

Steel Market Update CRU
Ferrous Scrap Survey

Survey results:

Ferrous scrap market trends analysis
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Columbus, Miss. // Oct. 13-14, 2026

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FERROUS SCRAP

market trends

Our goal is to provide quality information about the ferrous scrap market to the flat-rolled steel industry.

Our survey is by invitation only. We ask companies, mostly in the ferrous scrap processing, generating, and distribution industries, to participate.

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

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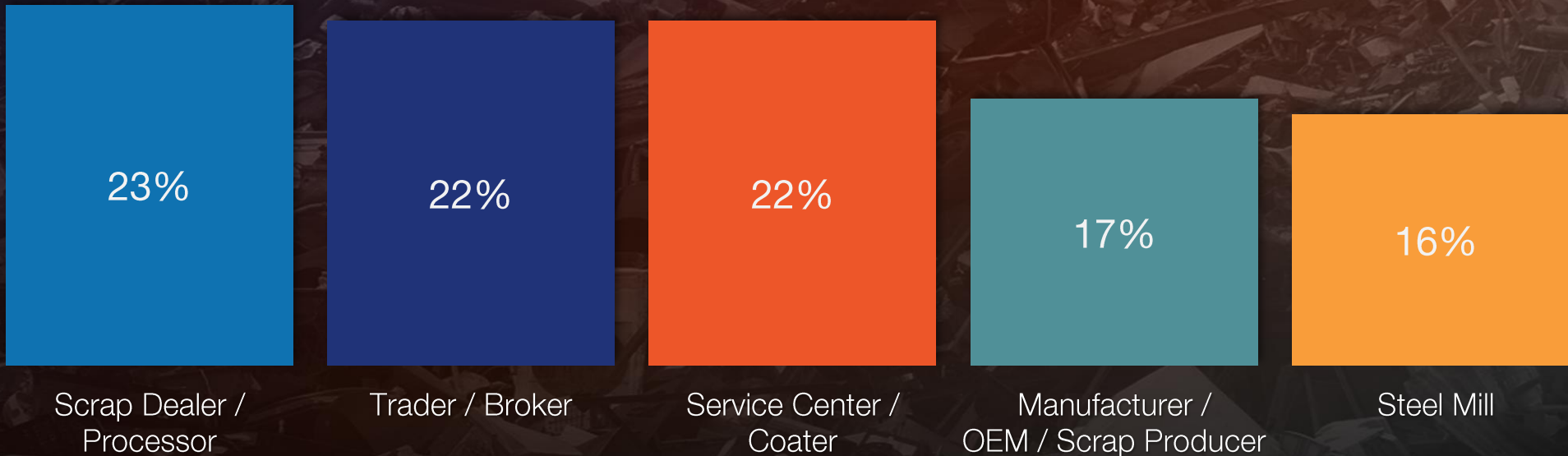
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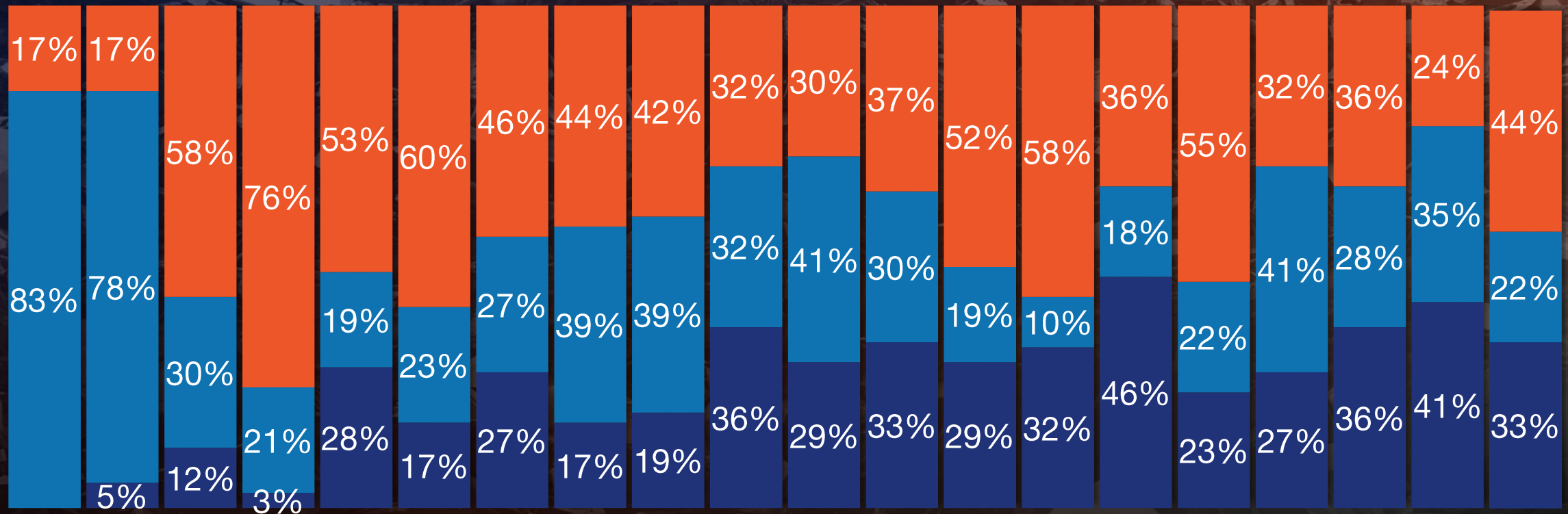
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How popular are Trump's tariffs?

What impact have President Trump's tariff policies had on your business?

Positive Negative Unclear

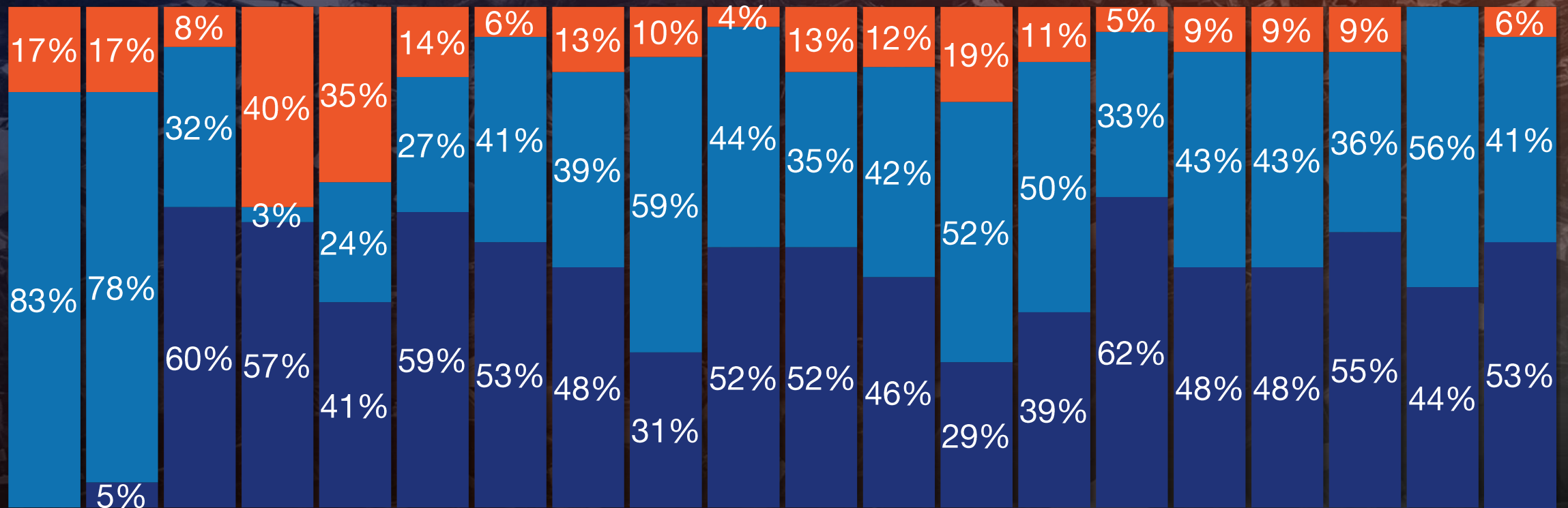


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Tariffs on pig iron and DRI

Will the price of prime grades in the US be impacted if tariffs on pig iron and DRI remain in effect?

