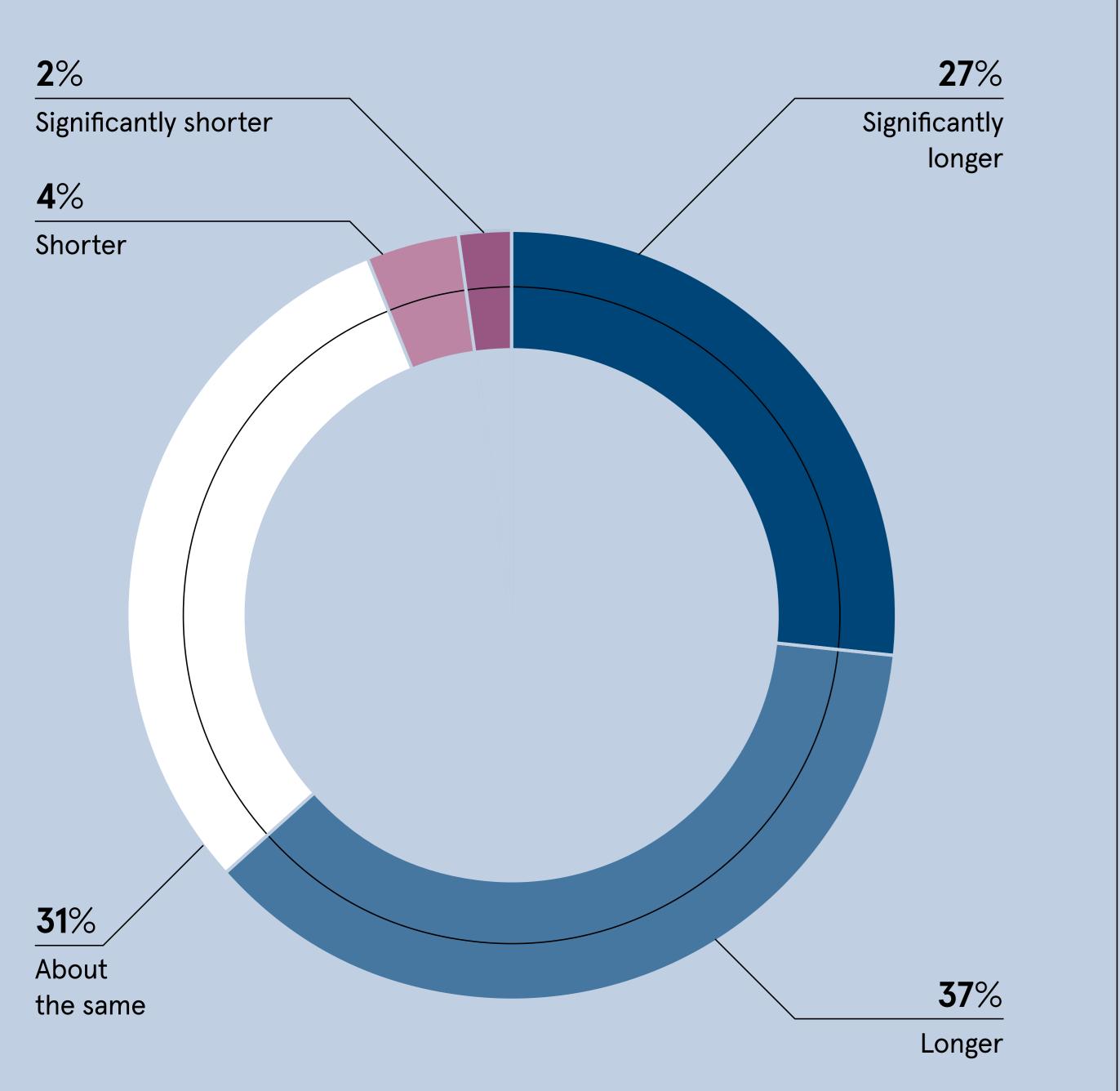
## State of the sales industry

Percentage of global business buyers who agree with the following

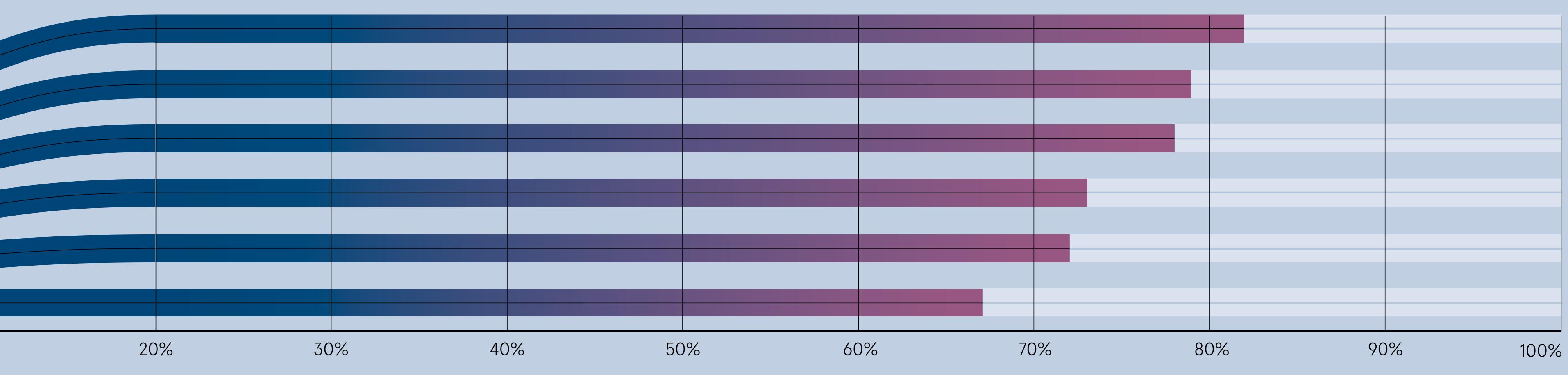
I want the same experience as when I'm buying for myself It's easier than ever to take my business elsewhere I seek salespeople who act as trusted advisers My standards for how companies interact with me are higher than ever I expect vendors to personalise engagement to my needs I feel more empowered than ever, am in control of my relationships with companies 10% 0%

