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MARKETING RESEARCH FOR E&BE
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The Meal kit

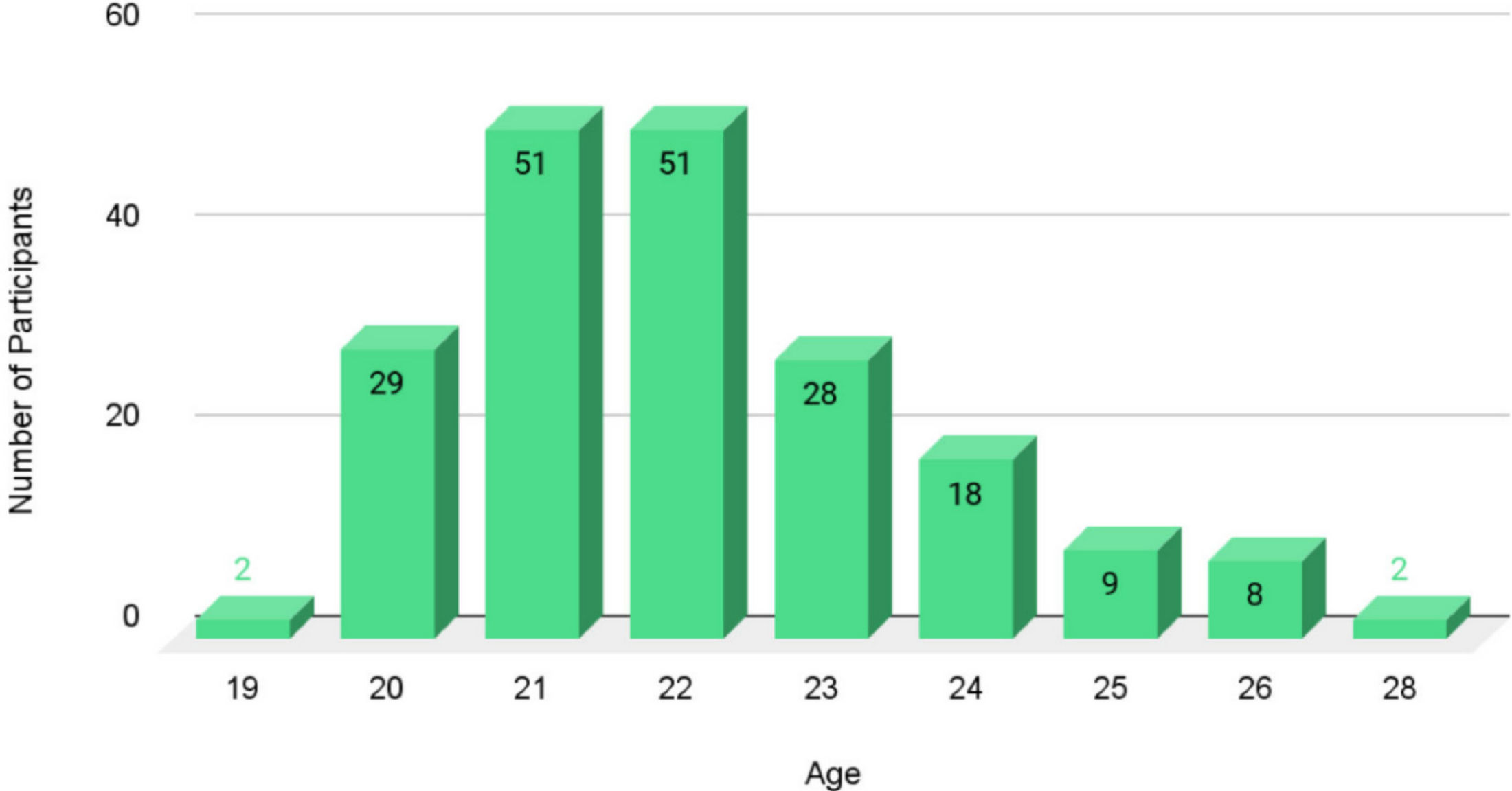
Final Report

Our Sample / Demographics

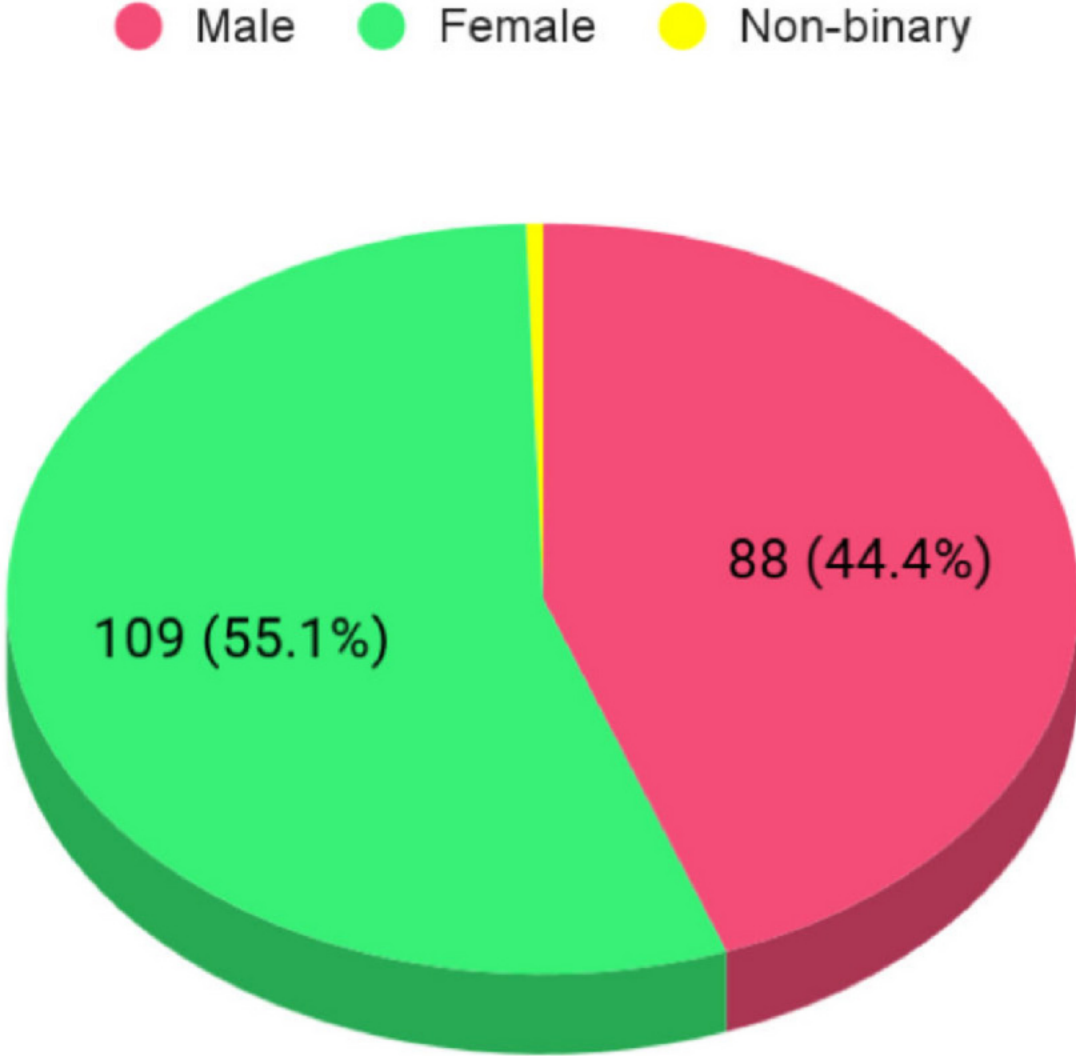
AGE & GENDER

Total respondents: 198

Age



Gender



“ Most respondents are aged from 21-22 (51.6%)

