



Women (and Diversity) **in Supply Chain**

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- Generally, numbers are positive and moving directionally better
- Focus areas to improve
 - Leadership pipeline
 - Communities of non-white women, LBGTQ+ and disabilities
 - Burn out
- Actions
 - Help increase awareness of the unintentional bias
 - Build structured programs for mentoring, career building and
 - Create tangible goals and reporting



Gartner states that strengthening the female workforce in Supply Chain roles is crucial to supply chain leaders for two reasons

1. Women are underutilized resources in the so-called “war for talent” and research studies show that **diverse teams** are more innovative and perform better
2. Women make up ~50% of the professional workforce (and rising), organizations who effectively **hire, develop and retain** will have long-term competitive advantage



41%

Of the supply chain
workforce are
comprised of women

↑ 4% from 2016



3 Persistent Challenges Remain

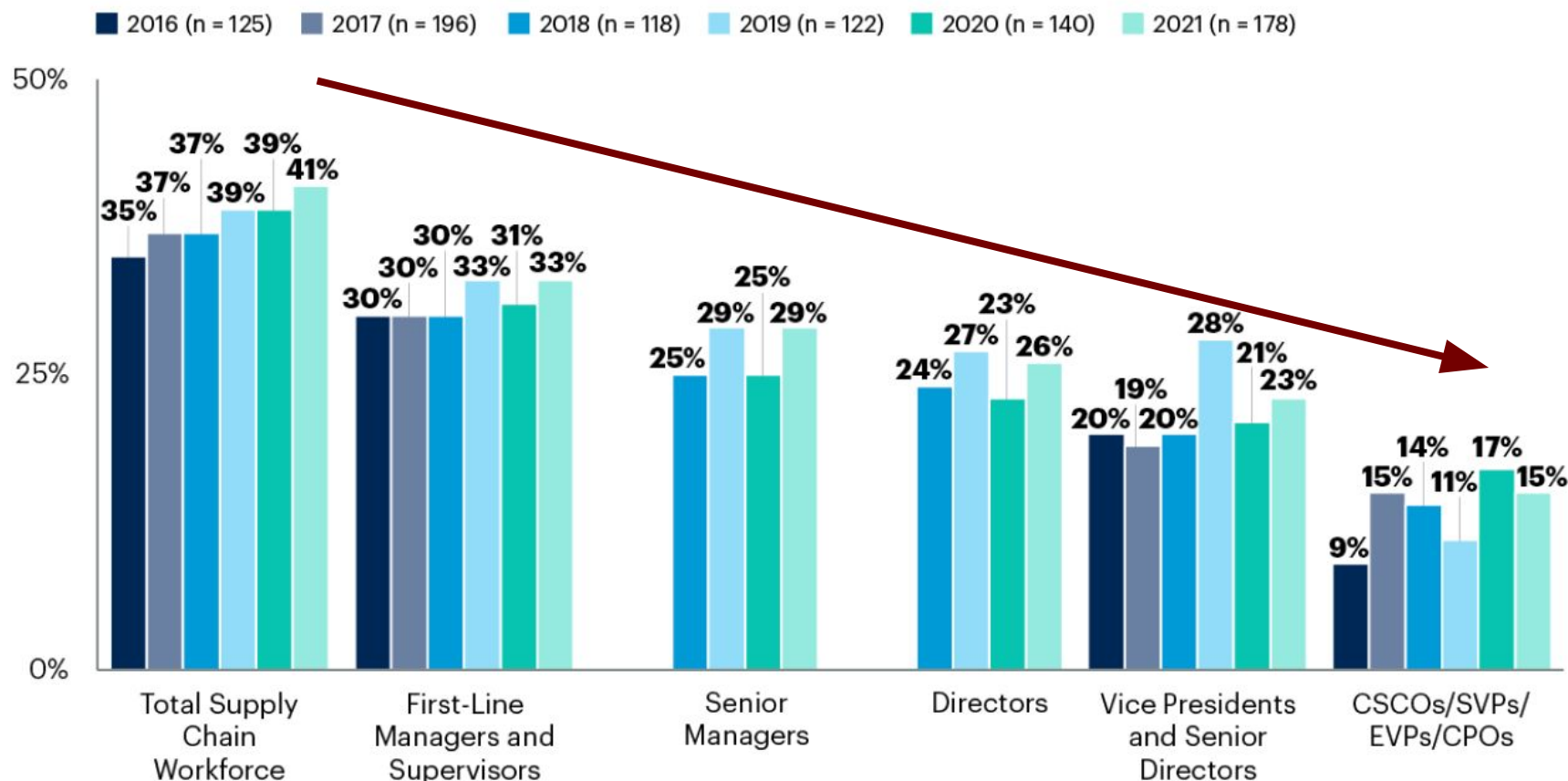
Building Consistent Pipeline for Leadership Opportunities

