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Client Experience With Investment Call Centers

2012 INVESTMENT CALL CENTER SATISFACTION SURVEY



The results from this survey of 2,543 investment clients who recently spoke with a call center representative show client satisfaction is declining, primarily due to a significant drop among Gen X clients. Vanguard scores highest in customer satisfaction, followed by Scottrade and Fidelity. Vanguard and Scottrade are most likely to be recommended by their clients. Clients believe

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney has the friendliest representatives and requires the least effort to handle client requests.

*This report analyzes results at ten major investment firms, including; Charles Schwab, E*Trade, Fidelity Investments, JP Morgan Chase, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Scottrade, TD Ameritrade, Vanguard and Wells Fargo.*

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Methodology

DATA COLLECTION

December 2011

METHOD

Online Survey

SAMPLE SIZE

2,543 adults who had spoken with an investment call center representative within the last month at one of ten major firms. The firms include: Charles Schwab, E-Trade, Fidelity Investments, JP Morgan Chase, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Scottrade, TD Ameritrade, Vanguard and Wells Fargo.

SAMPLE

A total of 2,543 interviews were conducted in the U.S. Sampling error cannot be calculated for surveys that use a self-selected online panel of respondents. If this sample had been conducted among a fully random sample, the estimated margin of error for the sample would be ± 1.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

SCORING

Depending on the question, consumers selected responses along a seven-point scale or selected "yes", "no" or "don't remember". For questions on a seven-point scale, positive responses are the percent of individuals selecting one of the top two boxes (6 or 7). Negative responses are the percent of individuals selecting one of the bottom three boxes (1, 2 or 3). For "yes", "no", "don't remember" questions, positive responses are the percent of individuals selecting "yes". "Net Score" is the top two box score (6 or 7) minus the bottom three box score (1, 2, or 3) for questions on a seven-point scale. "Net Satisfaction Score" is the top two box score (6 or 7) for the question "Overall, how satisfied are you with the service you received?" minus the bottom three box score (1, 2, or 3) for the question. Some scores may not add up due to rounding.

FIRMS INCLUDED IN STUDY RESULTS

Only firms with 150 or more completed surveys are included in the results. On average, each ranked firm received 254 completed surveys. For each question, only the top three firms are named, but scores for the remaining firms are displayed (without names).

GENERATIONS

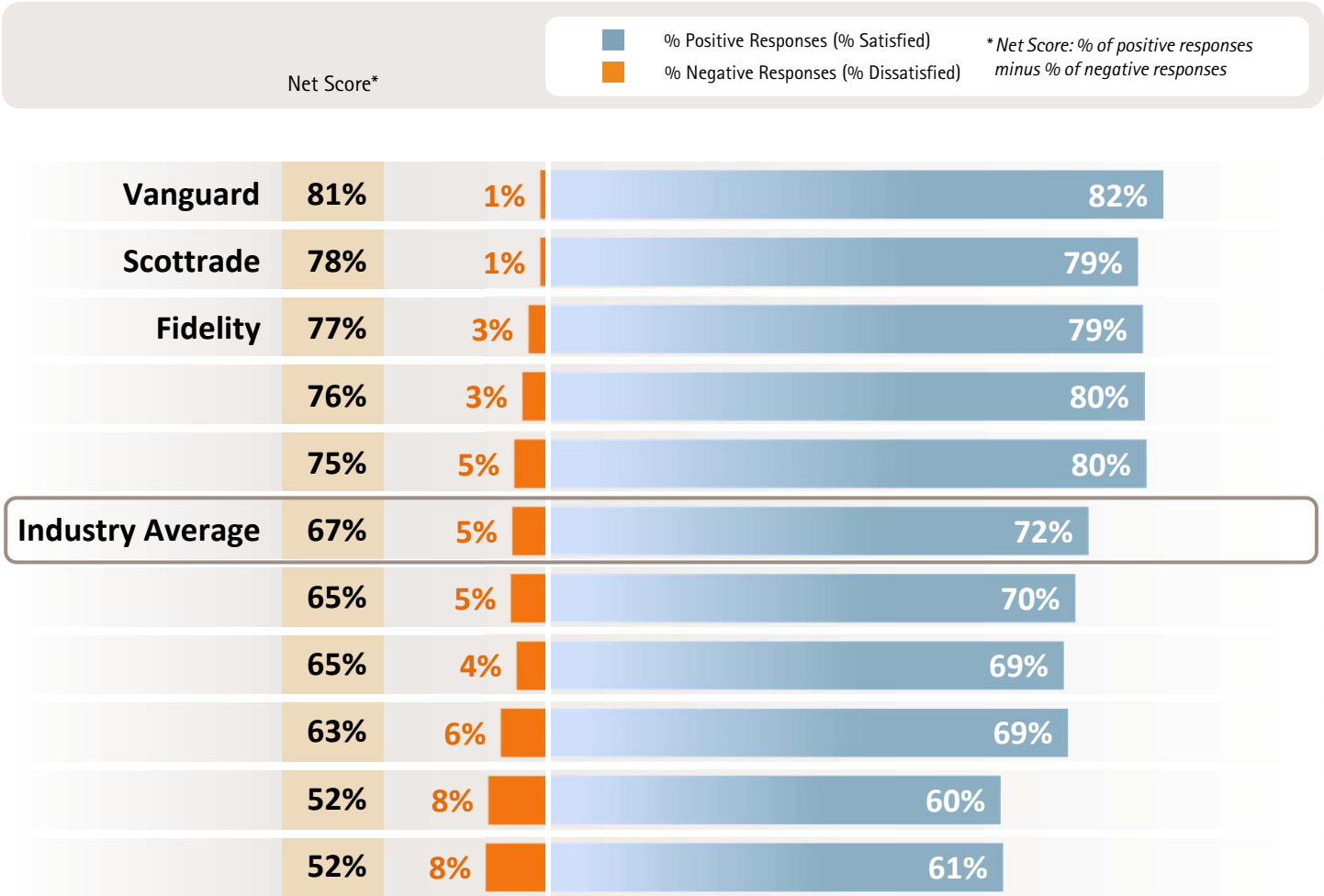
Generation Y (Gen Y) – born after 1980

Generation X (Gen X) – born between 1965 and 1980

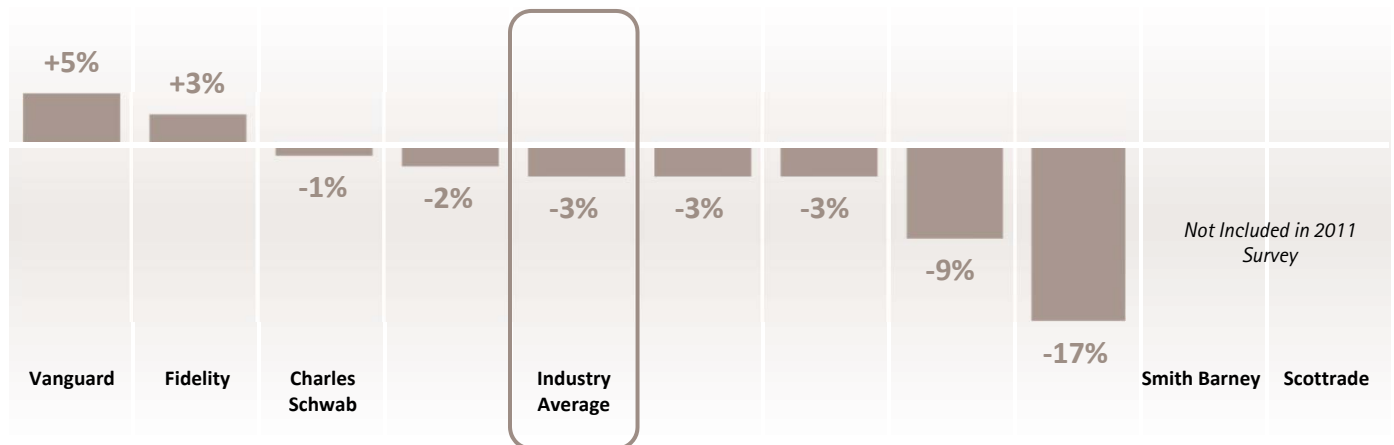
Boomers – born between 1946 and 1964

Pre-Boomers – born before 1946

Overall satisfaction with the service received



Change in Net Score: 2012 vs. 2011

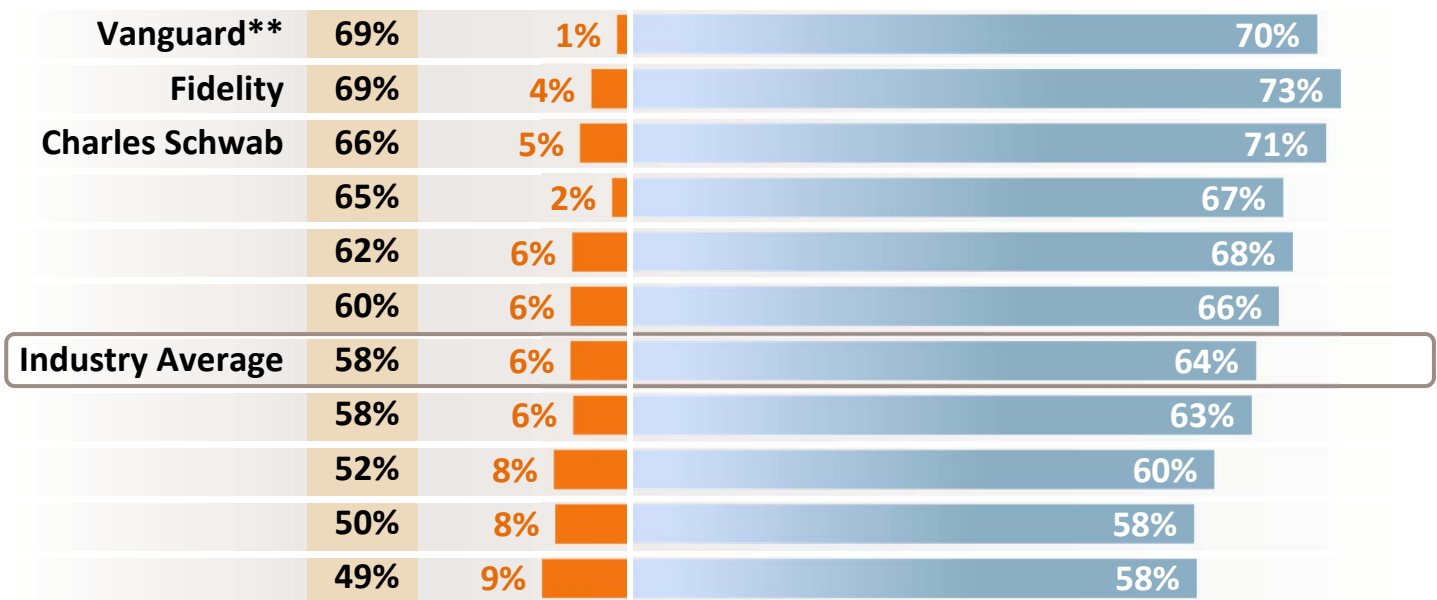


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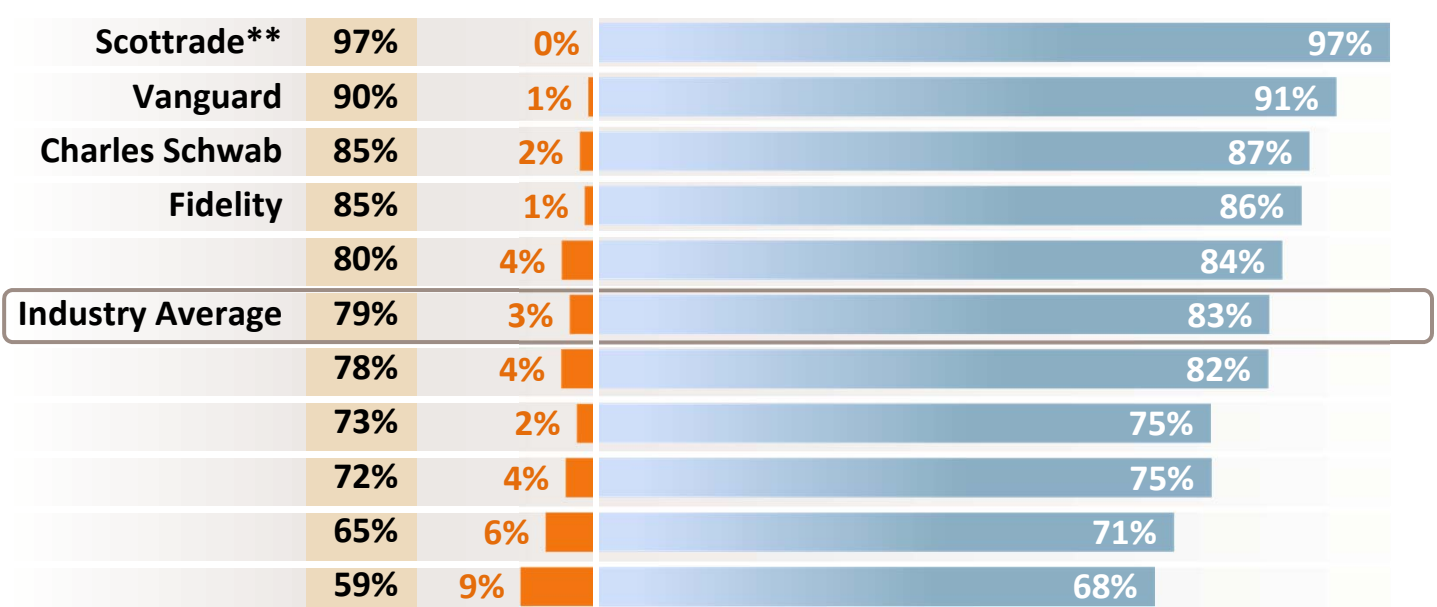
Net Score*

■ % Positive Responses (% Satisfied) *Net Score: % of positive responses minus % of negative responses
■ % Negative Responses (% Dissatisfied)

Gen X and Gen Y (born 1965 or later)



Boomers and Pre-Boomers (born 1964 or earlier)



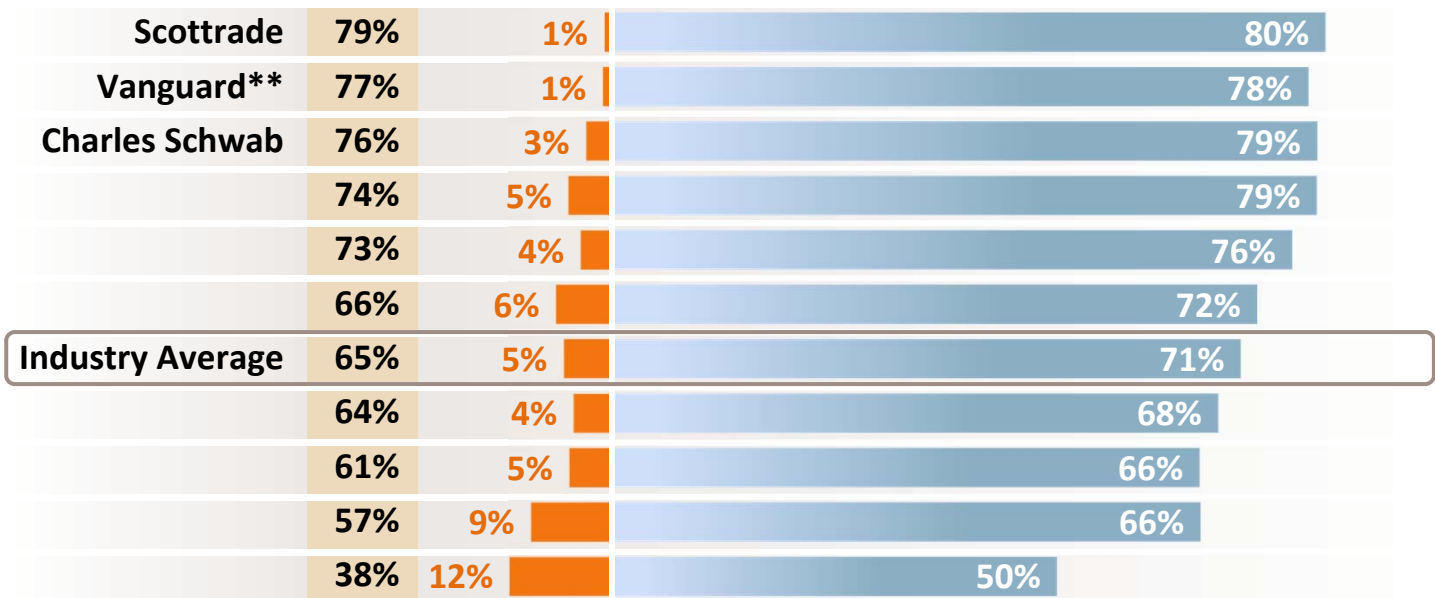
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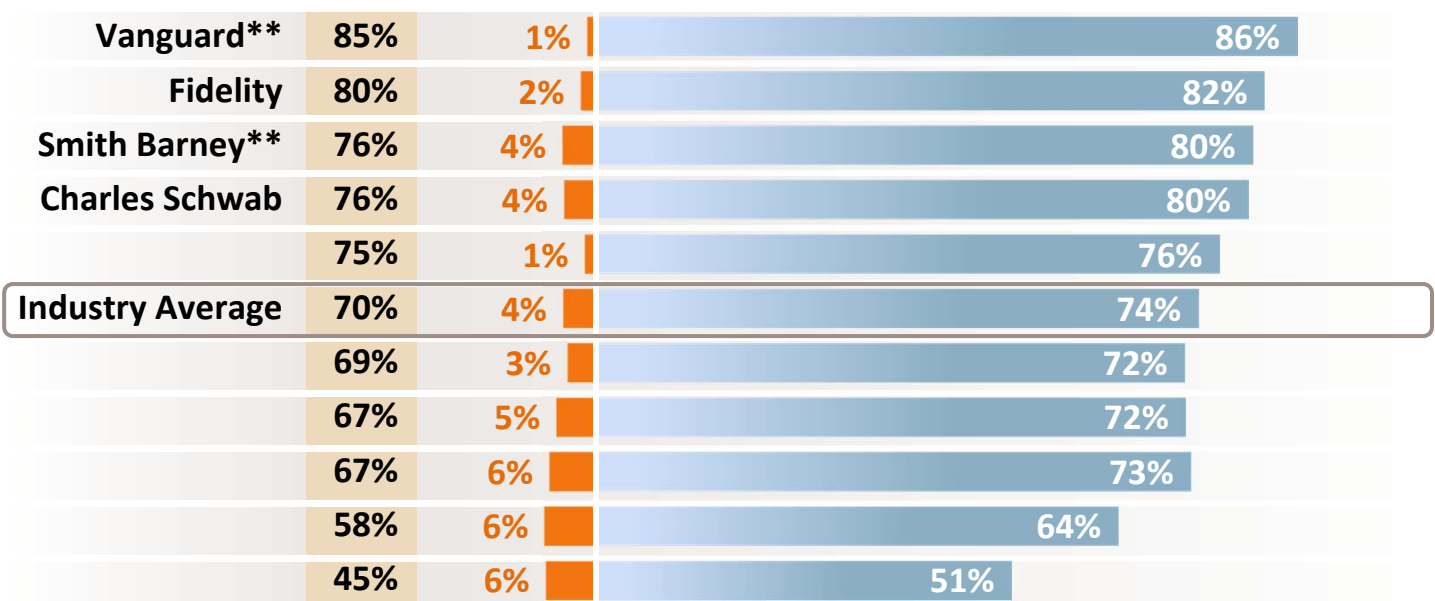
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Household Income less than \$75,000



Household Income \$75,000 or more



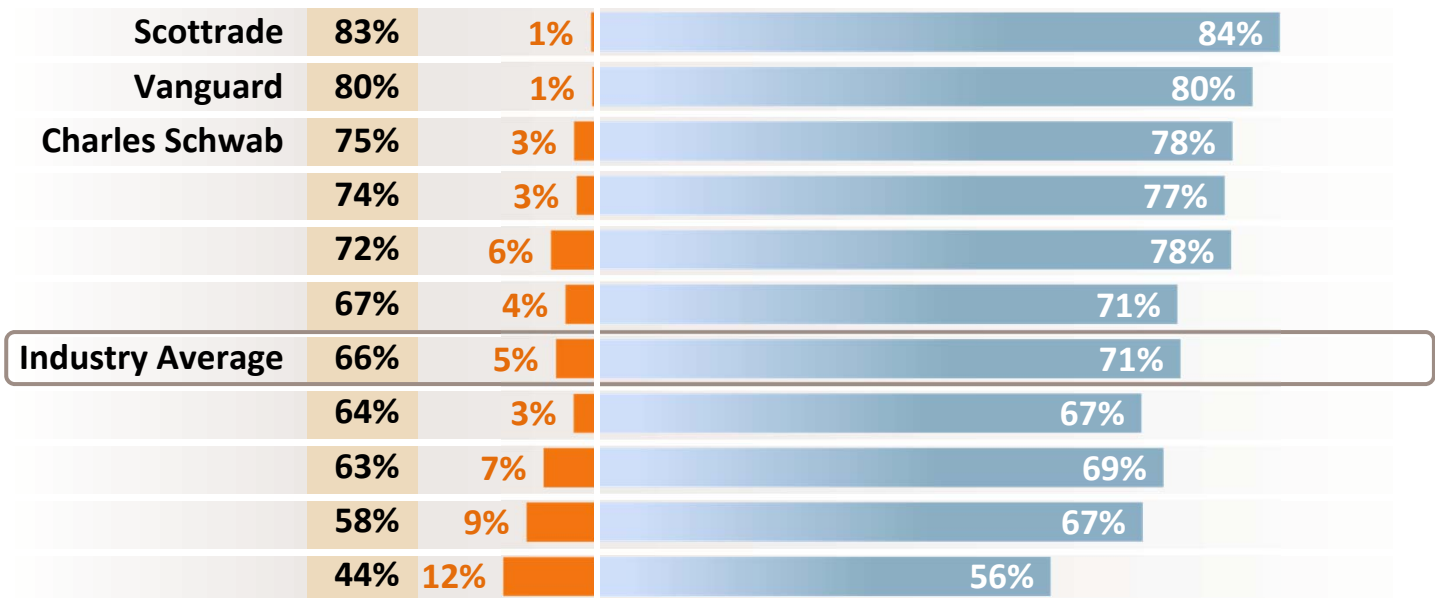
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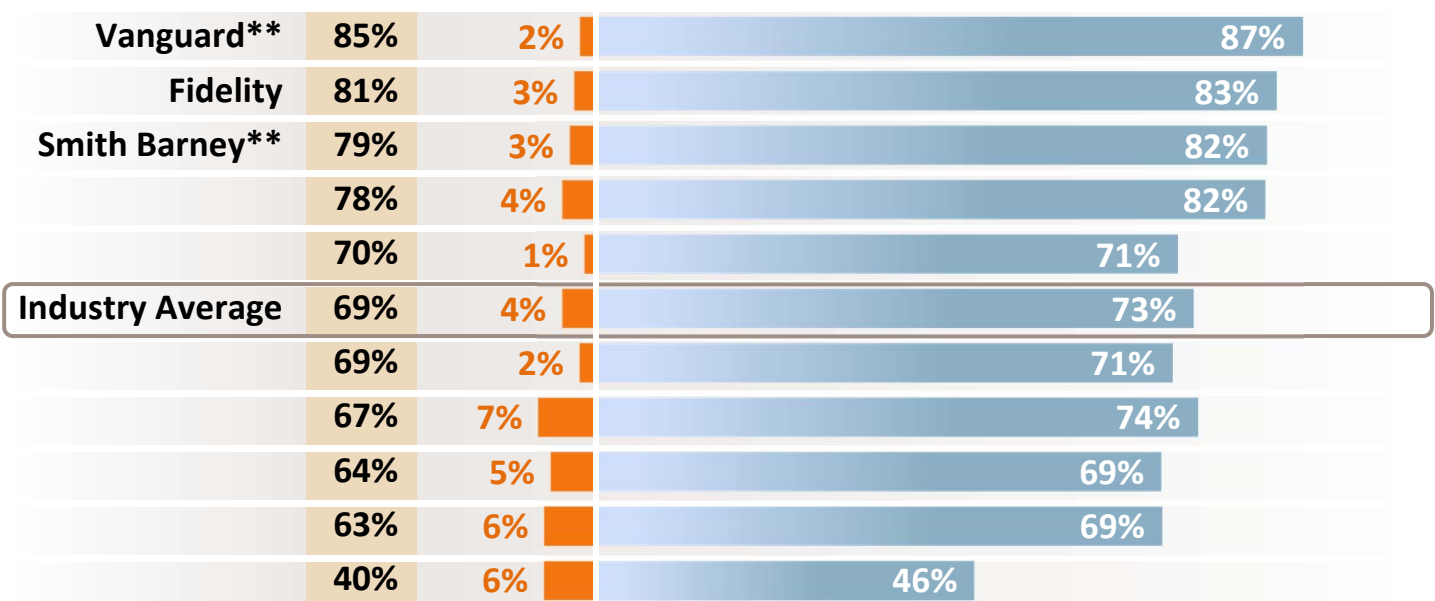
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Net Worth less than \$500,000



