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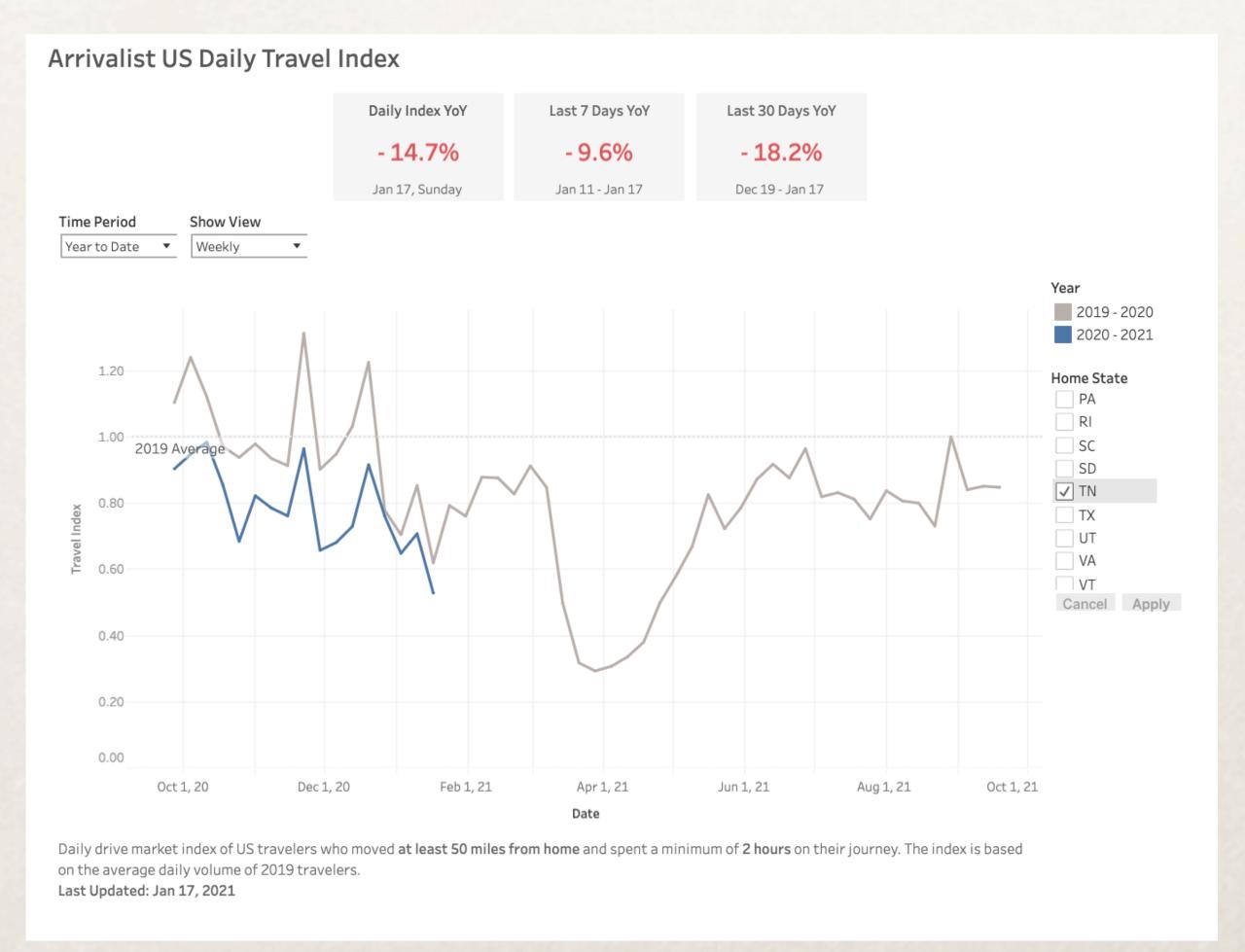


