

The power of the platform



Travelport Americas Traveller Research – July/August 2017

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Objective

Understand the “end traveller” to secure a position of authority to support PR and thought leadership around the four themes with proprietary research

Methodology

Online survey conducted by Toluna Research across 19 countries restricted to individuals who have taken at least one return flight in the last year

Respondents

Overall sample of 11,000 respondents across 19 markets in the Americas, Europe, APAC and MEA.

The Americas



Respondents per country:



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1,000



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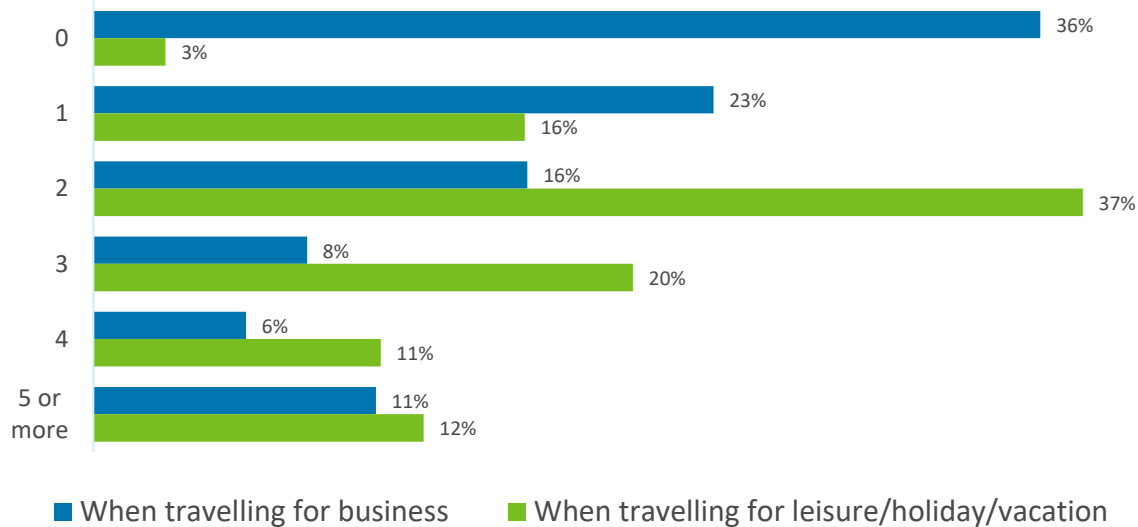
Storyboard

Current State	ONCE UPON A TIME... (Personas)	HE/SHE ALWAYS... (Main tasks)	BUT ALWAYS HAD A PROBLEM... (Main issue)	HE/SHE TRIED TO SOLVE IT... (Competing solutions)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Travelers The ever-connected traveler FOMO (fear of missing out) (Leisure travelers and business travelers) Mind the generation gap - There were two groups of travellers who acted very differently depending on when they were born 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Looked at too many travel apps and different sources of information Need to be connected through their digital devices Young – were keen to travel and used their mobiles throughout the entire customer journey but needed help and advice. Where as the elder generation knew exactly what they wanted and were happy to use mobile but usually whilst on their trip, when it was the most convenient medium available 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Get confused with too much information and overwhelmed with choice – is overloading peoples decision making process and taking too much time Worrying about not having connectivity not knowing what's going on with colleagues, friends and family becomes a pain point – work and leisure blending (staying connected to work whilst on holiday and keep in touch with friends and family via social media when on leisure and work trips) Young – even though there were multiple tools to use and they were always to hand there was too much information and they found this frustrating. Older – limited by their own sphere of influence 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> By connecting with there social contacts and using trip review sites that they don't necessarily trust the problem does not get any easier – Alternative facts is an issue. They want to switch off and relax but they want to be connected/fear of missing out - they are conflicted Young – by turning to social media and peer to peer reviews. Older – go ahead and book within comfort zone
Future State	BUT HE/SHE WISHED THAT... (Potential solutions)	UNTIL ONE DAY... (Brand exposure)	UNLIKE HIS/HER SOLUTION... (Brand differentiator)	HIS/HER WISH CAME TRUE: TO... (Customer's aspiration)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> They could find their perfect digital solution to simplifying their trip with little or no effort and be happy (Appy) They could get rid of the conflict - do they turn the phone off or stay connected Young – they could trust the sources of information available. Older – didn't need to limit their sphere 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> They discovered a travel professional that helped them through the maze of choices The norm today is being connected and wifi and low cost roaming enables this however data still need to be mined by the user though many apps Young – they learnt to stop letting the process overwhelm them and trust the experts, reviews became qualified as they knew the reviewer had travelled to the place. Older generation – used personalized/targeted content to help them discover a different relevant journey 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Curated / personalized offers that interest them - right offers at the right time – upsell cross sell. As well as relevant travel information to enhance the travel experience and drive loyalty They need time out to really switch off so maybe limiting phone time on leisure trips make sense – and they can relax safe in the knowledge that wifi and charge points are available throughout their journey so they can access as and when Young - realized that more is not always better. In fact when they trust the advice given then they do not need to waste time researching every possible detail and becoming overwhelmed and frustrated with the process 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A single source for the right content for them Traveller needs to have the option to always be connected (with a working charged device) and given the choice to disconnect on their terms. Young – a simplified process using the travel professional and personalized advice they trusted

Traveller profile - frequency of travel

Frequent Travellers: on average respondents have taken 4.4 return flights in the last 12 months

- 97% of the sample have travelled for leisure, on average 2.7 times
- 67% have travelled for business, on average 1.7 times



Average of 4.4
return flights in
the last 12
months

Americas Base: Weighted 2,500 - total 3,000

Travel Research

Travel research – key takeaways



- **Travellers generally use multitude of sources for travel research**
 - Includes both online and offline - significant proportion still turn to travel professionals
 - Actively look for inspiration and thus huge opportunity for suppliers to influence choice
 - Social media is a significant influence – both friends and travel suppliers
 - Travel research is considered fun and exciting (even for 24% of business travellers)
 - Peer-to-peer review sites (eg. Trip Advisor) are the greatest influence
- **Too much information can lead to many frustrations**
 - A lot of confusion, takes too long etc.
 - Mistrust around authenticity of traveller reviews

Q8 - Which of the following methods do you usually use to research trips when travelling for leisure and/or business?

- 80% looking for new and exciting destinations on travel sites
- 80% looking for new destinations based on their interests
- 74% use peer-to-peer reviews
- 42% use voice search – a significant result given how new is this tech



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Q8 - Which of the following methods do you usually use to research trips when travelling for leisure and/or business?

- Review sites used by 79% of USA and 83% of Canada travellers, 90% of those from Brazil use travel sites helping discovering new destinations based on interests, while 81% of those from Colombia and Mexico use Travel booking sites that help discovering new destinations
- There is a significant difference in the ranking of 'Recommendations from travel professionals' between Colombia-Mexico-Brazil (high ranking) and USA-Canada (low ranking)

Country Comparison

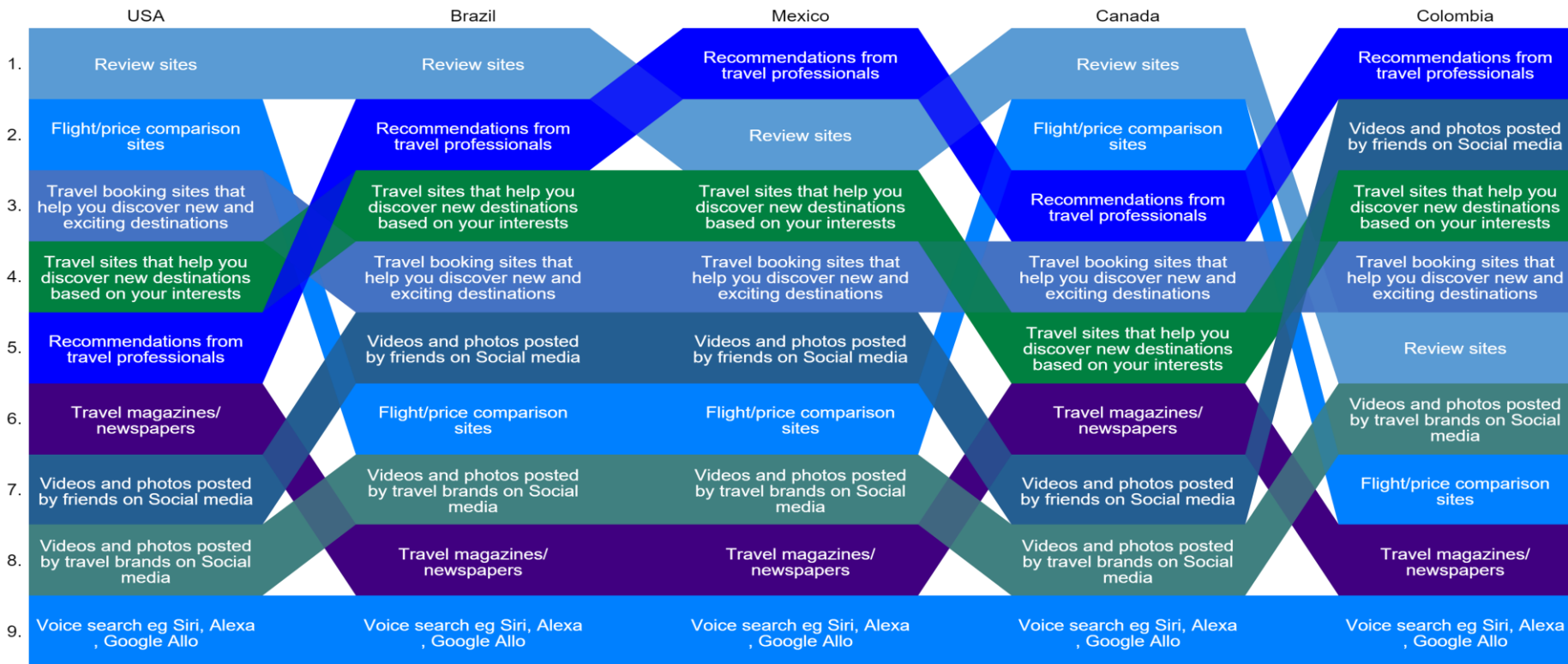


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Q9 - Which do you think has the greatest influence, by Country



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Q10 Which of the following best describes how you feel when researching a trip

- For leisure travellers research is much more fun and exciting (74%) and 71% are open to ideas and suggestions while 65% are actively looking for inspiration
- For business travellers research is much more functional and 62% are restricted by their companies travel policy, however, a significant proportion (39%) are still open to ideas
- Business travellers prefer to delegate the researching activity to professionals especially when compared to leisure travellers



Americas Base n = 2,816 leisure travellers and 1,860 business travellers

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Booking a trip

Booking a trip – key takeaways



- Over a third of respondents have booked travel on their cell
 - Travel suppliers need to ensure their booking process is seamless across all devices/channels and the customer experience is a good one, using past preferences to assist the process.



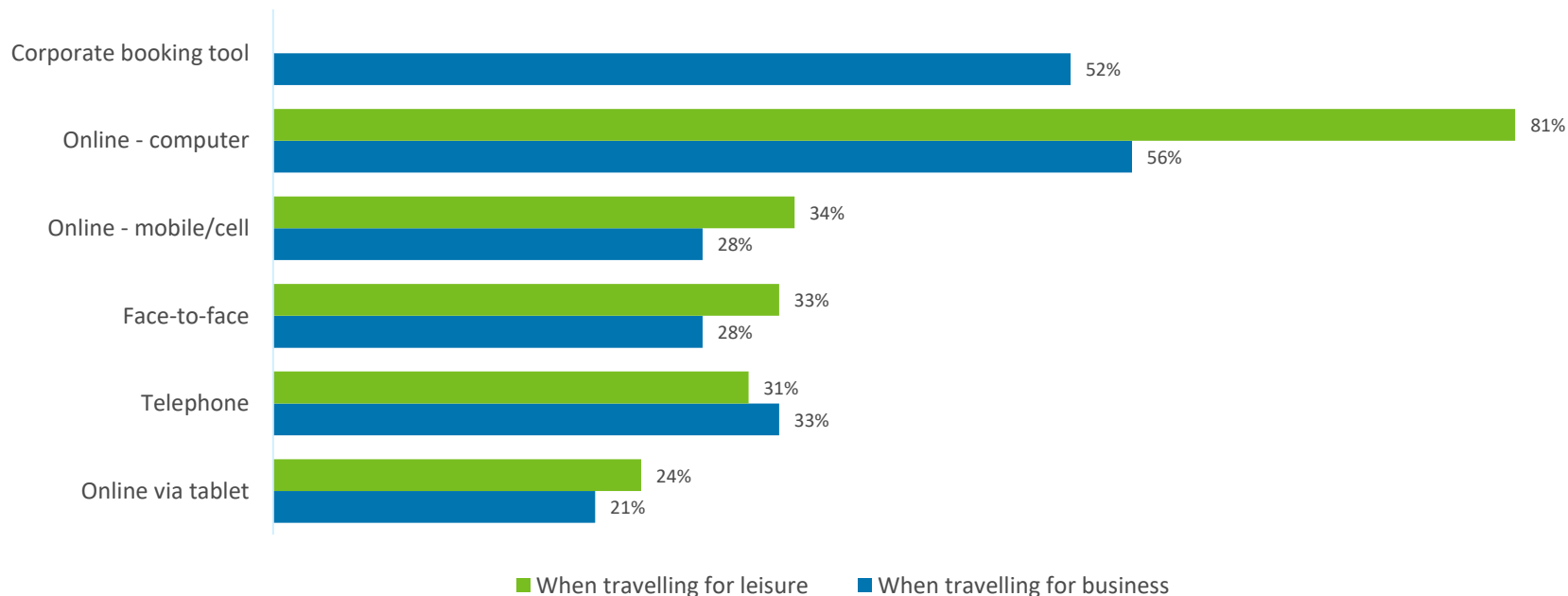
- As a backlash to digitalisation and the frustrations of booking a trip, some 40% feel that it is a pain point not being able to speak to a human – a potential for chat bots to fill this space (as long as they seem human and aid the pain)



- Writing online reviews: With the dependence on peer-to-peer reviews for travel decision making some 50% of business travellers and 47% of leisure travellers leave reviews
 - Only 5% of business travellers and 7% of leisure travellers agreed that they are unlikely to ever write an online review

Q12 How are your trips usually booked?

- Online dominates travel bookings for leisure with 81% using a computer and 34% their mobile/cell phone
- For corporate travel, the computer still dominates at 56% closely followed by a CBT at 52%



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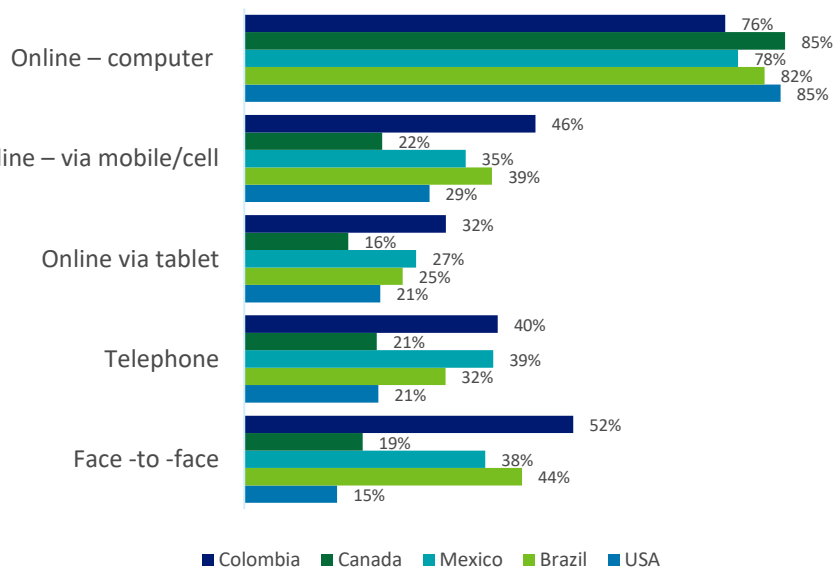
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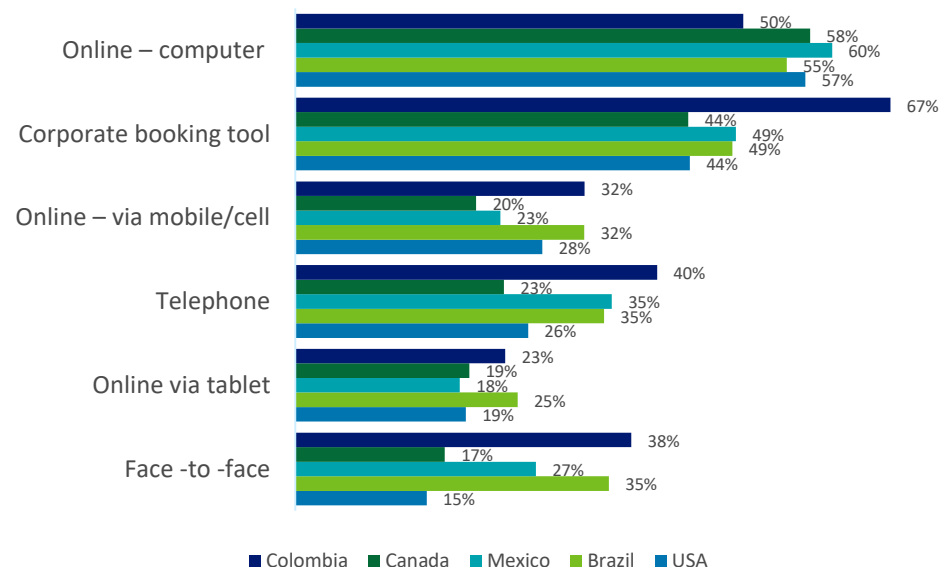
Q12 How are your trips usually booked - by Country

