

The Semi-Annual AdColony App Install Survey

Insights, benchmarks and trends from the top 100 grossing app developers

FORMAT & DATA		RESPONDENT PROFILE			
#5	5th Iteration Over 3 Years	78%	Mobile Game Developers		
100	Detailed Questions	22%	Non-Game App Developers (e.g. entertainment, music, news)		
60%	Survey Response Rate	\$1M+	Total Monthly App Install Budget		



State of the Market

Top trends from the top mobile app marketers

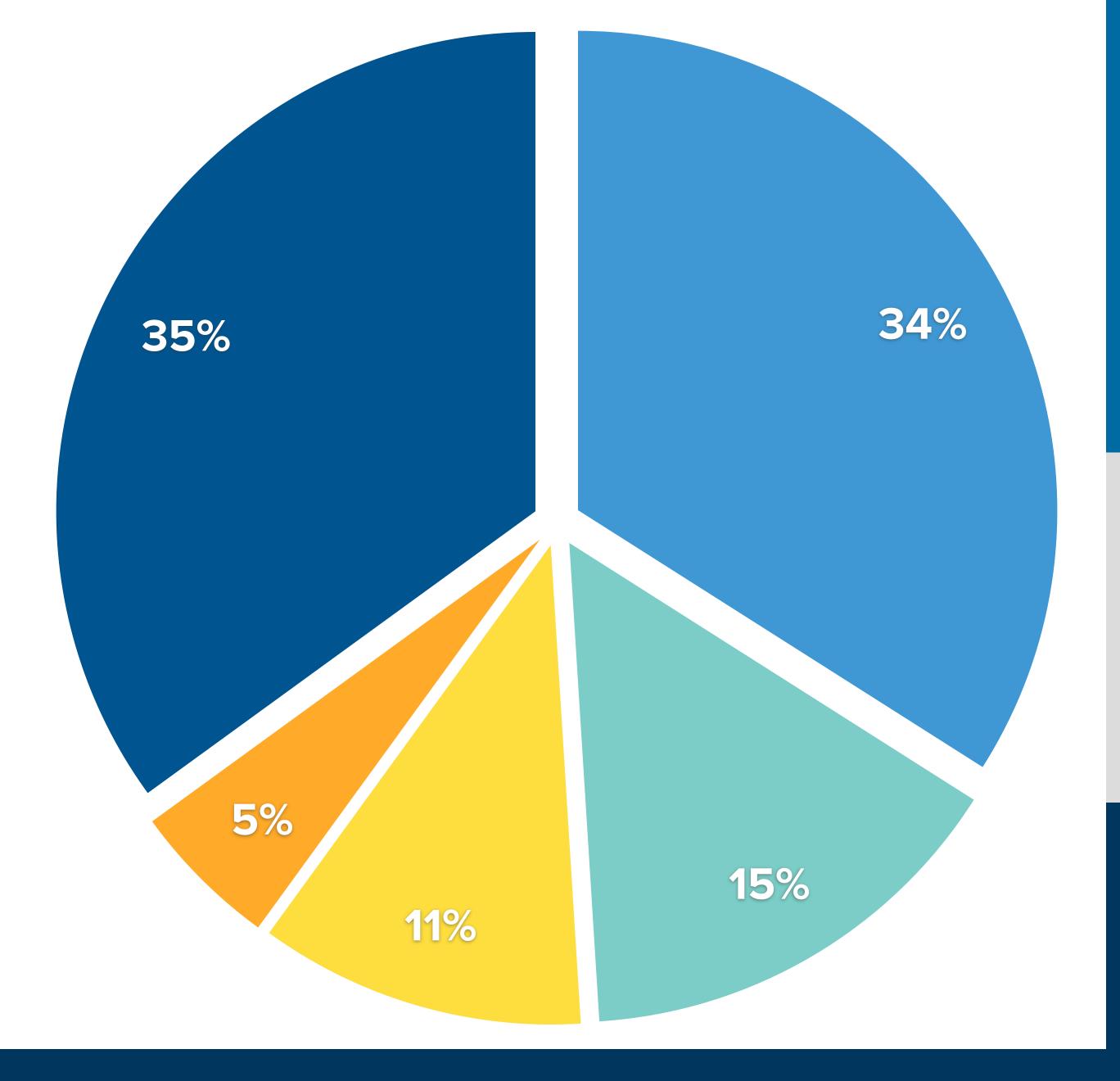
App Install Budget Allocation

What % of your budget do you allocate to each app install channel you currently use?

Social and video ads dominate the majority of app install budget allocation for top grossing publishers.



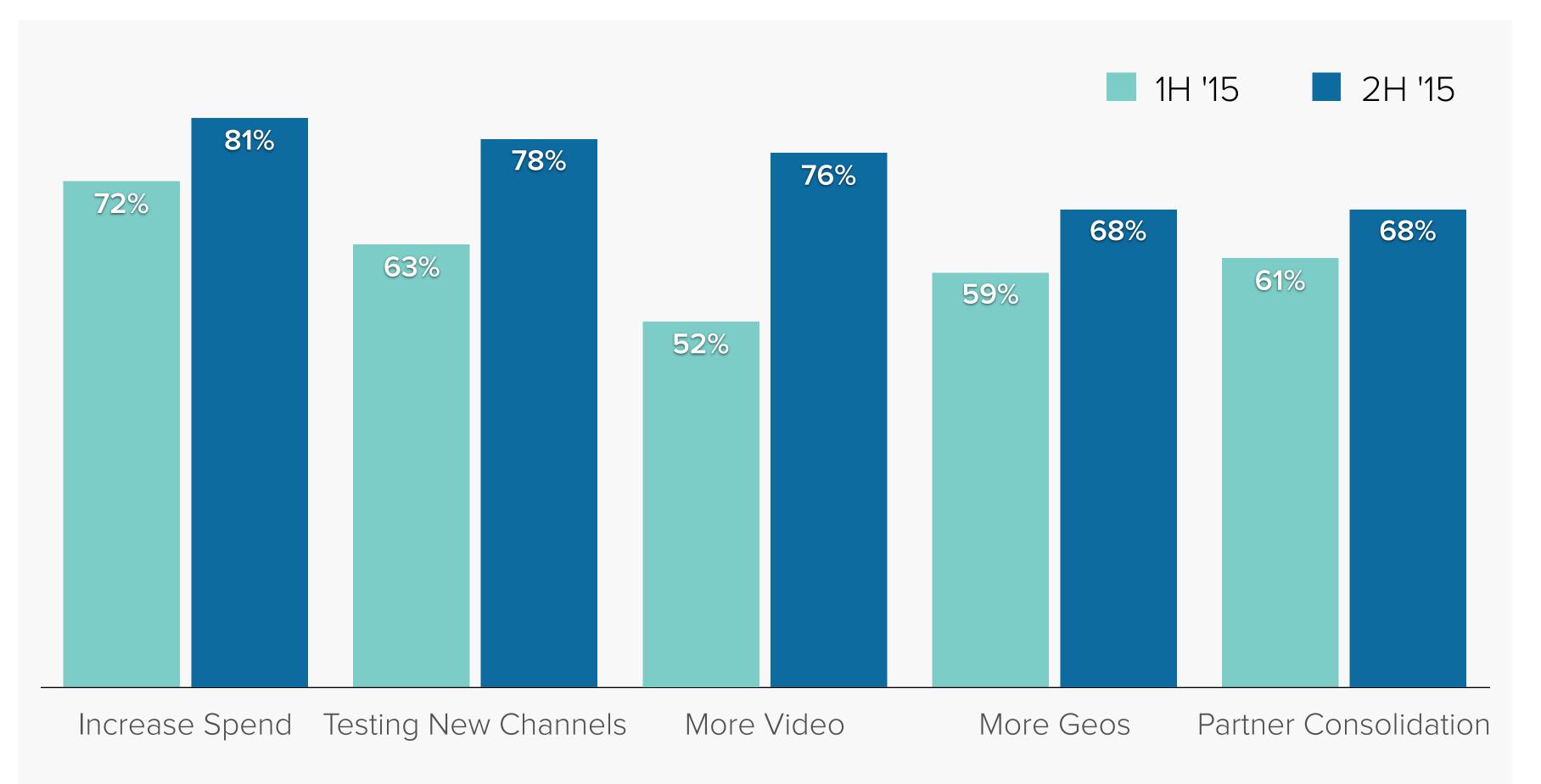
- Video
- Display
- Interstitial
- Other





Top 5 Campaign Trends

App install budgets continue to increase driven by growth in mobile video & global campaigns.

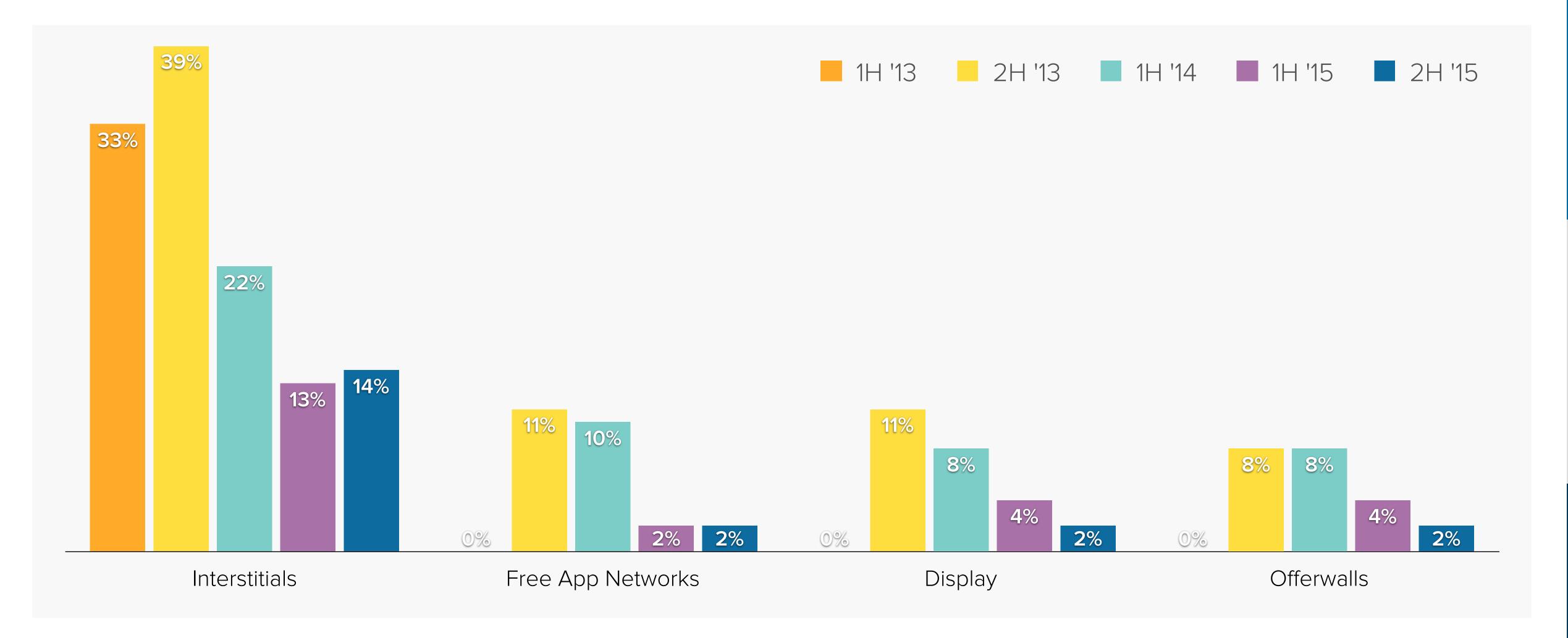


Trend	Δ		
More Video	+ 24 pts		
Testing New Channels	+ 15 pts		
Increase Spend	+ 9 pts		
More Geos	+ 9 pts		
Partner Consolidation	+ 7 pts		



Campaign Formats Losing Favor

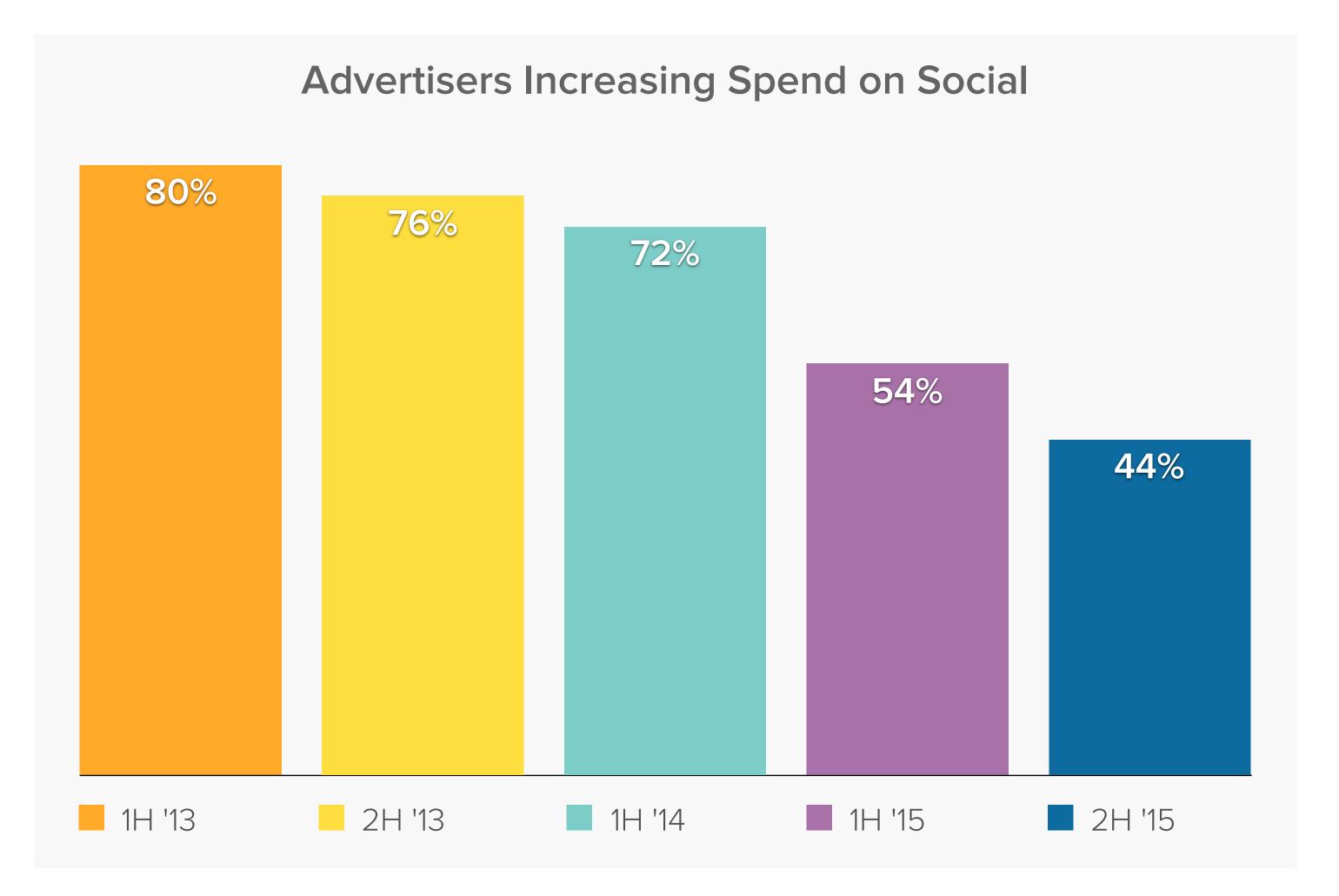
Fewer app install advertisers increasing spend on less interactive & incentivized ad formats.