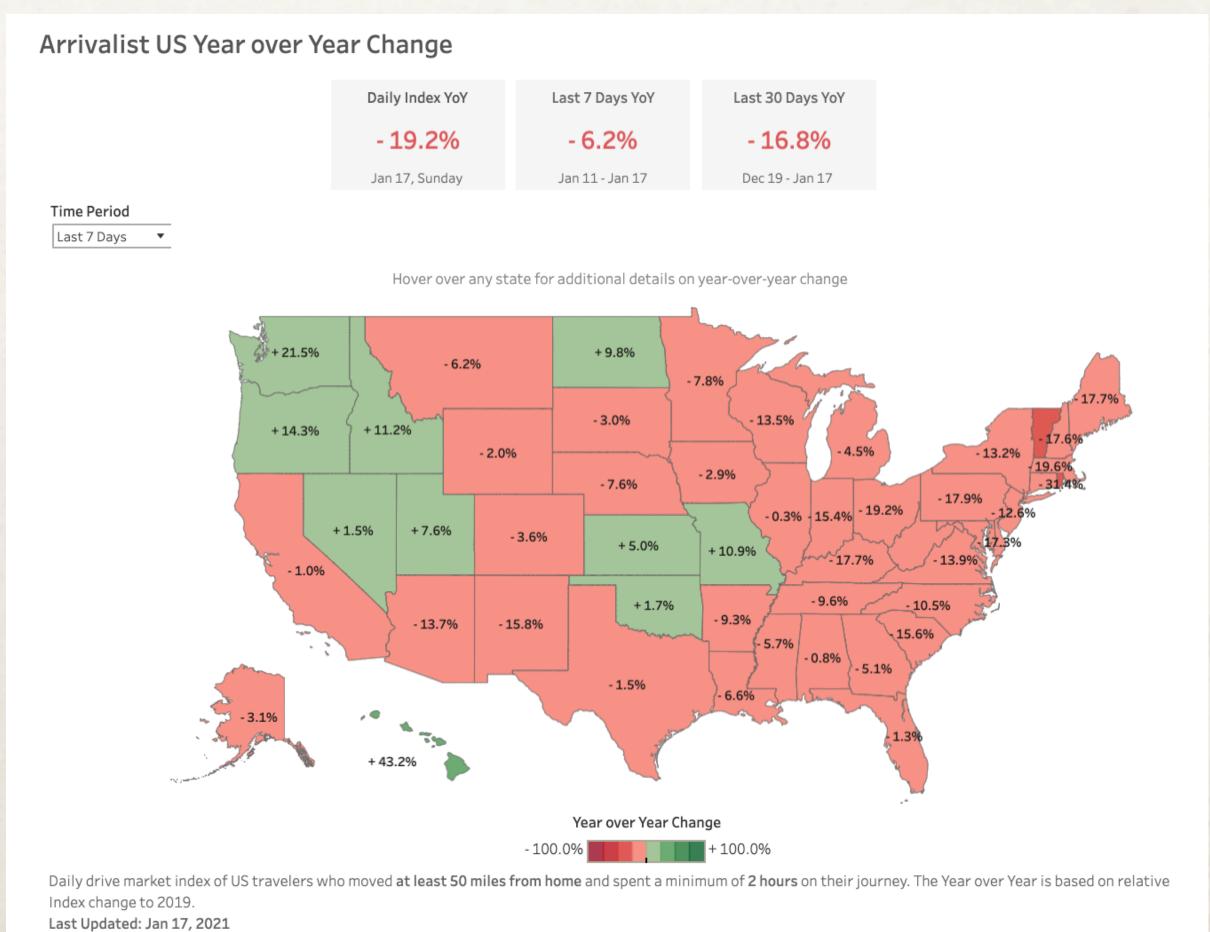






#### TENNESSEE HOME STATE WEEKLY TRAVEL INDEX DOWN -9.6% OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR (1/3-1/9)



