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#### Freight Pulse 72 Shipper Survey: Something Stirring Behind the Curtain?

FP72 offered up a mixed bag of results though for the first time in recent memory Transportation-specific takeaways were more bullish than overall economy takeaways. With the ongoing restock "limbo" still underway, this may signal Shippers starting to prepare for the coming upcycle.

Freight/Macro Highlights: (1) Shippers' View of the Economy Ticks Down Slightly Again And Remains Below LT Average; (2) Manufacturing and Retail Shippers See Decline While Food and Bev Become More Constructive; (3) Net Inventory Moves Further Into Negative Territory While Net Ordering Declines Into Unchartered Territory; (4) The Majority Of Shippers Continue To Expect to Maintain Inventories While The Need To Increase Inventory Remains Muted But Similar Seq.; (5) Over 90% of Respondents Expect Inventory to Normalize This Year; (6) Capacity Is A Mixed Bag: Barge Loosened Noticeably While Rail and Airfreight Tightened Seq., Though Most Modes Remain Relatively Loose; (7) Shippers See Service Levels Improve Across All Modes Except For LTL and IM

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**Freight Pulse: General Freight and Macro Highlights** 

# General Freight and Macro Highlights

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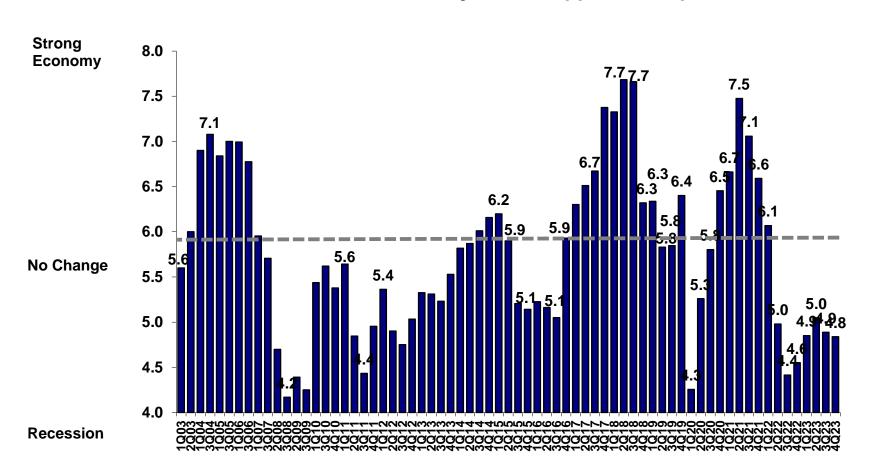
#### Freight Pulse: General Freight and Macro Key Takeaways

1. Economic Outlook	<ul> <li>Shippers' View of the Economy Ticks Down Slightly Again And Remains Below LT Average</li> </ul>
2. Economic Outlook by Industry	Manufacturing and Retail Shippers See Decline While Food and Bev Become More Constructive
3. Net Inventories	Net Inventory Moves Further Into Negative Territory While Net Ordering Declines Into Unchartered Territory
4. Inventory Ordering Plans	The Majority Of Shippers Continue To Expect to Maintain Inventories While The Need To Increase Inventory Remains Muted But Similar Seq.
5. Inventory Normalization	<ul> <li>Over 90% of Respondents Expect Inventory to Normalize This Year</li> </ul>
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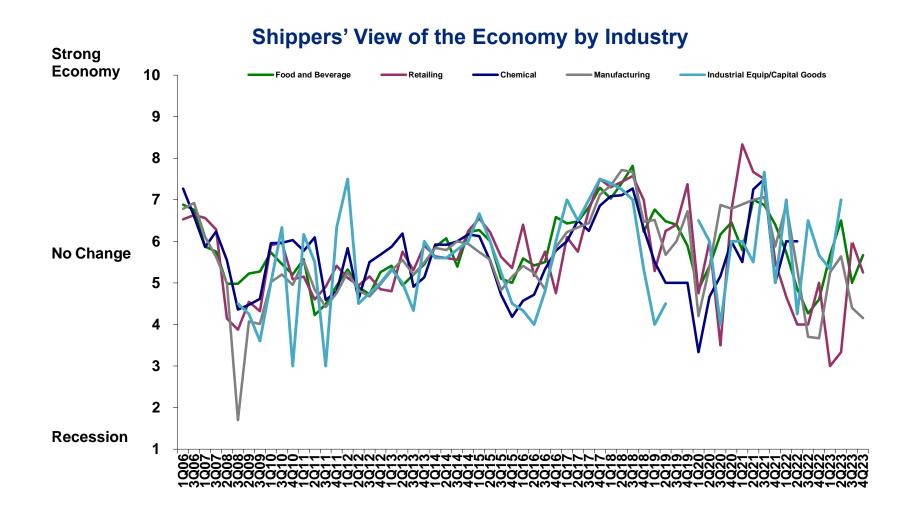
#### State of the Economy from Shippers' Perspective

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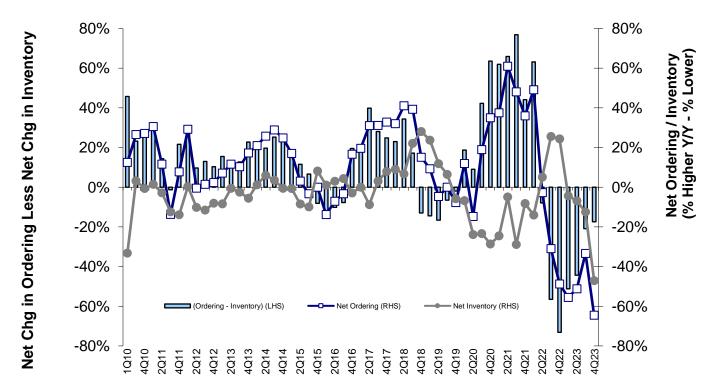
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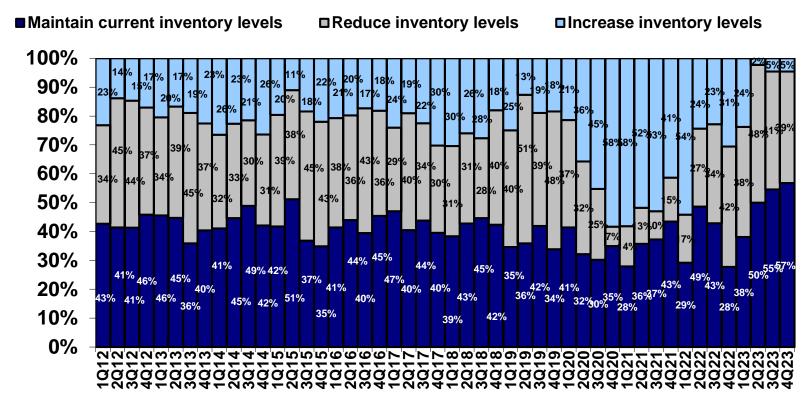


#### Shippers' Net Y/Y Orders vs. Net Y/Y Inventory

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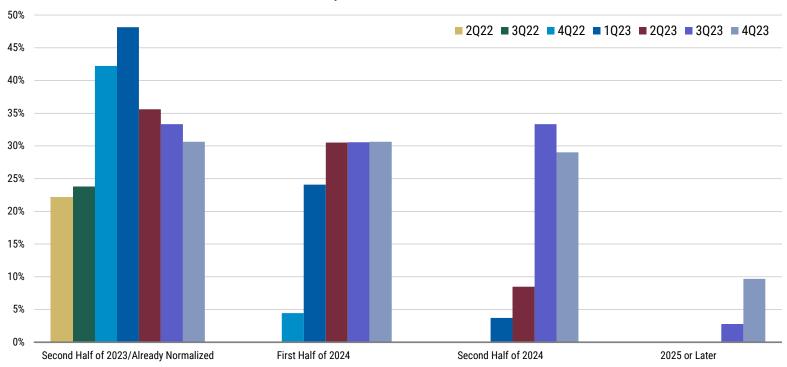
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#### **Shippers' Inventory Plans**



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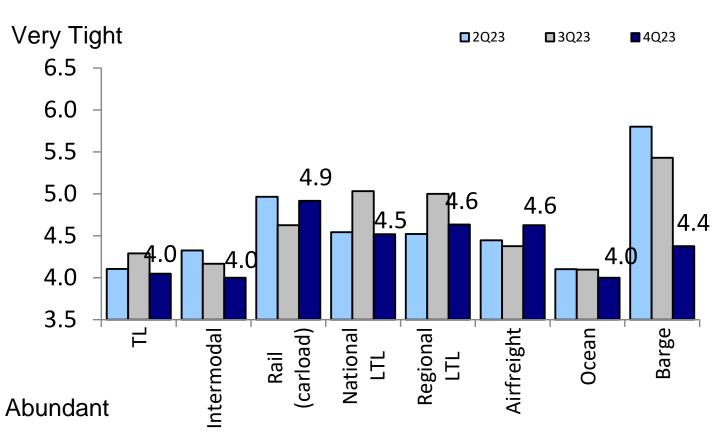
#### 5. Over 90% of Respondents Expect Inventory to Normalize This Year



#### When Do You Expect Your Inventories to Normalize?

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6. Capacity Is A Mixed Bag: Barge Loosened Noticeably While Rail and Airfreight Tightened Seq., Though Most Modes Remain Relatively Loose

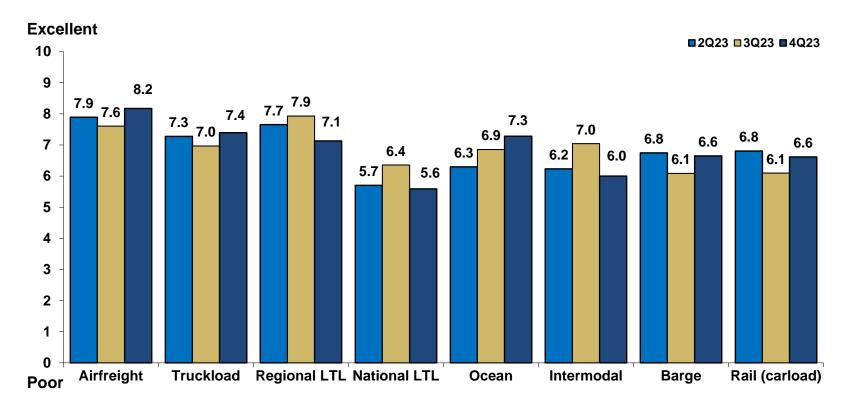


#### **Projected Capacity in 6 Months**

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#### 7. Shippers See Service Levels Improve Across All Modes Except For LTL and IM

### How would you rate service levels among different modes of transportation for the past 6 months?



**Freight Pulse: Railroad Highlights** 

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# Railroad Highlights

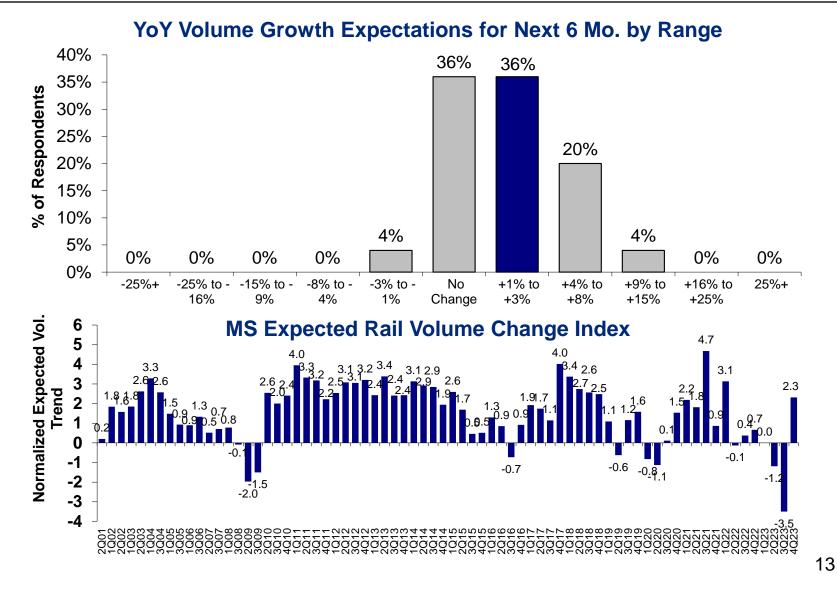
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#### Freight Pulse: Rail Key Takeaways

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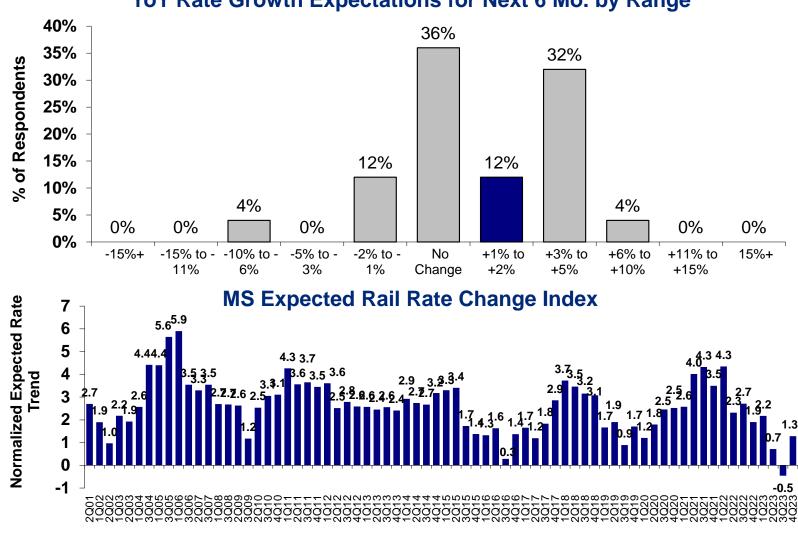
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2. The Plurality of Shippers Expect No Change In Rate Growth YoY, While Rail Rate Expectations Tick Up and Enter Positive Territory Again



YoY Rate Growth Expectations for Next 6 Mo. by Range

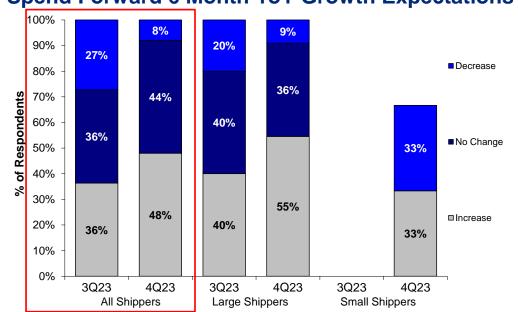
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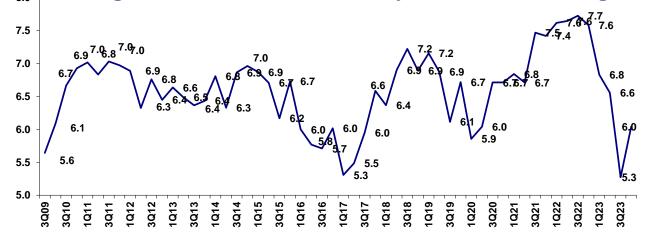
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3. Shippers Planning to Increase Rail Spend Moves Higher Seq., And Difficulty of Rate Negotiations Ticks Up



#### Rail Spend Forward 6 Month YoY Growth Expectations

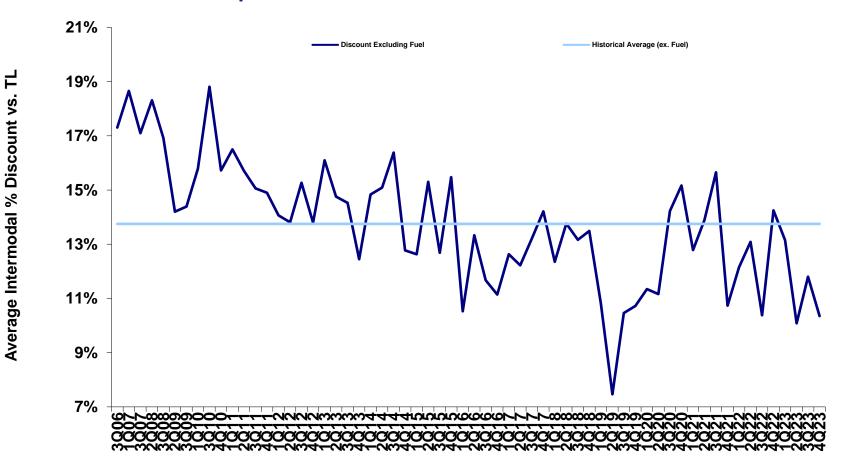
#### Rail Rate Negotiations: Rate the Difficulty of Recent Rate Negotiations



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#### Morgan Stanley 4. Intermodal Discount To TL (Ex. Fuel) Ticks Back Down and Remains Well Below Historical Avg.

### What discount is being offered in the marketplace for intermodal services when compared to TL services in a similar lane?