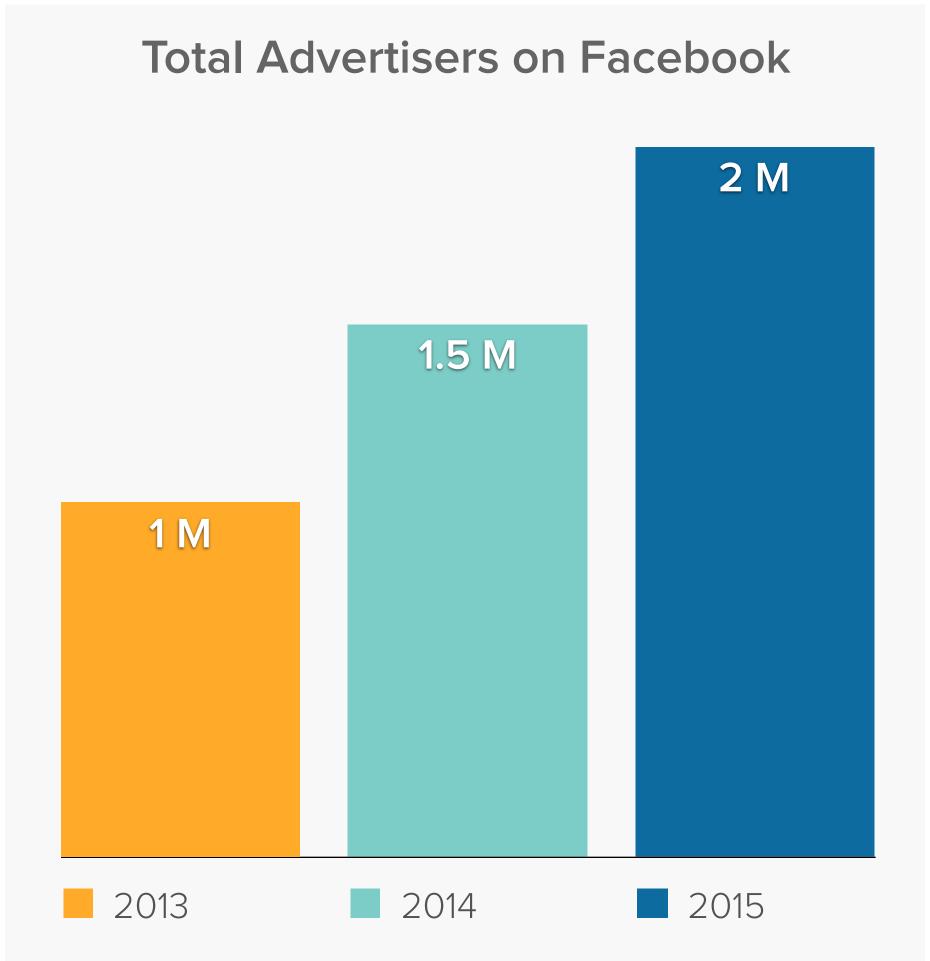




Social Spend Plateaus as Competition Grows

Fewer advertisers are planning to increase spend on social as competition increases.







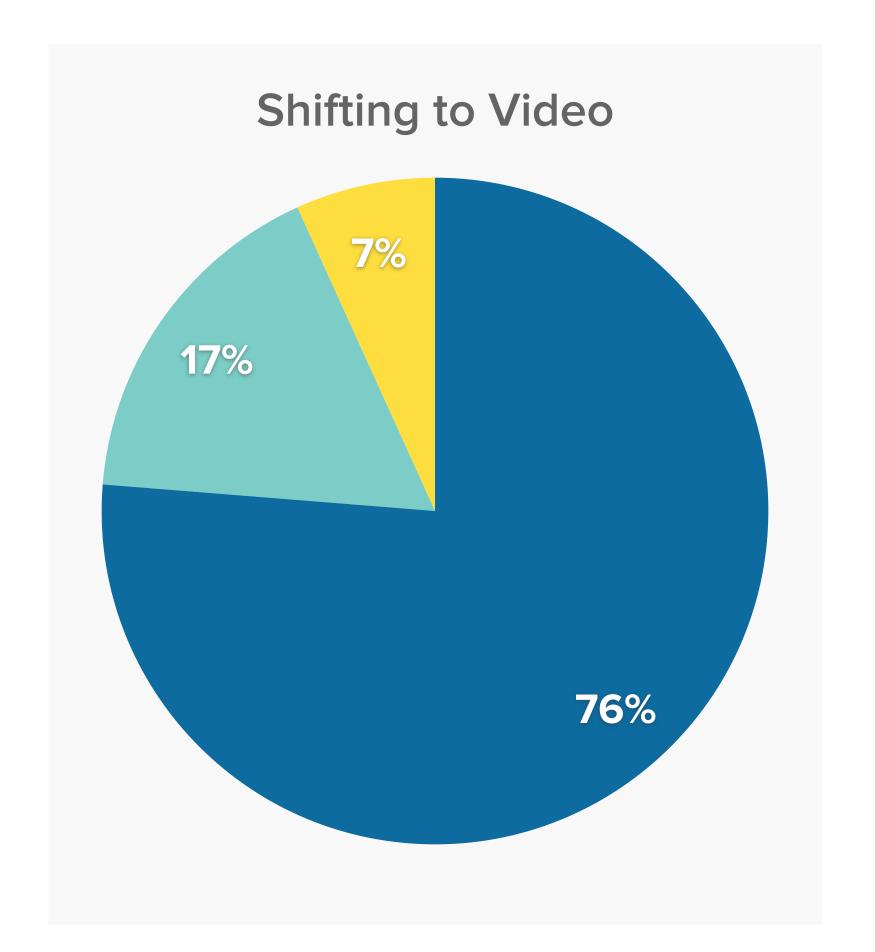
Top 3 Performing Segments in 2015

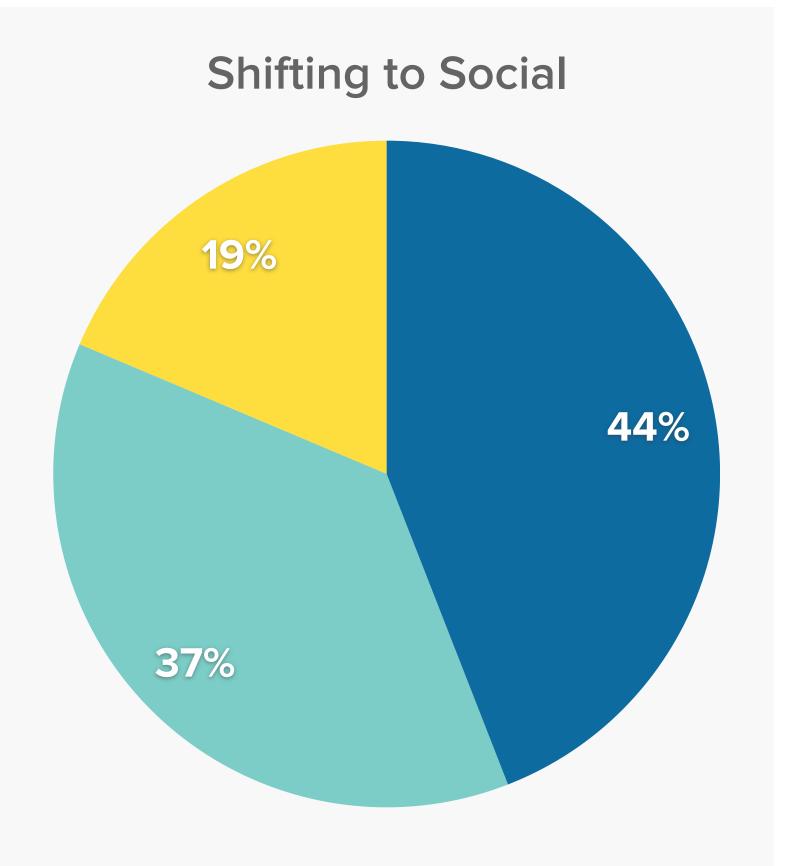
Agree

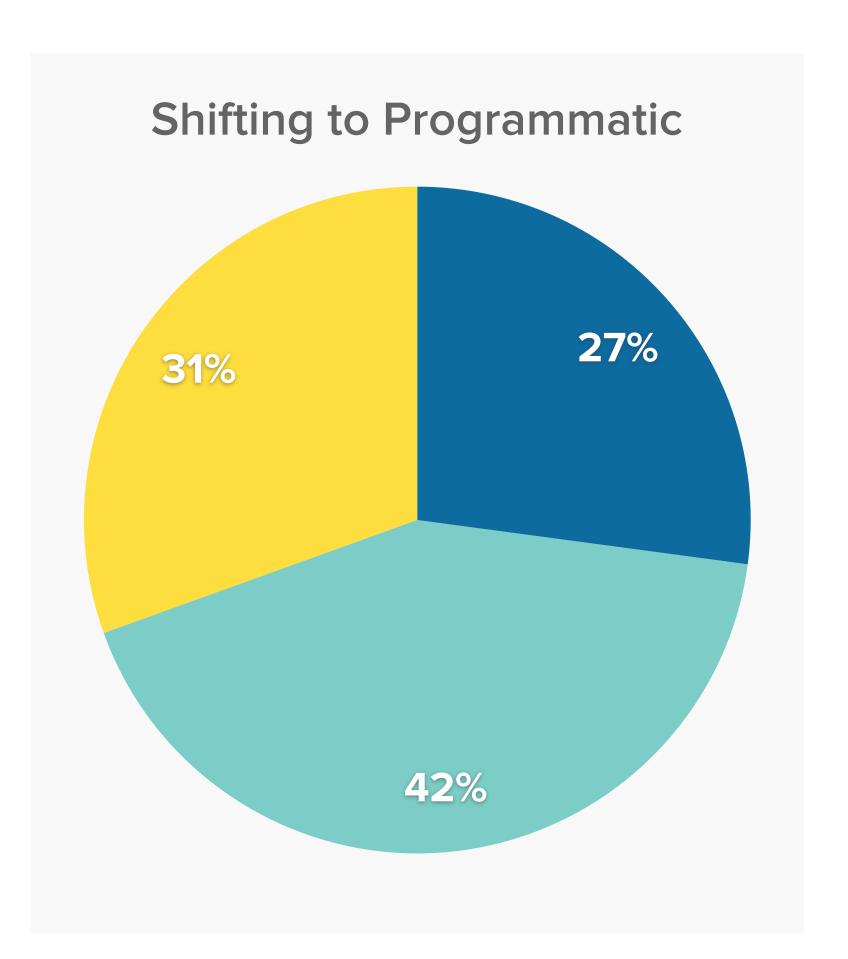




App install budgets continue to shift toward video, social, and programmatic.









