

A modern kitchen interior featuring white shaker-style cabinets with glass-paned upper doors. A large wooden range hood is mounted above the cooktop. A central island with a white countertop and a thick wood slab top is the focal point, holding a vase of purple flowers and a cutting board with vegetables. The floor is made of light-colored wood. The text "2019 DESIGN TRENDS KITCHENS" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

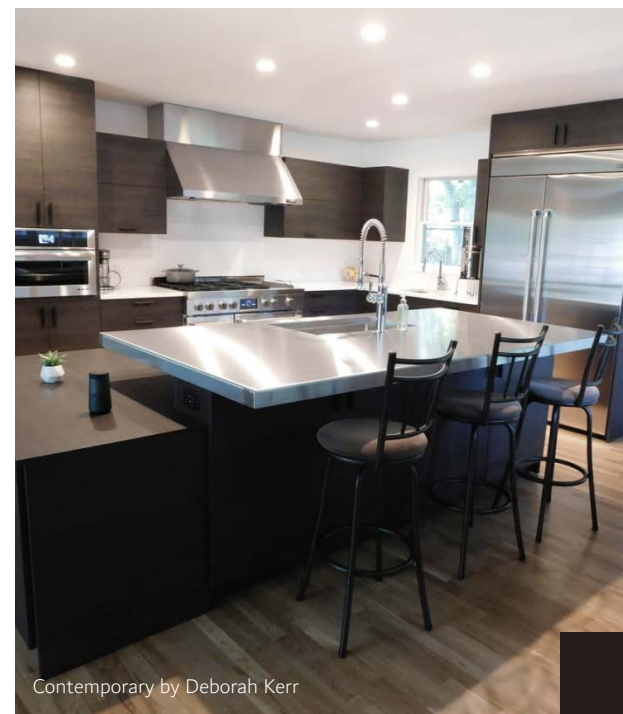
# 2019 DESIGN TRENDS KITCHENS



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# STUDY OVERVIEW

## RESEARCH PURPOSE

Assist designers and specifiers in understanding the most popular styles and features throughout North America and provide an indicator of what's trending for the next three years.

## RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives of the project are:

- Determine styles, features, and materials that are the most popular among professional designers and specifiers;
- Identify categories and new products that have the most dramatic impact on today's kitchens and bathrooms.

## METHODOLOGY/SAMPLE

583 completed online surveys with NKBA database and lists conducted October 12-31, 2018.

Respondent qualifications:

- Identify as one of the following: Designer, Builder/Remodeler, Cabinet Shop, Dealer, Decorative Plumbing/Hardware, Distributor, Manufacturer/Supplier, Manufacturer Rep, Architect;
- Have designed, specified or sold products for at least 1 kitchen or bathroom project in 2018.

583 surveys break out as follows:

Designers	334
Non-Designer (showroom, dealer, specialist, manufacturer, remodeler, general contractor, architect)	249
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US	537
Canada	44

# WE TALKED TO...

58% Designers

42% Non-Designers

(showroom, dealer, specialist,  
manufacturer, remodeler,  
general contractor, architect)



13 years

Average industry  
tenure



88% Members

28% Male

72% Female

48 Years old



22% Northeast

27% South

22% Midwest

26% West

## Certifications

15% CKD

13% AKBD

4% CMKBD

3% CKBD

3% CBD

# KEY FINDINGS

## KITCHENS



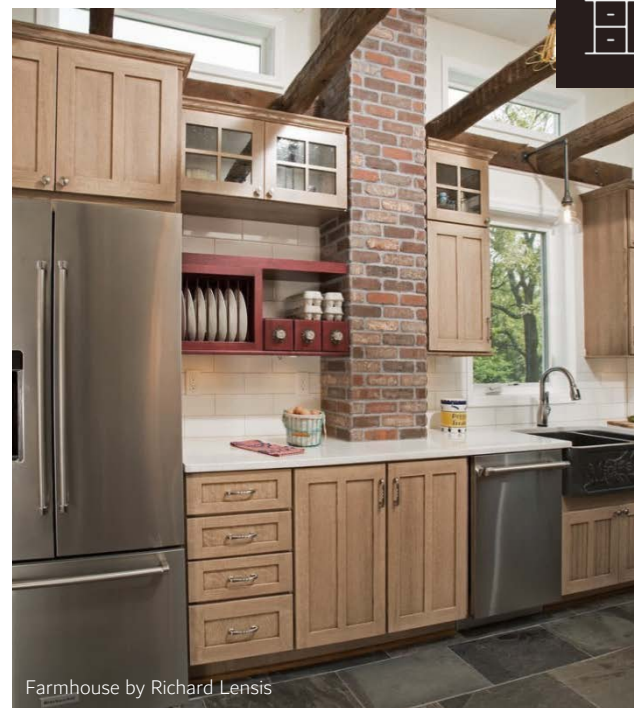
- Designers and specifiers are seeing the most interesting new products in major appliances. Cabinets, countertops and lighting are also providing innovative products.
- Designers and specifiers want to see more innovation in cabinets (colors, finishes, styles, materials at affordable prices), vent hoods, sinks and countertops (more colors/designs).
- Transitional and contemporary top the list for anticipated popular kitchen designs. Farmhouse, industrial, traditional, mid-century and eclectic will also be popular in the next few years.
- Kitchen design styles are differentiated most by colors, finishes, backsplashes, sinks and vent hoods.



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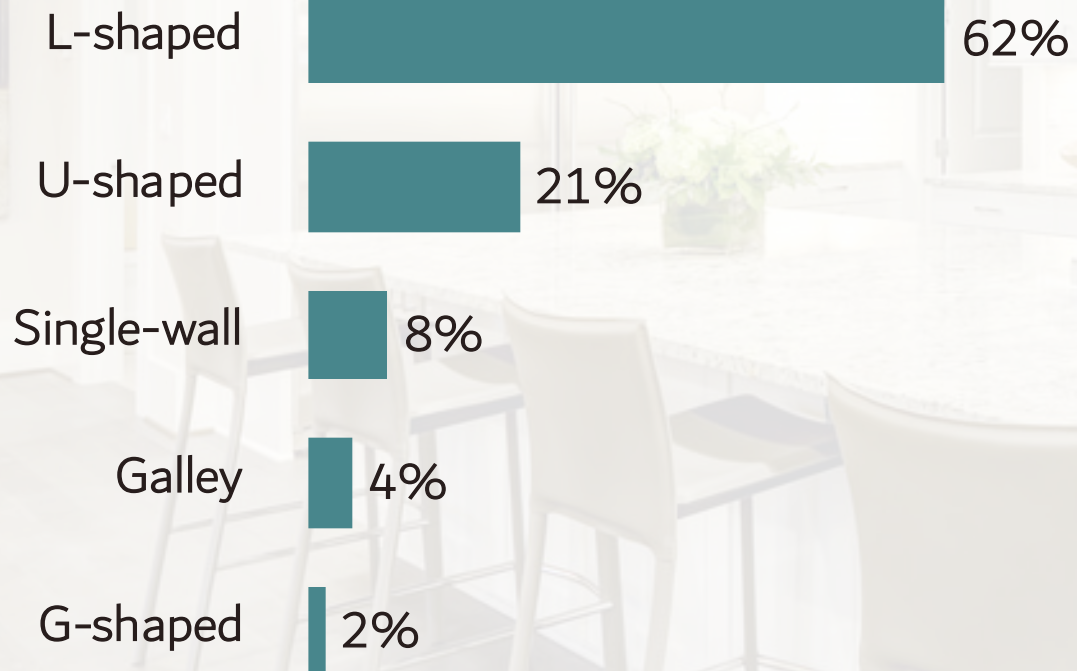
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# KITCHENS

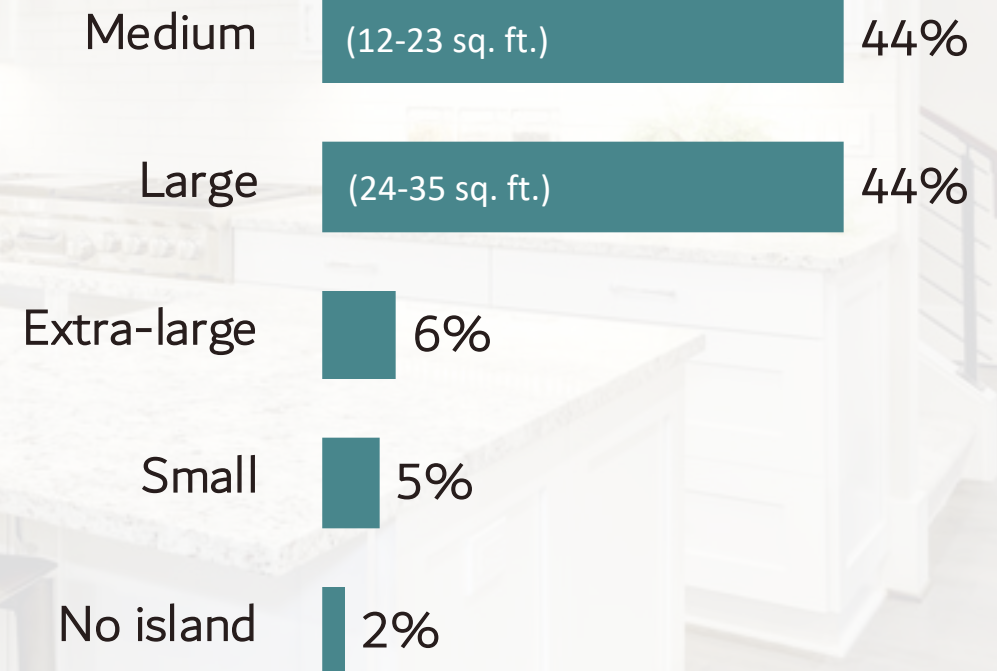
# KITCHEN LAYOUT

“L shaped” kitchens with medium-to-large islands were the most popular with designers this past year.

## LAYOUT

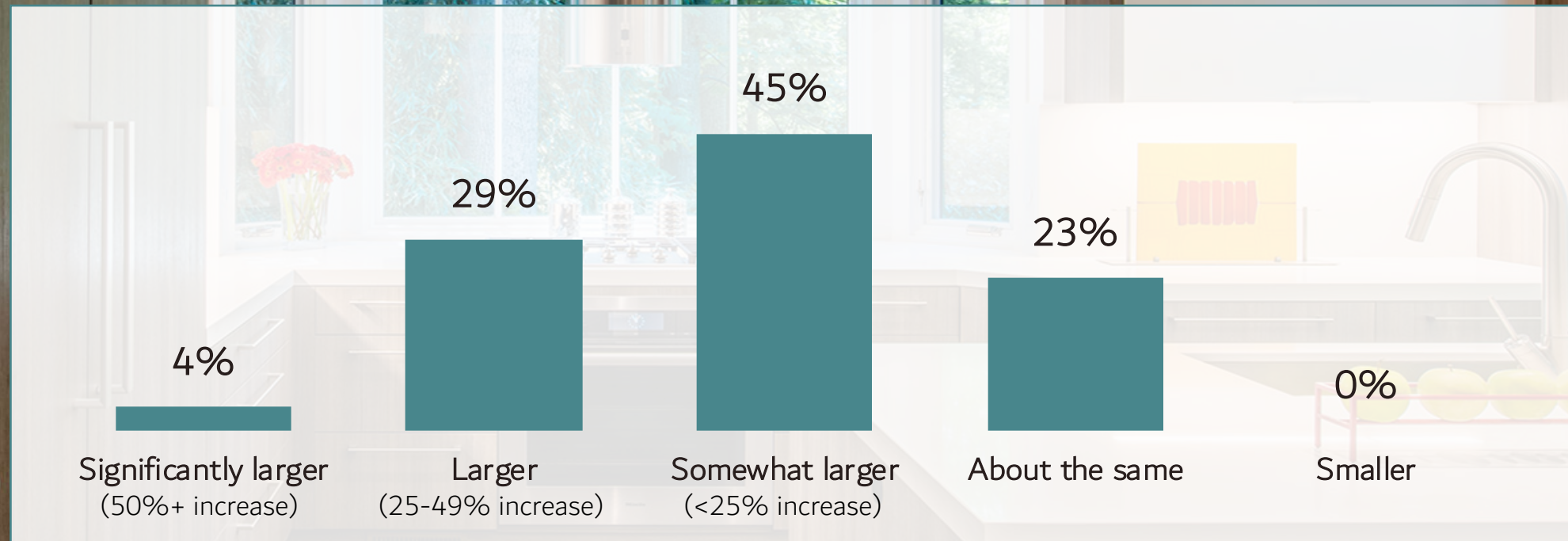


## ISLAND SIZE



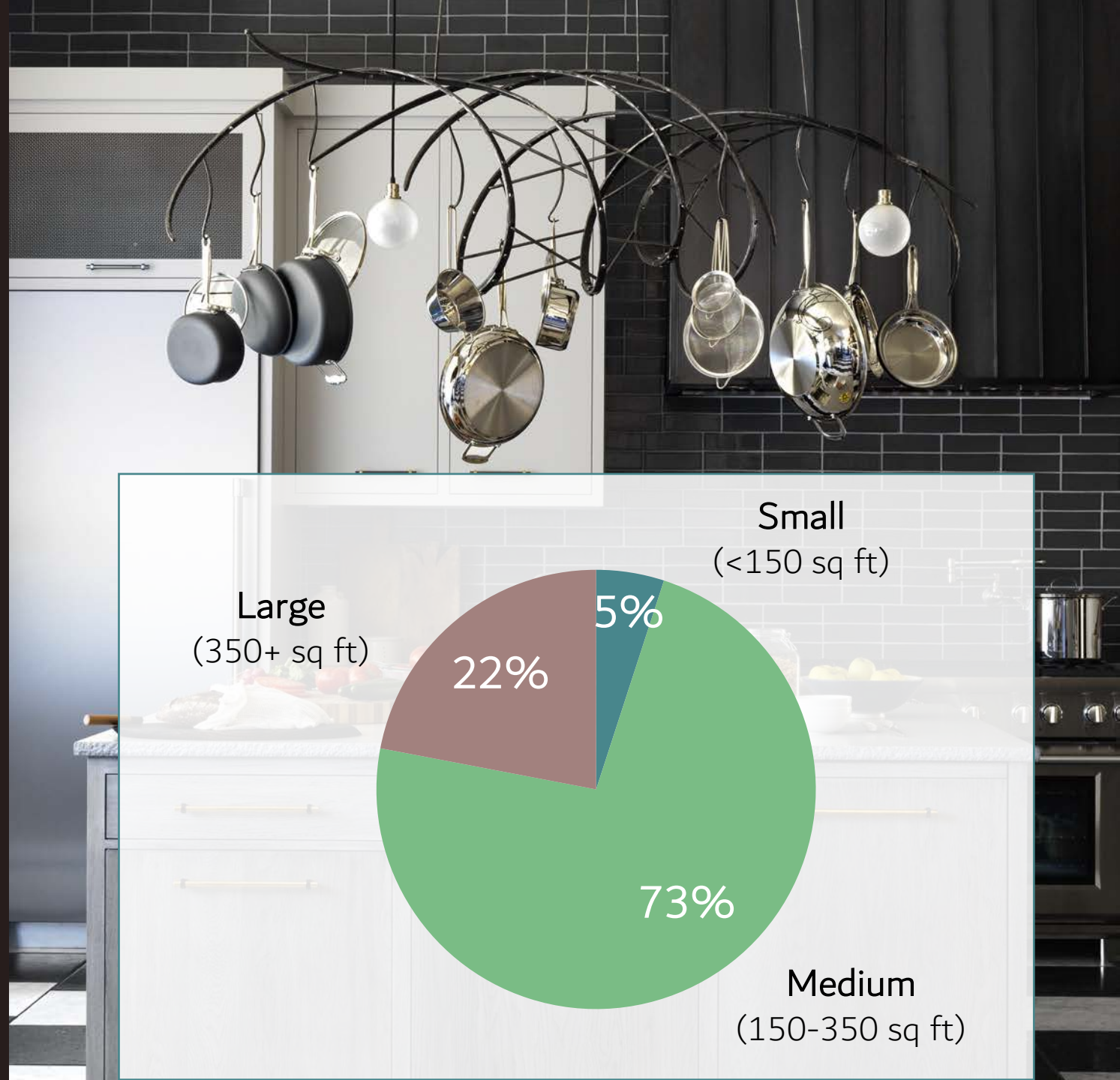
# KITCHEN SIZE AFTER REMODEL

Most designers who are remodeling kitchens increase the size of the kitchen.



# RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN SIZE

Most designers' residential kitchen projects were between 150 and 350 square feet in the past year.



# AVERAGE COST

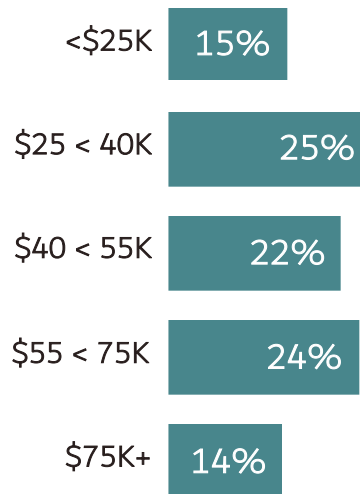
(INCLUDING MATERIALS & LABOR)

Cost per square foot appears to stay the same or increase as the kitchen size gets bigger.

## MEDIUM KITCHENS

(150-350 SQ FT)

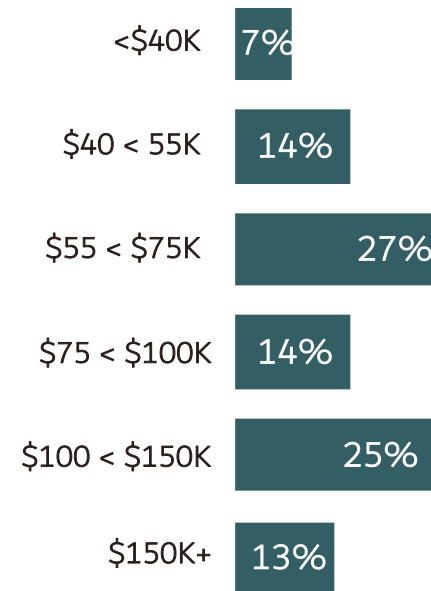
\$ MEAN  
48K



## LARGE KITCHENS

(350+ SQ FT)

\$ MEAN  
90K

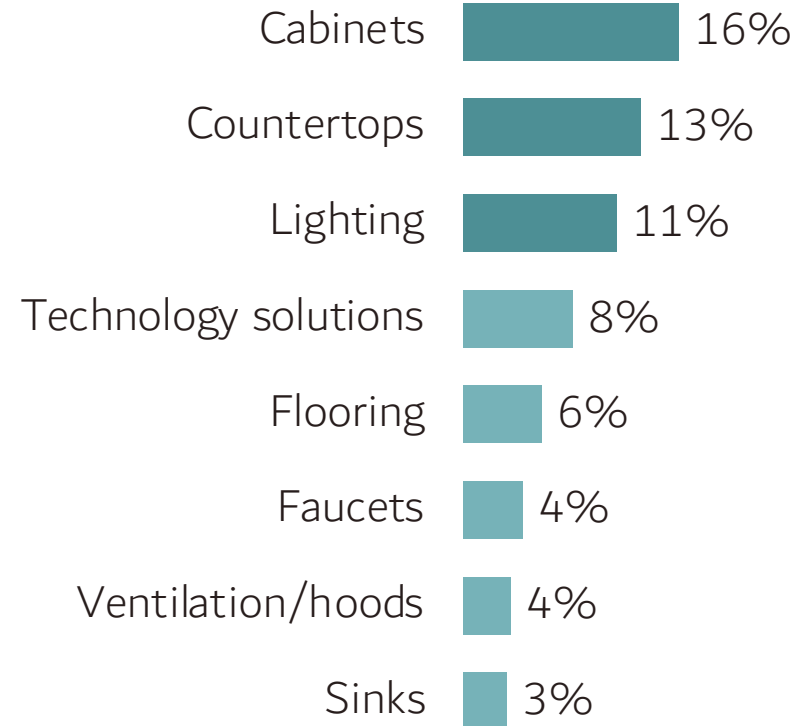


# MOST INTERESTING NEW PRODUCTS

Designers and specifiers are seeing the most interesting new products in appliances.

Cabinets, countertops and lighting are next on the list for providing innovations.

Appliances  
32%



# APPLIANCES

Appliance manufacturers are innovating in multiple areas.

## APPEARANCE

White appliances (that don't look like "mom's")

Black stainless

Bright colors

New color options

New handles

## TECHNOLOGY

Appliances that connect to smart phone apps, advanced technology like video screens, touch sensors, and more

Full Wi-Fi connectivity

Steam, speed, pizza, convection ovens

Induction cooktops

## SIZING AND PLACEMENT

Alternate sizing/placement (under-cabinet/drawer washers and fridges, narrow fridges, etc.)

Refrigeration columns allowing for flexibility in spreading out cold zones

Microwave drawers

Flush-mount appliances

# INTERESTING NEW PRODUCTS

Designers also note new products in cabinets, countertops and lighting.

## CABINETS

Contemporary European styles with hidden handles

LED, interior lighting

Vertical-lift doors in wall cabinets

Motorized opening and closing with touch of button or knee activation

## COUNTERTOPS

Matte finishes, new materials like large-format porcelain slabs

Resurgence of laminate, soapstone, Corian

Concrete looks, Quartzite, high levels of texture, exotic granites with a lot of movement

Change in thickness and color options

## LIGHTING

Pendant lighting is more modern, with more options

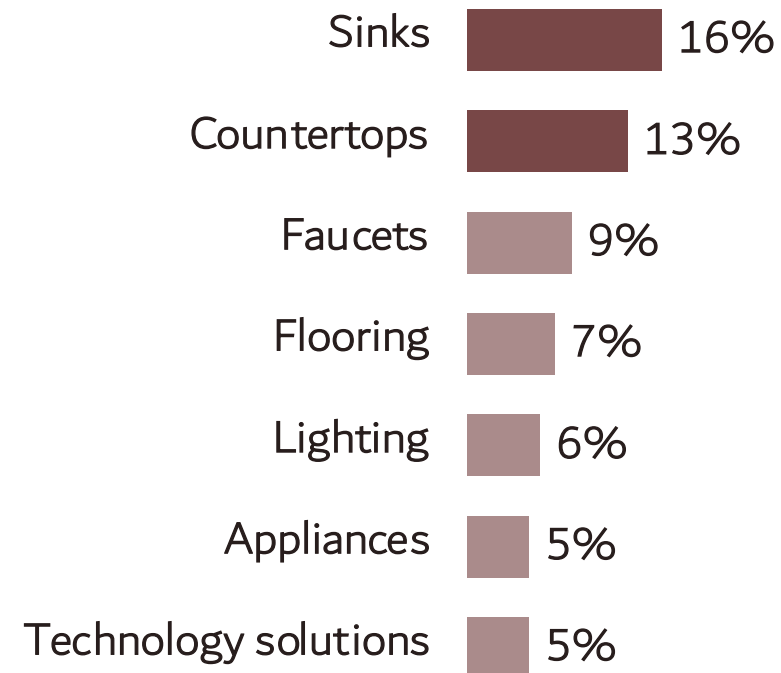
Improvement in LED technology with better color rendering and ability to dim

Integrated LED fixtures, LED strips for all kinds of applications

New technology and controls

# CATEGORIES NEEDING INNOVATION

Designers and specifiers want to see more innovation in cabinets, vent hoods, sinks and countertops.



# DESIGNERS WANT MORE ...

Designers are looking for more innovation in cabinets and ventilation/hoods.

## CABINETS

More colors and finishes in prefab cabinets;  
Options to finish cabinetry (not just paint/stains)

More transitional door styles  
Different materials for doors and drawer fronts

Mid-height cabinetry, legs for the toe kick,  
convertible/mobile/transformative styles of cabinets

More of a furniture-design element

More affordable modern design

Lower-cost cabinetry with greater flexibility and  
customization options

## VENTILATION/HOODS

More shapes, more minimal, more variations in metal  
finishes, sizes, under-cabinet mounts, stronger ceiling-  
mounted units, more options

Integrated hoods, different shapes, “invisible”  
appearance

More smart innovations, more ventilation offered in  
black stainless and other colors

Shallow-depth hoods (upper-cabinet depth), would love  
to have hoods be at a lower height off counter

Strong blowers in more minimal-style hoods

# DESIGNERS WANT MORE ...

Designers are looking for more innovation in sinks and countertops.

## SINKS

More custom prep areas and galley sinks

A wider array of materials/finishes for kitchen sinks besides stainless, cast iron or granite composite

Sinks in more unusual shapes or sinks that have better features like Microban® technology, more dirt-resistant finishes, etc.

Composite sinks with non-matte finishes, more sink accessory options

More workstation sinks in a variety of sizes

## COUNTERTOPS

More and bolder options beyond white and gray

Richer colors for quartz; more saturated colors, and quartz that looks more like granite

Metallic, glass, lighting/smart-home connectivity

Reasonably priced wood and metals (zinc/pewter)

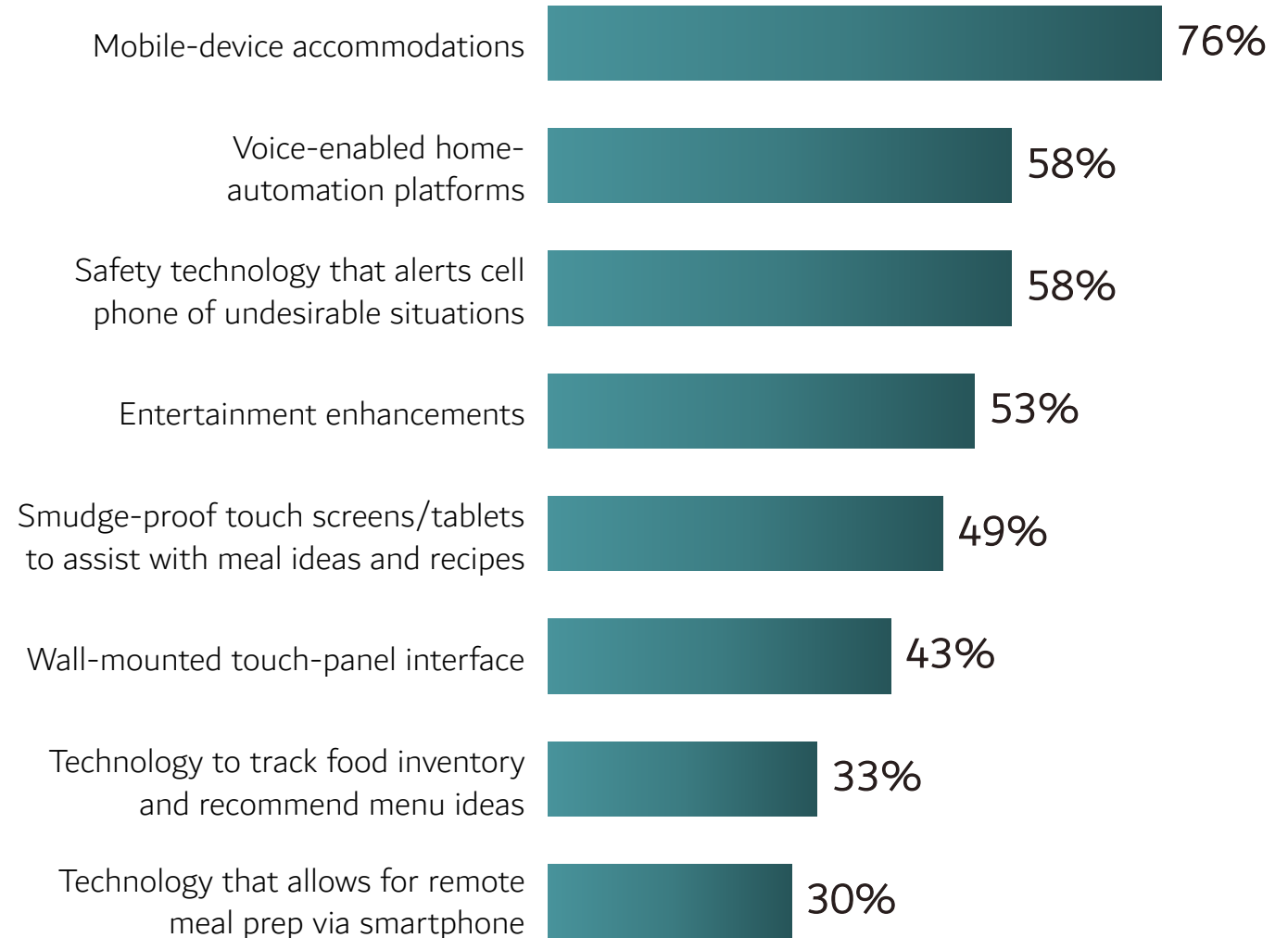
Quartzite options, quartz that really looks like marble, more design options with quartz

Product to bridge the gap between laminate and stone/quartz

# POPULARITY OF TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS OVER NEXT THREE YEARS

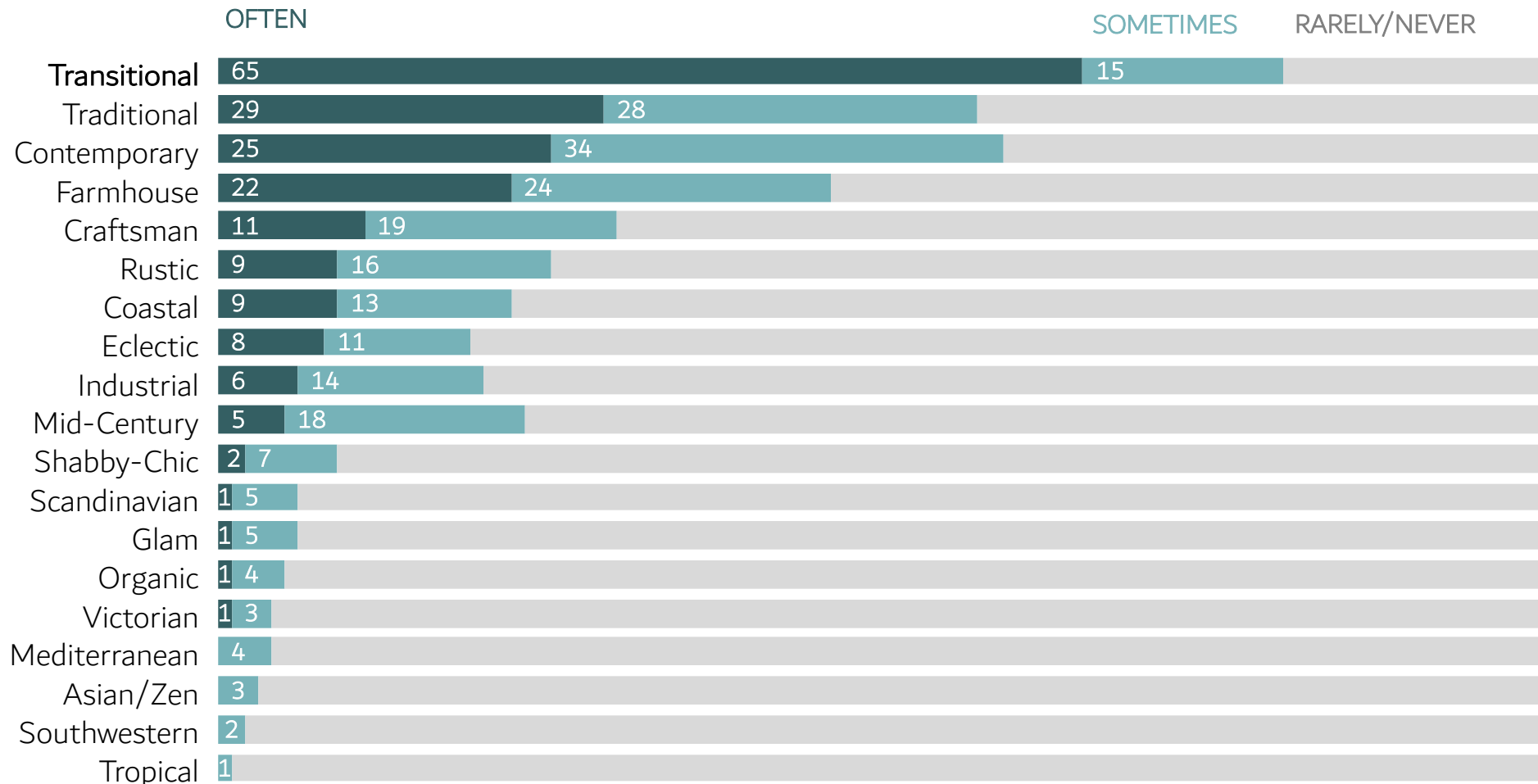
Mobile-device integrations and voice-enabled platforms are very popular technology used in the kitchen.

Top 2 Box/7-pt scale (7 = will be extremely popular)



# STYLES DESIGNED IN PAST YEAR

In the past year, transitional kitchens have dominated and were designed/specified most often

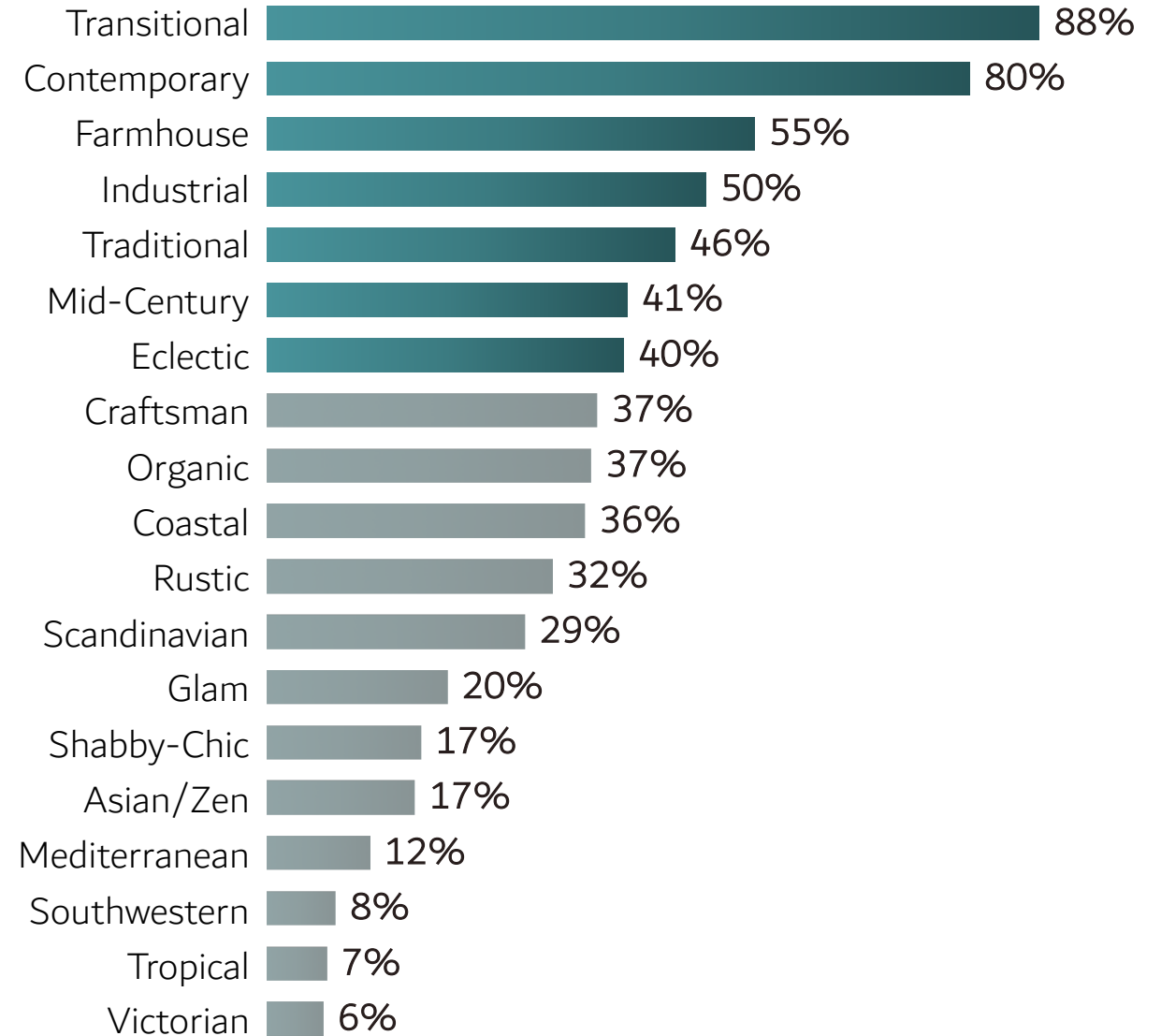


# POPULAR KITCHEN STYLES OVER NEXT THREE YEARS

Transitional and contemporary top the list of anticipated popular kitchen designs.

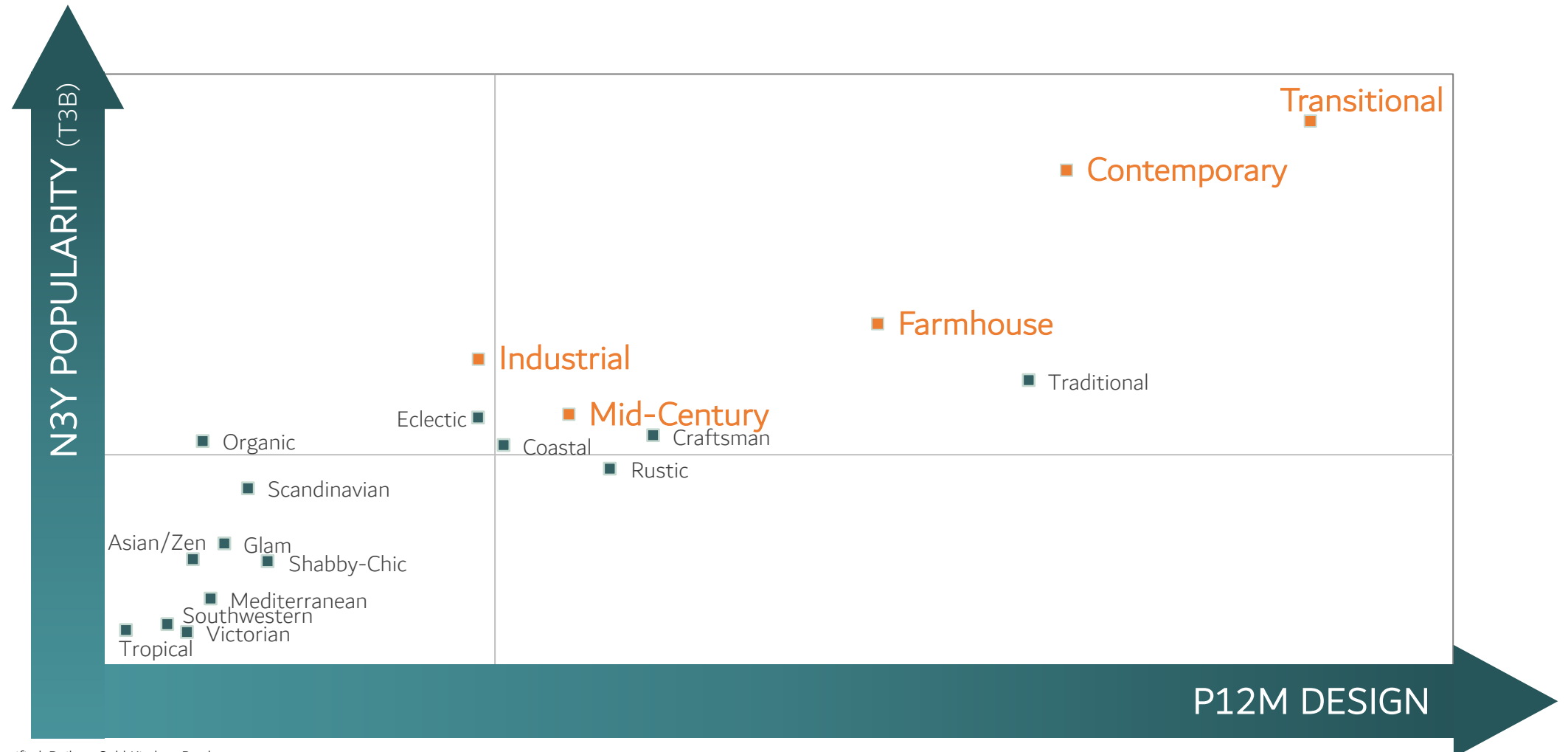
Farmhouse, industrial, traditional, mid-century and eclectic will also be popular in the next few years.

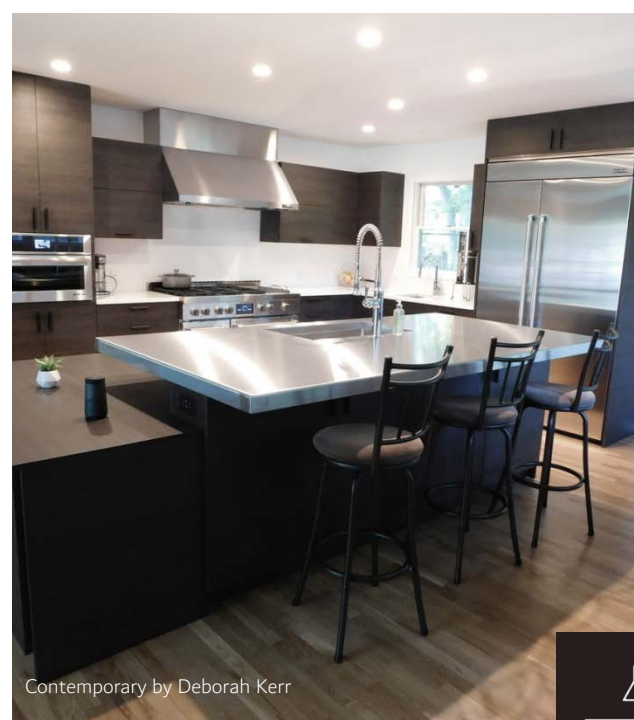
Top 3 Box (7-pt scale)



# KITCHEN DESIGN STYLES

Several designs are currently being used and are likely to remain popular in the next three years.