Addressing Distinct Diversity Challenges Across Roles

Mid-Career Departures from Supply Chain

Representation in Total Workforce and Most Leadership Roles Have Increased Since 2020

Women in Supply Chain Leadership Roles, Year-to-Year Comparison



n = End-User Respondents

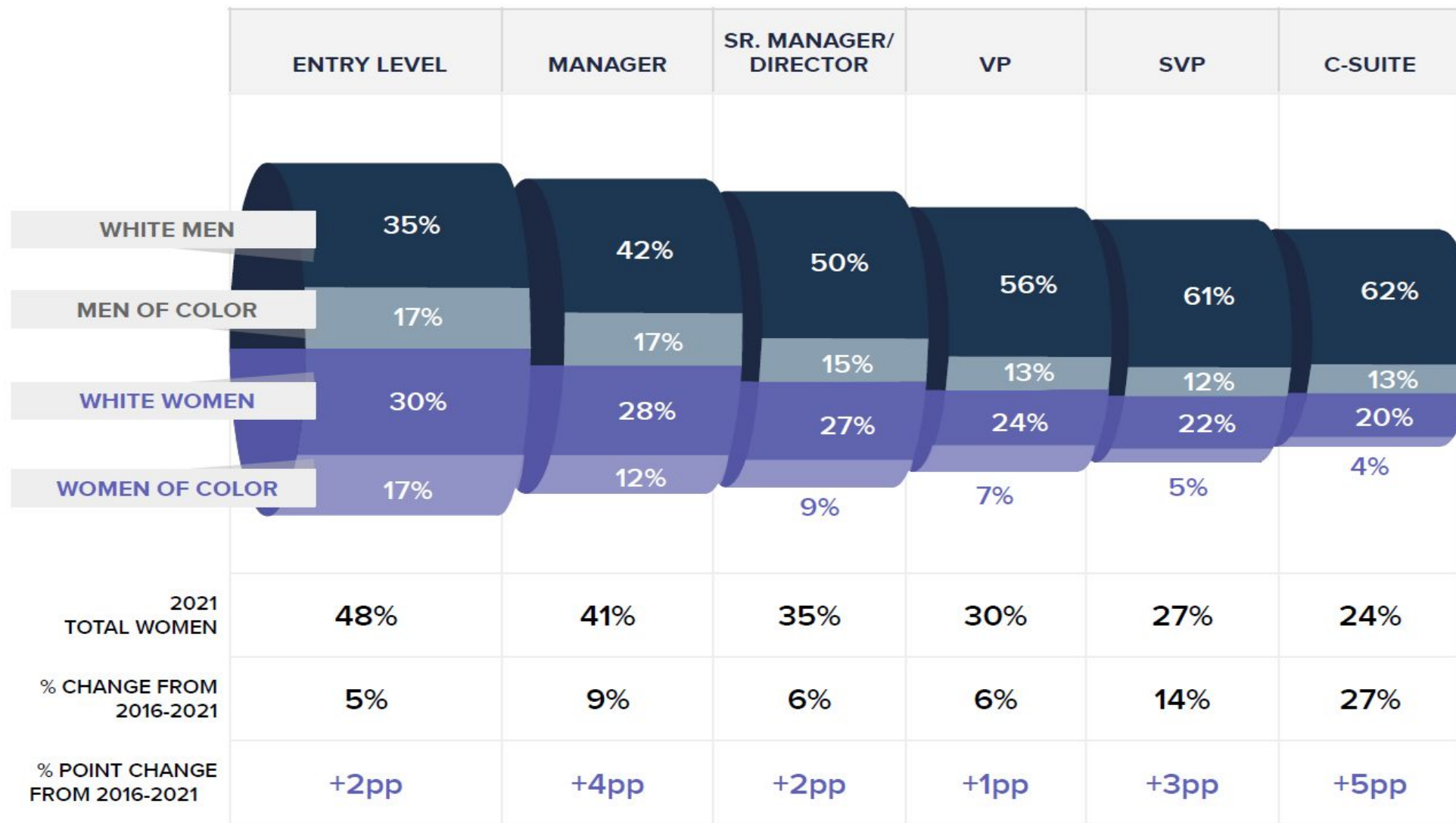
Q: Thinking about all the full-time employees in your supply chain organization/business unit, what percentage is female?

