



THE PODCAST CONSUMER 2017



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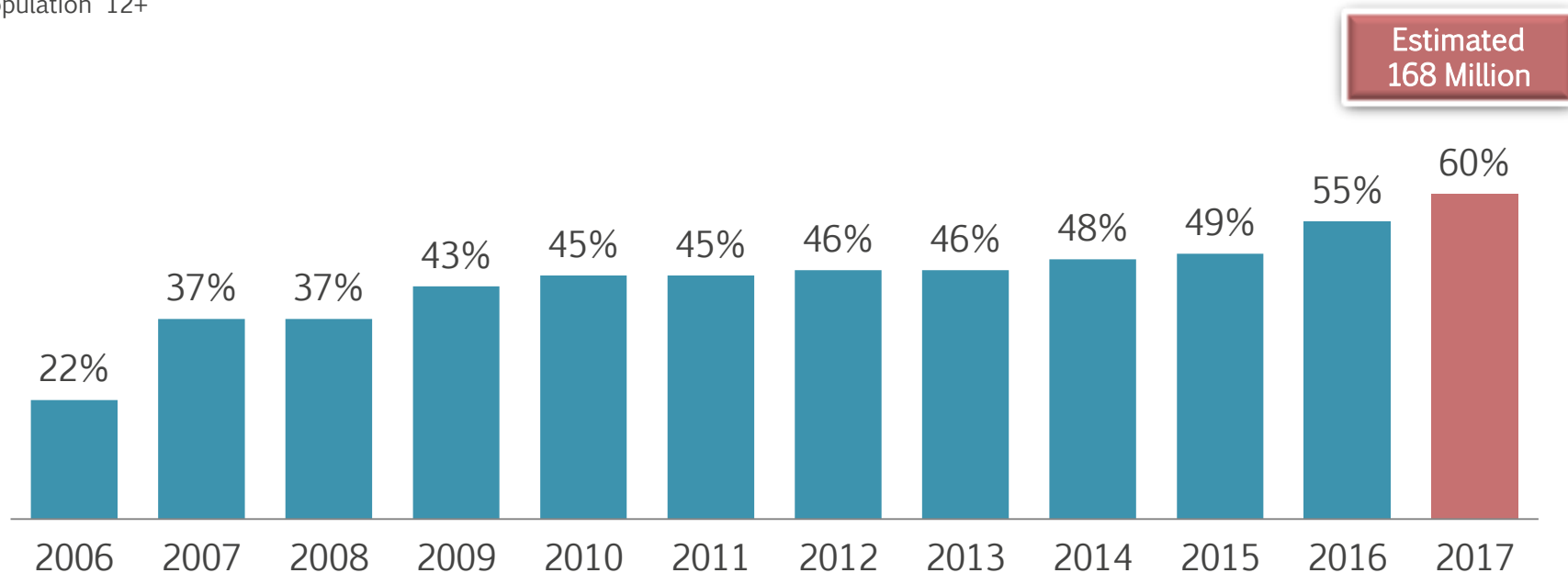


Study Methodology

- In January/February 2017, Edison Research conducted a national telephone survey of 2000 people aged 12 and older, using random digit dialing techniques
- Interviews were 51% landline and 49% cell phone
- Survey offered in both English and Spanish languages
- Data weighted to national 12+ population figures
- This series has been covering a wide range of digital media topics since 1998.

Awareness of the Term “Podcasting”