Net Worth \$500,000 or more



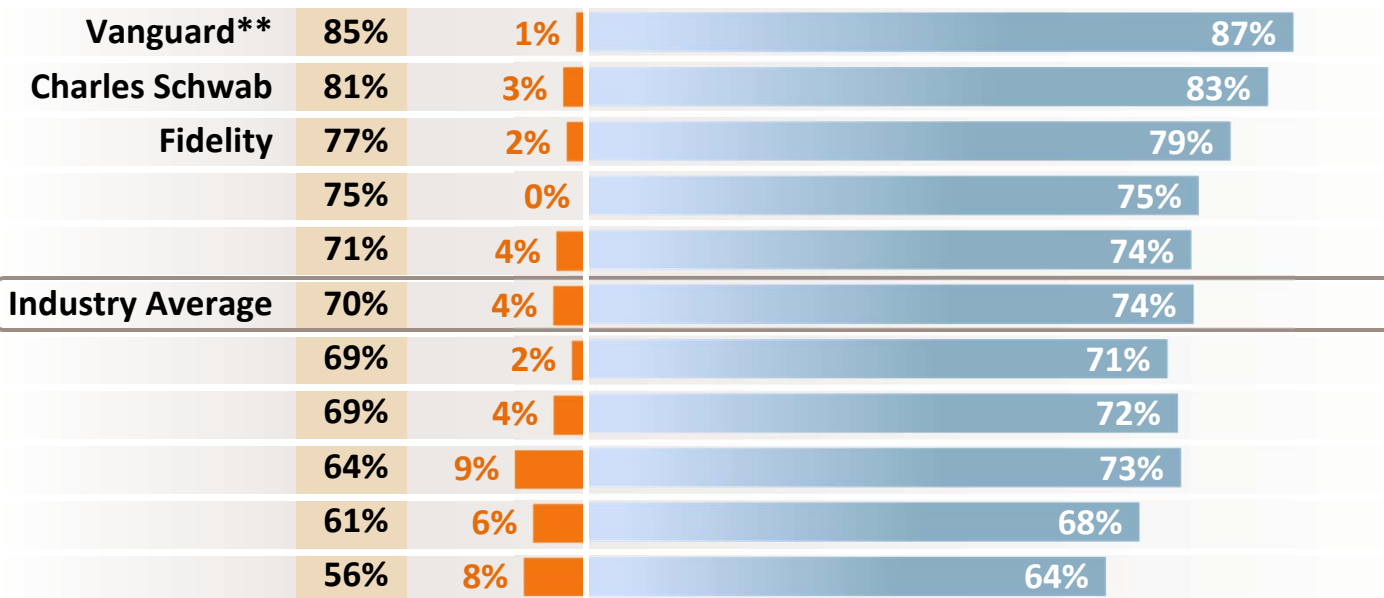
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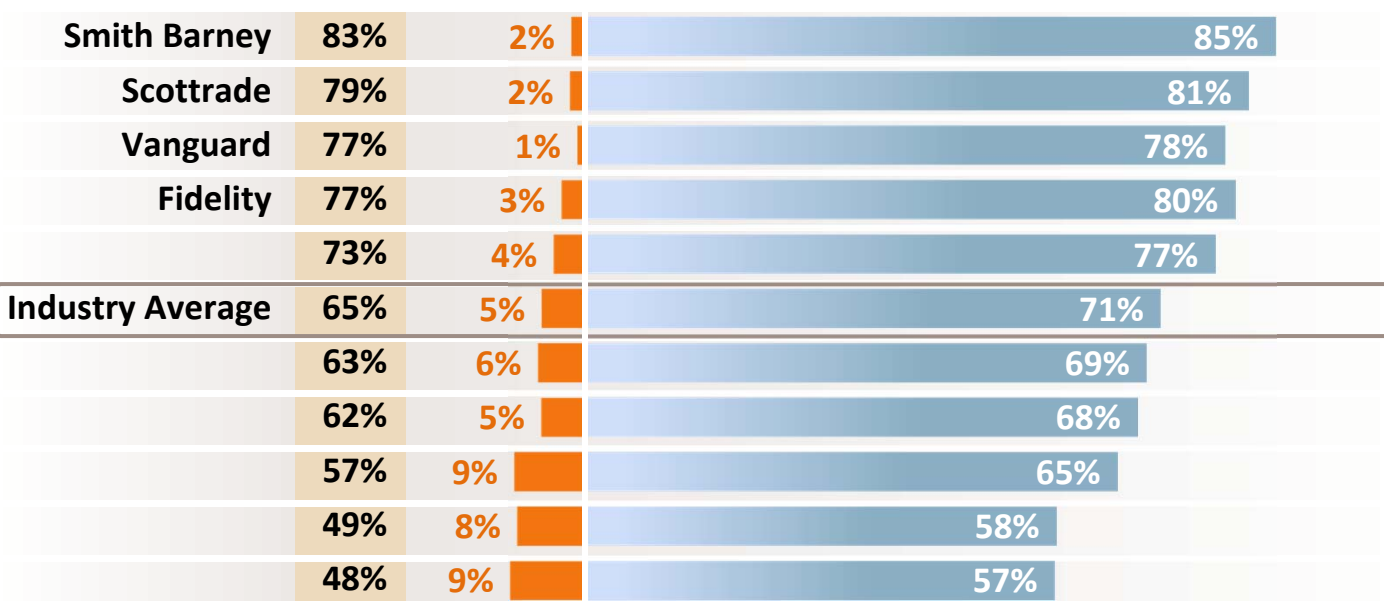
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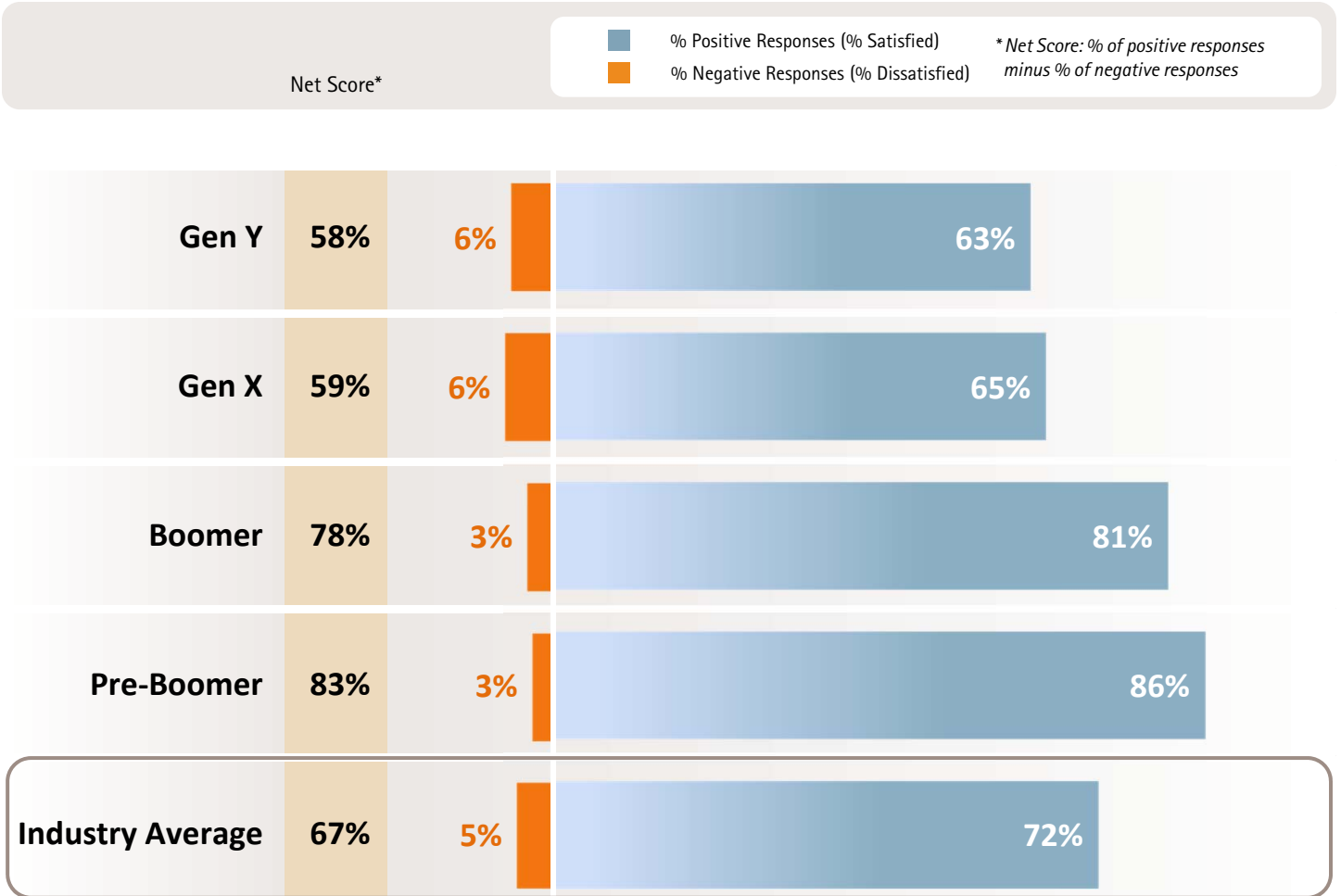


Men

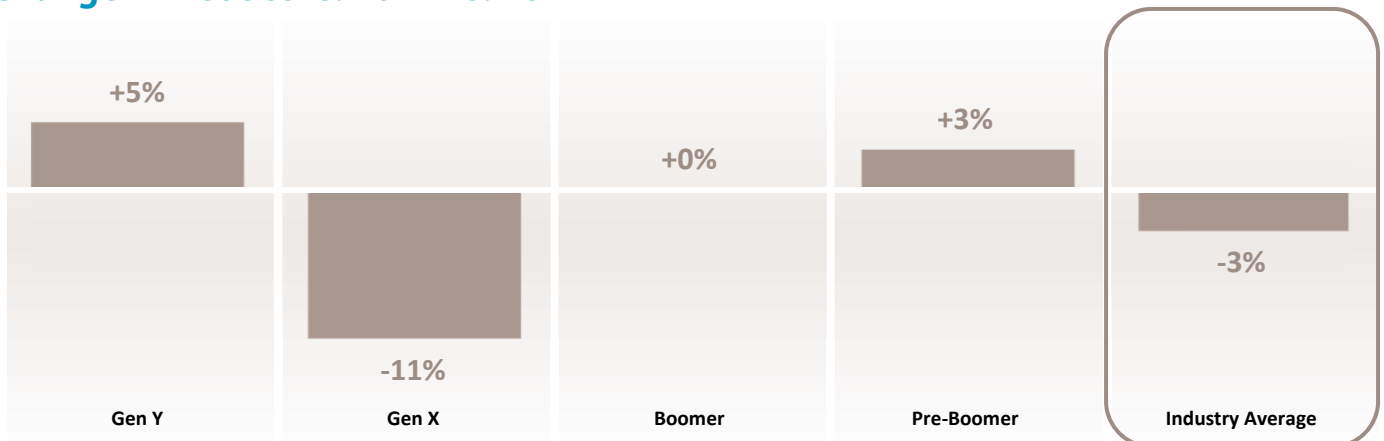


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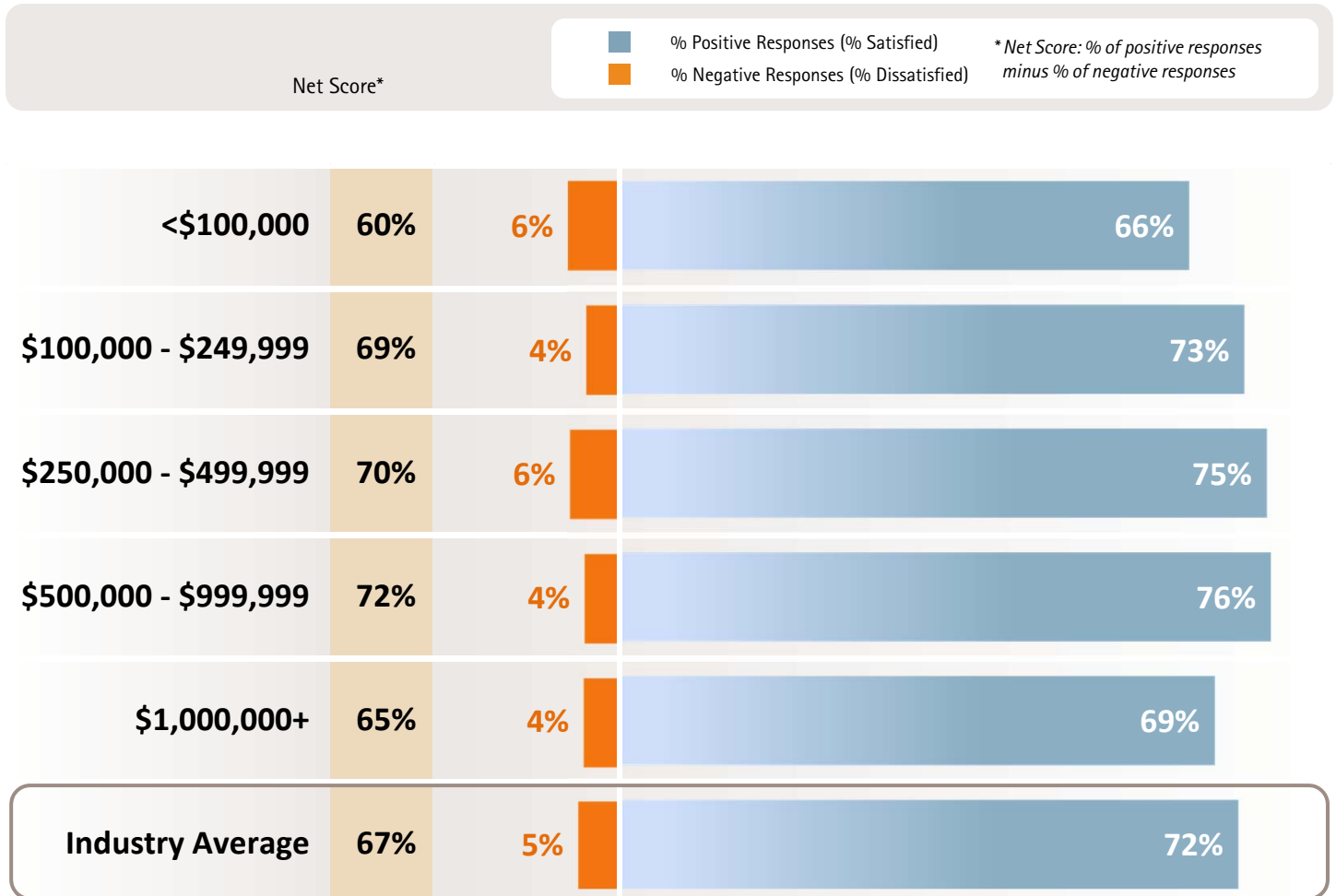
Overall satisfaction - by generation



Change in Net Score: 2012 vs. 2011



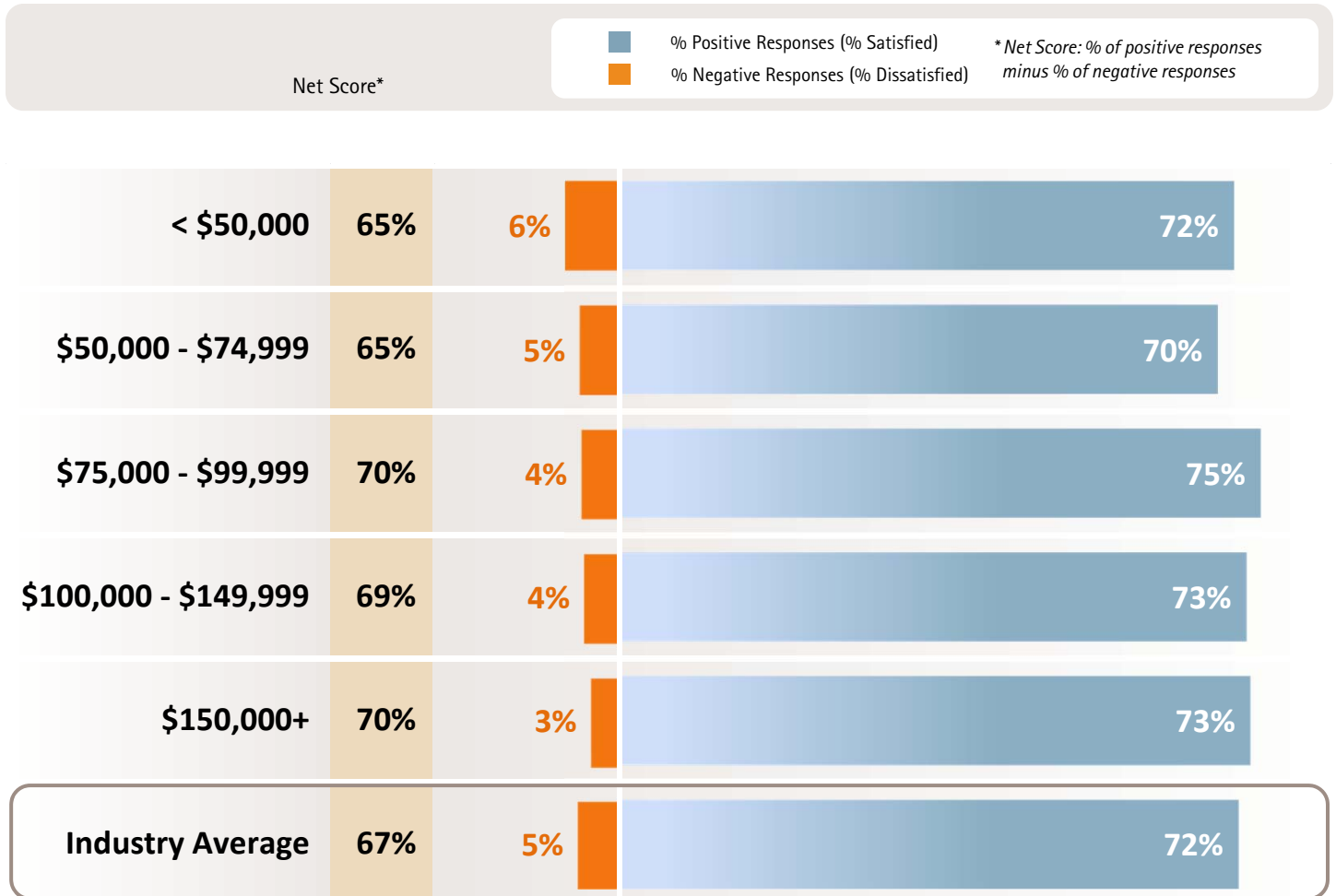
Overall satisfaction - by net worth



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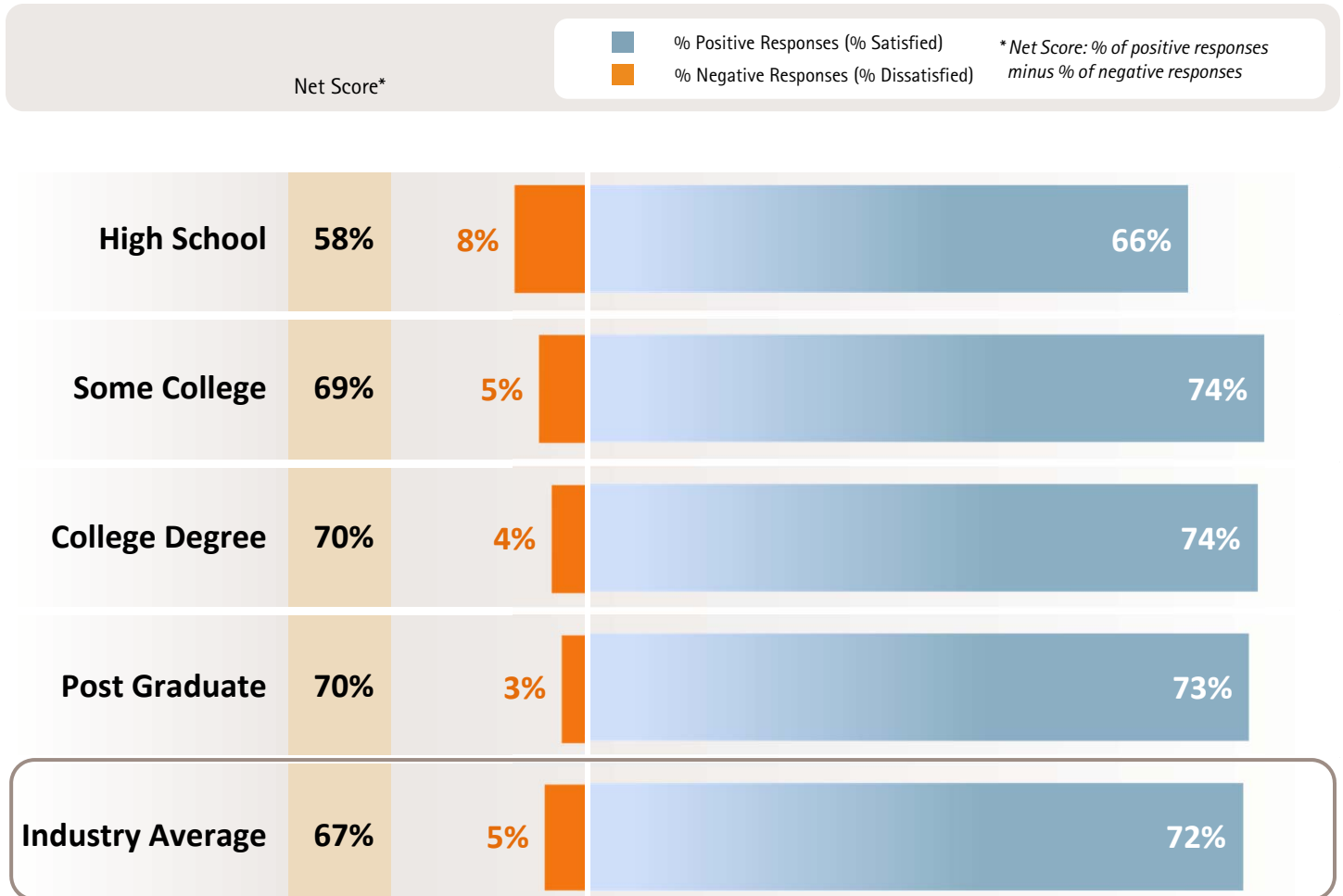
Overall satisfaction - by income



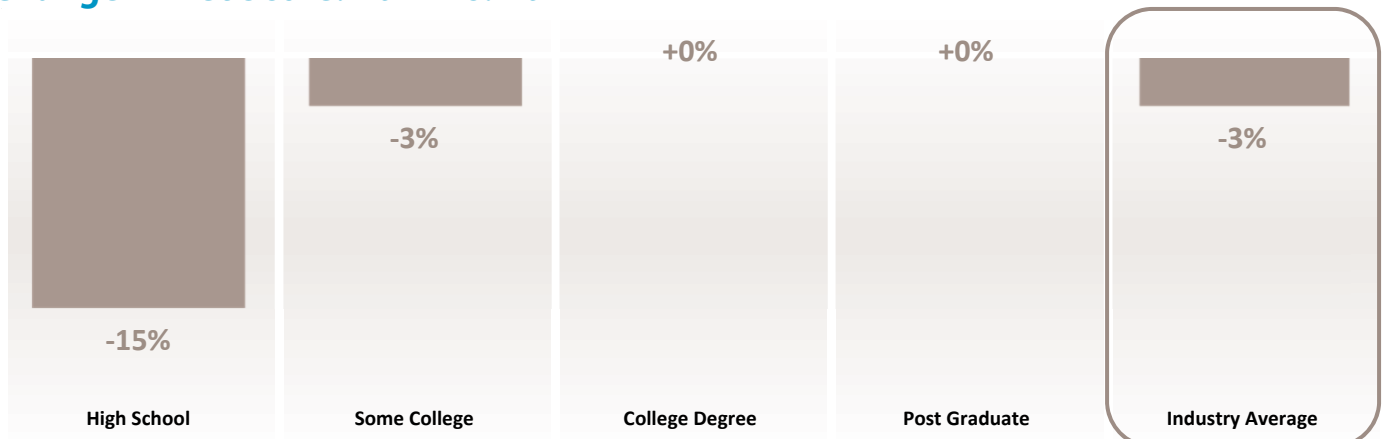
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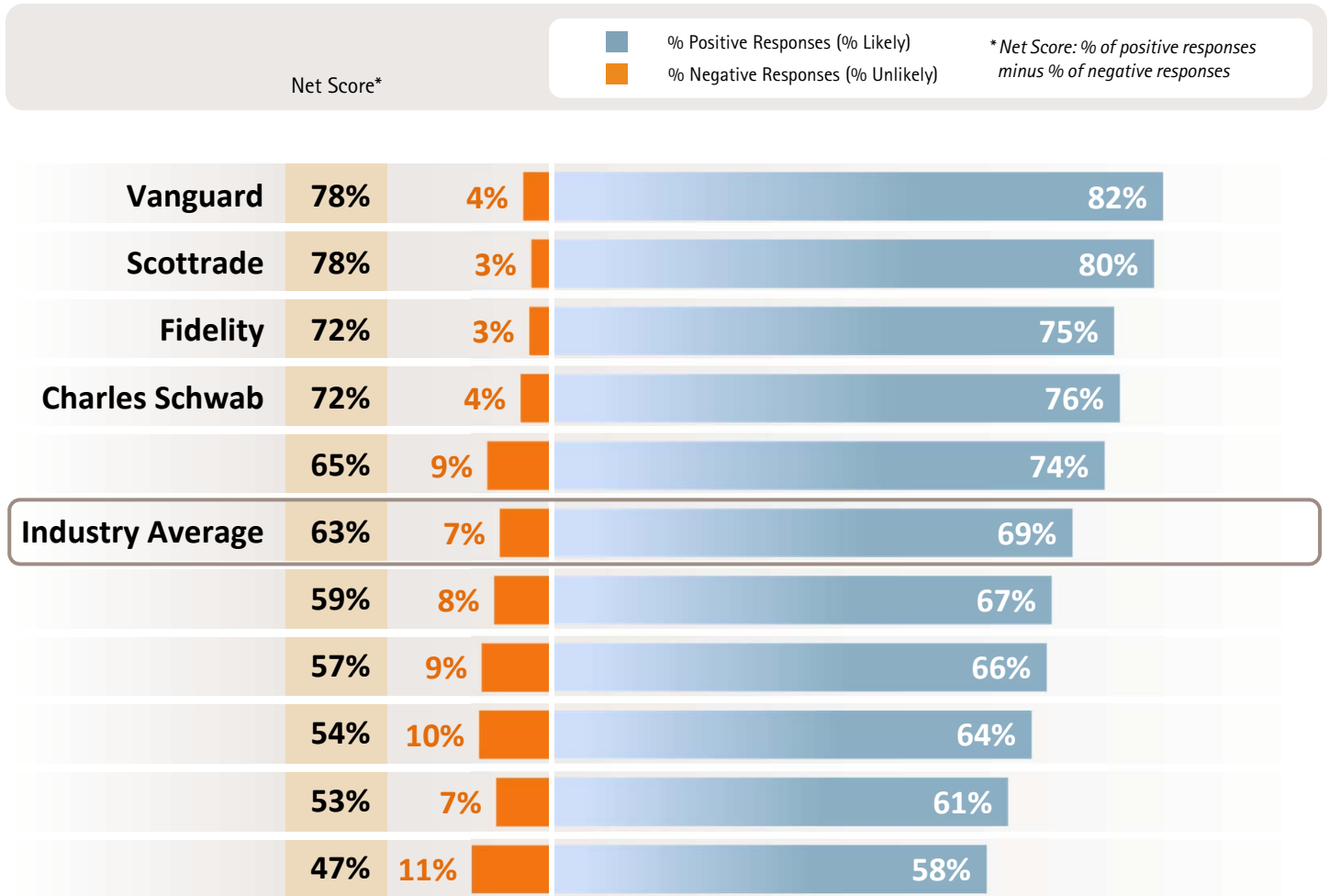
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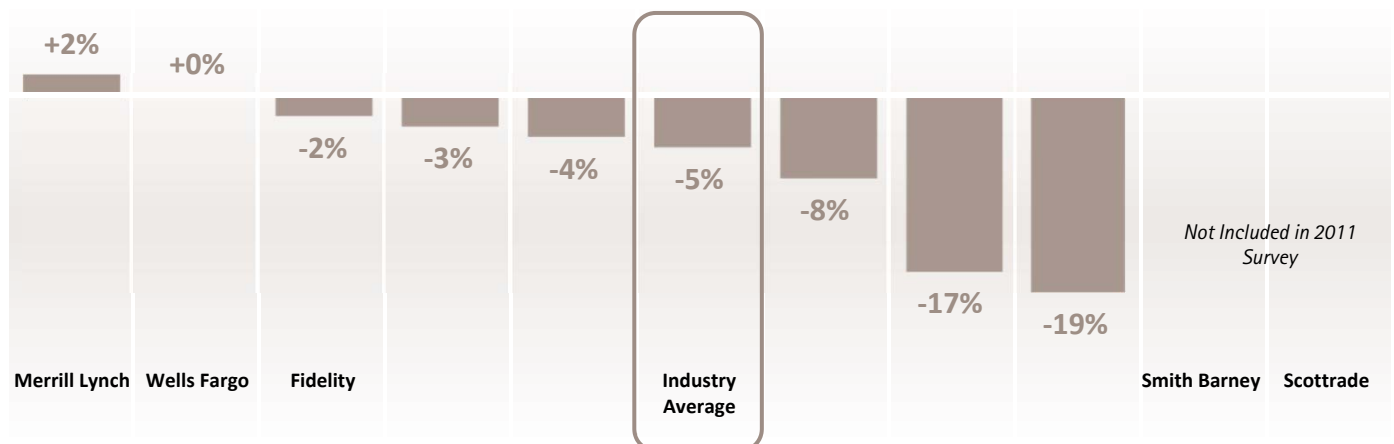
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Likely to recommend firm?



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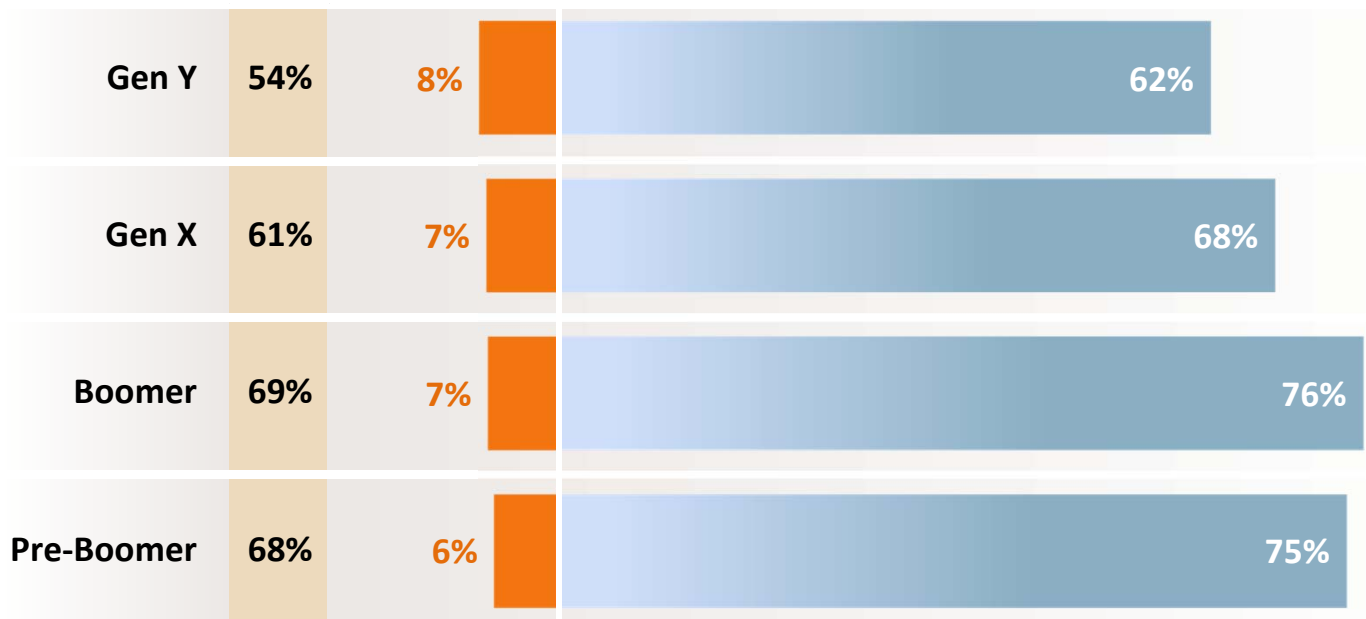
Likely to recommend firm?

