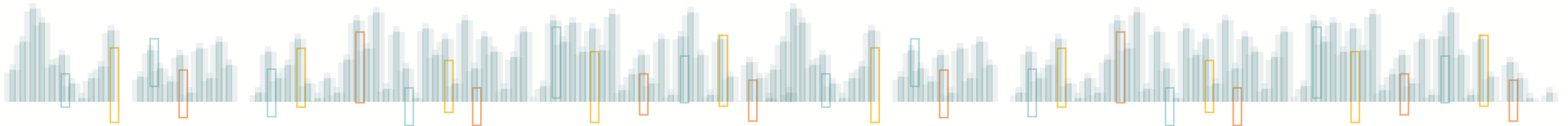




# Immigration & Foreign Trade

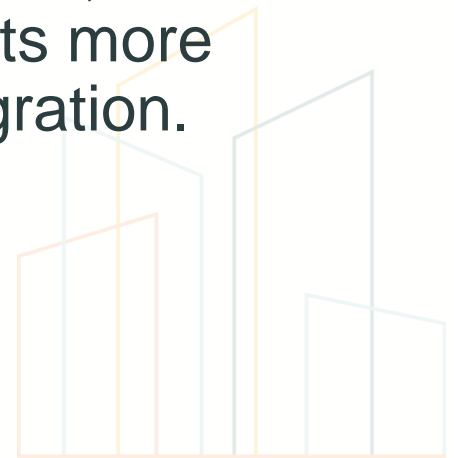
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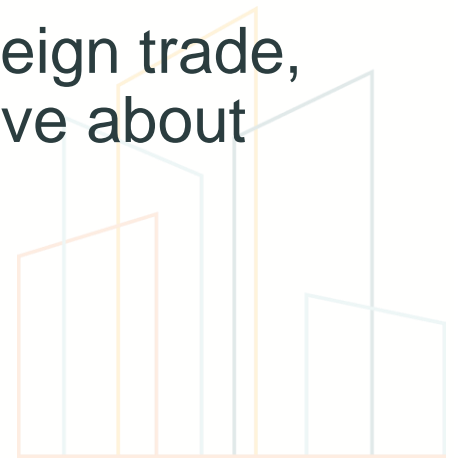
# Key takeaways: immigration

- Although most Oregon voters think that immigration is a good thing for the country, just 1 in 4 want immigration levels to increase.
- Half of Oregon voters say that illegal immigration is a serious problem in the state. Despite this, a majority of voters continue to support Oregon's "sanctuary state" status.
- There are large and consistent differences in immigration attitudes, particularly by age and party, with younger voters and Democrats more favorable to immigration and less concerned about illegal immigration.



# Key takeaways: foreign trade

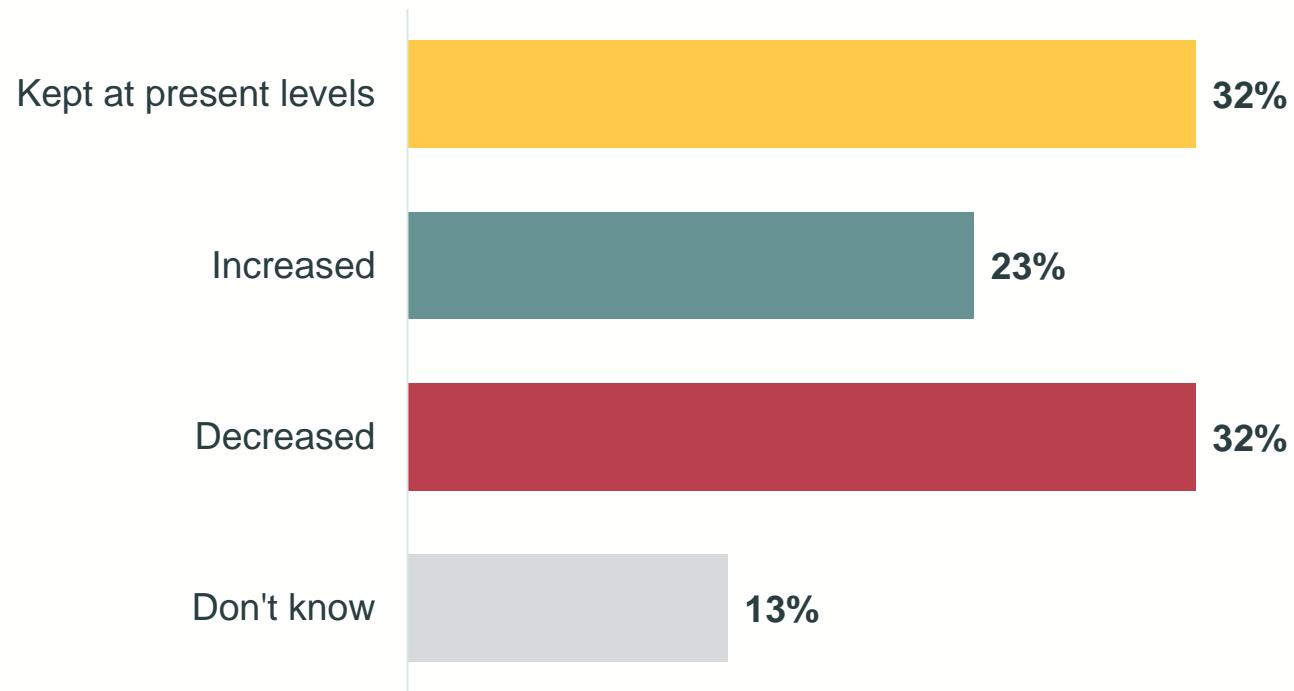
- Voters are more positive toward foreign trade compared to 2016. More now say that foreign trade is positive for the United States and fewer say that trade is an economic threat.
- Given choice, most voters would prefer an American owned company in their community that employed fewer people than Canadian or Chinese owned company that employed more people.
- There are large and consistent differences in opinions about foreign trade, with higher income and more educated voters being most positive about it.