Yes I'm not sure No

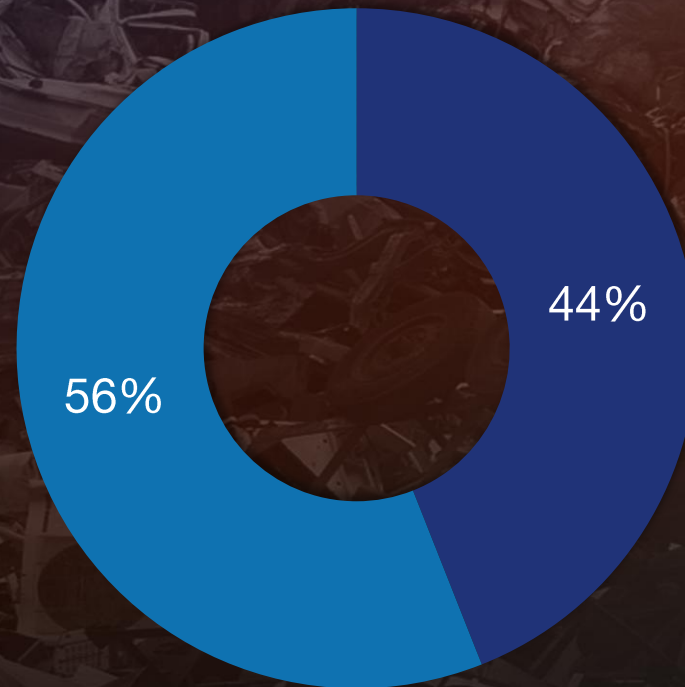


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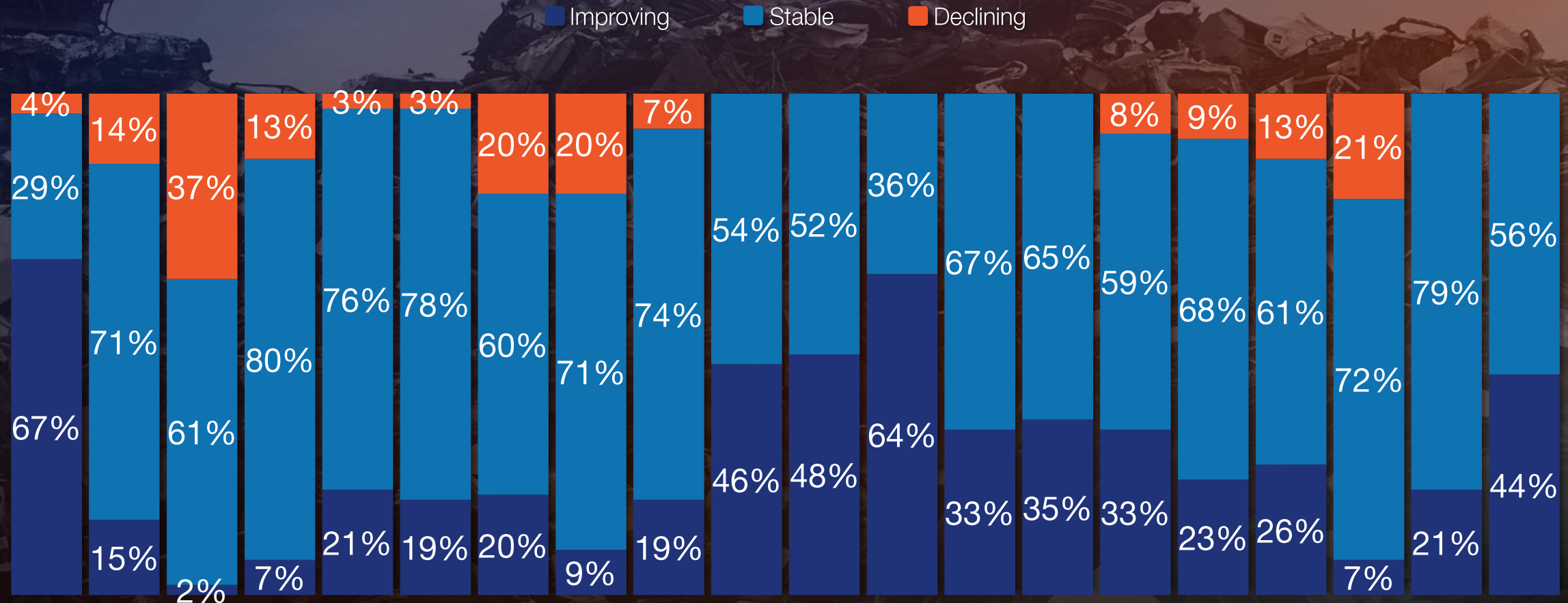
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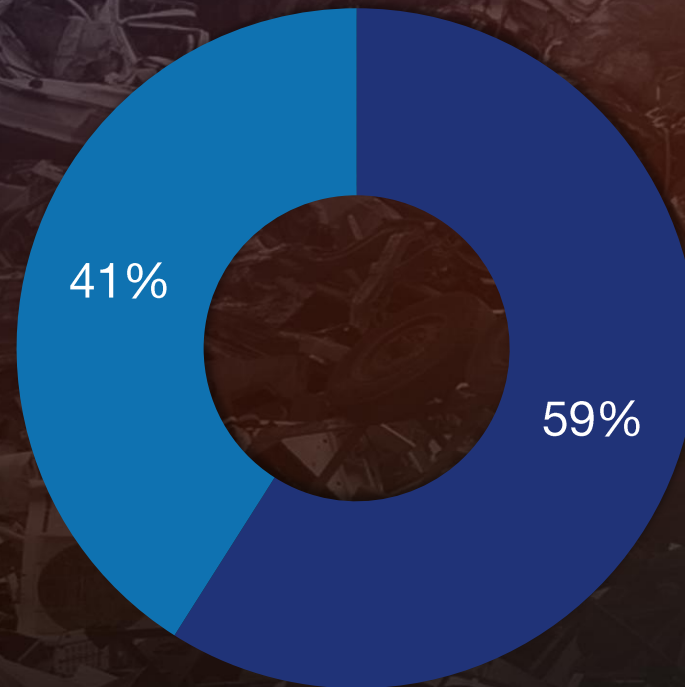


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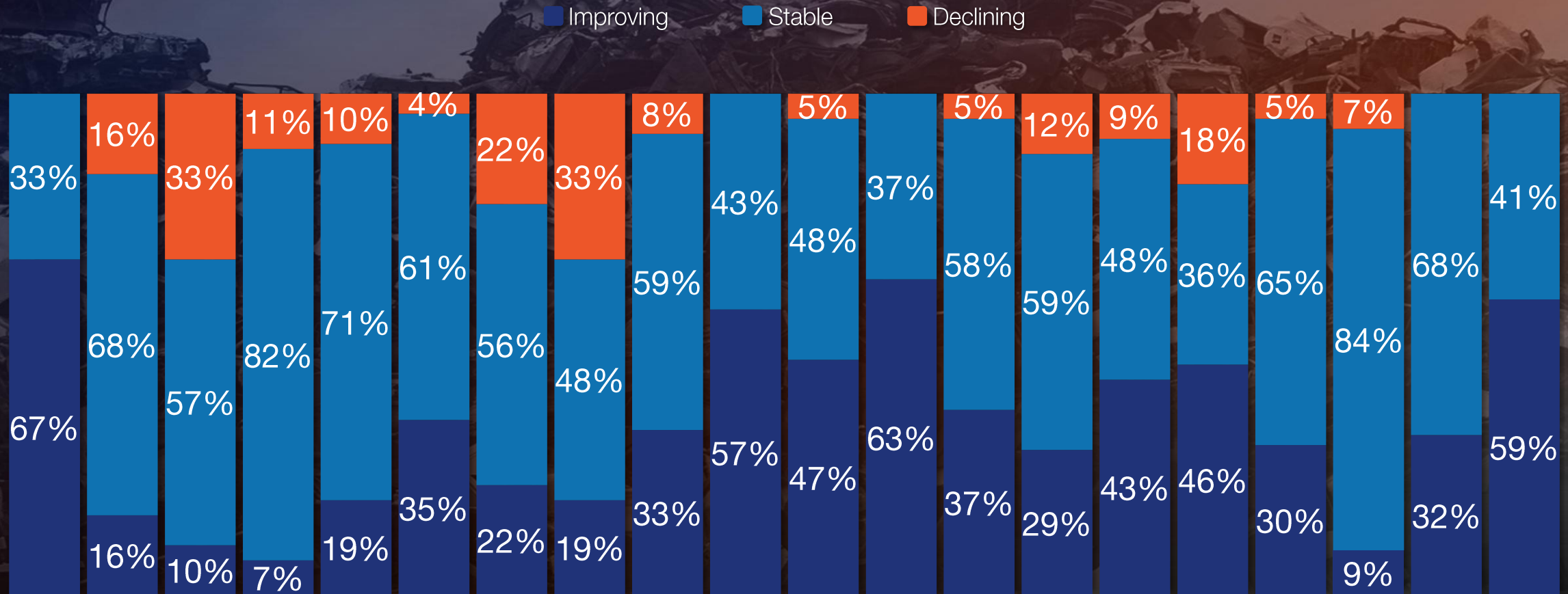
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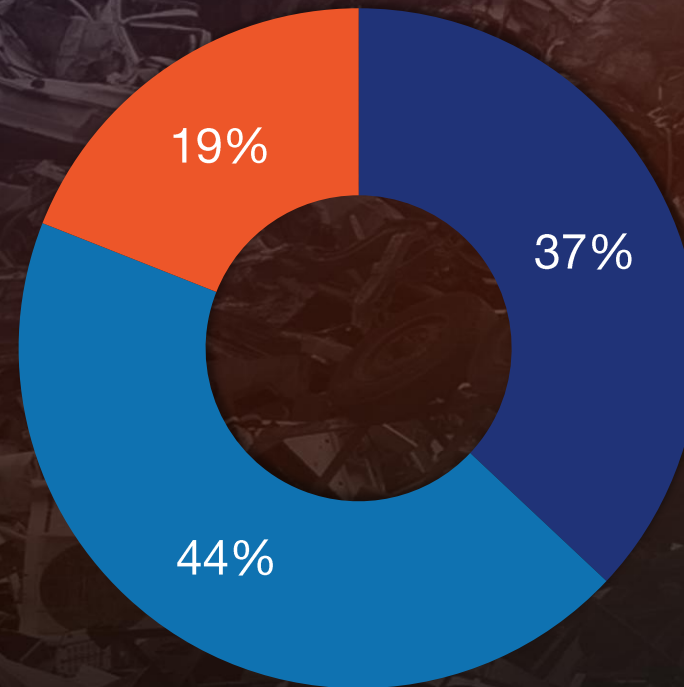