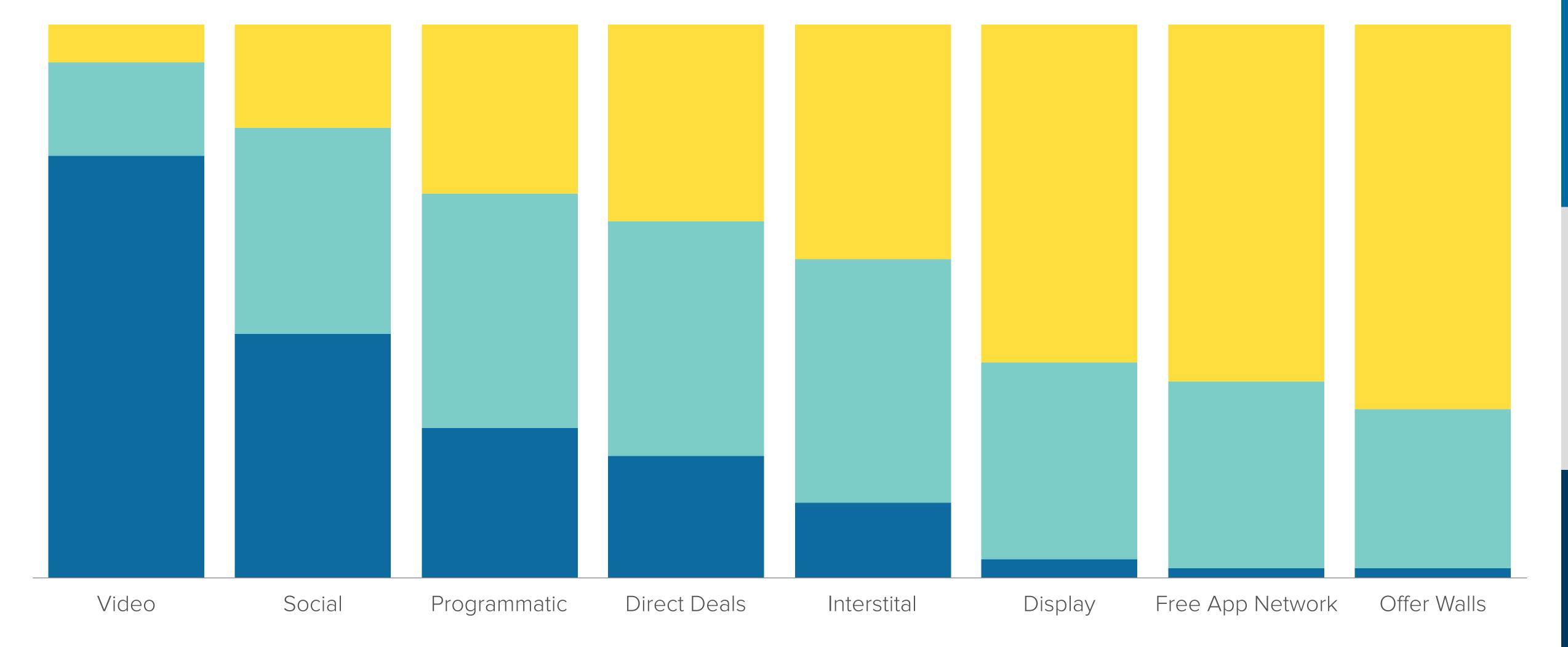
Campaign Shifts in 2015

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

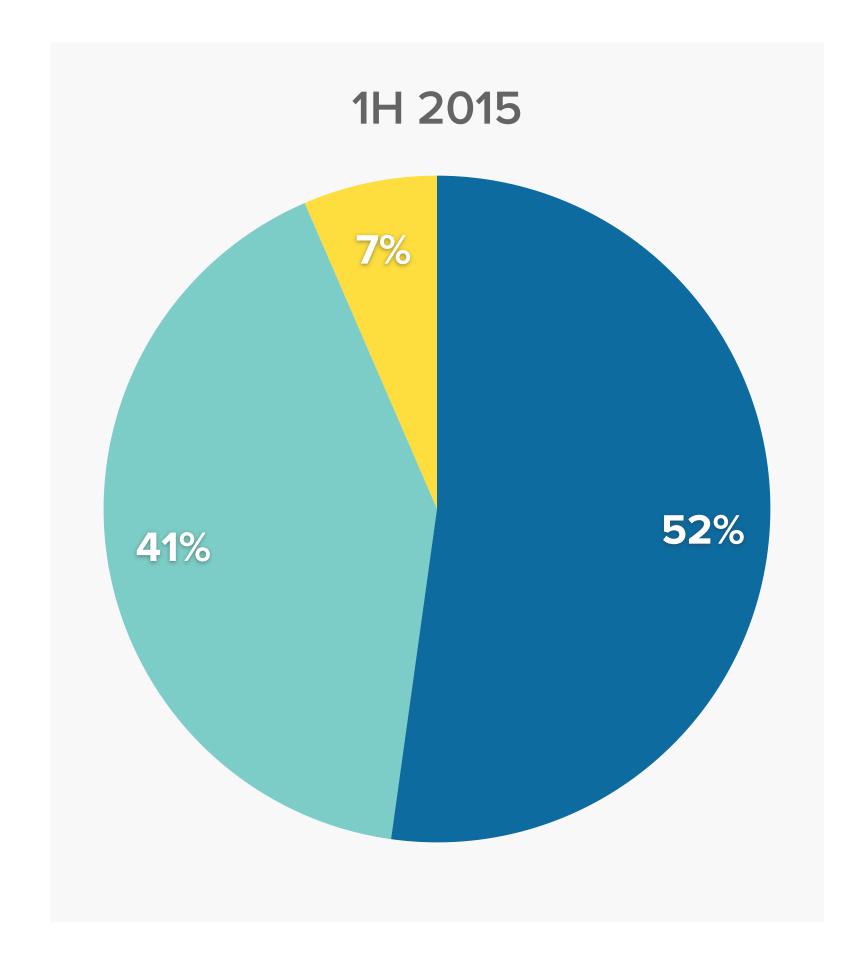
Compared to last year, my app install campaigns have increased in _____, or shifted more toward _____.

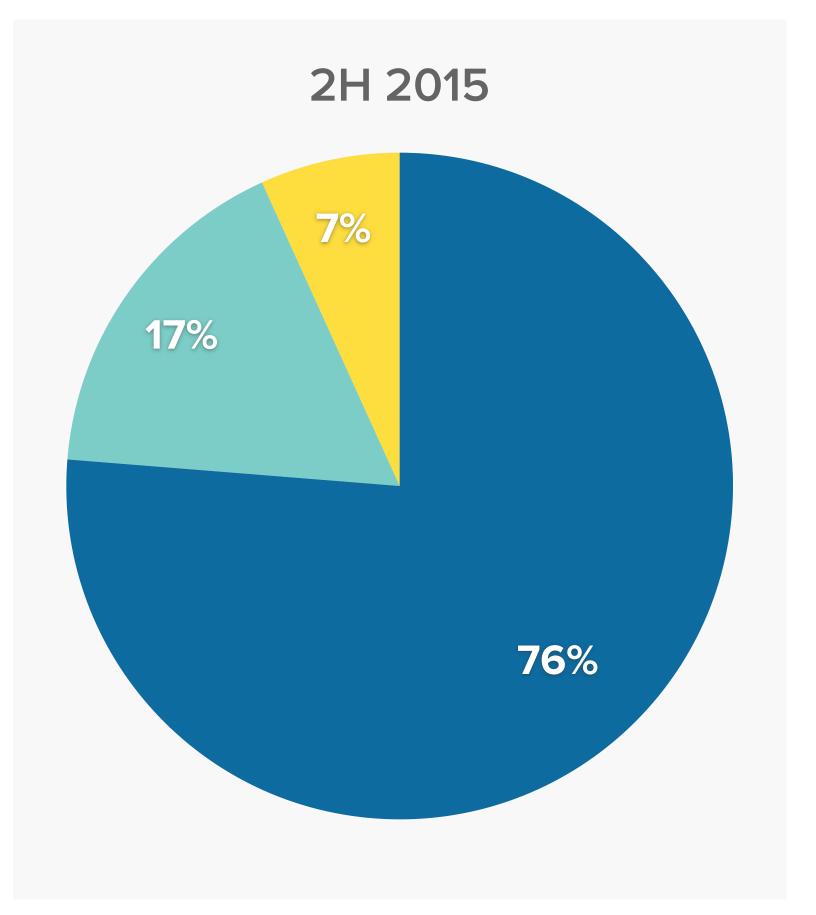




Focus on Video is Accelerating

App install teams continue to rely on mobile video more than ever before





The shift toward mobile video is accelerating with 24.1% more respondents stating that they have increased mobile video spend since earlier in the year.

Increase

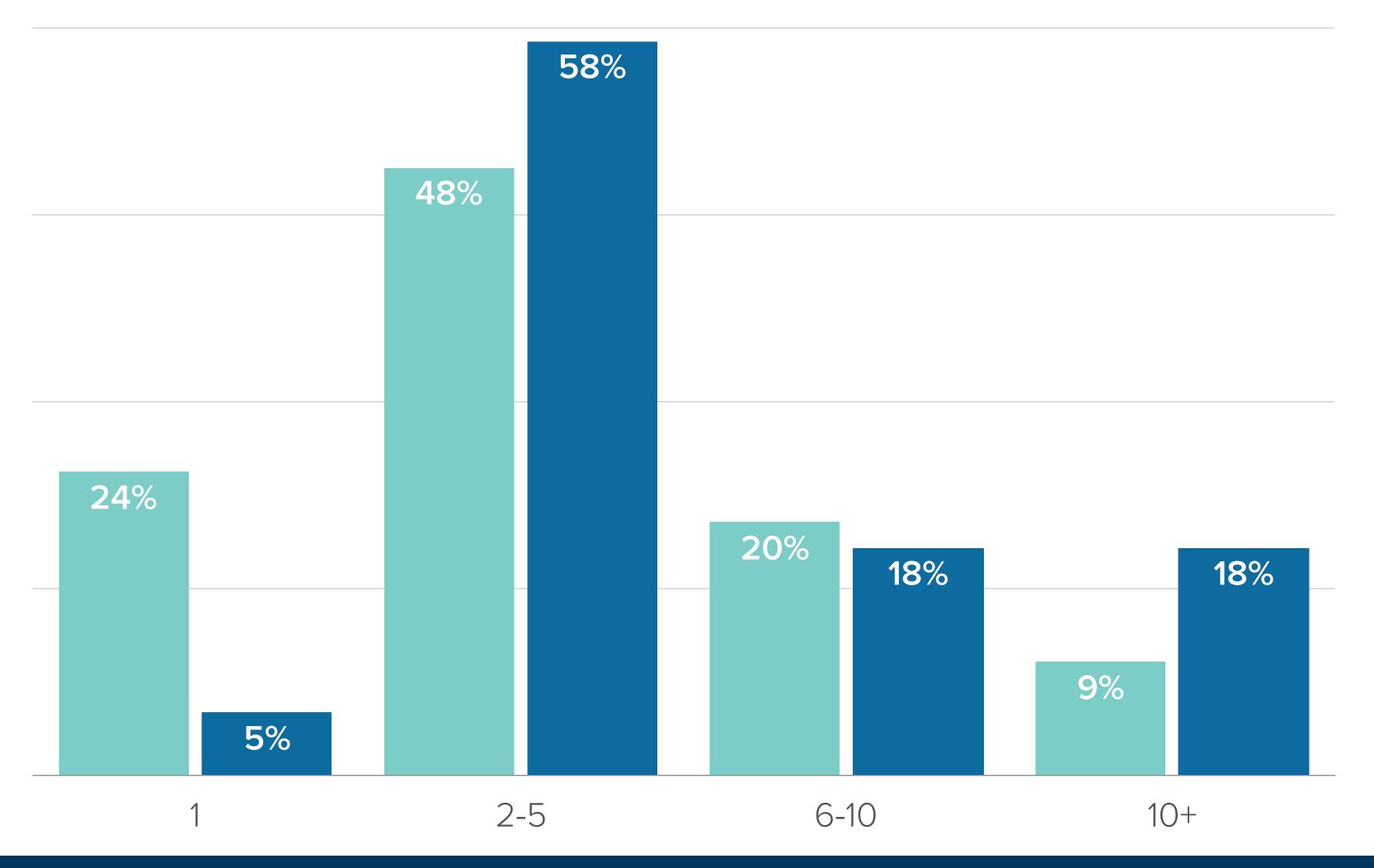
Maintain

Decrease



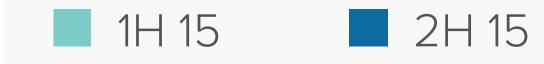
App Install Teams Continue to Grow in Size

Teams of 10+ have doubled in the last 6 months at the expense of smaller single person teams



Most single person UA teams have grown to 2-3 members since Q1 2015.

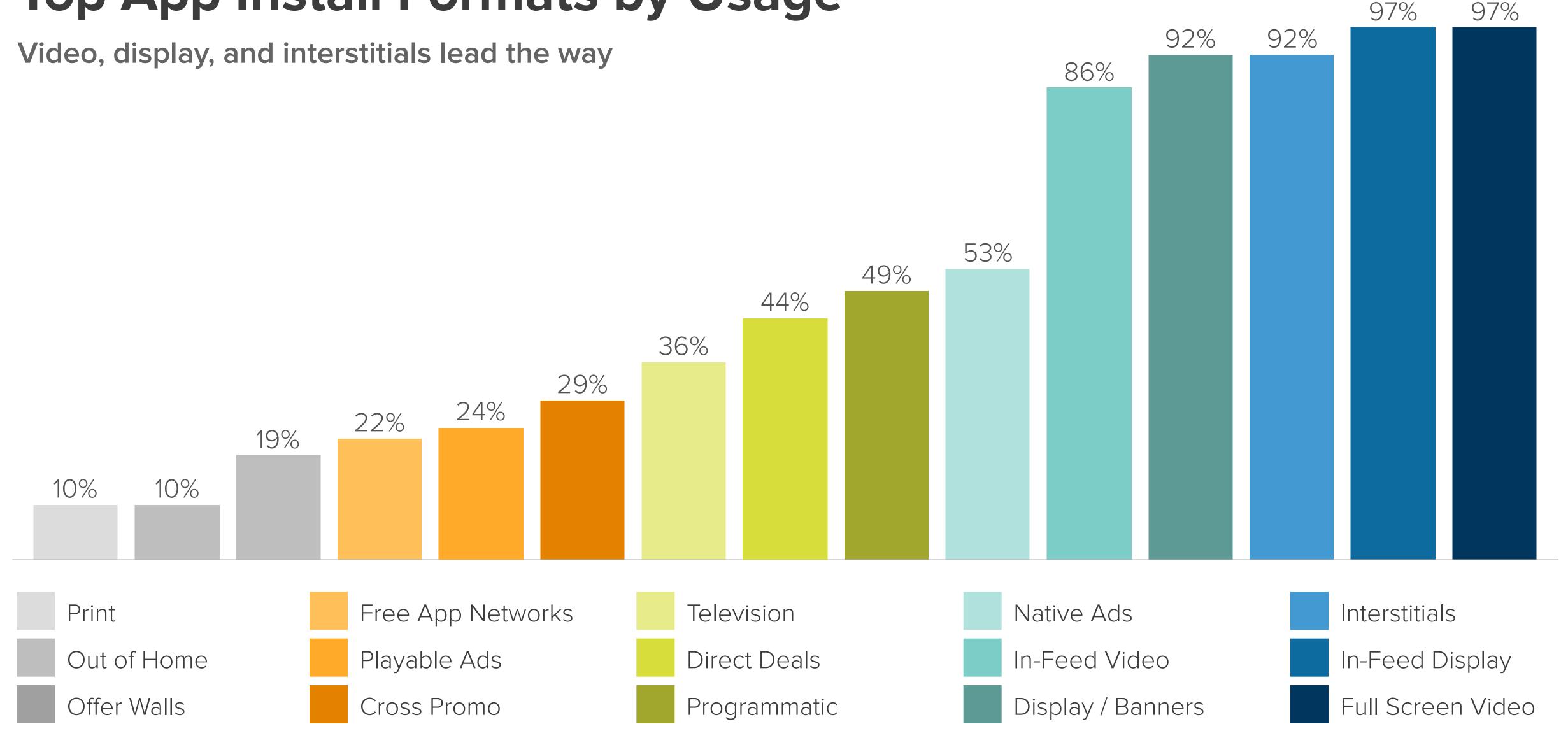
Many 4-10 person teams have grown to 10+ since Q1 2015.





