

Why Travel Matters

Student & Youth Travel Association

SYTA Youth Foundation

Economic Impact

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U.S. Domestic market \$5.6 billion.

50% of the North American Motor Coach Market

SYTA Overview

- **SYTA is North America's leading membership association** for businesses that serve the student and youth travel market.
- Student travel is a \$185 billion industry and represents 24% of all global tourism annually. *U.S. Domestic market \$5.6 billion.*
- SYTA represents three million youth travelers annually.
- Over **900 member** companies:
 - **Tour Operators, Travel Agencies**
 - **Hotels**
 - **Attractions**
 - **Restaurants**
 - **DMO's/PMO's and more...**

SYTA's THREE BRANDS

- **SYTA** represents the student travel industry and provides business opportunities and resources for its association members.
- The **SYTA Youth Foundation** is the non-profit arm of SYTA and provides travel to students who would not be able to travel.
- **Teach & Travel** is our brand that reaches the traveling educational community.

THE IMPACT

of the SYTA YOUTH FOUNDATION



\$936,000
CASH SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED



3,500+ STUDENTS IMPACTED BY SYTA'S
STUDENT & YOUTH FOUNDATION

**STUDENT & YOUTH TRAVEL
REPRESENTS 20% OF ALL
GLOBAL TOURISM REVENUE**



OVER \$150,000
WAS AWARDED IN 2016 TO
OVER 500 STUDENTS IN NEED

TEACH & TRAVEL

The **OFFICIAL** Publication of SYTA



- **MAGAZINE:**
Readership of **90,000 per issue**, sent out 5 times per year.
- **eNEWS:** A biweekly eNewsletter sent to **over 8,000 educators**.
- **SOCIAL COMMUNITY:**
Outreach through Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest

STUDENT & YOUTH TRAVELERS

BY THE NUMBERS...

23%

of all travelers worldwide are
YOUTH OR STUDENTS



There are
65 MILLION
young people (ages 5-25)
**IN THE U.S. AND
CANADA**

The U.S. Student Group Market **UNDER 18** is

5.6 Billion Dollar industry with an average spend of **\$755 per student.**

STUDENT & YOUTH TRAVEL DIGEST

Domestic and
Regional U.S.
Student Travel



Teach&Travel
The Official Publication of SYTA

 **SYTA**
The Voice of Student & Youth Travel®

 **syta youth foundation**
Travel Changes Young Lives for Good

STUDENT & YOUTH: DEFINED

DAY TRIPS

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

GROUP/TRAVEL

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

KEY MARKET SEGMENTS

GROUP

- Educational
- Music/Performance

GROUP/ INDIVIDUAL

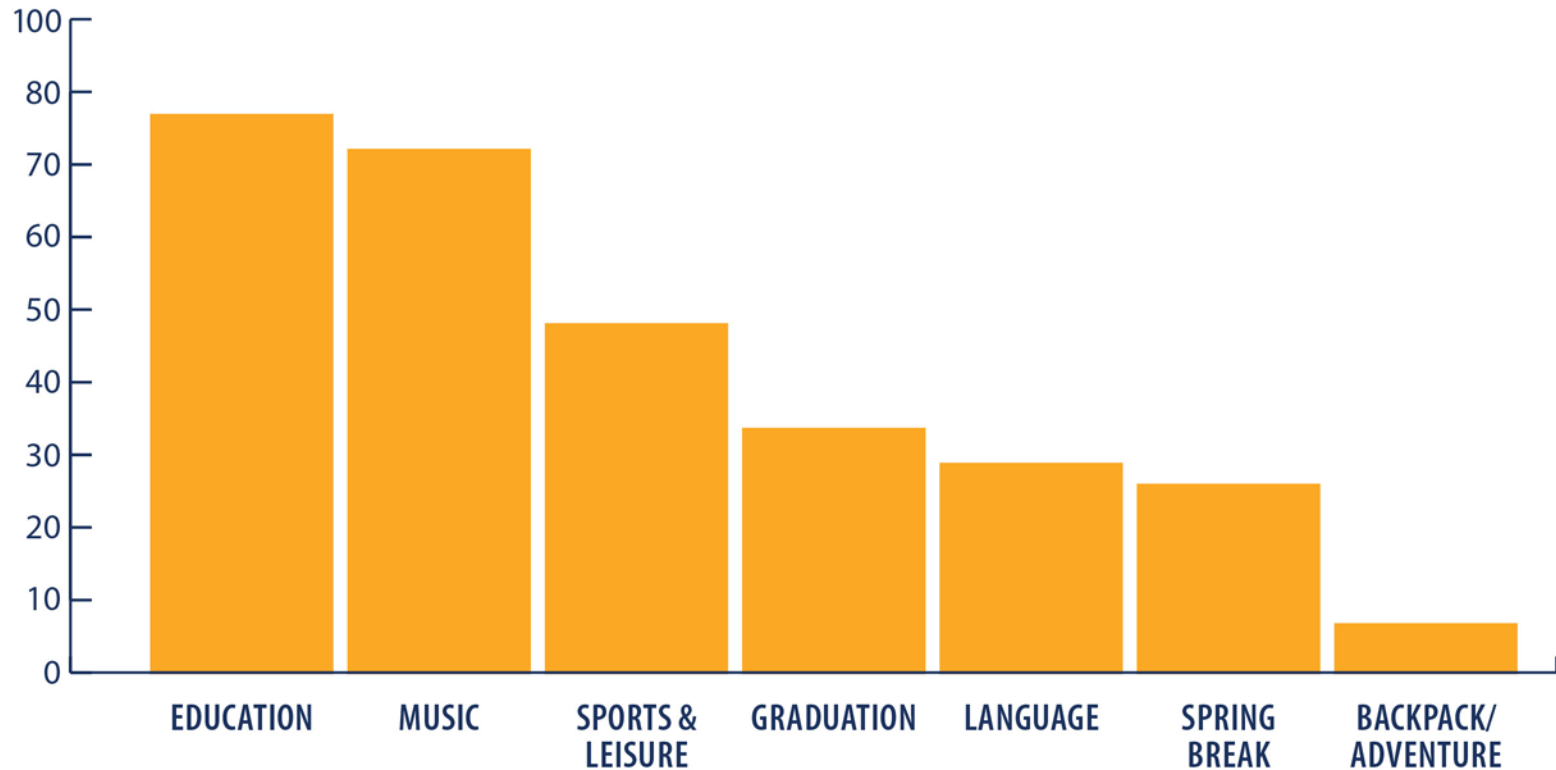
- Sport & Leisure
- Summer/Teen
- Spring Break
- Language
- Graduation (HS)
- College/University