- With the exception of Colombian business travellers, 'Online computer' is the most used booking medium in both leisure and business
- Colombia slightly behind for PC (76%) but ahead for mobile (46%)

When travelling for leisure



When travelling for business



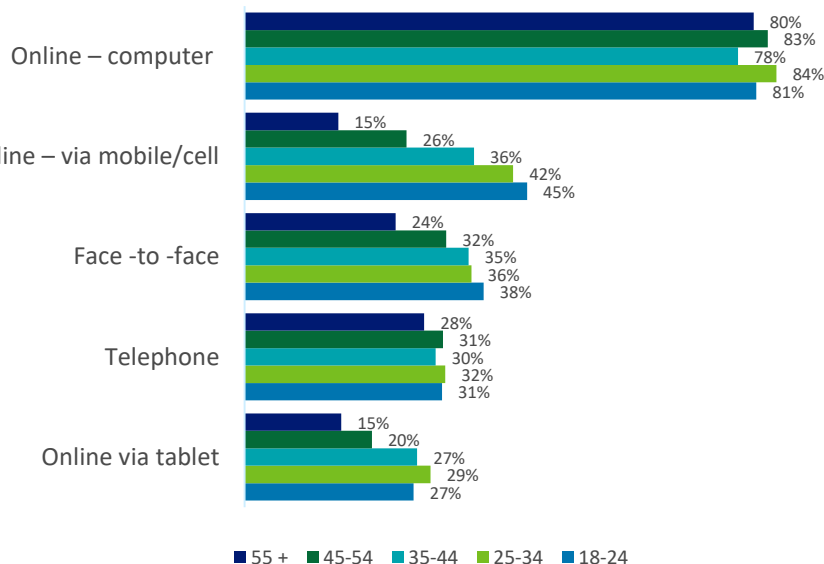
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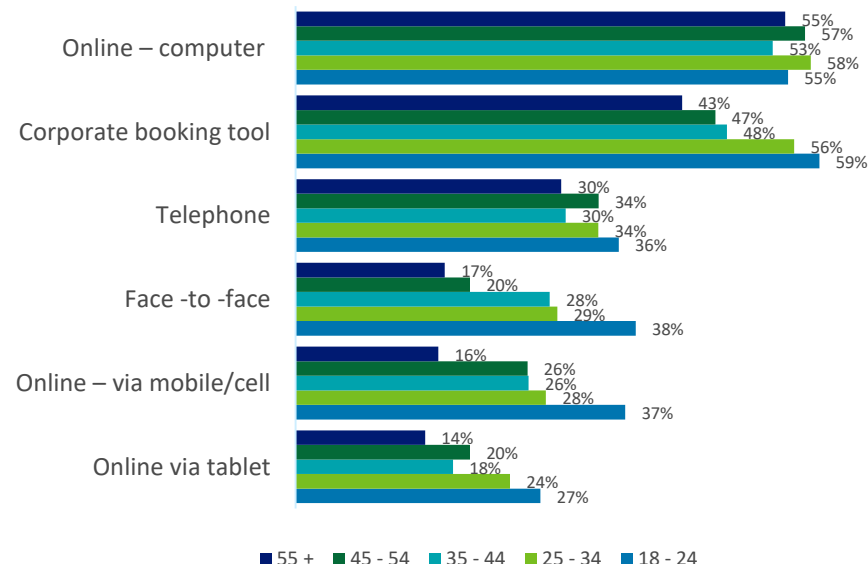
Q12 How are your trips usually booked - by age

- '18-24' are the only age group that uses corporate booking tools more than internet when travelling for business

When travelling for leisure



When travelling for business



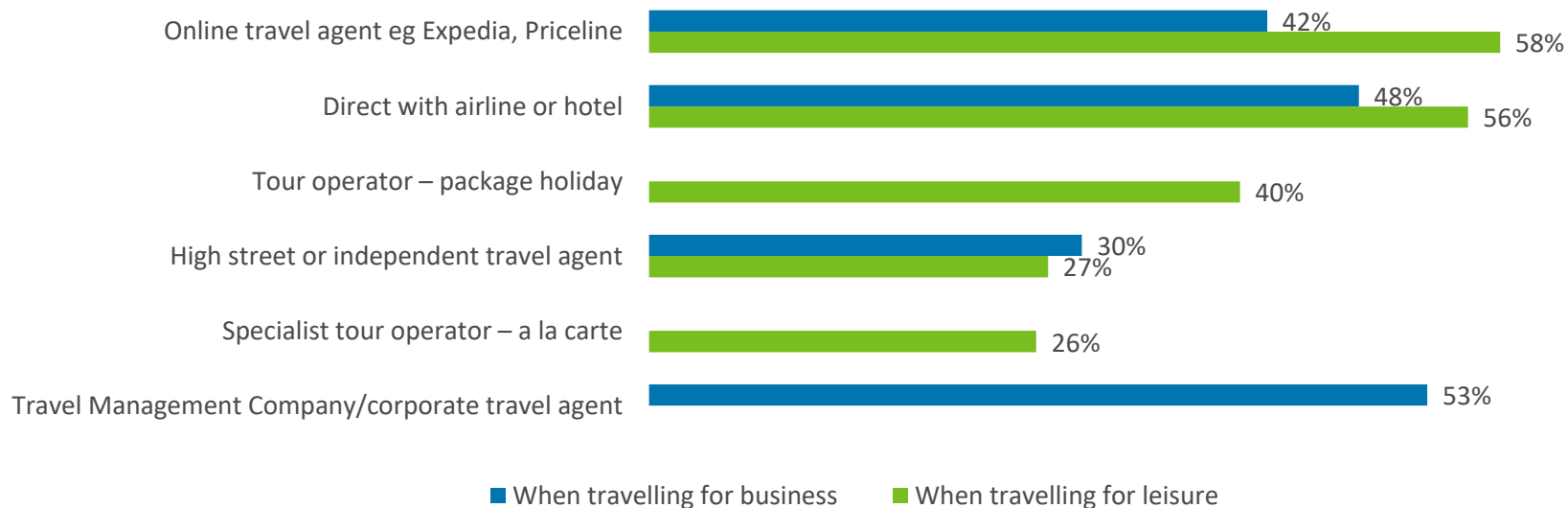
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Q13 Who do you usually book through?

- Unsurprisingly given the dominance of online bookings, OTAs dominate the booking channel at 58% of leisure trips, closely followed by 56% going direct with the supplier
- For leisure 40% have still used a tour operator, an independent travel agent (27%) or a specialist (26%)
- 53% of business travellers use a TMC, closely followed by direct bookings (48%) and OTAs (42%)

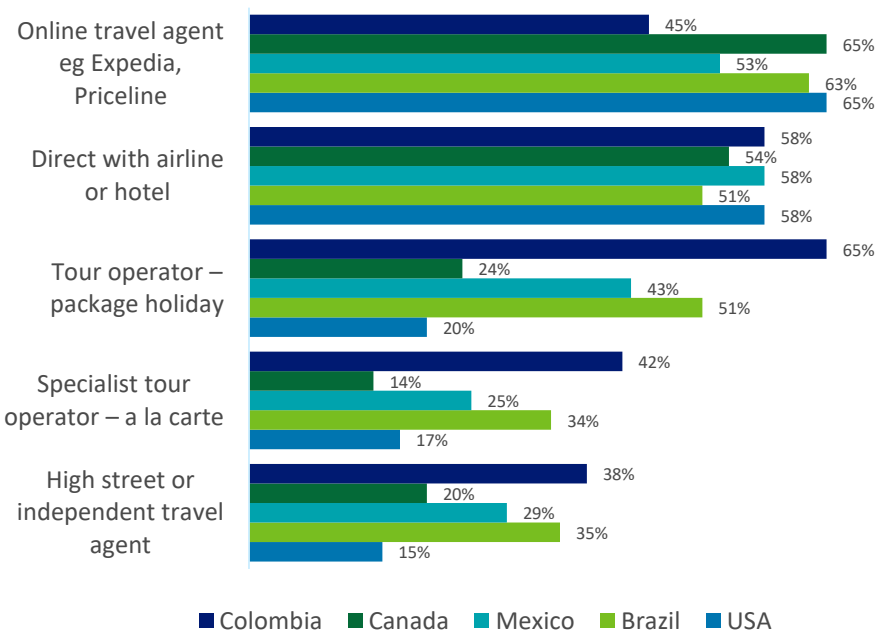


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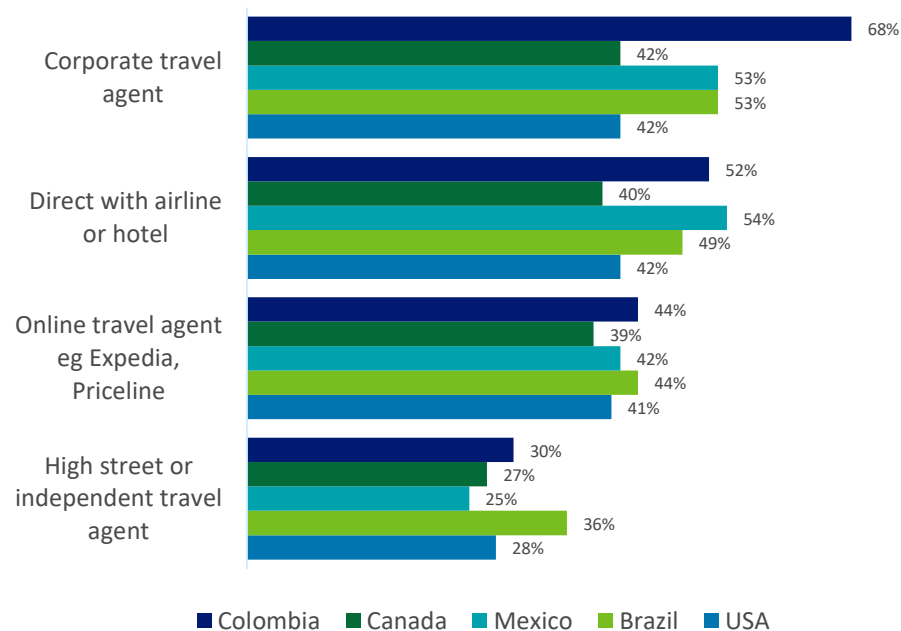
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- Canada and USA use more OTA (% up to 65%)
- High differences across countries. Only in 1 out of 5 cases Canada and USA respondents use “traditional” tools. Colombia and Brazil instead are high users of these (more than 1 out of 3 cases).

When travelling for leisure



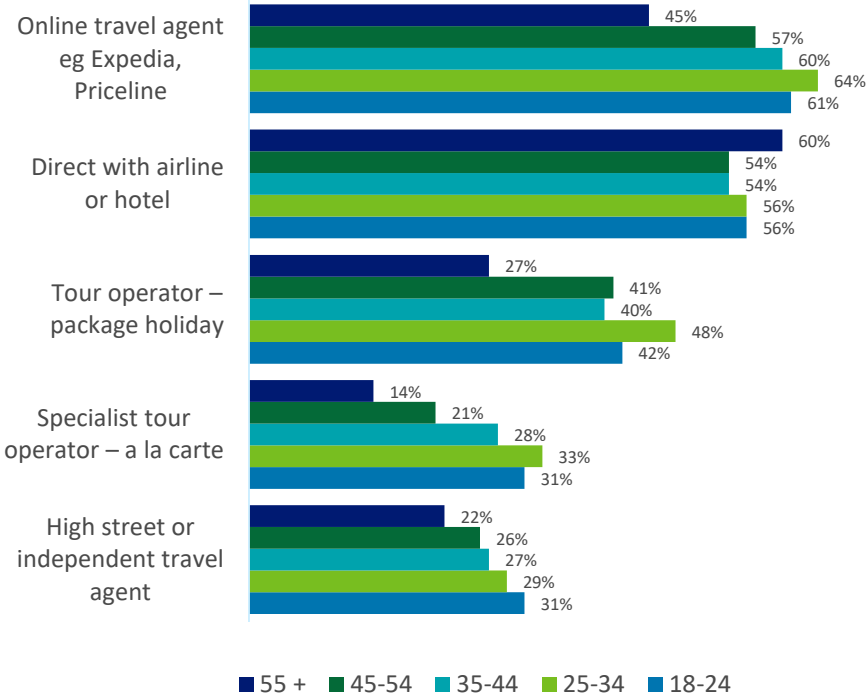
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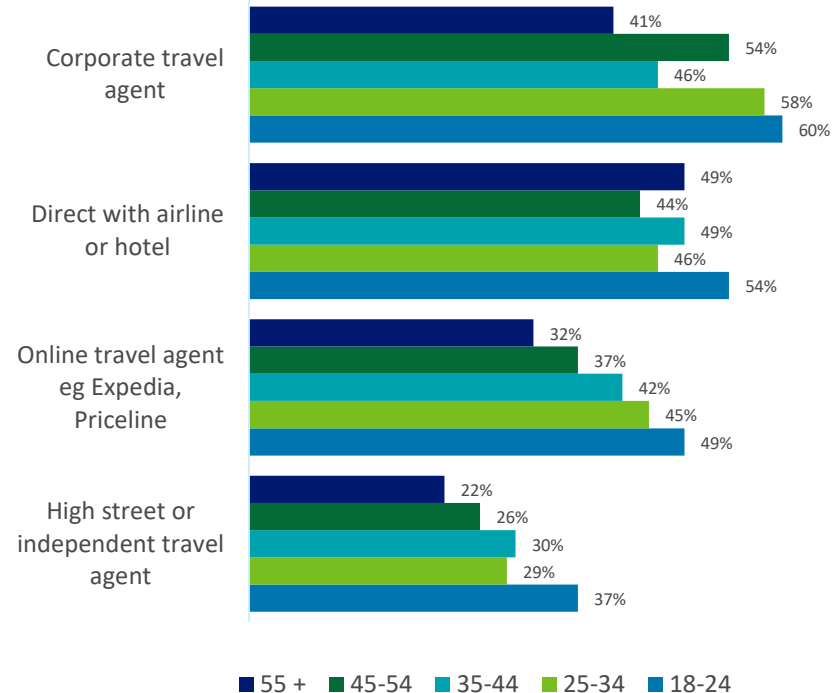
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Q13 Who do you usually book through - by age

When travelling for leisure



When travelling for business



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Q14 What are the greatest pain points when booking a trip?

- Complicated rules/T&Cs are the greatest pain points for leisure and business travel alike at 50% agreement with a further 40% agreement towards not knowing what is included in the price also being a pain point
- Time spent finding the best price is also a pain point at 47%
- As a backlash to digitalisation and the pain points of booking a trip, some 40% feel that is it a pain point not being able to speak to a human – a potential for bots to fill this space (as long as they seem human and aid the pain)



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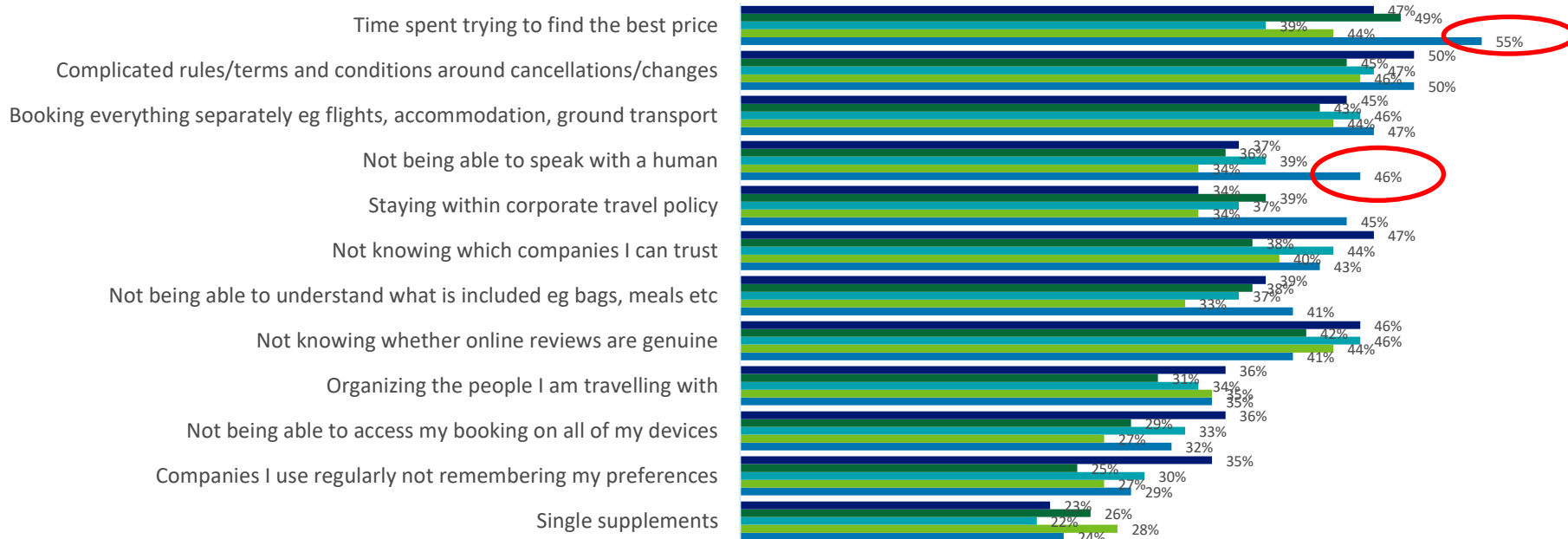
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Q14. What are the greatest pain points when booking a trip?