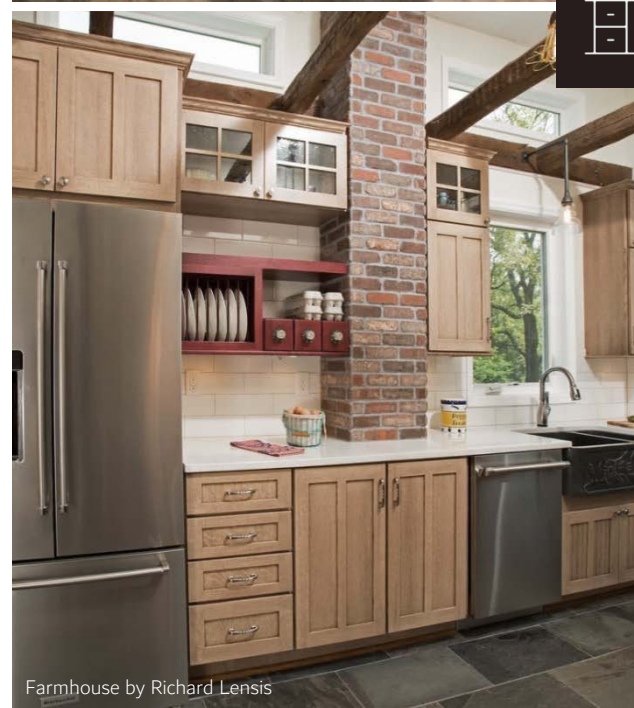




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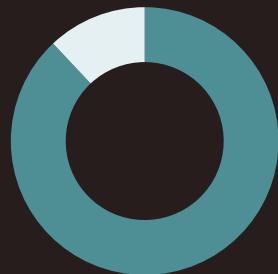
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# EMERGING KITCHEN TRENDS STYLE SUMMARIES

# TRANSITIONAL



## Kitchen: Popularity, Next Three Years

**88%** (Top 3 Box)

Designed Past 12 Months:  
**65%** often/**15%** sometimes

Rank

**#1** in popularity

### LOOK & FEEL

- Timeless look
- Natural light and relaxed feel
- Open to living area
- Smooth features that blend in
- Clean colors: whites, grays, beiges, bones, blues

### MOST VISUAL IMPACT

- Cabinets
- Hood
- Countertop

#### CABINETS

- Light or medium painted wood or wood grain or mixed materials
- Recessed panel facing
- More drawers than doors
- Integrated storage
- Matte decorative hardware or integrated hardware

#### APPLIANCES

- Integrated with other surfaces
- Induction cooktop and wall oven + microwave ... or
- Dual-fuel or gas range
- Updraft hoods
- Fully integrated French-door fridge (stainless or cabinet finish)
- Standard-door dishwasher

#### COUNTERTOPS, SINKS, BACKSPASHES

- Quartz, quartzite, some granite
- Traditional and waterfall edges
- 1 ¼ inch thickness
- Contrast with cabinets
- Long narrow rectangular tile, subway, small tile/mosaic backsplash
- Stainless steel single-bowl or apron sink

#### FAUCETS

- Brushed stainless finishes
- Some matte, polished or satin finishes
- Touch, manual or Motion-control

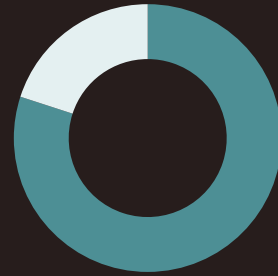
#### LIGHTING

- Recessed lights/pendants
- Under-cabinet and interior-cabinet lighting
- Dimmer and traditional switches
- Some keypads, motion sensors

#### FLOORING

- Hardwood or engineered wood plank
- large-format tile: ceramic, porcelain, stone
- Some luxury vinyl

# CONTEMPORARY



## Kitchen: Popularity, Next Three Years

**80%** (Top 3 Box)

Designed Past 12 Months:  
**25%** often/**34%** sometimes

Rank  
**#2** in popularity

### LOOK & FEEL

- Minimalistic
- Smooth features that blend in
- Natural light, open to living area and outdoors
- Clean colors: whites and some grays, beiges, bones, blues, blacks, sepia tones

### MOST VISUAL IMPACT

- Cabinets
- Countertops
- Appliances
- Lighting

#### CABINETS

- Light or medium wood grain, mixed materials
- flat-panel/slab facing
- More drawers than doors
- Integrated storage
- Light or medium tones
- Integrated hardware

#### APPLIANCES

- Integrated with other surfaces
- Induction cooktop with double wall oven or wall oven + microwave
- Updraft hoods
- Fully integrated column and drawer fridge
- Standard-door or two-drawer dishwasher

#### COUNTERTOPS, SINKS, BACKSPASHES

- Quartz
- Waterfall and traditional edges
- 1 ¼ inch thickness
- Slab backsplash ... OR
- Long rectangular tile backsplash
- Stainless steel single-bowl or workstation sink

#### FAUCETS

- Polished, matte, brushed finishes
- Stainless steel, nickel, chrome
- Motion-control faucets

#### LIGHTING

- Recessed
- Interior-cabinet and under-cabinet lighting
- Pendants
- Dimmers, keypad and mobile controls

#### FLOORING

- Large-format tile or plank
- Ceramic, porcelain, stone
- Hardwood or engineered wood
- Luxury vinyl tile and some stained concrete, ceramic wood

# FARMHOUSE



## Kitchen: Popularity, Next Three Years

**55%** (Top 3 Box)

Designed Past 12 Months:  
**22%** often/**24%** sometimes

Rank

**#3** in popularity

### LOOK & FEEL

- Timeless look
- Open to living area
- Natural light and relaxed feel
- Features make a statement
- Clean colors (whites)
- Fewer smart-home features

### MOST VISUAL IMPACT

- Cabinets
- Hood
- Cooking Appliances
- Countertops
- Sink

#### CABINETS

- Light painted or wood grain
- Recessed panel facing
- Both open & integrated storage
- More drawers than doors
- Layered cabinet heights
- Matte or brushed decorative hardware

#### APPLIANCES

- Gas cooktop with stainless wall oven/microwave ... OR
- Wide dual-fuel or gas stainless range, microwave drawer
- Built-in stainless or cabinet finish French-door fridge
- Standard-door dishwasher

#### COUNTERTOPS, SINKS, BACKSPASHES

- Quartz, end-grain butcher block, soapstone
- Contrast with cabinets
- Traditional 1¼ inch edges
- White porcelain/fireclay or stainless farm/apron sink
- Subway/Rectangle tile backsplash

#### FAUCETS

- Stainless OR oil-rubbed bronze
- Matte or brushed
- Manual control
- Some motion or touch/tap control

#### LIGHTING

- Pendants, recessed, under-cabinet
- Chandeliers/large pendants
- Interior cabinet
- Dimmer & traditional switches

#### FLOORING

- Hardwood/engineered wood
- Plank Style

# INDUSTRIAL



## Kitchen: Popularity, Next Three Years

**50%** (Top 3 Box)

Designed Past 12 Months:  
**6%** often/**14%** sometimes

## Rank

**#4** in popularity

### LOOK & FEEL

- Trendy with features that make a statement
- Energetic feel
- Minimalistic
- Natural light and open to living area
- Darker, bold color: grays, blacks, silvers, whites, sepia tones

### MOST VISUAL IMPACT

- Cabinets
- Appliances
- Hood

### CABINETS

- Mixed materials, metal, wood grain
- flat-panel/slab facing
- Open storage
- More drawers
- Medium/dark tones
- Integrated hardware

### APPLIANCES

- Integrated with other surfaces
- Induction cooktop and wall oven + microwave ... OR
- Wide gas range
- Updraft hoods
- Fully integrated drawer or column fridge
- Dishwasher, standard or drawers, or 2 dishwashers

### COUNTERTOPS, SINKS, BACKSPASHES

- Concrete, quartz, stainless steel
- Waterfall, traditional, knife-edge
- Thicker countertops (2-inch)
- Slab or long rectangular tile backsplash
- Stainless workstation
- Single-bowl sinks

### FAUCETS

- Mixed metal finishes
- Matte, brushed stainless, black stainless, black finishes
- Motion-control faucets

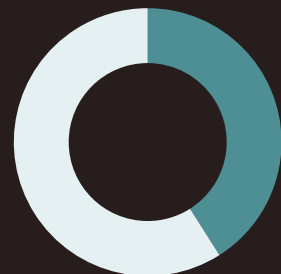
### LIGHTING

- Under-cabinet and interior-cabinet lighting
- Recessed lights, pendants
- Dimmers, mobile control, motion sensors, keypads

### FLOORING

- Stained concrete (poured/slab)
- Hardwood/engineered wood
- Ceramic/porcelain/stone tile
- Plank or large-format tile

# MID-CENTURY



Kitchen: Popularity,  
Next Three Years

**41%** (Top 3 Box)

Designed Past 12 Months:  
**5%** often/**18%** sometimes

Rank

**#6** in popularity

## LOOK & FEEL

- Minimalistic with smooth features
- Natural light and open to living area
- Clean, bold colors mixed with whites (grays, beiges, sepia tones, golds, browns, bronzes, greens, blues)

## MOST VISUAL IMPACT

- Cabinets
- Countertops
- Appliances

### CABINETS

- Medium wood grain or mixed materials
- flat-panel/slab facing
- Open and integrated storage
- More drawers
- Consistent cabinet heights
- Integrated hardware

### APPLIANCES

- Integrated with other surfaces
- Induction cooktop and wall oven + microwave
- Updraft hood
- Fully integrated French-door fridge, bottom freezer, or column
- Standard-door or 2-drawer dishwasher

### COUNTERTOPS, SINKS, BACKSPASHES

- Quartz
- Traditional edges, some waterfall
- 1 ¼ thickness
- Lighter than cabinets
- Slab, small tile, subway, long rectangular tile backsplash
- Stainless steel single-bowl sinks

### FAUCETS

- Matte, polished, brushed finishes
- Black, chrome, stainless
- Manual or Motion-control

### LIGHTING

- Under-cabinet and interior-cabinet lighting
- Recessed lights/pendants
- Dimmers, traditional switches, keypads, motion sensors

### FLOORING

- Wood plank
- Large-format tile: ceramic, porcelain, stone
- Some stained concrete

# KITCHENS

Boldface = unique and differentiating features



## FARMHOUSE

## TRANSITIONAL

## CONTEMPORARY

## INDUSTRIAL

## MID-CENTURY

### Look & Feel

**Timeless look**  
Natural light and relaxed feel  
**Features make a statement**  
Clean colors (whites)  
**Fewer smart-home features**

**Timeless look**, natural light  
Relaxed feel  
Smooth features that blend in  
Clean colors: whites and grays

**Minimalistic**  
Smooth features that blend in  
Natural light  
Clean colors: whites and some grays

**Trendy; features make a statement**  
**Energetic feel**  
**Darker, bold colors:** grays, blacks

**Minimalistic**  
Smooth features that blend in  
Natural light  
Clean, **bold colors** mixed with whites

### Flooring

**Wood plank**

**Wood plank**  
Large-format tile: ceramic, porcelain, stone

large-format tile or plank  
Ceramic, porcelain, stone or wood

**Stained concrete**

**Wood Plank**  
Large-format tile  
Some stained concrete

### Cabinets

Light painted or wood grain  
Recessed panel facing  
Open and integrated storage  
**Layered cabinet heights**

Light or medium painted wood or wood grain, mixed materials  
Recessed panel facing  
**Integrated storage**

Light or medium wood grain, mixed materials  
flat-panel/slab facing  
**Integrated storage**

**Mixed materials, metal**, wood grain  
flat-panel/slab facing  
**Open storage**  
**Medium/dark tones**

Medium wood grain, **mixed materials**  
flat-panel/slab facing  
Open and integrated storage

### Countertops & Sink

Quartz, **butcher block, soapstone**  
Traditional edges  
**Farm/apron sink**

Quartz, **quartzite**, some granite  
Traditional and **waterfall** edges  
Single-bowl or **apron sink**

Quartz  
**Waterfall** and traditional edges  
Single-bowl or **workstation sink**

**Concrete**, quartz, **stainless steel**  
**Waterfall**, traditional, **knife edge**  
**Workstation sink** or single-bowl

Quartz  
Traditional edges, some waterfall  
Single-bowl sinks

### Backsplashes

**Subway tile**  
Rectangular tile

Long narrow rectangular tile, subway, small tile/mosaic

**Slab**  
Long rectangular tile

**Slab** or long rectangular tile

Slab, small tile, subway, long rectangular tile

### Appliances

Gas cooktop & wall oven/microwave  
Or ... **dual-fuel/gas wide range**  
French-door fridge

Integrated  
Induction cooktop  
Wall oven/microwave  
French-door fridge

Integrated  
Induction cooktop  
Double wall oven  
**Column and drawer fridge**

Integrated  
Induction cooktop  
Wall oven/microwave  
**Drawer or column fridge**

Integrated  
Induction cooktop  
French-door fridge, bottom freezer, or column

### Finishes & Hardware

Stainless/bronze matte or brushed finishes  
**Decorative hardware**  
Pendants/recessed lights

Brushed stainless finishes  
Decorative or integrated hardware  
Recessed lights/pendants

**Integrated hardware**  
Polished, matte, brushed stainless finishes  
Recessed/interior cabinet lights

**Mixed metal finishes**  
Matte, brushed stainless, black stainless, black finishes  
Recessed lights

**Integrated hardware**  
Matte black, chrome, stainless finishes  
Recessed lights/pendants

### Most Visual Impact

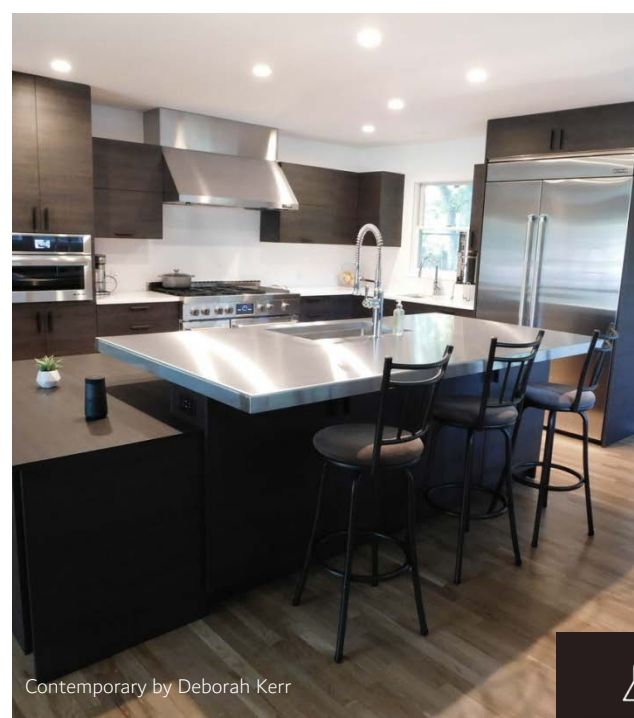
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Hood, Appliances, Countertop, **Sink**

Cabinets  
Hood, Countertop

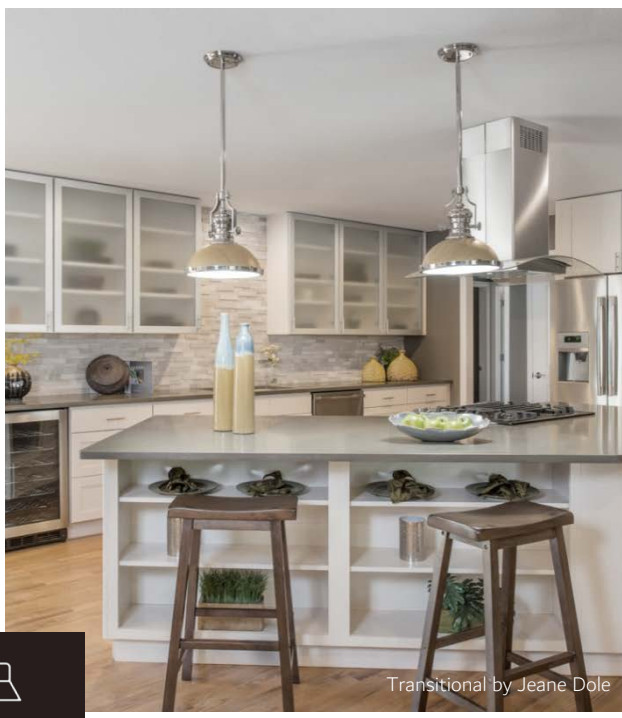
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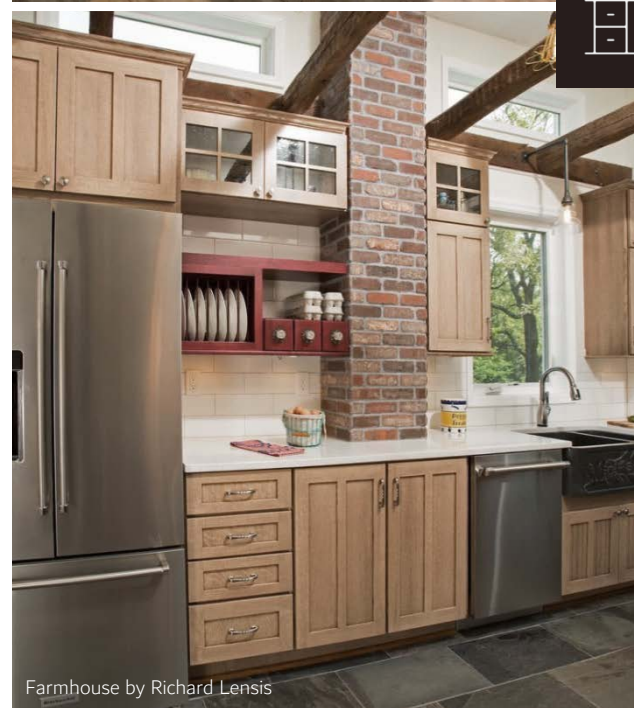
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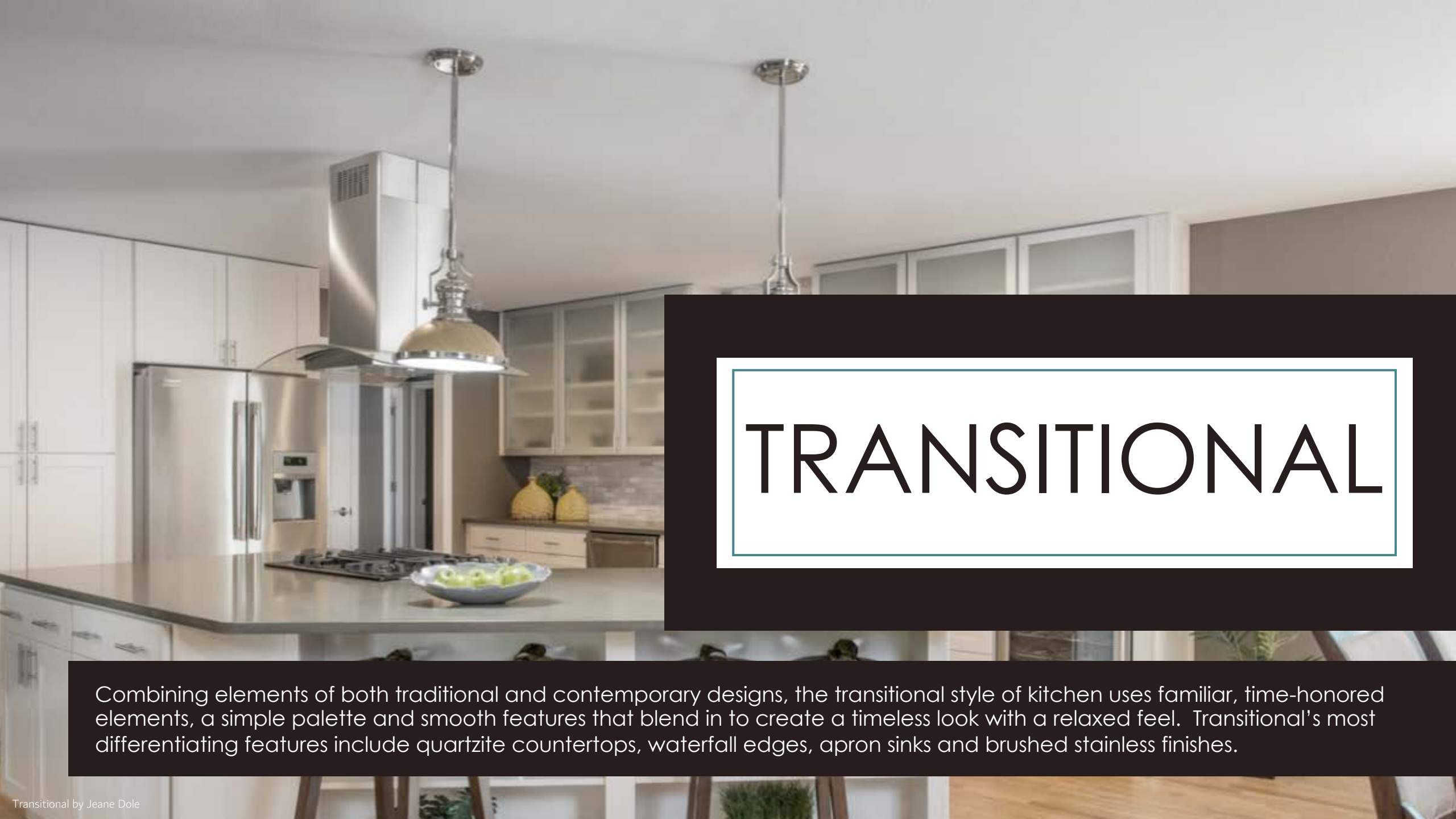


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# EMERGING KITCHEN TRENDS **DETAILS BY STYLE**

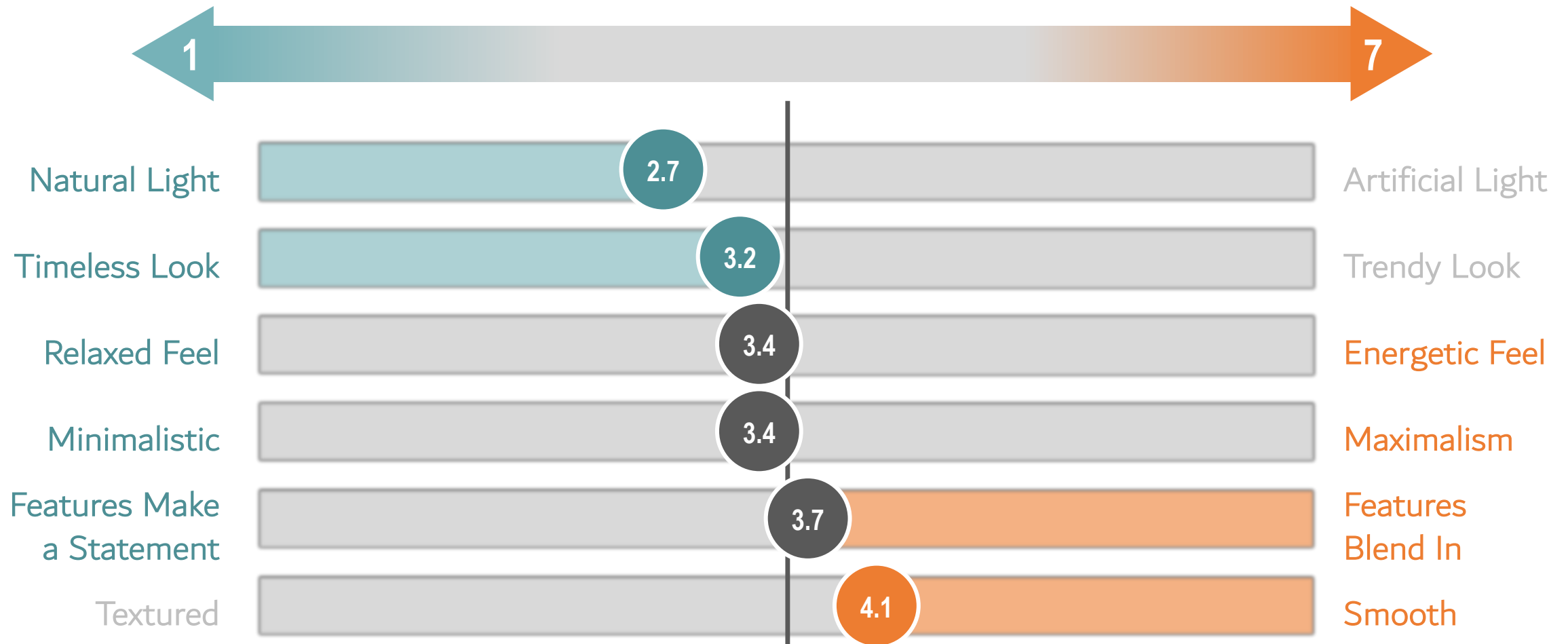


# TRANSITIONAL

Combining elements of both traditional and contemporary designs, the transitional style of kitchen uses familiar, time-honored elements, a simple palette and smooth features that blend in to create a timeless look with a relaxed feel. Transitional's most differentiating features include quartzite countertops, waterfall edges, apron sinks and brushed stainless finishes.

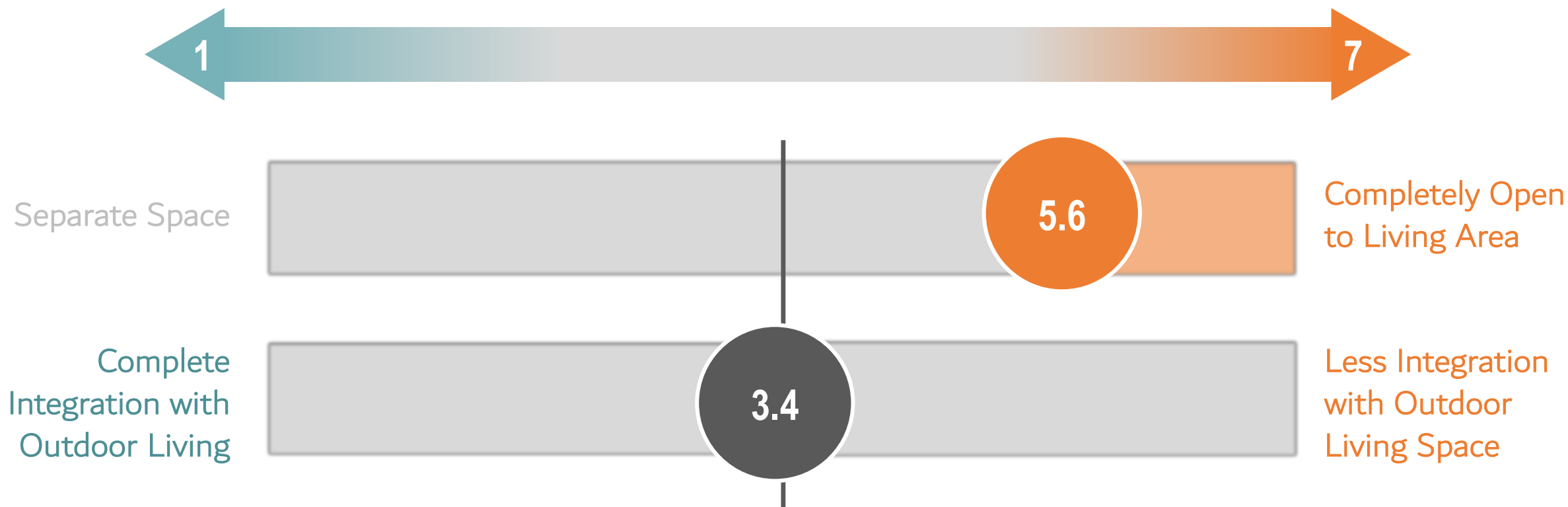


Transitional kitchens have a timeless look with lots of natural light and smooth features that blend in.



# TRANSITIONAL INTEGRATION

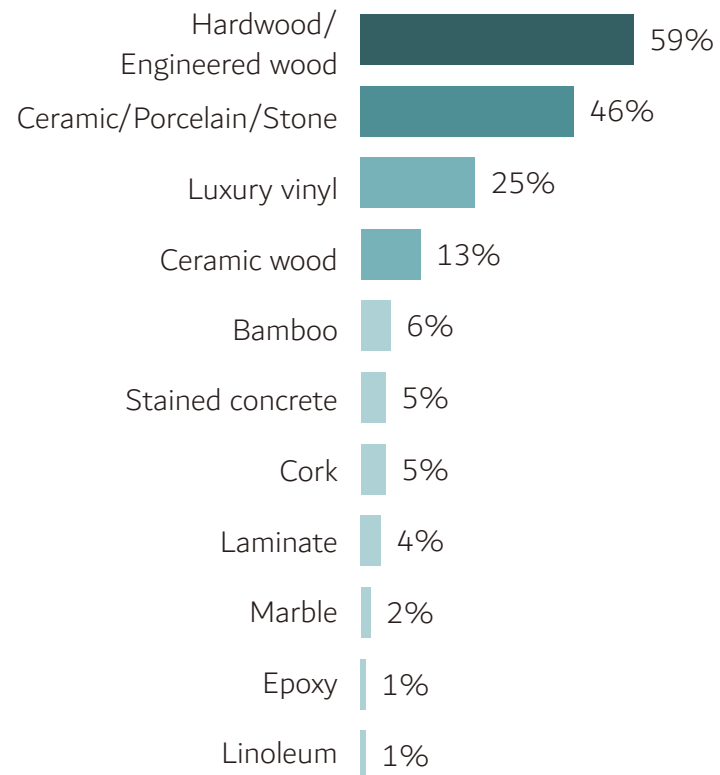
Transitional kitchens are open to other living areas.



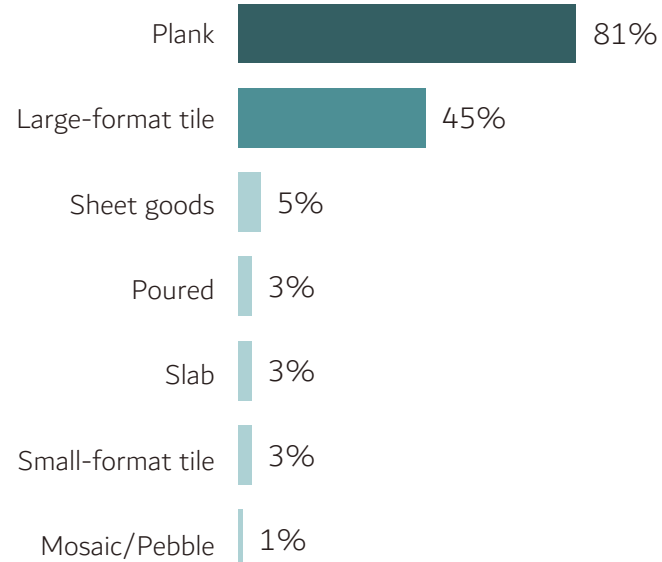
# TRANSITIONAL FLOORING

Flooring is wood plank or large-format tile – ceramic, porcelain and stone are popular options.

## MATERIAL

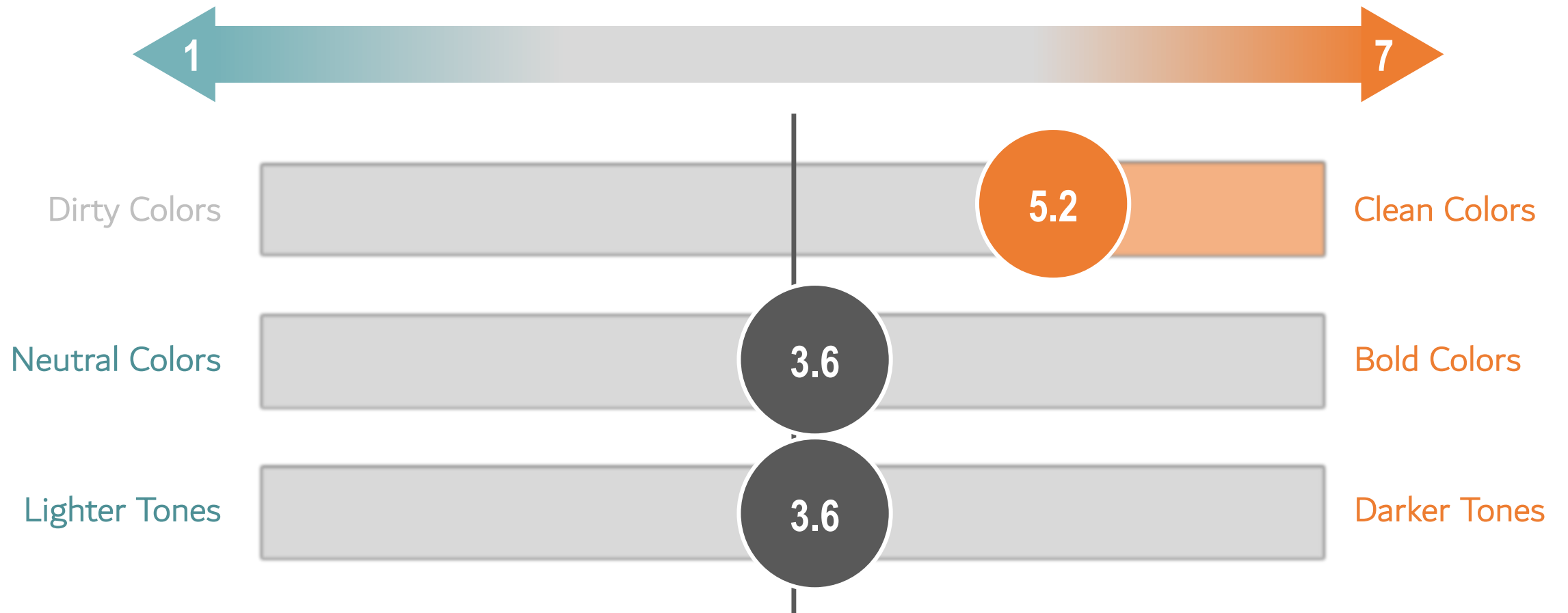


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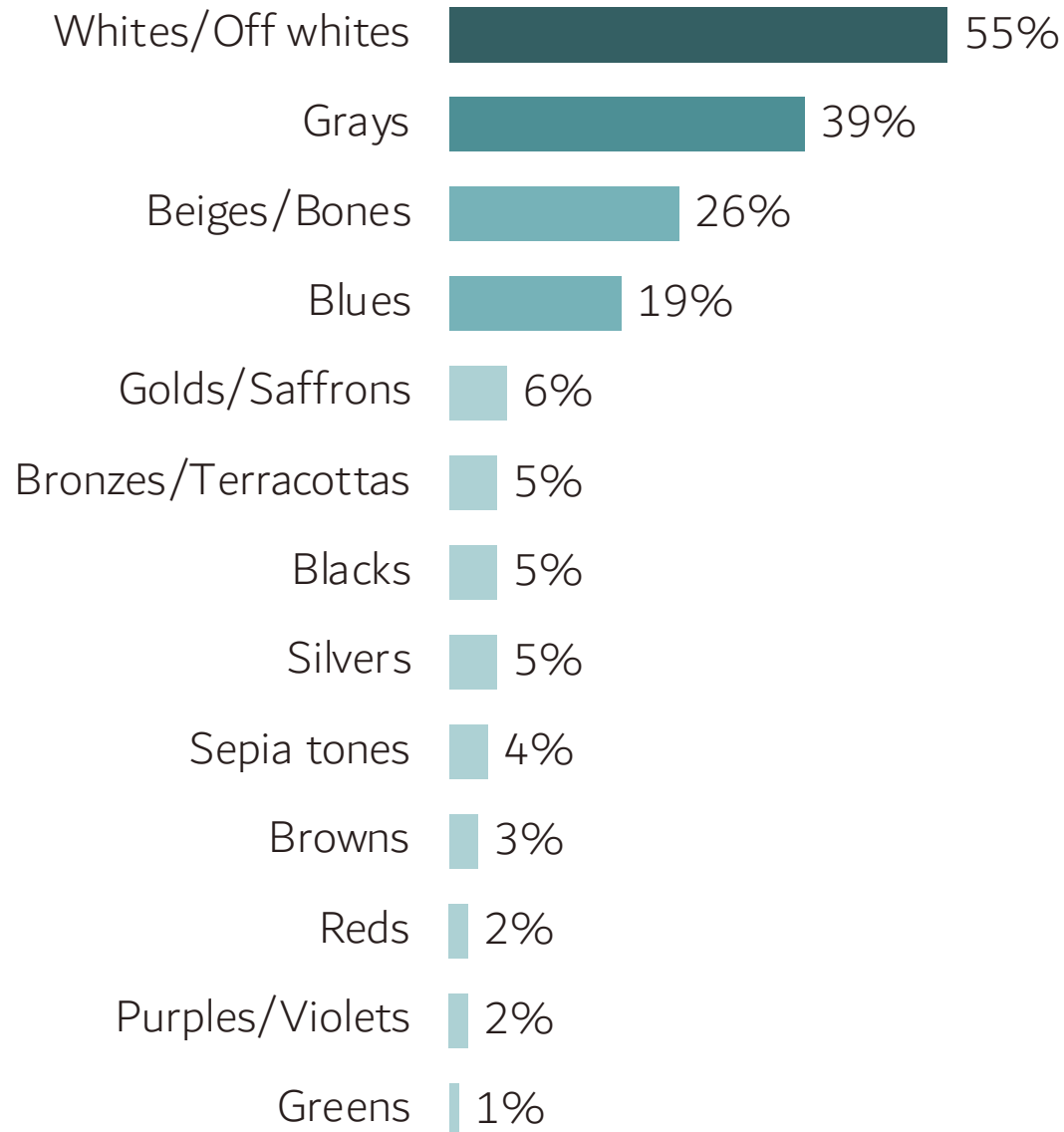
# TRANSITIONAL COLORS & TONES

Transitional kitchens feature clean colors and moderate tones.



# TRANSITIONAL COLOR SCHEMES

Transitional color schemes most often include white with some grays, beiges and blues.



TRANSITIONAL

# GREATEST VISUAL IMPACT

Cabinets make the greatest visual impact, followed by ventilation hoods and countertops.



Cabinets  
53%

Ventilation/Hoods 16%

Countertops 11%

Appliances 7%

Lighting 6%

Flooring 3%

# TRANSITIONAL CABINETS

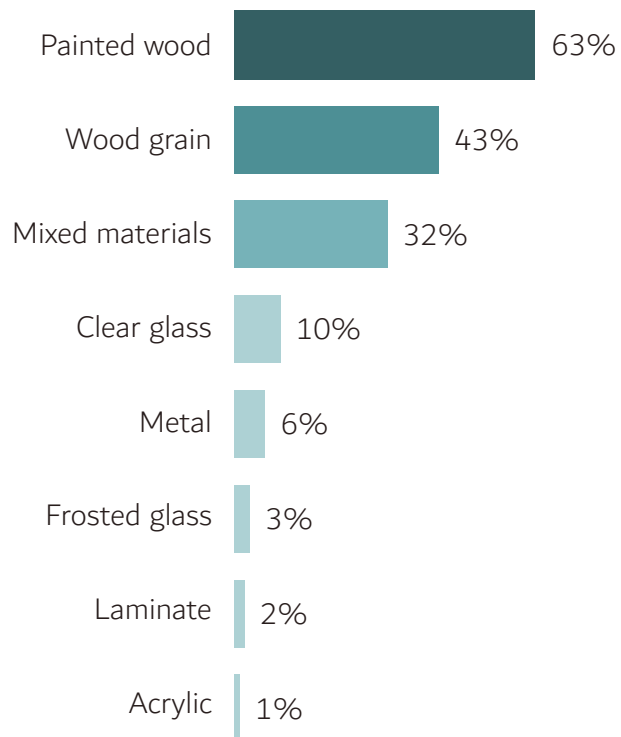
Transitional cabinets include more drawers and integrated storage options.



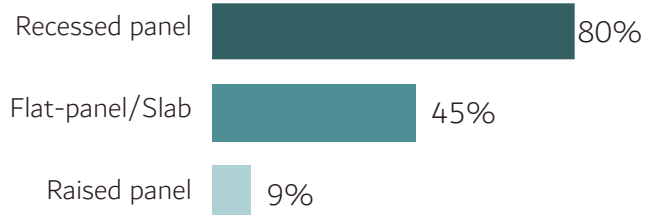
# TRANSITIONAL CABINETS

Light or medium painted wood cabinets with recessed panel doors are most popular in transitional kitchens.

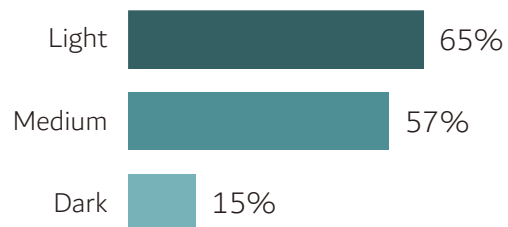
## CABINET FACING APPEARANCE



## DOOR STYLE



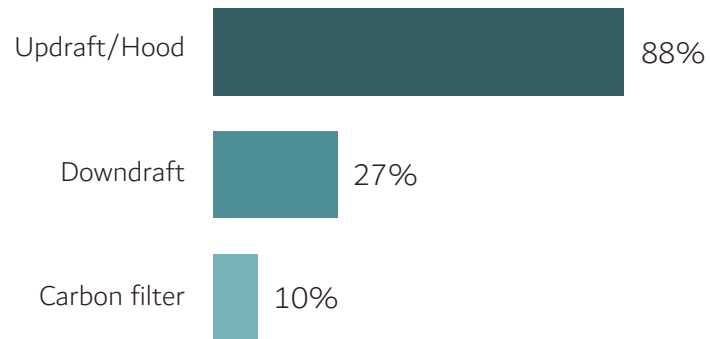
## TONE/COLOR



# TRANSITIONAL VENTING/ HOODS

Updraft/hoods are most popular for ventilation in the transitional style.

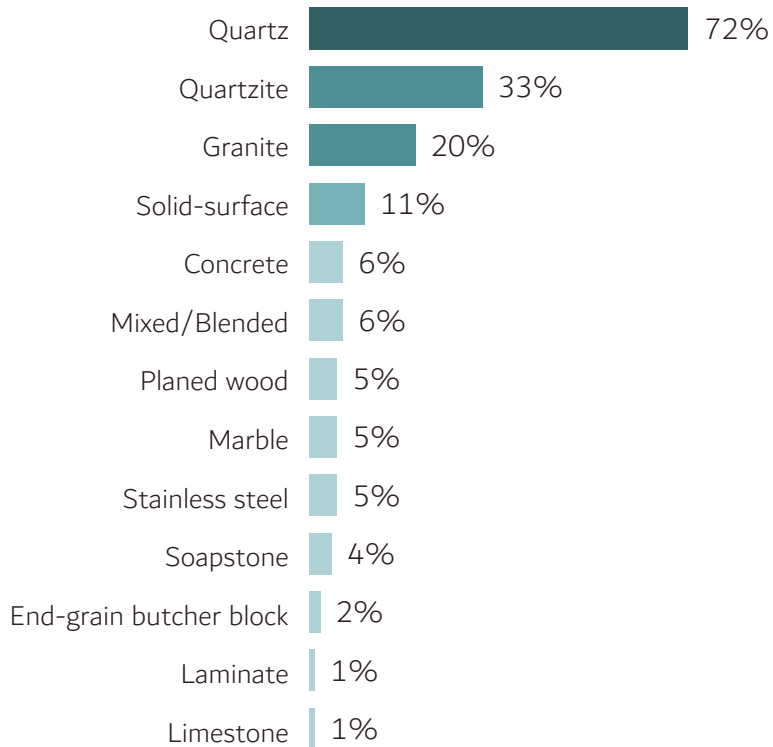
## VENTING/HOODS



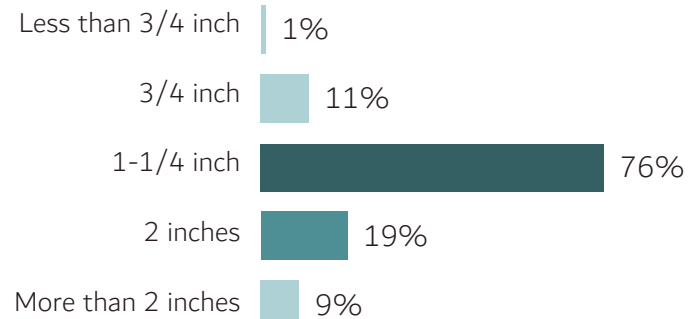
# TRANSITIONAL COUNTERTOPS

Quartz, quartzite or granite countertops are popular in transitional kitchens, often with traditional edges or waterfall.