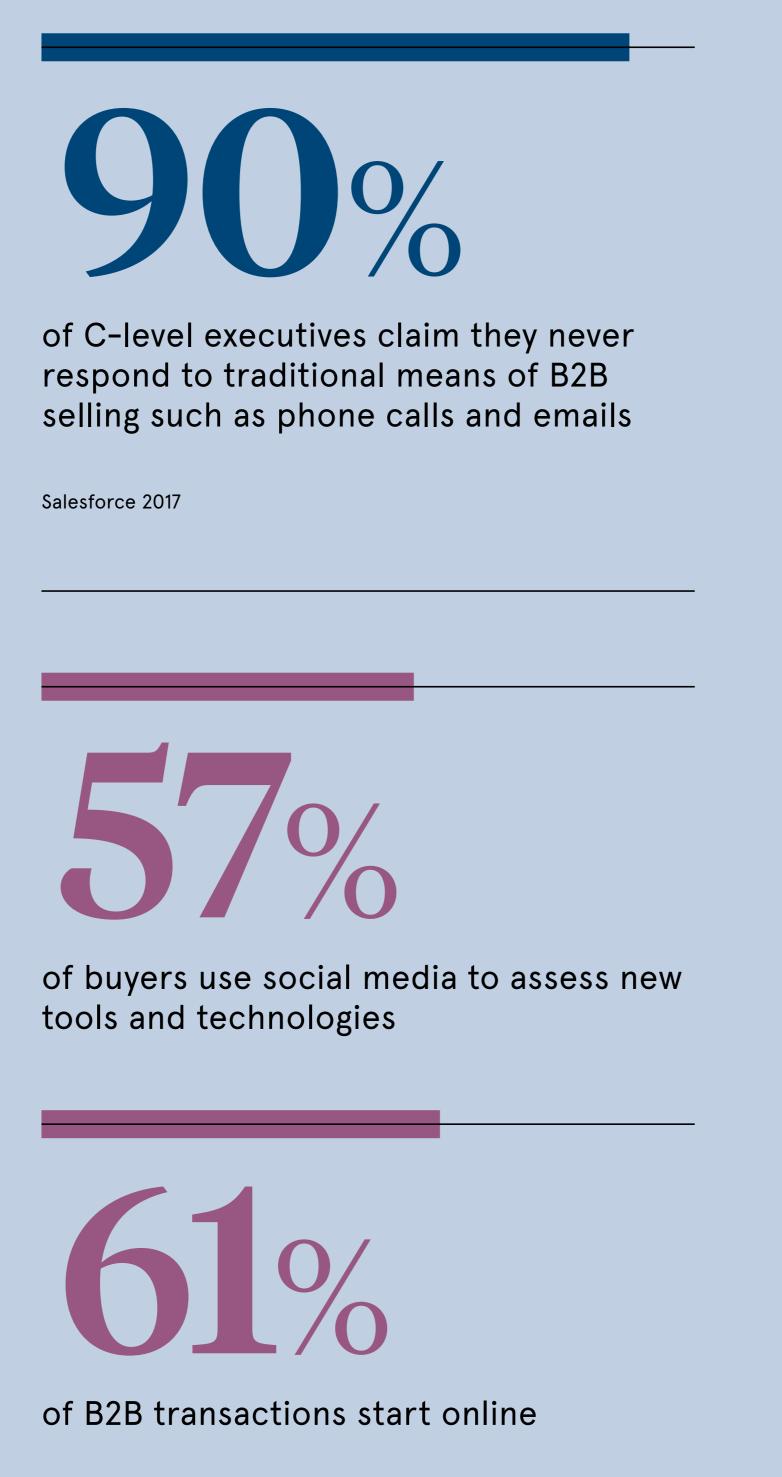


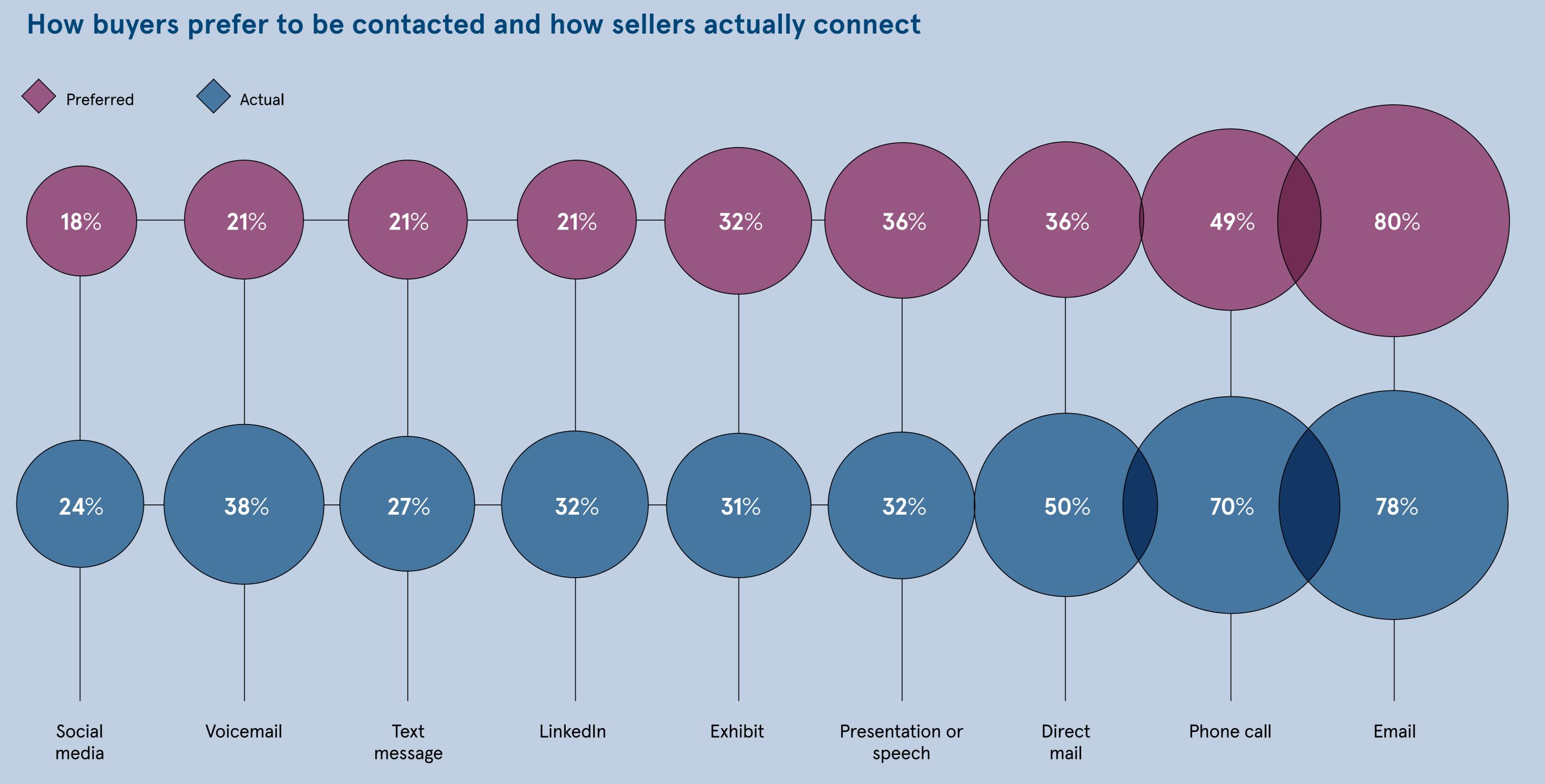
How the length of sales cycles have increased in the past 12 months