Pipeline
Development

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Diversity



A DETAILED LOOK AT REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN OF COLOR

% of employees by level at the start of 2021

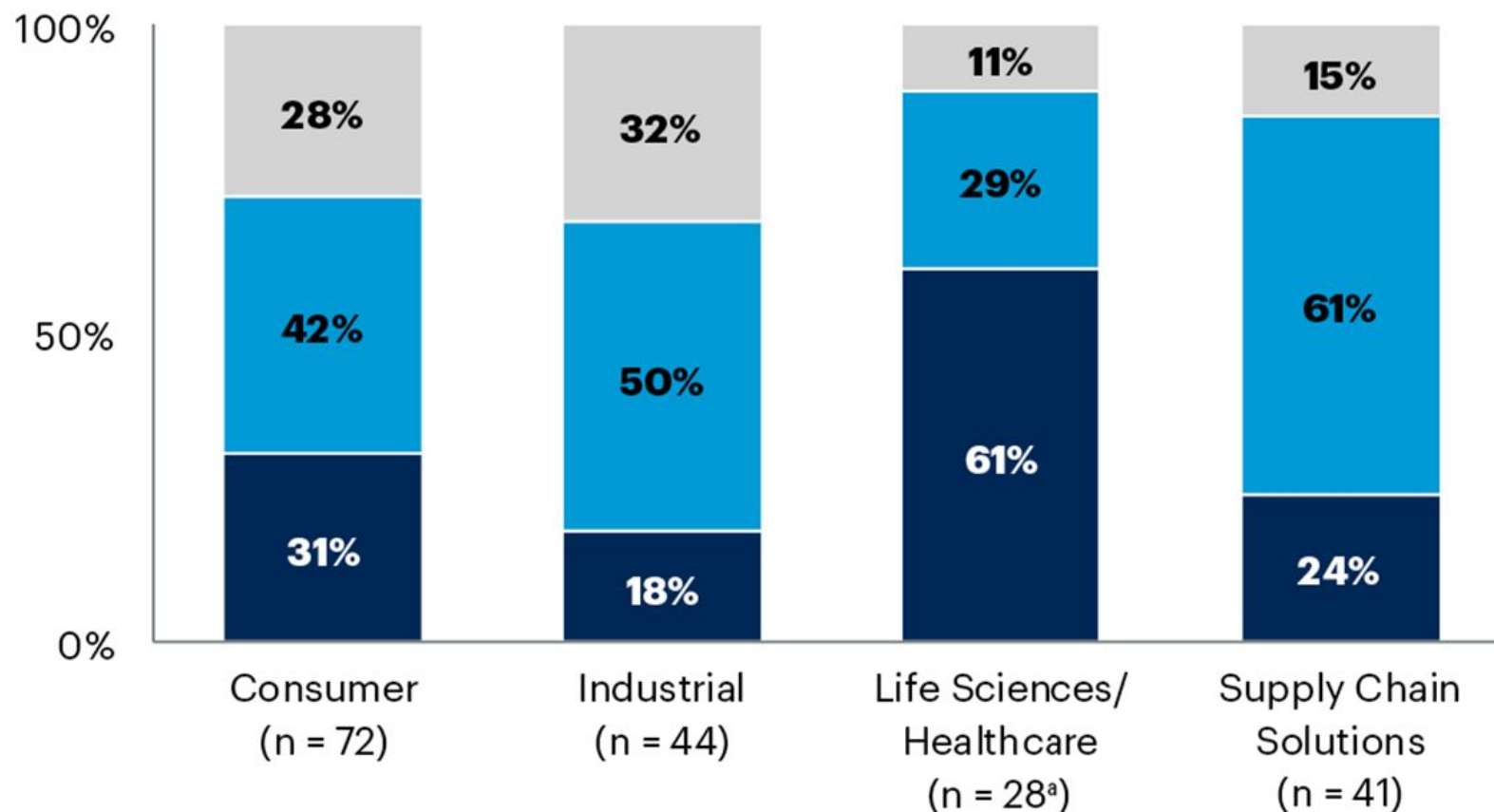


Across industries
that's 6 in 100 VP+

**Shrinks to 1% in
Supply Chain**

Companies With Stated Objectives to Increase Women Leaders by Industry Segment

