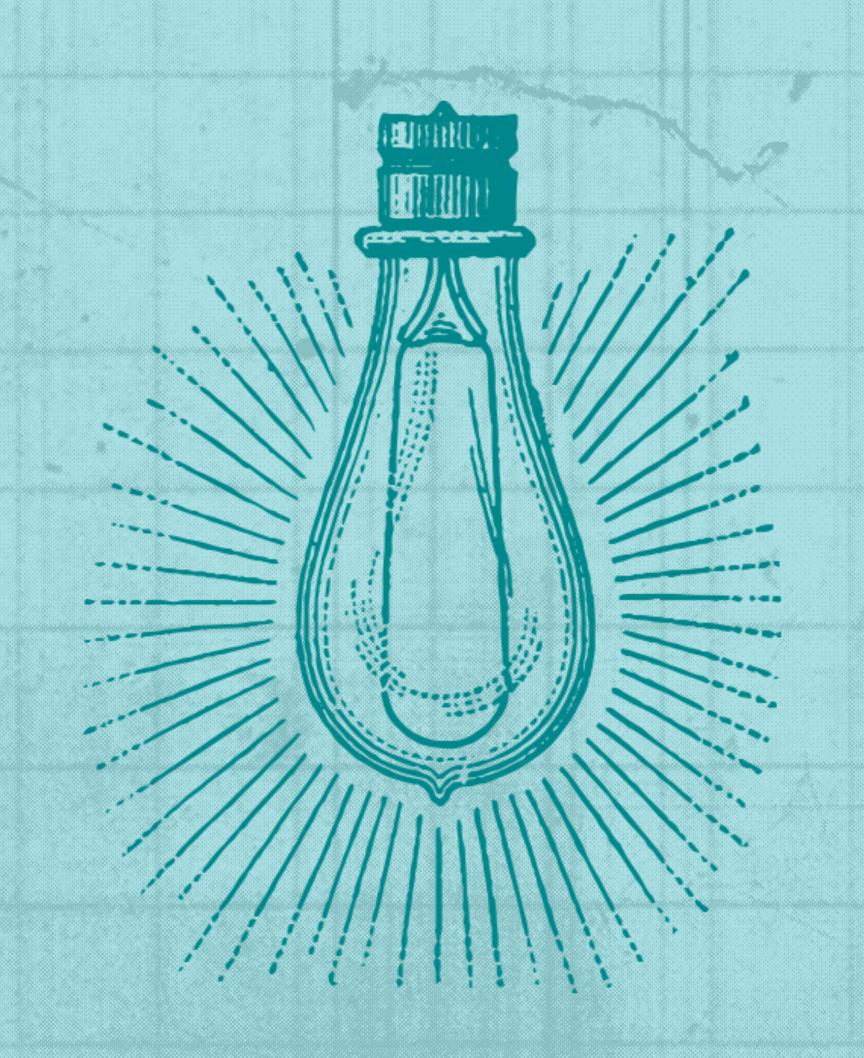
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CHAPEL HILL TOURISM BASELINE UNDERSTANDING

Client:

CLEAN // CHAPEL HILL TOURISM

NOVEMBER 4, 2019



QUANTITATIVE SURVEY



TRAVELERS

(N=604)

25-64

AGE

ALUMNI OF UNC CHAPEL HILL

N=50 (28 of whom live and/or work in Charlotte)

NC/SC/VA/GA

LOCATION

TAKEN/PLANNING A TRIP:

>4 HOURS AWAY & PAST/NEXT 12 MONTHS

CONSIDERATION

ONLINE ANTHROPOLOGY



WE UTILIZED A SUITE OF TOOLS AND FRAMEWORKS THAT AID IN TRULY UNDERSTANDING DEEPER MOTIVATIONS AND BEHAVIORS.





YOUR UNIQUE CHALLENGE: THE POPULARITY OF SPORTS OVERSHADOWS CHAPEL HILL'S OTHER OFFERINGS.

FINDING MOI

CHAPEL HILL IS MAINLY
SEEN AS A COLLEGE
TOWN.