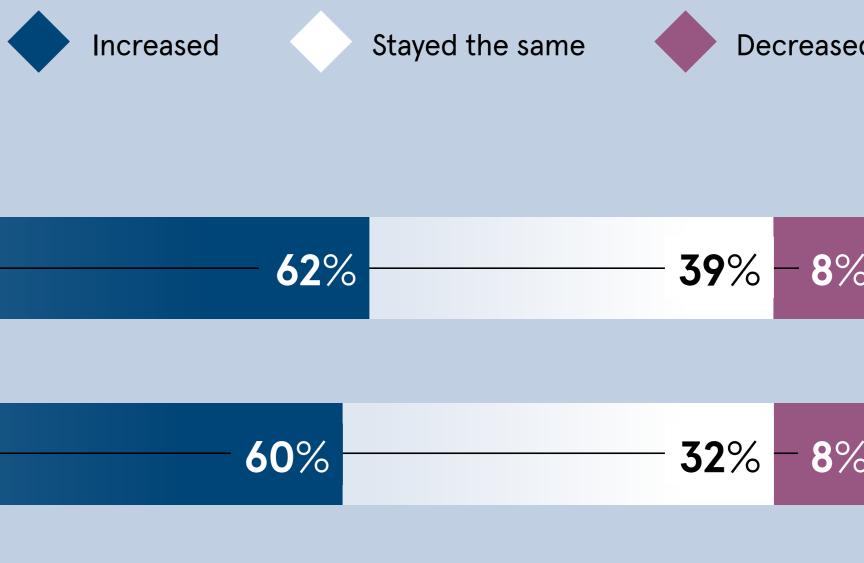
Long gone are the days of product catalogues and random cold calls; sellers now have to know their prospects in fine detail, personalise offers and prove measurable return on investment. Heightened competition, longer sales cycles, and increasingly disparaging prospects have all combined to permanently disrupt how B2B sales professionals operate

