) for the products your company provides this year compared to this time last year?

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



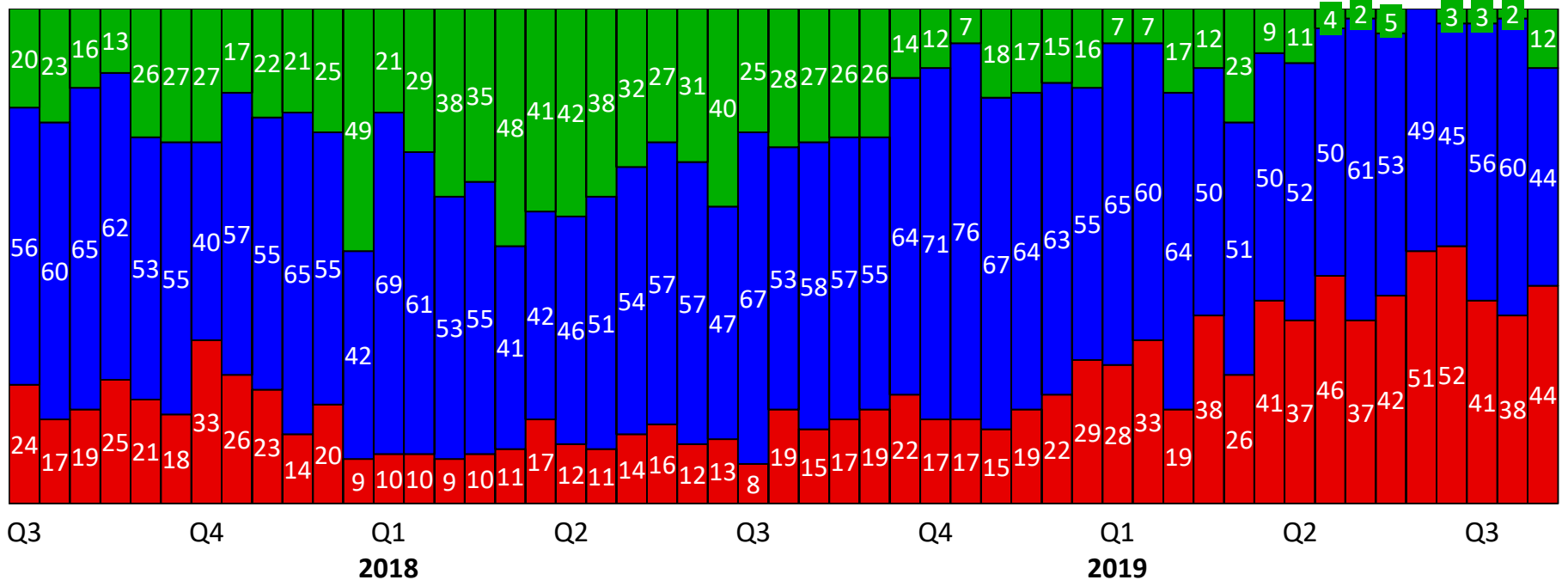


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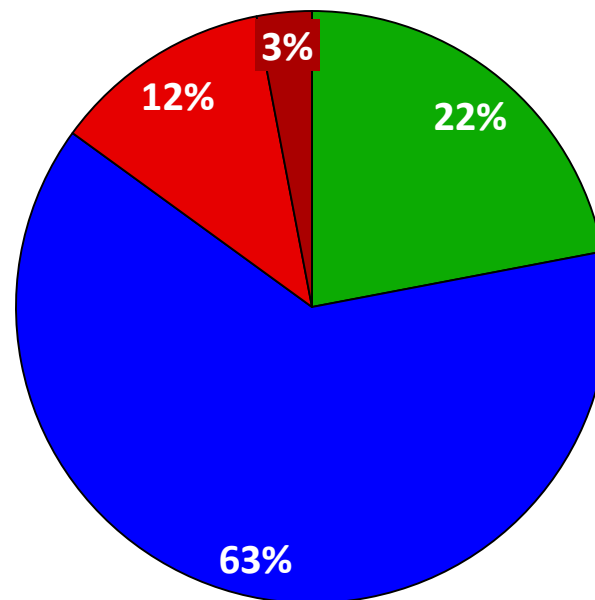
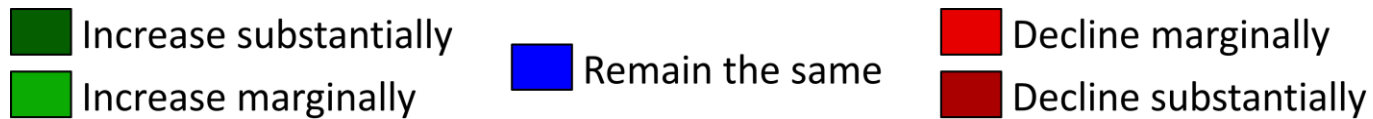
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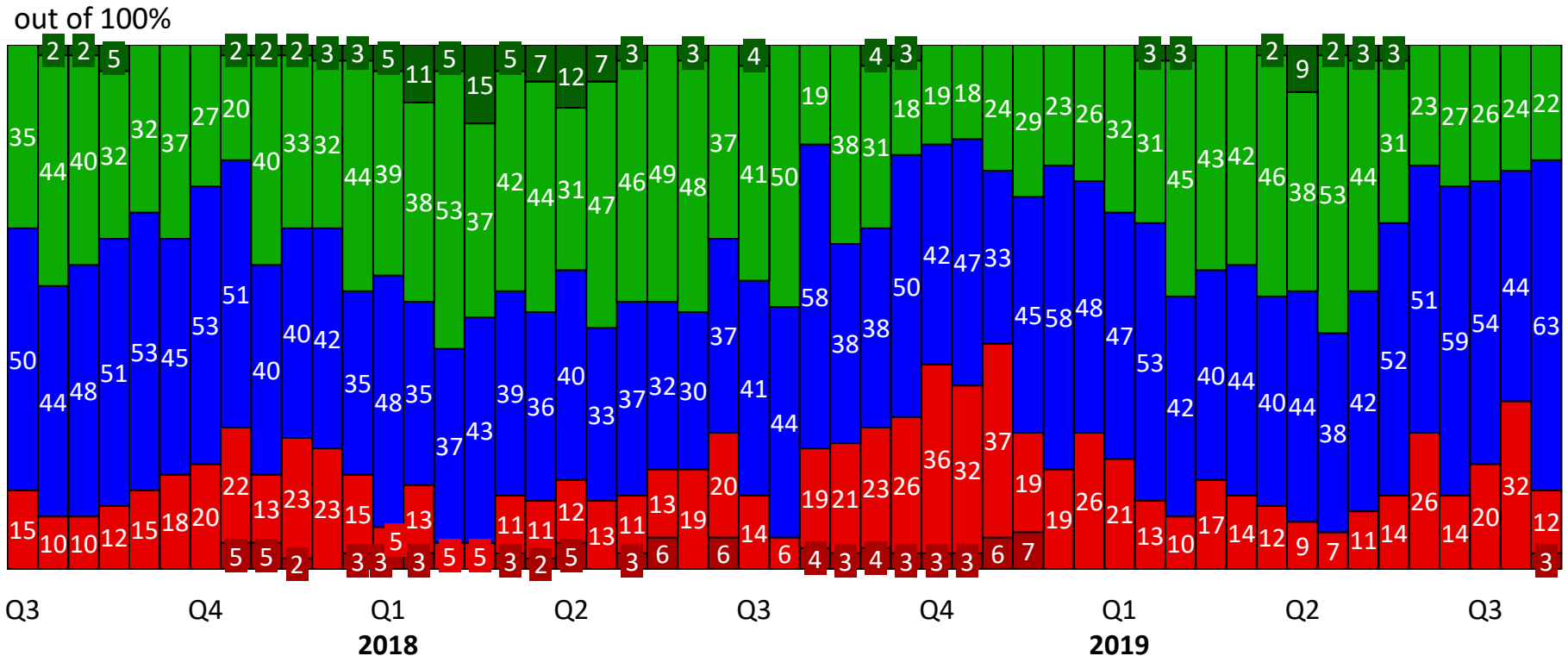
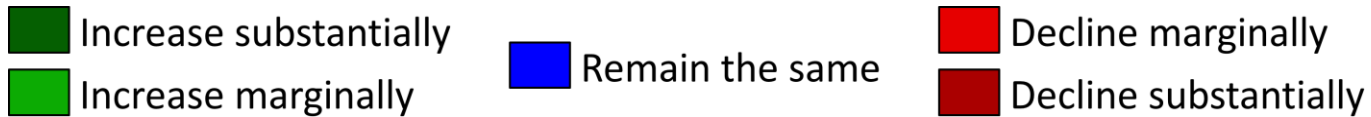
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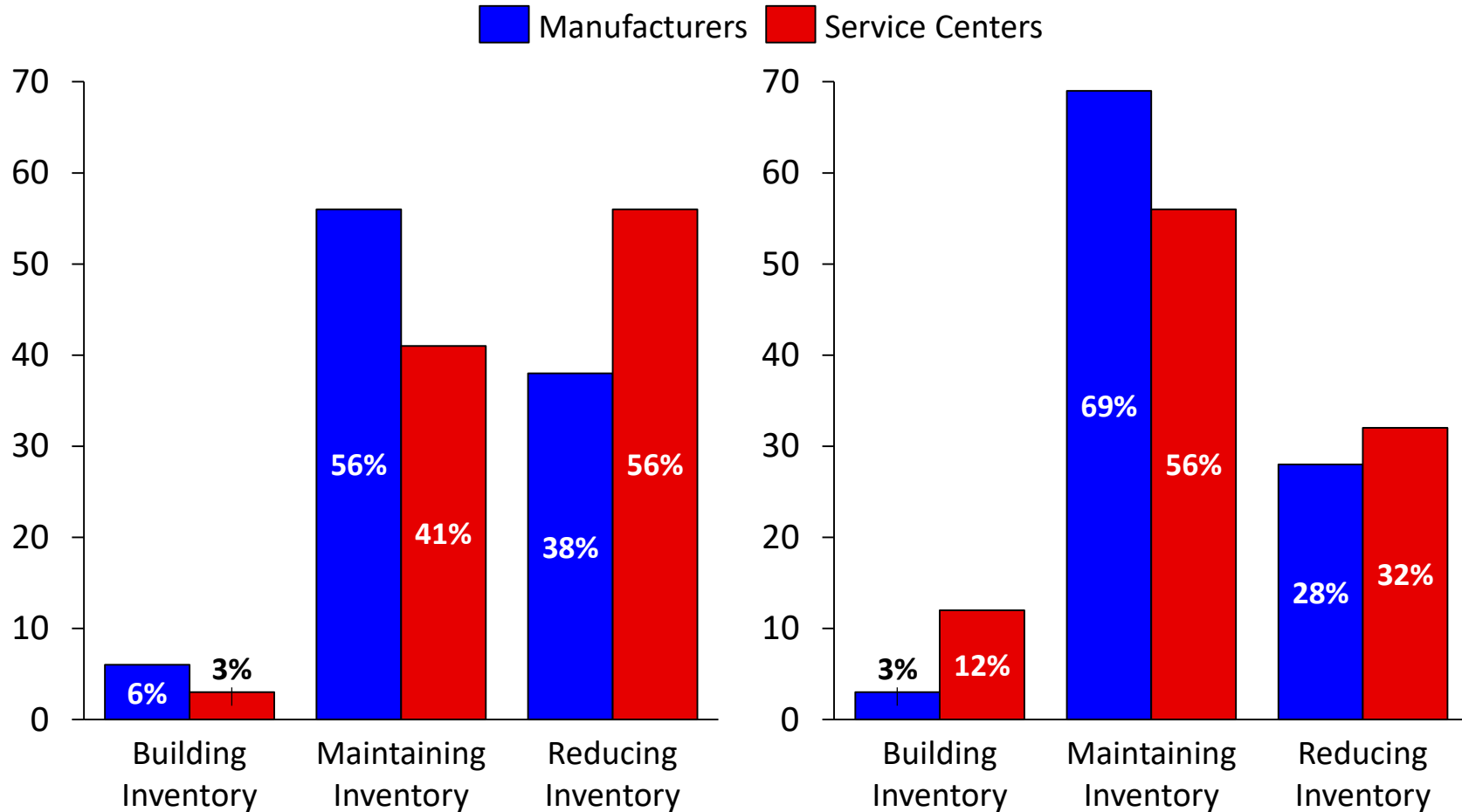
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# Manufacturer and Service Center Inventory Buying Patterns

