

# Ipsos iris Home & Garden

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# Key Objectives

## 1 PLANNING

Understand the seasonality of the Home and Garden category and how this can inform content, marketing and sales planning

## 2 PROFILING

Understand the audience for the Home and Garden category -- for both retailers and content creators

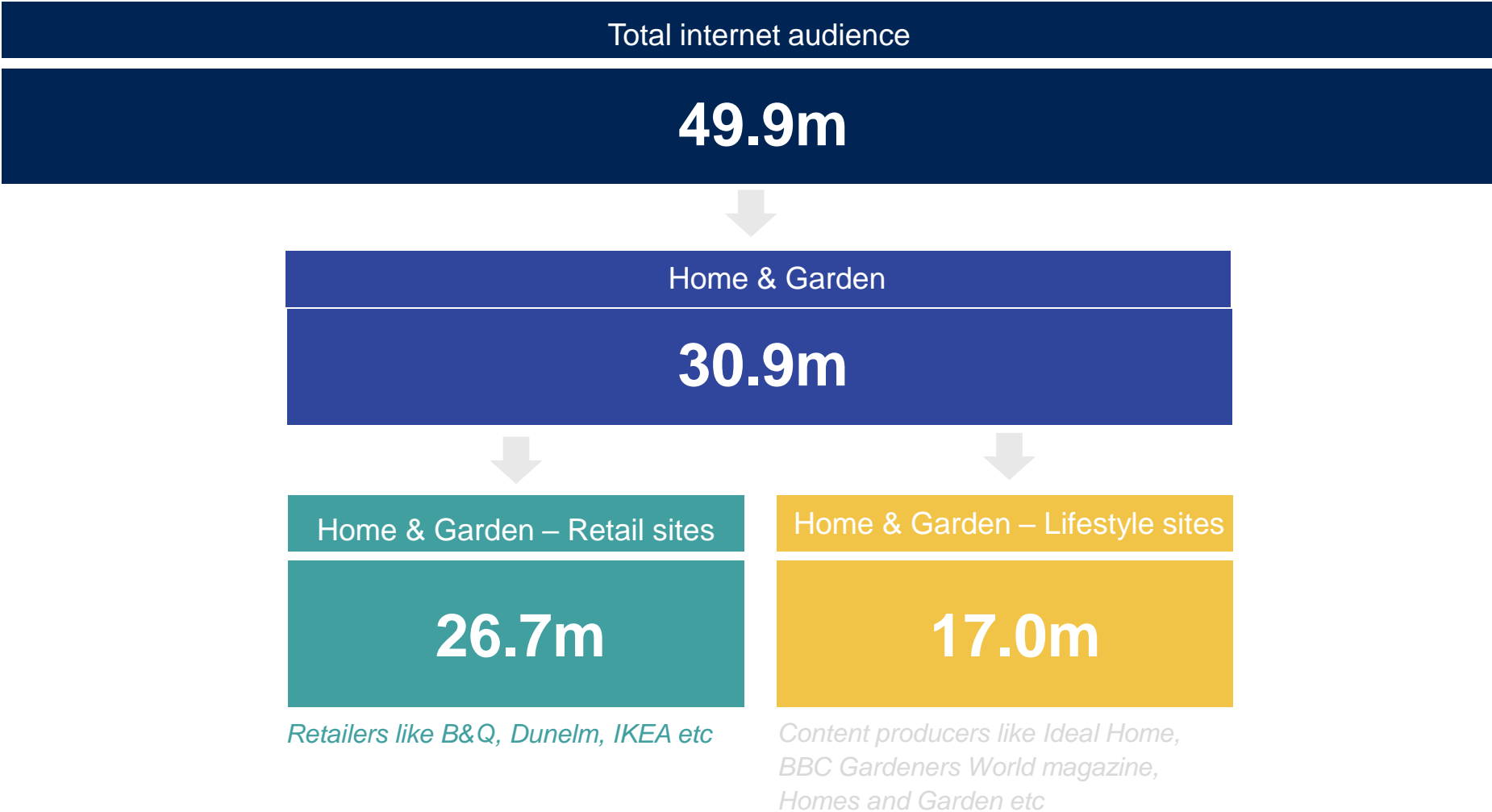
## 3 PARTNERSHIPS

Understand how you can reach these shoppers – online and offline – and how to demonstrate the value of partnerships

## 4 PURCHASING

Understand how Home and Garden content provides the perfect means of reaching an audience of engaged, intentional Home and Garden shoppers

# Homes & Garden sites reach 31 million visitors a month



# Home & Garden: Retail

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Understand the audience for Home and Garden retailers

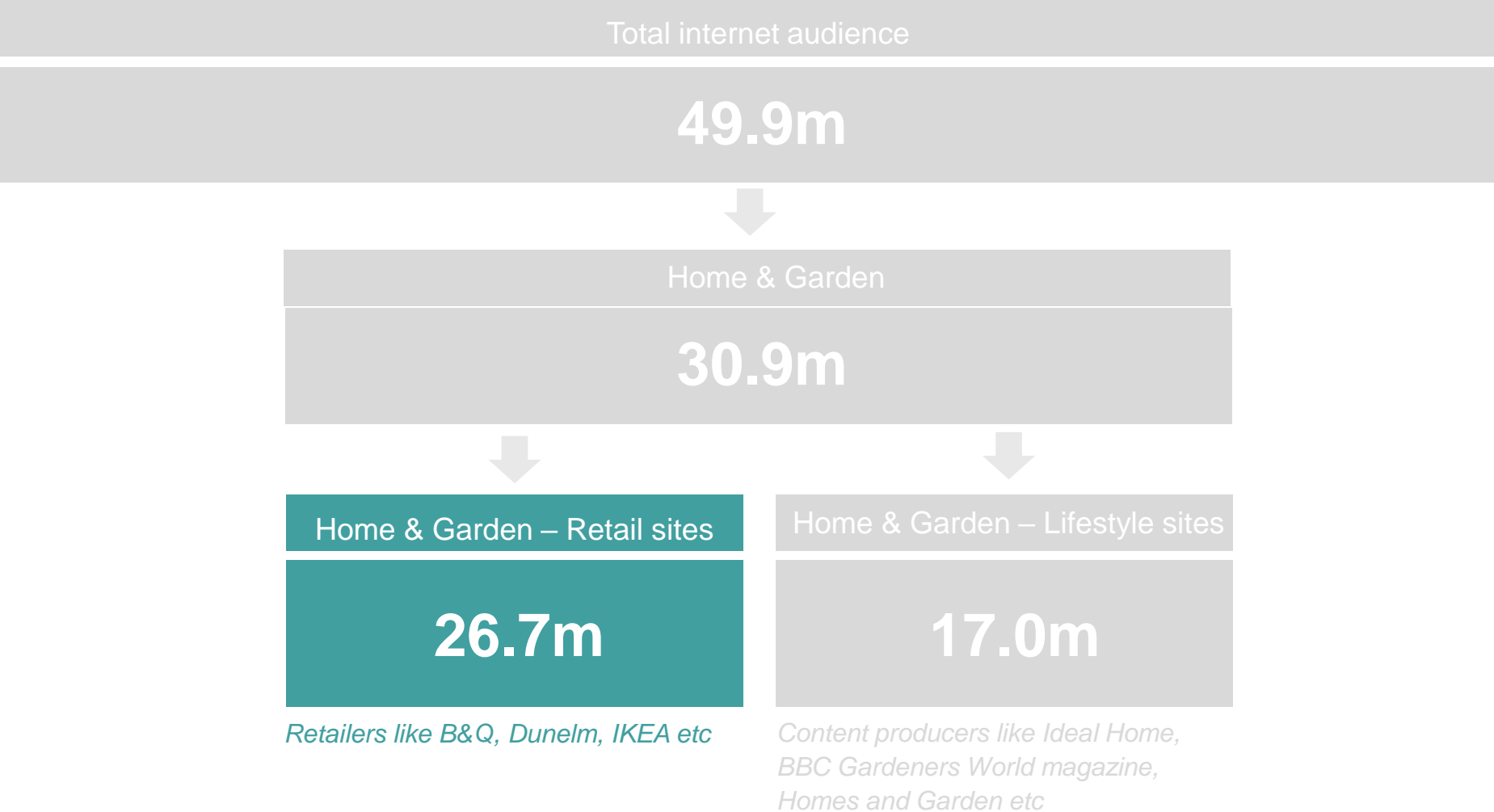
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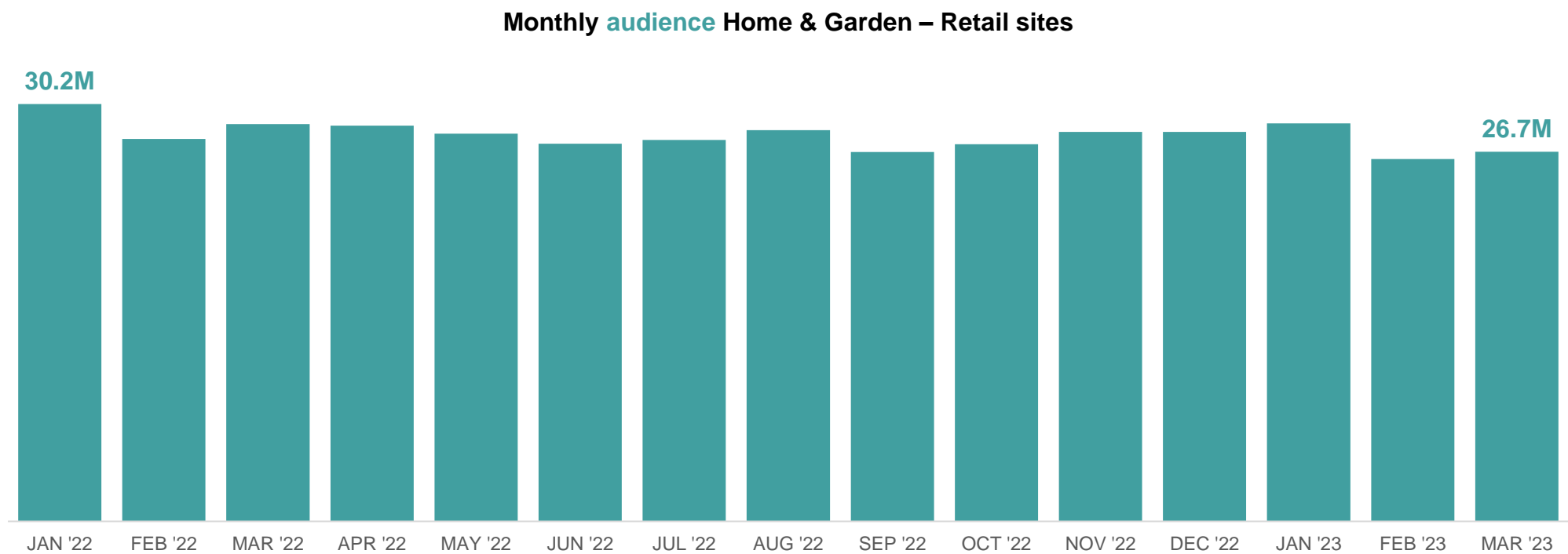
## 4 COMPETITION