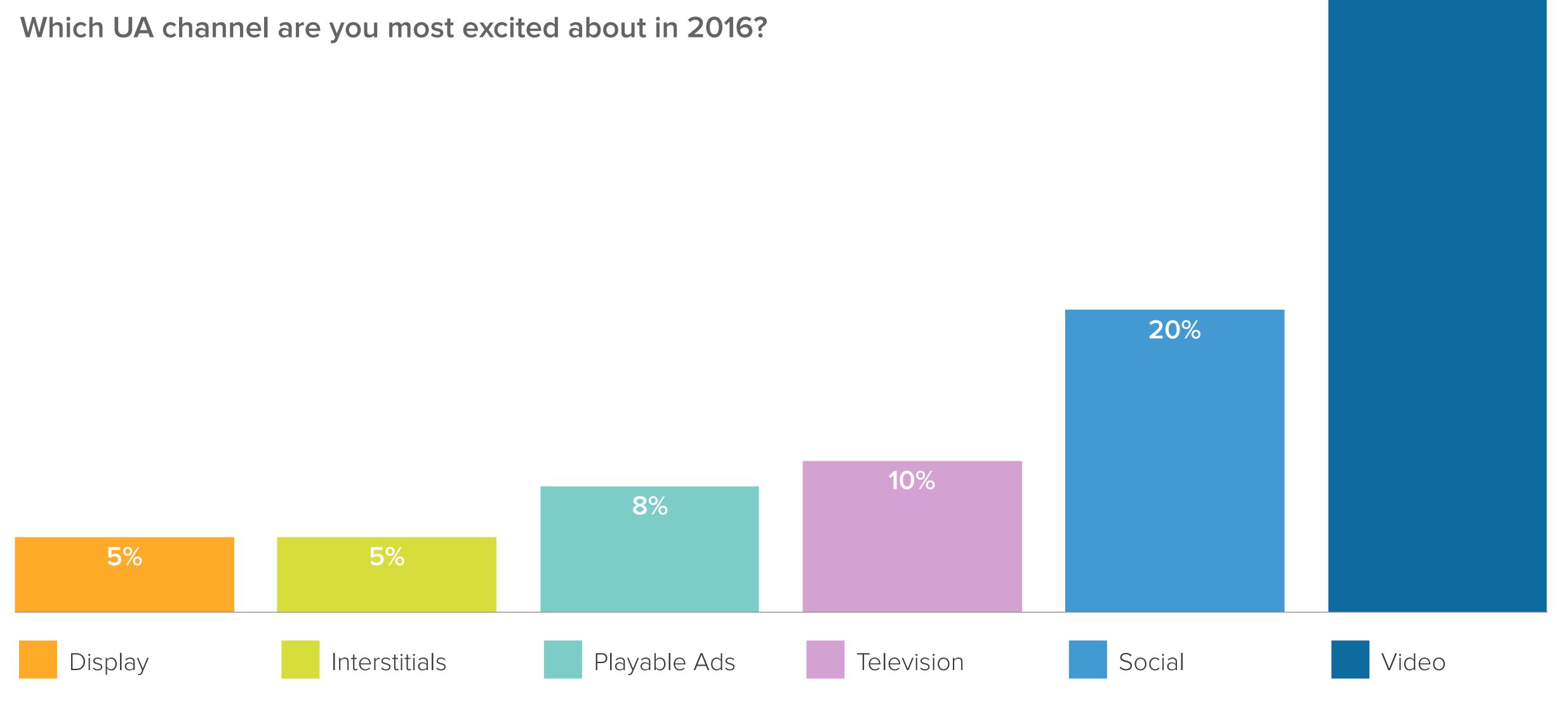
Top App Install Formats

Top App Install Formats by Usage





Most Exciting App Install Formats

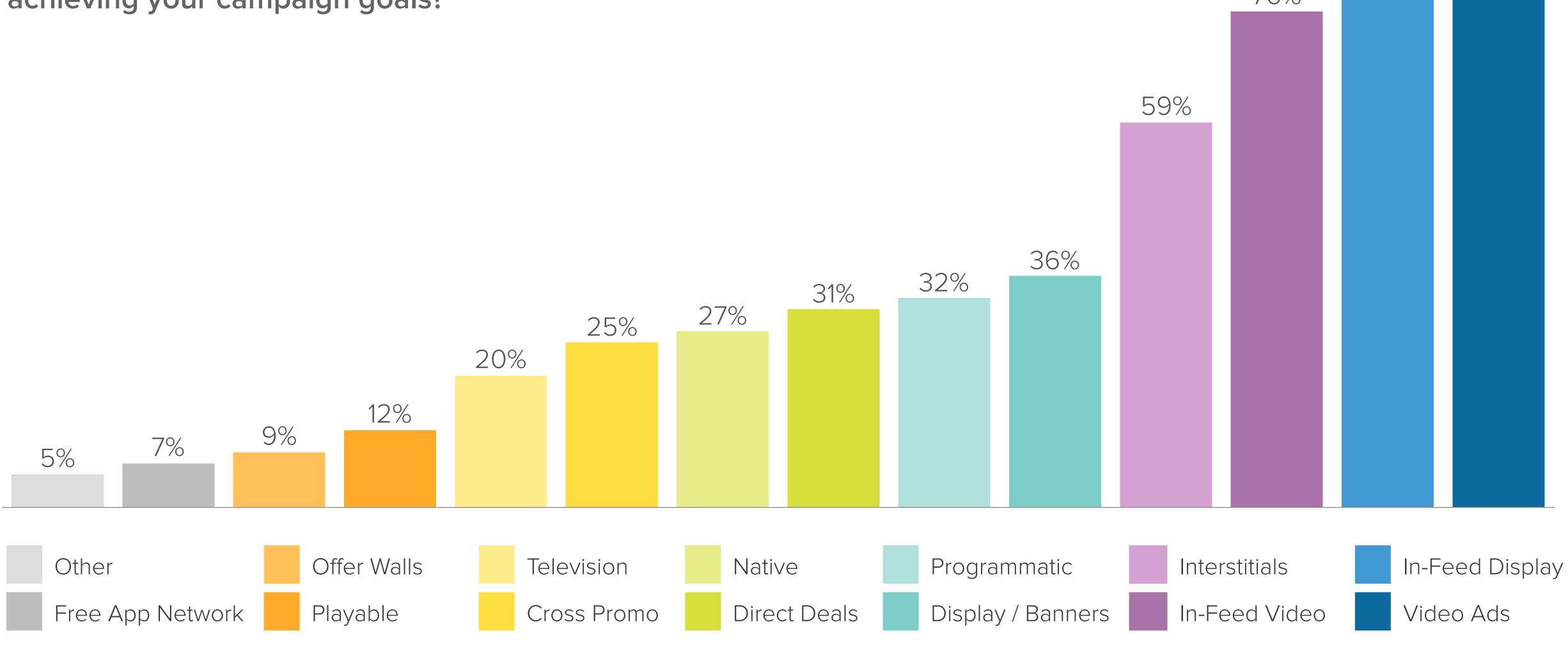




44%

Most Effective App Install Formats

How effective are each of the following app install channels at 76% achieving your campaign goals? 59%





93%

88%

App Install Sources over Time

Video, display, and interstitials lead the way as native ads and programmatic emerge

Tried & True	1H '13	2H '13	1H '14	1H '15	2H '15
Video Ads	100%	100%	100%	98%	97%
In-Feed Display	68%	94%	92%	96%	97%
Interstitials	100%	83%	90%	96%	92%
Display/Banners	89%	86%	86%	93%	92%

Declining	1H '13	2H '13	1H '14	1H '15	2H '15
Direct Deals	63%	72%	59%	54%	44%
Playable Ads					24%
Free App Networks	95%	64%	35%	41%	22%
Offer Walls	100%	64%	47%	54%	19%

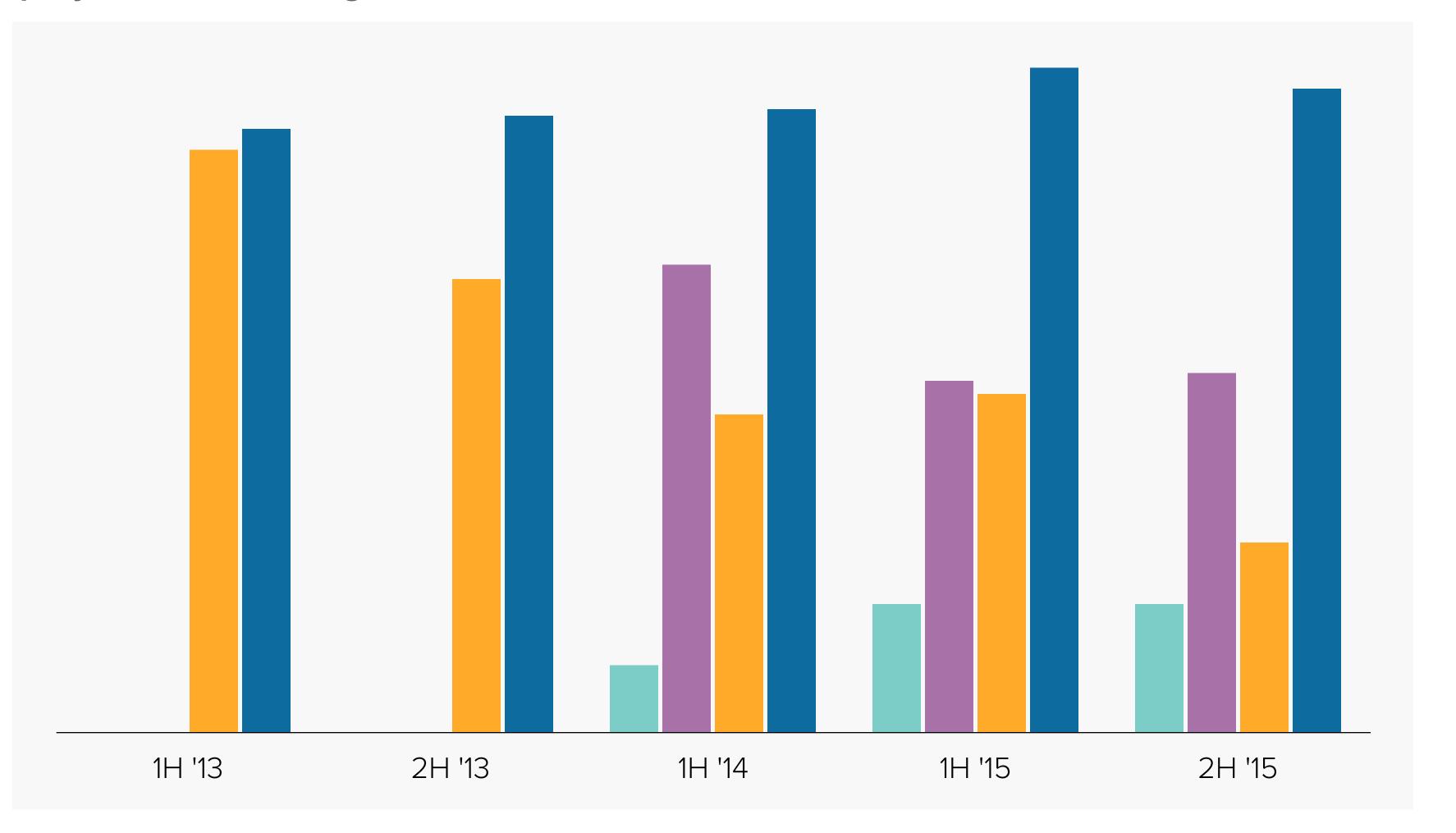
Up & Coming	1H '13	2H '13	1H '14	1H '15	2H '15
In-Feed Video			69%	52%	86%
Native Ads					53%
Programmatic					49%

Traditional	1H '13	2H '13	1H '14	1H '15	2H '15
Television			22%	35%	36%
Out of Home			6%	15%	10%
Print	0%	0%	2%	7%	10%



Format and Channel Usage over Time

Full screen video, in-feed video, television and interstitials lead the way while in-feed, native, programmatic, and playable ads emerge