# Immigration

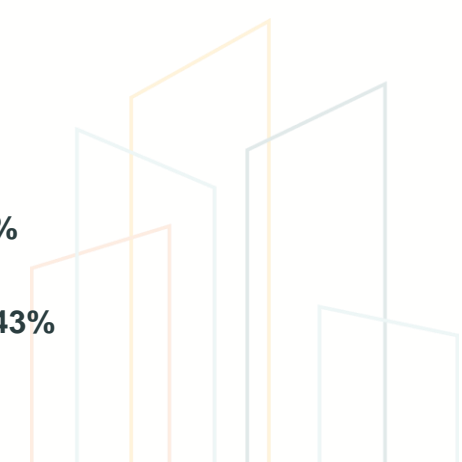
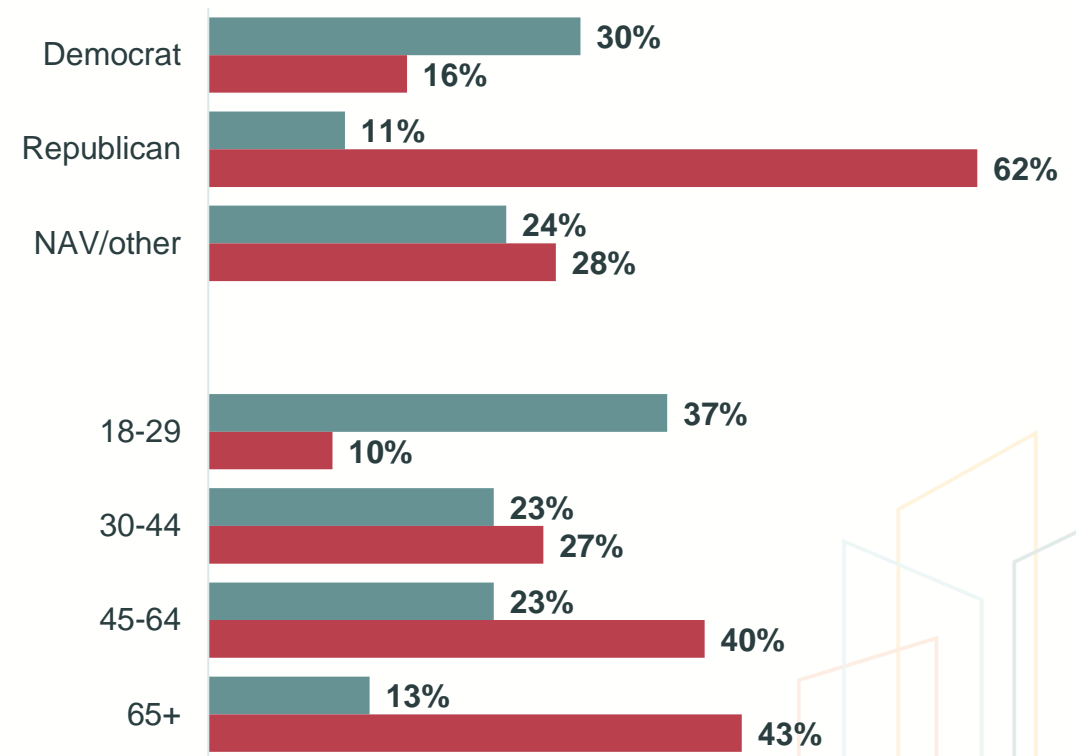
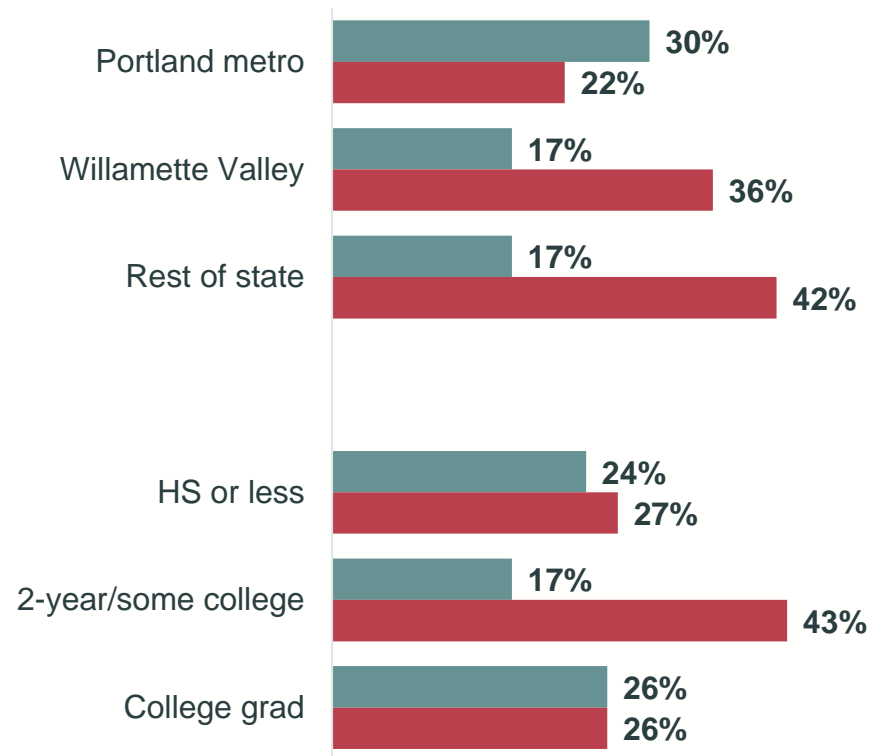