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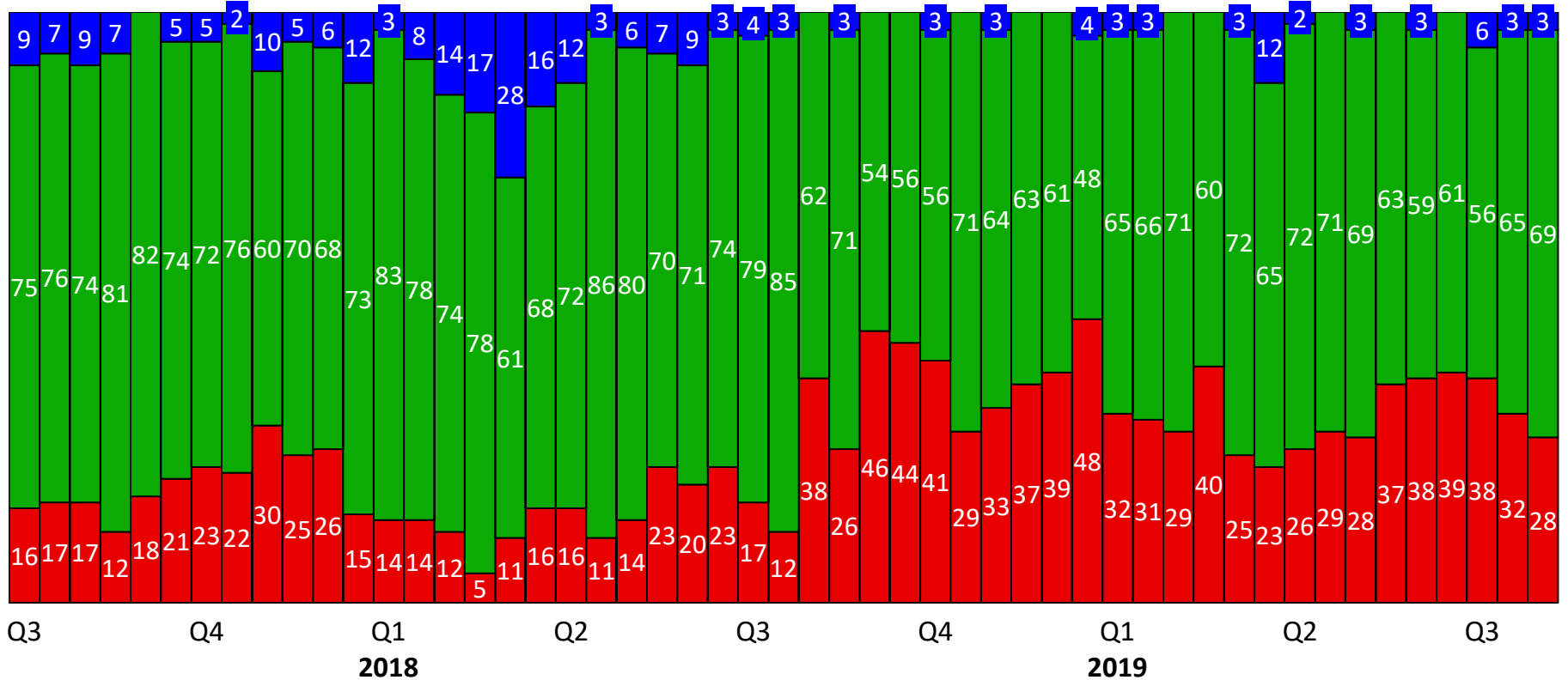


# Manufacturer Inventory Buying History

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

■ Building Inventory 
 ■ Maintaining Inventory 
 ■ Reducing Inventory

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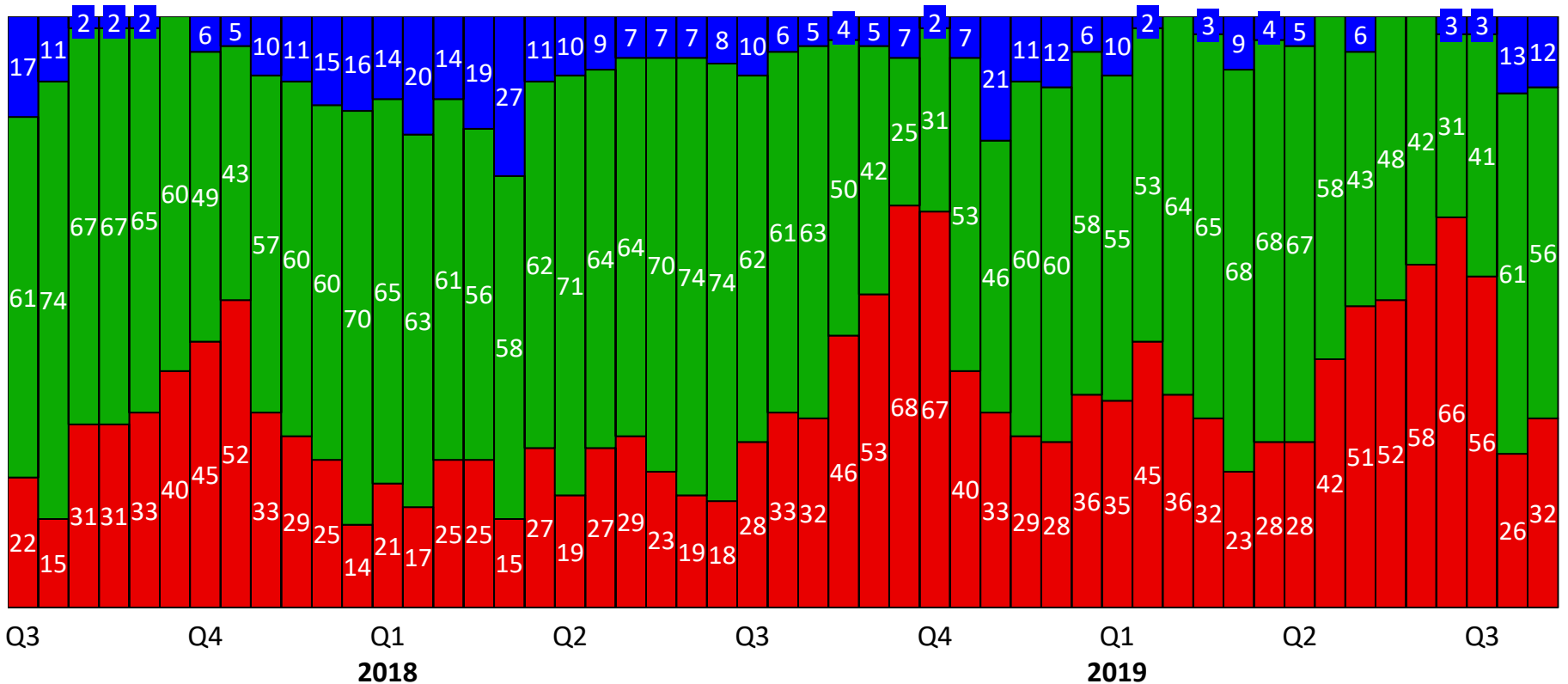