Traditional television, o

television, out of home, print

Up & Comers

in-feed video, native ads, programmatic, playable ads

Decliners

direct deals, free app networks, offer walls

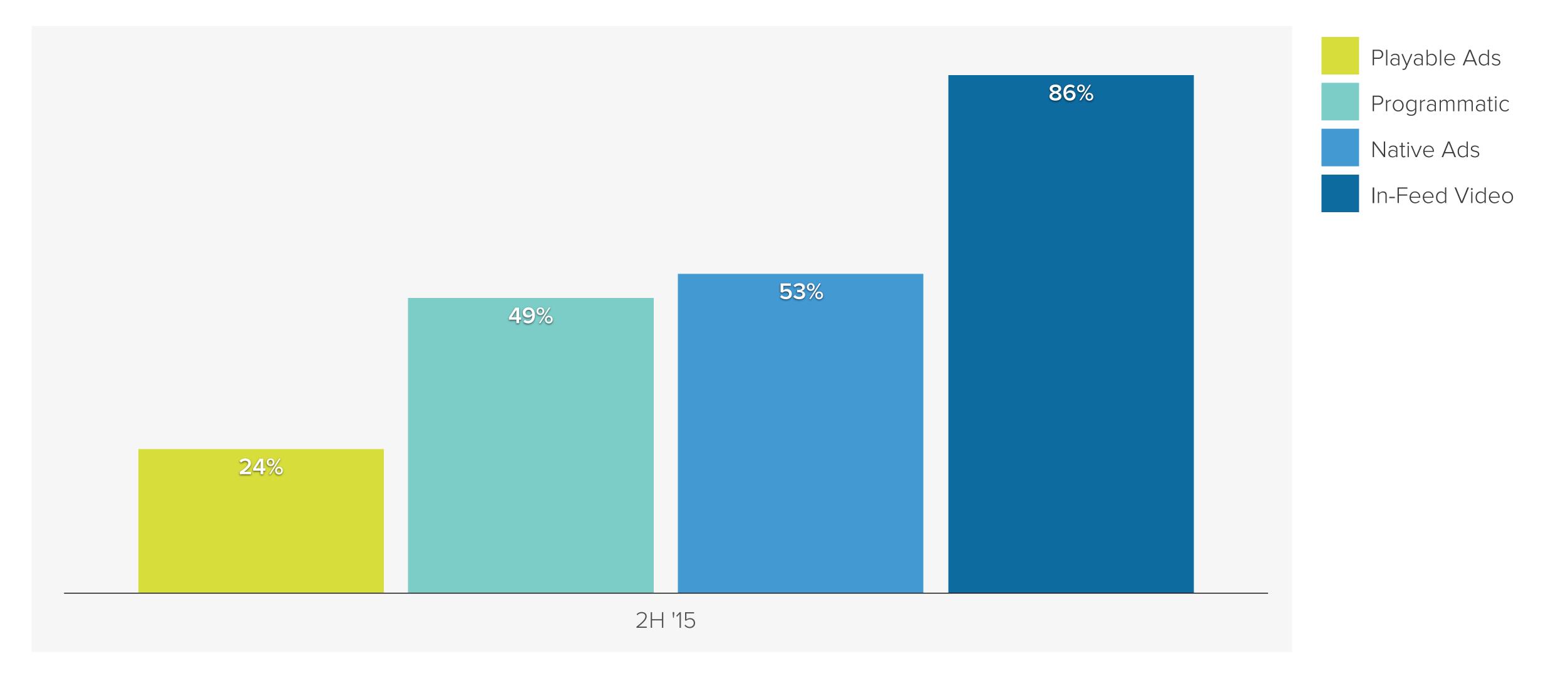
Tried & True

full screen video, in-feed display, interstitial display & banners



Emerging Mobile App Install Channels

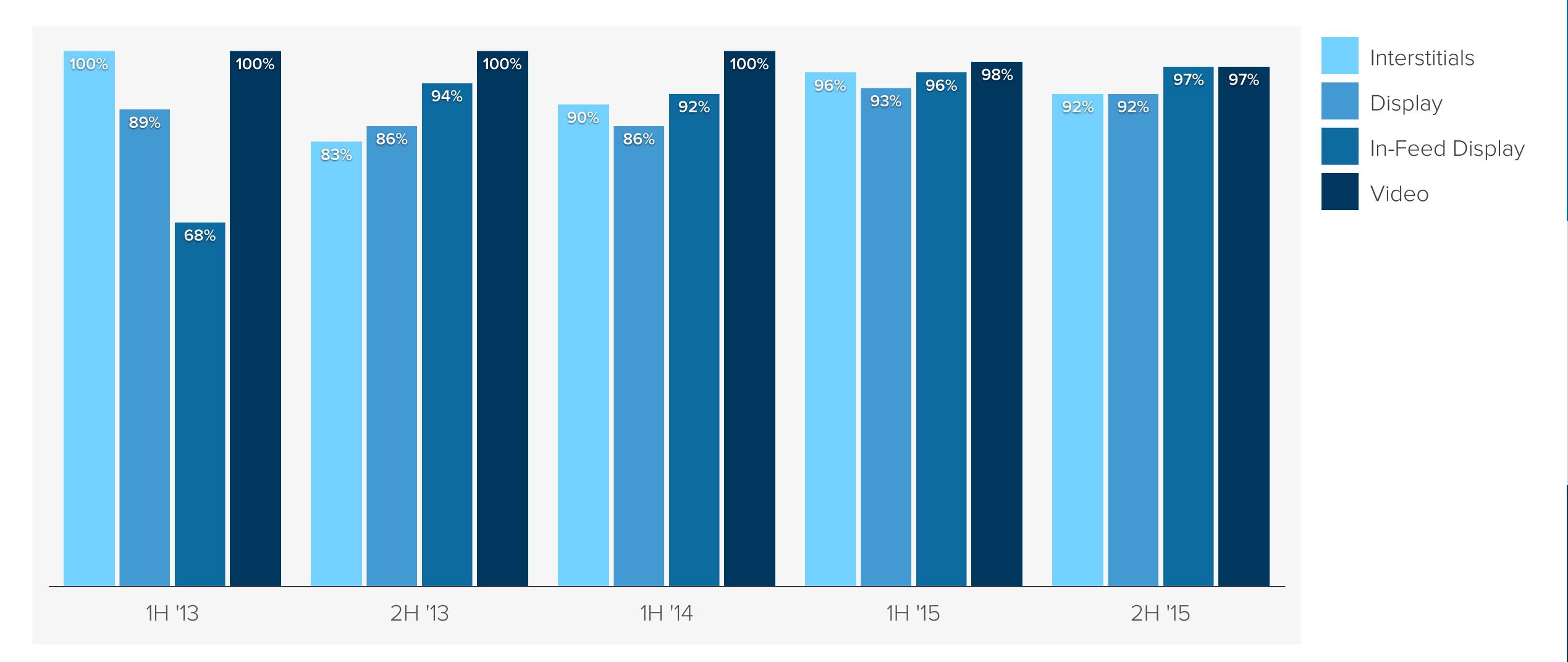
Native, playable & programmatic ads emerge and grow while in-feed video continues to grow





Tried & True App Install Channels

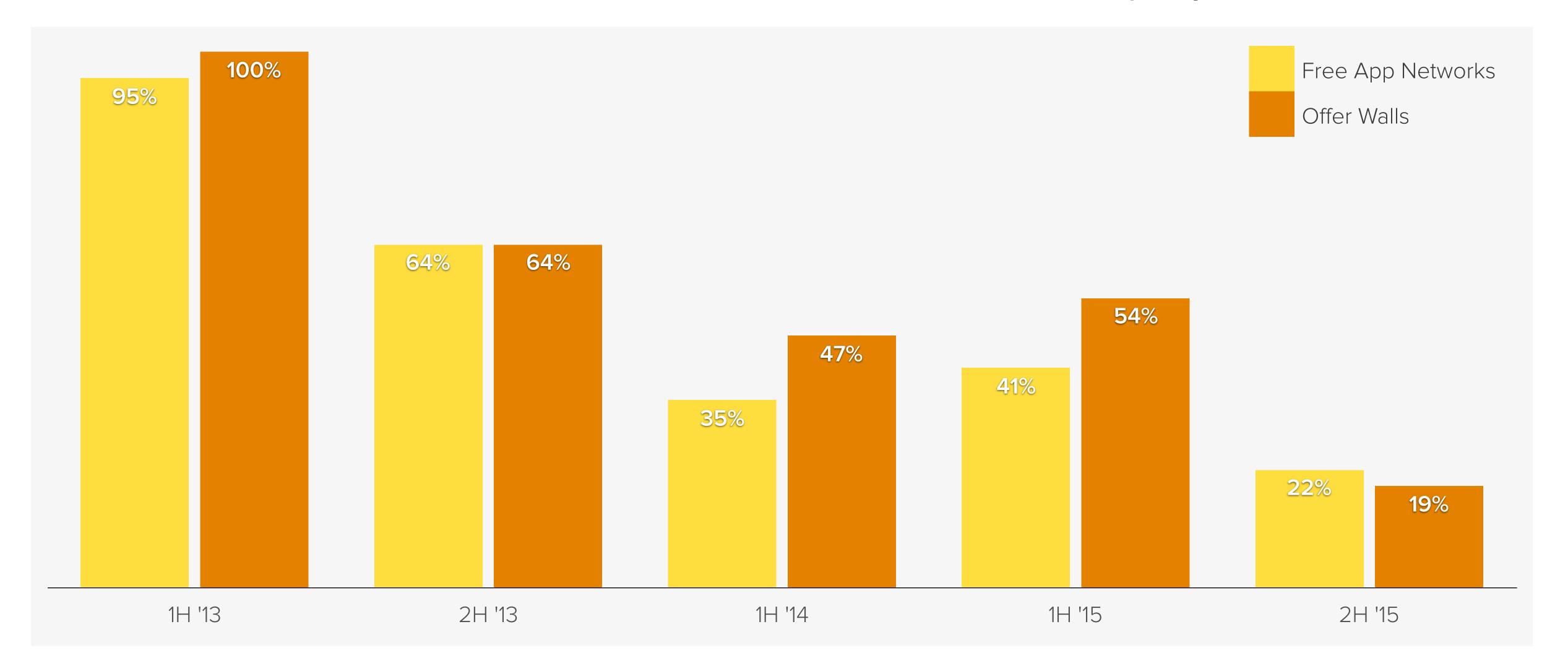
Video, in-feed, display & interstitials continue as top app install channels.





The Demise of Incentivized

Incentivized installs fall out of favor as advertisers continue to focus most on user quality





Targeting & KPIs

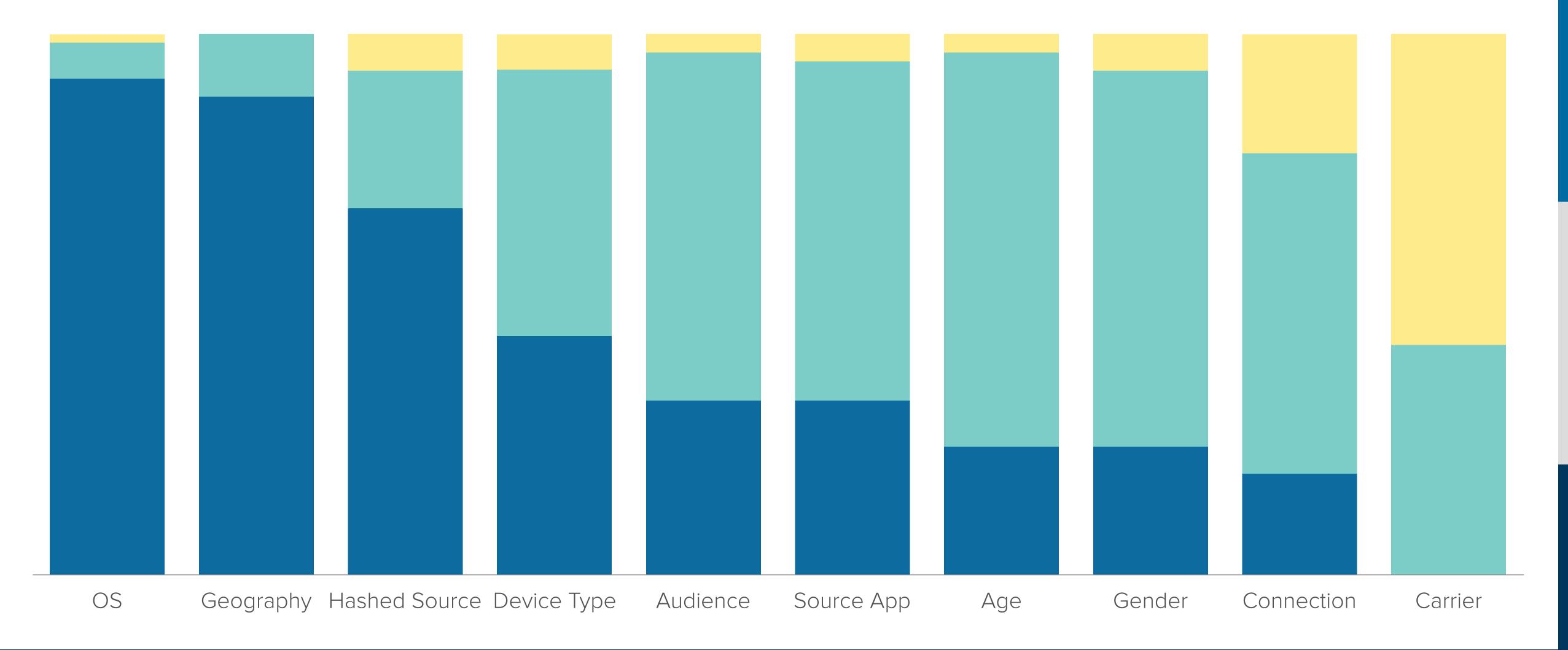
Targeting

Key Requirement

Nice to Have

Not Required

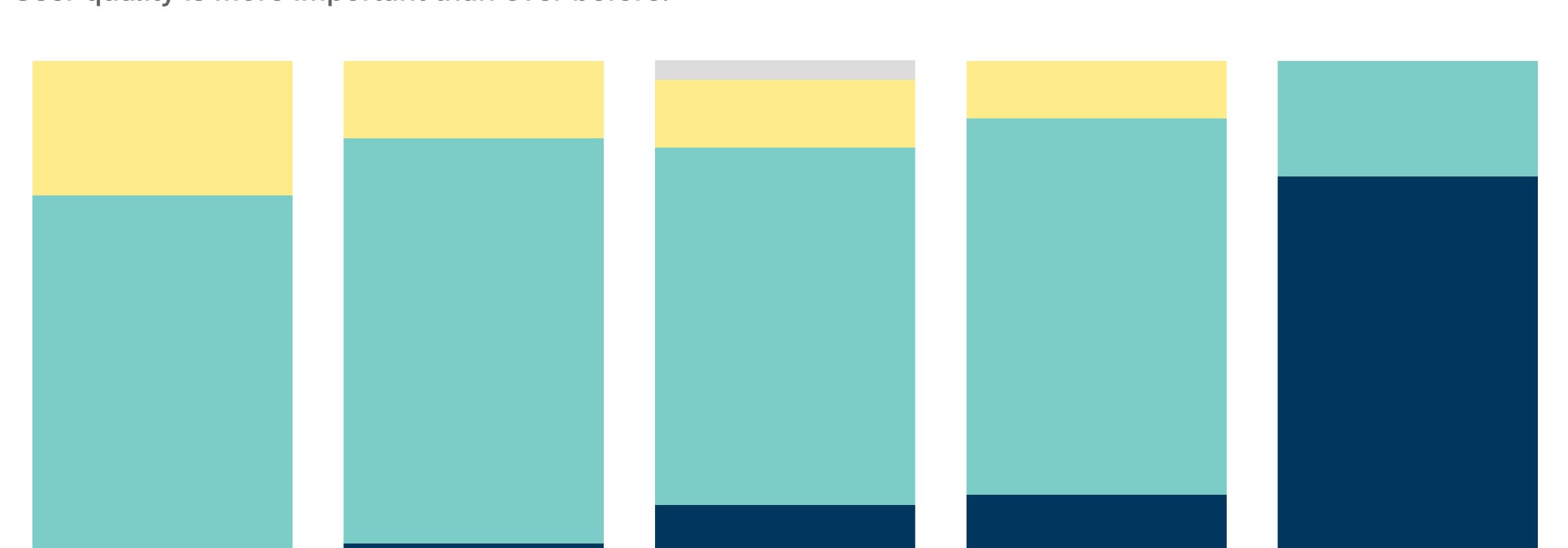
Which targeting parameters are most important & maximize the performance of your app install campaigns?





Top User Acquisition KPIs

User quality is more important than ever before.