# Oregon voters are divided about the ideal immigration levels in the United States.

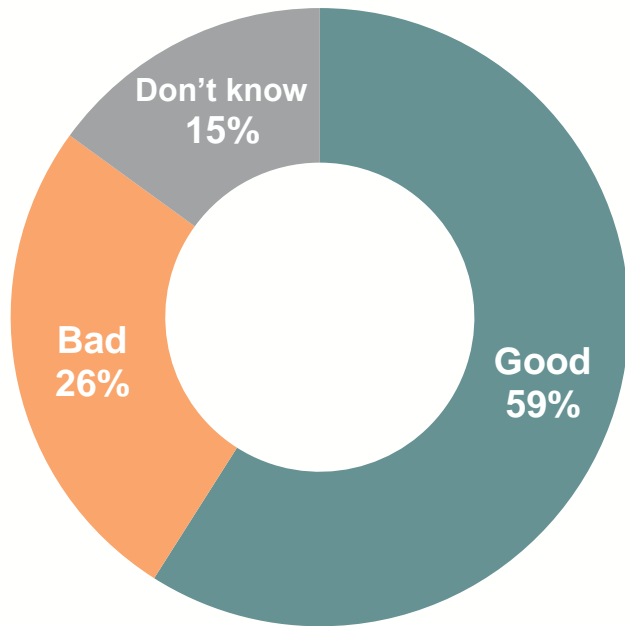


# There are large differences in immigration level preferences among Oregon voters, especially by age and partisanship.

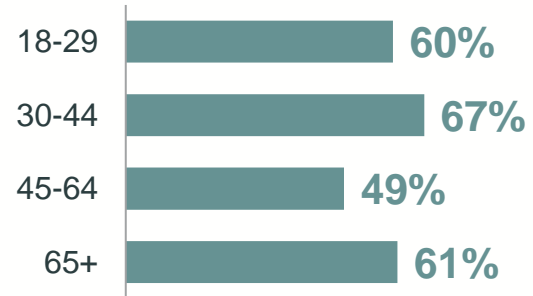
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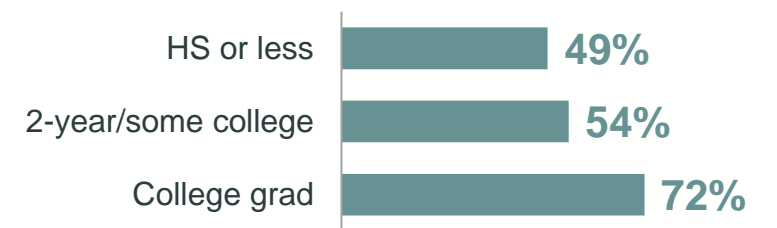
# Most Oregon voters think that immigration is a good thing for the country today.



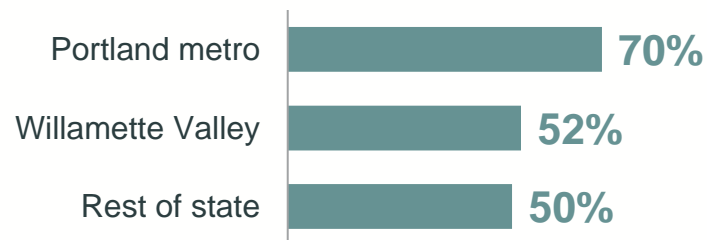
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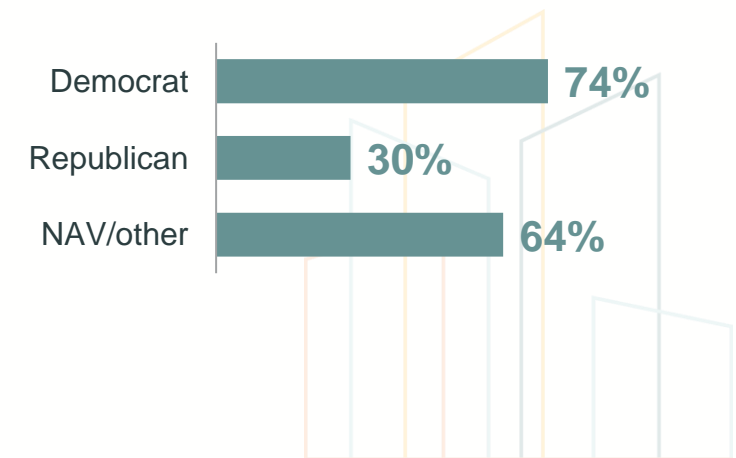
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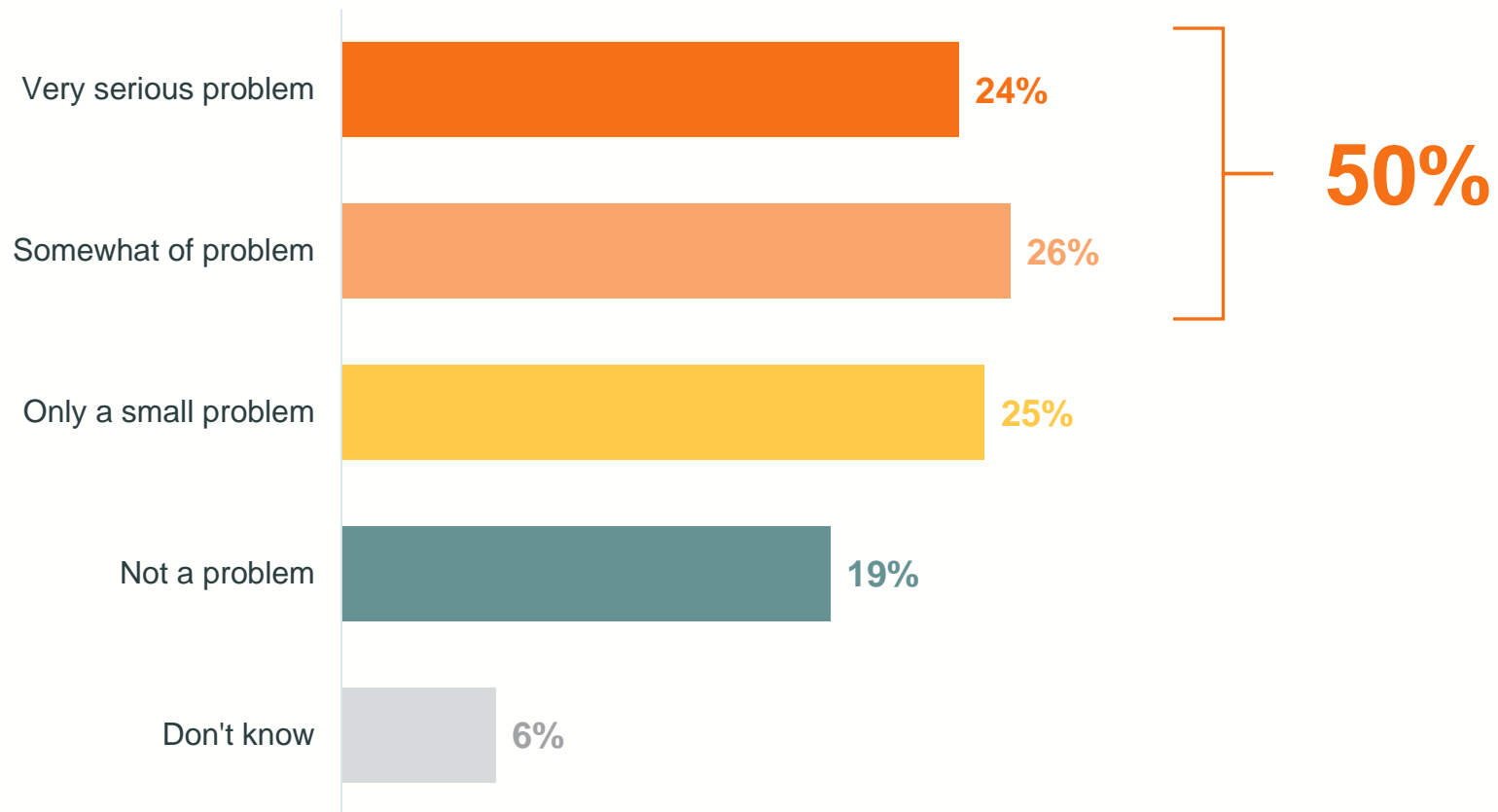
## AREA