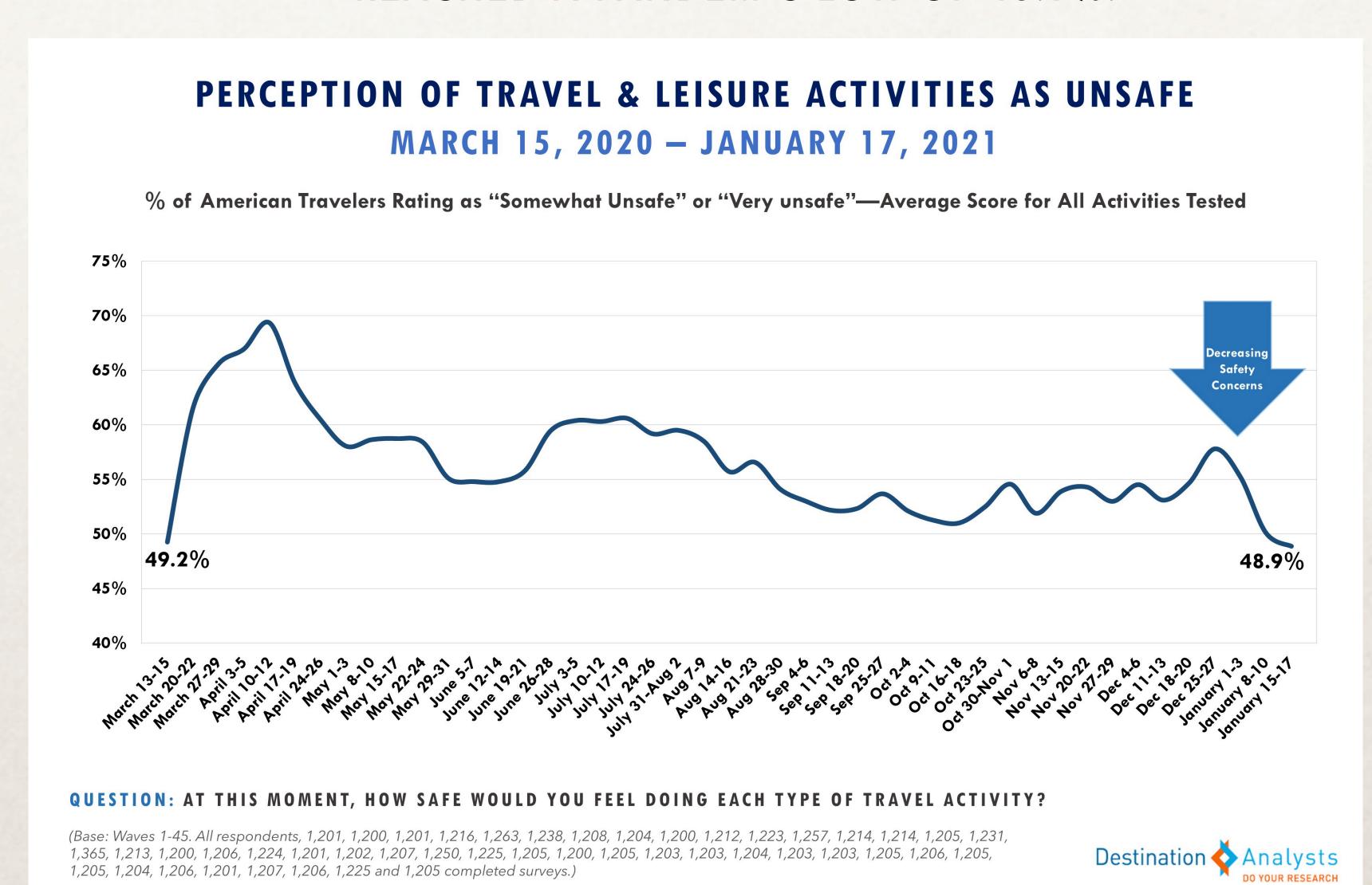


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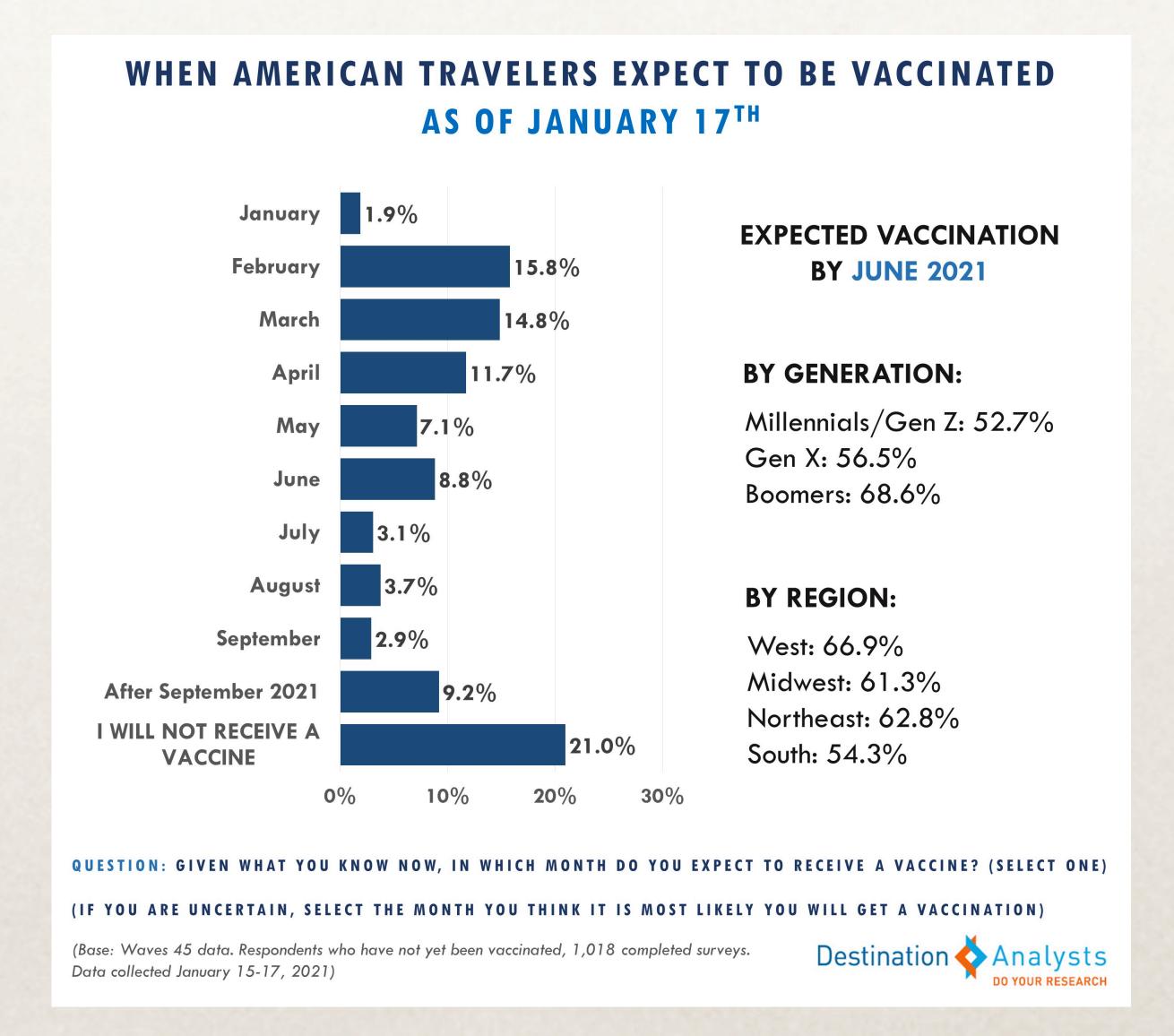
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SOURCE: <u>Arrivalist (1/19)</u>

# THE PERCEPTIONS OF TRAVEL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES AS UNSAFE CONTINUES TO DROP AND REACHED A PANDEMIC LOW OF 48.9%.