Level of Service

Price

Volume

Most Very Somewhat Least

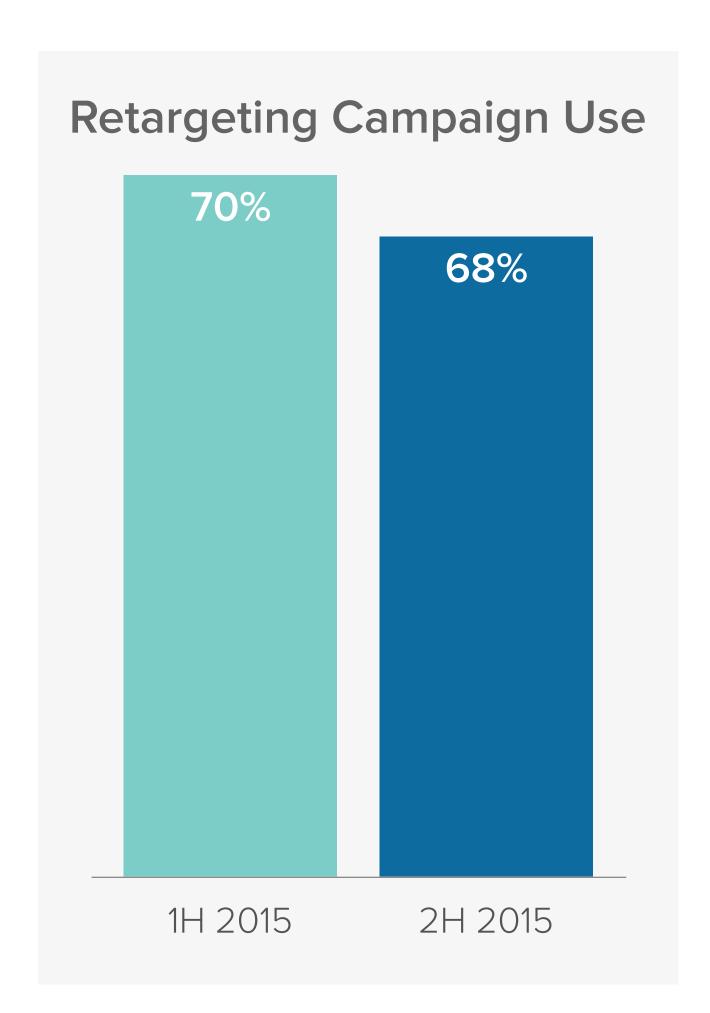
Quality

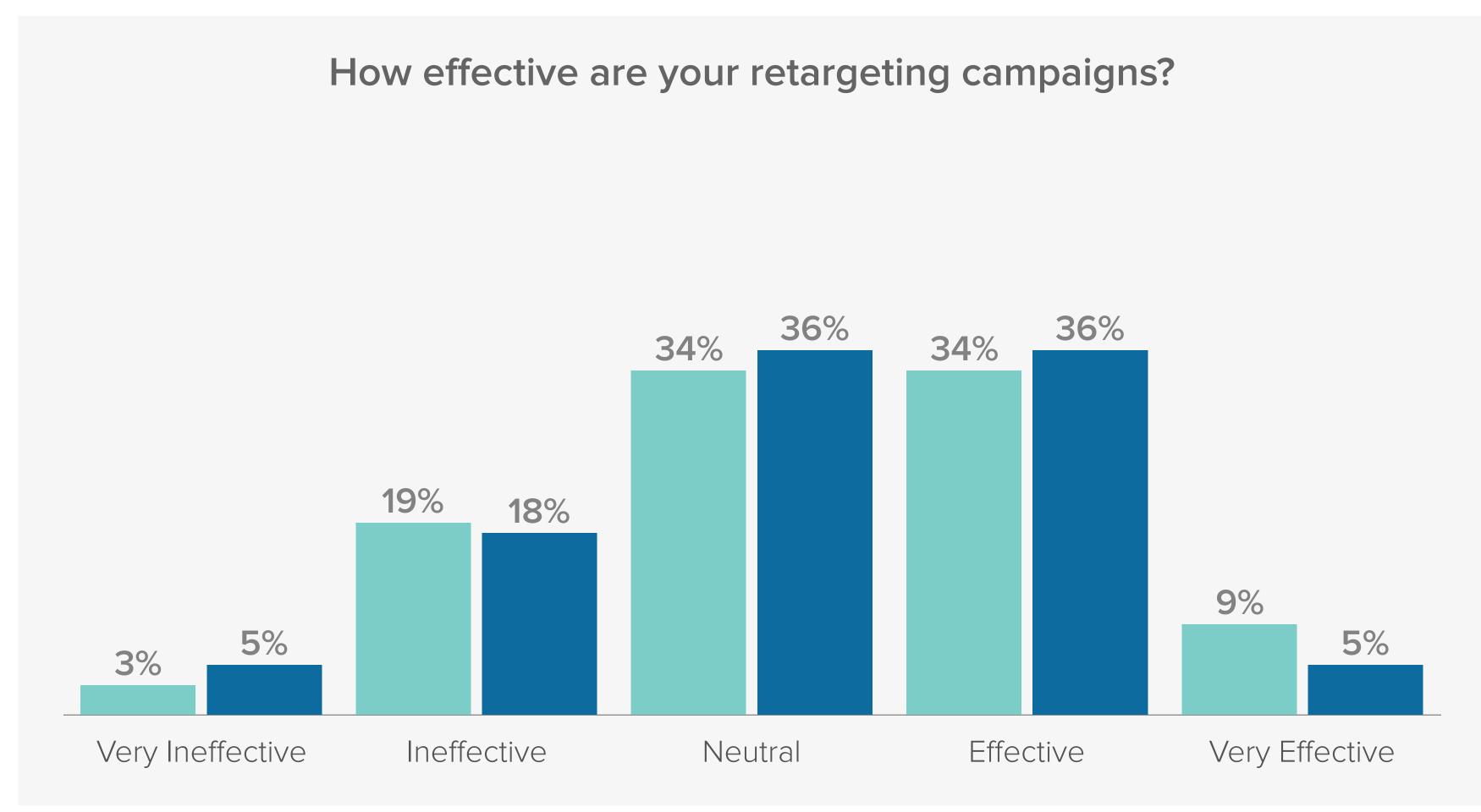


Retargeting Campaigns

1H 2015 2H 2015

Retargeting campaigns continue to have mixed results



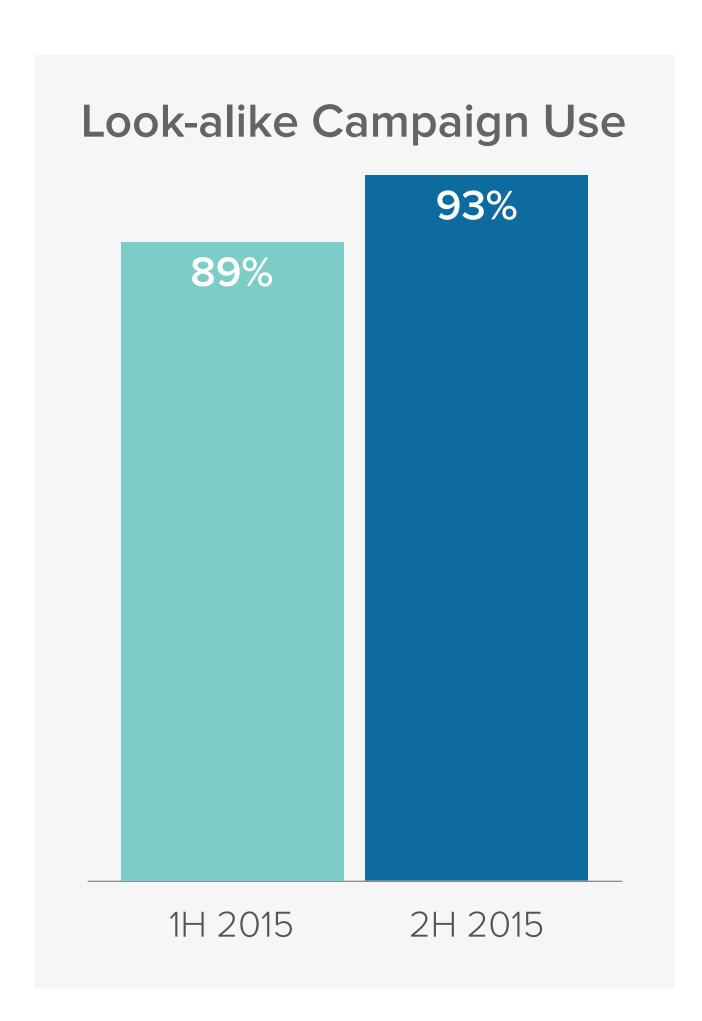


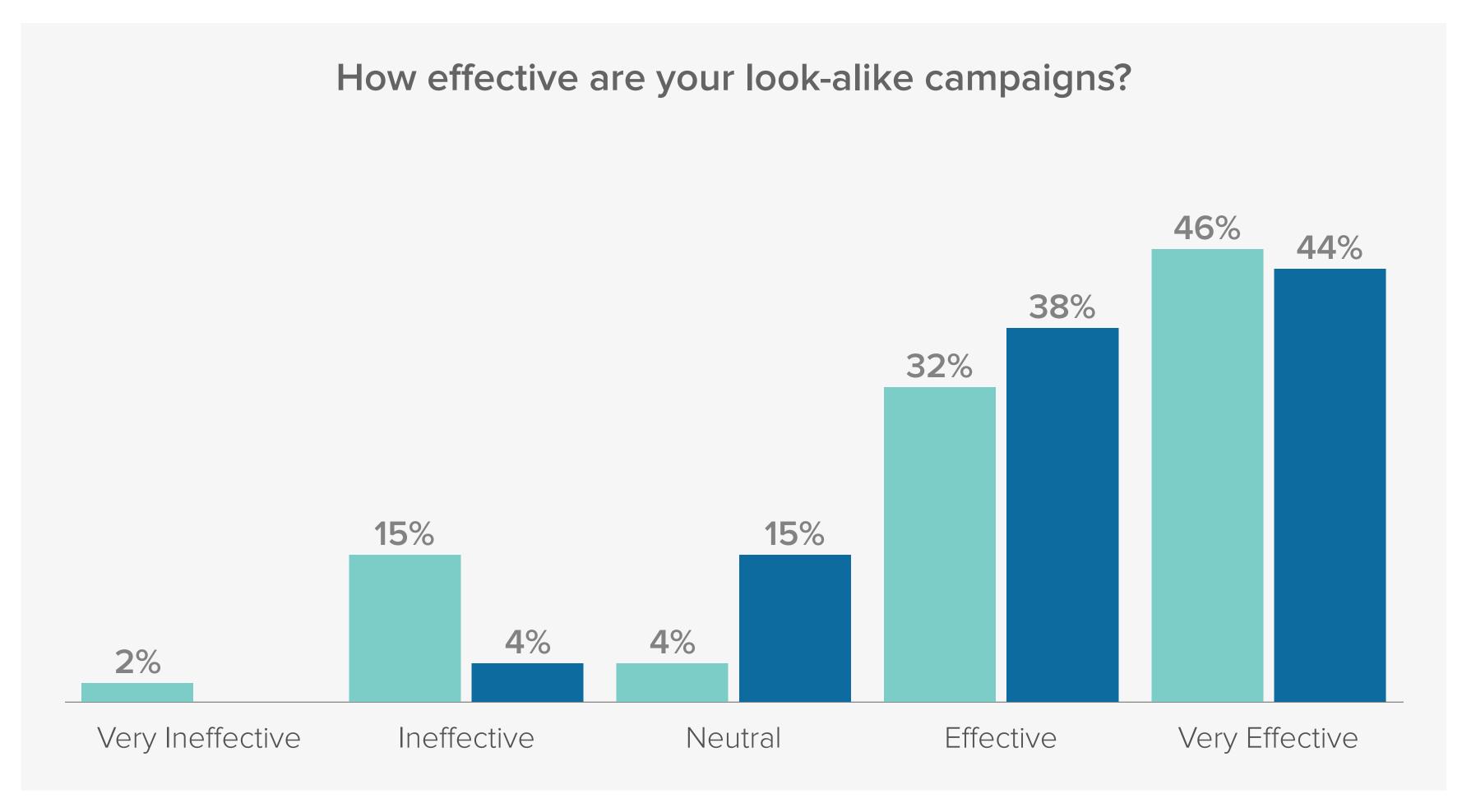


Look-alike Campaigns

1H 2015 2H 2015

Look-alike campaigns continue to be both popular and effective at achieving app install goals







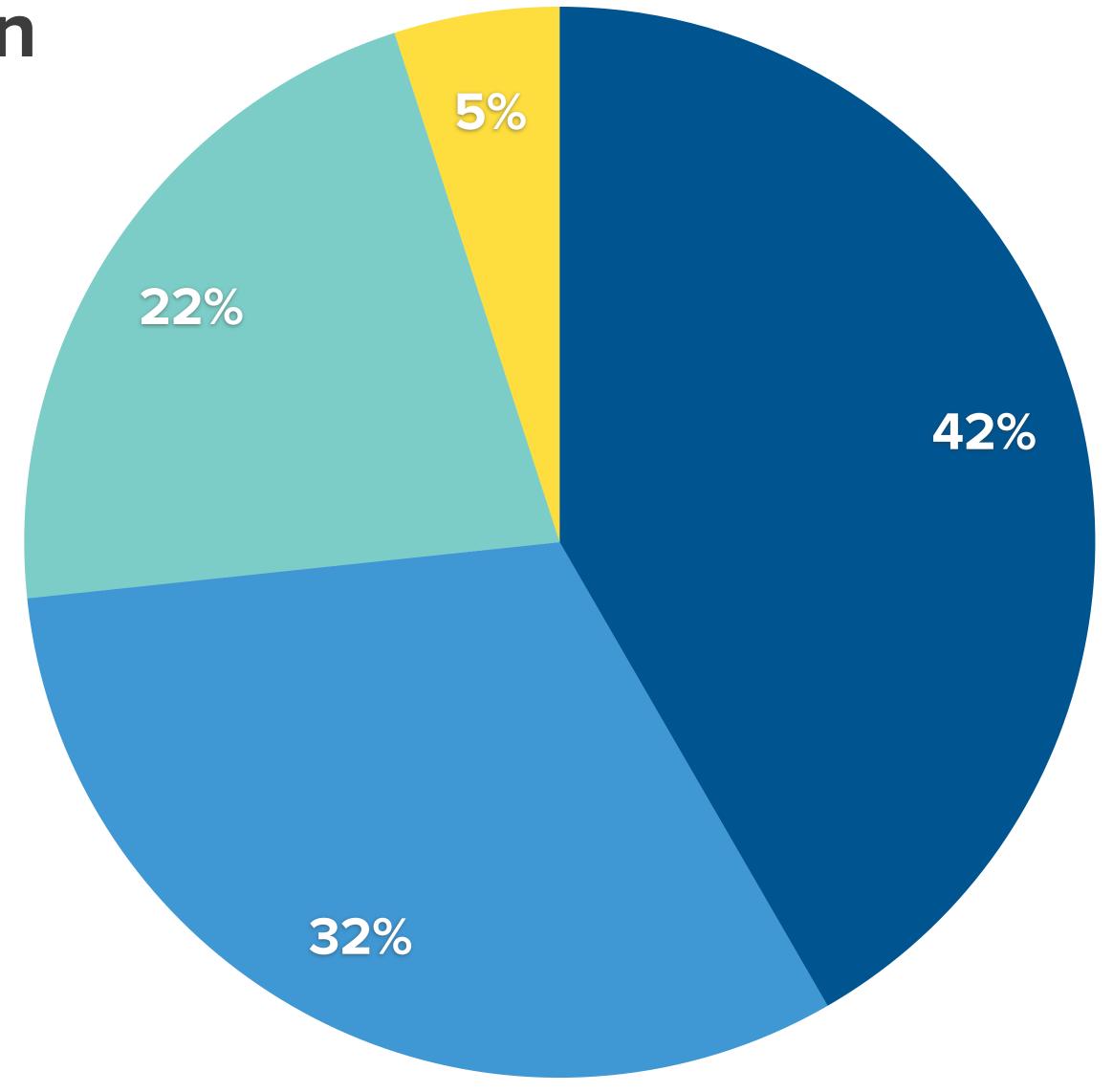
Optimization & Localization

Frequent Campaign Optimization

How often does your team review app install campaign results and optimize accordingly?

95% of app install teams optimize their campaigns multiple times a week, if not every single day.