Percentage of Companies



n = End-User Respondents

Q: Does your organization/business unit have a stated objective to increase the number of women leaders in supply chain?

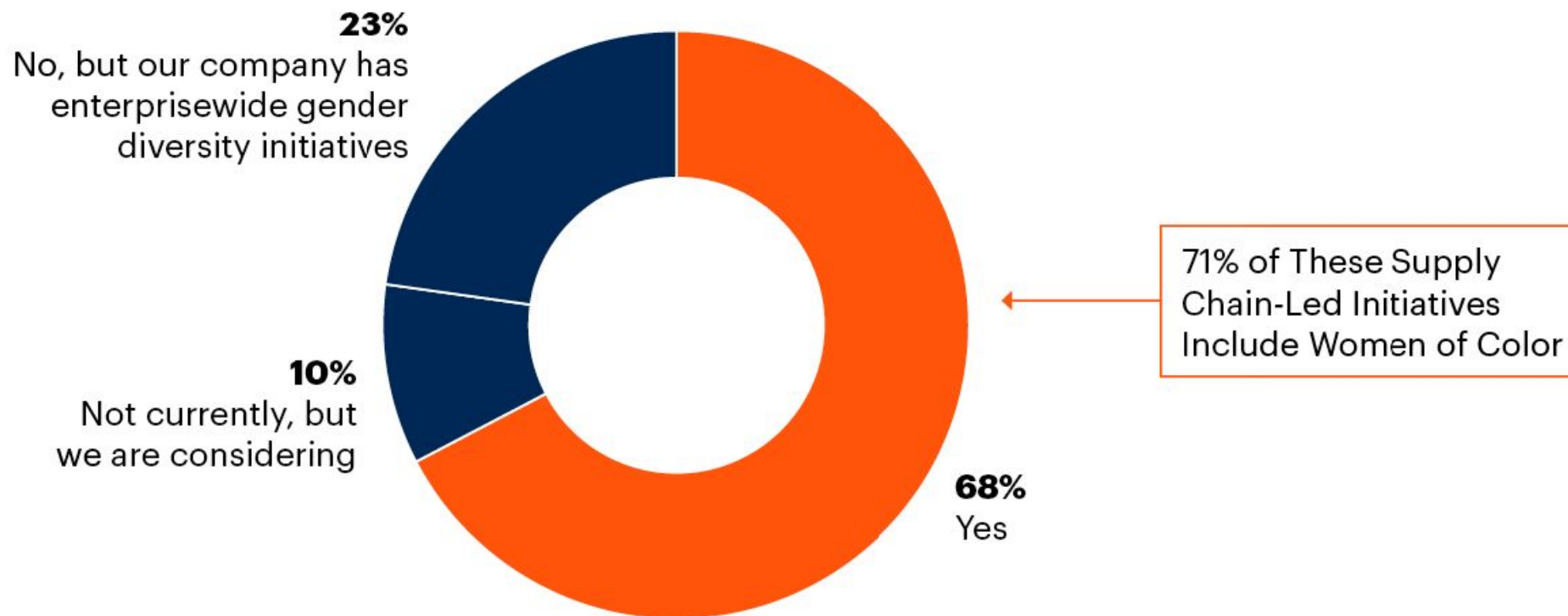
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- No, there are no objectives in this area
- Yes, it has gender diversity as a general objective
- Yes, there are formal targets and specific goals on management scorecards