# Service Center Inventory Buying History

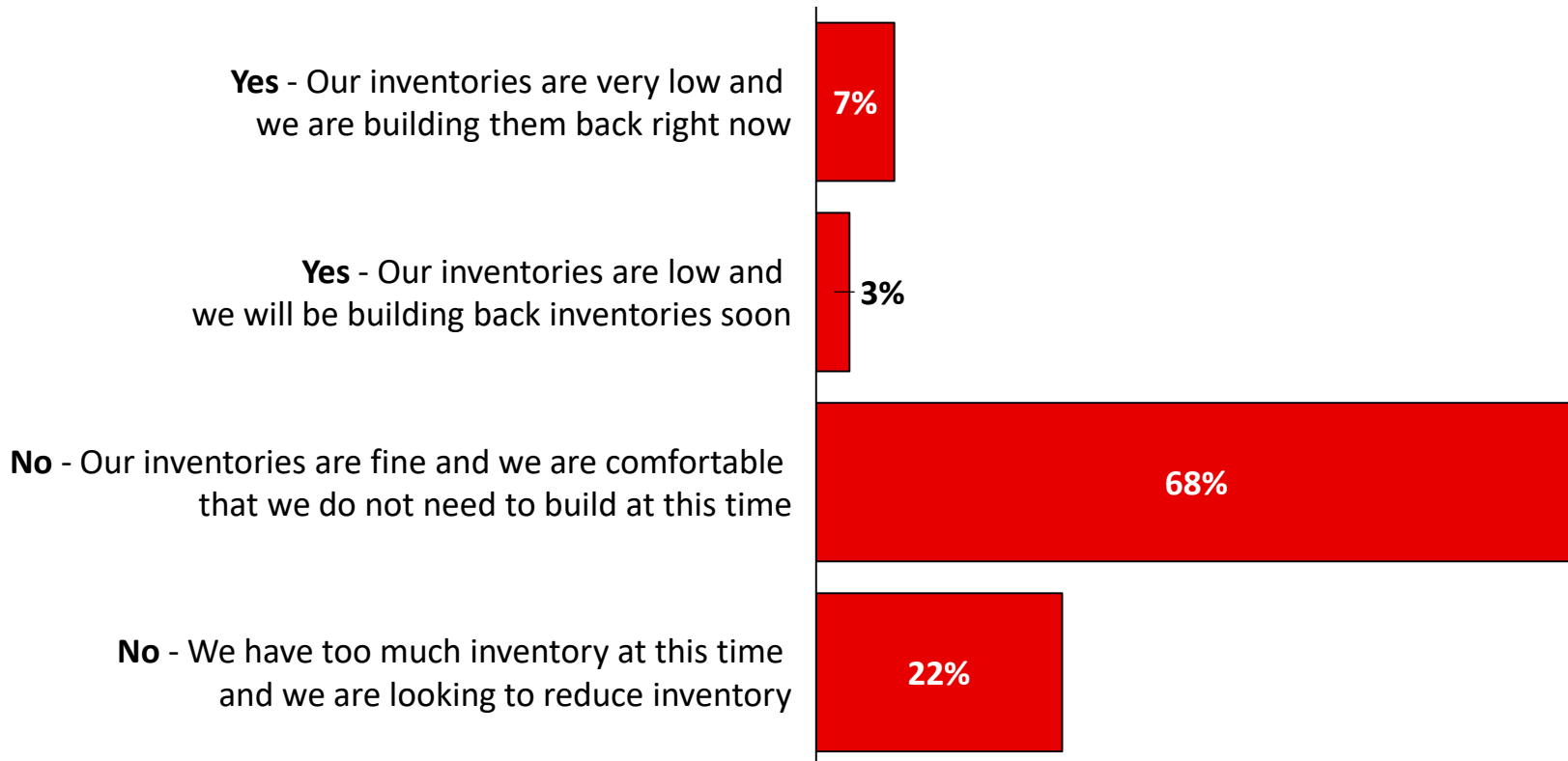
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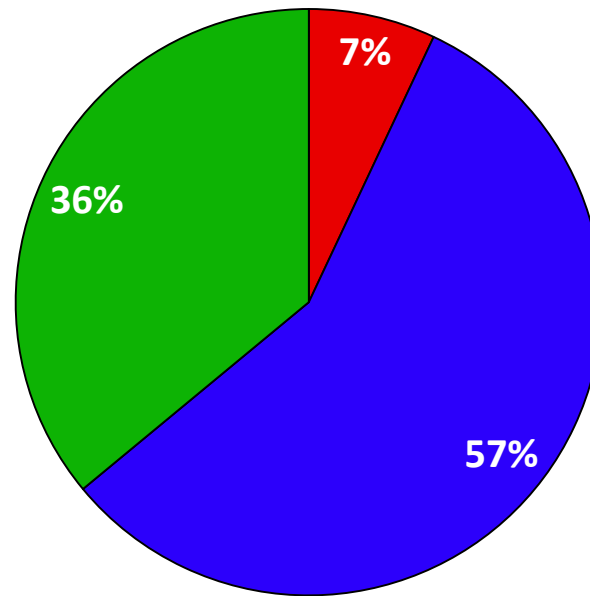
**Service Centers-** Does your company need to build back inventories or are you comfortable with the levels you are holding on your floor?



# Manufacturer's View of Service Center Selling Prices

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

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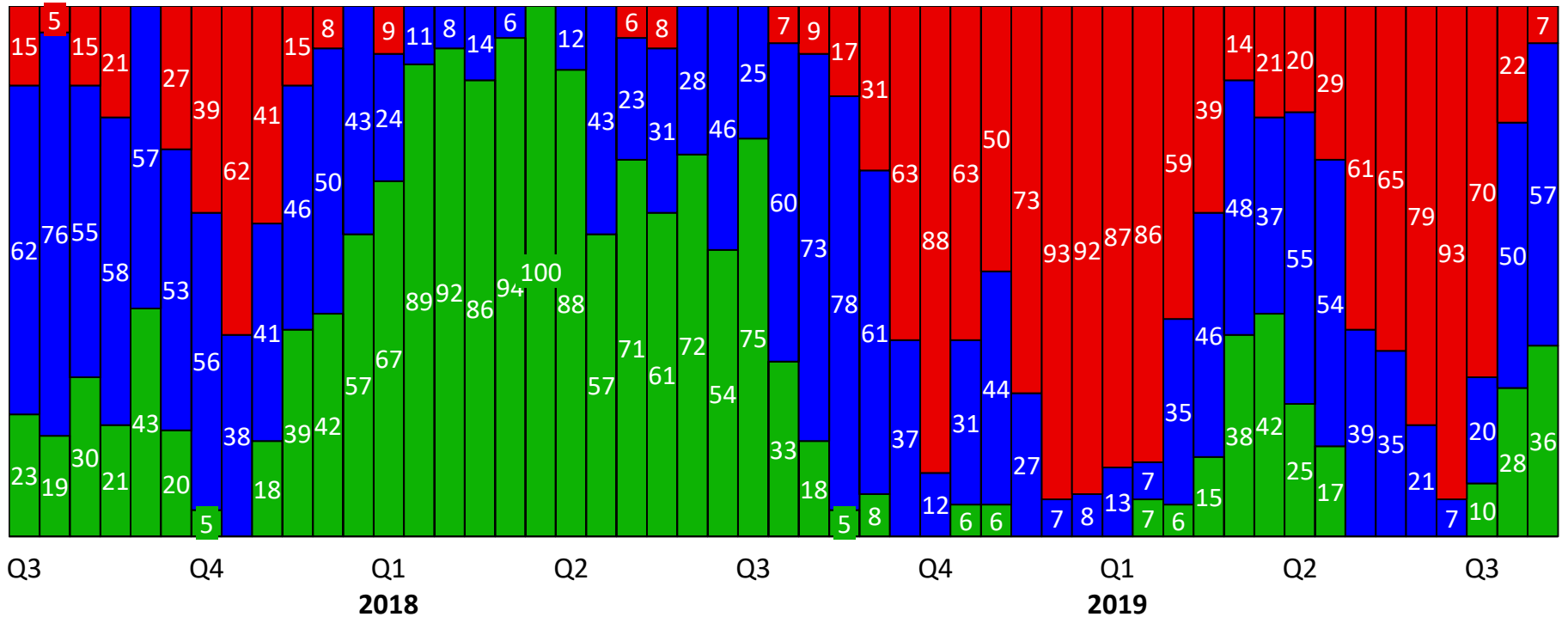


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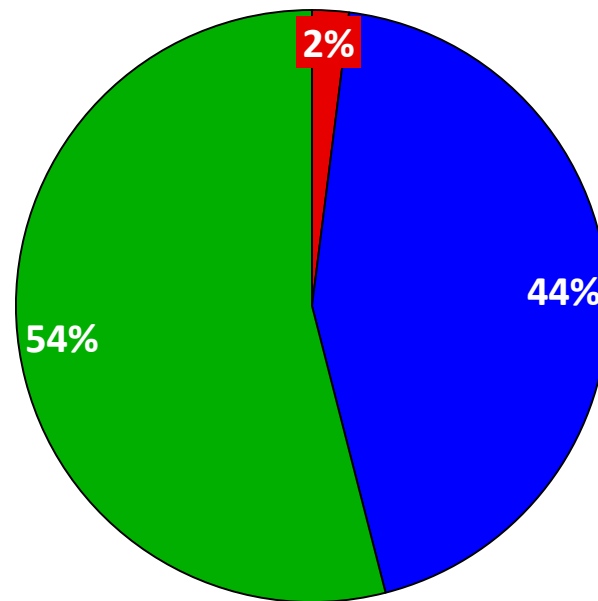
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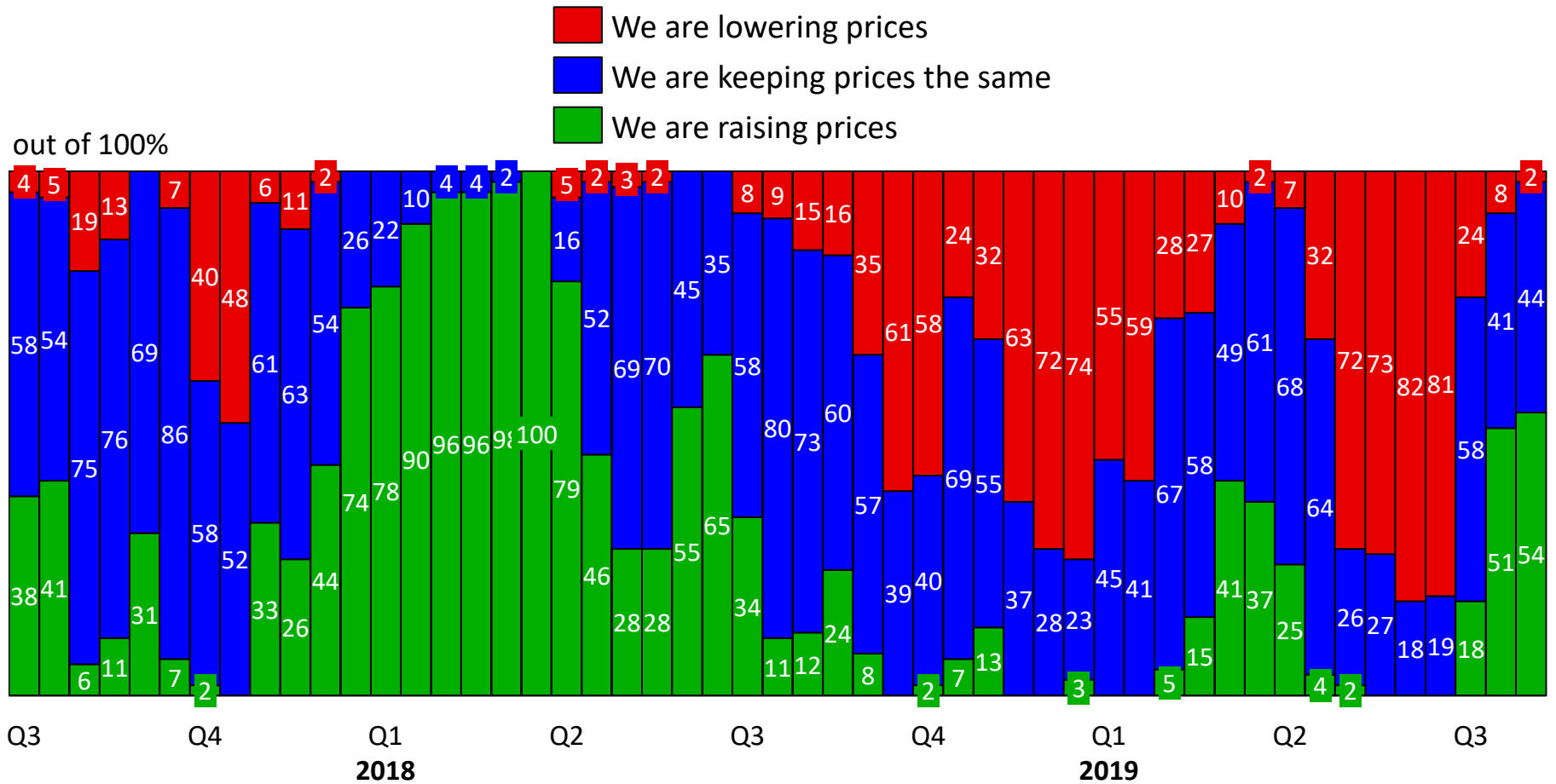
**Service Centers-** Compared to two weeks ago, how is your company handling spot pricing to your customers at this time?