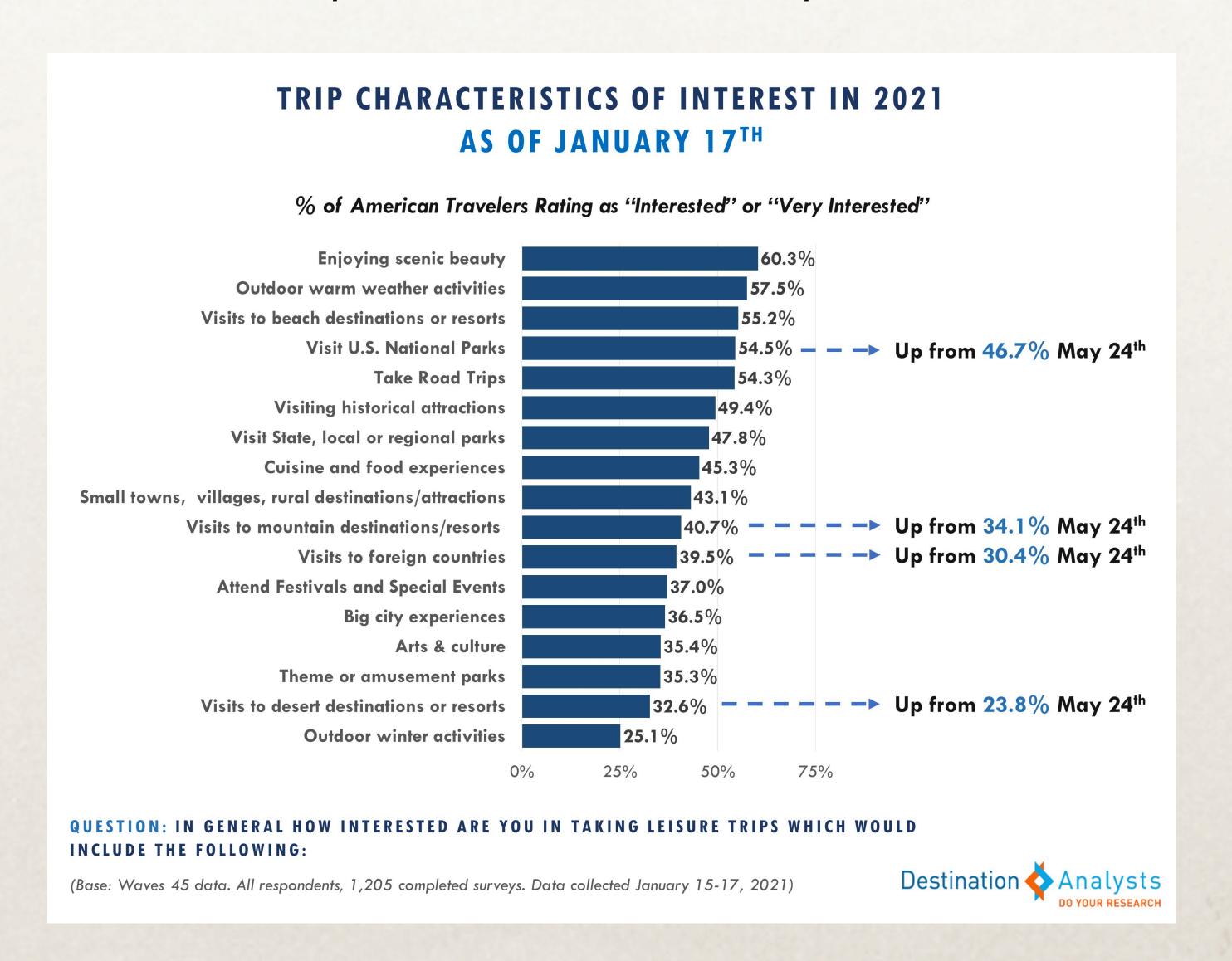
# INTERESTINGLY, TRAVELERS IN THE SOUTH ARE MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY TO SAY THEY WON'T RECEIVE A VACCINE AS THOSE IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY.