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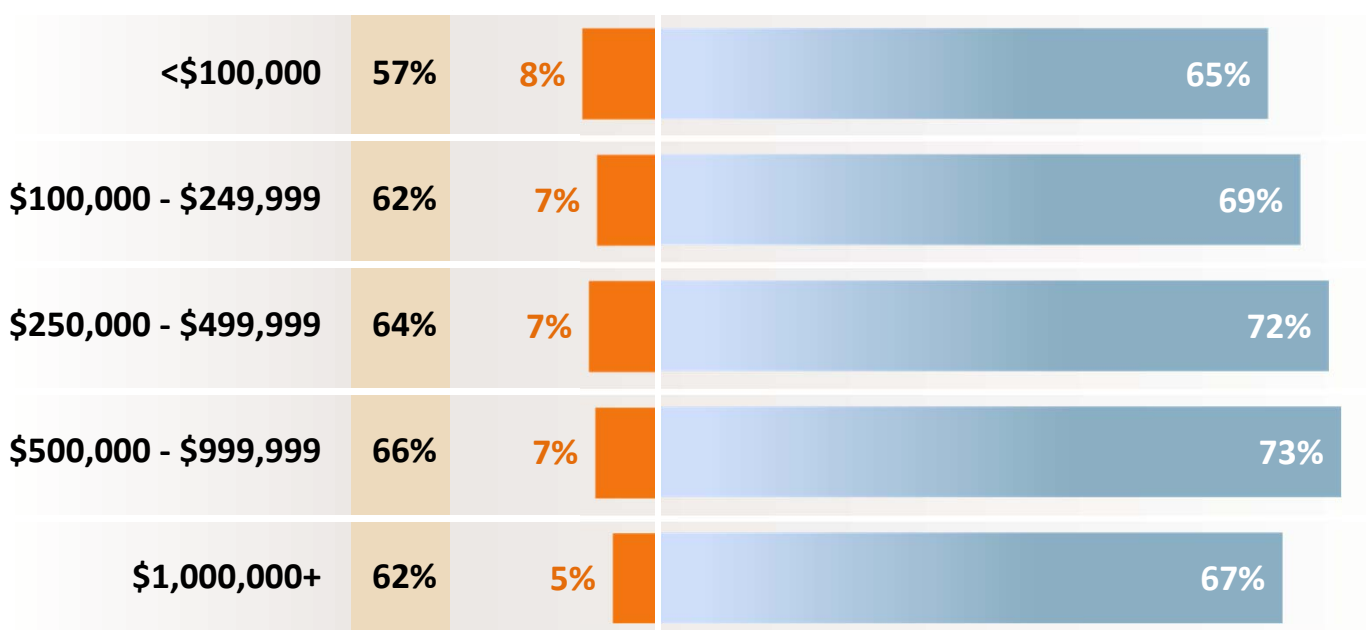
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 ■ % Negative Responses (% Unlikely)

* Net Score: % of positive responses minus % of negative responses

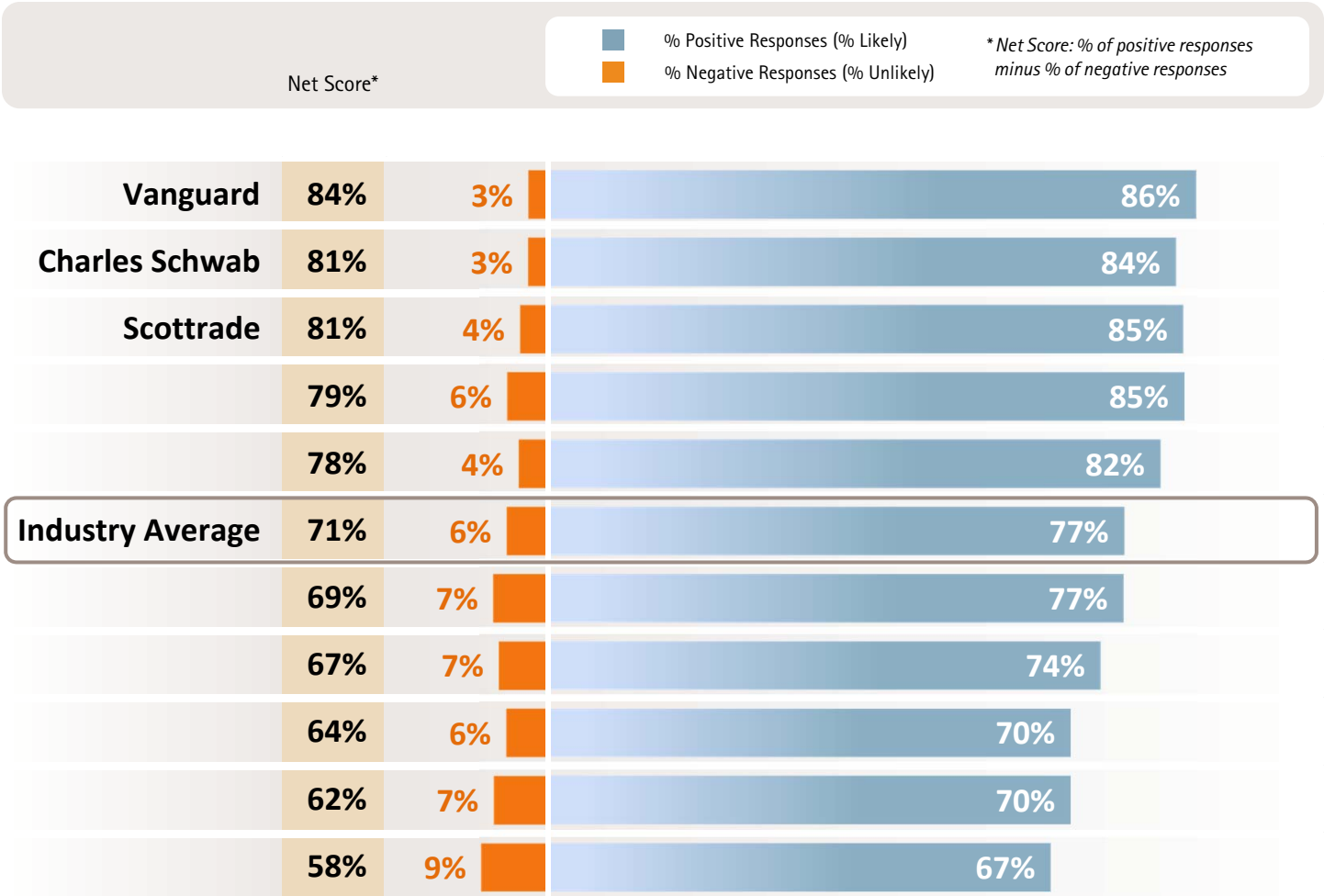
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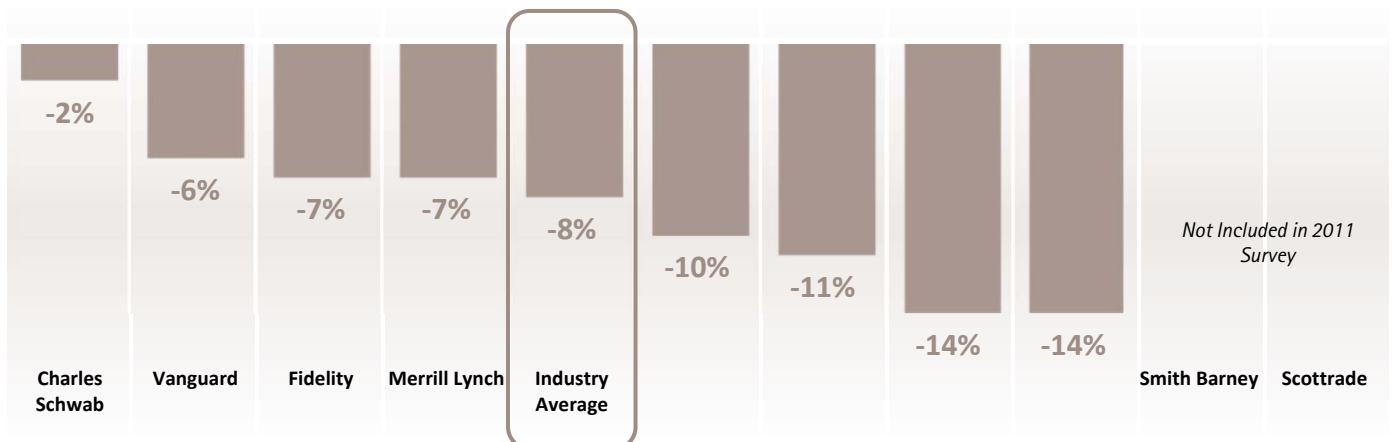
By net worth



Likely to continue using firm over the next 12 months?



Change in Net Score: 2012 vs. 2011

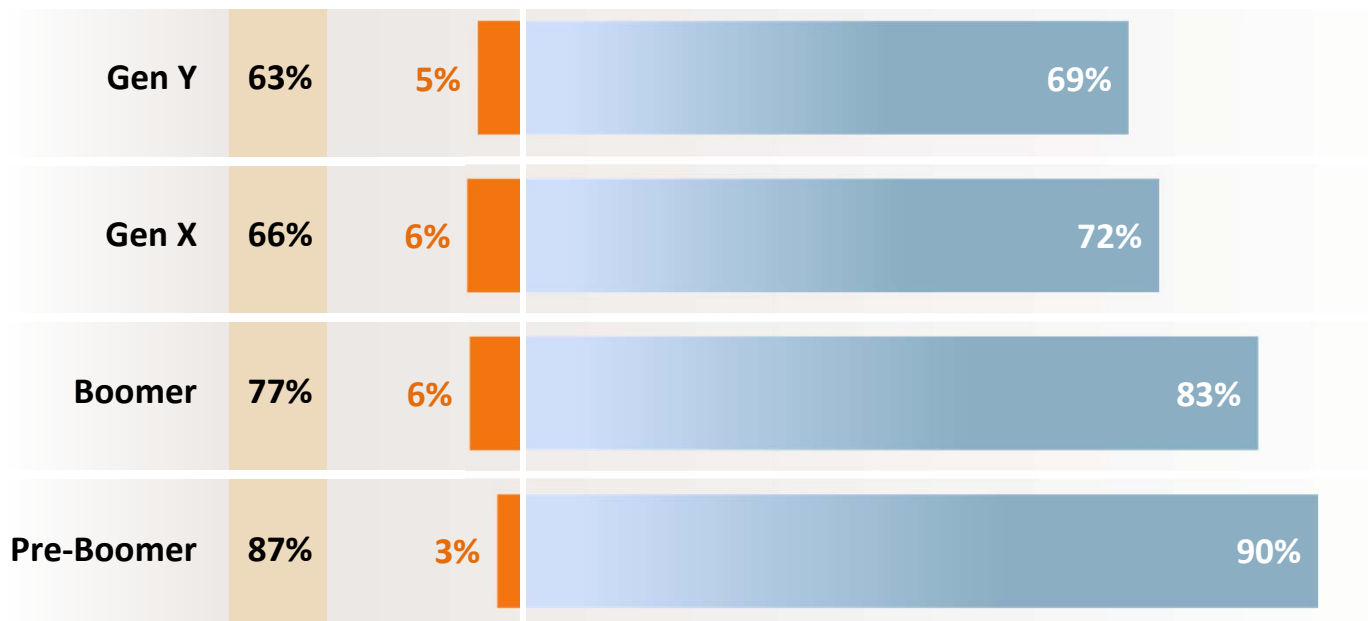


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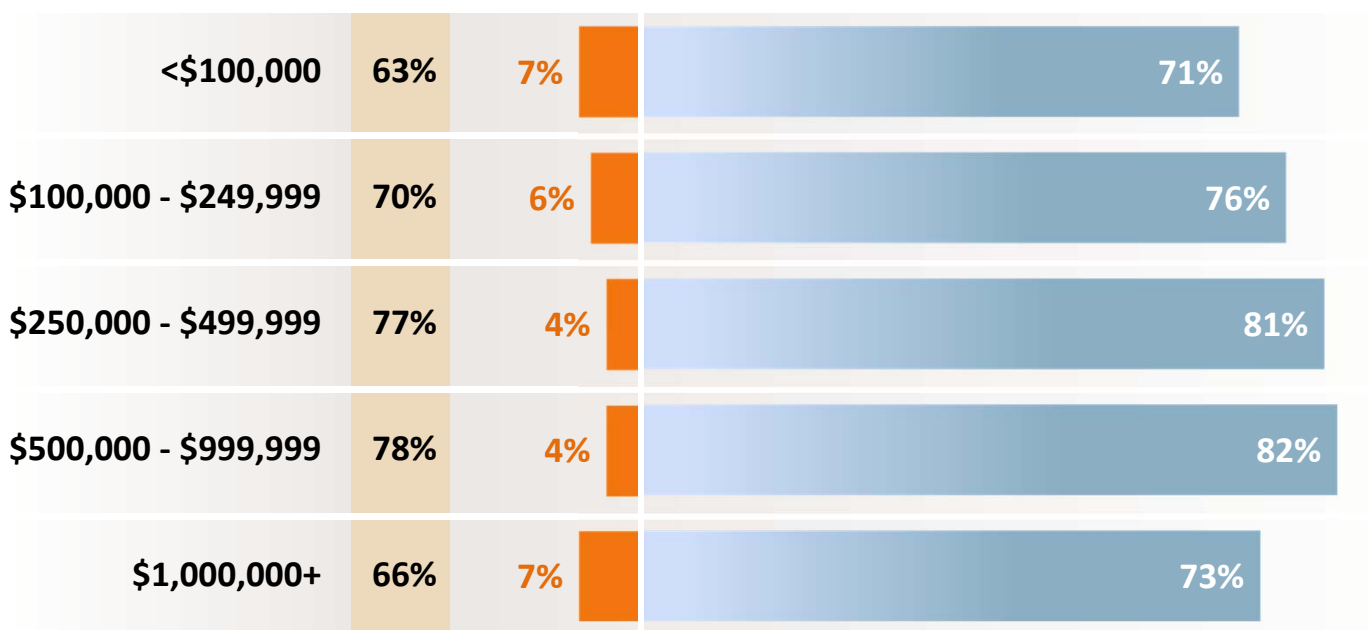
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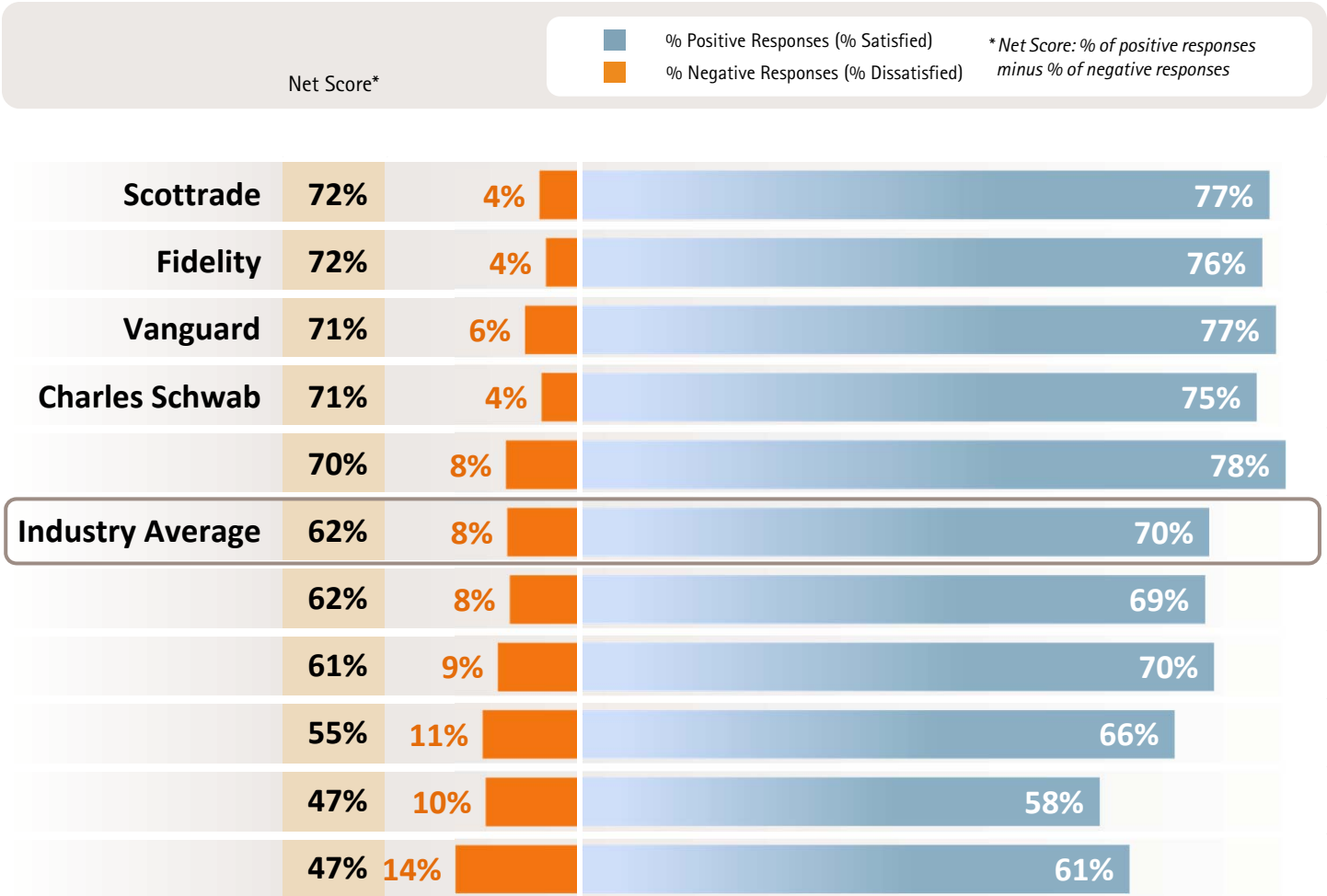
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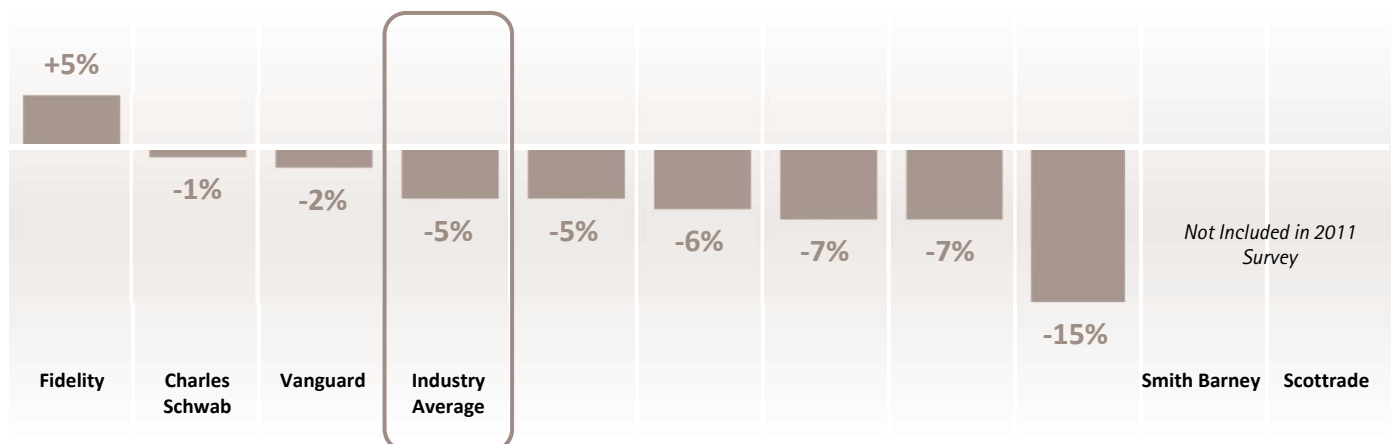
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Effective at meeting your needs?



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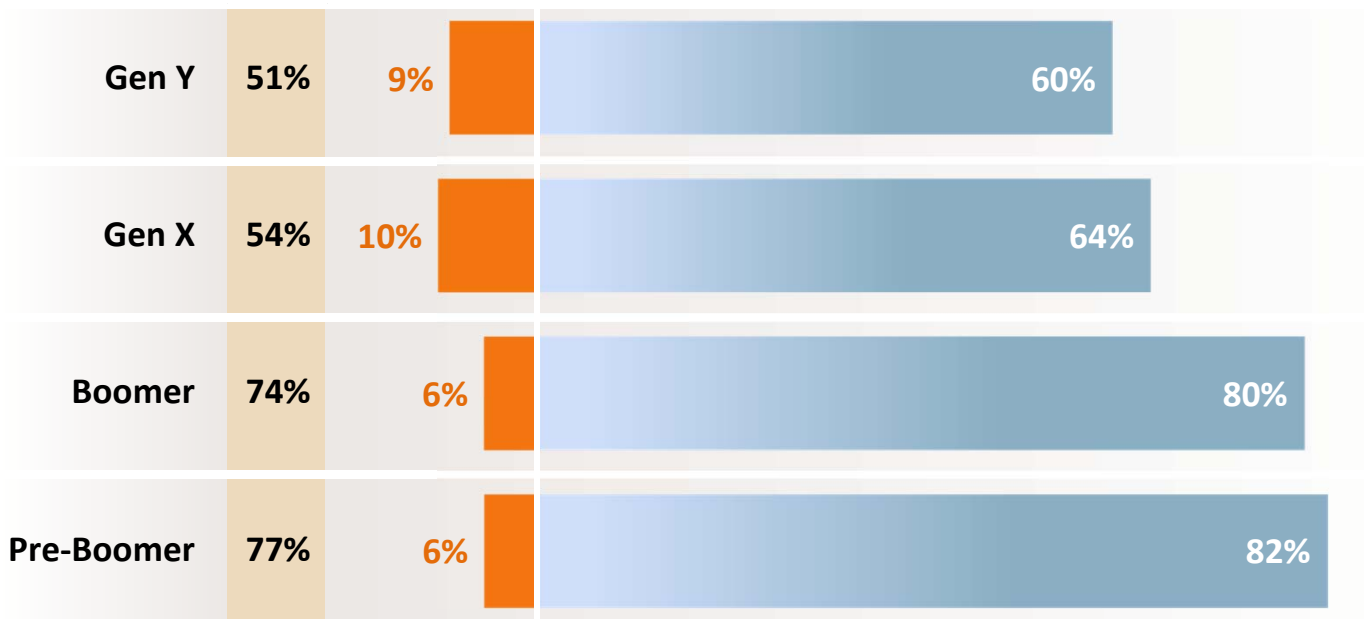
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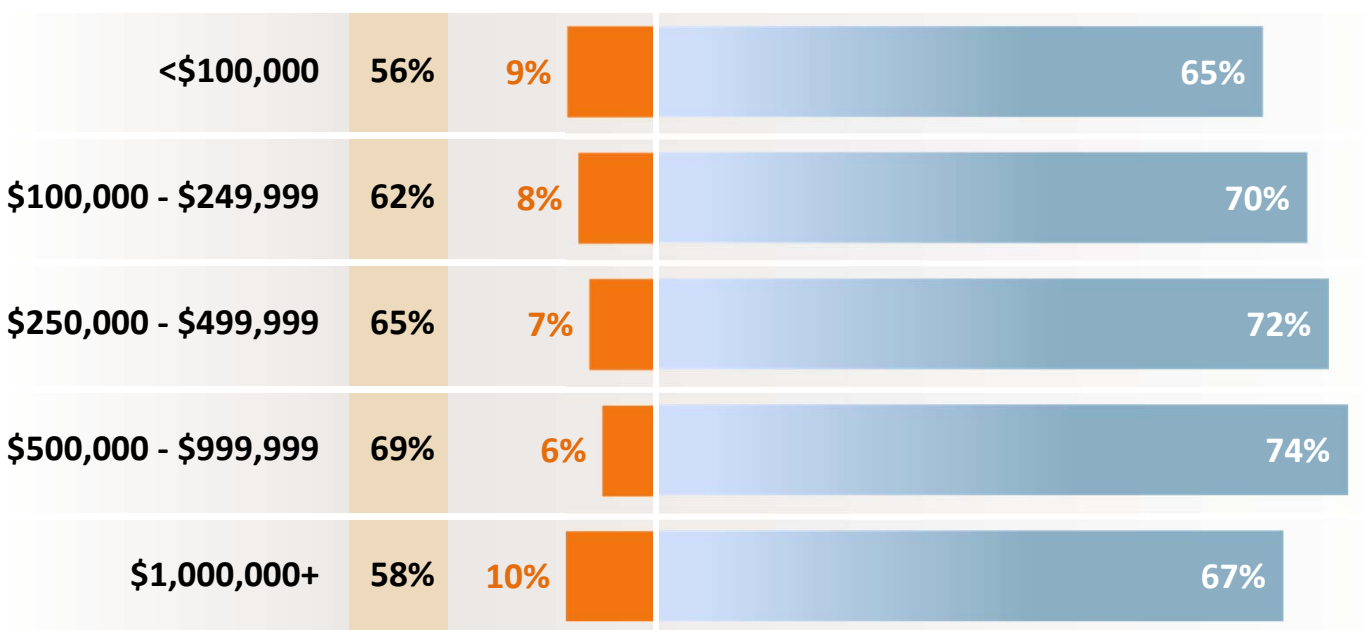
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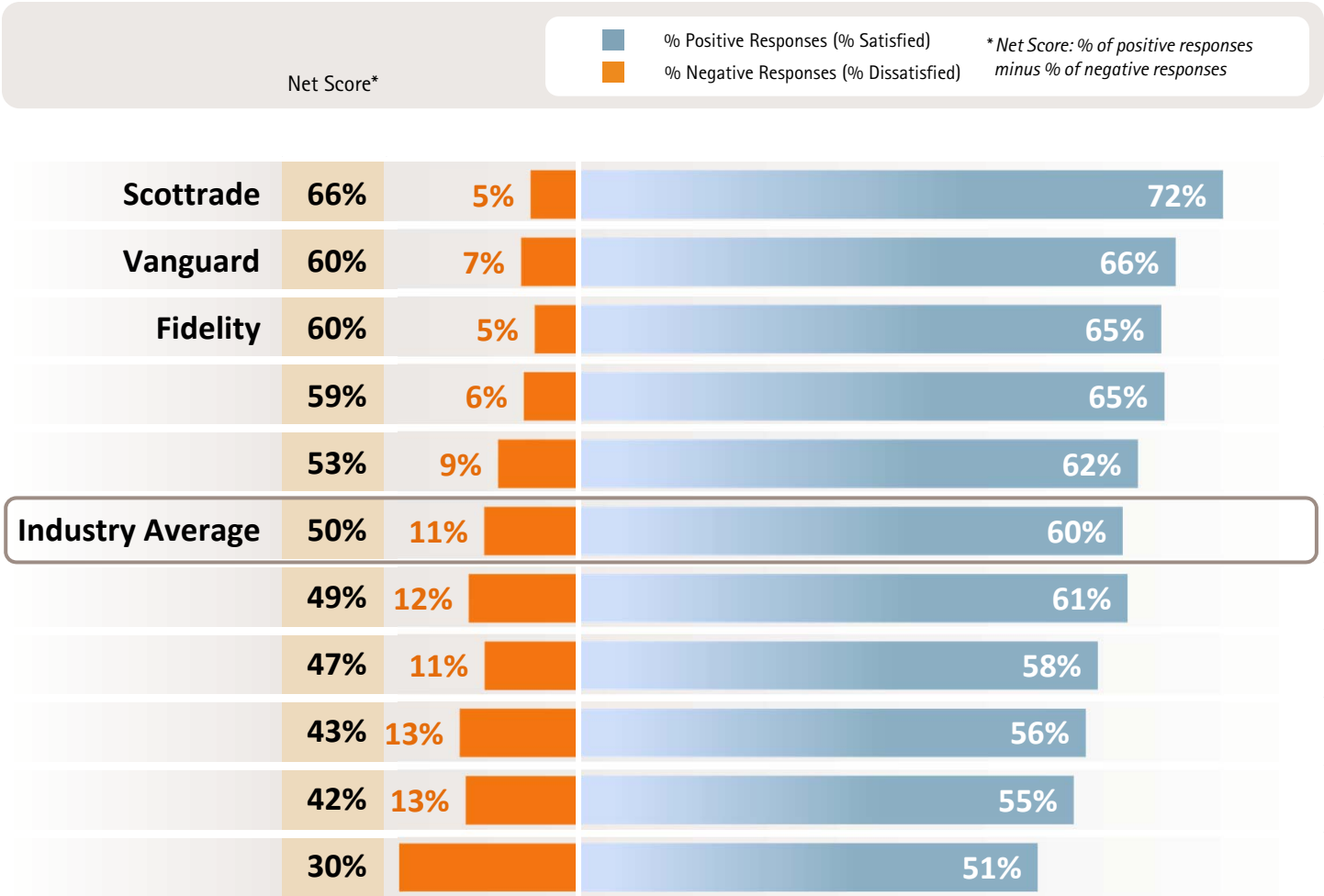
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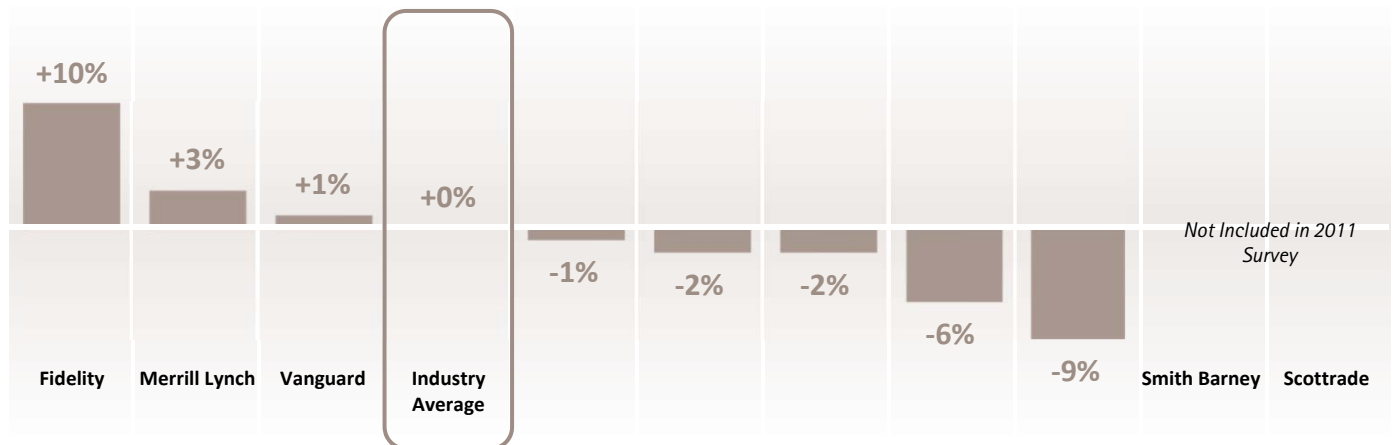
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Doing what is in your best interest?