INDIVIDUAL

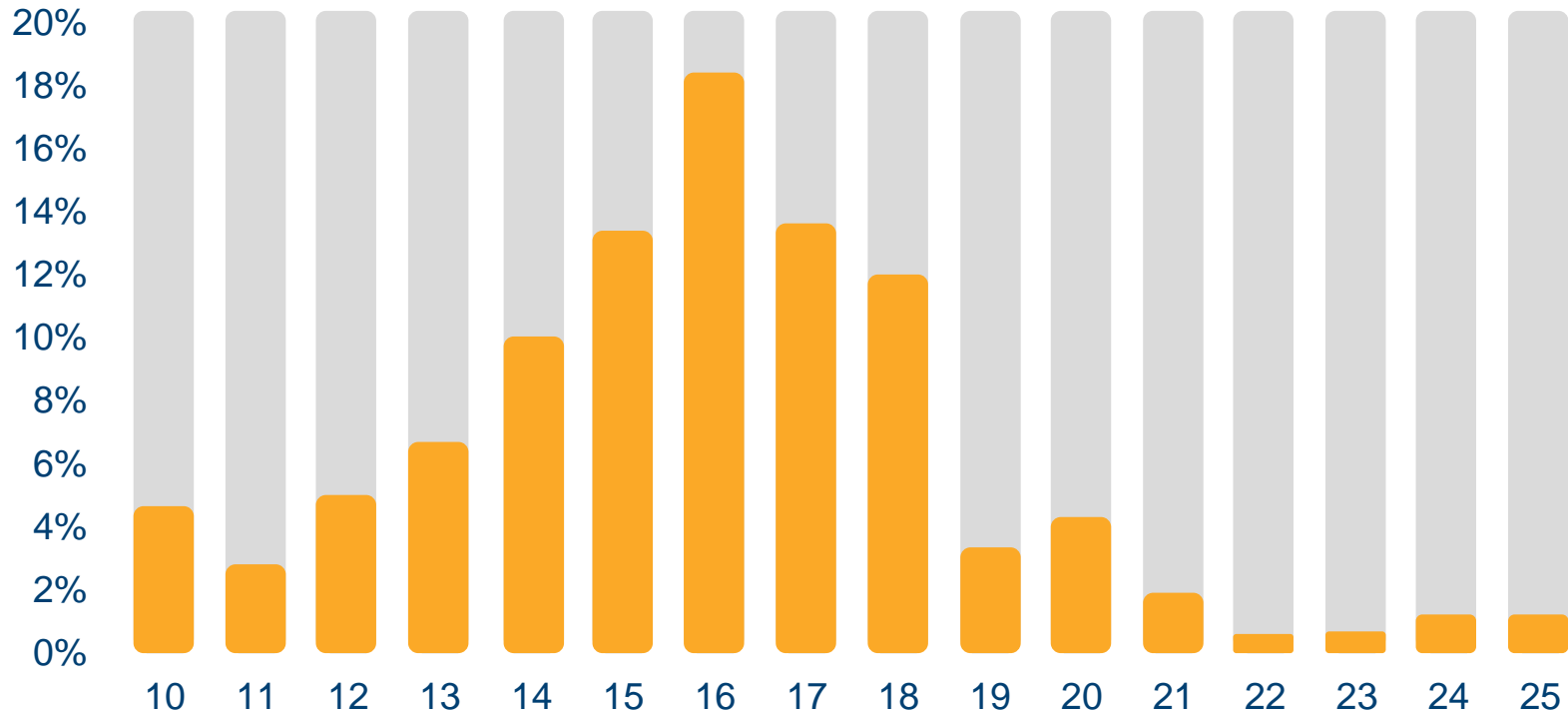
- Backpack
- Gap Year
- Working Holiday
- Study Abroad