- Time spent finding the best price is a pain point for 56% of USA respondents, 39% of Mexico
- As a backlash to digitalisation and the pain points of booking a trip, some 40% feel that is it a pain point not being able to speak to a human – a potential for bots to fill this space (as long as they seem human and aid the pain) - % goes up to 46% for USA

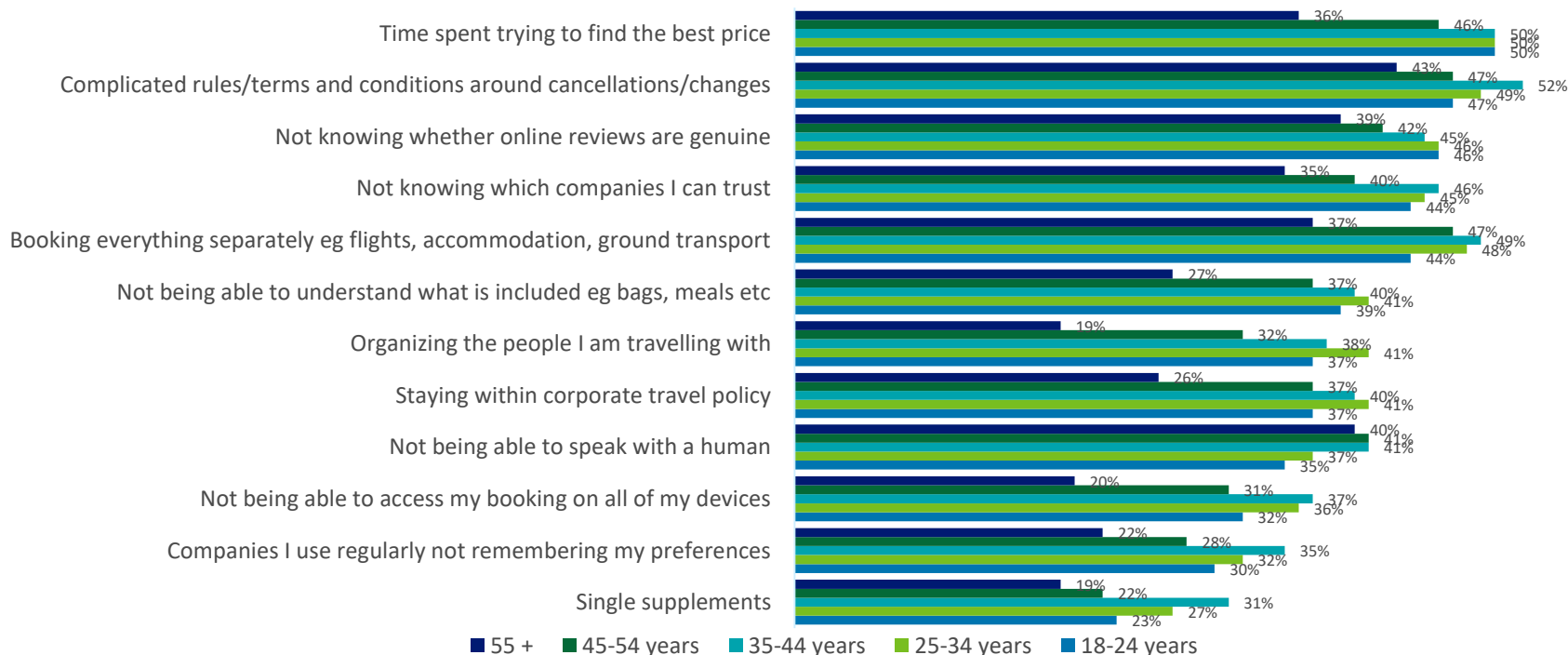


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Colombia Canada Mexico Brazil USA

Q14. What are the greatest pain points when booking a trip- top 2 boxes – by age

‘Time spent searching for best price’ is the biggest concern to younger generations, while older ones (45-54 and 55+) are more concerned with complicated terms and conditions and not being able to talk to a human



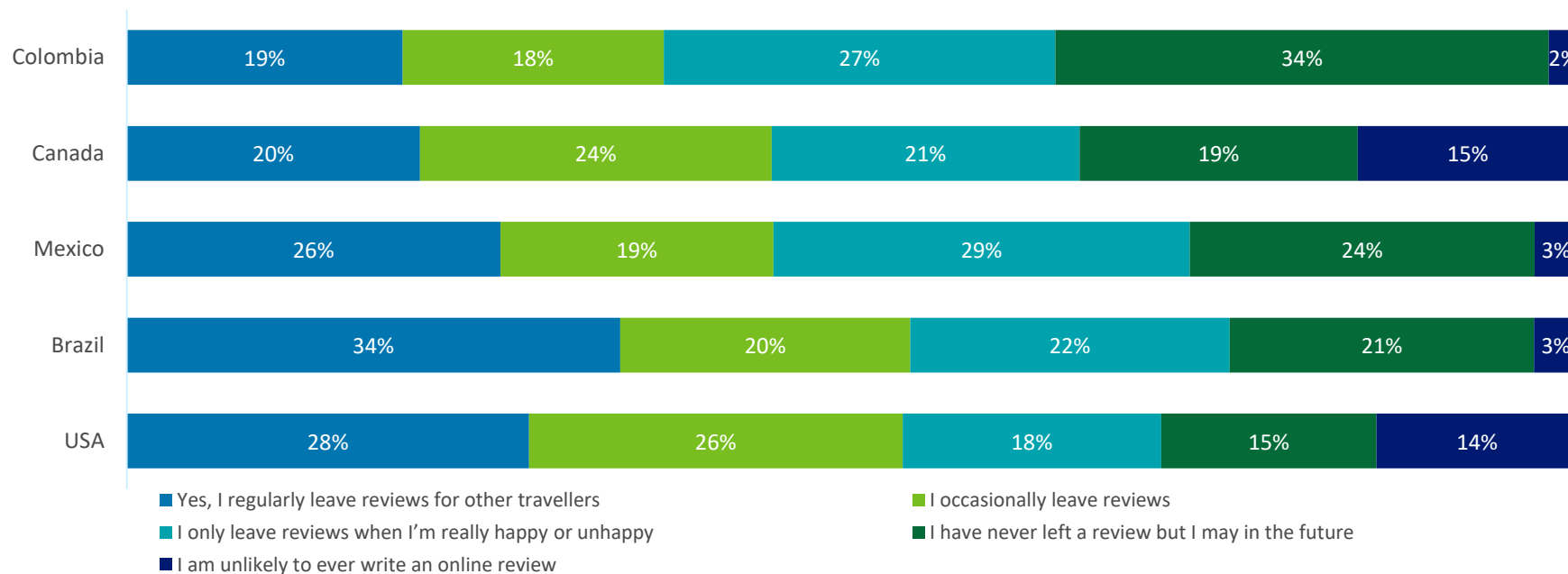
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Q15 - Have you ever written an online review for a restaurant or hotel /accommodation? by Country

- With the dependence on peer-to-peer reviews for travel decision making some 50% of business travellers and 47% of leisure travellers leave reviews
- only 5% of business travellers and 7% of leisure travellers agreed that they are unlikely to ever write an online review. % goes up to 15% for USA and Canada
- Brazil is the more active: 1 out of 3 regularly leave peer-to-peer reviews



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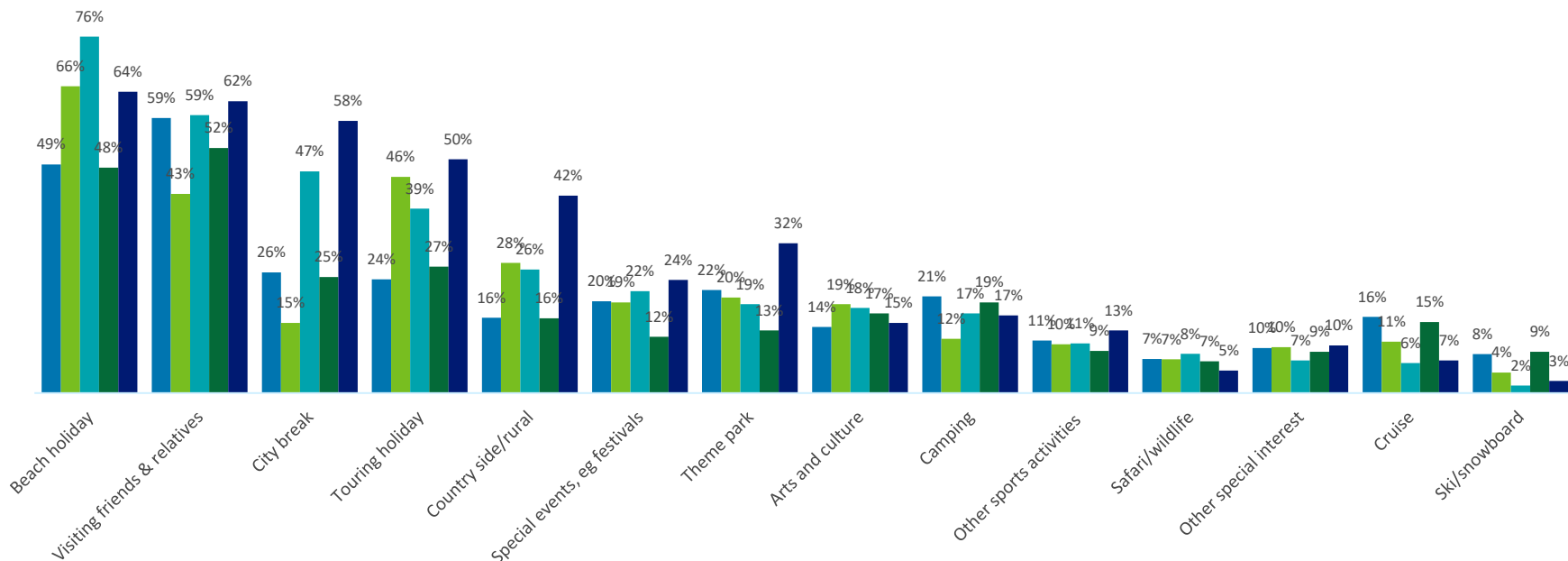
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Q16 - Still thinking about travel planning, describe your next dream trip?



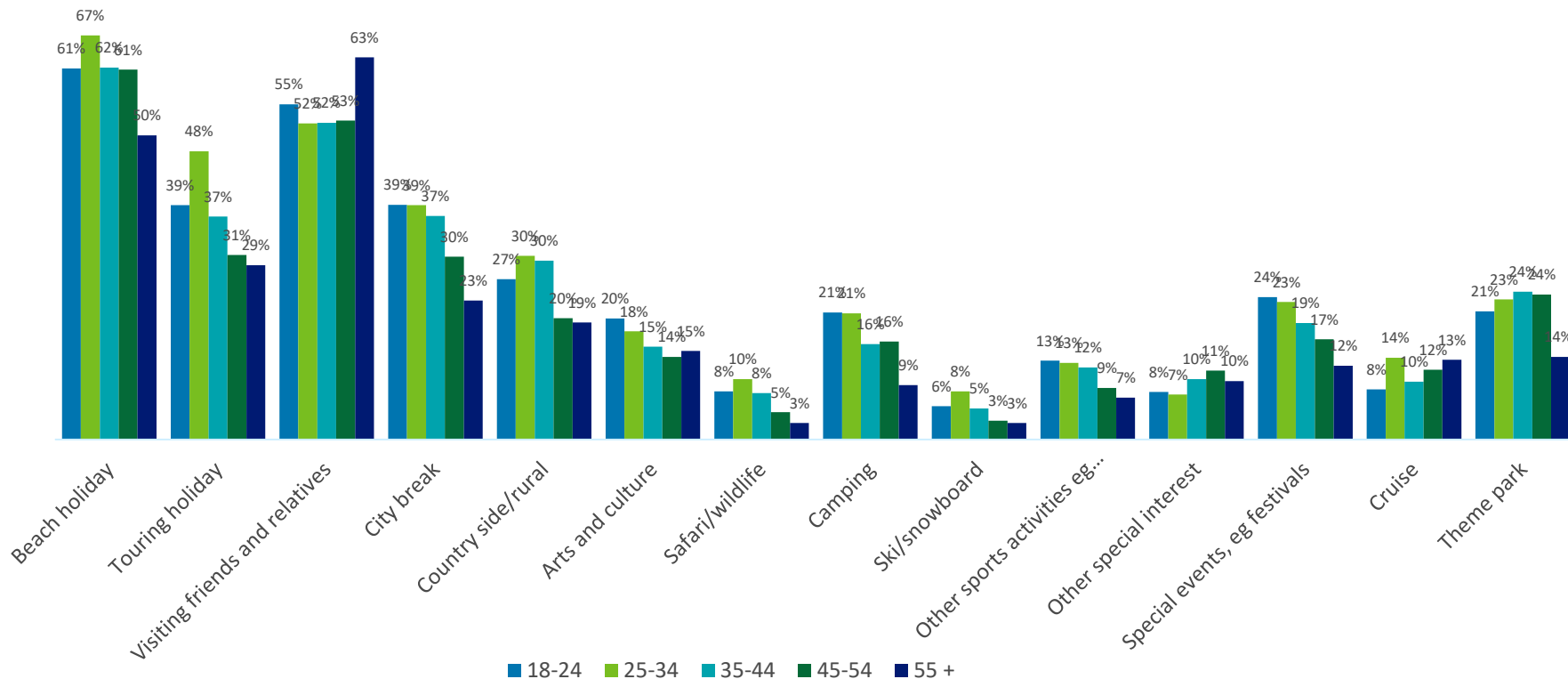
Q19 Have you been on any of the following types of holiday in the last year? By country



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Q19 Have you been on any of the following types of holiday in the last year? By age



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In destination

In destination— key takeaways



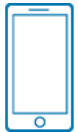
Who is paying influences travel choices

- A similar story occurs with hotel bookings; 4-star properties are the top choice of business and leisure travellers but 5-star comes second amongst business travellers while for leisure staying with friends and relatives comes second

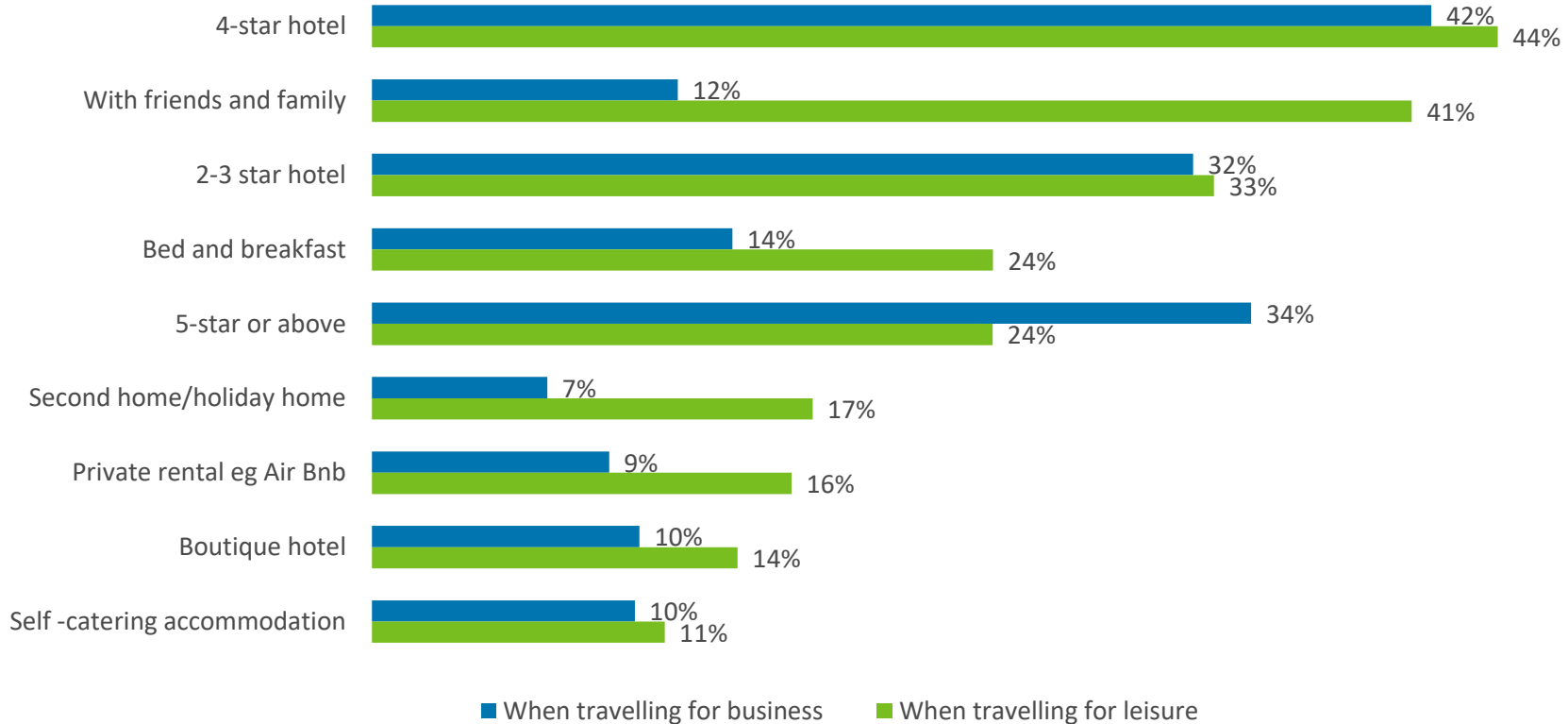


Hotel choice drivers

- Free wi-fi comes close behind total cost and location in terms of being a driver for choosing a hotel, at 79%
- Again online reviews play a major influencing role at 64%
- Technology and digital experience while not the top choices do gain a significant response, especially from business travellers with 51% wanting concierge on their smartphone and 52% agreeing that a good digital experience (online check-in/key on your smartphone) is important