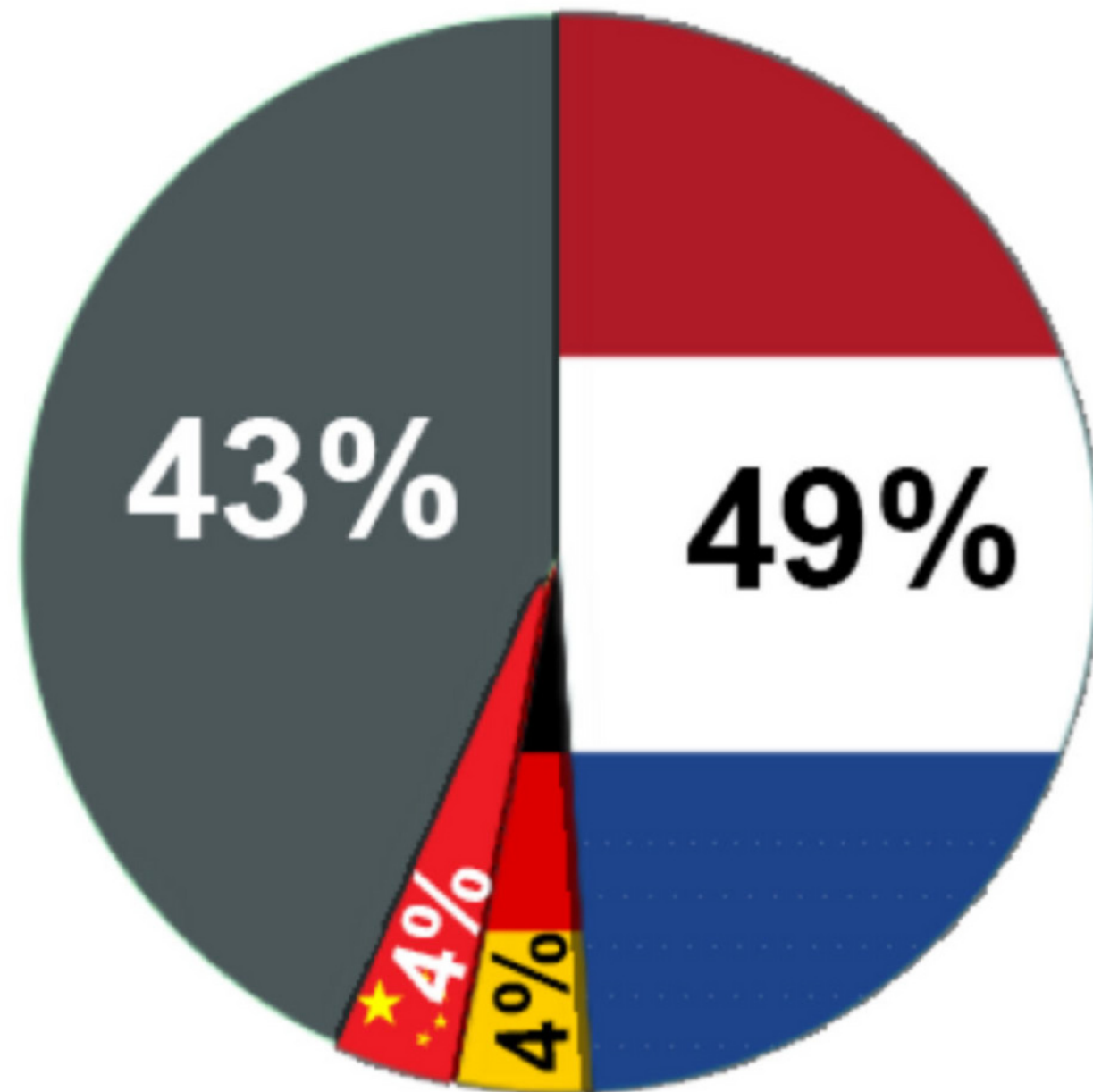
“ There are more Females than Males

Our Sample / Background

COUNTRY & STUDY PROGRAM

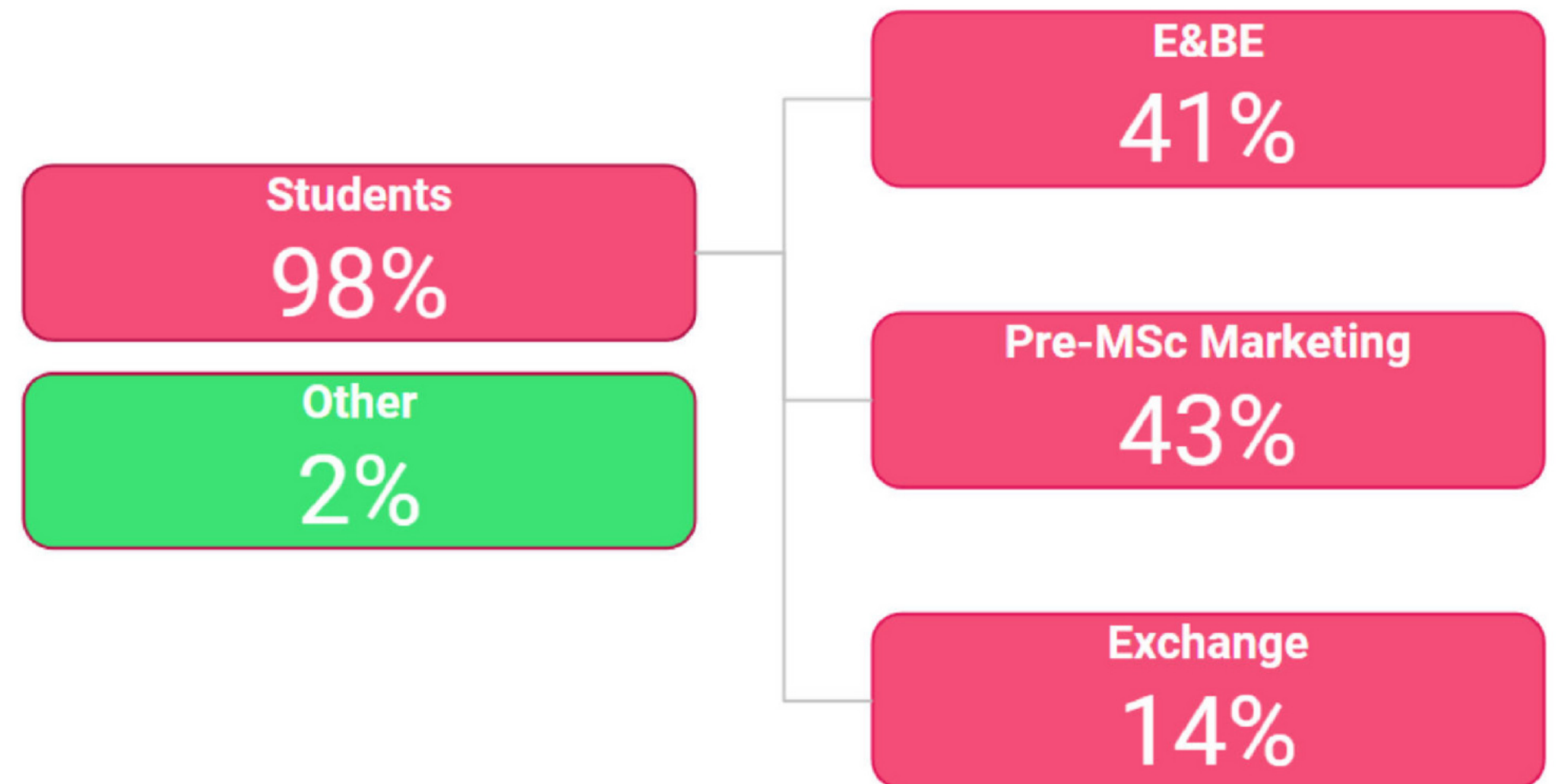
Country

 Netherlands  Germany  China  Other



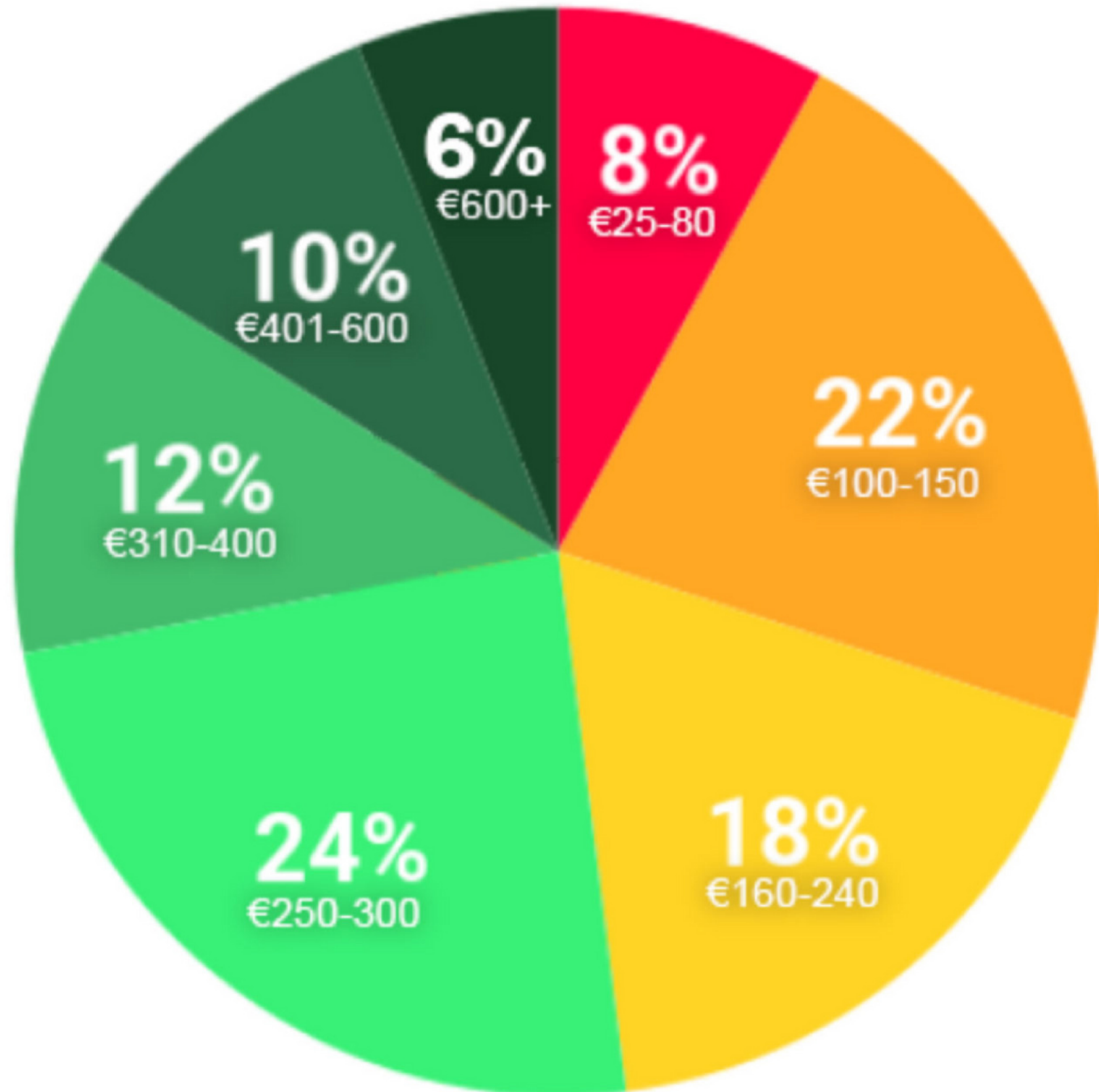
“ Most respondents are from The Netherlands