## PARTY



# Half of voters think that illegal immigration is somewhat or very serious problem in Oregon.





# There are differences in opinion about illegal immigration, especially by age, race, and party.

(percent very serious + somewhat of a problem)

## AGE



## INCOME



## EDUCATION



## PARTY



## RACE/ETHNICITY



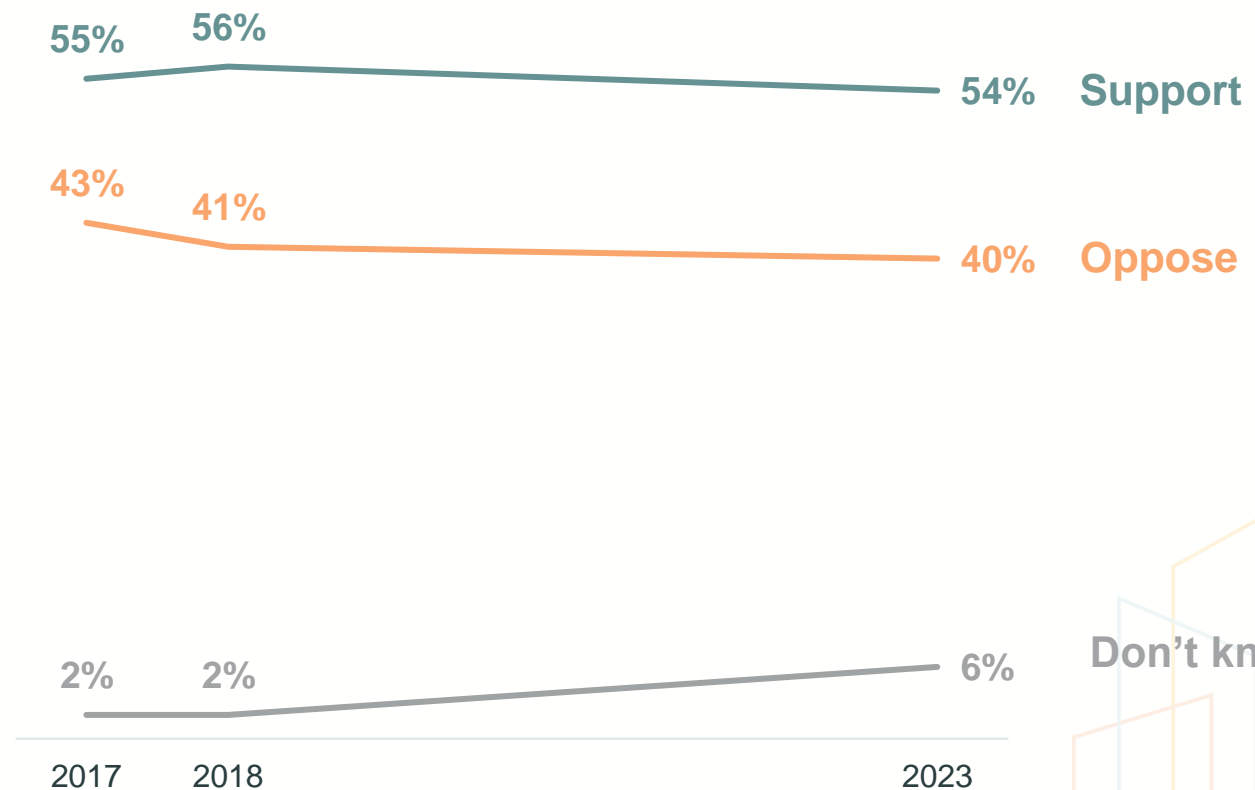
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# A majority of voters have consistently supported Oregon's "sanctuary state" status.

