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SIA Snow Sports Participant Study

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METHODOLOGY

This Snow Sports Participant Report is derived from data produced by the Physical Activity Council (PAC), a partnership of six of the major trade associations in US sports, including the International Health, Racquet & Sportclub Association, the National Golf Foundation, the Outdoor Foundation, the Sports and Fitness Industries Association, the Tennis Industry Association and SnowSports Industries America. The overall aim of the data produced is to establish levels of activity and identify key trends in sports, fitness and recreation participation in the US.

During January and February of 2014, a total of 19,240 online interviews were carried out with a nationwide sample of individuals and households from the US Online Panel of over one million people operated by Synovate/IPSOS. A total of 7,528 individual and 11,712 household surveys were completed. The total panel is maintained to be representative of the US population for people ages 6 and older. Over sampling of ethnic groups took place to boost response from typically under responding groups. During April and May, another 19,000 interviews were conducted on seasonal participation. The 2014 participation survey provides a high degree of statistical accuracy. All surveys are subject to some level of standard error—that is, the degree to which the results might differ from those obtained by a complete census of every person in the US. A sport with a participation rate of five percent has a confidence interval of plus or minus 0.31 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. This translates to plus or minus four percent of participants.

A weighting technique was used to balance the data to reflect the total US population ages six and above. The following variables were used: gender, age, income, household size, region, population density and panel join date. The total population figure used was 290,001,000 people ages six and older. Snow Sports participant numbers were subjected to triennial rolling average summation to ensure accurate results in smaller categories and demographic projections.

Additionally, The results of this study were validated by correlation with retail data (SIA RetailTRAK™ produced by the Leisure Trends, an NPD Group Company), sales and orders data (aggregated by Sports Marketing Services for SIA), and skier rider visit data (from the Kottke End of Season report produced by the National Ski Areas Association).



KEY FINDINGS

- The 2013/2014 season brought out 18,999,000 snow sports participants into the cold, down 1%.
- Snowboarders participated the most this season, averaging 8.4 days.
- California is home to more snow sports participants than any other state.
- Close to 9 million people identify themselves as a snow sports participant, but didn't make it to the slopes last season; up 36% from last season.
- Snowboarding brought out the most kids last season, with 26% of snowboarders under age 17; alpine ski (23%) and freeski (21%) were close behind.
- Forty percent of core alpine skiers (9+ days) are under age 17, up 20% from last season.
- Women represented 44% of cross country skiers and snowshoers last season; more than any other snow sport.

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PARTICIPATION DEMOGRAPHICS



SNOW SPORTS PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Total Number That Identify Themselves as Snow Sports Participants	31,775,000
Total Number of Active Snow Sports Participants in 2014/2015	21,841,000
Total Number that Identify as Participants but did not Ski/Ride in 2014/2015	9,934,000
Average Age	16% ages 6-12, 10% ages 13-17, 15% ages 18-24, 22% ages 25-34, 16% ages 35-44, 12% ages 45-54, 6% ages 55-64 and 3% over 65
Gender of Participants	58% Male, 42% Female
Percent of Participants with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	58%
Percent with Household Income >\$75K	55%
Most Popular Snow Sports Activity	Alpine Ski (9,378,000 Participants)
State with Most Participants	California
State with Most Participants Per Capita	Idaho
Most Common Reason for Not Participating	No One To Go With
Number of Multi-Discipline Active Participants	19,687,000
Most Common Non-Snow Sport Crossover Activity	Walking for Fitness

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ALPINE SKI PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Total Alpine Ski Participation	9,378,000
Age	25% are between 6-17, 56% are ages 18-44, 17% are 45-64 and 2% are 65+
Gender	59% Male, 41% Female
Percent with Head of Household Income >\$75K	67%
Percent of Core (9+ Days) Alpine Skiers with Head of Household Income >\$75K	71%
Percent with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	51%
States with the Most Alpine Skiers	CA, NY, TX, OH, FL
Percent of Alpine Skiers that also Snowboard	23%
Percentage of Alpine Skiers who Participated 9 Days or More	23%
Average Number of Days Participated	7.8
Percentage of Alpine Skiers Who Participated in Sledding/Saucer Riding	27%

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Note: average retail prices include carryover.



SNOWBOARD PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Total Snowboard Participation	7,676,000
Age	29% under 17, 47% between 18-34, 22% are ages 35-54 and 2% are 55+
Gender	62% Male, 38% Female
Percent with Head of Household Income >\$75K	56%
Percent with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	43%
States with the Most Snowboarders	CA, NY, TX, WA, FL
Percent of Snowboarders who also Alpine Ski	32%
Percentage of Snowboarders Who Participated in Sledding/Saucer Riding	22%
Percentage of Snowboarders Who Participated 9 Days or More	25%
Average Number of Days Participated	8.4

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Note: average retail prices include carryover.



FREESKI PARTICIPANT PROFILE

FREESKIING DEFINED IN SURVEY: “BUMPS AND JUMPS, NATURAL AND MANMADE FEATURES, AND PARK SKIING”

Total Freeski Participation	4,465,000
Age	21% under 17, 48% between 18 and 34, 20% ages 35-44 and 11% over 45
Gender	59% Male, 41% Female
Percent with Head of Household Income >\$75K	64%
Percent with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	46%
Region with the Most Freeskiers	Pacific
Percentage of Freeskiers Who Participated 9 Days or More	24%
Percentage of Freeskiers who Participated in Sledding/Saucer Riding	32%
Percent who also Alpine Ski	38%
Most Popular Activity Off-Snow	Golf(42%)
Average Number of Days Participated	7.5

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CROSS COUNTRY PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Total Cross Country Ski Participation

4,146,000

Age

18% under 17, 13% between 18 and 24, 48% ages 25-44, 18% 45-64 and 3% 65+

Gender

54% Male, 46% Female

Percent with Head of Household Income >\$75K

59%

Percent with Bachelor's Degree or Higher

52%

Region with the Most XC Skiers

Pacific

Percent who also Alpine Ski

36%

Percentage of XC Skiers Who Participated 9 Days or More

24%

Average Number of Days Participated

7.2

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BACKCOUNTRY SKIERS

Resort Backcountry Skiers	
Total	3,312,000
Age	32% under 17, 38% between 18 and 34, 21% between 35 and 44, 9% over 45
Gender	72% Male, 28% Female
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	40%
Region	Pacific
Income > \$75K	83%

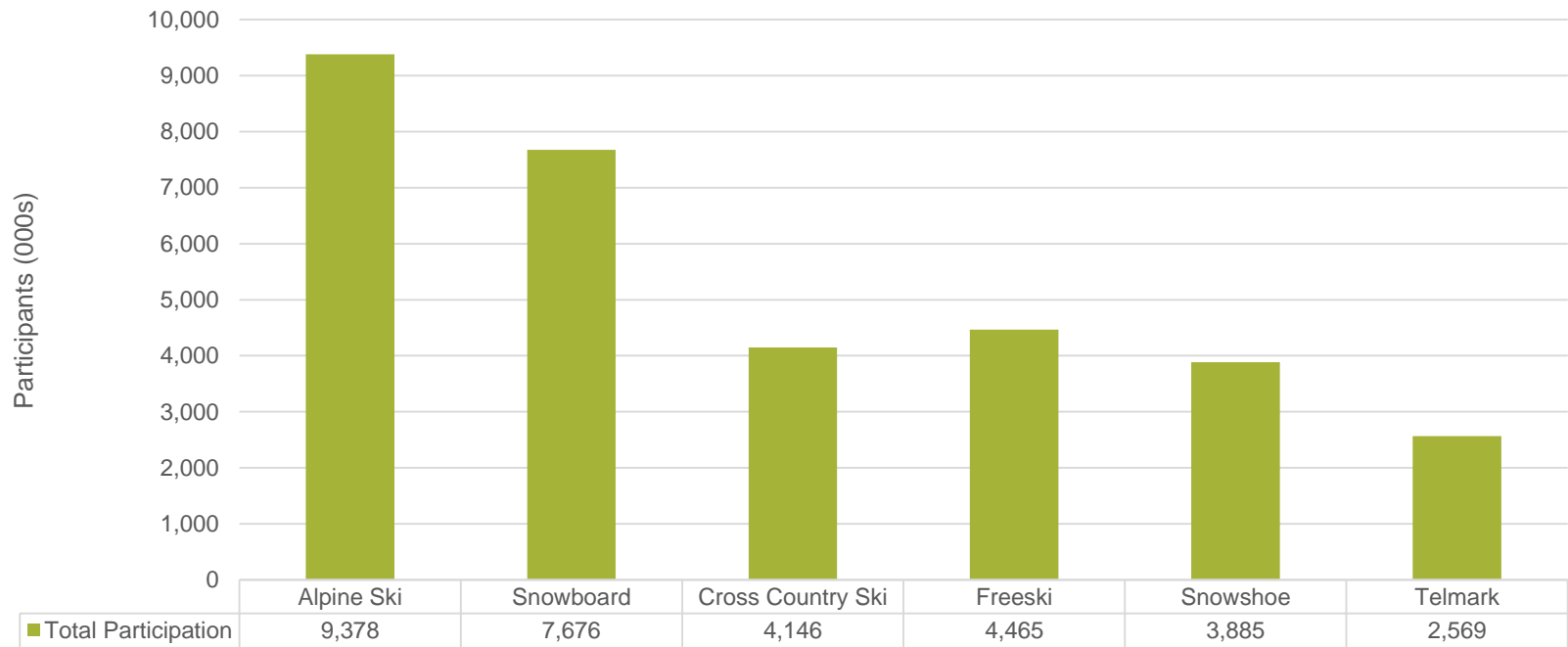
Non-Resort Backcountry Skiers	
Total	1,207,000
Age	26% under 17, 44% between 18 and 34, 15% between 35 and 44, 15% 45 and over
Gender	61% Male, 39% Female
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	54%
Region	Pacific & Mid Atlantic
Income > \$75K	72%

BACKCOUNTRY SNOWBOARDERS

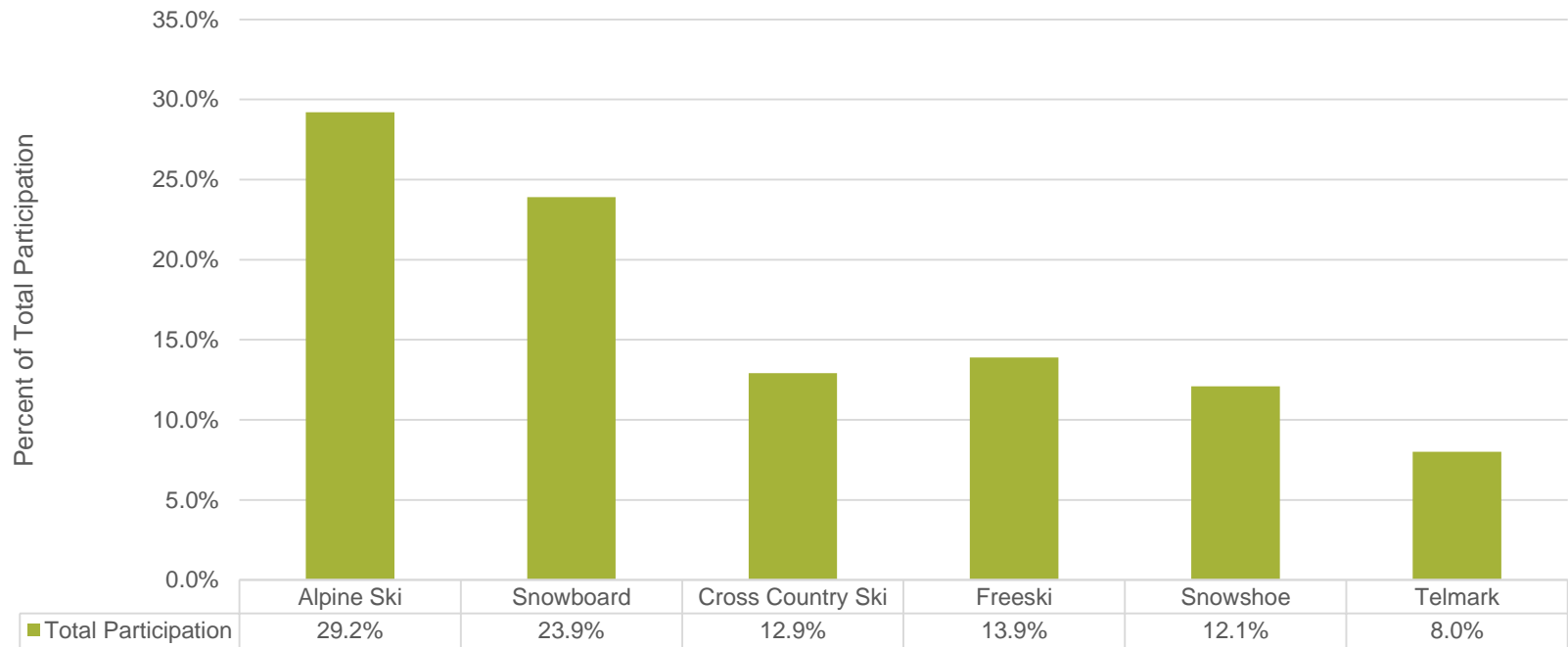
Resort Backcountry Riders	
Total	2,254,000
Age	35% under 17, 39% between 18 and 34, 26% over 35
Gender	48% Male, 342% Female
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	30%
Region	Mid Atlantic & Pactic
Income > \$75K	72%

Non-Resort Backcountry Riders	
Total	784,000
Age	41% under 17, 42% between 18 and 34, 17% over 55
Gender	65% Male, 35% Female
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	38%
Region	South Atlantic & Pacific
Income > \$75K	75%

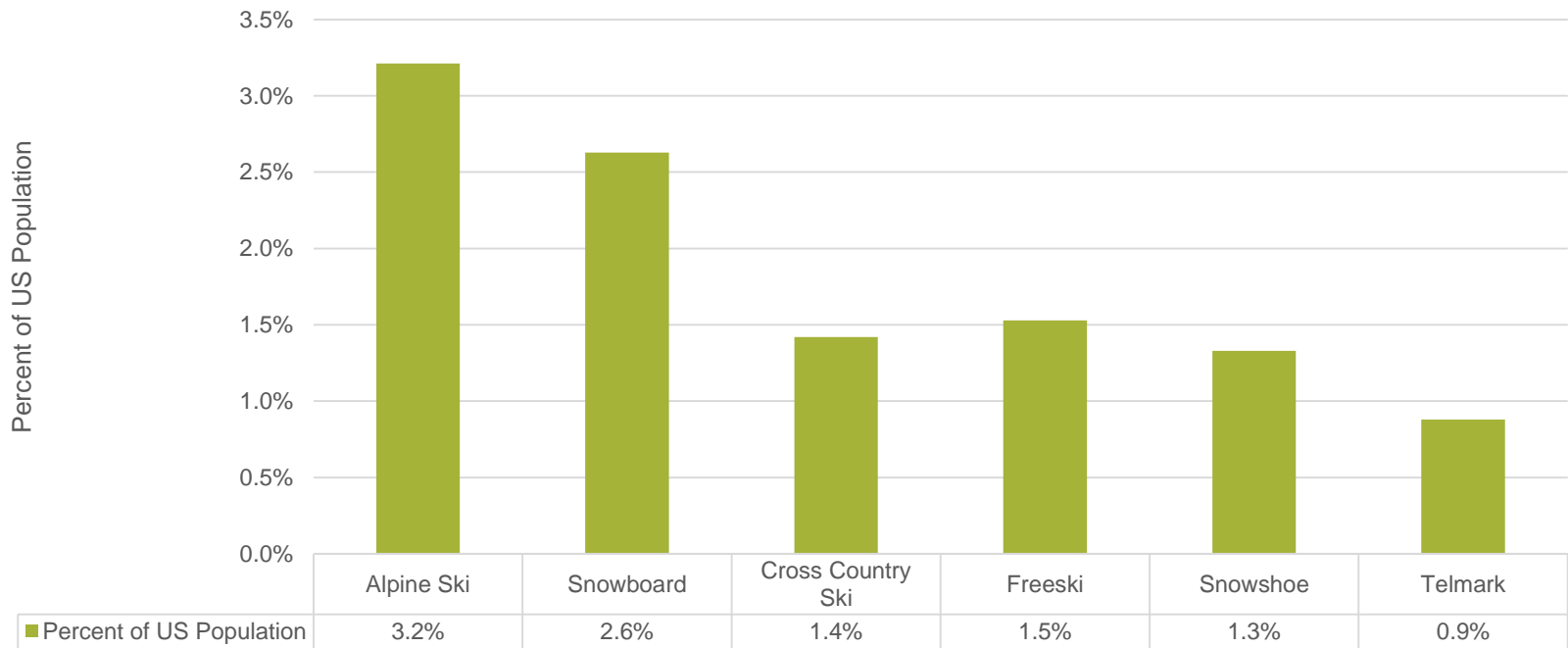
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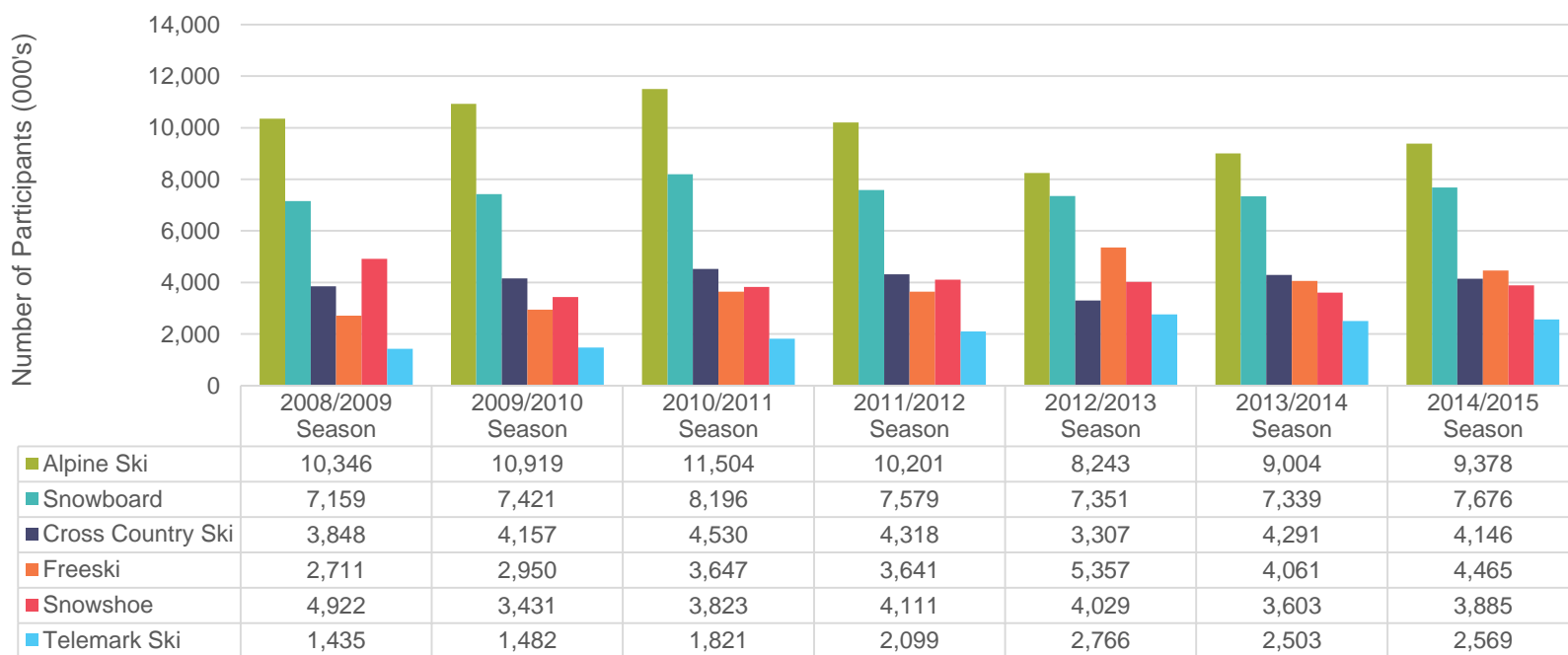
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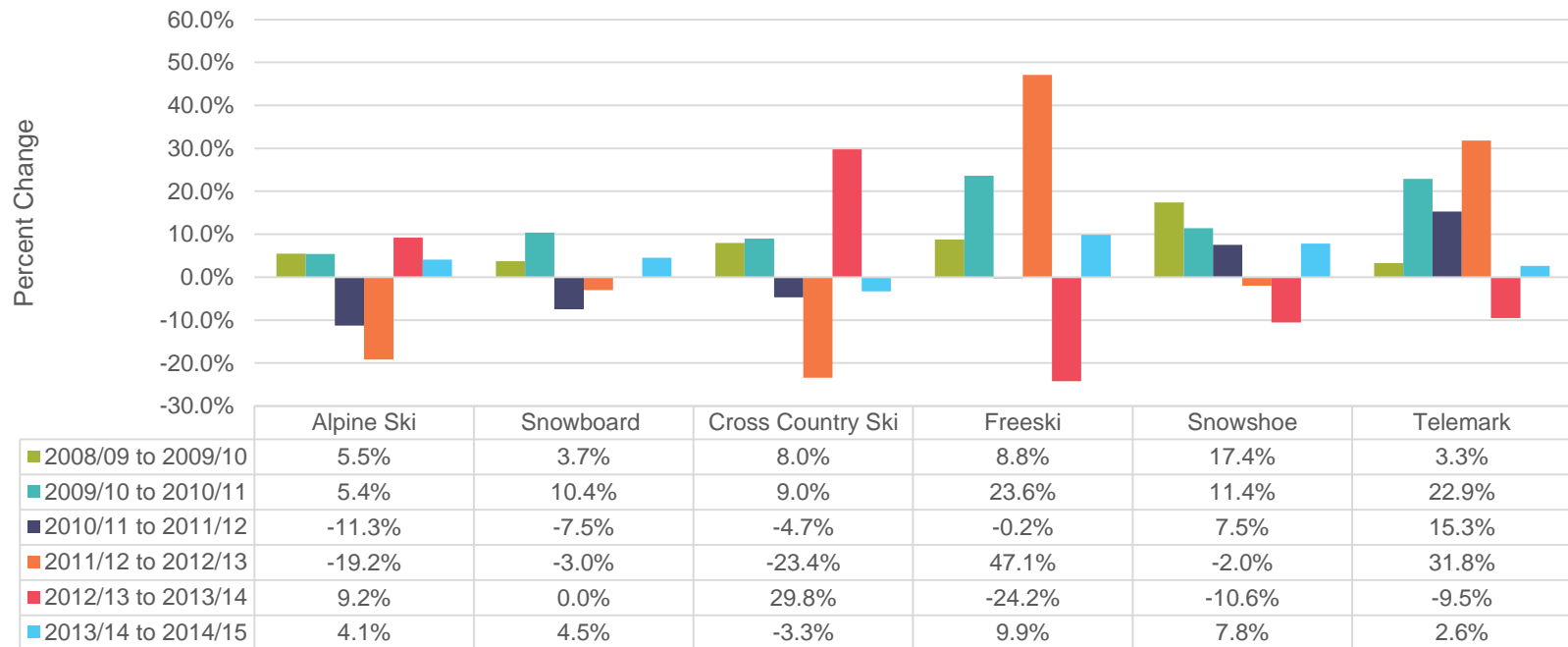
PERCENT OF US POPULATION THAT PARTICIPATES