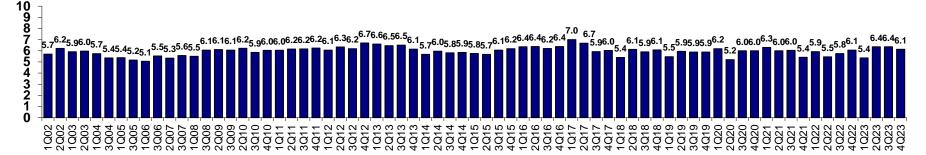
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#### 5. Both Rail Service and Value For Dollar Move Lower Seq. After Recent Improvement



#### Value for Dollar (Scale 1 = Worst to 10 = Best)



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**Freight Pulse: Trucking Highlights** 

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# Trucking Highlights

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#### Freight Pulse: Trucking Key Takeaways

1. Truck Volume	<ul> <li>Volume Growth Expectations Move Higher Across All Modes and Reenter Positive Territory</li> </ul>
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6. Truck to Rail	Shippers Shifting At Least Some Volume From TL To Rail Moves (Meaningfully) Higher For The First Time In Three Quarters
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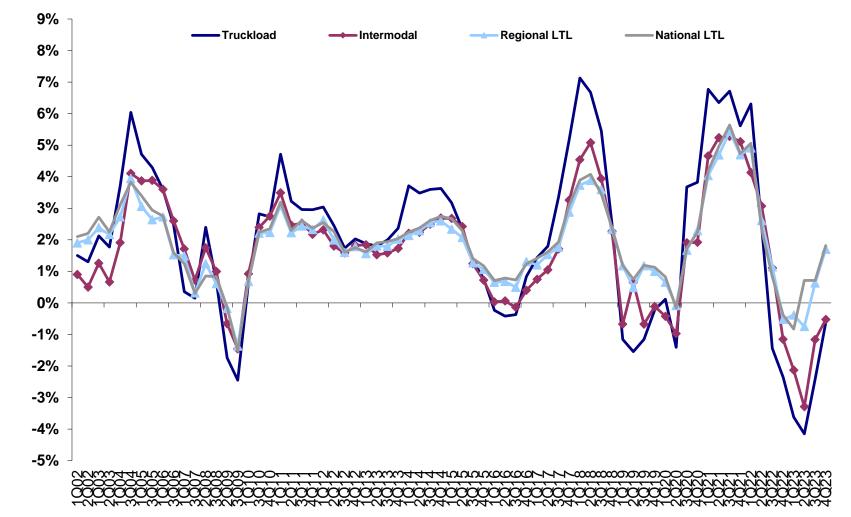
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### **1. Volume Growth Expectations Move Higher Across All Modes and Reenter Positive Territory**



#### Morgan Stanley 2. Rate Expectations Continue to Move Up Across All Modes; IM and TL Remain In Negative Territory

#### Indicate the YoY % Change You Expect in Your Organization's Base Rates

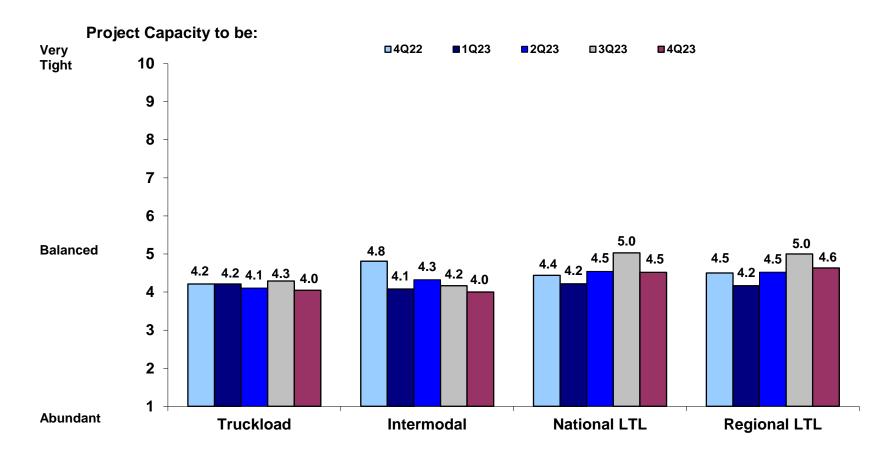


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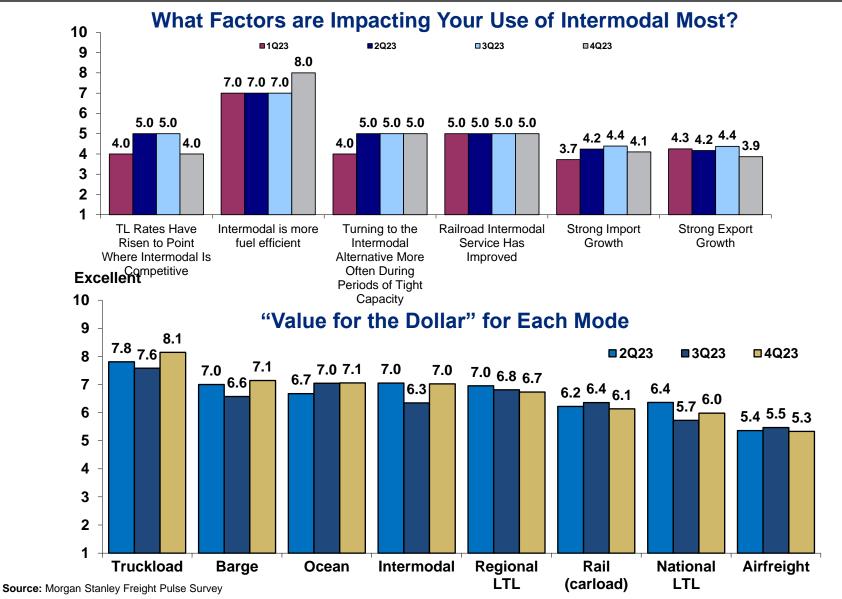
#### What are your Expectations for Capacity in 6 Months?



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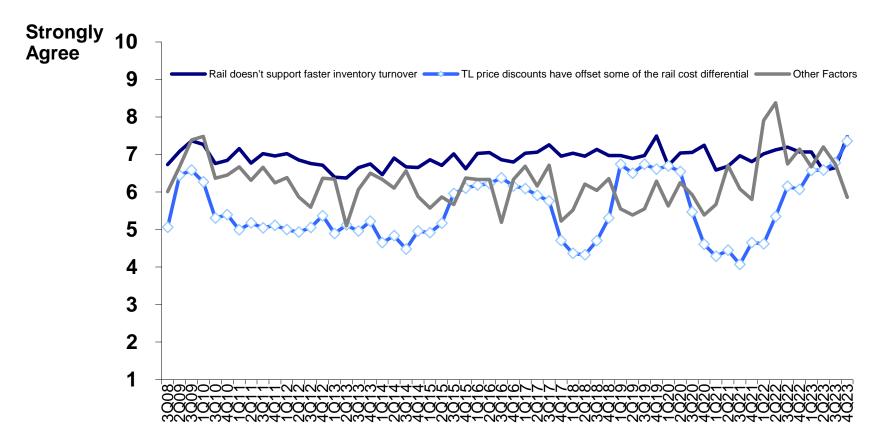
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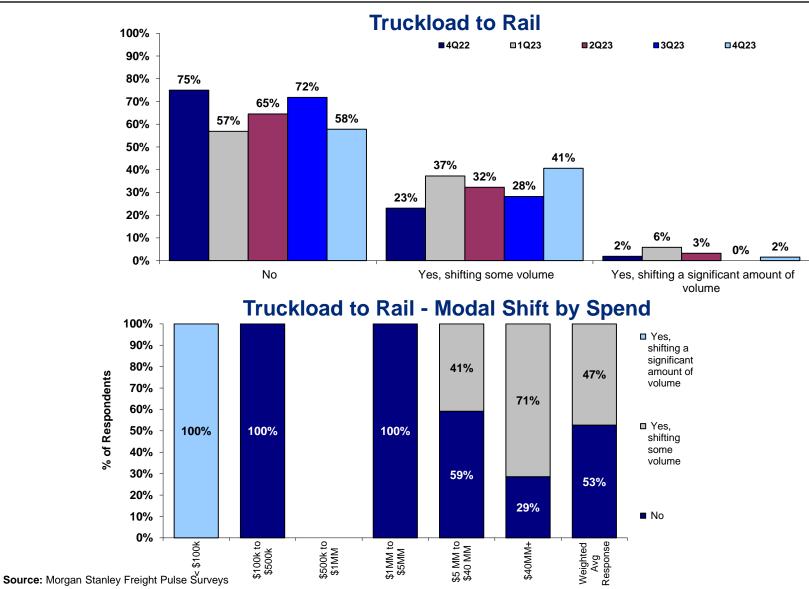
### What Factors are Limiting your Organization from Shipping More Volume on the Railroads?



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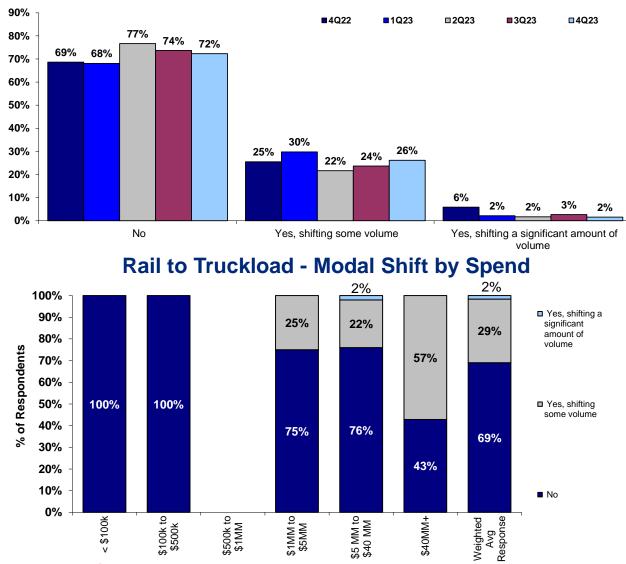
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#### 7. Some Share Shifting To Truck As Well But Only Slightly Higher Seq.



#### Rail to Truckload

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**Freight Pulse: Parcel Highlights** 

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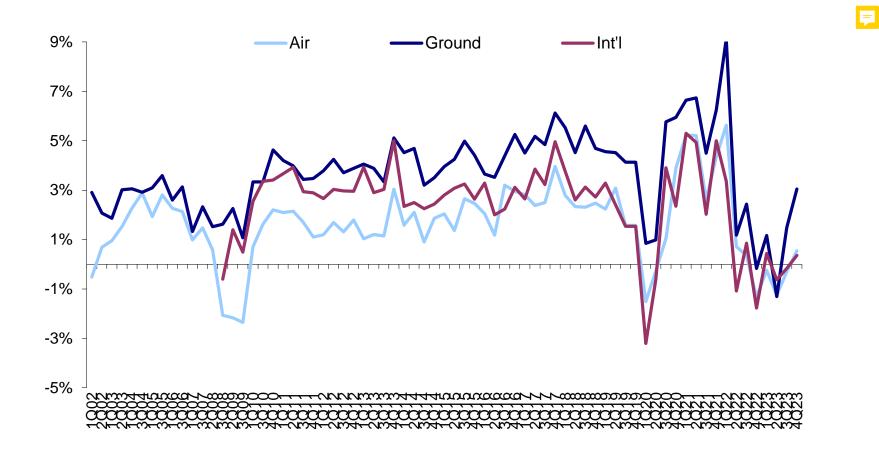
eight Pulse: Parcel Key Takeaways 📃	
1. Parcel Volumes	<ul> <li>Volume Growth Expectations Move Higher Across the Board; All Modes Back In Positive Territory</li> </ul>
2. Pricing	Pricing Expectations Were Mixed Across Modes
3. Competition	<ul> <li>Carrier "Aggressiveness" Moves Higher For UPS While FDX Retreats From Highs, But Remains Relatively Aggressive</li> </ul>
4. B2C	% Of Shippers Expecting To Ship A Slightly Larger Portion Of Volumes As B2C Increases Seq. While Slightly Smaller Portion Moves to 0%
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## **1. Volume Growth Expectations Move Higher Across the Board; All Modes Back In Positive Territory**

#### Volume Growth Expectations "Over the Next 6 Months" vs. Last Year

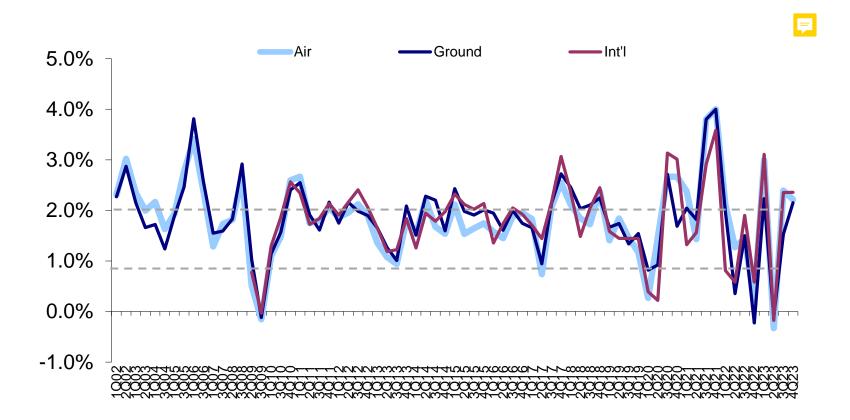


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#### 2. Pricing Expectations Were Mixed Across Modes

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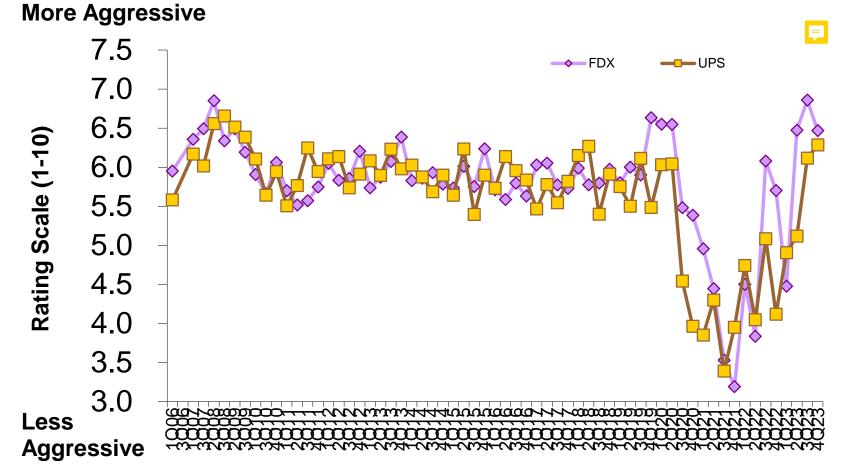


Includes All responses, equally-weighted. Source: Morgan Stanley Parcel Survey

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3. Carrier "Aggressiveness" Moves Higher For UPS While FDX Retreats From Highs, But Remains Relatively Aggressive

Parcel Shippers' Rankings of Carriers' "Aggressiveness" in Trying to Win Business Over Past Six Months

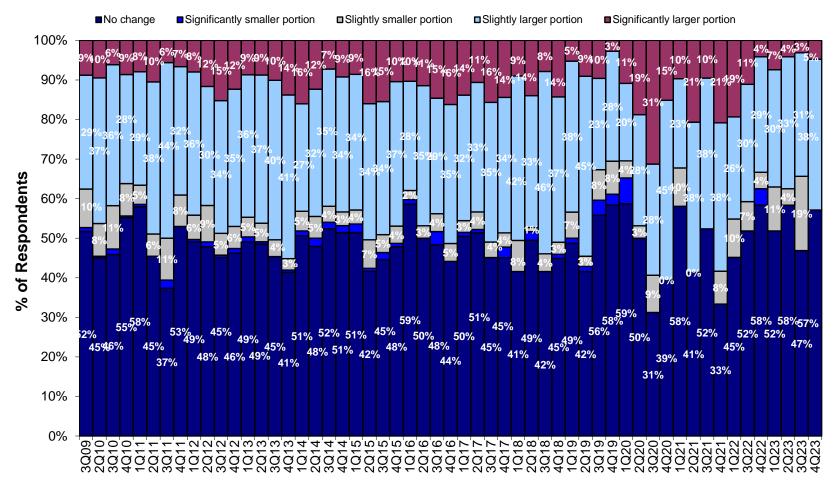


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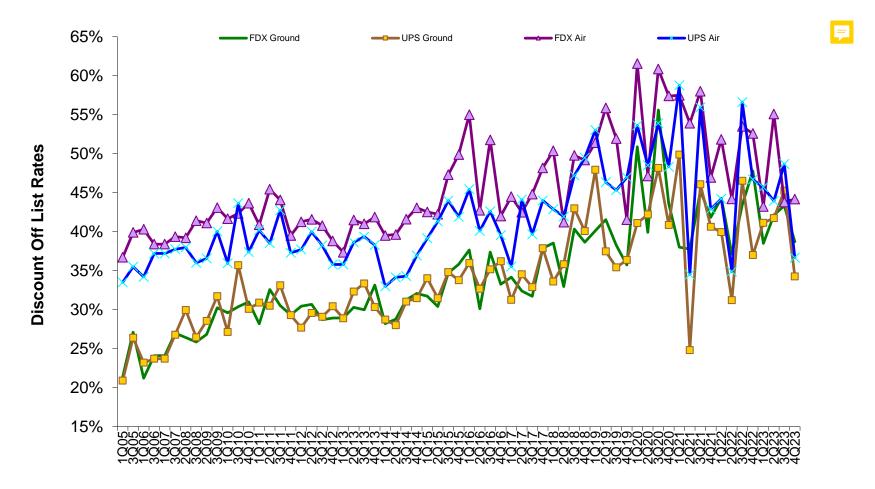




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#### 5. Rate Discounts Tick Down Across The Board, Though FDX Air Remains Inline Seq.

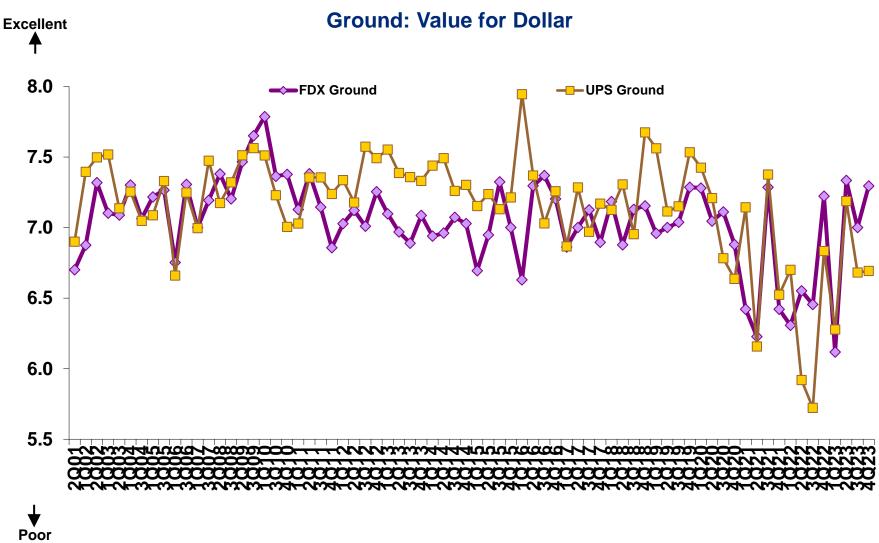
Average List Rate Discount



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#### 6. Ground Value For Dollar Moves Higher For FDX Ground While UPS Ground Remains Stable

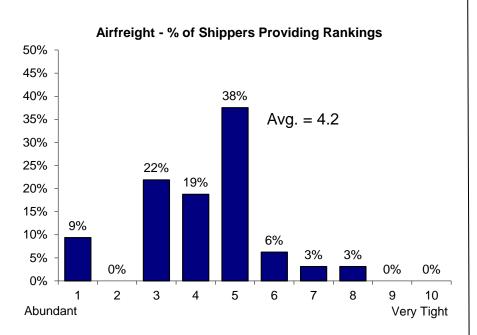


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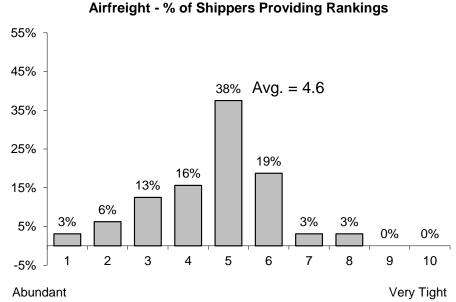
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#### 7. Airfreight Capacity Tightens Slightly Seq.