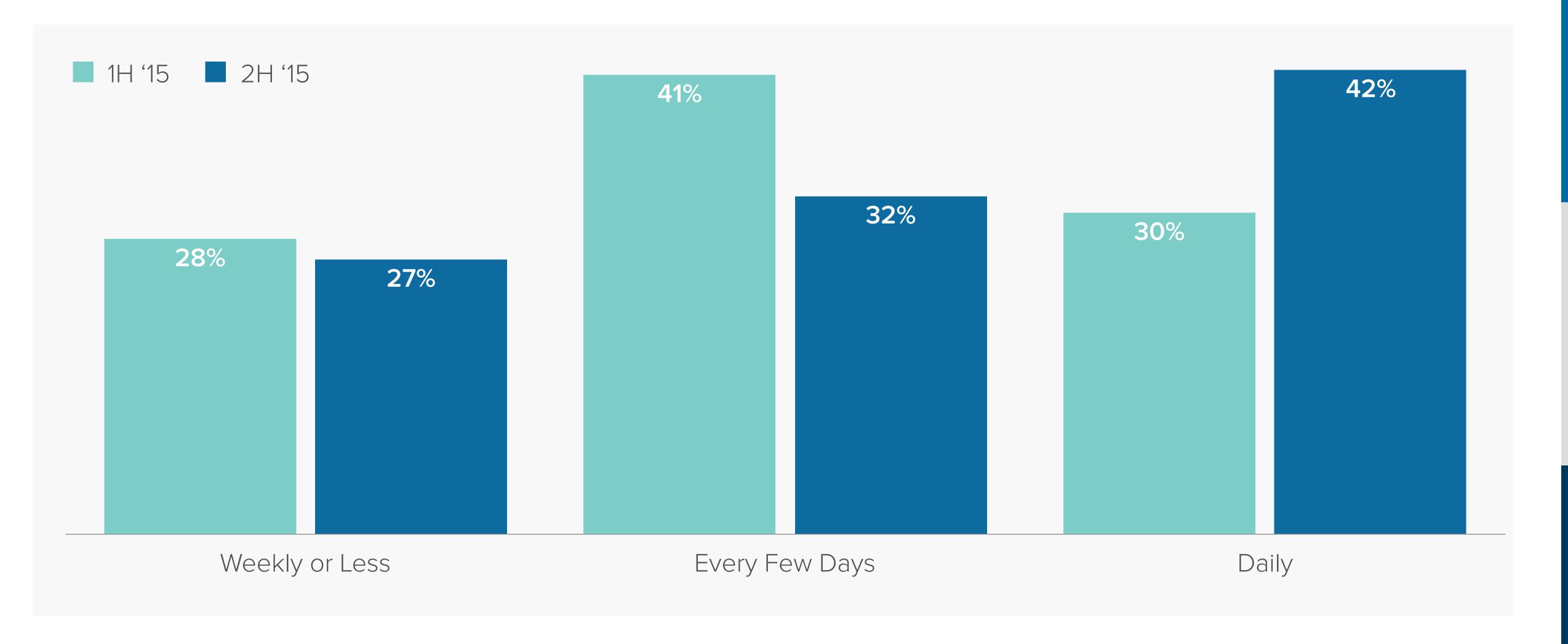
- Every Day
- Multiple Times a Week
- Every Week
- Less than Once a Week





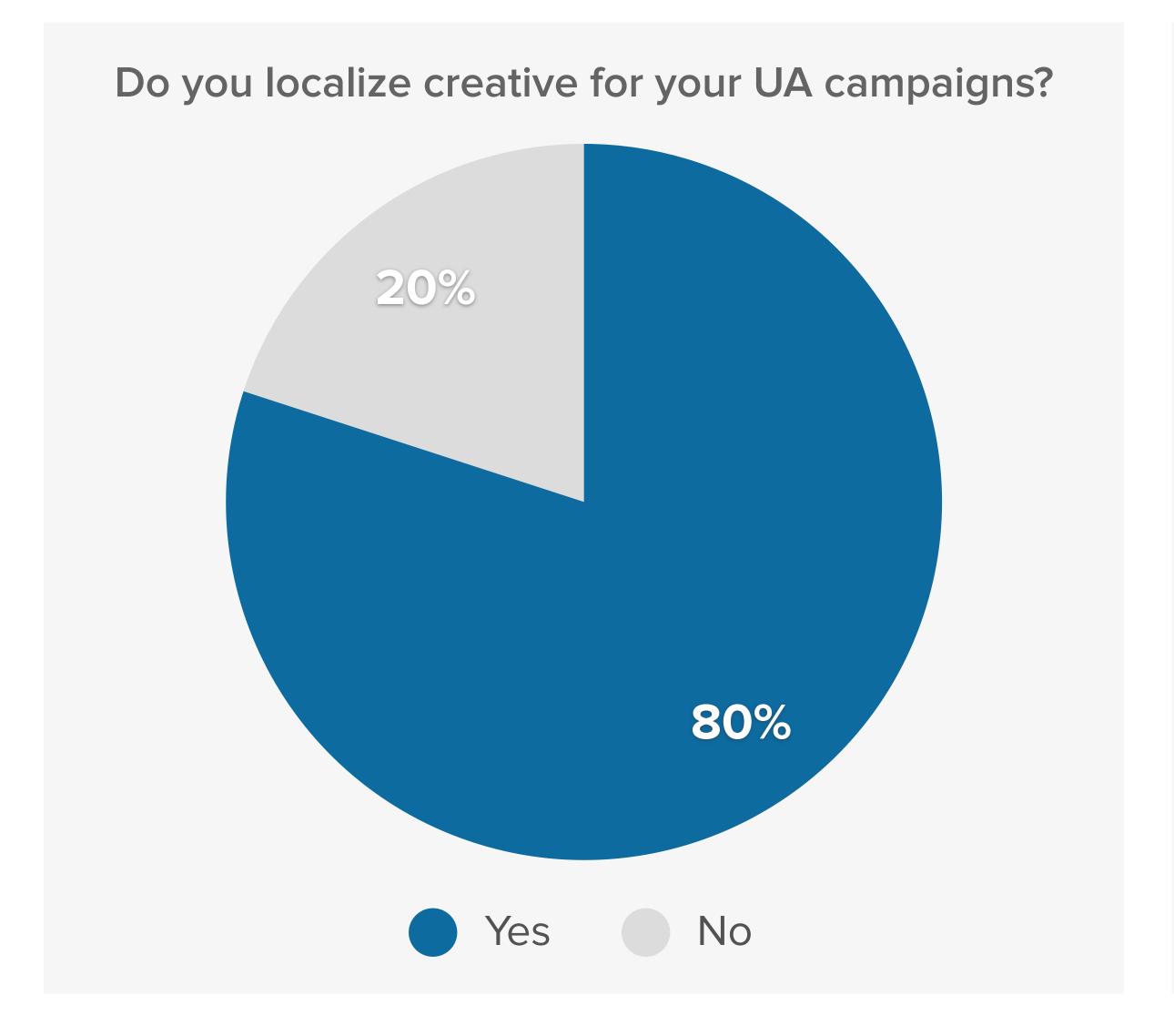
Campaign Optimization Frequency

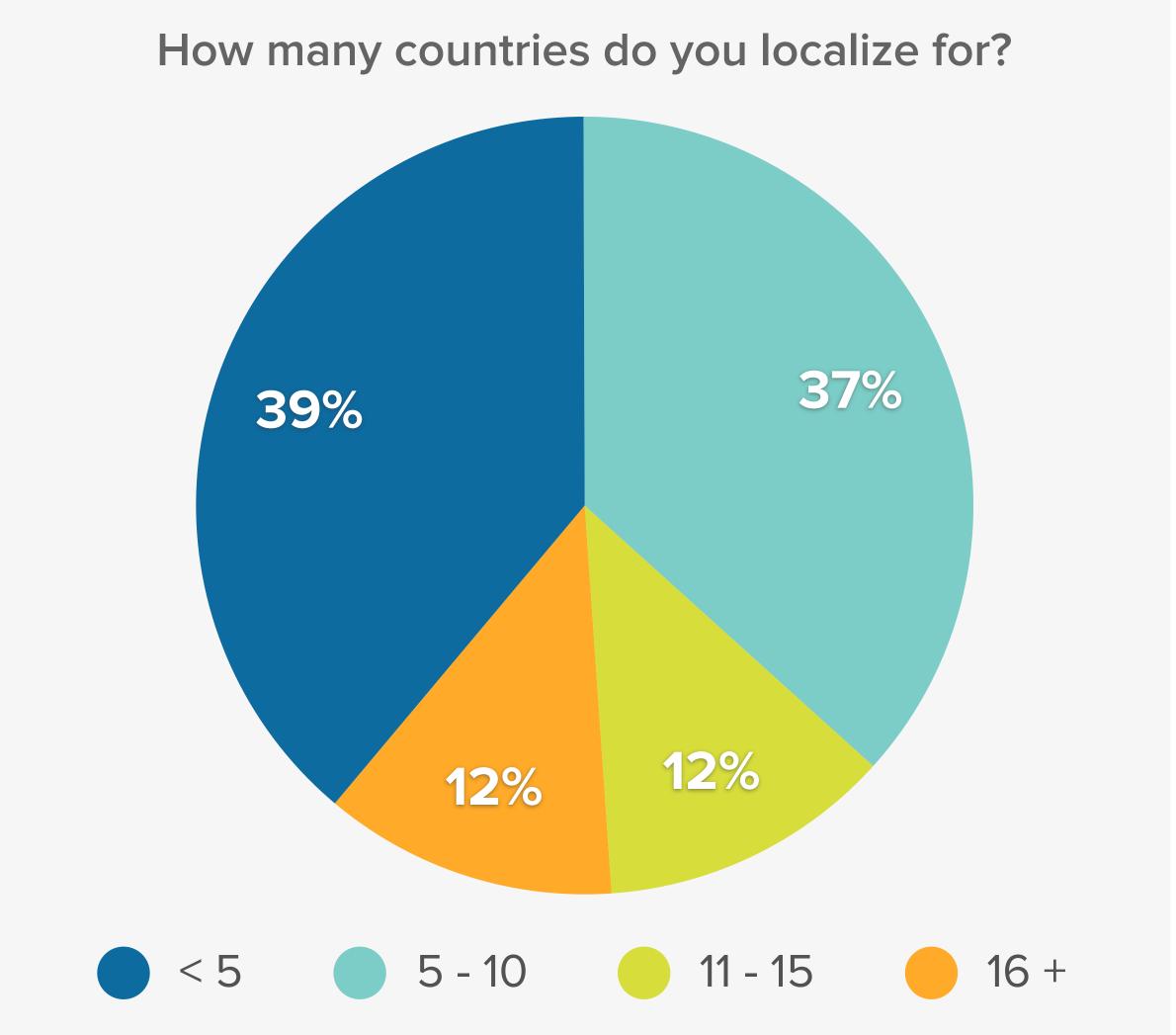
Top grossing developers are optimizing campaigns more frequently than ever before