SNOW SPORTS PARTICIPATION TRENDS



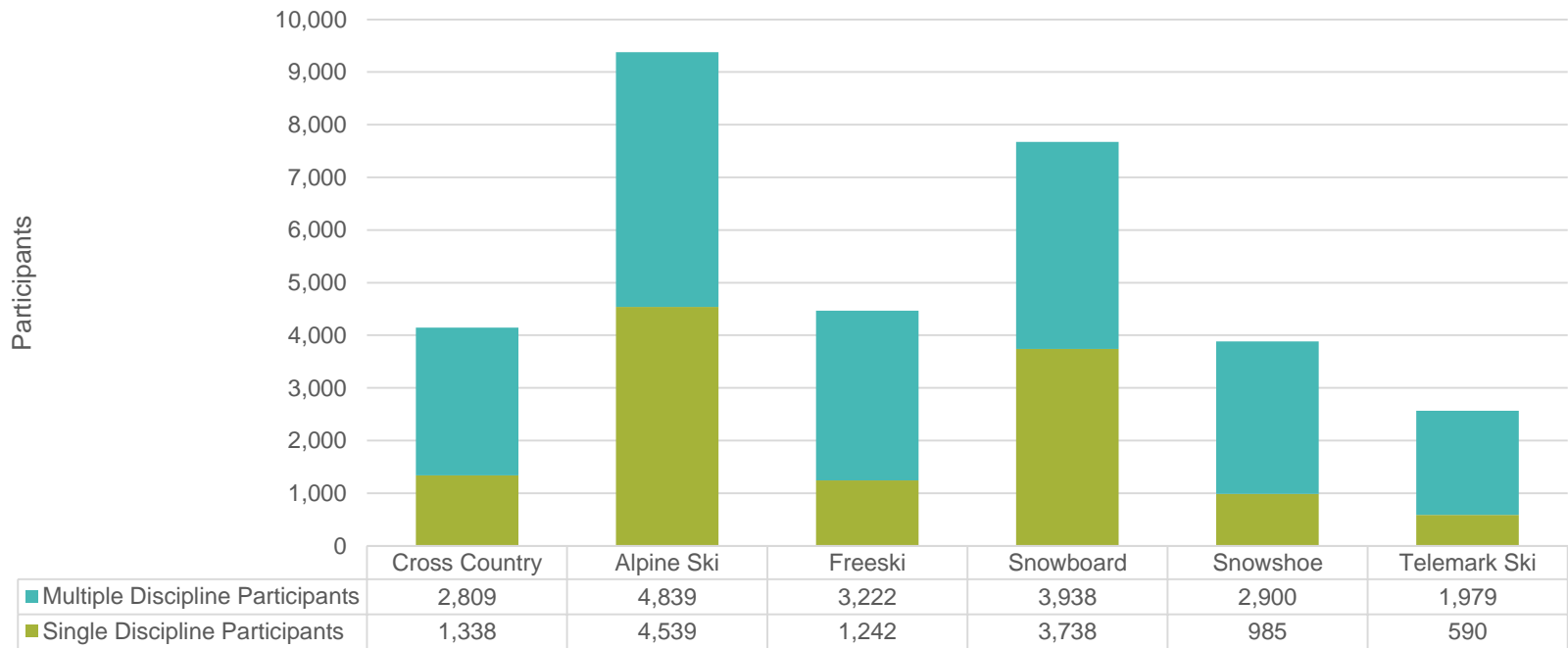
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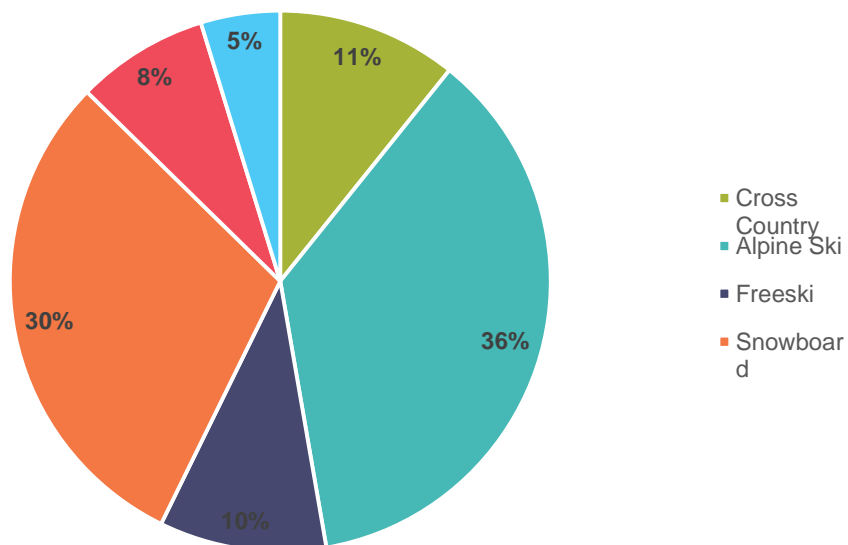
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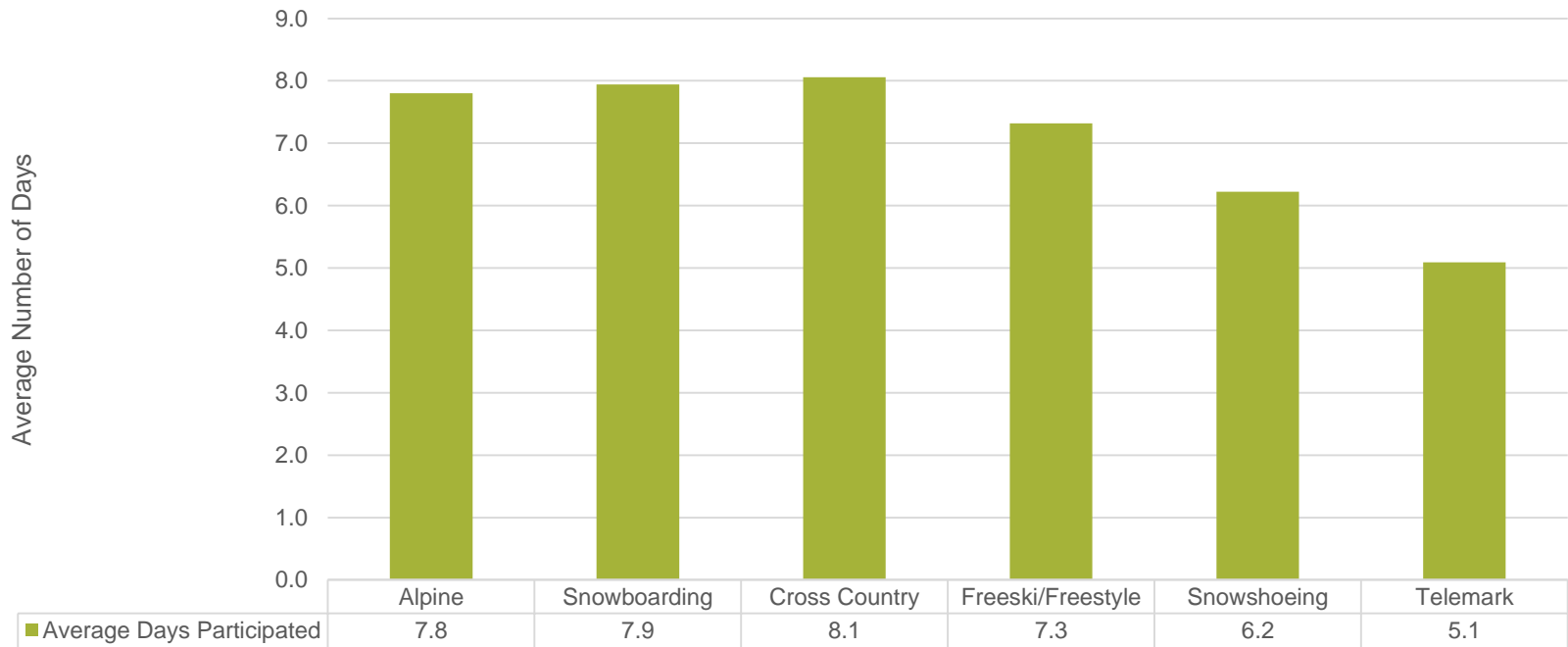
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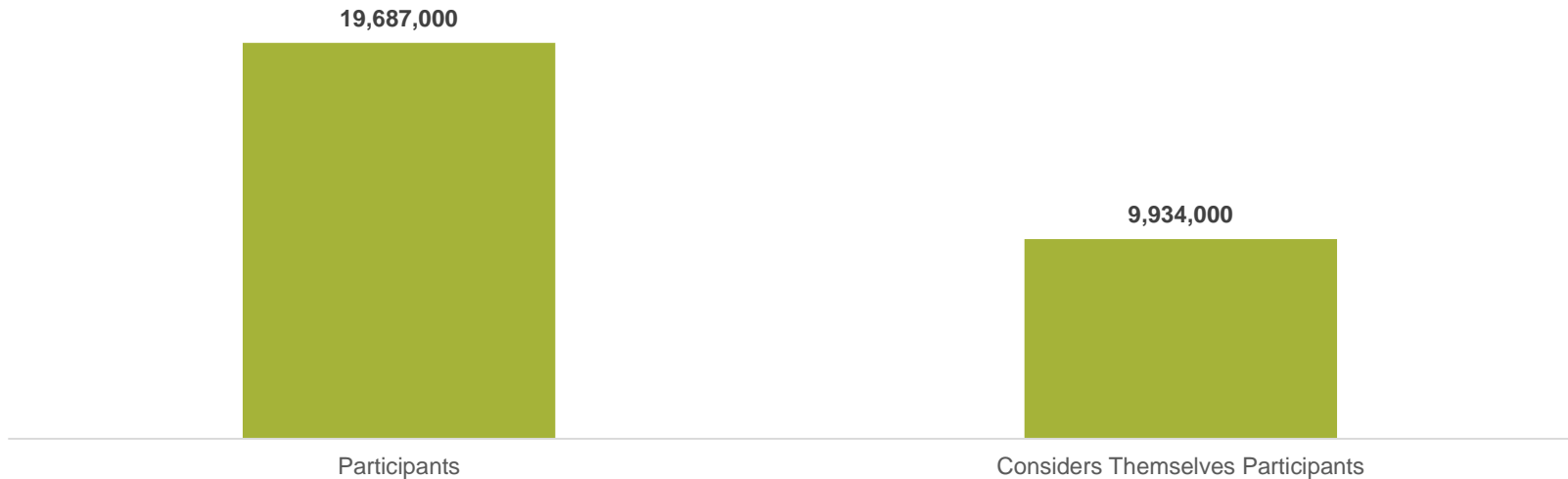
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AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS PARTICIPATED

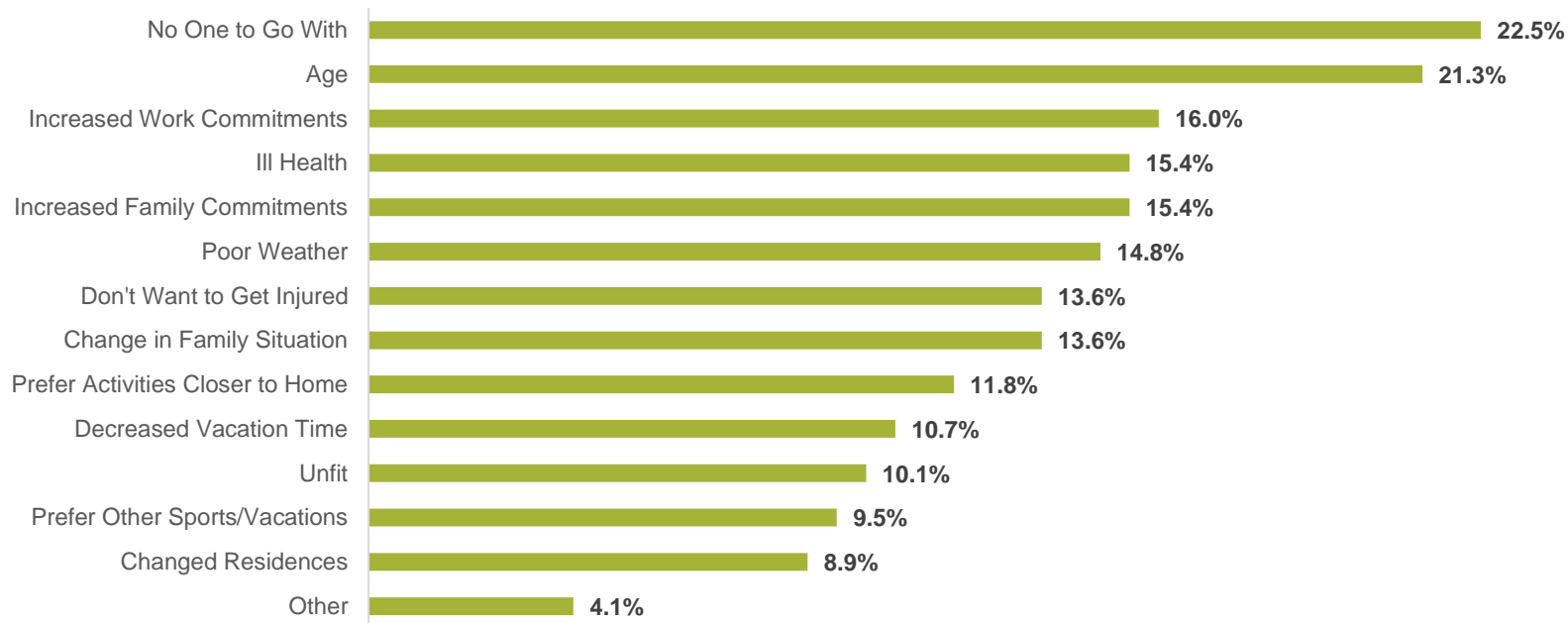


PARTICIPANTS VS. NON-PARTICIPANTS



Total projected participation for the 2014/2015 season was 19,687,000; 9,934,000 people consider themselves snow sports participants, but did not make it to the mountain this season.

REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING

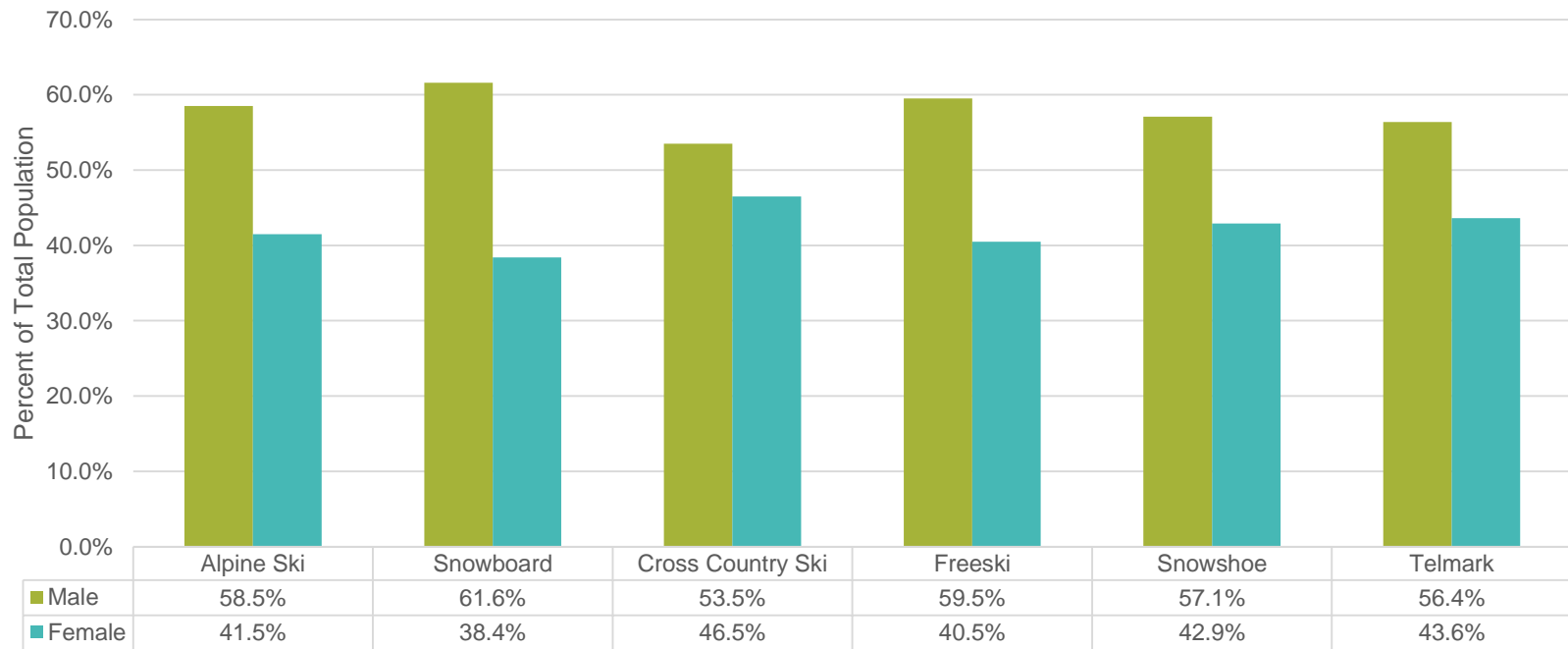


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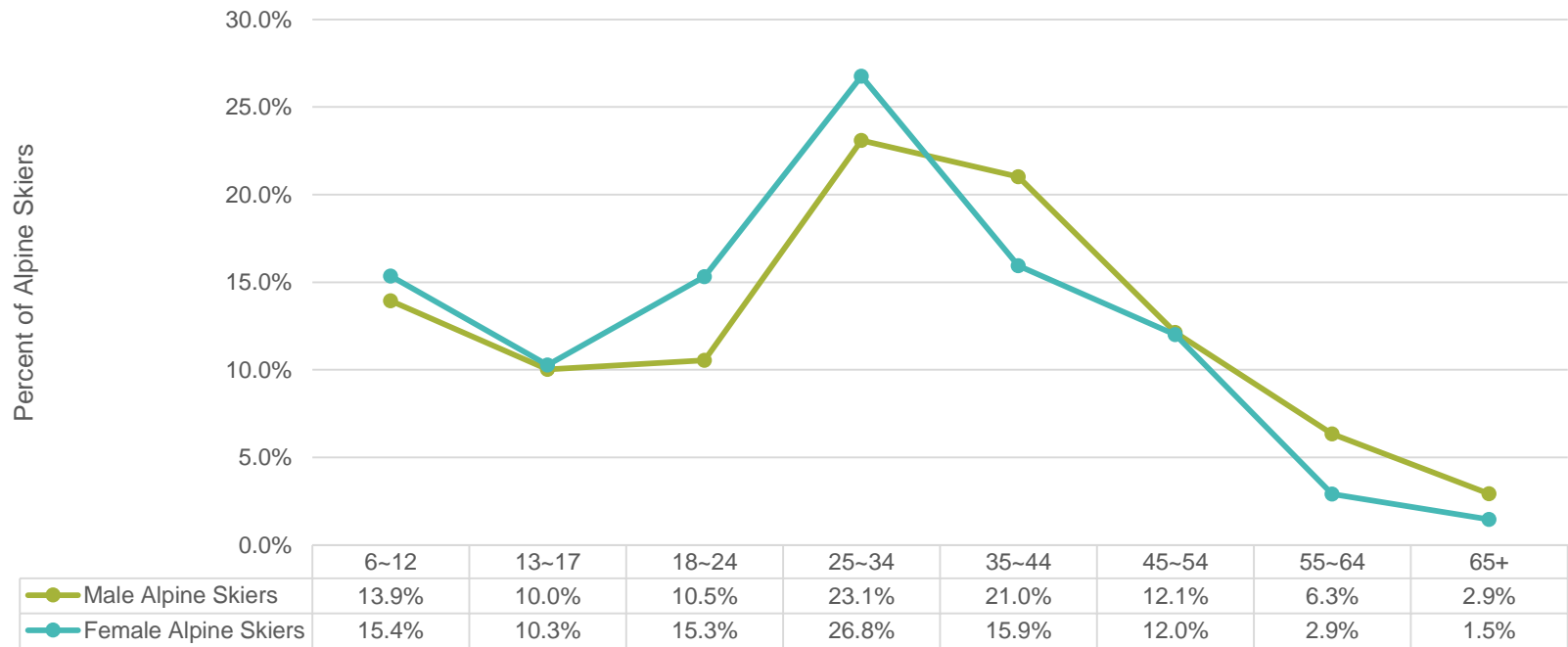
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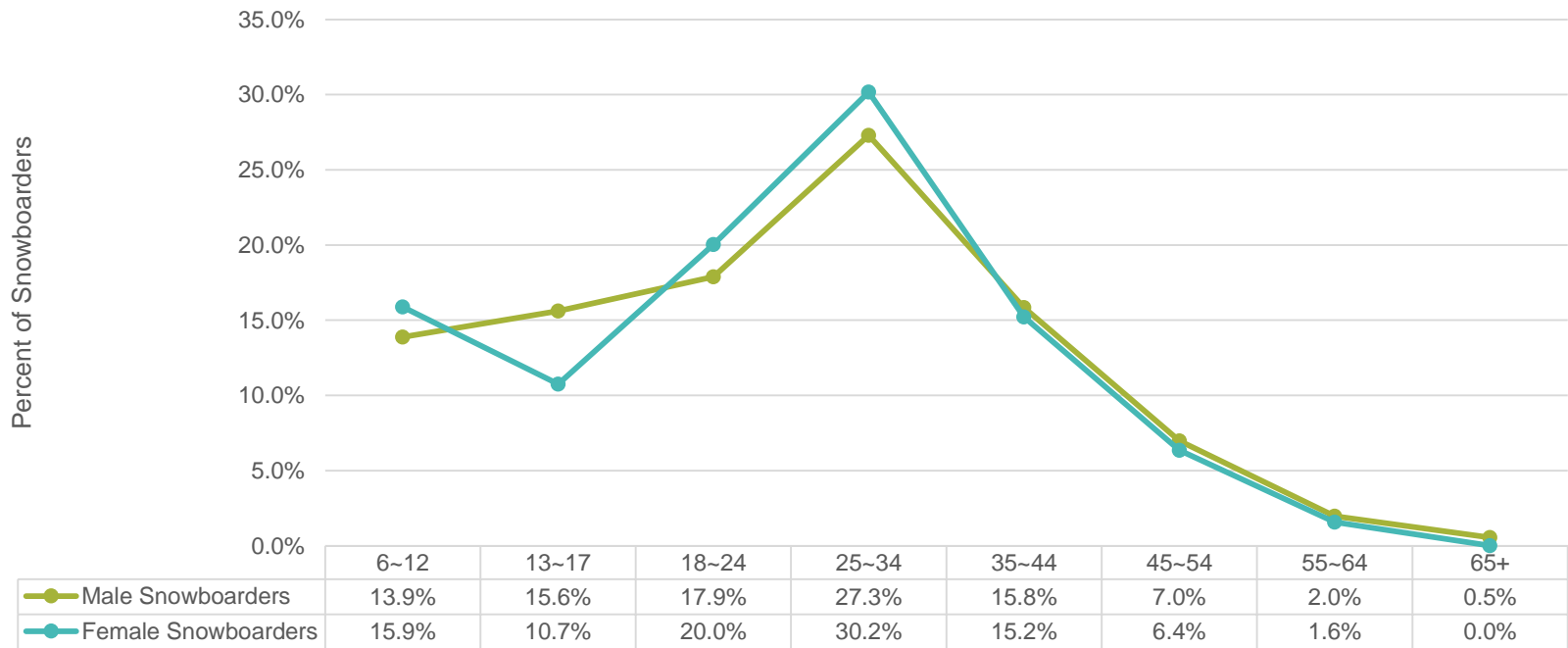
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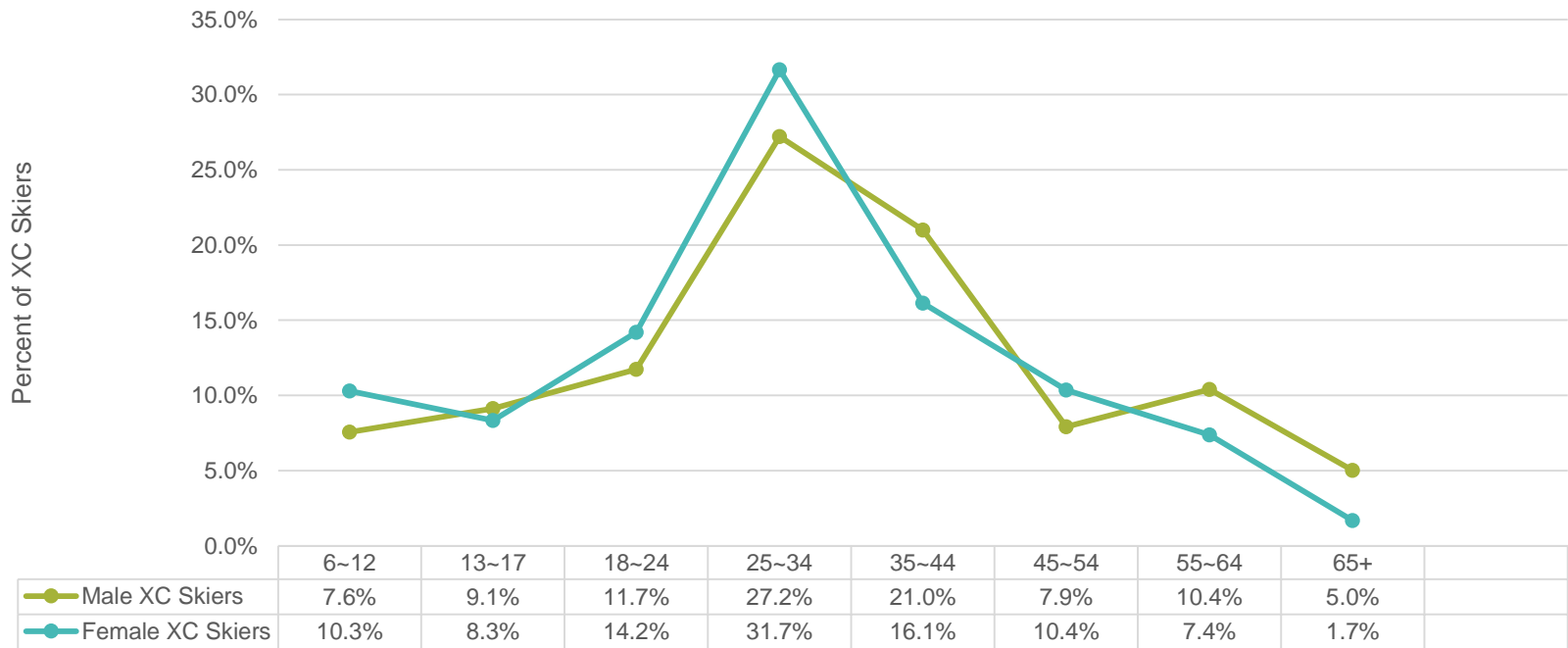
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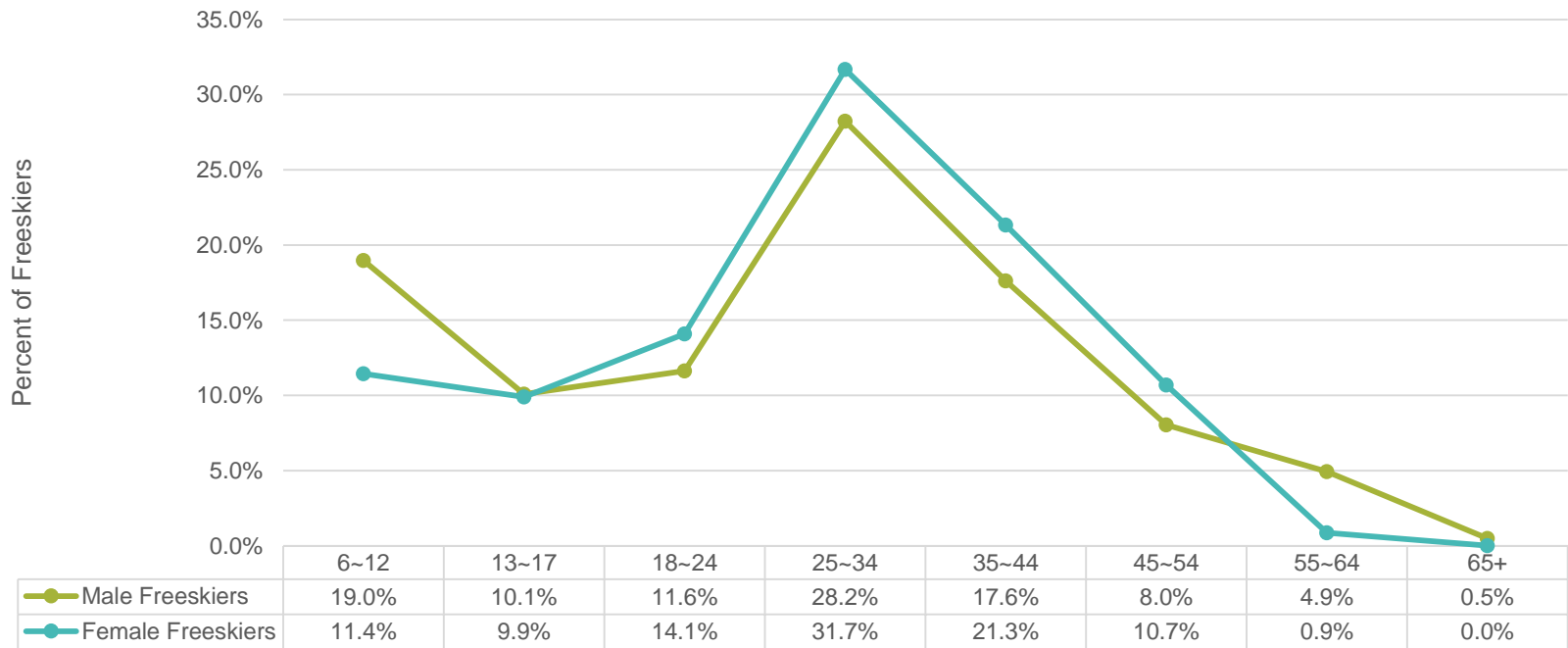
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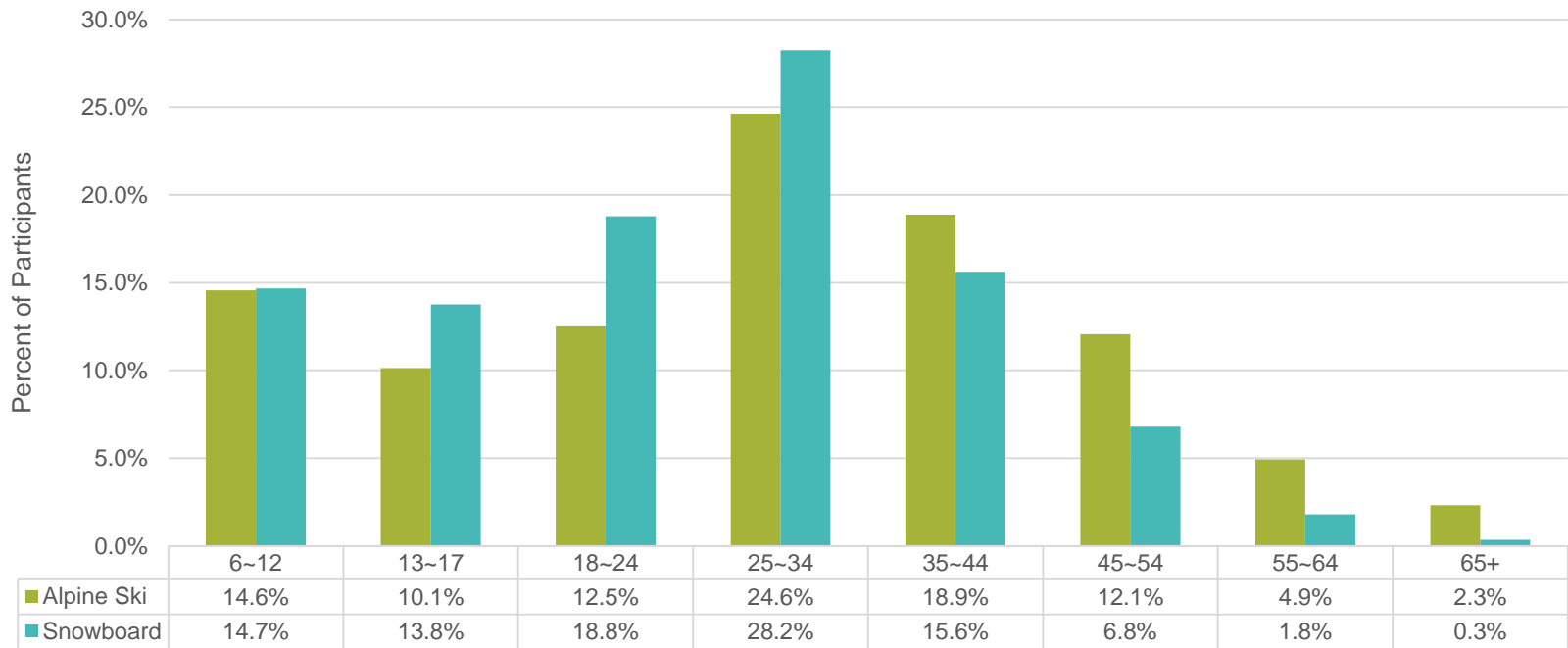
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MALE VS. FEMALE FREESKIERS, BY AGE



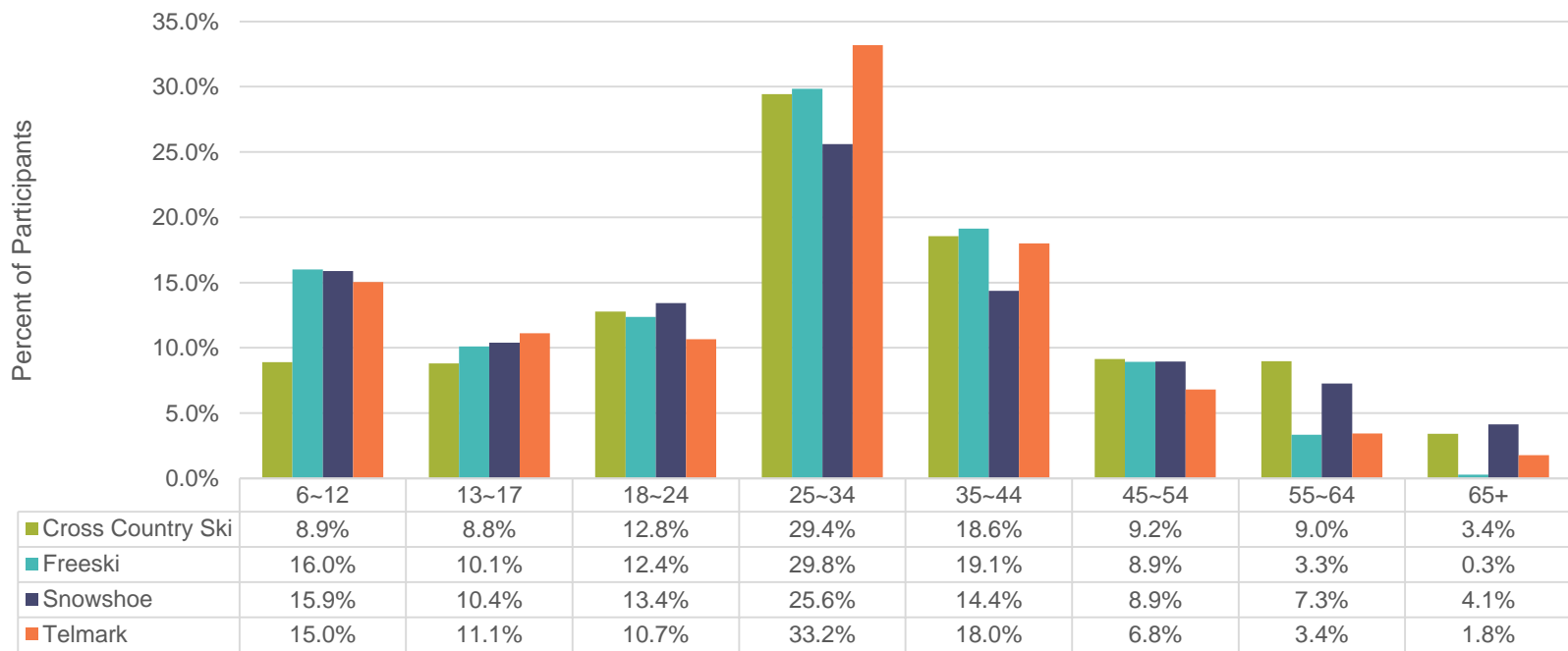
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SKI VS. SNOWBOARD



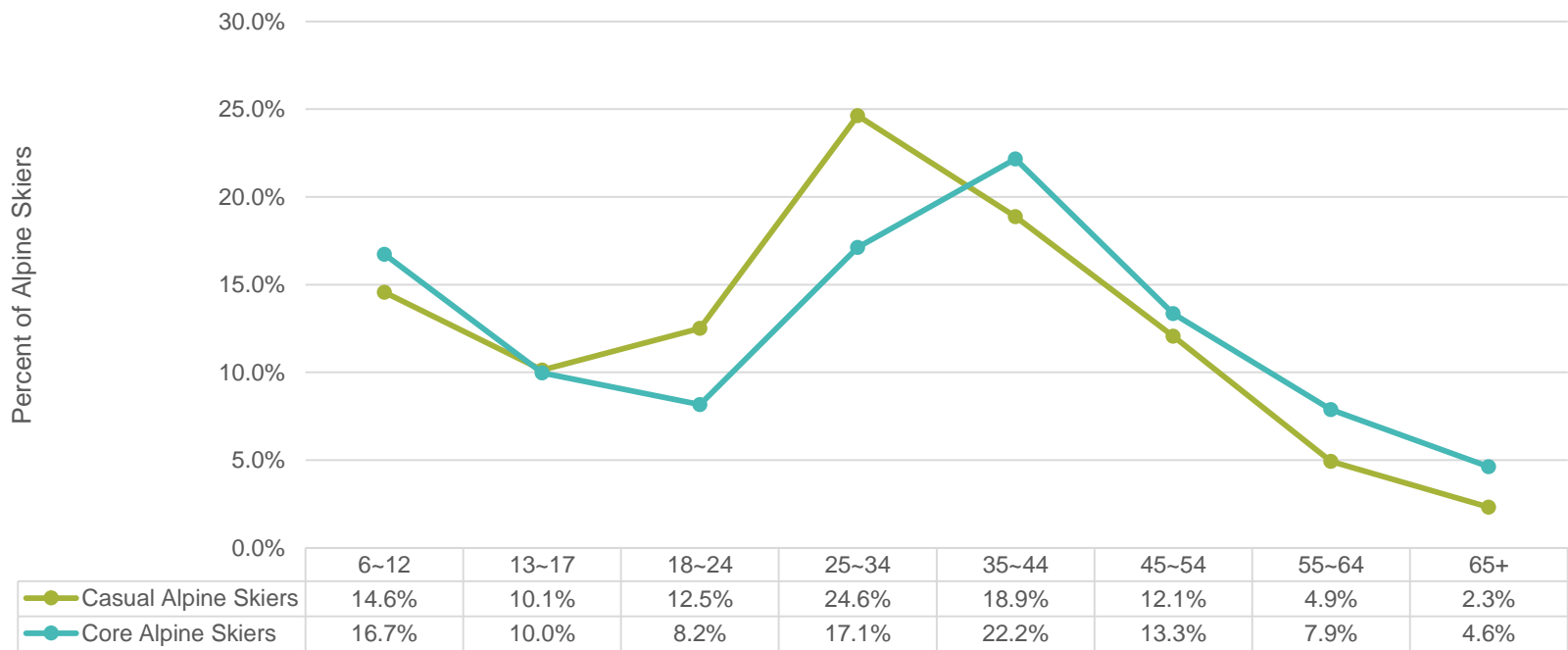
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CROSS COUNTRY, FREESKI, SNOWSHOE & TELEMAR



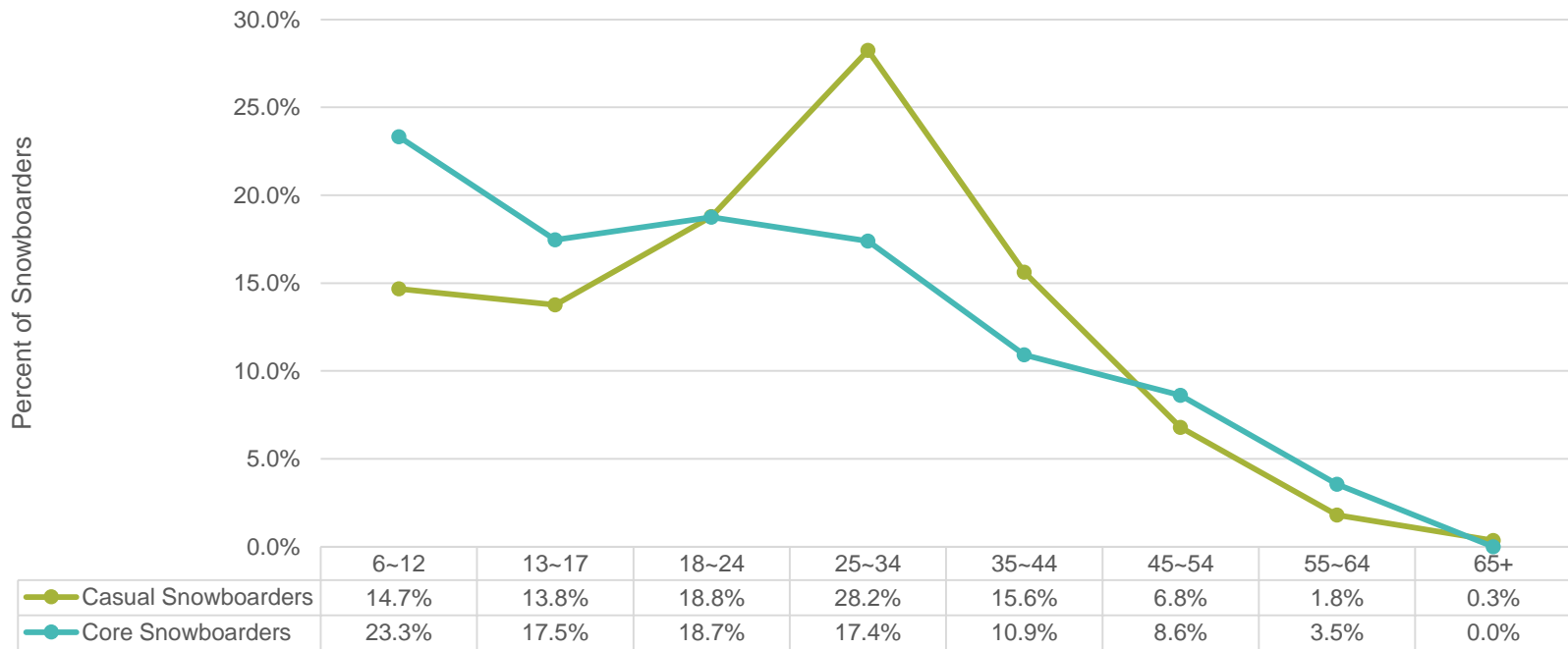
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CASUAL VS. CORE ALPINE SKIERS