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

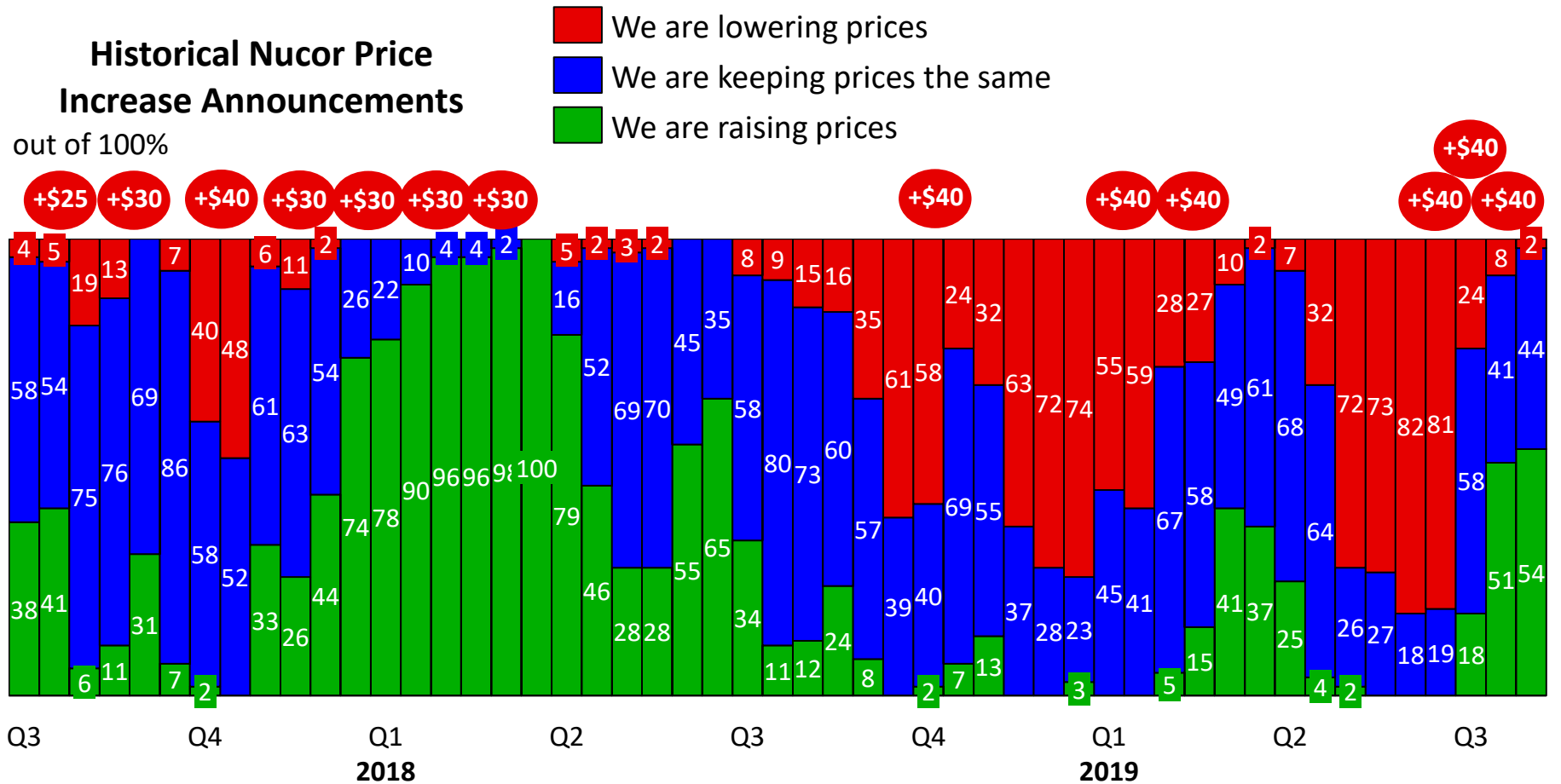




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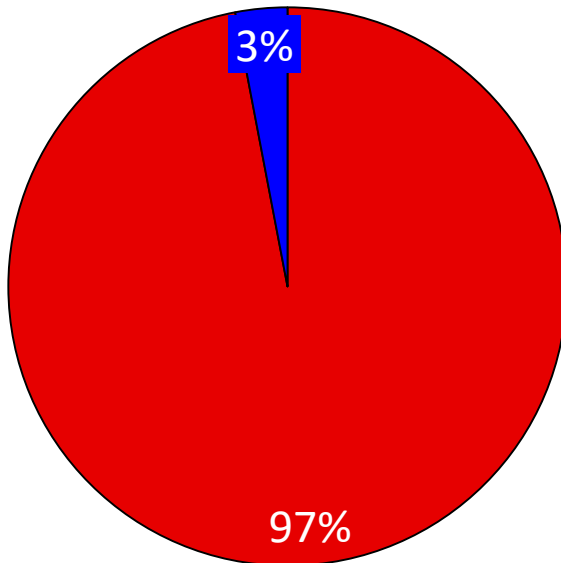


# Passing Along Higher Prices

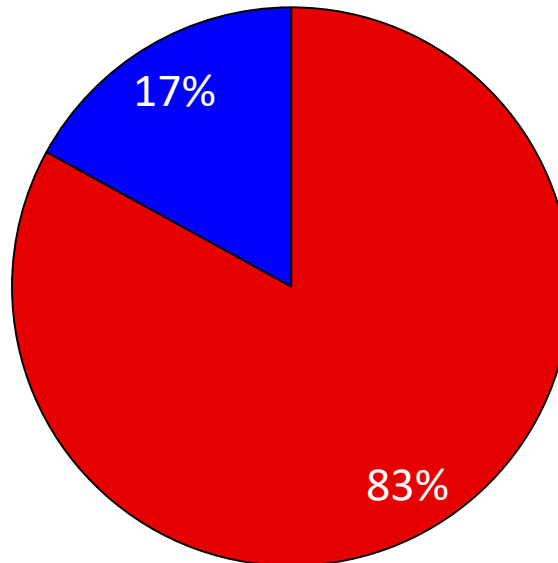
**Service Centers-** Are you having any difficulties in passing along the new higher prices to your customers?

Yes No

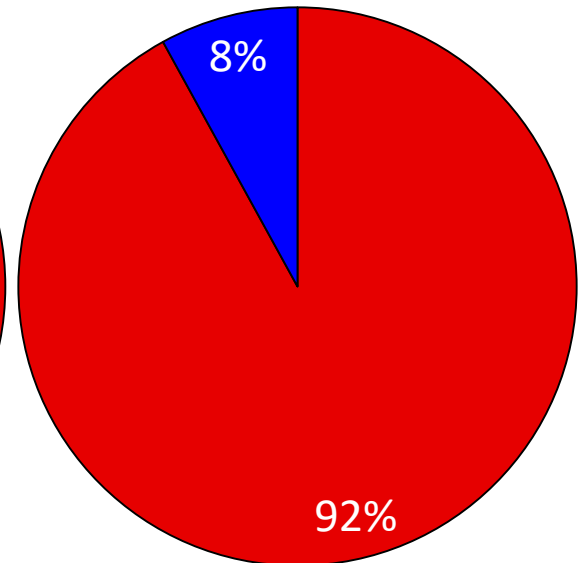
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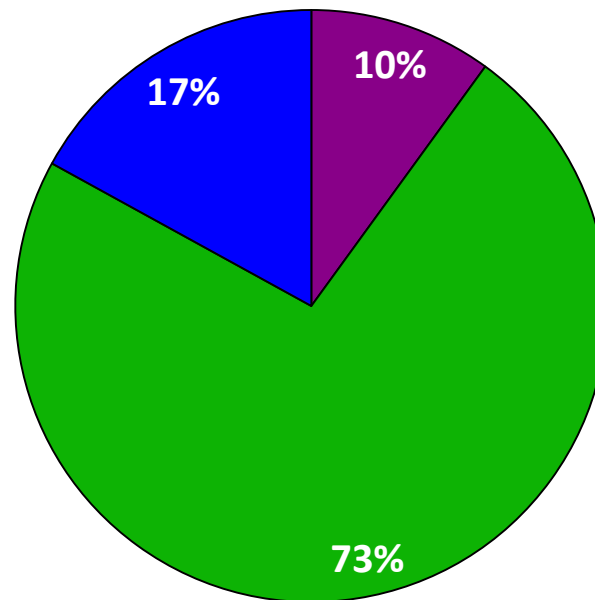


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**Service Centers-** Are your manufacturing customers increasing orders, keeping them the same or reducing orders at this time?