UA Campaign Localization

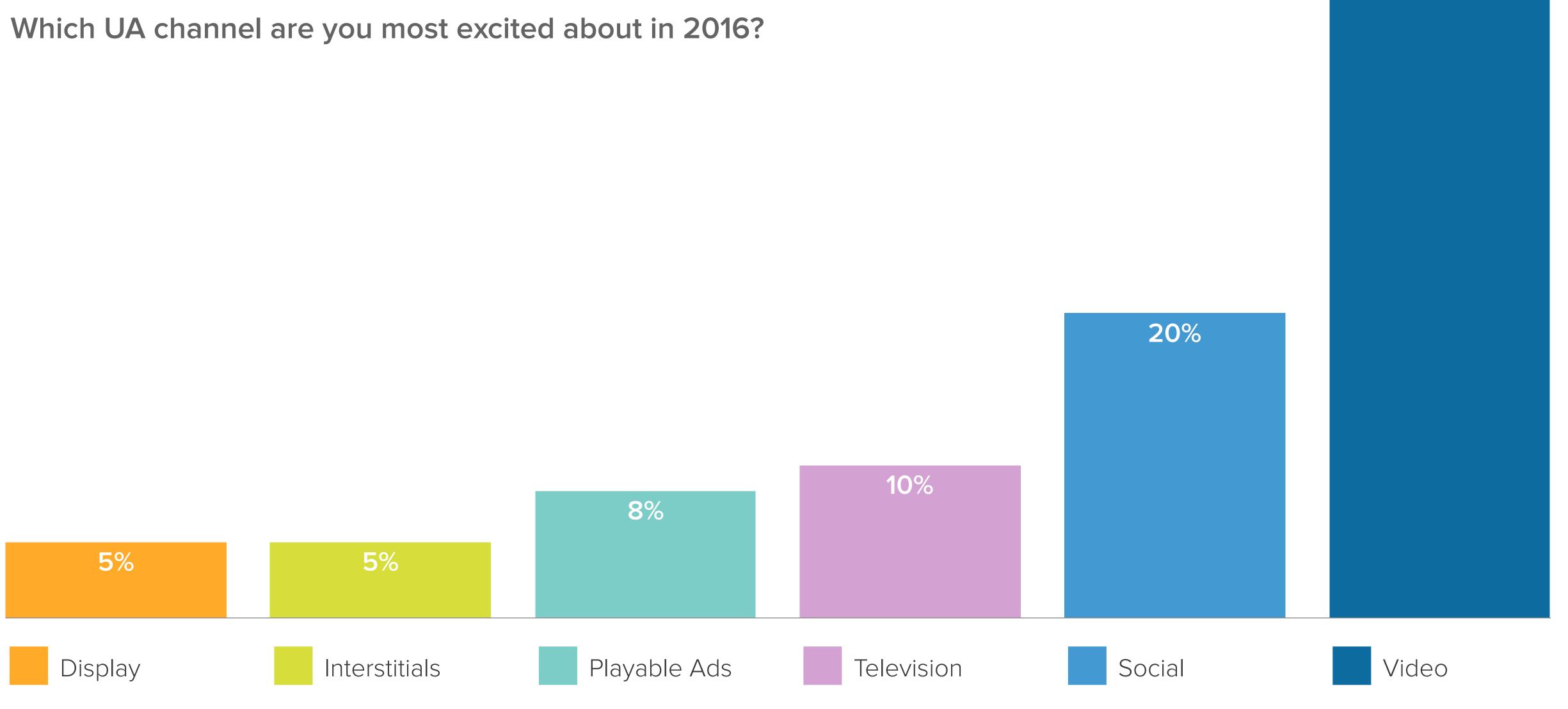






Looking Forward

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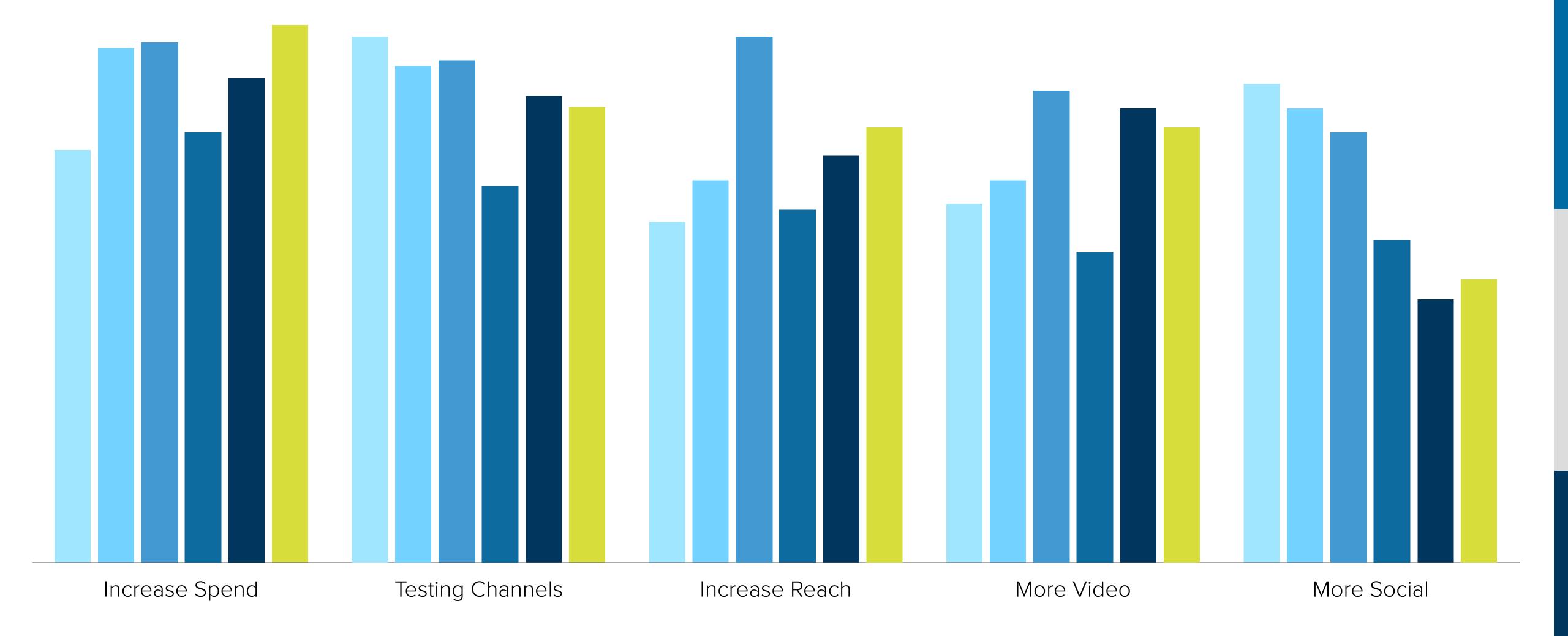




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Campaign Trend Forecast

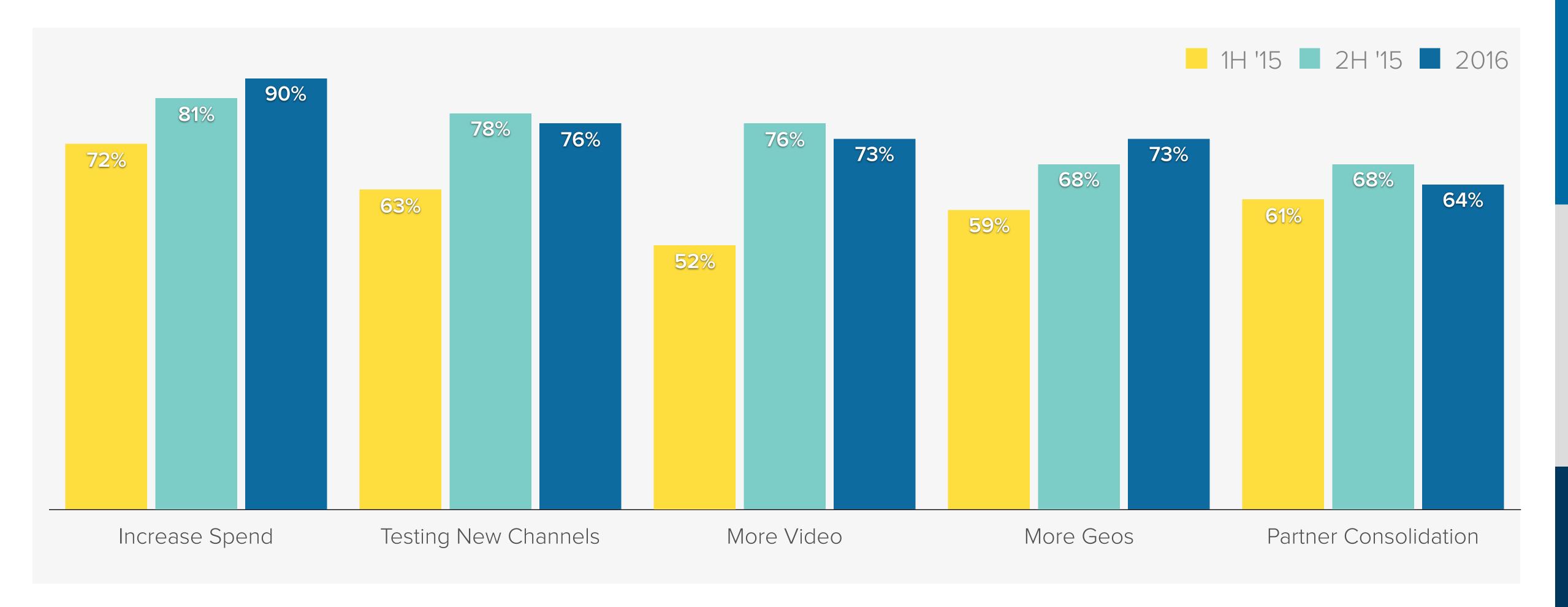
As budgets shift to video, social steadily declines.





Top Campaign Trends in 2016

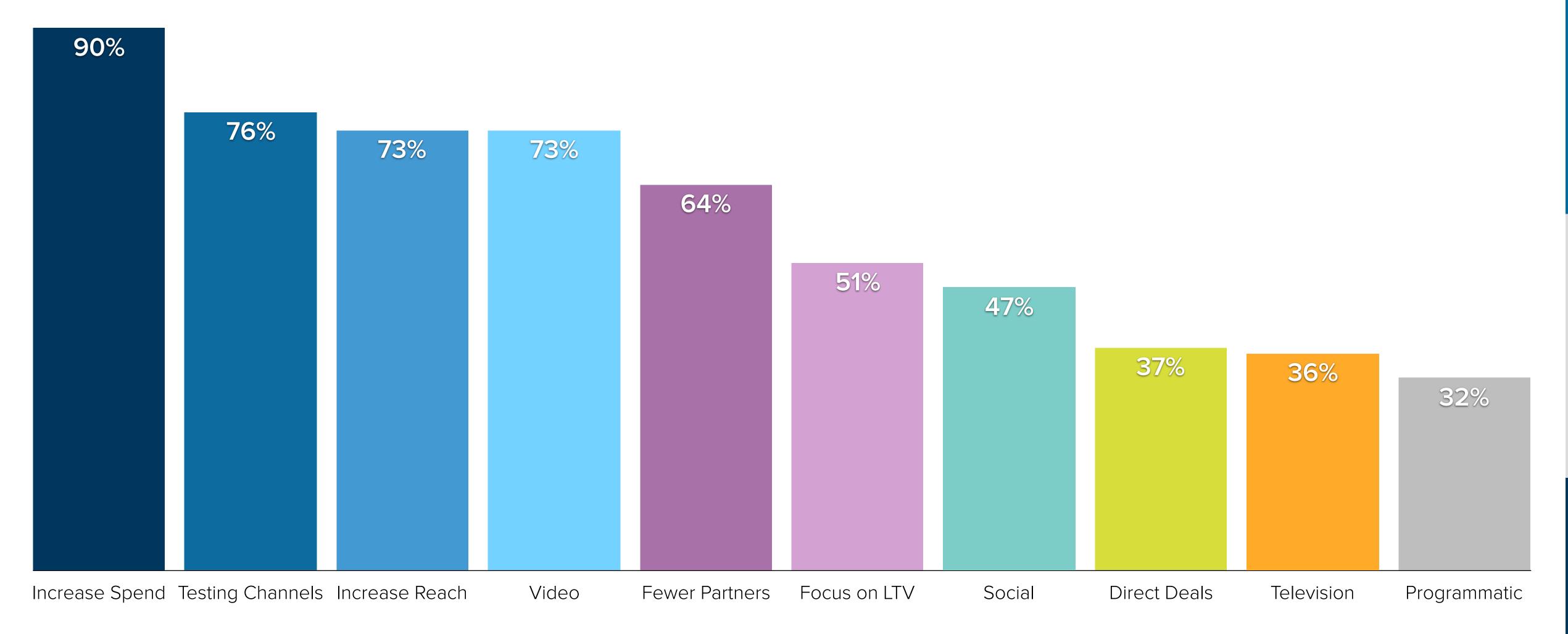
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2016 Top App Install Trends

Where app install advertisers plan to shift their campaigns in 2016.





2016 Top App Install Trend Forecast Where app install advertisers plan to shift their campaigns in 2016. 1H 2015 2H 2015 52% 2016 Forecast 44% 32% 27% 27% 22% 15% 14%

Programmatic

Interstital

Direct Deals

Social



Free App Network

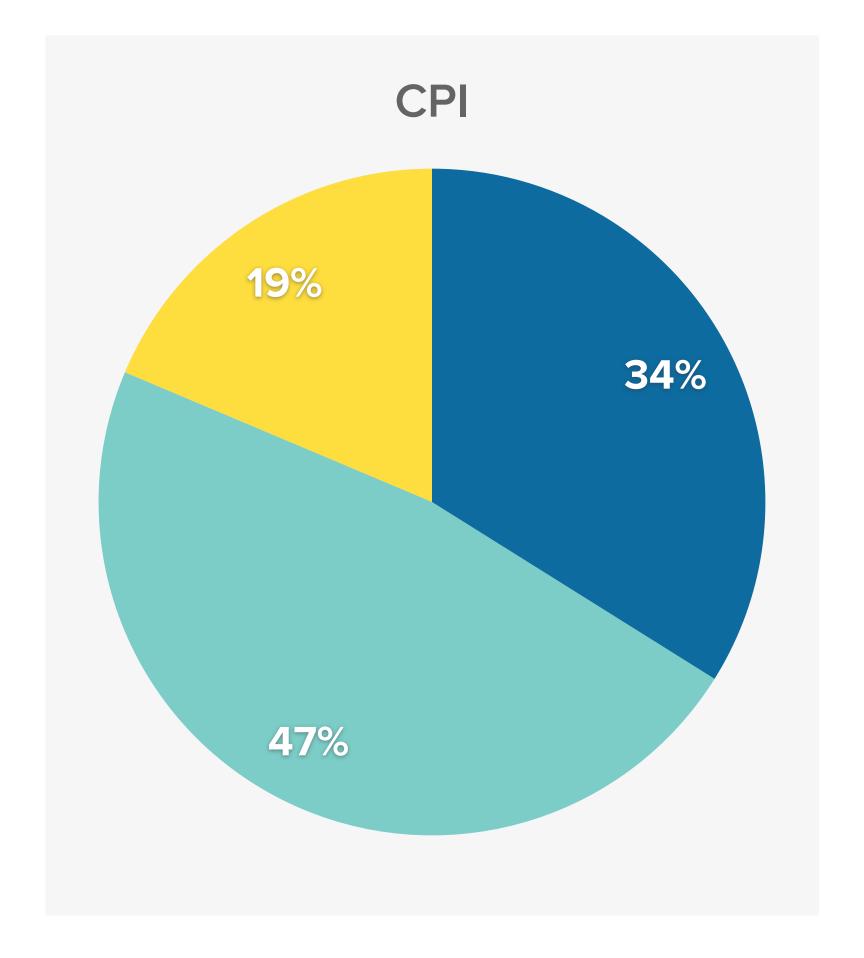
Offer Walls

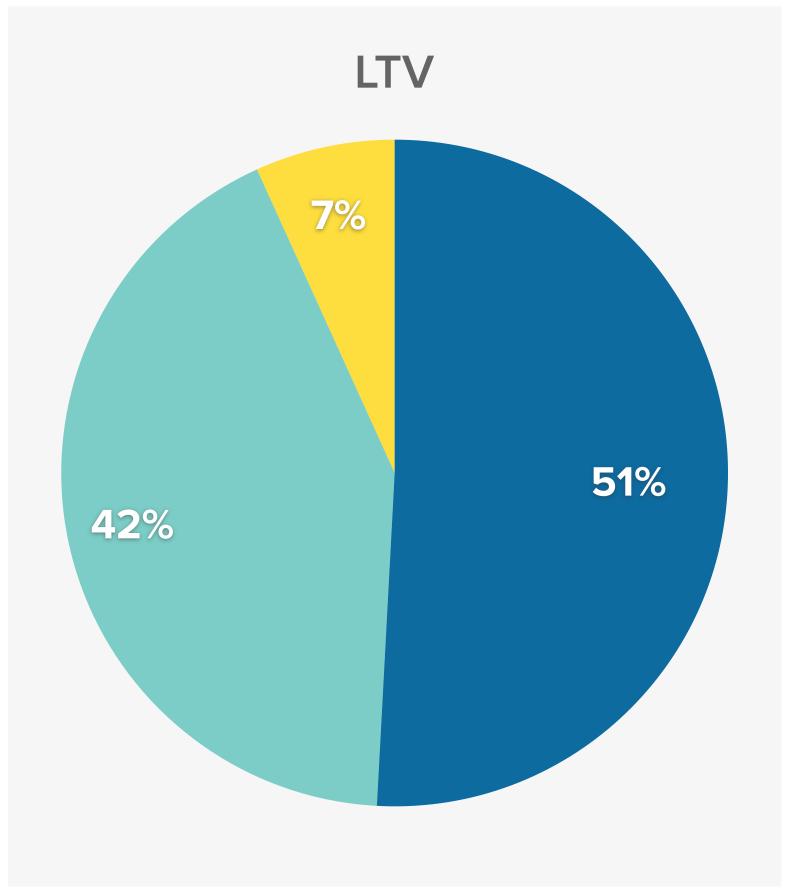
Display

Video

The Cost of a User: CPI versus Lifetime Value

App install teams will continue to be more focused on customer lifetime value than cost in 2016





While CPI remains important, more advertisers are shifting their focus to acquiring high value users to improve overall return on ad spend More Focused No Change Less Focused