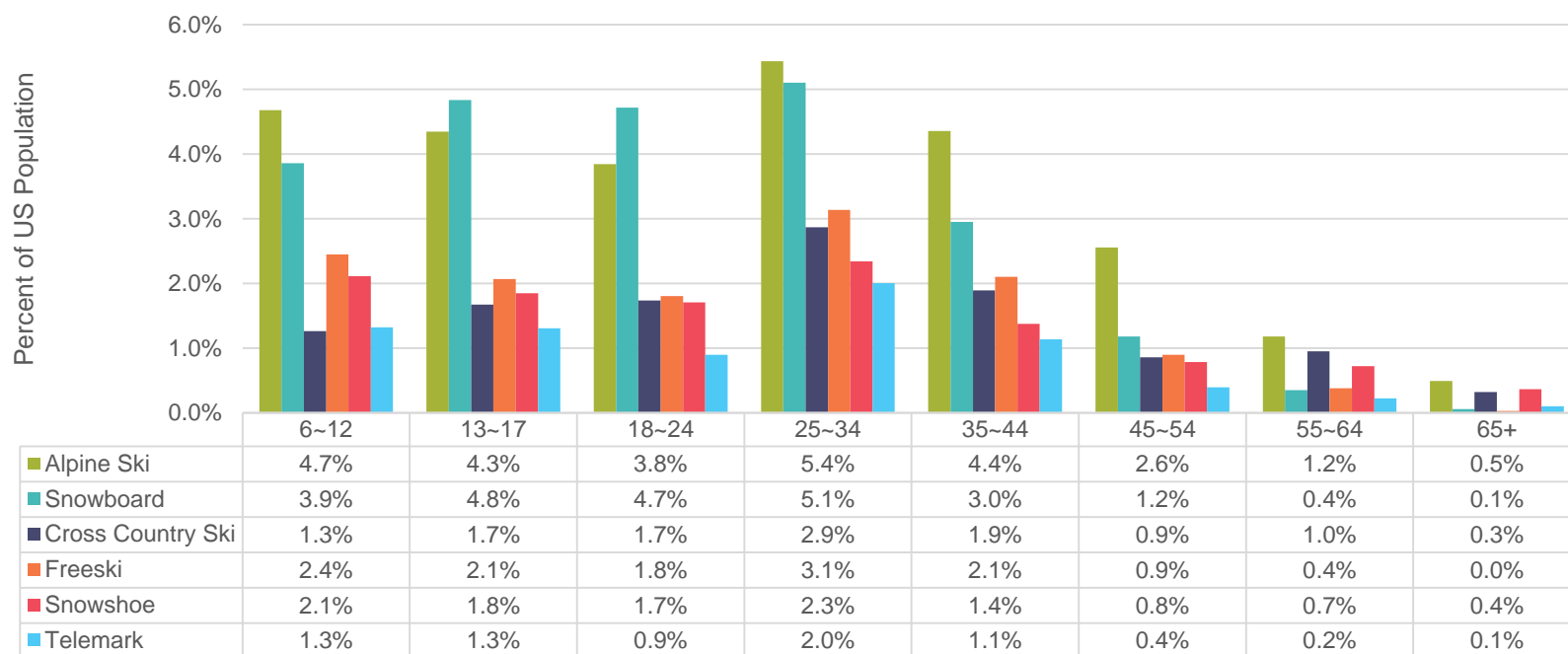
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CASUAL VS. CORE SNOWBOARDERS



AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

PERCENT OF POPULATION THAT PARTICIPATES

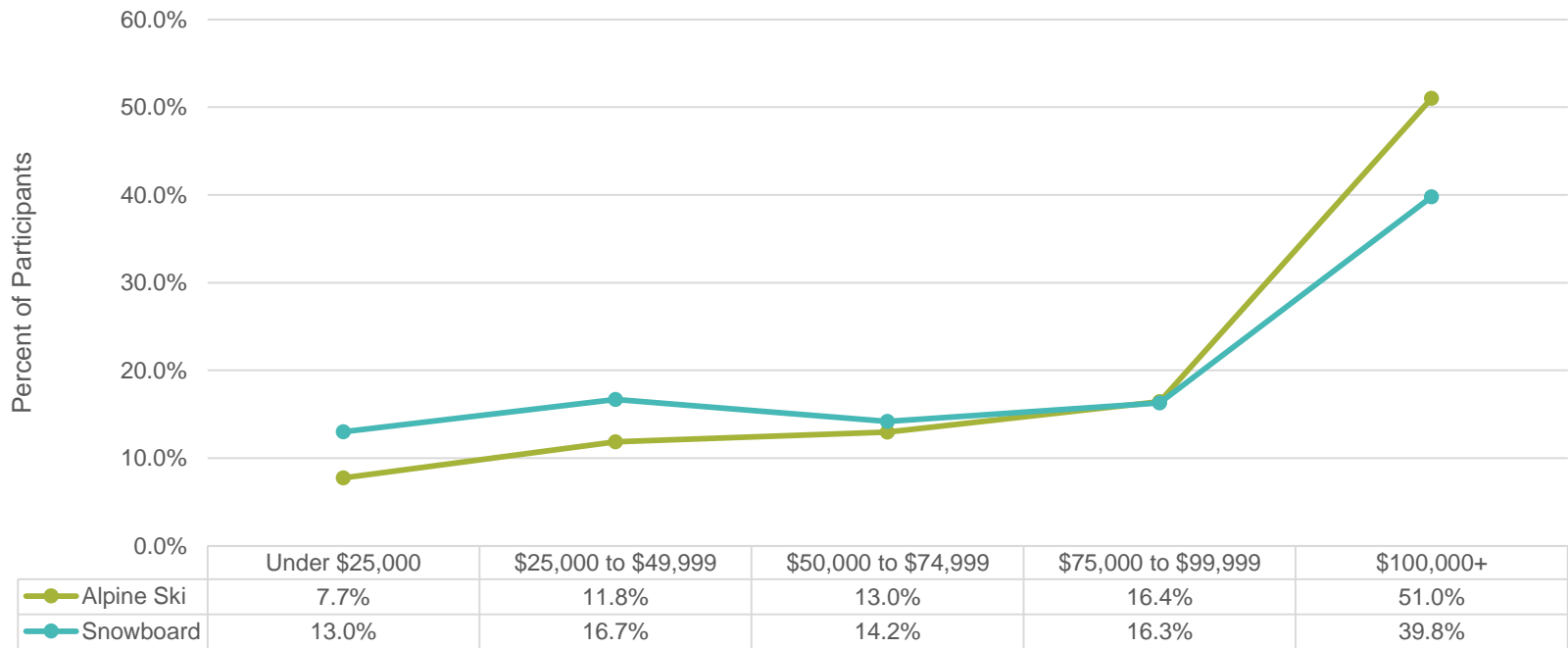


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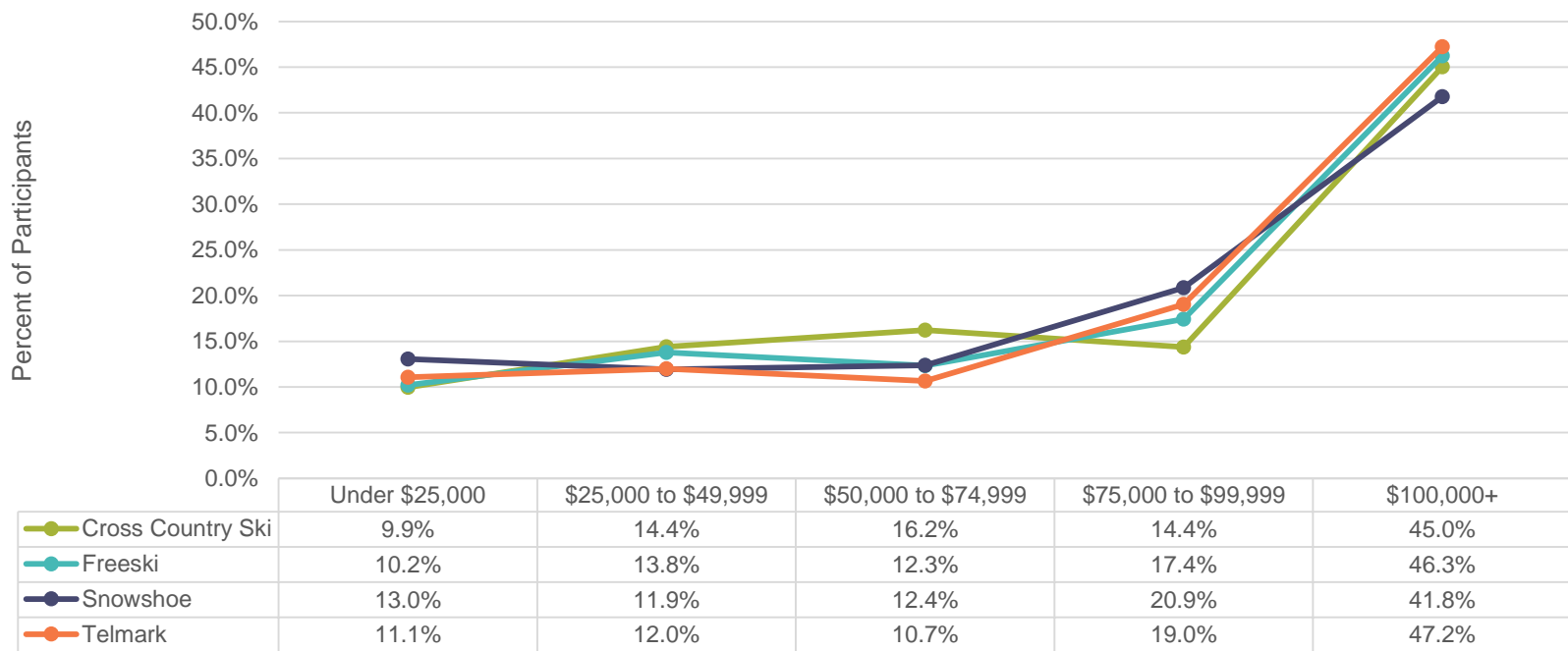
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ALPINE VS. SNOWBOARD



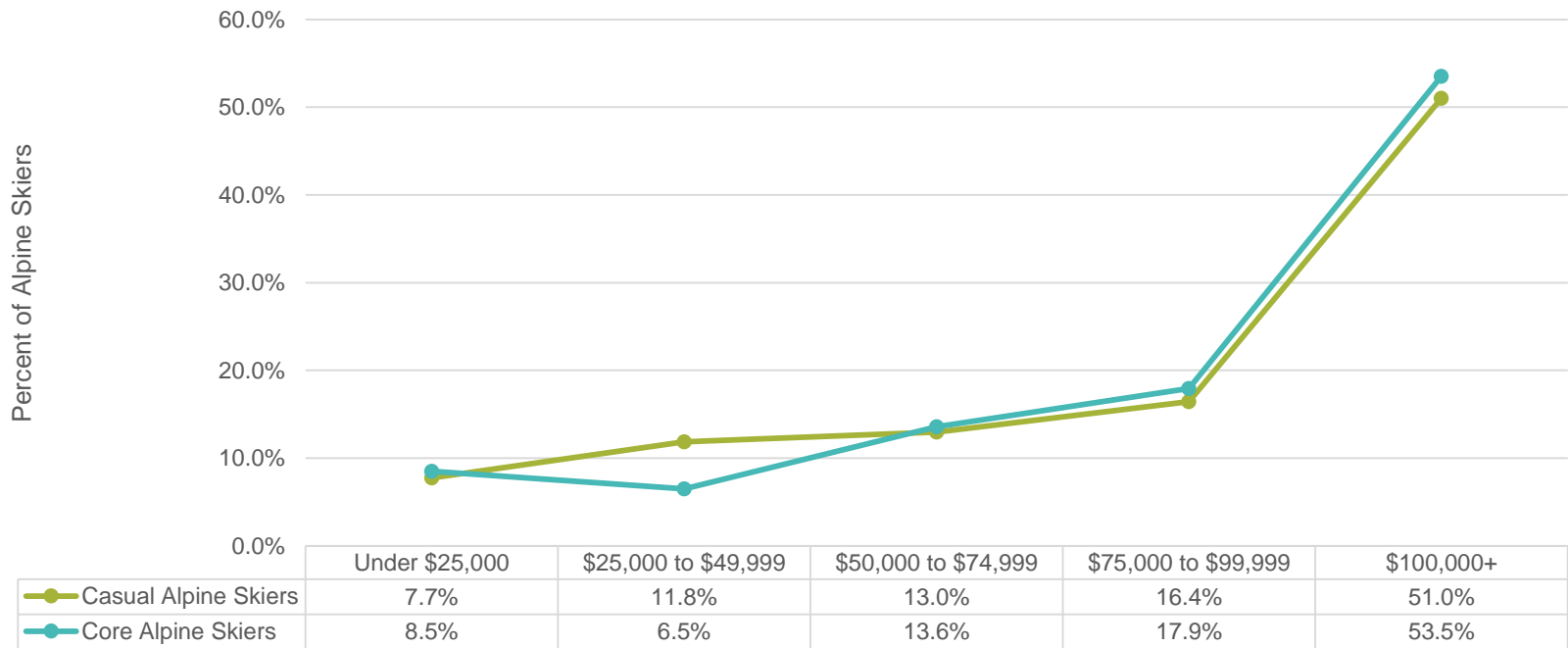
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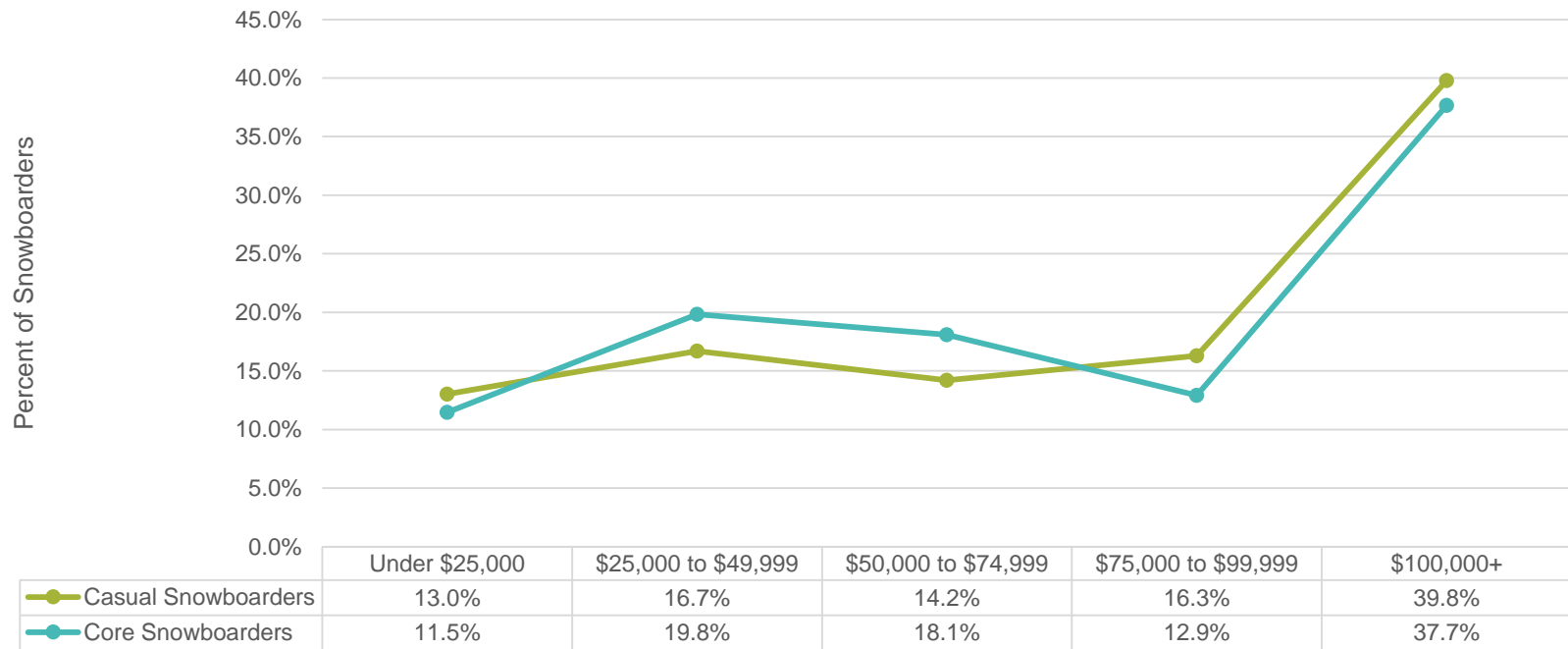
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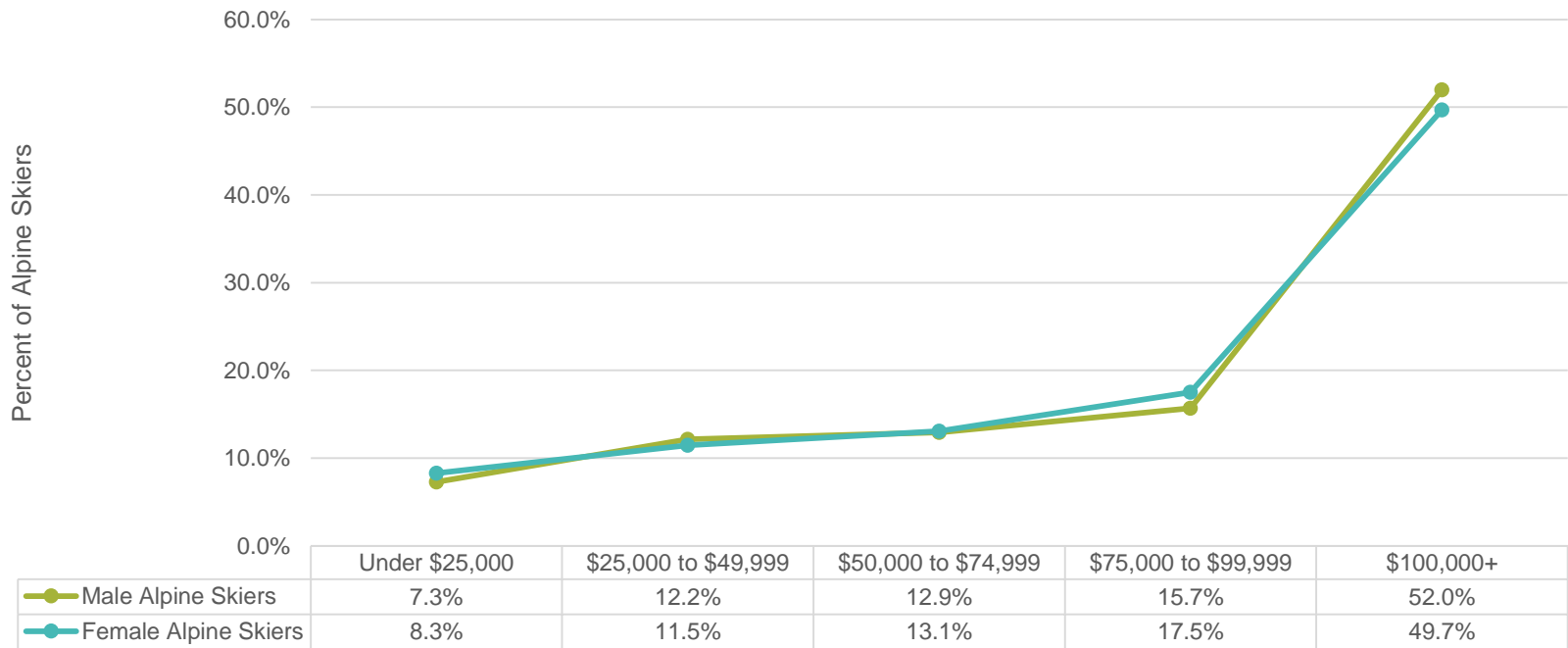
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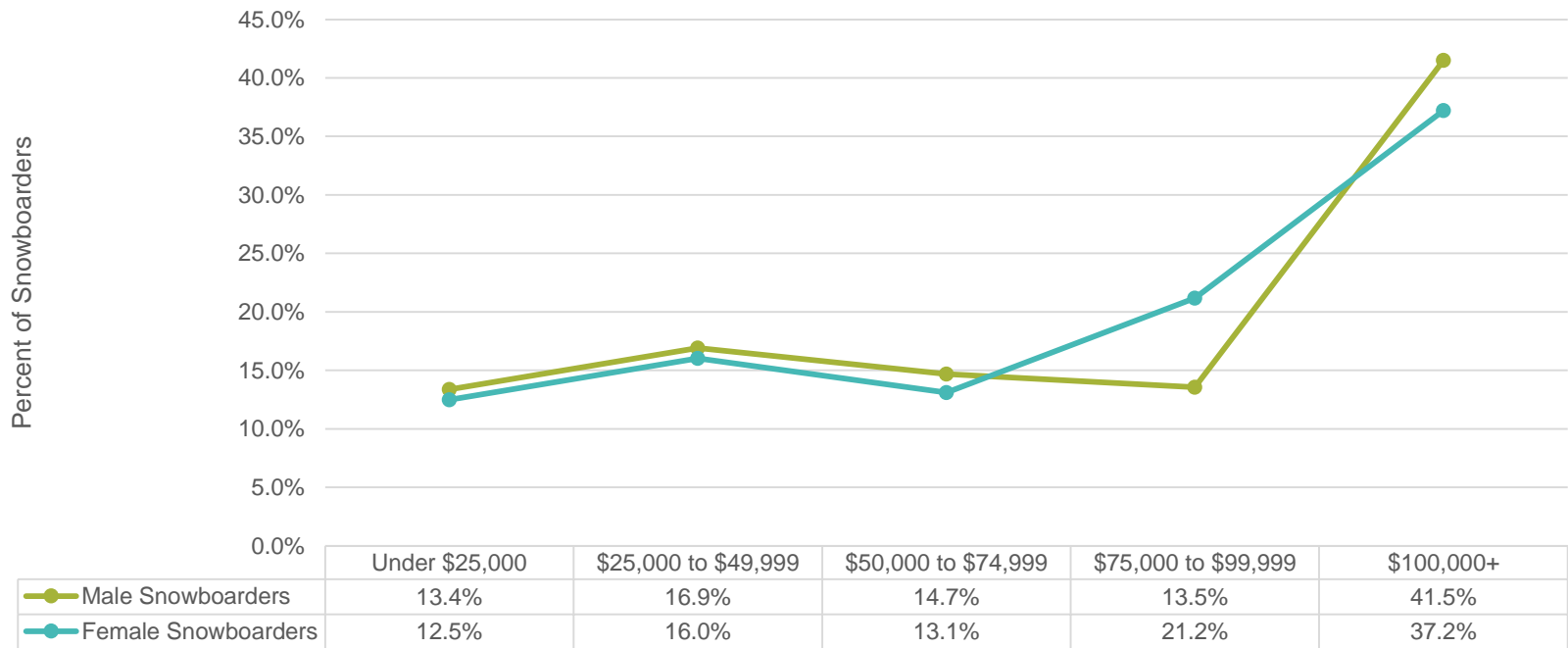