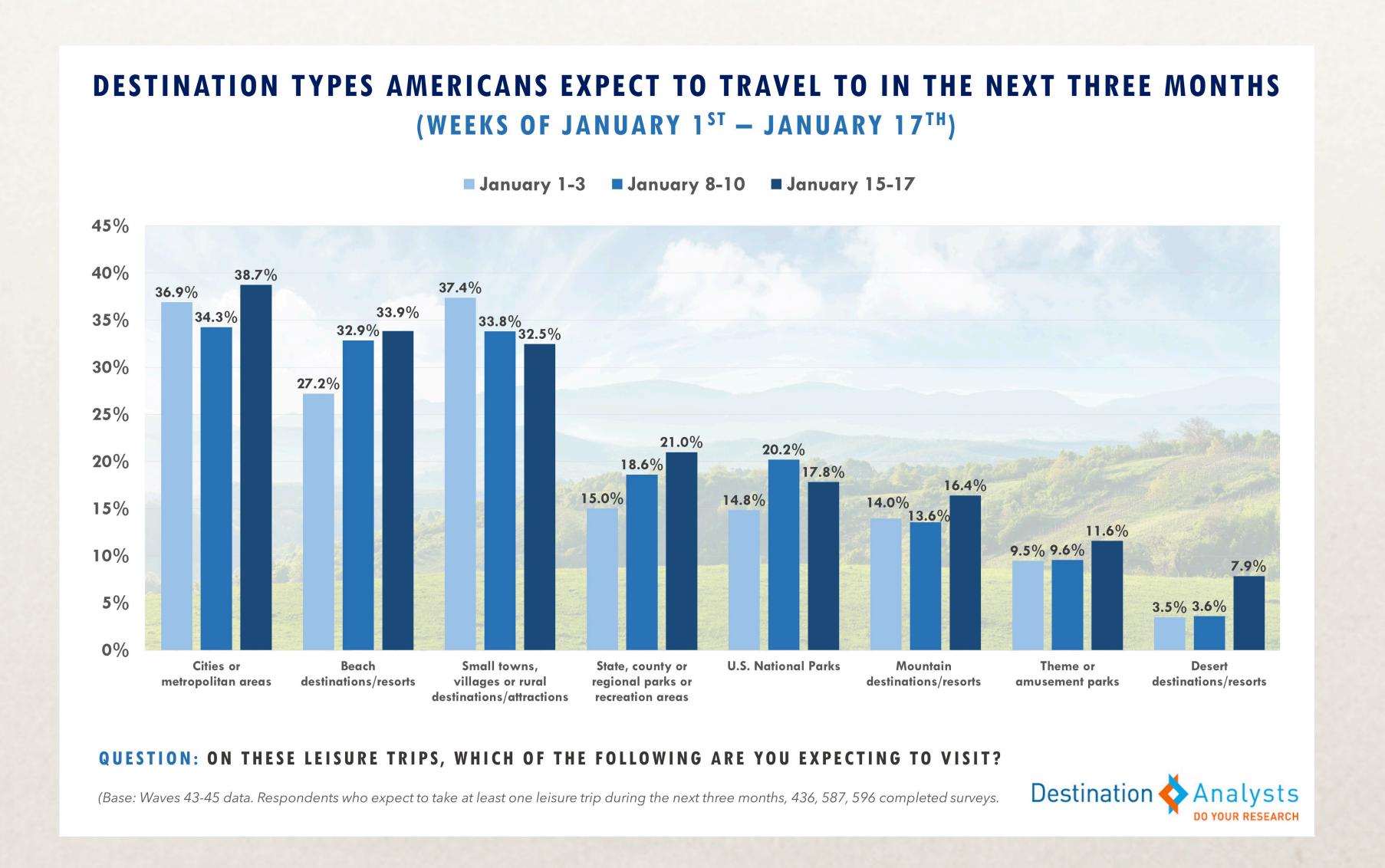
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SOURCE: <u>Destination Analysts</u>

# AMERICAN TRAVELERS ARE STILL VERY INTERESTED IN OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES SUCH AS SCENIC BEAUTY, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, AND PARKS.