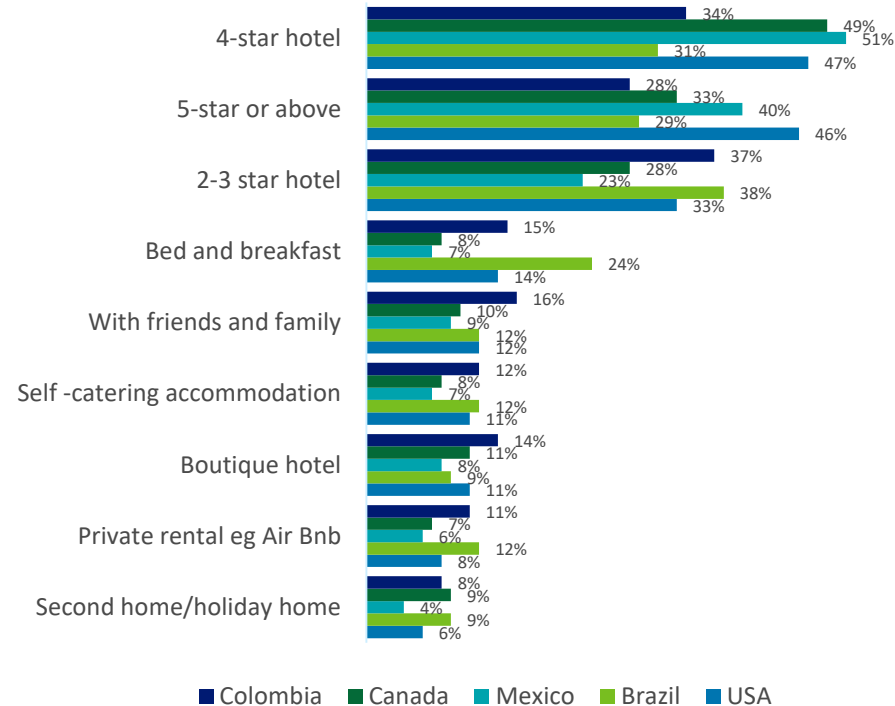
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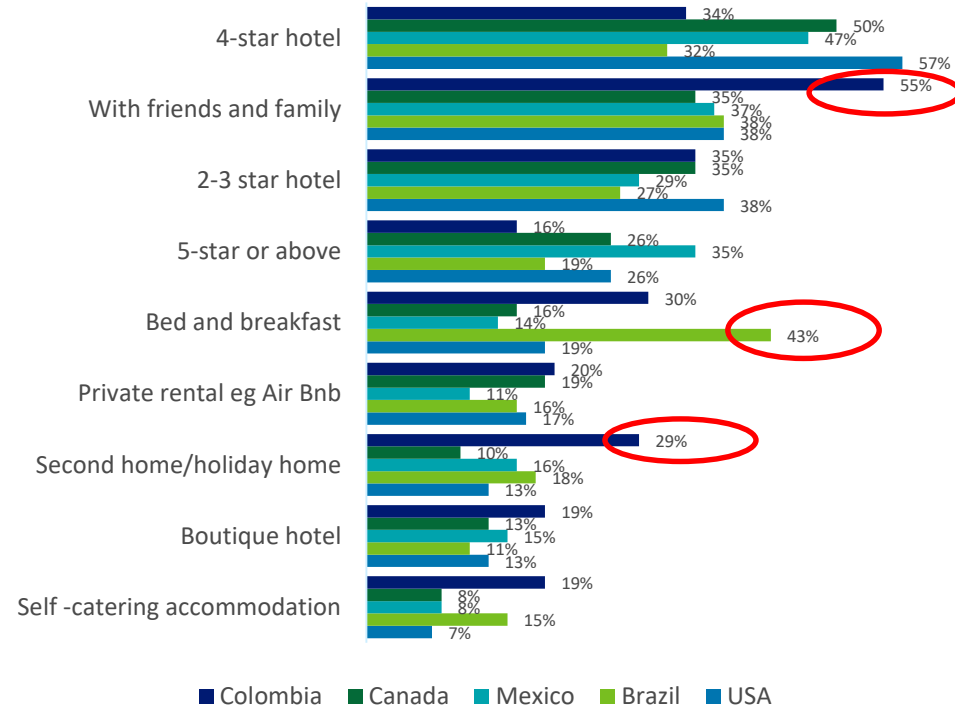
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Q20 What type of accommodation have you stayed in, during the last year - by Country

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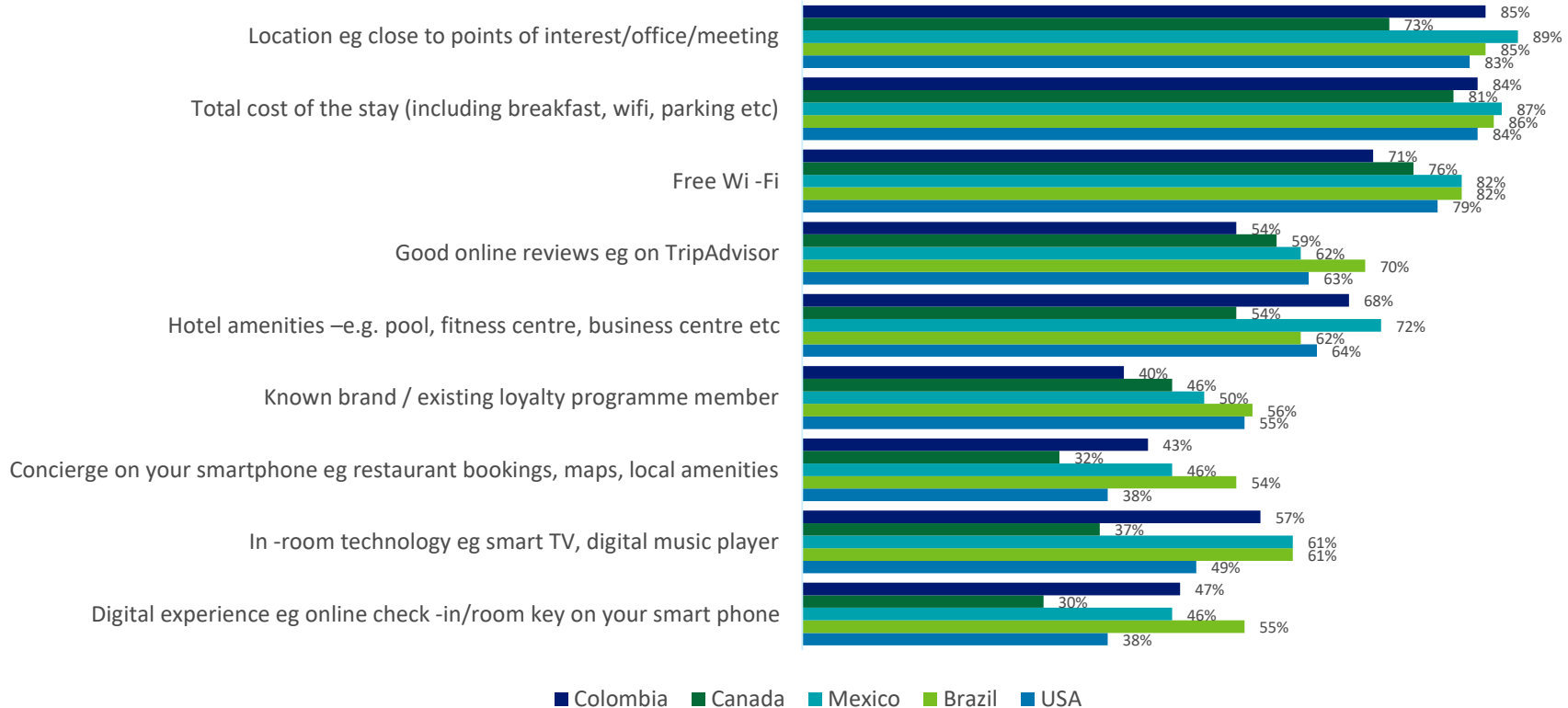


For leisure



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Q21. How important are the following when choosing your hotel? by country



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Booking ancillaries

Ancillaries – key takeaways



- **A large proportion of travellers do not pre-book their ground transportation**
 - Some 31% of business travellers and 45% of leisure travellers just turn up and see what their options are for ground transportation once they arrive. This increases to 53% amongst 18-24 year olds



- **Other ancillaries:** There are many other elements of a trip not booked at the time of booking the original flight



- Tickets for local attractions are generally left to purchase in destination (27% for both leisure and business) as is car rental (17% for leisure and 19% for business travel)



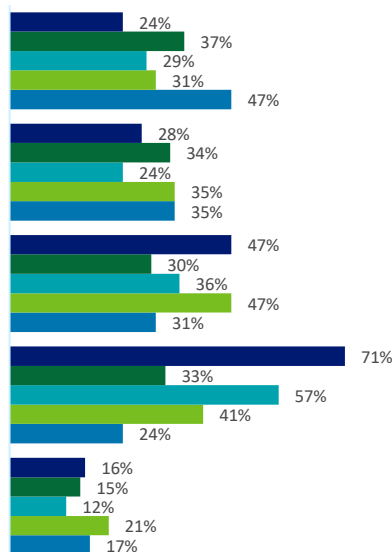
- This poses an opportunity for suppliers to cross-sell/up-sell by providing the relevant information to travellers at appropriate times and make it easy for the traveller to purchase with the click of a button

Q24 And when do you tend to organize this ground transportation - by Country

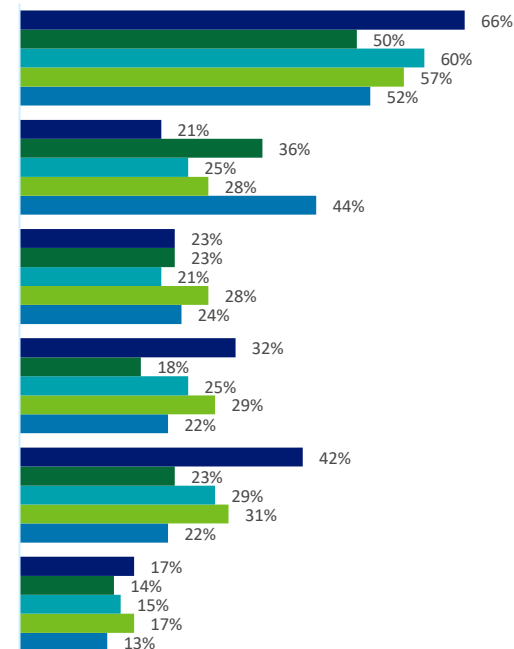
When travelling for leisure

When travelling for business

I book a car when I book my flight



My company organizes it for me



I book a car when I book my flight

I tend to book in advance but usually after I've booked a flight

I tend to research before I go so that I know what my options are

I just turn up and see what my options are

My airline provides a car

Colombia Canada Mexico Brazil USA

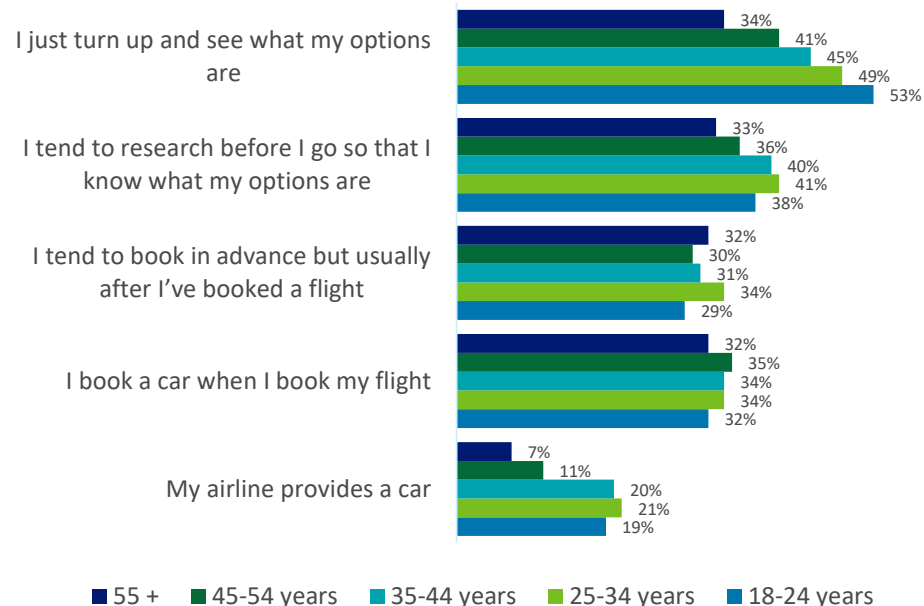
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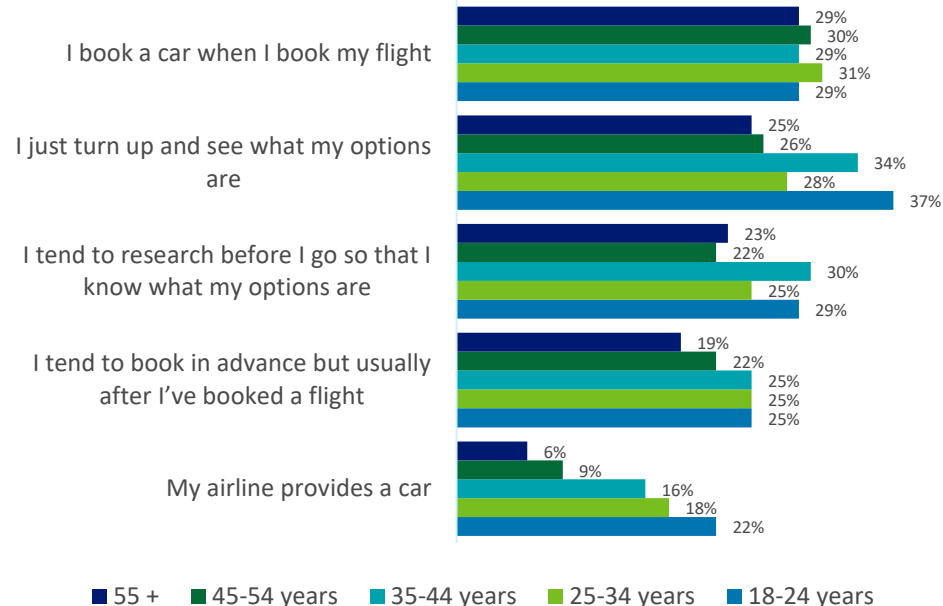
Q24 And when do you tend to organize this ground transportation - by age

- The younger the traveler is the more likely s/he is to just turn up to the airport and see what the options are