TYPES OF TRAVELERS

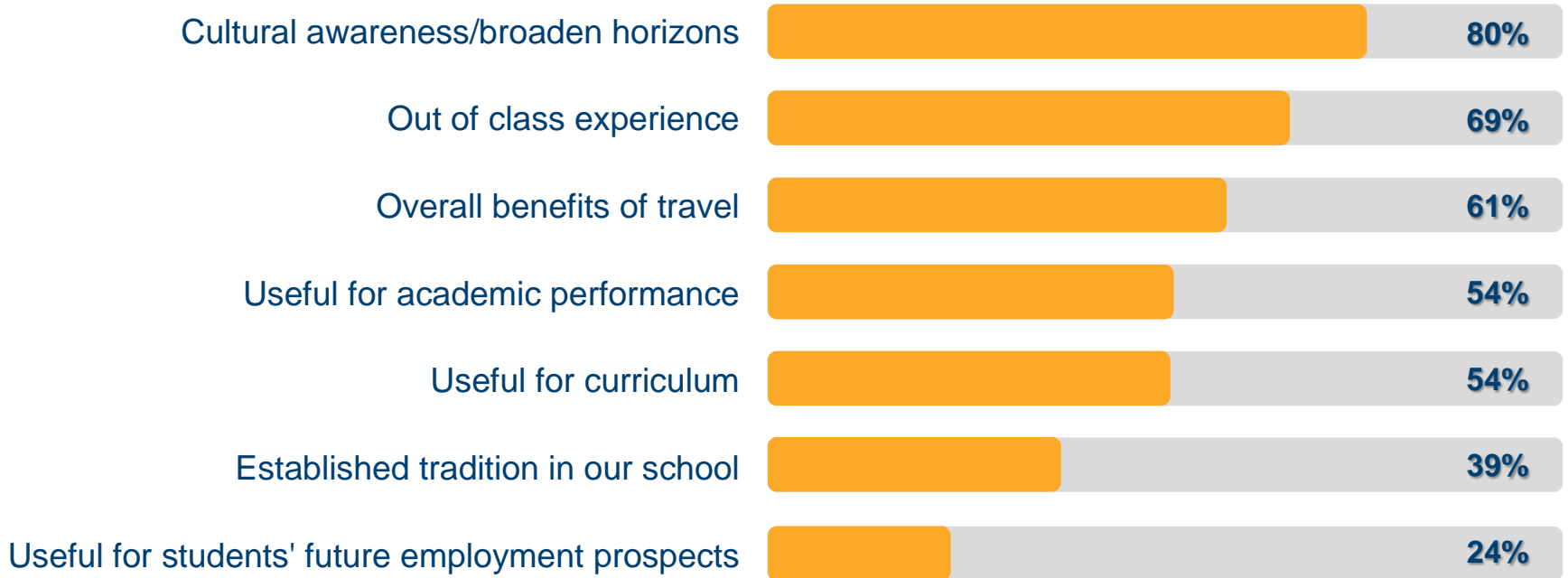
SERVED BY SYTA MEMBERS



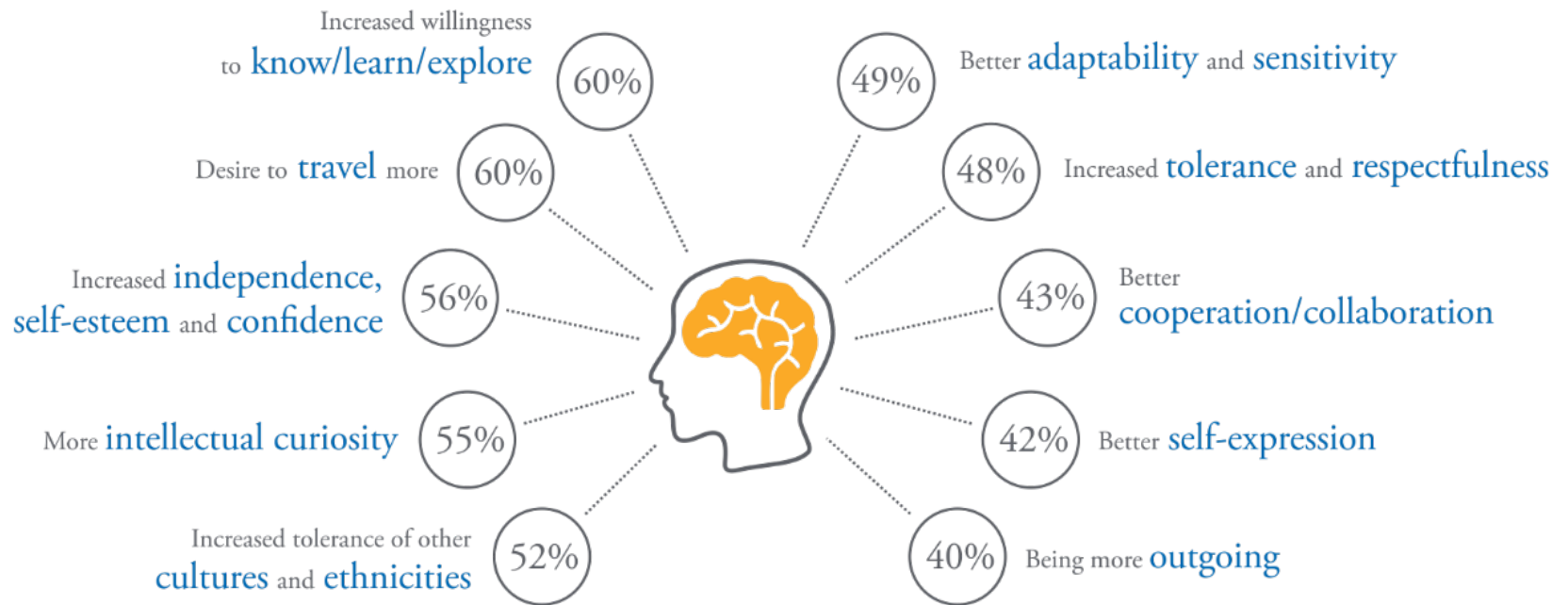
AGE BREAKDOWN



WHY: TEACHERS ORGANIZE TRAVEL



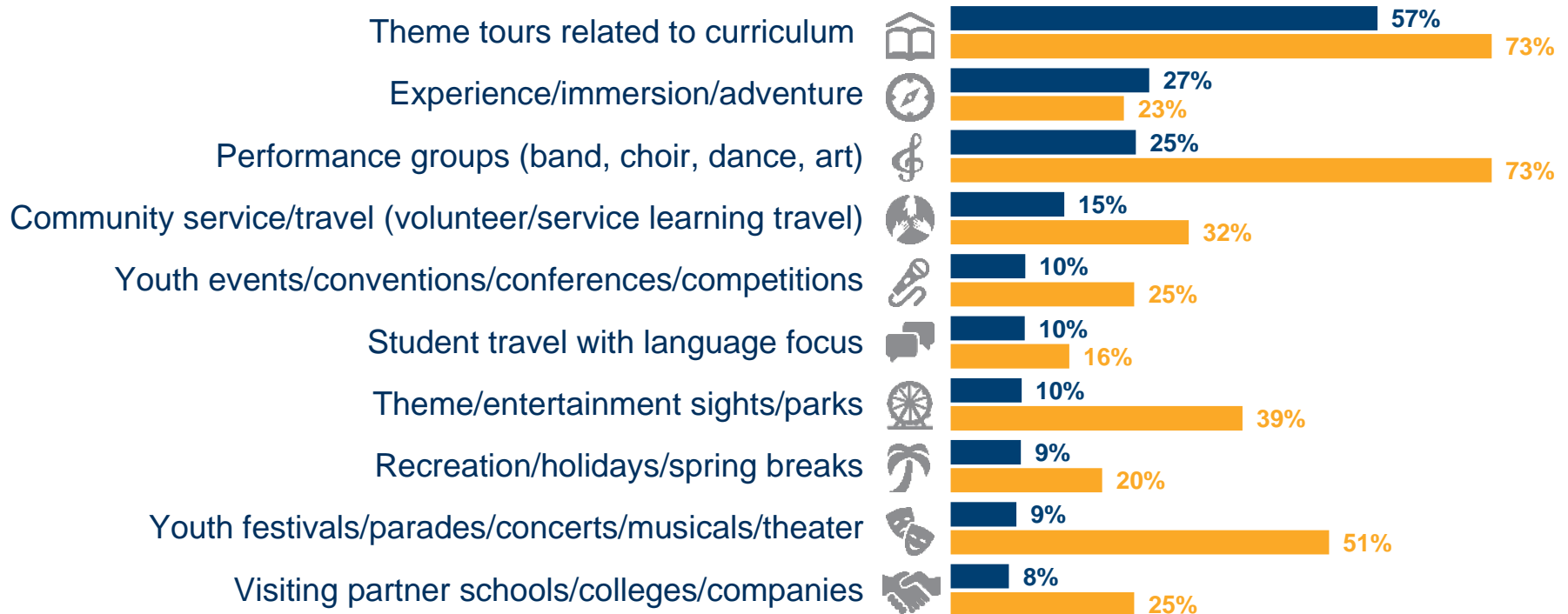