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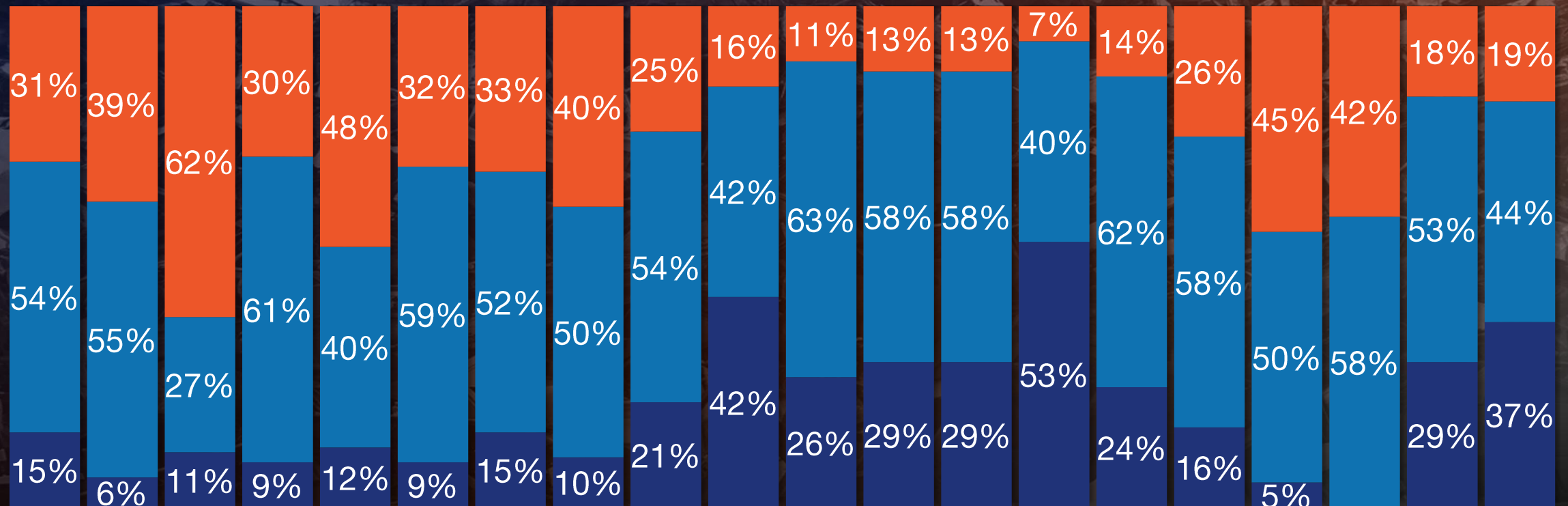
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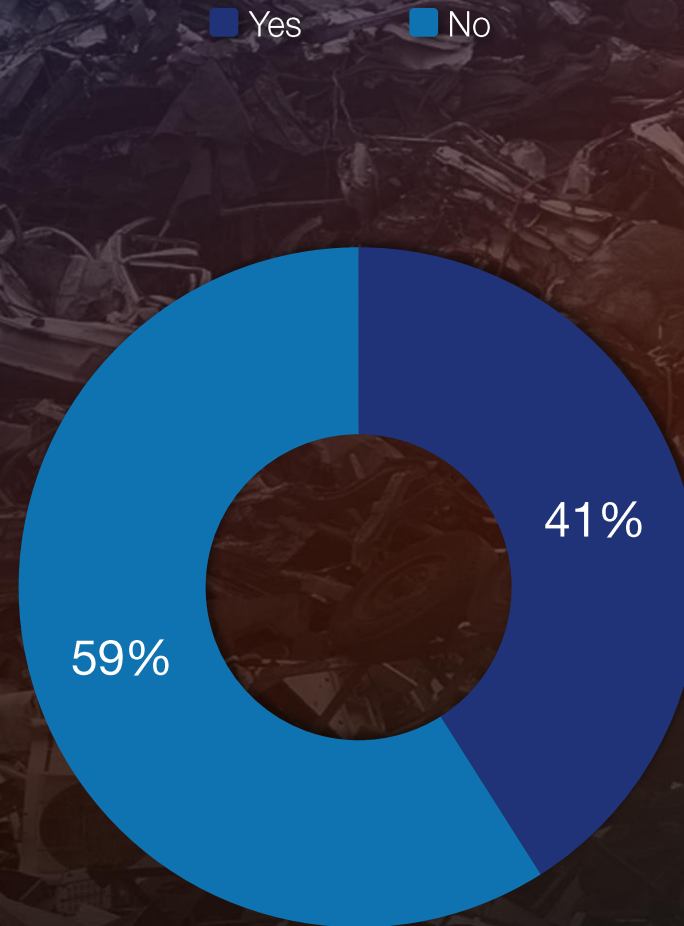
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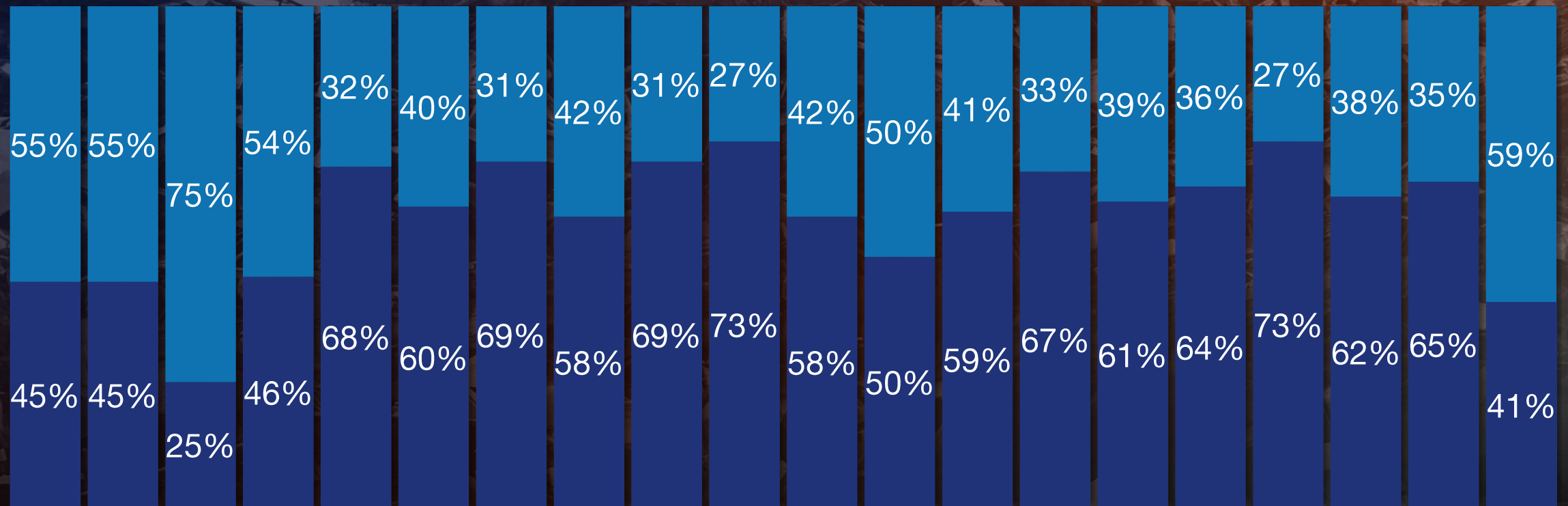
Is scrap supply and demand balanced right now?