When travelling for leisure



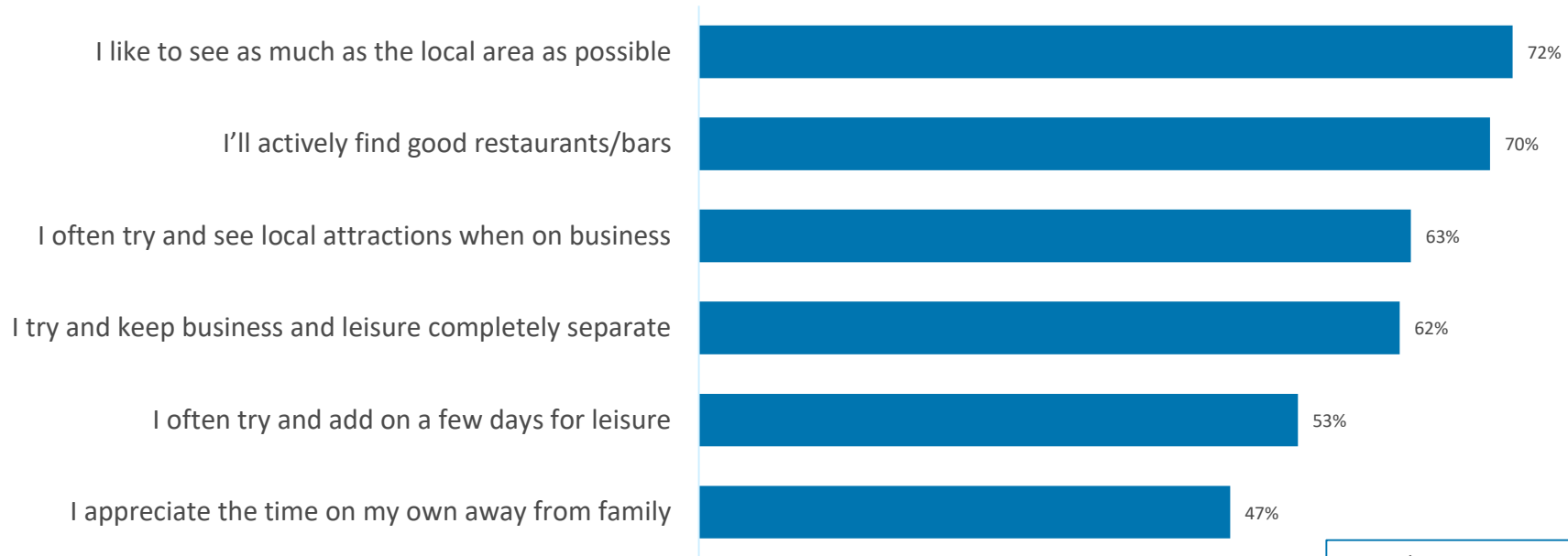
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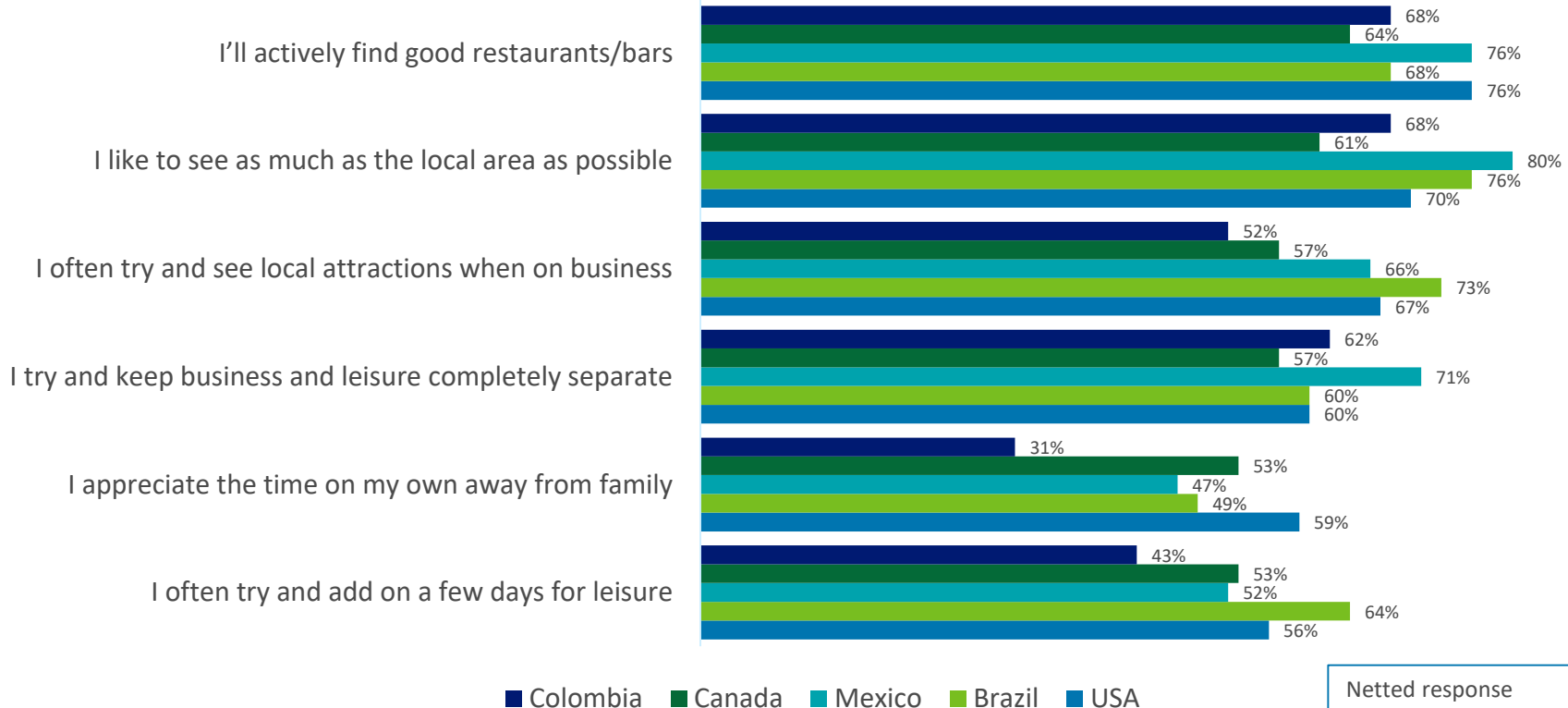
Q25 Now thinking about travelling for business, state your level of agreement with the following:

- As the lines between business and leisure become more blurred business travellers make the most of their trips, trying to see as much as the local areas as possible (72%), actively finding good restaurants/bars (70%), visiting attractions (63%) and well over half will try and add on a few days for leisure (53%)



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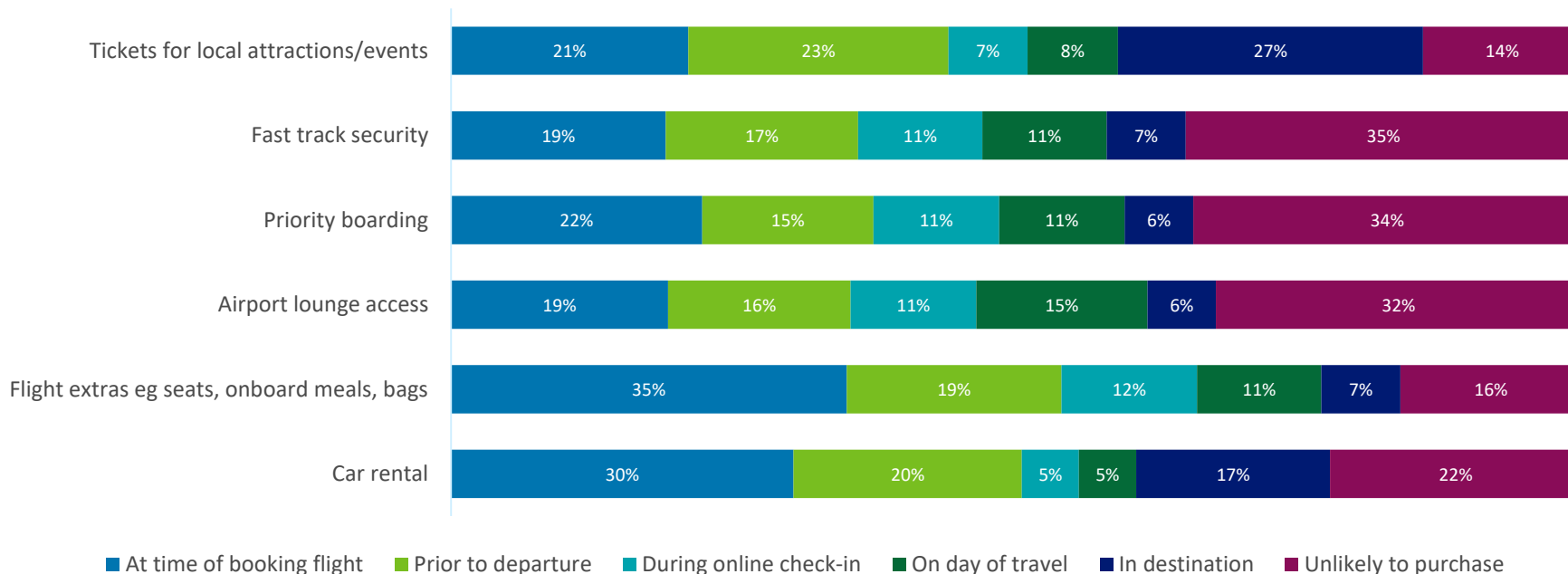
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Q26 - When are you most likely to be purchase

- Tickets for extra activities are the only field in which the purchases of 'at time of the booking' are lower than 'prior to departure'



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Digital experiences

Digital experiences – key takeaways



- Having time to relax is the most important aspect of a trip (84%), followed by the finding good places to eat and drink and experiencing new things (8 out of 10). **Being able to stay in touch** comes afterwards (77%)
 - A slight dichotomy with 45% agreeing they want to escape the digital world and switch off all devices while 42% agree that its important to share travel experiences on social media
 - Again knowing about attractions and activities (74%) is also important to travellers and pose an opportunity to suppliers



- **Appy travellers:** On average respondents use 16 categories of apps when travelling
 - Maps are the most used at 89% with 45% saying they can't live without, followed by instant messaging and banking and payment apps



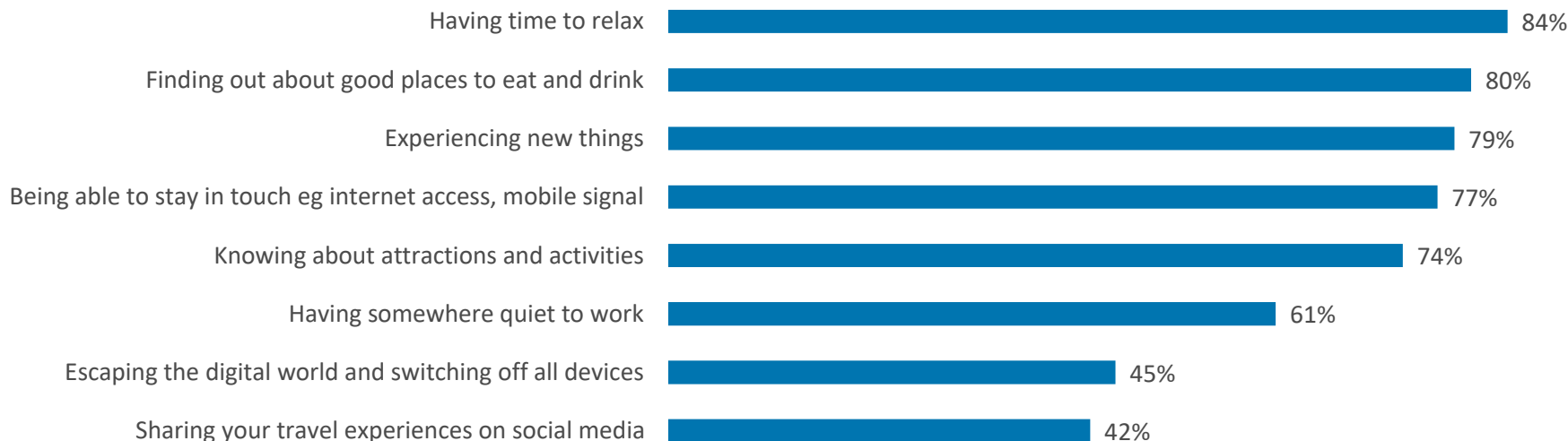
- **Digital experiences:** High level of agreement towards digital enhancing the travel experience (digital boarding passes making travelling so much easier at 72%) but this can also cause levels of stress with 61% agreeing that they would be lost without their smartphone and 62% worrying about technology failing/running out of battery (62%)
 - Unsurprisingly given the importance of staying in touch, 67% avoid hotels that charge for wifi



- **Strong reliance on smartphones:** 44% reply on their smartphone the most when they are in destination, closely followed by during a trip (41%) and while researching at trip (39%)
 - Some 21% agreed that they relied on their smartphone at all stages of the trip

Q27 How important are the following when you are travelling?

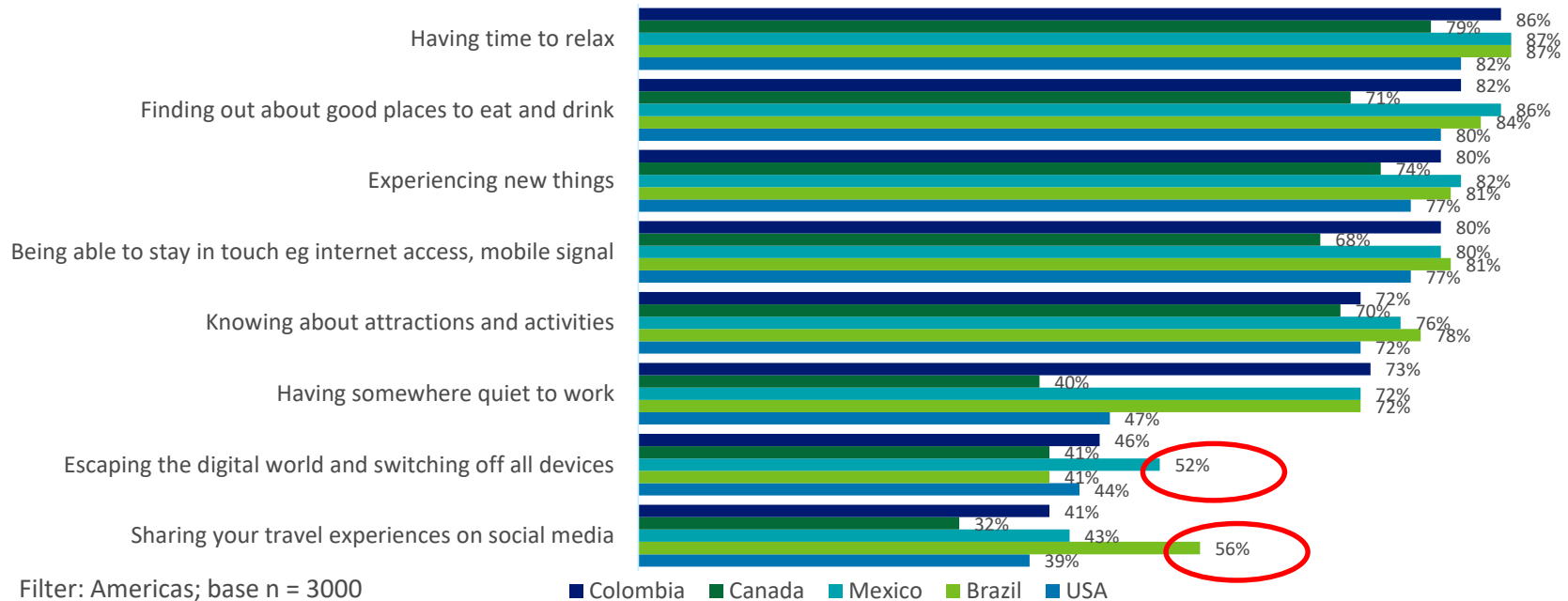
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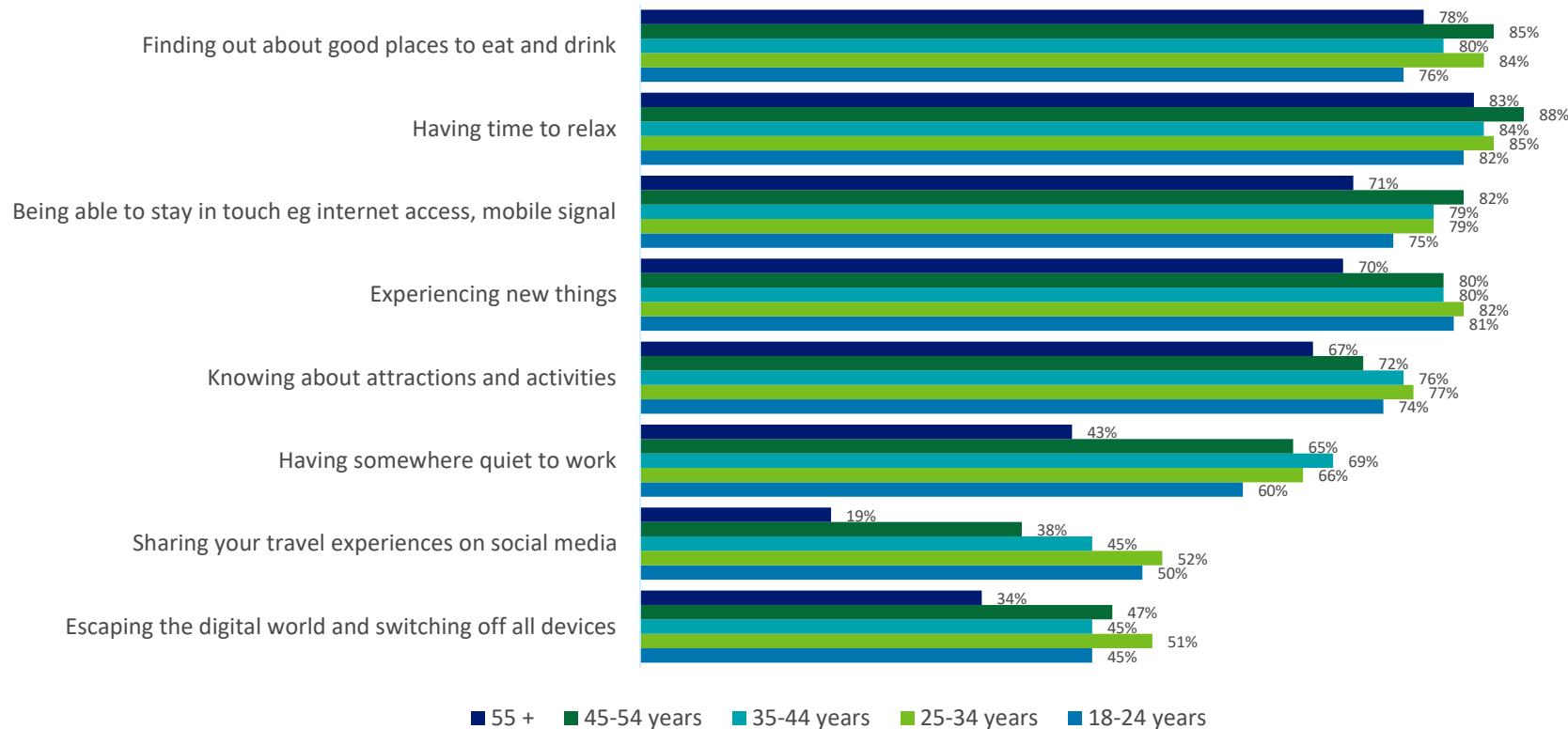
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Q27 How important are the following when you are travelling? by country Top 2 boxes