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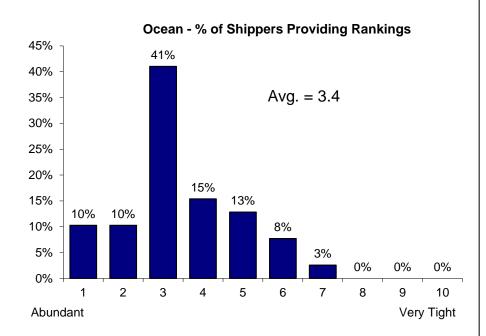


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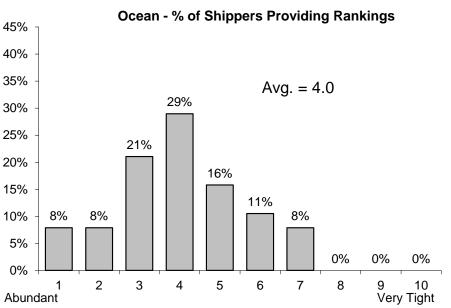


#### 8. While Ocean Capacity Remains On The Looser Side

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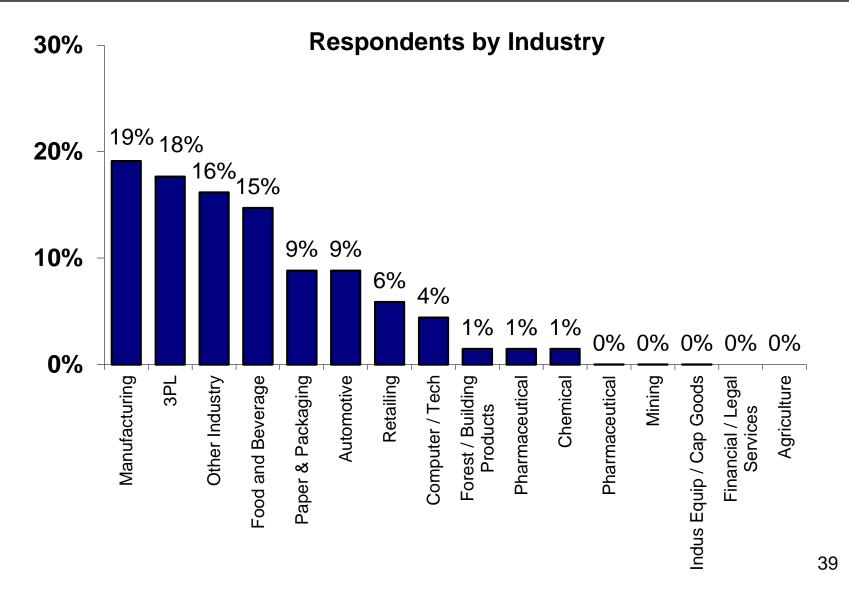
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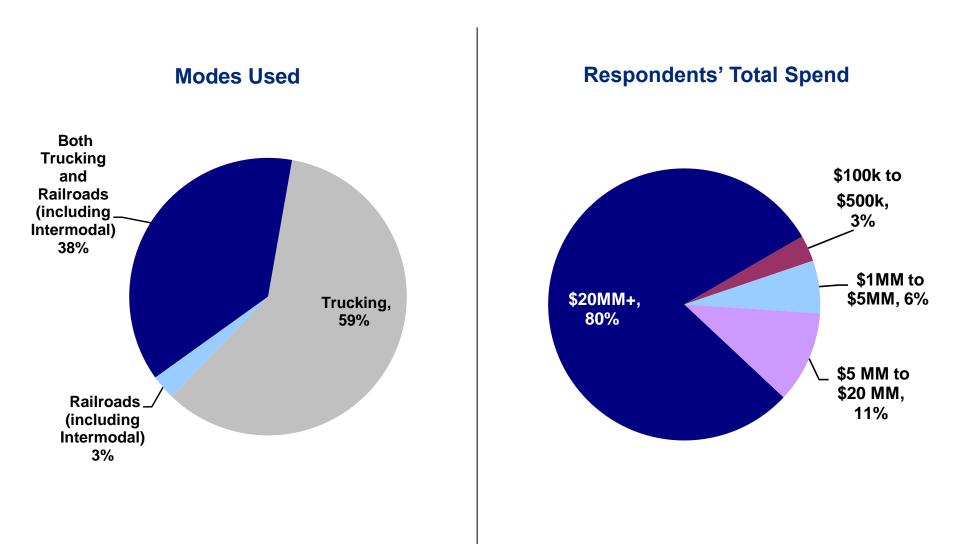
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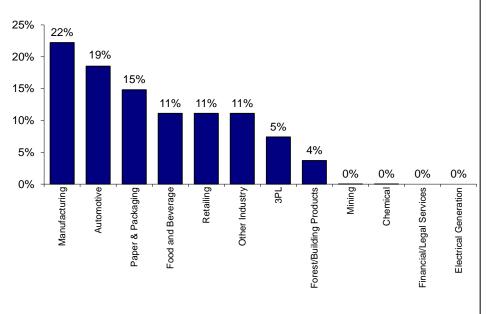
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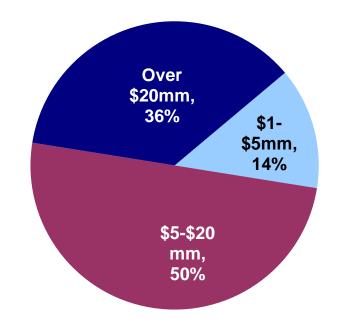
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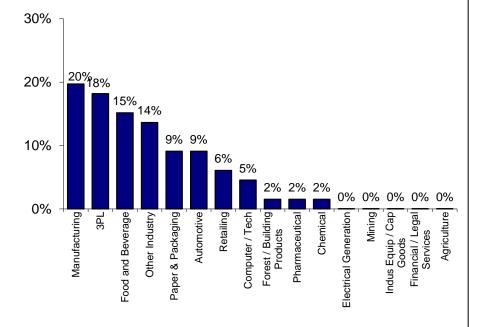
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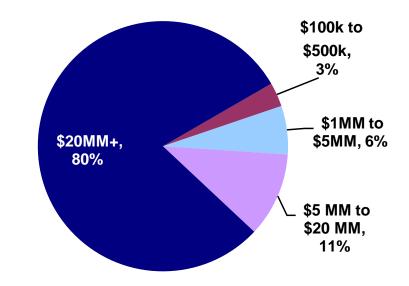
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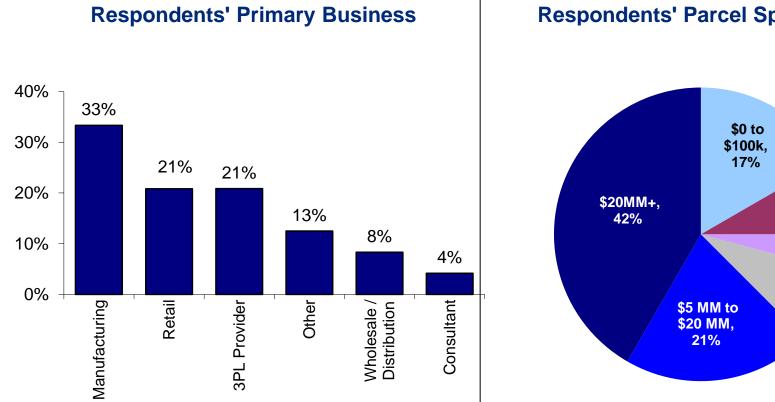
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#### Parcel: About Our Parcel Survey

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#### **Respondents' Parcel Spend**

\$100k to \$500k, 8%

\$500k

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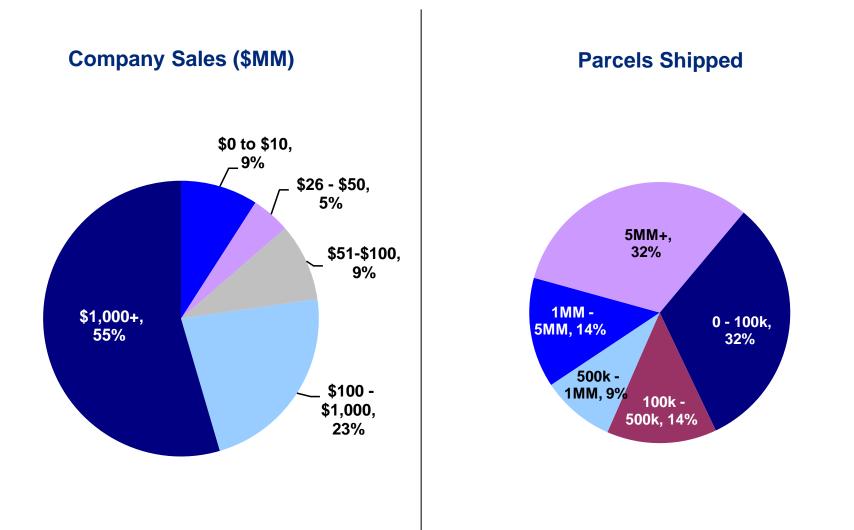
\$1MM, 4%

\$1MM to

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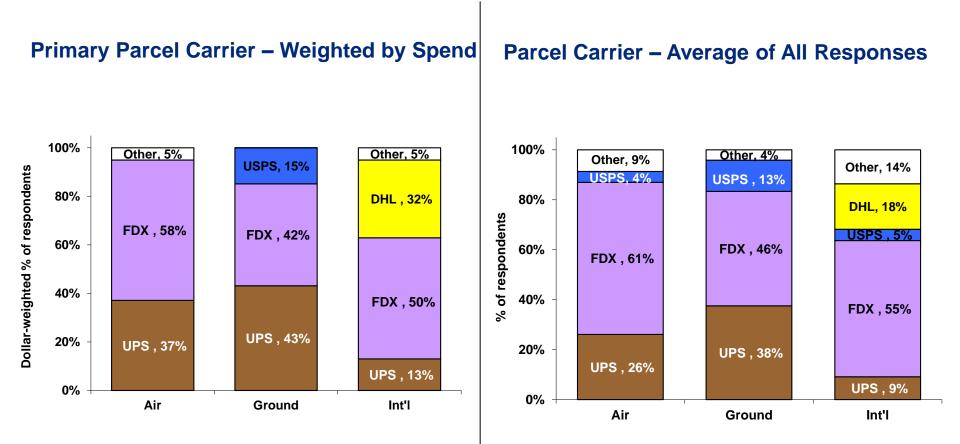
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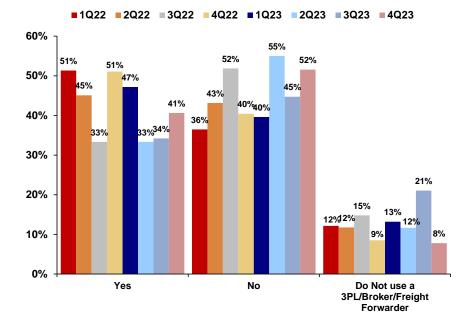
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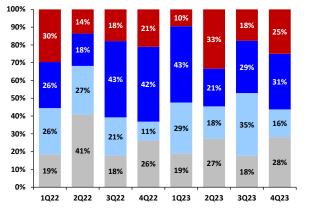
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#### Shippers' Willingness to Use App-based Brokers

#### If a phone/TMS app-based broker offers a 10-15% cheaper price for similar service and data analytics, would you use it instead of a traditional third-party broker?



# Why would you not use a phone/app-based broker to move your shipment?



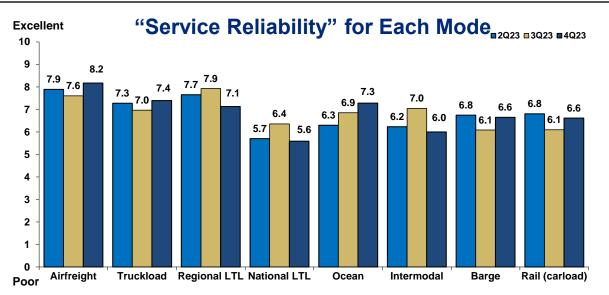
Don't want to use apps to move my freight

- Comfortable with the brokers we use already
- Don't trust service levels of new entrants

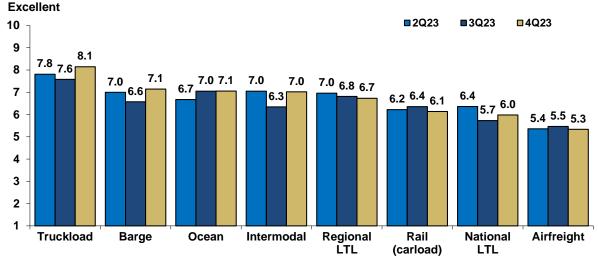
Other / I would consider once they prove legitimacy

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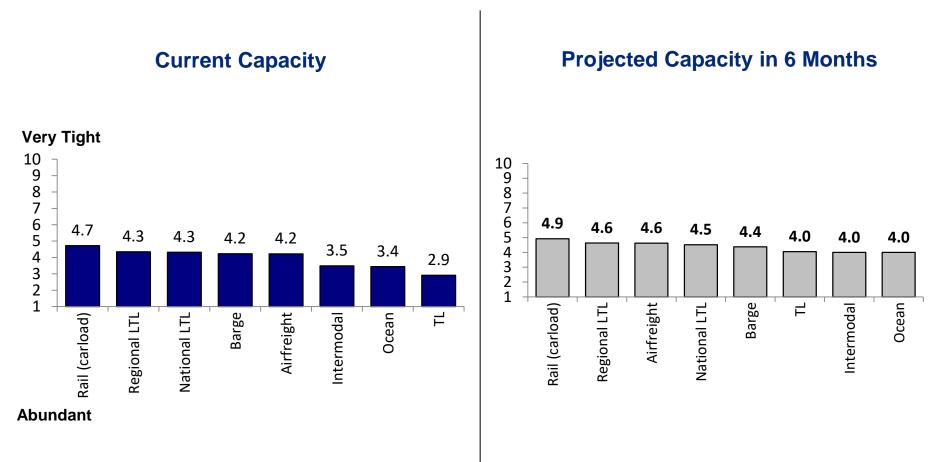


#### "Value for the Dollar" for Each Mode



### **Capacity By Mode**

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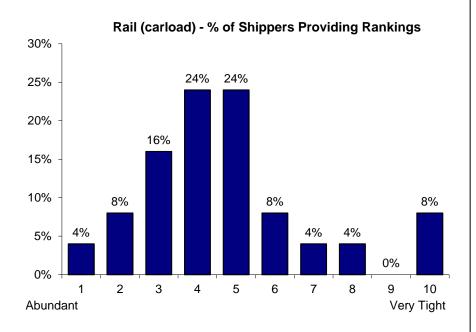


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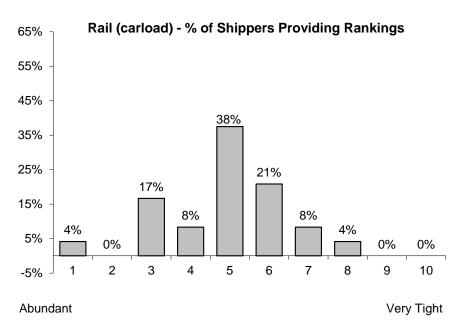
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#### Capacity Ranking Skew: Rail (Carload)

#### **Current Capacity**



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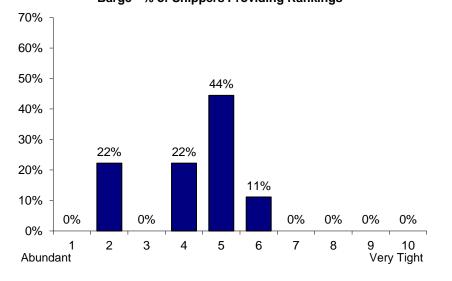


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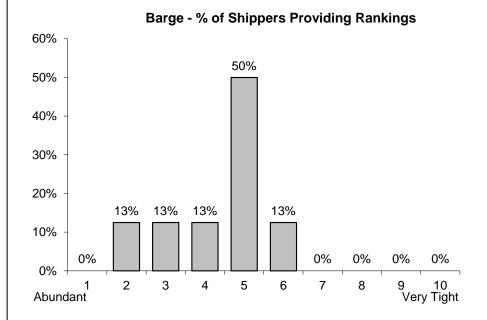
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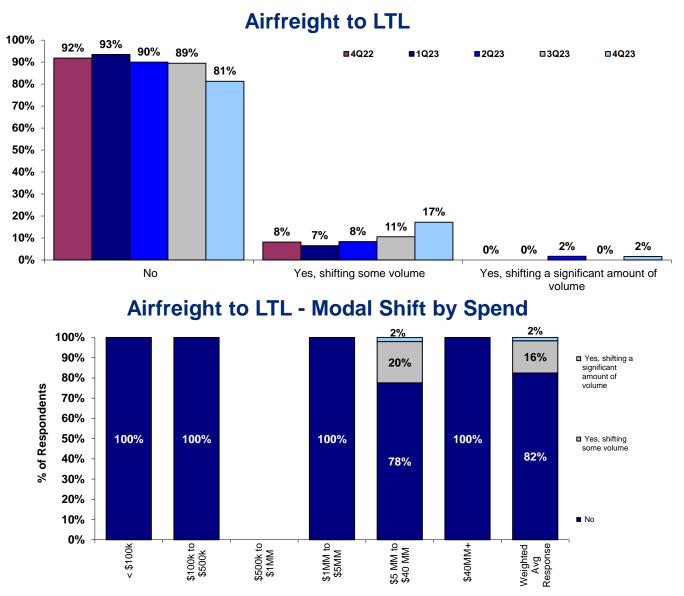


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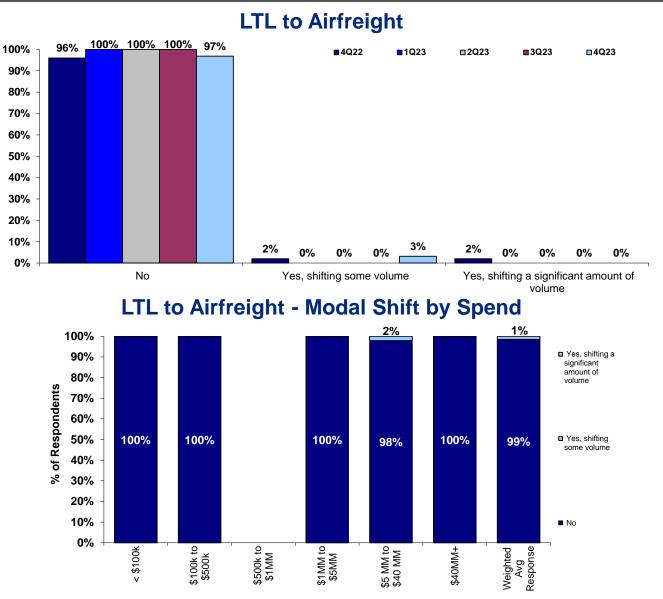
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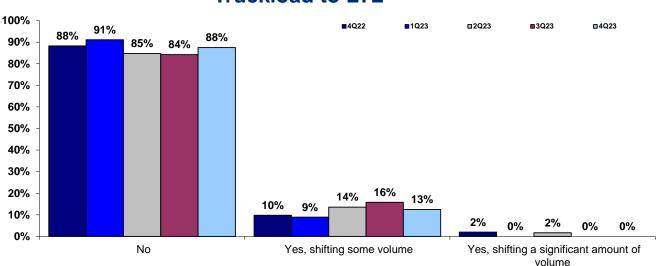