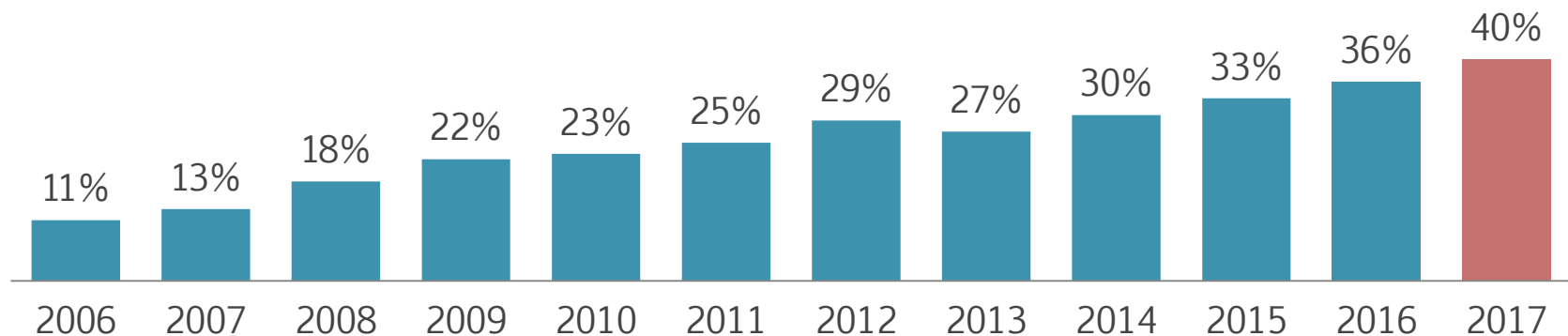
Total Population 12+



Ever Listened to Podcasts

Total Population 12+

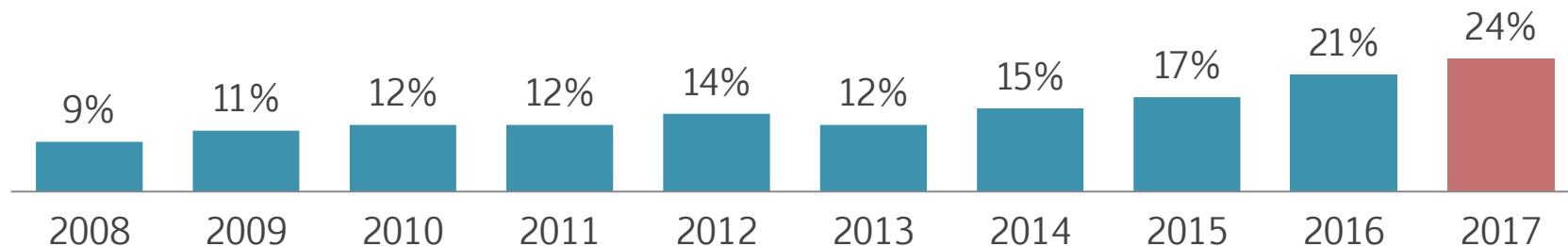
Estimated
112 Million



Monthly Podcast Listening

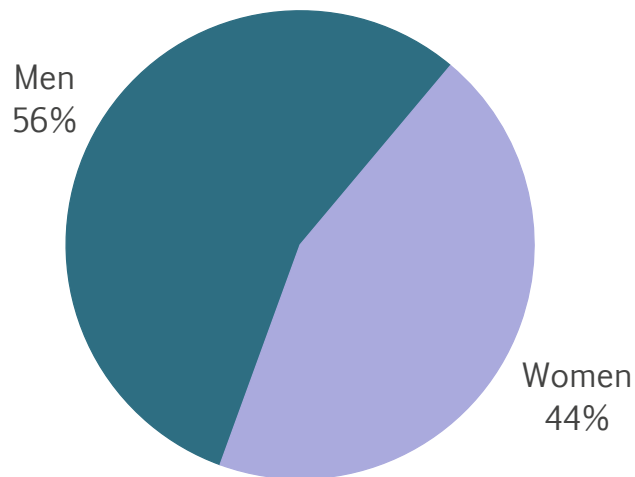
Total Population 12+

Estimated
67 Million



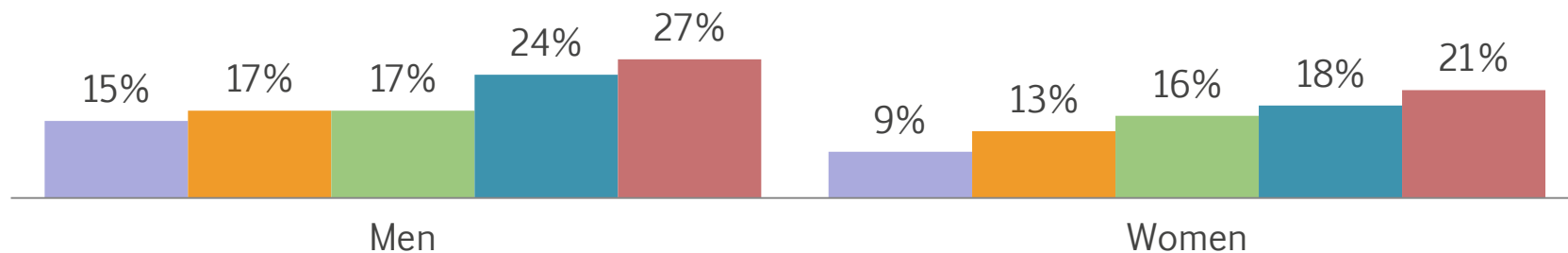
Podcast Consumers - Gender

Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+



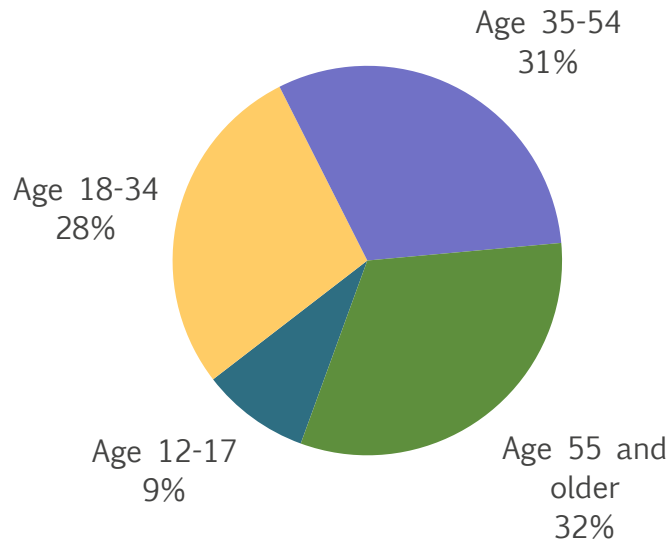
Monthly Podcast Listening

■ 2013 ■ 2014 ■ 2015 ■ 2016 ■ 2017

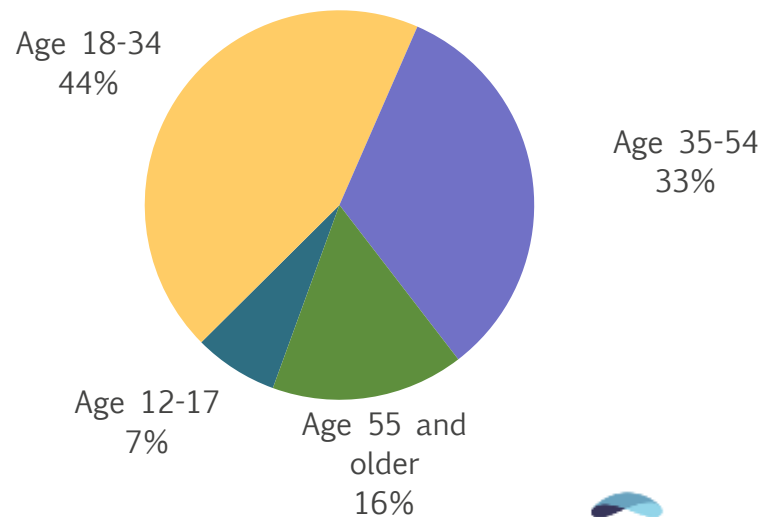


Podcast Consumers - Age

U.S. Population 12+

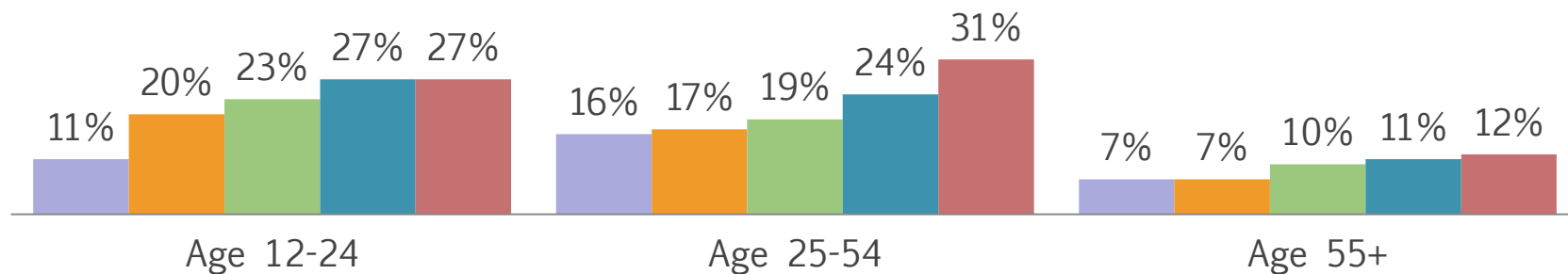


Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+



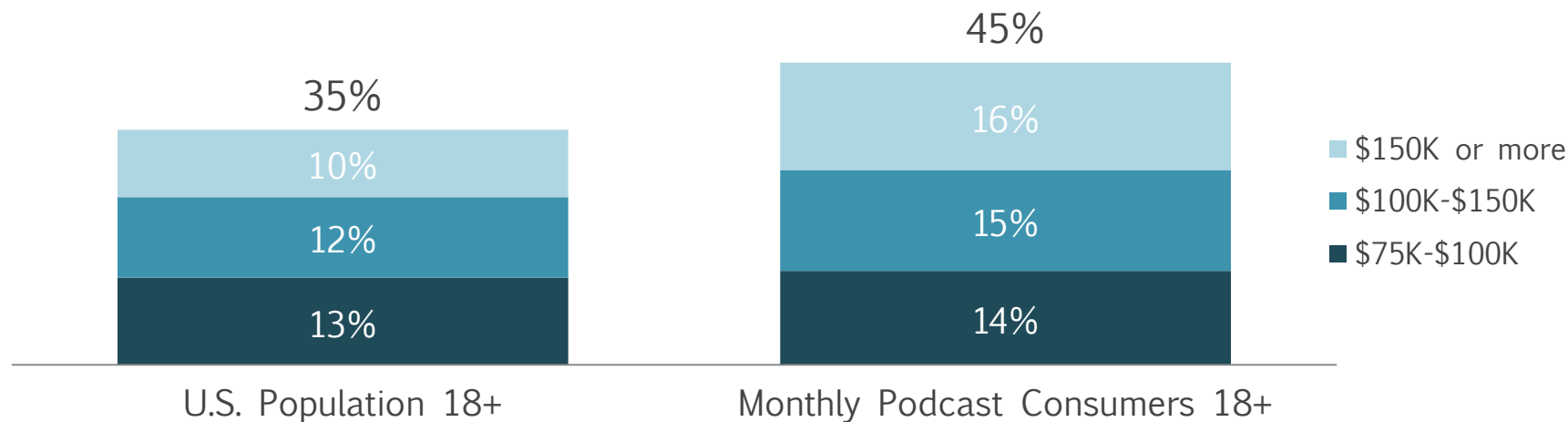
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Podcast Consumers - Household Income

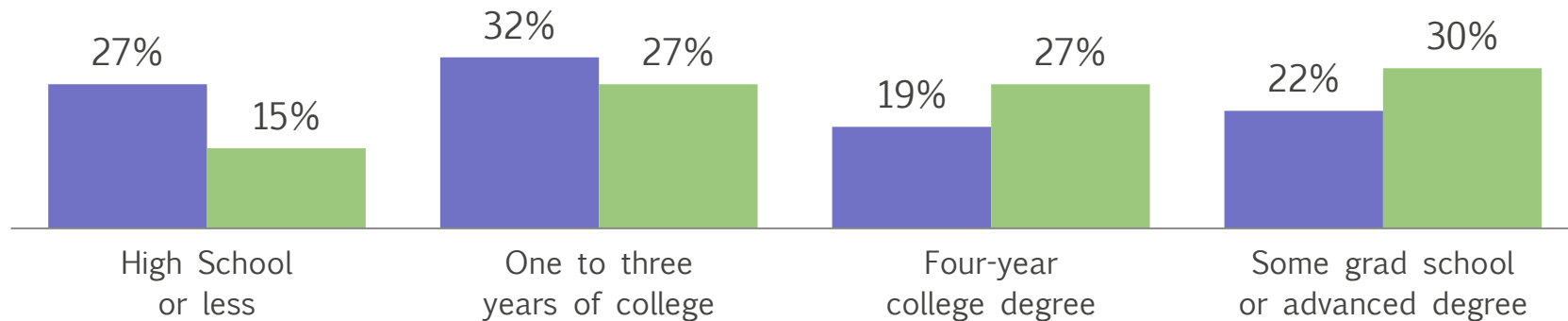
Annual Household Income:



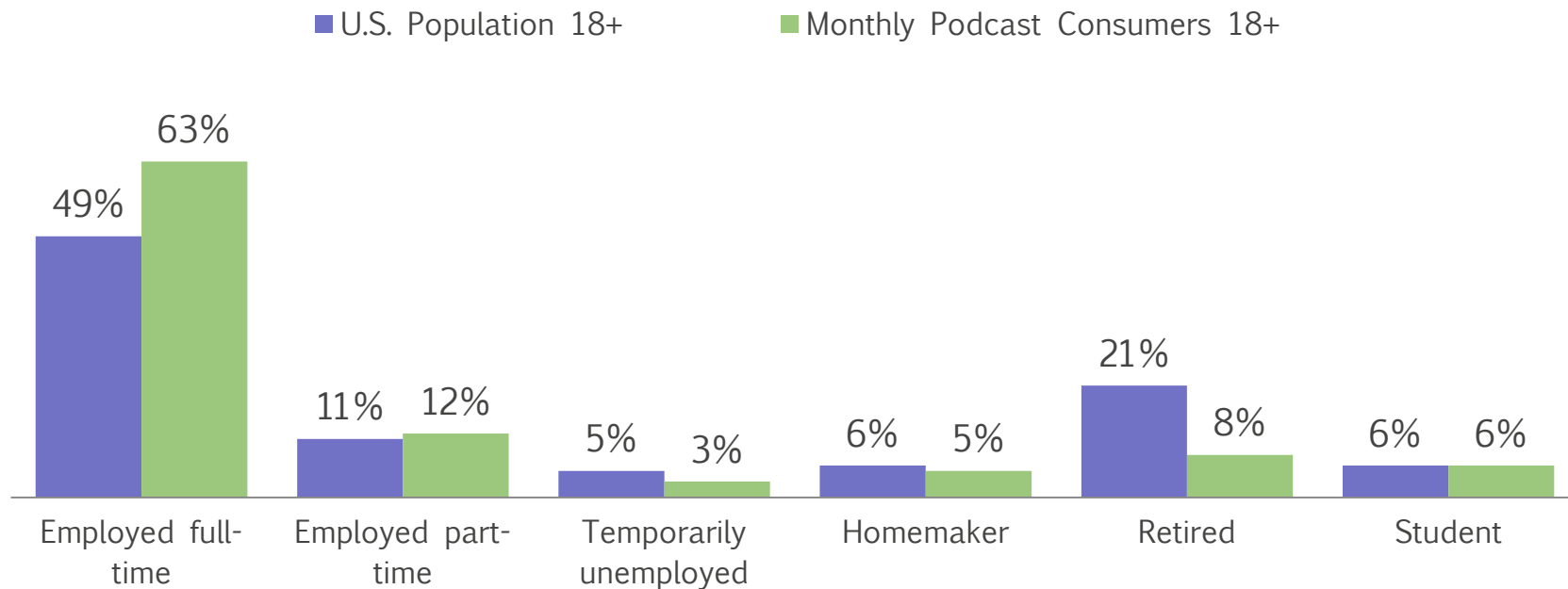
Podcast Consumers - Education

■ U.S. Population 18+

■ Monthly Podcast Consumers 18+

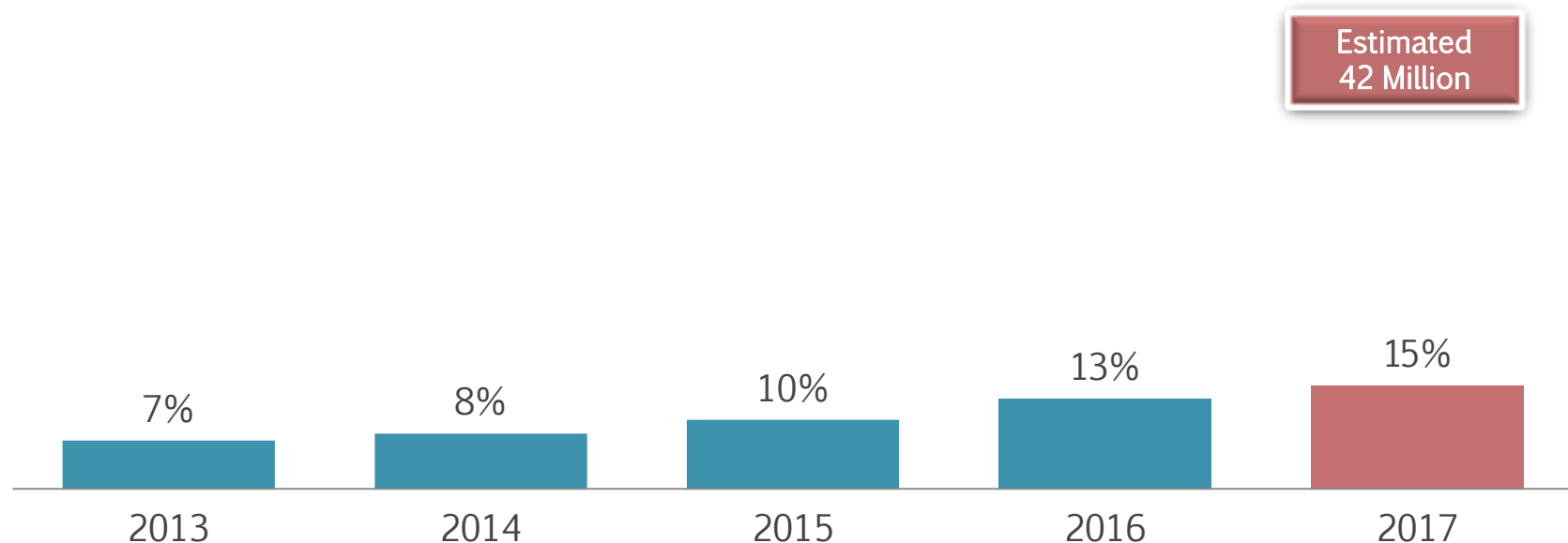


Podcast Consumers - Employment



Weekly Podcast Listening

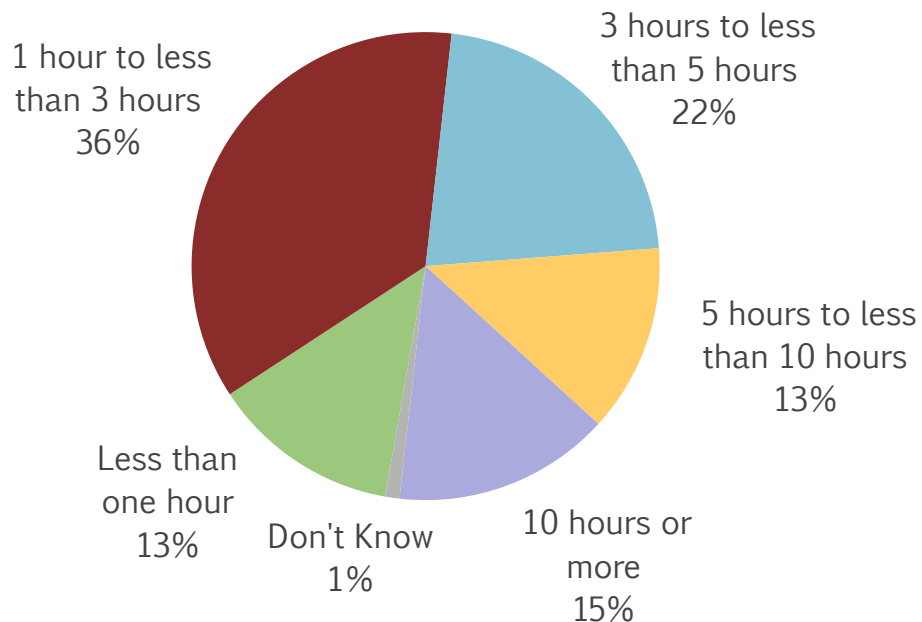
Total Population 12+



Average Time “Weekly Podcast Listeners” Spend Listening to Podcasts

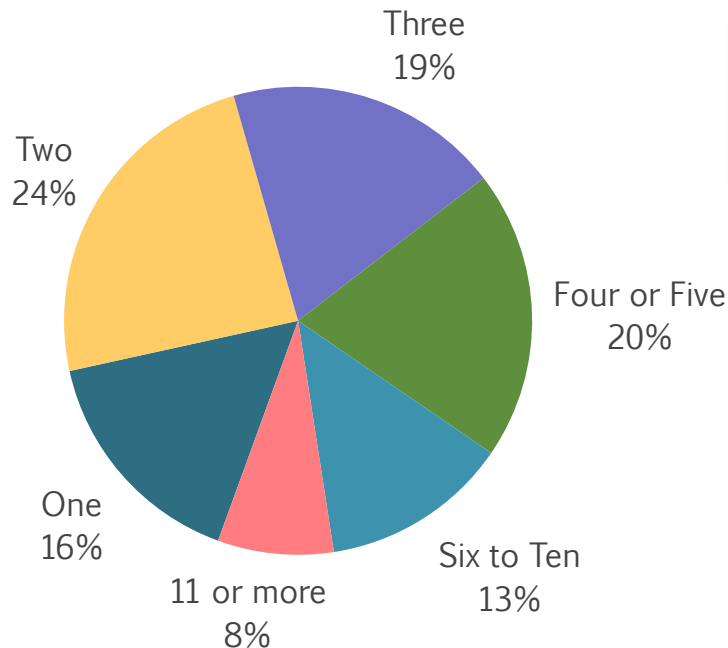
Weekly Podcast Consumers 12+

Mean: 5 hours 7 minutes



Number of Podcasts Listened to in Last Week

Weekly Podcast Consumers 12+



Average of five
podcasts listened
per week

How Do Podcast Consumers Listen to Podcasts?

Ever Listened to a Podcast 12+

Click on podcast
and listen immediately

77%

Download podcast
manually and listen later

41%

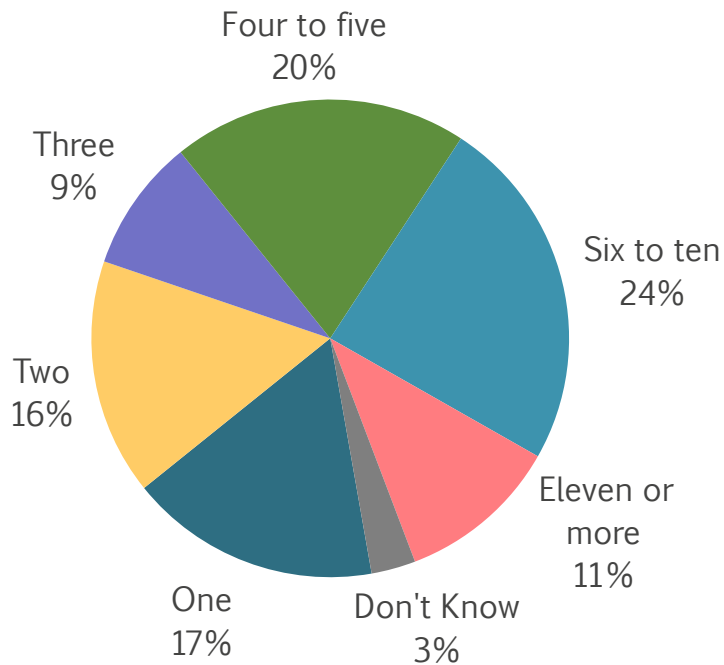
Subscribe to podcast and download
automatically to listen later

27%

% ever using method to listen to a podcast

Number of Podcasts Subscribed to

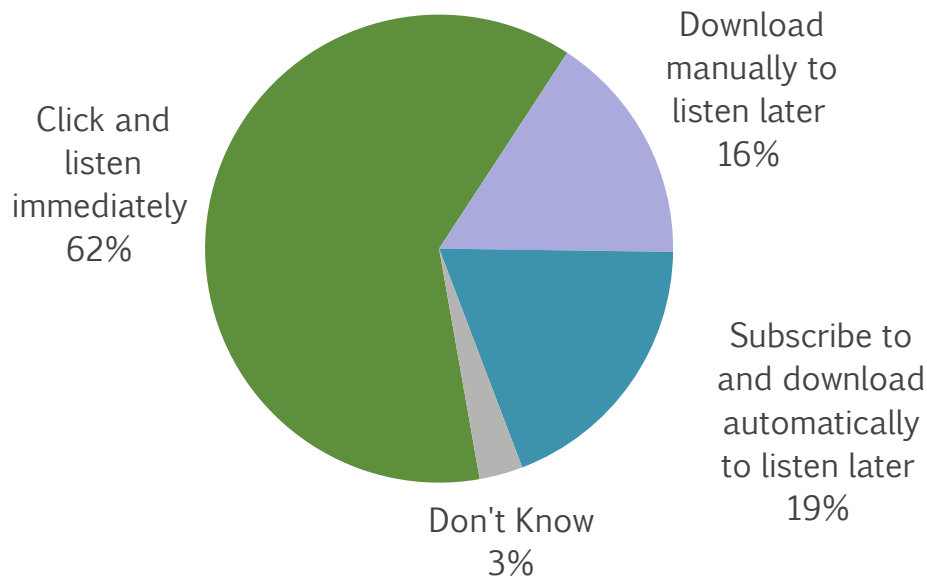
Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+ who subscribe to podcasts



Average of
six podcasts
subscribed to

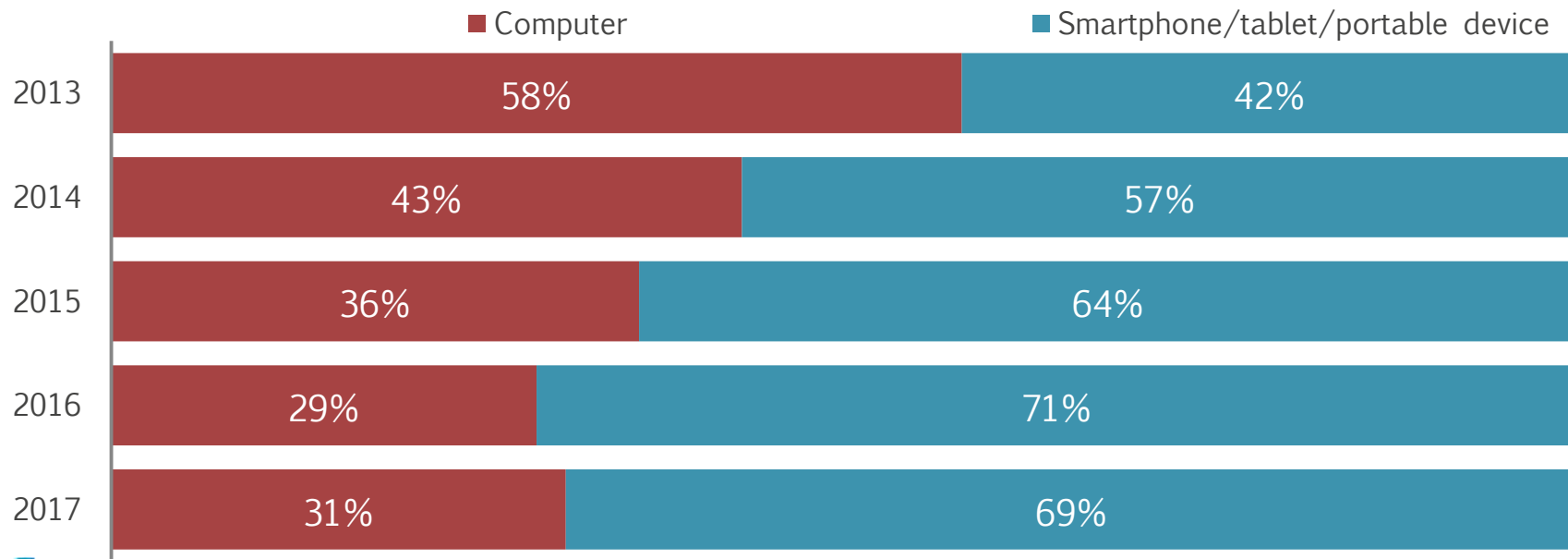
Method Monthly Podcast Consumers Use Most Often to Listen to Podcasts

Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+

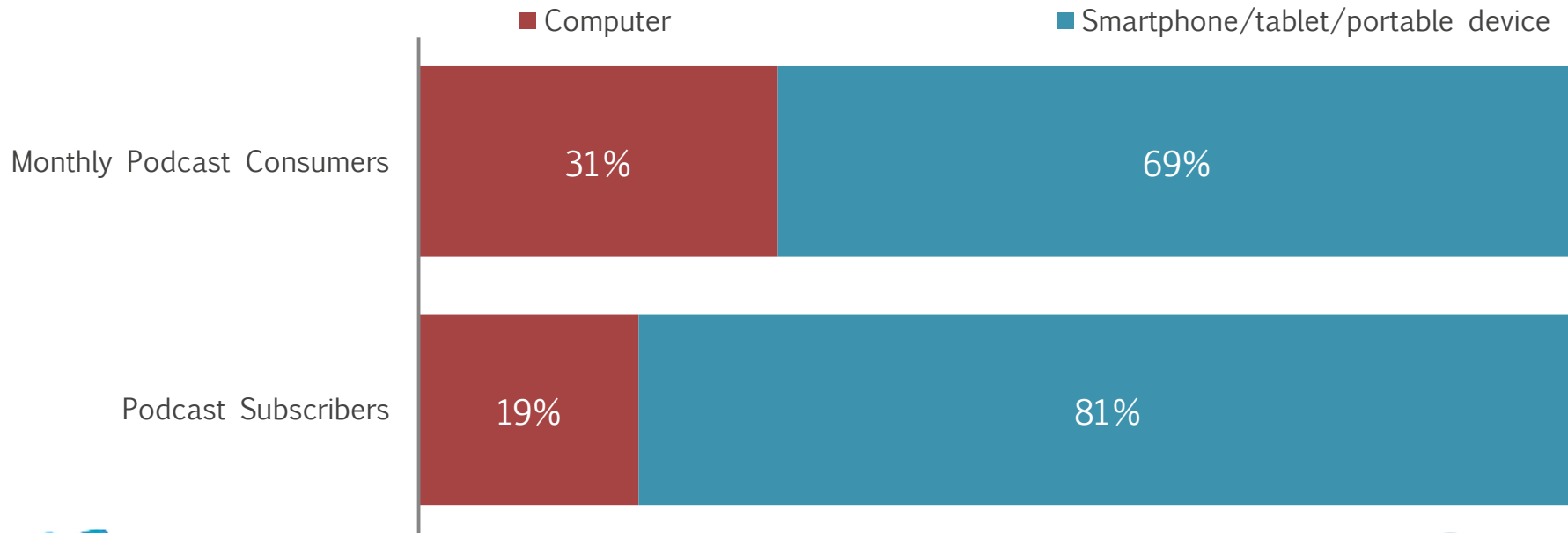


Device Monthly Podcast Consumers Use Most Often to Listen to Podcasts

Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+

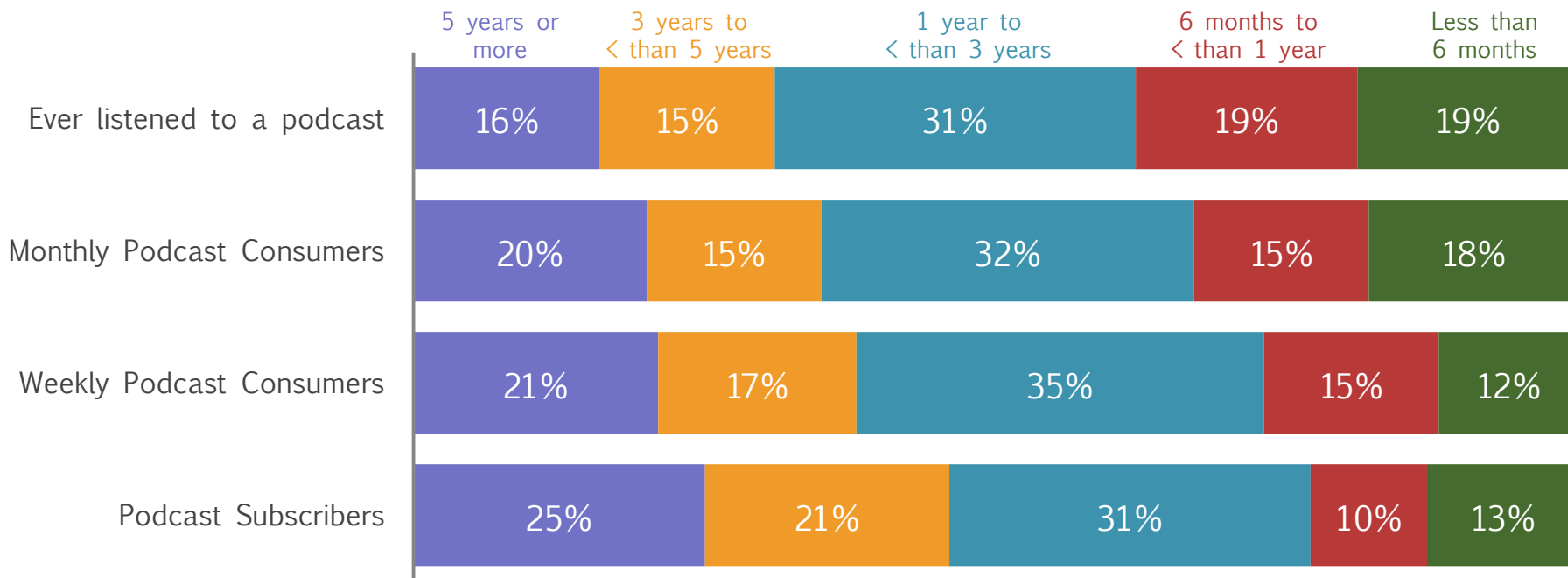


Device Used Most Often to Listen to Podcasts



Years Listening to Podcasts

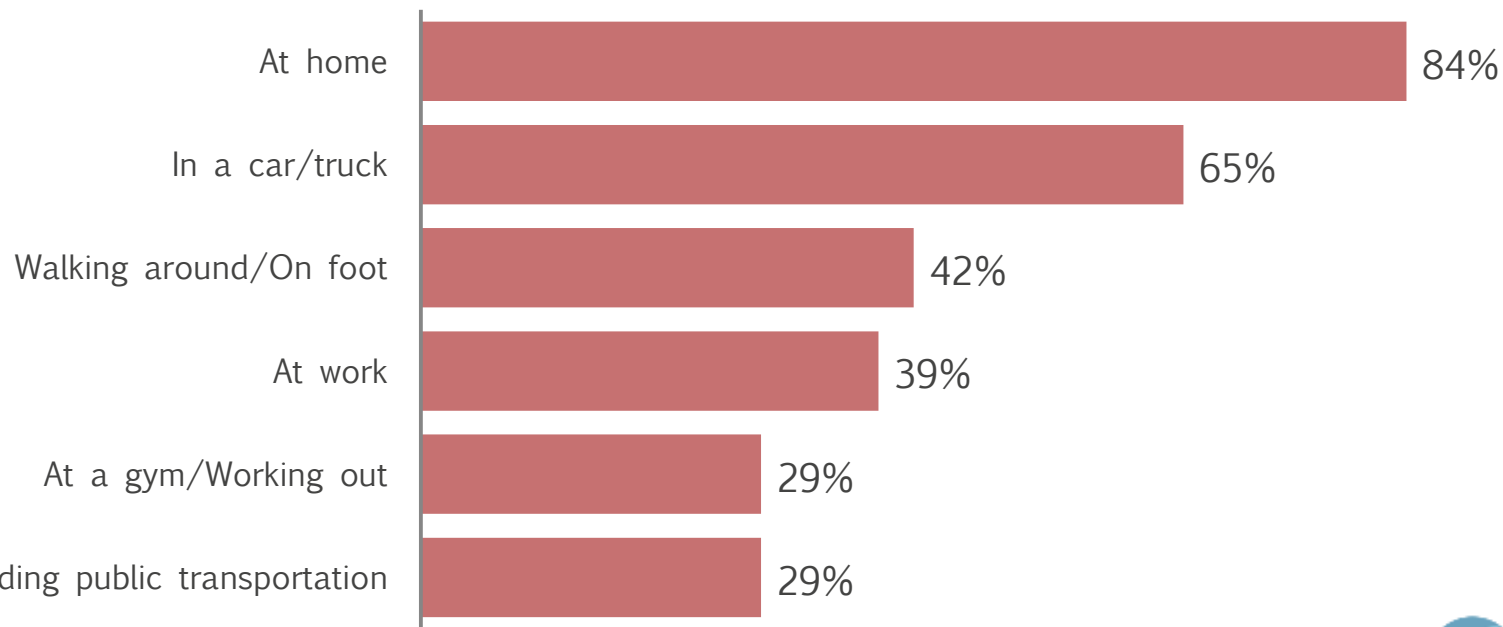
"For how long have you been listening to podcasts?"



Podcast Listening Locations

"Have you ever listened to a podcast...?"

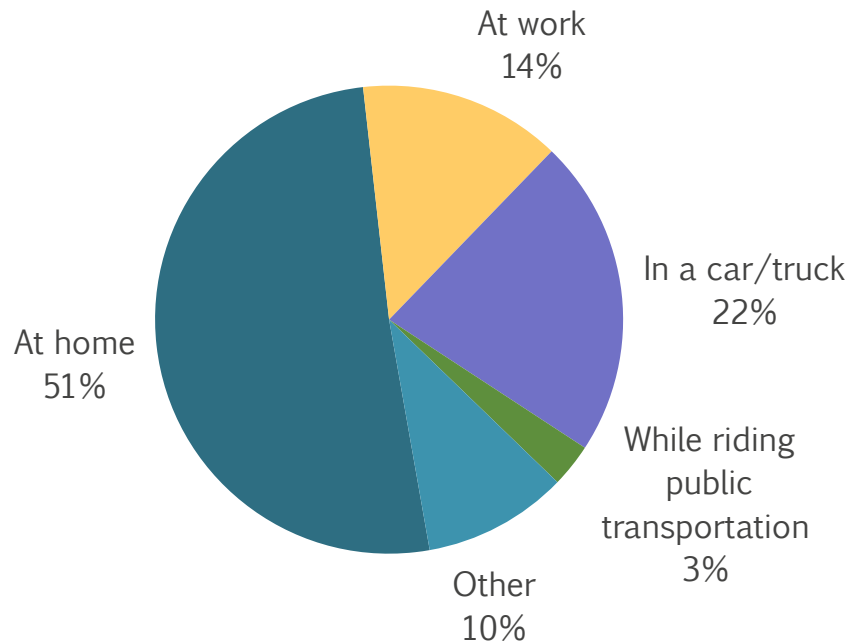
Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+



% ever listen to podcasts in location

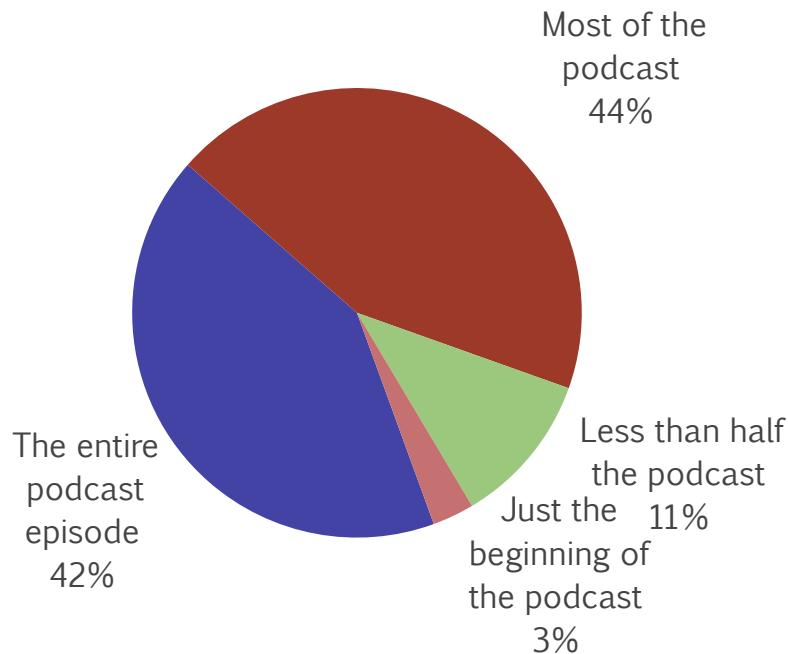
Where are Podcasts Most Often Listened to?

Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+



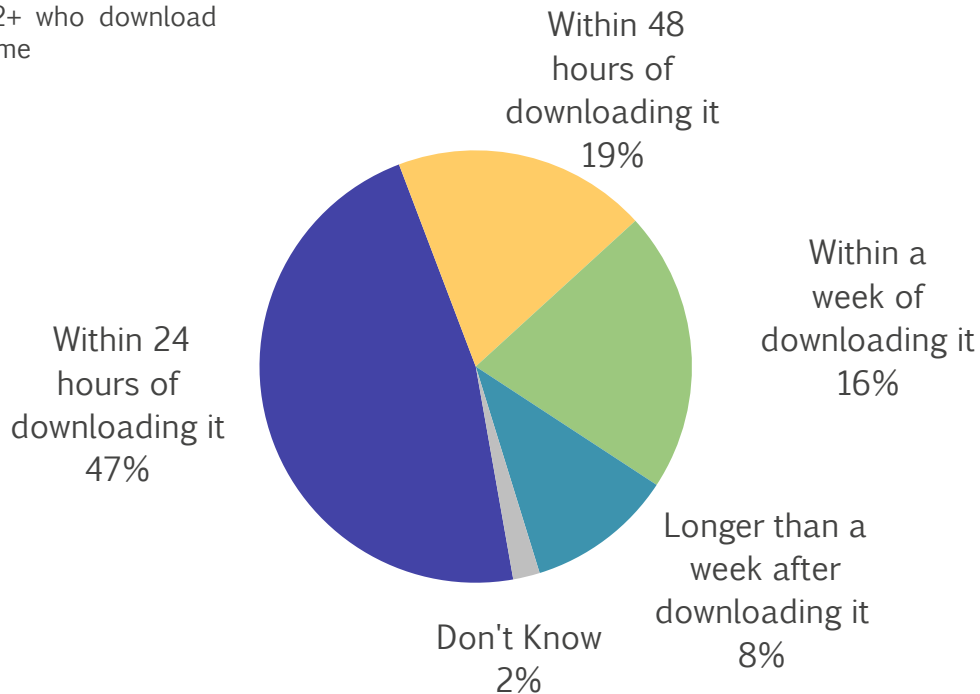
Amount of Podcast Episode Listened to

Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+



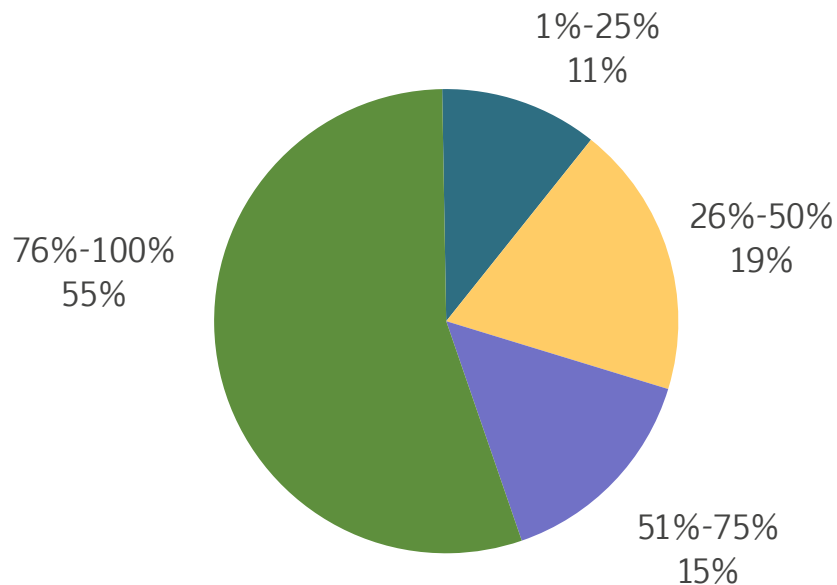
Time Between Downloading Last Podcast and Listening to It

Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+ who download podcasts to listen at a later time

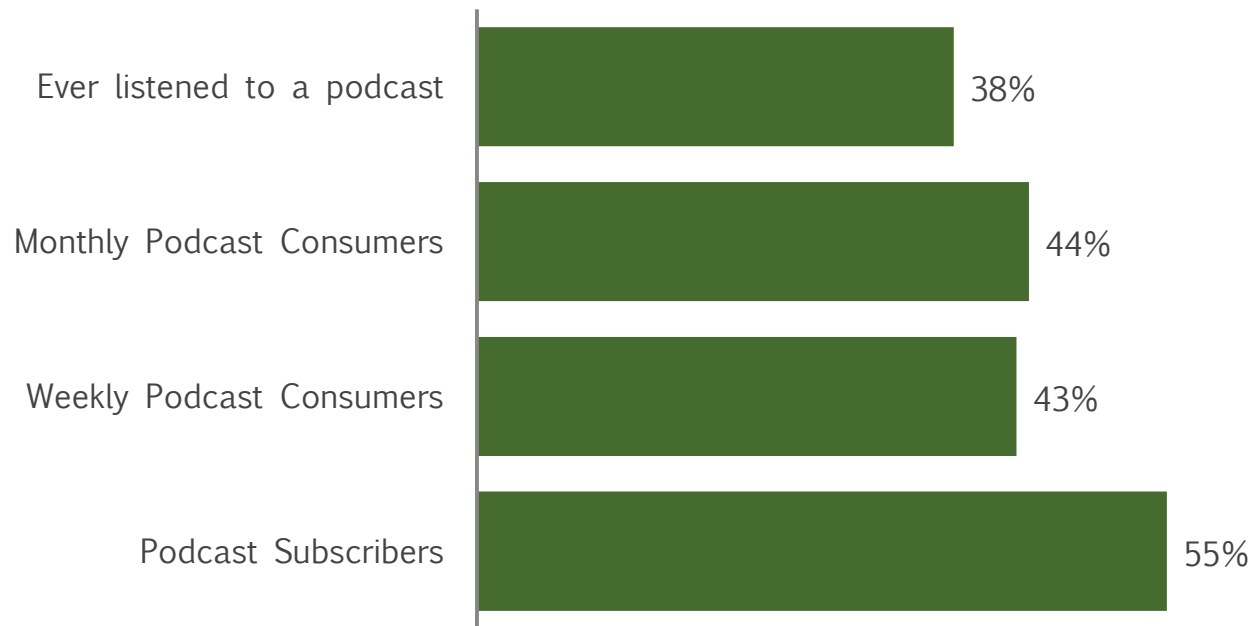


Percent of all podcasts downloaded that are listened to

Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+ who download podcasts to listen at a later time

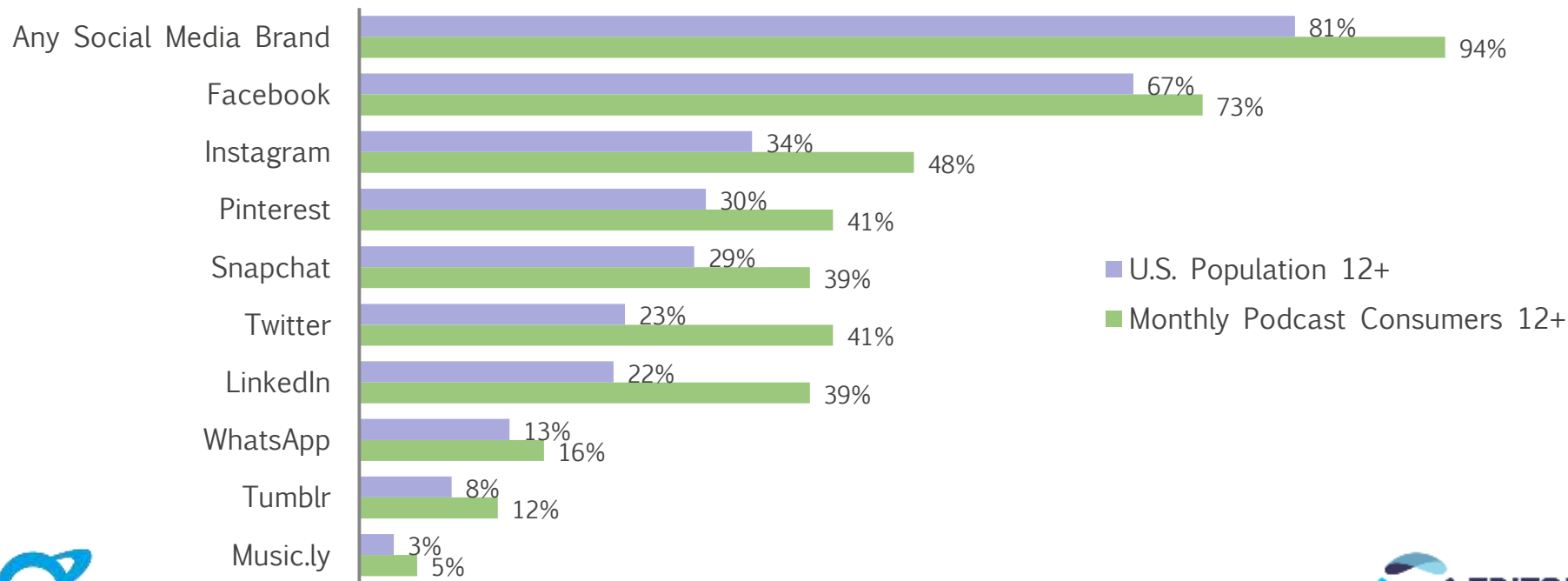


Public Radio Podcast Listening



% currently ever listen to podcasts from Public Radio producers

Social Media Brand Usage



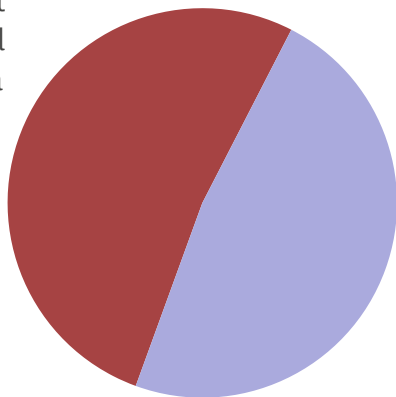
% currently ever use social media brand

Frequency of Social Media Usage

"How often do you use any social networking site or service?"

U.S. Population 12+

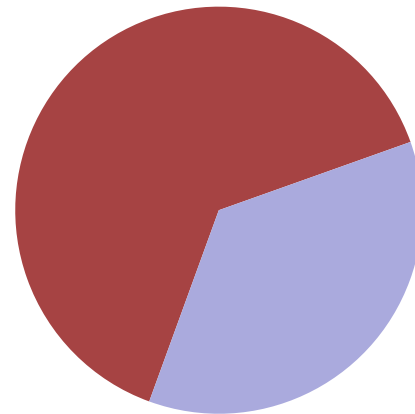
At least
"several
times a
day"
52%



Less often
than
"several
times a
day"
48%

Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+

At least
"several
times a
day"
64%

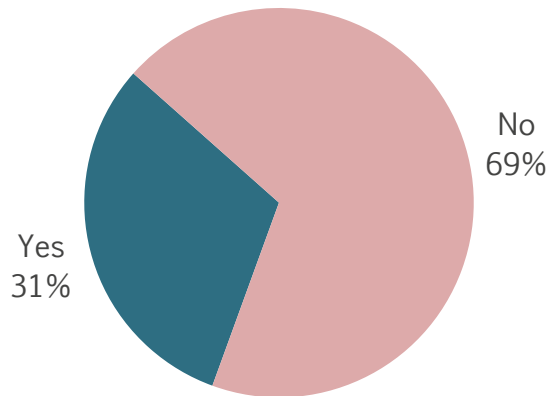


Less often
than
"several
times a
day"
36%

Follow Companies/Brands on Social Media

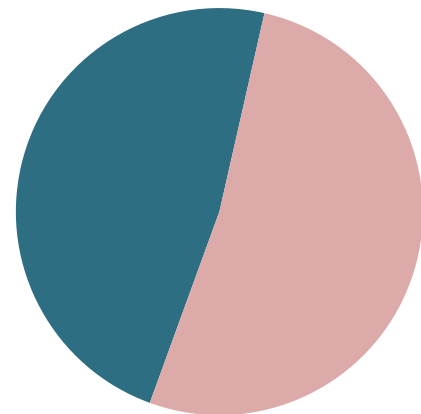
"Do you follow any companies or brands on any social networking sites, such as Facebook or Twitter?"