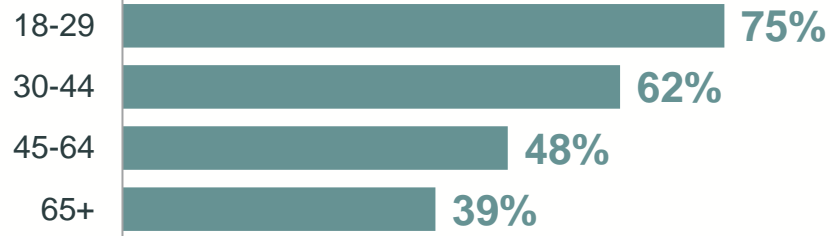
*Since 1987, Oregon has been a "sanctuary state," meaning that state law prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from using public resources to find or arrest those whose only crime is being in the country without proper documentation.*

*Based on what you know, do you support or oppose Oregon's status as a sanctuary state?*



# Younger voters, those who live in the Portland metro area, and Democrats are most likely to support sanctuary state status.

## AGE



## INCOME



## EDUCATION



## PARTY



## RACE/ETHNICITY



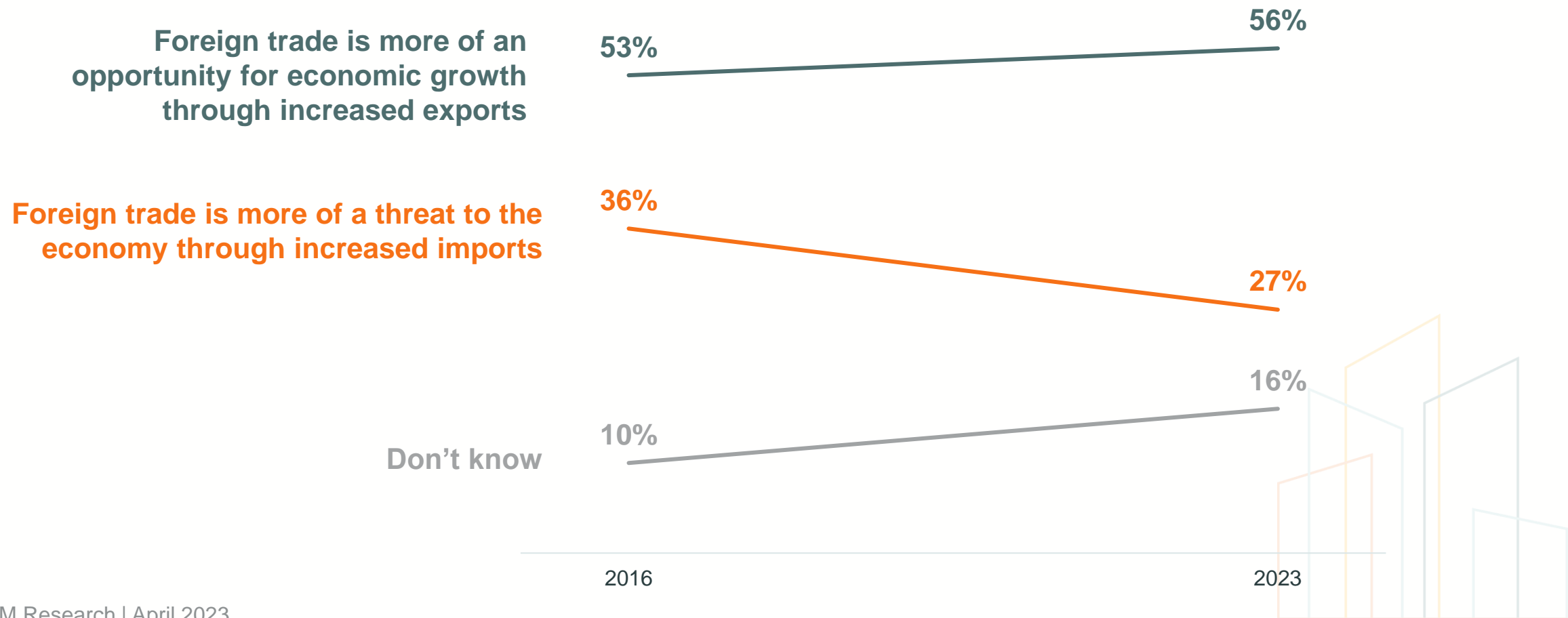
## AREA



# Foreign trade



# Most Oregon voters view foreign trade as more of an opportunity than a threat.



# College graduates and higher income voters are most likely to think that foreign trade is an opportunity.

## AGE



## INCOME



## EDUCATION



## PARTY



## RACE/ETHNICITY

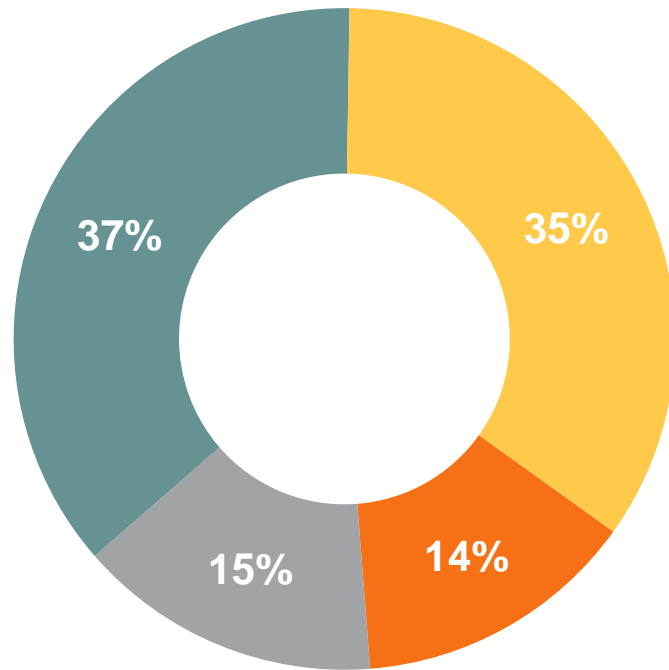