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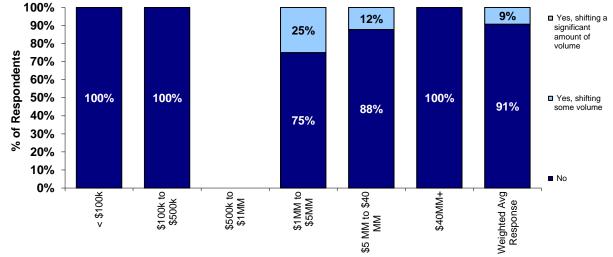
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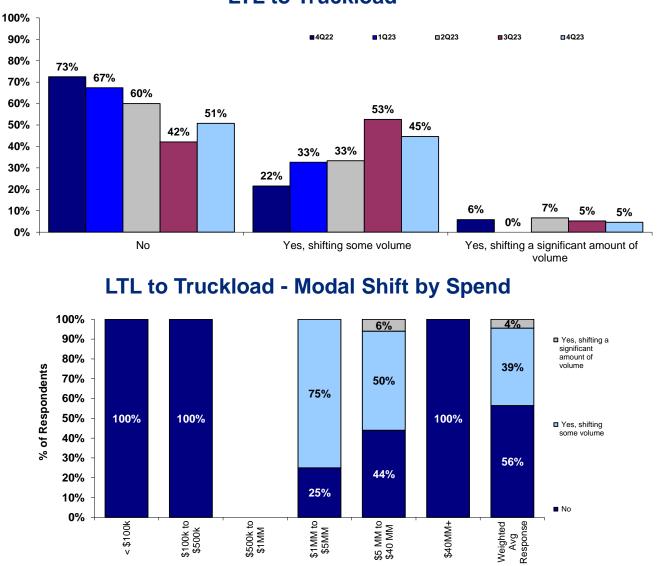
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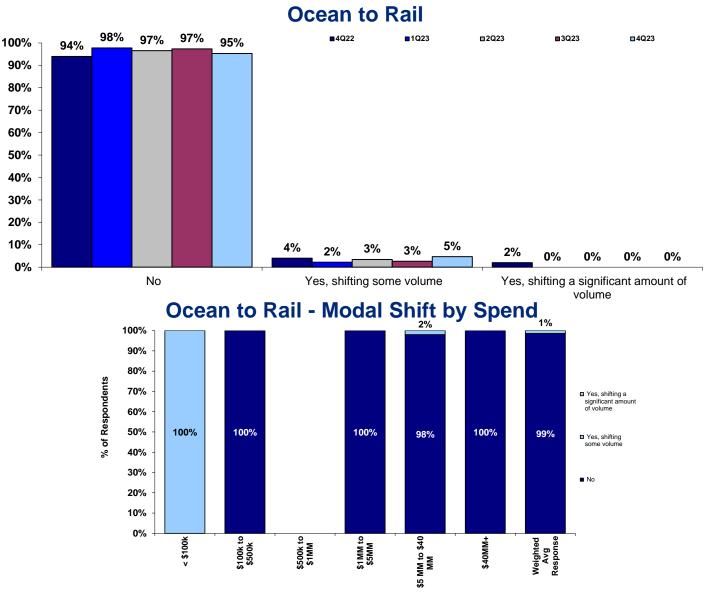
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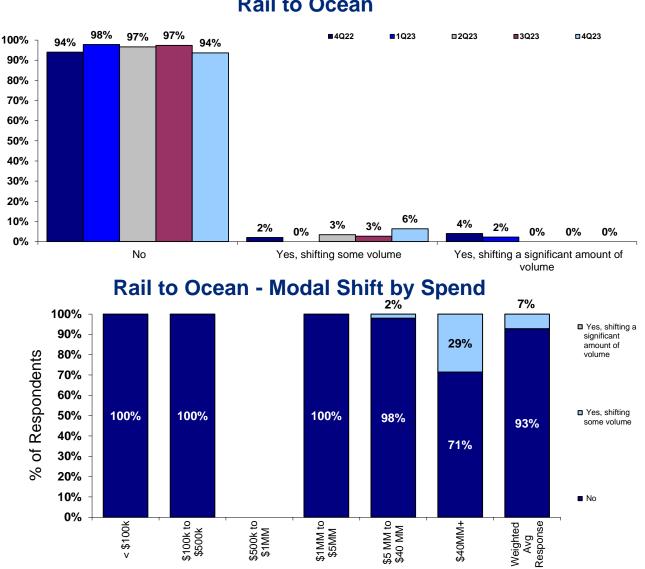
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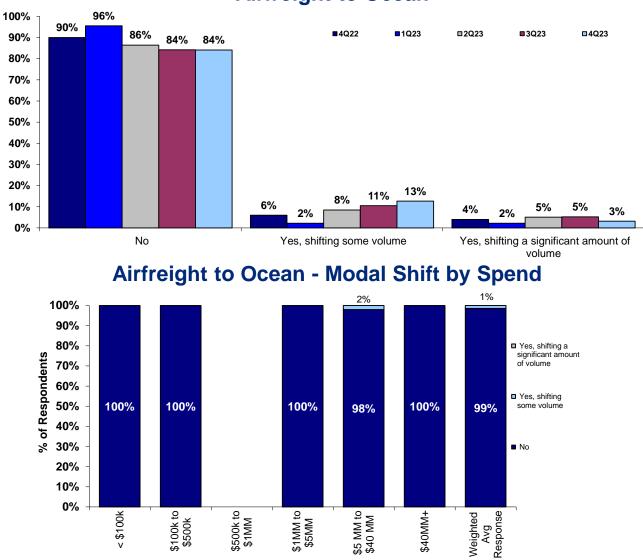
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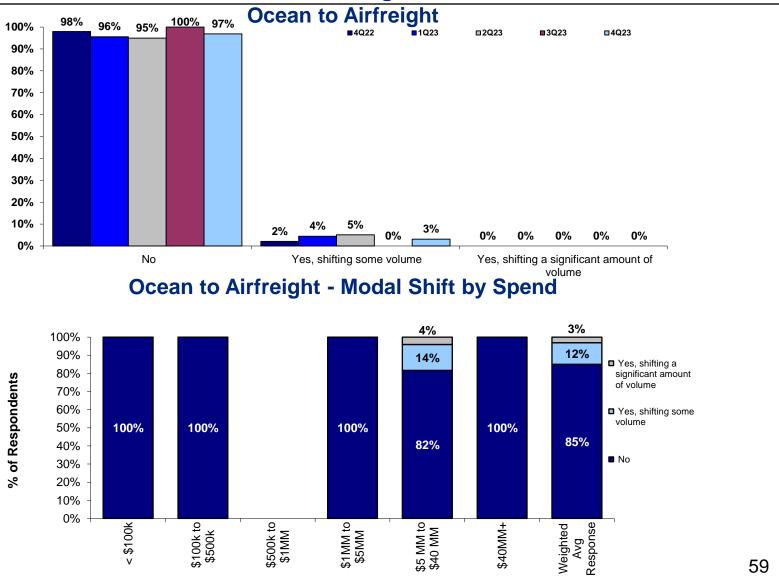


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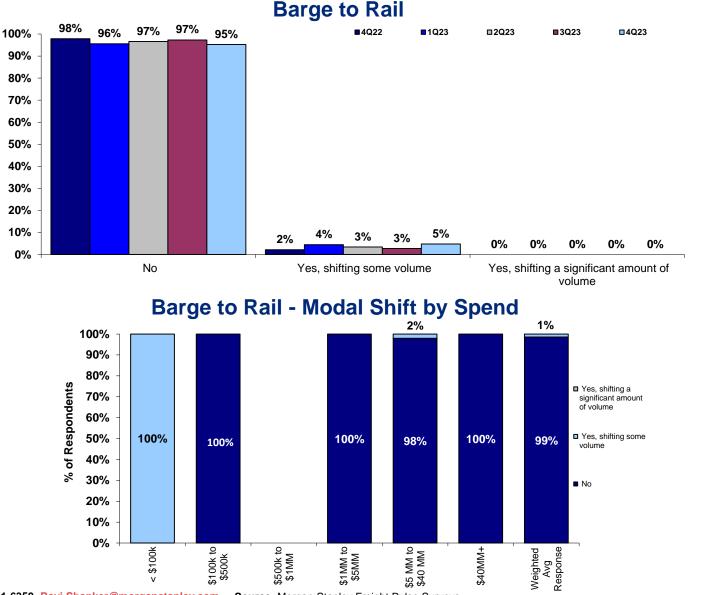


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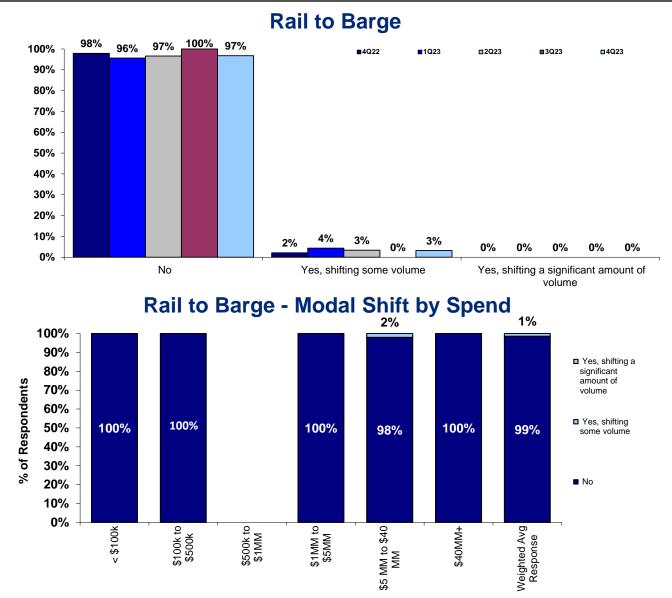
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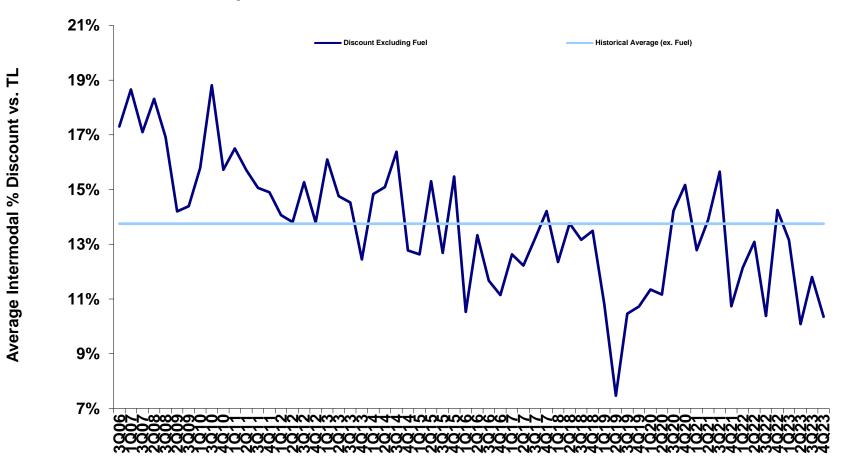


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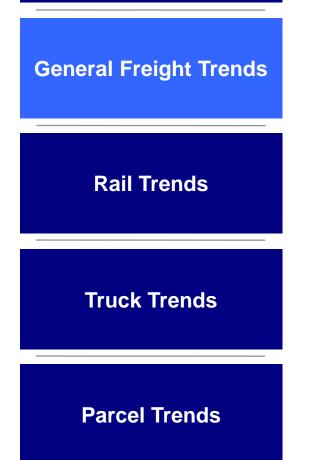
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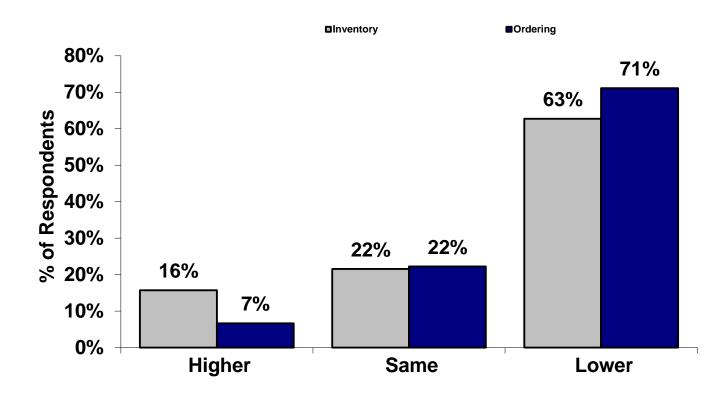


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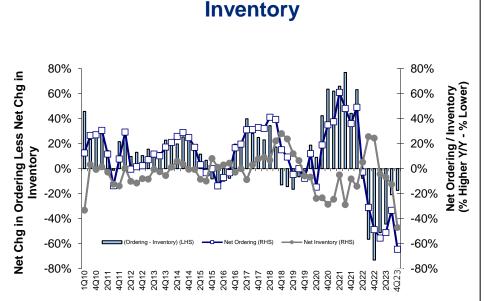
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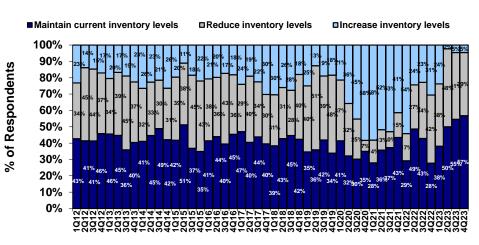
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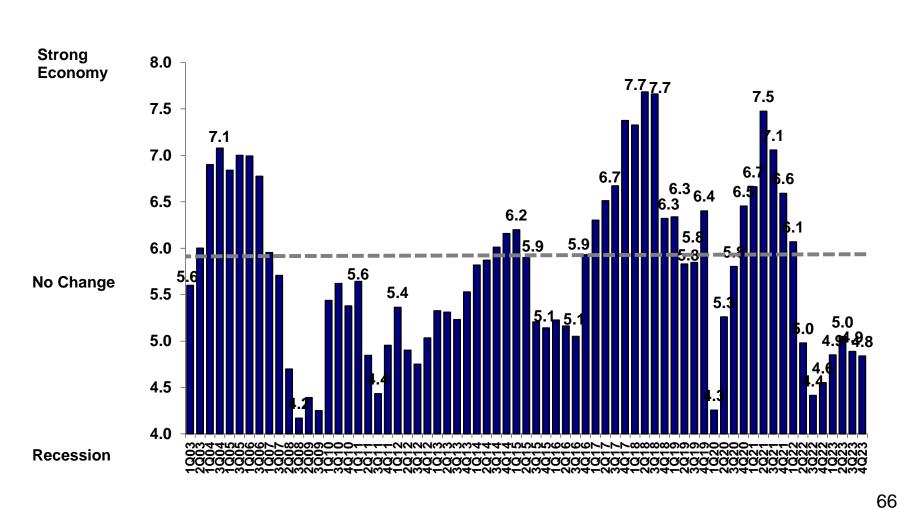
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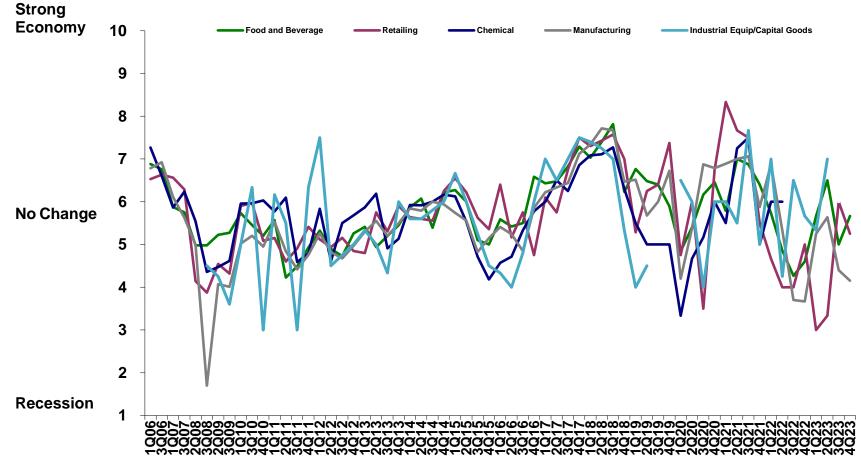
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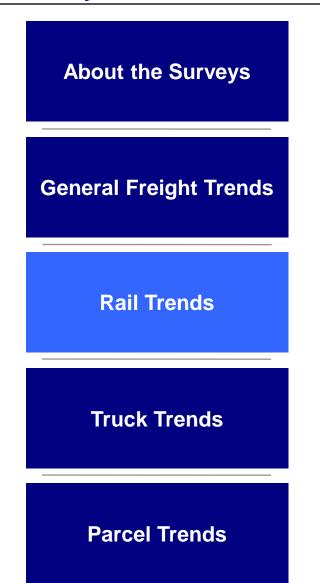
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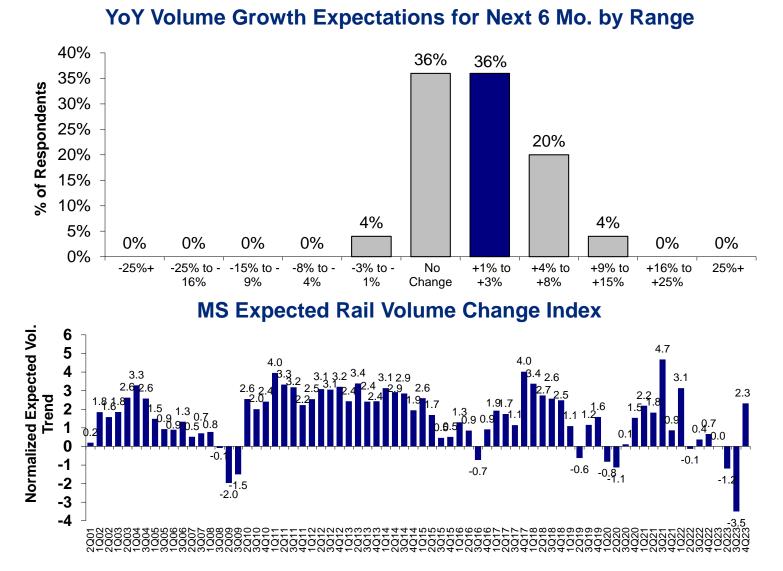
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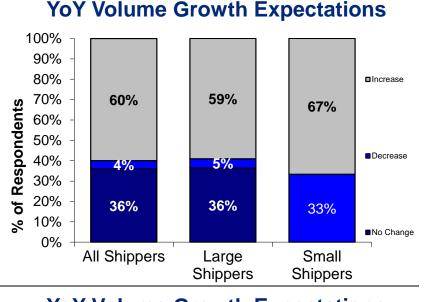
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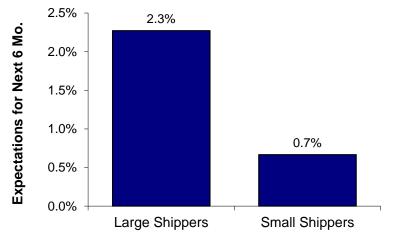


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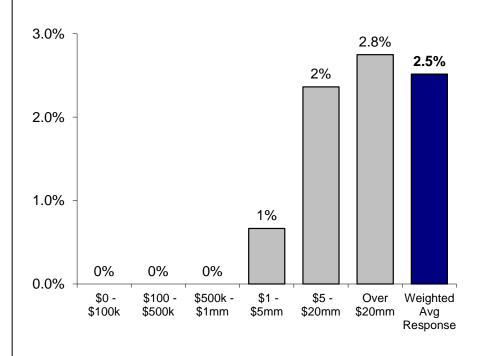
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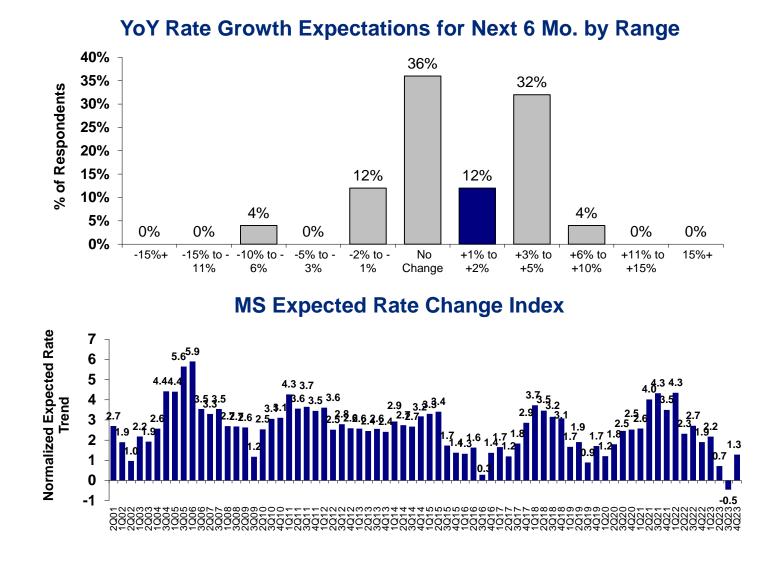
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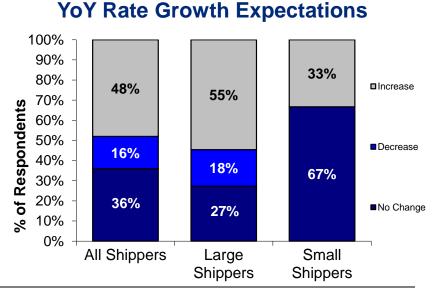
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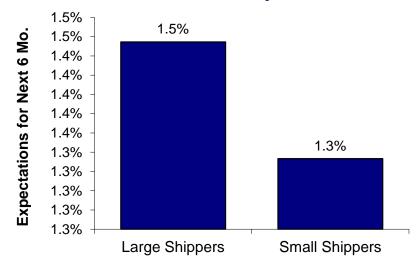