Understand the Home and Garden market: who are the biggest retailers, who has the biggest exclusive audience and the differences between brands

# Homes & Garden **retail** sites reach over 26 million visitors a month

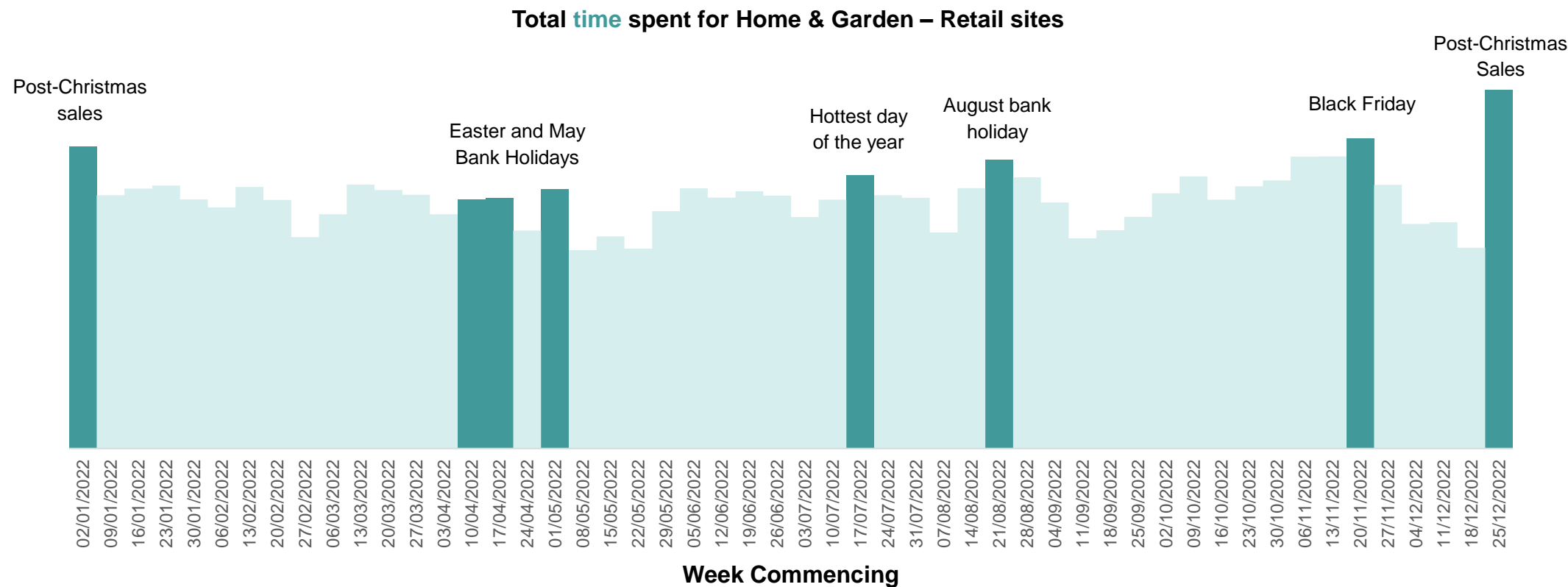


# The audience for Home & Garden retail sites peaked in January 2022



# Sales and bank holidays drive spikes in engagement throughout the year

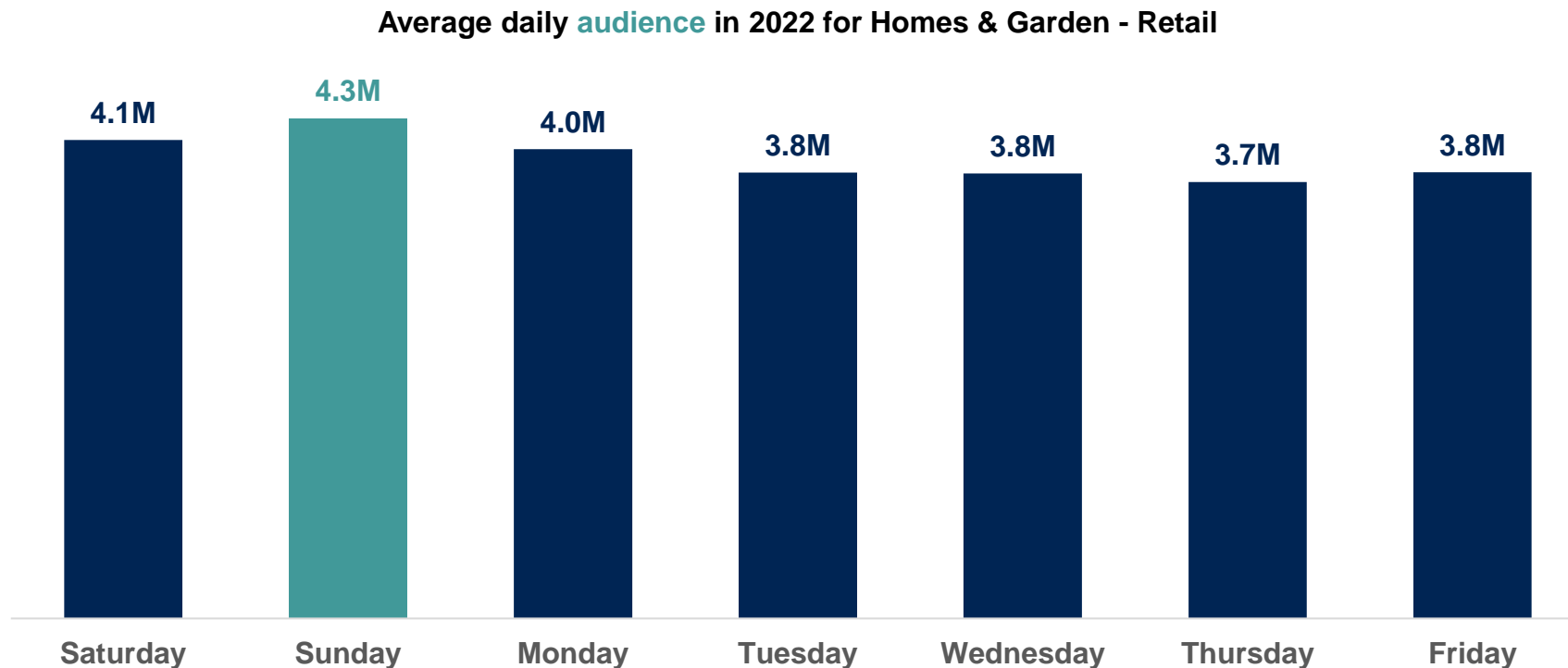
Marketing plans can be optimised around key periods like the Spring and Summer bank holidays, and pre and post-Christmas sales, to capitalise on increased interest and activity in the category.





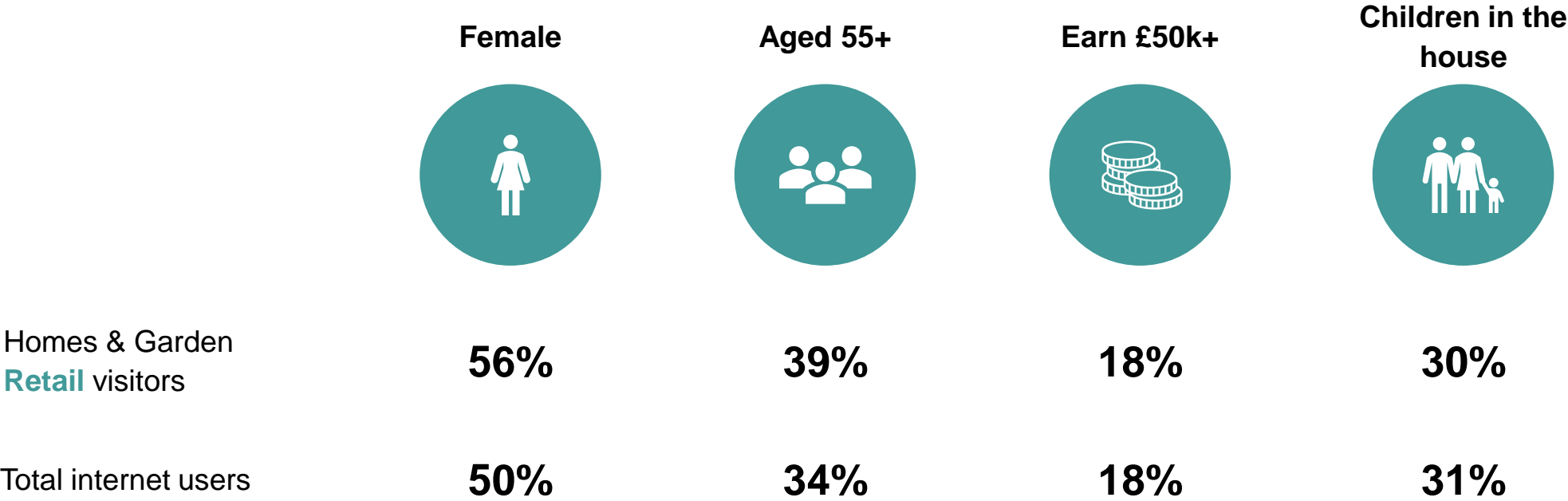
# The most common day for visiting Home & Garden retail sites is Sunday

Social and CRM strategy can be built around key days for retailers, to optimise comms planning. How does this fit with your in-store activity?



# Home & Garden shoppers skew older and female, but have average income

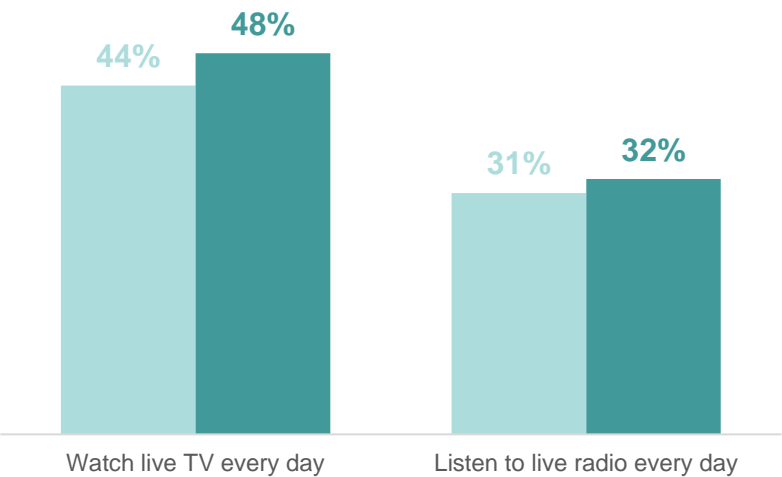
Is your marketing built to capture this audience? Is your brand similar or is your audience different? How can you drive differentiation?