Change in Net Score: 2012 vs. 2011



Doing what is in your best interest?

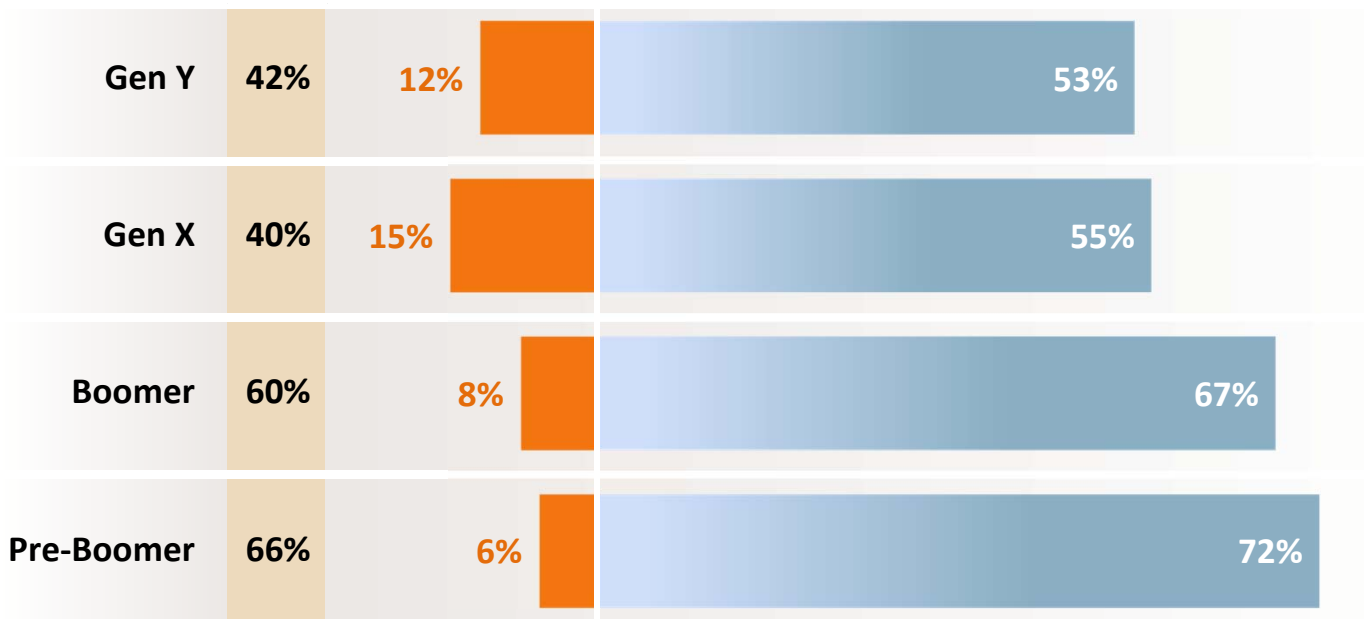
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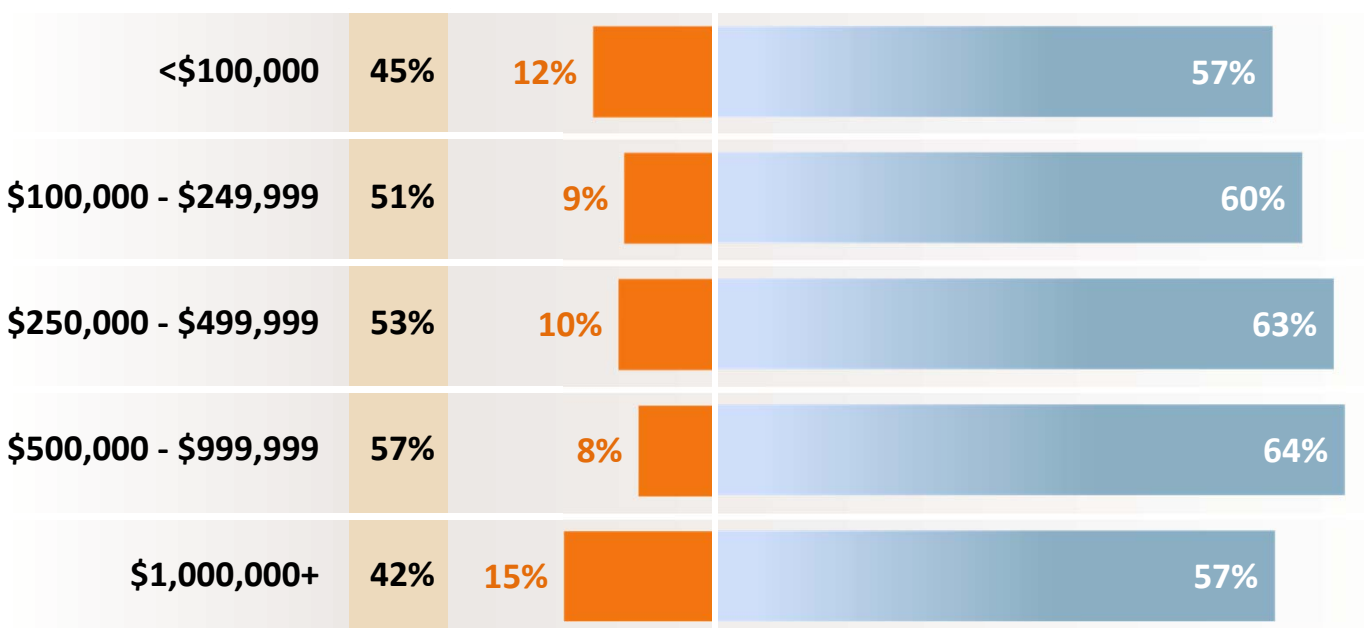
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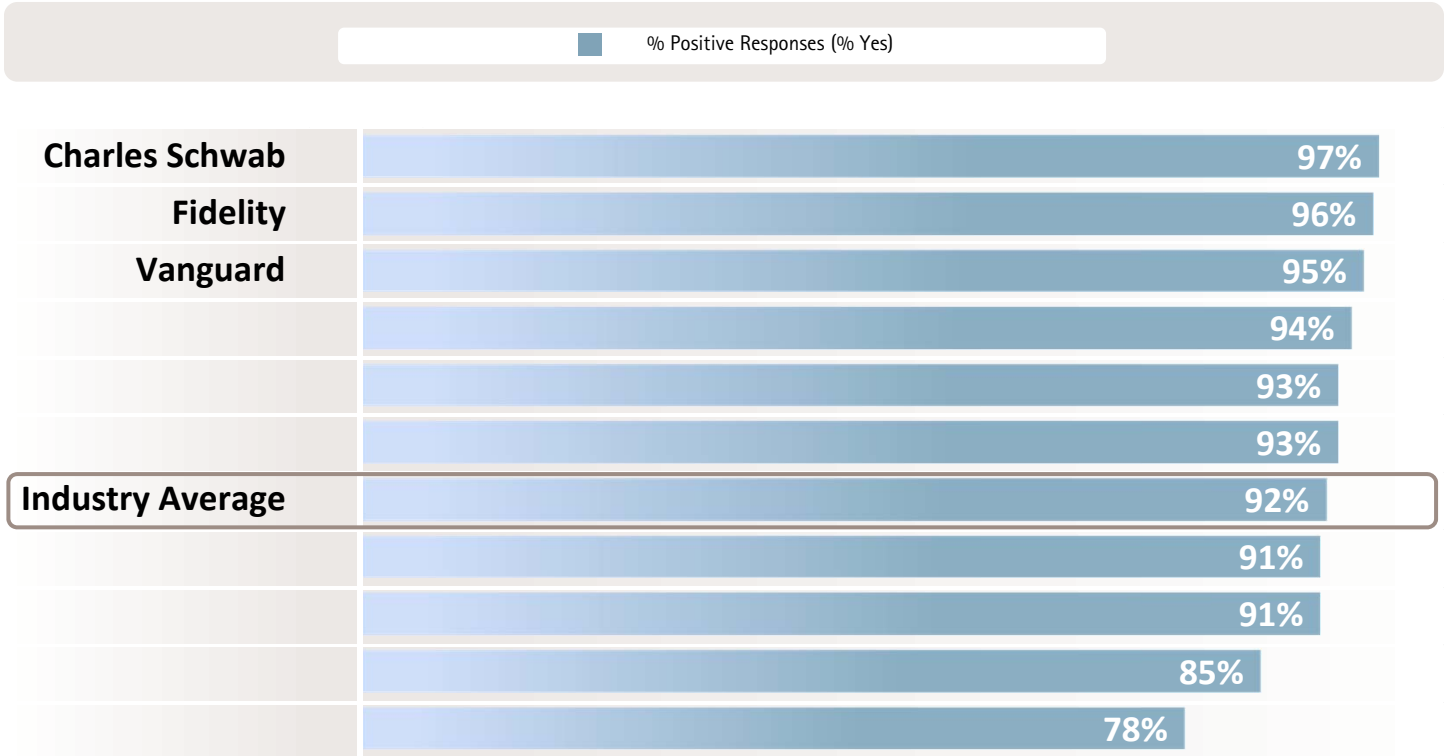
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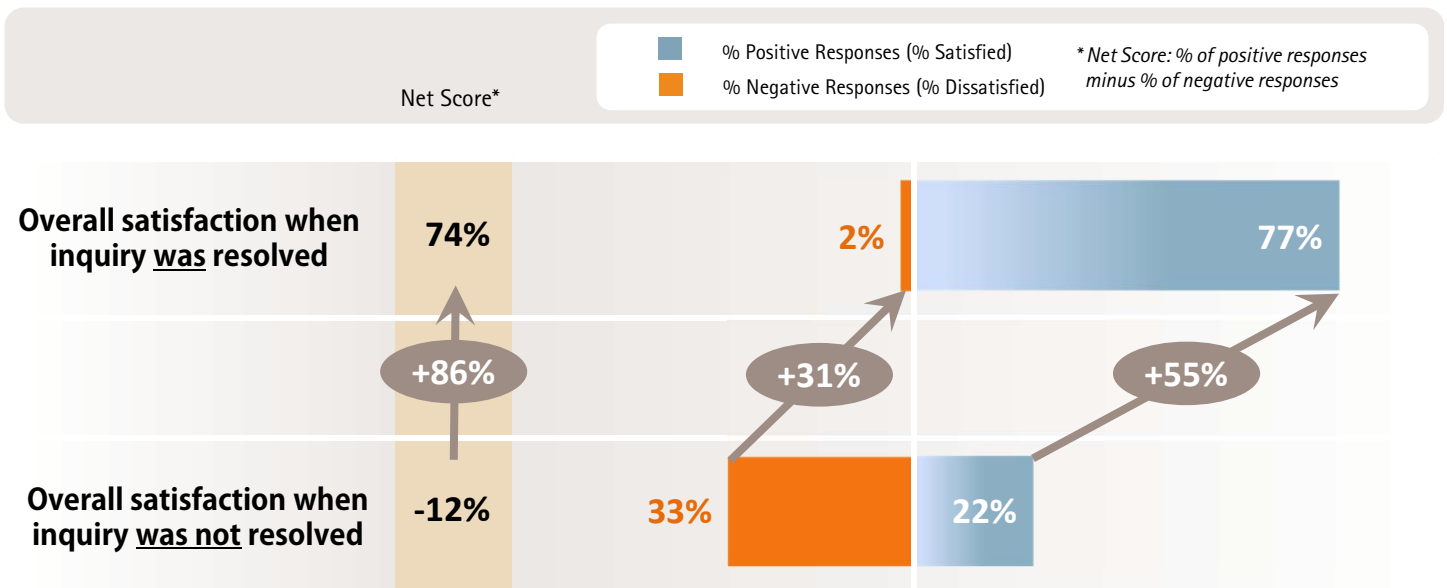
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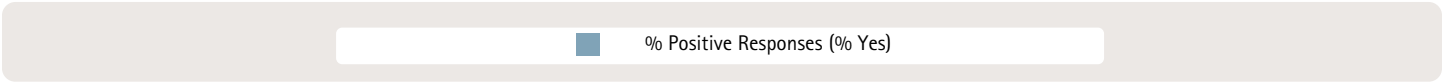
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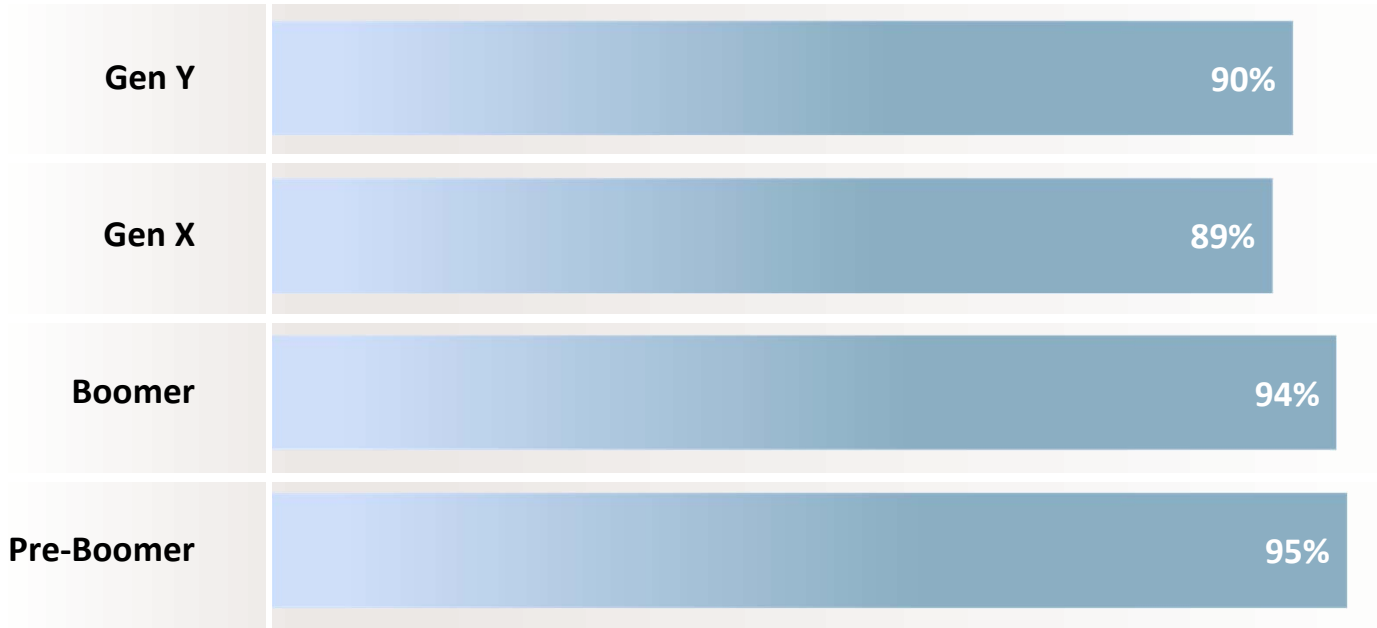
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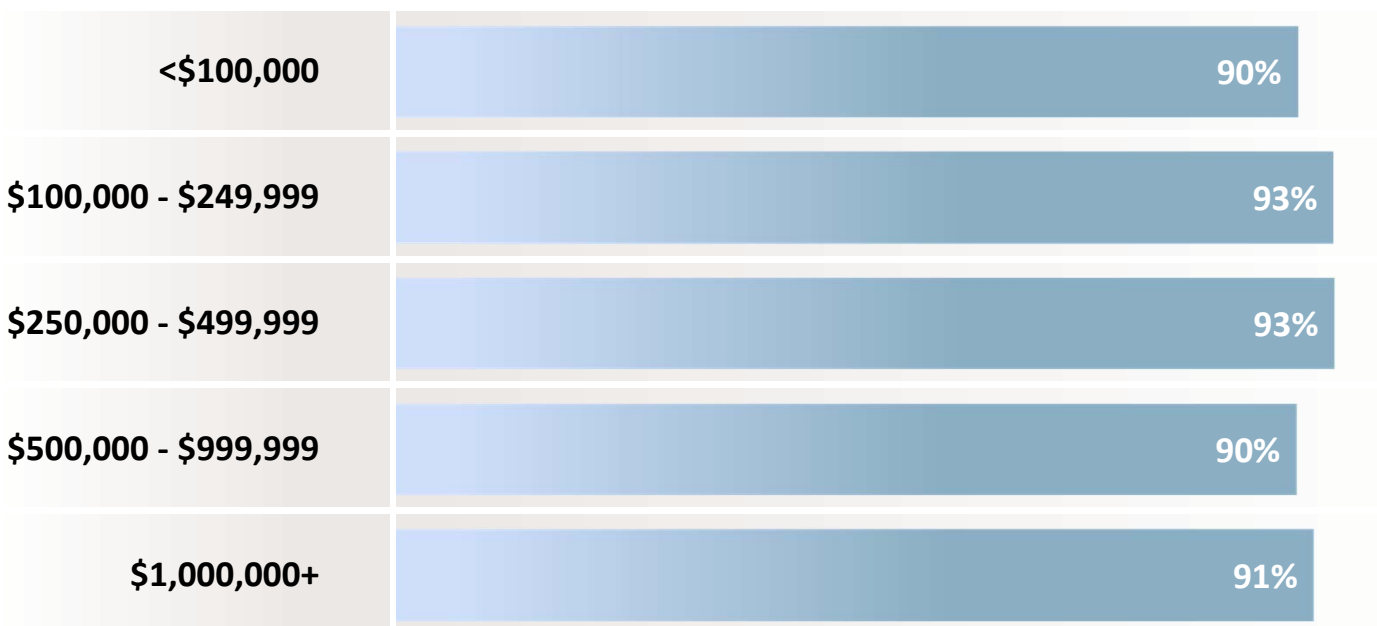
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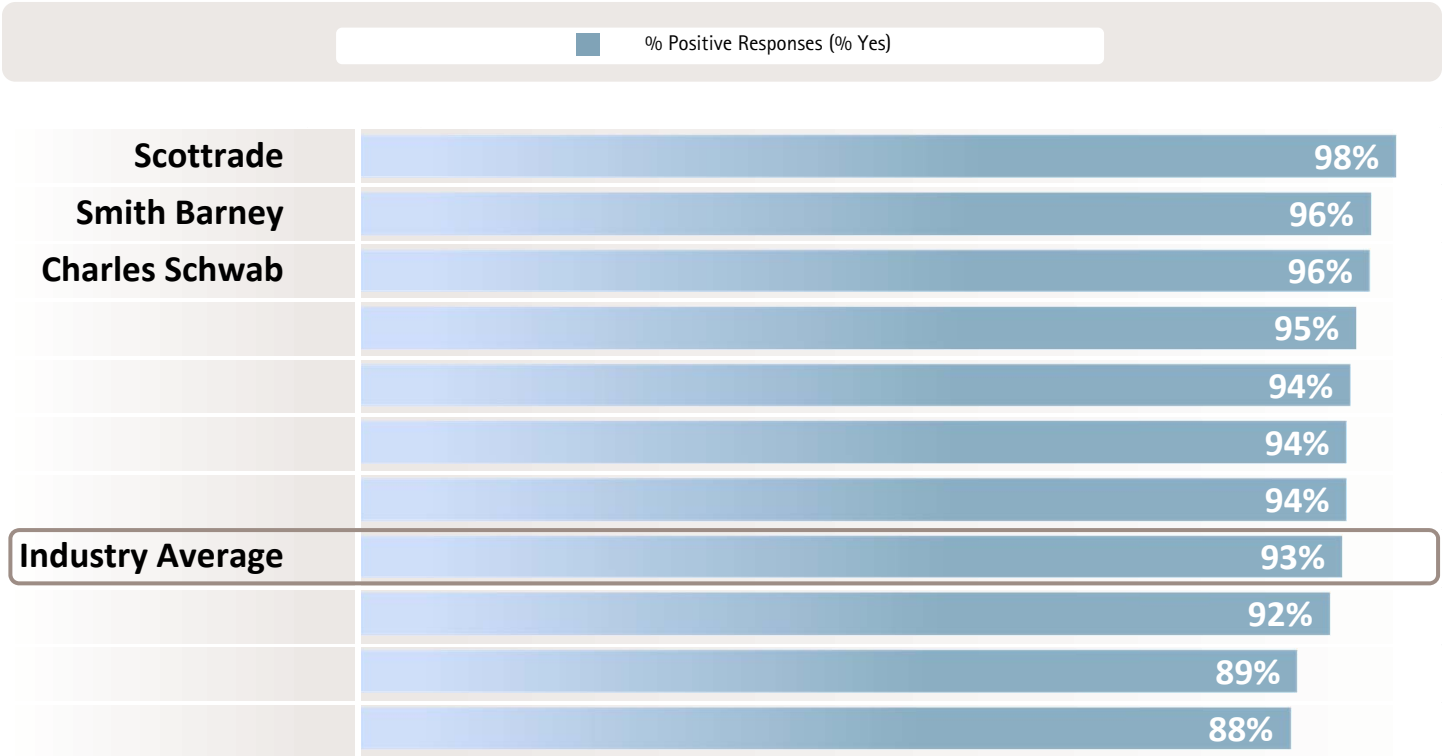
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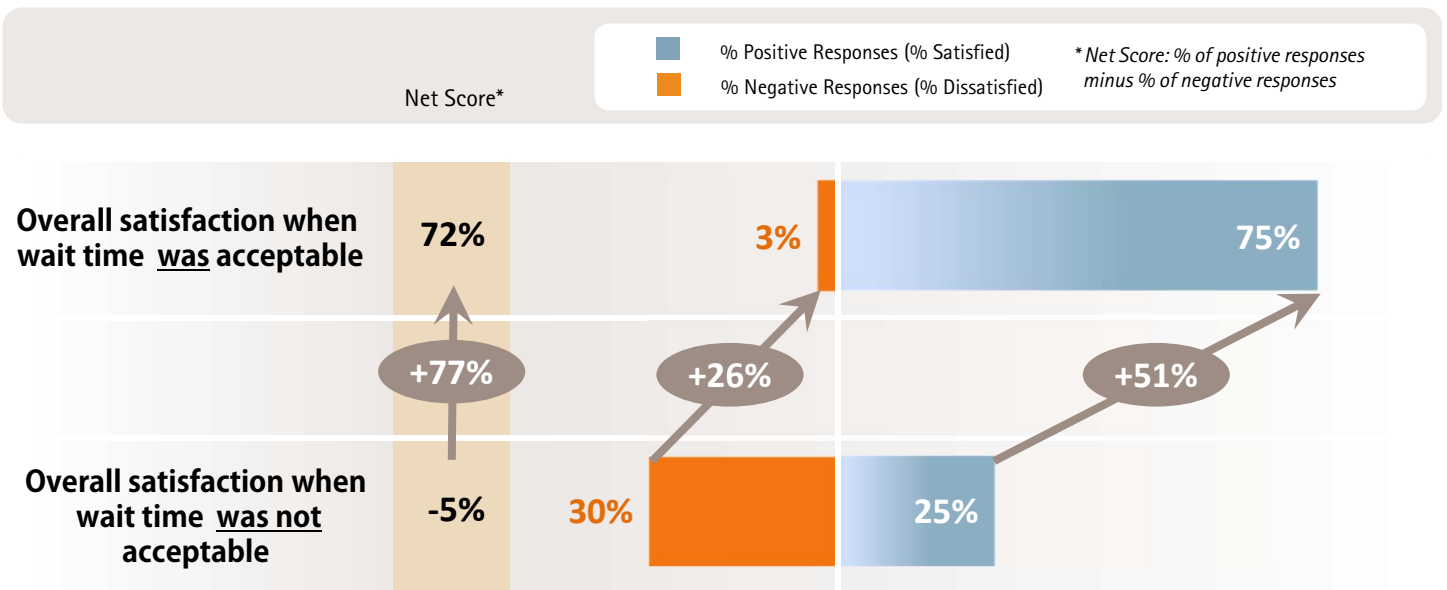
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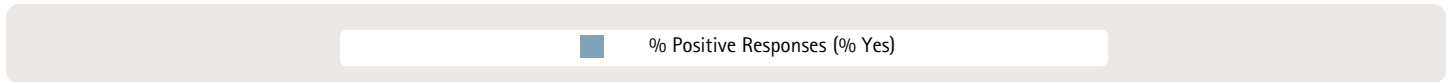
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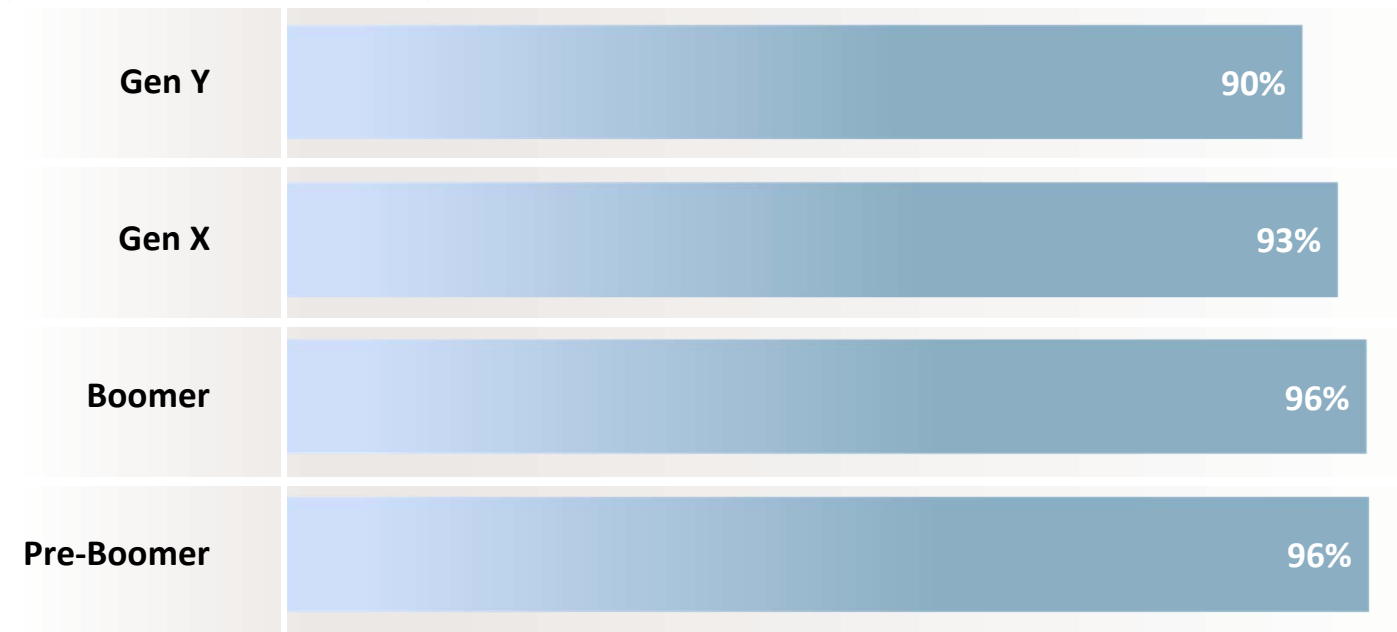
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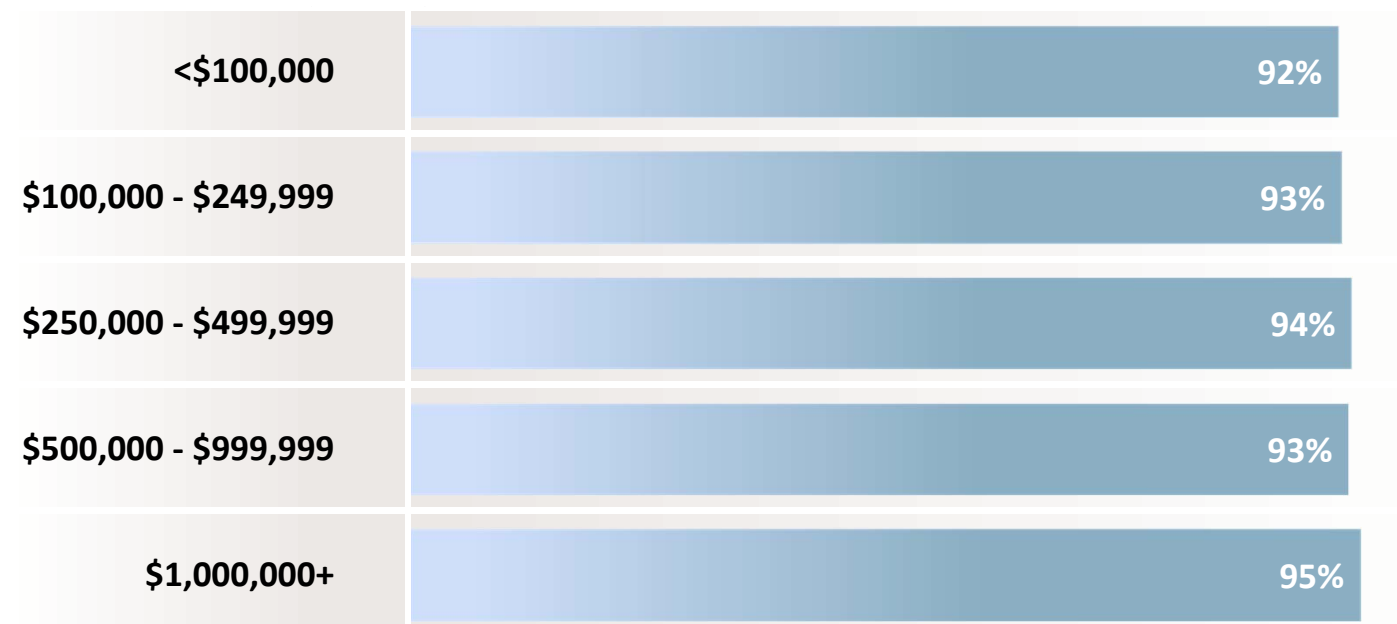
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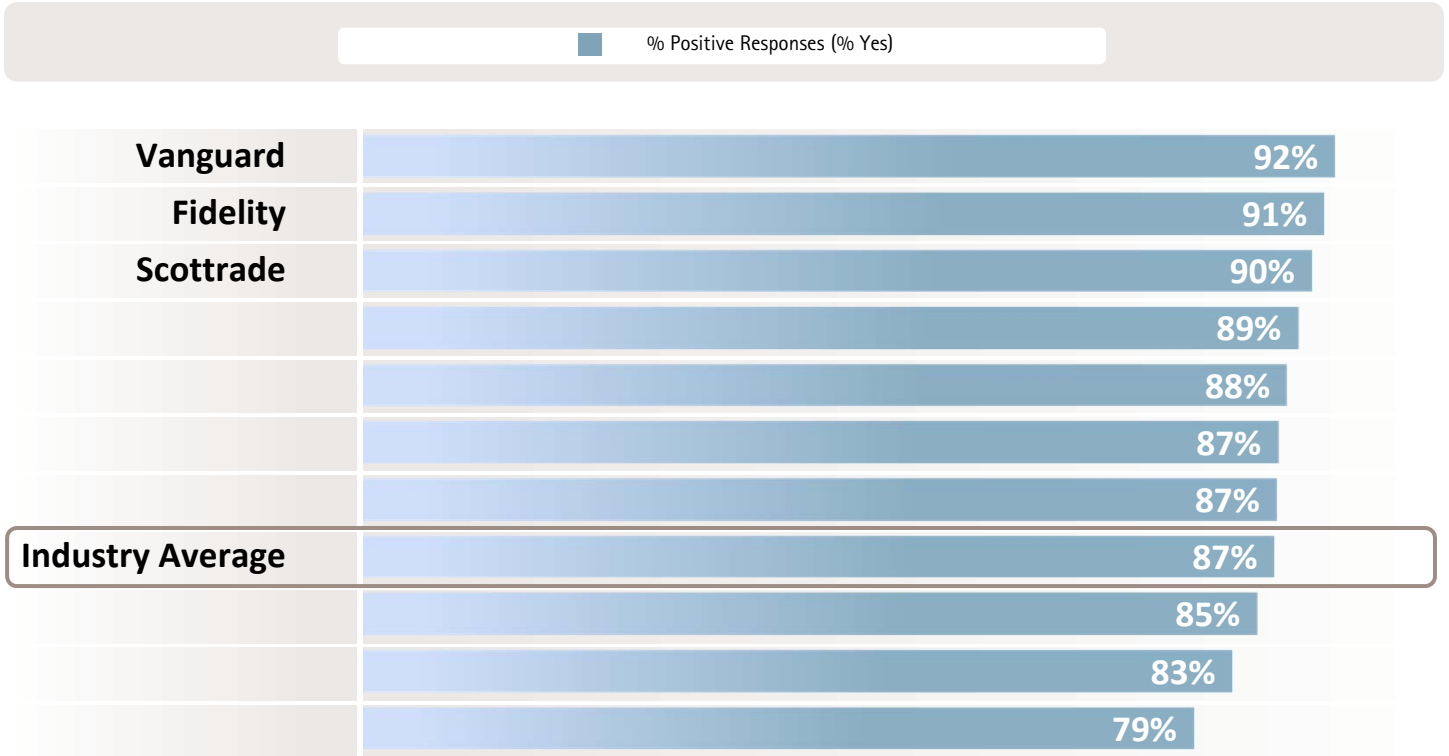
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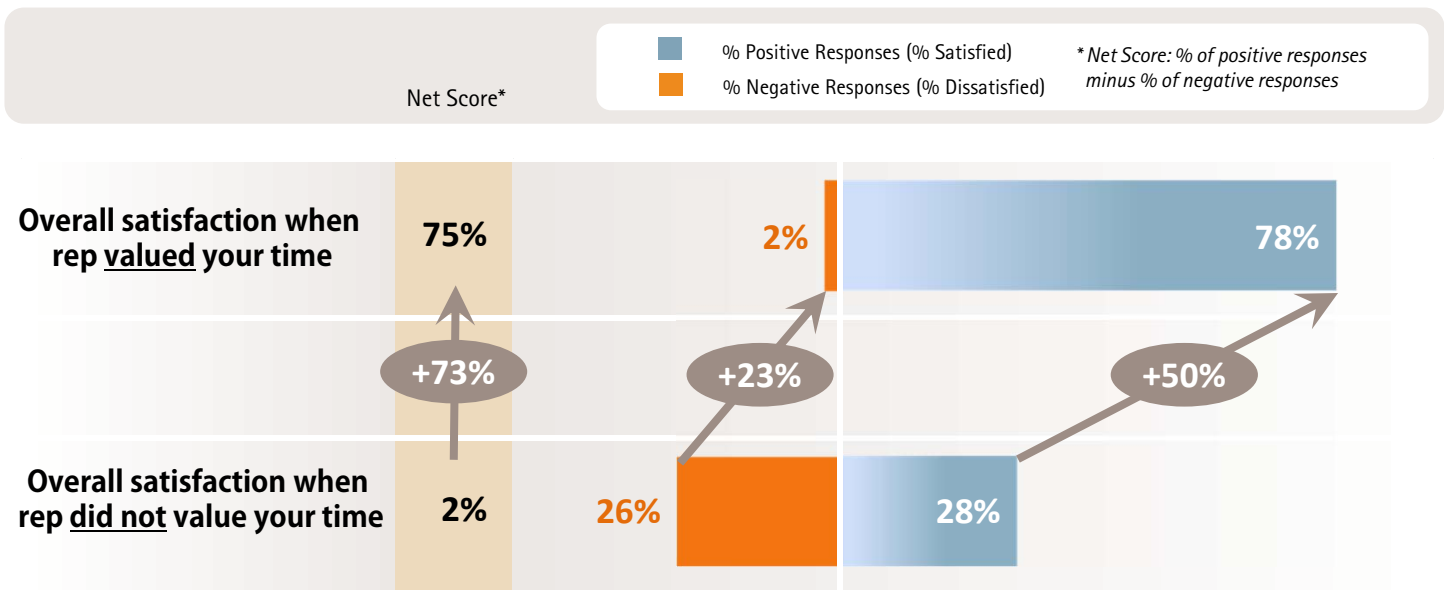
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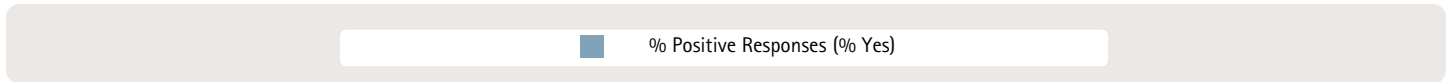