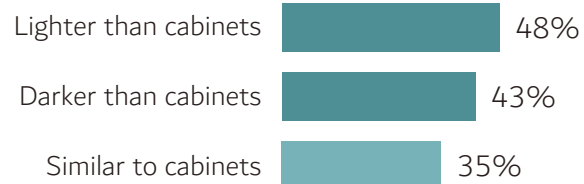
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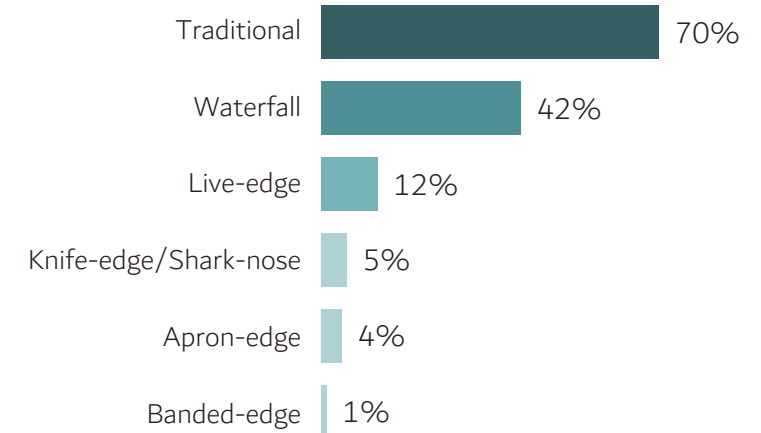
## THICKNESS



## COLOR



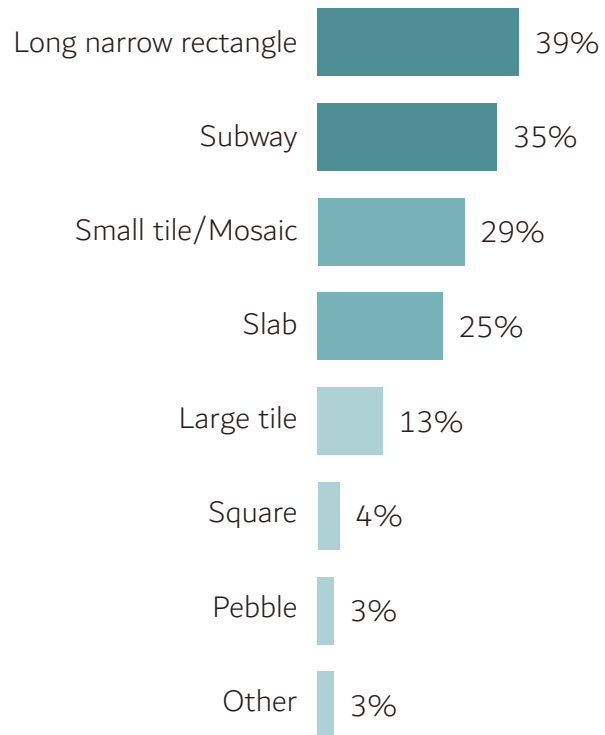
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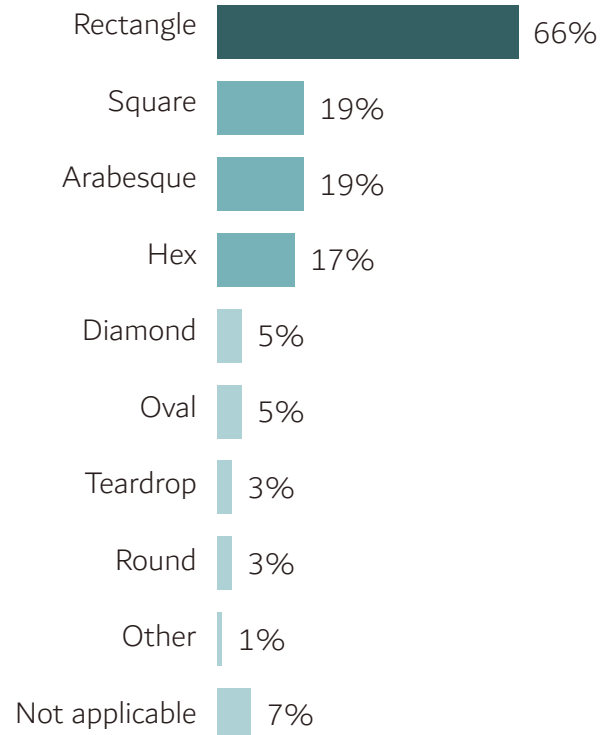
# TRANSITIONAL BACKSPLASHES

Backsplash options vary in transitional kitchens – long narrow rectangle, subway, small tile or slab.

## SIZE



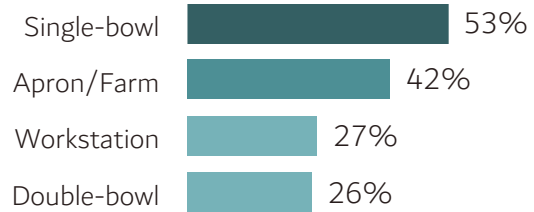
## TILE SHAPE



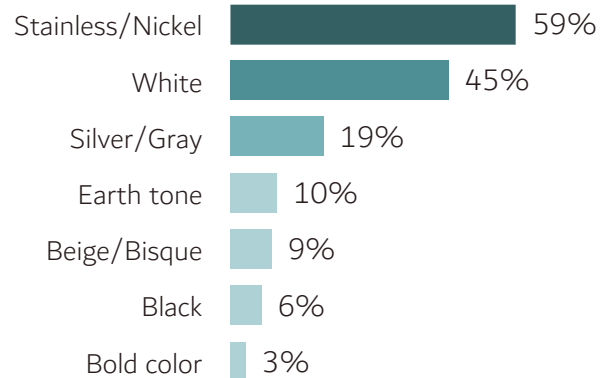
# TRANSITIONAL SINKS

Single-bowl stainless steel or white sinks are popular in transitional kitchens.

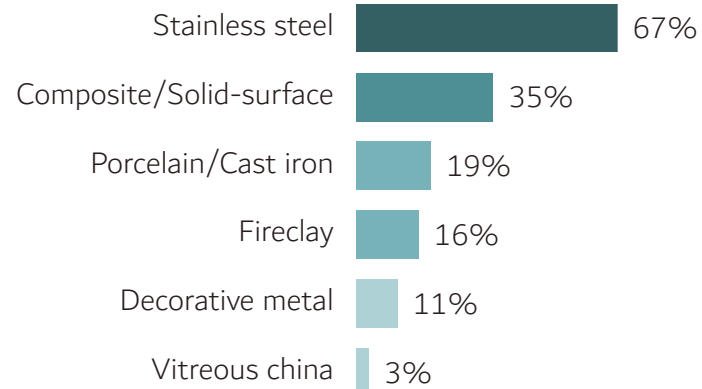
## CONFIGURATION/BOWLS



## COLOR



## MATERIAL

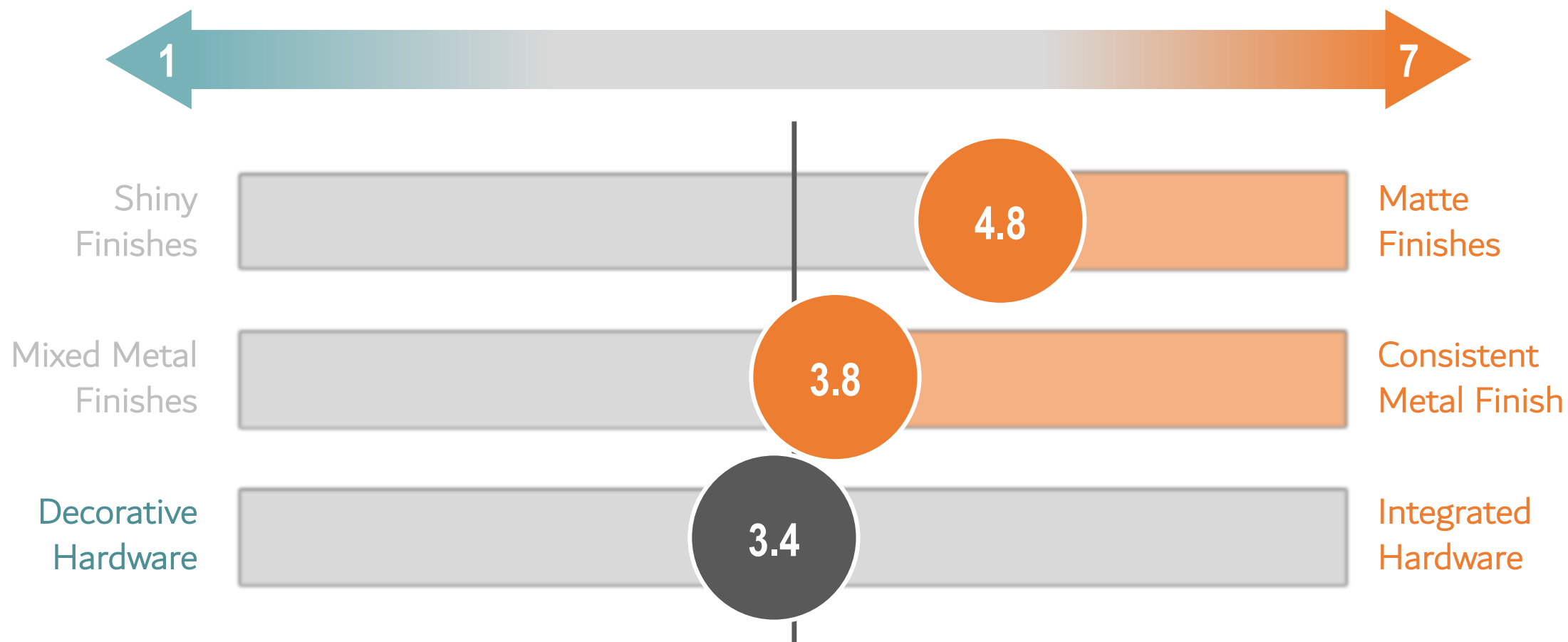


## INSTALLATION



# TRANSITIONAL FINISHES & HARDWARE

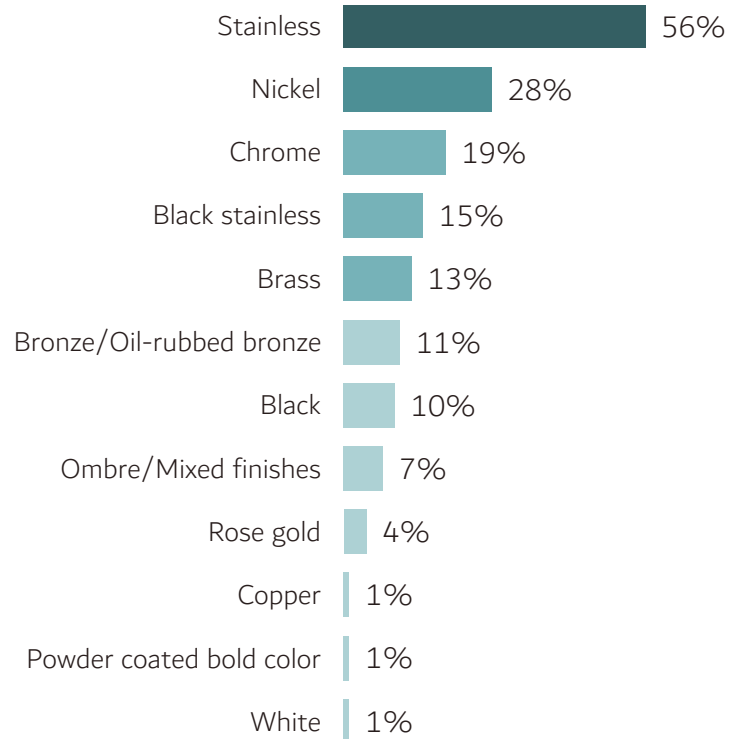
Transitional hardware can be decorative or integrated, and matte finishes are more popular than shiny.



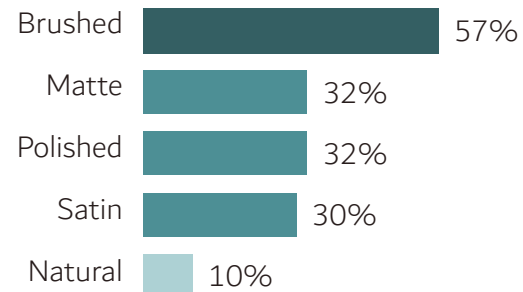
# TRANSITIONAL FAUCETS

Brushed stainless faucets are most popular in Transitional Kitchens

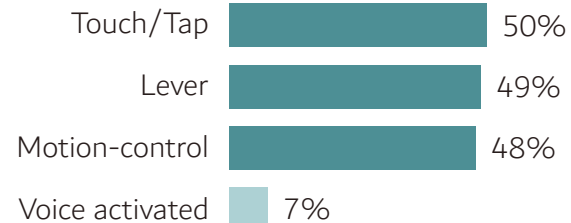
## COLOR



## FINISH



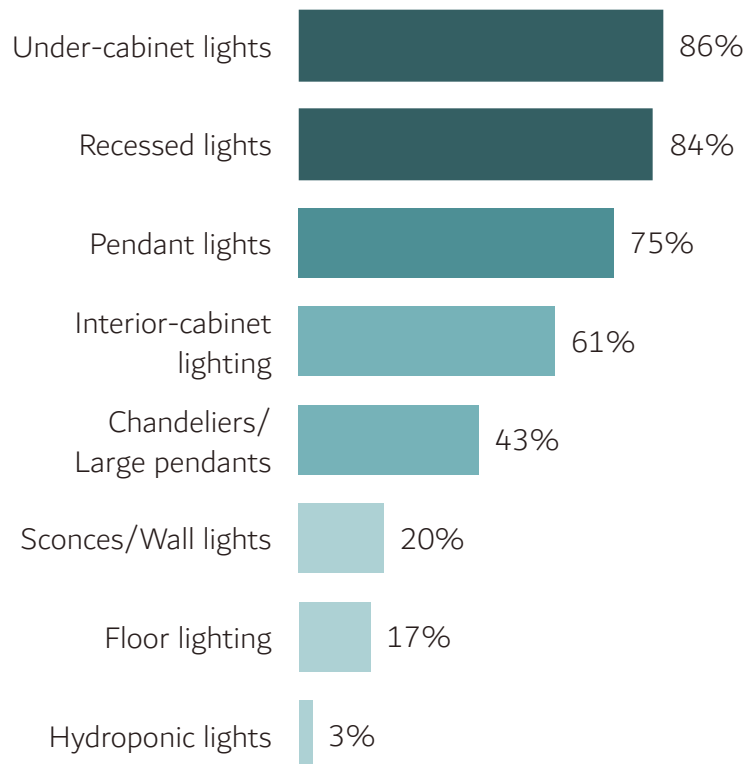
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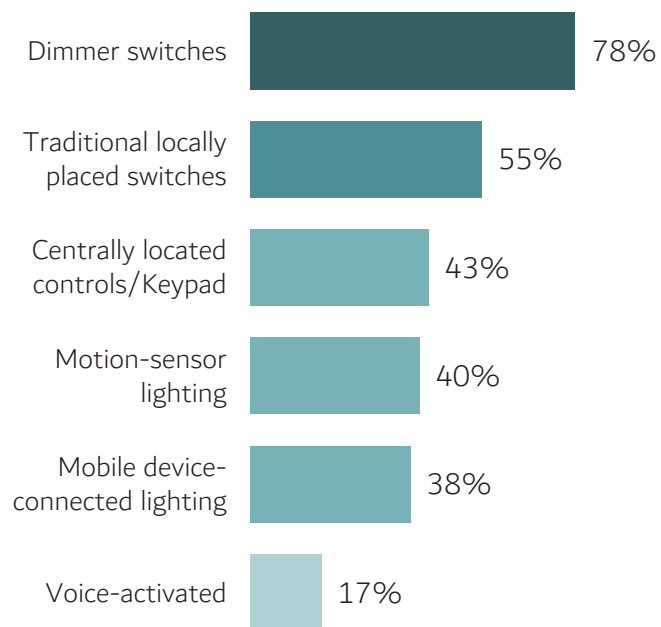
# TRANSITIONAL LIGHTING

Transitional-style lighting includes multiple sources: under-cabinet, recessed and pendants using dimmers or traditional switches.

## TYPE/LOCATION



## CONTROLS



TRANSITIONAL

# STATEMENT APPLIANCES

In transitional kitchens, cooking appliances make more a statement — at times — but often, no appliances take center stage in this design.

Cooking  
appliances

56%



Refrigerators

None 36%

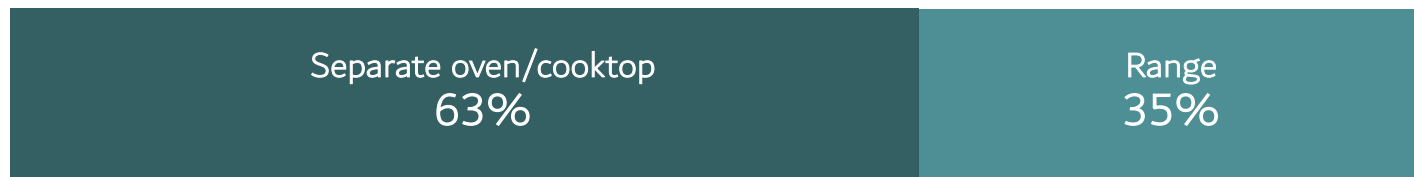
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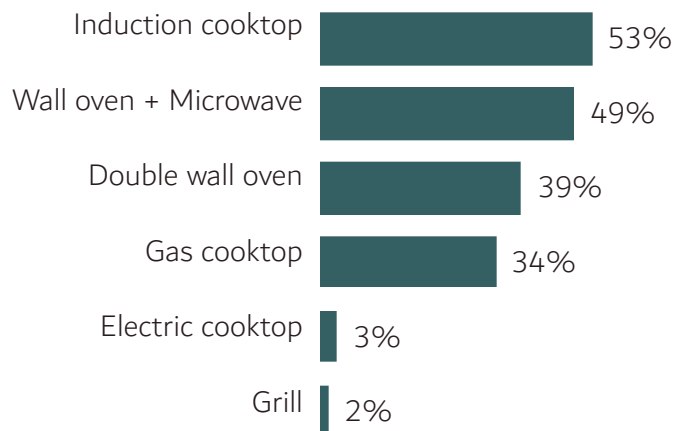
# TRANSITIONAL COOKING APPLIANCES

Many transitional kitchens include induction cooktops and a wall oven + microwave or a stand-alone range.

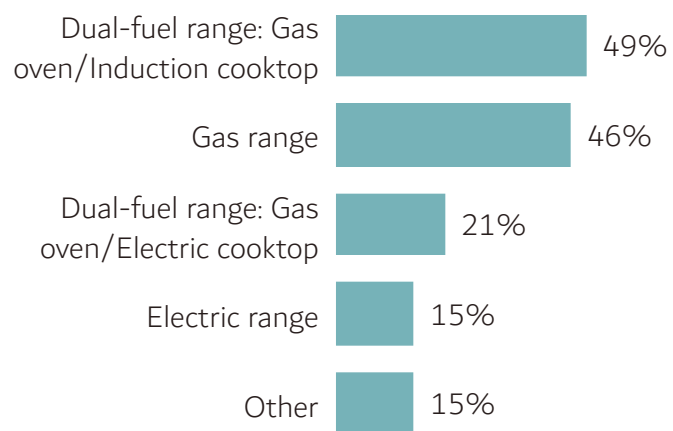
## CONFIGURATION



## WALL OVEN/COOKTOP



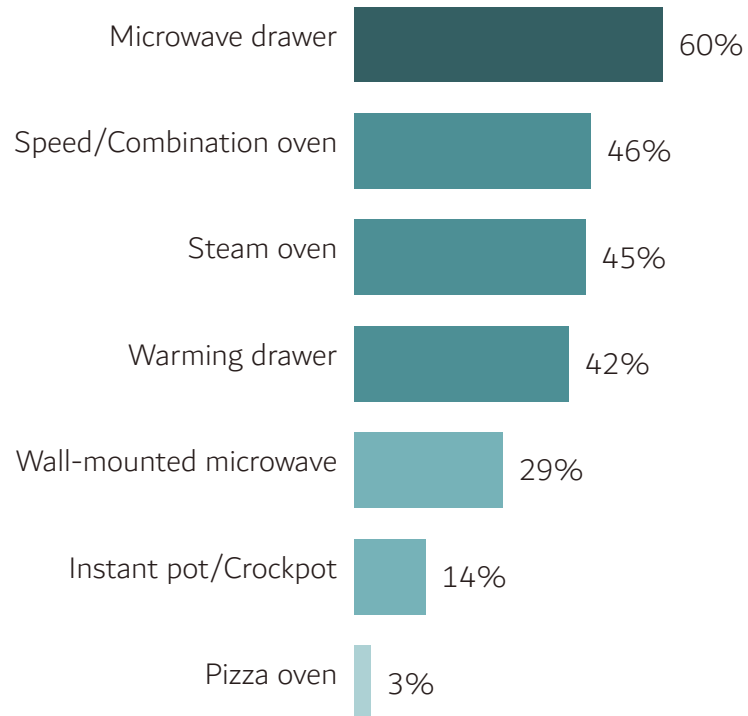
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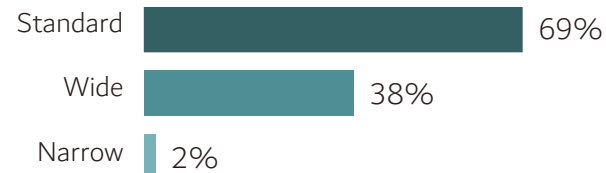
# TRANSITIONAL OTHER COOKING

Microwave drawers are popular in transitional styling, as well as stainless finishes.

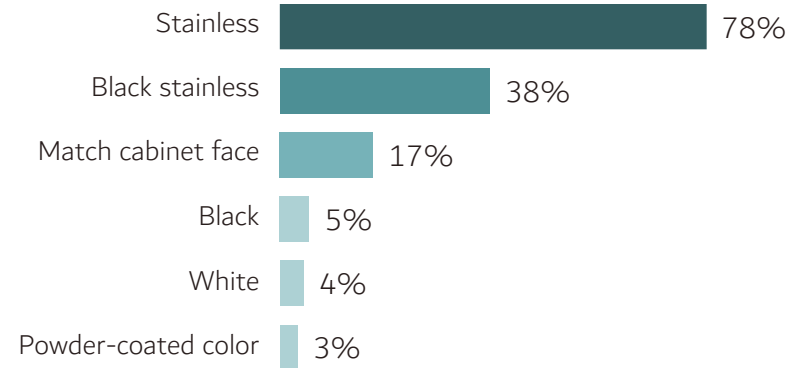
## OTHER COOKING



## OVEN SIZE



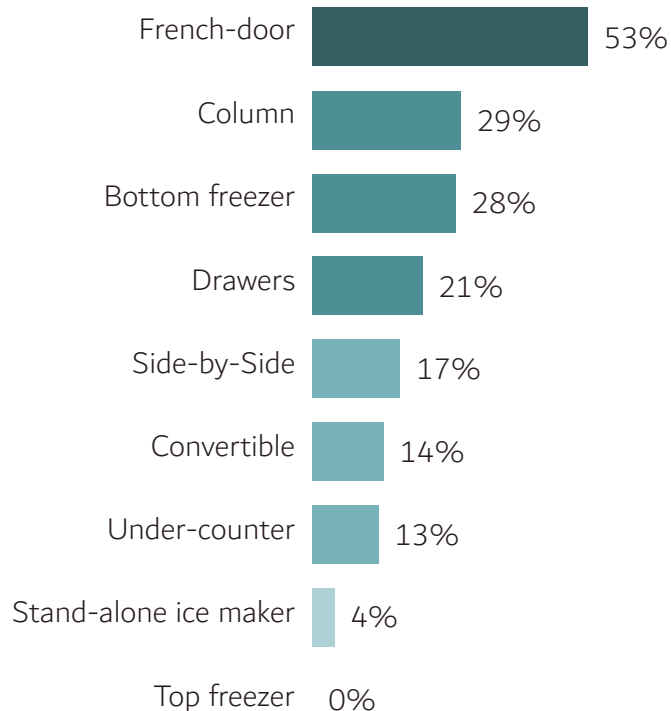
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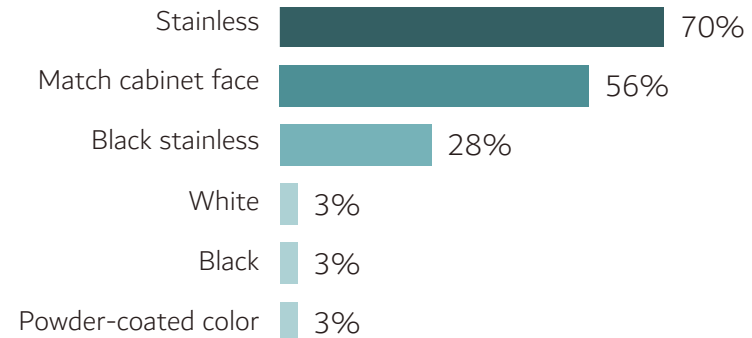
# TRANSITIONAL REFRIGERATORS

Transitional kitchens often have stainless or cabinet-matching, French-door, fully integrated or built-in refrigerators.

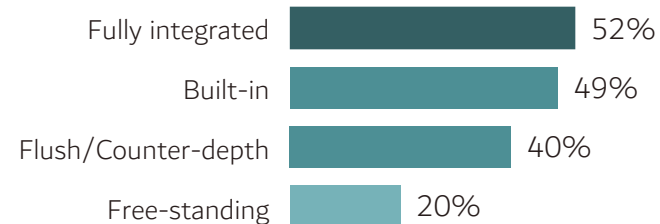
## TYPE



## FINISH



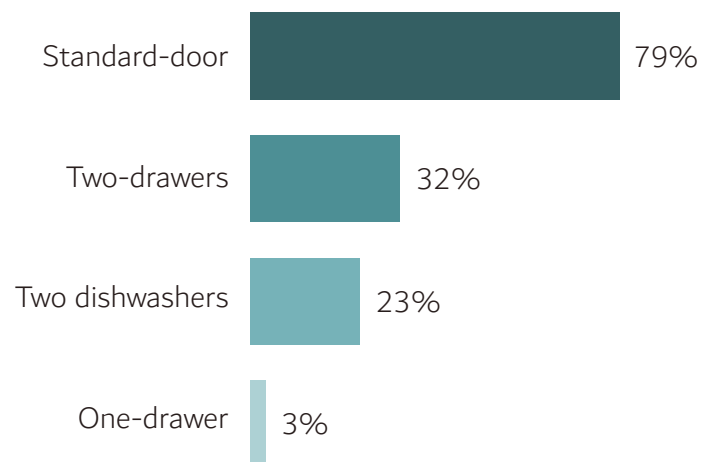
## INSTALLATION



# TRANSITIONAL DISHWASHERS

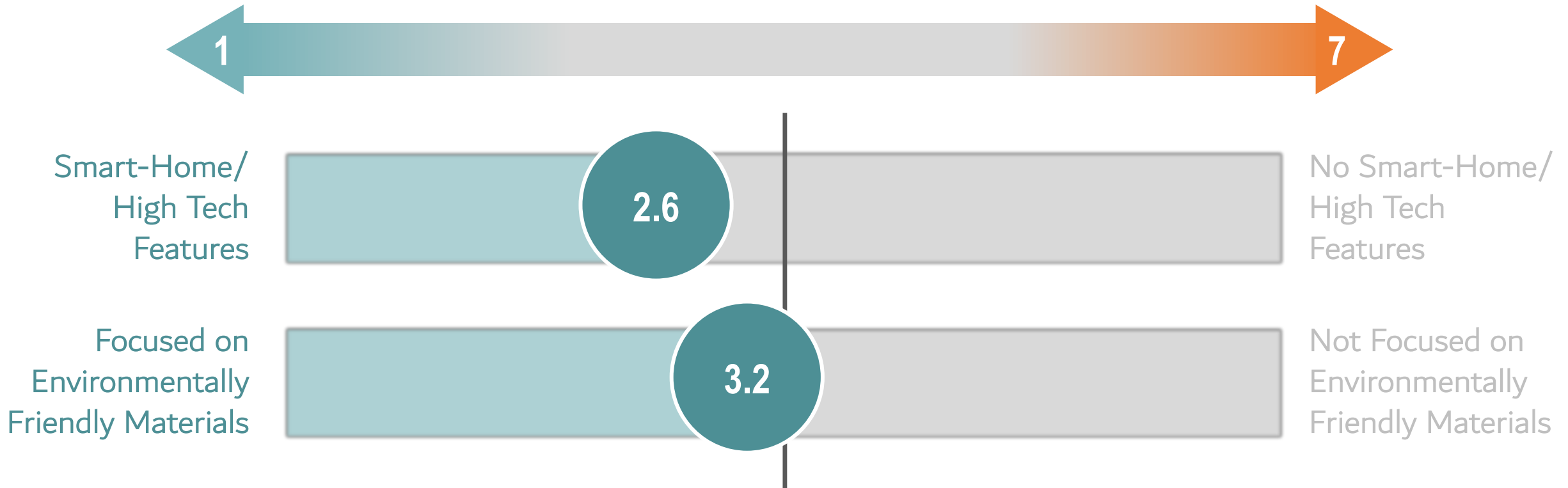
Standard-door dishwashers play prominently in transitional kitchens.

## DISHWASHER TYPE



# TRANSITIONAL SMART HOME & ECO-FRIENDLY

Transitional kitchens include some smart-home features and environmentally friendly materials.



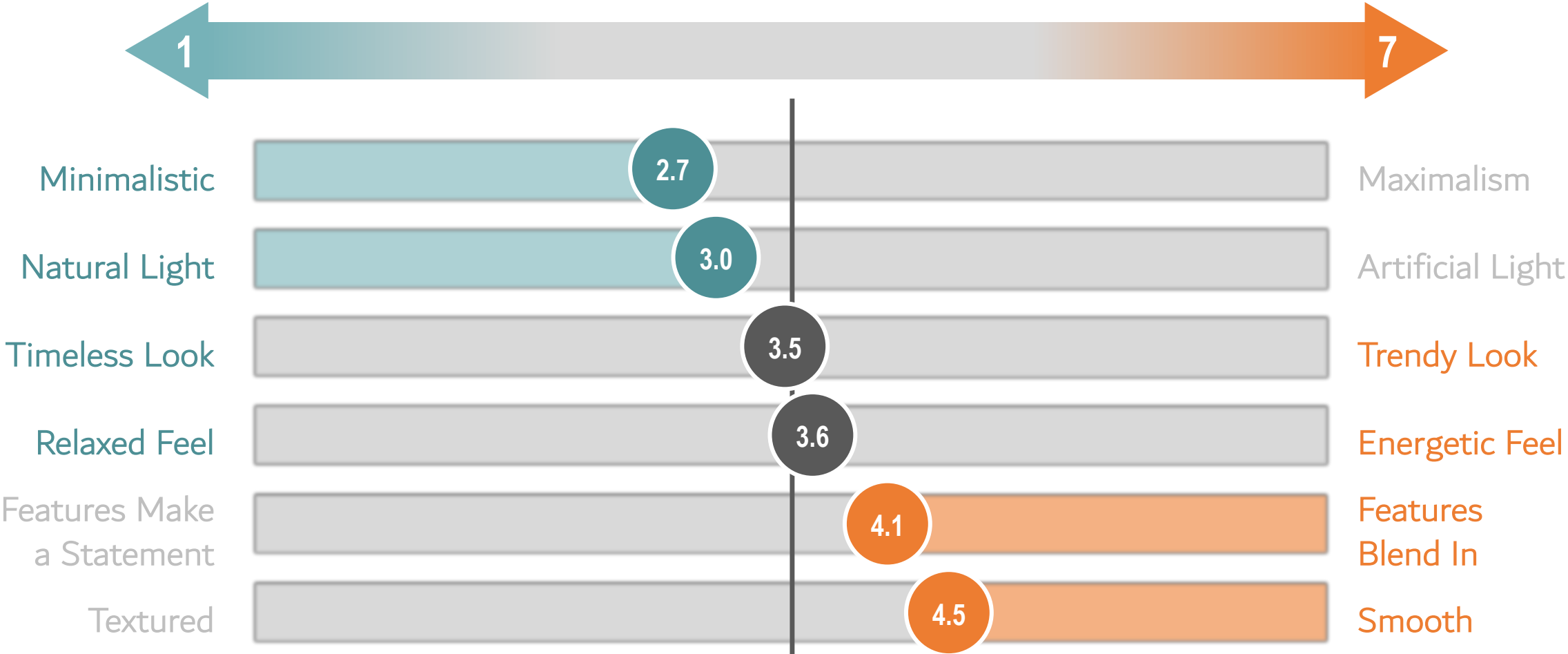
A photograph of a modern contemporary kitchen. The kitchen features dark wood cabinetry, a stainless steel range hood, a stainless steel oven, a stainless steel refrigerator, and a stainless steel countertop. A central island with a dark wood countertop and a stainless steel sink is visible. The kitchen is well-lit with recessed ceiling lights. The word "CONTEMPORARY" is overlaid in a white box with a thin blue border.

# CONTEMPORARY

Modern and minimalist, the distinguishing characteristics of contemporary kitchens include clean colors, stainless steel workstation sinks, slab backsplashes, flat panel/ slab cabinet doors, column and drawer refrigeration, and integrated hardware.

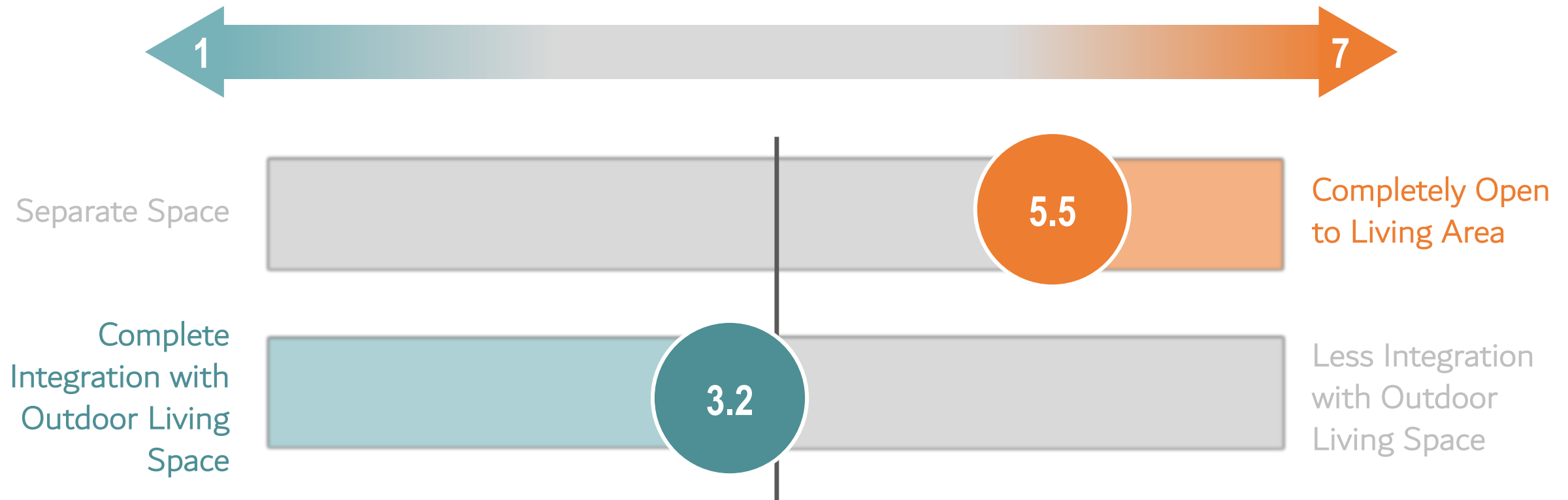


Contemporary kitchens are more minimalistic with smooth features that blend in.





Contemporary kitchens are most often open to other living areas.

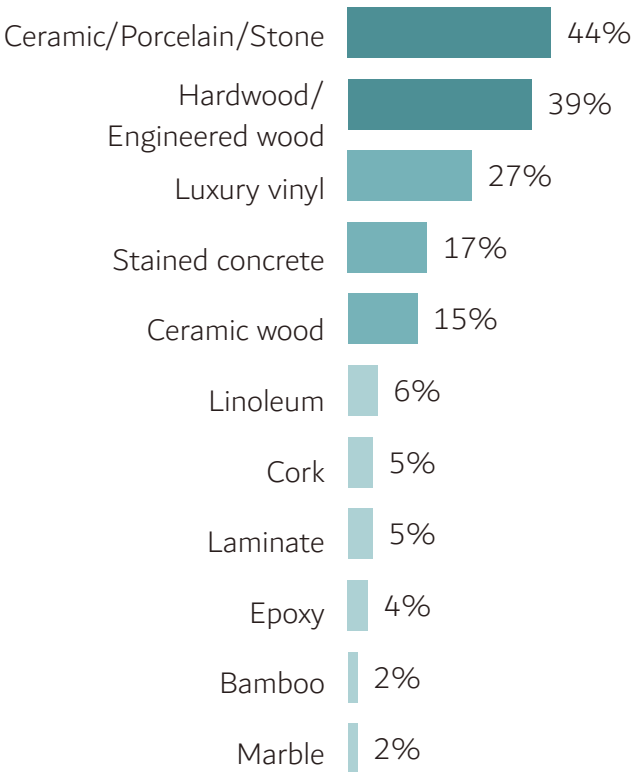




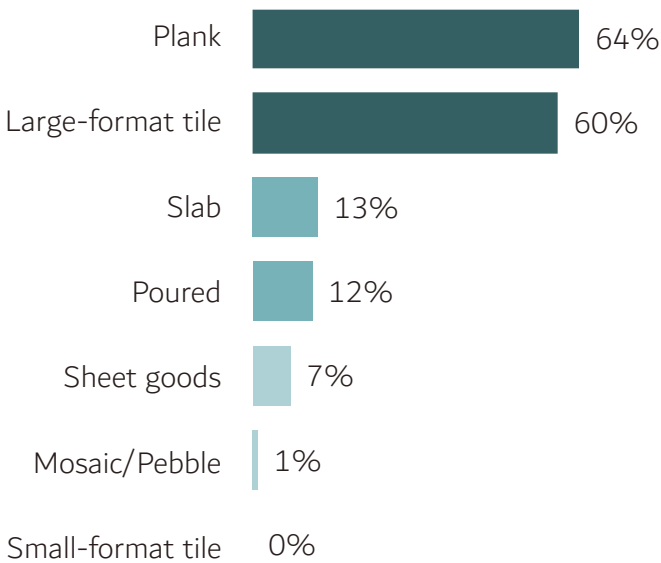
# CONTEMPORARY FLOORING

Contemporary flooring options are mixed — most often using both tile and wood, and at times, luxury vinyl or stained concrete.