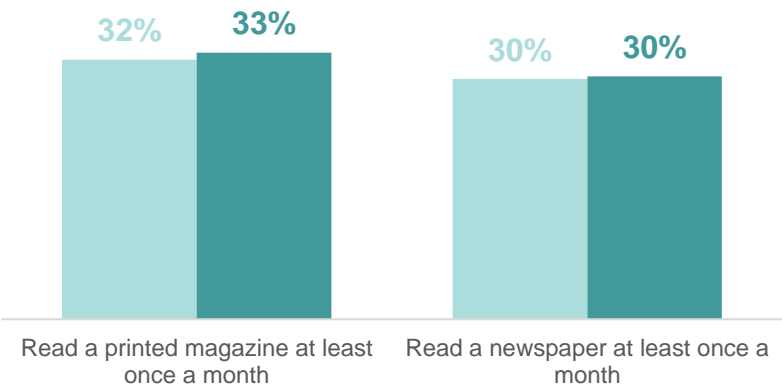
# Offline, they are heavier viewers of TV and heavier readers of magazines

Home & Garden retail visitors are bigger consumers of all media, but there is a particularly strong case for including TV on your media plan.

Proportion of people consuming daily



Proportion of people consuming monthly



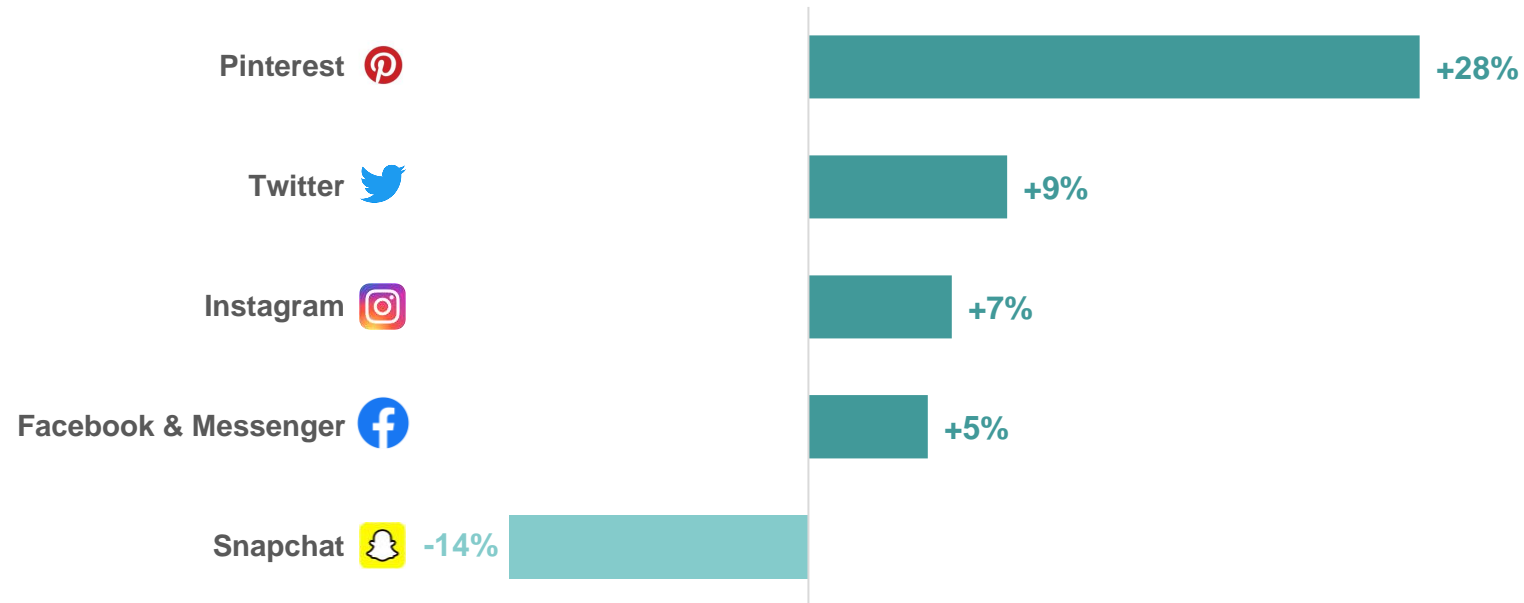
Home and Gardens – Retail visitors

Total internet audience

# Online, they are more likely to visit most social media, and have a particular affinity for Pinterest

There is a close affinity between Pinterest and the home and garden retailers: is it the same for your brand? Which platform is the best fit?

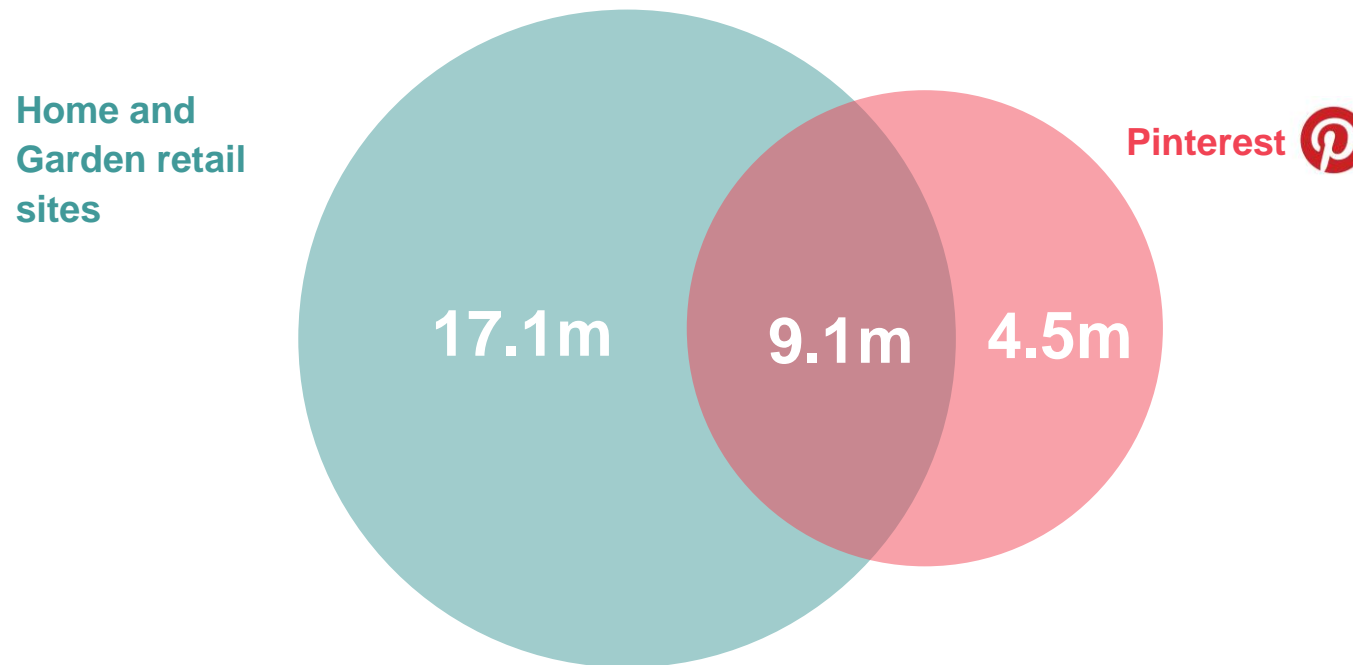
Likelihood of Home & Garden visitors to visit social media sites vs average internet user



# Home & Garden retail sites and Pinterest have a shared audience of almost nine million

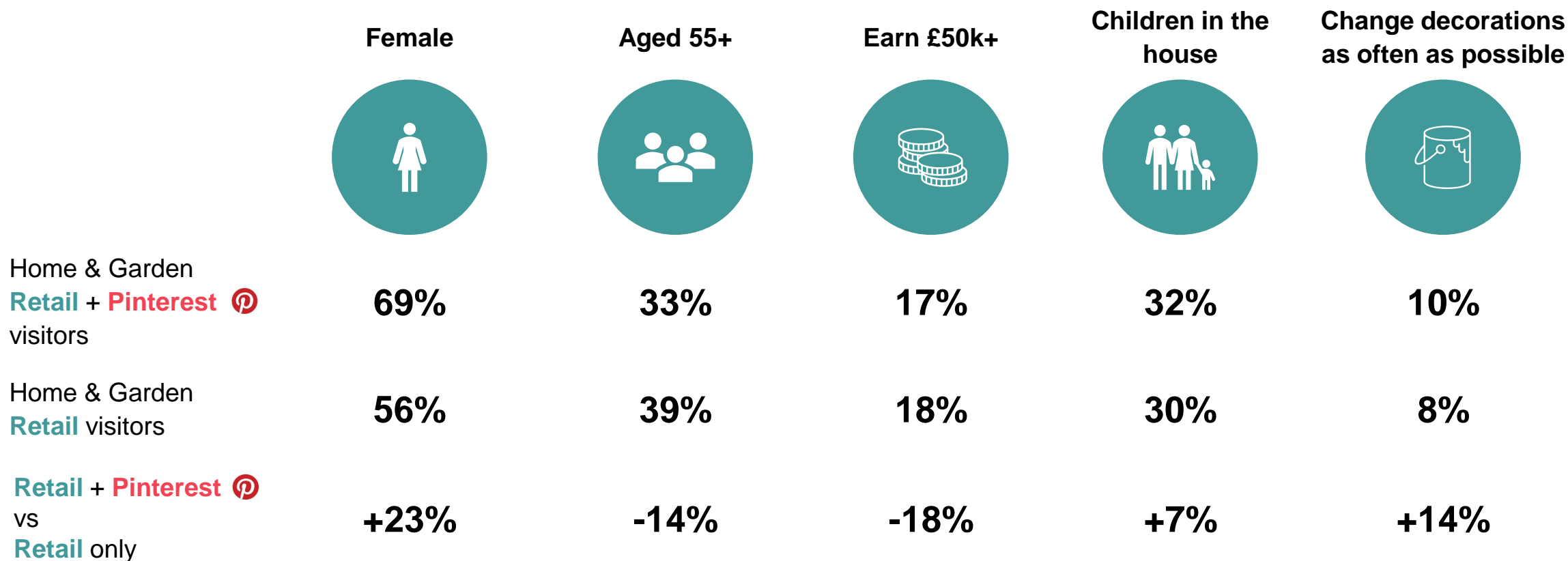
There is potential for a mutually beneficial partnership that delivers both engagement for Pinterest and conversions for retailers.

Cross audience for Home & Garden retailers and Pinterest



# This shared audience is significantly more likely to be younger, female and say they decorate regularly

This shared audience has the potential for more specific targeting: both in terms of demographics and interest in the category.