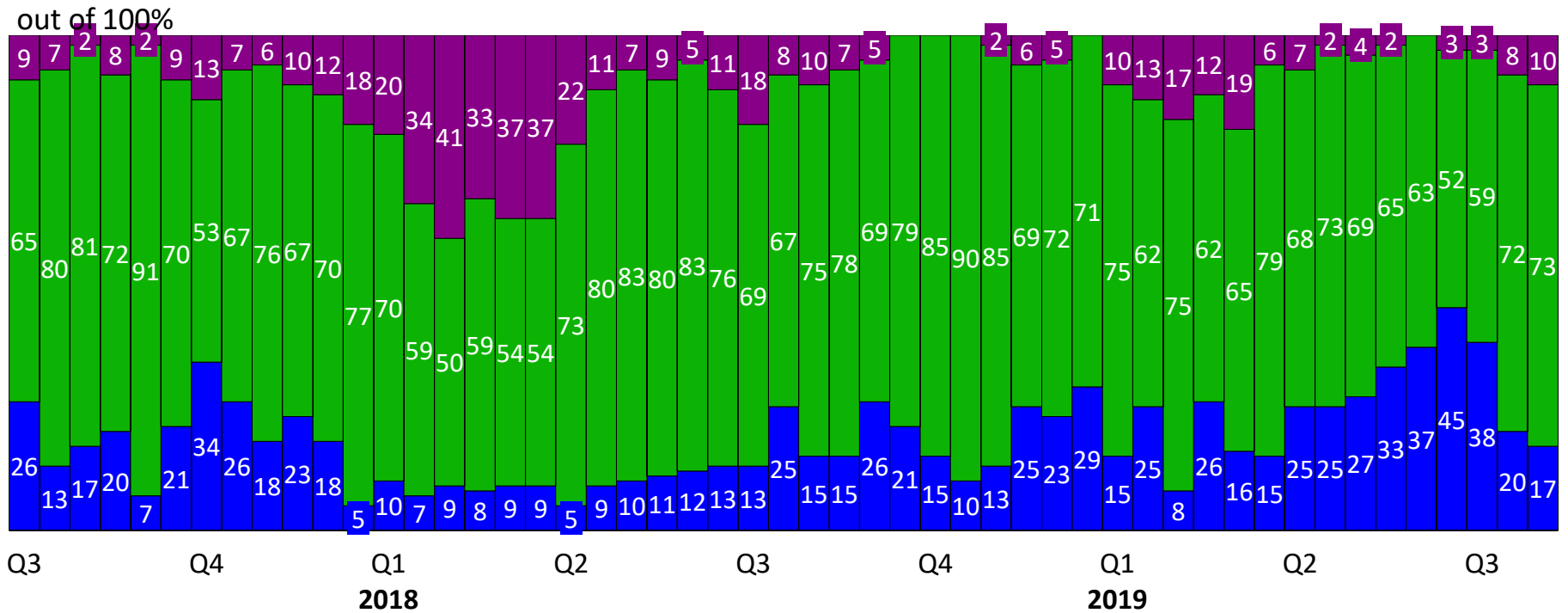
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# Service Centers on Manufacturer Orders History

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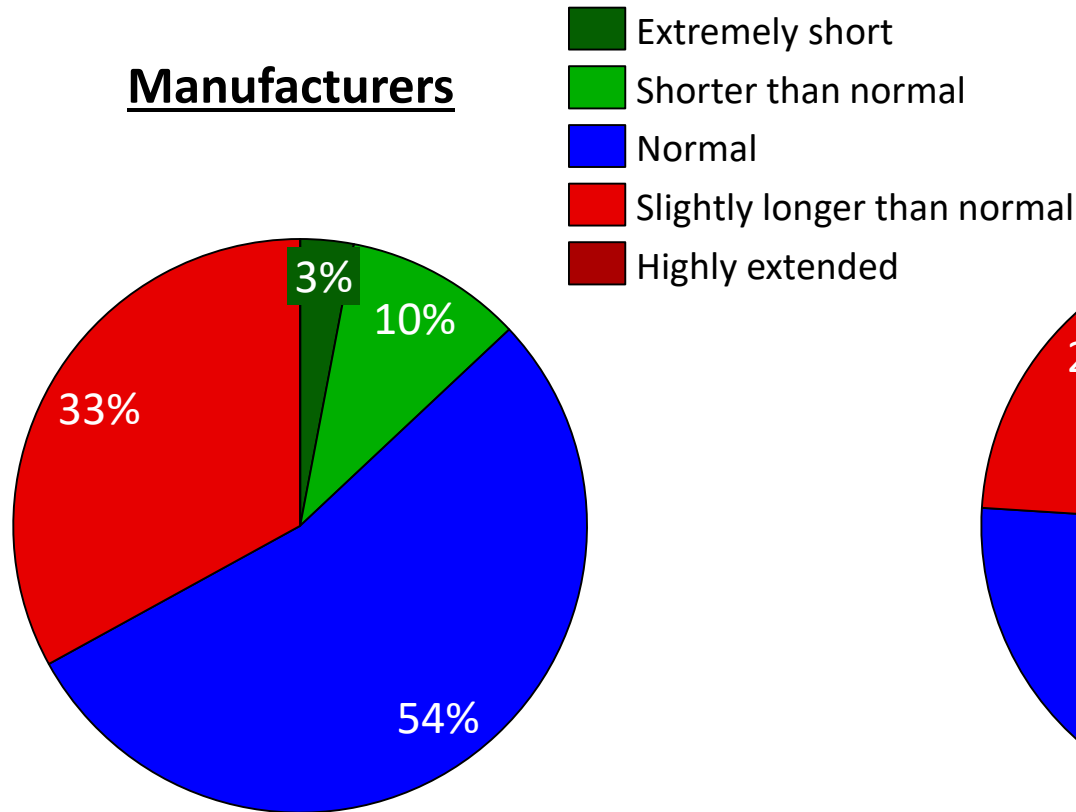
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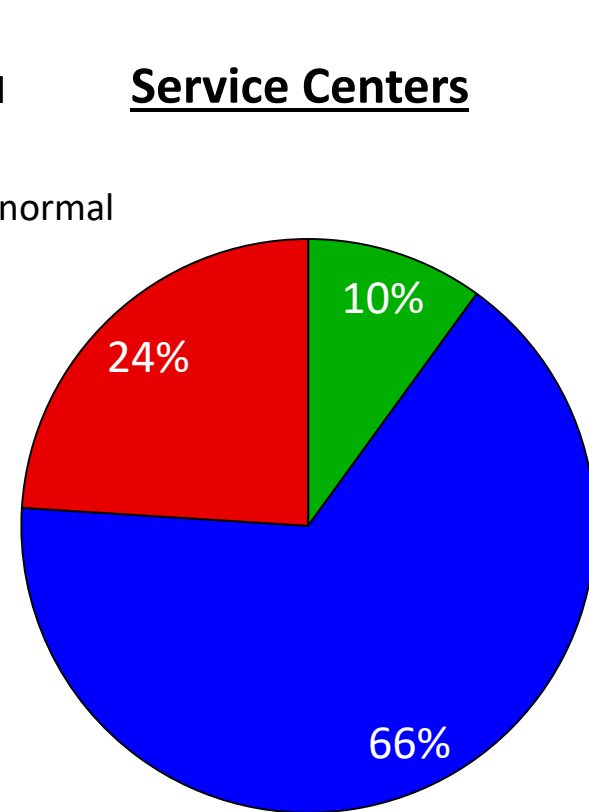
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## Manufacturers