## MATERIAL

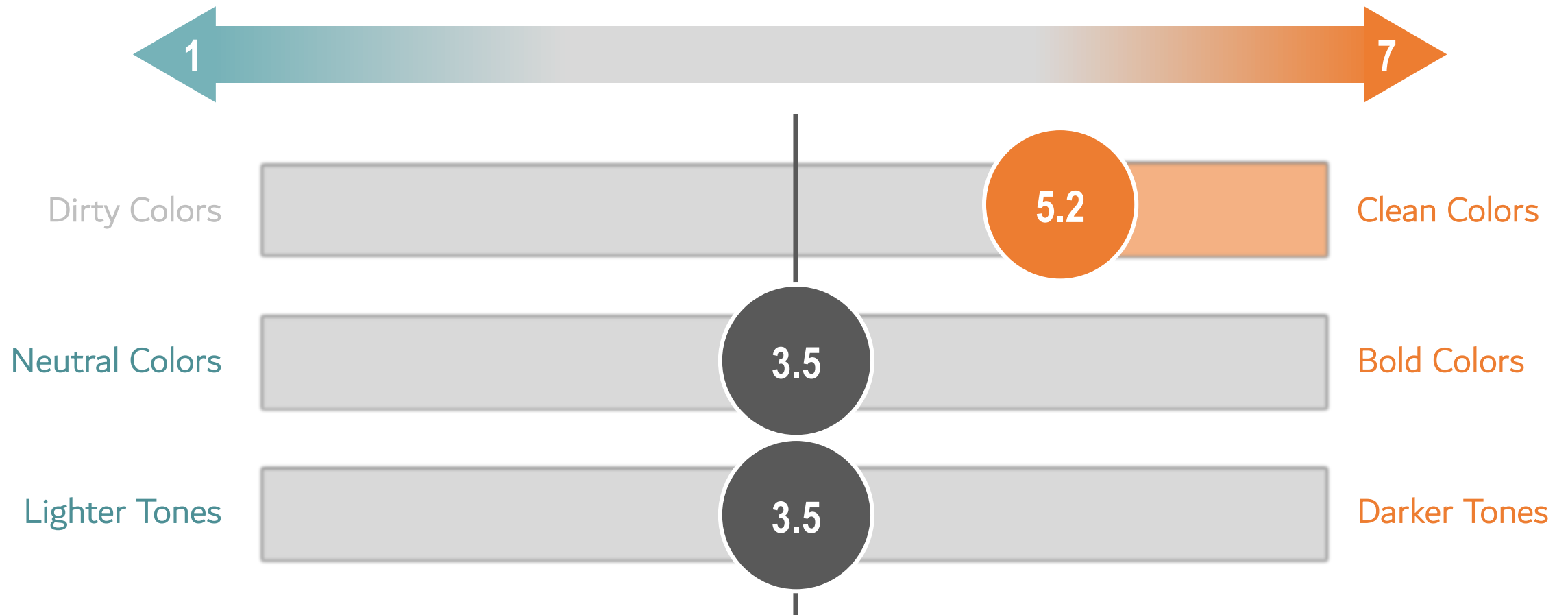


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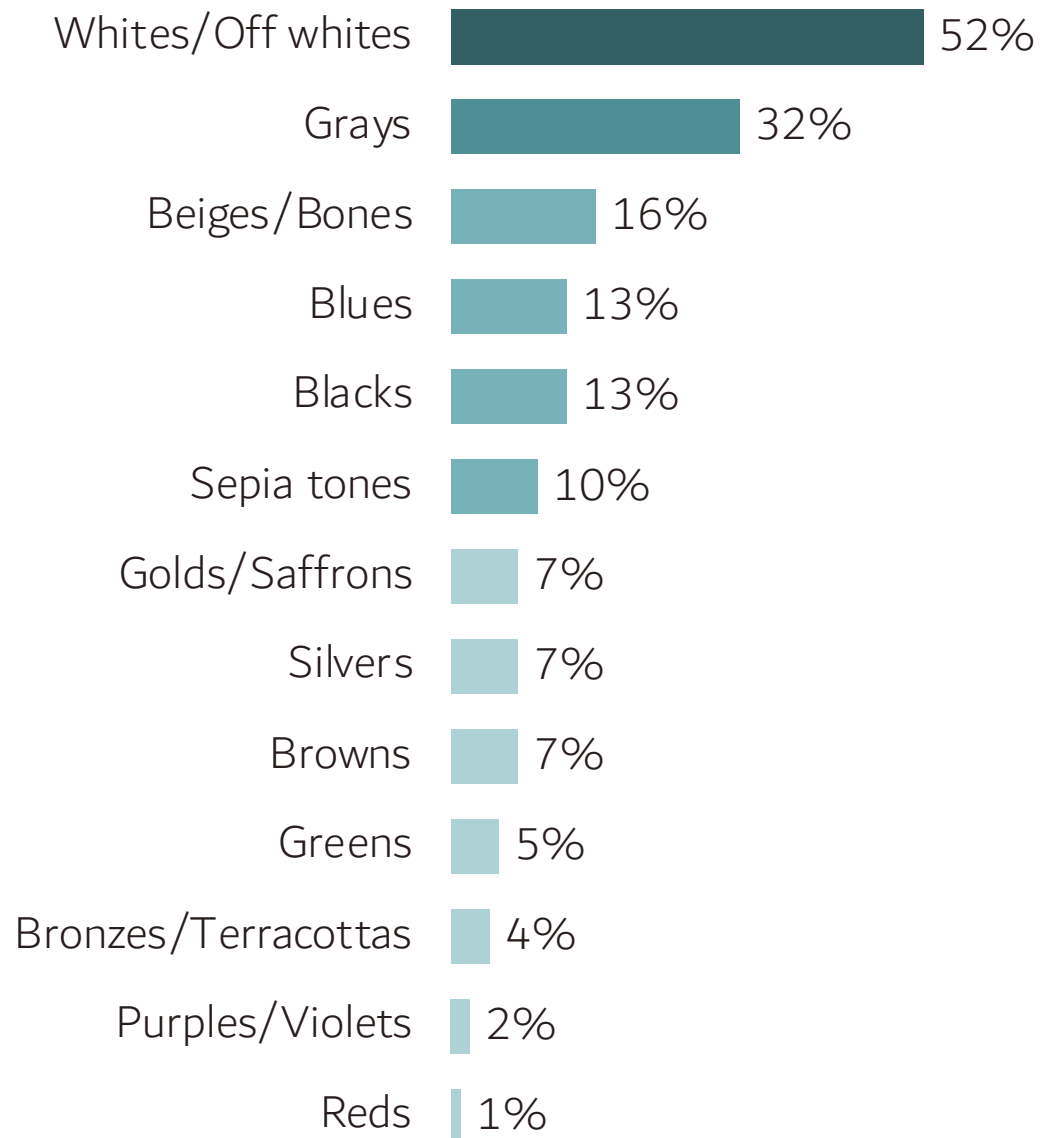
# CONTEMPORARY COLORS & TONES

Clean colors dominate in contemporary kitchens.



# CONTEMPORARY COLOR SCHEMES

Whites and grays are most popular in contemporary kitchen styles.



# CONTEMPORARY GREATEST VISUAL IMPACT

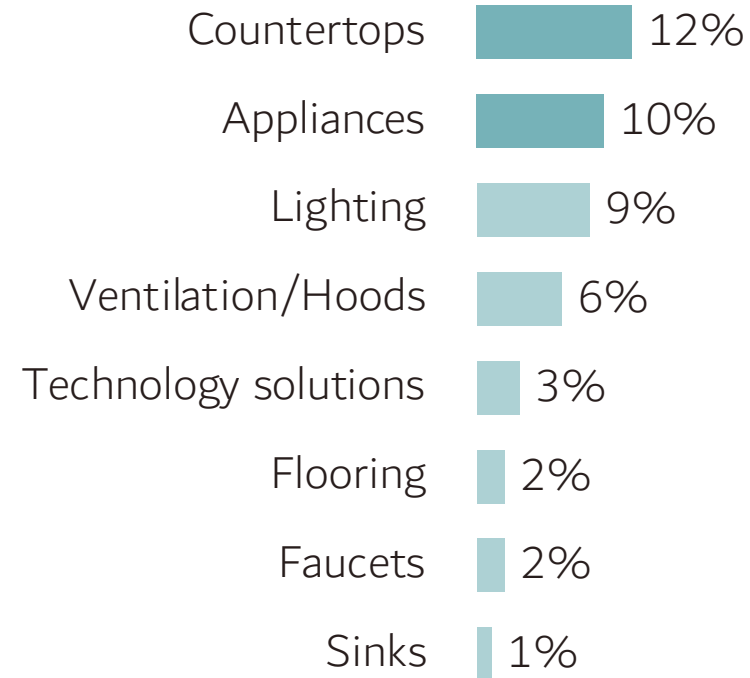
Cabinets make the biggest visual impact in a contemporary kitchen.

Other areas, like countertops and appliances, tend to blend in more.

There's less emphasis on venting and hoods in contemporary designs.

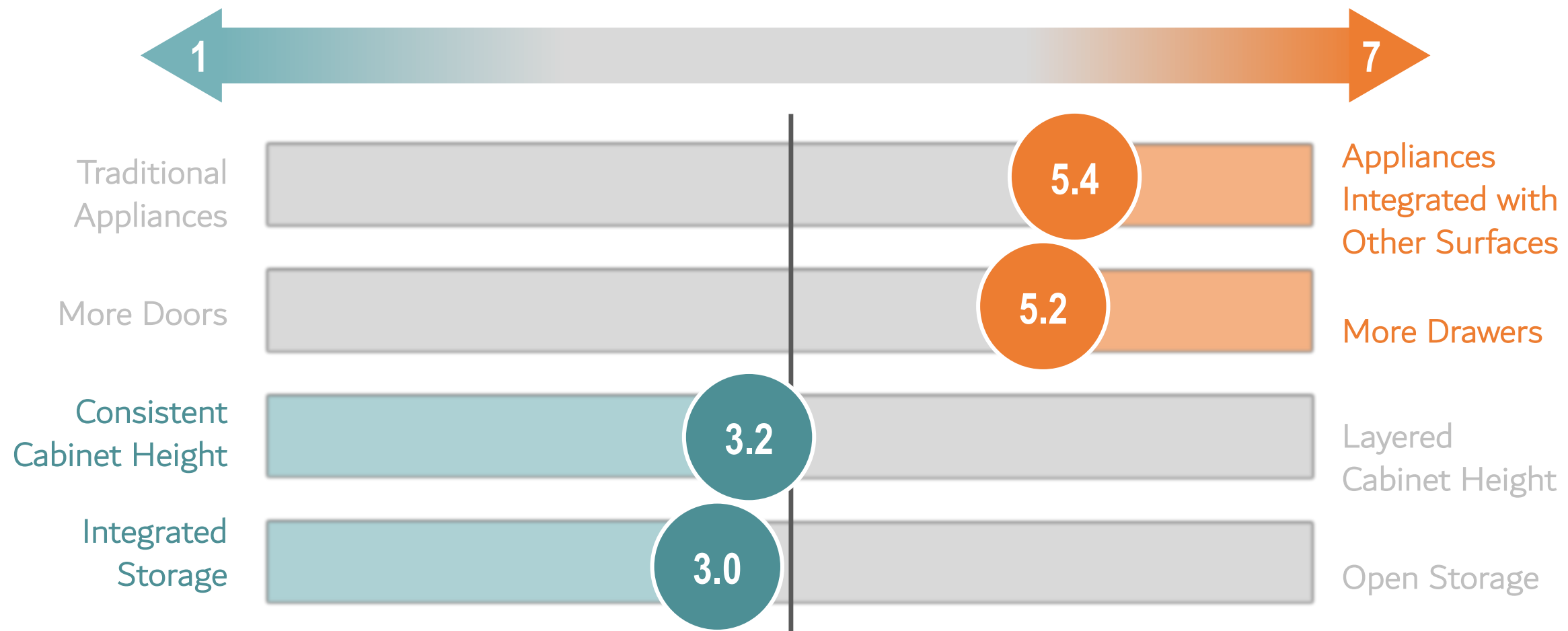


Cabinets  
55%





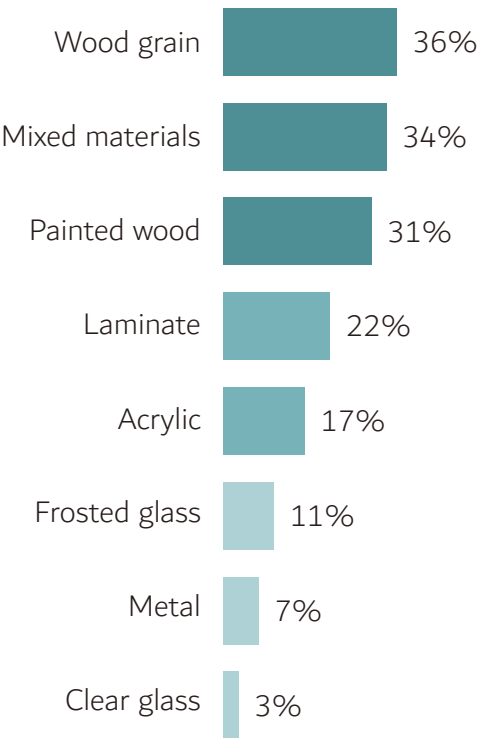
Cabinets have more drawers with integrated storage, and often appliances are integrated with other surfaces.



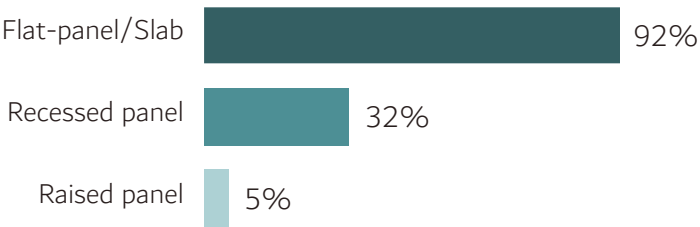


Contemporary cabinets options vary with wood grain, mixed materials, painted wood and laminate being more popular, but doors are often flat-panel/slab in lighter tones.

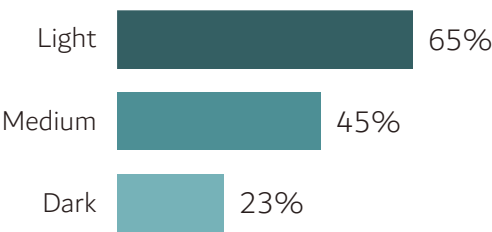
## CABINET FACING APPEARANCE



## DOOR STYLE



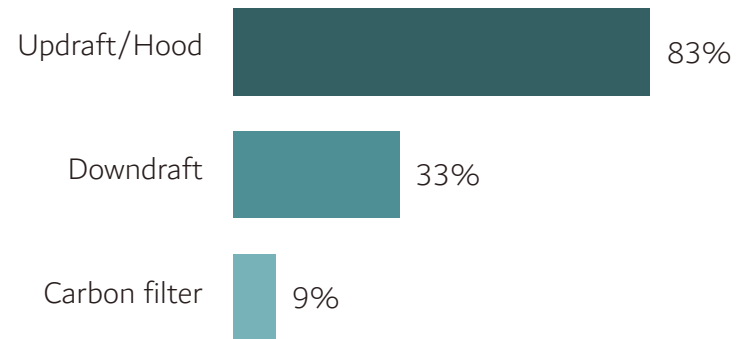
## TONE/COLOR



# CONTEMPORARY VENTING/ HOODS

Contemporary ventilation is often updraft or hoods

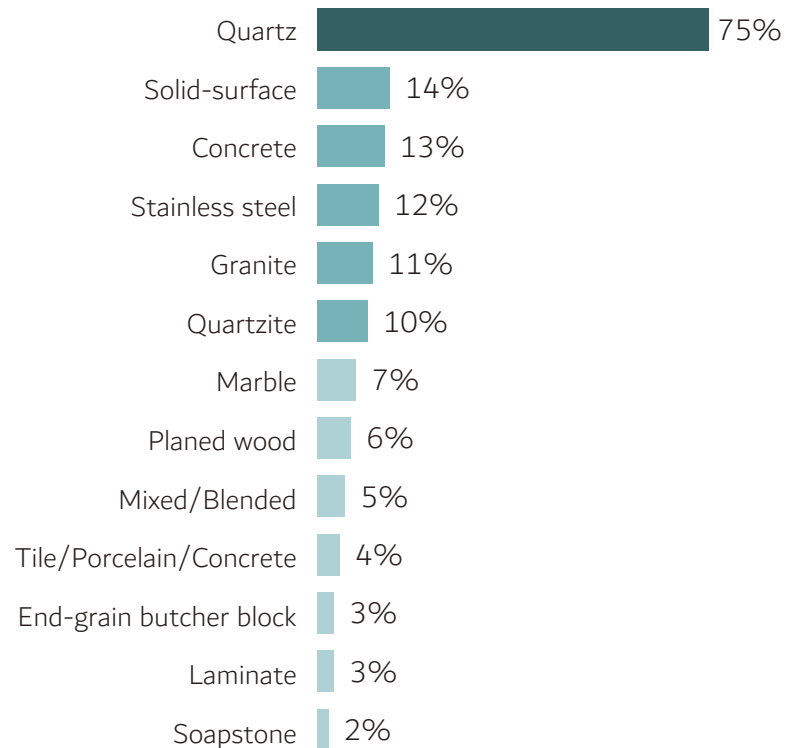
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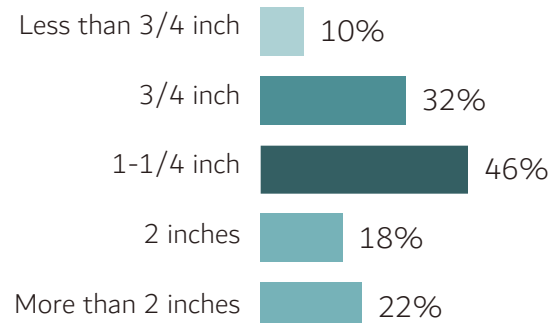
# CONTEMPORARY COUNTERTOPS

Quartz dominates in Contemporary kitchens  
with waterfall or traditional edges

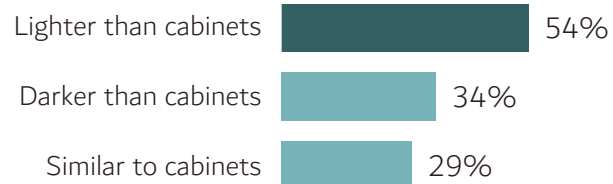
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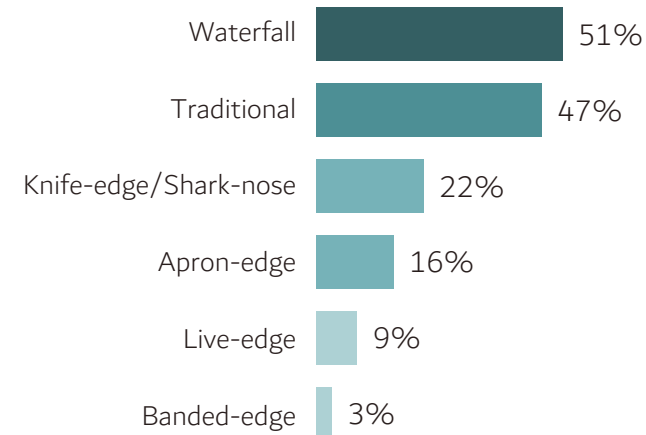
## THICKNESS



## COLOR



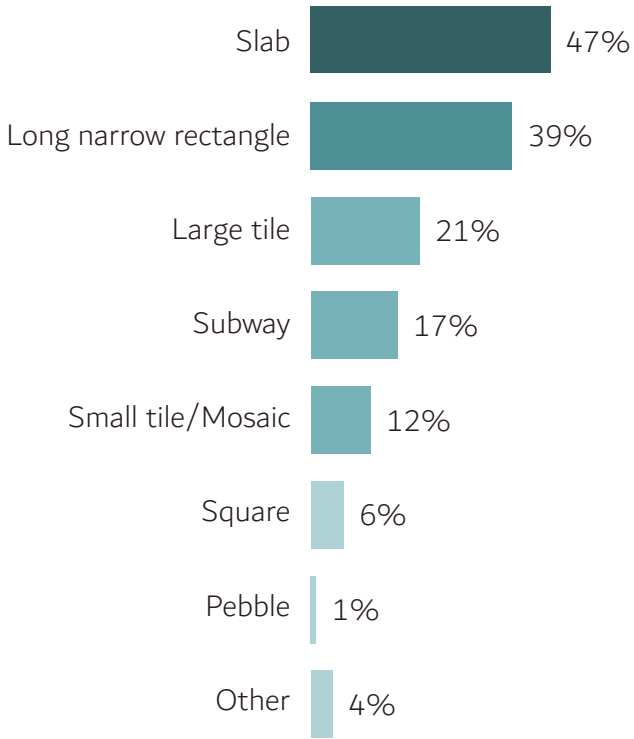
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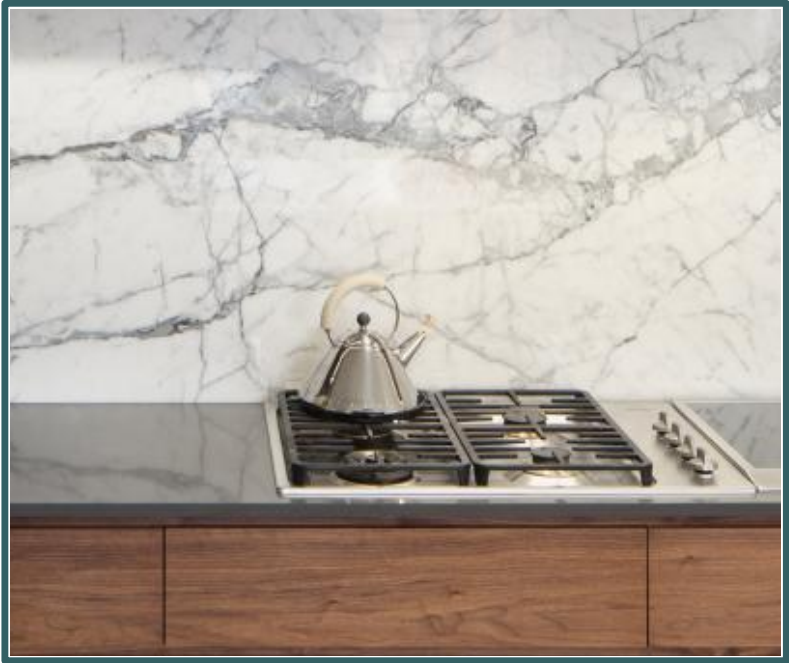
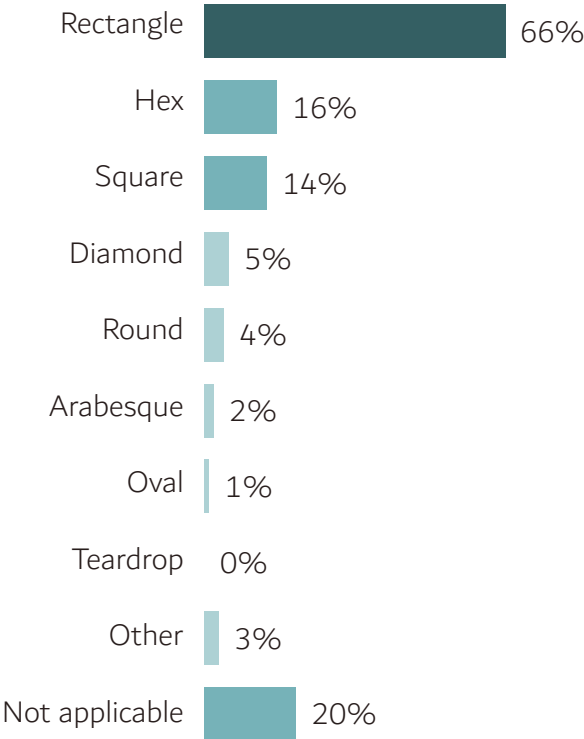


Contemporary backsplash options include slab and long narrow rectangle.

## SIZE



## TILE SHAPE

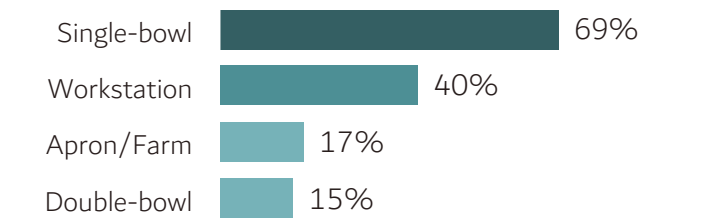




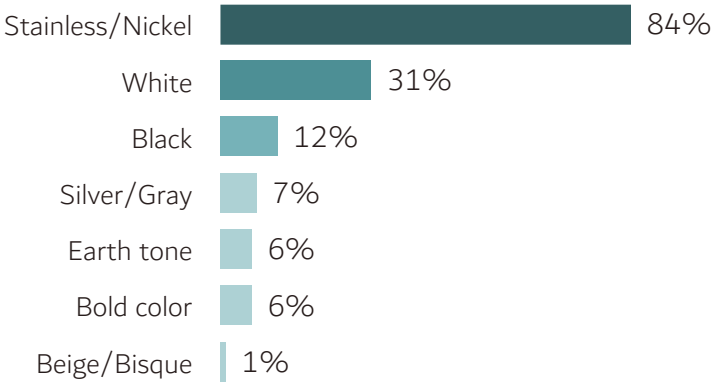
# CONTEMPORARY SINKS

Contemporary kitchens usually include stainless steel single-bowls, with some using workstation sinks.

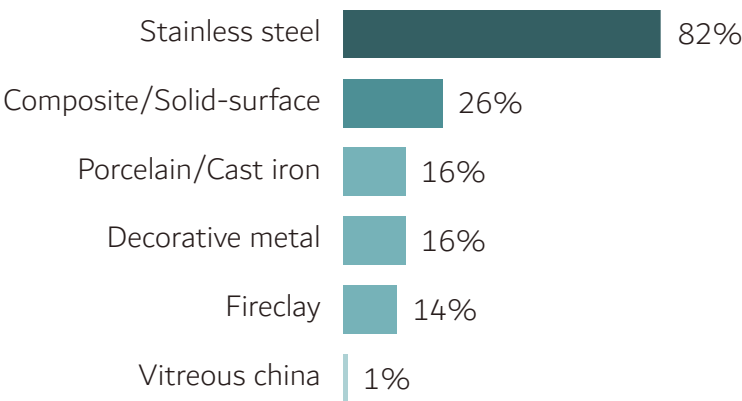
## CONFIGURATION/BOWLS



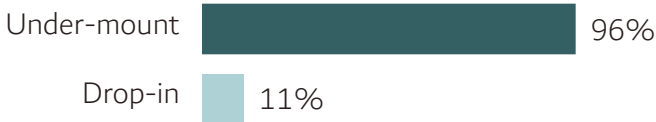
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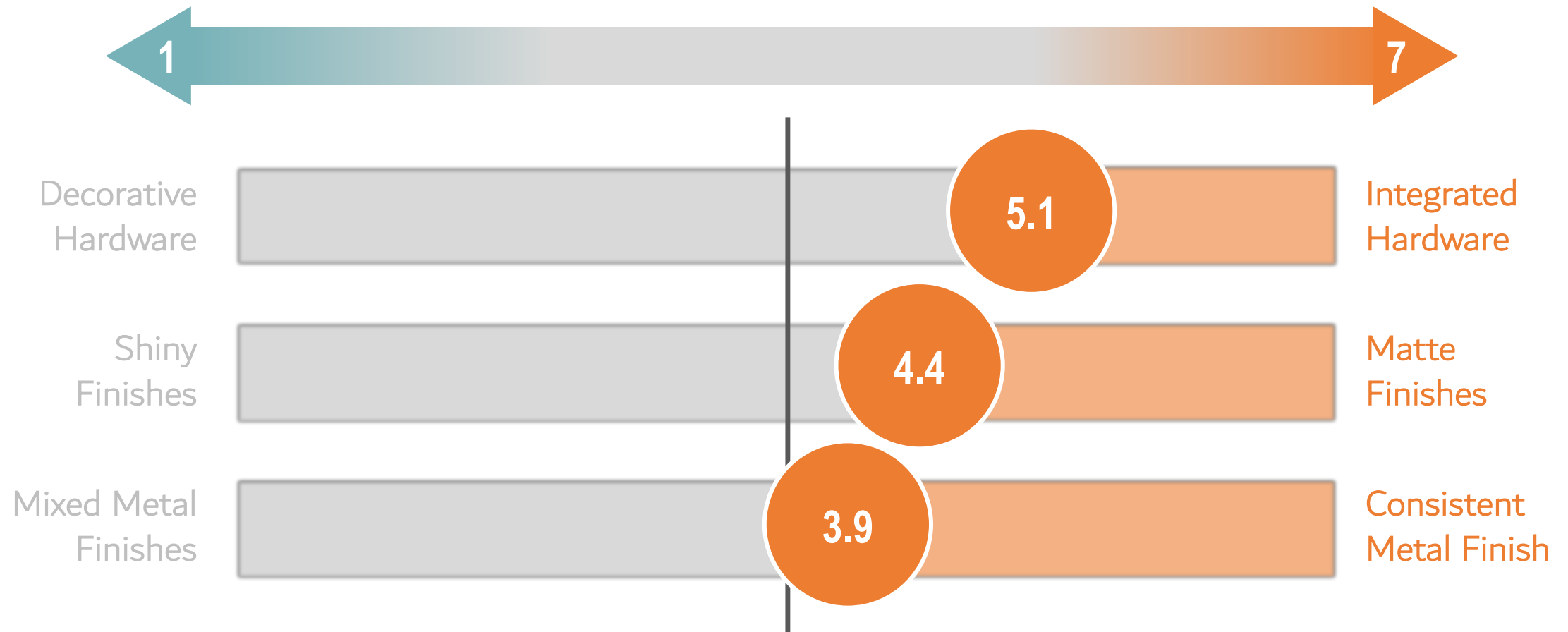


## INSTALLATION



# CONTEMPORARY FINISHES & HARDWARE

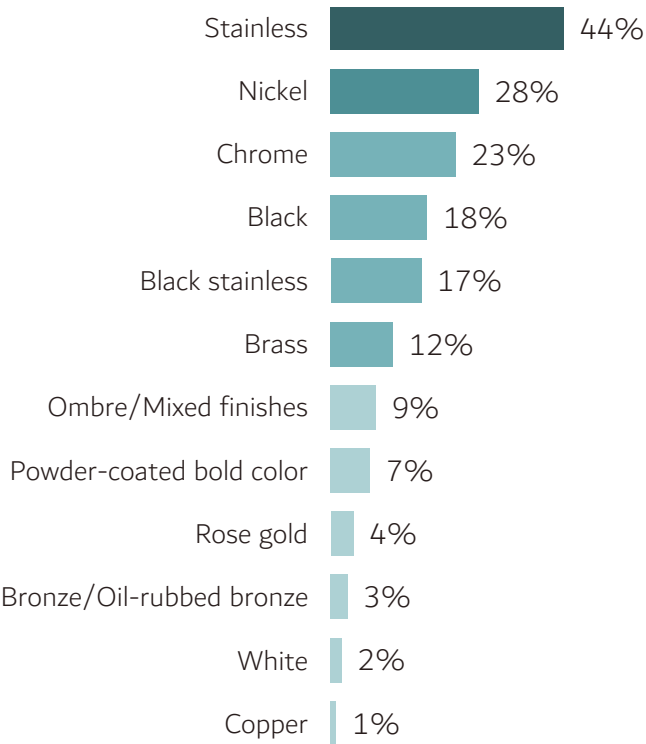
Contemporary finishes include integrated hardware, matte finishes and consistent metals.



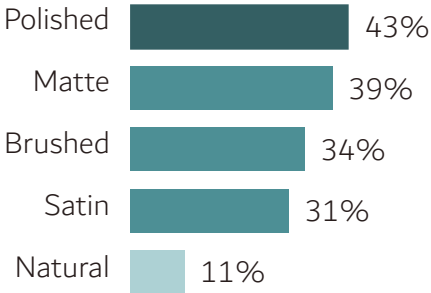


Faucets are often stainless with various finishes, and take advantage of motion-control features.

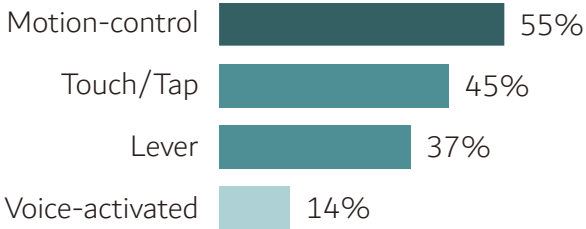
### COLOR



### FINISH



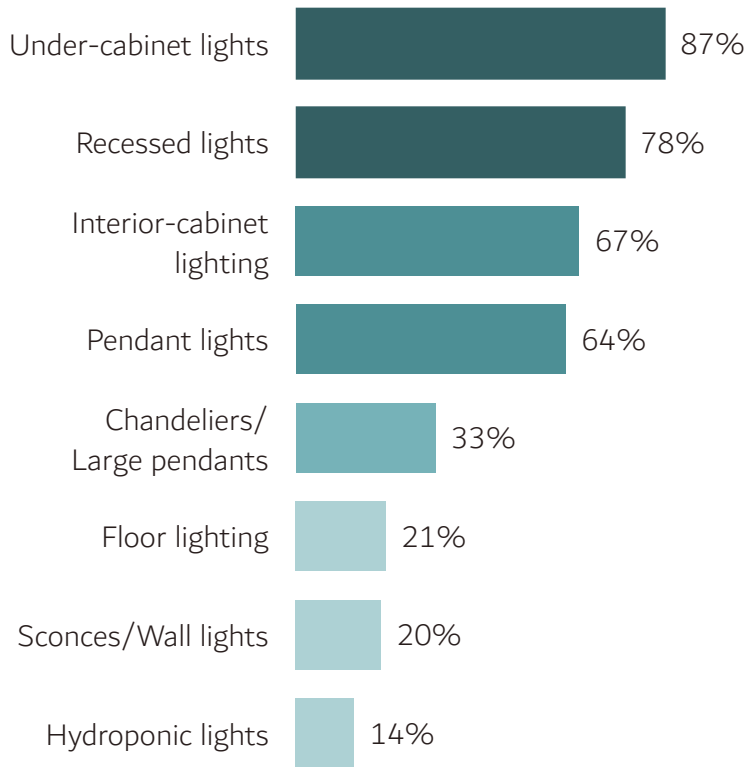
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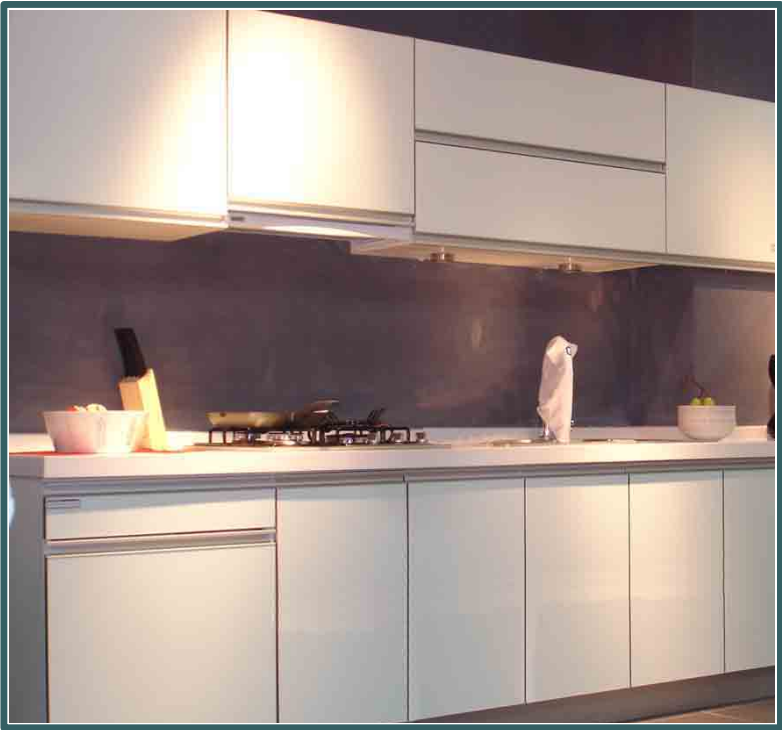
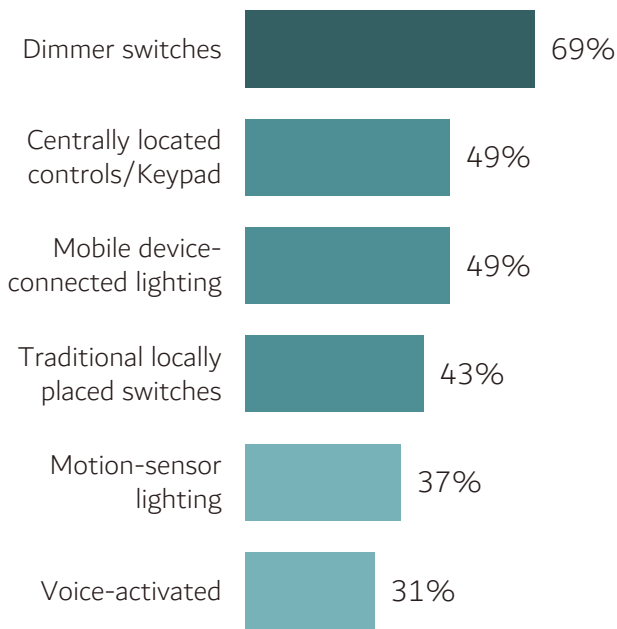


Contemporary kitchens include multiple light sources: under-cabinet, recessed, interior-cabinet and pendants.

### TYPE/LOCATION



### CONTROLS



# CONTEMPORARY STATEMENT APPLIANCES

Cooking appliances make more of a statement than refrigerators in contemporary design, but often, none of the appliances stand out in a contemporary kitchen.

Cooking  
appliances

51%



Refrigerators

None 36%

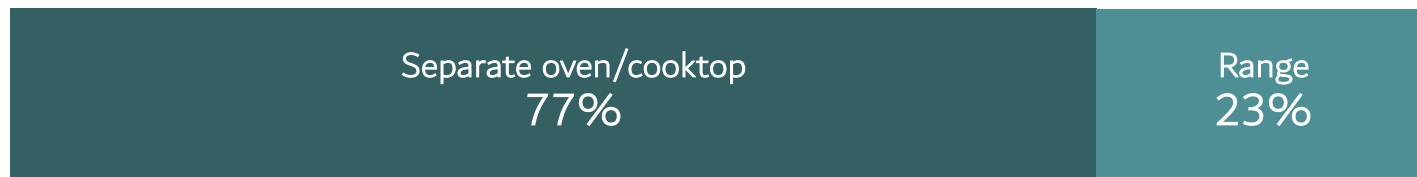
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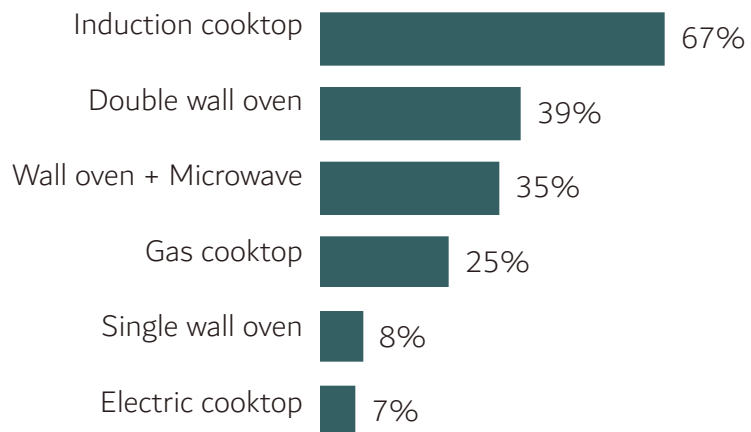
# CONTEMPORARY COOKING APPLIANCES

In a contemporary kitchen, ranges are less common while induction cooktops are popular with two-thirds of designers.

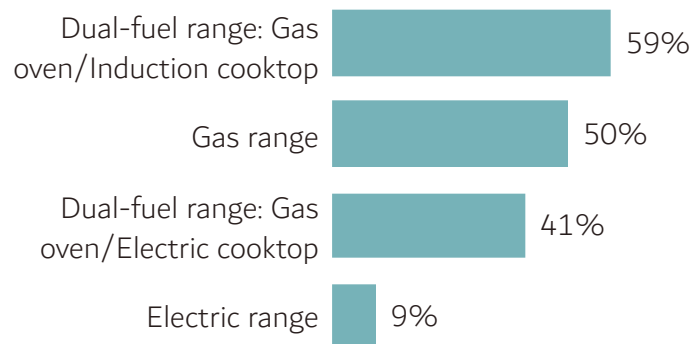
## CONFIGURATION



## WALL OVEN/COOKTOP



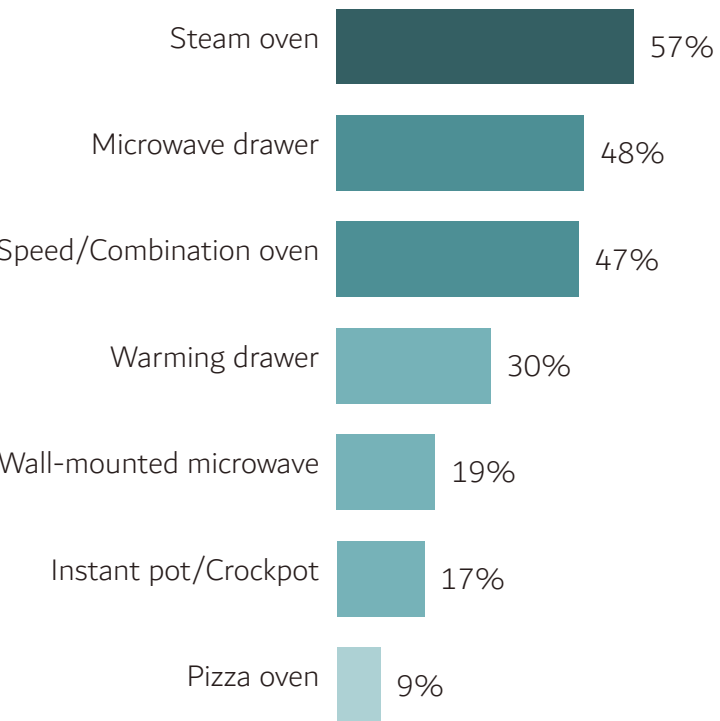
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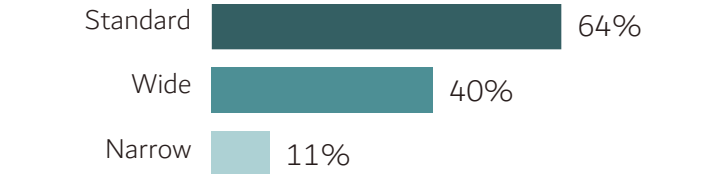


Contemporary kitchens can include steam ovens, microwave drawers and speed/combination ovens.

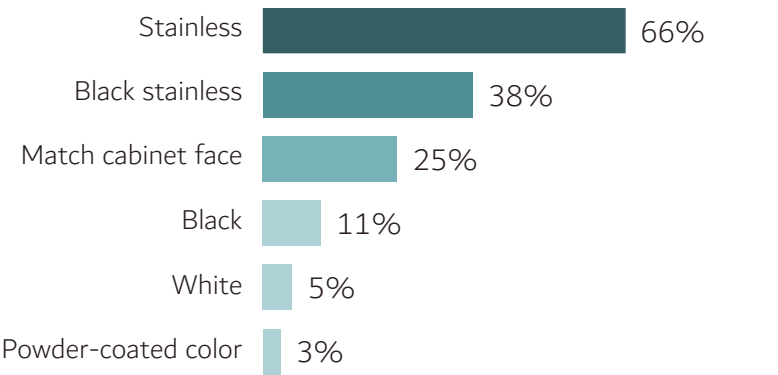
OTHER COOKING



OVEN SIZE



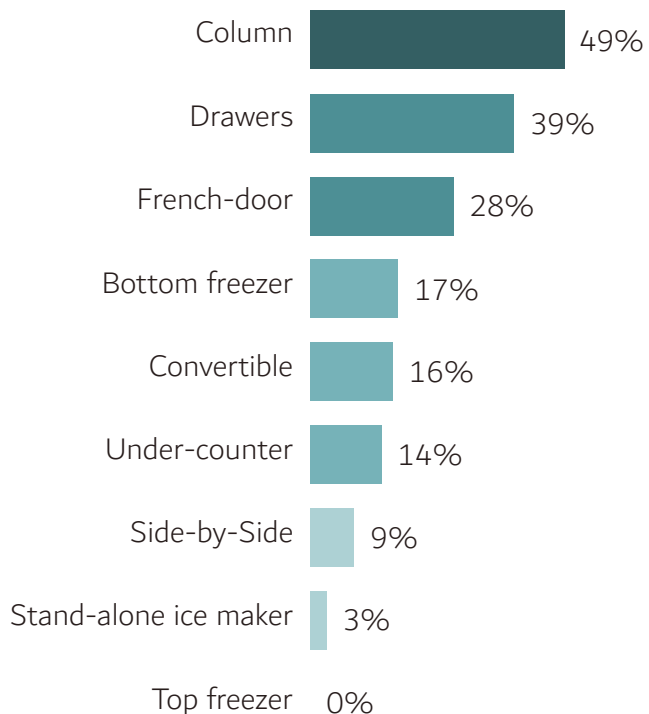
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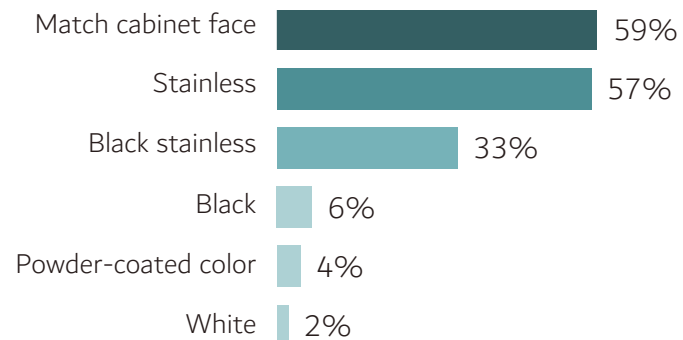
# CONTEMPORARY REFRIGERATORS

Contemporary refrigerators are often fully integrated columns or drawers that match the cabinets or stainless steel.