Ferrous scrap supply vs. demand history

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■ Yes ■ No

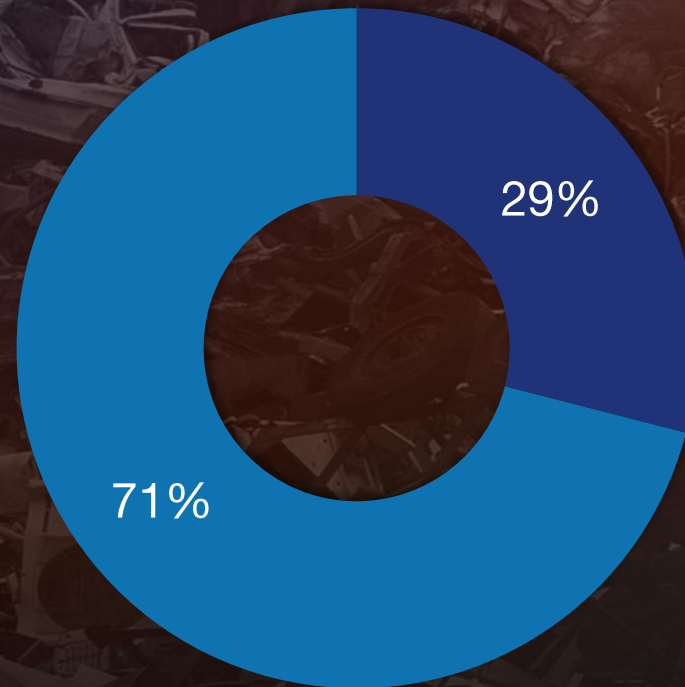


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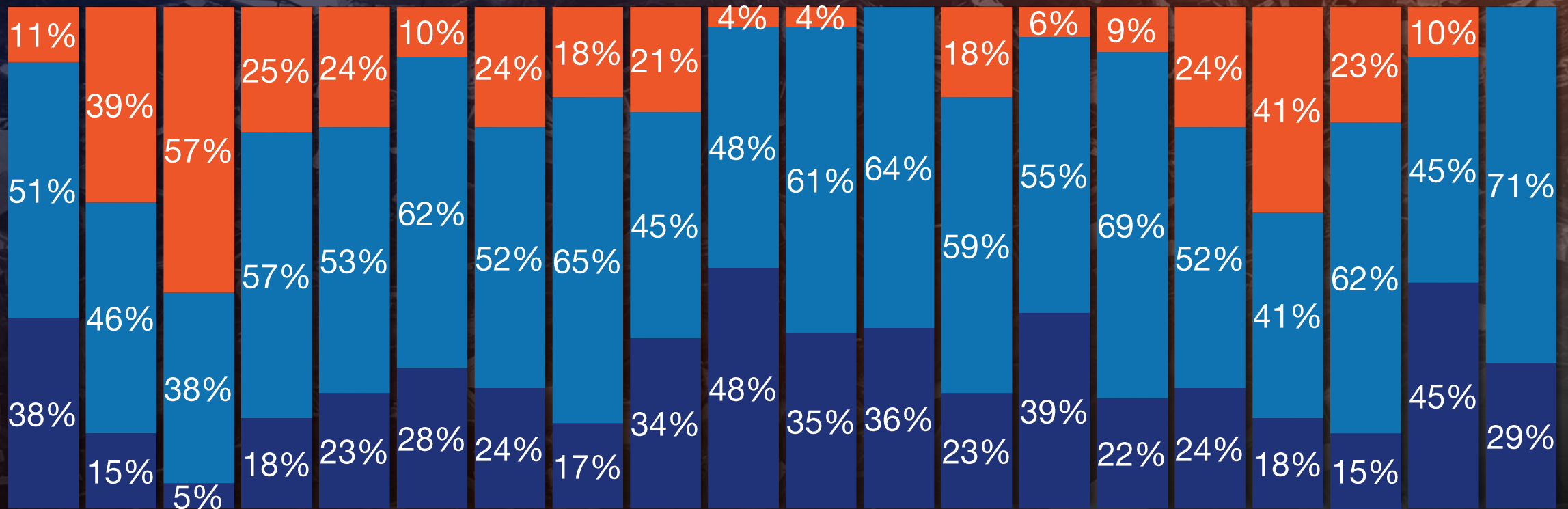
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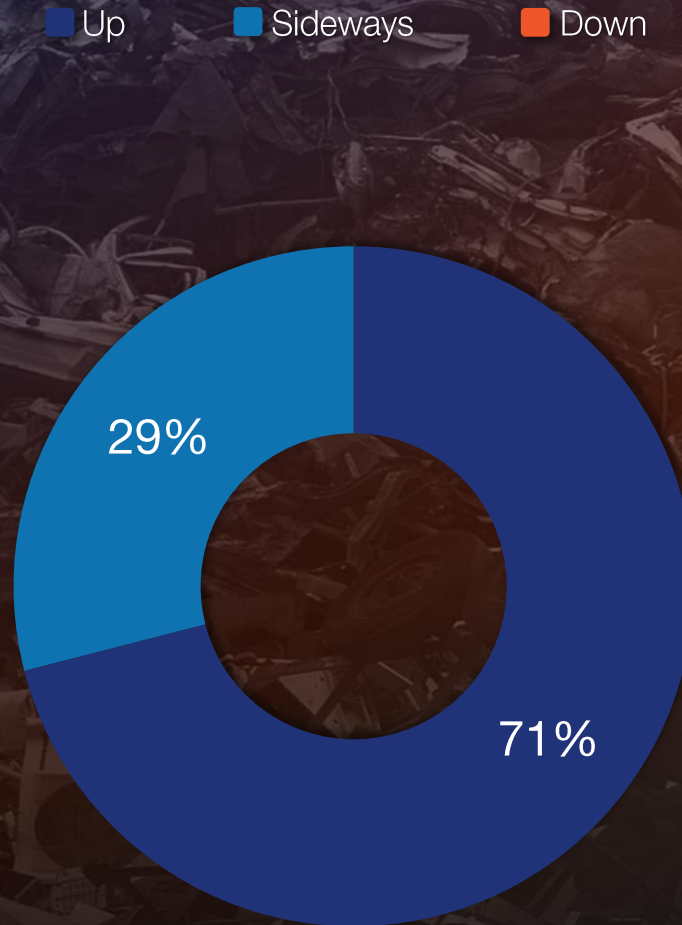
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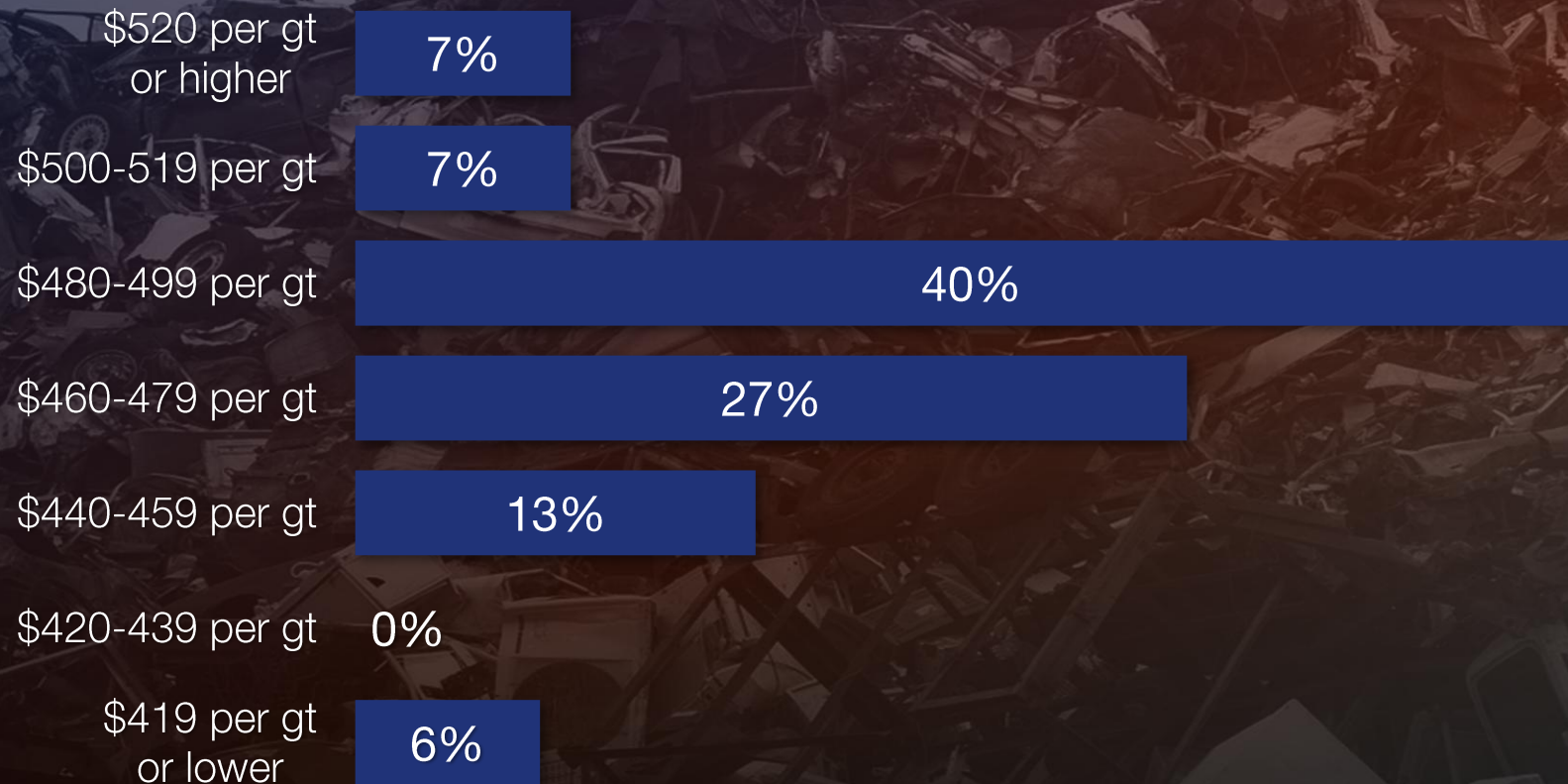
Prime scrap prices

Prime scrap prices in October will be:



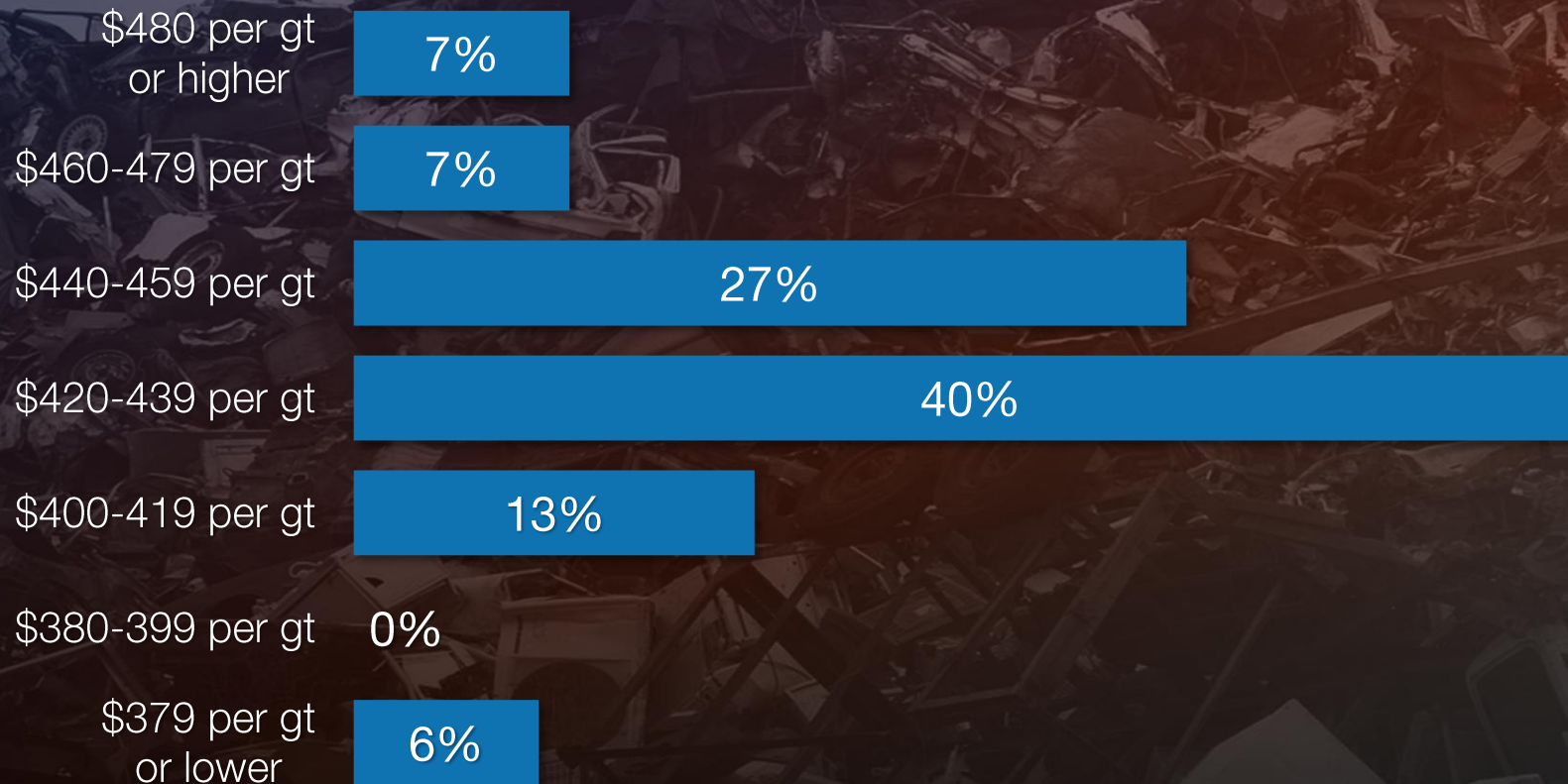
Future busheling prices

Where do you think busheling prices will be in October?



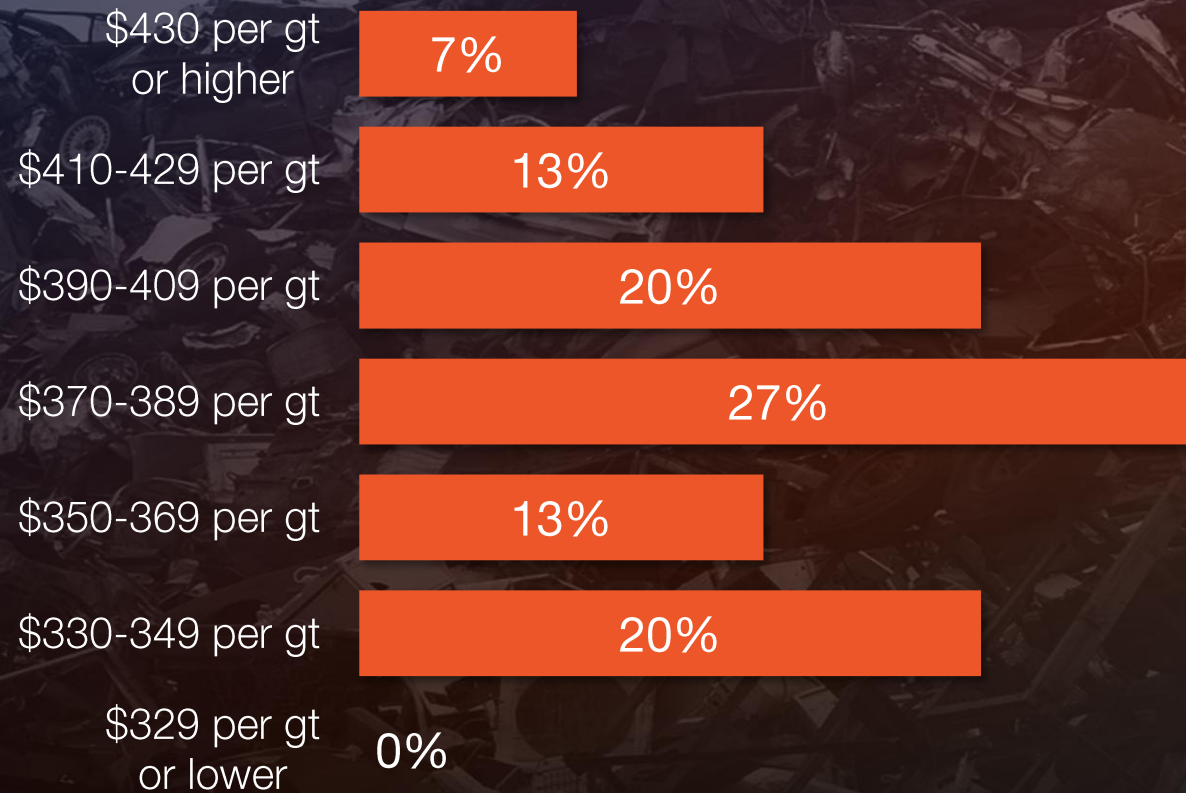
Future shred prices

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Future HMS prices

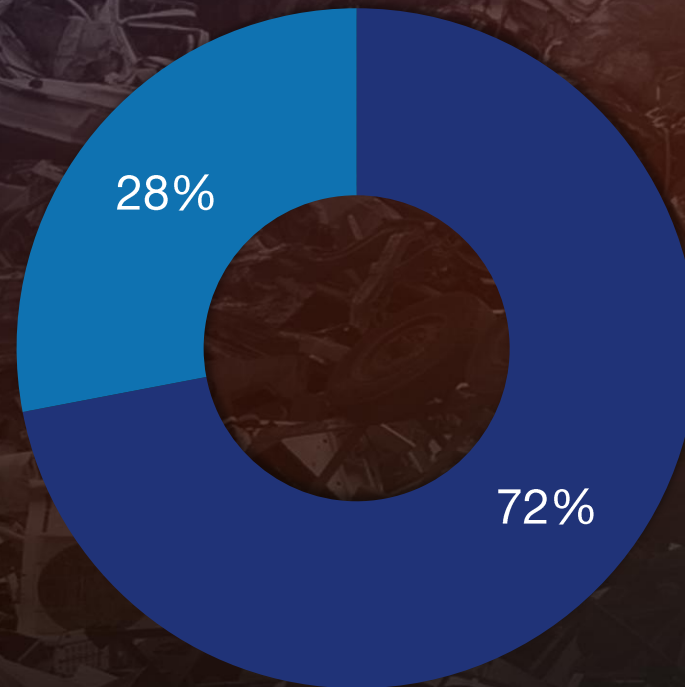
Where do you think HMS prices will be in October?



Ferrous scrap prices

Two months from now, how do you see ferrous scrap pricing behaving?

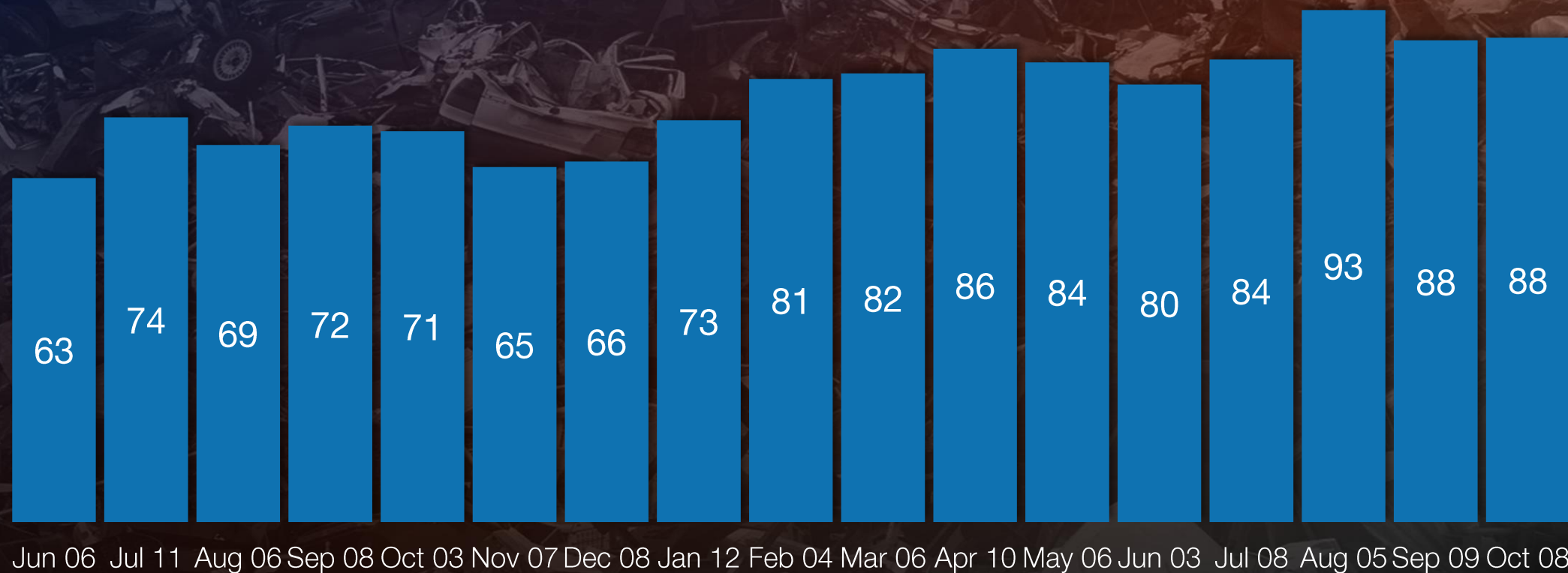
Strengthening Sideways Weakening



Scrap buyers' sentiment

Unchanged at a reading of 88 points

SMU's current ferrous scrap buyers' sentiment index.