Study Program



“ Predominantly E&BE and Pre-MSc Marketing students (~84%)

Our Sample / Monthly Grocery Spending

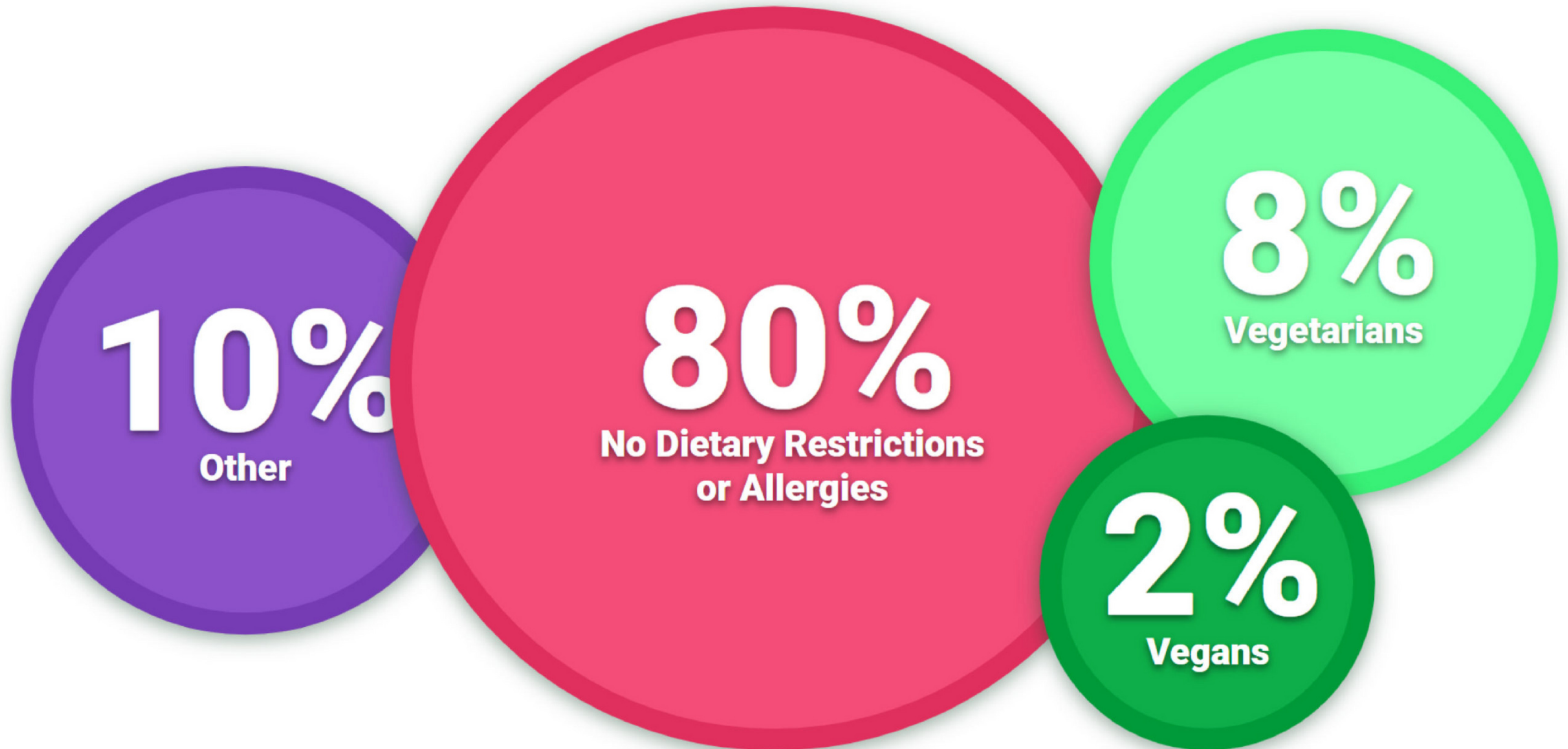


“ The average grocery budget per month is €297

“ Majority of respondents spend between €100-€300/month

“ On average, 22 & 23 year olds spend the most € on groceries

Our Sample / Dietary Restrictions & Allergies



Our Sample / Cooking Enjoyment

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The average cooking enjoyment of our sample is 4 out of 6

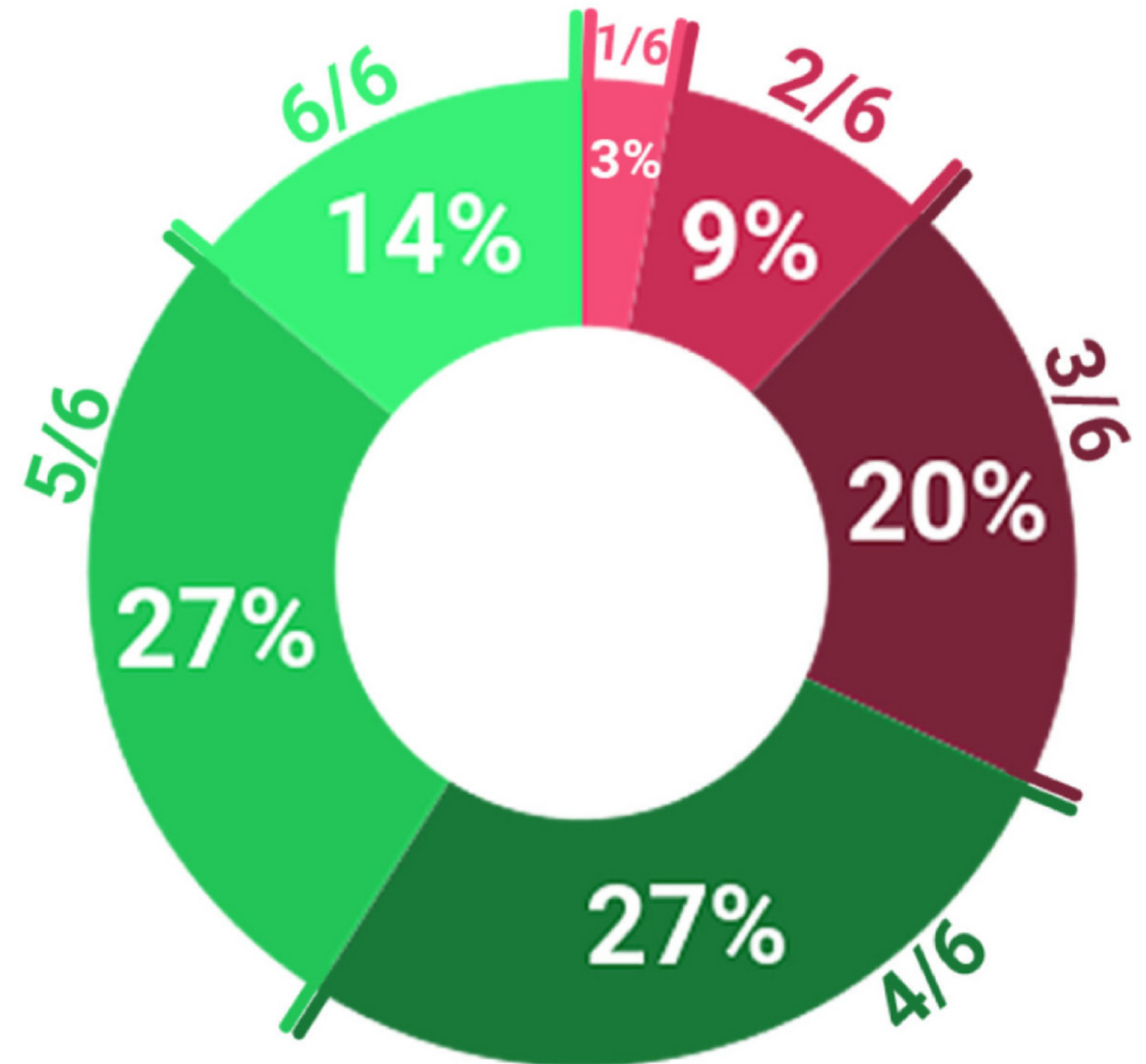


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54% of our respondents have indicated a score between 4 & 5