U.S. Population 12+

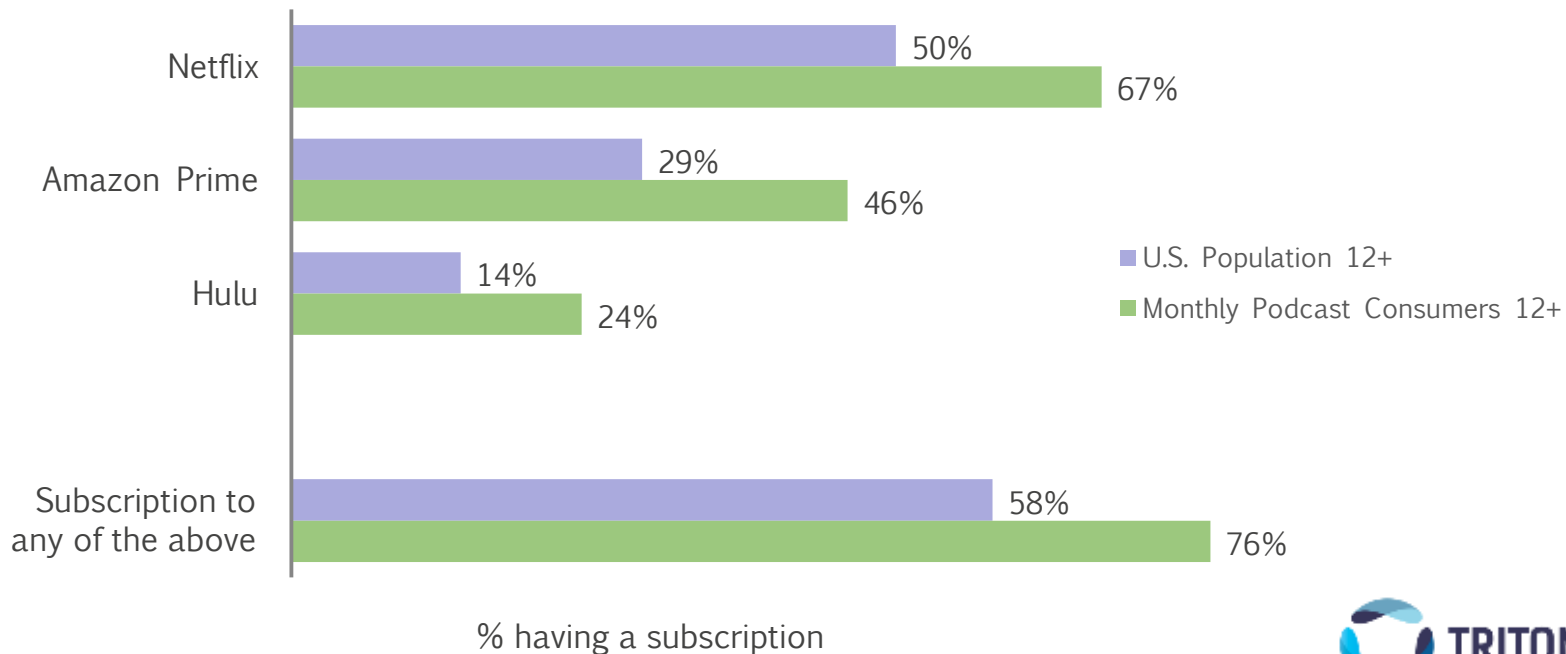


Monthly Podcast Consumers 12+

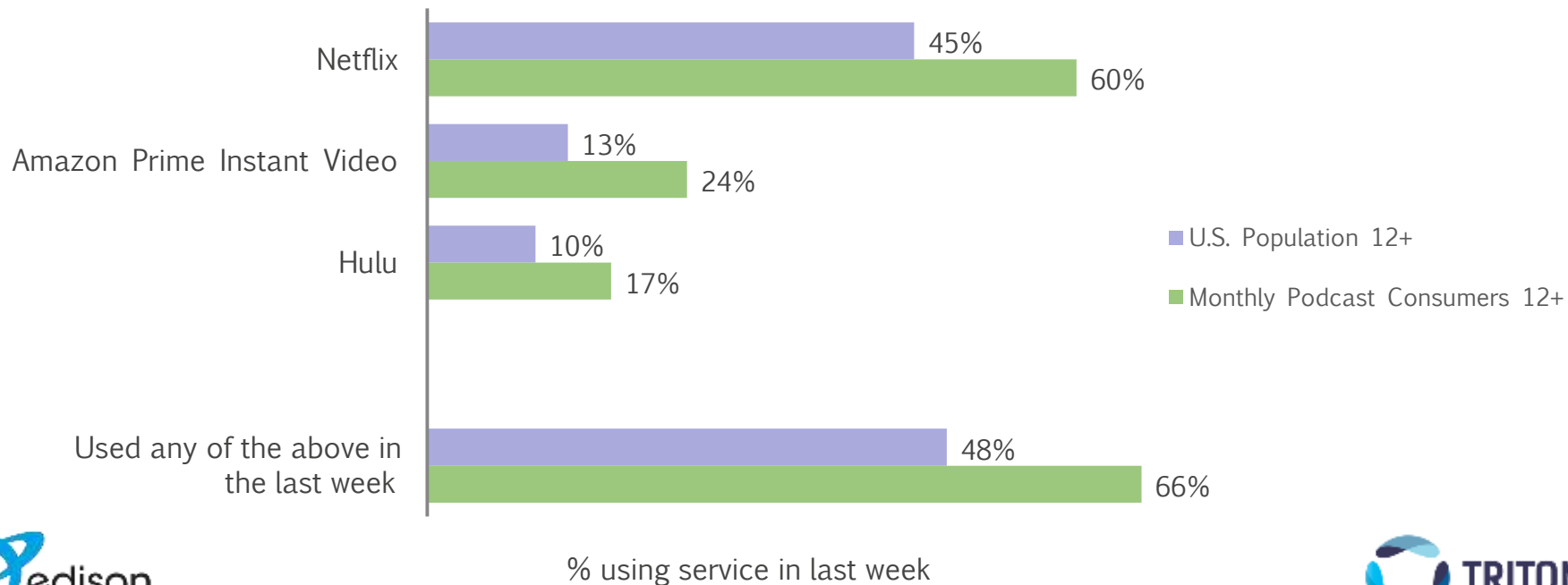
Yes
48%



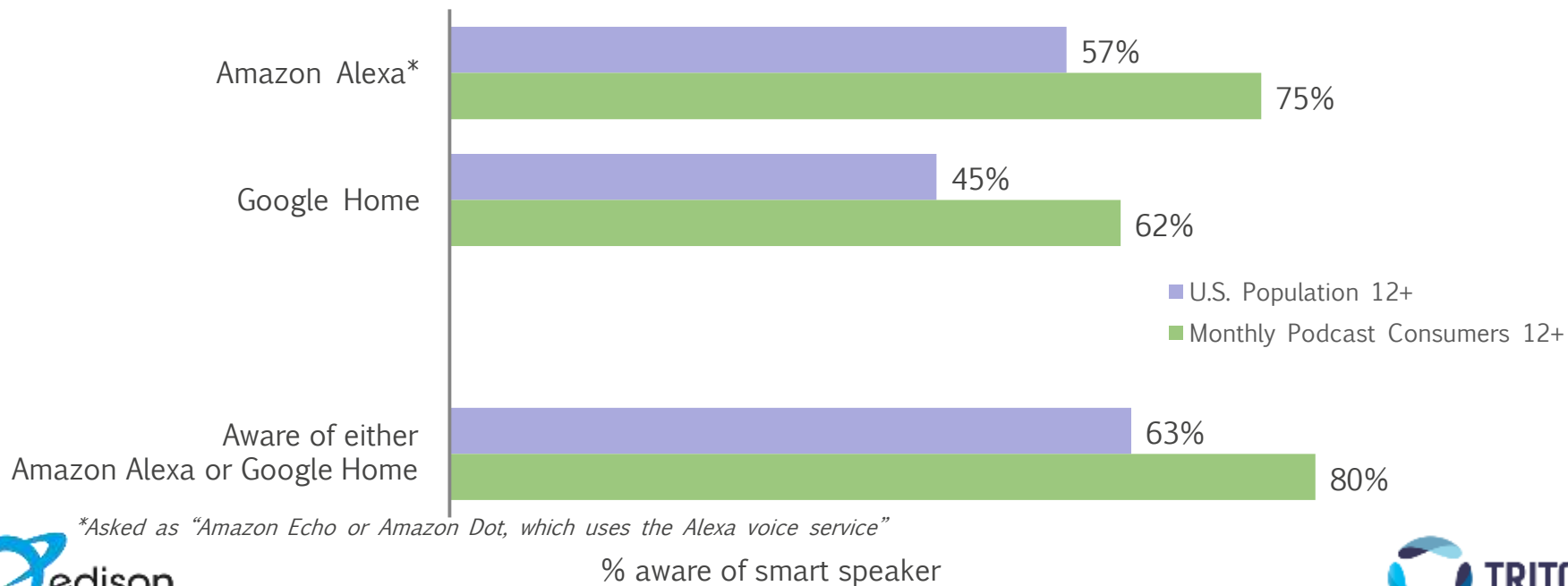
On-Demand Video Service Subscription



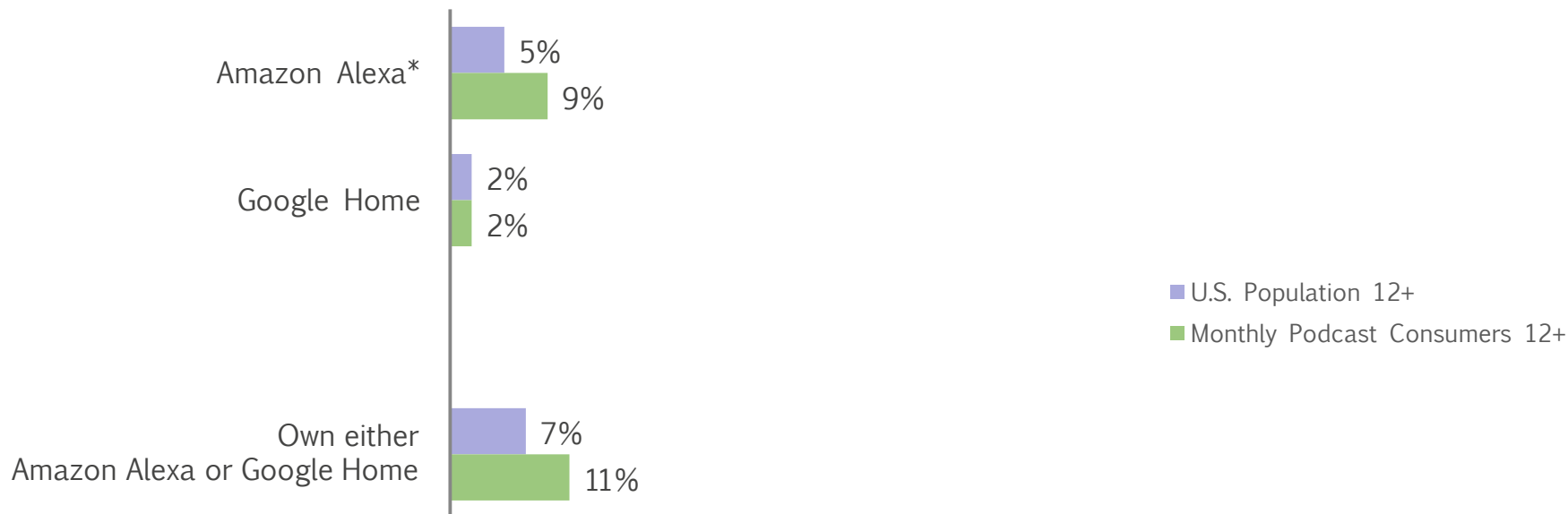
Used On-Demand Video Service in Last Week