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ALPINE SKIERS BY GENDER

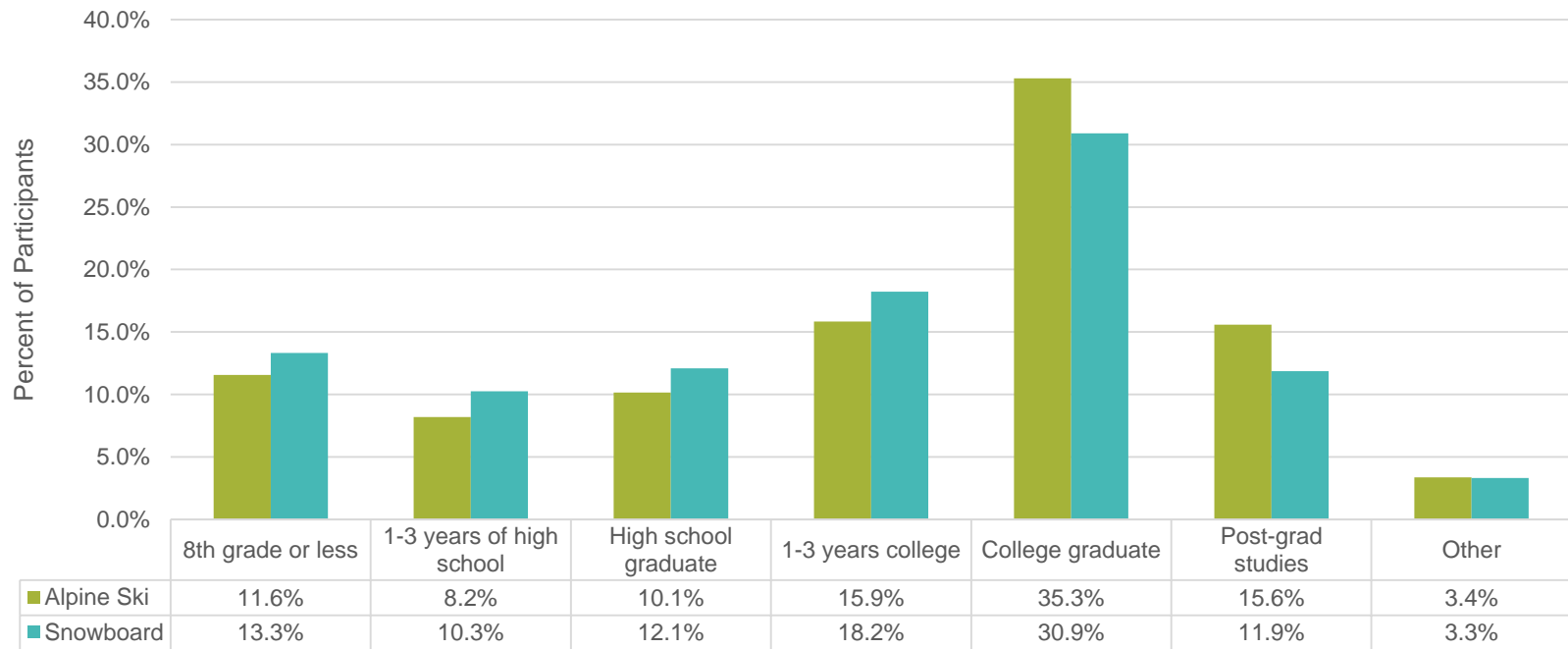


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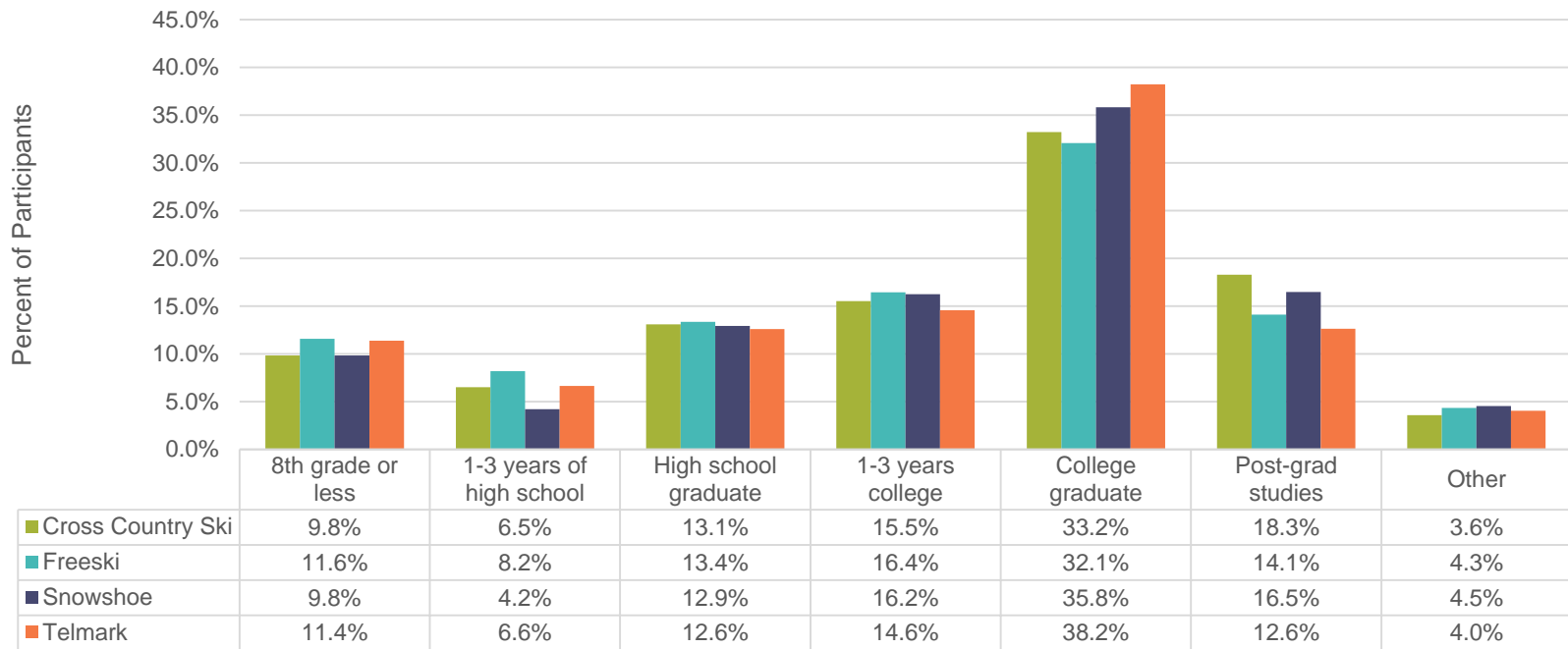
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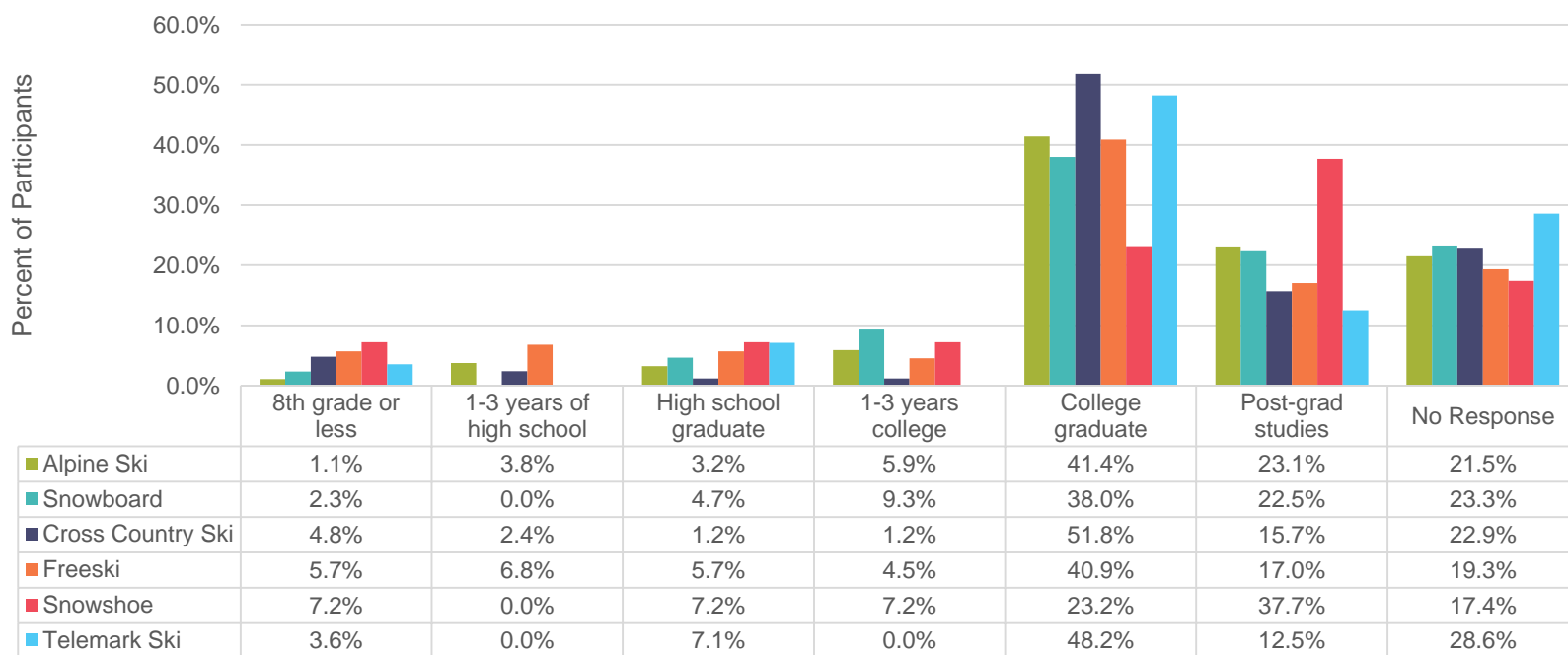
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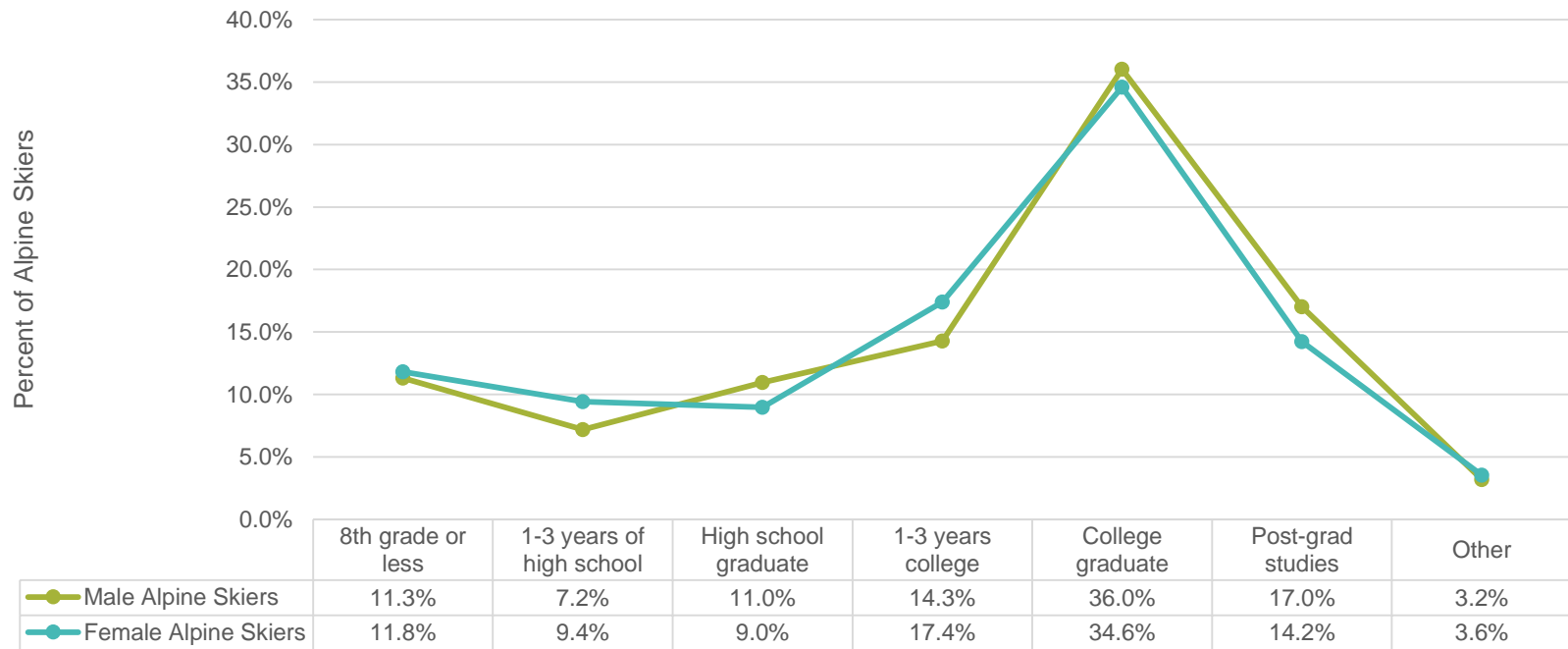
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PARTICIPANTS 25+, BY SPORT