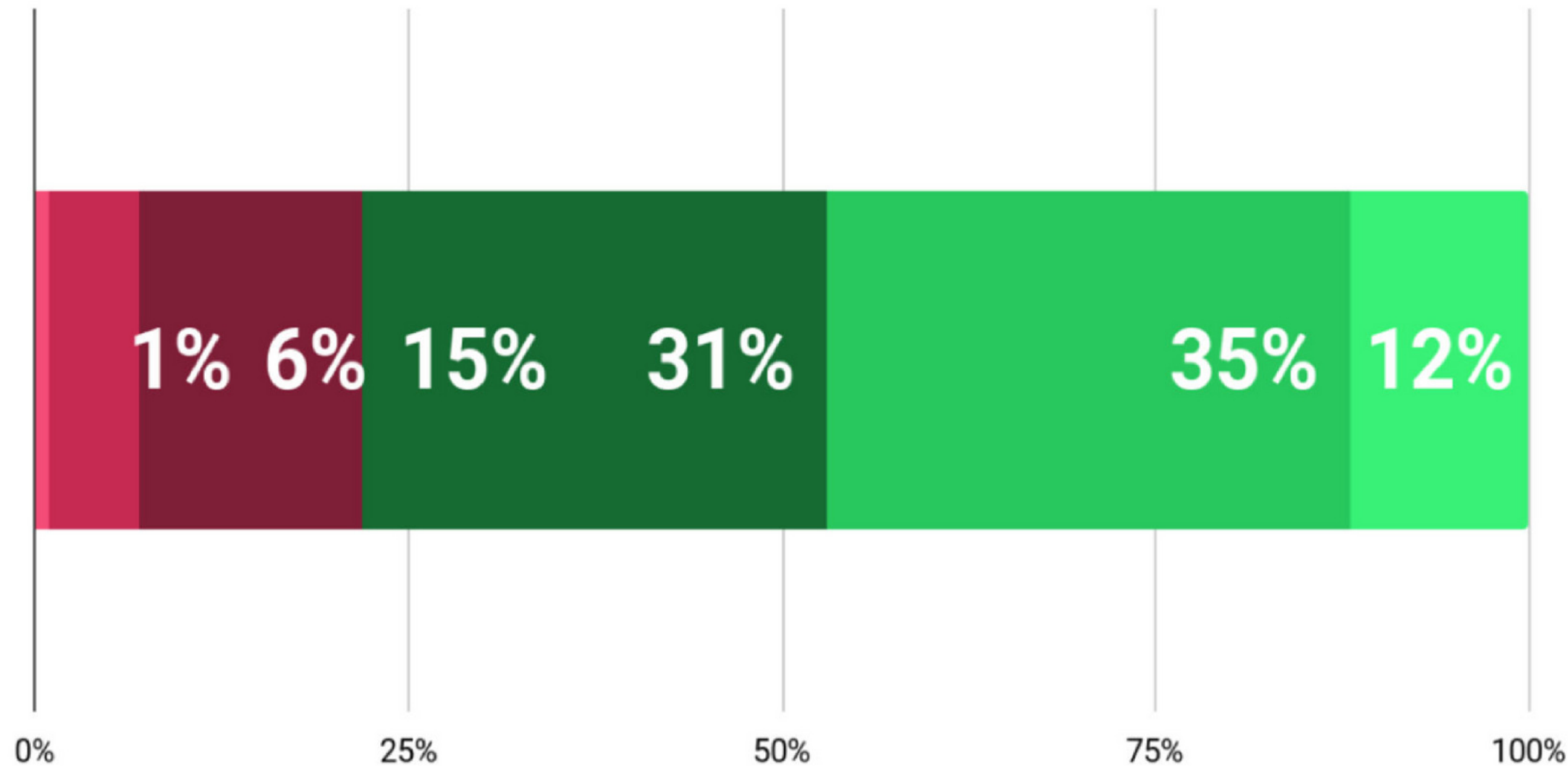
% of Respondents per Enjoyment Level



Our Sample / Cooking Skills

% of Respondents per Cooking Skills Score

1 (1%) 2 (6%) 3 (15%) 4 (31%) 5 (35%) 6 (12%)



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The average cooking skills score respondents have given themselves is 4.4

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47% of our sample rates themselves at 5 and 6

Our Sample / Perceived Shopping Effort

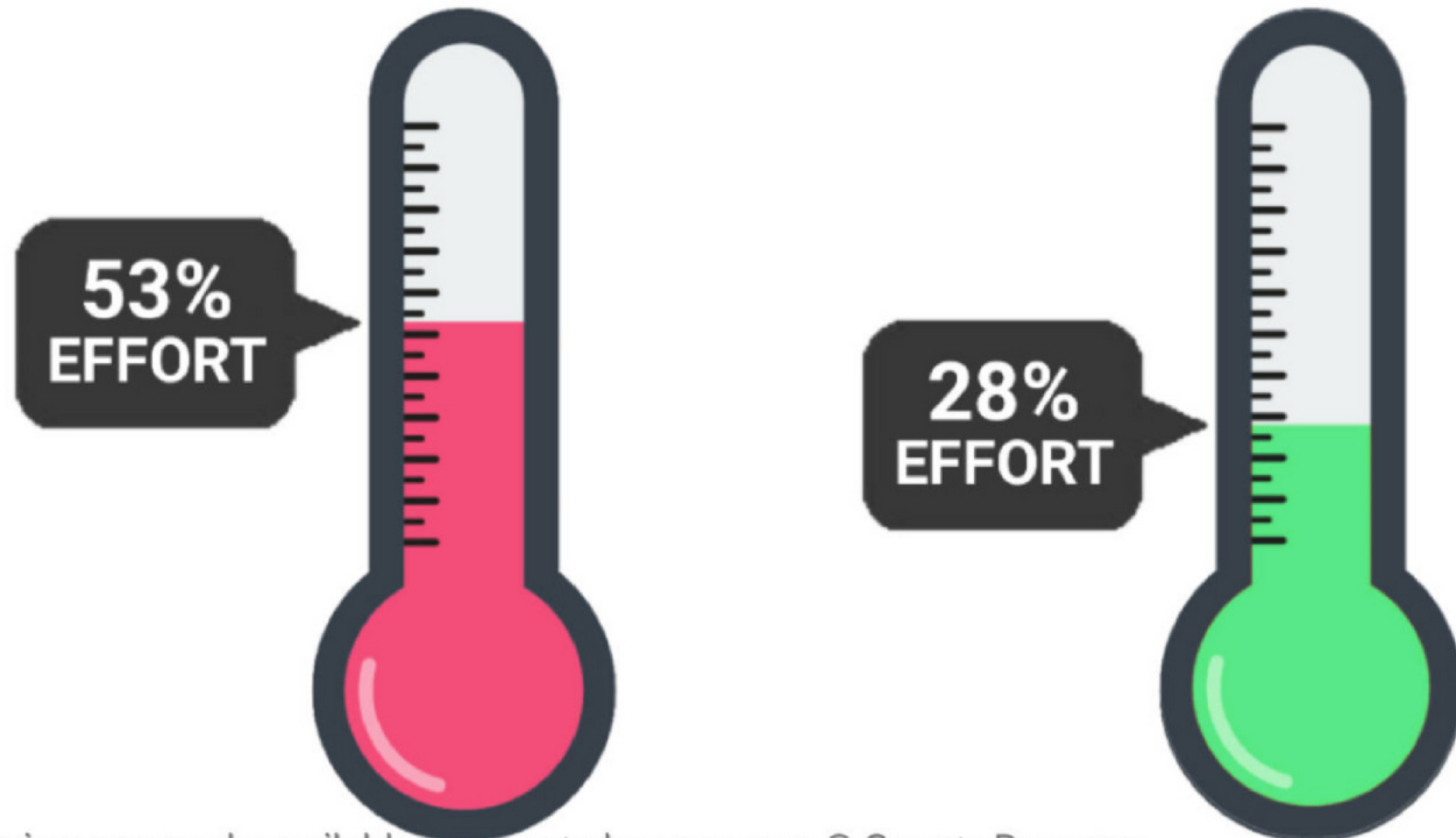
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Respondents were divided by two conditions - one saw the Meal kit, the other saw the Recipe of the same meal with all the ingredients they have buy themselves.