- Having time to relax is the most important across the countries, finding out about good places to eat and drink comes after, except for Canada, where experiencing new things is the second priority for 79% of respondents
- Travellers in Brazil are the most likely to agree that its important to share digital experiences on social media at 56%

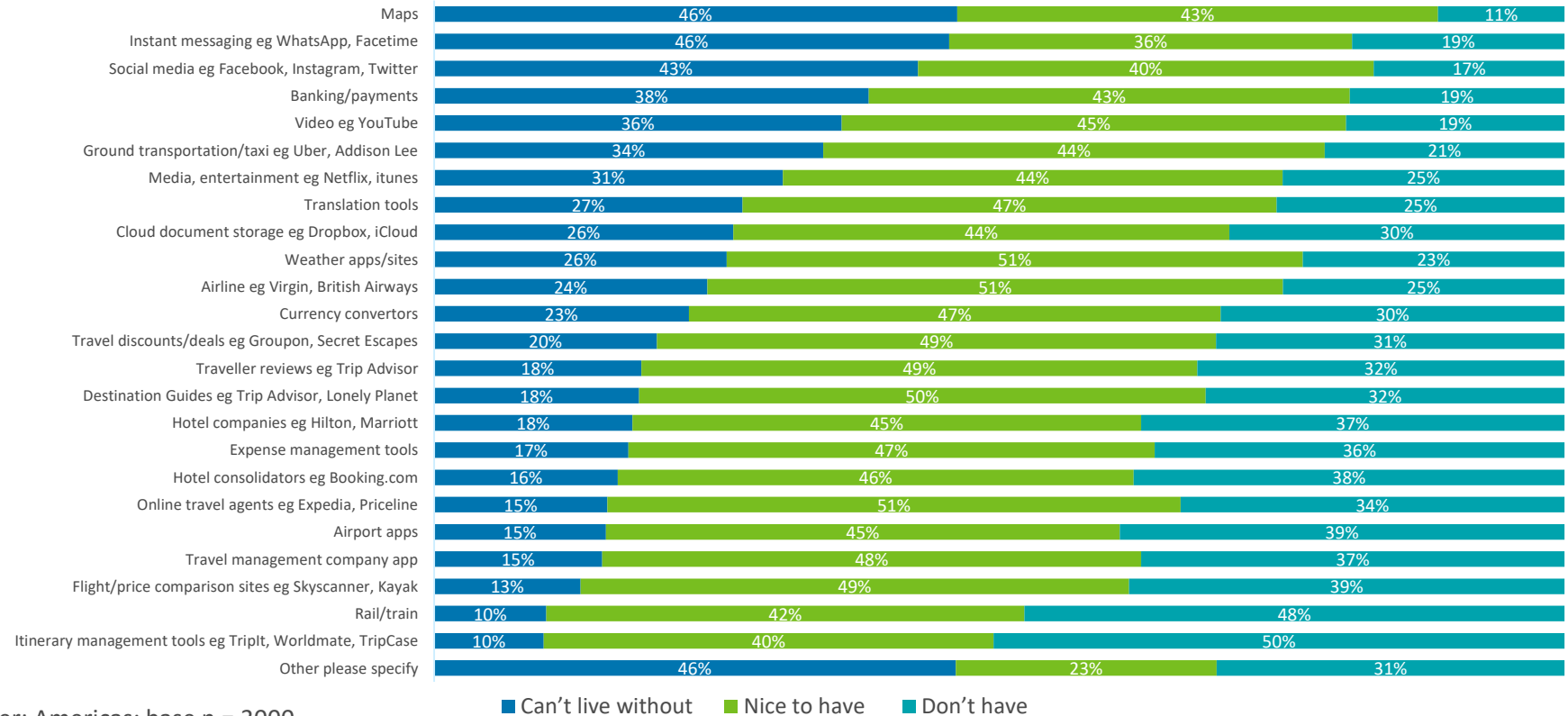


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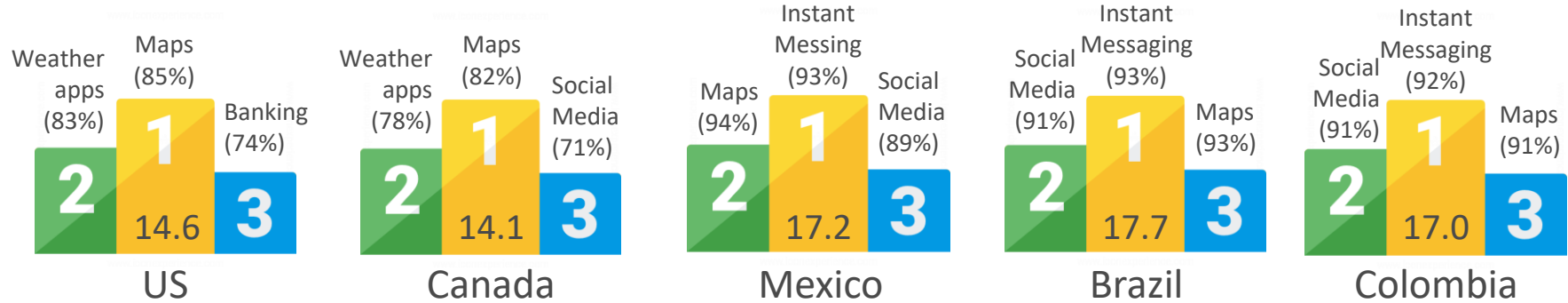
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Q28 - Which of the following applications (apps) do you use on your mobile or tablet for booking, researching and when on a trip?



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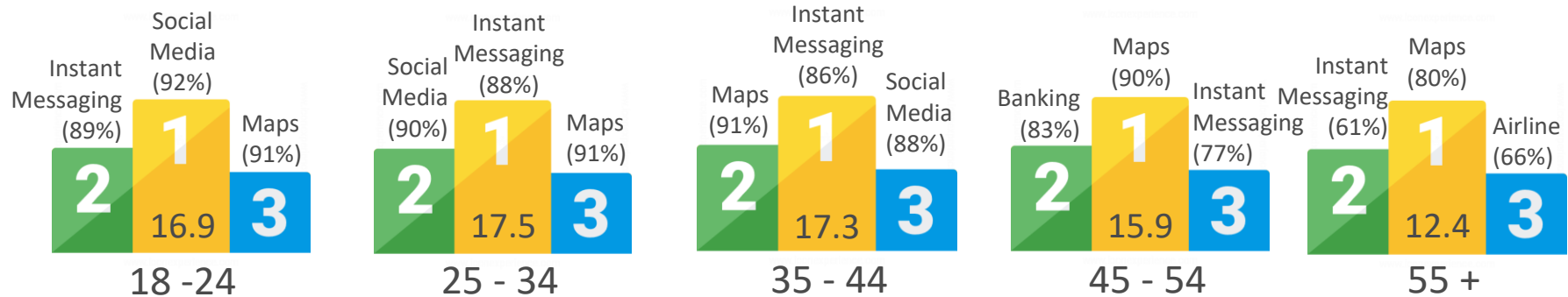
Q28 – Top apps, by country



Weather apps are much more popular in North America than in the South

South American countries have a significantly higher app usage, both in the number of apps they use and how much they depend on them

Q28 – Top apps by age



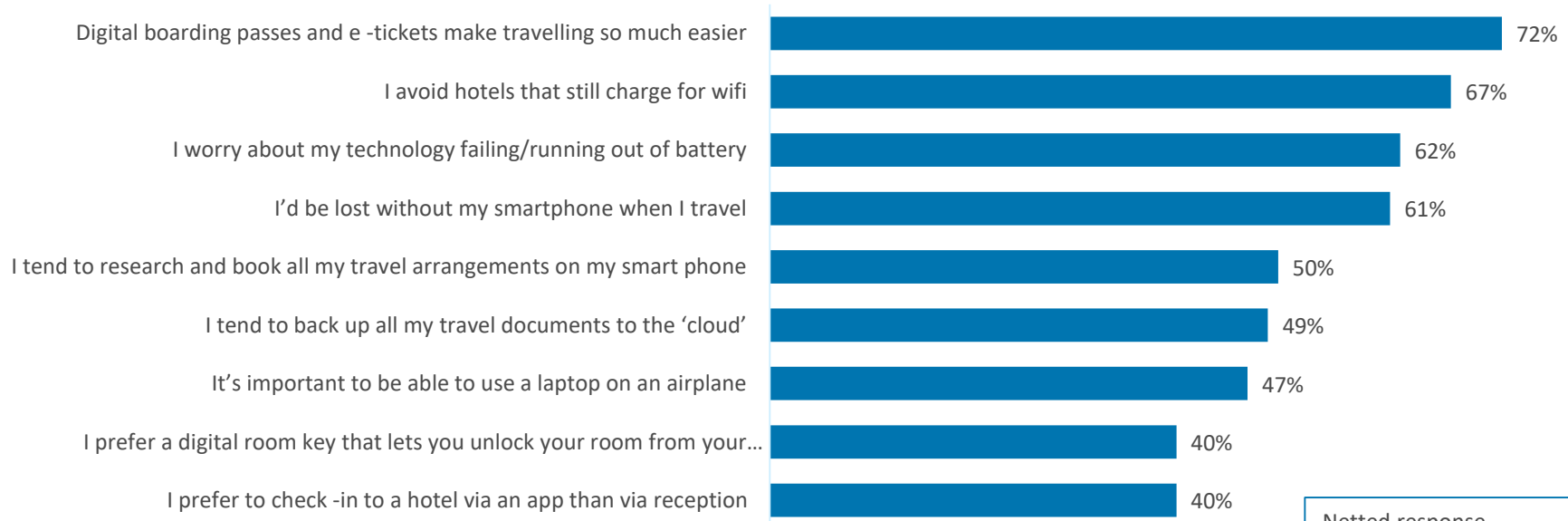
Social media and entertainment feature highly with younger travellers, with much higher responses towards 'can't live without'

Average app usage is also higher among younger age groups, which leads to more mobile-friendly generations

- With the only exception of '55+', all other groups considerate Banking/Payment apps an 'essential' (Extremely low 'don't have')
 - '18-24' and '25-34' use Cloud document storage while travelling more than any other age group (Don't have: 13/14% VS 31/47%)
 - The younger age groups use map apps more than older travelers (Don't have: 15% to 55%)

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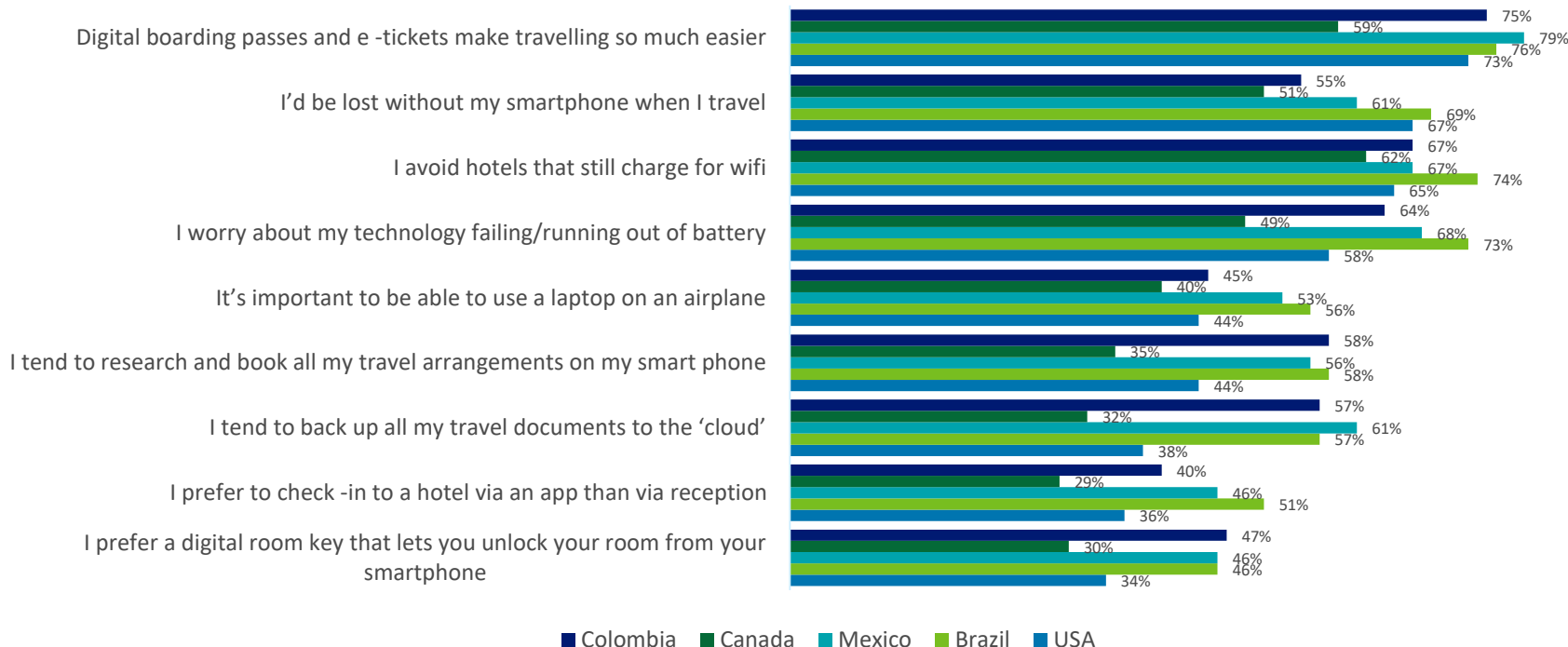
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Netted response
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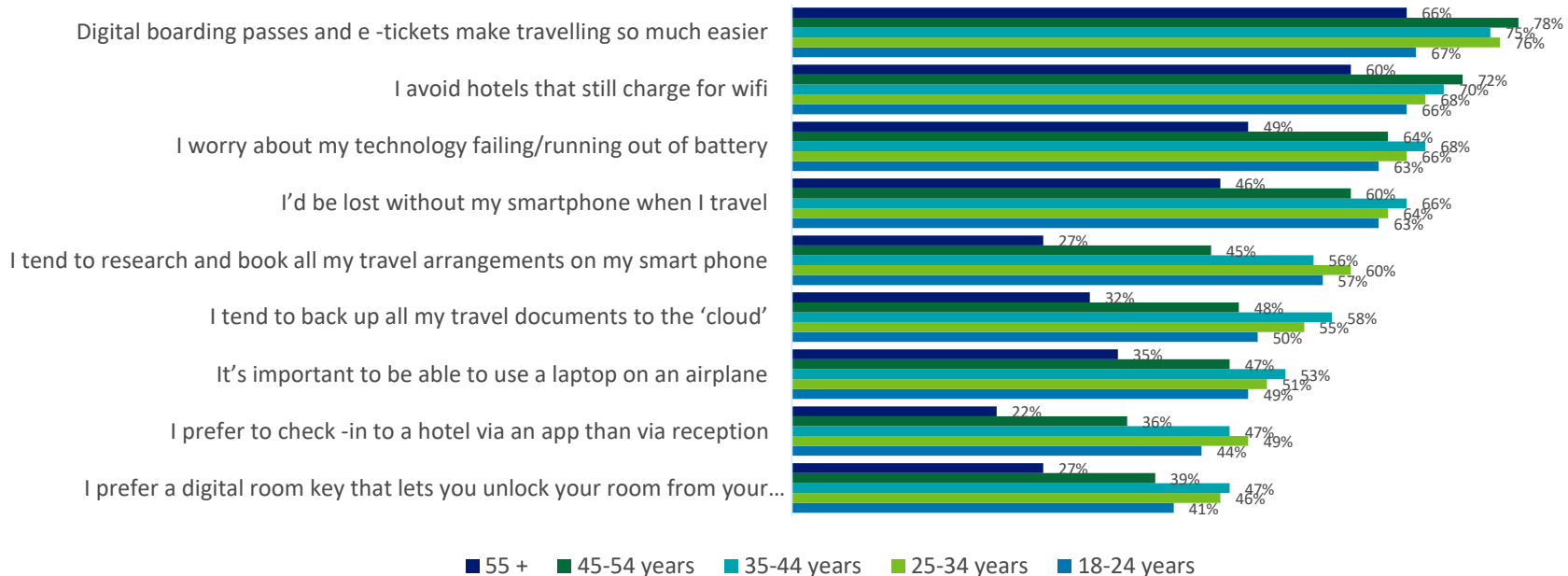
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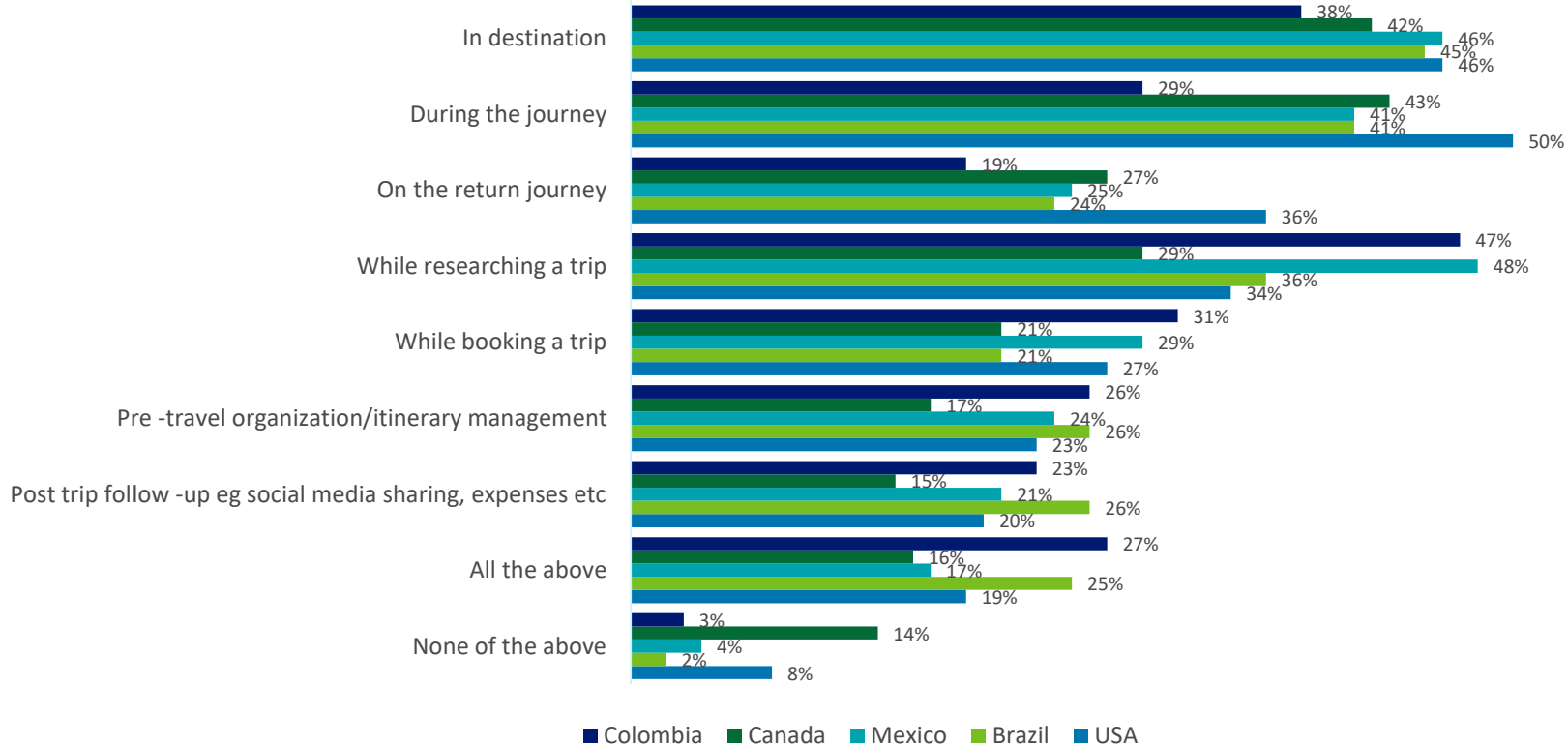
Q29 Thinking about travelling and digital experiences, state your level of agreement with the following: Top 2 box by age