Scrap buyers' future sentiment

Up two points to a reading of 91 points

SMU's future ferrous scrap buyers' sentiment index.

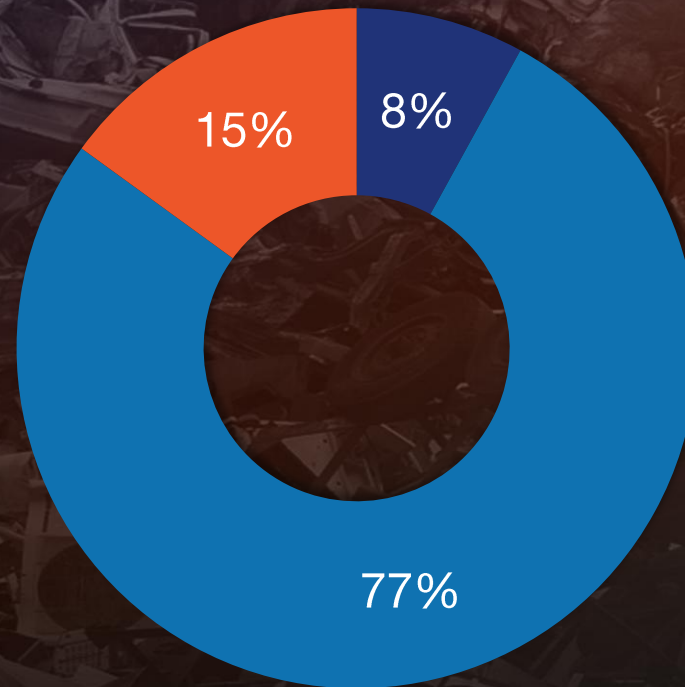


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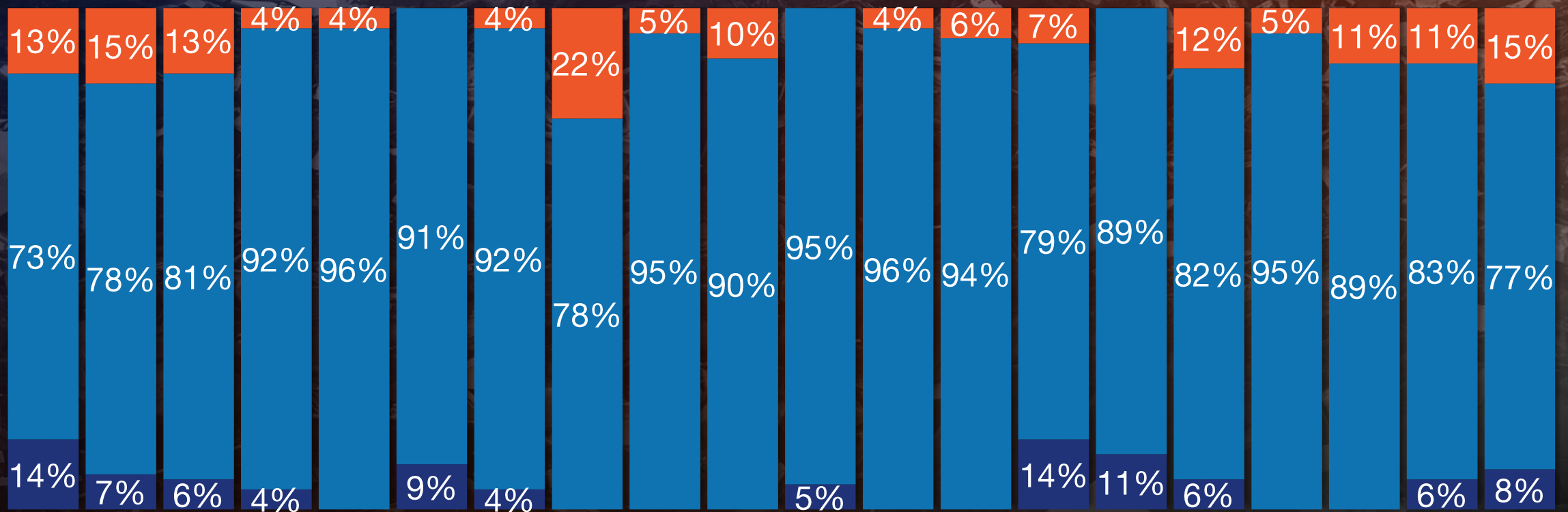
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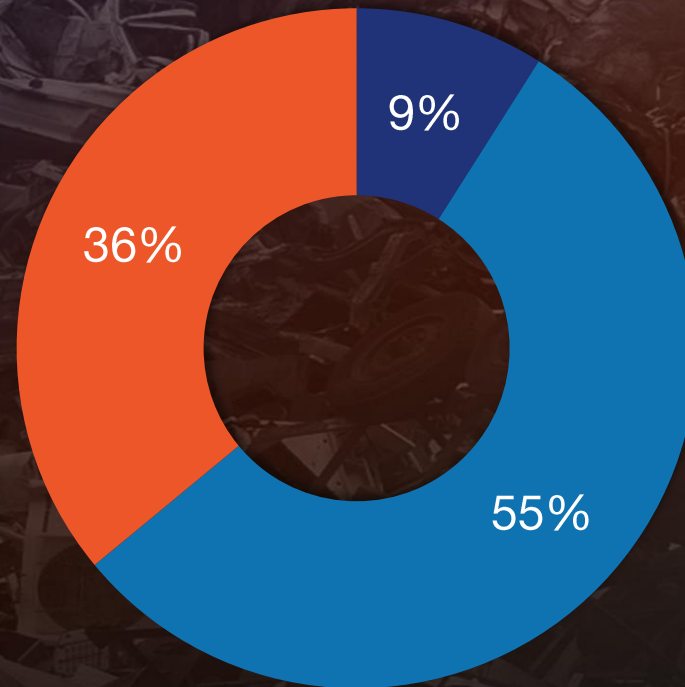


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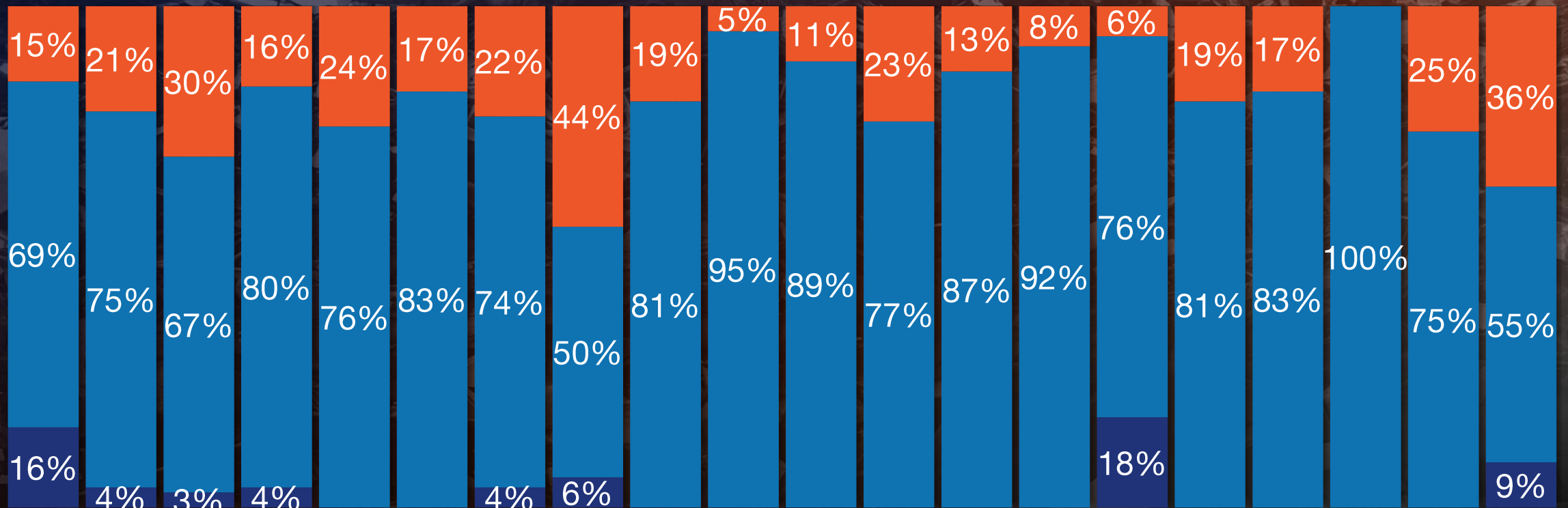
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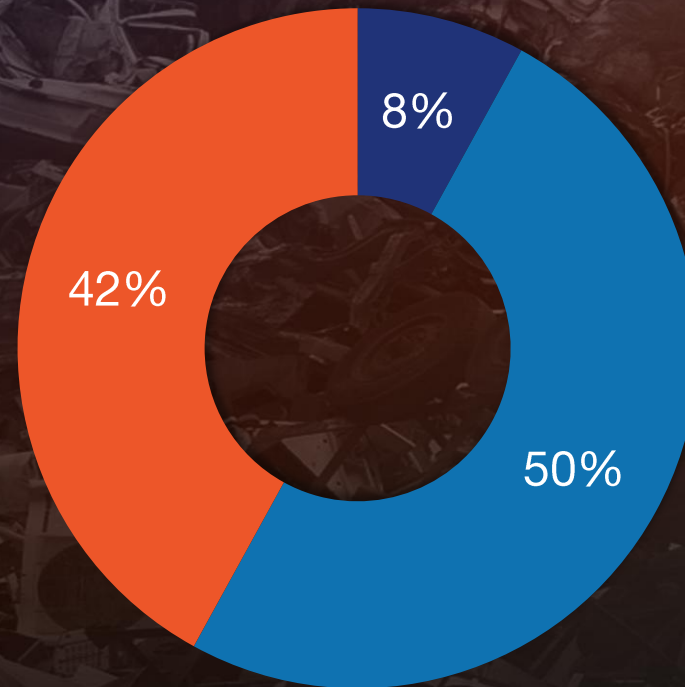