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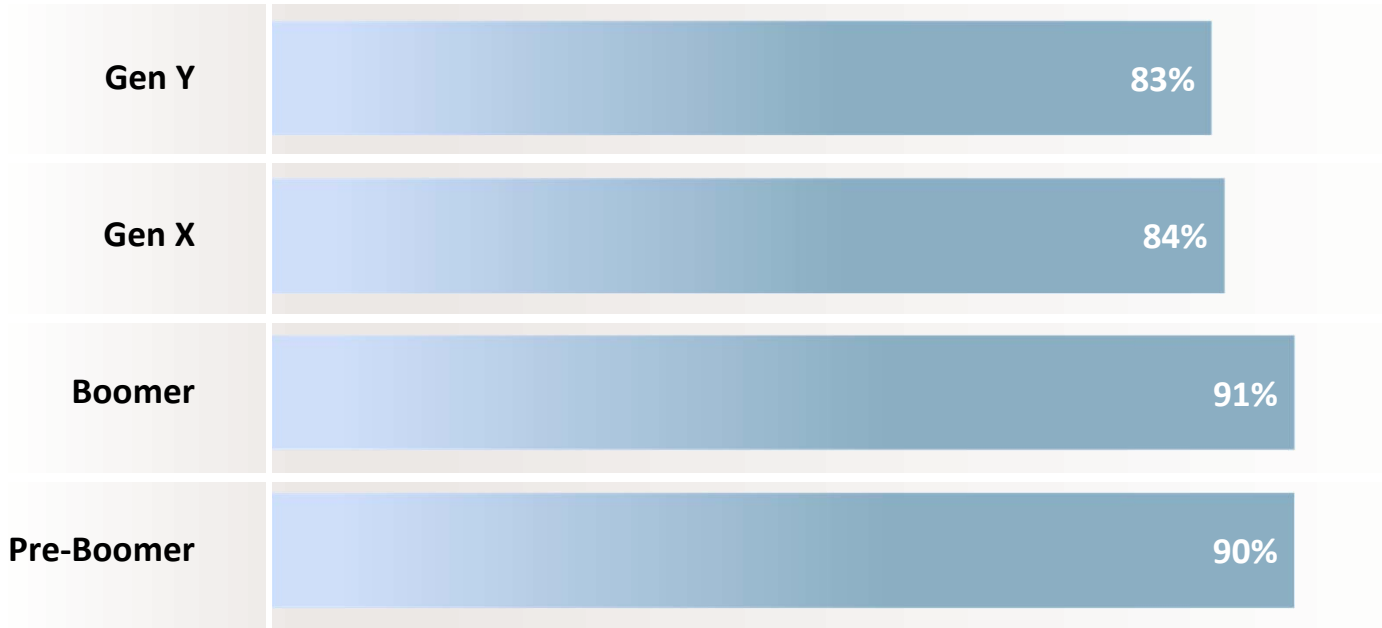
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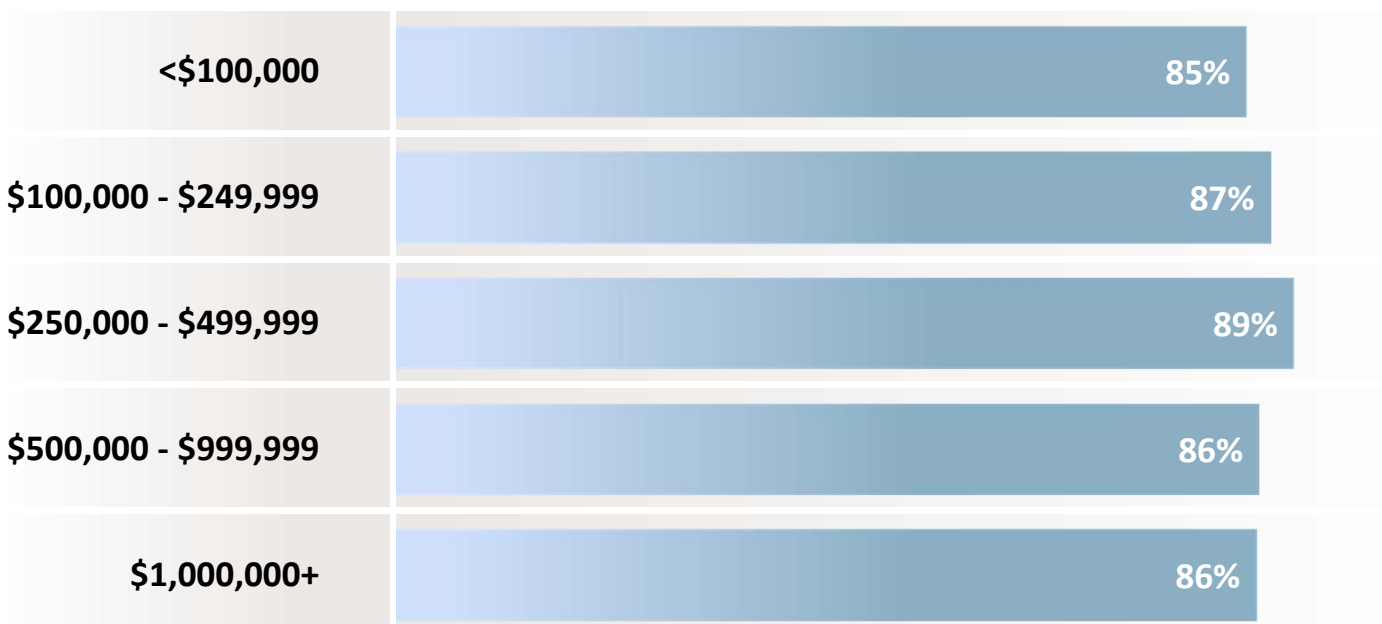
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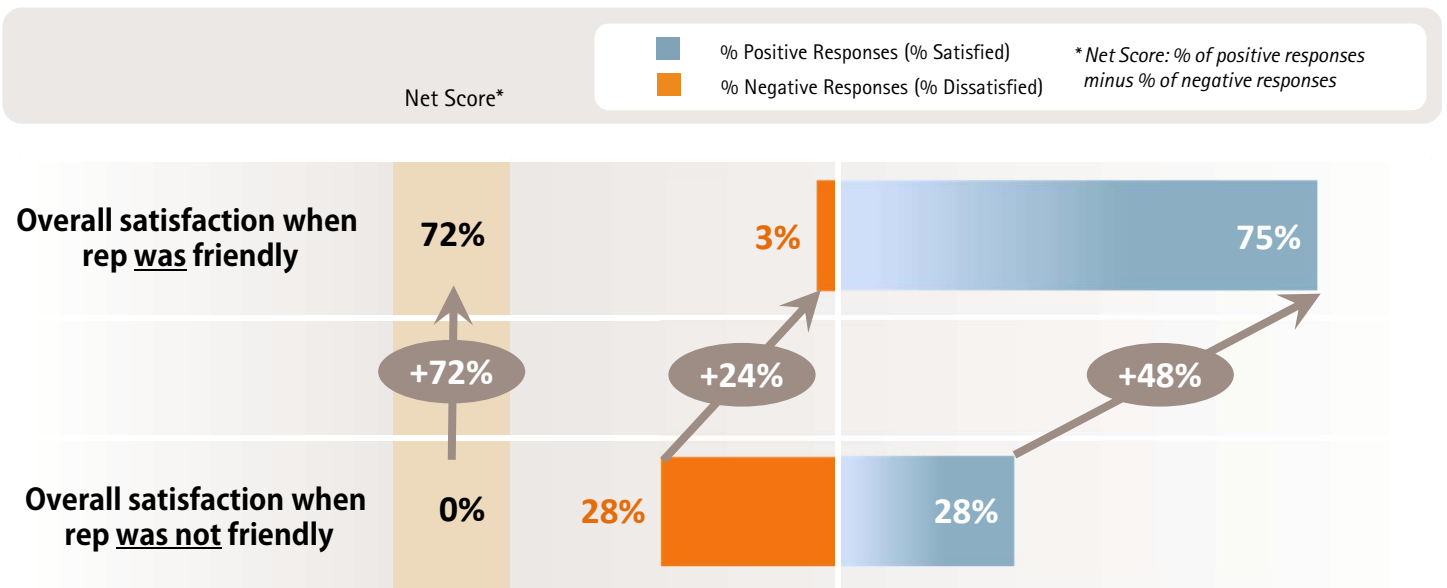
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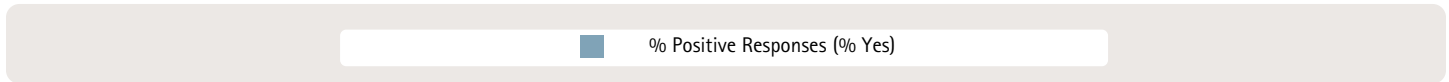
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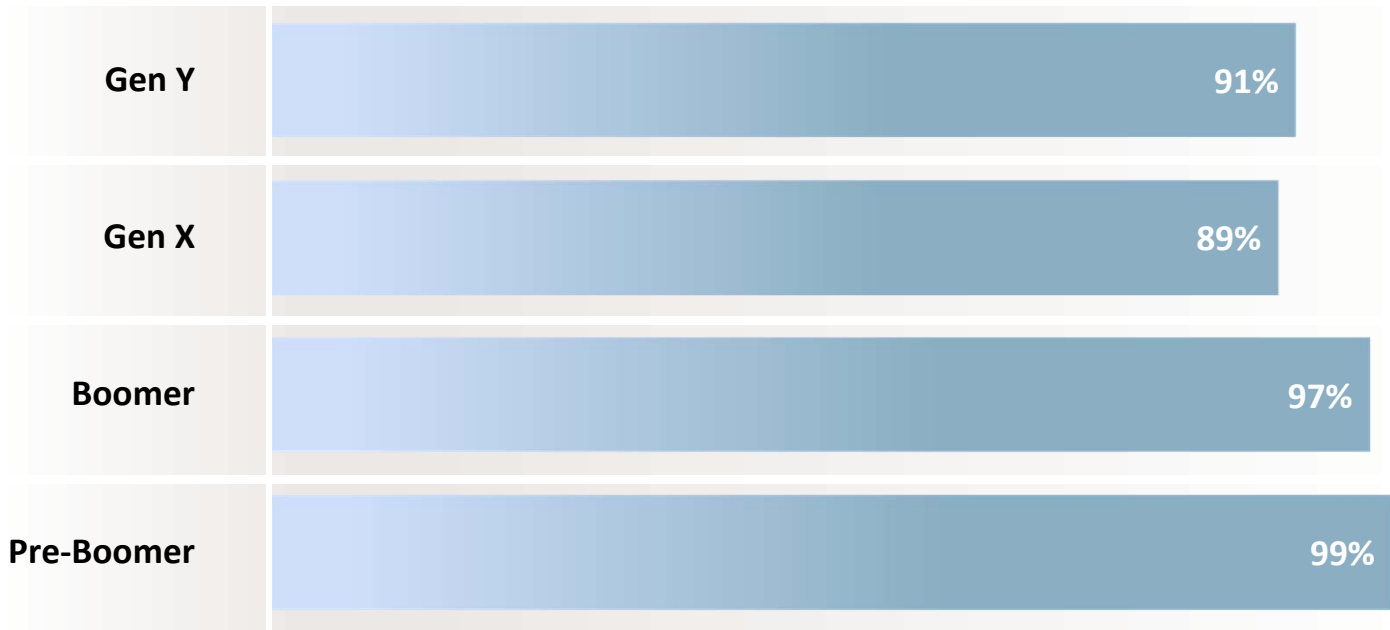
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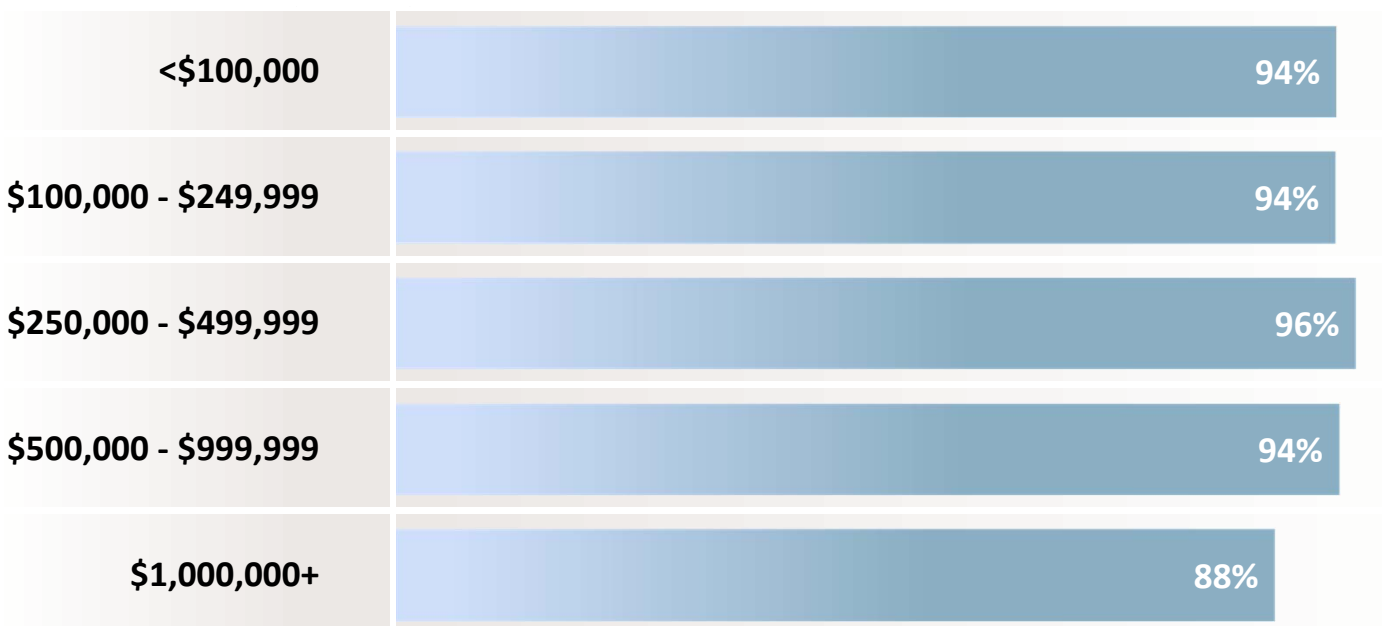
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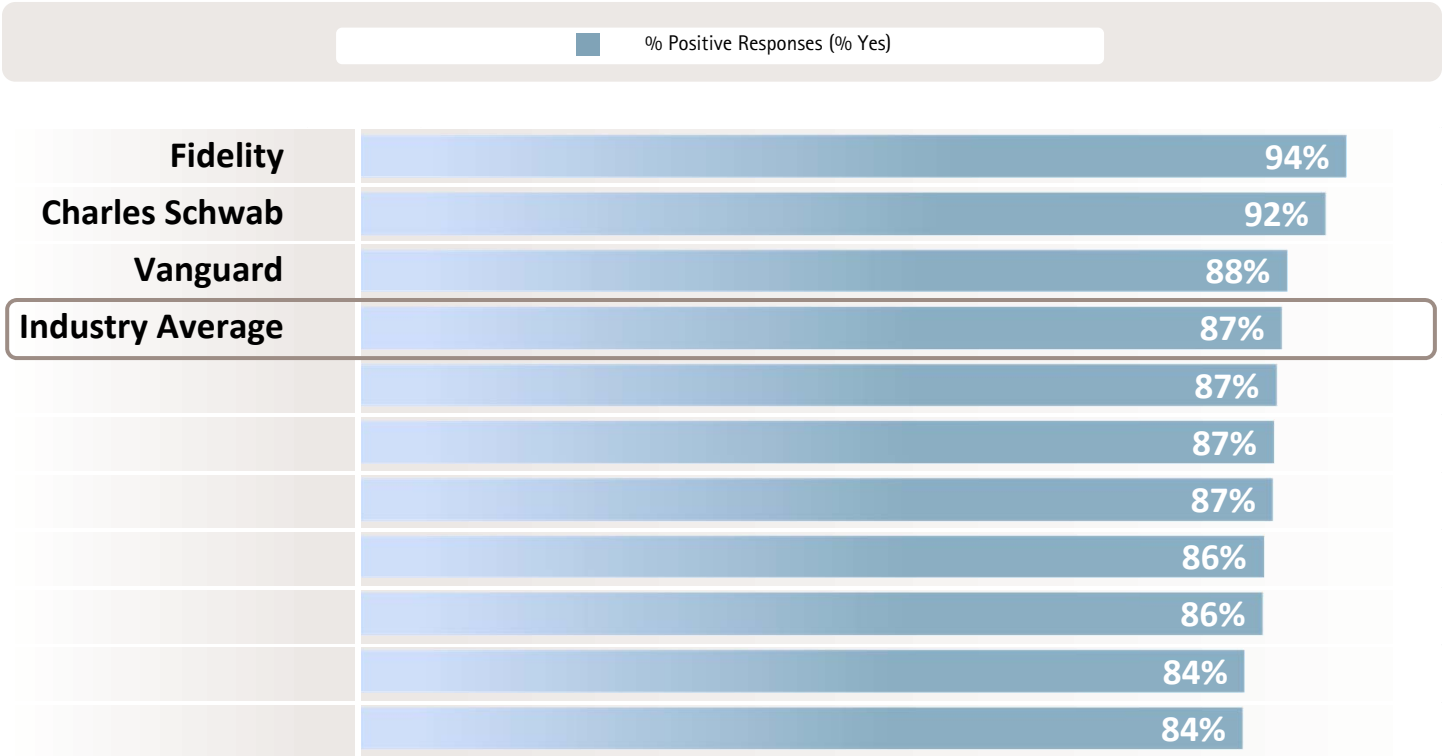
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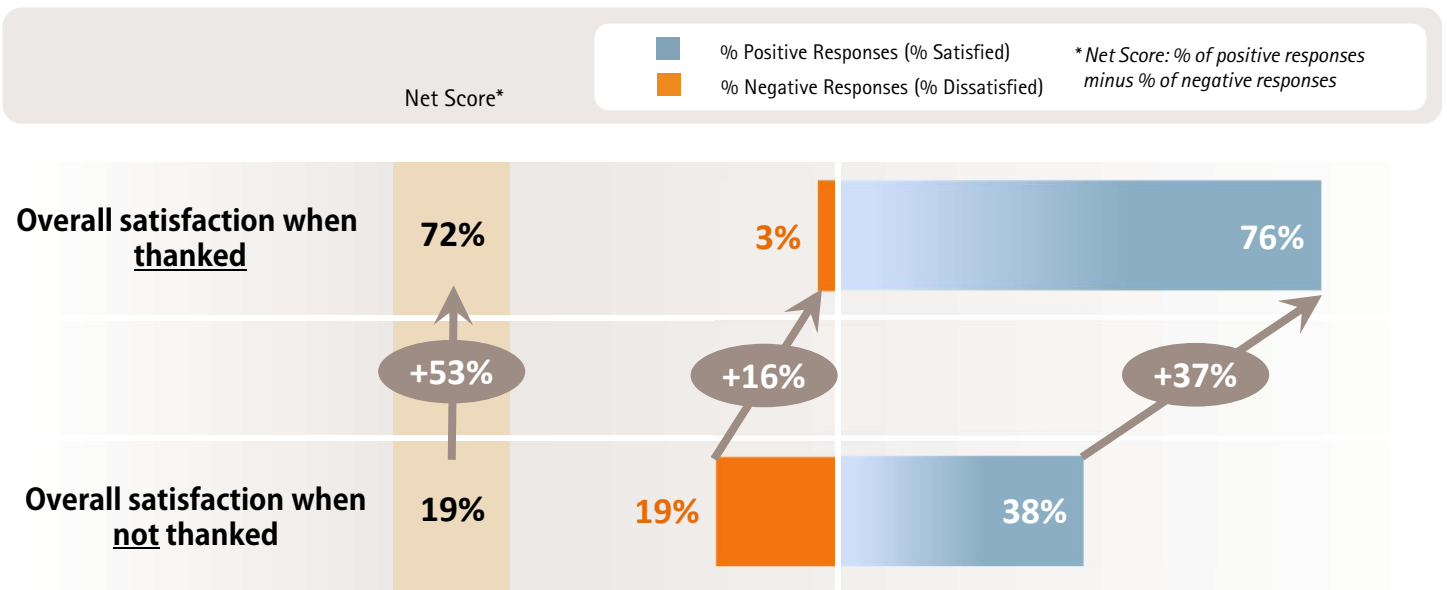
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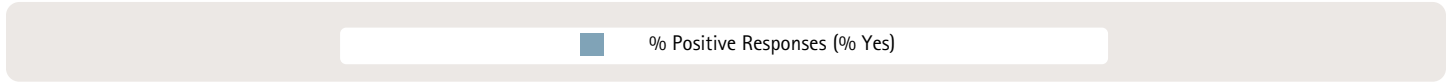
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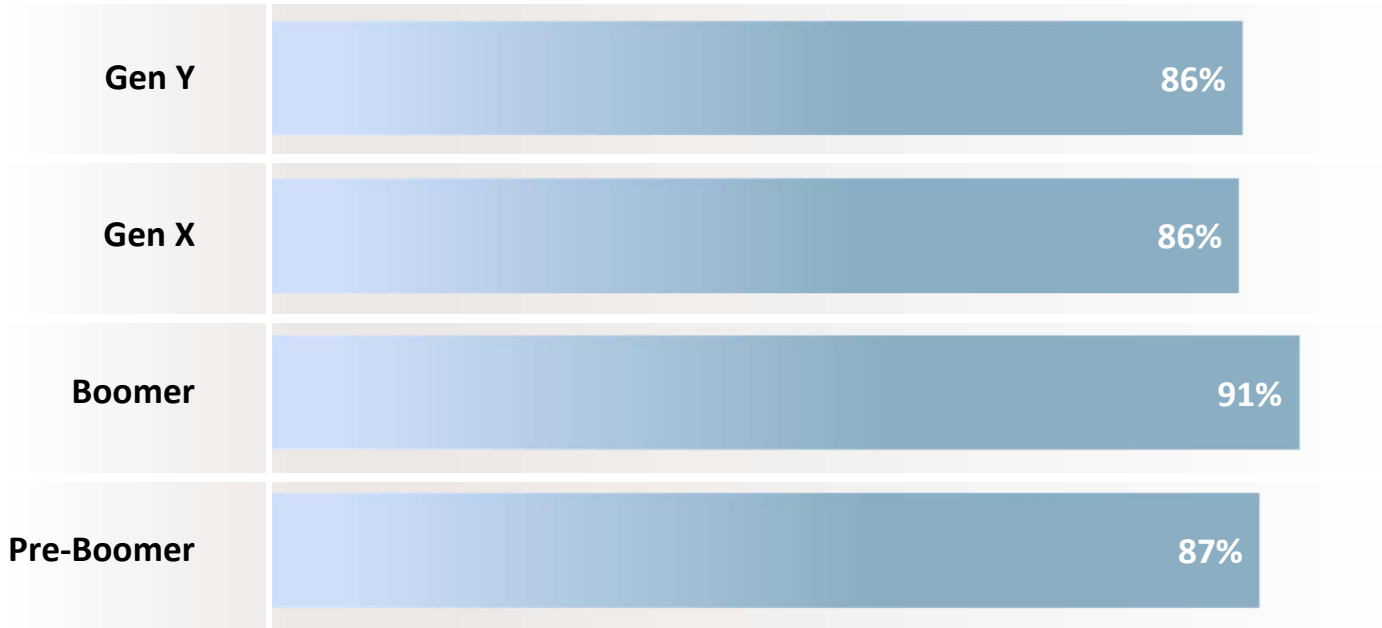
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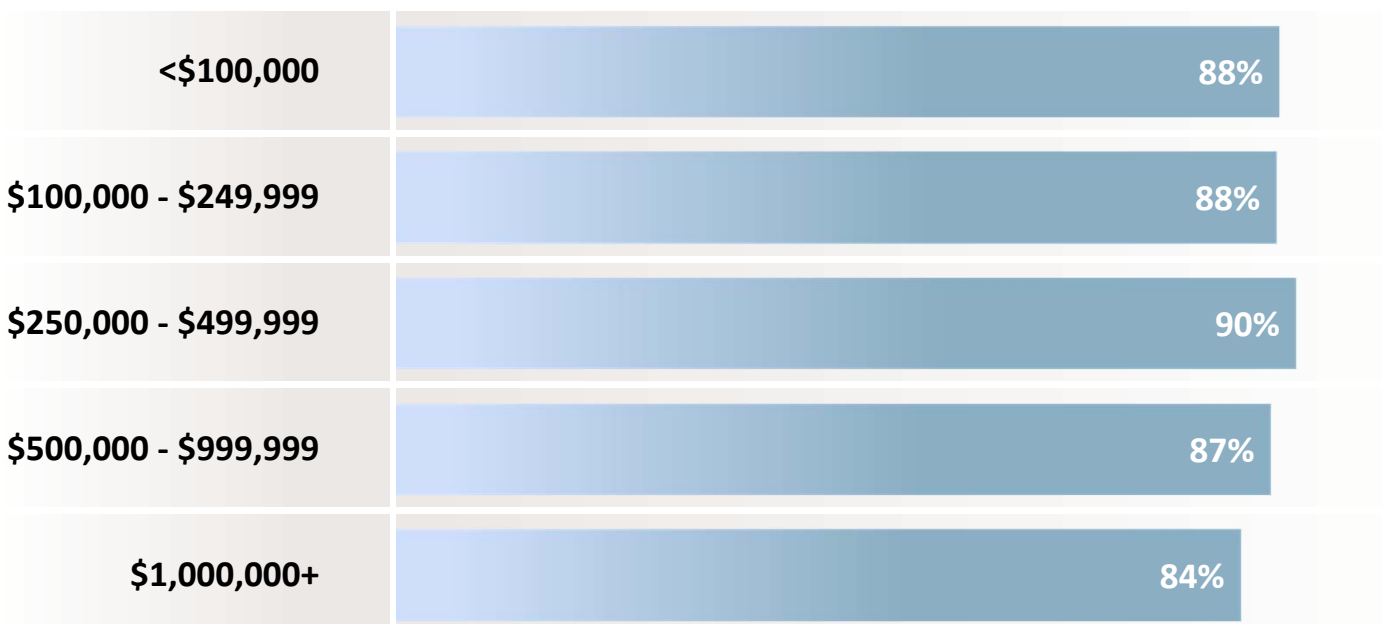
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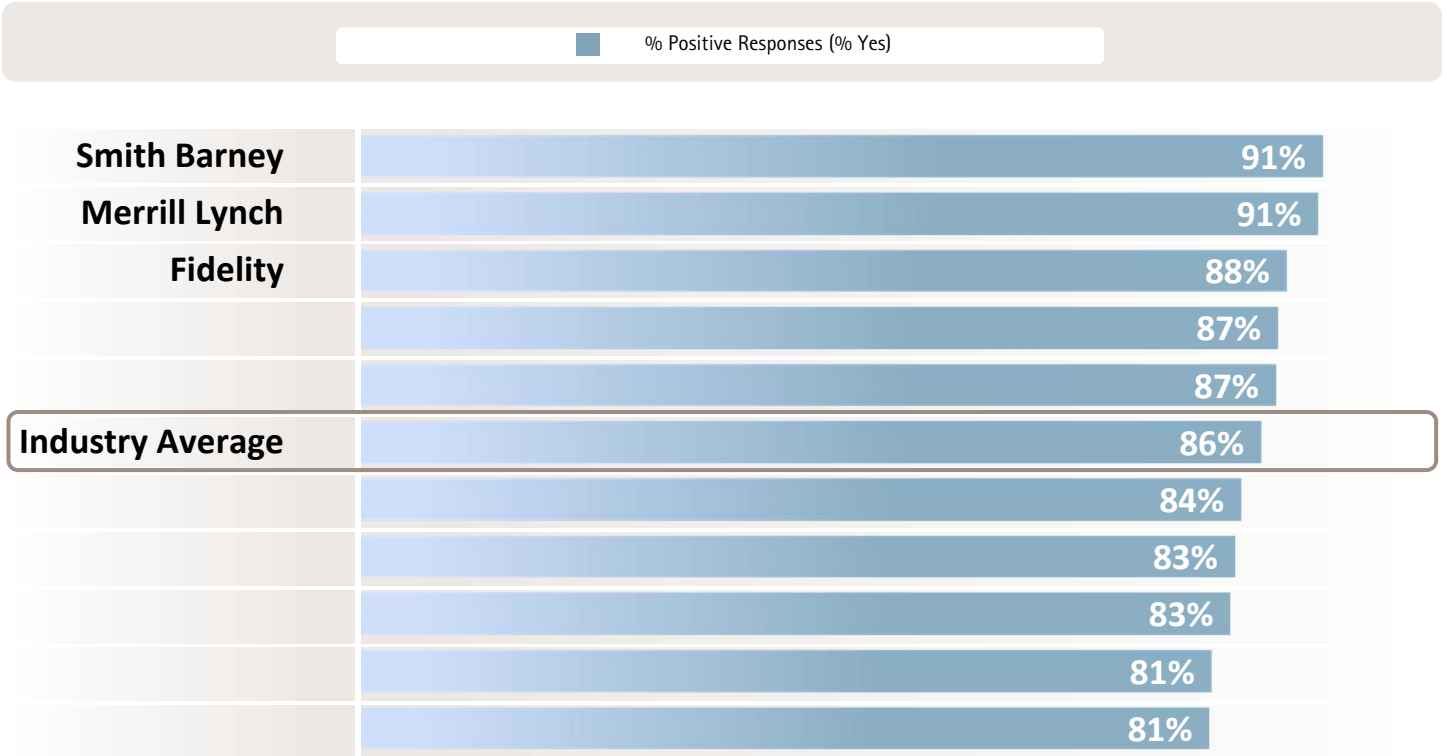
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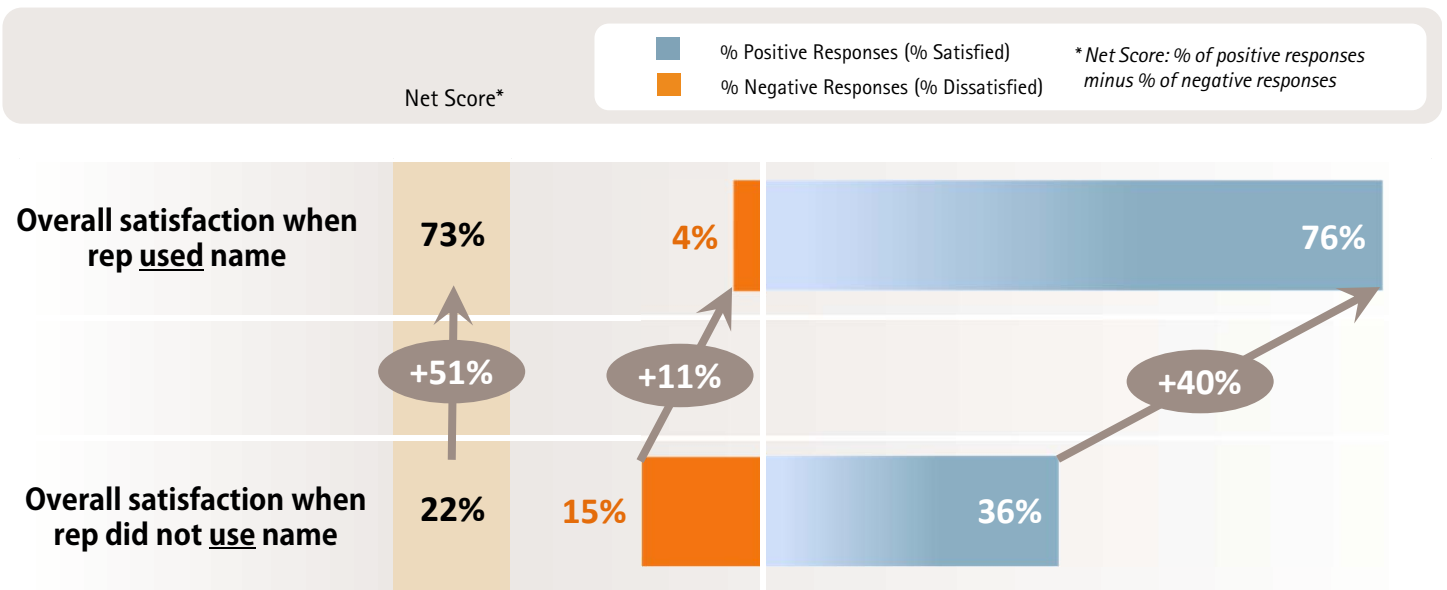
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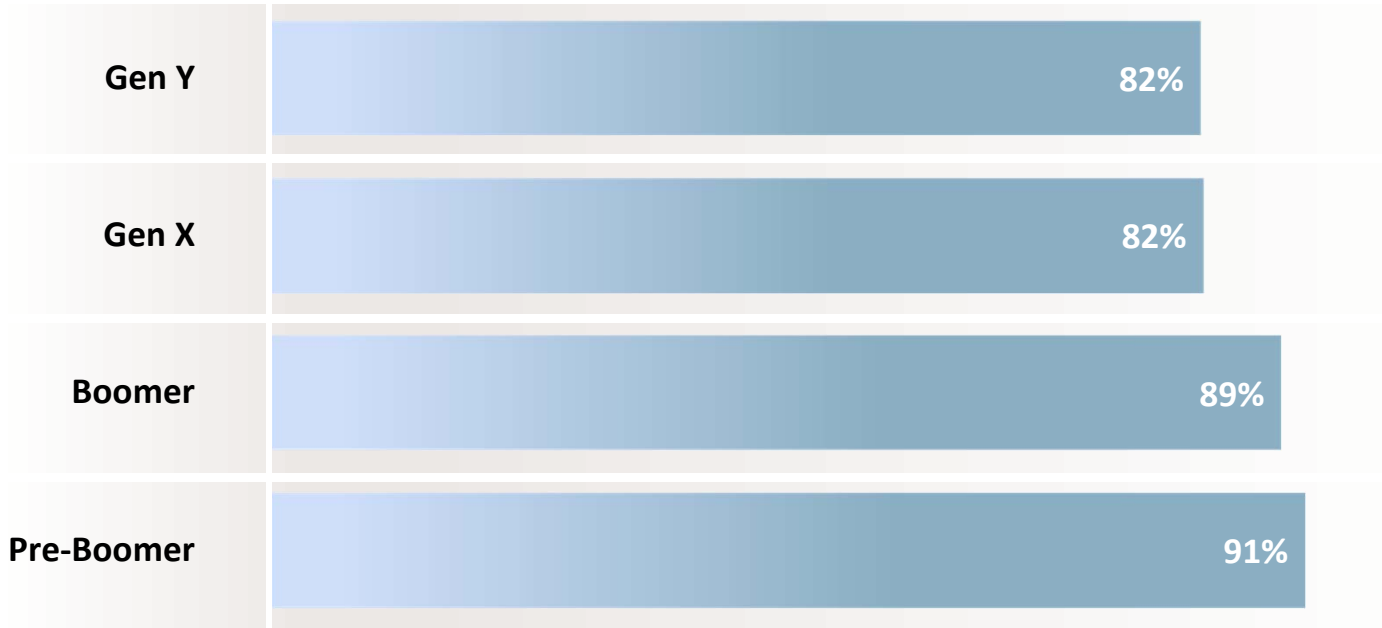
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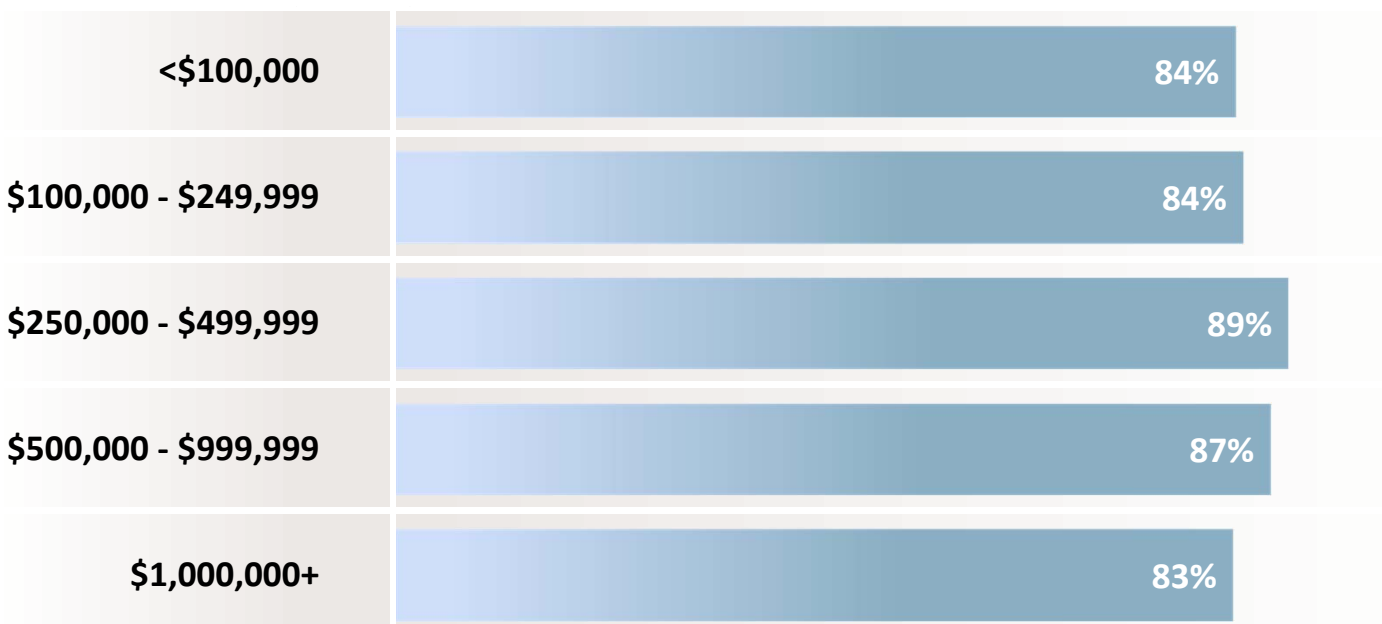
Did the representative use your name?