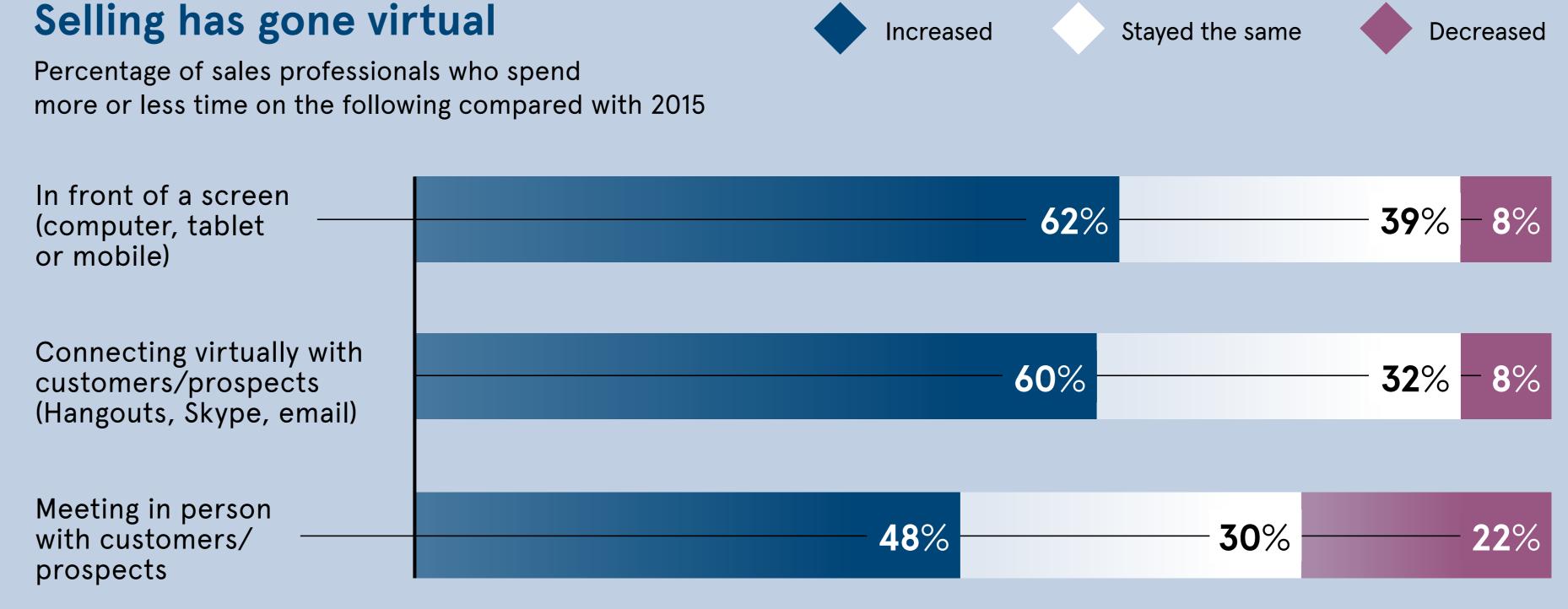






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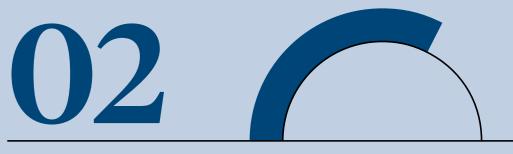
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# Most popular sales technologies

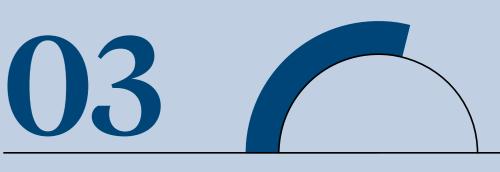
Percentage of sales professionals who use the following



**68**%



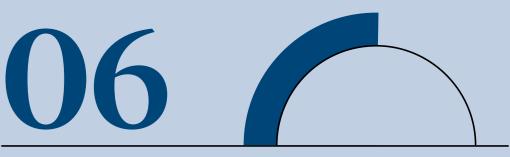
Account and contact management **65**%



Customer relationship management (CRM) system **58**%

Sales forecasting tools **56**%

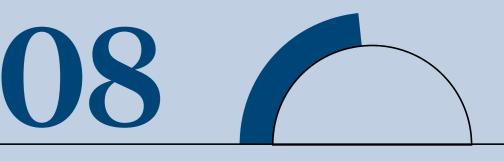
Sales coaching and training solution **54**%



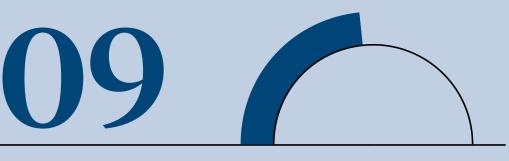
Email/CRM integration 51%

07 Compensation/

incentive management **49**%



Sales prospecting tools **47**%



Competitive intelligence **47**%



Mobile sales apps for employees **46**%

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