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Percentage of Supply Chain Organizations With Targeted Gender Initiatives



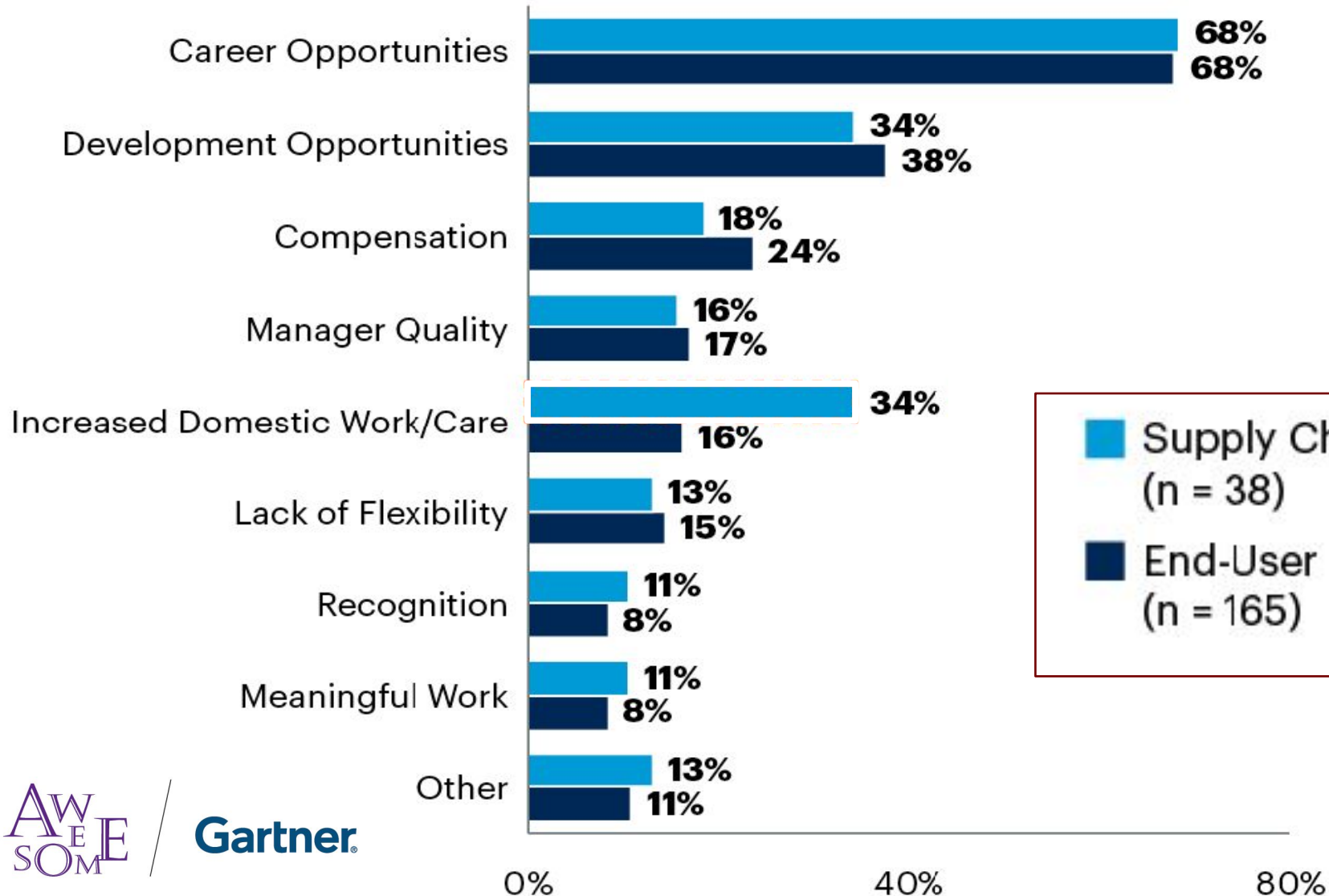
n = 114, End Users Who Have Stated Objective, Excludes "Don't Know"; 77, End Users Who Have an Initiative