SOCIAL IMPACT OF STUDENT GROUP TRAVEL – TOP 10 EFFECTS



**Multiple choice question*

TOP 10 PREFERENCES

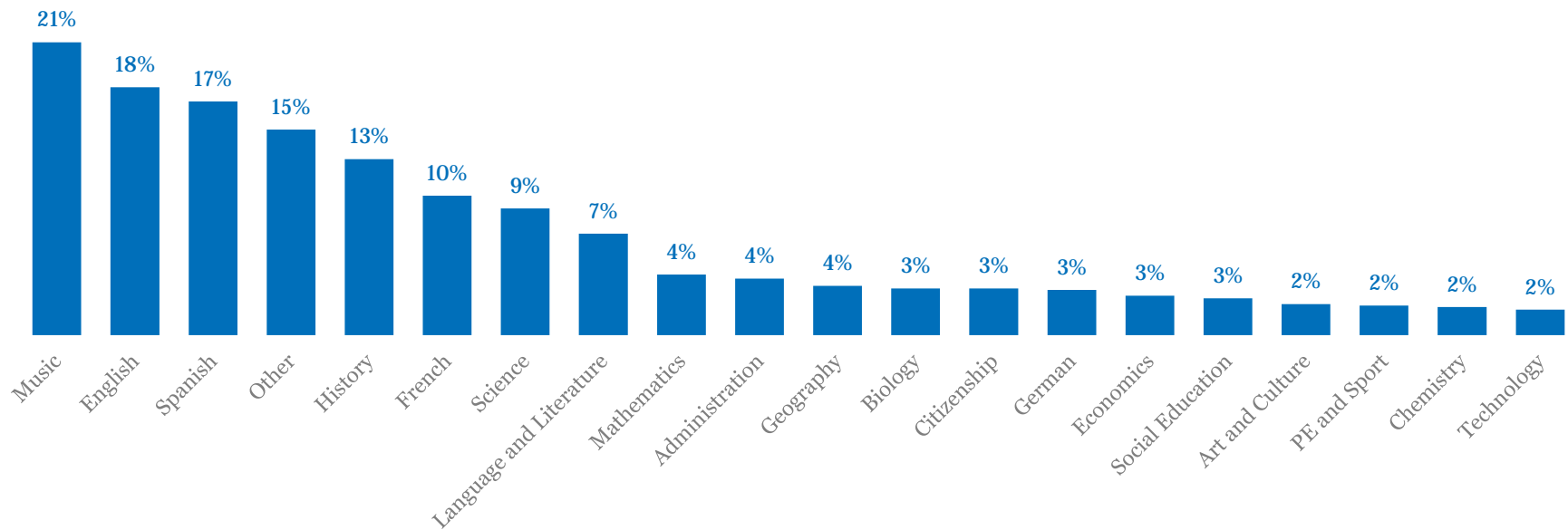
of TRAVEL CONTENT by U.S. TEACHERS & U.S. TOUR OPERATORS