 % Positive Responses (% Yes)

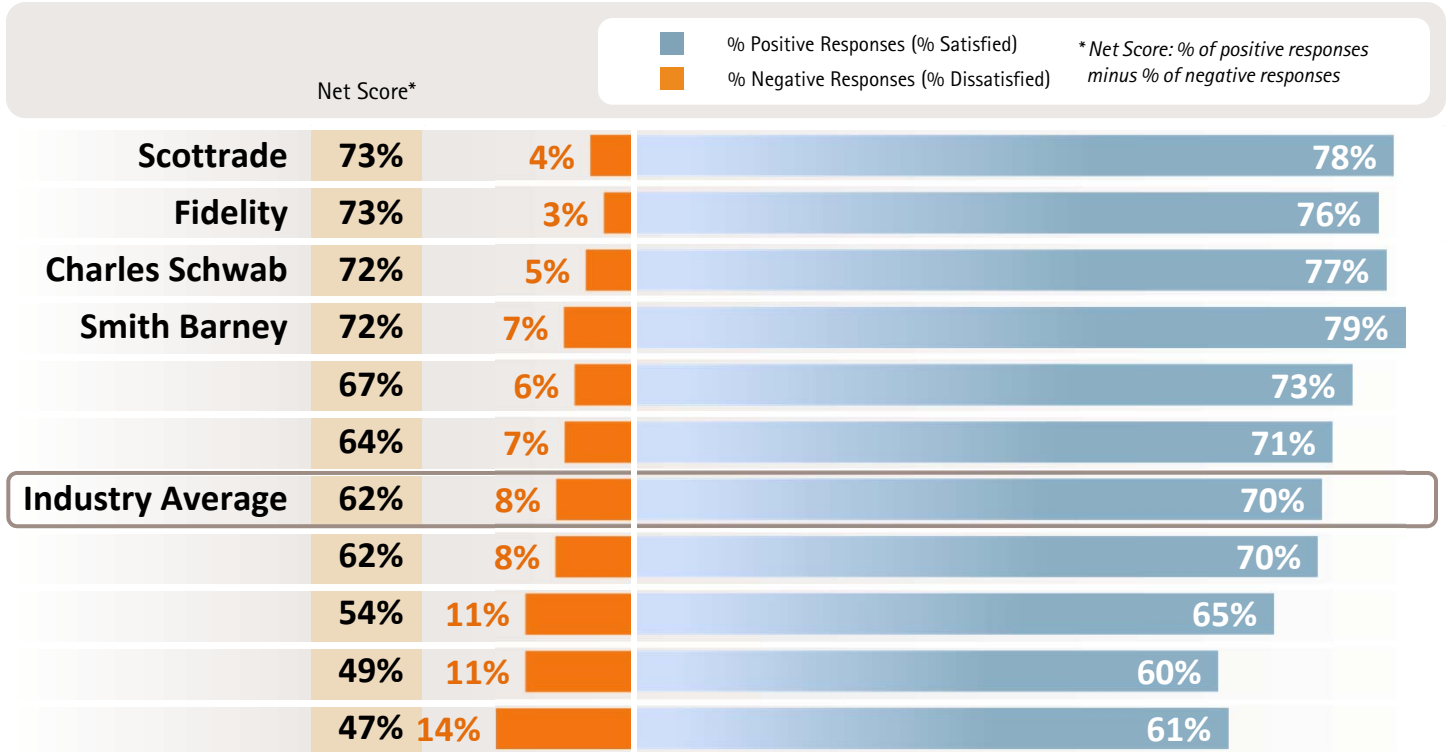
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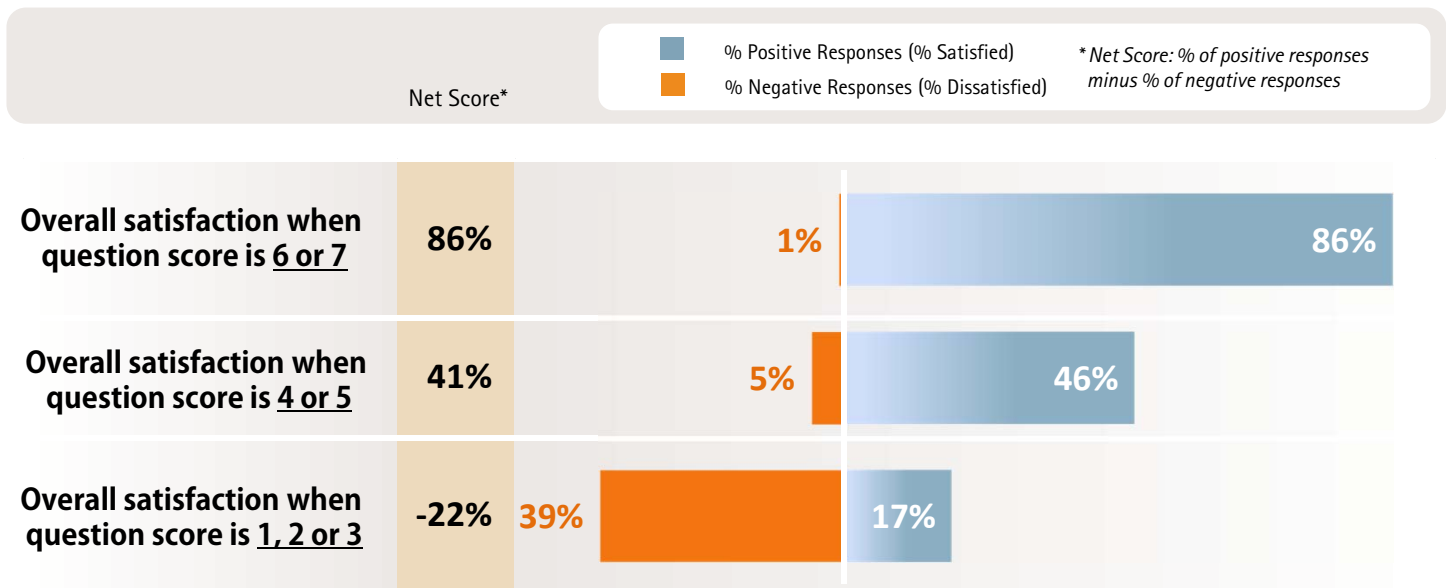
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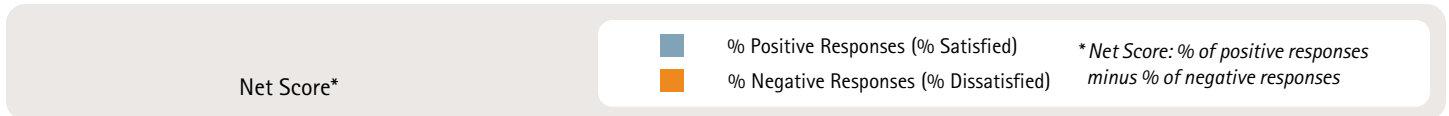
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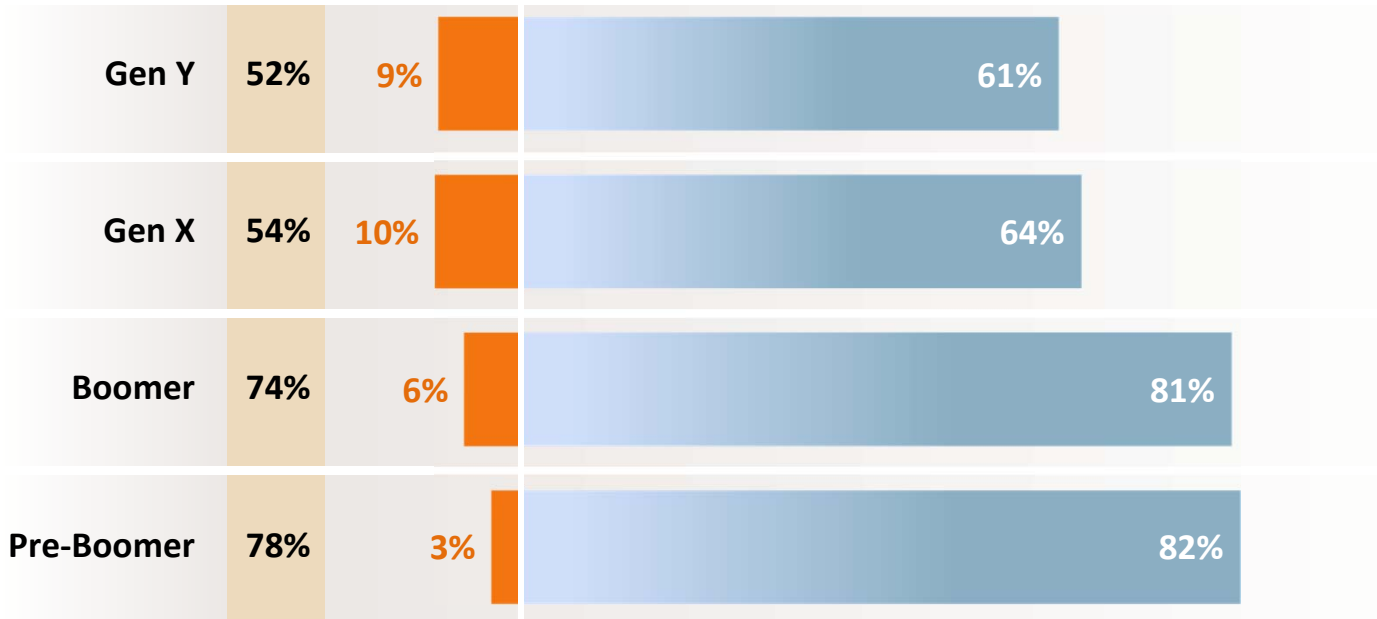
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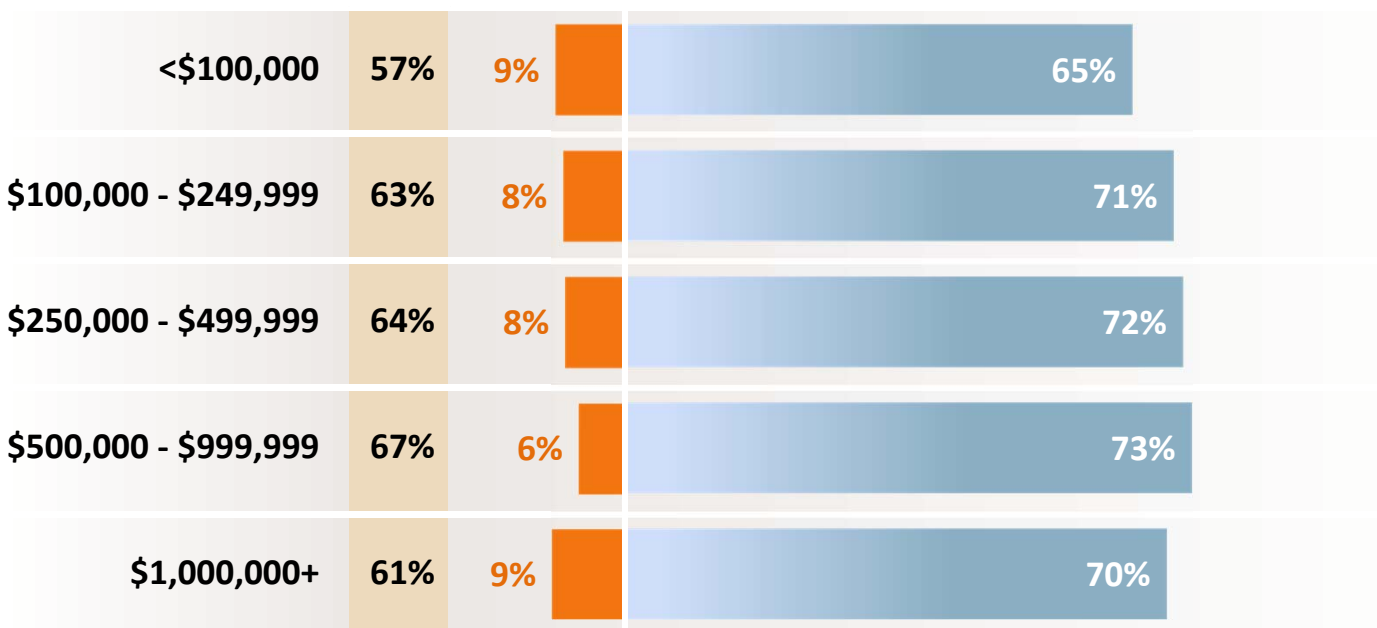
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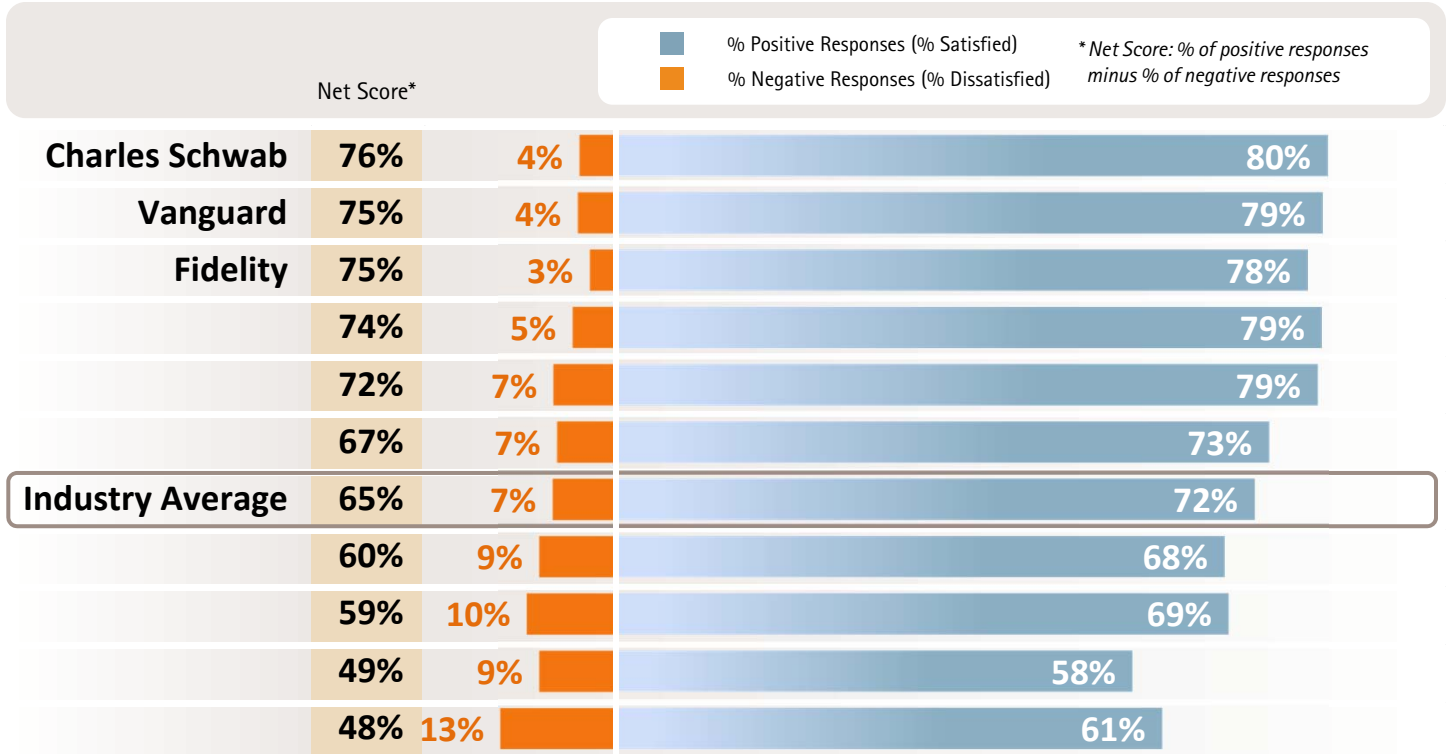
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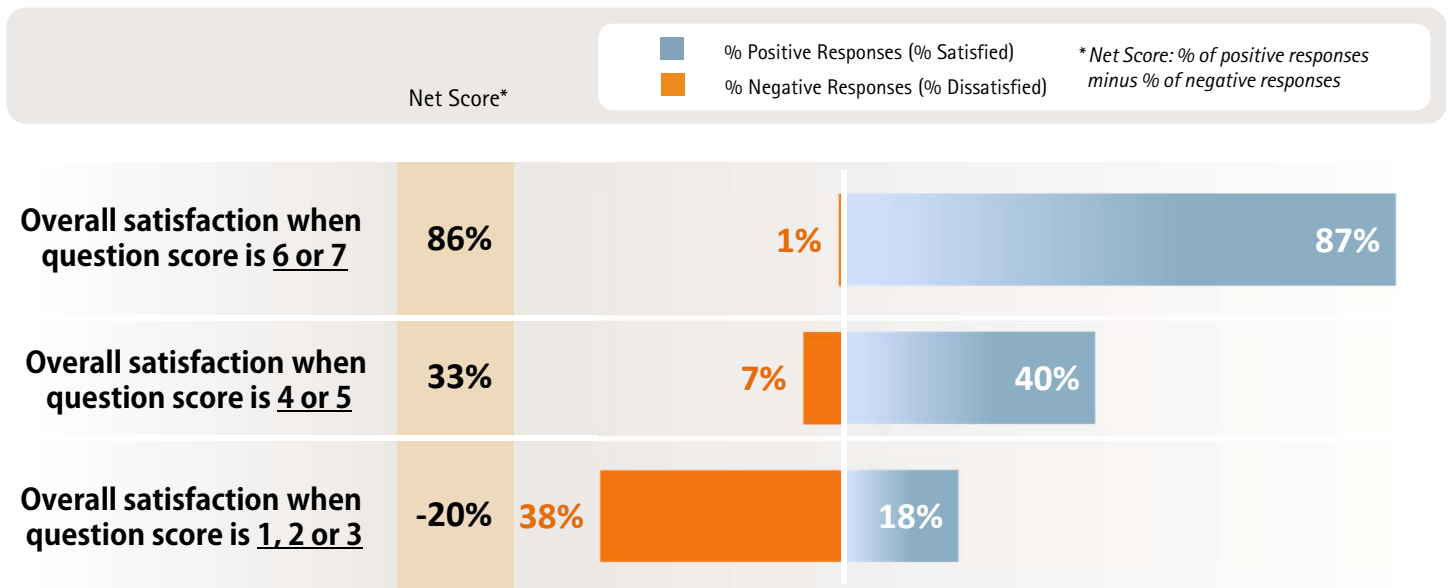
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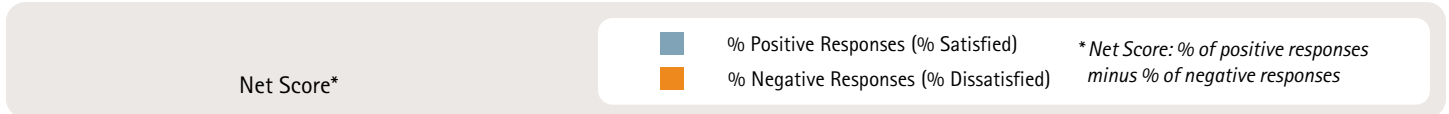
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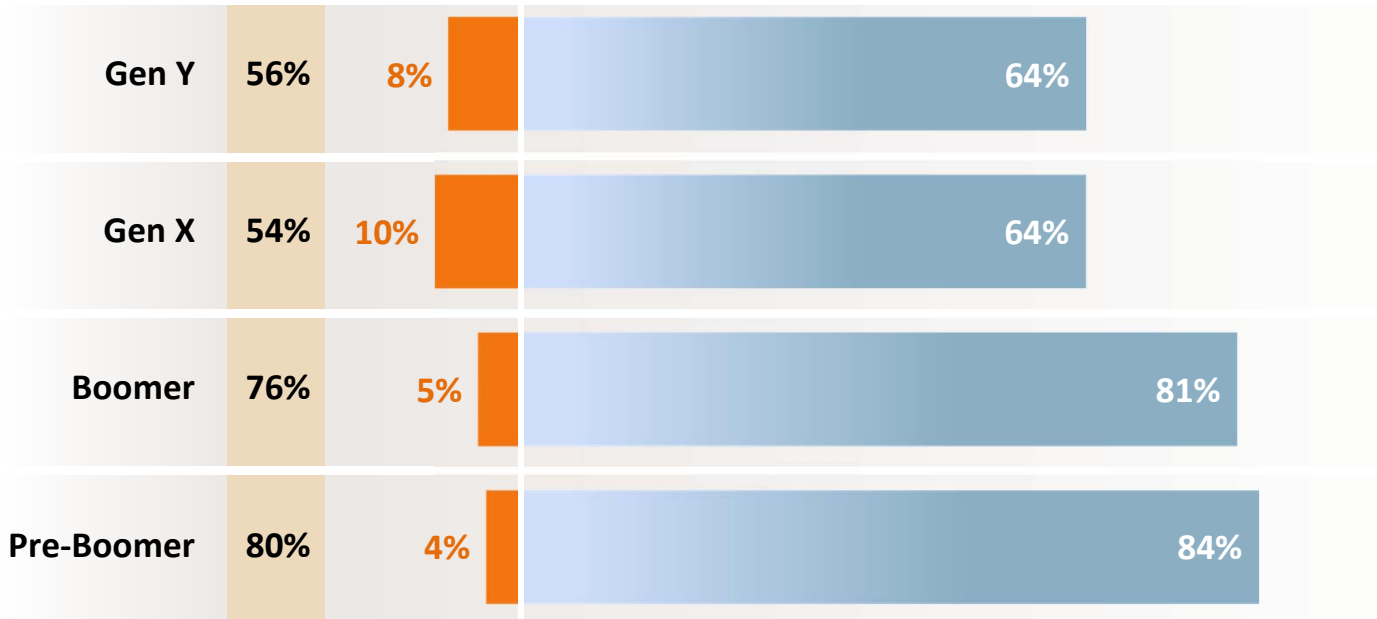
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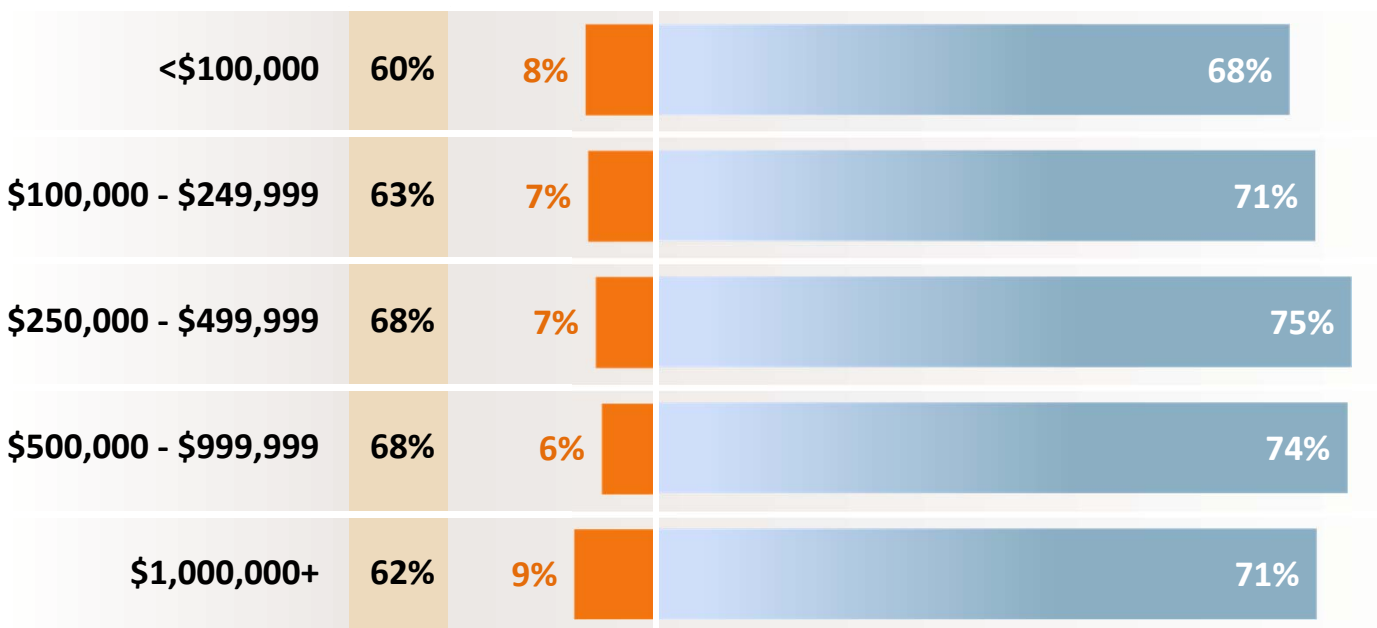
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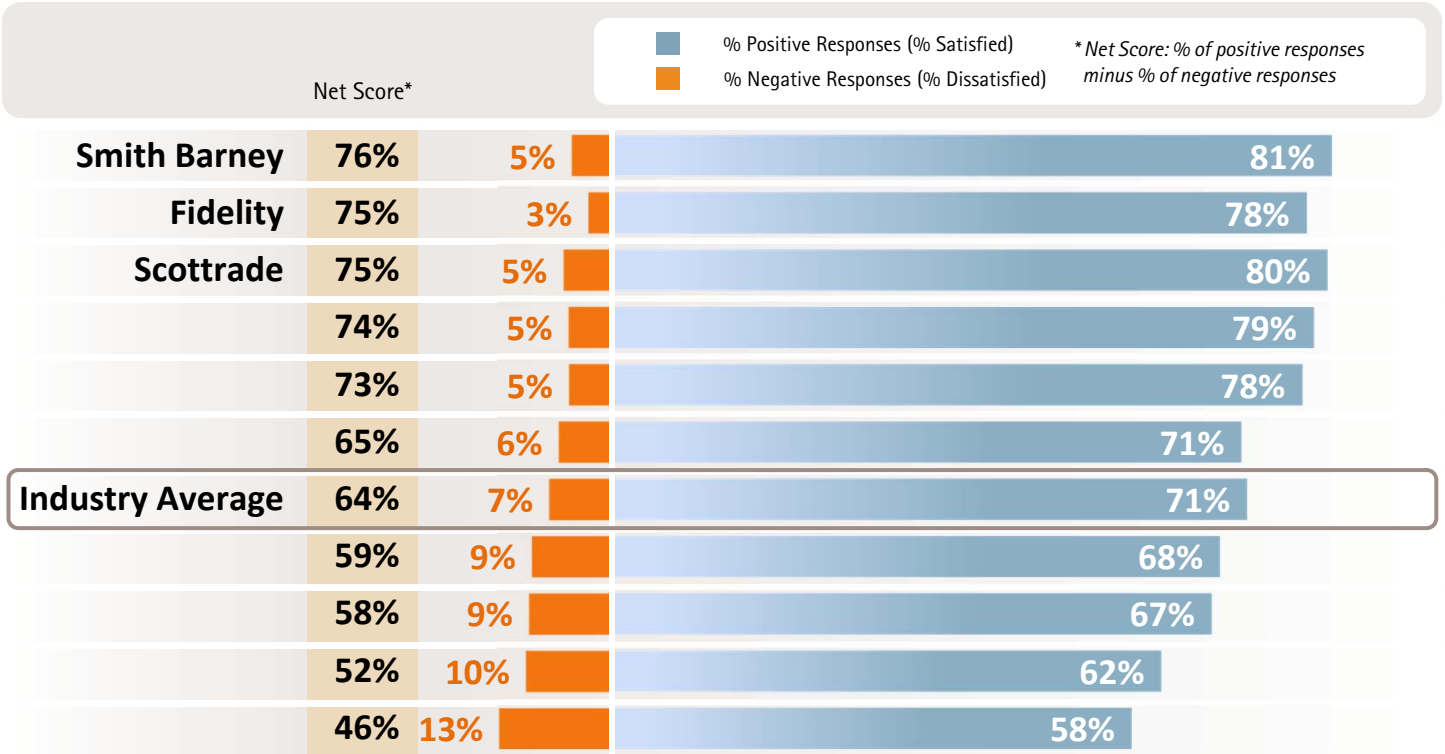
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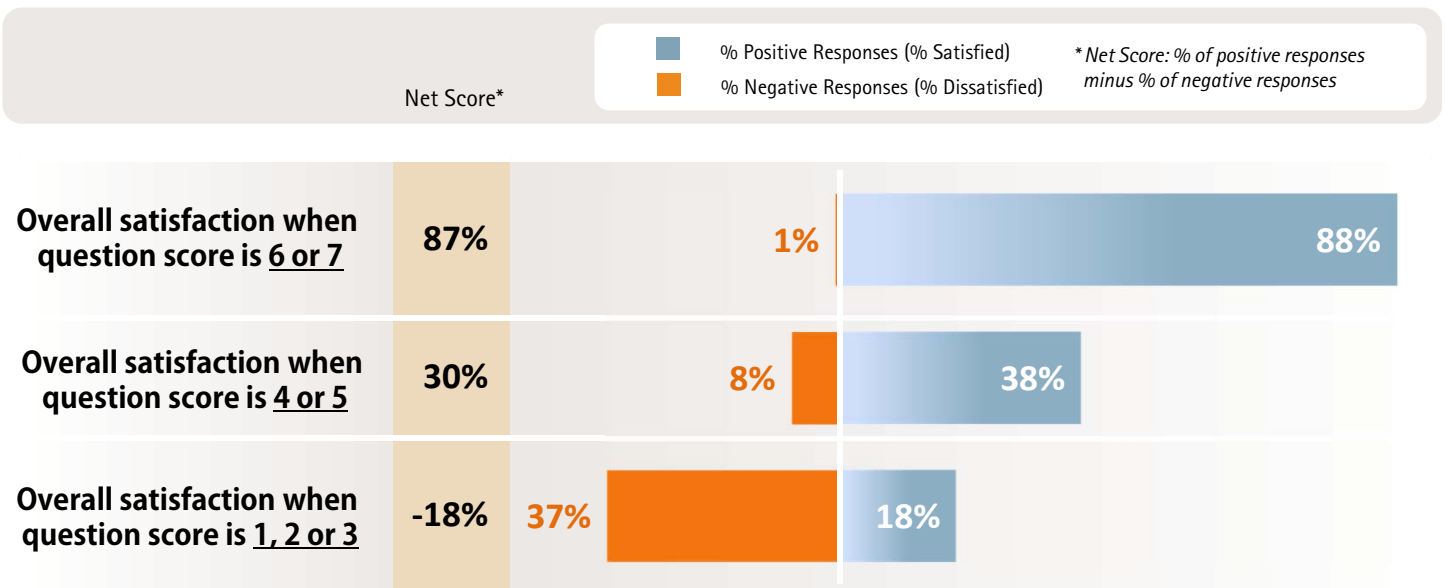