- '55+' are the only ones, compared to the average, that do not fully value the digital experience



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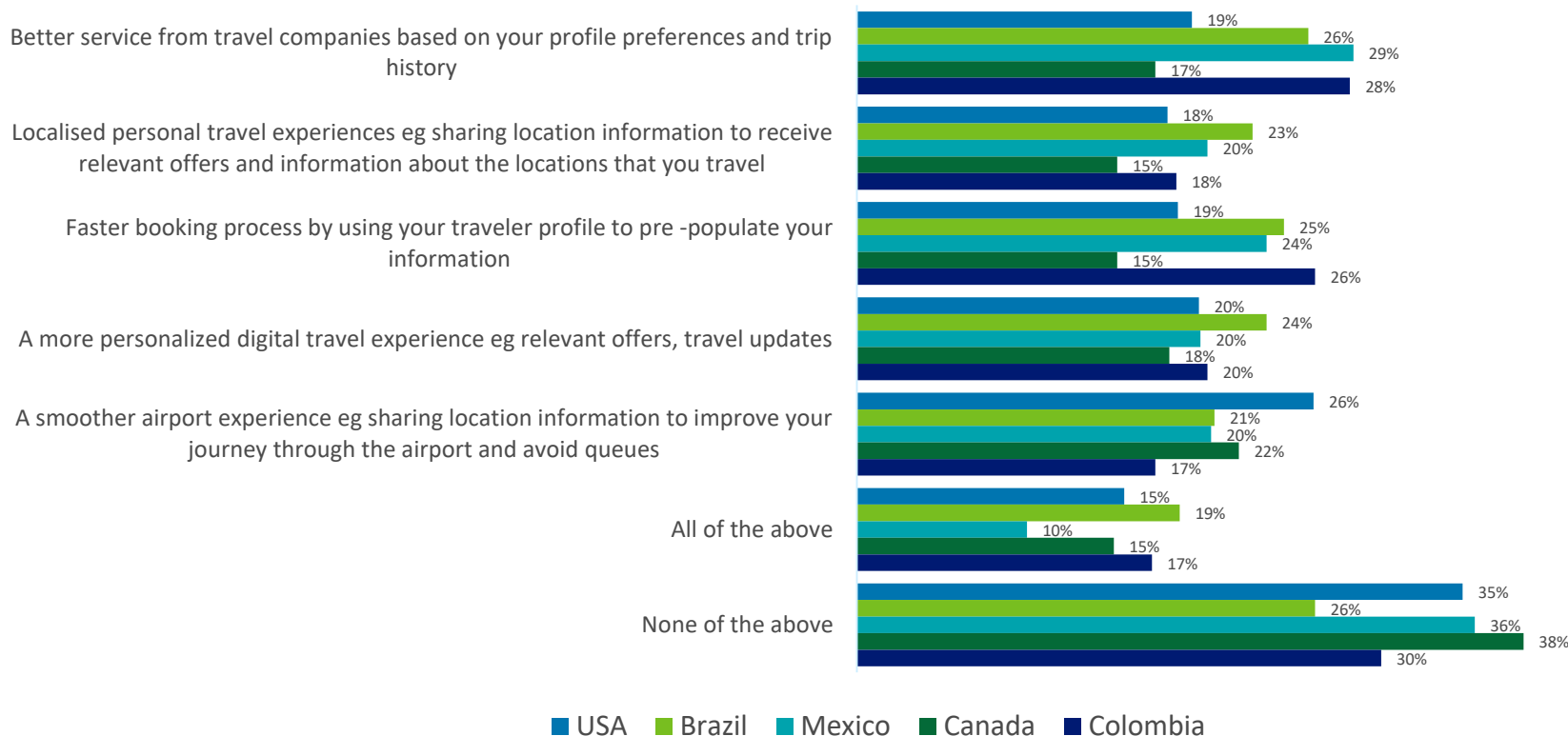
Q30 - When are you most likely to rely on your smartphone when travelling, by country



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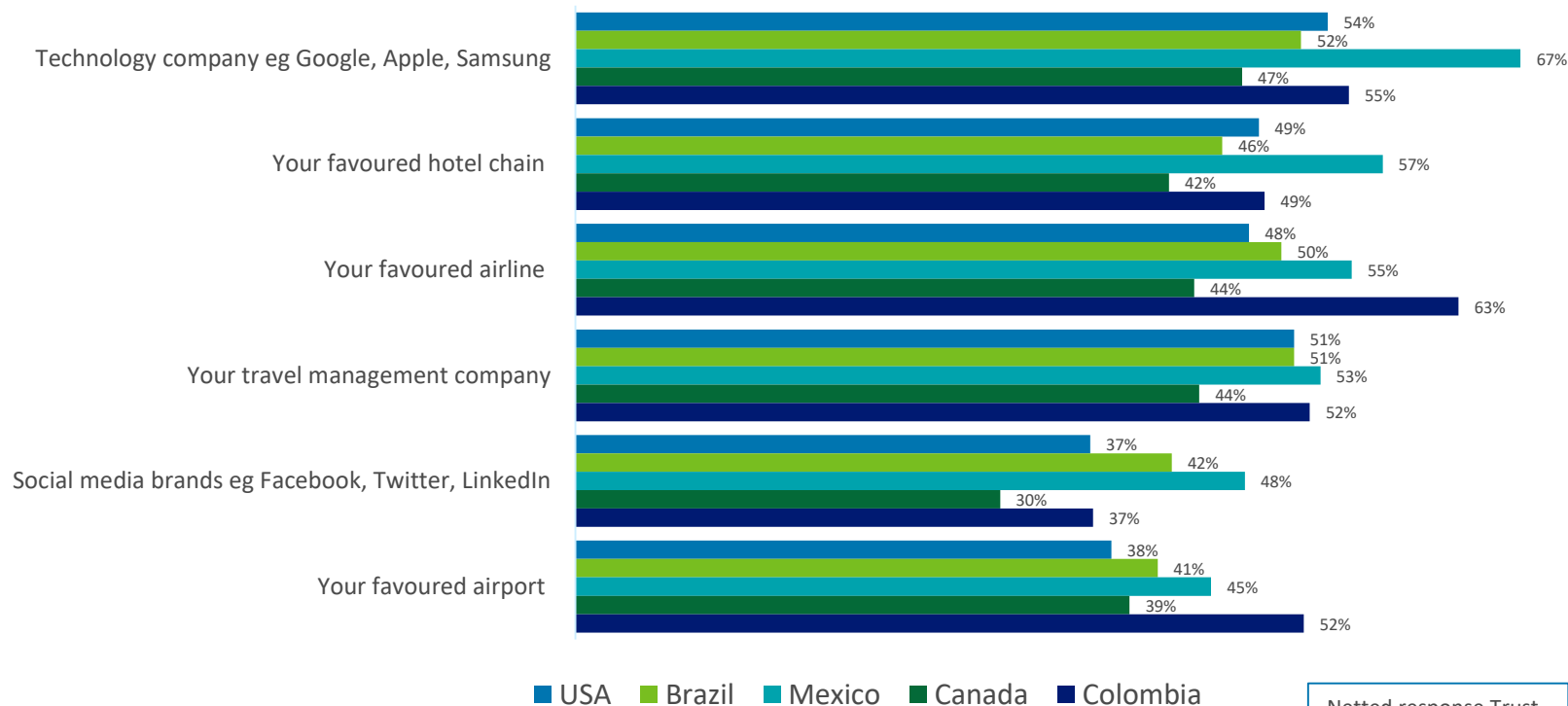
Personal data

Q31 - Would you exchange your personal data for any of the following: by country



Filter: Americas; base n = 3000

Q32 - How much do you trust any of the following with your personal data - Top 2 boxes by Country



Netted response Trust (4) and Completely trust (5)

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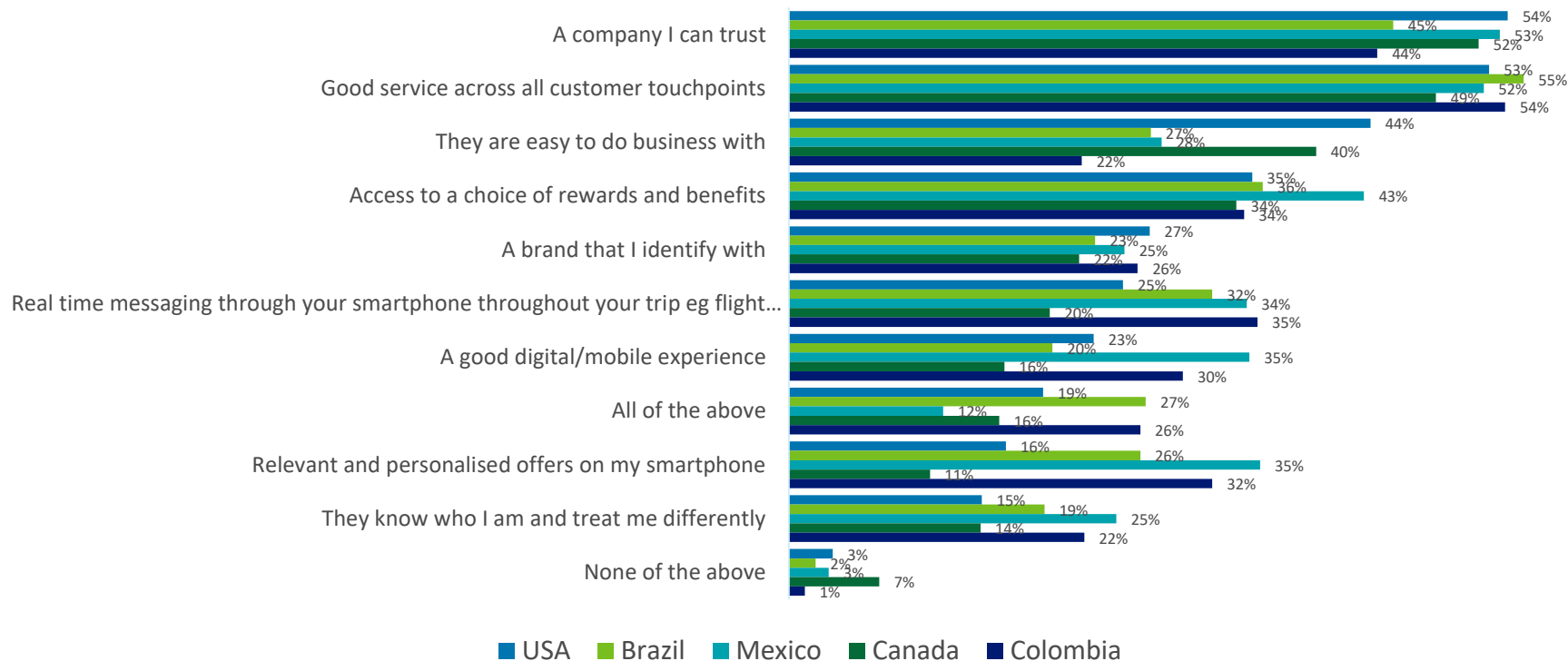
Loyalty

Q33 - Now thinking about travel companies or products/services that you feel particularly loyal to, which of the following is most likely increase your loyalty?



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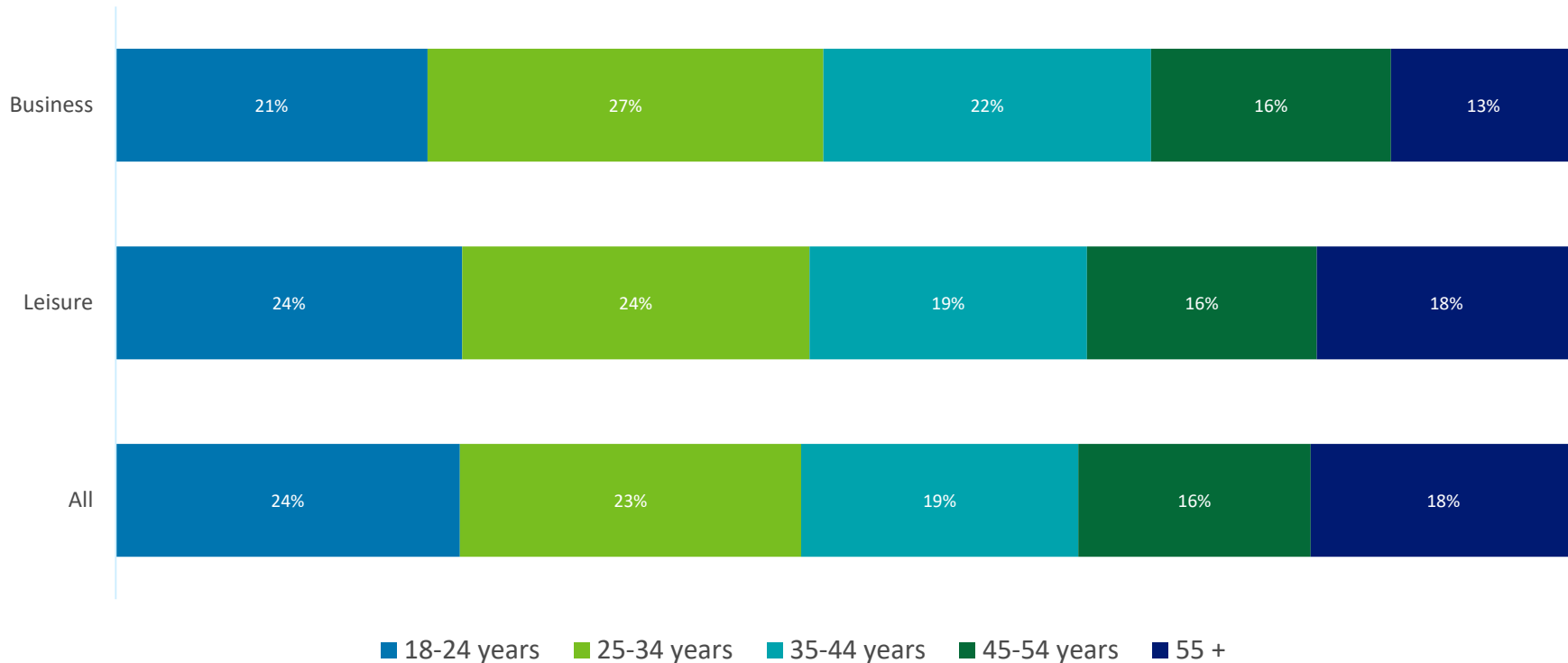
Q33 - Which of the following is most likely increase your loyalty by Country