**Multiple choice question*



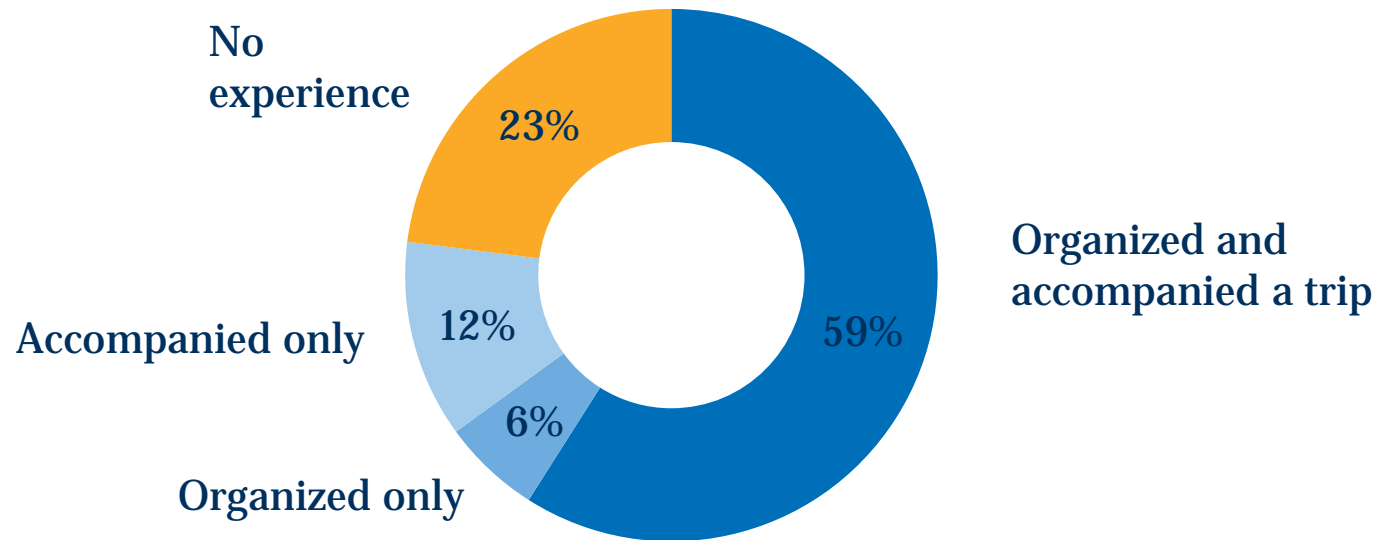
TEACHERS WHO ORGANIZE OR ACCOMPANY STUDENT GROUP TRIPS BY SUBJECT THEY TEACH



**Multiple choice question*



TEACHERS' EXPERIENCE OF ORGANIZING TRIPS





CUSTOMIZED VS. PRE-DEFINED TRIPS

61% : 39%



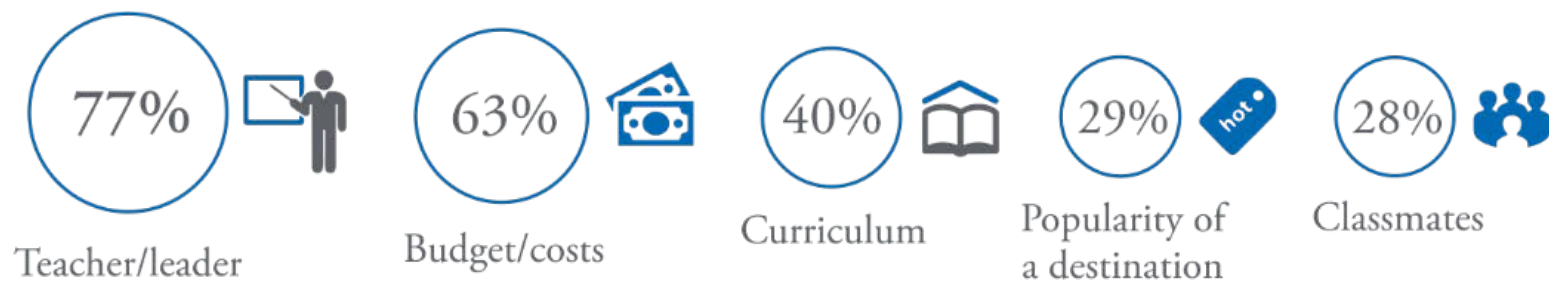
Pre-defined tours

– teachers and school groups choose from itineraries or packages put together by tour operators or travel professionals.

Customized tours

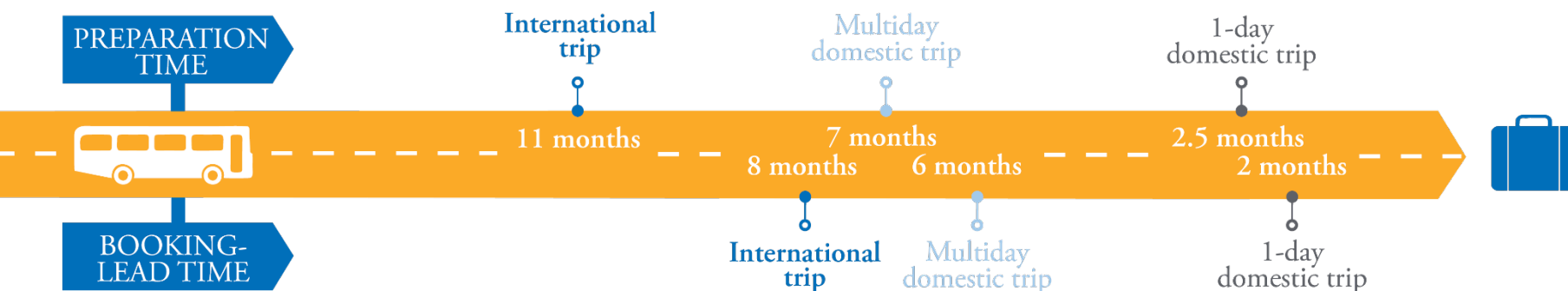
– more than 50% of their itinerary is adjusted by teachers and students and tour operator is only responsible for conducting the tours.