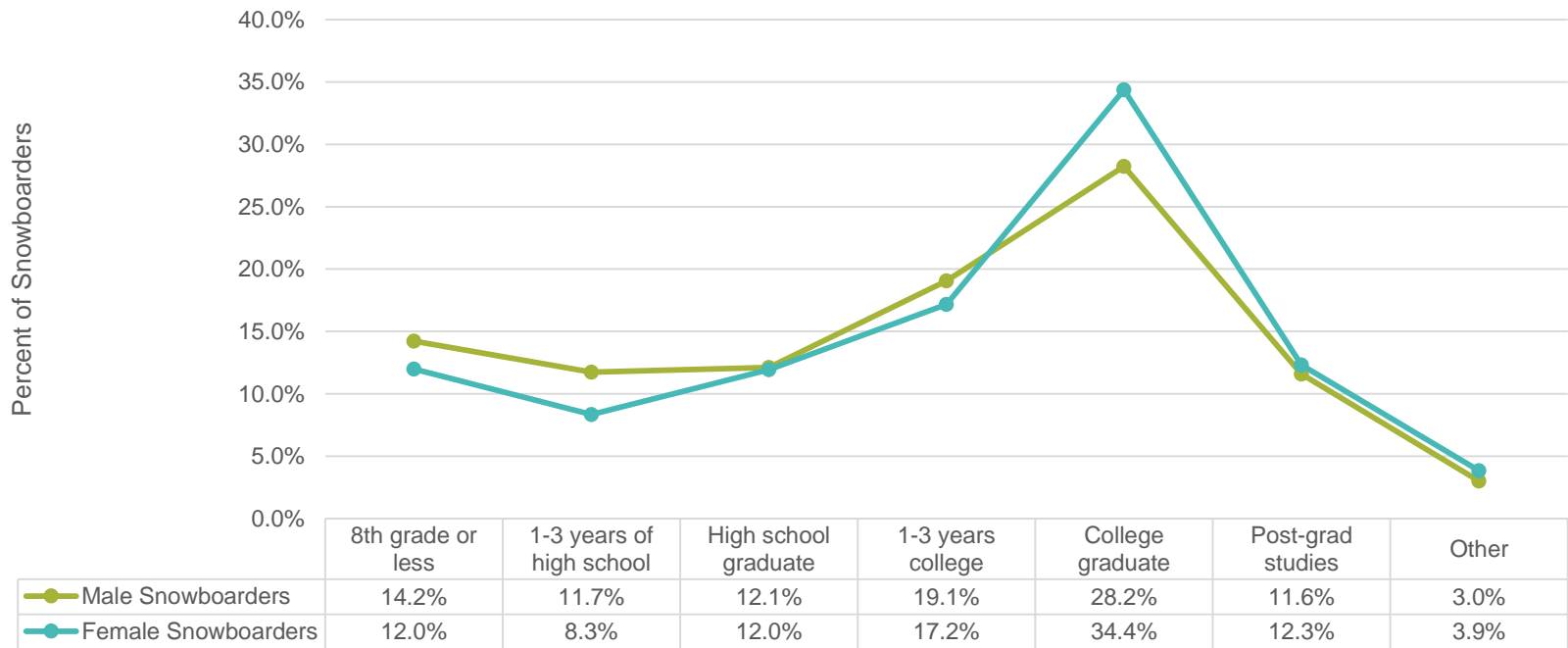
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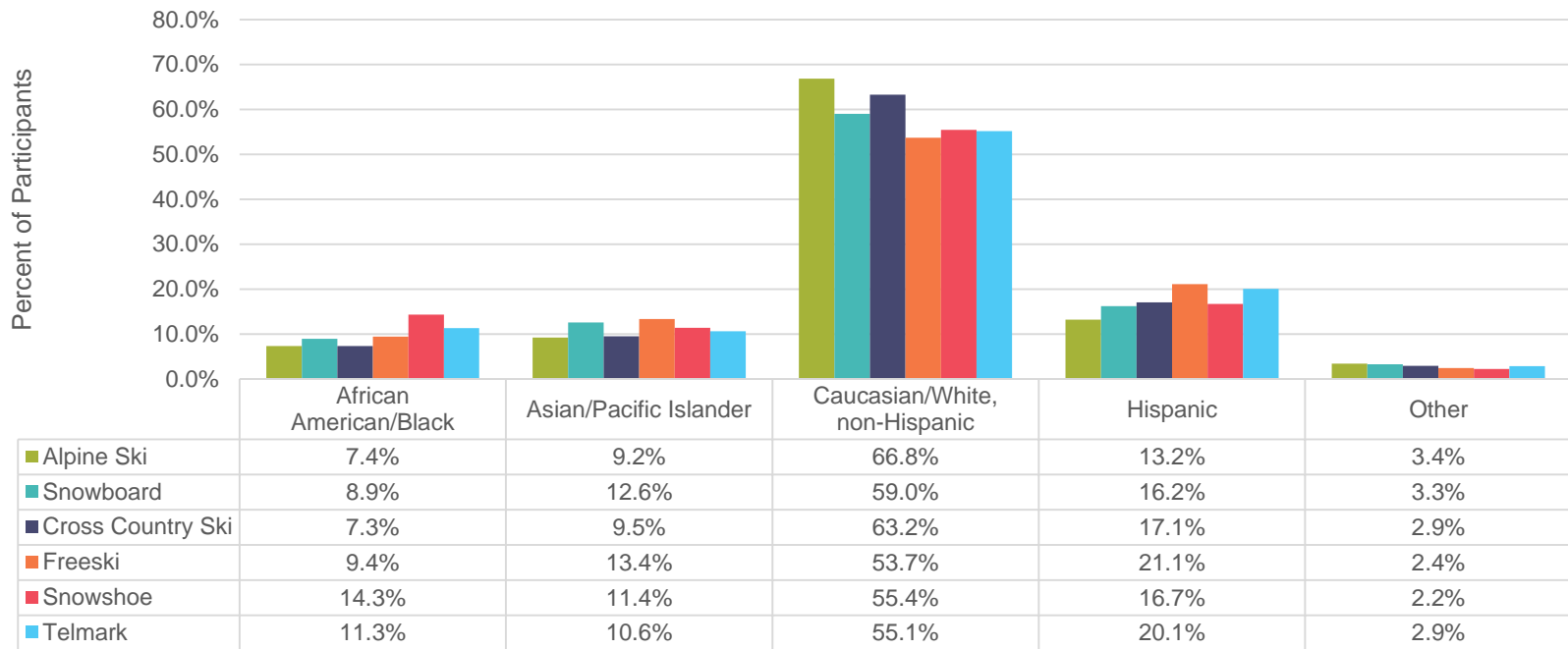
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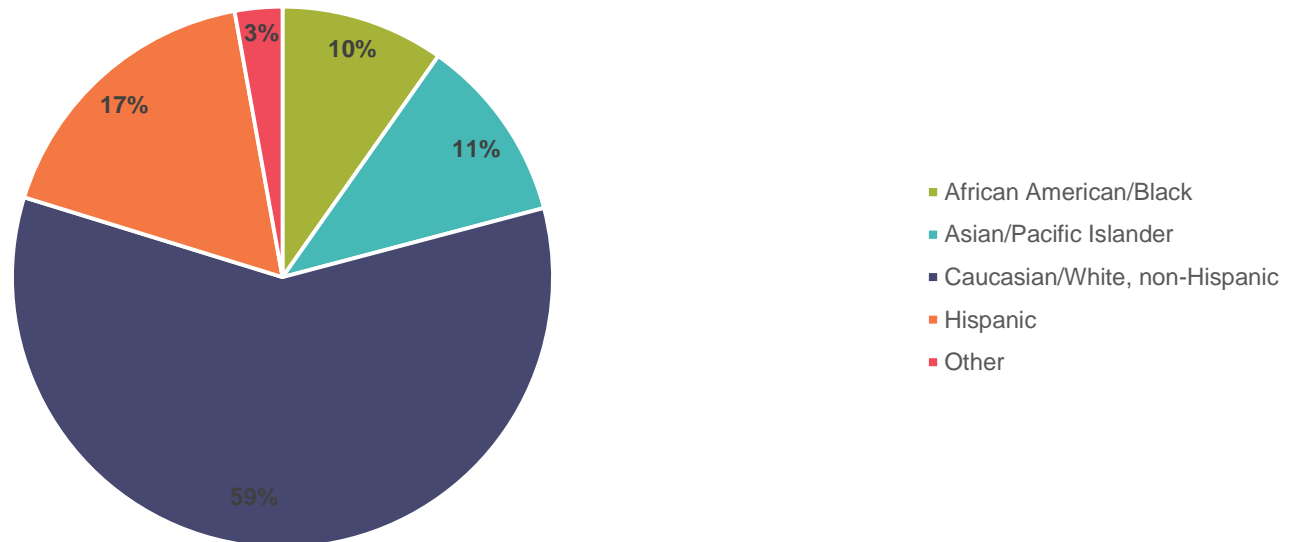
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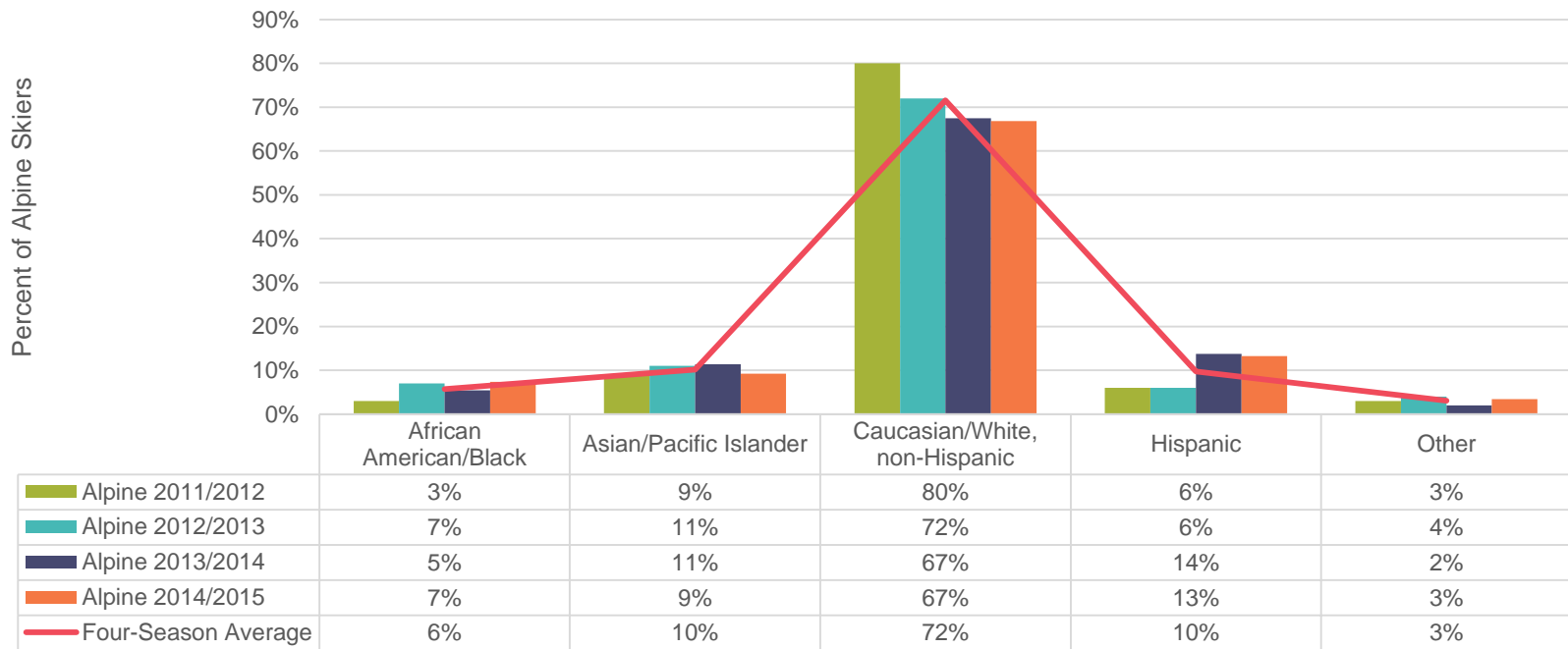
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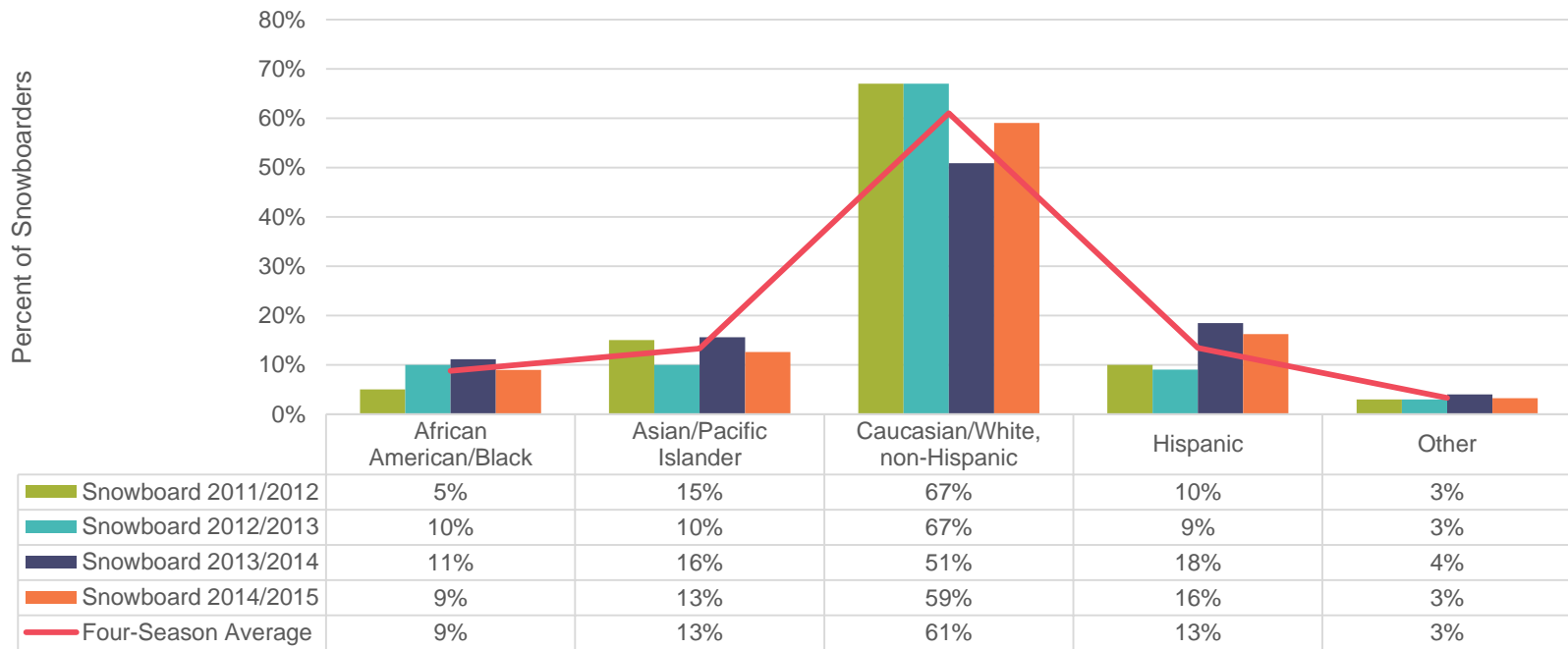
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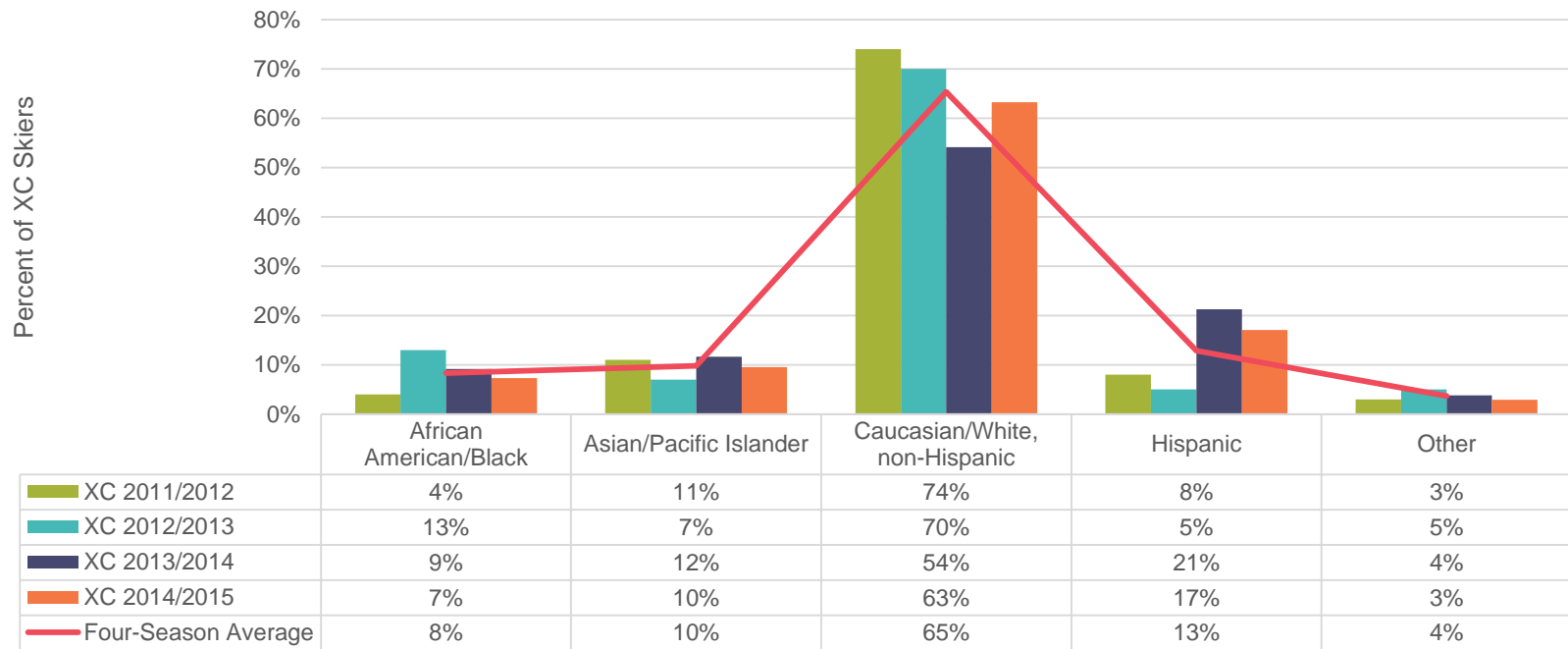
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YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE IN ETHNICITY: SNOWBOARD



YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE IN ETHNICITY: XC SKI

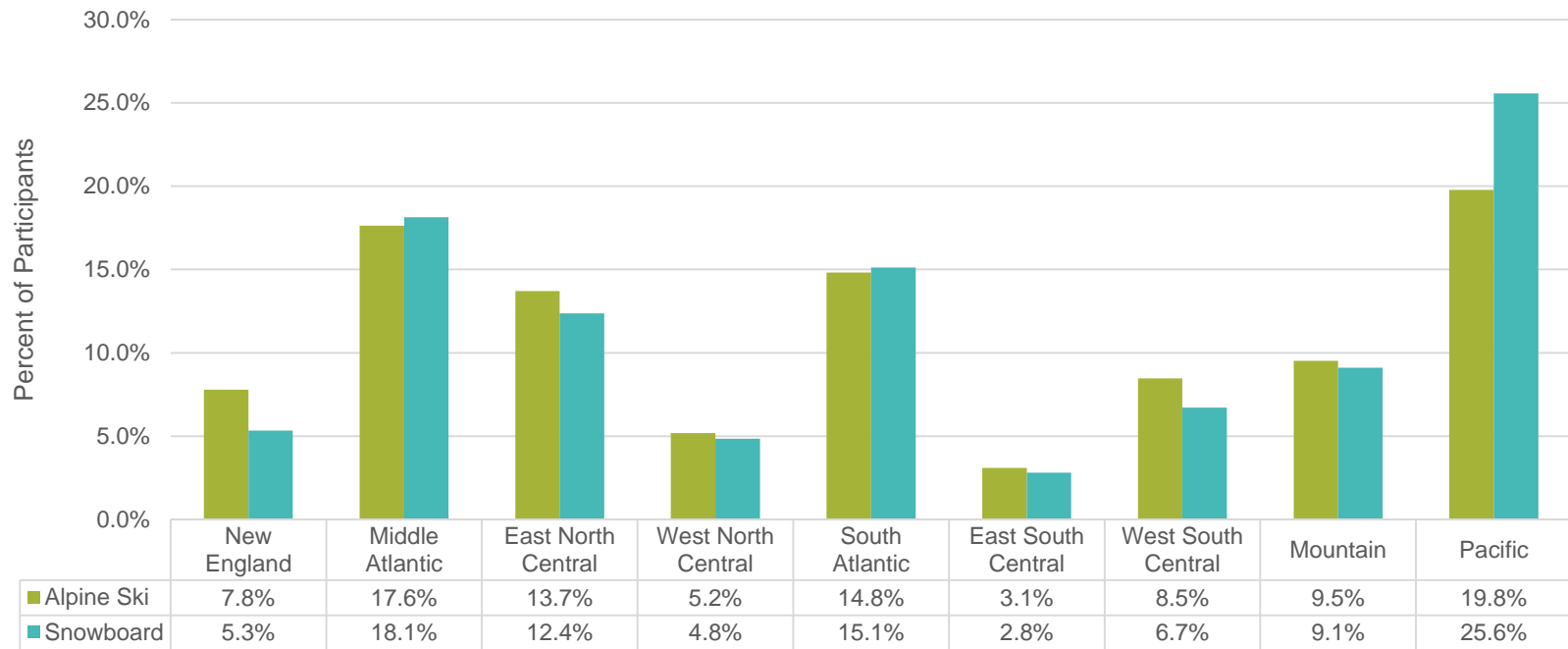


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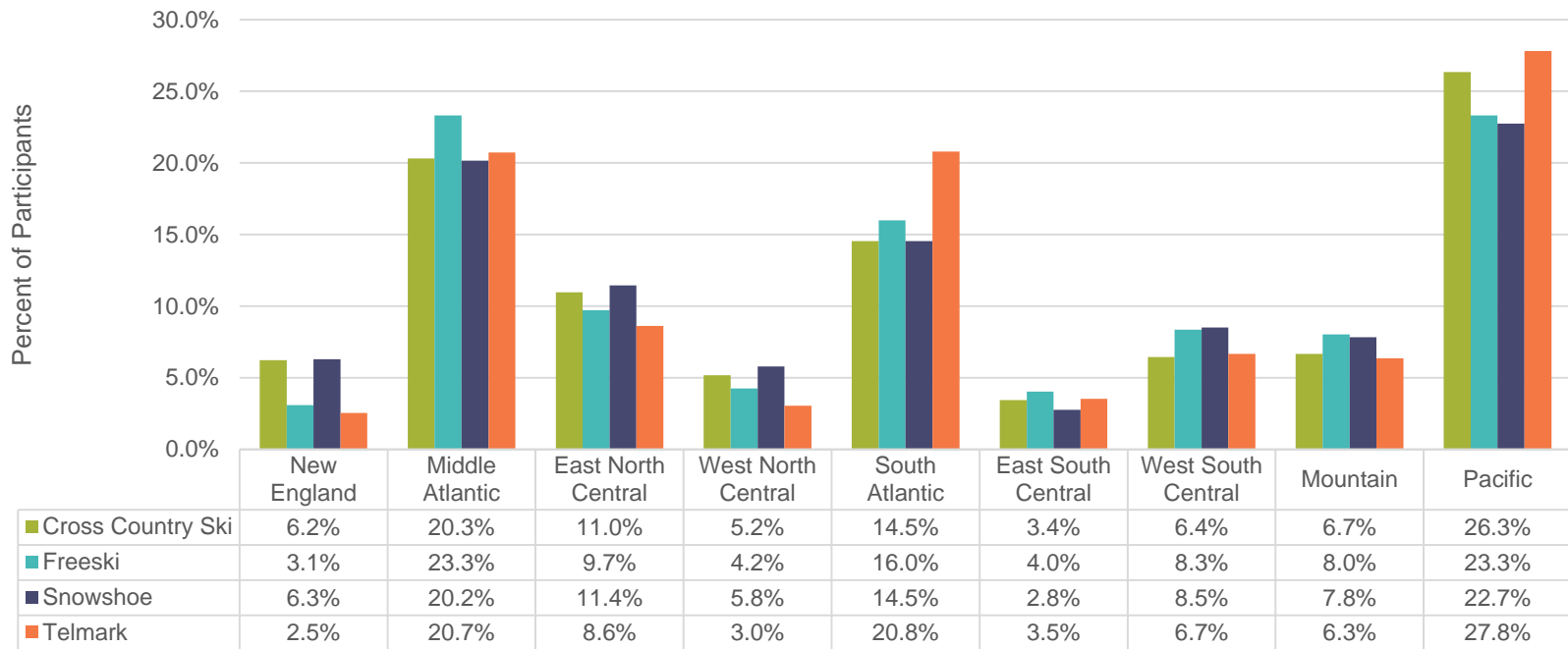
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ALPINE & SNOWBOARD



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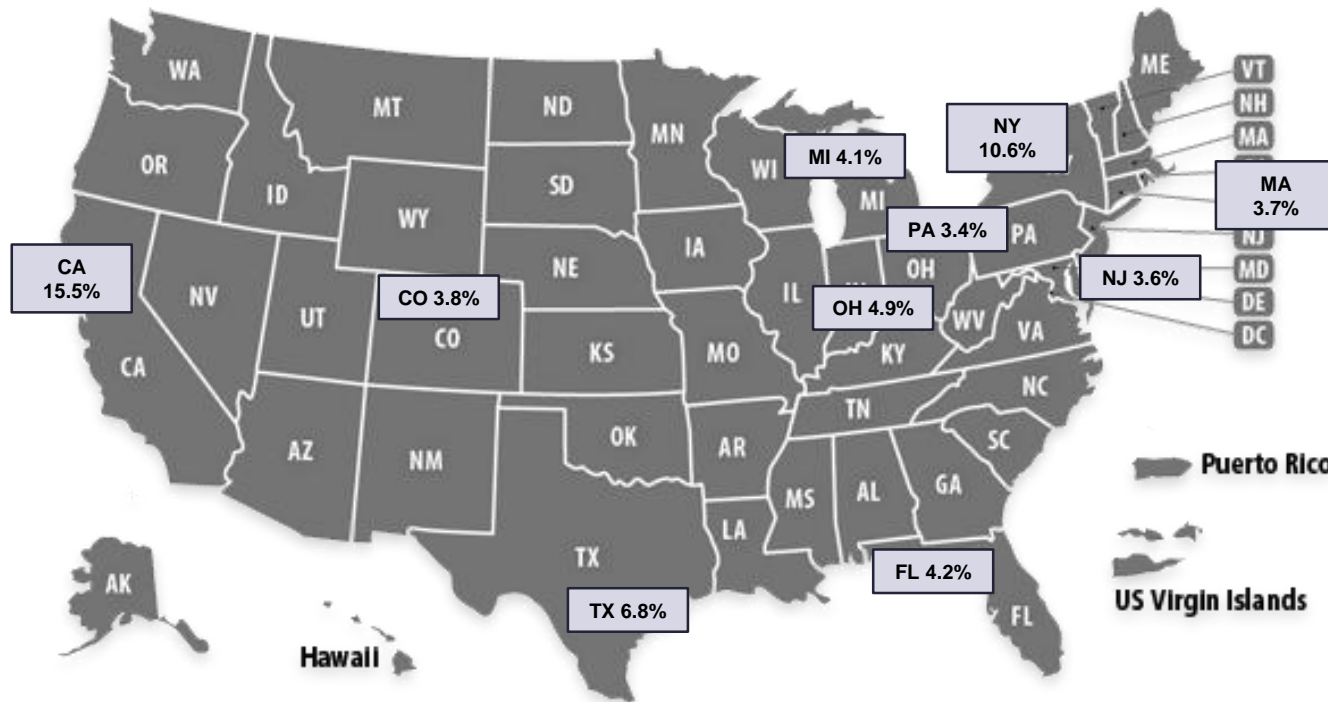
PERCENT OF ALPINE PARTICIPANTS PER STATE