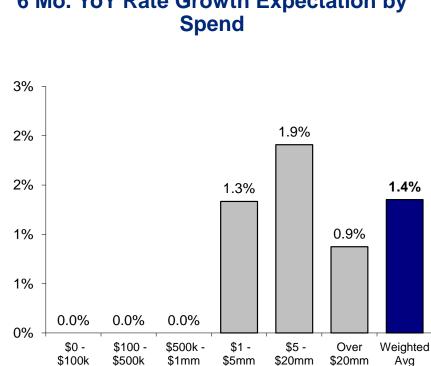
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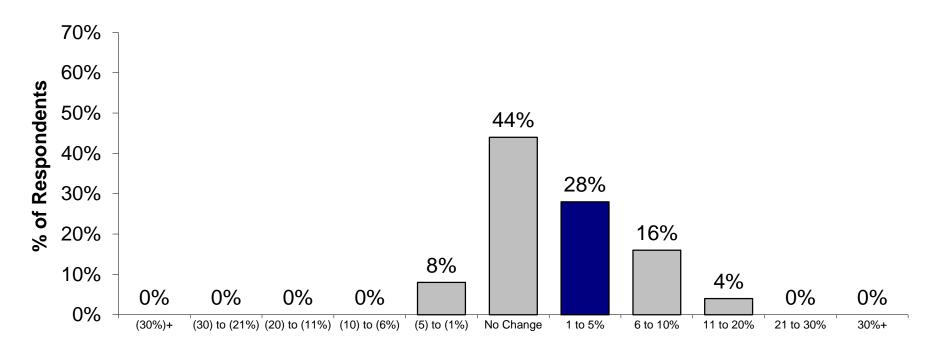
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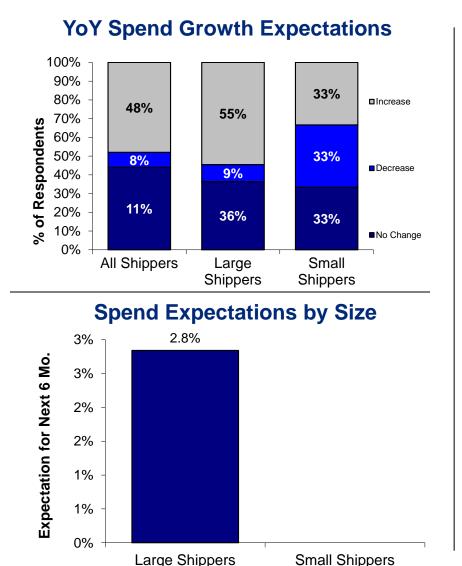
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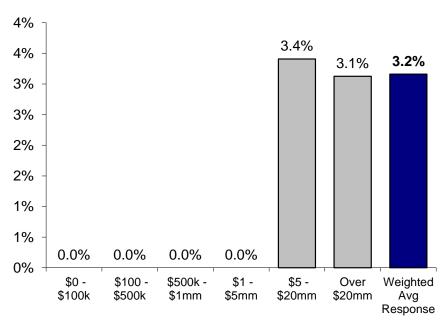


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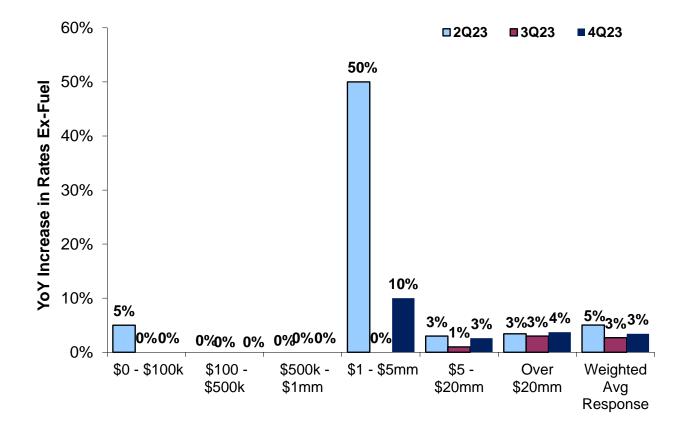


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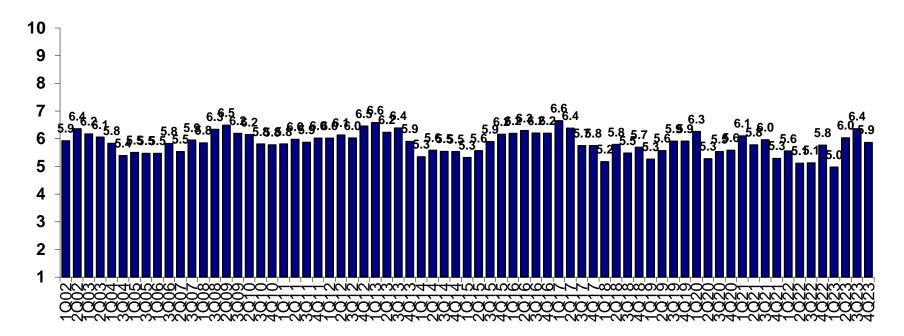
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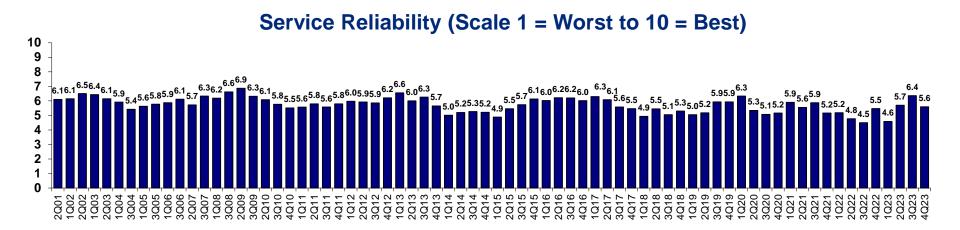
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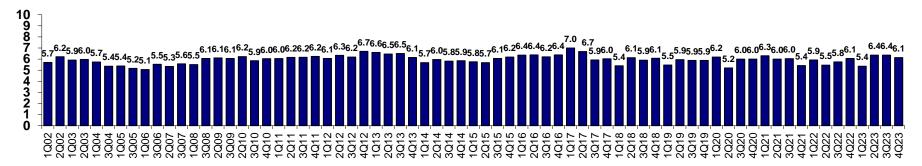
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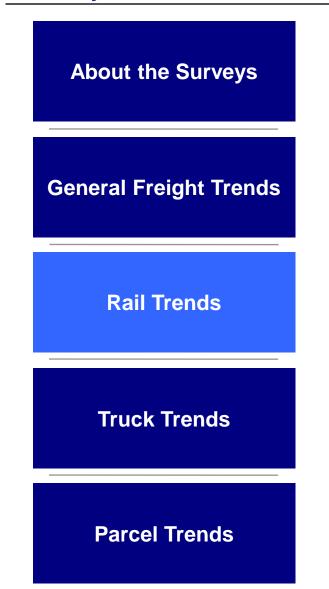


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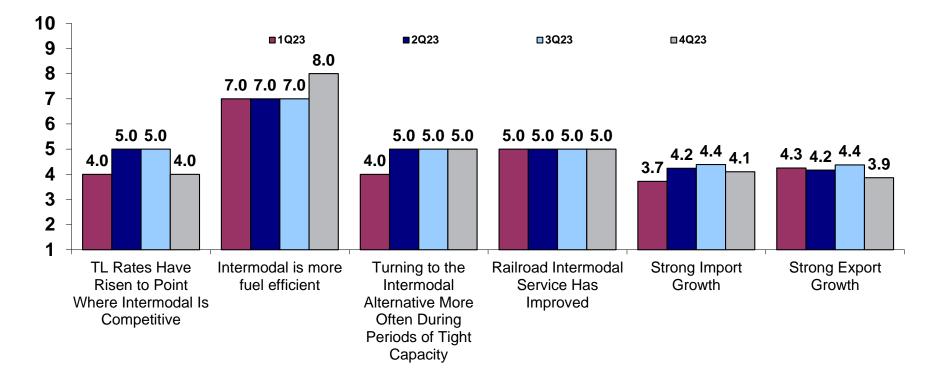
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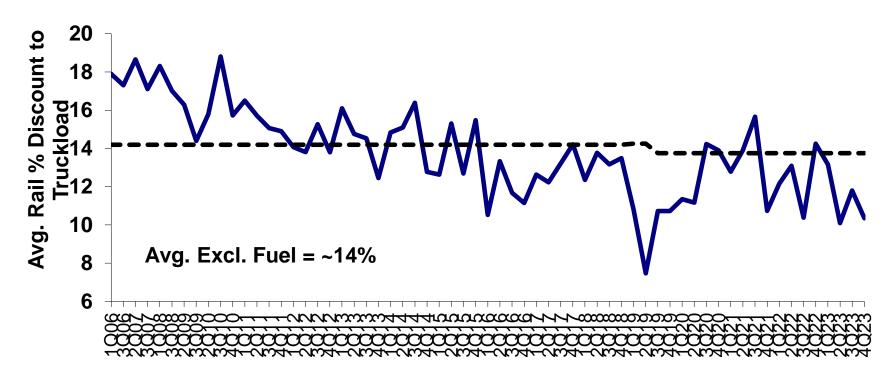


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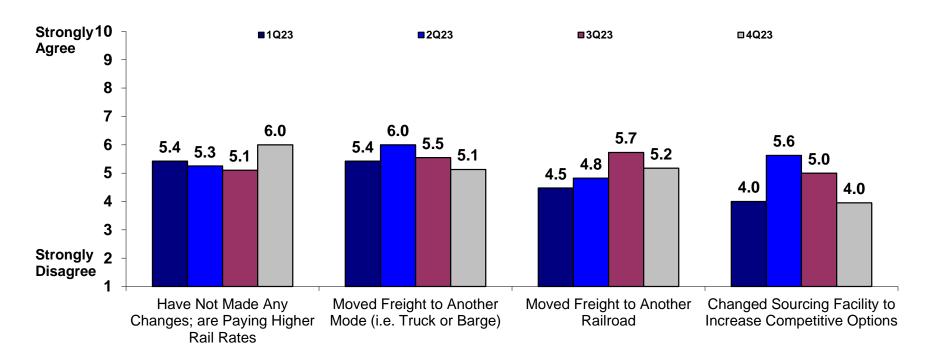
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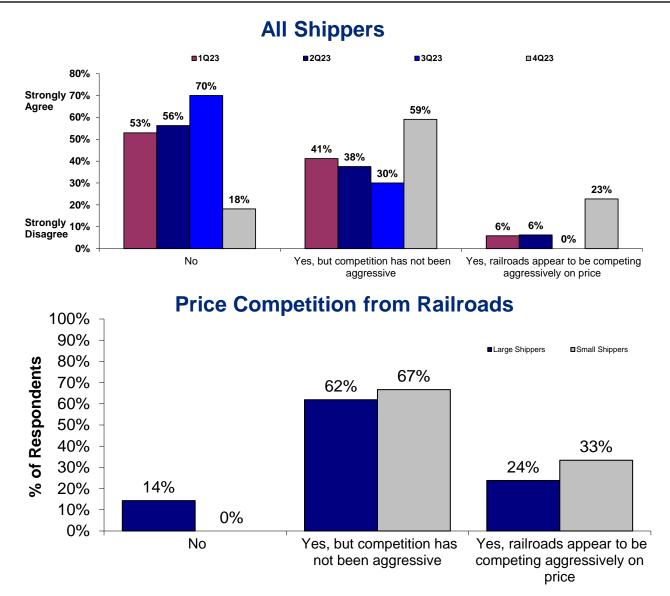
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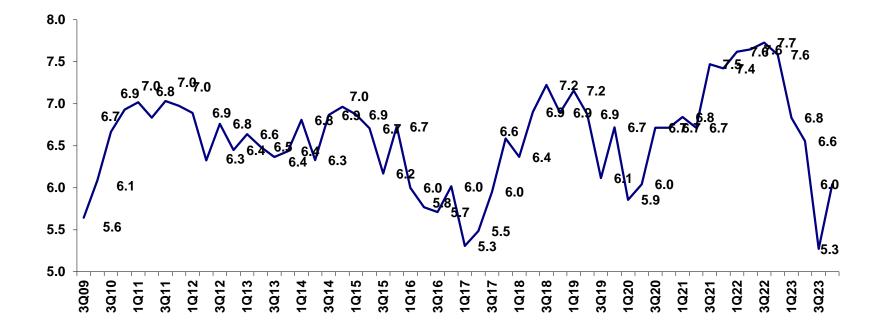
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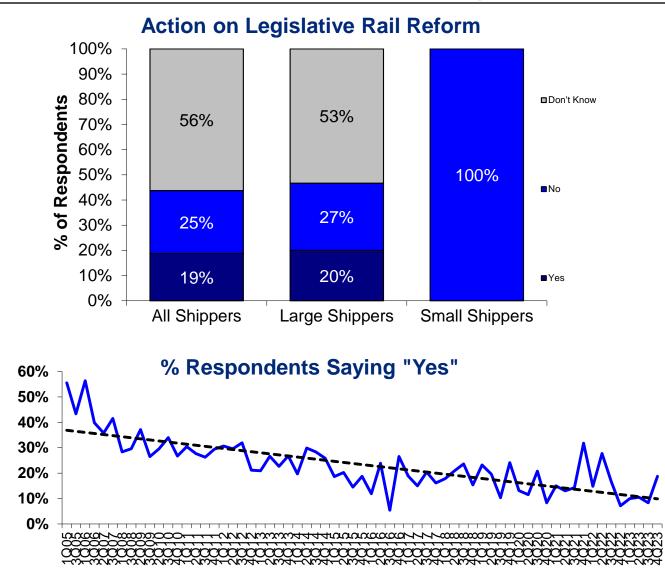
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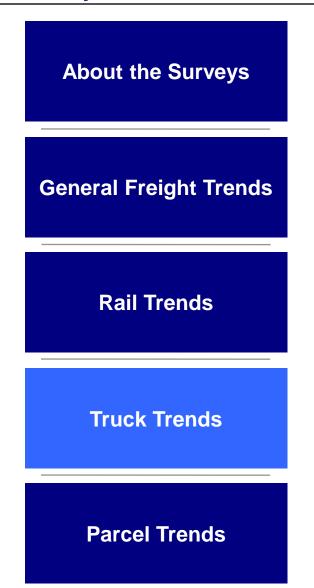
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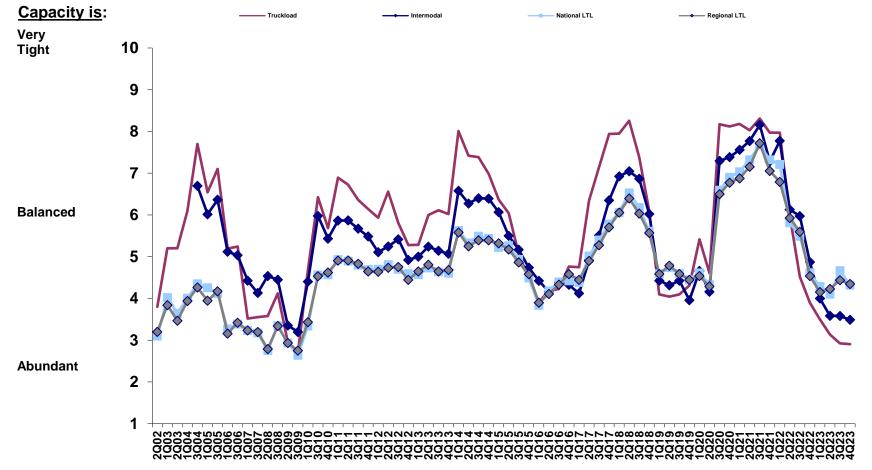
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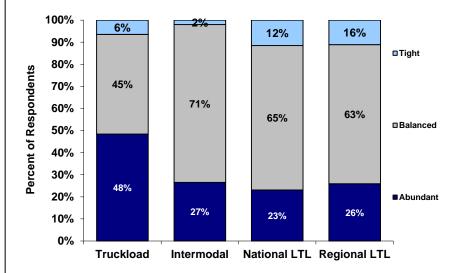
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100% 3% 7% 7% 90% Abundant 31% 80% Percent of Respondents 55% 70% 60% 66% 71% ■Balanced 50% 40% 66% 30% 43% 20% Tight 27% 22% 10% 0% Regional LTL National LTL Truckload Intermodal

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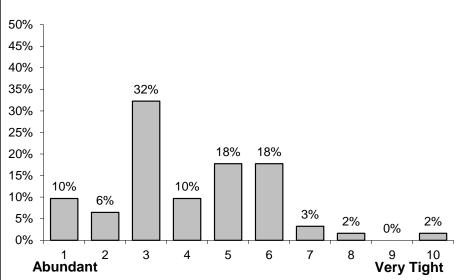
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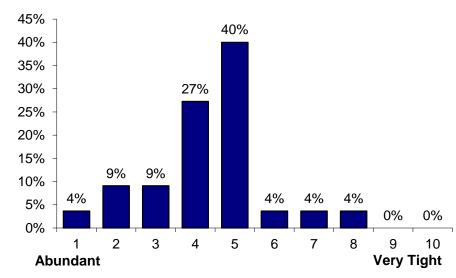
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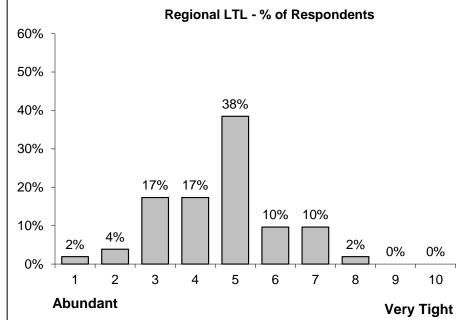
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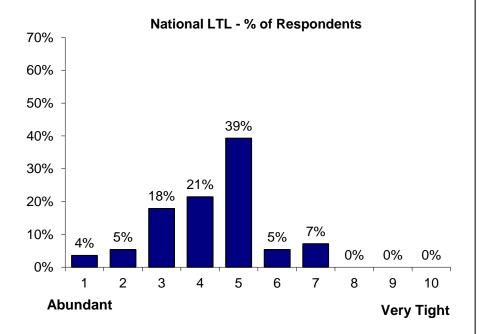
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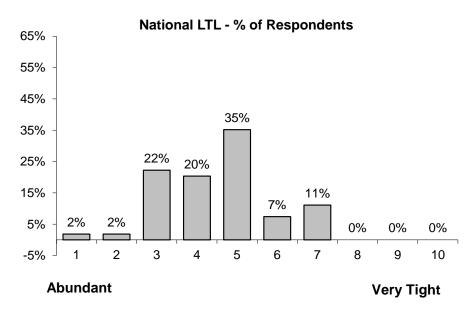
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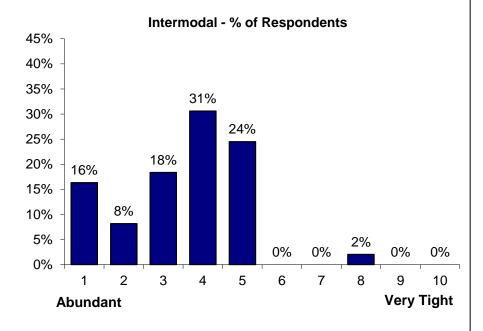


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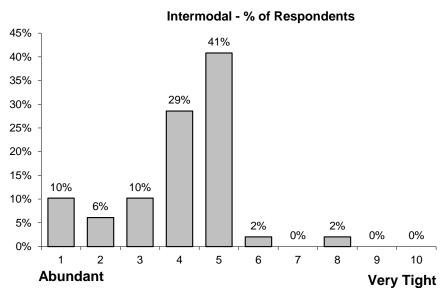