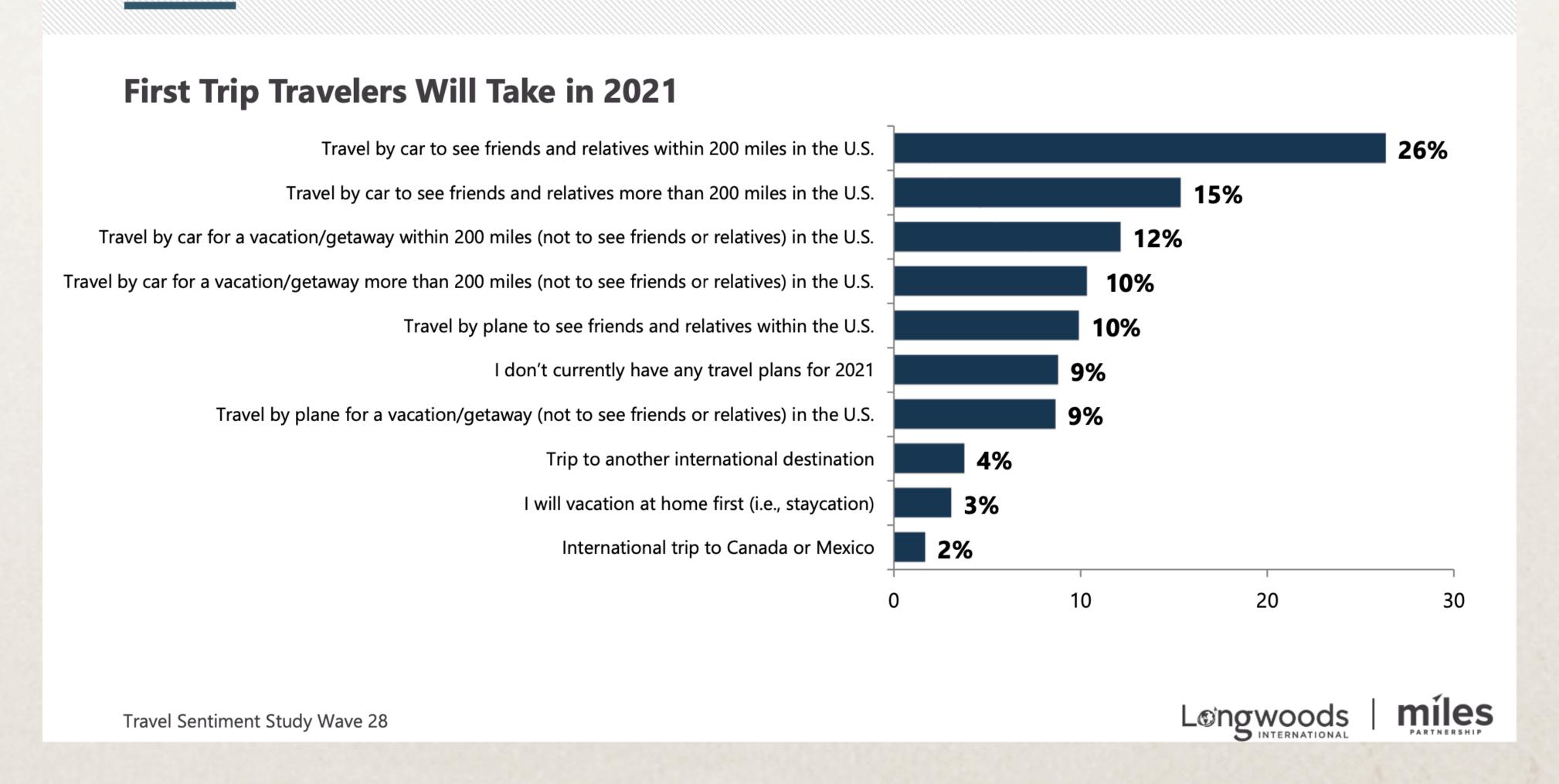


# IN TOTAL, 47.6% OF AMERICAN TRAVELERS EXPECT TO TAKE A TRIP IN THE NEXT 12 WEEKS. MOST ARE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO CITIES AND BEACHES AS WELL AS SMALL TOWNS.



# THE FIRST TRIP TRAVELERS PLAN ON TAKING IN 2021 ARE TO VISITS FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND WITHIN 200 MILES IN THE U.S.