California	15.5%
New York	10.6%
Texas	6.8%
Ohio	4.9%
Florida	4.2%
Michigan	4.1%
Colorado	3.8%
Massachusetts	3.7%
New Jersey	3.6%
Pennsylvania	3.4%
Washington	2.7%
Maryland	2.6%
North Carolina	2.6%
Minnesota	2.4%
Virginia	2.4%
Illinois	2.4%
New Hampshire	1.7%

Oregon	1.5%
Georgia	1.4%
Wisconsin	1.3%
Oklahoma	1.2%
Tennessee	1.2%
Connecticut	1.1%
Nevada	1.1%
Idaho	1.1%
Iowa	1.1%
Indiana	1.1%
South Carolina	1.0%
Utah	1.0%
Arizona	1.0%
Kentucky	0.9%
Missouri	0.9%
Alabama	0.9%
New Mexico	0.8%

Vermont	0.6%
Nebraska	0.6%
Maine	0.6%
Montana	0.5%
Louisiana	0.3%
Washington, DC	0.2%
West Virginia	0.2%
Wyoming	0.2%
Arkansas	0.2%
Mississippi	0.1%
Kansas	0.1%
Rhode Island	0.1%
Delaware	0.1%
South Dakota	0.0%
North Dakota	0.0%

TOP TEN STATES FOR ALPINE SKIERS



SKIER DENSITY

PERCENT OF POPULATION THAT ALPINE SKIS BY STATE

Vermont	9.0%
New Hampshire	8.8%
Colorado	7.6%
Wyoming	6.9%
Idaho	6.8%
Massachusetts	6.2%
New York	6.0%
New Mexico	5.8%
Montana	5.4%
Washington, DC	5.3%
Michigan	4.6%
Minnesota	4.5%
California	4.4%
Maryland	4.3%
Maine	4.0%
Ohio	4.0%
Iowa	3.9%

New Jersey	3.8%
Washington	3.7%
Connecticut	3.6%
Nevada	3.6%
Utah	3.5%
Nebraska	3.4%
Oklahoma	3.0%
Oregon	3.0%
Virginia	2.9%
North Carolina	2.8%
Pennsylvania	2.8%
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South Carolina	2.5%
Florida	2.4%
Indiana	2.3%
Wisconsin	2.2%
Kentucky	2.0%

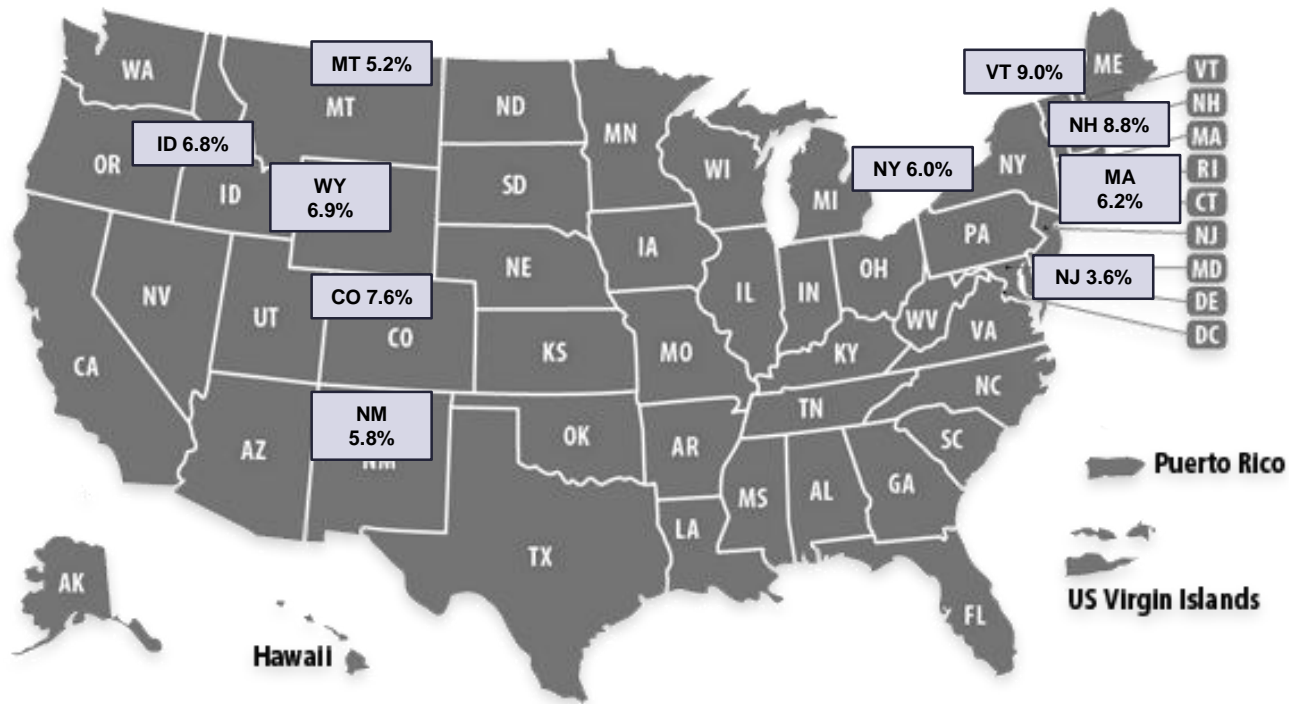
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Tennessee	1.9%
Alabama	1.8%
West Virginia	1.7%
Missouri	1.5%
Arizona	1.5%
Georgia	1.4%
Rhode Island	1.2%
Delaware	0.9%
Louisiana	0.8%
Mississippi	0.7%
Arkansas	0.7%
South Dakota	0.5%
Kansas	0.5%
North Dakota	0.0%



SKIER DENSITY

PERCENT OF POPULATION THAT ALPINE SKIS

BY STATE



PERCENT OF SNOWBOARD PARTICIPANTS PER STATE

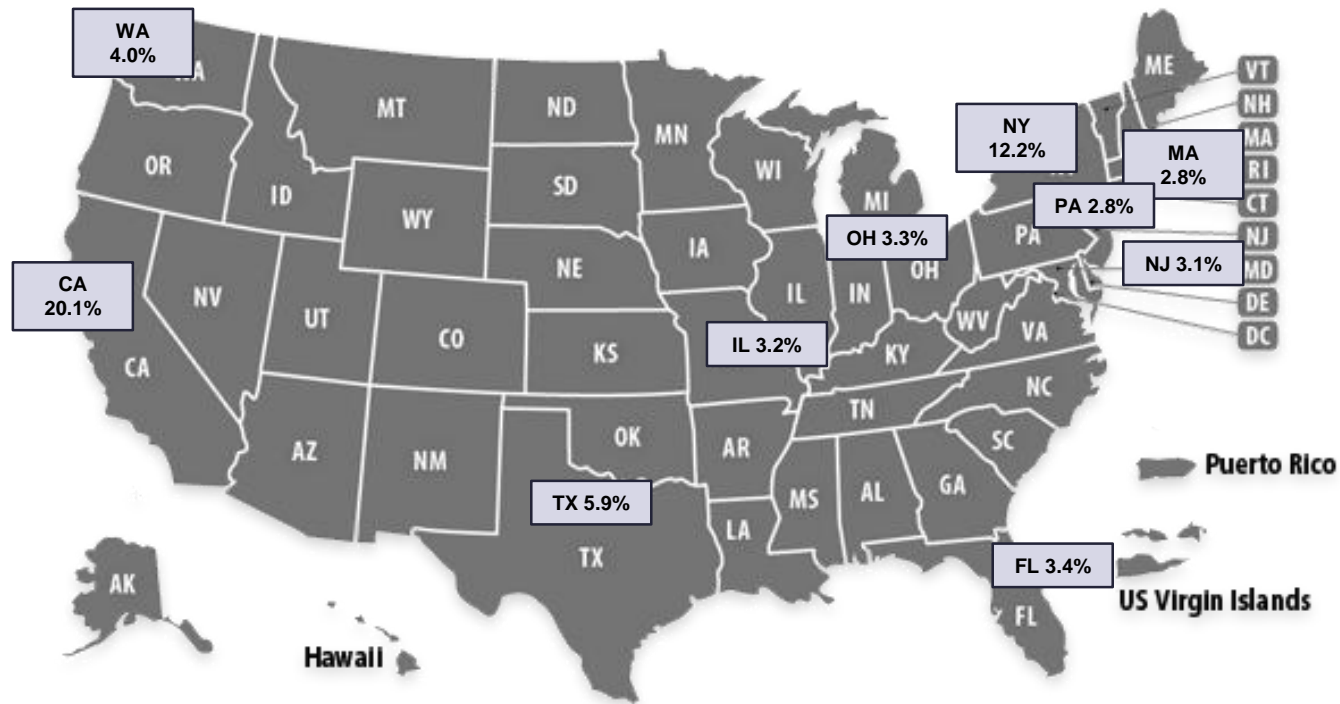
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New York	12.2%
Texas	5.9%
Washington	4.0%
Florida	3.4%
Ohio	3.3%
Illinois	3.2%
New Jersey	3.1%
Pennsylvania	2.8%
Massachusetts	2.8%
Colorado	2.7%
Maryland	2.5%
Wisconsin	2.5%
Virginia	2.5%
Michigan	2.4%
North Carolina	2.2%
Georgia	1.9%

Connecticut	1.9%
Minnesota	1.8%
Idaho	1.7%
Alabama	1.6%
Utah	1.4%
Oregon	1.4%
Nevada	1.3%
Arizona	1.2%
Missouri	1.1%
South Carolina	1.0%
Indiana	1.0%
Iowa	0.8%
West Virginia	0.8%
Kentucky	0.7%
Kansas	0.6%
Delaware	0.6%
Louisiana	0.5%

Tennessee	0.5%
Nebraska	0.5%
New Mexico	0.4%
Montana	0.3%
Maine	0.3%
New Hampshire	0.2%
Arkansas	0.2%
Washington,DC	0.2%
Wyoming	0.1%
Vermont	0.1%
Oklahoma	0.1%
Rhode Island	0.1%
Mississippi	0.1%
South Dakota	0.1%
North Dakota	0.0%



TOP TEN STATES FOR SNOWBOARDERS



RIDER DENSITY

PERCENT OF POPULATION THAT SNOWBOARDS BY STATE

Idaho	8.8%
New York	5.8%
Connecticut	5.1%
California	4.9%
Colorado	4.6%
West Virginia	4.5%
Washington	4.5%
Washington, DC	4.3%
Delaware	4.2%
Utah	4.1%
Massachusetts	3.7%
Nevada	3.5%
Wisconsin	3.4%
Maryland	3.3%
Minnesota	2.8%
New Mexico	2.7%
Alabama	2.7%

New Jersey	2.7%
Montana	2.6%
Oregon	2.4%
Iowa	2.4%
Nebraska	2.3%
Michigan	2.2%
Virginia	2.2%
Ohio	2.2%
South Carolina	2.1%
Illinois	2.1%
North Carolina	2.1%
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Texas	1.9%
Kansas	1.9%
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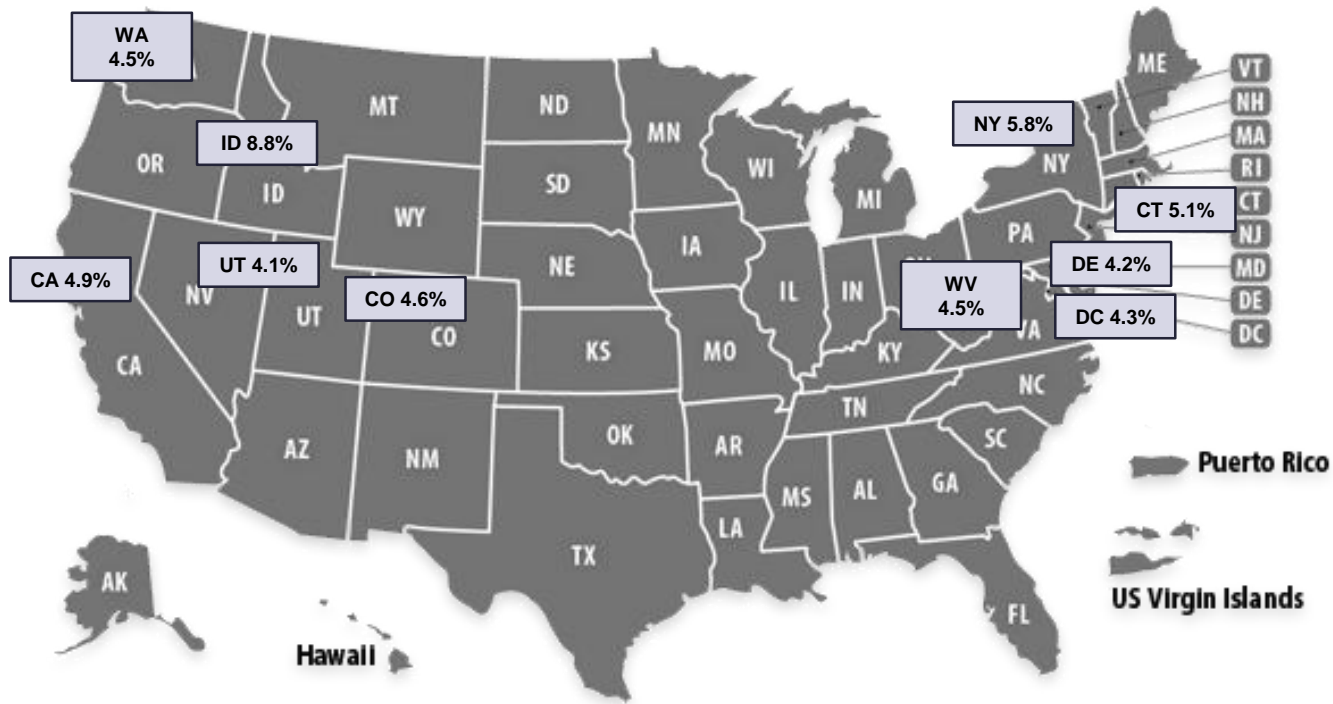
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Louisiana	1.1%
South Dakota	0.8%
Arkansas	0.6%
Tennessee	0.6%
North Dakota	0.6%
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RIDER DENSITY

PERCENT OF POPULATION THAT SNOWBOARDS

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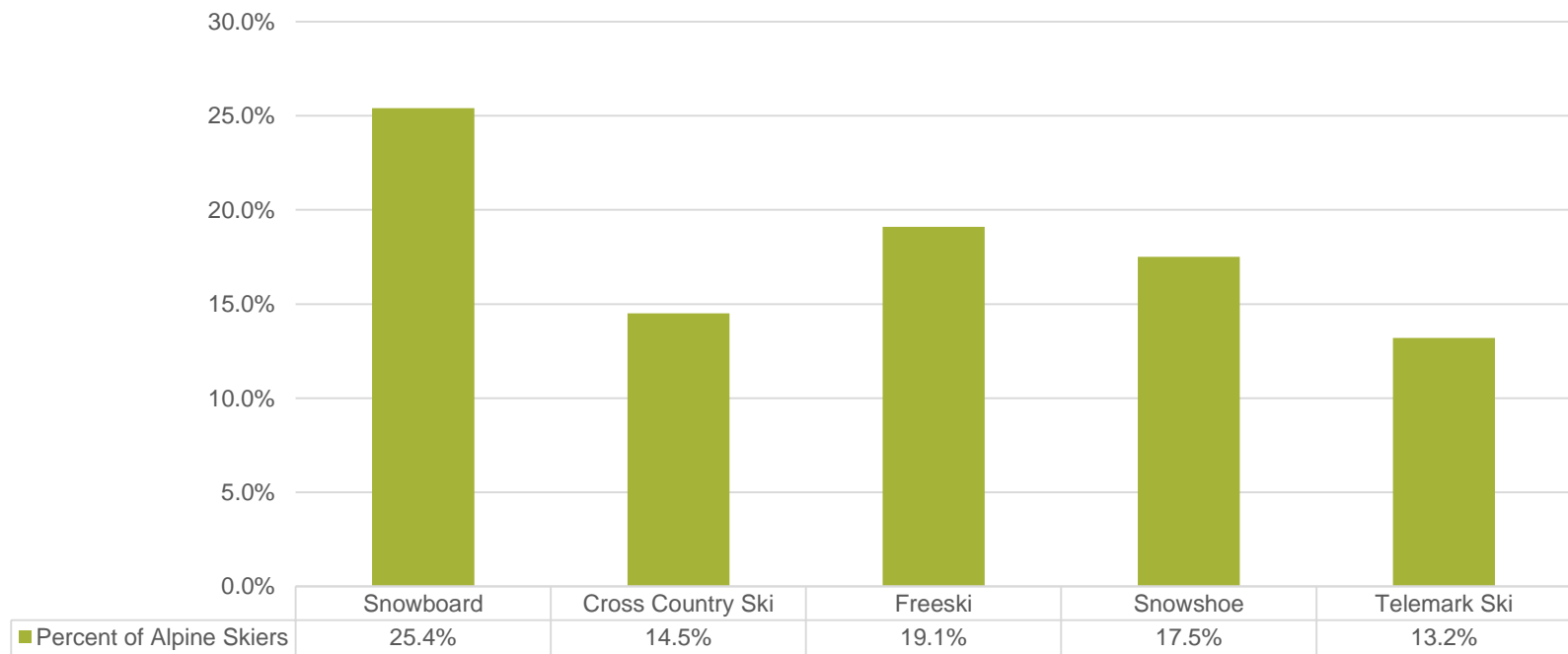