% Avg. Perceived Shopping Effort

● Recipe Scenario

● Meal kit Scenario



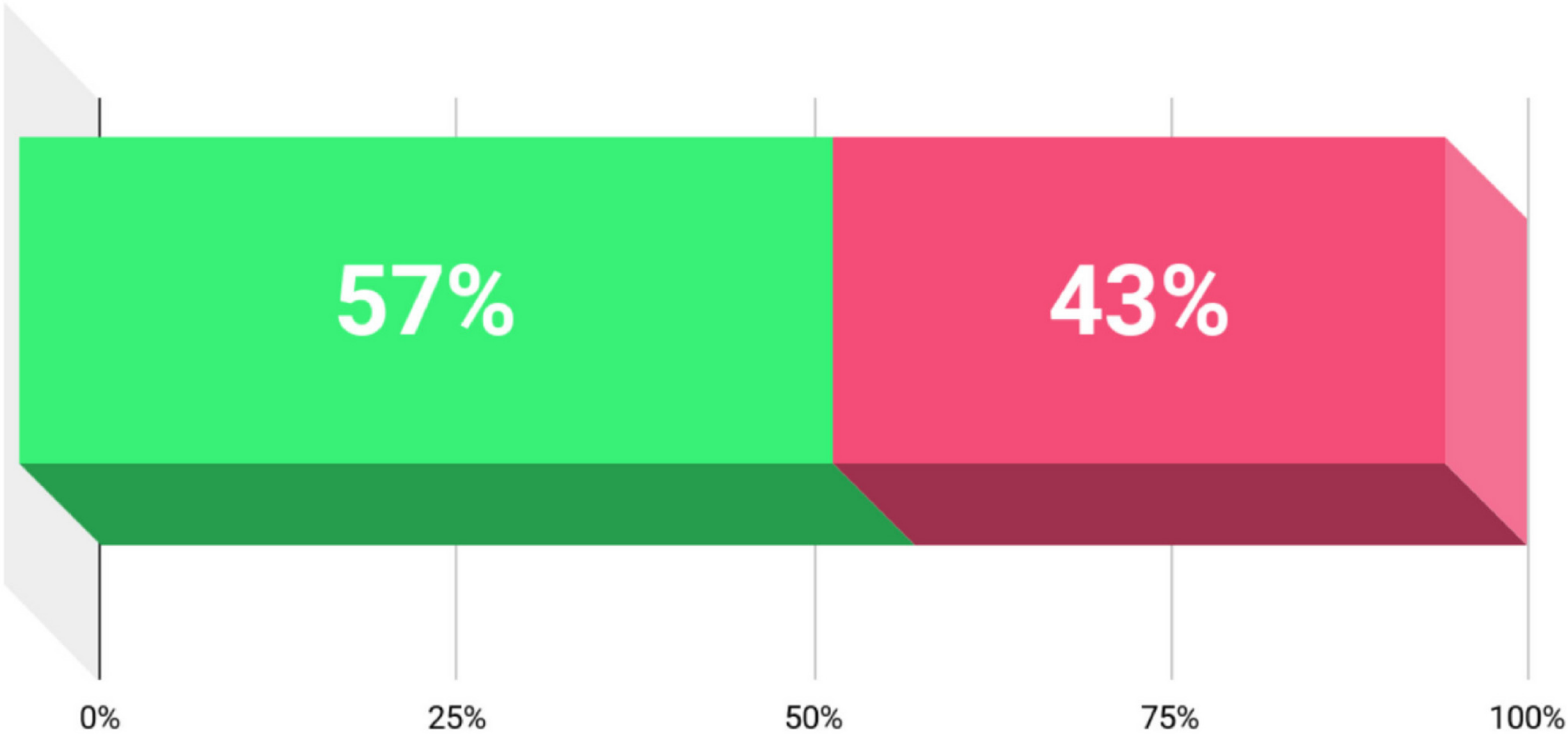
WE MAKE
IT EASY



Meal & Soup kit / Purchase History

% of Respondents Purchased Meal/Soup kit

■ Purchased ■ Have Not Purchased

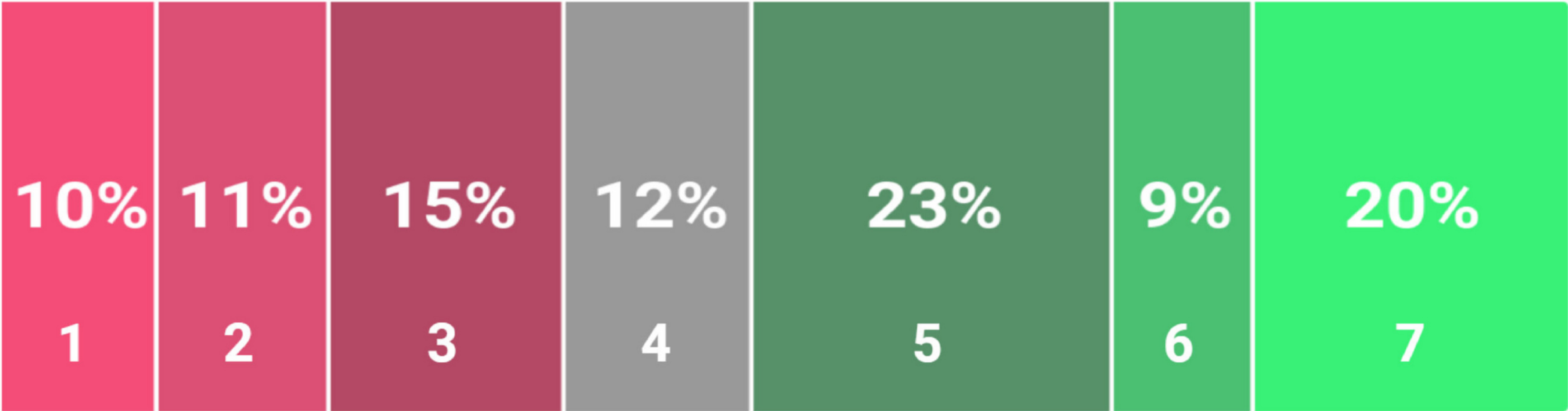


Meal & Soup kit / Purchase Likelihood

Indicated Likelihood To Purchase Meal/Soup kit

% per Likelihood Level (1-7)

■ *Not Likely At All-1* ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7-*Very likely*