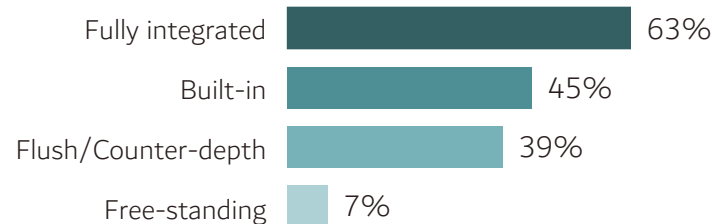
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## FINISH



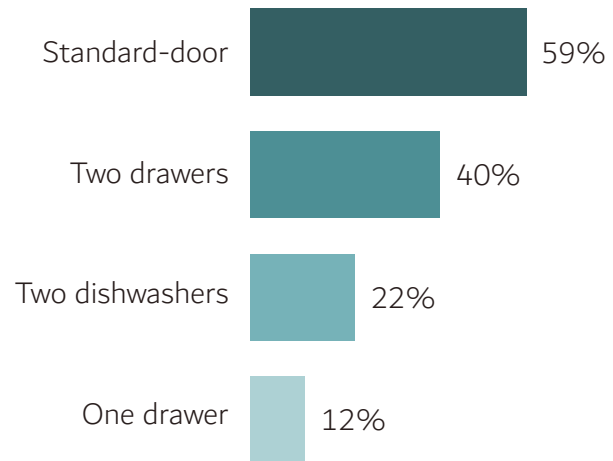
## INSTALLATION



# CONTEMPORARY DISHWASHERS

Contemporary-style dishwashers can be standard-door or two drawers.

## DISHWASHER TYPE



# CONTEMPORARY SMART HOME & ECO-FRIENDLY

Contemporary kitchens have more smart-home features and use some environmentally friendly materials.



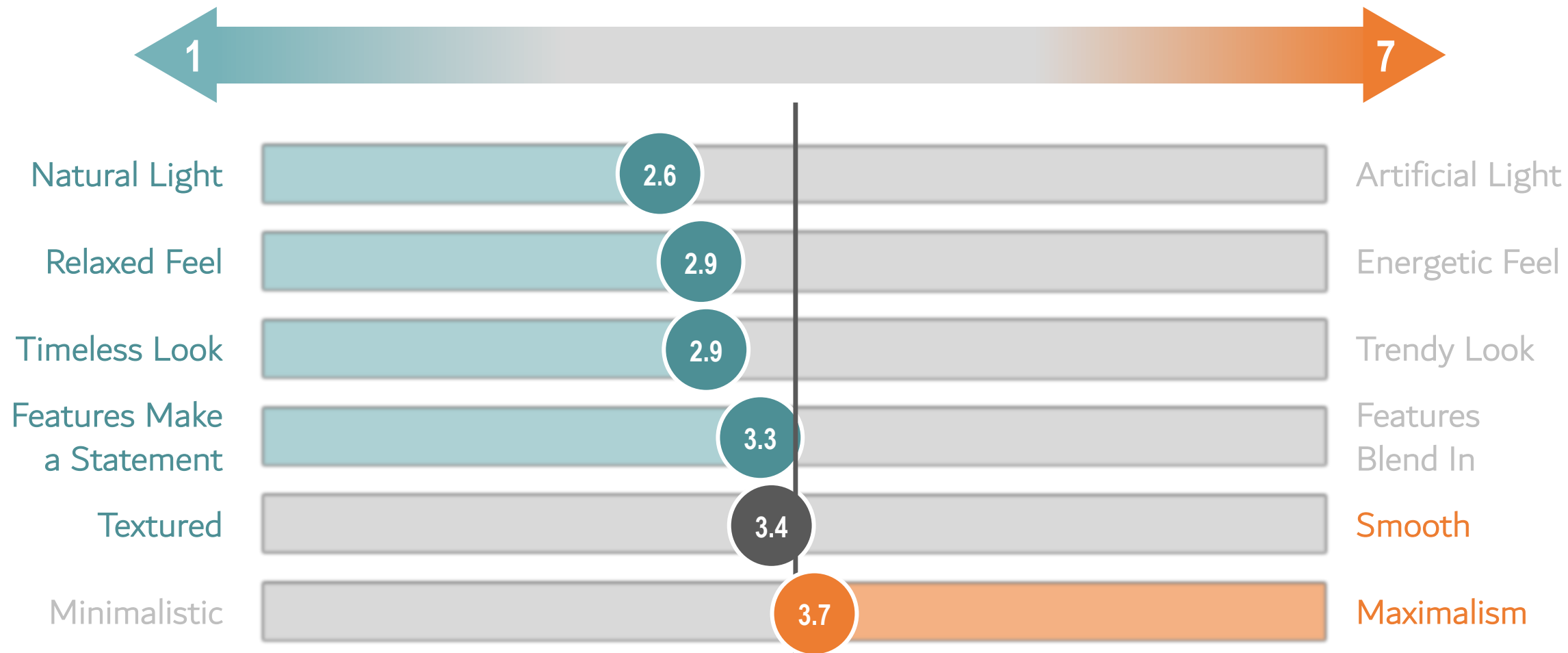


# FARMHOUSE

Farmhouse kitchens are warm, cozy, relaxing, and full of charm and character. Their most distinguishing characteristics are wood plank floors, layered cabinet heights, butcher block and soapstone countertops, subway tile backsplashes, decorative hardware, and of course, the farmhouse/apron sink. In keeping with their unpretentious design, farmhouse kitchens have fewer smart-home features.

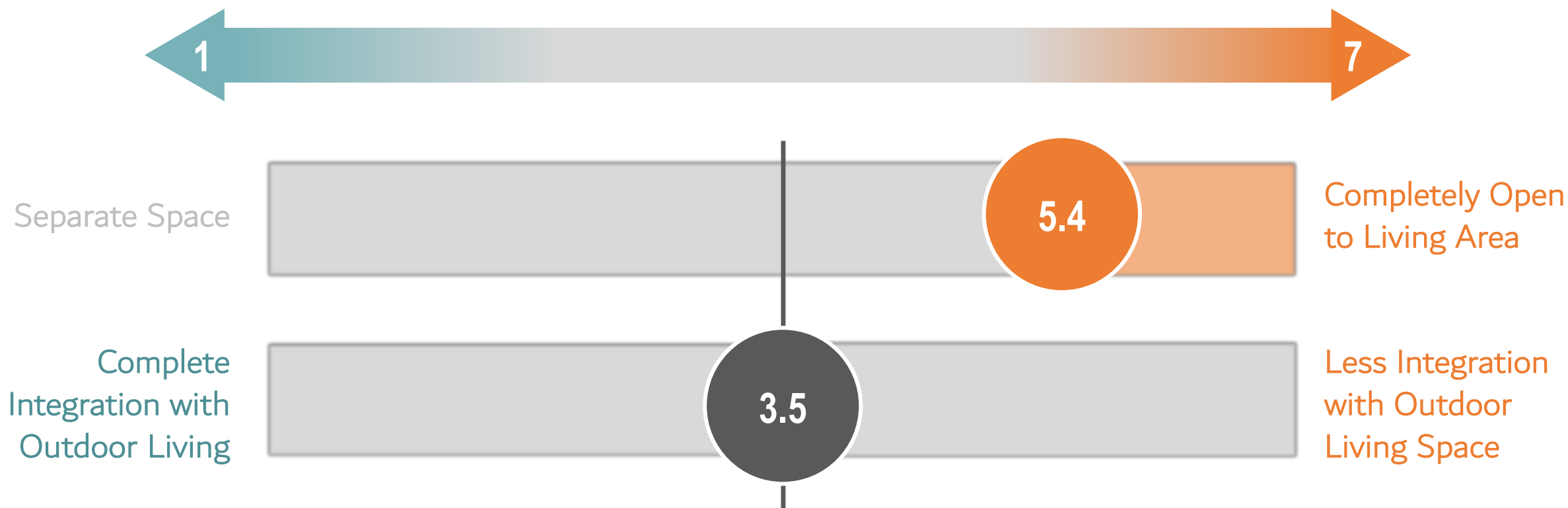


A farmhouse kitchen has natural light and timeless look providing a relaxed feel for the homeowner.



# FARMHOUSE INTEGRATION

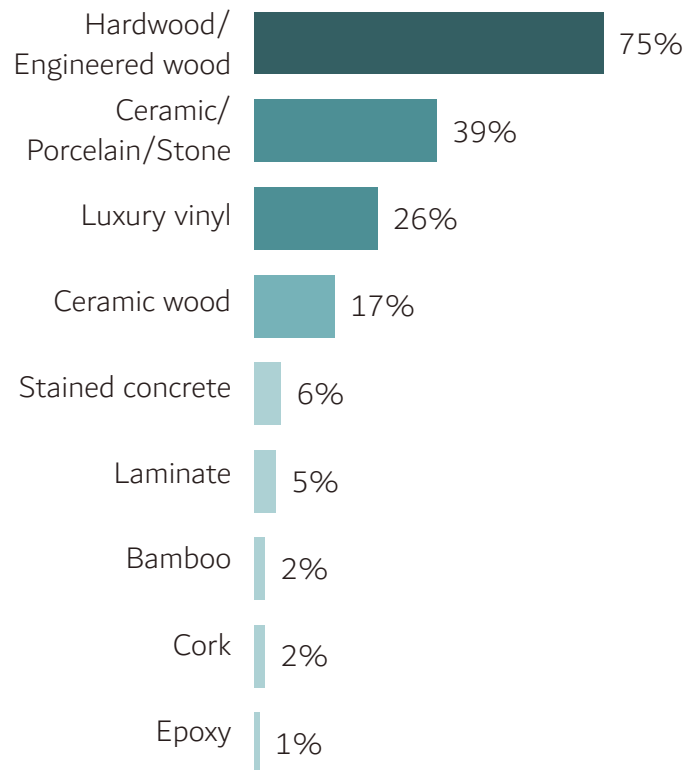
Integration of the kitchen and living area helps provide the relaxed feel of a farmhouse kitchen.



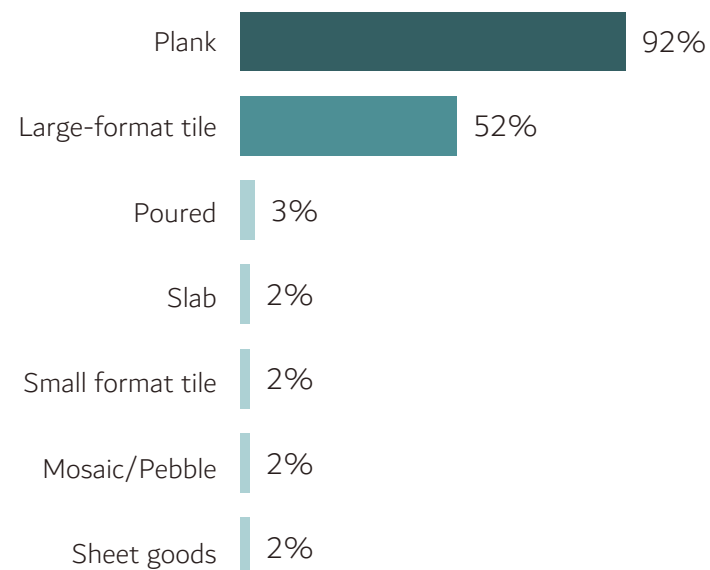
# FARMHOUSE FLOORING

Plank wood flooring is popular for farmhouse kitchens, adding to the relaxed, timeless look of this design.

## MATERIAL

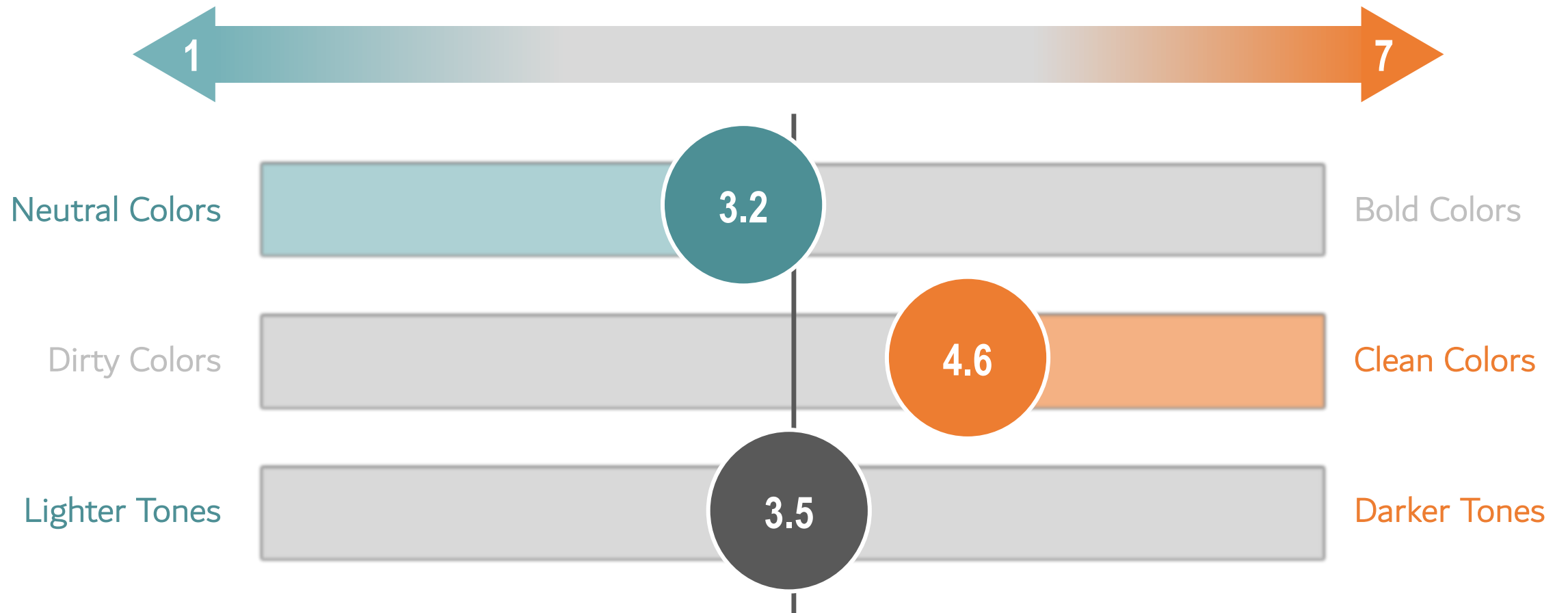


## STYLE



# FARMHOUSE COLORS & TONES

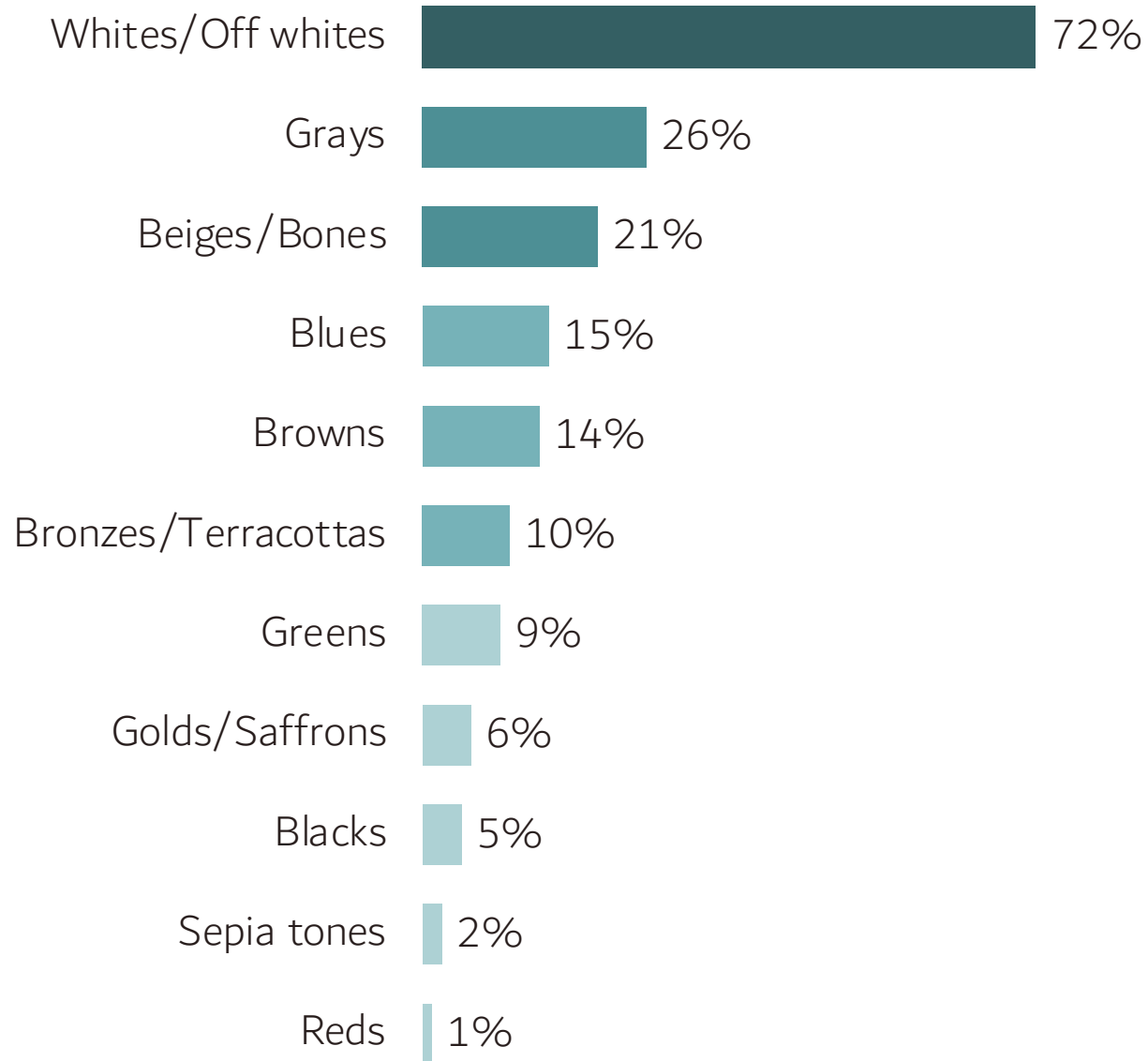
Neutral, clean colors help create the farmhouse look.



FARMHOUSE

# COLOR SCHEMES

White color schemes dominate in the farmhouse design.



FARMHOUSE

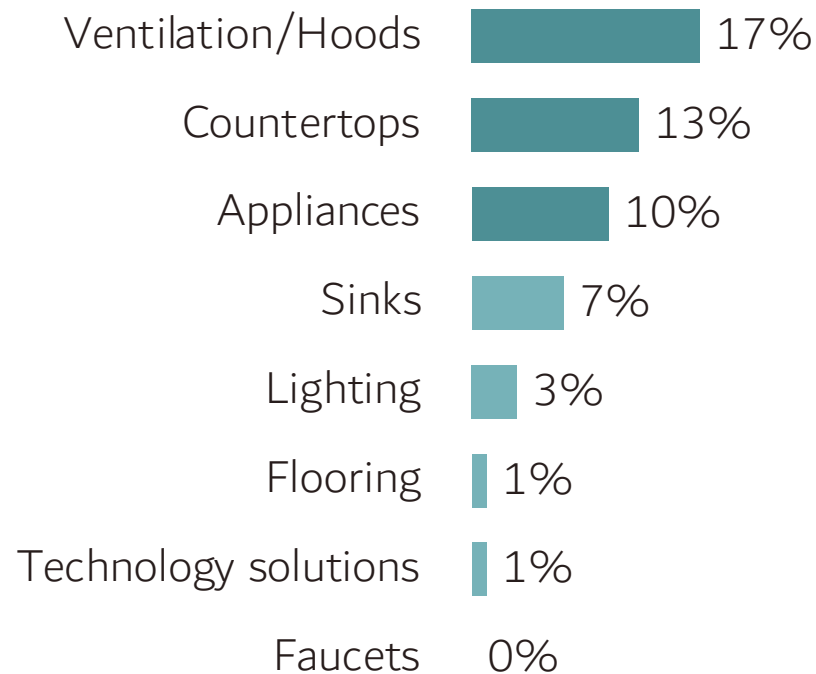
# GREATEST VISUAL IMPACT

Cabinets are important for visual impact in a farmhouse kitchen.

Vent hoods, countertops, appliances and sinks also add impact.



Cabinets  
45%



# FARMHOUSE CABINETS

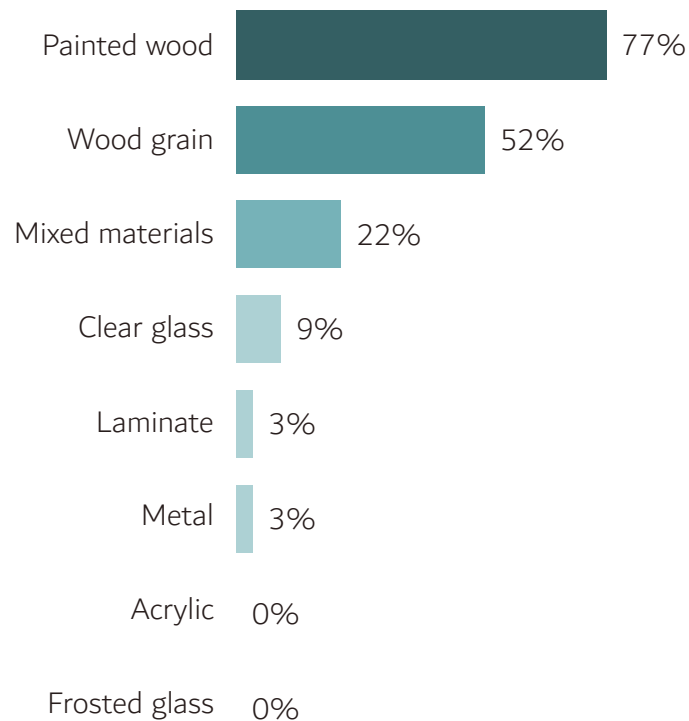
More cabinet drawers are popular for farmhouse kitchens and a mix of integrated and open storage and layered cabinet heights.



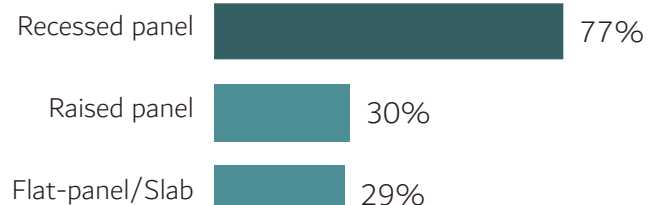
# FARMHOUSE CABINETS

Lighter painted wood cabinets with recessed panel doors are popular for farmhouse kitchens.

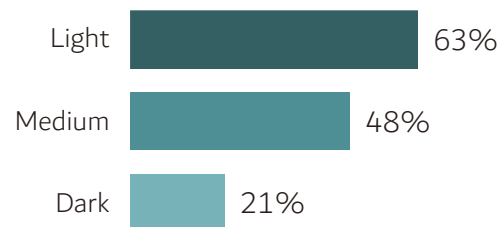
## CABINET FACING APPEARANCE



## DOOR STYLE



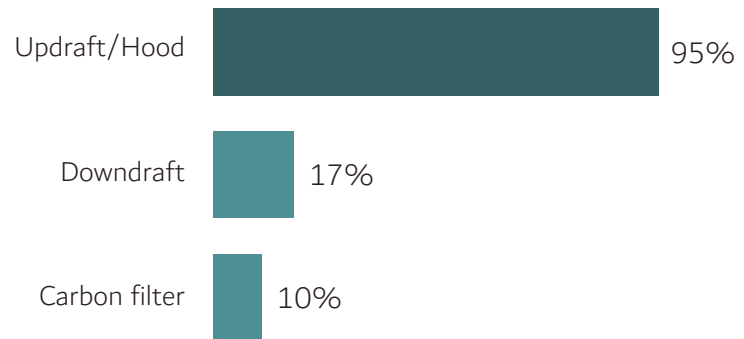
## TONE/COLOR



# FARMHOUSE VENTING/ HOODS

Ventilation hoods are important for creating the farmhouse look.

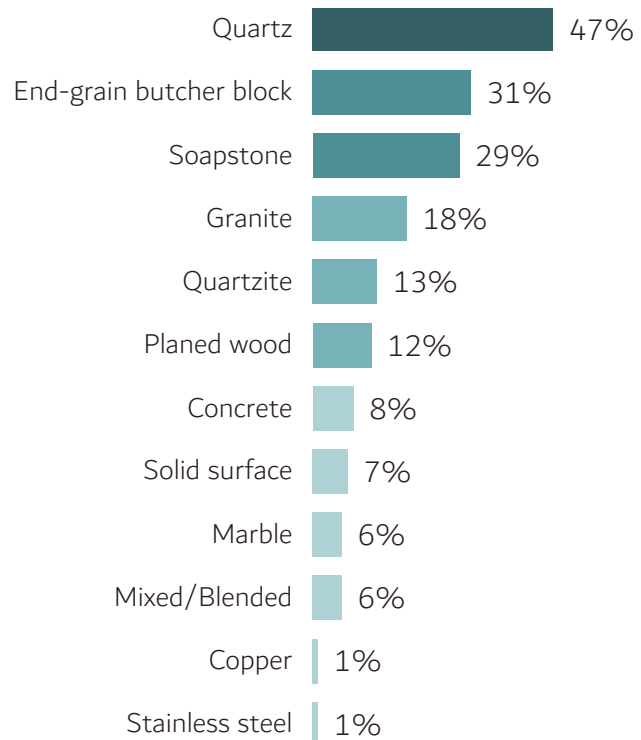
## VENTING/HOODS



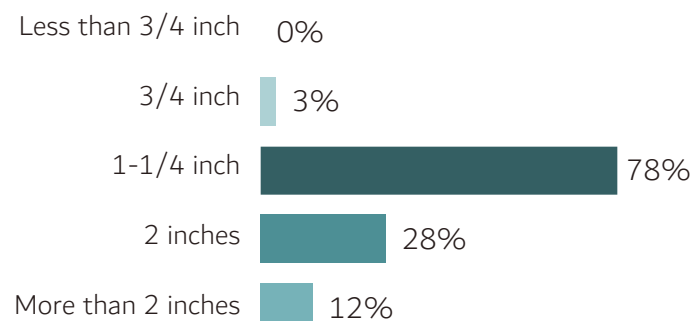
# FARMHOUSE COUNTERTOPS

Quartz, butcher block and soapstone with traditional edges are popular for farmhouse kitchens.

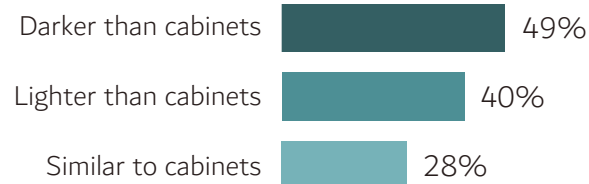
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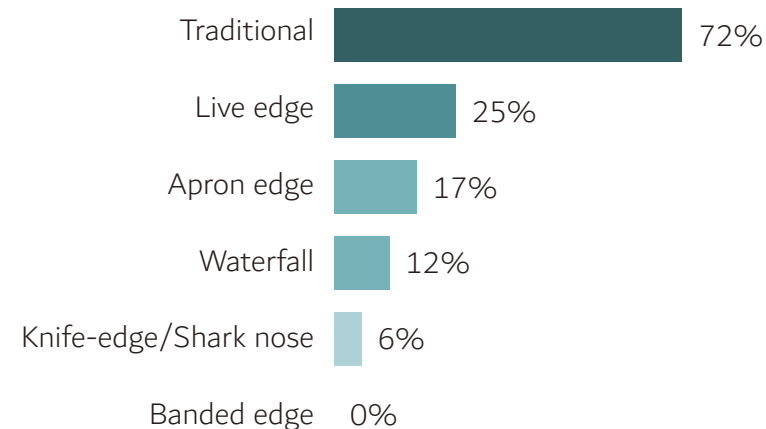
## THICKNESS



## COLOR



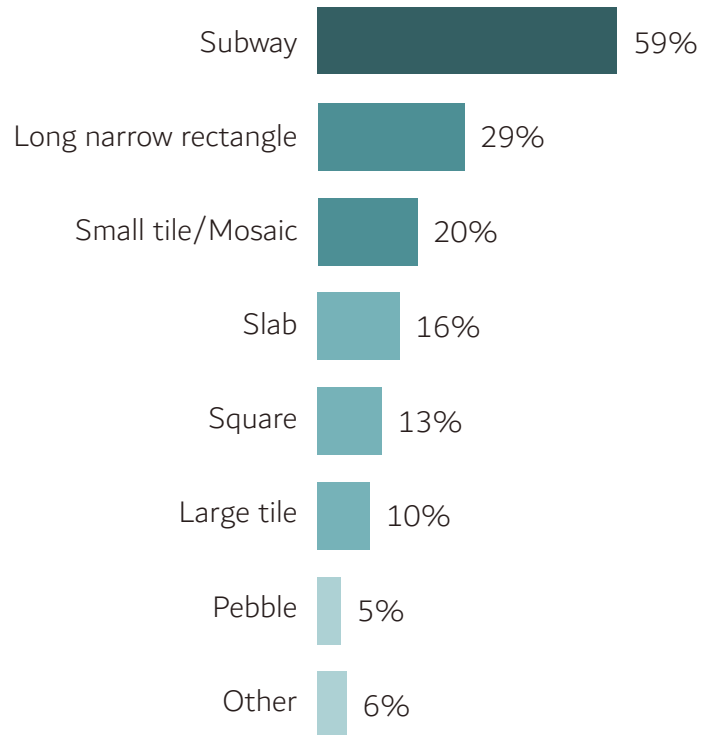
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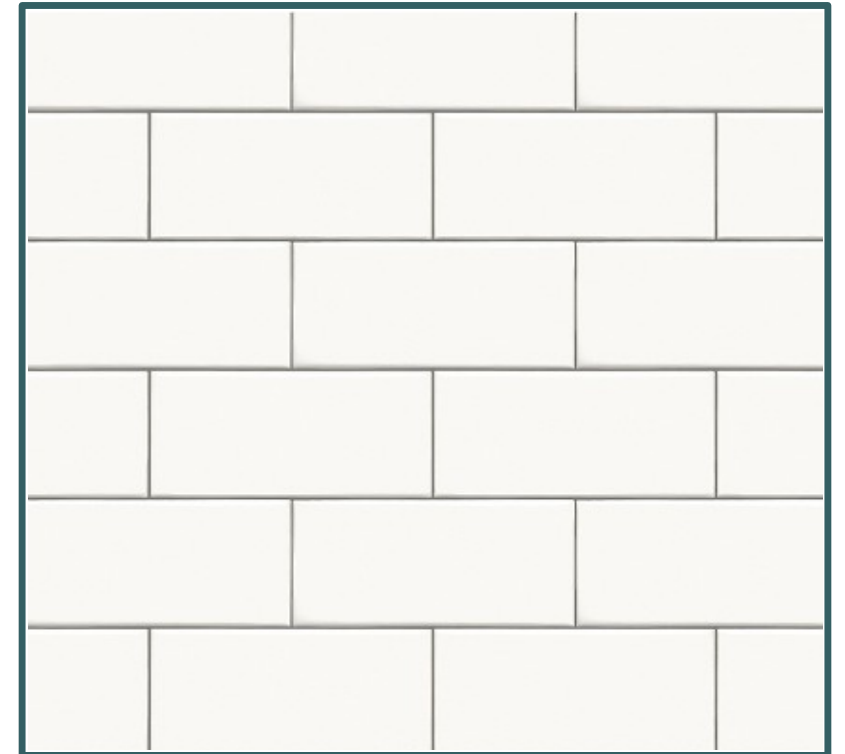
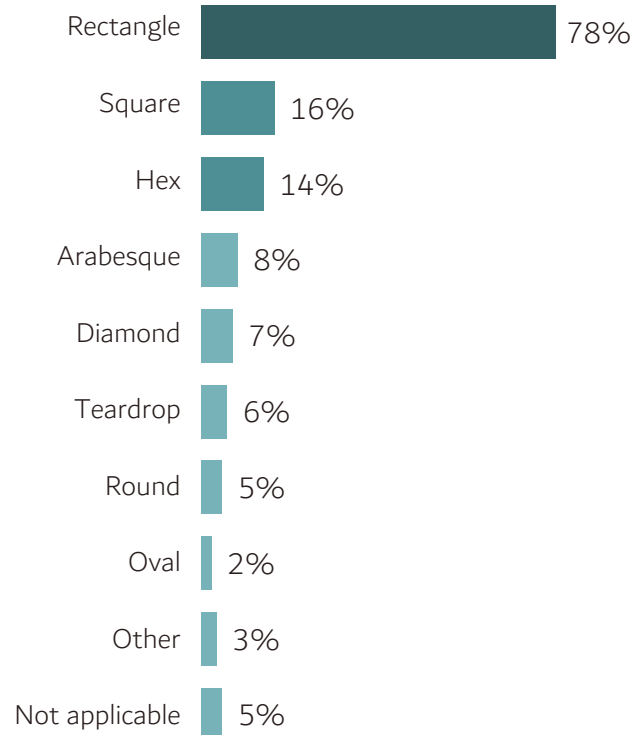
# FARMHOUSE BACKSPLASHES

Rectangular subway tile builds the farmhouse look.

## SIZE



## TILE SHAPE



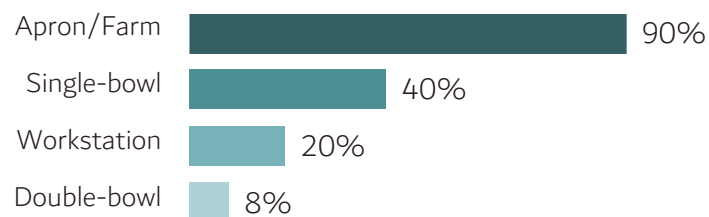
# FARMHOUSE SINKS



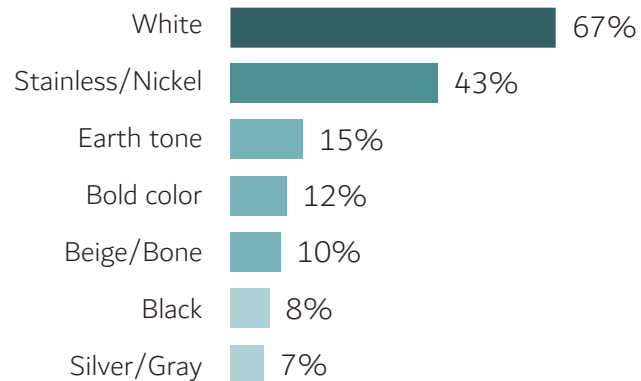
A white apron/farm sink is key for the farmhouse design.

Porcelain/cast iron and fireclay are most popular.

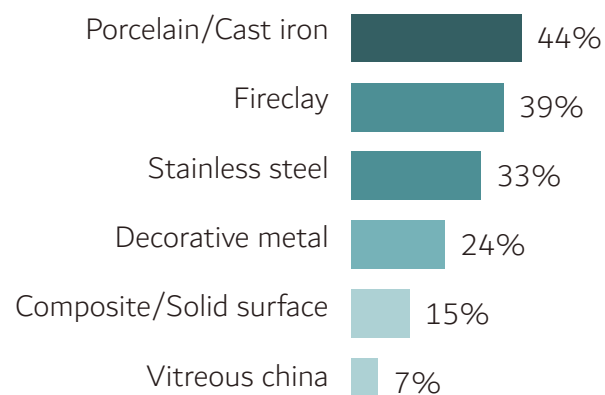
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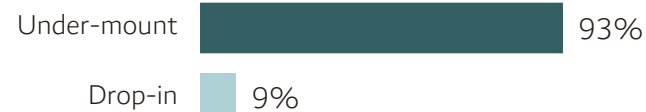
## COLOR



## MATERIAL



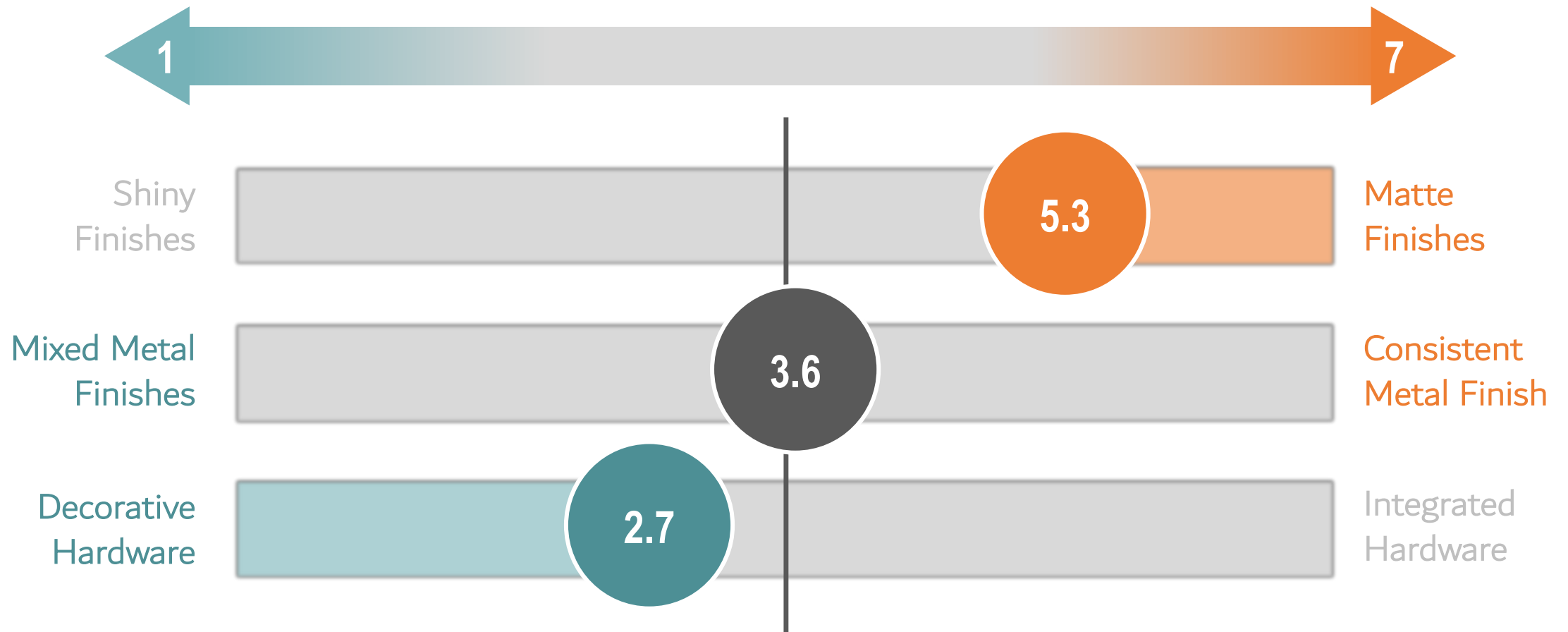
## INSTALLATION



FARMHOUSE

# FINISHES & HARDWARE

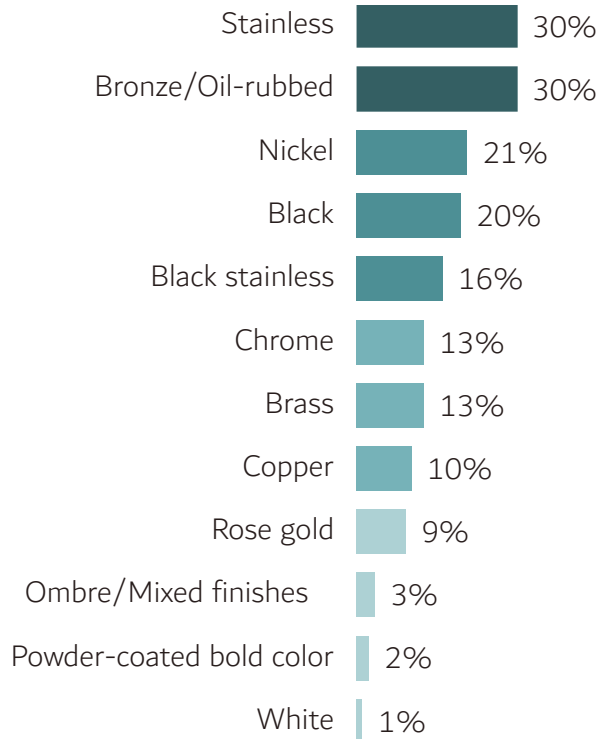
Decorative hardware and matte finishes provide a farmhouse feel.



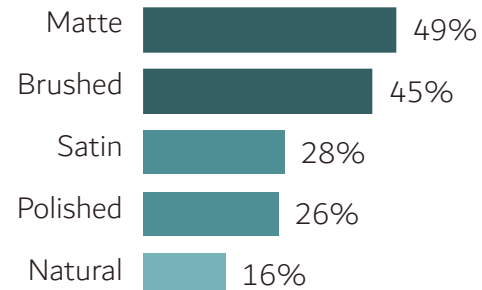
# FARMHOUSE FAUCETS

Stainless or bronze faucets with a matte or brushed finish and lever controls are popular for a farmhouse kitchen.