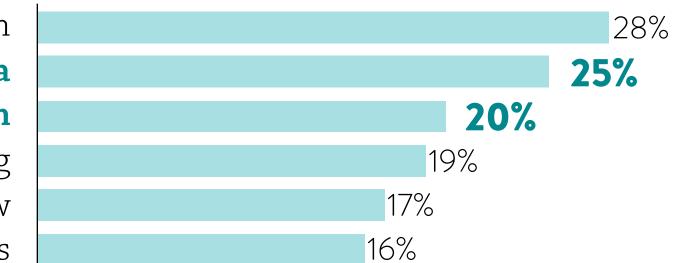
REASONS WHY RESPONDENTS AREN'T CONSIDERING CHAPEL HILL FOR A TRIP IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS OUT OF TOTAL

I prefer to visit the beach

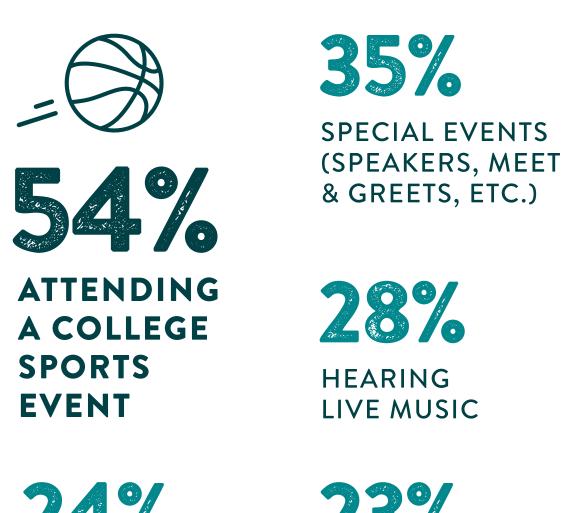
I don't know enough about the Chapel Hill area

It's a college town

The Chapel Hill area doesn't seem interesting I've already been there and want to go somewhere new I prefer to visit the mountains



ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH CHAPEL HILL



WALKING

VISITING

MUSEUMS

HIKING

23%

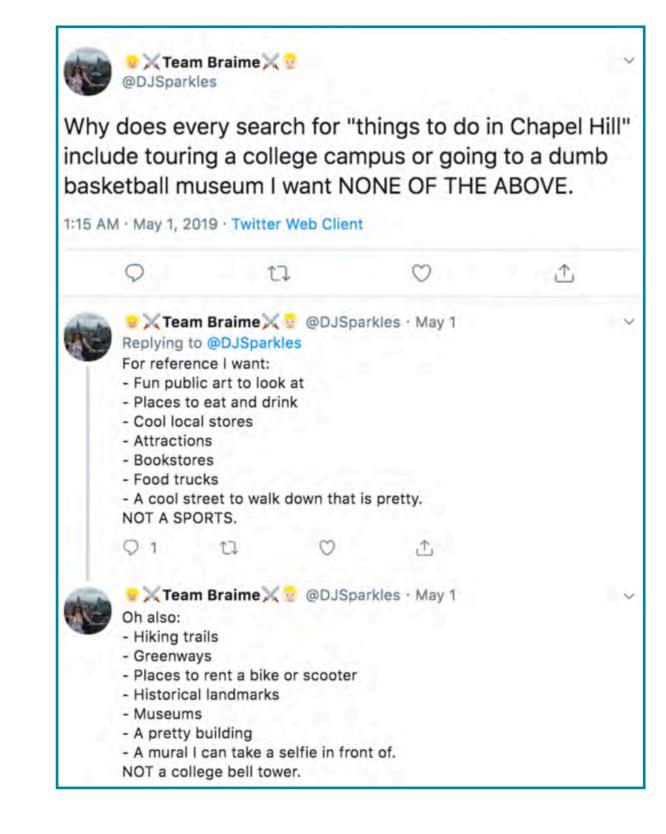
VISITING
ART EVENTS/
INSTITUTIONS

34%

BREWERIES

25%

VISITING BARS/

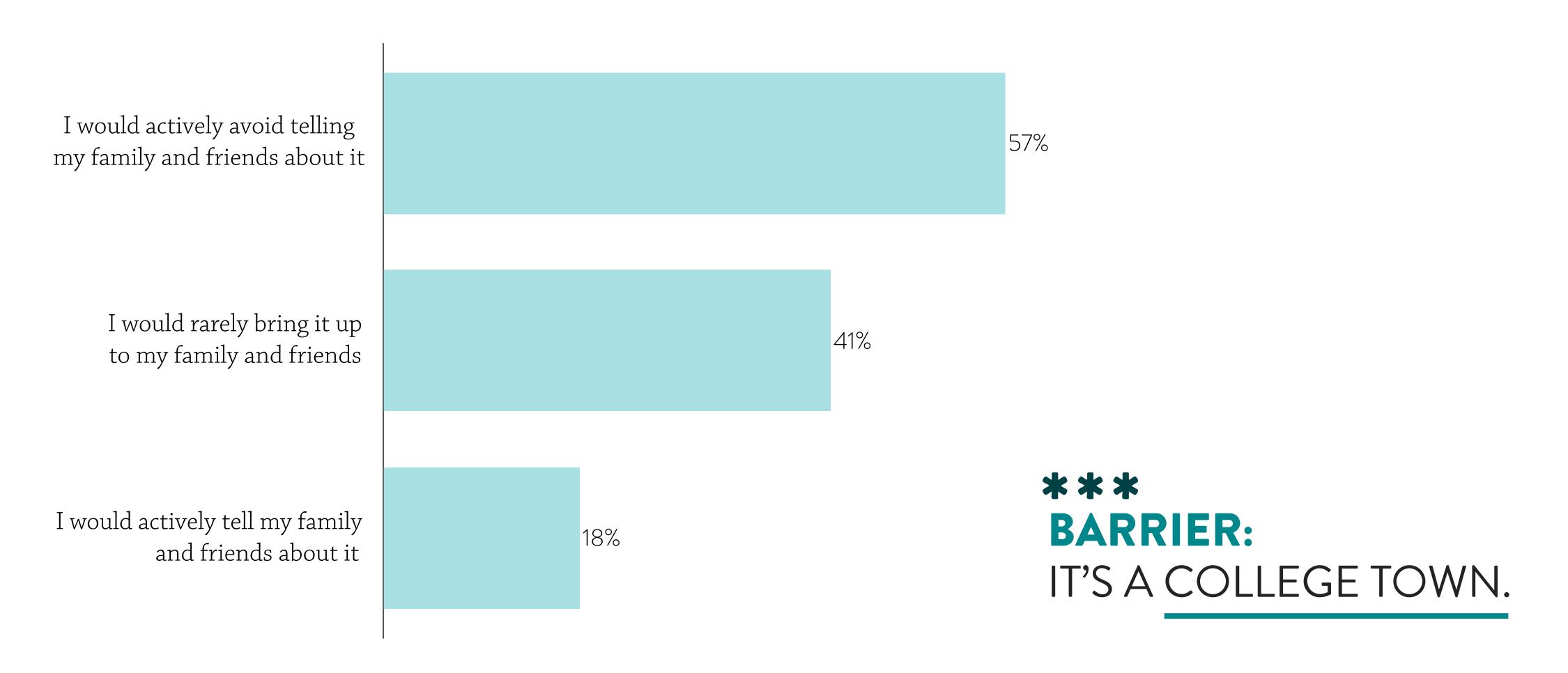






THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AMONG VISITORS WHO ARE HESITANT TO PROMOTE THE TOWN

Many view the college town vibe as a major barrier to considering recommending Chapel Hill.