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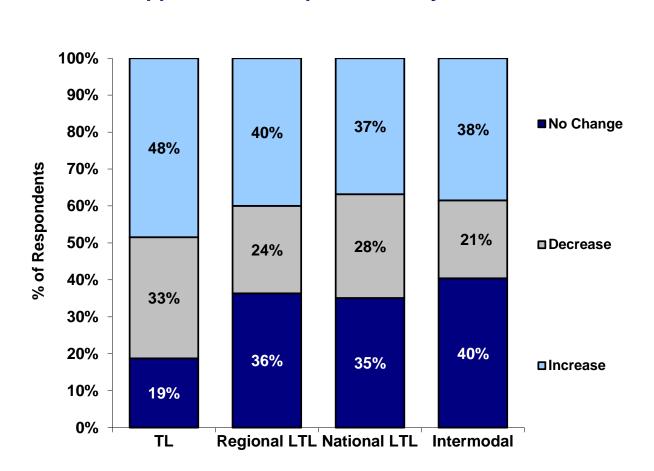


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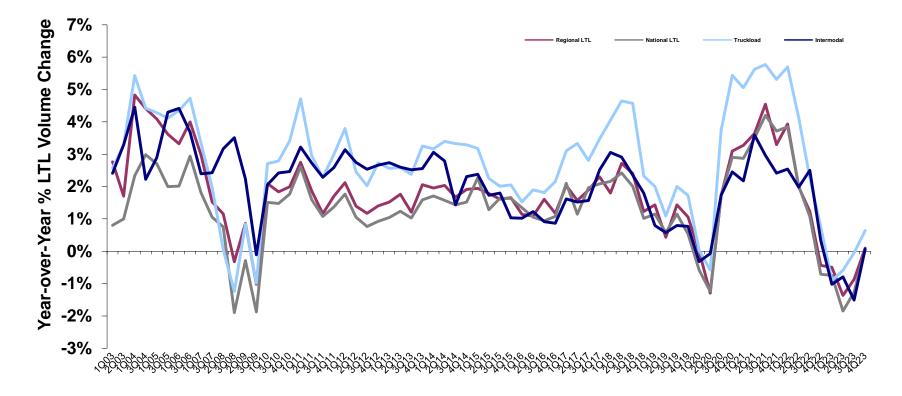


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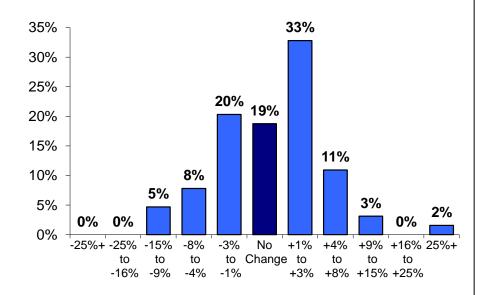


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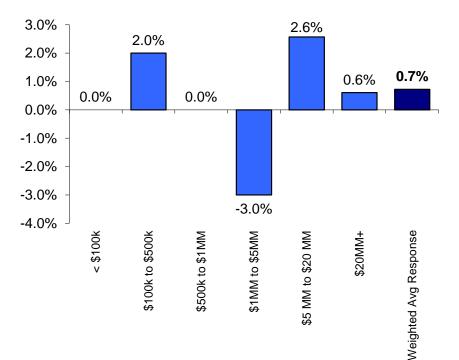
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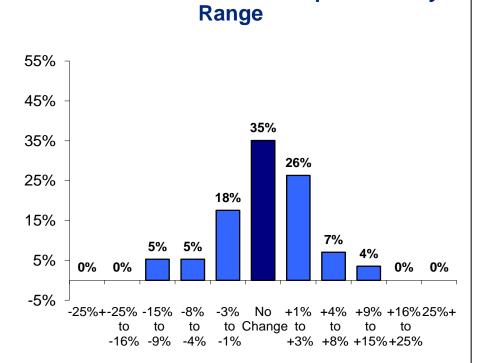


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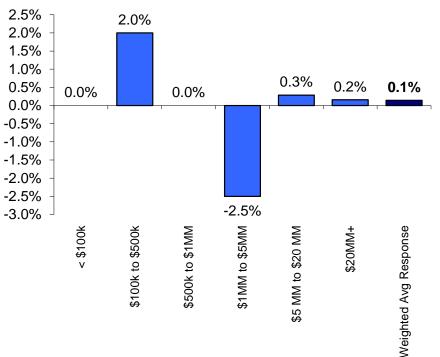
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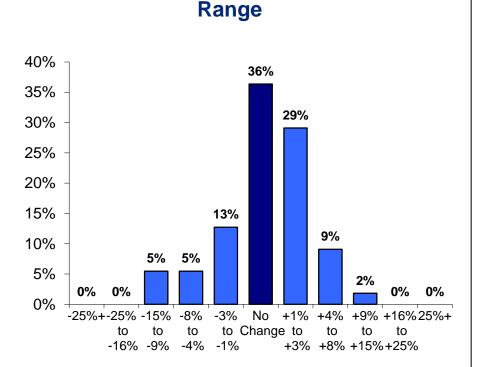
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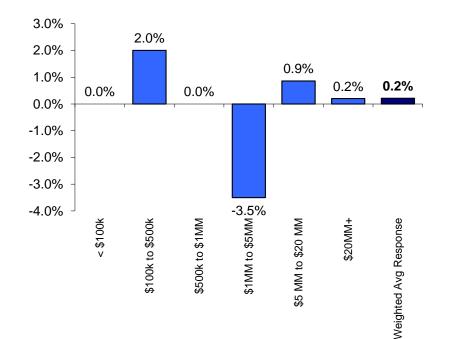
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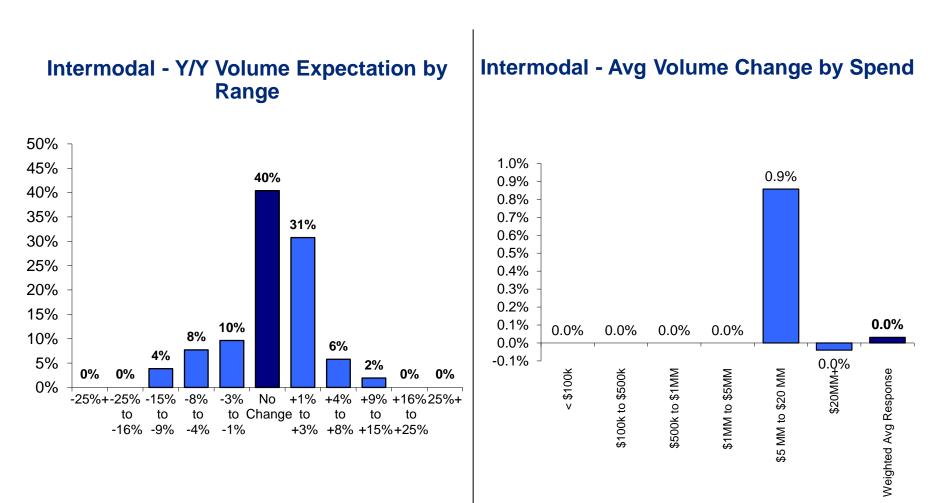


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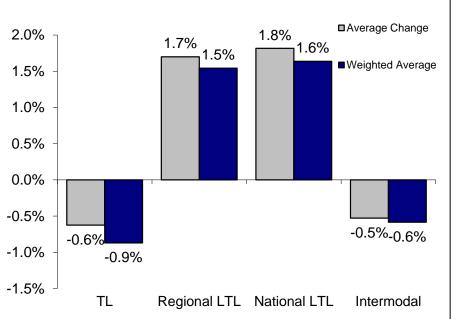
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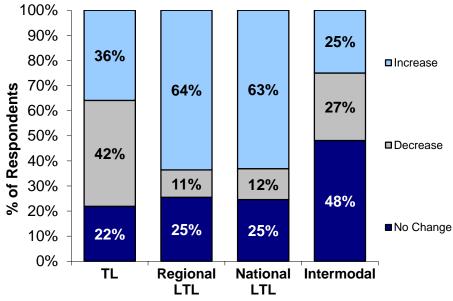


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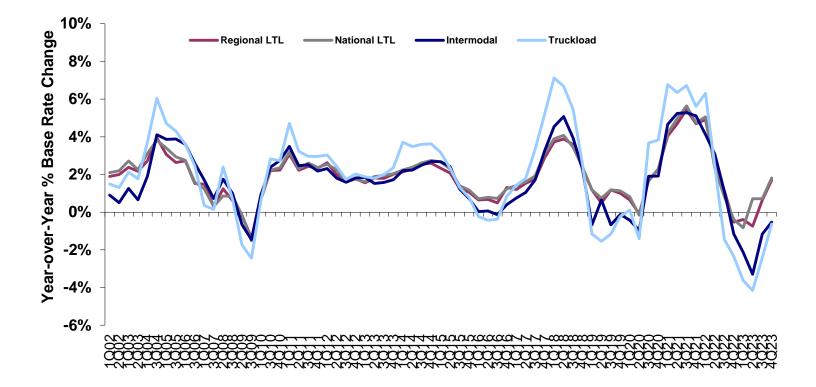
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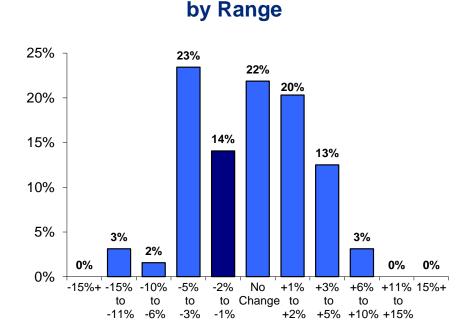




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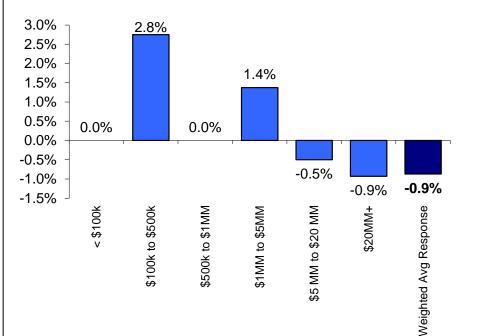
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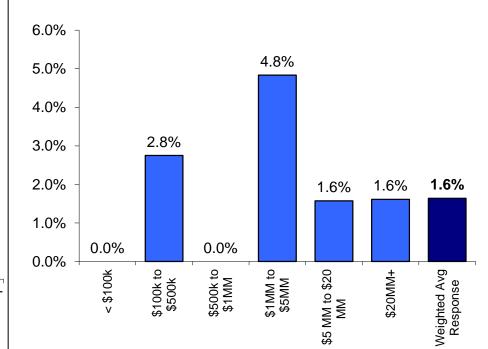
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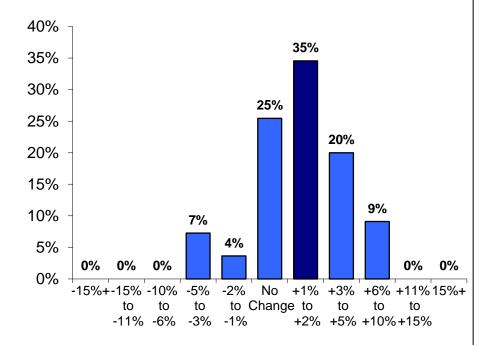
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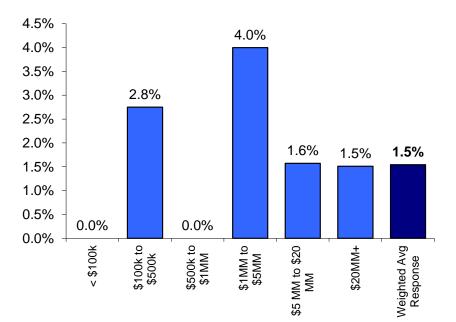
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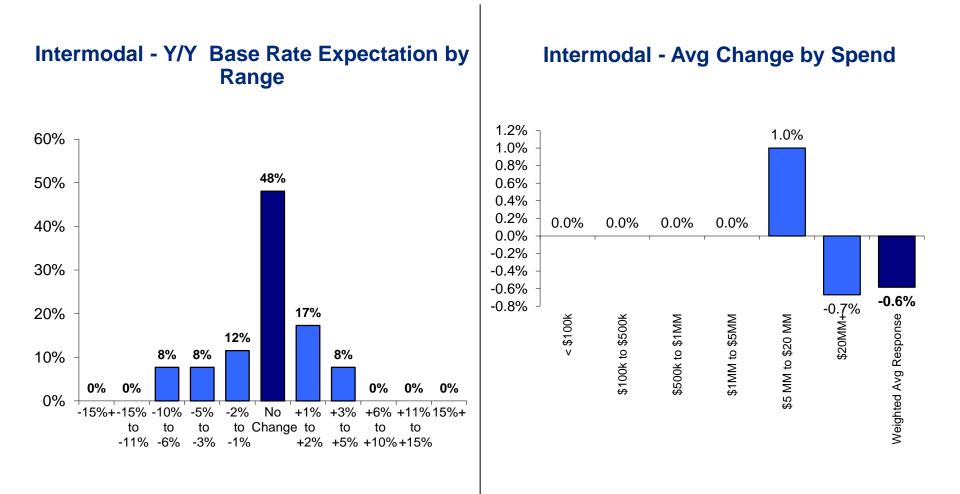
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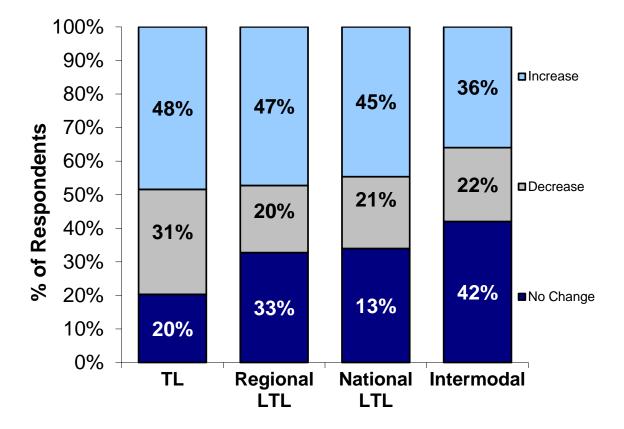


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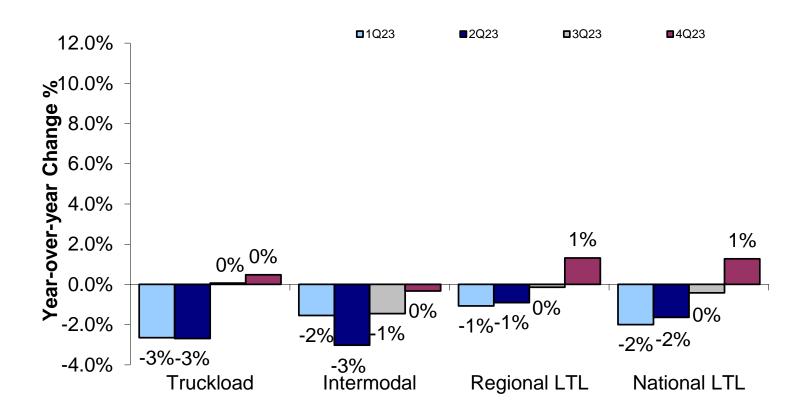
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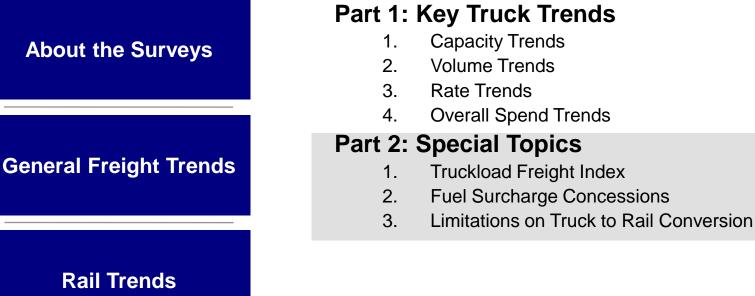
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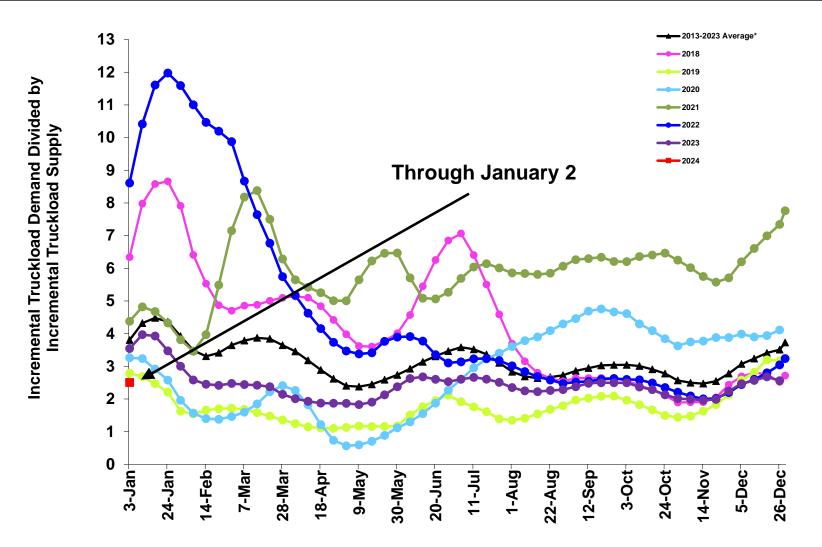
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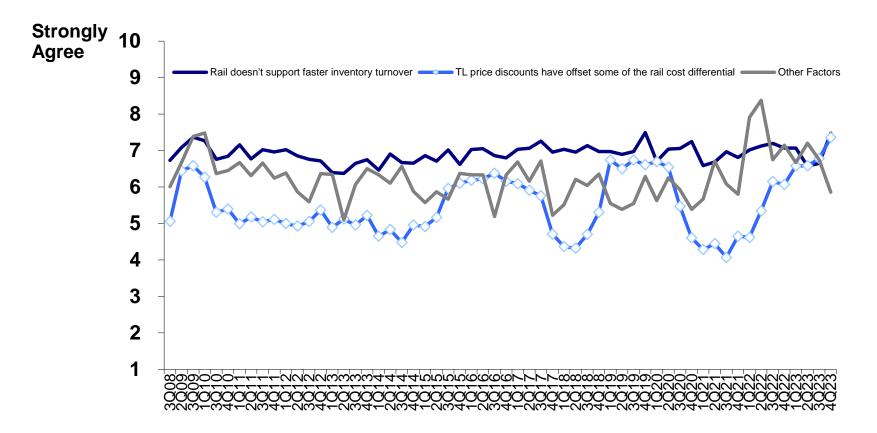


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### **Truckload Fuel Surcharge Concession History**

# What Factors are Limiting your Organization from Shipping More Volume on the Railroads?



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## **Truck to Rail Conversion: Key Obstacles to Overcome**

What Factors are Impacting Your Decision to Keep More Volume with Truckload **Carriers**? Strongly 10 Agree **4Q22 2**Q23 ■3Q23 ■4Q23 1Q23 9 8 7.5 7.4 6.7 7 5.9 5.9 6 5.5 5 4 3.3 3 2 Strongly 1 Disagree Rail doesn't Rail not Other TL price Willing to Changes in Rail not an pay more for competitive sourcing Factors discounts option support TL service on price and reduced have offset faster inventory service transport some of the rail cost turnover costs differential