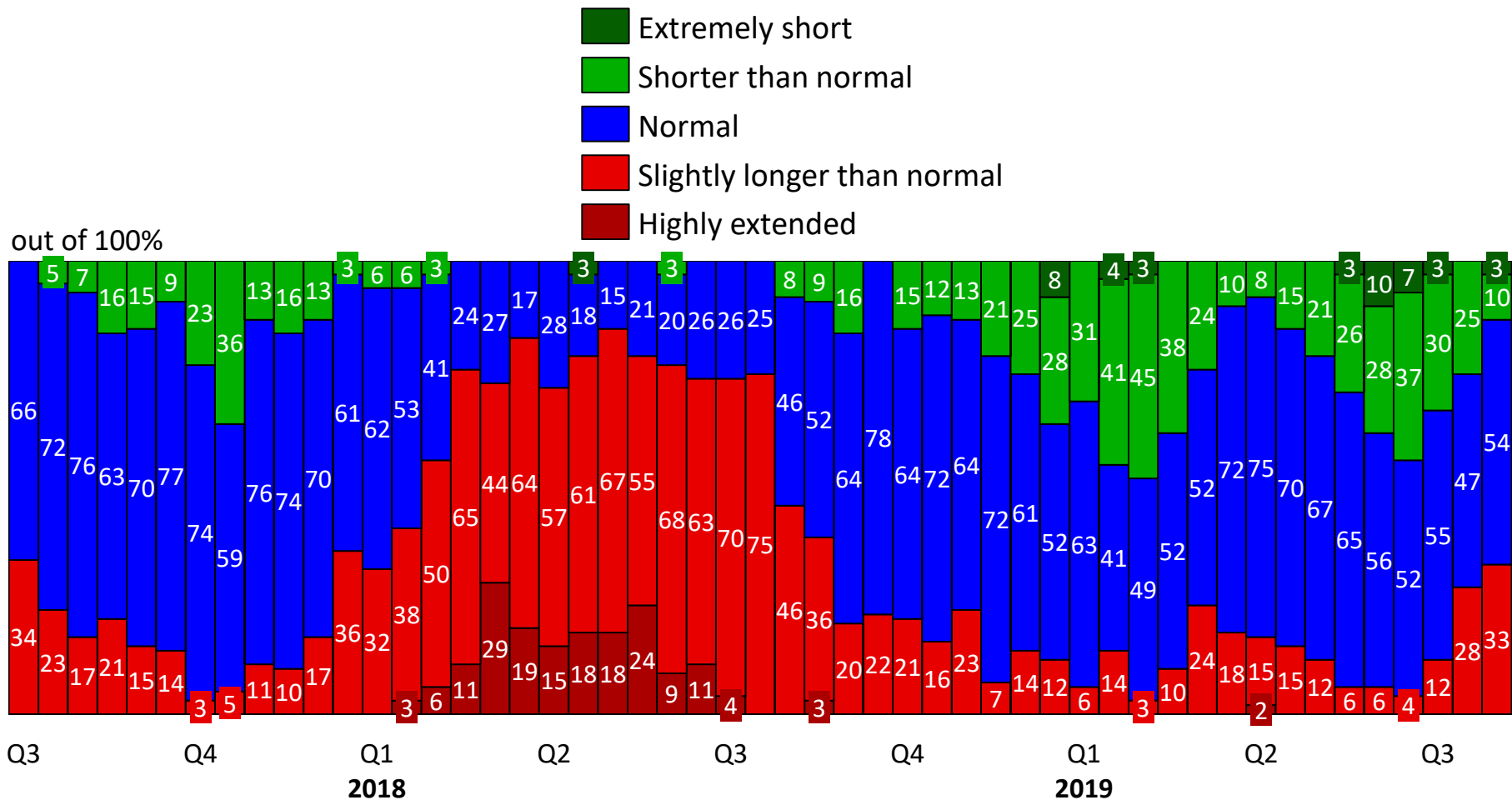


## Service Centers



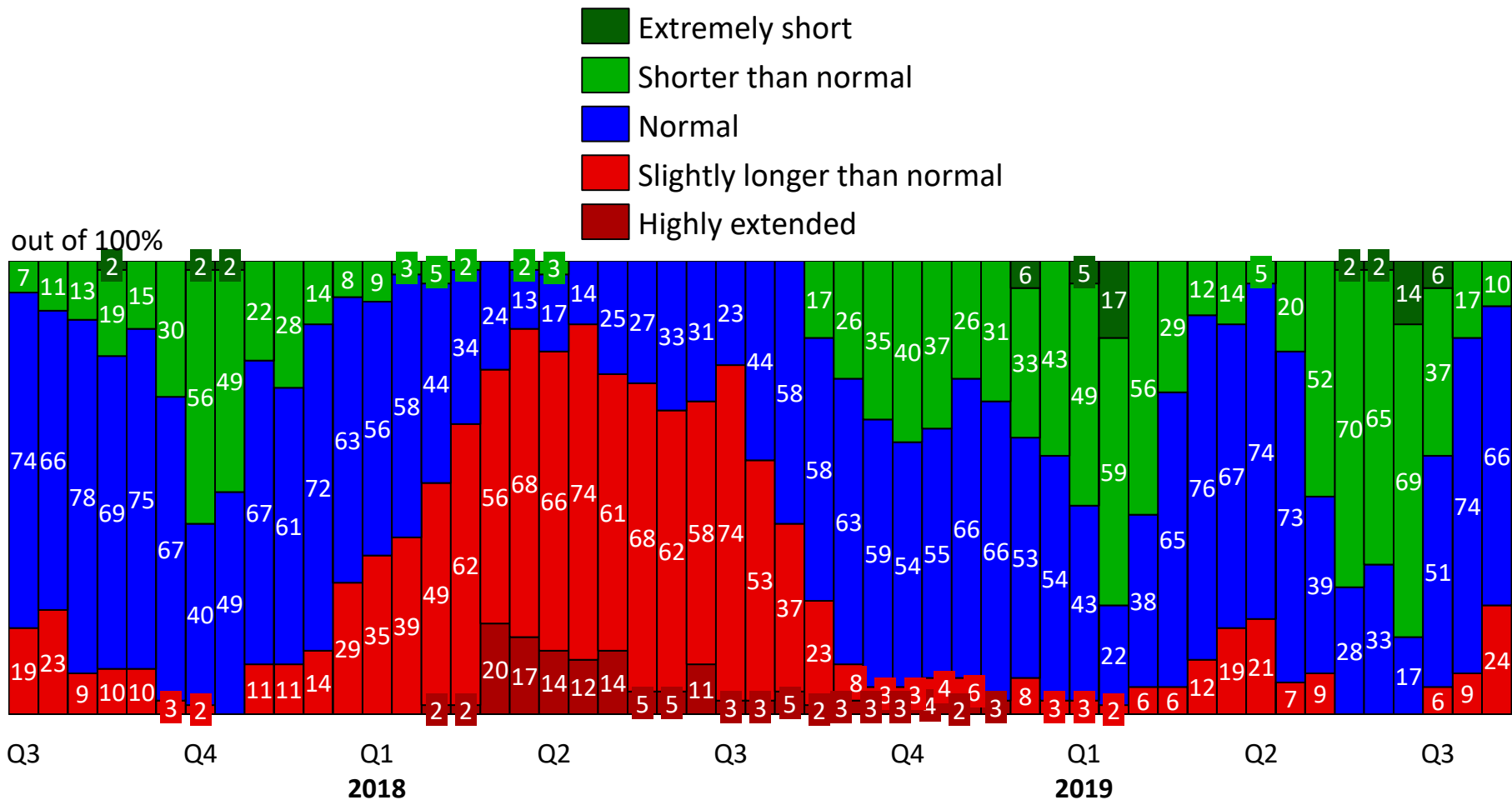
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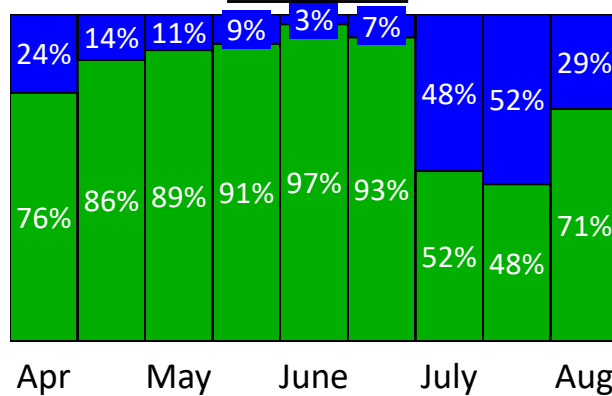


# Mill Negotiations

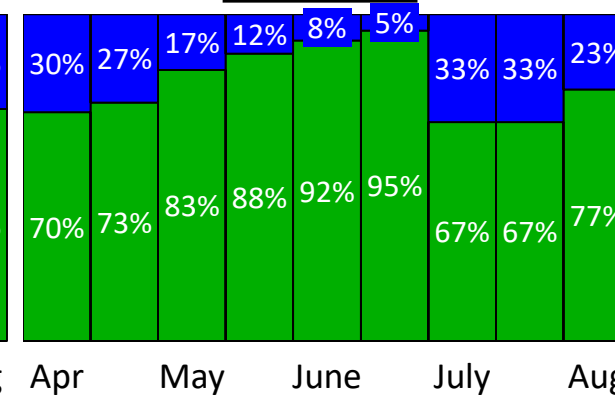
Are you finding the domestic mills are willing to negotiate pricing on brand new orders placed this week?