#### **IMPACT ON TRAVEL PLANS**



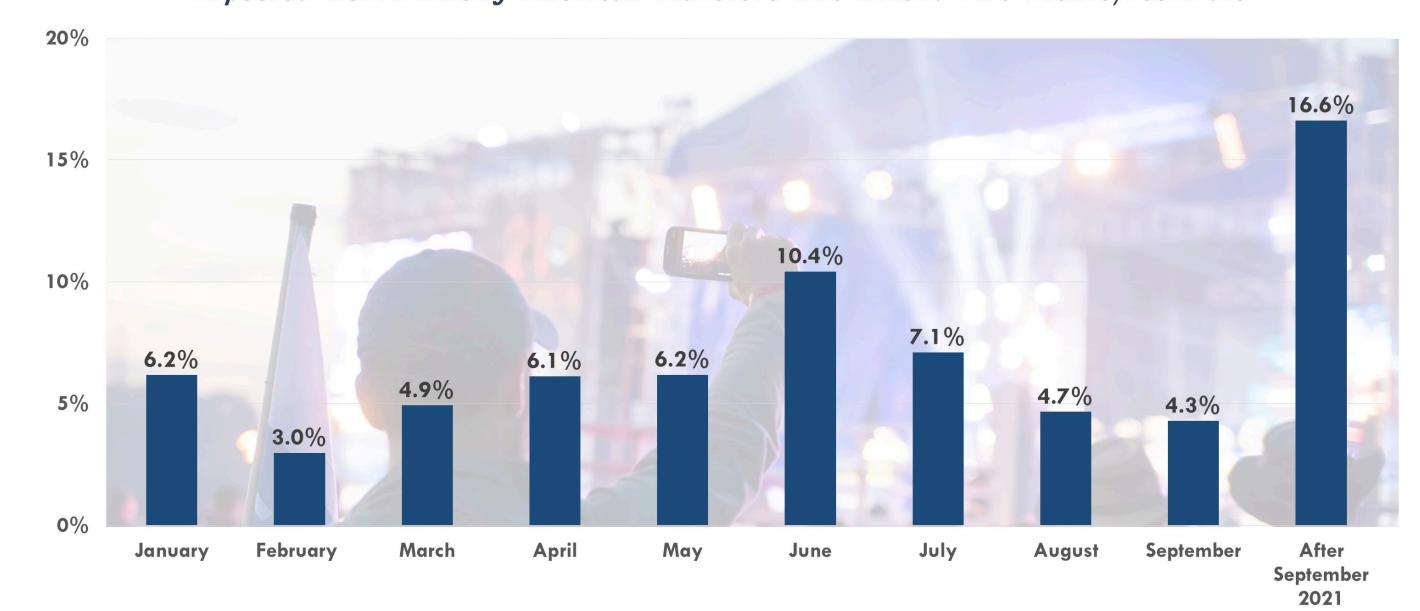
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SOURCE: <u>Longwoods</u>

# RIGHT NOW, OVER A THIRD (36.8%) SAY THEY WOULD BE COMFORTABLE TRAVELING TO ATTEND SUCH AN EVENT BY JUNE; THE REST NEED MORE TIME.

# WHEN AMERICANS EXPECT THEY WILL BE COMFORTABLE TRAVELING FOR LIVE EVENTS & FESTIVALS AS OF JANUARY 17, 2021

Expected Month Among American Travelers Who Attend Live Events/Festivals



QUESTIONS: WHEN (AT THE SOONEST) DO YOU EXPECT YOU WILL FEEL COMFORTABLE ATTENDING A LIVE EVENT OF FESTIVAL WHILE TRAVELING? (I.E., AT A PLACE 50-MILES OR MORE AWAY FROM YOUR HOME) (SELECT ONE)

(Base: Wave 45 data. Respondents who attend live events, 1,047 completed surveys.

Data collected January 15-17, 2021)



### KEY TAKEAWAYS

1

Americans continue to show that they believe better days are in sight. The percent of Americans who feel the pandemic situation in the U.S. will get worse in the next month fell another 6.5% this week to 43.2%, the lowest it has been since September 27th.

2

Over two-thirds expect they will be vaccinated by June. Boomer travelers are far likelier than younger travelers to feel that the COVID vaccines are safe. Interestingly, travelers in the South are more than twice as likely to say they will not get the vaccine.

3

In terms of what Americans are looking for in travel experiences in 2021, right now scenic beauty, outdoor activities in warm weather, beach destinations and resorts, National Parks and road trips are predominant in their minds. With the virus still raging, big city and food experiences do not weigh as heavy as they did in pre-pandemic times.

4

Looking at strategies to combat the spread of COVID-19 at events, if all attendees were required to take a COVID-19 test and present a negative result to enter the event, 45.2% of American travelers said this would make them more comfortable. If all attendees were required to show proof of vaccine, 51.0% said this would make them more comfortable attending.