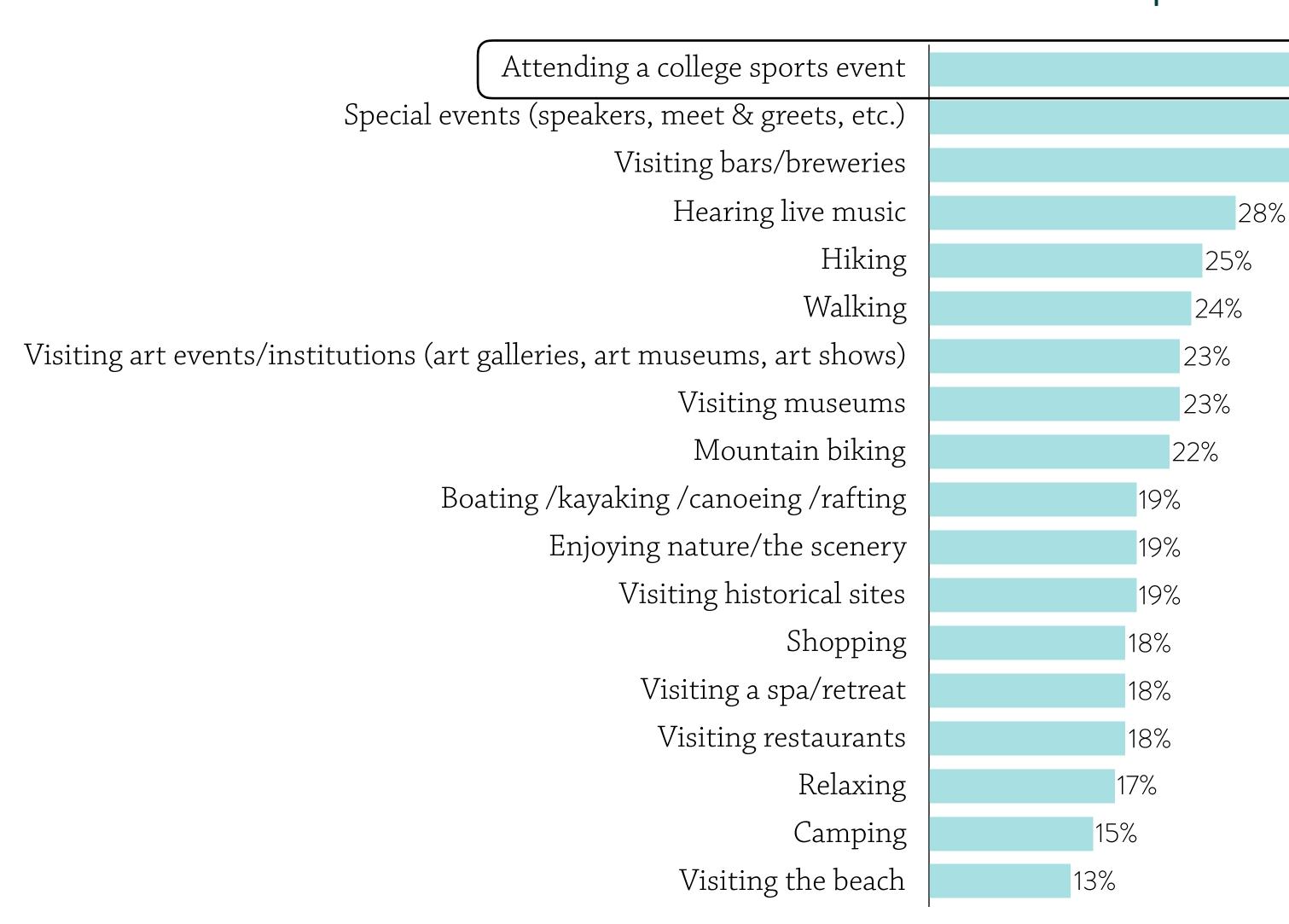






CHAPEL HILL IS SEEN AS THE DESTINATION FOR COLLEGE SPORTING EVENTS

Activities associated with Chapel Hill:





35%

34%

AREAS RELATED TO SOCIAL

GATHERINGS (SPECIAL EVENTS,
LIVE MUSIC) ALSO RISE TO THE TOP,
SUGGESTING CHAPEL HILL IS SEEN
AS A DESTINATION FOR NON-SOLITARY
ACTIVITIES (E.G., WALKING,
HIKING, RELAXING).