FACTORS AFFECTING PROGRAM AND DESTINATION SELECTION



**Multiple choice question*

TRIP PREPARATION AND BOOKING-LEAD TIME





TRIP PRICE

1-day trip
US\$56 

2-day trip
US\$229 

3-day trip
US\$485 

5-day trip
US\$1,106 

7-day trip
US\$1,564 

1 week
US\$2,575 

2 weeks
US\$3,271 

3 weeks
US\$3,643 



BARRIERS TO STUDENT GROUP TRAVEL

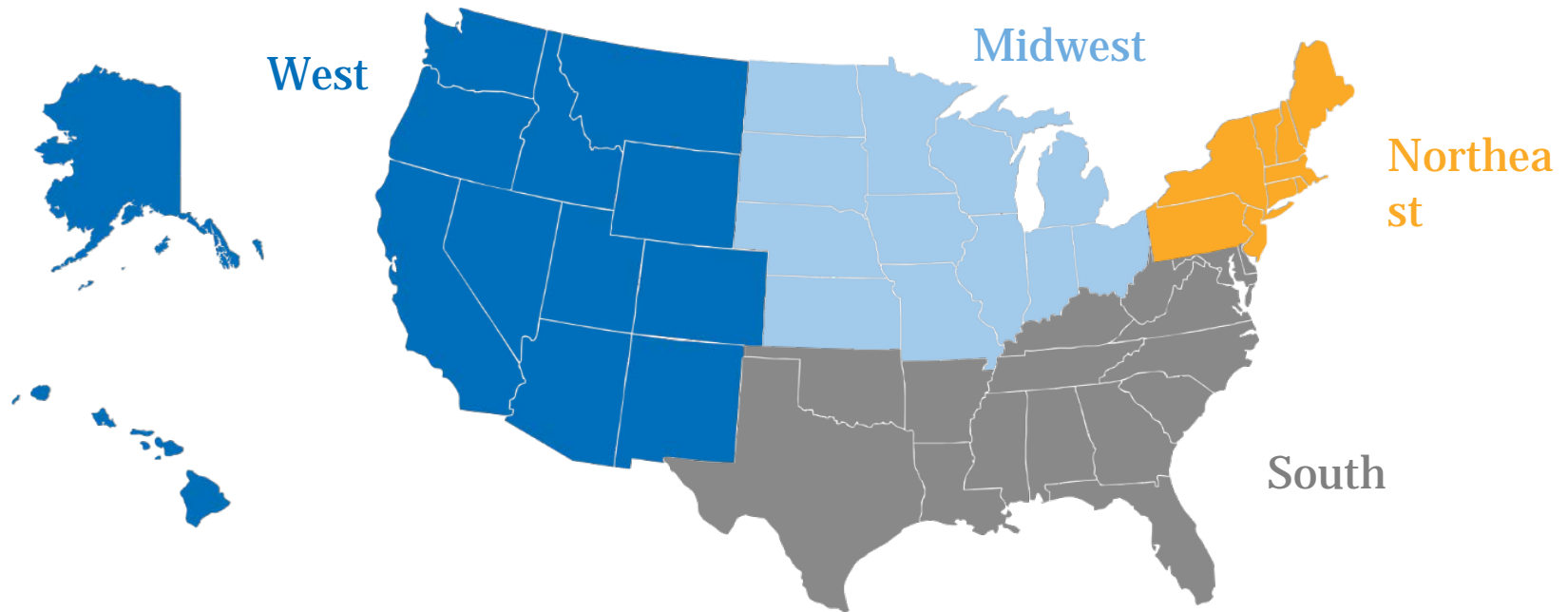
(as reported by teachers who do not organize trips)



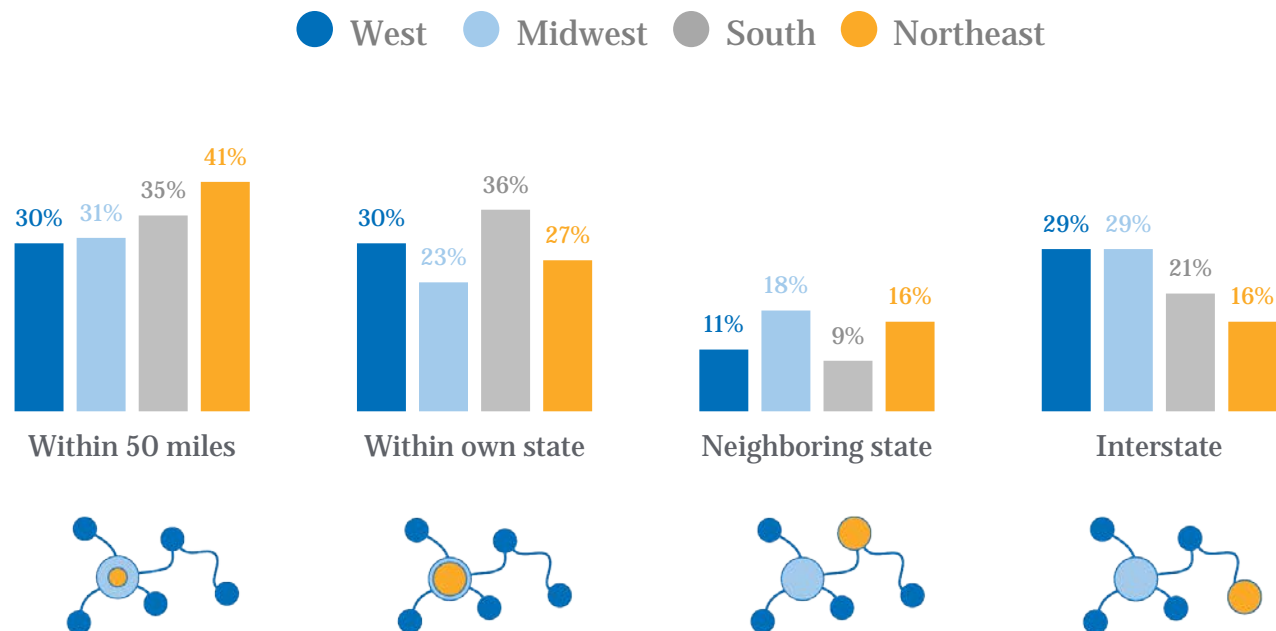
**Multiple choice question*

OVERVIEW OF U.S. REGIONS

(as defined by U.S. Census Bureau)