Smart Speaker Awareness



Smart Speaker Ownership



**Asked as "Amazon Echo or Amazon Dot, which uses the Alexa voice service"*

% owning smart speaker



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Share of Ear[®] Survey Methodology

- 8,631 respondents
 - Completed 24-hour audio listening diary
- National sample 13+
- Online and offline
- Offered in English and Spanish
- Quarterly data collection and updates

Share of Ear[®]



AUDIO

AM/FM Radio
Owned Music
Streaming Audio
SiriusXM
Music Channels on TV
Podcasts



LOCATION

Home
Work
Car/Truck
Somewhere else



CONTENT

Music
News
Talk/Personalities
Sports



DEVICE


AM/FM Radio
Computer
Mobile Device
TV Audio Channels
SiriusXM Receiver
Internet-connected TV
device
Wireless streaming
speakers



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**Over 8,000 one-day audio diaries
completed through 2016**



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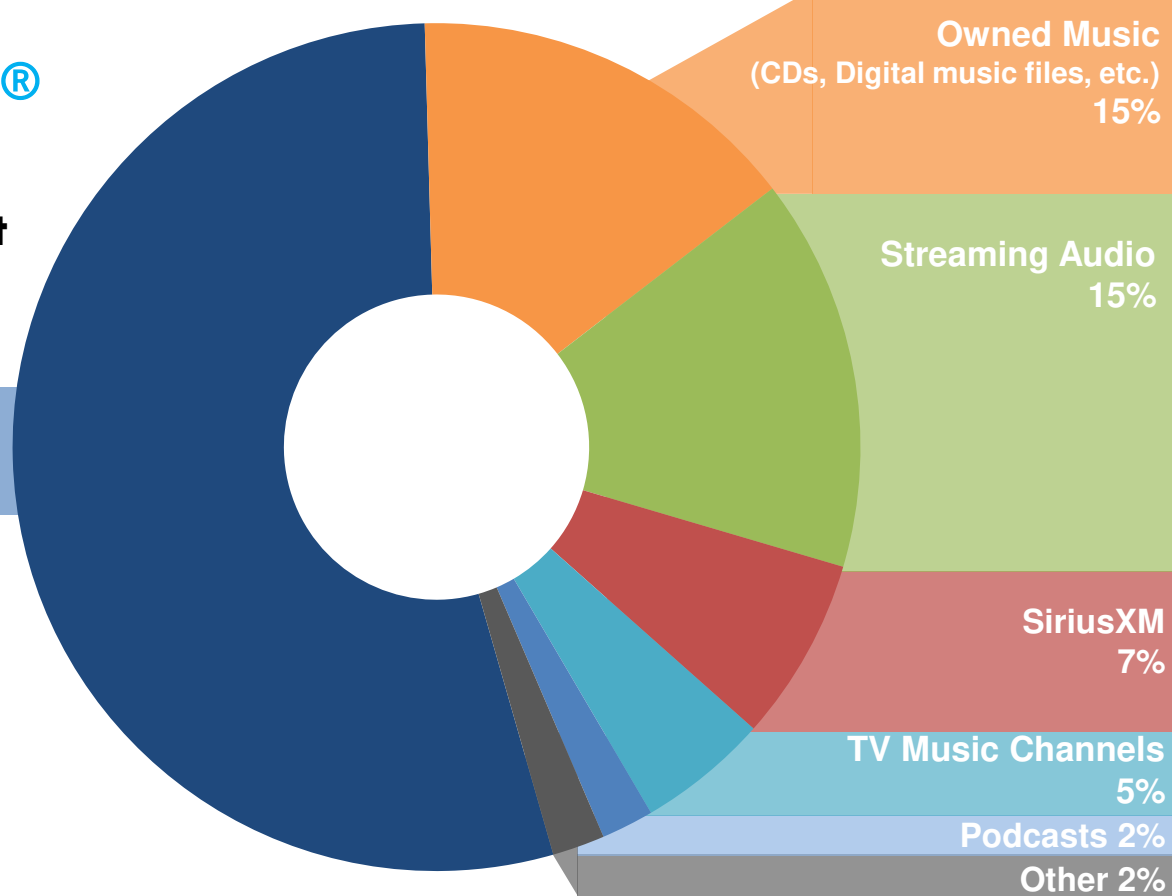


On average, people spend **4 hours** listening to audio

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Americans' Share of Time Spent Listening to Audio Sources

AM/FM Radio
54%

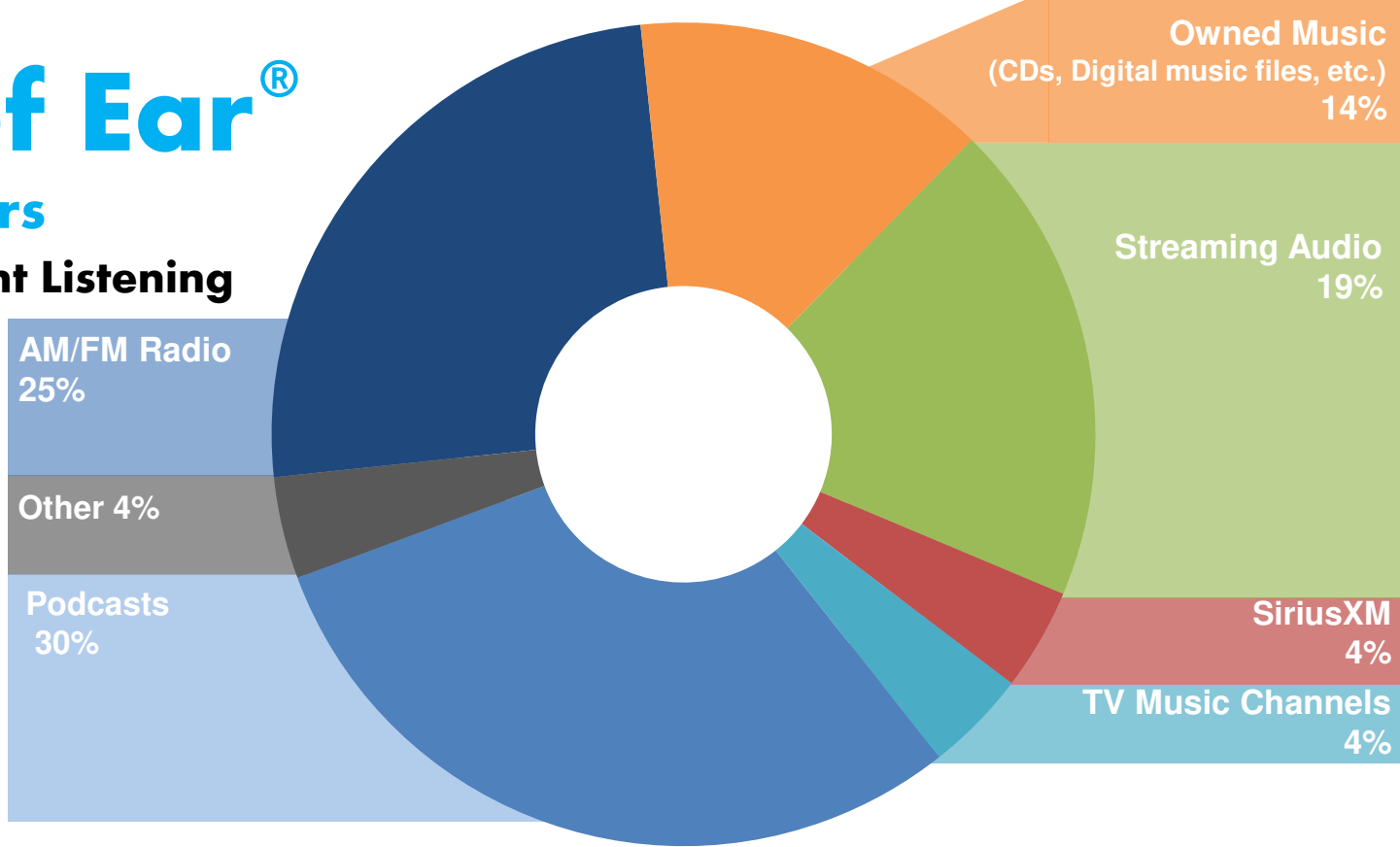


Source: Edison Research. Americans spend an average of 3 hours and 50 minutes each day consuming audio. This graph represents the share of time spent with each. Based on a nationally representative sample of 8,593 Americans ages 13+ who completed a 24-hour audio listening diary. For more information contact info@edisonresearch.com

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Podcast Listeners

Share of Time Spent Listening to Audio Sources

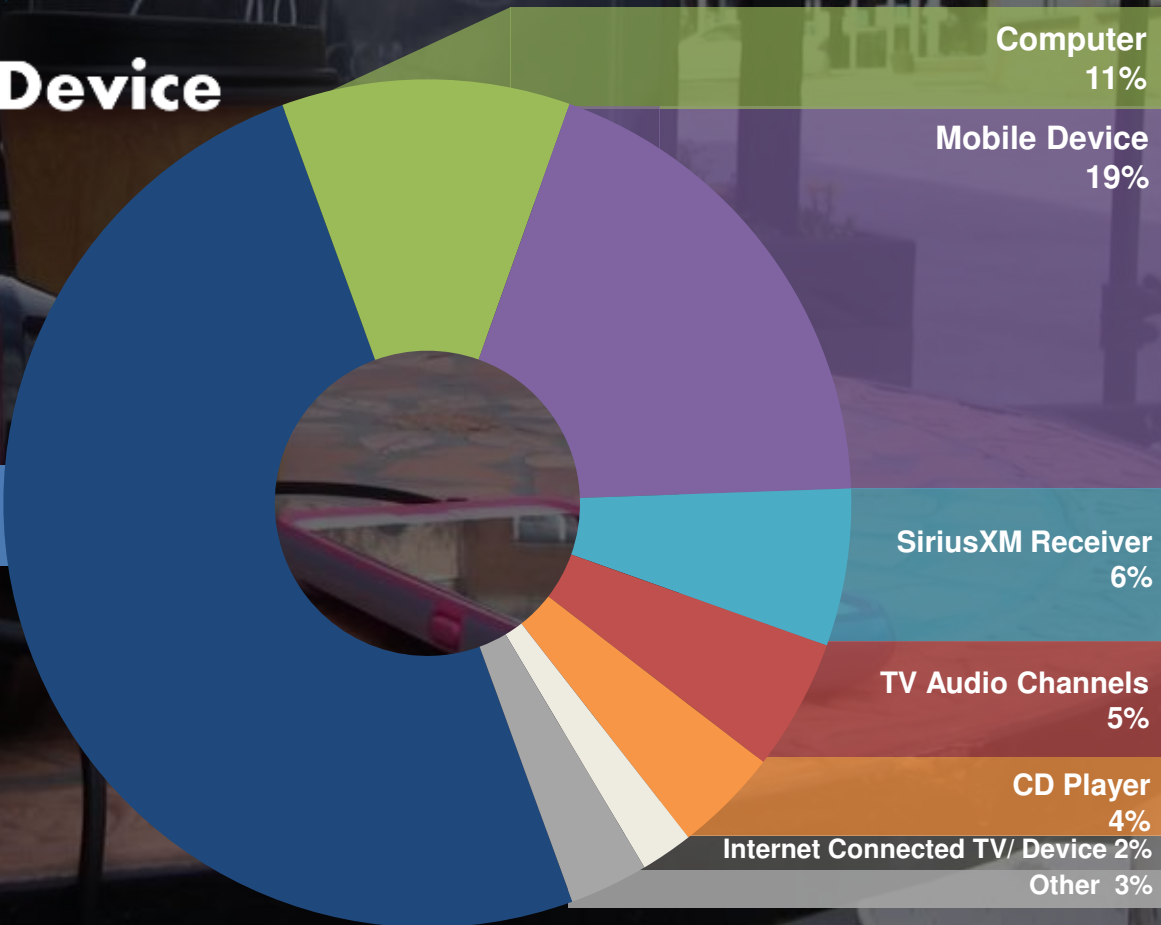


Source: Edison Research. Podcast Listeners (defined as those who reported listening to a podcast in the last 24 hours) spend an average of 5 hours and 57 minutes each day consuming audio. This graph represents the share of time Podcast Listeners spent with each audio source. Based on a nationally representative sample of 8,593 Americans ages 13+ who completed a 24-hour audio listening diary. For more information contact info@edisonresearch.com