Yes No

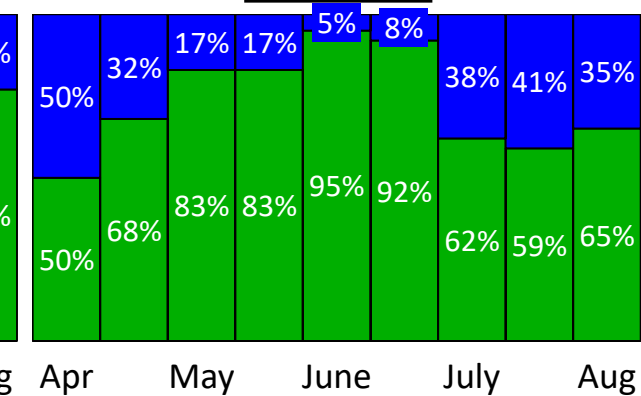
Hot Rolled



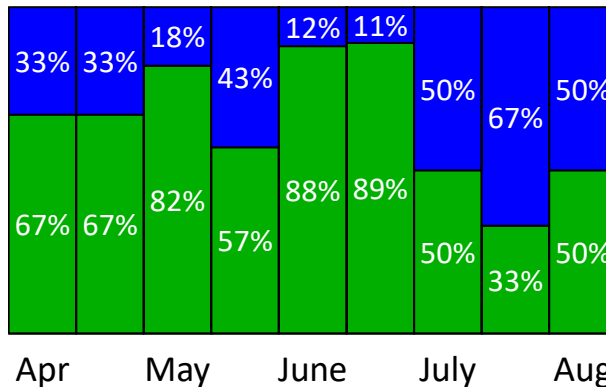
Cold Rolled



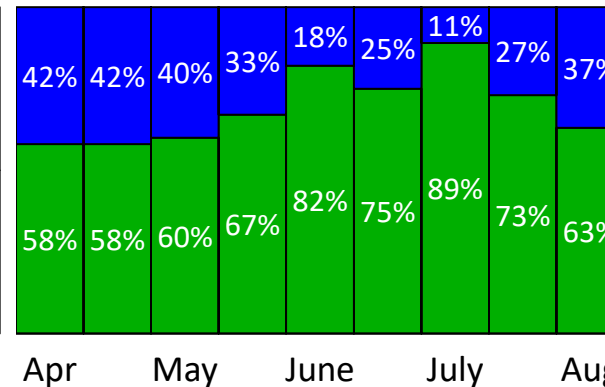
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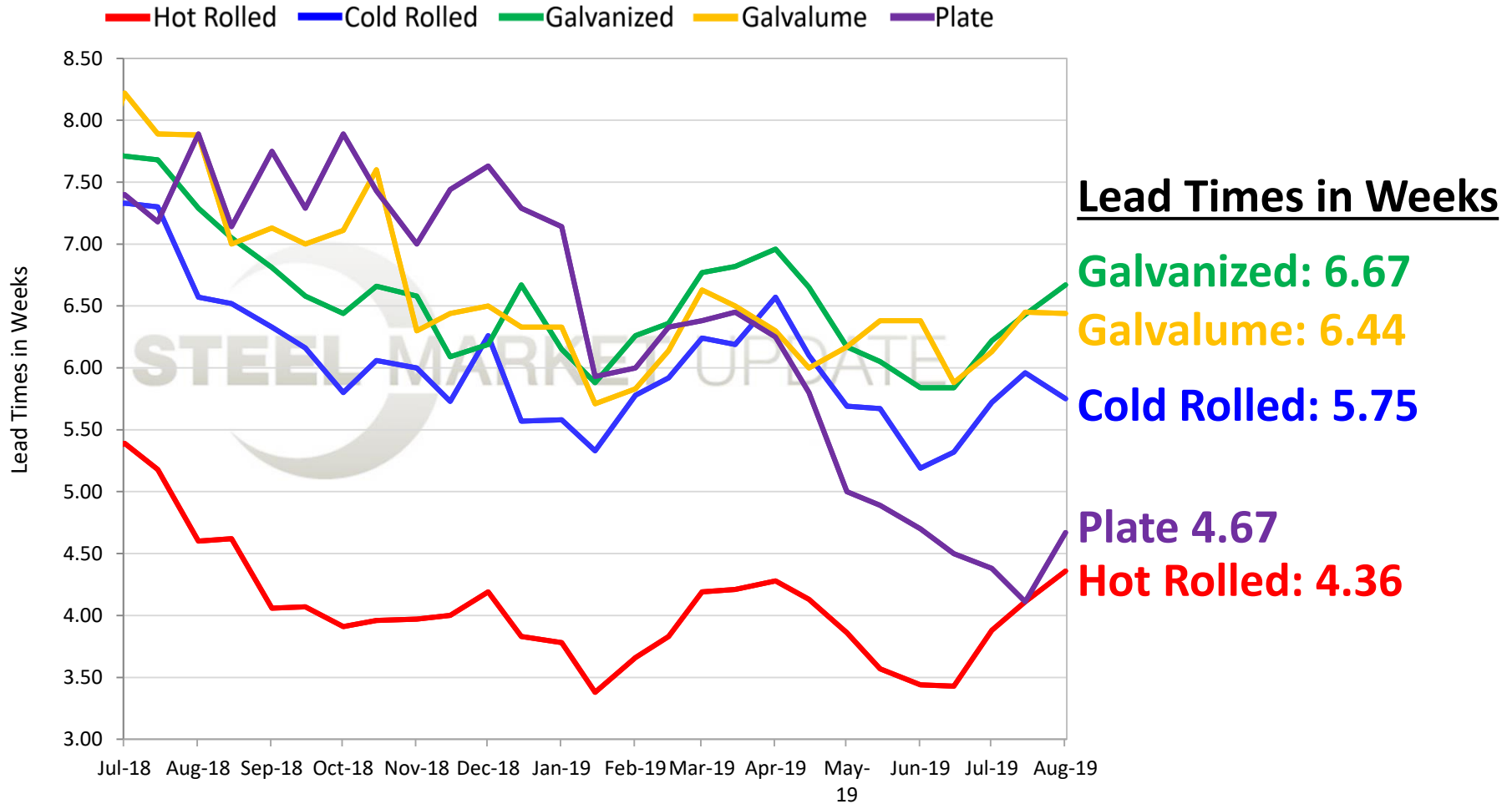
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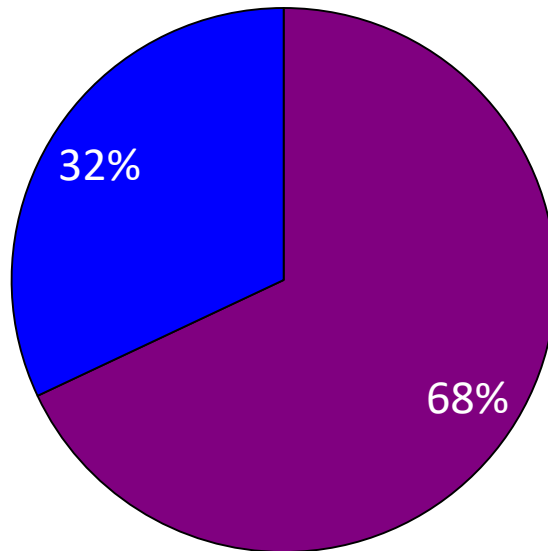
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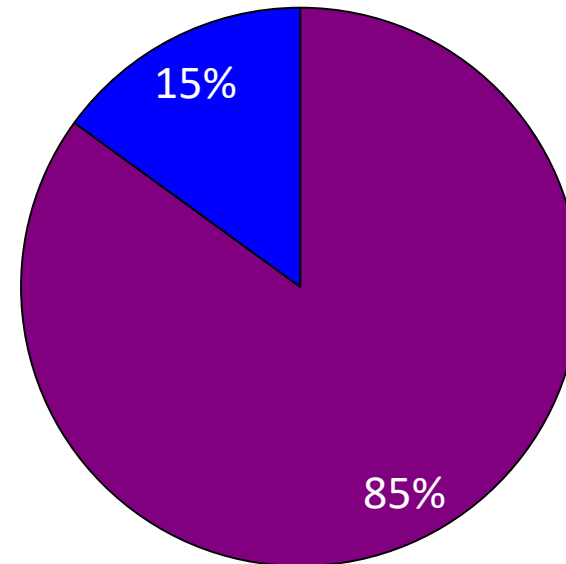
Does your company buy foreign steel?

 Yes  No

## Manufacturers



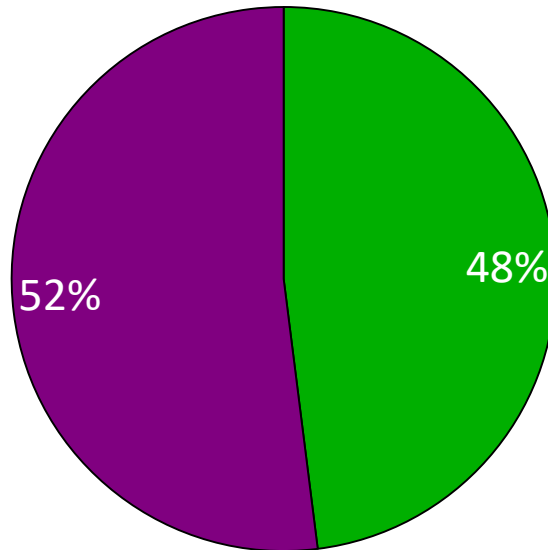
## Service Centers



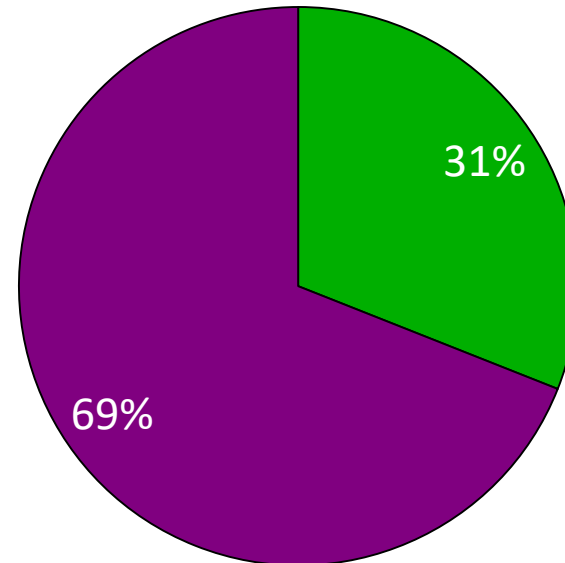
Are your foreign steel suppliers quoting you competitive prices for new orders for future delivery?

Yes No

## Manufacturers



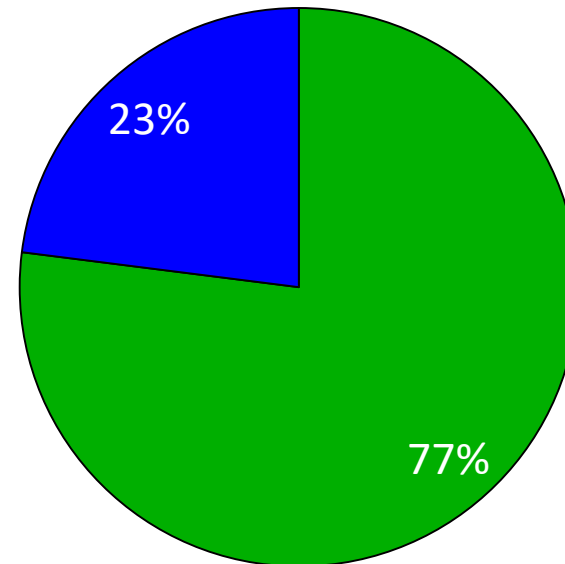
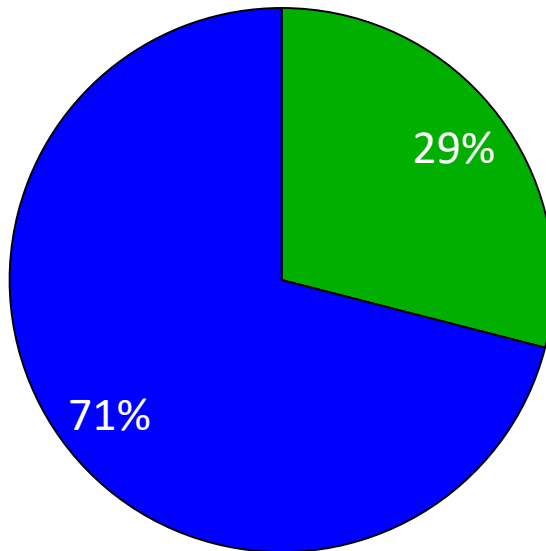
## Service Centers



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

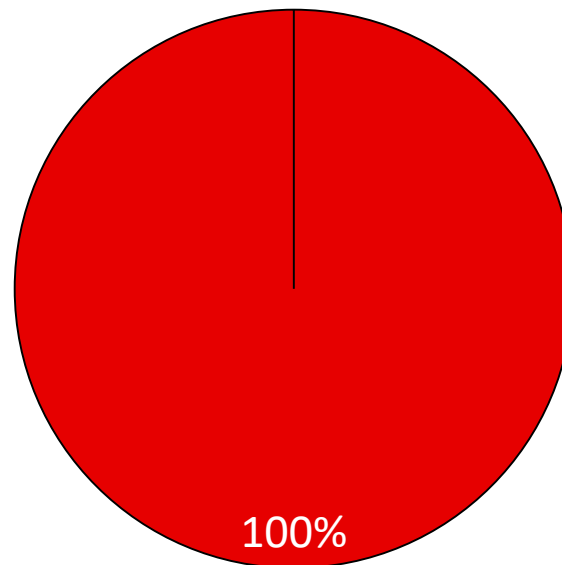
**Service Centers-** Are you decreasing the percentage of foreign steel on your order book?