Meal & Soup kit / Purchase Intention

HIGHEST PURCHASE INTENTION



Price: €2.00

Freshness:
4+ days

Ingredients:
Uncut

LOWEST PURCHASE INTENTION



Price: €4.00

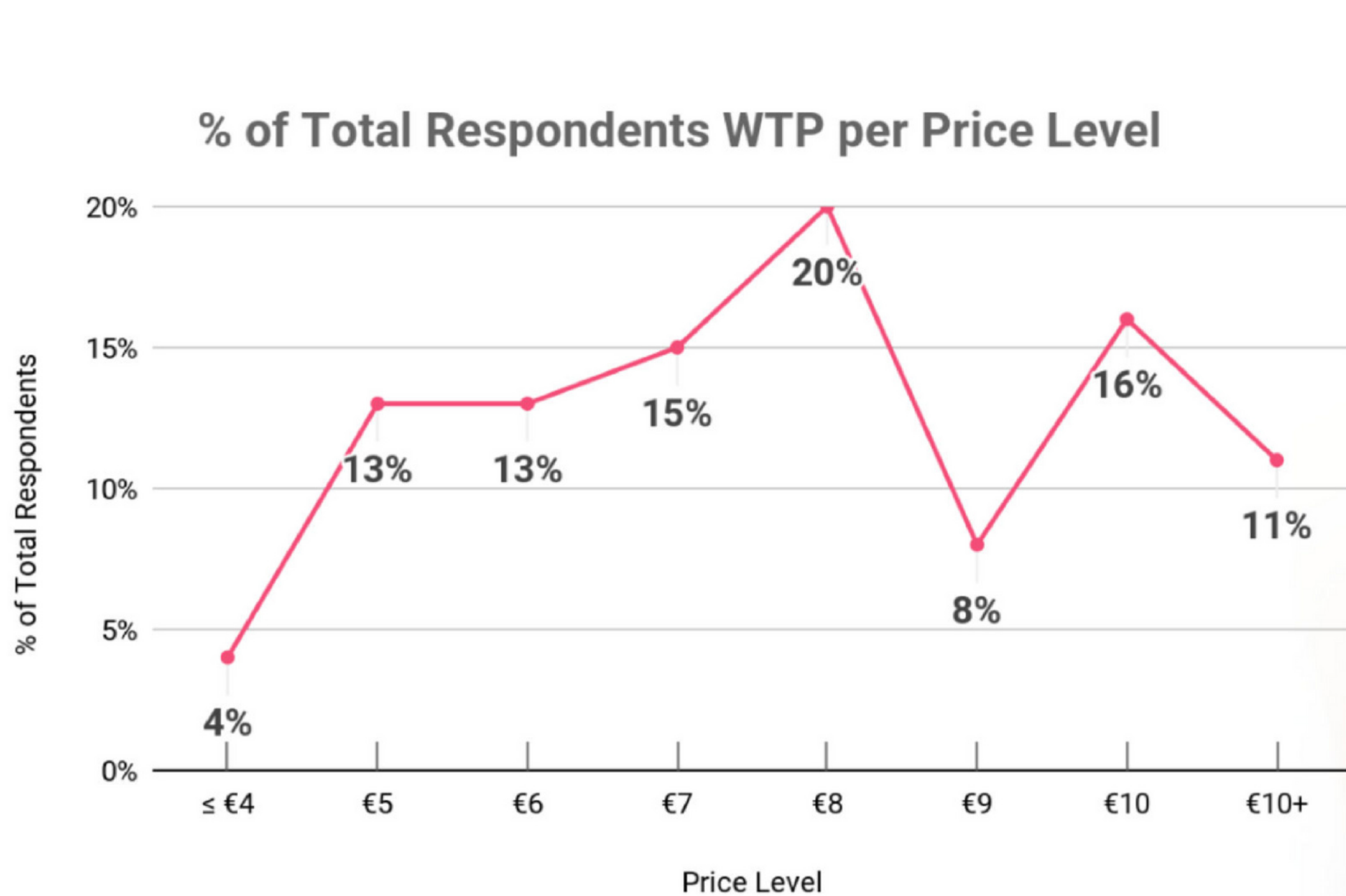
Freshness:
2+ days

Ingredients:
Pre-cut

Meal & Soup kit / Willingness To Pay

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19-20 year olds are willing to pay the most for the Indian rice dish meal kit (avg. €8.60-9.75)

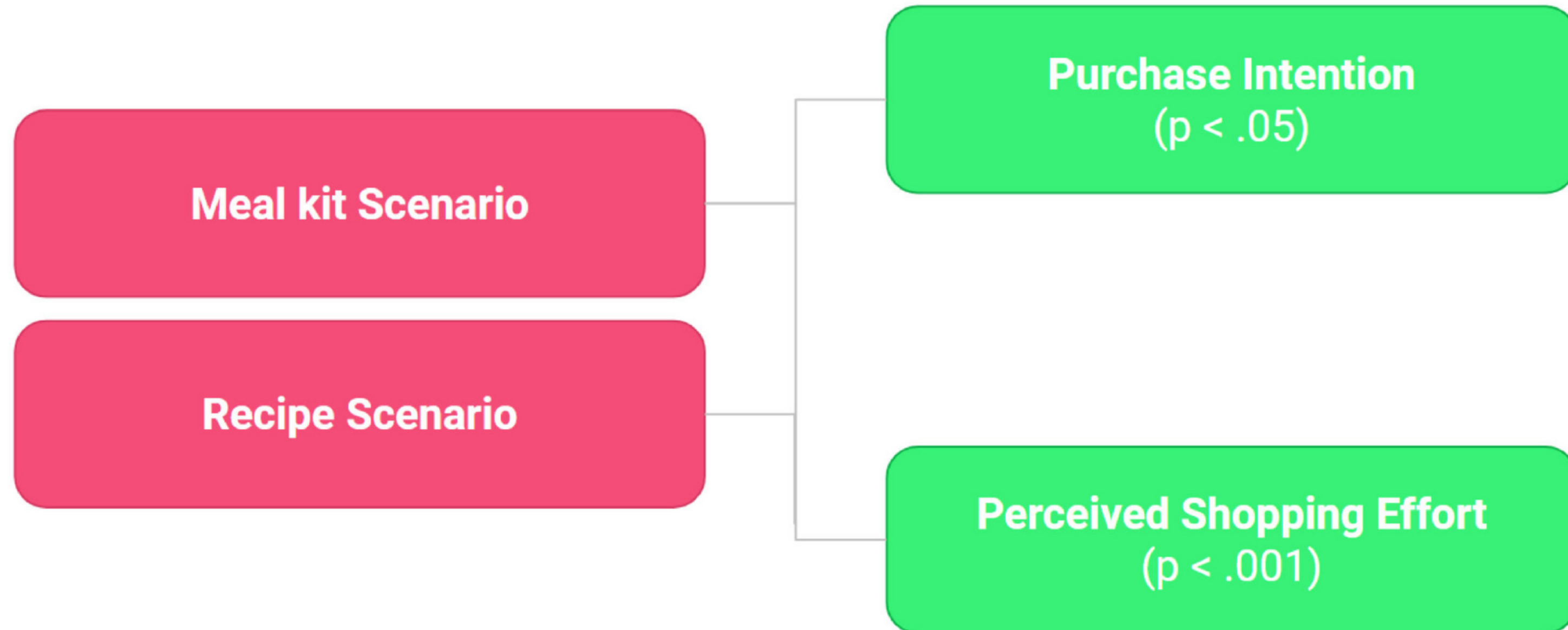


RESPONDENTS' AVERAGE PRICE
€8.20



Meal & Soup kit / Experimental Condition Influence

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The **experimental condition** has significant influence on both **Purchase Intention** and **Perceived Shopping Effort**



Meal & Soup kit / Influences on Purchase Likelihood

#1

“**Cooking Enjoyment** has a statistically significant positive effect on likelihood of purchase within 3 months.



Meal & Soup kit / Influences on Purchase Likelihood

#2

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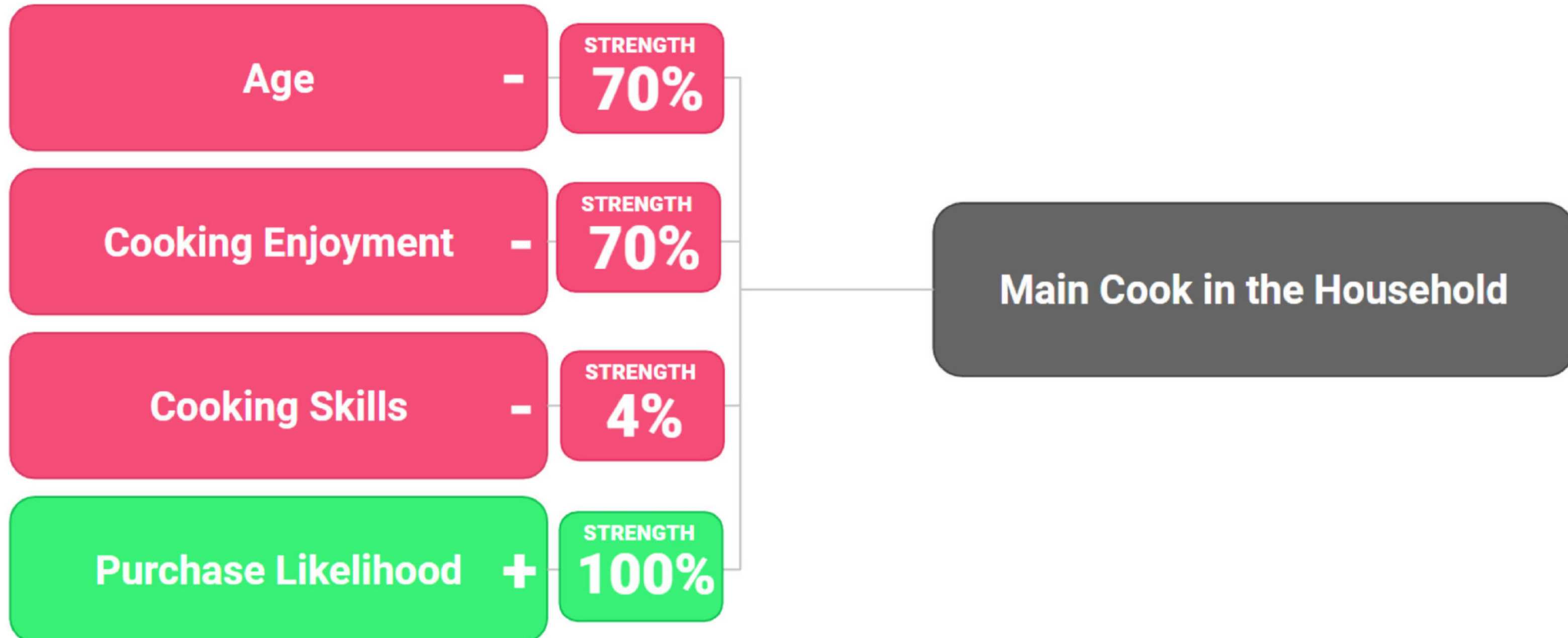
We controlled for **Age, COVID-19 Concerns & Dietary Restrictions.**

This changed the results making **Cooking Learning** significant.



Meal & Soup kit / Influences on Being the Main Cook

“**Main Cook** is significantly affected by **Age**, **Cooking Enjoyment**, **Cooking Skills** & **Purchase Likelihood**.”