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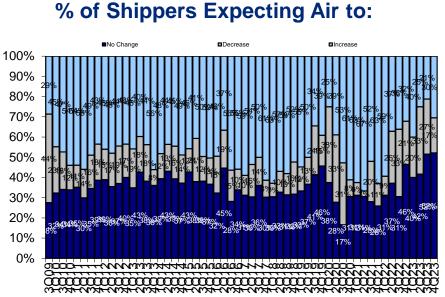
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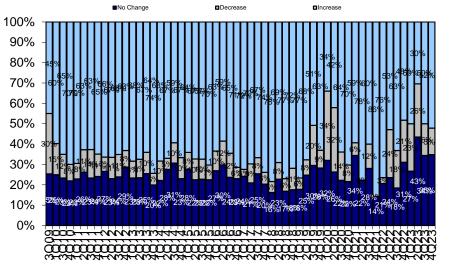
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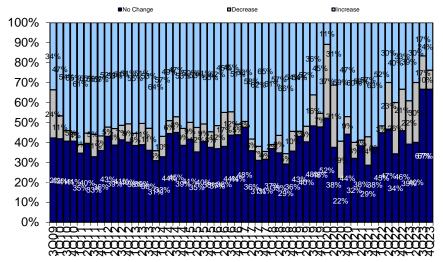
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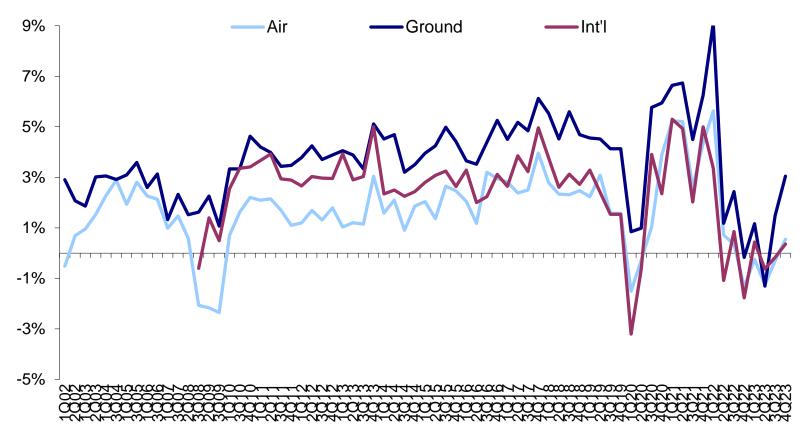
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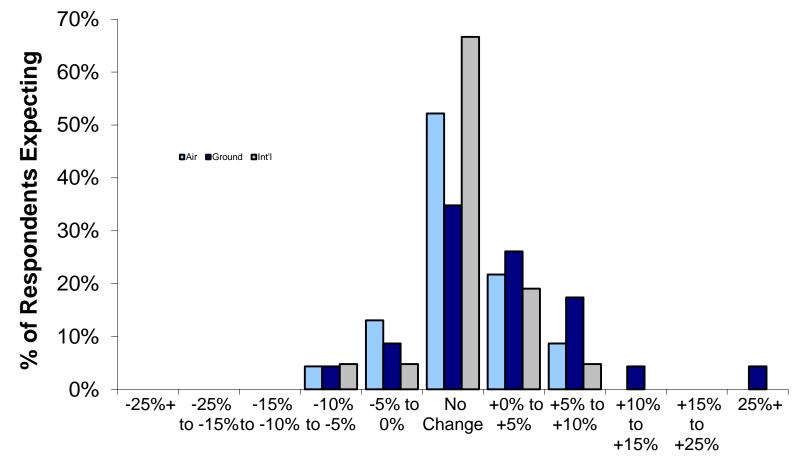
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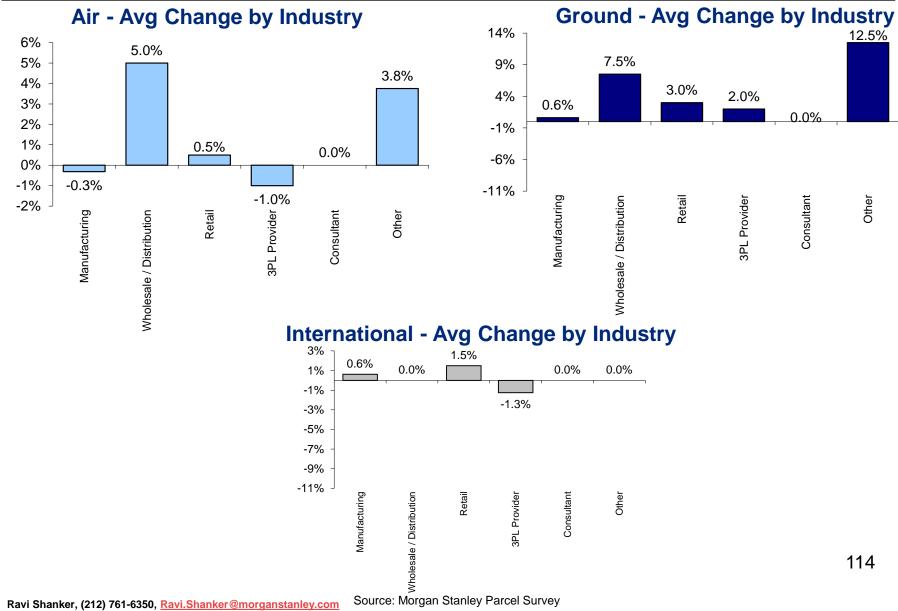


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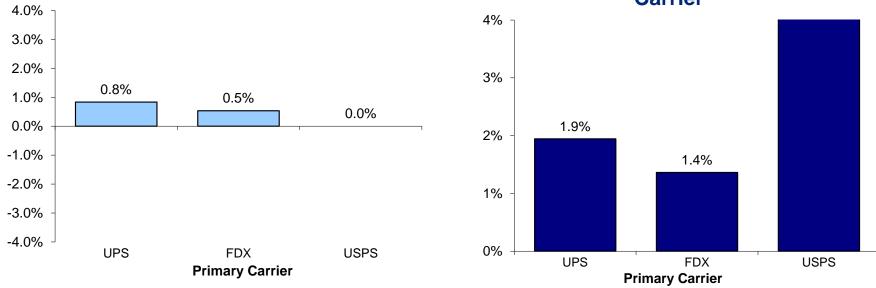


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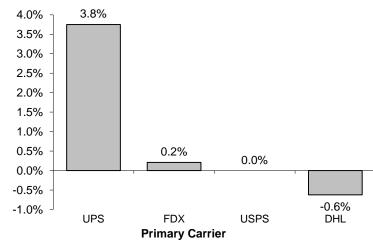
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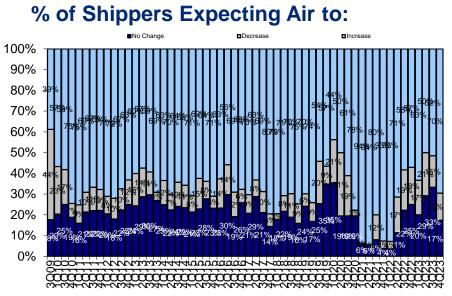
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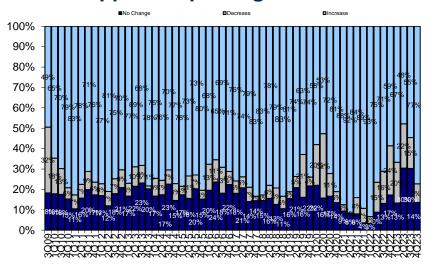
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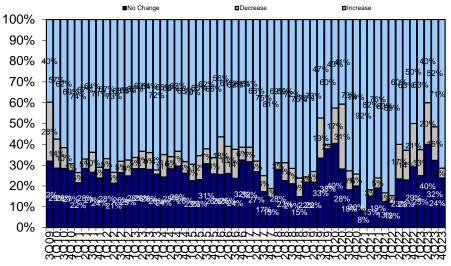
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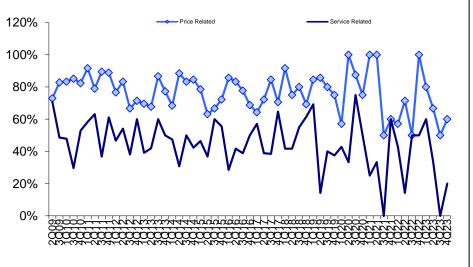


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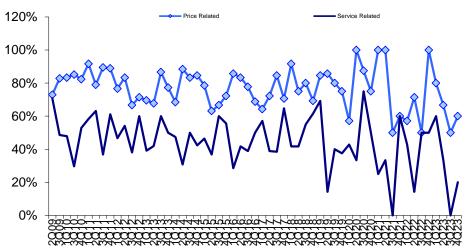
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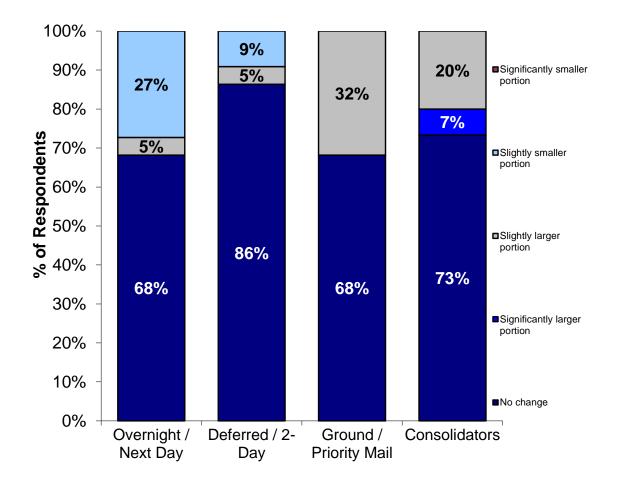


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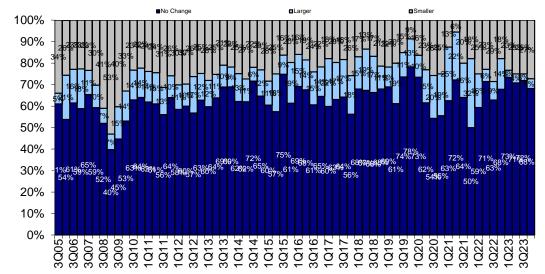
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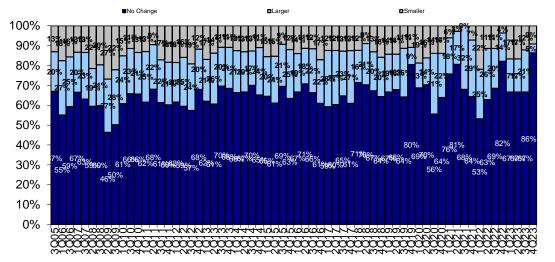
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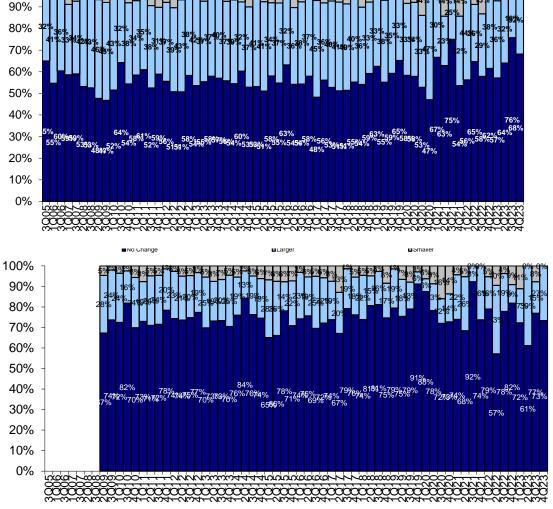


#### **Overnight / Next Day**

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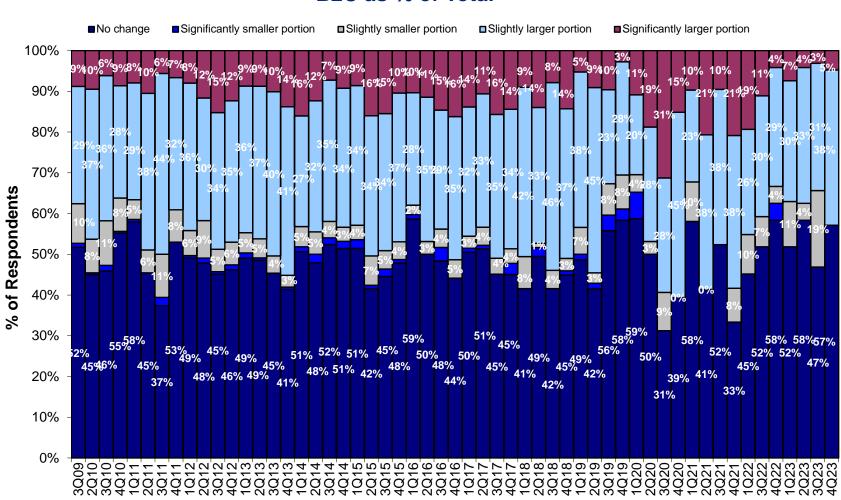
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### **Consolidators**

100%

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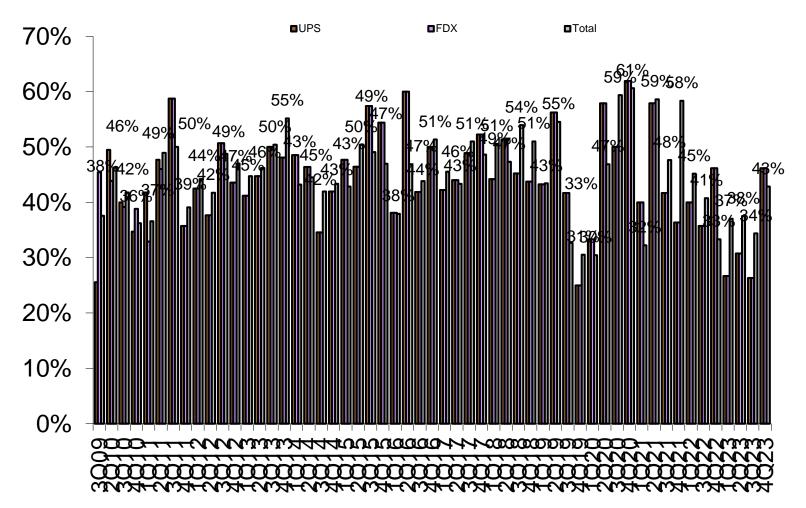


## B2C as % of Total

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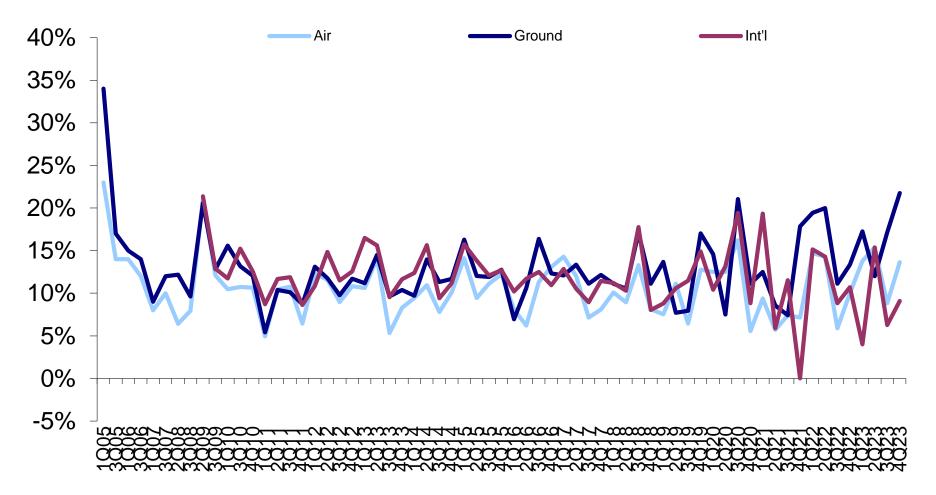
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## % of Respondents Switching Primary Carriers Over Time

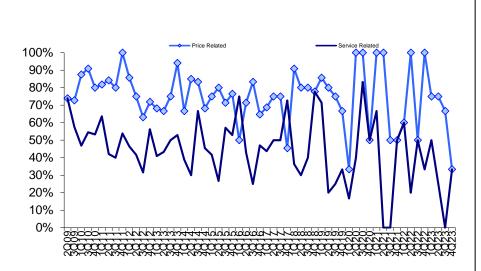
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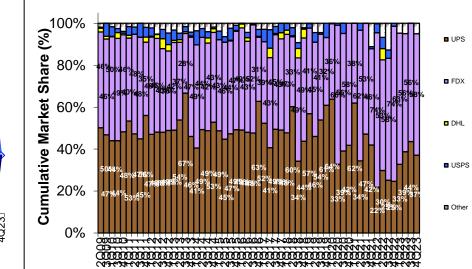
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## Air Switching: Reasons for Switch and Primary Carrier



**Air: Reason for Switching Primary Carriers** 

## Air: Dollar-weighted Market Share

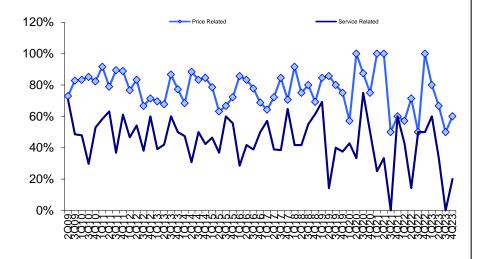


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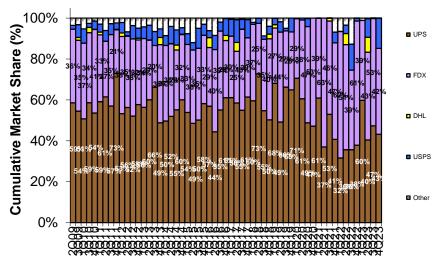
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#### Ground: Reason for Switching Primary Carriers



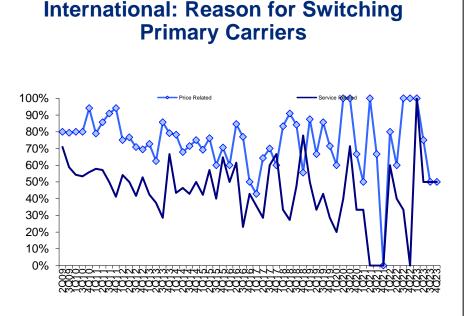
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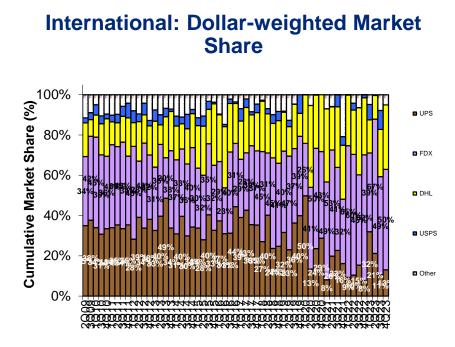