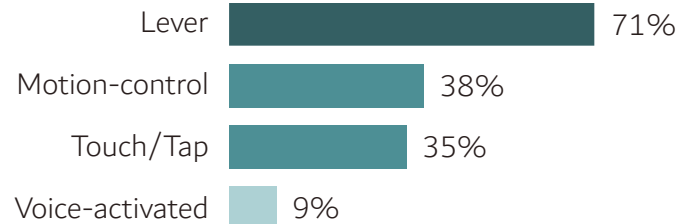
## COLOR



## FINISH



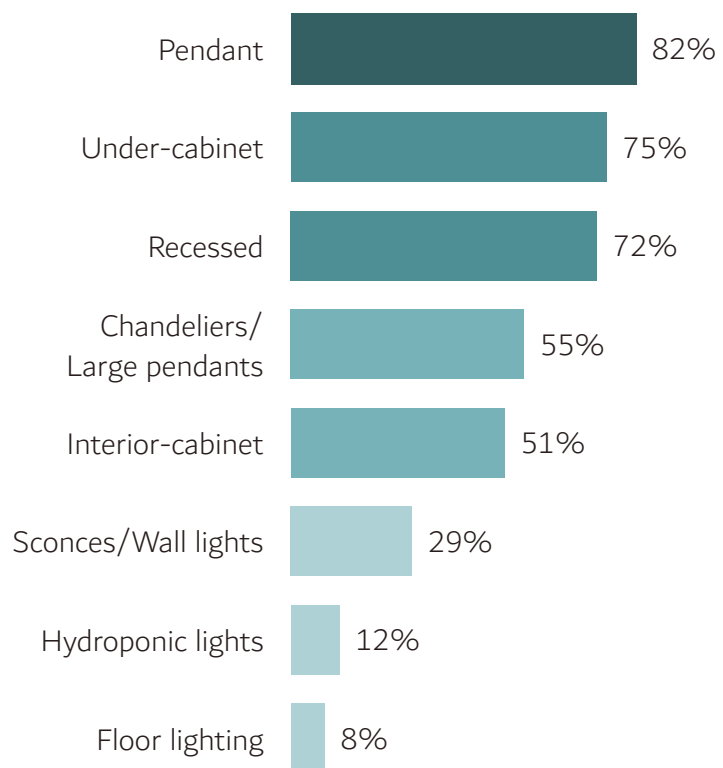
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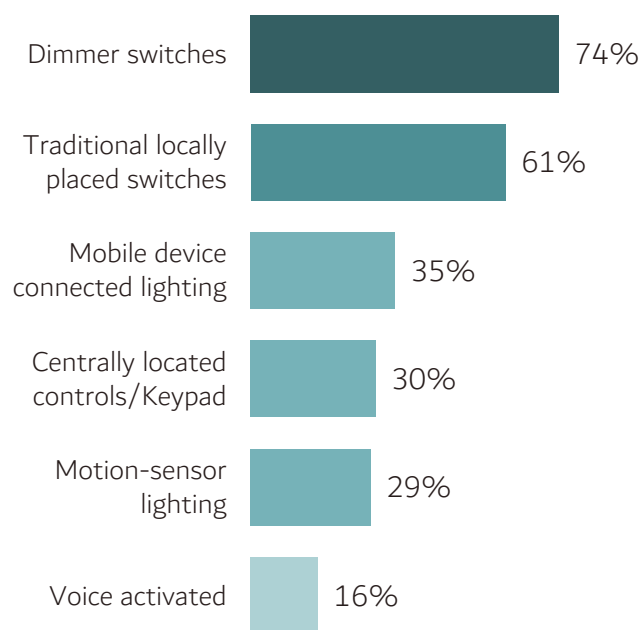
# FARMHOUSE LIGHTING

Multiple light sources, including pendants and chandeliers, light up the farmhouse kitchen using both dimmer and traditional switches.

## TYPE/LOCATION



## CONTROLS



FARMHOUSE

# STATEMENT APPLIANCES

There is more emphasis on the cooking appliances than the refrigerator in the farmhouse kitchen.

Cooking  
appliances

78%



Refrigerators

5%

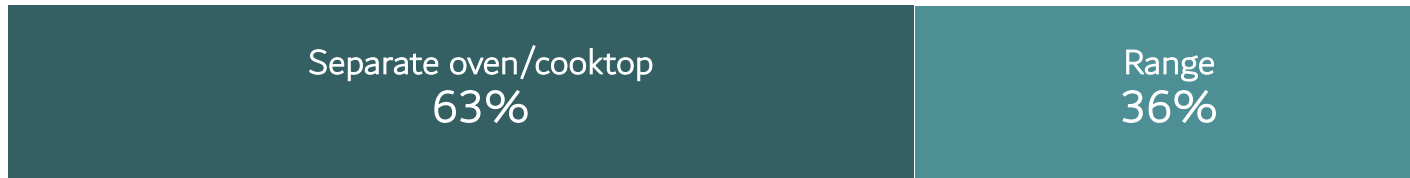
None 17%



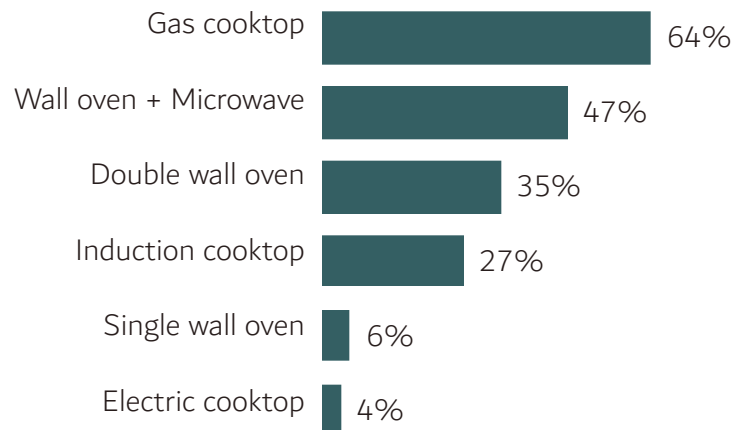
# FARMHOUSE COOKING APPLIANCES

Gas cooktops and wall ovens + microwave are popular in a farmhouse kitchen, with some use of ranges as well.

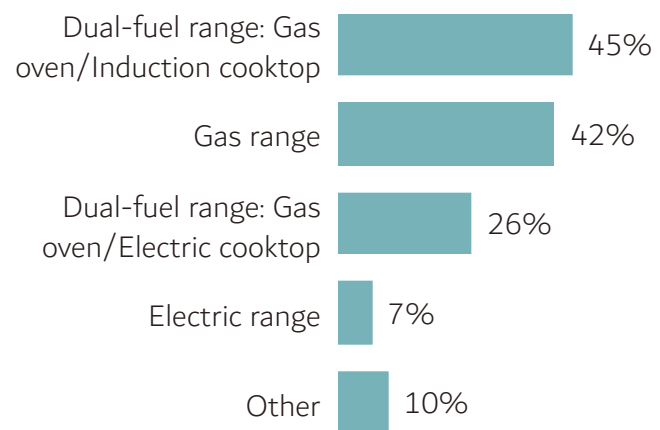
## CONFIGURATION



## WALL OVEN/COOKTOP



## RANGE

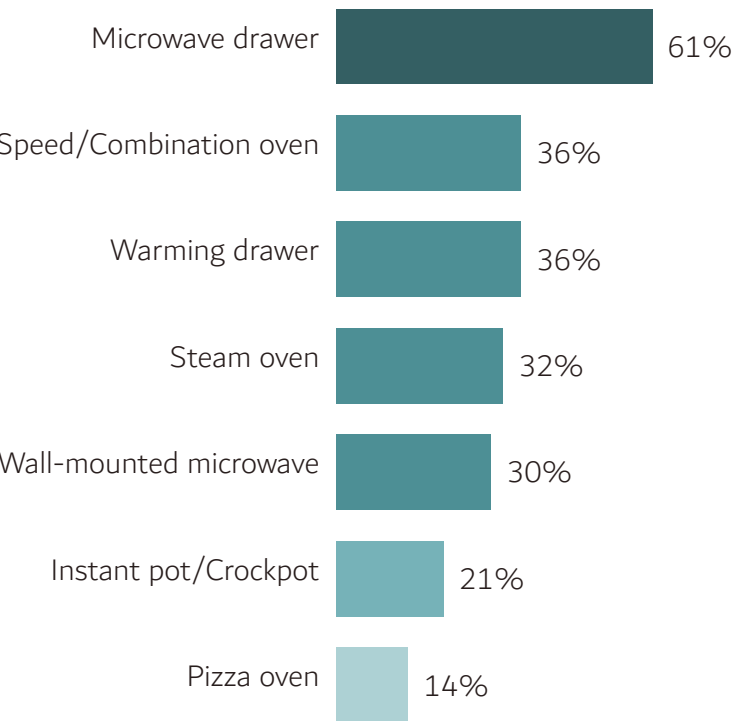




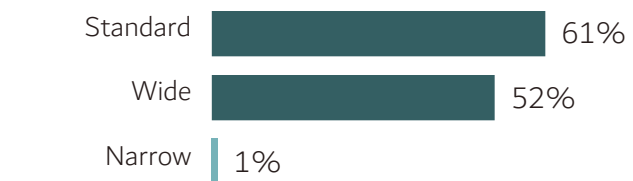
Microwave drawers and stainless finishes for cooking appliances are popular.

Wide ovens are also common in the farmhouse kitchen.

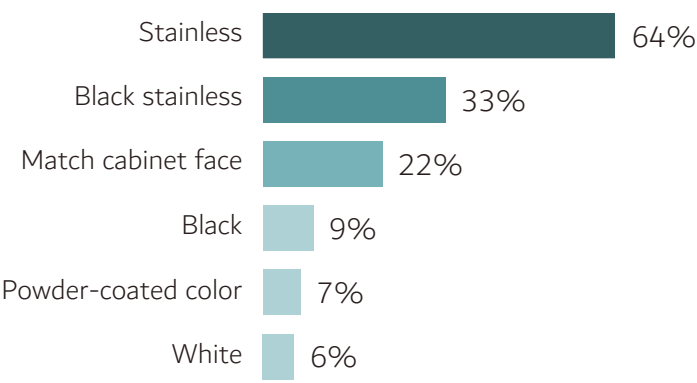
OTHER COOKING



OVEN SIZE



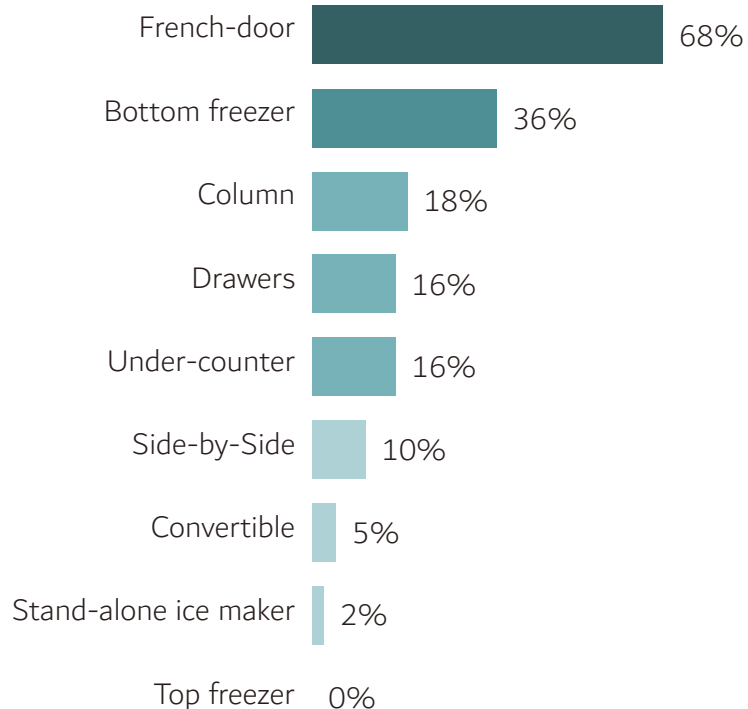
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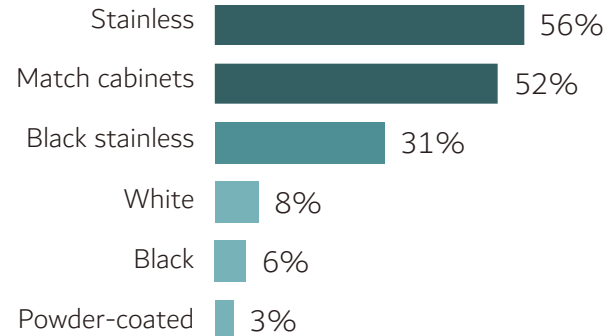
# FARMHOUSE REFRIGERATORS

French-door refrigerators that are stainless or match the cabinets are popular in farmhouse kitchens.

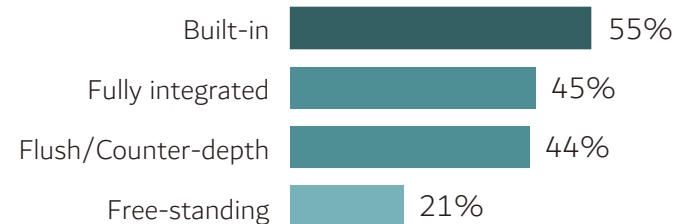
## TYPE



## FINISH



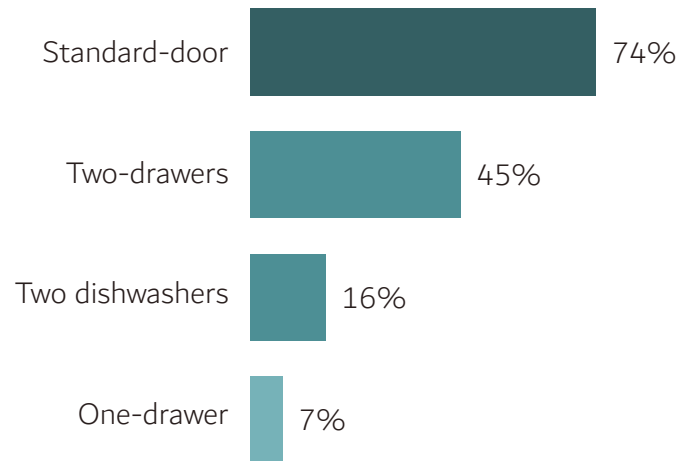
## INSTALLATION



# FARMHOUSE DISHWASHER

Standard-door dishwashers are most popular in a farmhouse kitchen.

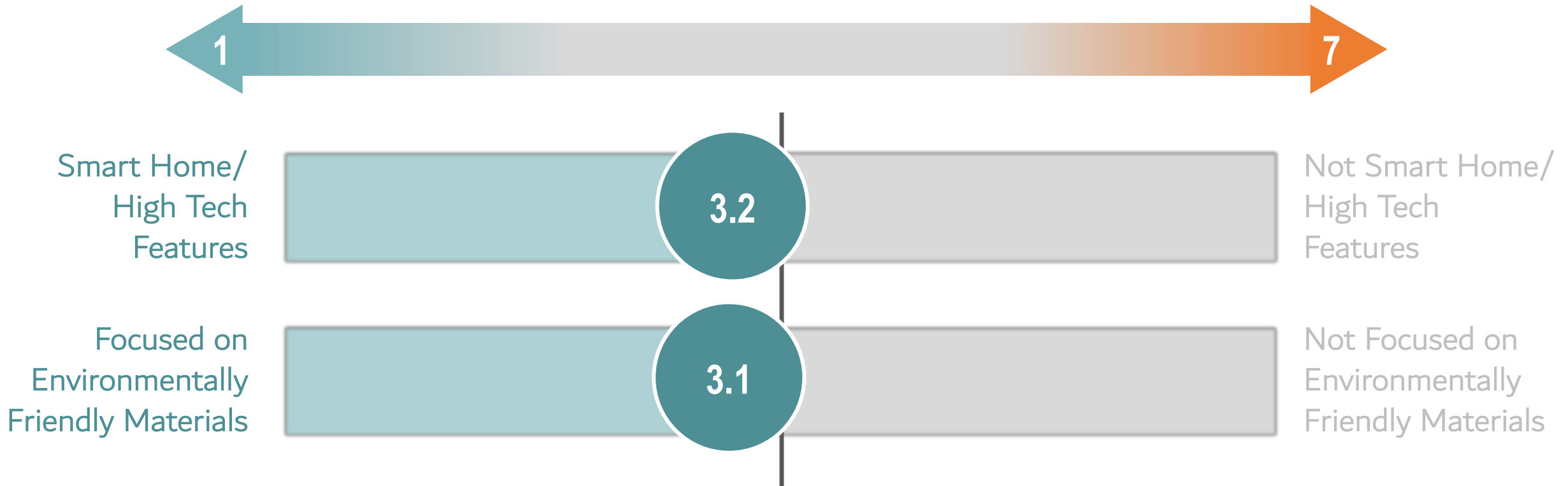
## DISHWASHER TYPE



FARMHOUSE

# SMART HOME & ECO-FRIENDLY

Relatively few smart-home features and environmentally friendly materials are in the farmhouse kitchen.



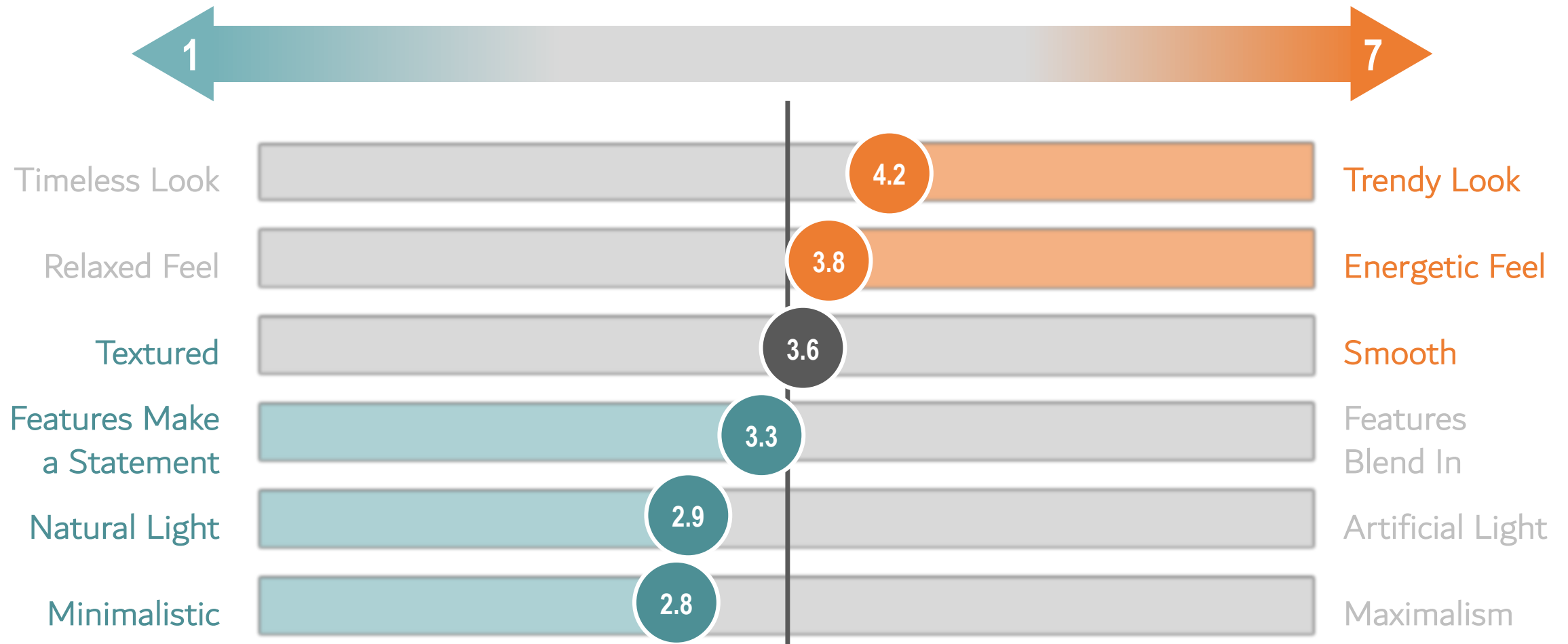
A photograph of a modern industrial kitchen. The ceiling is dark with exposed pipes and track lighting. The kitchen features dark cabinetry, stainless steel appliances including a microwave, oven, and refrigerator, and a concrete countertop. A chalkboard door is visible on the left. A large white box with a blue border contains the word 'INDUSTRIAL' in a bold, sans-serif font.

# INDUSTRIAL

Renowned for their spacious layout and functionality, industrial styled kitchens' trendy look is achieved with dark, bold colors and statement features. An industrial kitchen can be easily distinguished by its stained concrete floors, dark toned cabinets made of mixed materials, concrete or stainless steel countertops, matte or black stainless finishes, and workstation sinks.

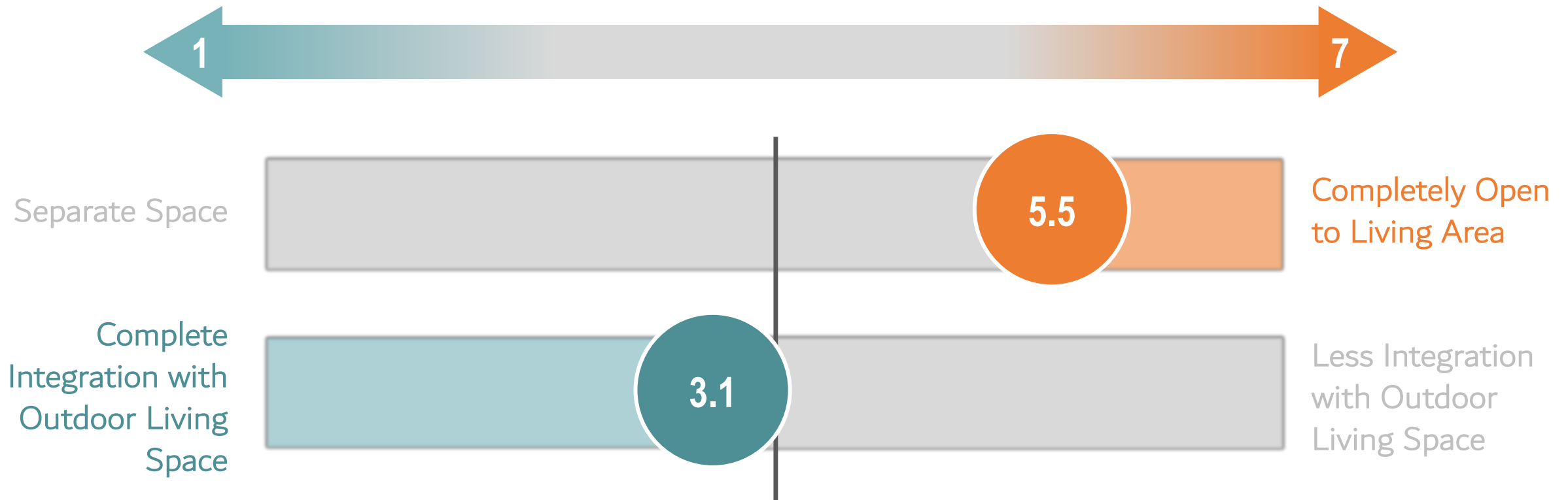


Industrial kitchens are more trendy and give the space a sleek, energetic feel.



# INDUSTRIAL INTEGRATION

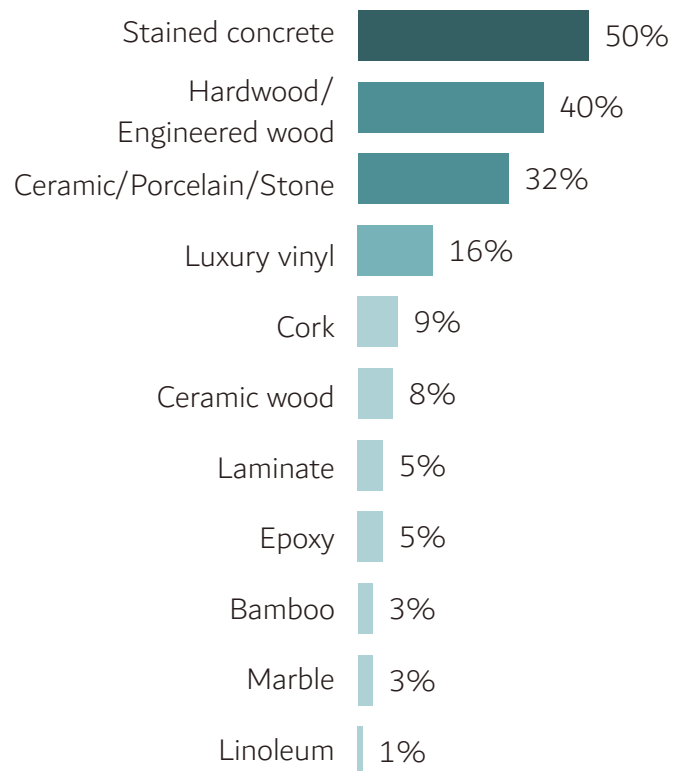
Industrial kitchens are usually open to the living areas.



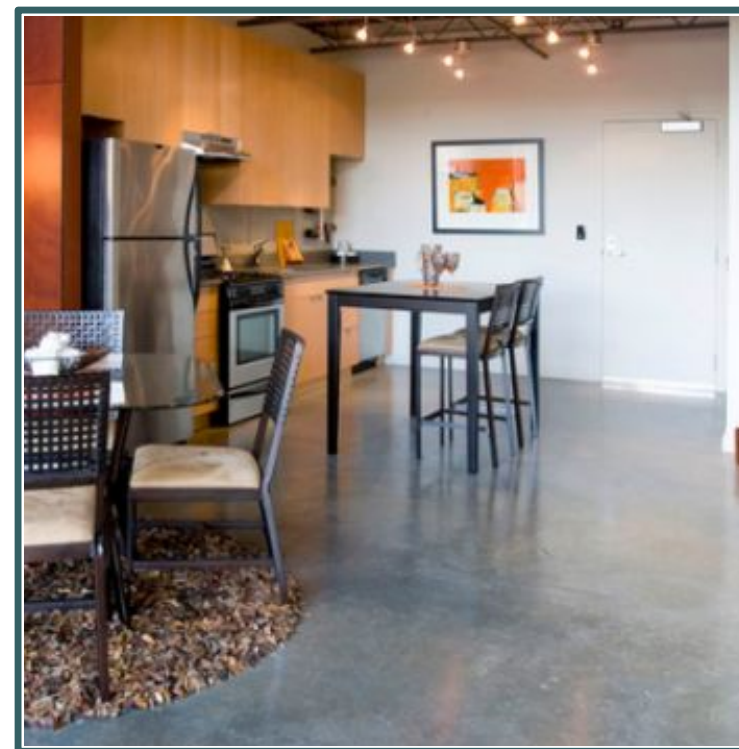
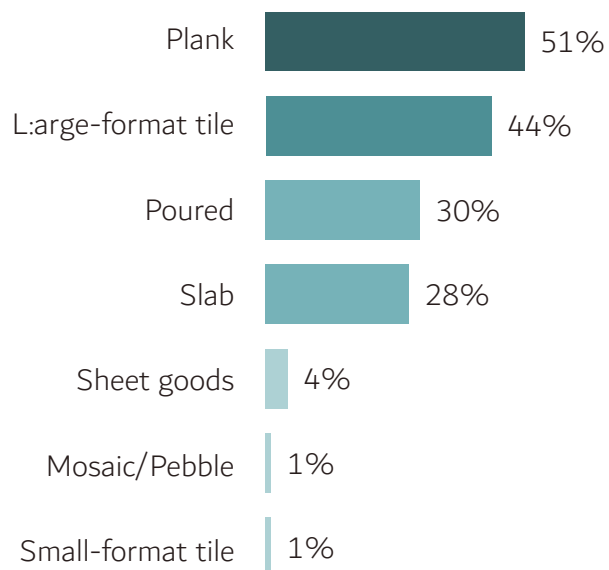
# INDUSTRIAL FLOORING

Flooring can be stained concrete, wood or large-format tile.

## MATERIAL

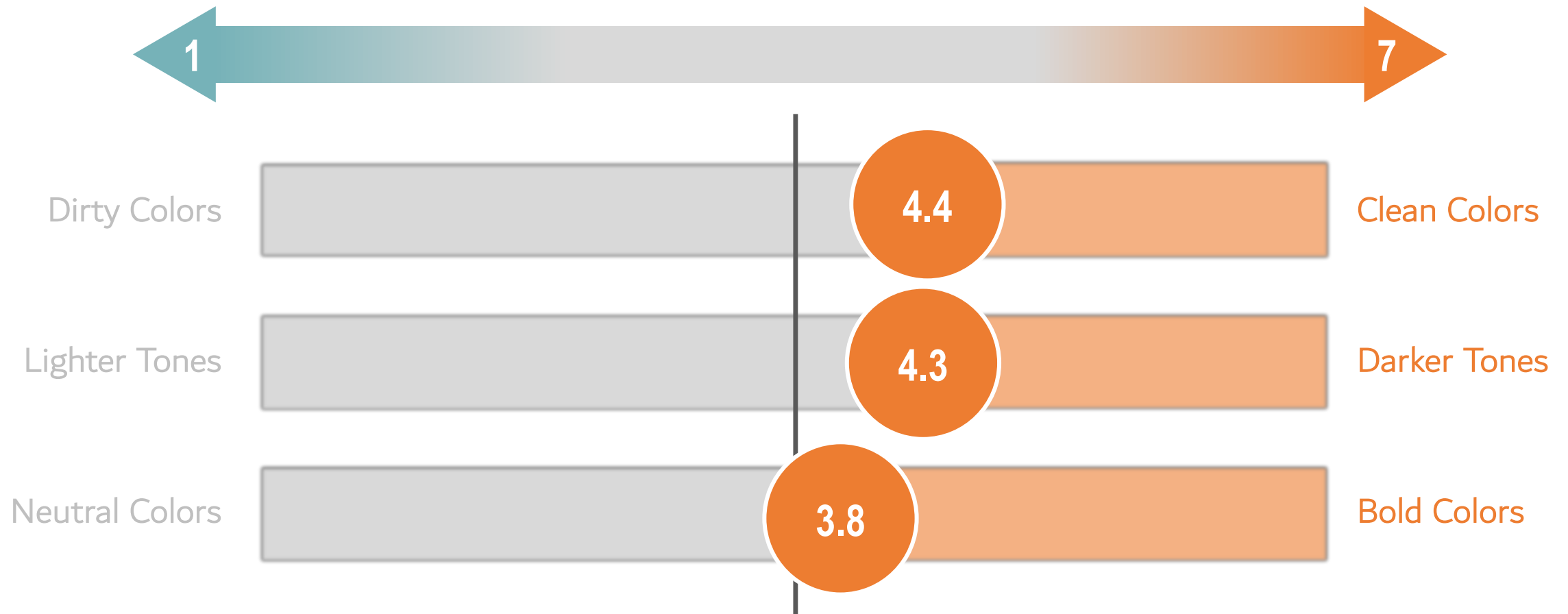


## STYLE



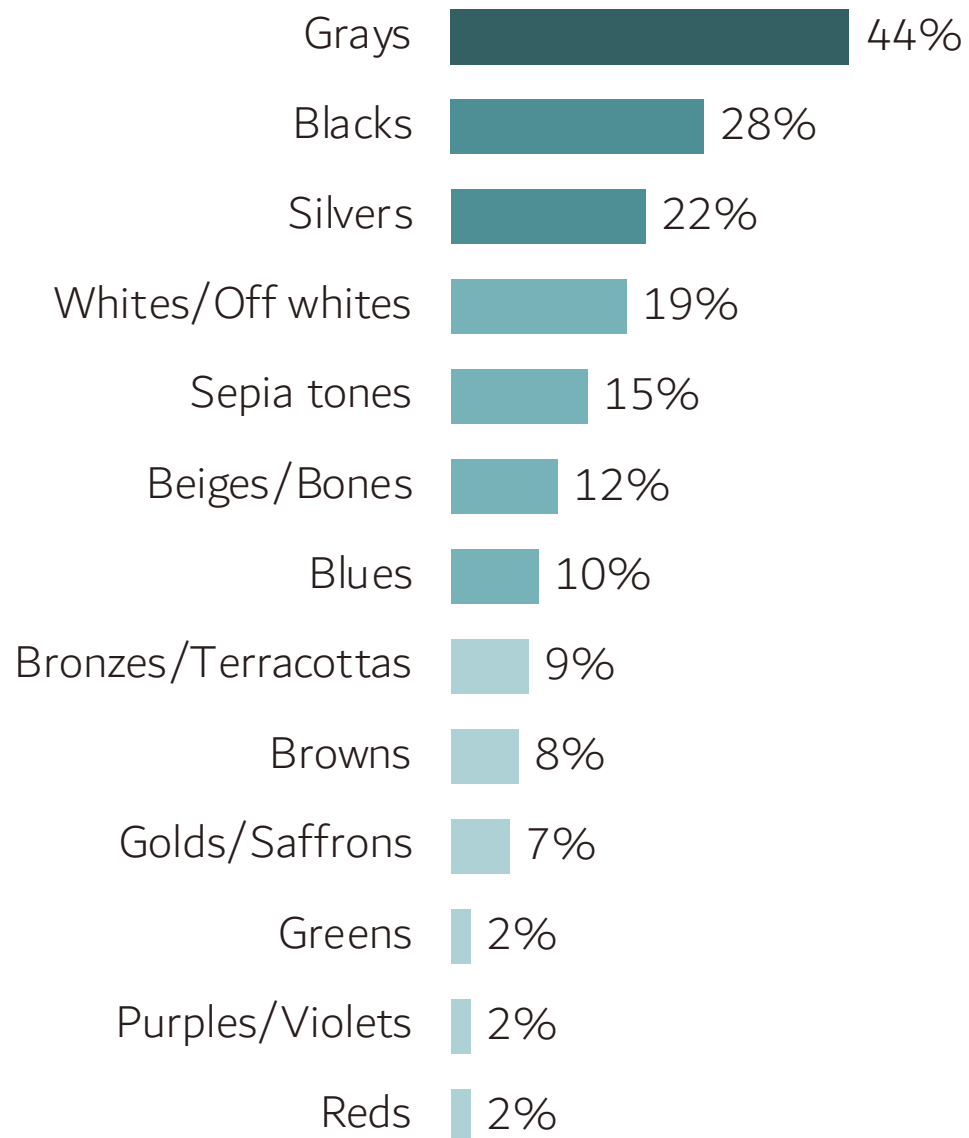
# INDUSTRIAL COLORS & TONES

An industrial kitchen users darker tones and bold colors.



# INDUSTRIAL COLOR SCHEMES

Grays, blacks and silvers are popular in industrial kitchens, with whites used less often than in other design styles.



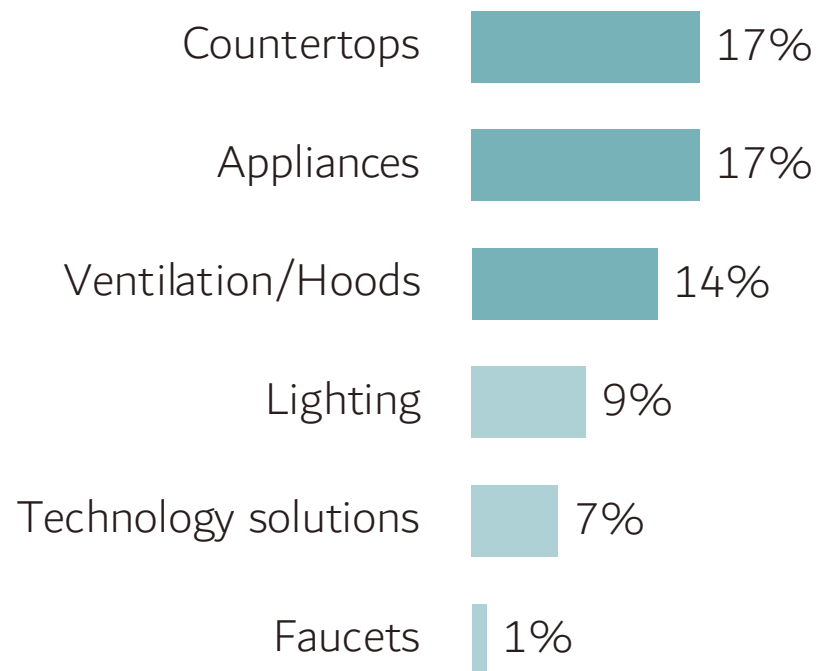
INDUSTRIAL

# GREATEST VISUAL IMPACT

Cabinets typically have the greatest visual impact in the industrial kitchen, but countertops, appliances and vent hoods all contribute to the ambiance.



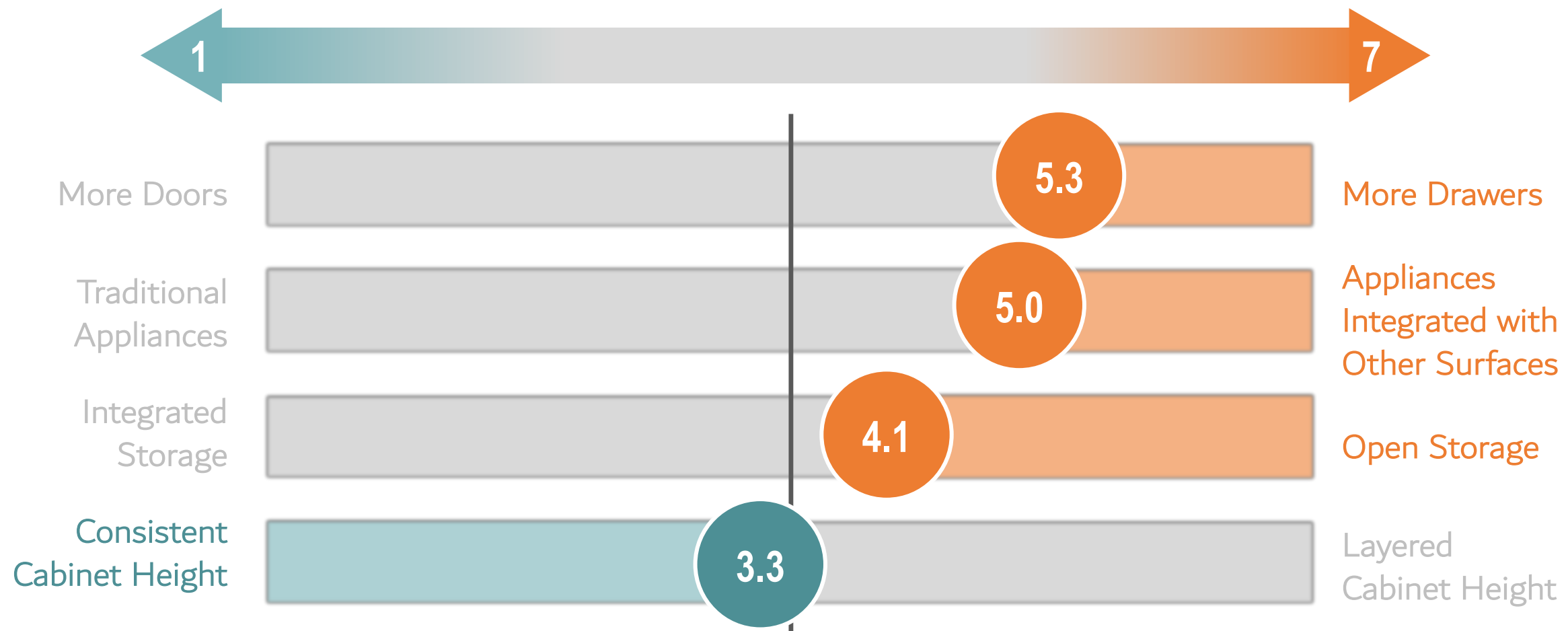
Cabinets  
36%





# INDUSTRIAL CABINETS

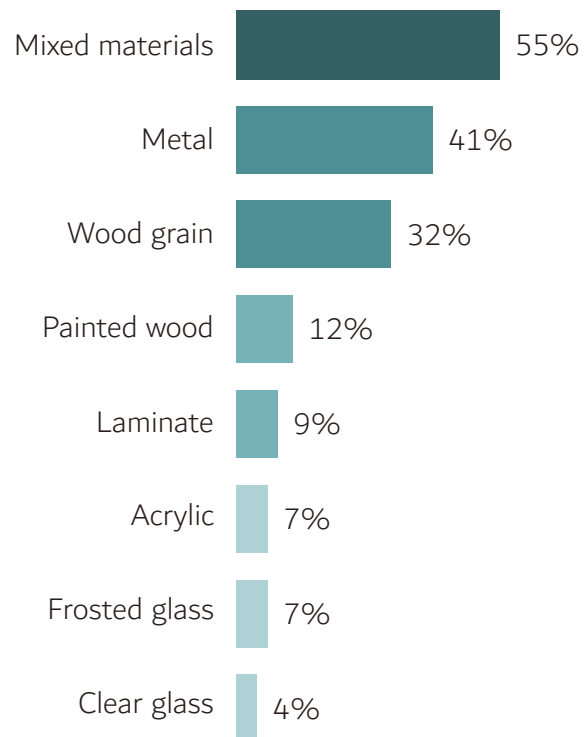
Industrial cabinets include more drawers and open storage options.



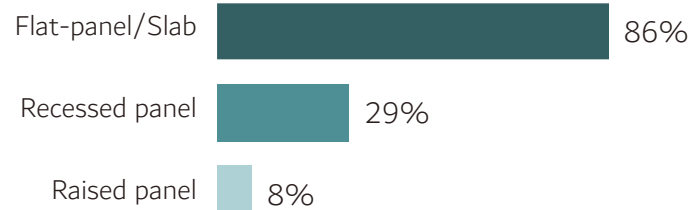
# INDUSTRIAL CABINETS

Industrial cabinets can be of mixed materials, metal or wood grain.  
Doors are often flat-panel/slab styles in medium or dark color tones.

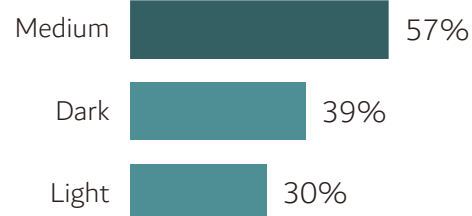
## CABINET FACING APPEARANCE



## DOOR STYLE



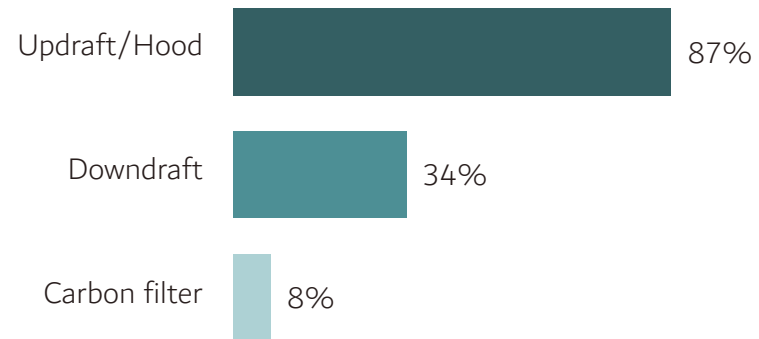
## TONE/COLOR



# INDUSTRIAL VENTING/ HOODS

Industrial ventilation is dominated by updraft/hoods.