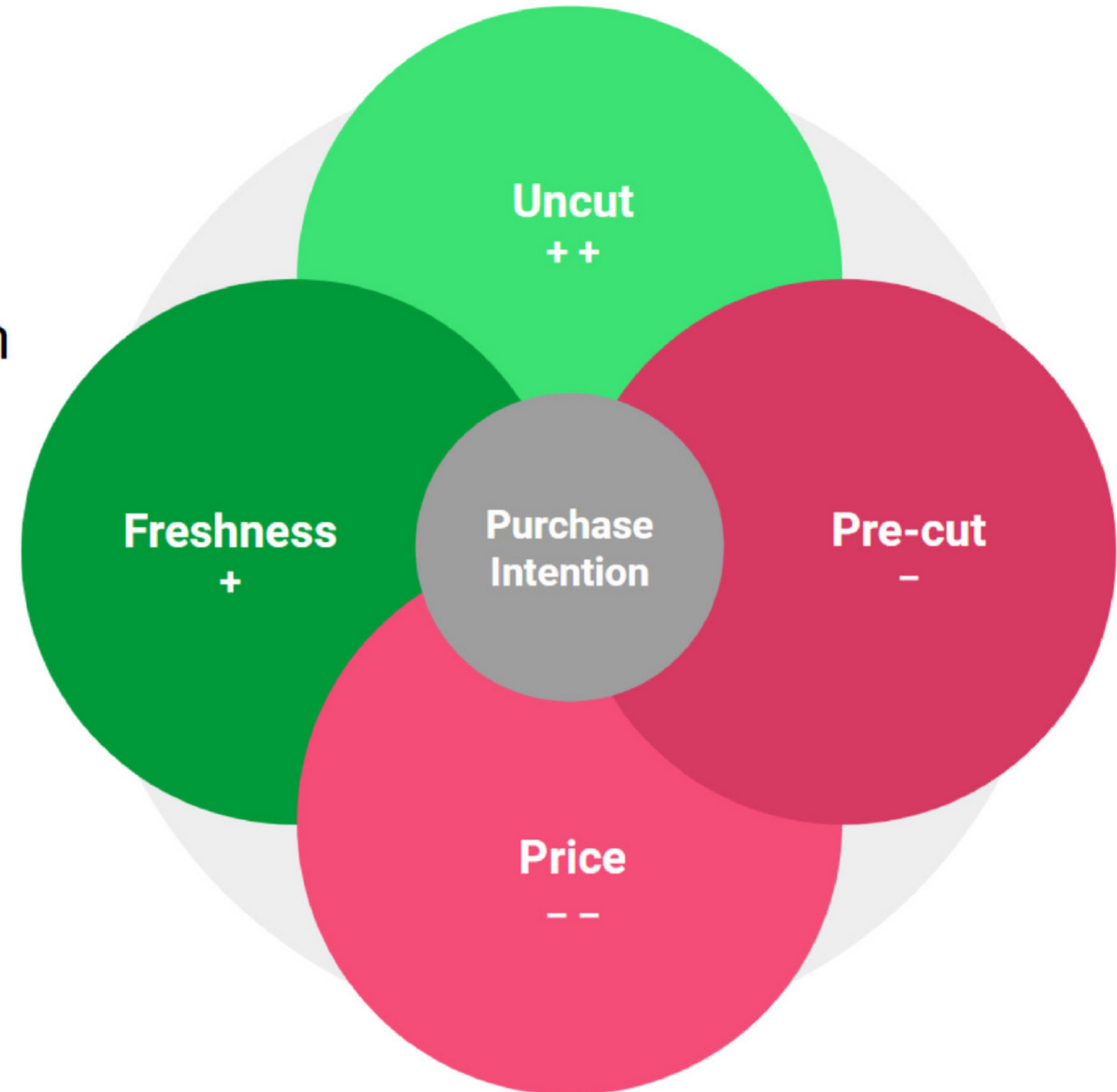
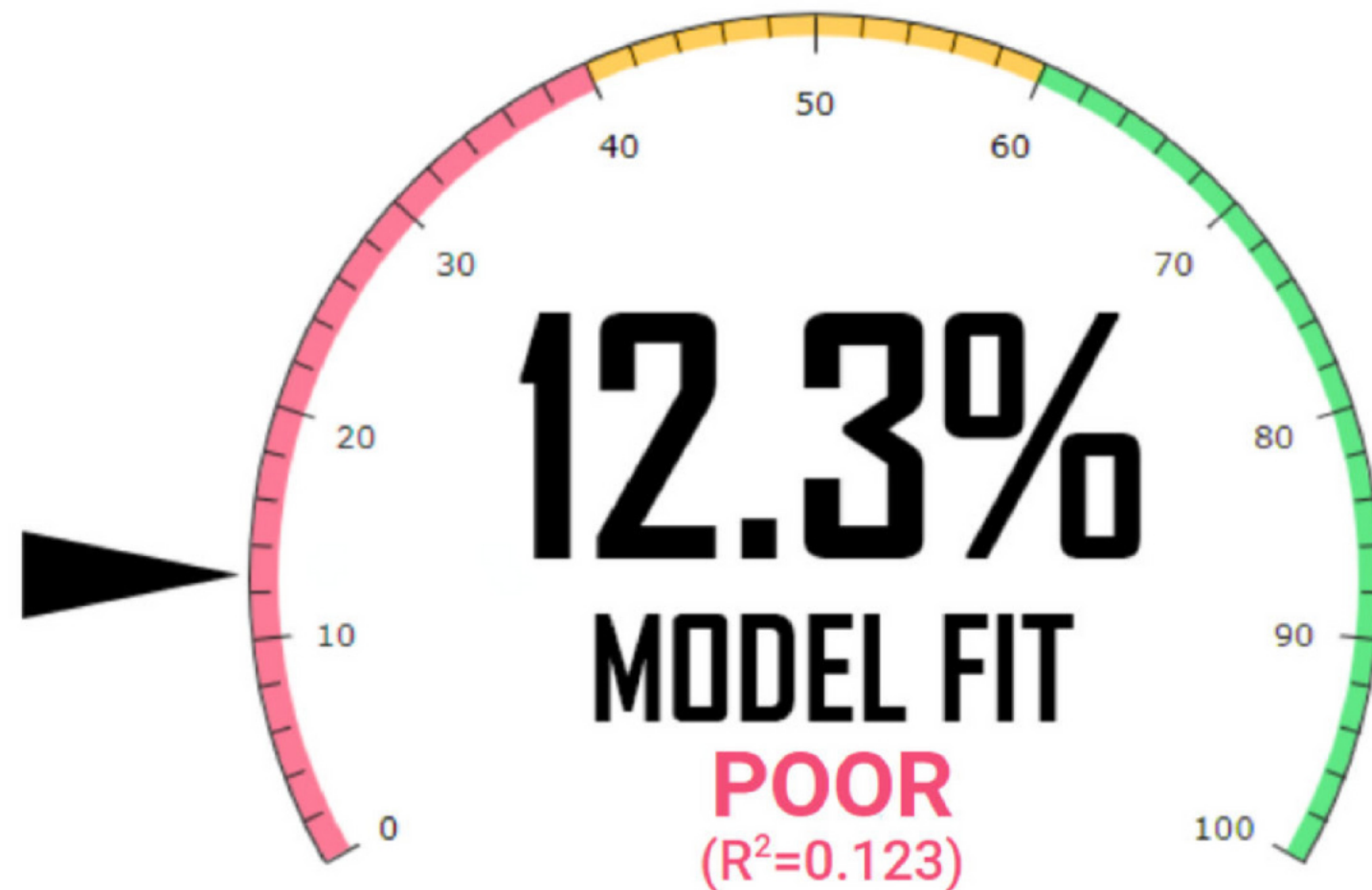
Meal & Soup kit / Purchase Intention Model & Fit