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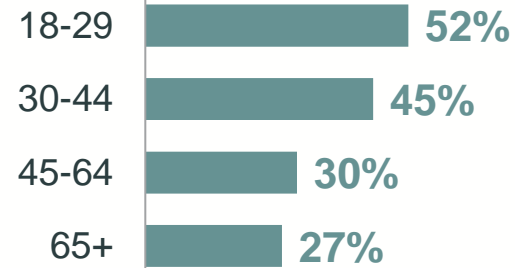


# Impact of foreign trade: you personally

Positive / Equally positive & negative / Negative



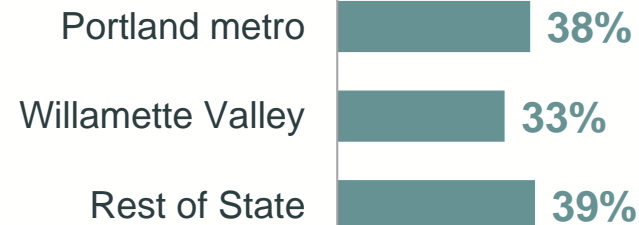
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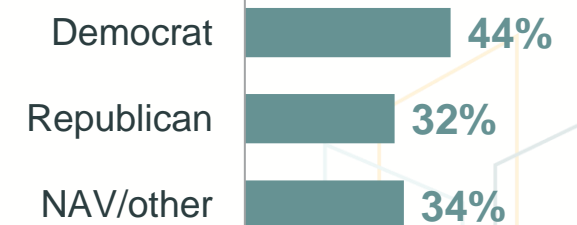
## GENDER



## AREA

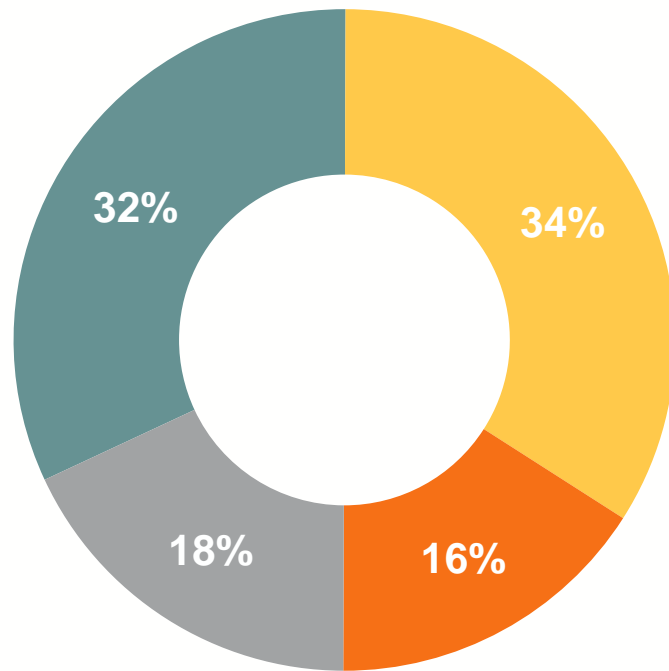


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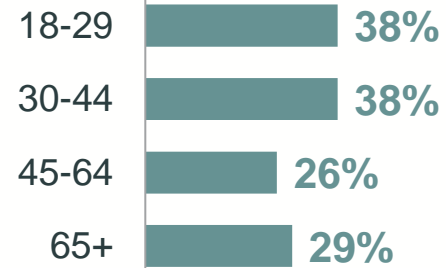


# Impact of foreign trade: your community

Positive / Equally positive & negative / Negative



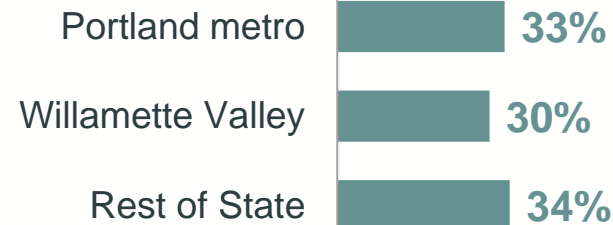
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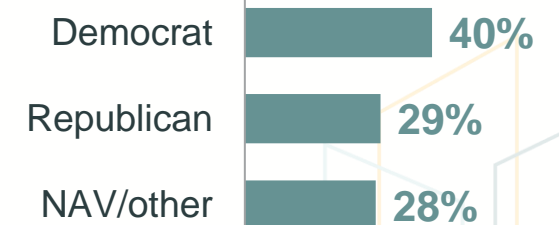
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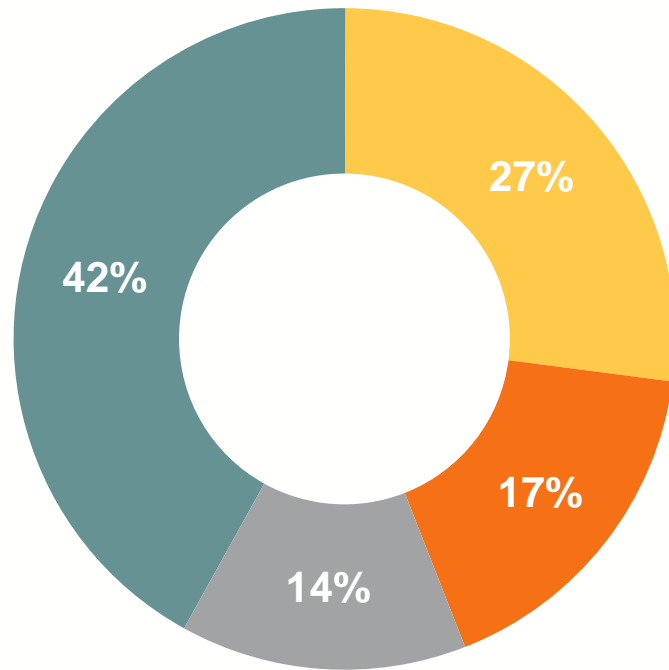
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# Impact of foreign trade: Oregon