## VENTING/HOODS

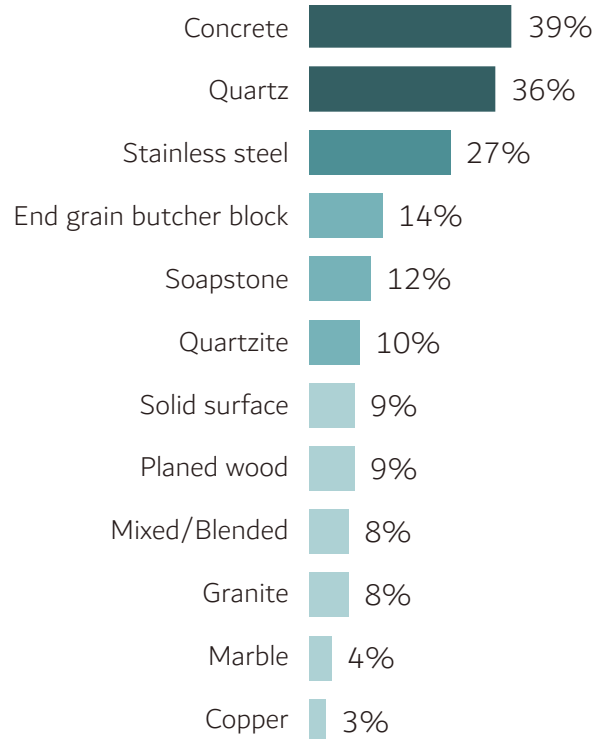


# INDUSTRIAL COUNTERTOPS

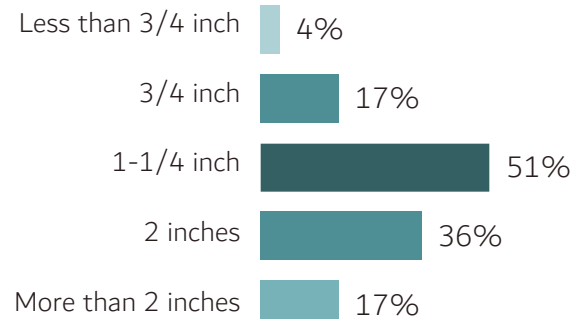
Industrial countertops are often thicker using concrete, quartz or stainless steel

Edges can be waterfall, traditional or knife-edge.

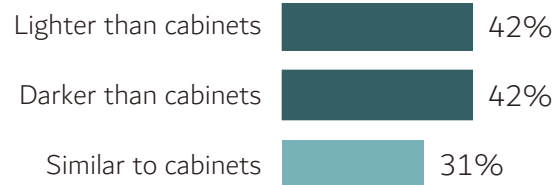
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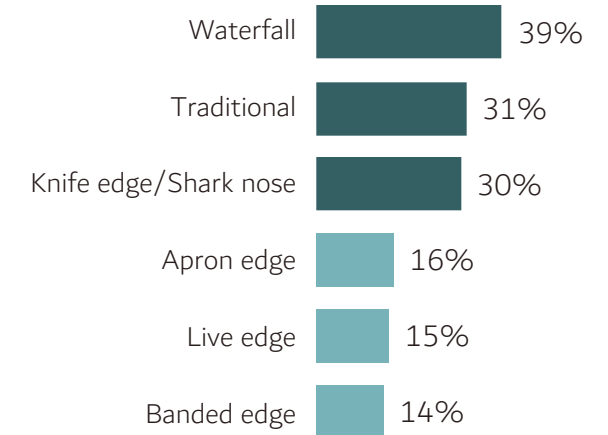
## THICKNESS



## COLOR



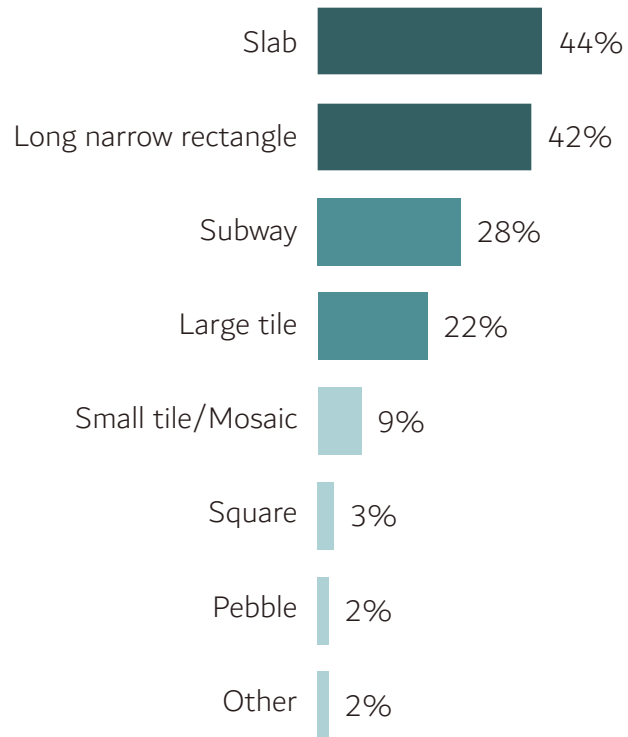
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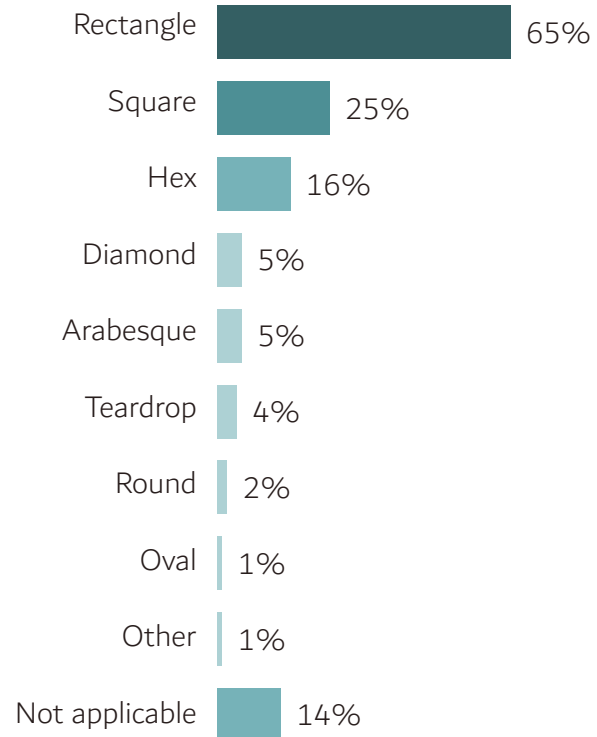
# INDUSTRIAL BACKSPLASHES

Industrial backsplashes can vary, with slab, long rectangle, subway or large tiles most popular.

## SIZE



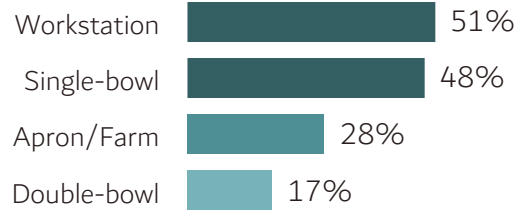
## TILE SHAPE



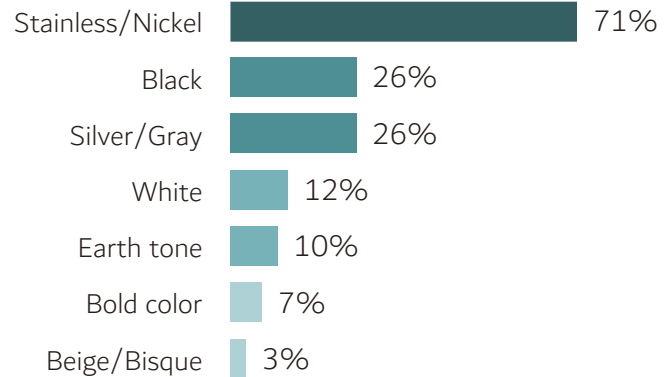
# INDUSTRIAL SINKS

Industrial kitchens are most likely to include a stainless steel workstation or single-bowl sink in stainless/nickel, black or silver/gray.

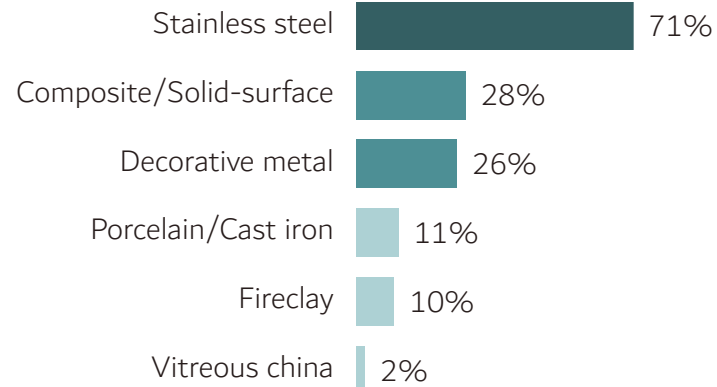
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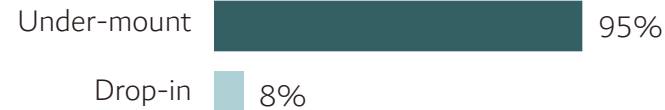
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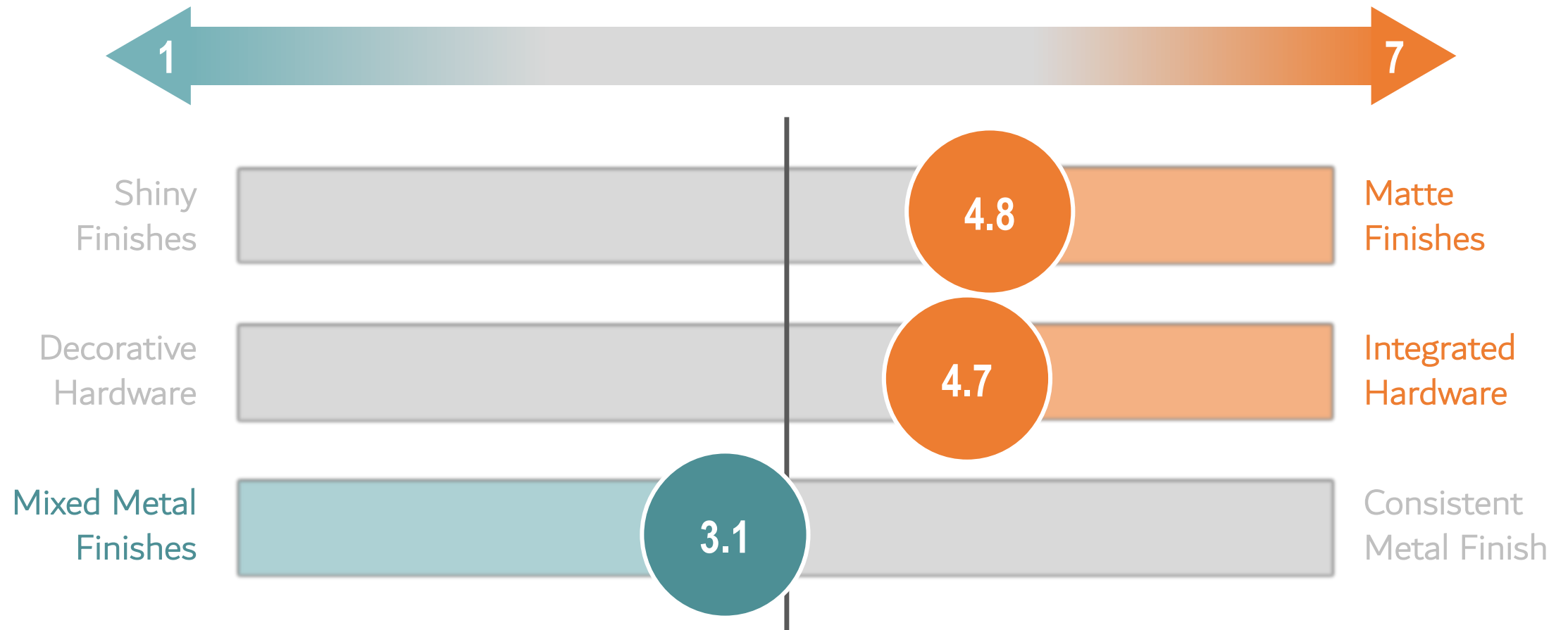


## INSTALLATION



# INDUSTRIAL FINISHES & HARDWARE

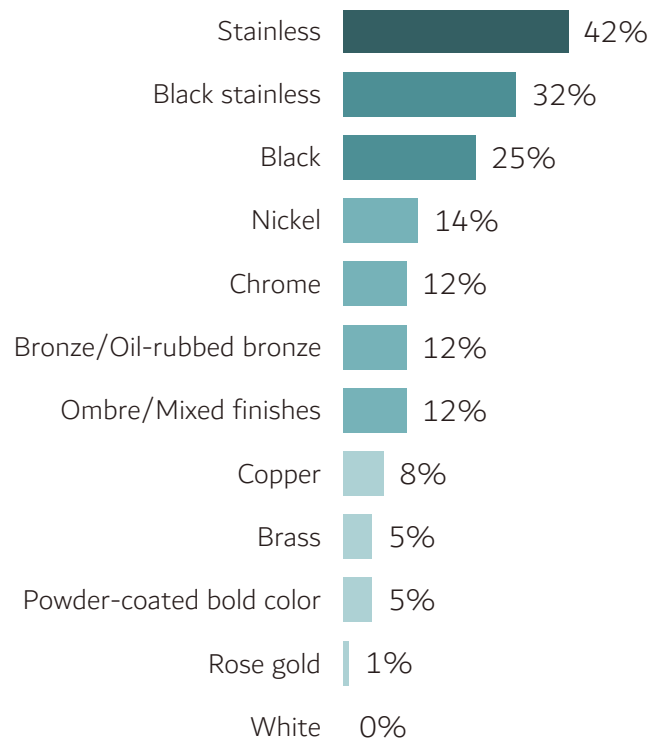
Industrial kitchens include integrated hardware, matte finishes and some mixed metals.



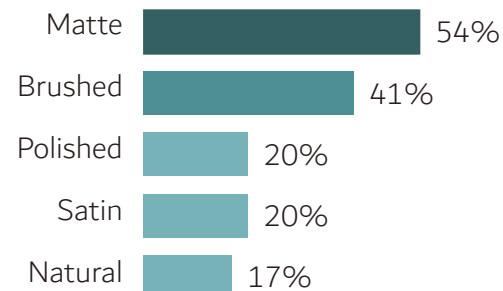
# INDUSTRIAL FAUCETS

Industrial-style faucets vary, typically including matte or brushed stainless, black stainless or black colors and finishes. They often have a motion-control or touch/tap feature.

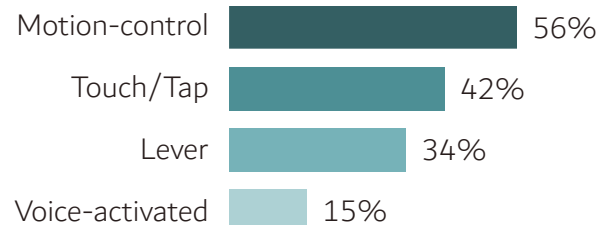
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## FINISH



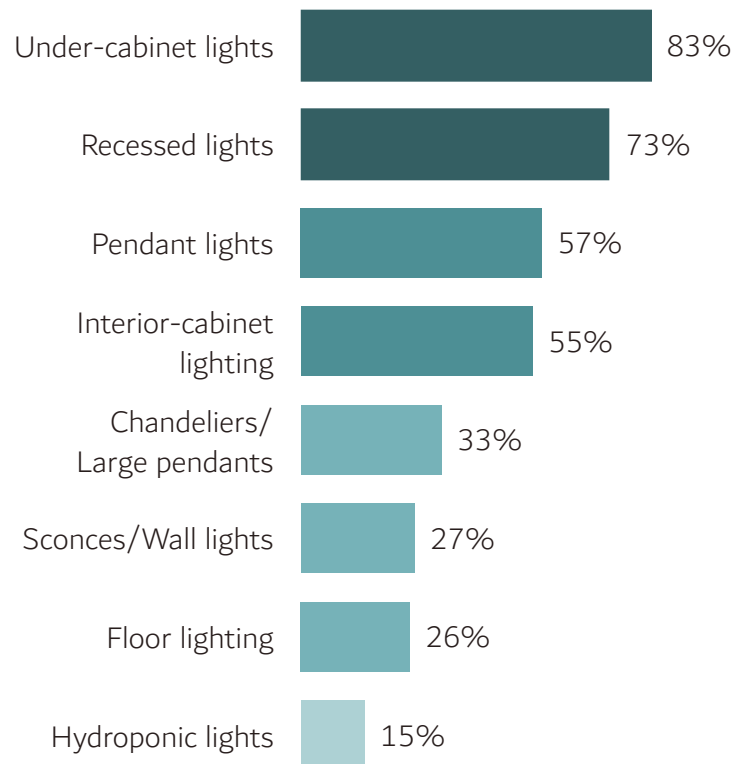
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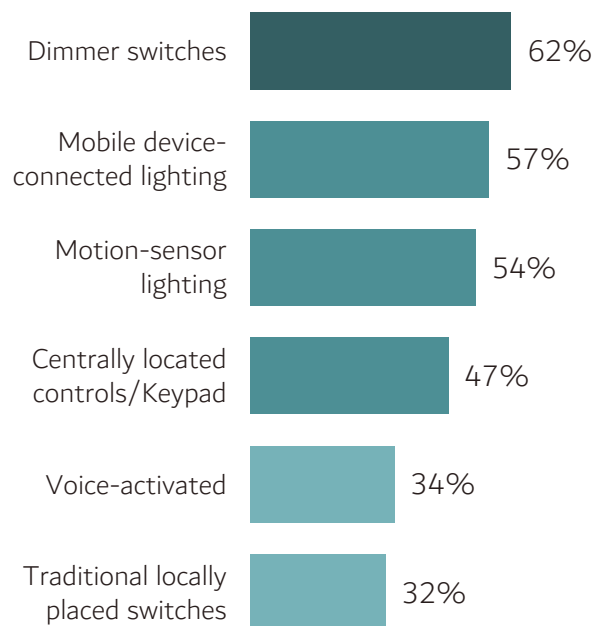
# INDUSTRIAL LIGHTING

Industrial lighting includes multiple sources — typically under-cabinet, recessed, pendants and interior-cabinet — and smart controls feature prominently in the design.

## TYPE/LOCATION



## CONTROLS



# INDUSTRIAL STATEMENT APPLIANCES

Cooking appliances dominate the look of an industrial kitchen and are a key focal point.

Cooking  
appliances

72%



Refrigerators

11%

None 16%



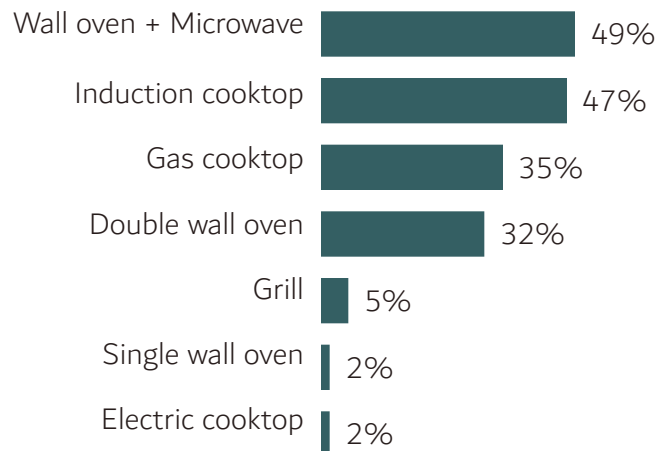
# INDUSTRIAL COOKING APPLIANCES

Industrial kitchens most often include an induction cooktop and wall oven + microwave, but in this style, stand-alone ranges are also commonly specified.

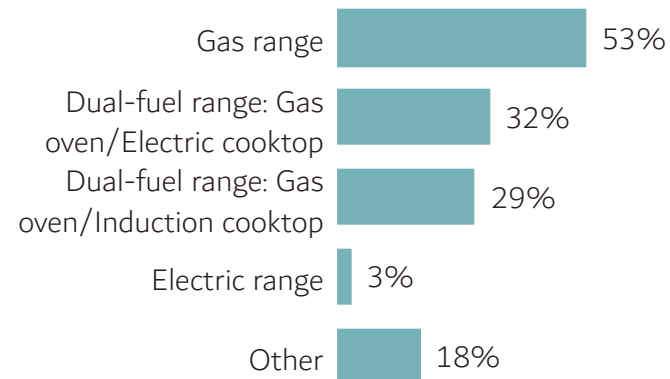
## CONFIGURATION



## WALL OVEN/COOKTOP



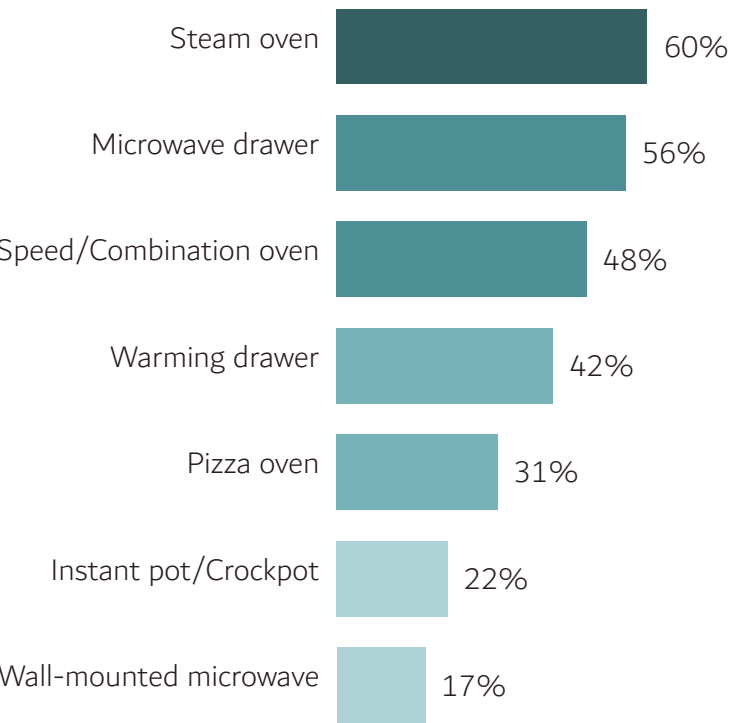
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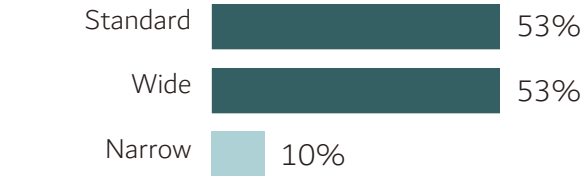


Industrial kitchens typically feature multiple cooking appliances, with standard or wide ovens, stainless and black stainless most popular.

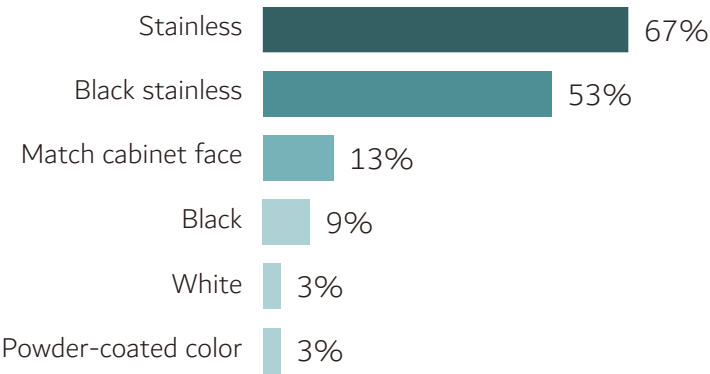
### OTHER COOKING



### OVEN SIZE



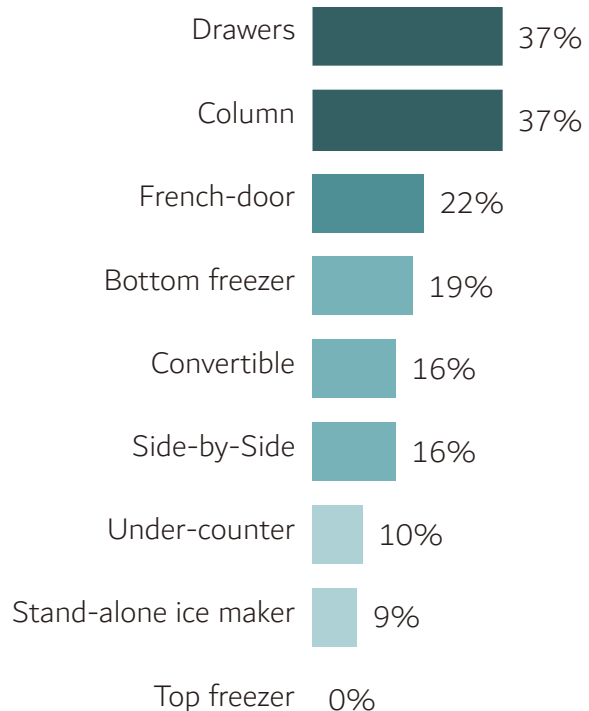
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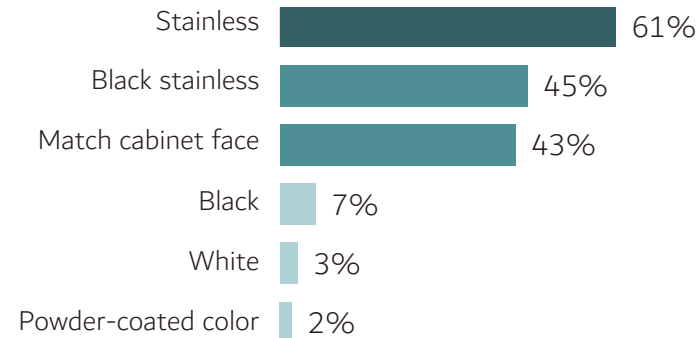
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Industrial-style refrigerators are often fully integrated drawers or columns, in stainless or black stainless finishes or matching the cabinets.

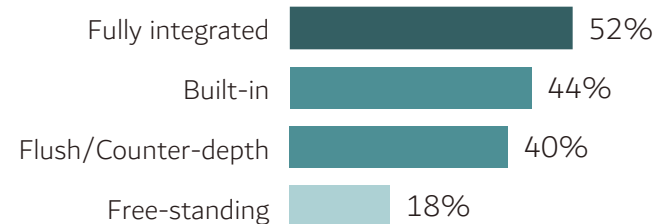
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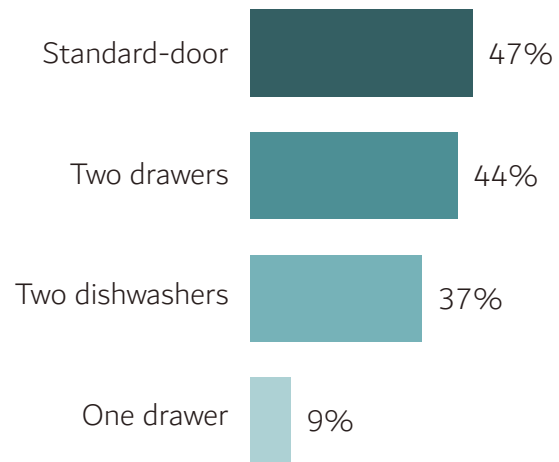
## INSTALLATION



# INDUSTRIAL DISHWASHERS

Dishwashers can be standard-door, two drawers or even two dishwashers in industrial-style kitchens.

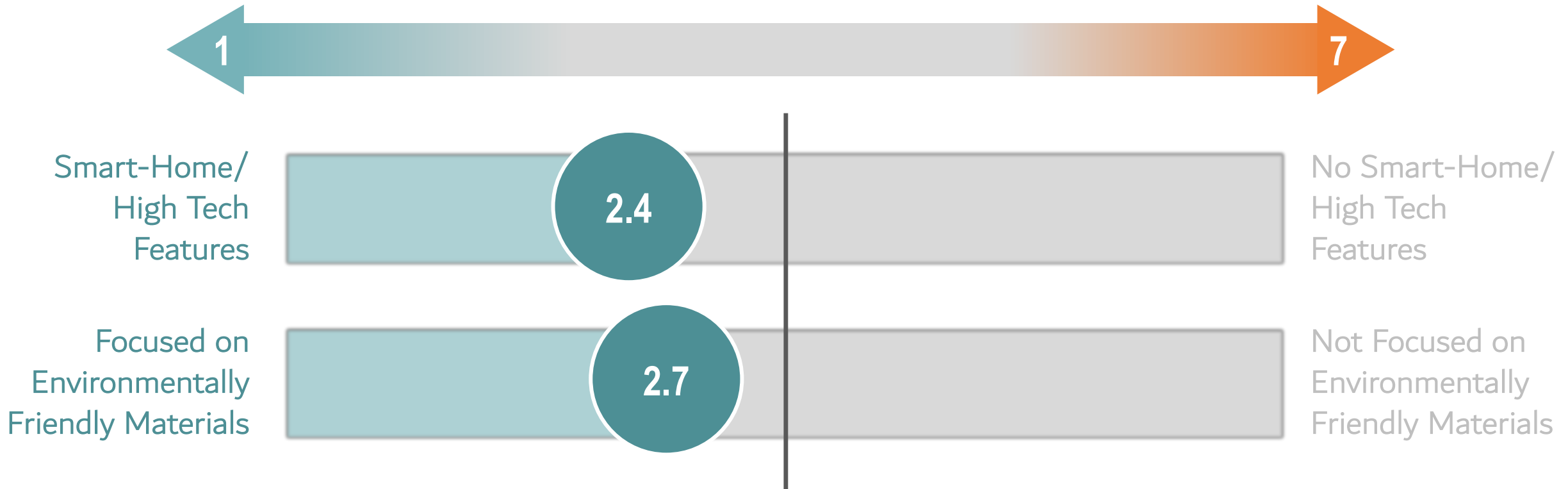
## DISHWASHER TYPE



INDUSTRIAL

# SMART HOME & ECO-FRIENDLY

Industrial design kitchens have more smart-home features and use more environmentally friendly materials than some other designs.



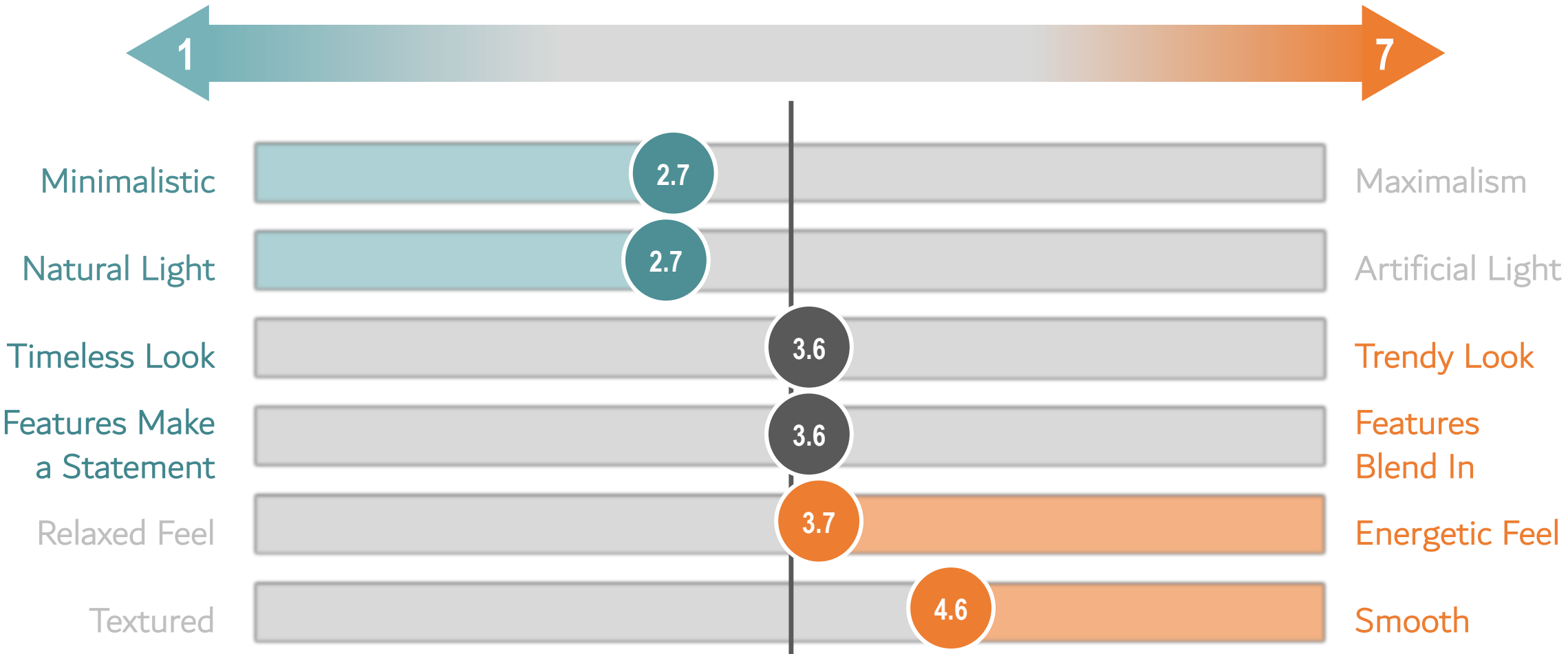


# MID-CENTURY

Mid-century is a minimalistic style, known for its clean and straight lines, and smooth features that blend in to the design. Mid-century kitchens are warm and full of personality due to their mix of both bold colors and whites, wood plank floors, mixed material cabinets, furniture-like pieces, and integrated hardware.

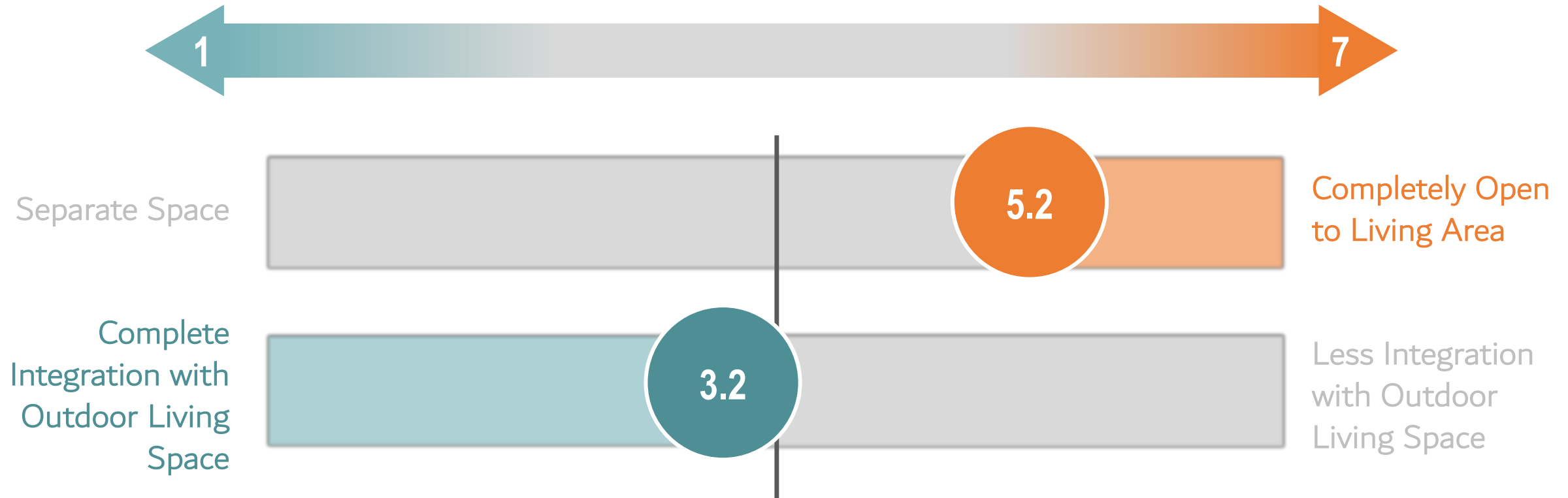


Mid-century kitchens feature smooth finishes with a minimalistic look.





Mid-century kitchens are usually open to other living areas.

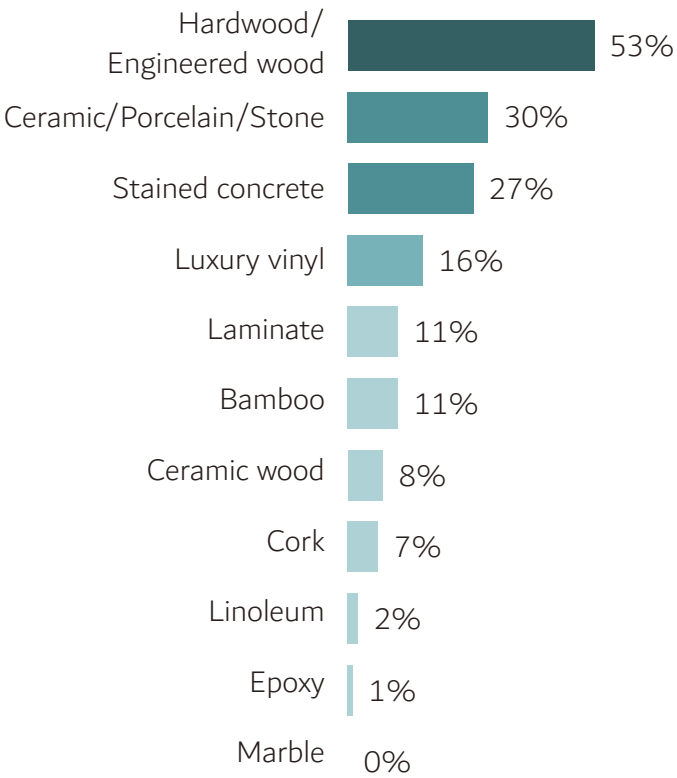




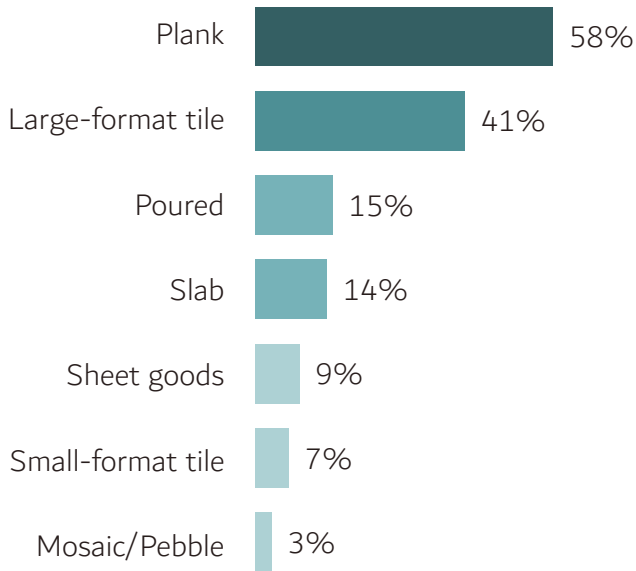
# MID-CENTURY FLOORING

Flooring in the mid-century kitchen is often wood plank, but ceramics/stone, stained concrete and luxury vinyl also appear in some designs.

## MATERIAL

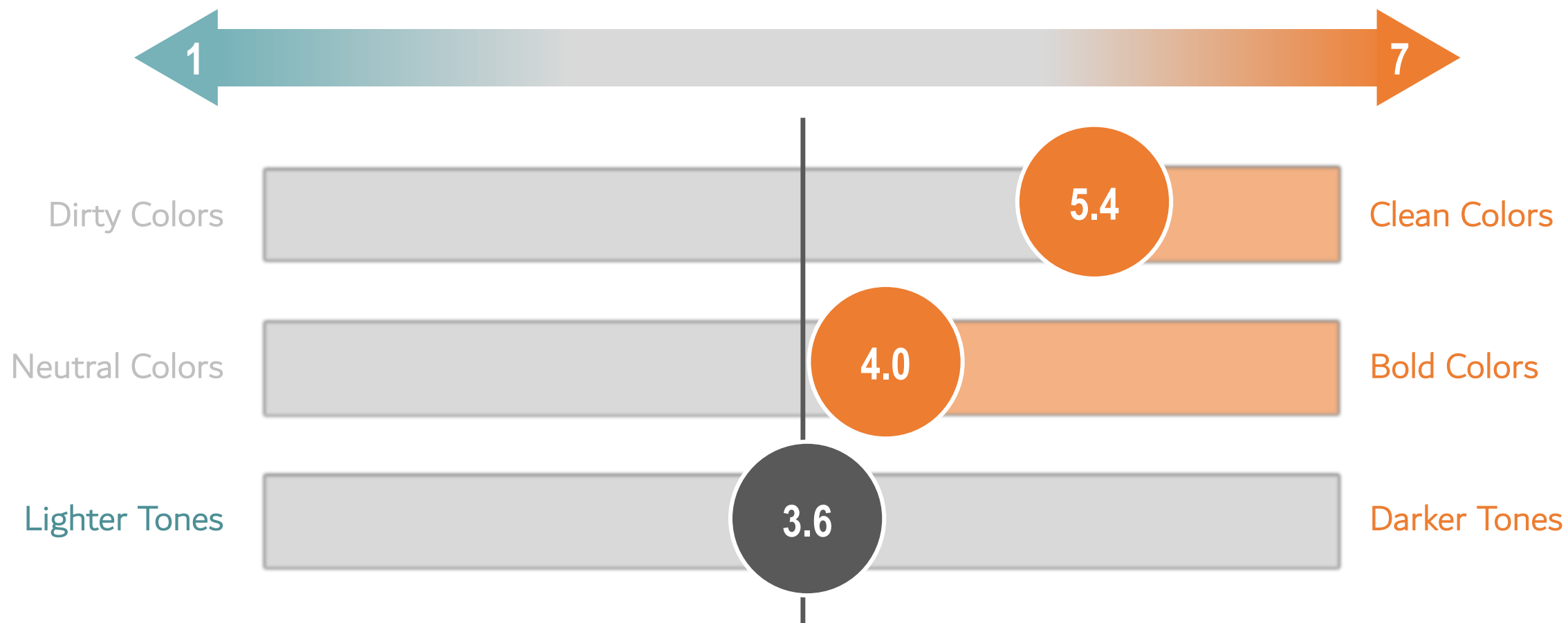


## STYLE



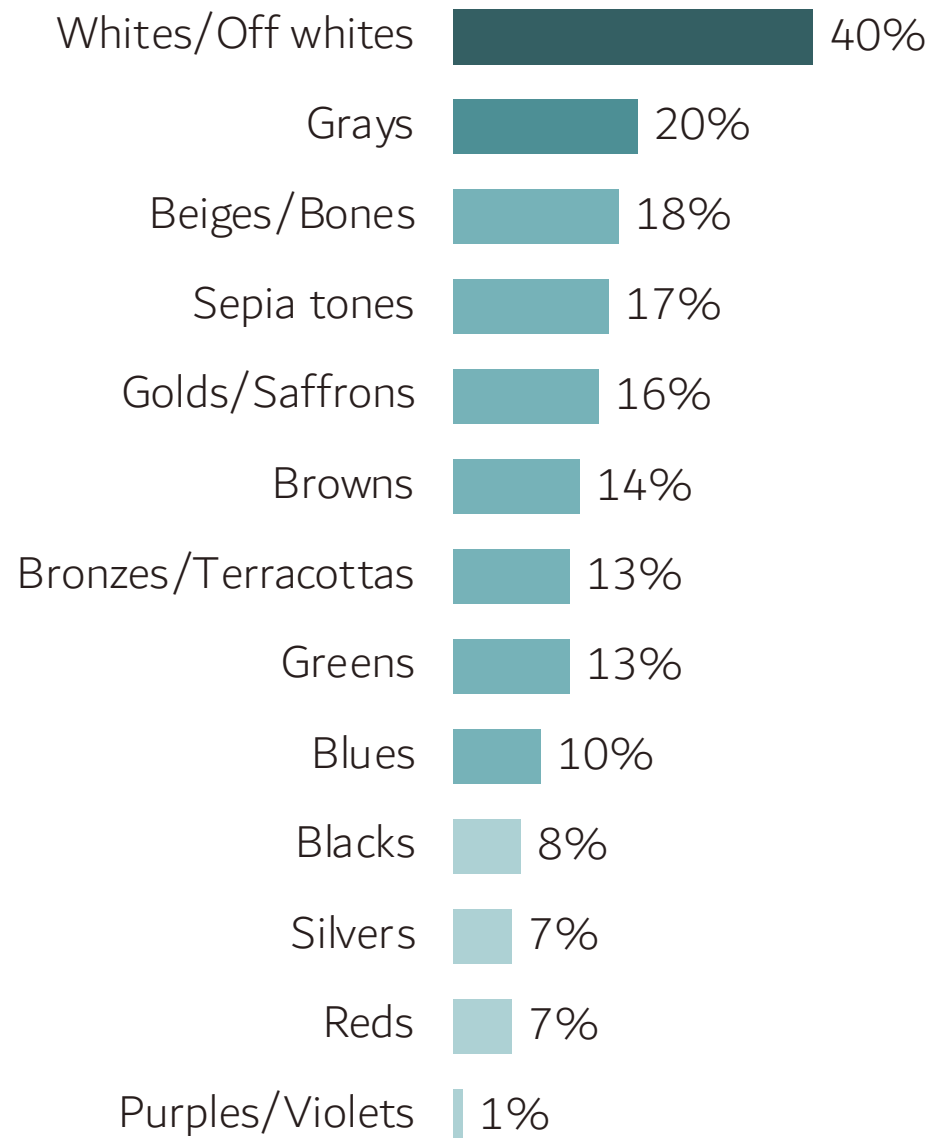
# MID-CENTURY COLORS & TONES

Mid-century kitchens feature clean, bold colors.