# B&Q is the most visited retailer in the Home & Garden category...

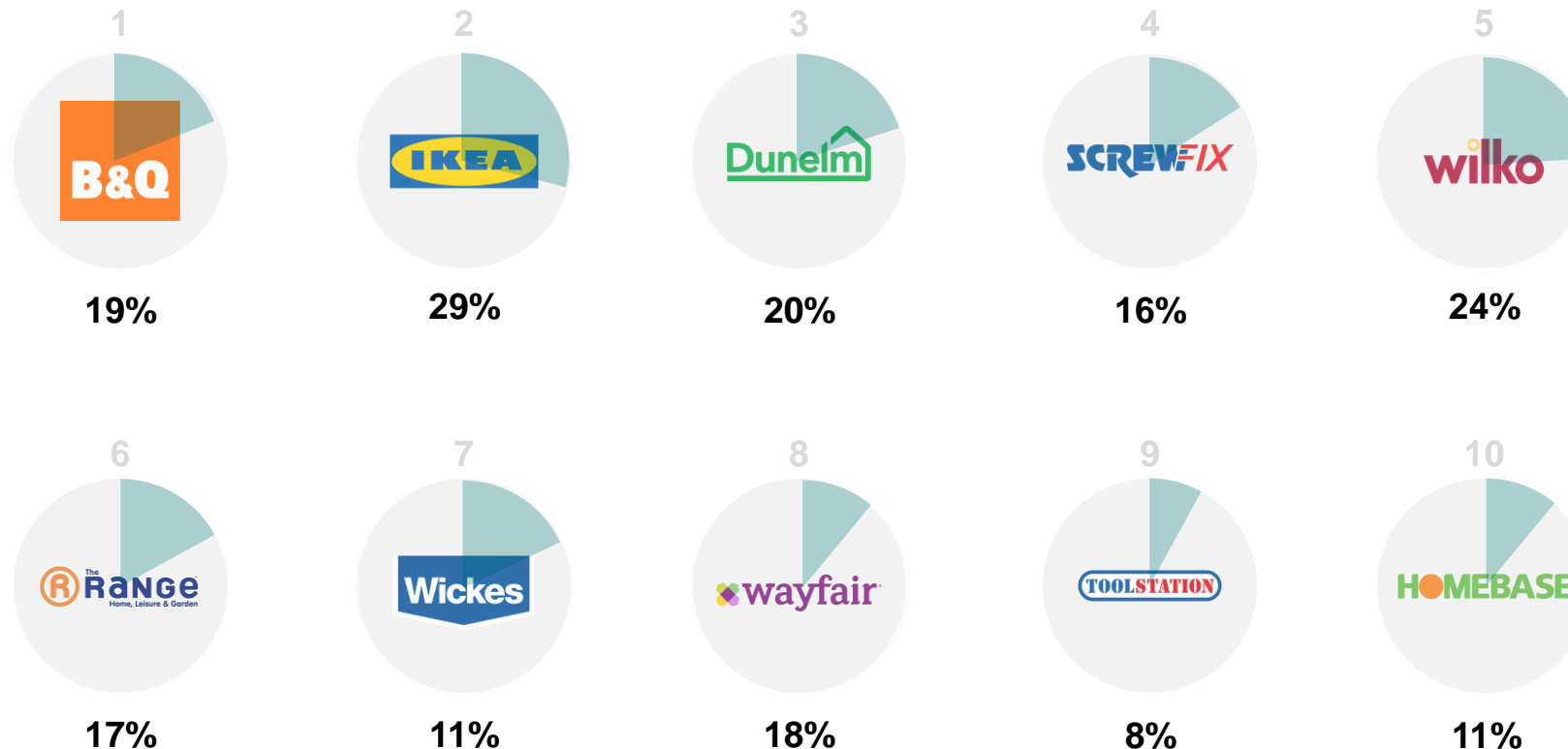
In terms of audience, IKEA is the closest competitor to B&Q: where does your brand sit in the market? Who are your closest competitors?



Top 10 Home & Garden retailers

# ...But IKEA has the largest share of exclusive visitors

IKEA has the most loyal customer base. B&Q, Homebase and Wickes all have broadly similar brands, but B&Q has done significantly better at cultivating an exclusive audience – what is B&Q doing that the others aren't?

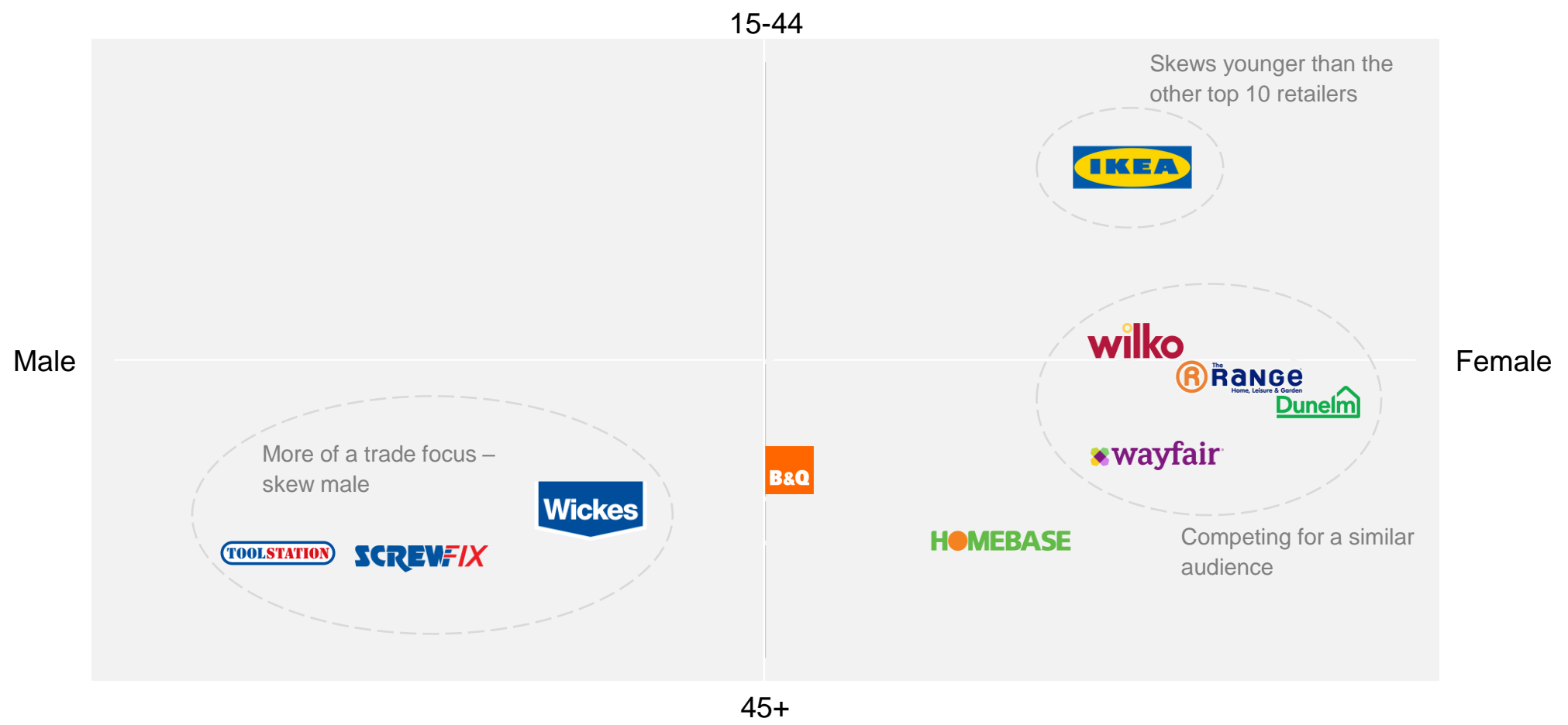


Percentage of visitors that only visit this brand out of the top 10 Home & Garden retailers



# Most brands skew older and female, except those with a more trade focus

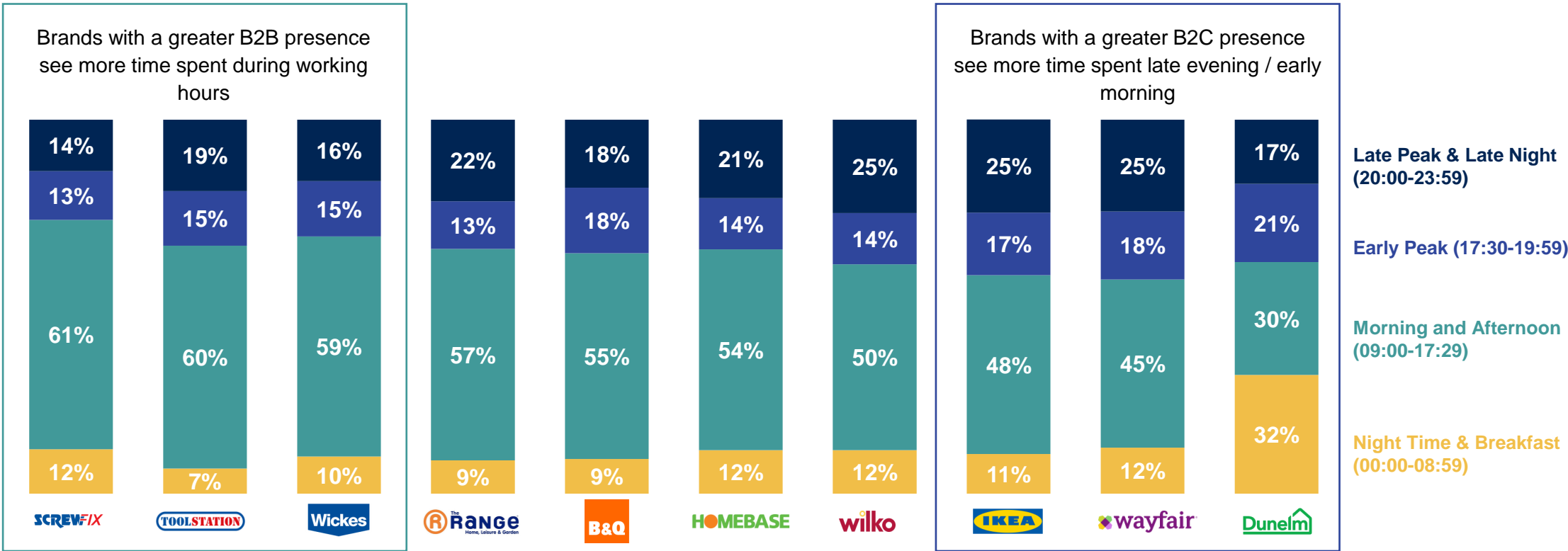
Wilko, The Range, Dunelm and Wayfair are competing for similar audiences and will need to differentiate to gain market share.



# Brands that sell to trade are more likely to be visited during working hours

Engagement will be harder to drive in the evening for Screwfix, Toolstation and Wickes. Social activity can either be built around these patterns or used to try and shift engagement.