54%

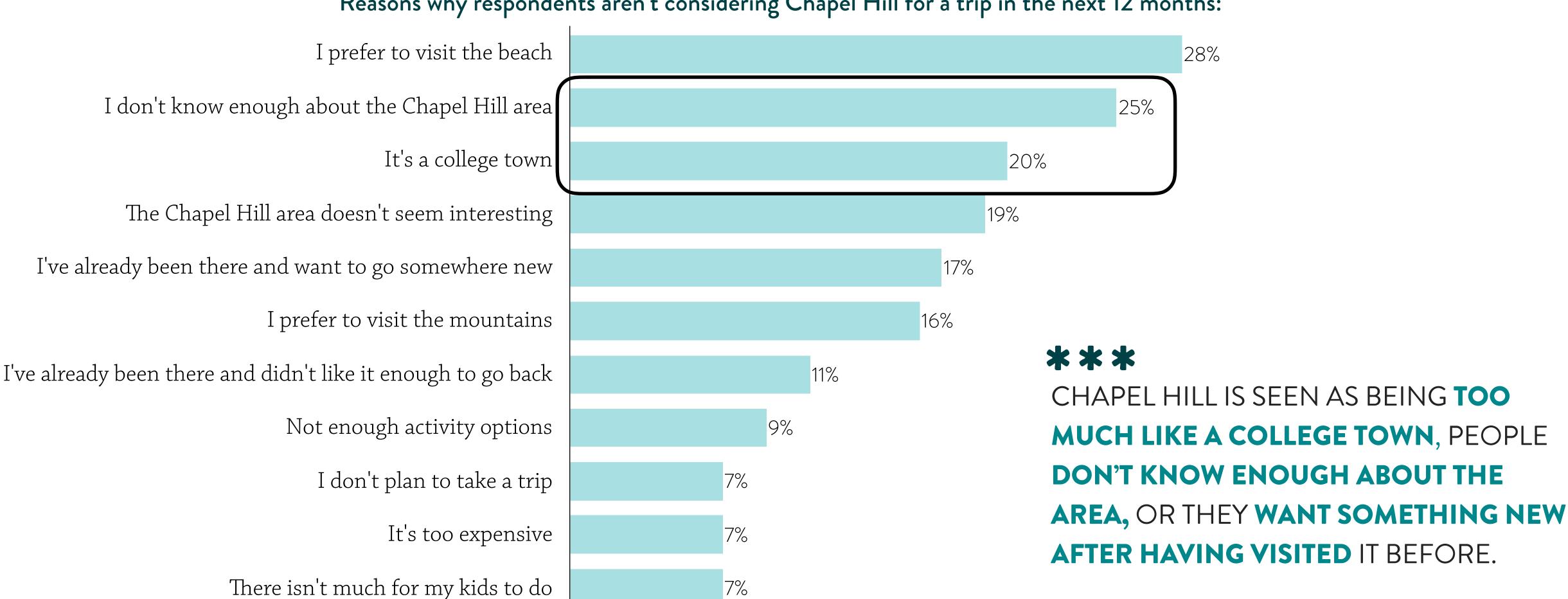
SOURCE: Survey about Chapel Hill, fielded May 2019



TRAVELERS HAVE LIMITED PERCEPTIONS OF THE TOWN

These assumptions are some of the biggest barriers when thinking about whether to visit Chapel Hill.