# MID-CENTURY COLOR SCHEMES

Mid-century kitchens use a greater variety of colors, with white playing less of a dominate role here than other design styles.

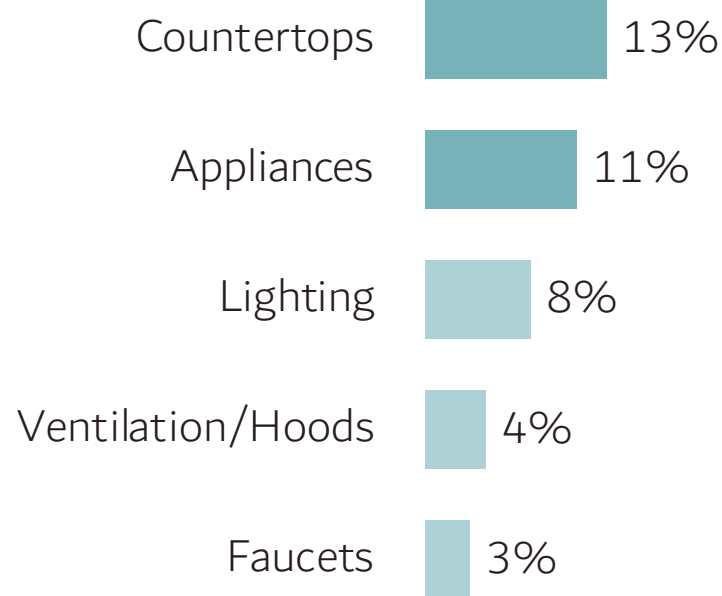


MID-CENTURY

# GREATEST VISUAL IMPACT

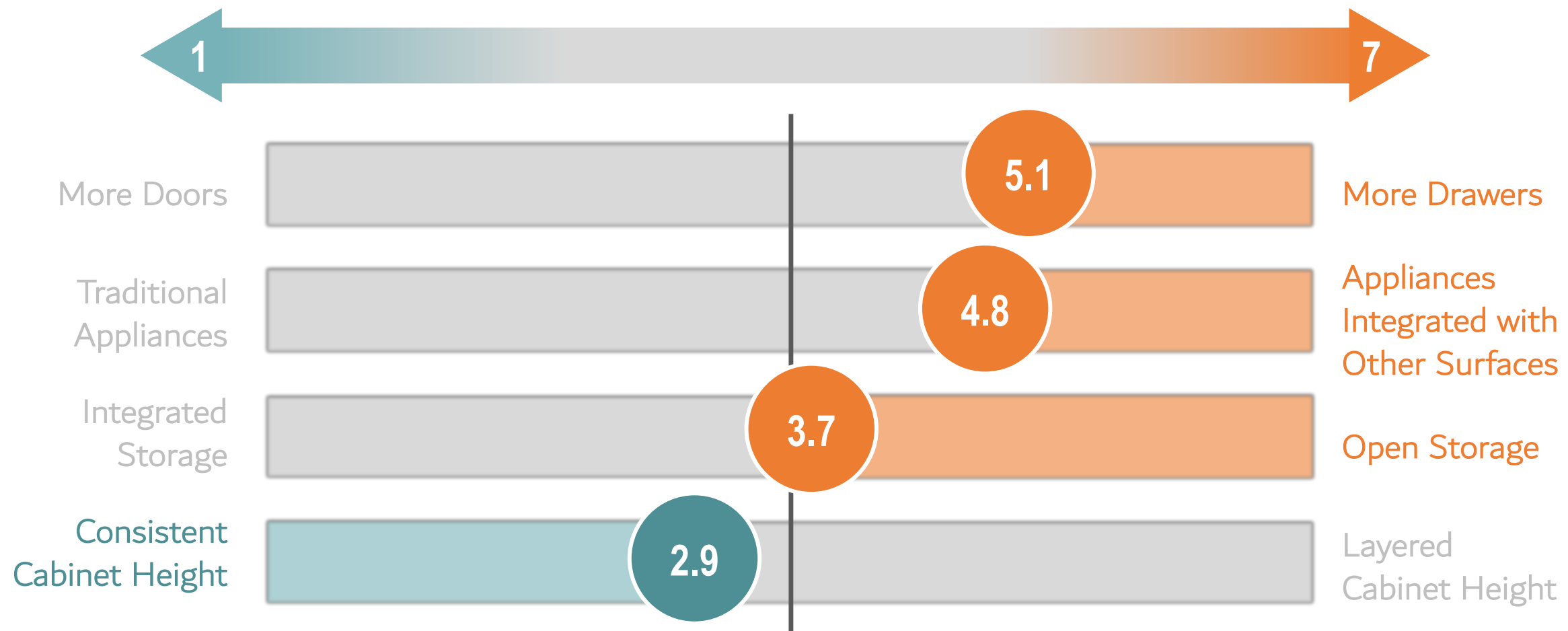
In a mid-century kitchen, cabinets play a dominate visual role, with countertops and appliances a distant second and third, respectively.

Cabinets  
61%





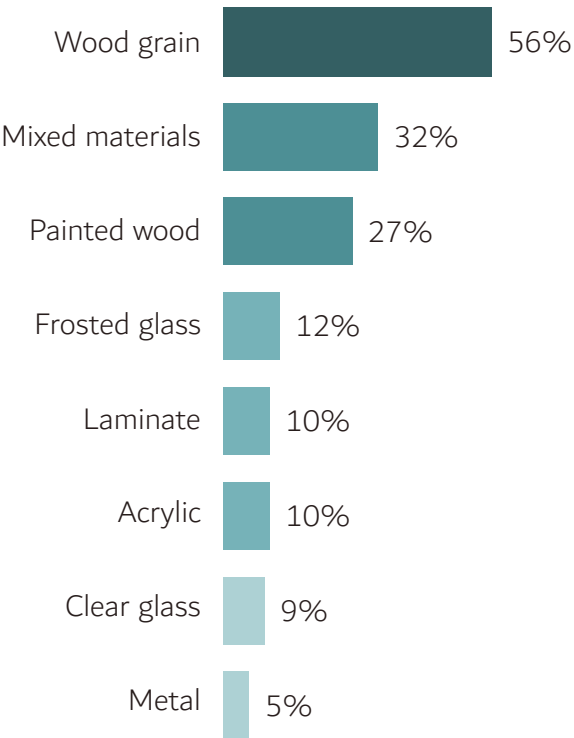
Mid-century cabinets include more drawers, integrated appliances and consistent cabinet heights.



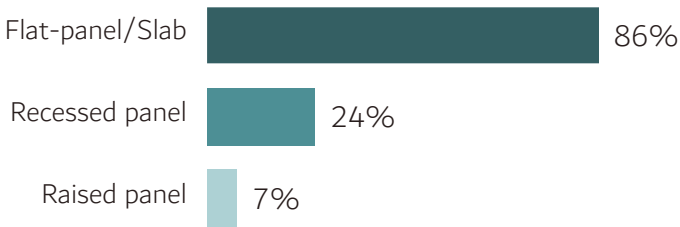


Mid-century cabinets can be wood grain, mixed materials, or painted.  
Doors are often flat-panel/slab in medium tones.

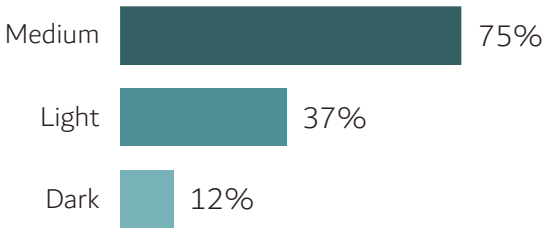
### CABINET FACING APPEARANCE



### DOOR STYLE



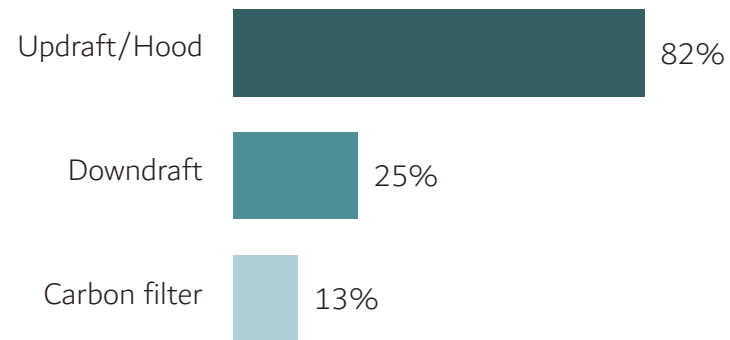
### TONE/COLOR



# MID-CENTURY VENTING/ HOODS

Mid-century ventilation is most often an updraft/hood.

## VENTING/HOODS

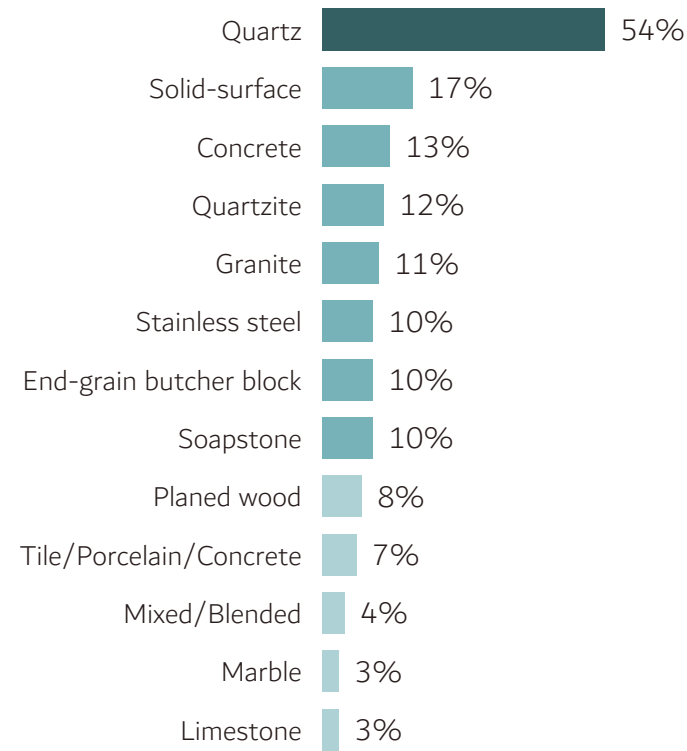




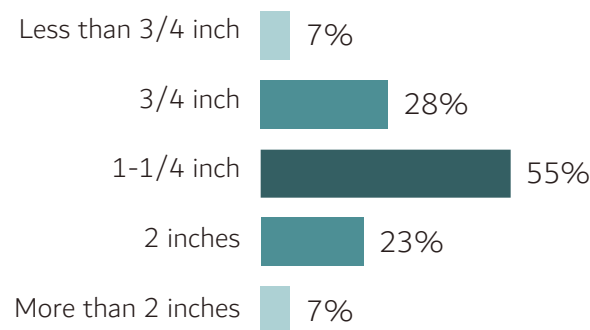
# MID-CENTURY COUNTERTOPS

Mid-century countertops are often light-colored quartz with traditional edges.

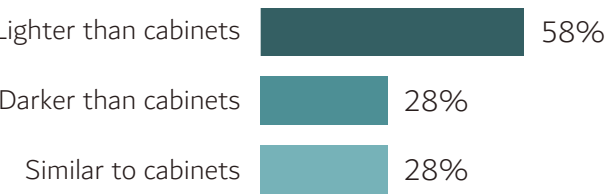
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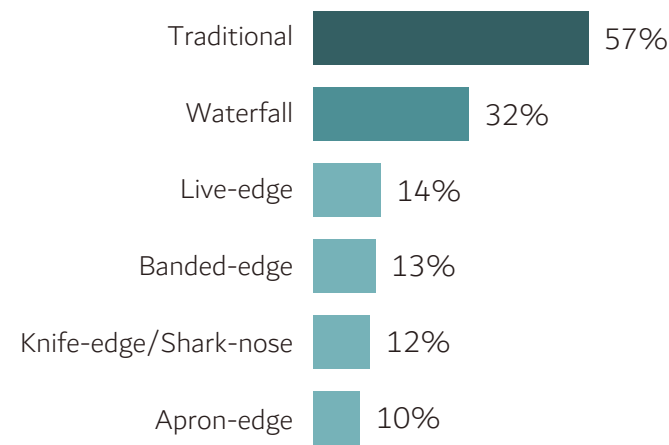
## THICKNESS



## COLOR



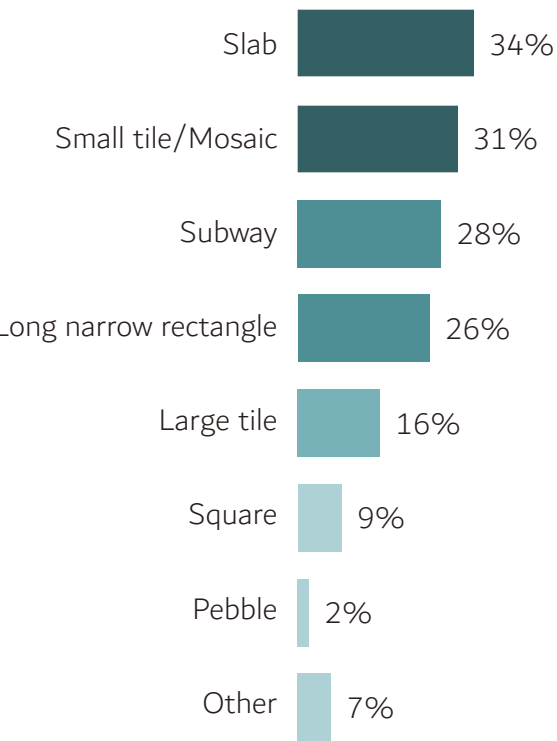
## EDGES



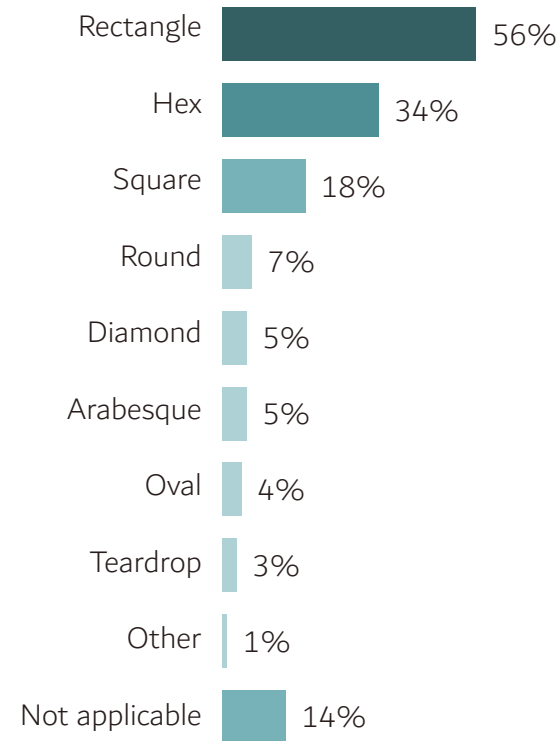


Mid-century backsplashes can vary, including slab, small tile, subway or long narrow rectangle.

### SIZE



### TILE SHAPE

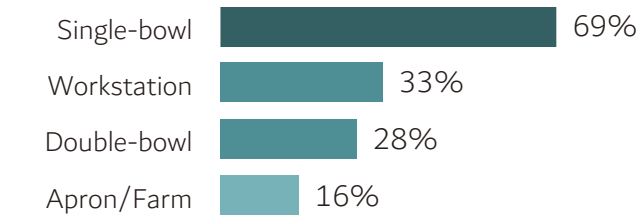




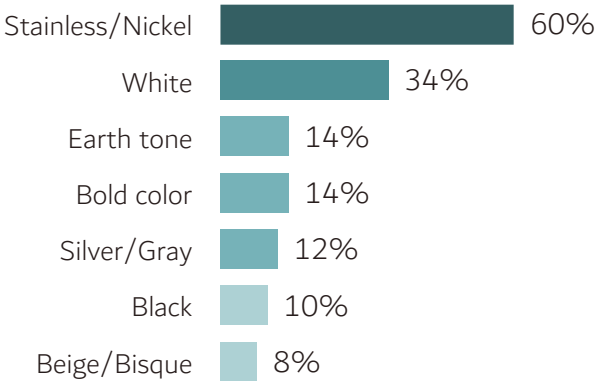
# MID-CENTURY SINKS

Mid-century sinks are usually stainless steel single-bowls.

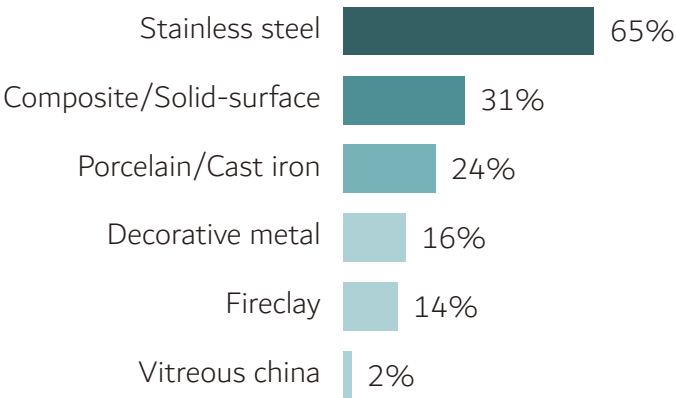
## CONFIGURATION/BOWLS



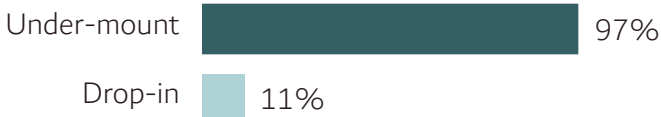
## COLOR



## MATERIAL

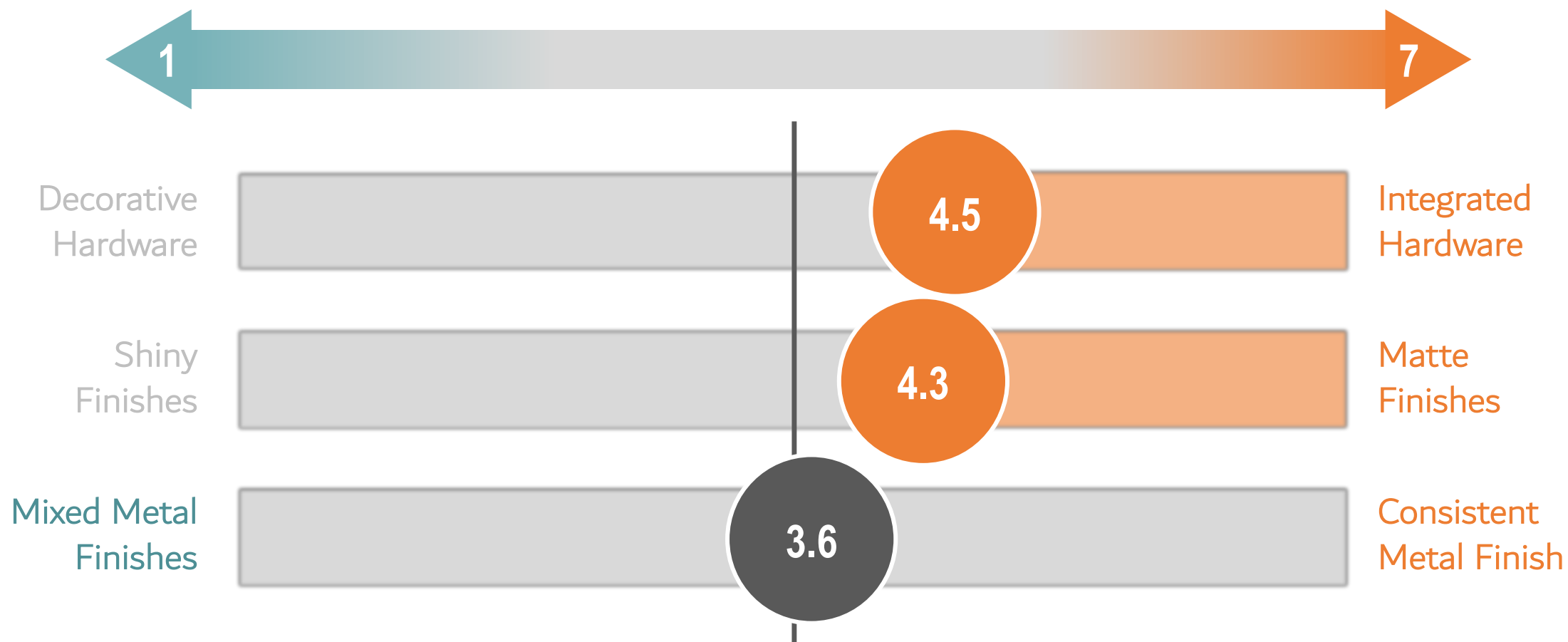


## INSTALLATION



# MID-CENTURY FINISHES & HARDWARE

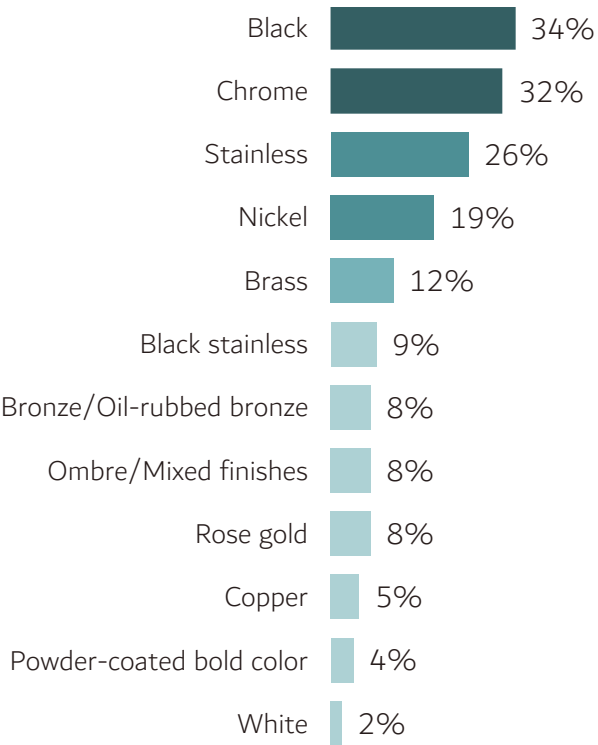
Mid-century kitchens often feature integrated hardware and matte finishes.



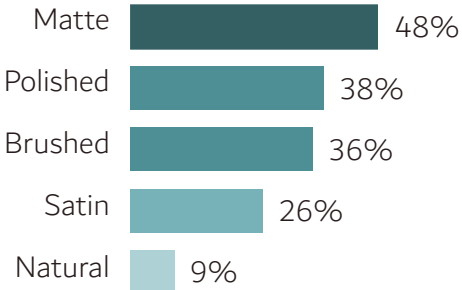


Faucets in mid-century kitchens vary for color, finish and features.

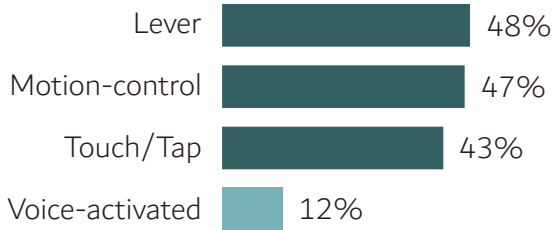
### COLOR



### FINISH



### FEATURES

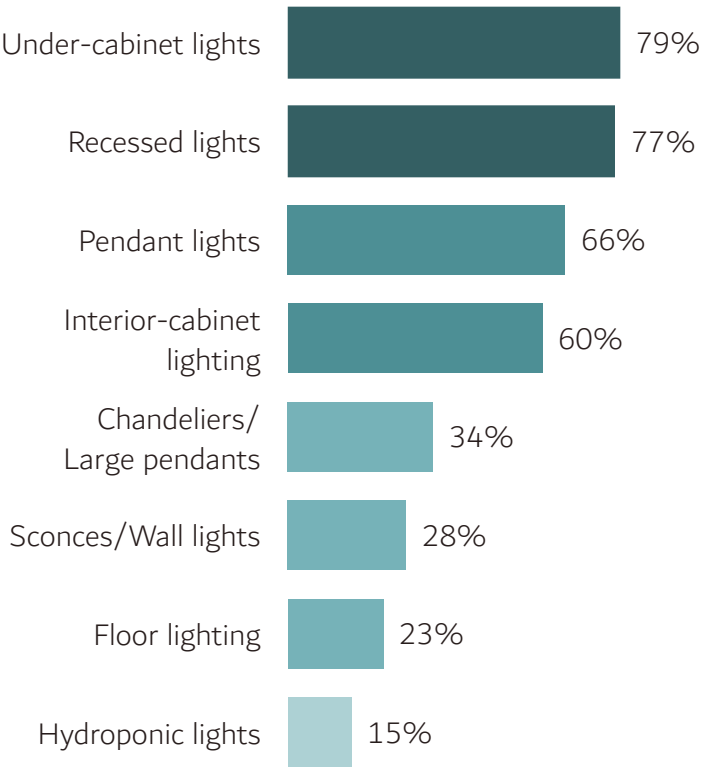




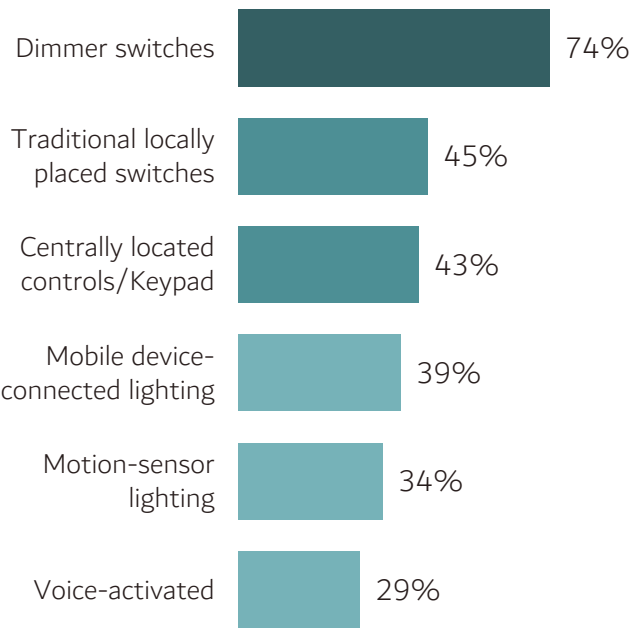
# MID-CENTURY LIGHTING

Multiple lighting sources include under-cabinet, recessed, pendant and interior-cabinet.

## TYPE/LOCATION



## CONTROLS



MID-CENTURY

# STATEMENT APPLIANCES

Cooking appliances occasionally make a statement, but often, none of the appliances take the spotlight in a mid-century kitchen.

Cooking  
appliances

42%



Refrigerators

18%

None 40%



# MID-CENTURY COOKING APPLIANCES

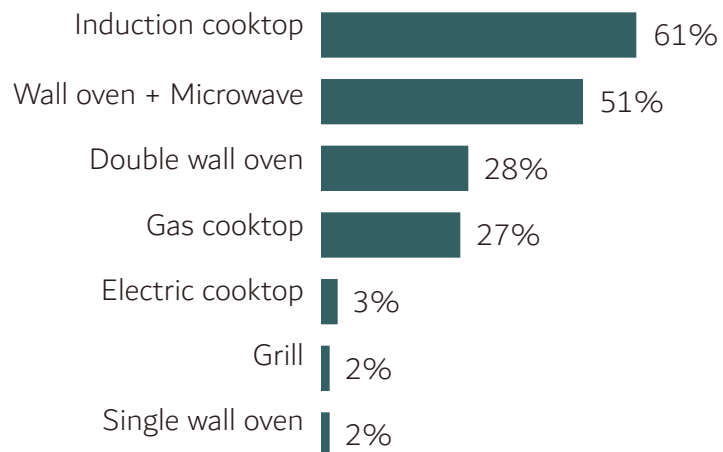
Mid-century kitchens typically have an induction cooktop and wall oven + microwave.

## CONFIGURATION

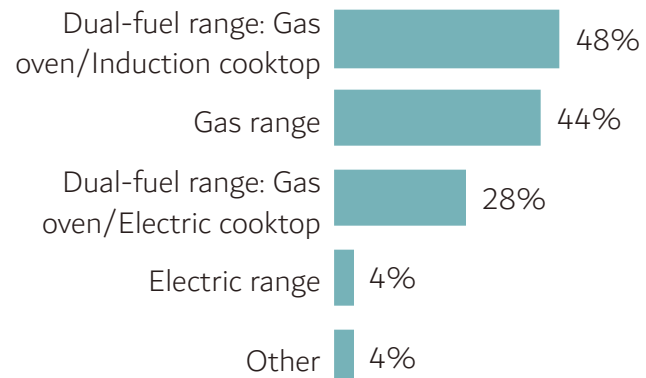
Separate oven/cooktop  
72%

Range  
27%

## WALL OVEN/COOKTOP



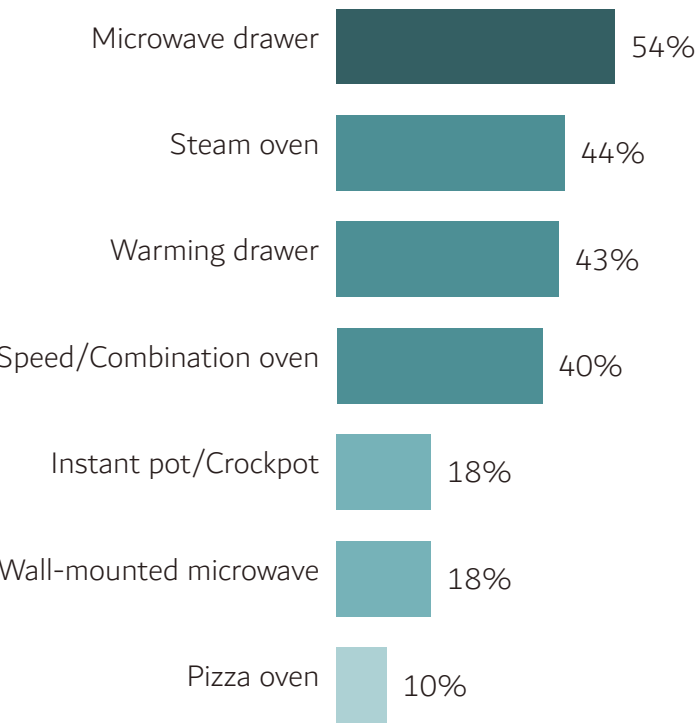
## RANGE



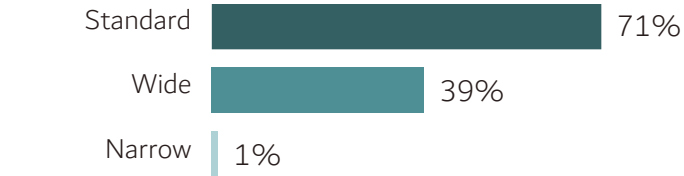


Other cooking appliances include microwave drawers, steam ovens, warming drawers and speed/combination ovens.

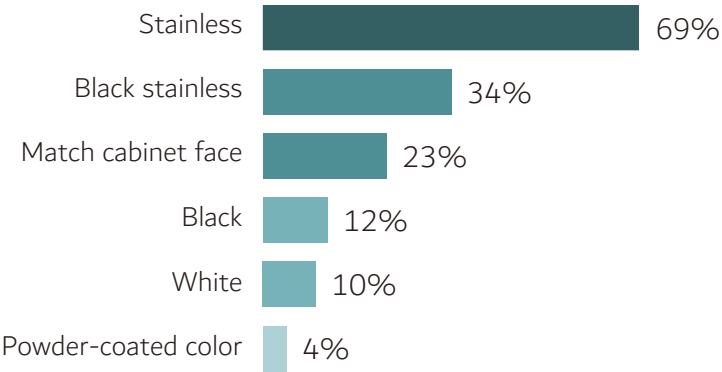
### OTHER COOKING



### OVEN SIZE



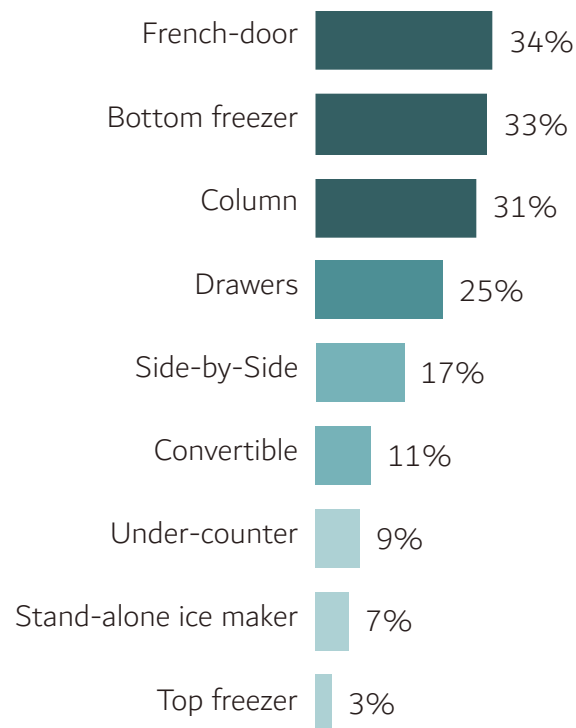
### OVEN FINISH



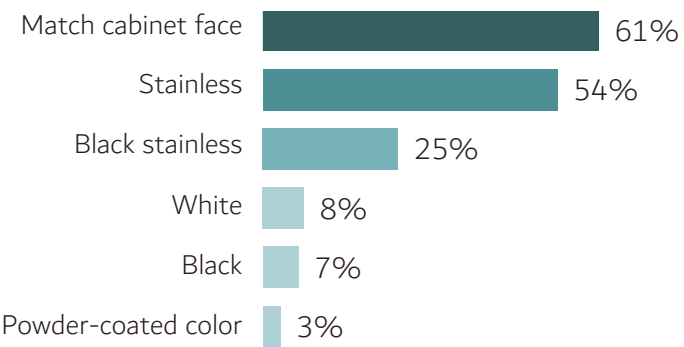


Mid-century refrigerators can be fully integrated French-door models, bottom freezers, column or drawers, often matching the cabinet face.

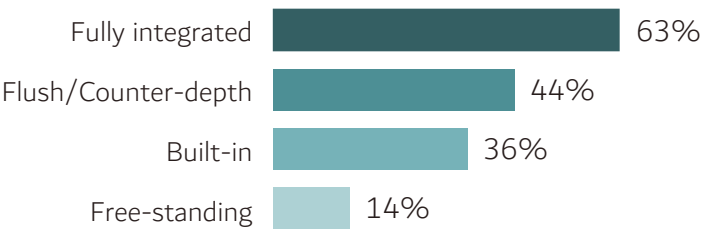
## TYPE



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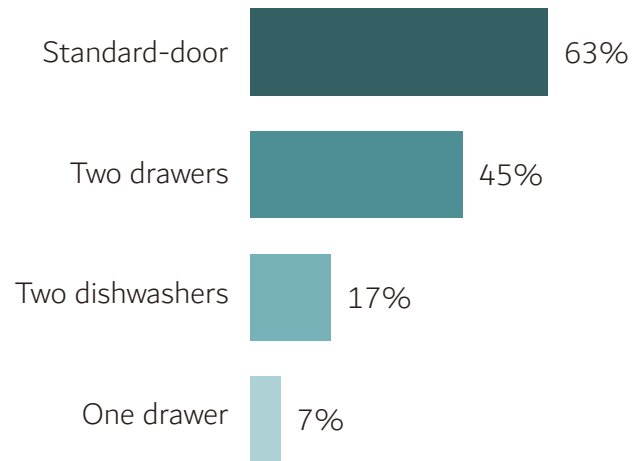
## INSTALLATION



# MID-CENTURY DISHWASHERS

Mid-century dishwashers often are standard-door or two-drawer styles.

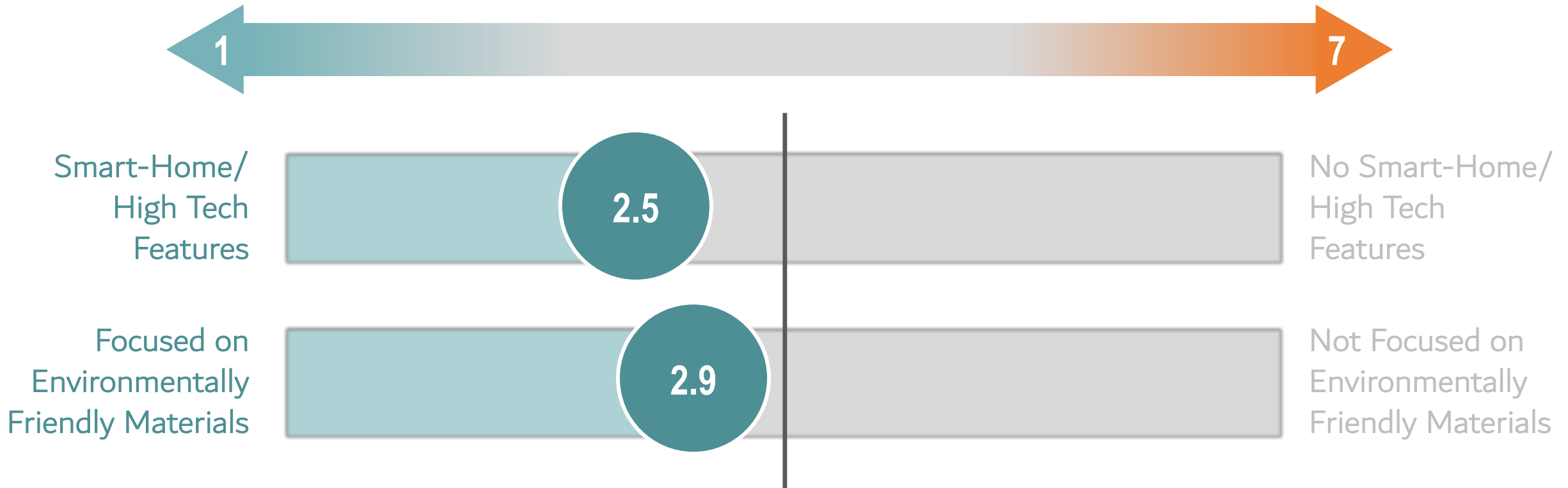
## DISHWASHER TYPE



MID-CENTURY

# SMART HOME & ECO-FRIENDLY

Mid-century kitchens can include smart-home features and environmentally friendly materials.



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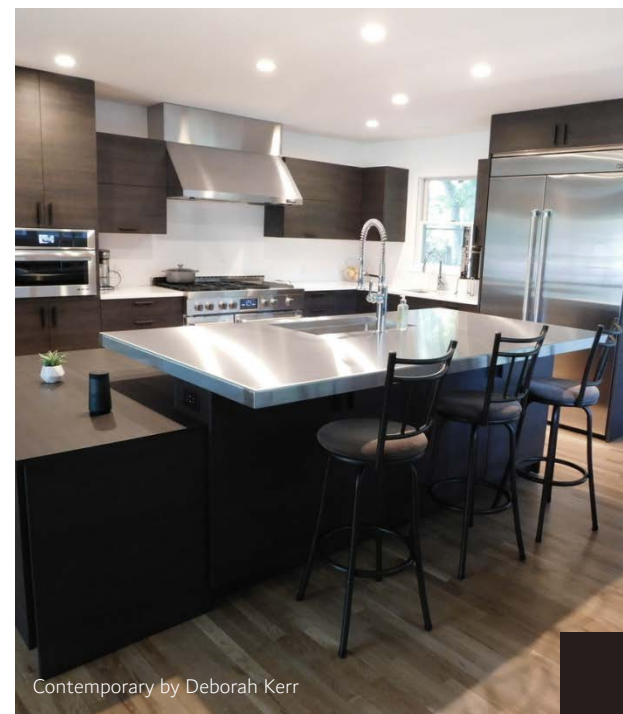
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