Minutes share by day part for the top ten Home & Garden retail brands



# Key takeaways - Retail

## PLANNING: BANK HOLIDAYS ARE KEY

Home & Garden retailers see some the highest engagement around key sales periods – Black Friday, Boxing Day Sales – as well as around Bank Holidays. **How do you optimise your media and content plans to ensure you're maximising audience and engagement?**

## PROFILING: OLDER AND FEMALE

Retailers skew towards an older female audience. We know they are heavier TV viewers and magazine readers, **but how else can you build reach among this audience?**

## PARTNERSHIPS: PINTEREST OF INTEREST

The audience for Home & Garden retailers has a high affinity with Pinterest: their cross audience is female, younger and into decorating. **Which social media platform best fits your brand? How can you use these synergies to create a more valuable audience?**

## PLANNING: DAYTIME VS EVENING

Shopping varies by daypart across brands: a more business focus drives business-hours visitation. **How can you ensure your contact strategy is optimised around your customers – and your competitors?**

# Home & Garden: Lifestyle

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Understand the seasonality of Home & Garden content and the opportunities with retail

## 2 PROFILING

Understand the audience for Home & Garden content and how it compares to retail

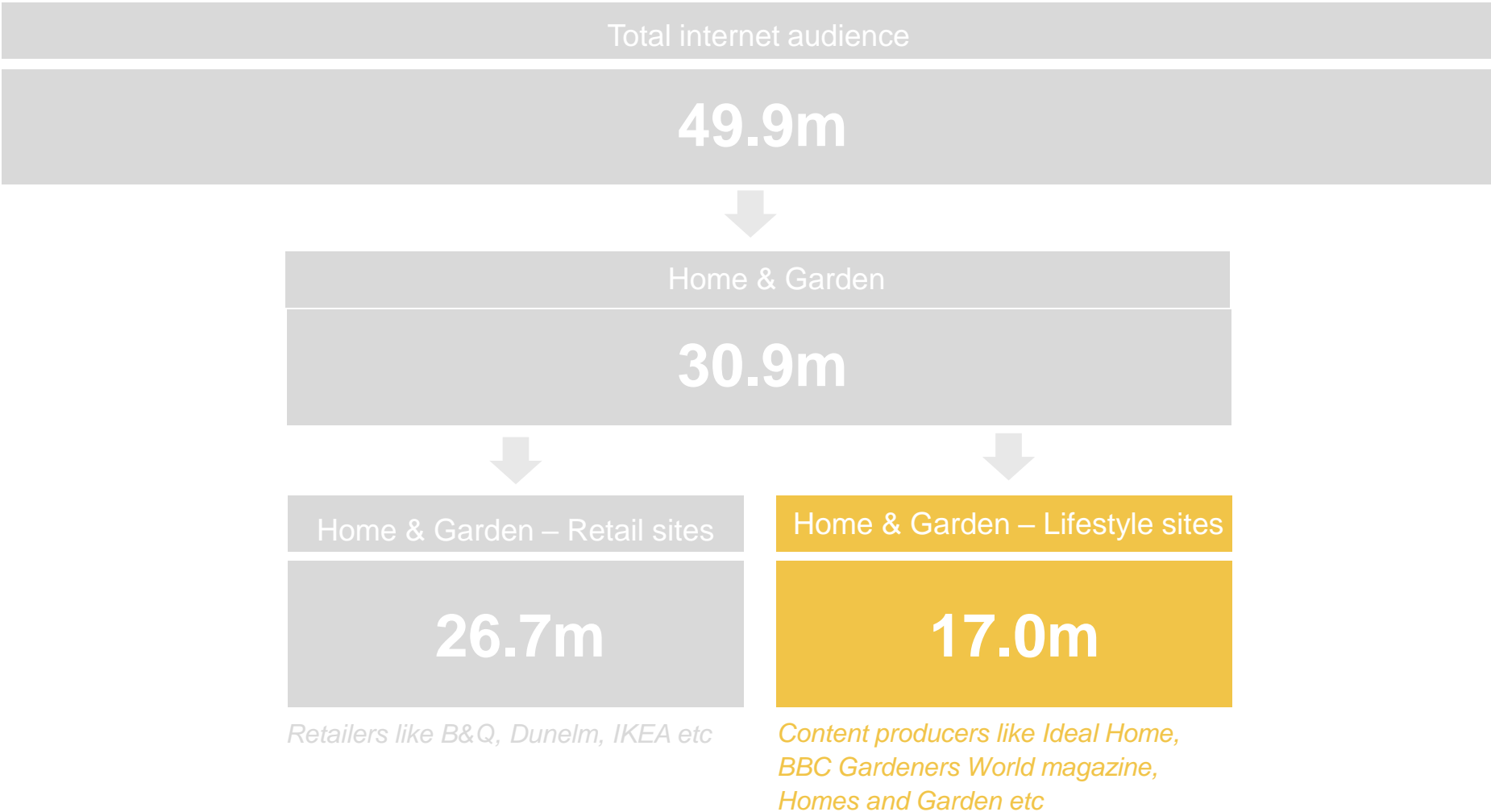
## 3 PURCHASING

Understand the how Home & Garden content visitors are an intentional audience and are more likely to visit Home & Garden retail sites

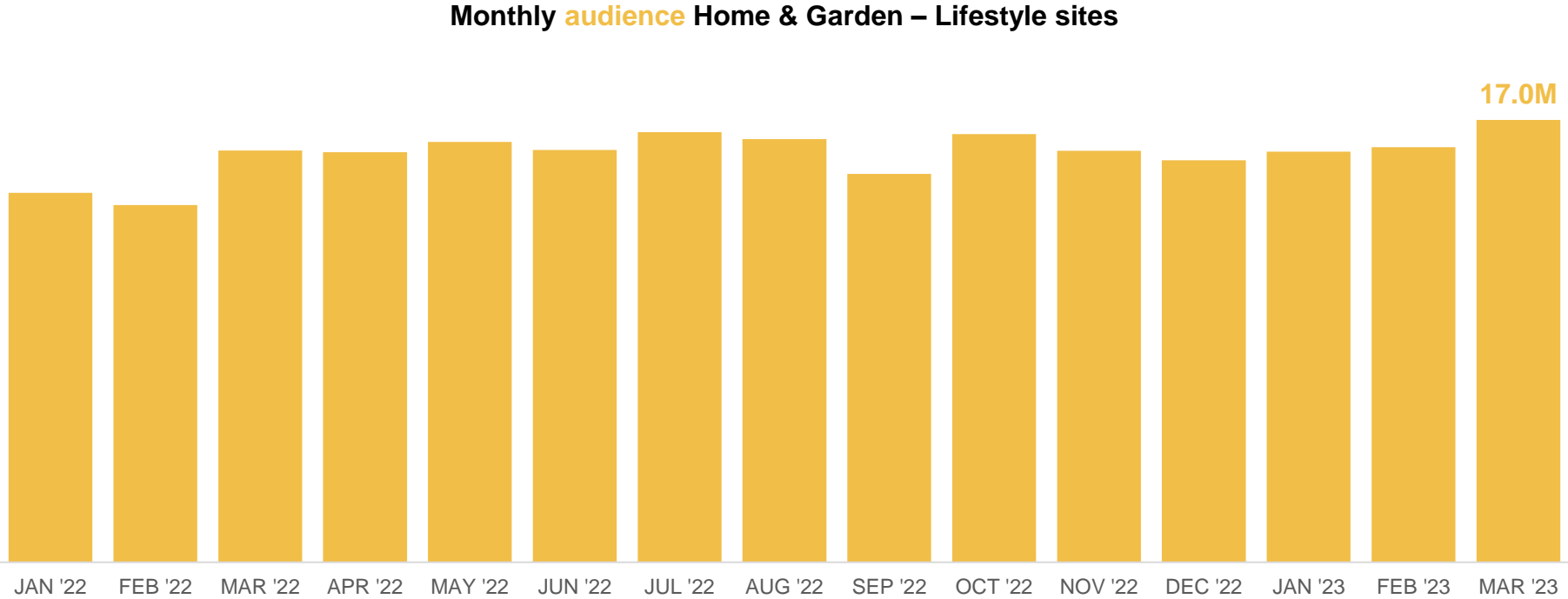
## 4 MARKET

Understand differences in audience and engagement across Home & Garden content sites