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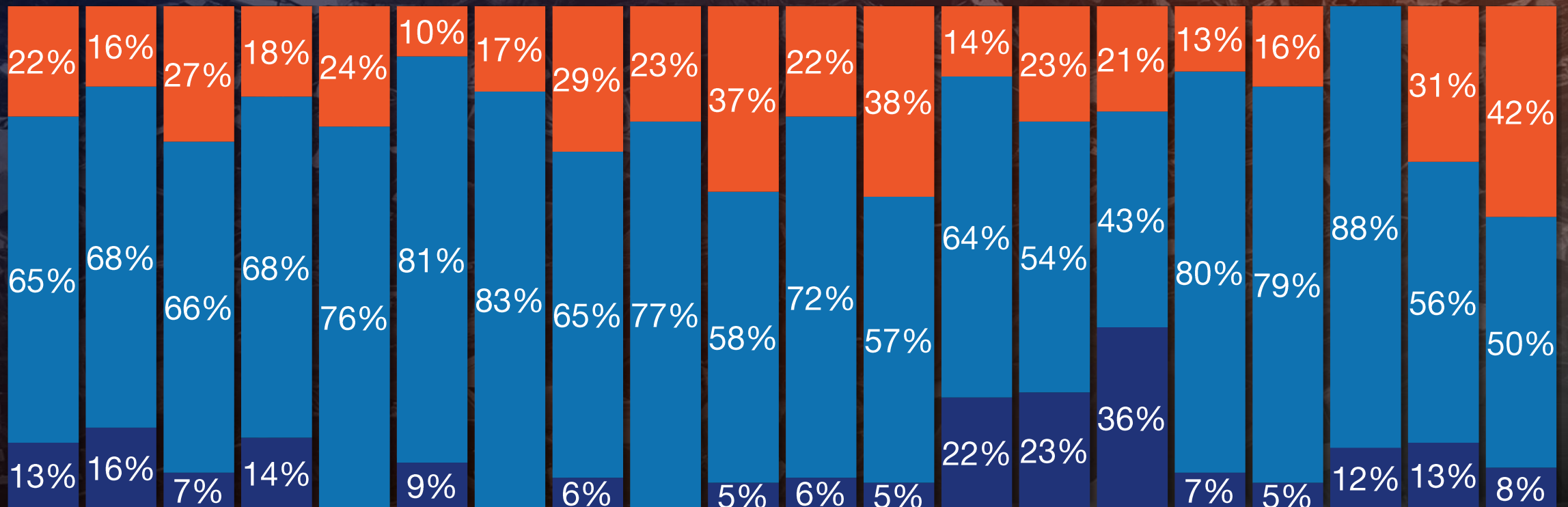
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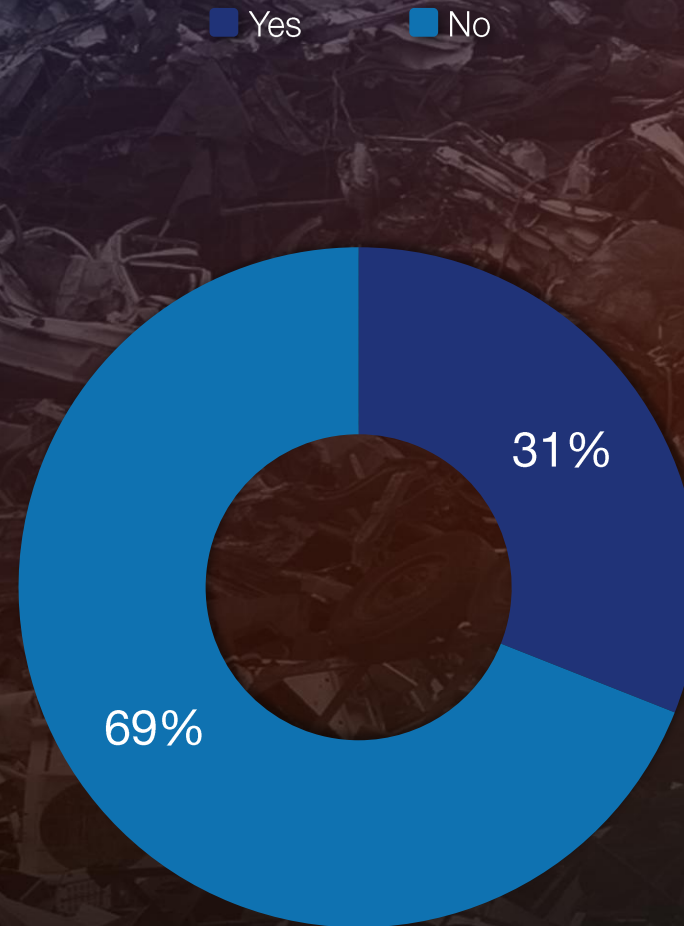
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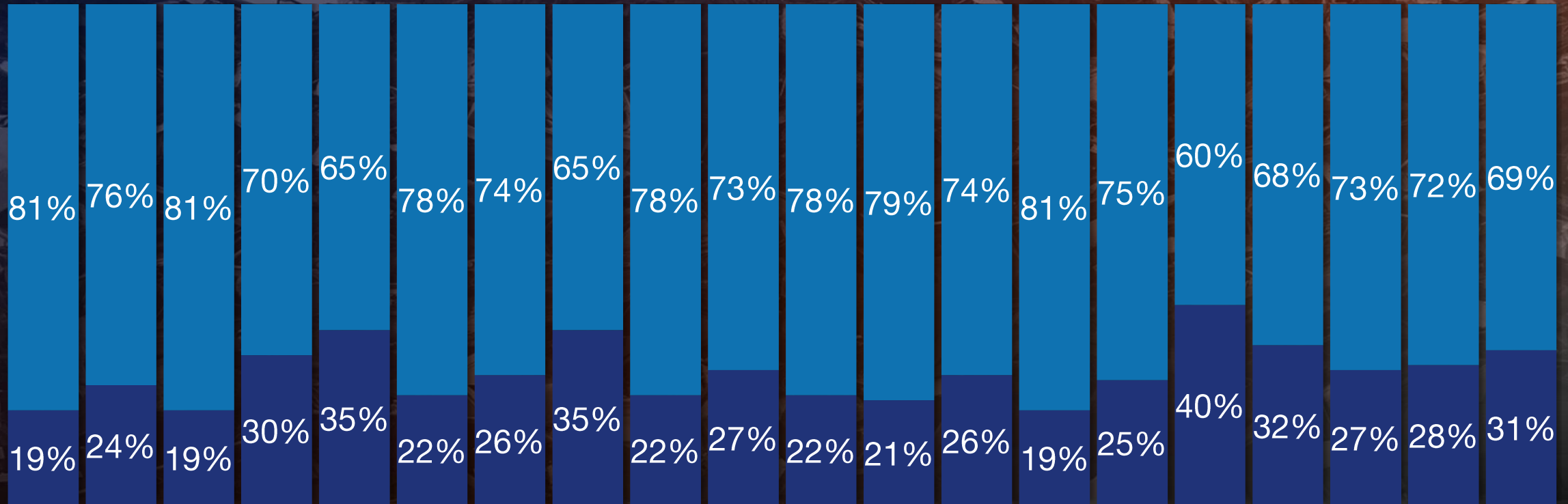
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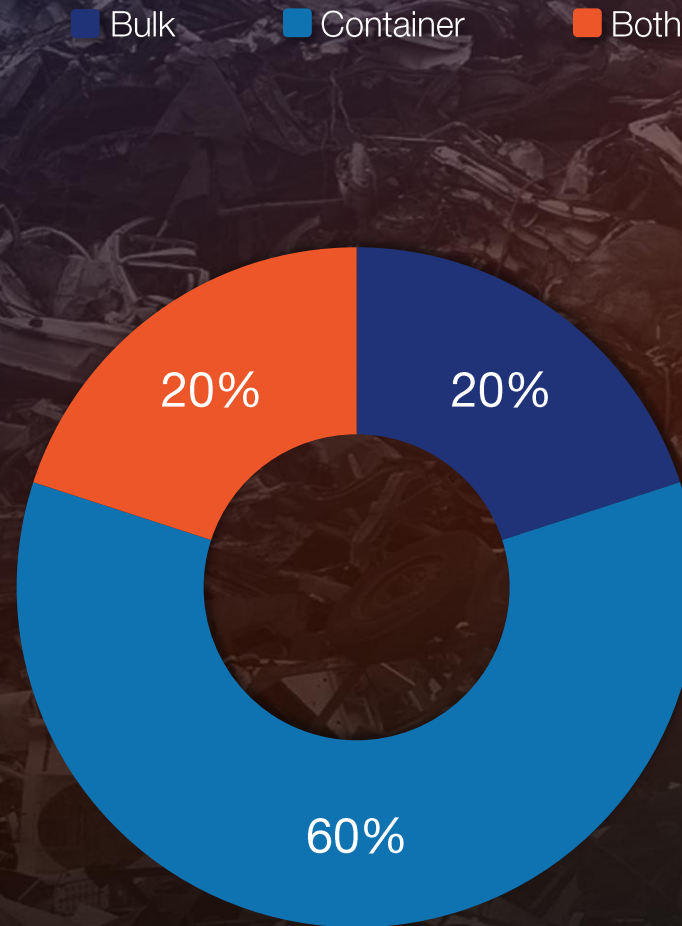
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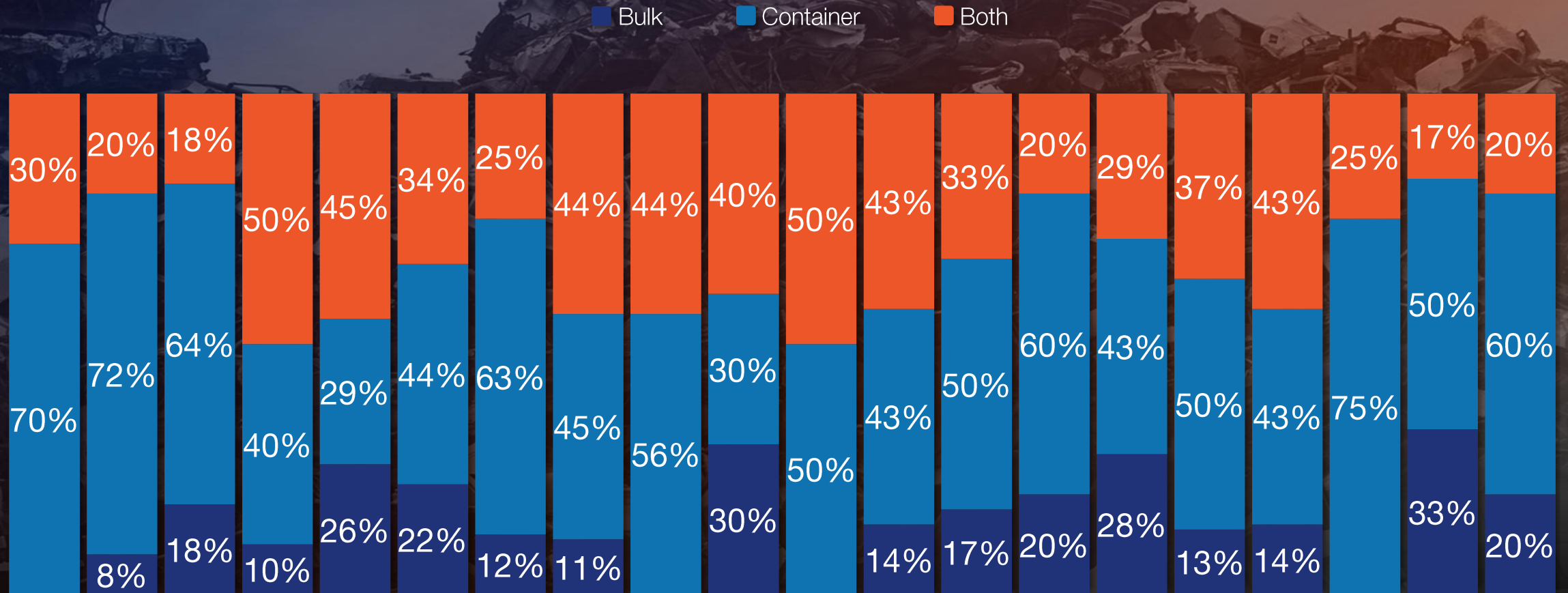
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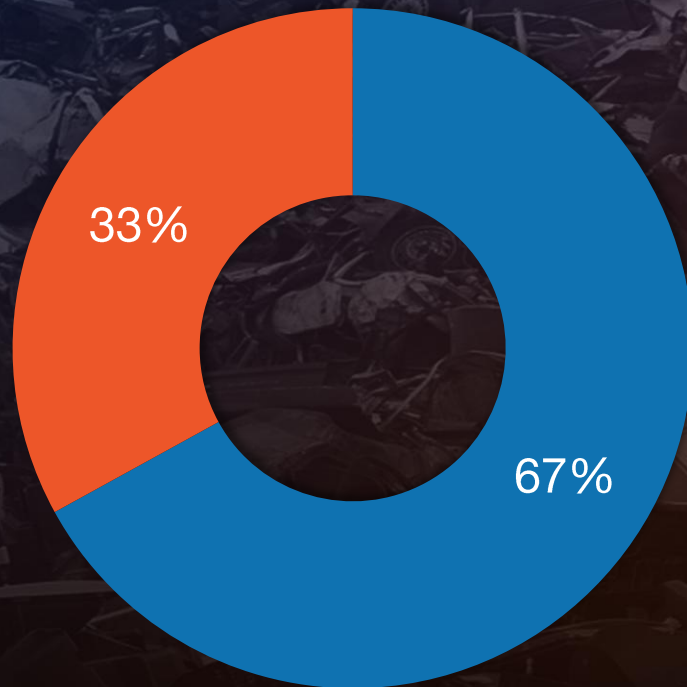
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Scrap logistics trends