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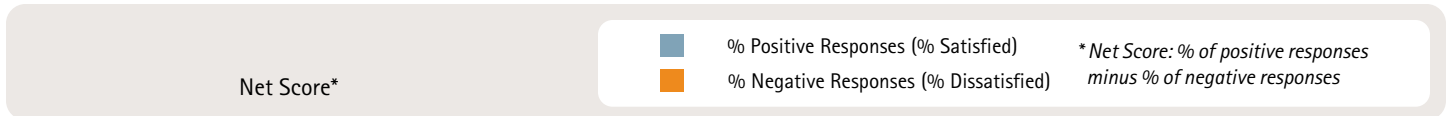
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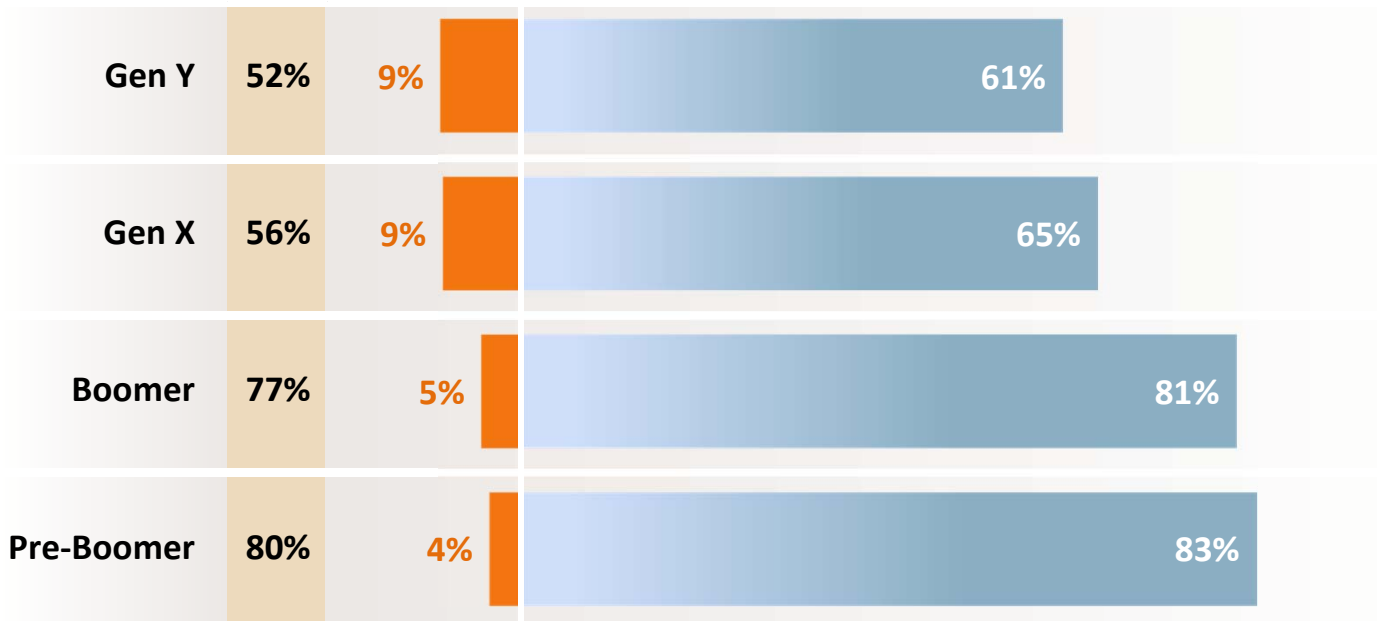
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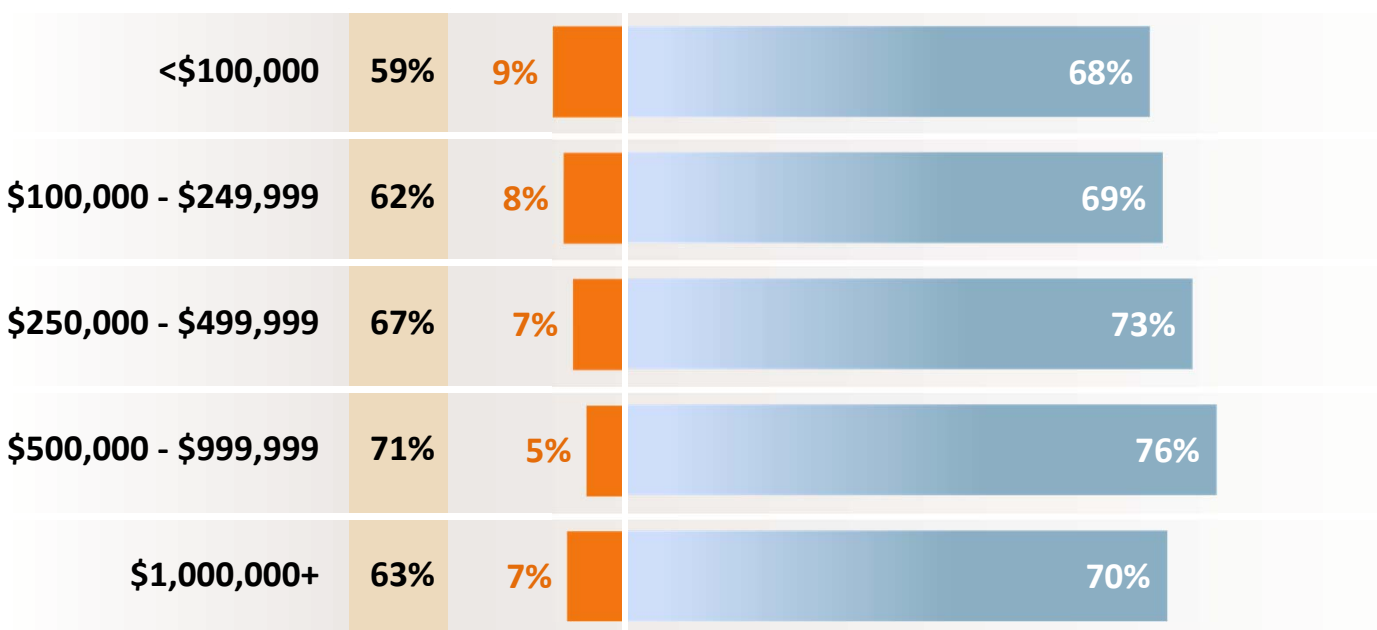
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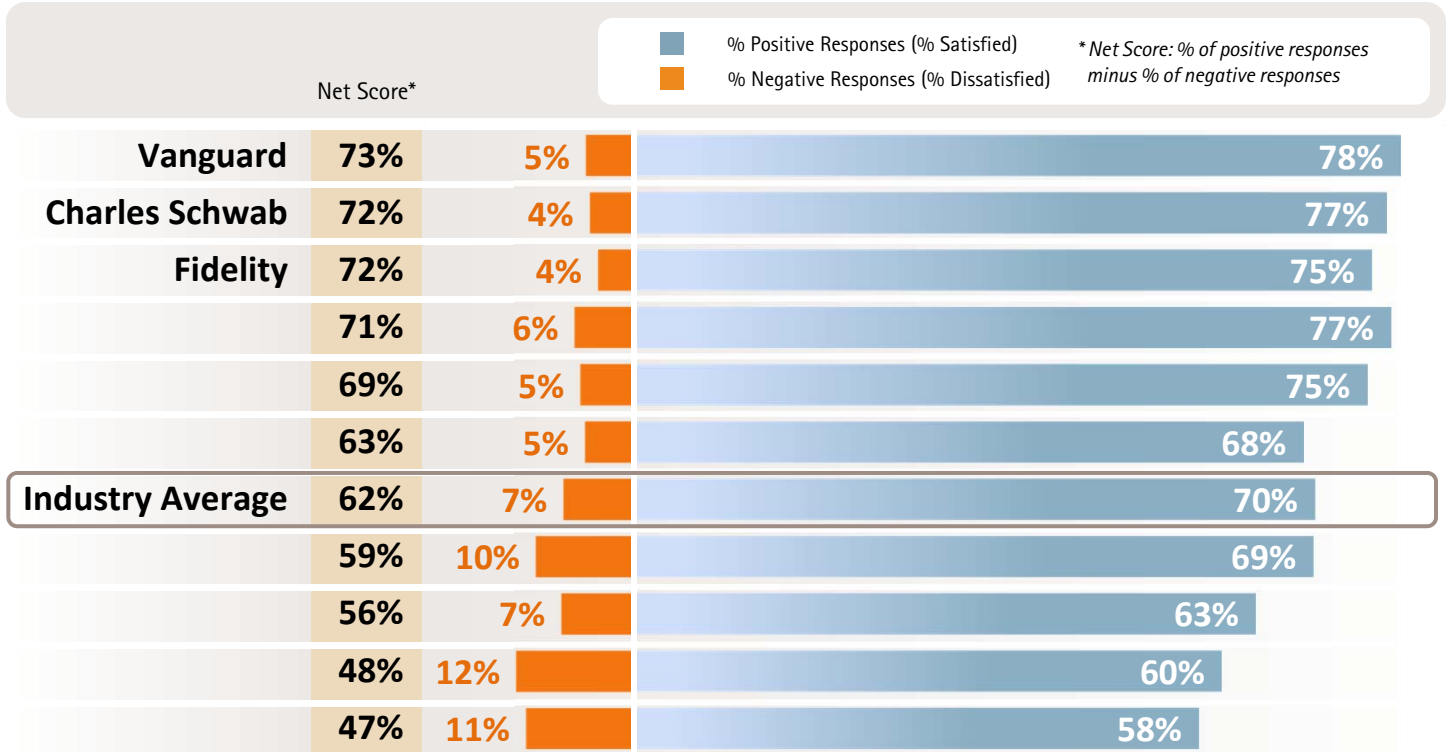
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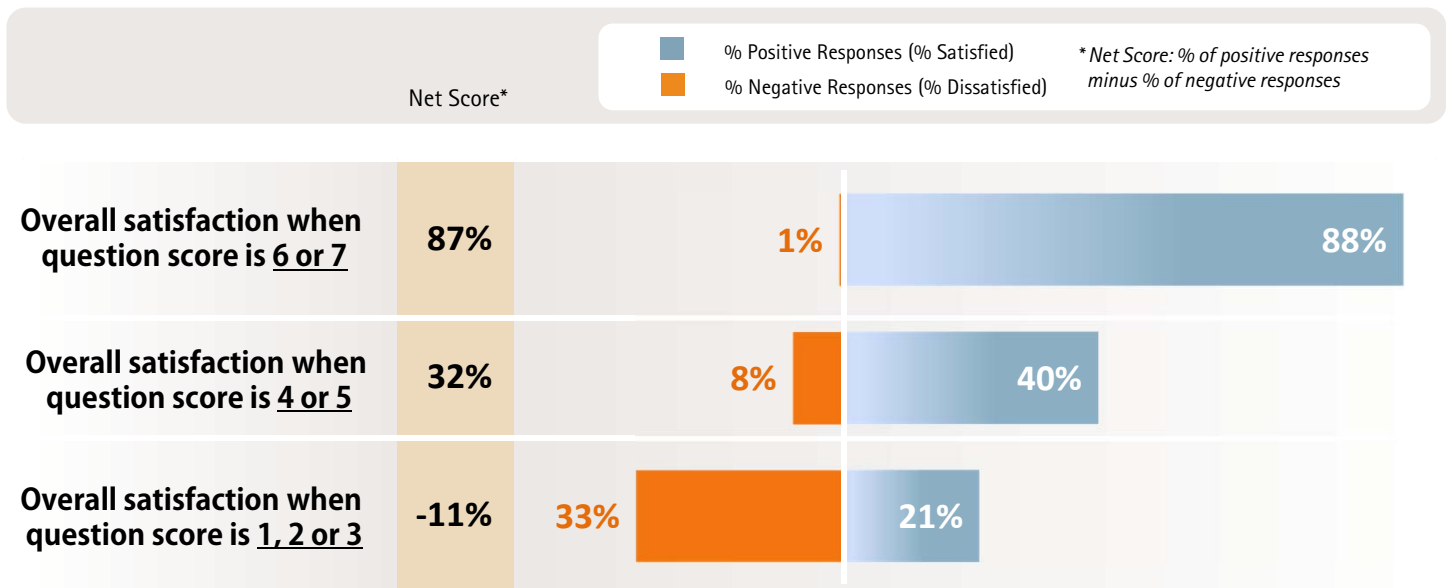
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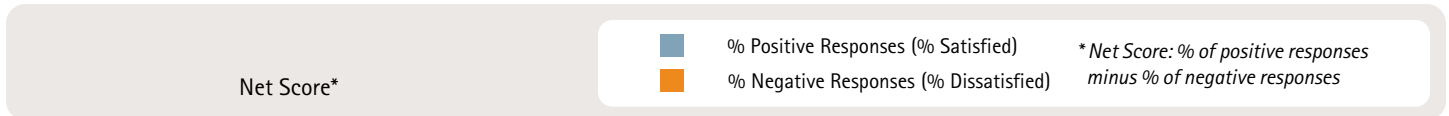
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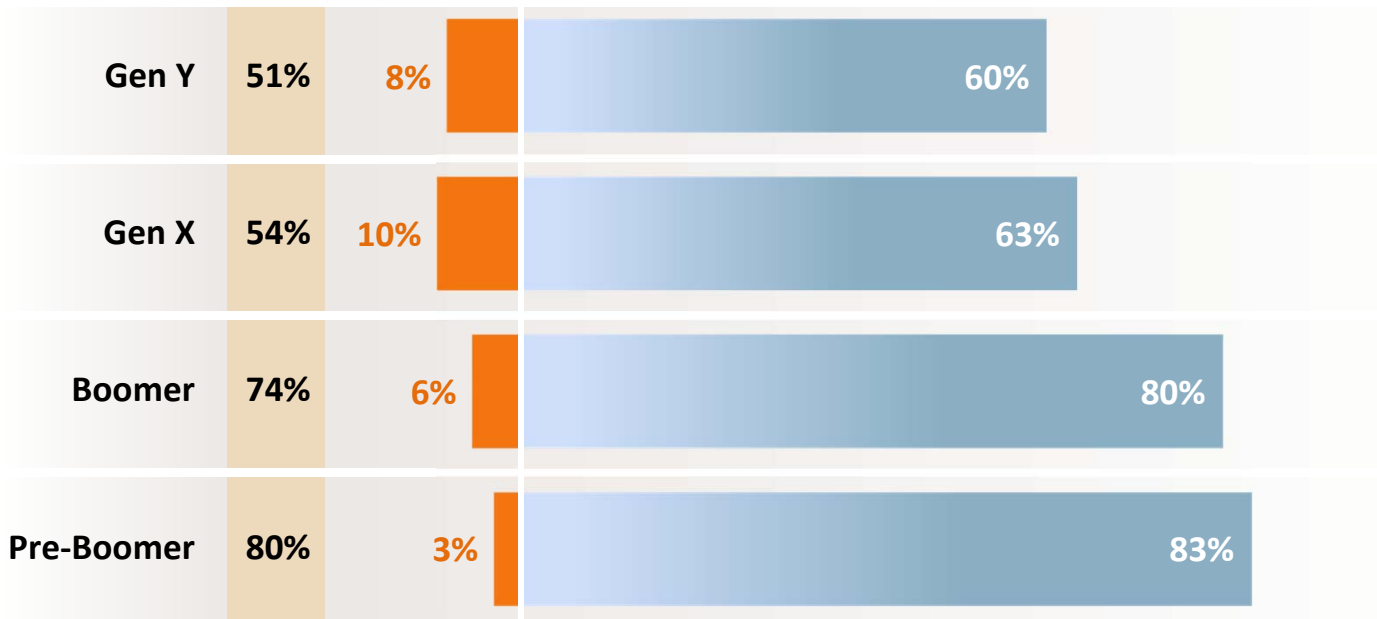
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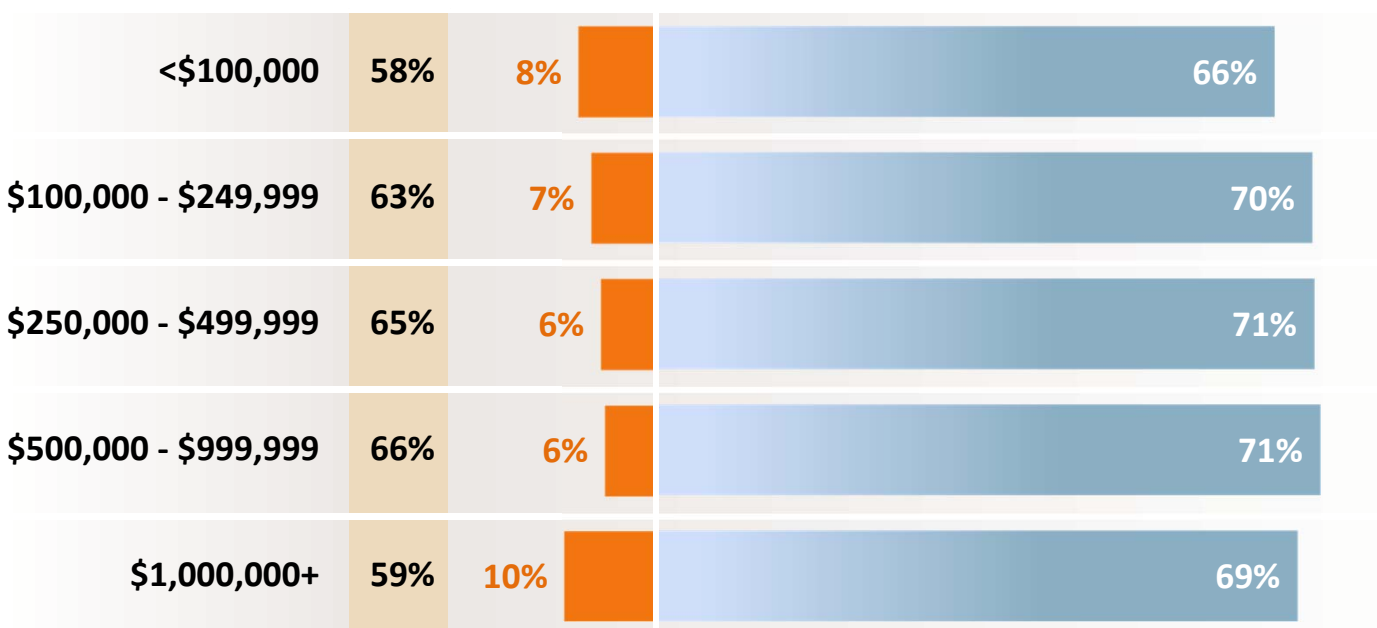
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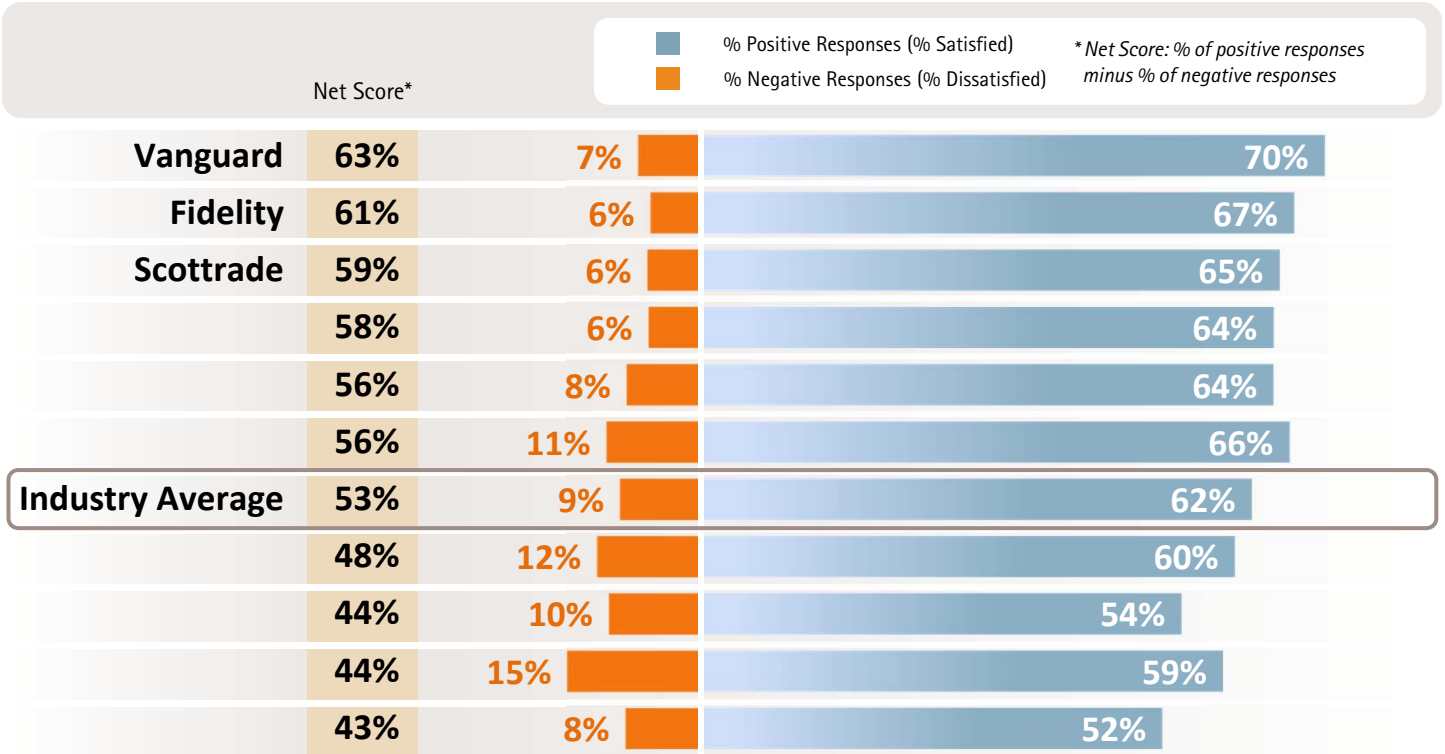
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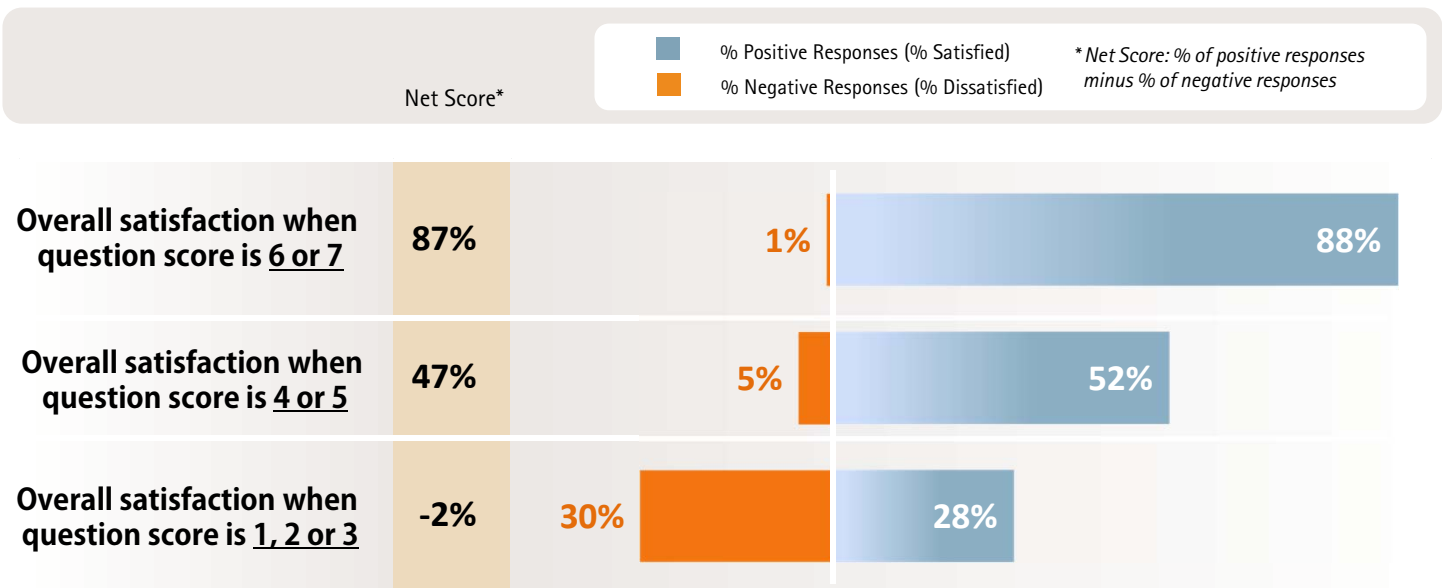
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Asking questions about your financial needs?