# Home & Garden lifestyle sites reach 17m visitors a month

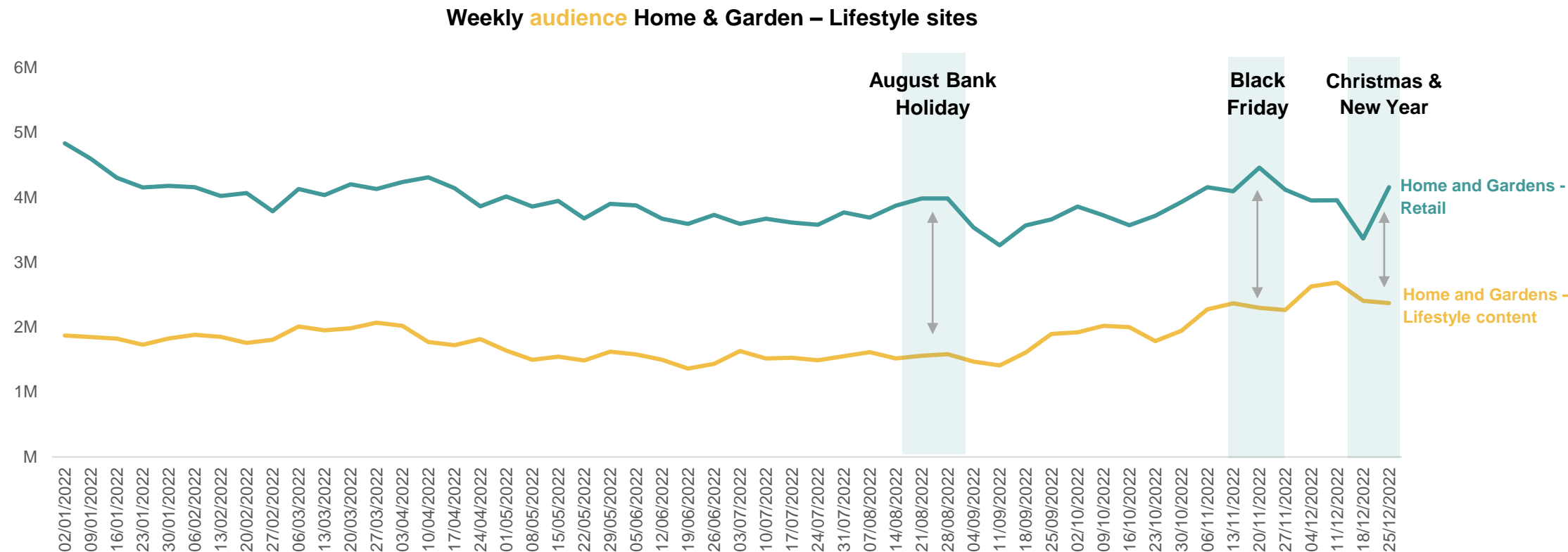


# The audience for Home & Garden lifestyle sites peaked in March 2023



# Peaks in retail activity are not always matched by interest in content

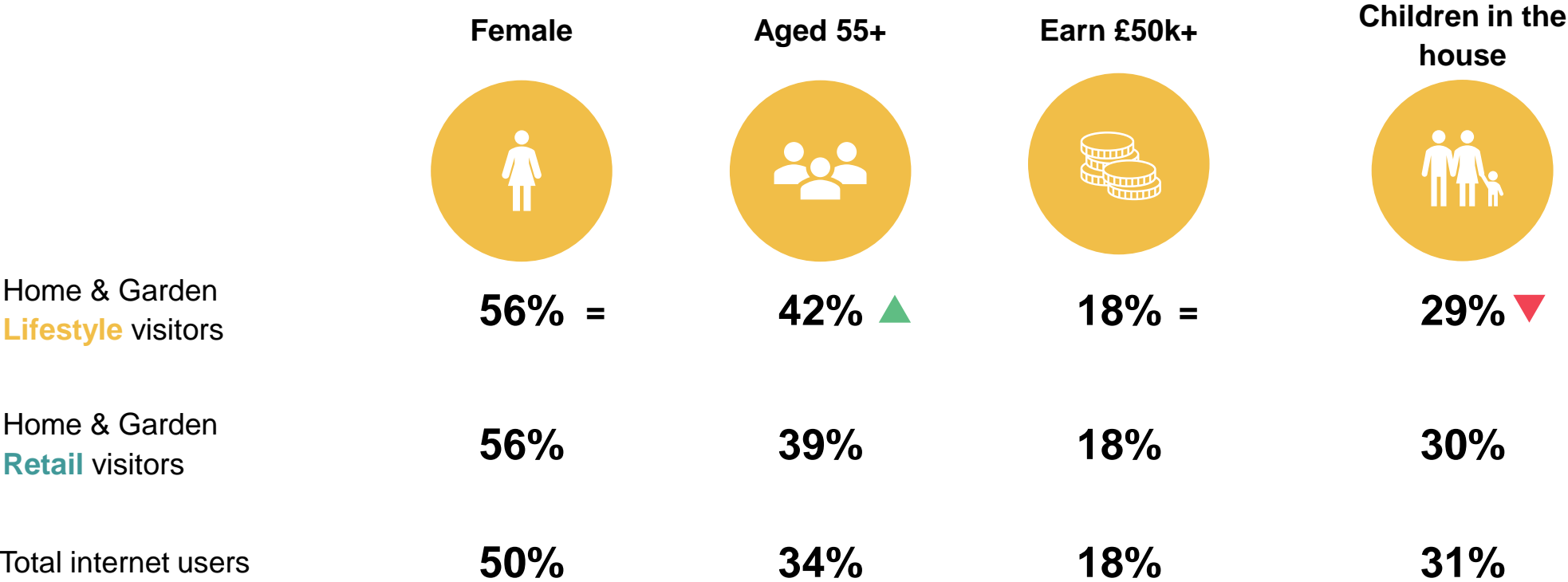
There is opportunity in August and November/December to unlock interest in the Home & Gardens category and make content work harder.





# Home & Garden lifestyle visitors are older and less likely to have children in the household

Messaging and content can be tailored to this older audience to maximise effectiveness.



# Home & Garden content visitors are significantly more likely to visit Home & Garden retail sites – particularly the top ten retailers

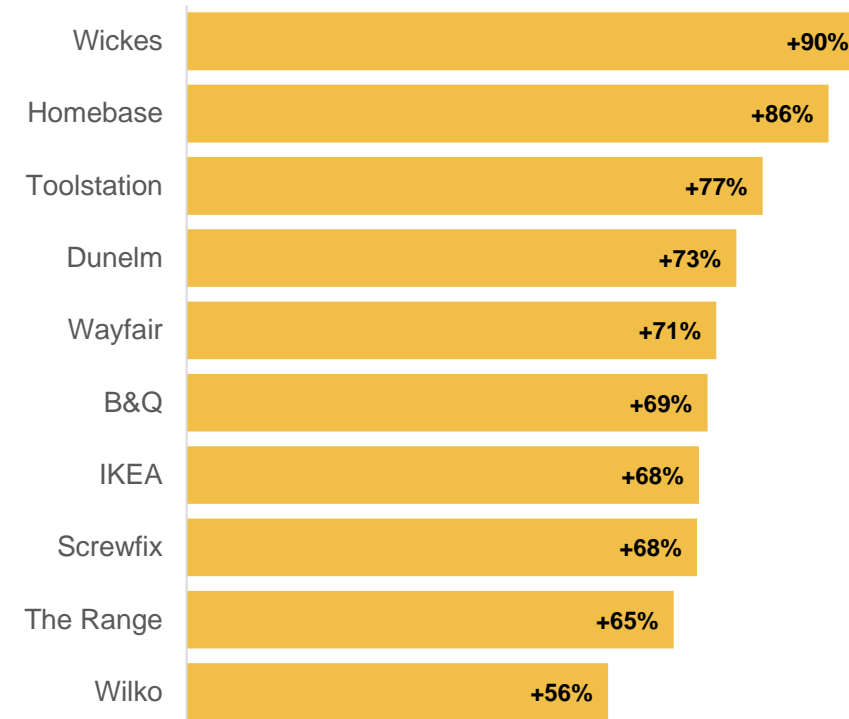
Home & Garden content provides a community of intentional visitors: they go on to shop with the biggest names in the category.

Home & Garden content visitors are

**+42%**

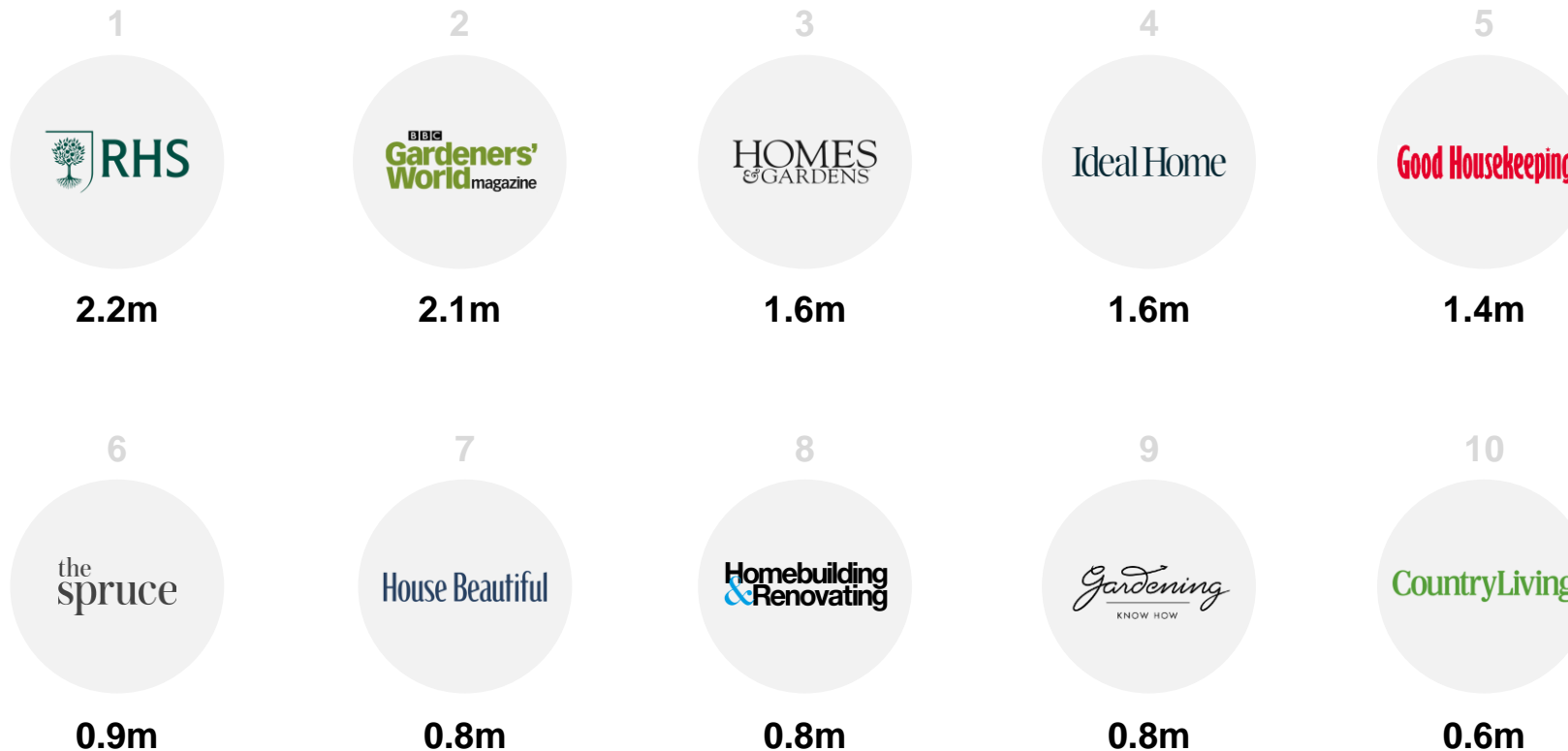
More likely to visit Home &  
Garden retail sites

Home & Garden content visitors vs average internet user



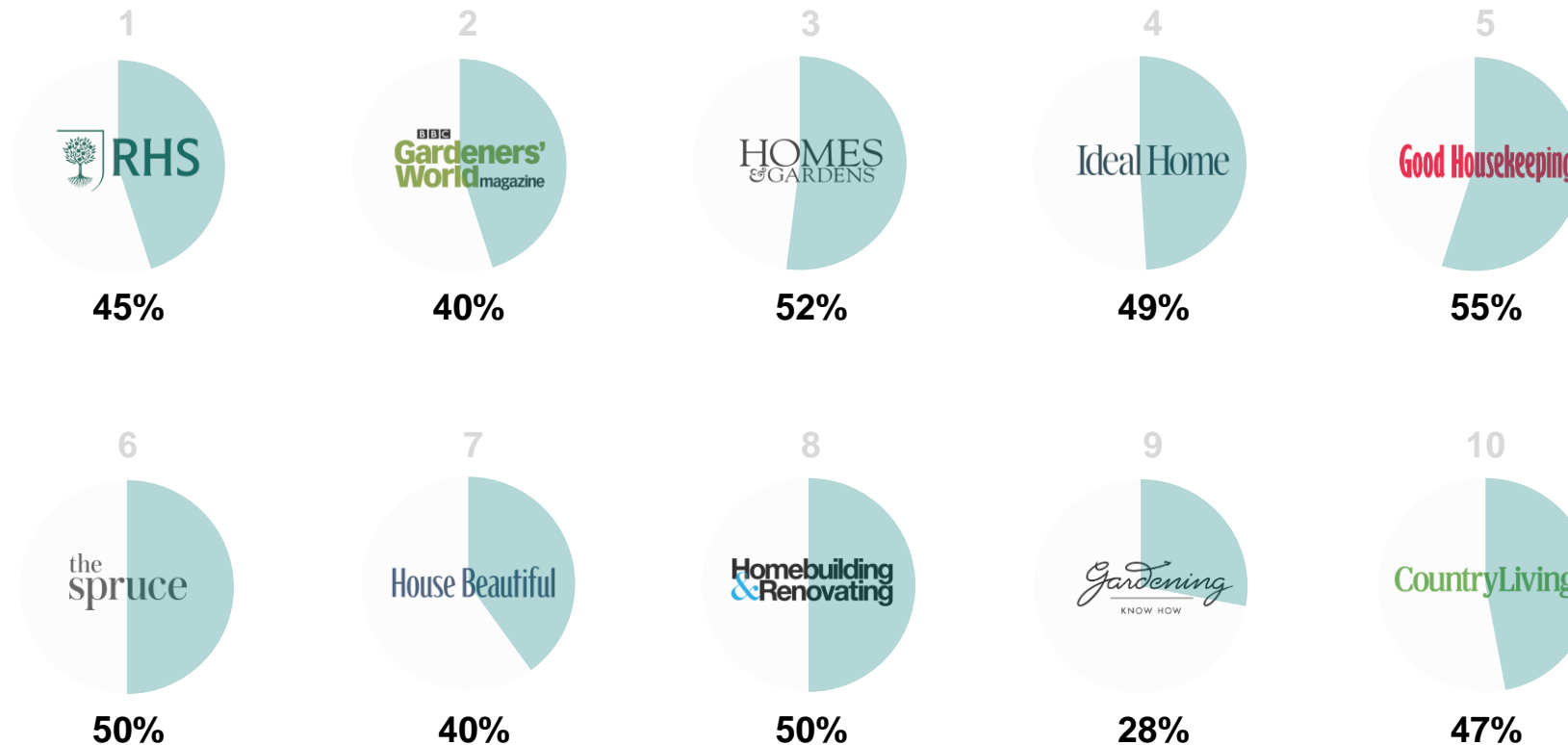
# RHS is the lifestyle brand with the most visitors in the Home & Garden category