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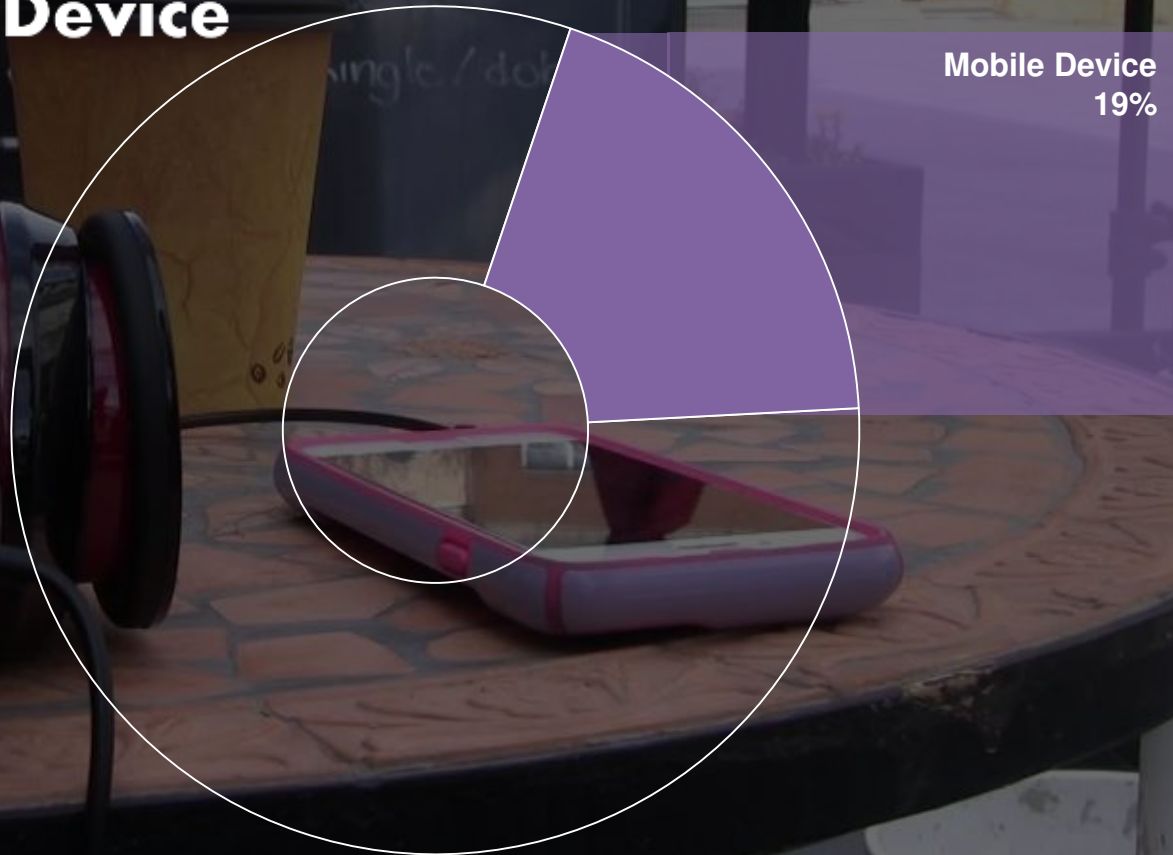
Audio Listening by Device

AM/FM Radio Receiver
50%



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Audio Listening by Device



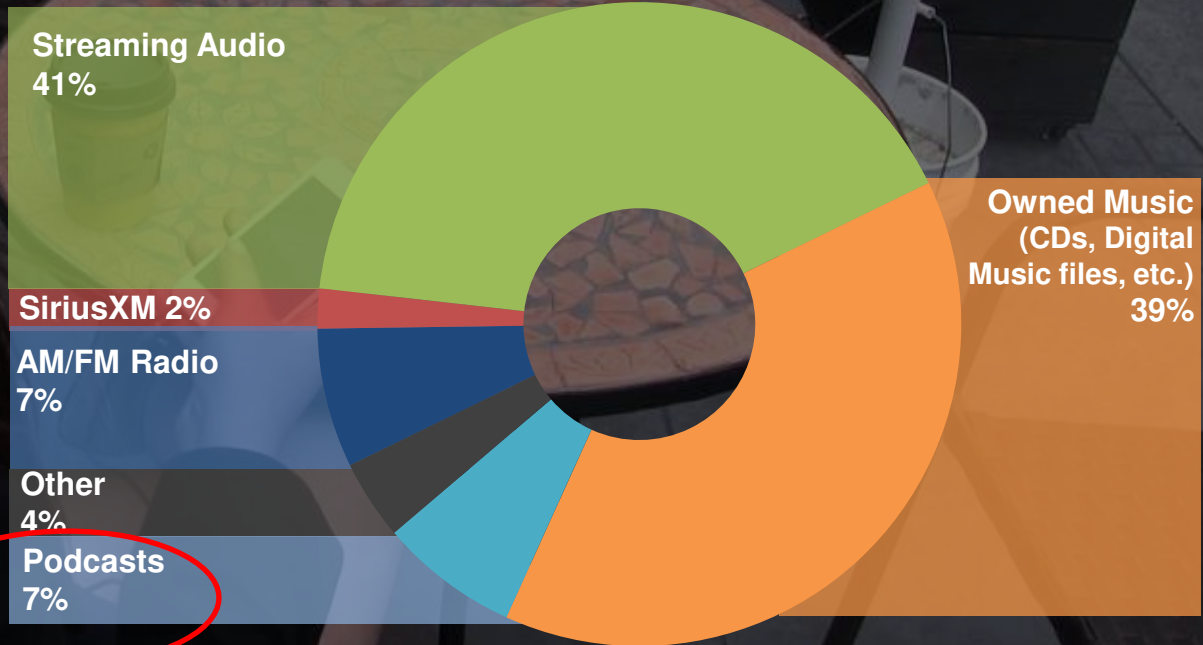
A person is seen from behind, walking on a paved sidewalk in a residential area. They are wearing large, black over-ear headphones. The background shows trees, a house, and a clear sky. A semi-transparent dark band across the middle of the image contains text.

39%

listened to audio on a
smartphone in a day

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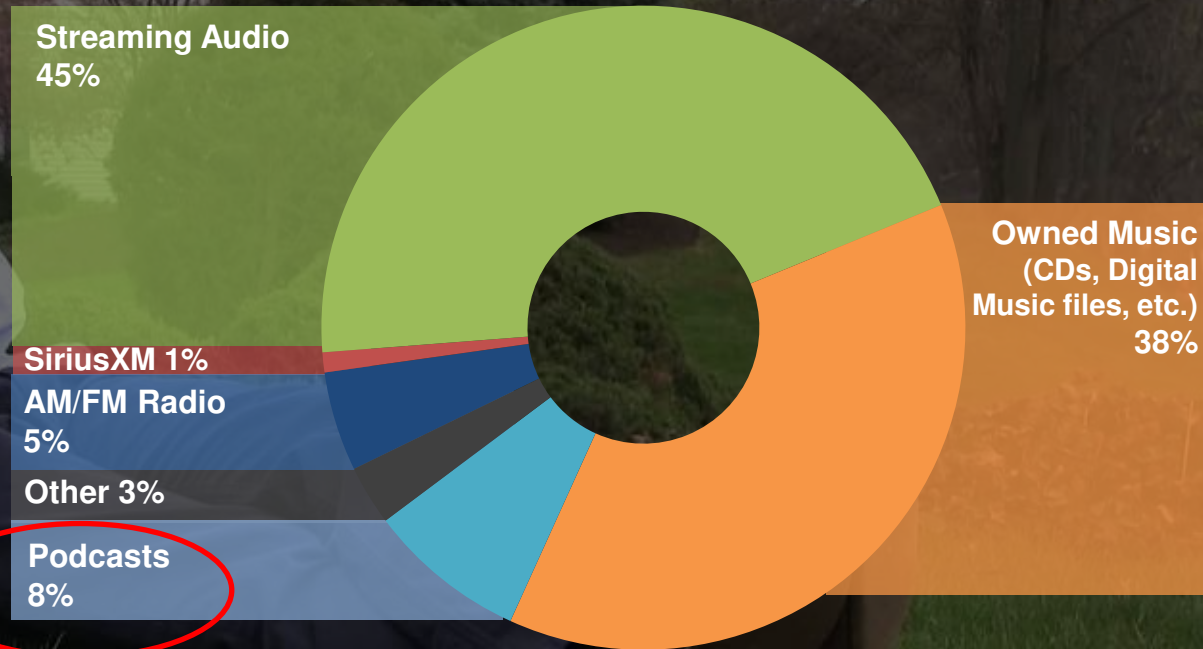
Americans' Share of Time Spent Listening to Audio Sources on a Smartphone



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Ages 13-34

Americans' Share of Time Spent Listening to Audio Sources on a Smartphone



The Podcast Consumer - Summary

- Podcasting continues to rise, with Monthly listeners growing from 21% to 24% year over year.
- The audience for podcasts continues to be predominately 18-54, and leans slightly male.
- The Podcast listener remains an affluent, educated consumer—and one that is becoming increasingly more likely to gravitate to ad-free or ad-light subscription experiences.

The Podcast Consumer - Summary

- Clicking on a podcast to listen to it immediately (either streamed or via progressive download) is the dominant paradigm for listening, though 27% do subscribe to podcasts.
- Subscribers tend to have been podcast consumers for longer than non-subscribers, consume more podcasts, and are more likely to use their smartphone as their primary podcast player.

The Podcast Consumer - Summary

- While Home continues to be the most often named location for podcast listening, the vehicle is a strong second.
- Most podcast consumers listen to most of the podcast episodes they download, and the vast majority listen to at least most of each episode.

The Podcast Consumer - Summary

- Podcasts are the number one audio source by time of consumption among podcast listeners.
- On the smartphone, podcasting's Share of Ear® is tied with AM/FM content, and leads AM/FM among 13-34 year olds.

A Few Final Thoughts

- Fix discovery, yes—but let's not forget “push” in a “pull” world.
- The podcast audience is a distinct segment – and the available inventory to reach them is getting smaller.
- Content isn't “king.” The audience is king. There are huge underserved potential audiences for new forms of spoken word media—so let's not rely on “received wisdom” too much.



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