PERCENTAGE OF DOMESTIC STUDENT GROUP TRIPS BY DESTINATION

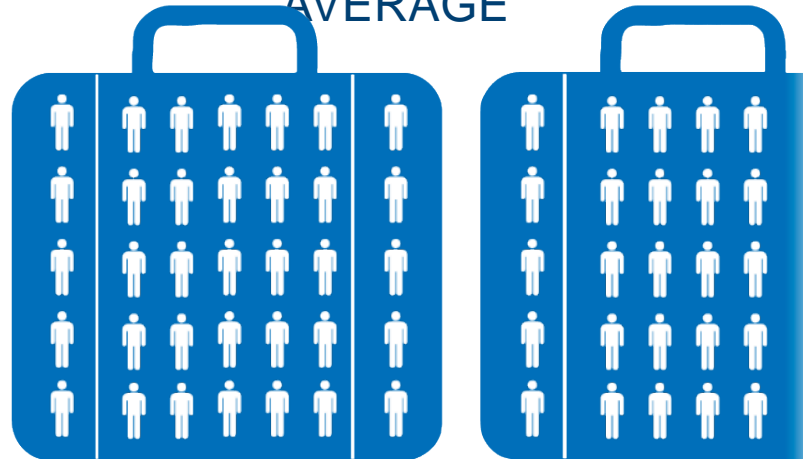


**Percentages do not add up to 100% due to rounding*

FREQUENCY OF TRAVEL

as REPORTED BY U.S. TEACHERS

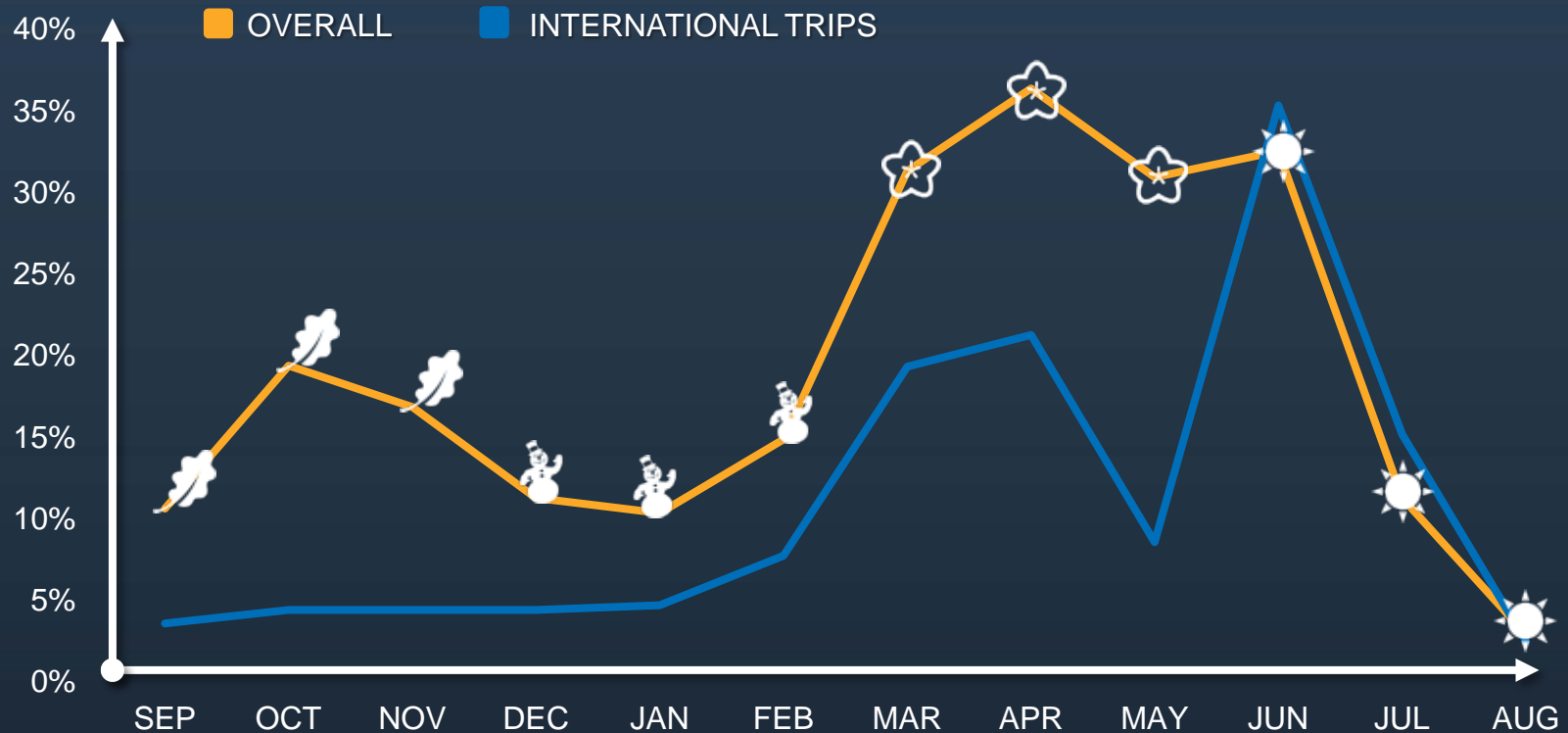
U.S. TEACHER ORGANIZES ON
AVERAGE



1.7 TRIPS for 60 STUDENTS

TIMING OF SCHOOL TRIPS

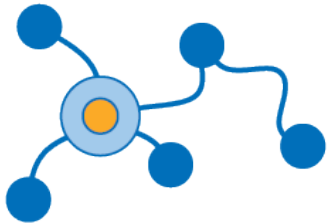
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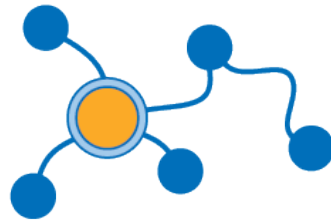
BY DESTINATION as reported by **U.S. TEACHERS** & **U.S. TOUR OPERATORS**

Within 50 Miles



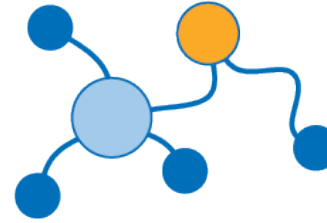
34% |
5%

Within Own State



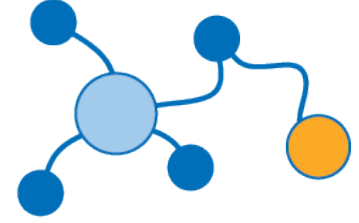
30% | 15%

Neighbouring State



13% | 18%