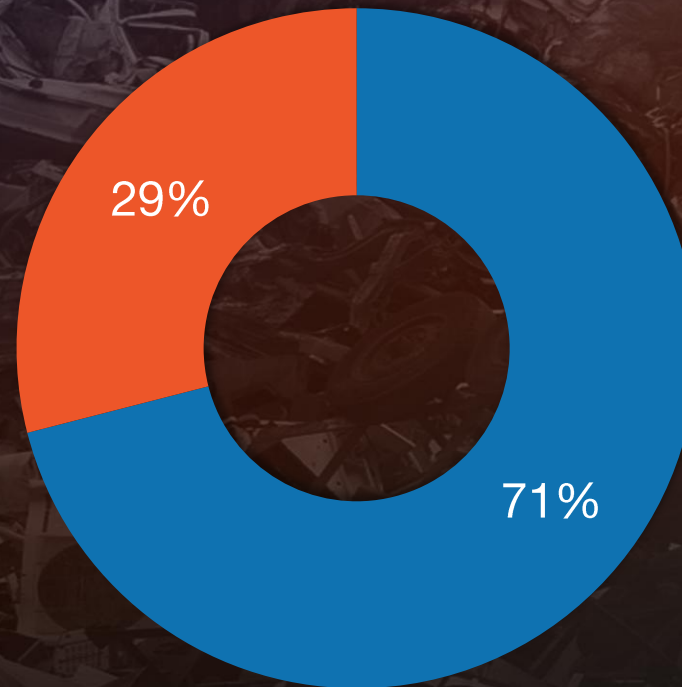
How do you rate current logistics for scrap movements?

■ Oversupplied ■ Adequate ■ Undersupplied

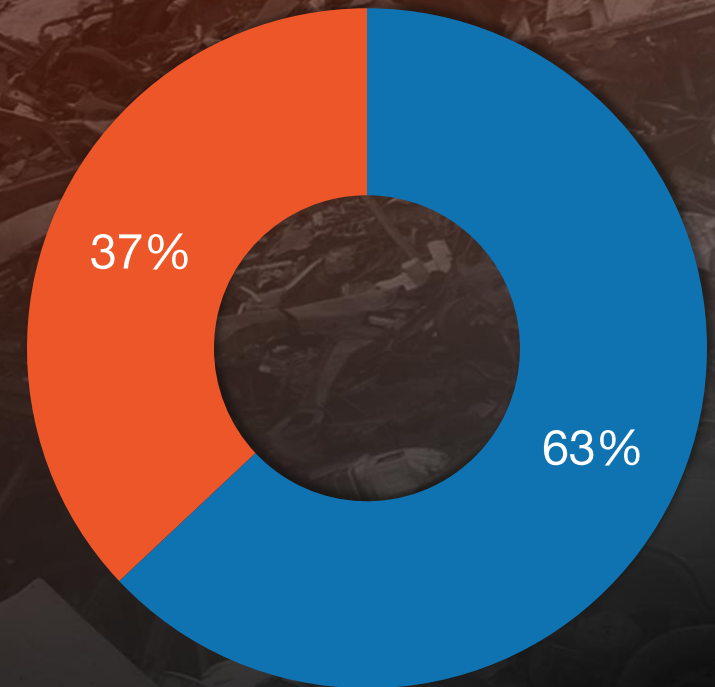
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