Positive / Equally positive & negative / Negative



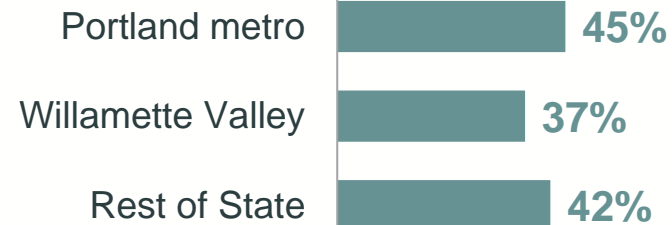
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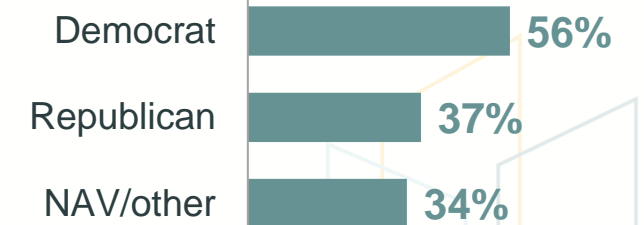
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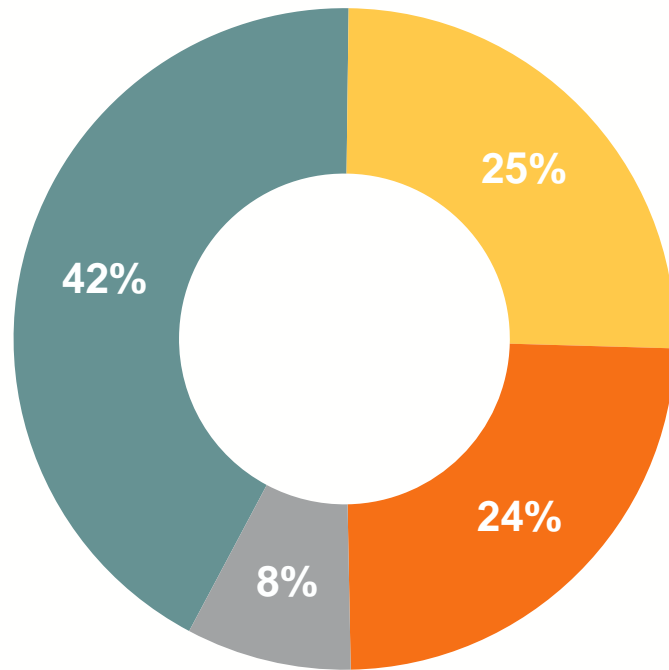


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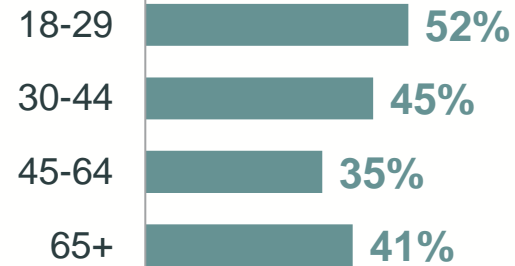