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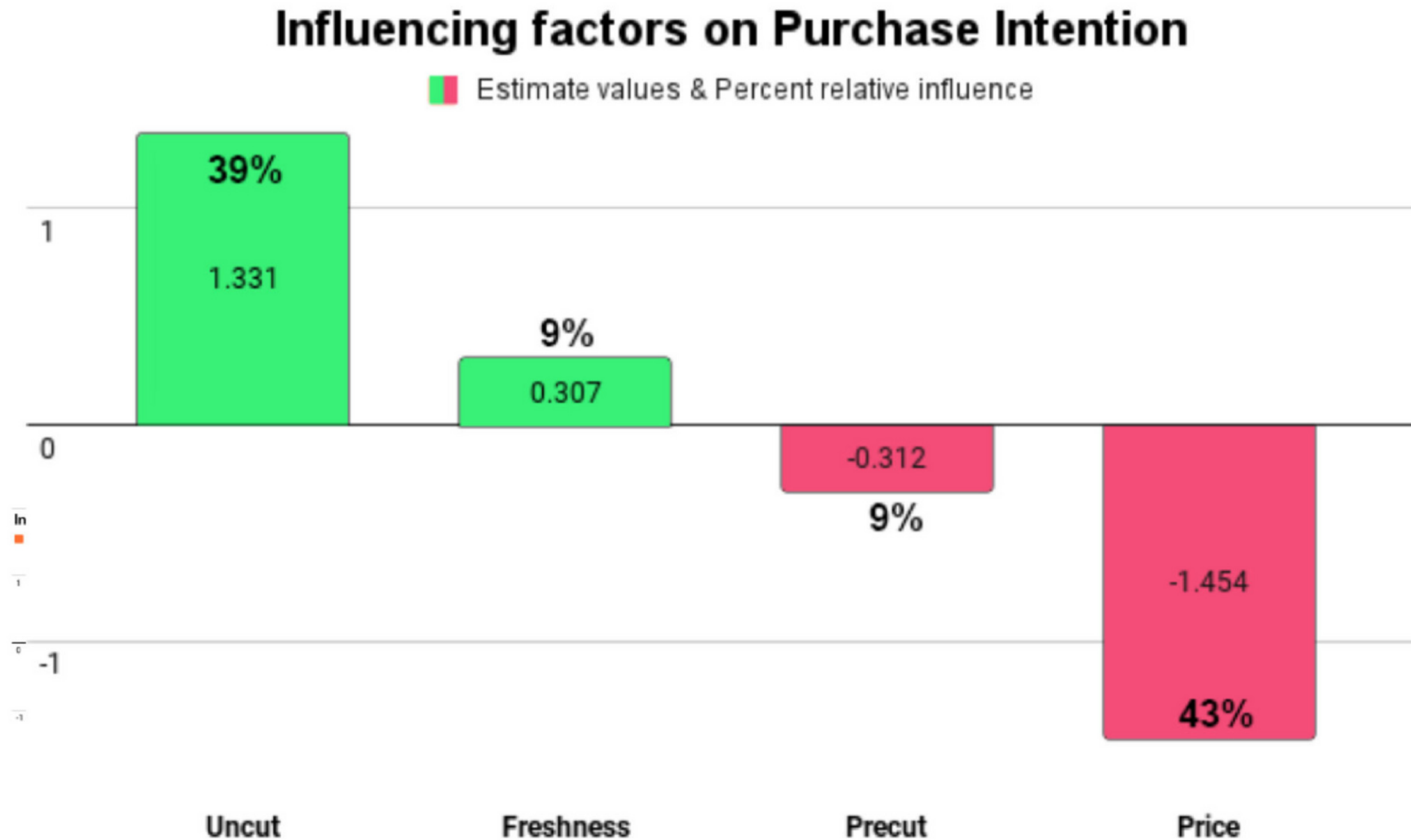
We investigated which factors influence Purchase Intention

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12.3% of the variance in purchase intention comes from the 4 factors



Purchase Intention Model / Strength & Direction

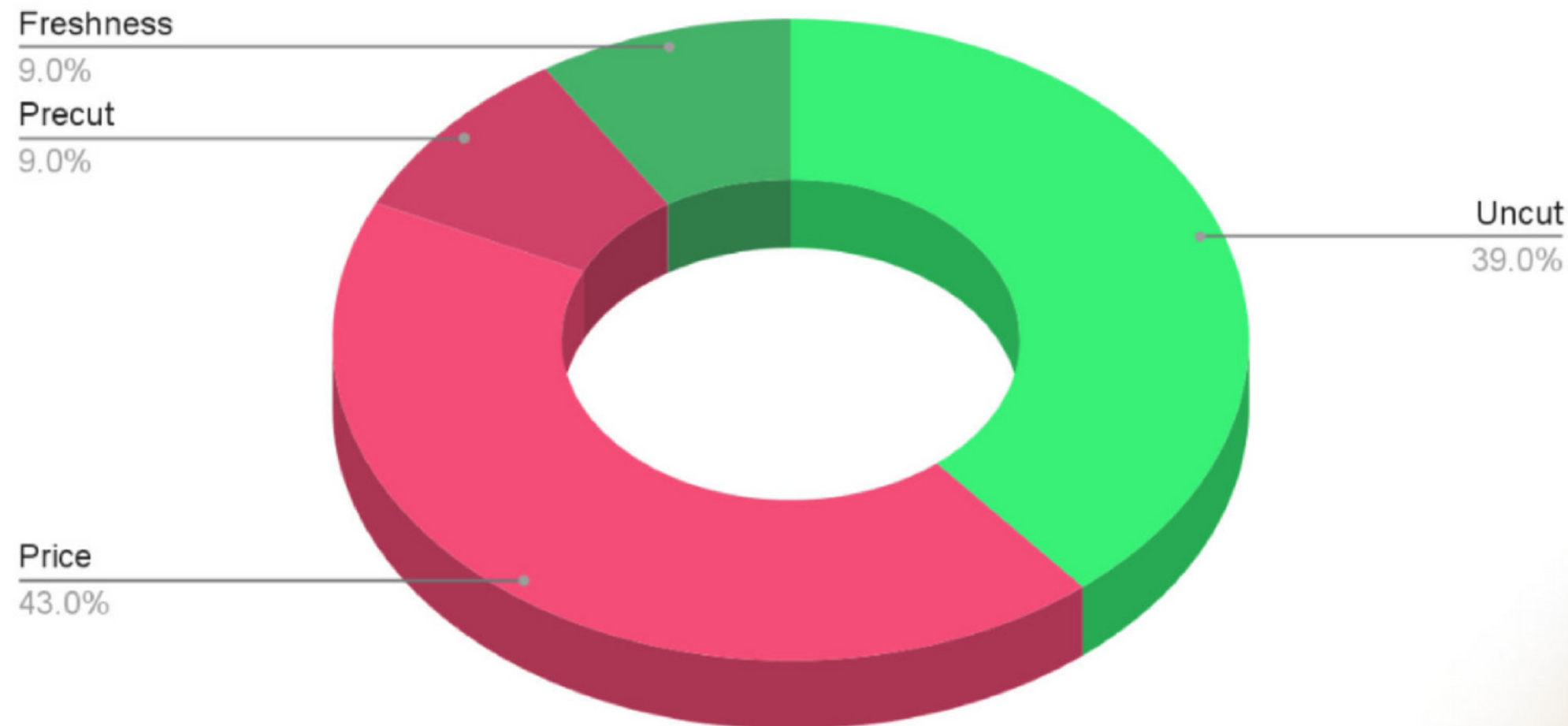


■ Strongest Positive Effect: **Uncut**

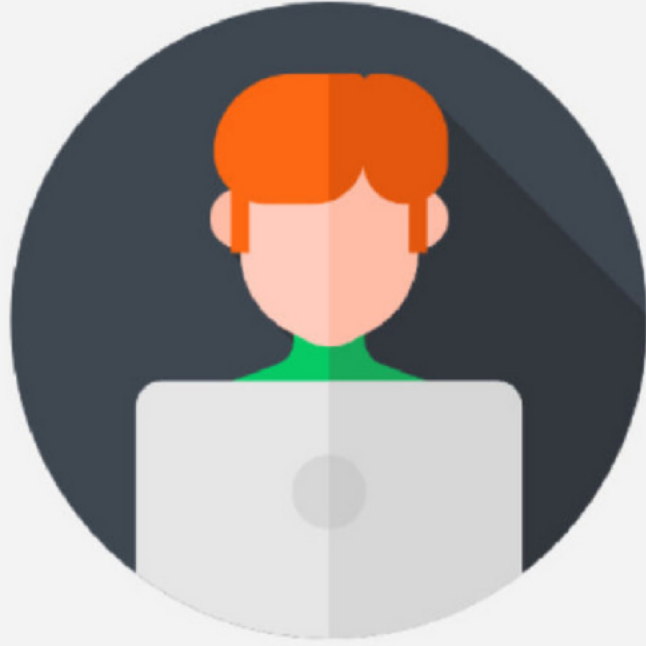
■ Strongest Negative Effect: **Price (€4.50)**

Purchase Intention Model / Key Takeaways

- **Price** is 4 times more influential than **Precut** or **Freshness**
- **Uncut** is 4 times more influential than **Precut** or **Freshness**
- **Price** & **Uncut** are nearly equally influential in different directions



Recommendations / Target Group



Young people aged between **20-25 years old**



May be **Students** (**Price Sensitive**)



Quick Shoppers



Enjoy cooking and have **desire to learn more**

Recommendations / Meal Design



Price

Choose a lower price

Strongest Negative Effect

Freshness:
4+ days

If costs permit increase freshness

Weak Positive Effect

Ingredients:

Uncut

Package ingredients uncut

Strongest Positive Effect

Recommendations / Meal kit or Recipe?



Students

Desire to
learn to cook
better

For stores that
have many quick
shoppers

Good for
customers
who enjoy
cooking

“
Meal kit provides customers with the
presented profile the most value

“
Grocery stores that have this customer
should choose the meal kit

Study / Limitations & Suggestions for Improvement

1	Sample Age (not representative of all grocery store shoppers)	We need more respondents in other age groups outside of the student demographic to reduce biases
2	Hunger Question (asked about hunger after food questions, may bring biased responses)	Place hunger question before any questions containing food, as it may influence the hunger answers
3	Control Questions (lack of control questions in survey)	Add control questions to improve on the reliability of data, for example on the price measure
4	Target Group Variables (extra variables)	Add more questions to better define target group, for example health & fitness attitudes