Interstate



24% |
62%

TOP TEN STUDENT DESTINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

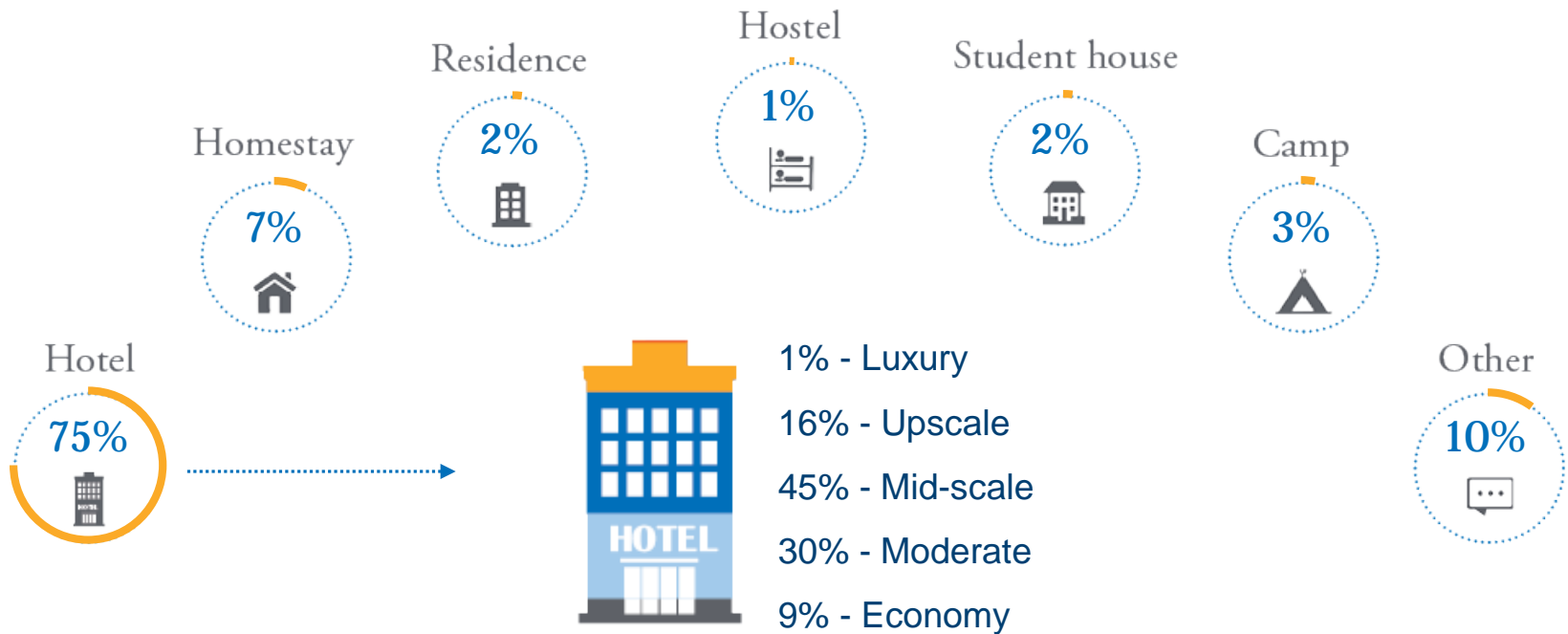
ORLANDO
NEW YORK WASHINGTON DC
CHICAGO LOS ANGELES
PHILADELPHIA WILLIAMSBURG
ATLANTA SAN FRANCISCO
BOSTON

EMERGING DESTINATIONS:

SAN ANTONIO / NASHVILLE / CLEVELAND / ANAHEIM / HONOLULU

ACCOMMODATION PREFERENCES

as REPORTED BY U.S. TEACHERS



Why Travel with a SYTA Tour Operator

- Insurance/Certificate of Insurance
- Best Group Rates
- Experience (what works/what to avoid)
- Knowledge of the Destination
- Professional Tour Director/Escort
- Industry Affiliations (SYTA, ABA, NTA, AMA, CLIA, etc.)

For More Information

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