Yes No



At this time, are you seeing an increase or decrease in orders from your North American buyers?

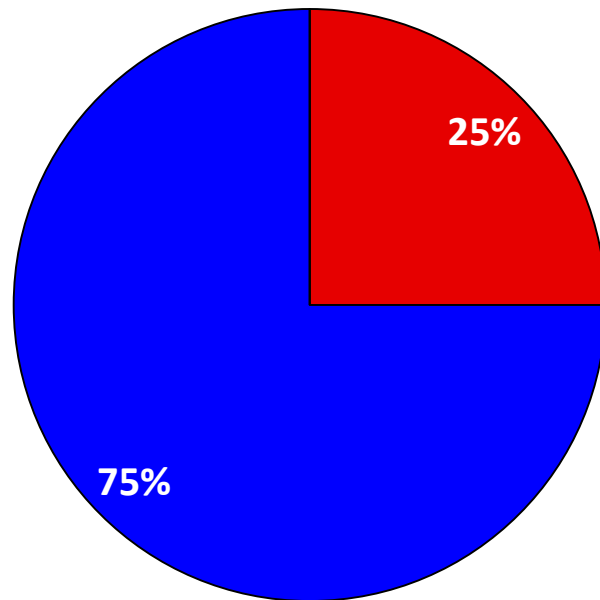
■ Increase  
■ Decrease



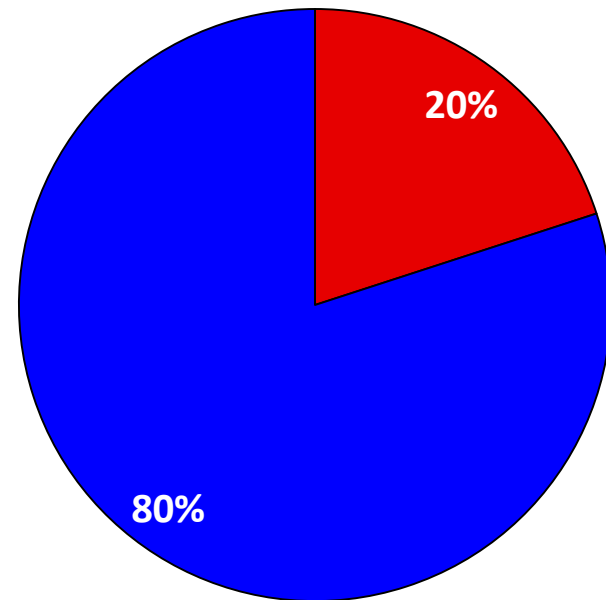
Without a price increase out of the domestic steel mills, do you expect your business supplying foreign steel to decline over the next 30 days?

- Decline
- Stay the same
- Improve

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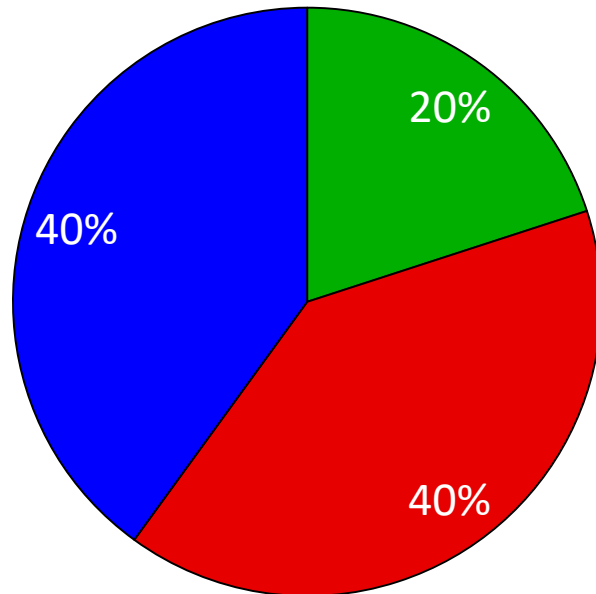
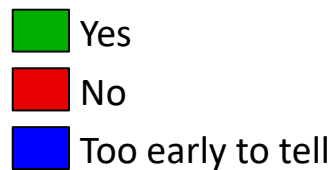


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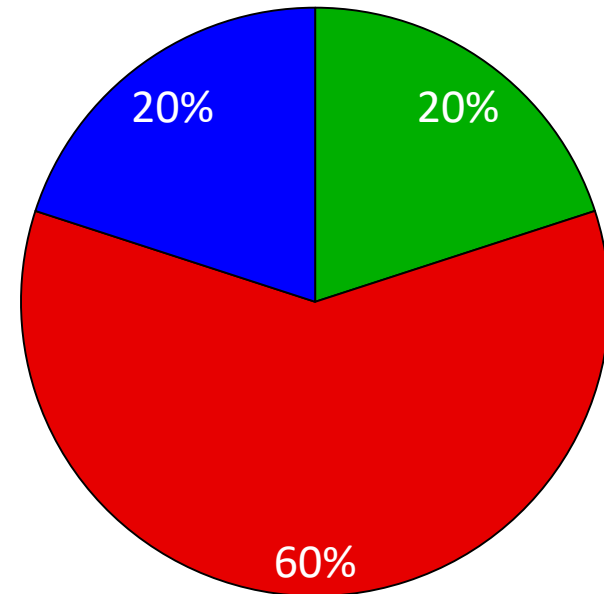
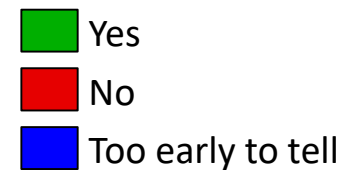


# Trading Companies

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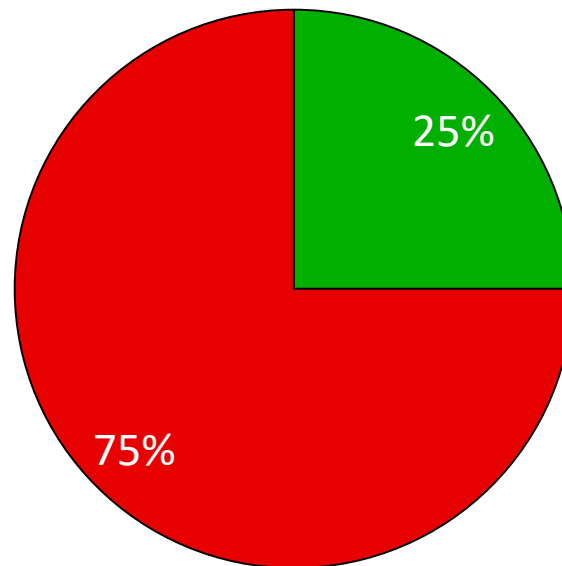


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Are you able to offer plate pricing that is attractive to buyers right now?



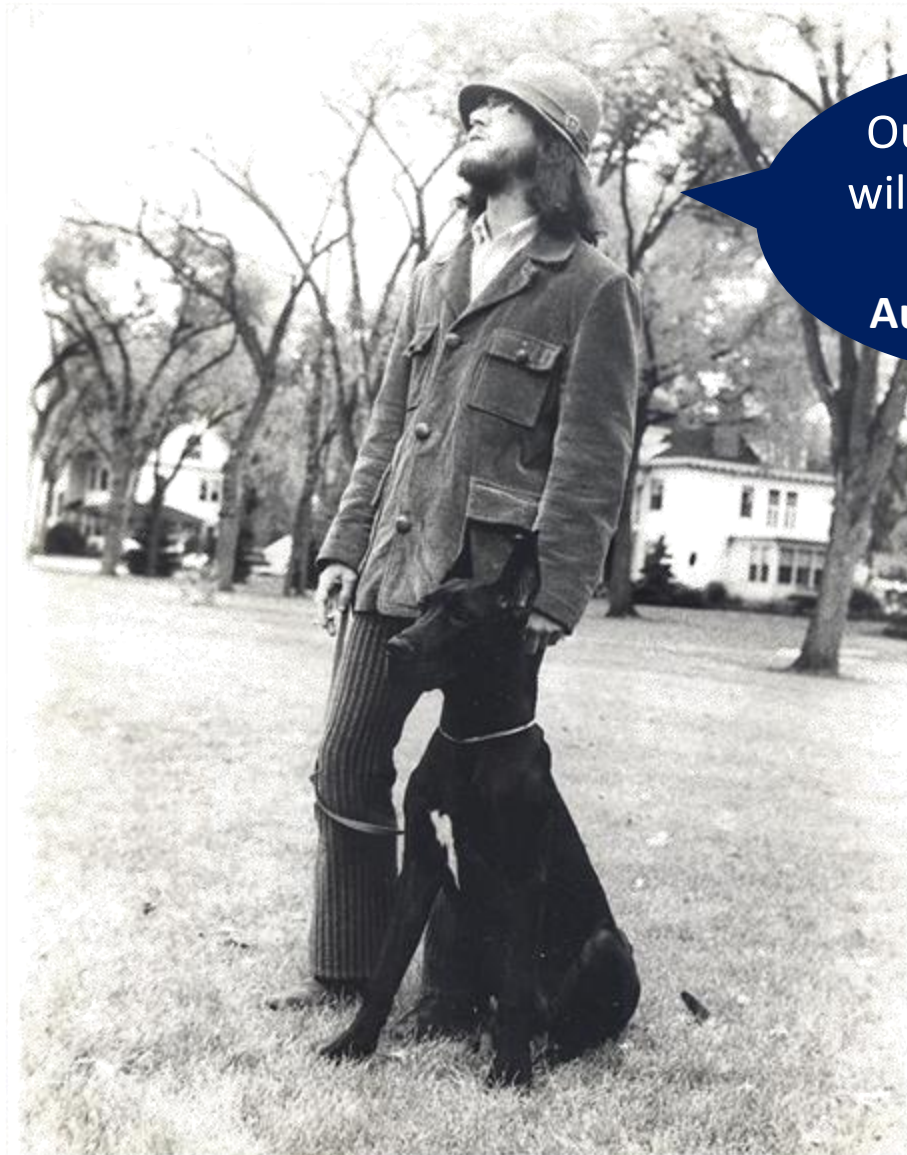
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# Look for Our Next Survey



Our next survey  
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