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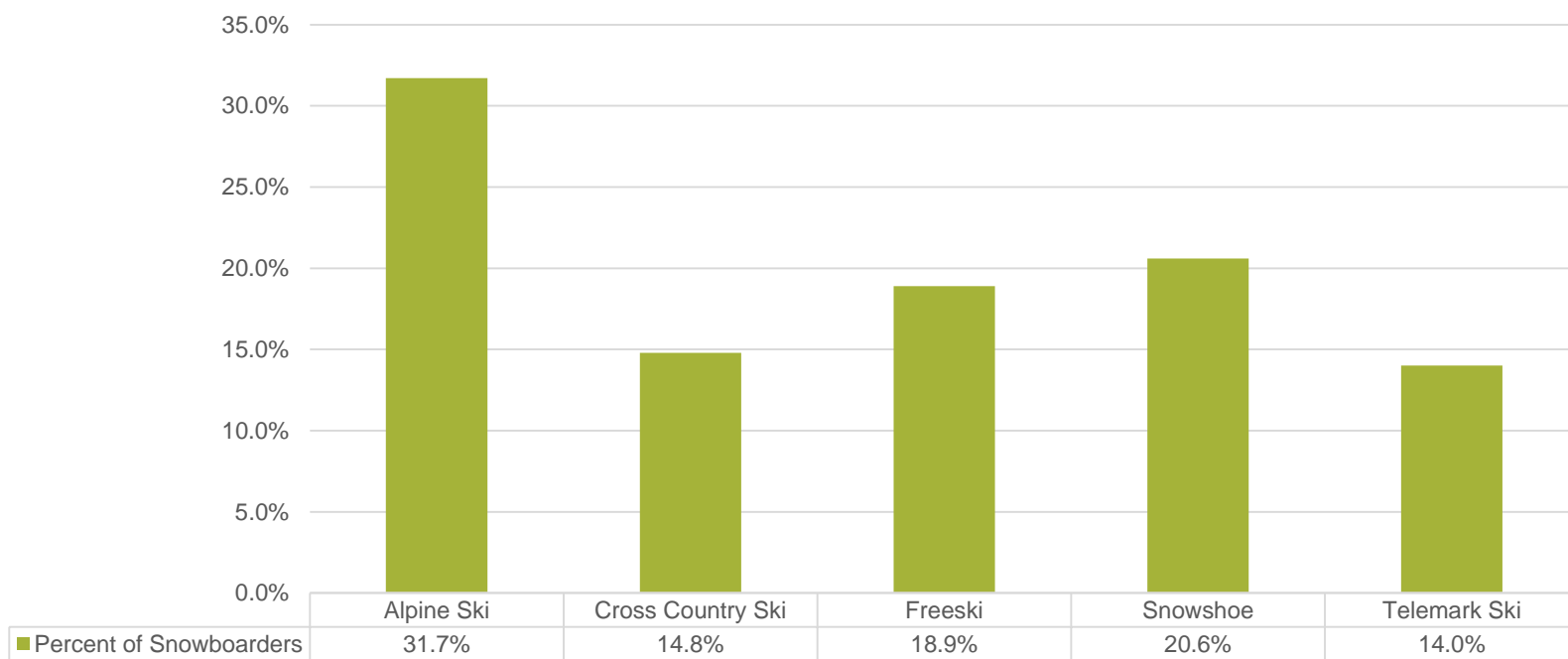
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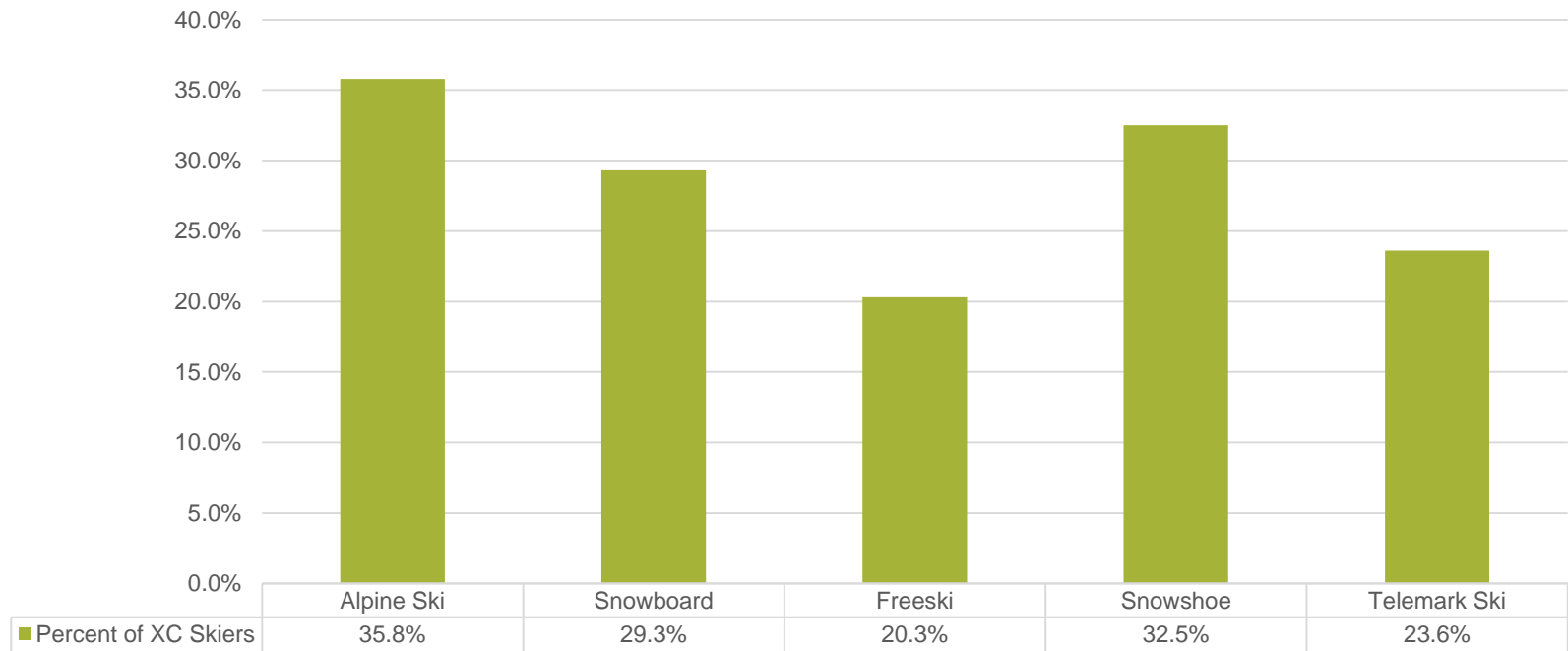
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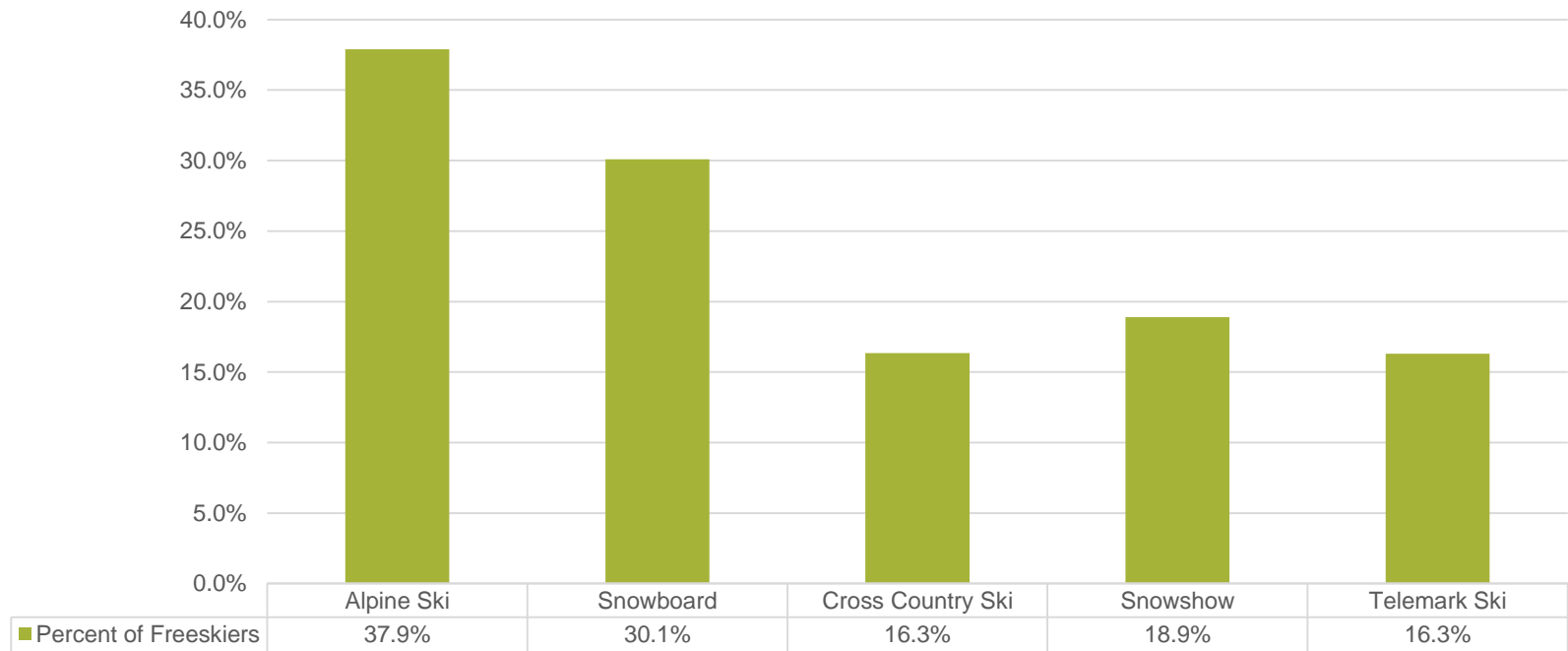
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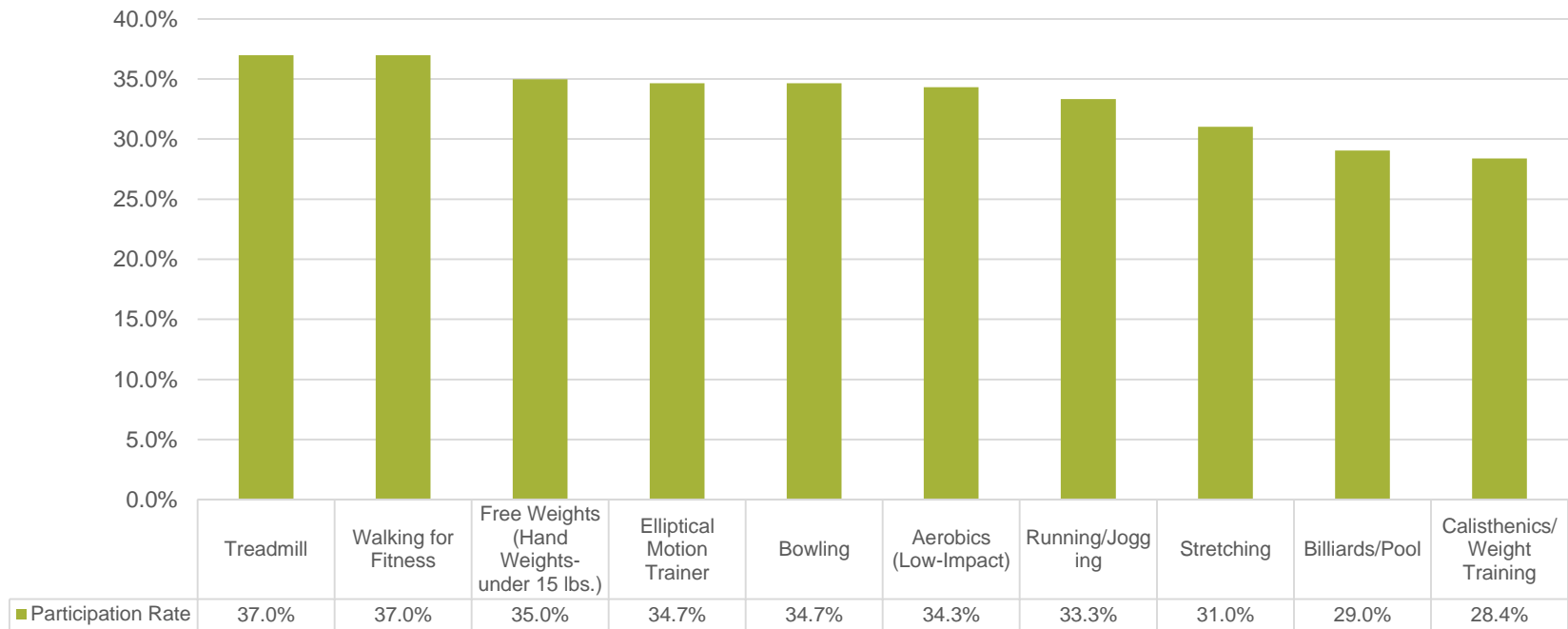
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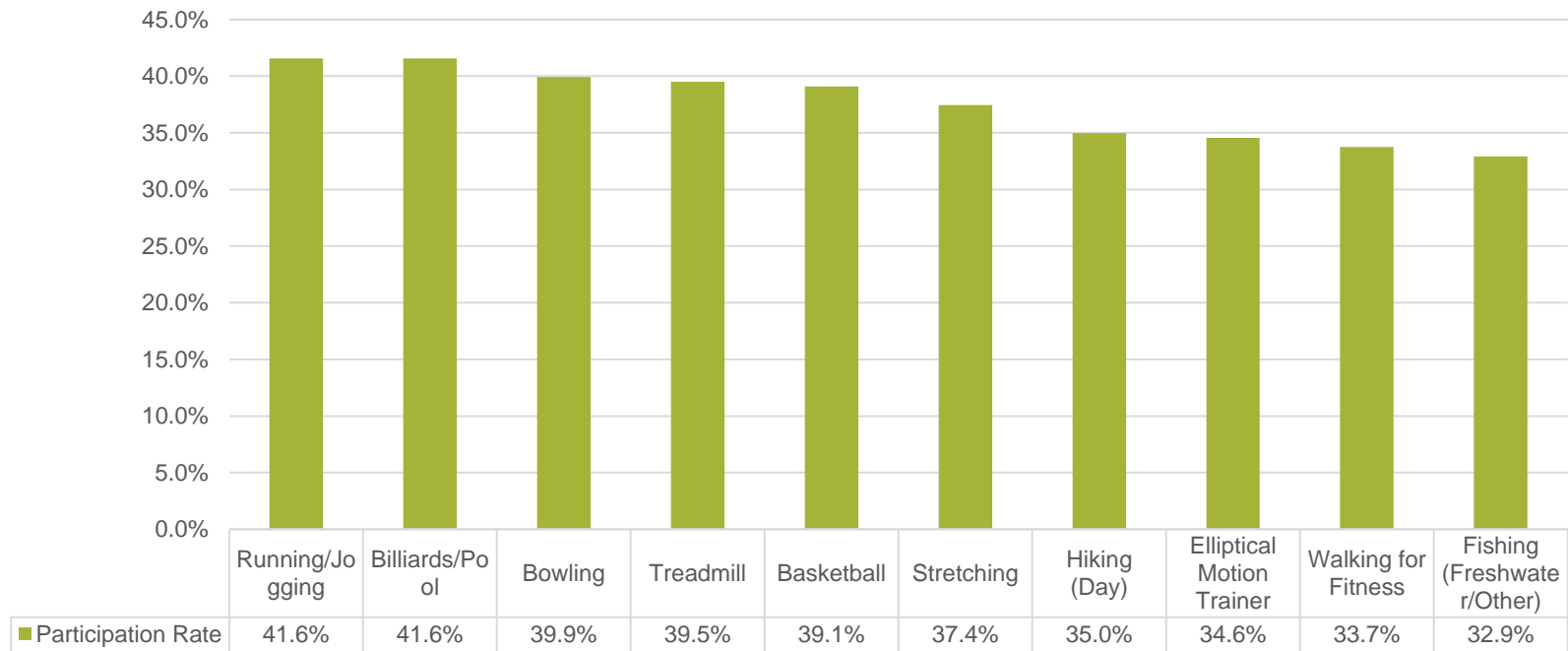
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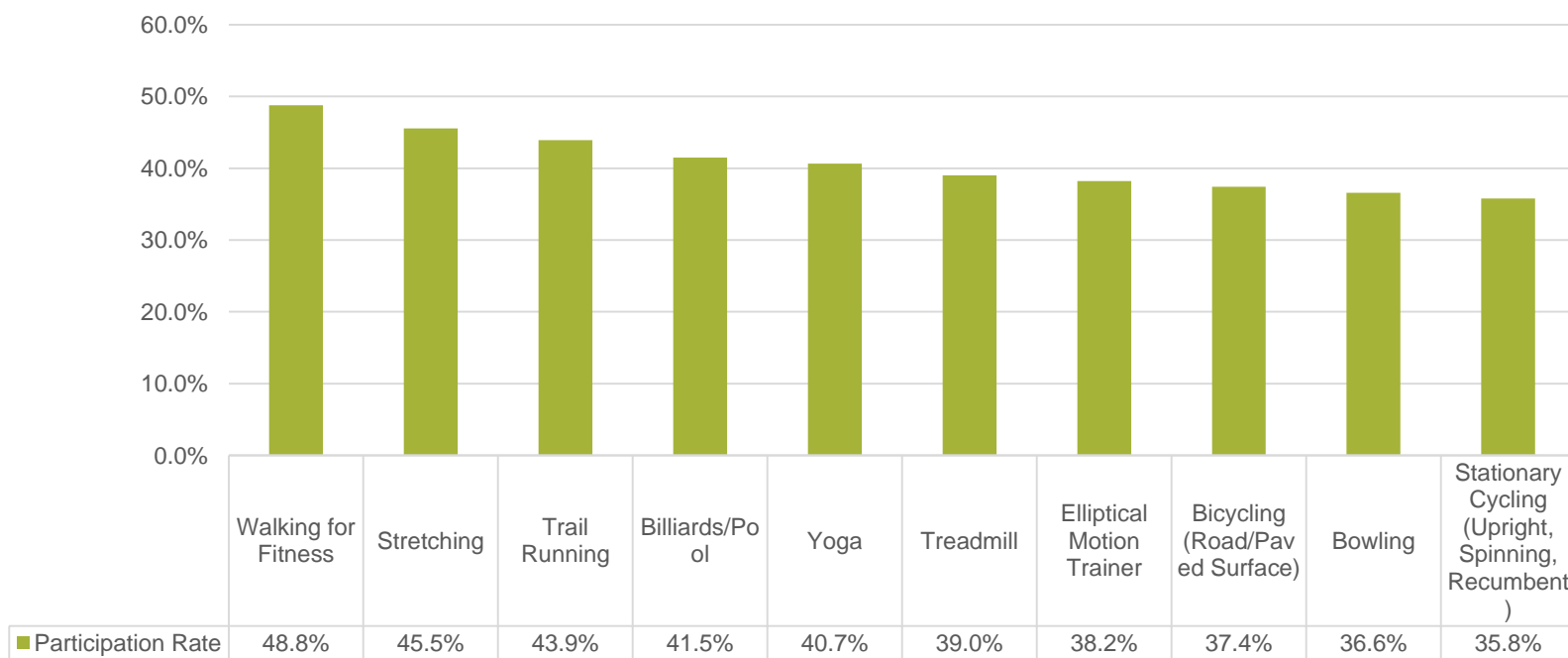
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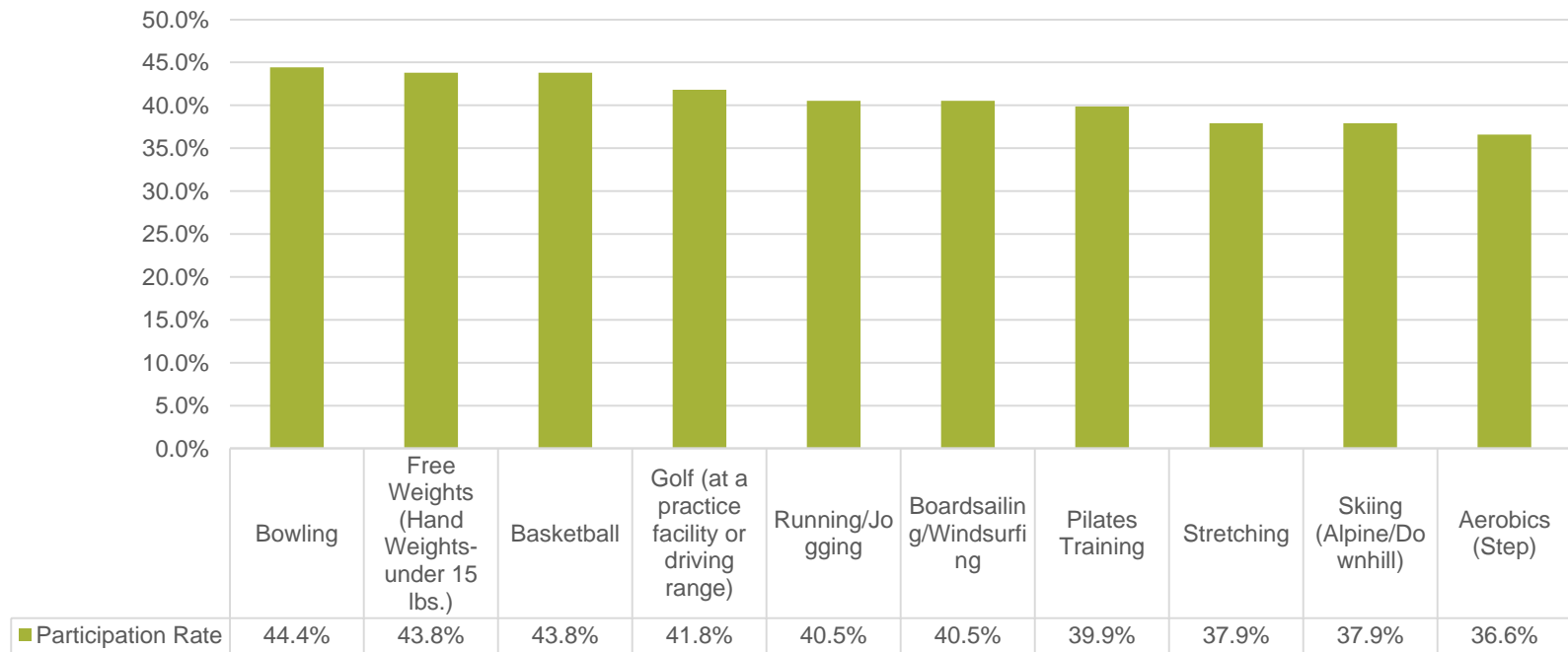
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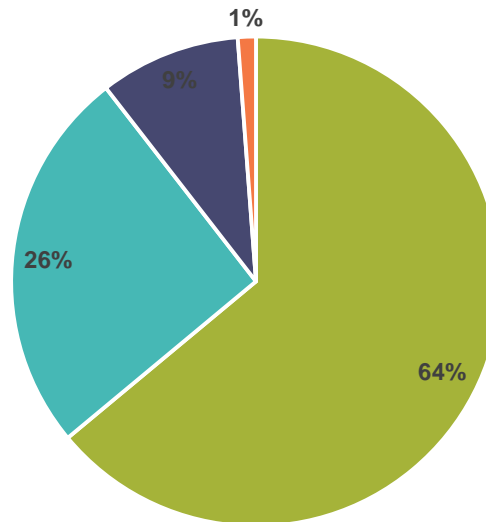


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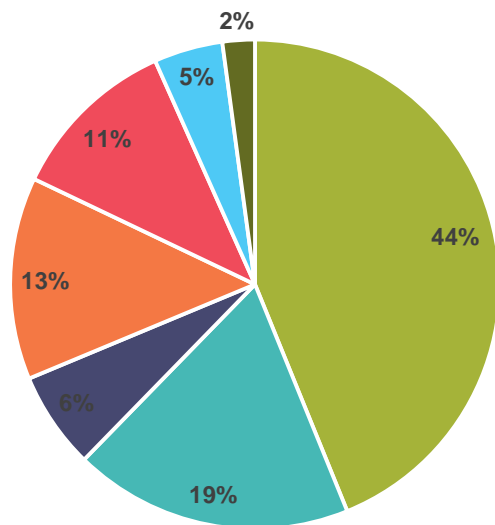
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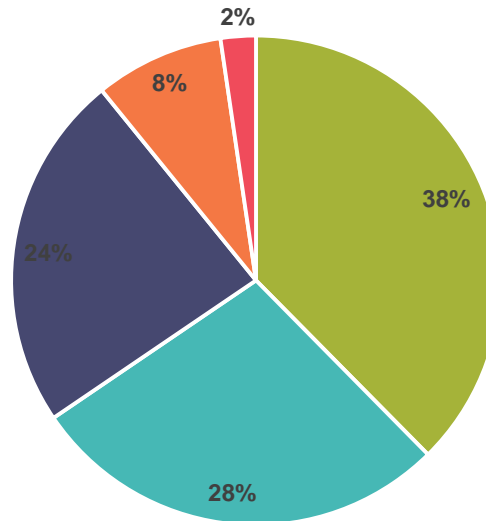
WHERE SNOWBOARDERS RIDE

■ Resort Marked Trails ■ Resort Ungroomed Trails ■ Non-Resort Ungroomed Trails ■ Terrain Park ■ Urban Area ■ Golf Course ■ Other



WHERE FREESKIERS PARTICIPATE

■ Resort ■ Terrain Park ■ Urban Area ■ Golf Course ■ Other



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