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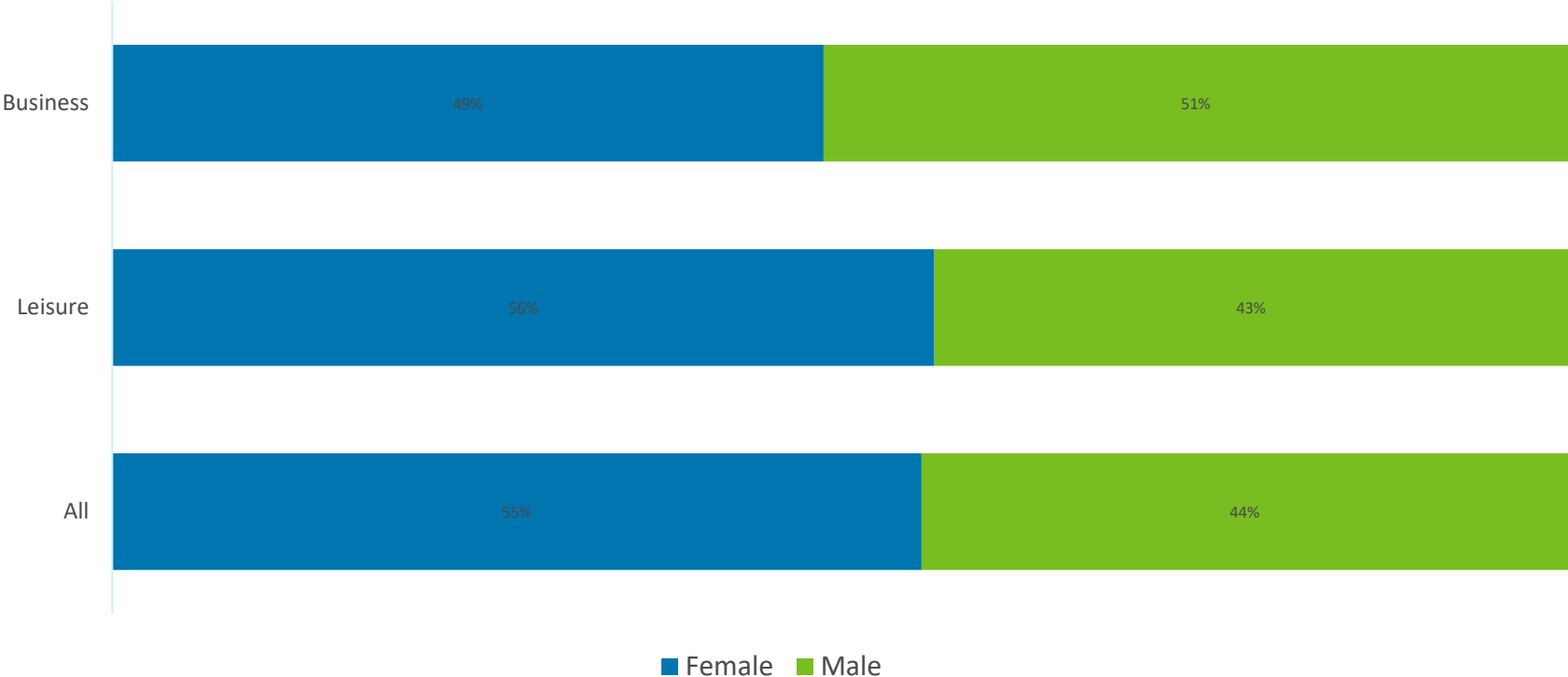
Demographics

Q2 - Please select your age group: by business versus leisure



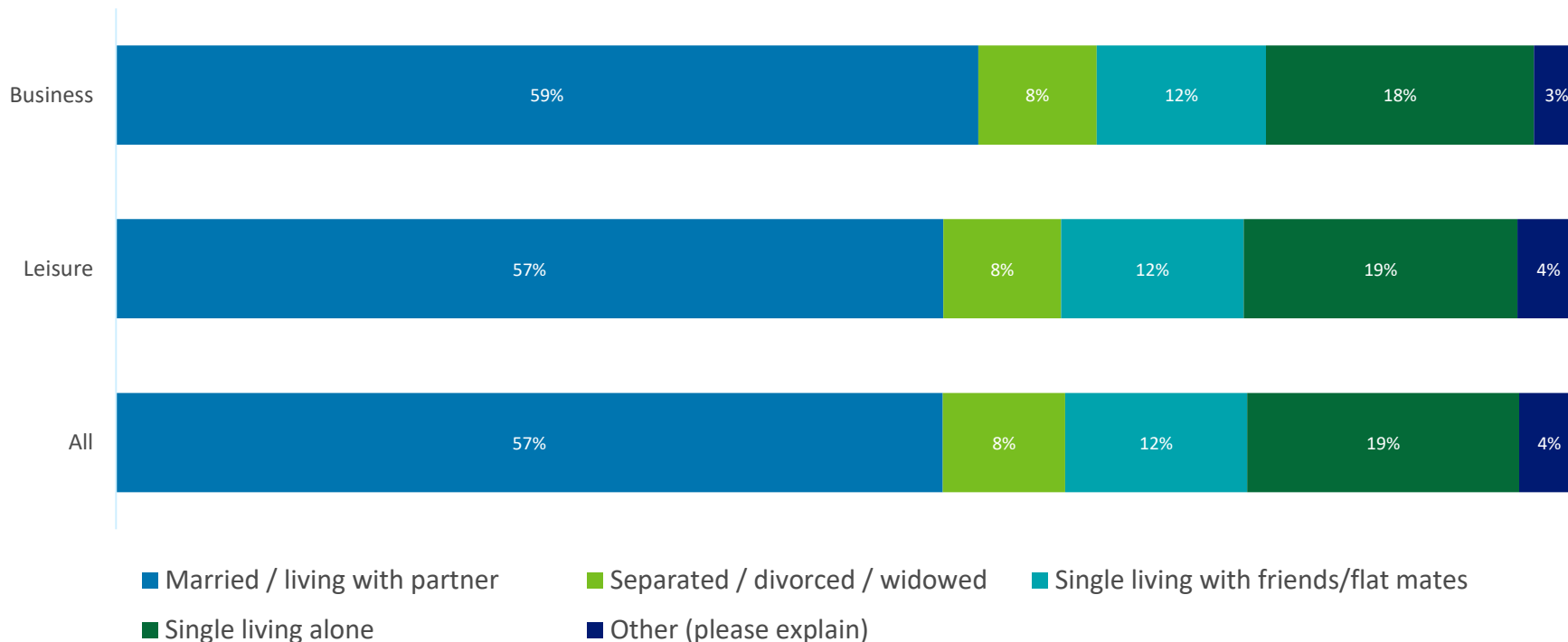
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Q3 - Please select your gender: By business versus leisure



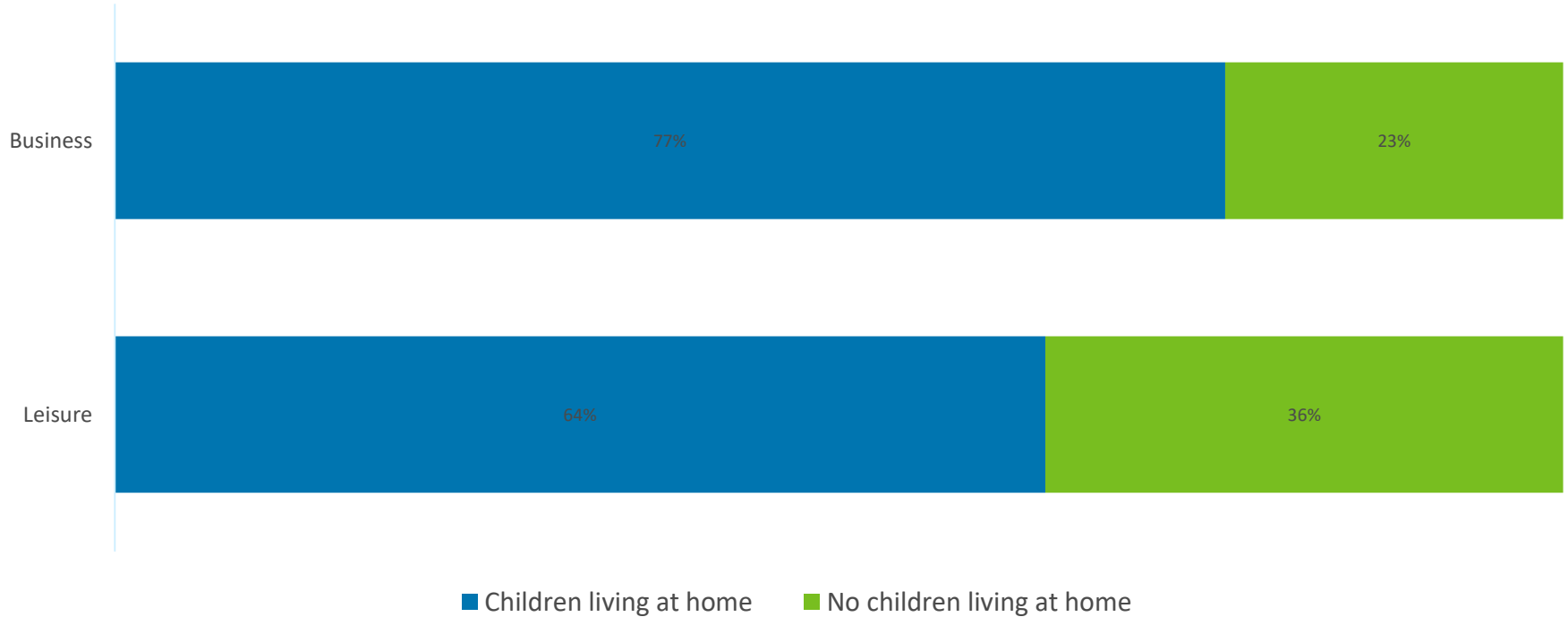
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Q4 - What best describes your current marital status: By business versus leisure



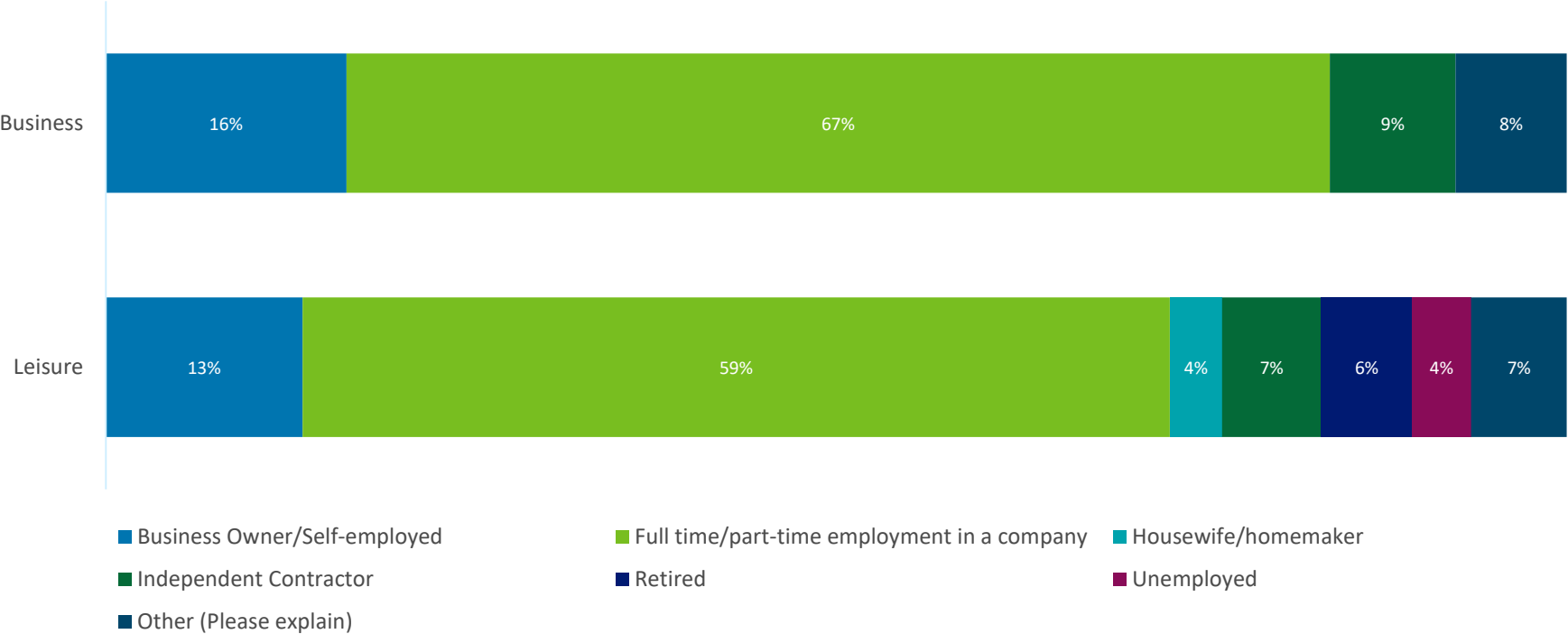
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Q5 - Do you have any children/dependents under 18 living at home? By business & leisure



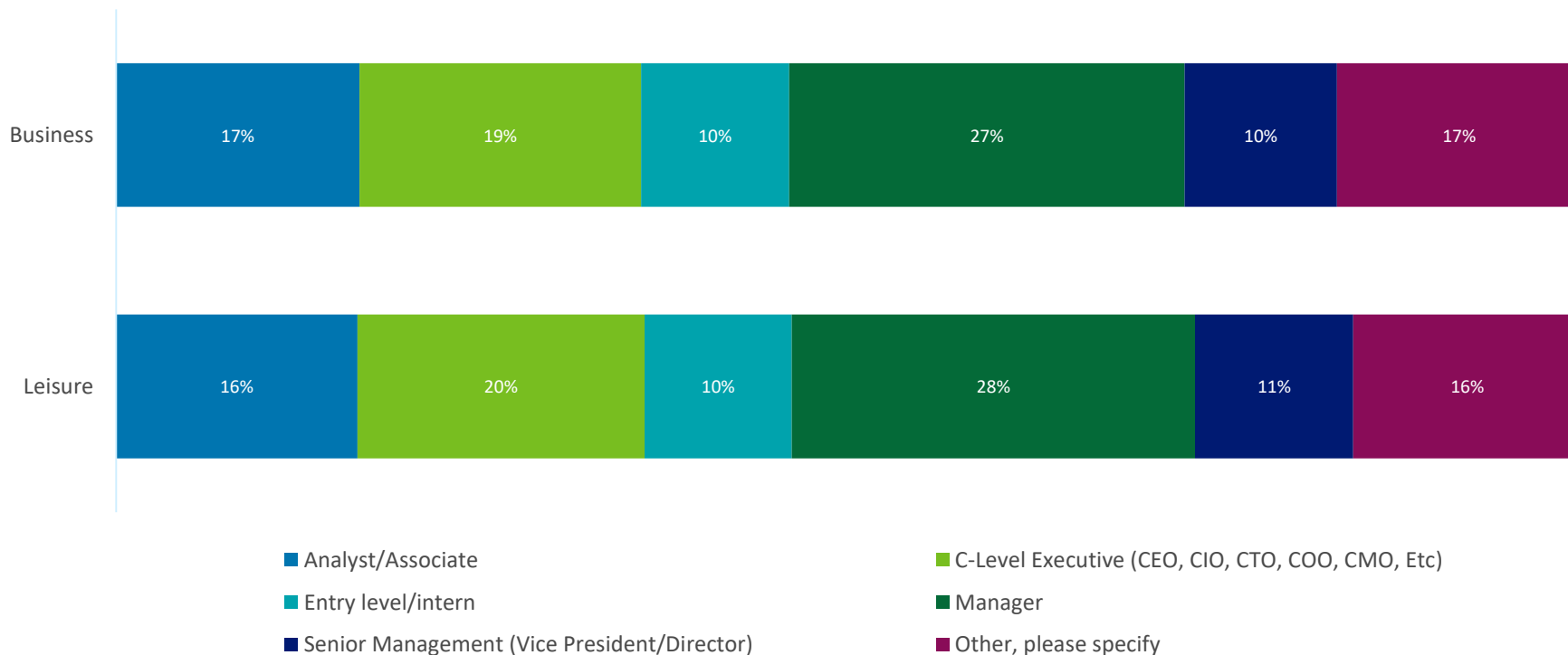
Americas Base: Weighted 2,500 - total 3,000

Q6 - What best describes your current employment status by business & leisure



Americas Base: Weighted 2,500 - total 3,000

Q7 - What best describes your current position in your company: by business & leisure



Americas Base: Weighted 2,500 - total 3,000