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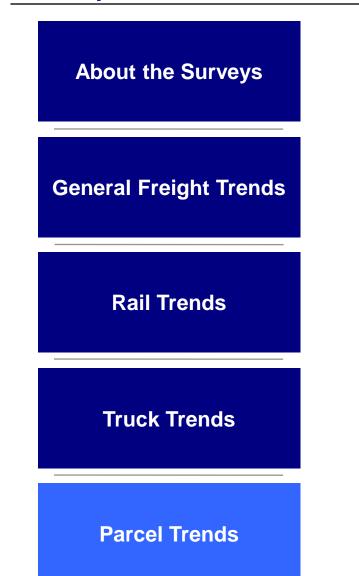
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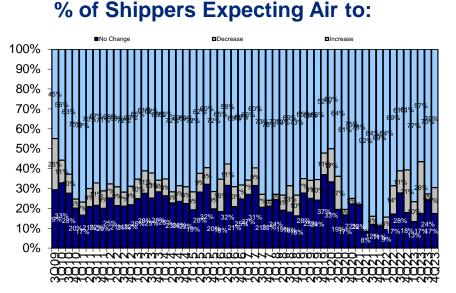
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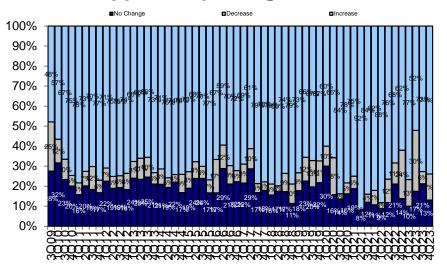
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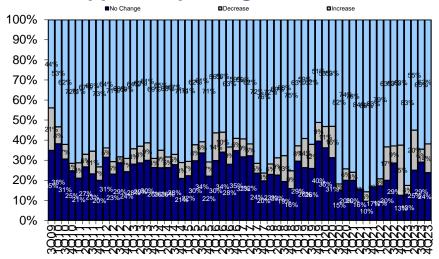
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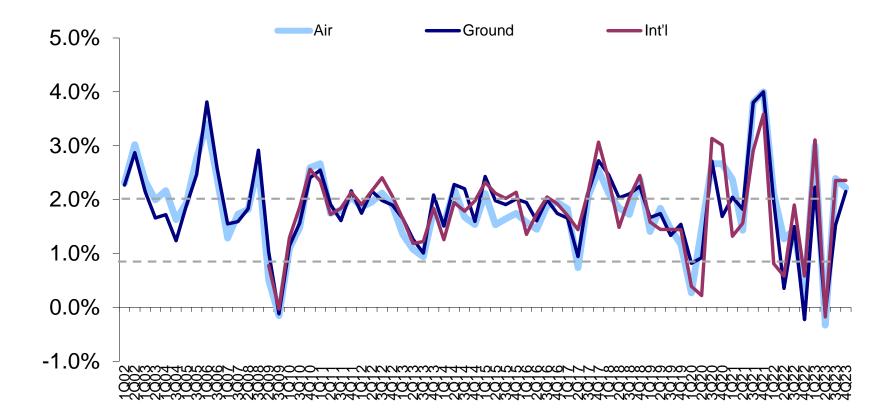


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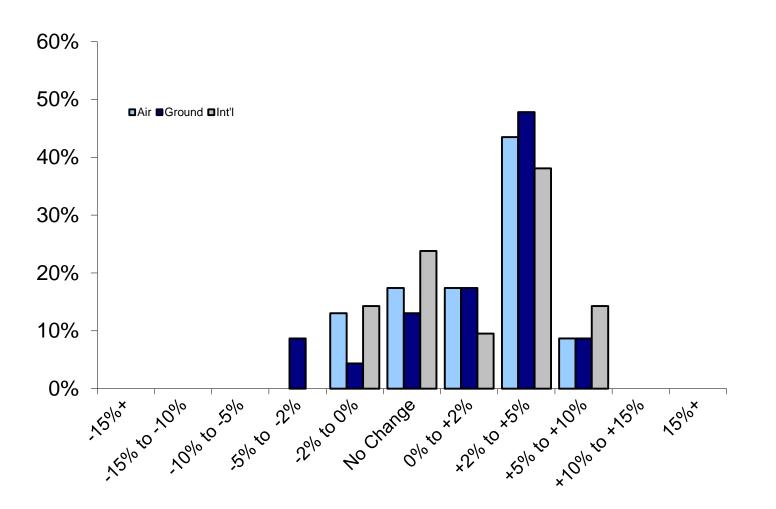
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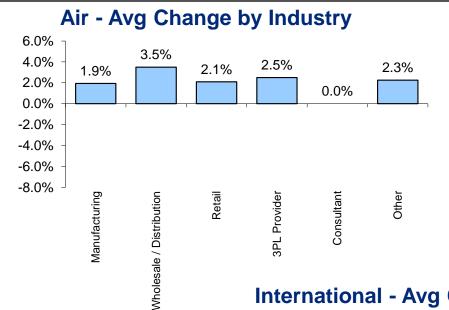
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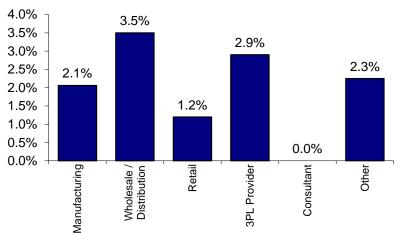


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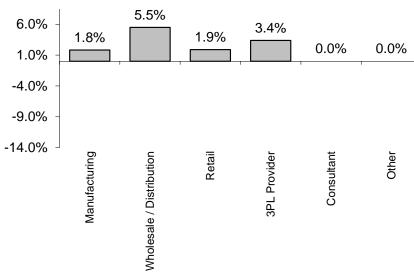
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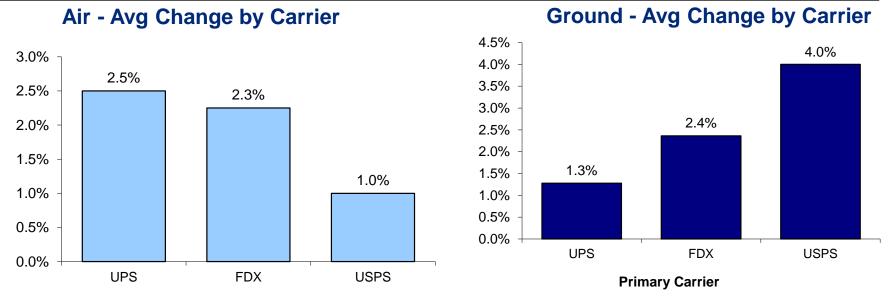


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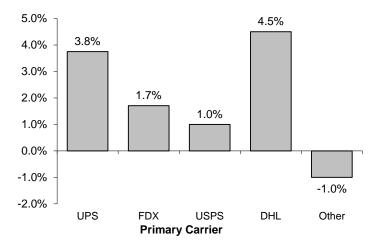
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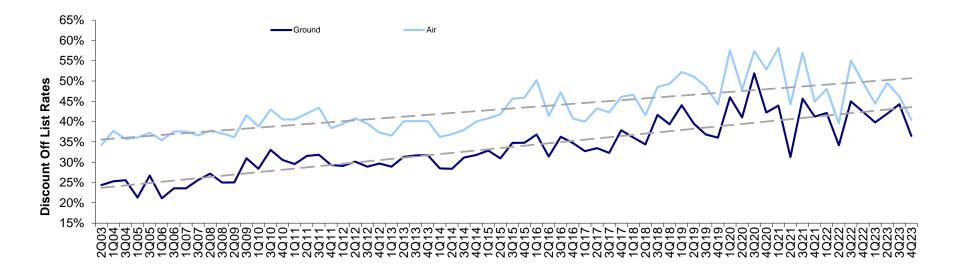
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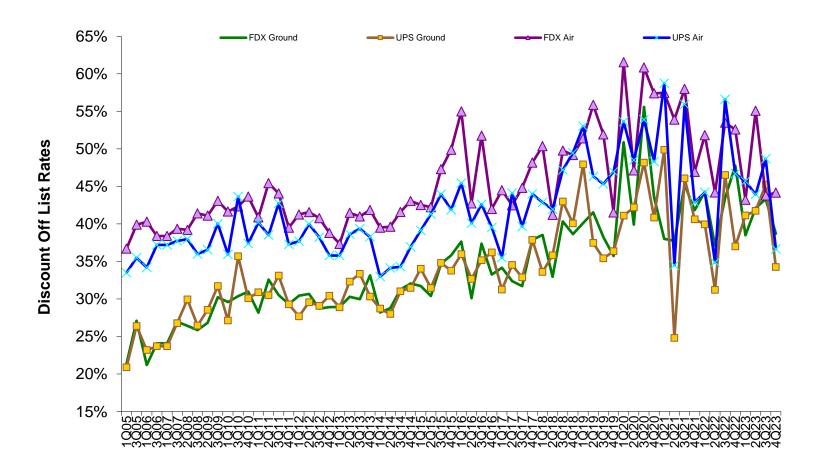
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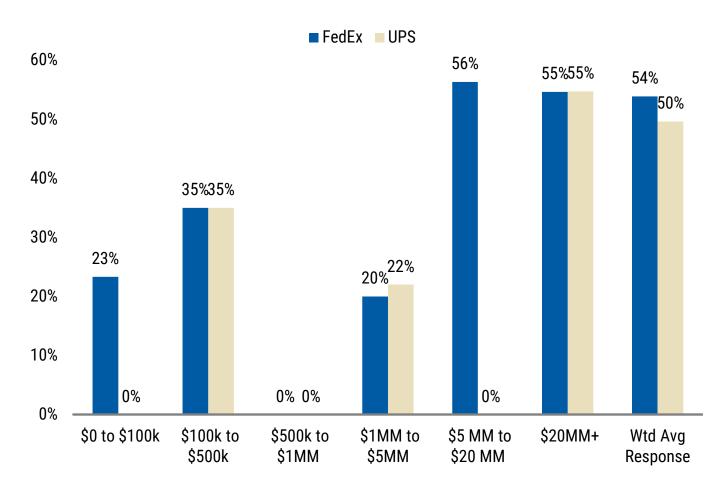
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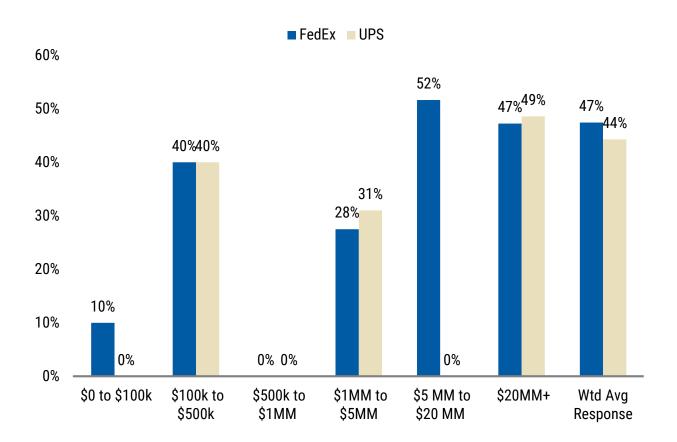
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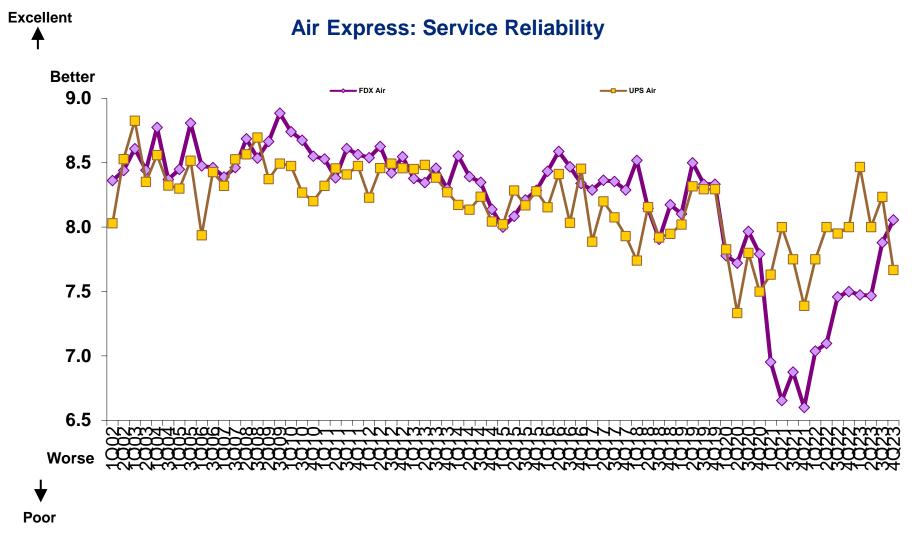
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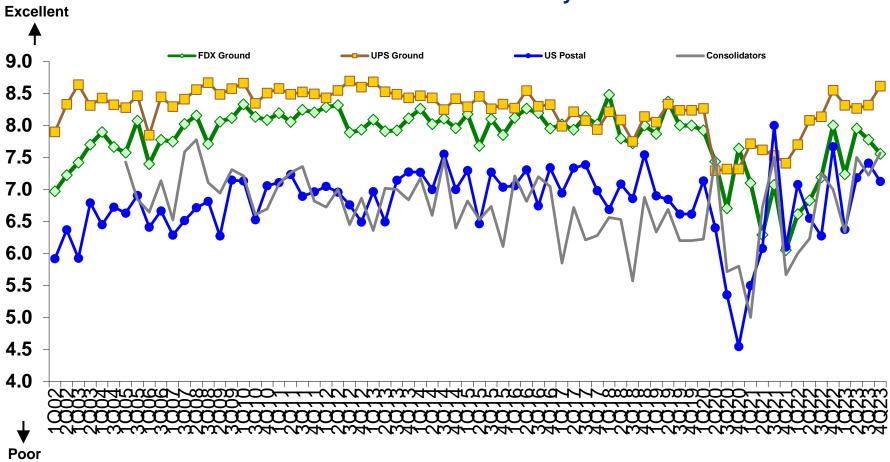
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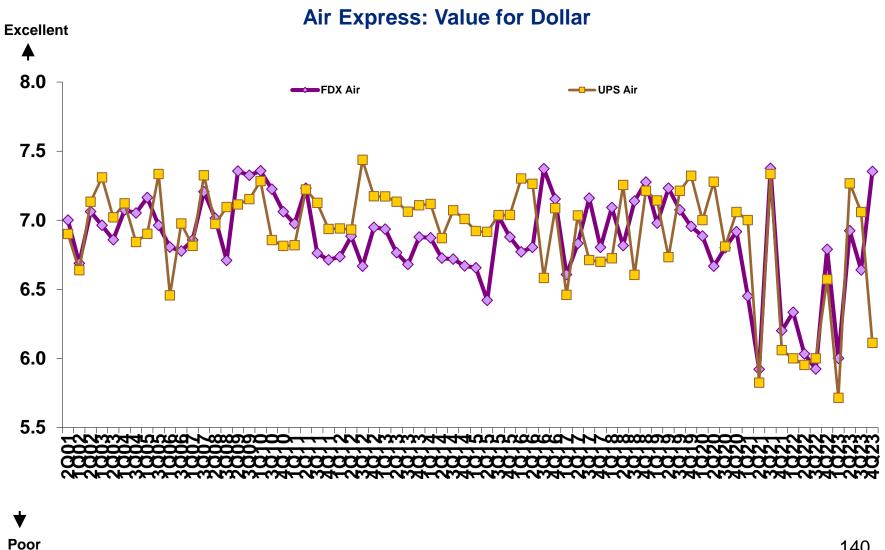
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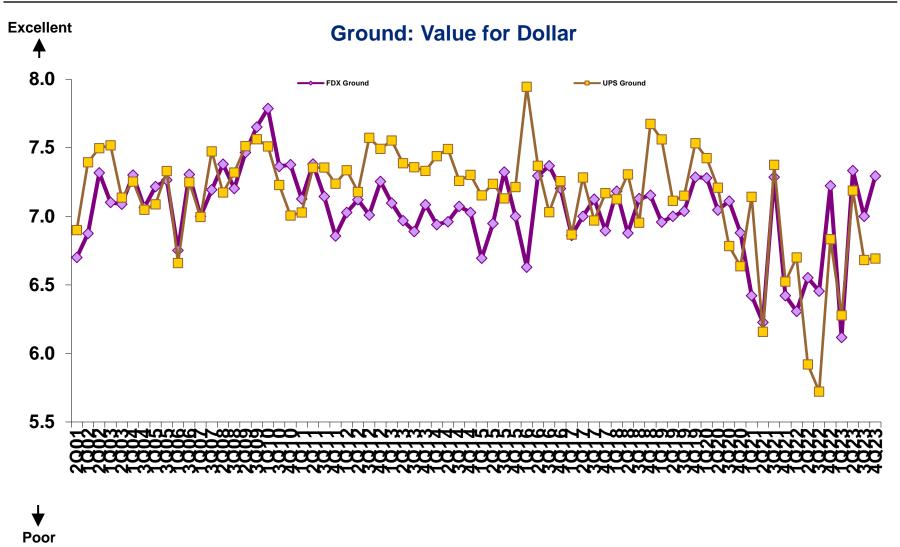
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	Covera	age Universe Investment Banking Clients (IBC)			ients (IBC)	Other Material Investment Services Clients (MISC)		
Stock Rating Category	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total IBC	% of Rating Category	Count	% of Total Other MISC	
Overweight/Buy	1346	37%	266	41%	20%	605	39%	
Equal-weight/Hold	1668	46%	317	49%	19%	717	46%	
Not-Rated/Hold	3	0%	0	0%	0%	1	0%	
Underweight/Sell	598	17%	61	9%	10%	224	14%	
Total	3,615		644			1547		

Data include common stock and ADRs currently assigned ratings. Investment Banking Clients are companies from whom Morgan Stanley received investment banking compensation in the last 12 months. Due to rounding off of decimals, the percentages provided in the "% of total" column may not add up to exactly 100 percent.

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AIRLINES (NORTH AMERICA)		ATTRACTIVE				
Delta Airlines, Inc.	DALN	Overweight	USD	40.45	77.00	
Frontier Group Holdings Inc	ULCC.0	Overweight	USD	5.31	10.00	
United Airlines Holdings, Inc.	UAL.O	Overweight	USD	40.72	75.00	
Alaska Air Group Inc	ALK.N	Overweight	USD	38.34	70.00	
Southwest Airlines Co.	LUV.N	Overweight	USD	28.48	47.00	
American Airlines Group Inc	AAL.O	Equal-weight	USD	13.44	20.00	
Sun Country Airlines Holdings Inc	SNCY.0	Equal-weight	USD	15.57	23.00	
Allegiant Travel	ALGT.O	Equal-weight	USD	81.09	95.00	
JetBlue Airways Corp.	JBLU.O	++	USD	5.27	++	
Setblide Allways Corp.	<u>JB20.0</u>	++	030	J.27	++	
FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION (NORTH AMERICA	7)	IN-LINE				
Werner Enterprises	WERN.O	Overweight	USD	41.88	61.00	
Schneider National Inc.	SNDR.N	Overweight	USD	25.13	36.00	
Knight-Swift Transportatio Top Pick	KNX.N	Overweight	USD	57.41	75.00	
GXO Logistics. Inc	<u>GXO.N</u>	Overweight	USD	60.13	75.00	
TFI International Inc	TEILN	Overweight	USD	133.70	164.00	
ArcBest Corp	ARCB.0	Overweight	USD	121.06	145.00	
Canadian National Railway Co,	CNR.TO	Overweight	CAD	167.18	195.00	
Heartland Express Inc.	HTLD.0	Equal-weight	USD	13.93	16.00	
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd	<u>CP.TO</u>	Equal-weight	CAD	105.41	100.00	
Old Dominion Freight Line Inc	ODFL.O	Equal-weight	USD	397.74	360.00	
Hub Group Inc	HUBG.0	Equal-weight	USD	91.23	80.00	
J.B. Hunt Transport Services Inc.	JBHT.O	Equal-weight	USD	195.49	165.00	
XPO Logistics, Inc.	<u>XPO.N</u>	Equal-weight	USD	84.88	70.00	
FedEx Corporation	FDX.N	Equal-weight	USD	252.24	205.00	
RXO Inc	RXO.N	Equal-weight	USD	23.05	18.00	
Landstar System Inc	LSTR.O	Equal-weight	USD	189.43	145.00	
Union Pacific Corp.	UNP.N	Equal-weight	USD	243.43	182.00	
CSX Corporation	CSX.0	Equal-weight	USD	34.62	25.00	
Norfolk Southern Corp.	NSC.N	Equal-weight	USD	235.66	170.00	
C.H. Robinson Worldwide Inc.	CHRW.0	Underweight	USD	87.13	60.00	
Expeditors International of Washington		Underweight	USD	127.08	84.00	
Saia, Inc.	SAIA.O	Underweight	USD	427.50	270.00	
United Parcel Service	UPS.N	Underweight	USD	158.34	100.00	
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