# Impact of foreign trade: United States

Positive / Equally positive & negative / Negative



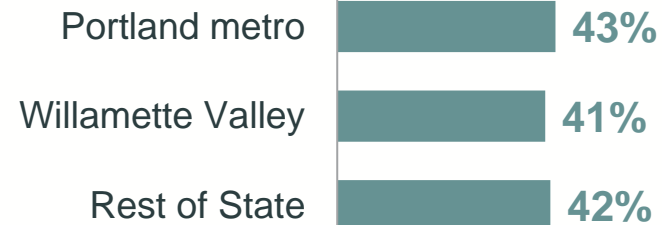
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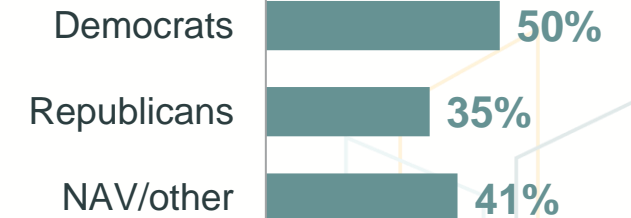
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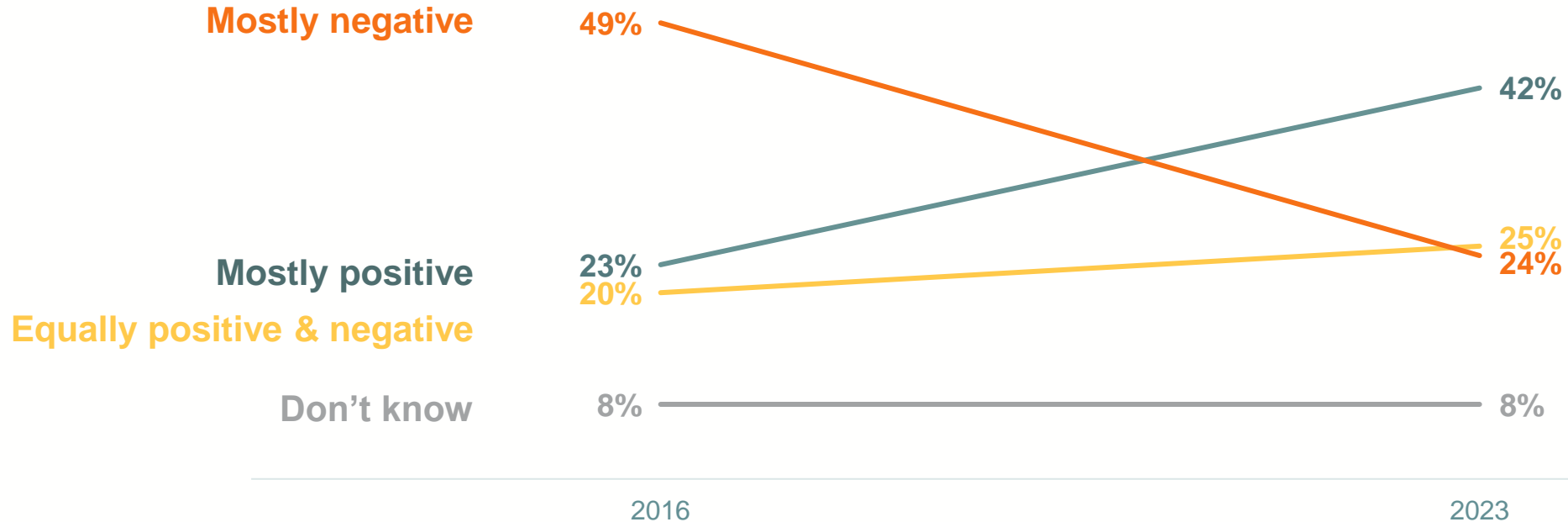
## AREA



## PARTY



# Oregon voters have become more positive about the benefits of foreign trade for the United States.

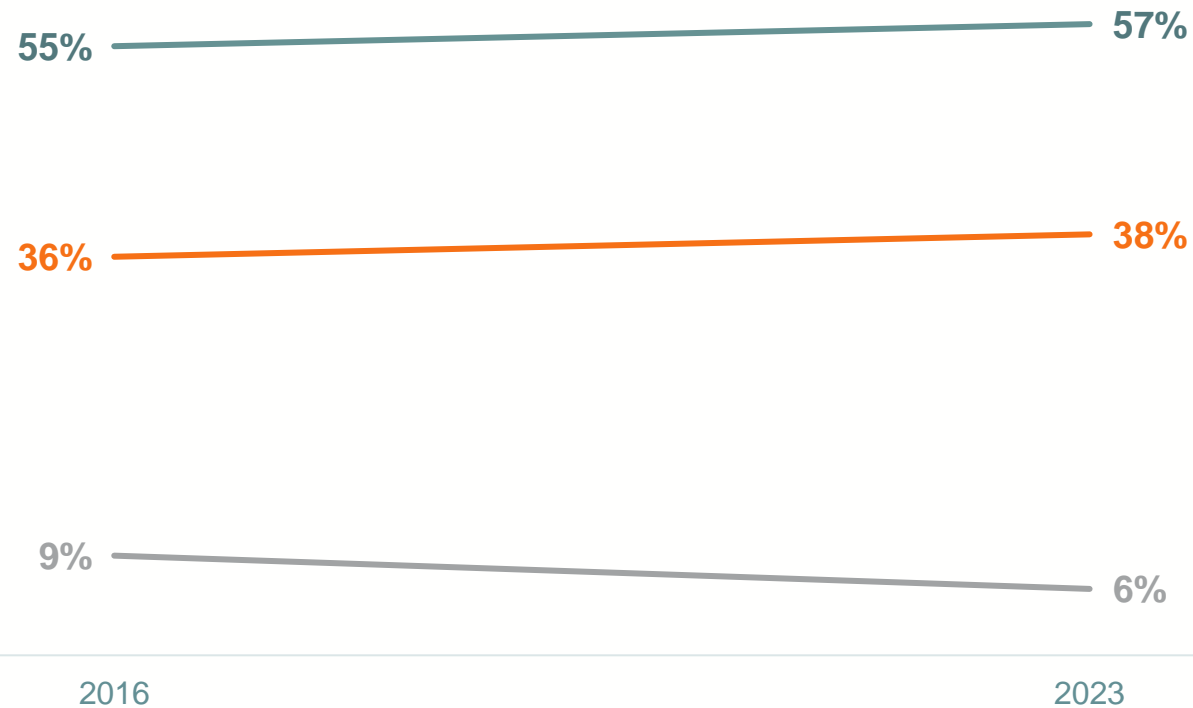


# Oregon voters prefer an American owned factory in their community even if employed fewer people than a factory owned by a Canadian company.

A factory owned by an **American** company that employed **1,000 workers**

A factory owned by a **Canadian** company that employed **2,000 workers**

Don't know



By a wide and growing margin, Oregon voters prefer an American owned factory in their community even if employed fewer people than a factory owned by a Chinese company.

A factory owned by an **American** company that employed **1,000 workers**

72%

77%

A factory owned by a **Chinese** company that employed **2,000 workers**

21%

13%

Don't know

7%

10%

2016

2023



# Methodology

- Online survey of N=500 Oregon voters
- Conducted April 25-30, 2023
- Quotas were set and data were weighted by area of the state, age, gender, race, education and party to match the demographic profile of registered voters
- Margin of error  $\pm 4.4\%$
- Due to rounding, some totals may differ by  $\pm 1$  from the sum of separate responses