Top 10 Home & Garden lifestyle brands



# Good Housekeeping has the highest share of exclusive visitors

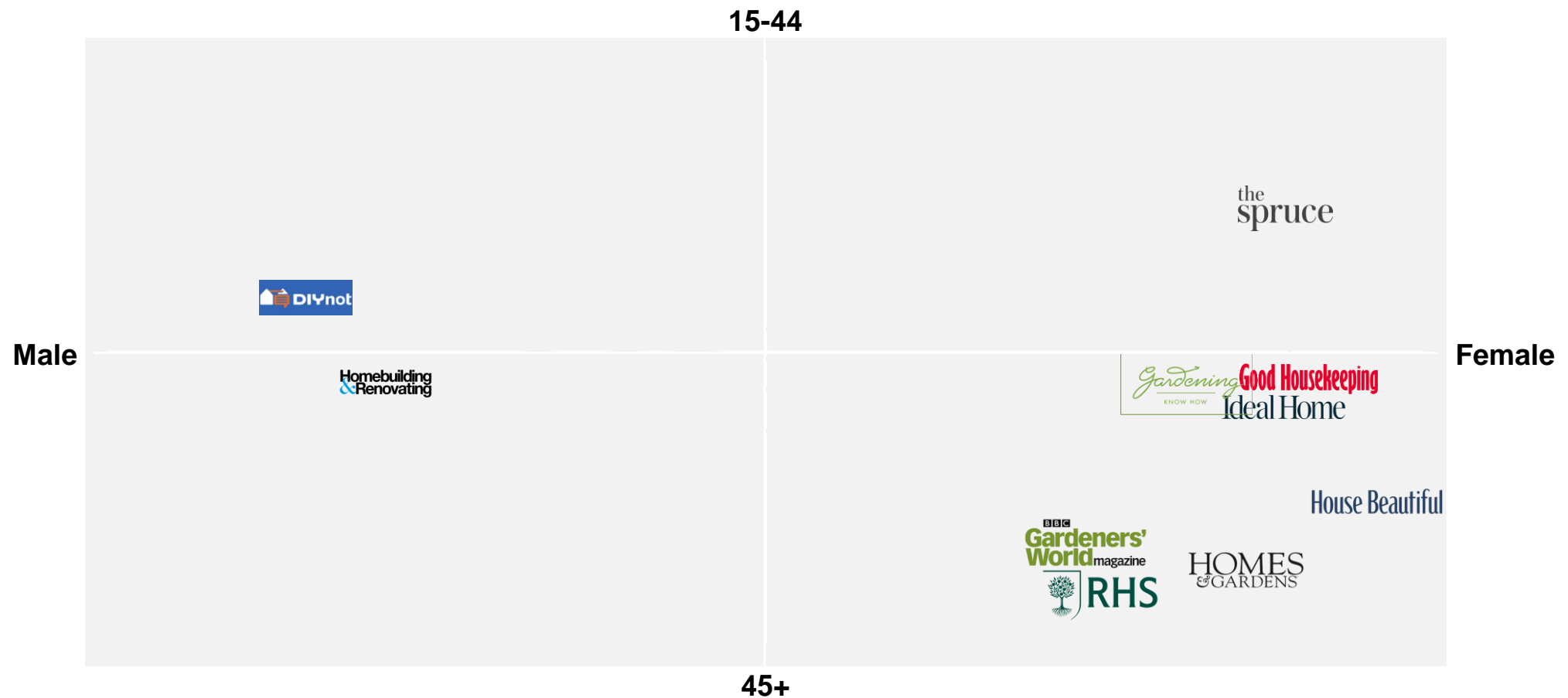
Home & Garden lifestyle sites have a higher proportion of exclusive visitors than retail sites: advertisers will need to find the titles that reach the right audience for them.



Percentage of visitors that only visit this brand out of the top 10 Home & Garden lifestyle sites

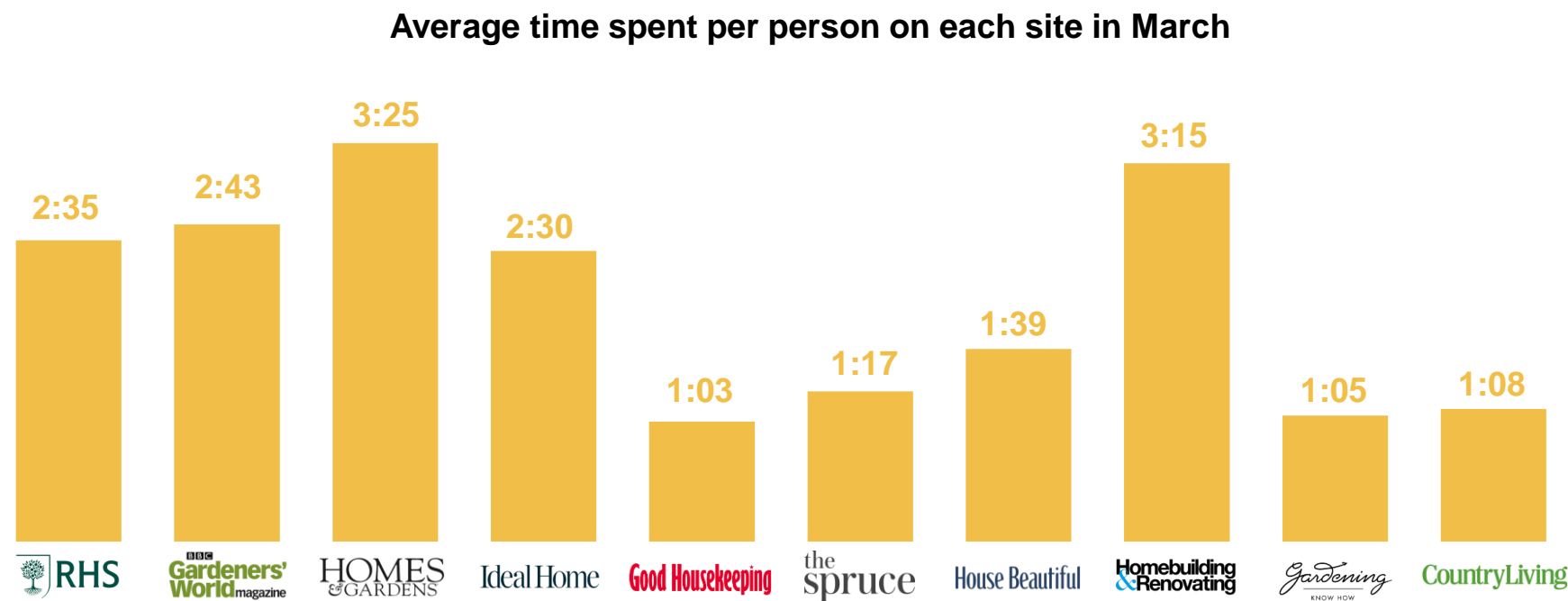
# Home & Garden content visitors have a similar profile to retail – but skew more female

Differentiation will be harder – and even more important – for Homes and Garden content producers than retailers, as so many fall in the same quadrant



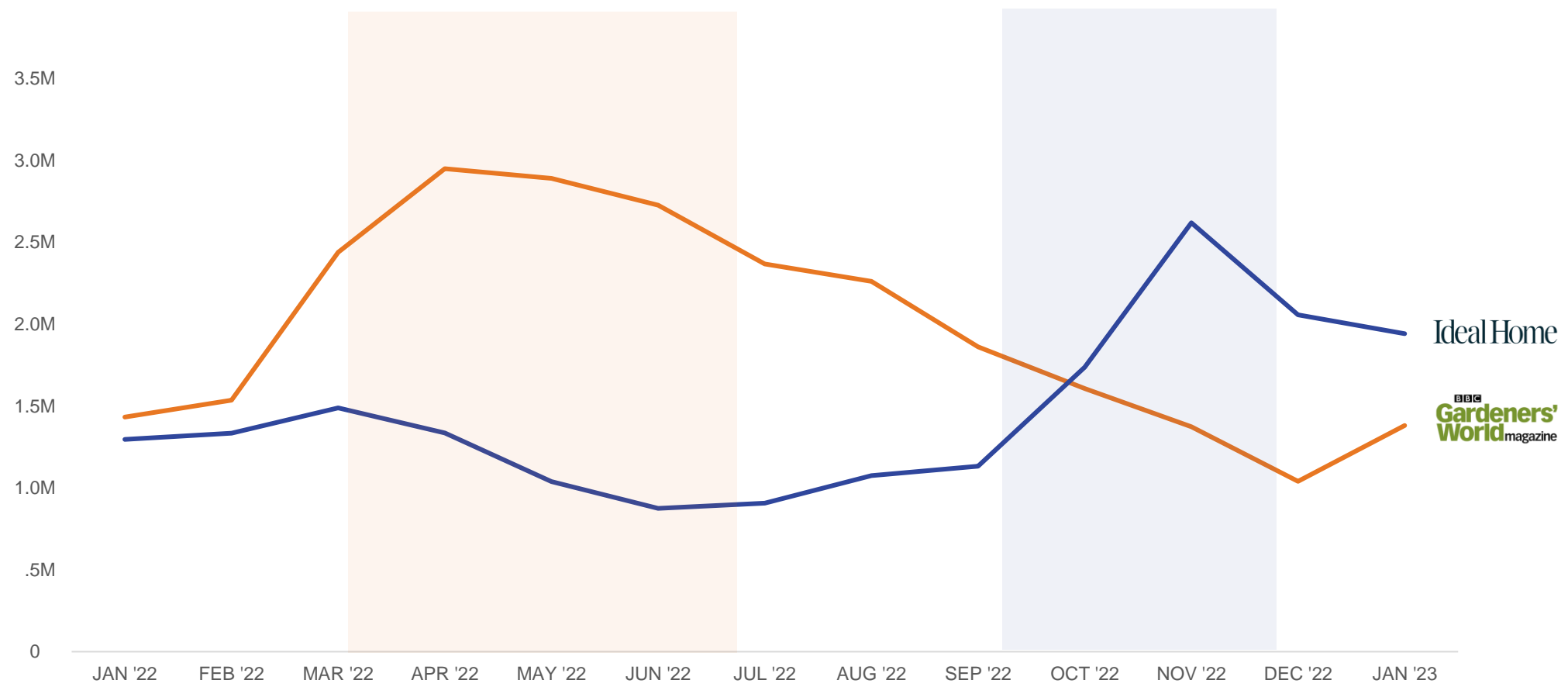
# Homes & Gardens has the highest monthly engagement