Q: Does your organization have any targeted initiatives to recruit, develop, retain and/or advance women in your organization/business unit? Does your organization also track and measure representation/participation of women of color in these initiatives?

Diversity

Lack of Career Opportunities Is the Top Reason Women Leave

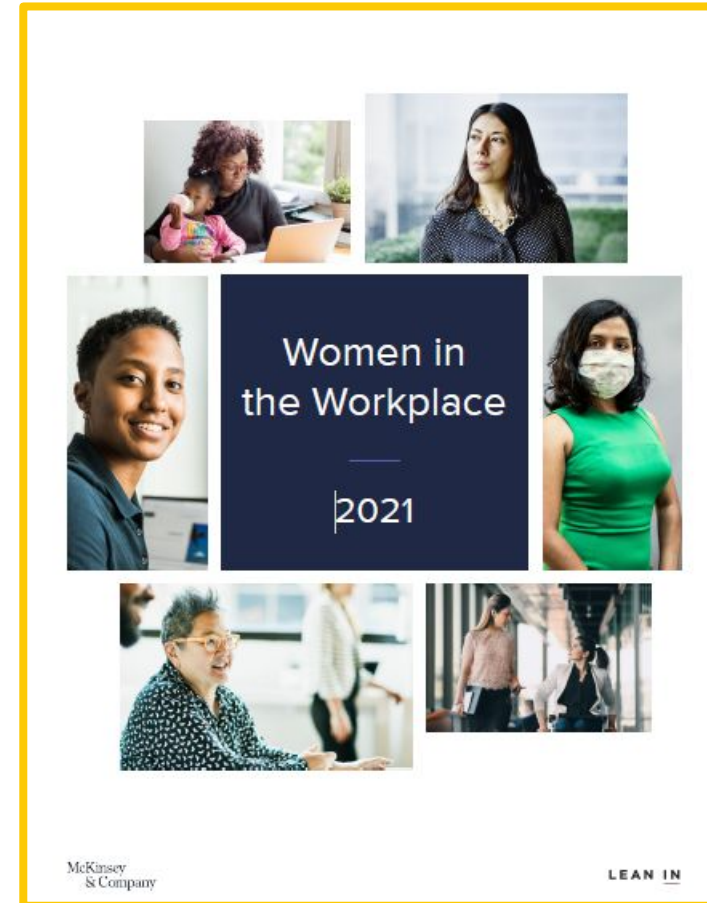
Reasons Women Have Left Company, Multiple Responses Allowed



Mid-Career Growth

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