Overall satisfaction based on: Asking questions about your financial needs?



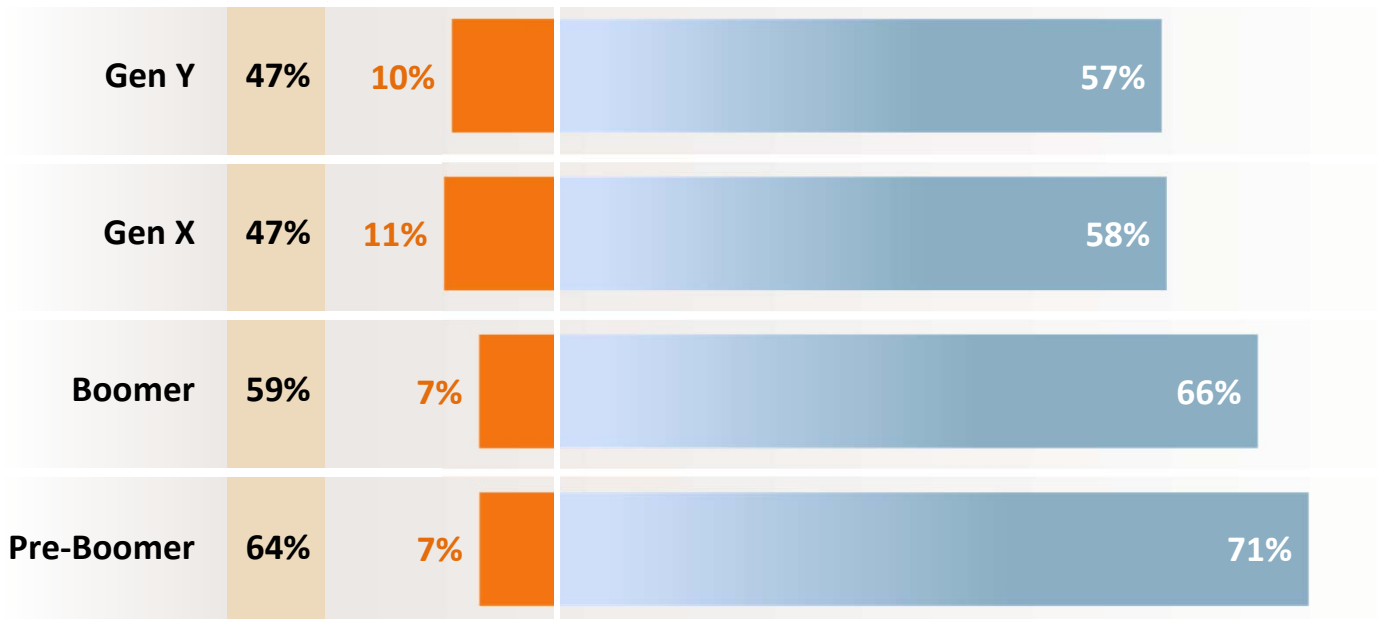
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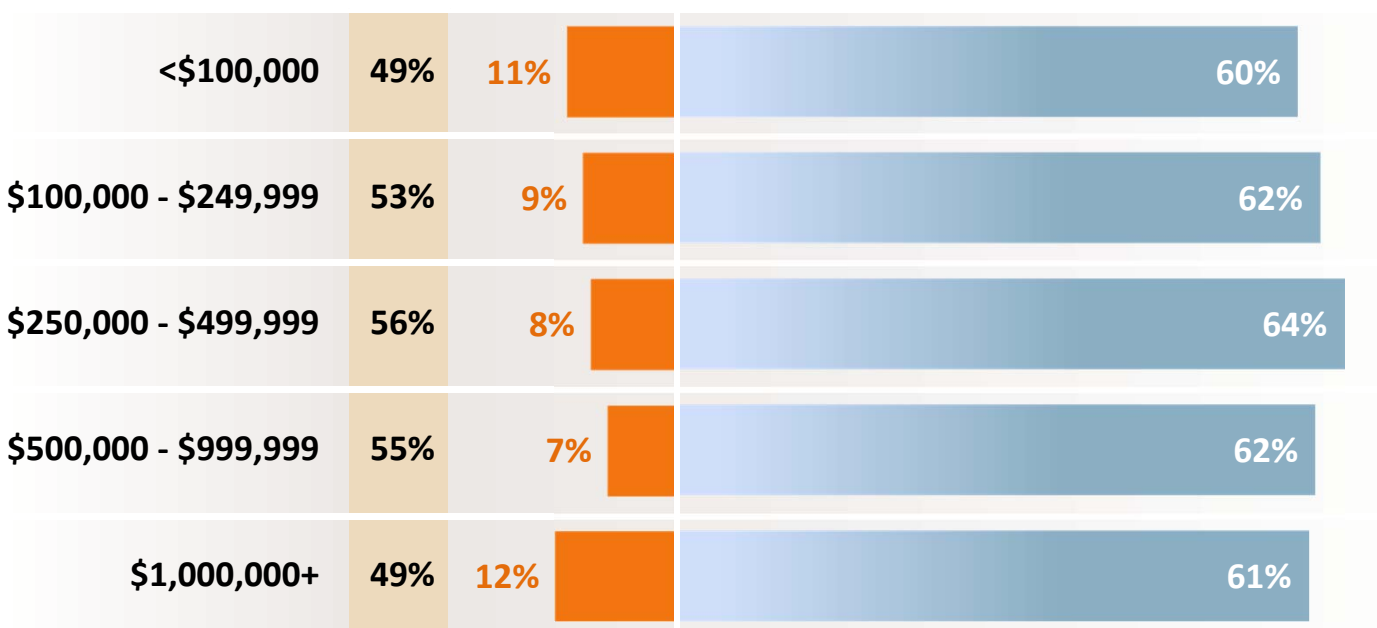
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* Net Score: % of positive responses minus % of negative responses

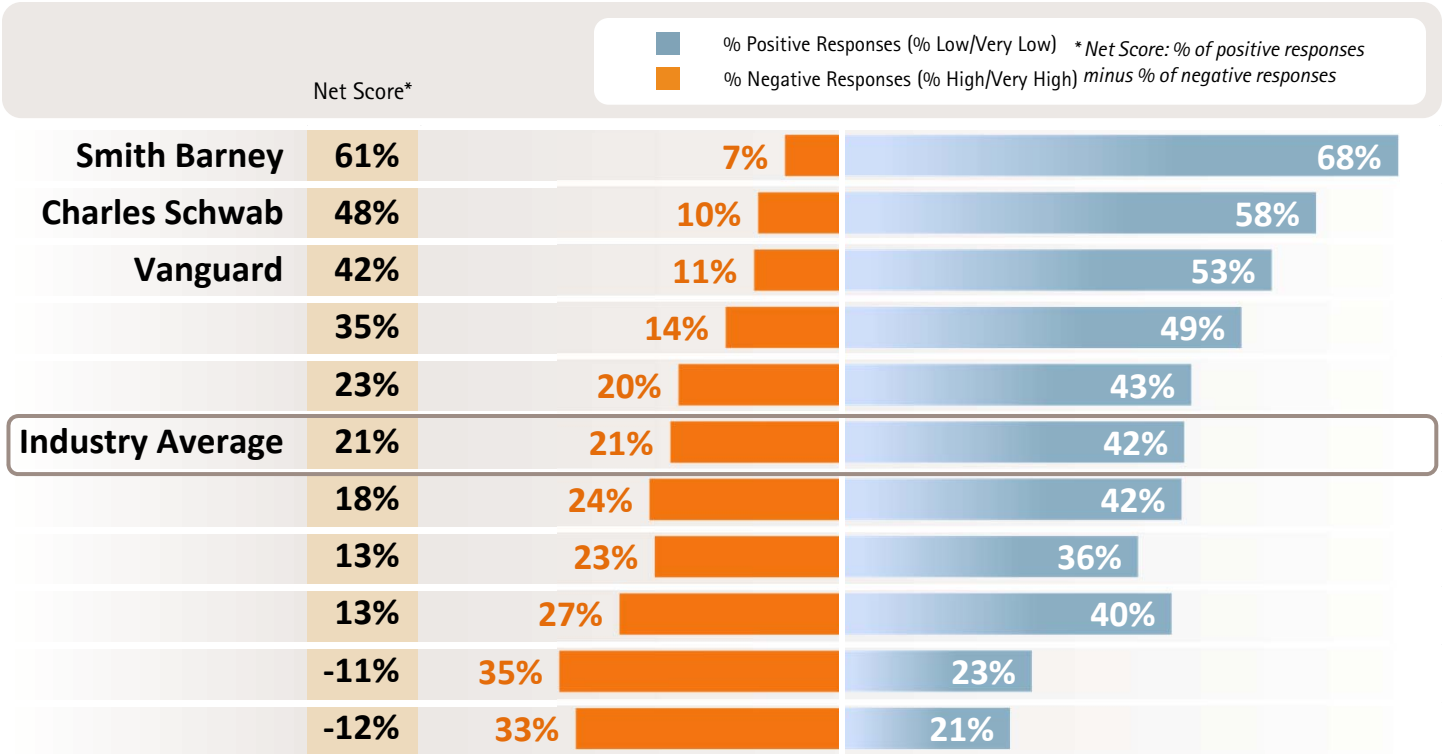
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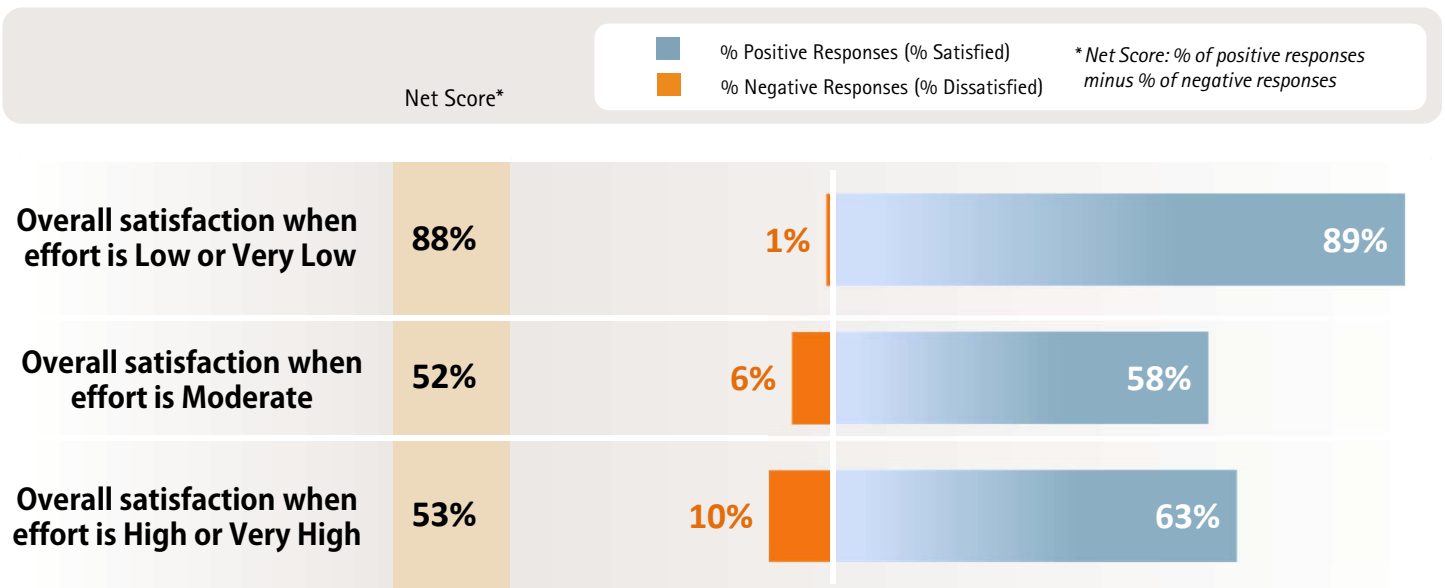
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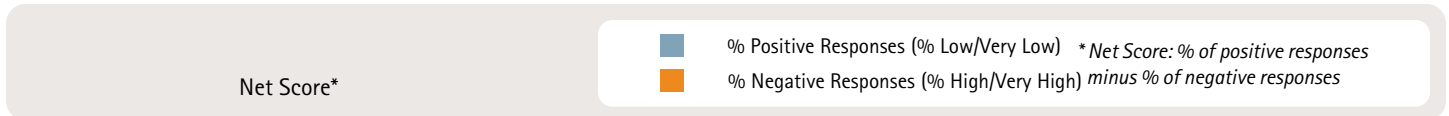
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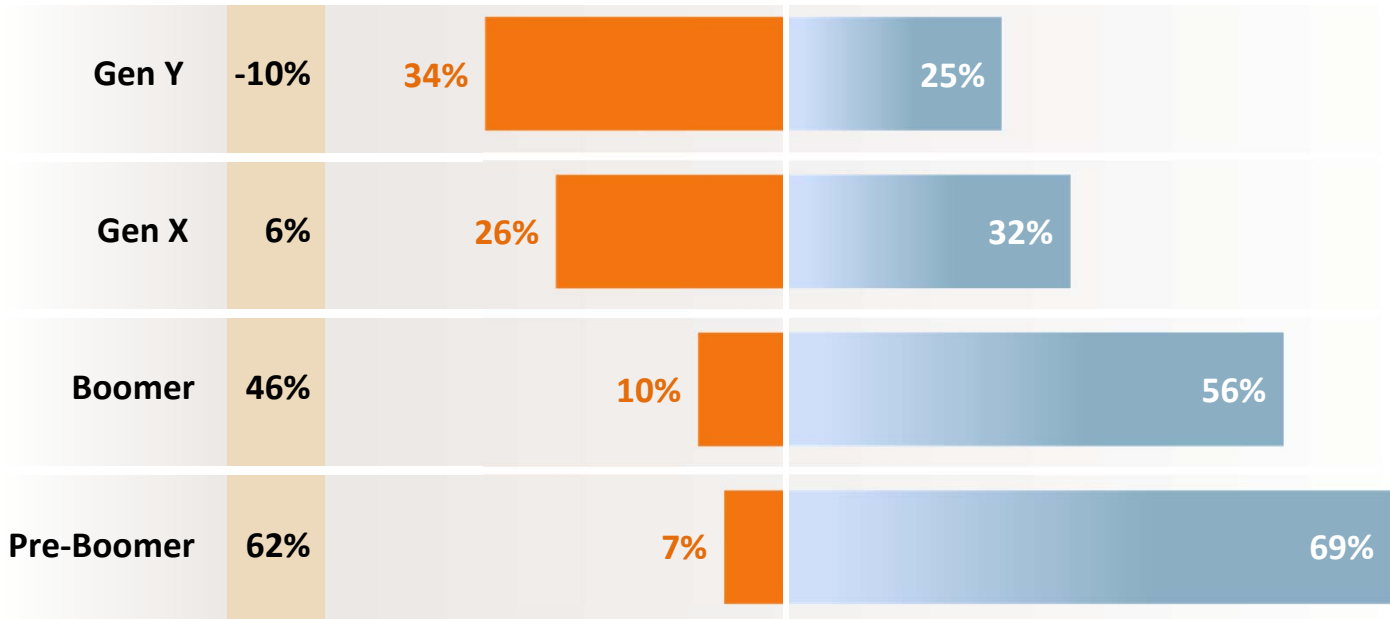
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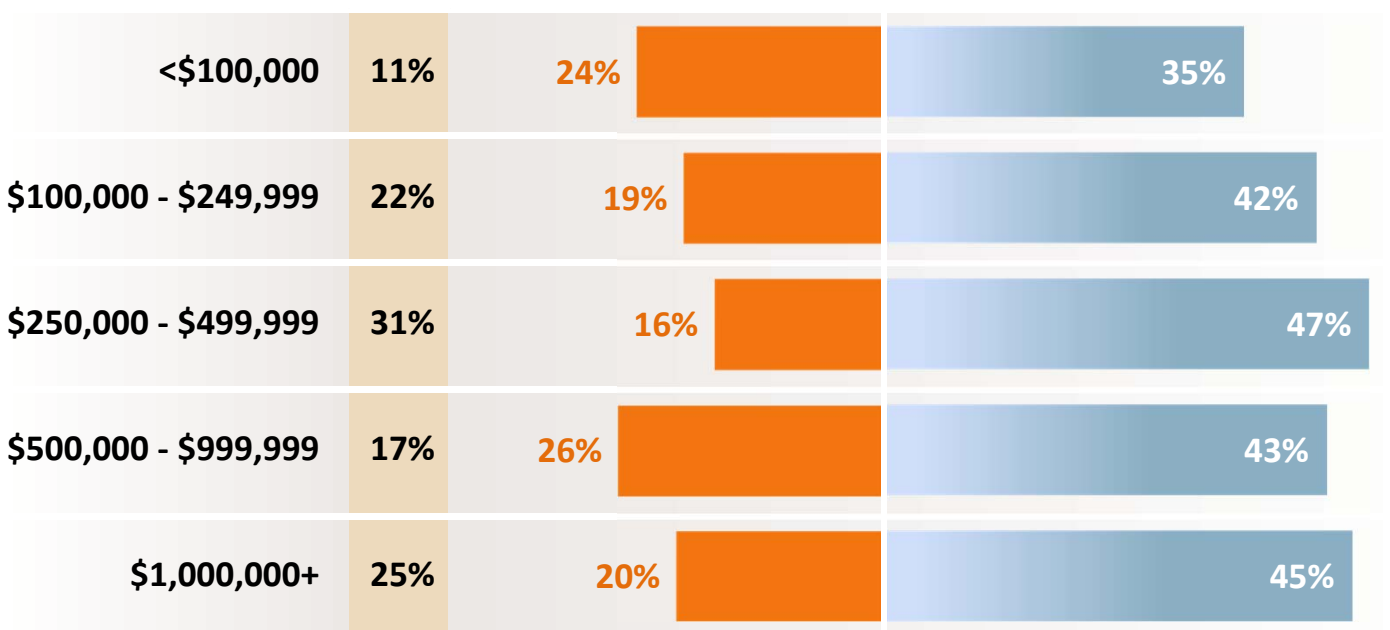
How much effort did it take on your part to handle your request?



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