Generally, sites with larger audiences also have higher engagement, but brands like Homebuilding & Renovating deliver a particularly specialised and therefore engaged audience



# There are clear seasonal differences in the audiences for gardening-focused and home-focused content

Content can be optimised around key periods for different categories, titles and content



# Key takeaways – Lifestyle content

## PLANNING: OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT

Home and Gardens content largely follows the same patterns as retail, but there is some white space opportunity to capitalise on periods of increased shopping . **How do you ensure you're producing content that taps into this audience?**

## PROFILING: OLDER AND FEMALE

Home & Garden content attracts a slightly older female audience. **How can this fit into your media plans?**

## PURCHASING: CONTENT CONVERTS

Home & Garden lifestyle visitors are an intentional audience: they are 42% more likely to visit Home & Garden retail sites in the same month, and much more likely to visit a range of individual brands. **Are you taking advantage of this engaged audience?**

## PLANNING: SEASONALITY

Consumption of Home & Garden content varies heavily by title: **when are your key months? How do you compare to your competitors? Do their key periods match yours?**



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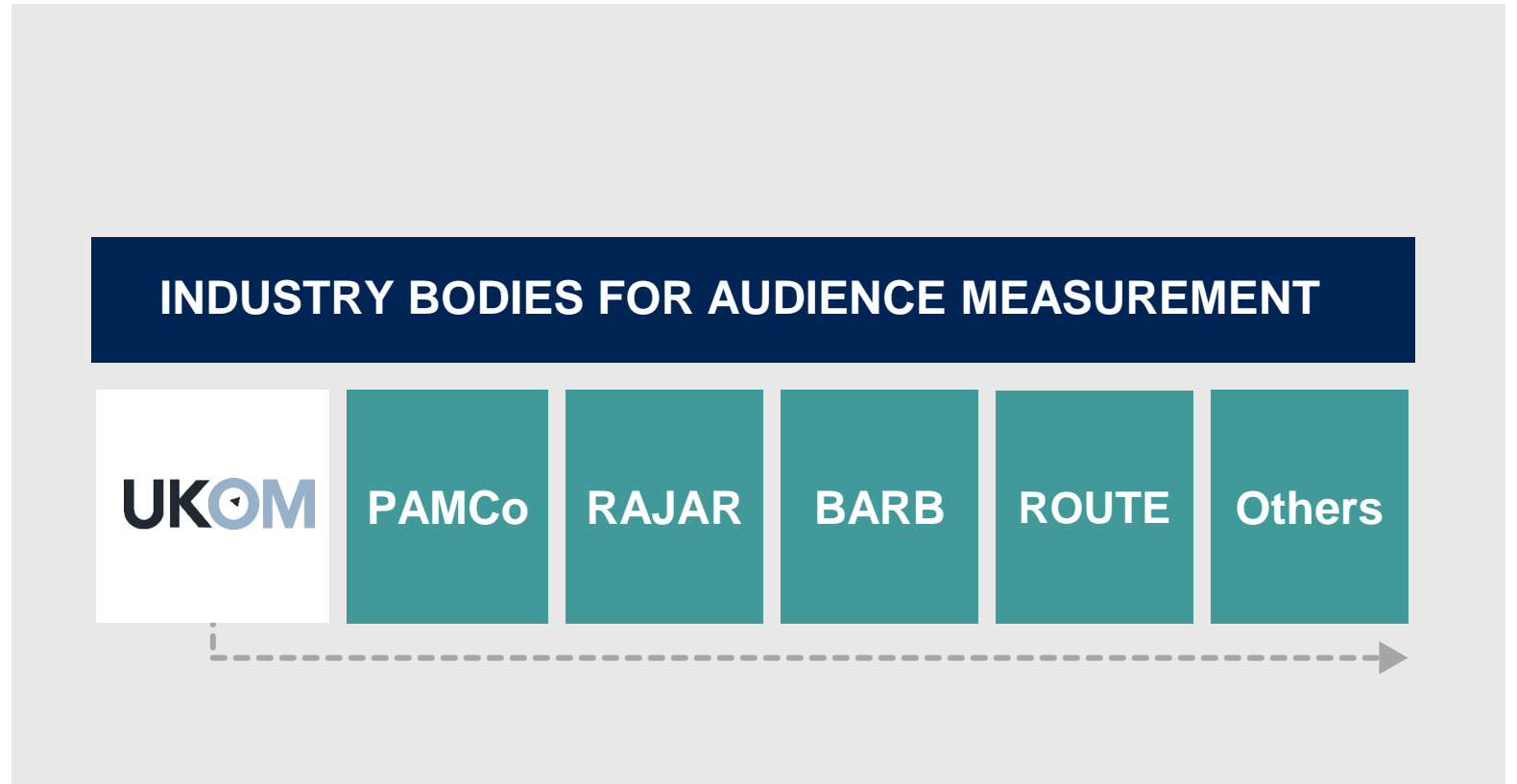
# Online is complex

**Tech creates  
constant change**

**Enormous amounts  
of data is gathered  
every day**

**You need to trust that the data you're  
using is objective, trusted, and correctly  
informs your business decisions**

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# Challenges you may be facing

1 |

Continuous  
change

2 |

Pressure to  
deliver ROI  
on budgets

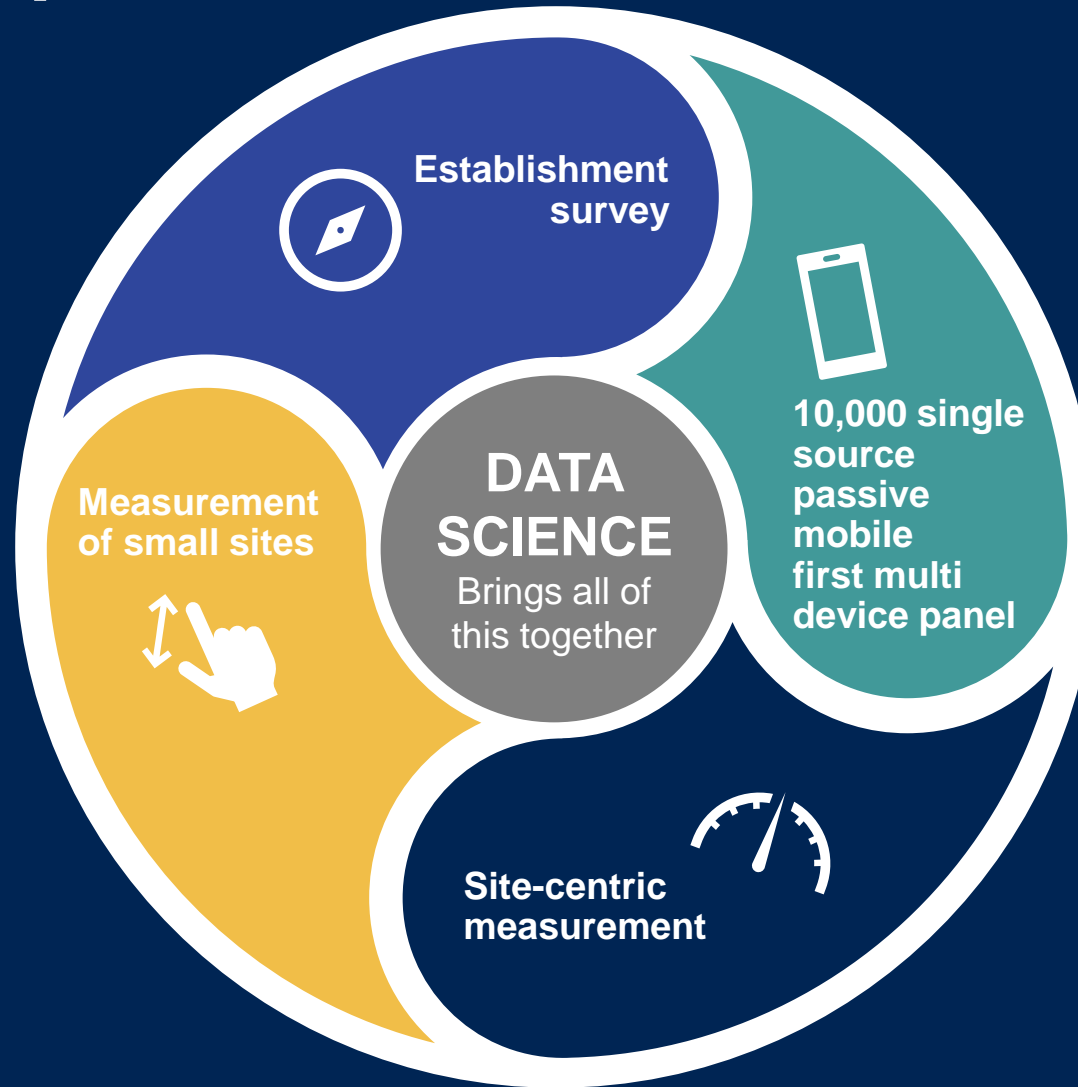
3 |

Winning and  
retention of  
business

# Used across teams and aids collaboration



# Key pillars of approach



# Reports available

## Media

Analyse media entities by target group. The results are based on your selection and category filters.

## Media Plus

A flat reporting structure. The results are static and not based on your selection and category filters.

## Category

Analyse top categories performance during selected months.

## Profiling

Identify the profile composition of selected media.

## Ranking

Rank organisations, brands, websites and apps.

## Cross-visiting

Analyse cross visitation and duplication of audiences between different media entities.

## % Change

Analyse the differences and changes between different time period.

## Dayparts

See the breakdown of the selected media or category by time-of-day.

## Trend Analysis

Check the performance of the selected media through multiple period of times.