Reasons why respondents aren't considering Chapel Hill for a trip in the next 12 months:



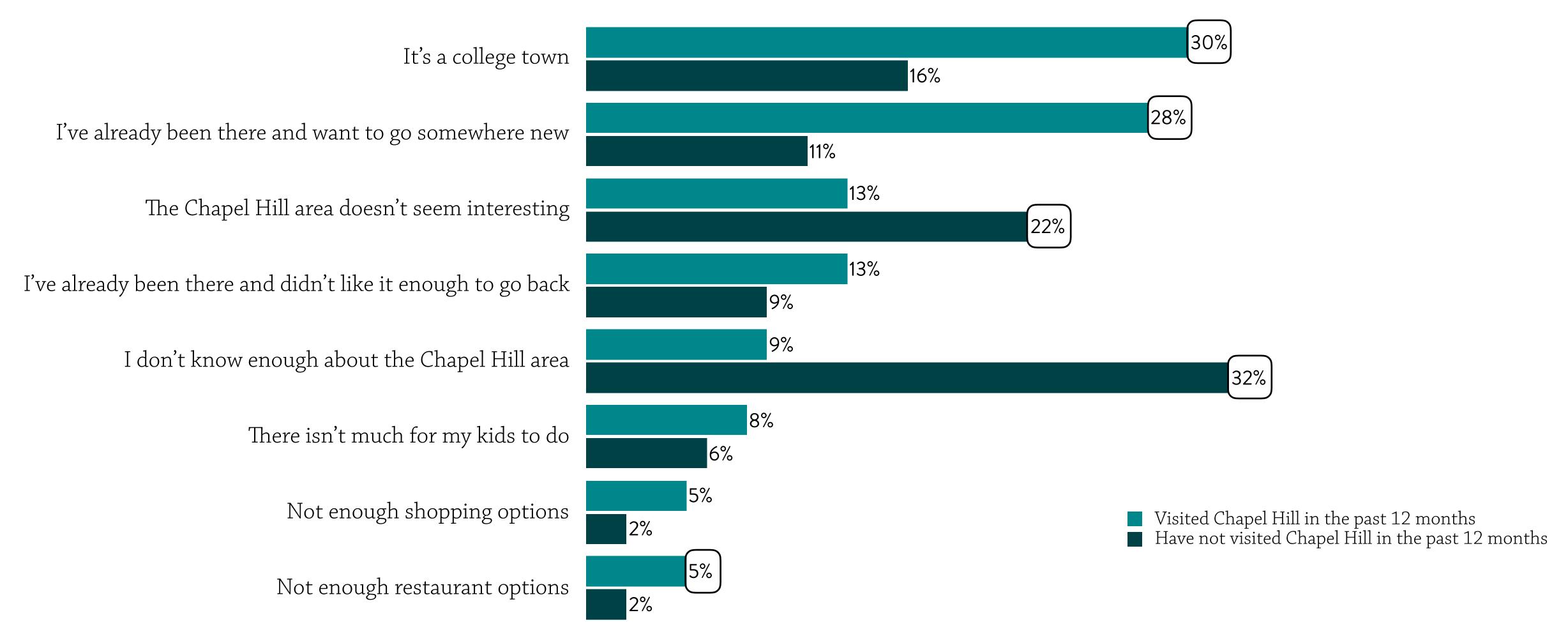




THOSE PERCEPTIONS ARE LARGELY DRIVEN BY THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY VISITED

Despite visiting recently, their lack of knowledge about the town stretches even to restaurant, shopping, and kid activity options.

Reasons why respondents aren't considering Chapel Hill for a trip in the next 12 months:





THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CAMPAIGN TO SHOW THERE'S MORE TO DO BEYOND CAMPUS AND CHAPEL HILL IS MORE THAN JUST BASKETBALL AND RED SOLO CUPS.

FINDING 162

THE CURRENT TRAVELER IS MOSTLY CONSIDERING DAY TRIPS TO CHAPEL HILL DURING WINTER OR SPRING, LIKELY ALIGNING WITH A BASKETBALL GAME AND OTHER SPORTING EVENTS.

TRAVELERS FAVOR LOCATIONS THAT OFFER CONSISTENT "OUT-OF-ROUTINE" EXPERIENCES.

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO TRAVELERS?

(TIE)

Is a nice escape from my routine

There's so much to do I could visit again and again Offers a unique experience

Is a nice escape from my routine

Has a good reputation

Takes me out of my normal life

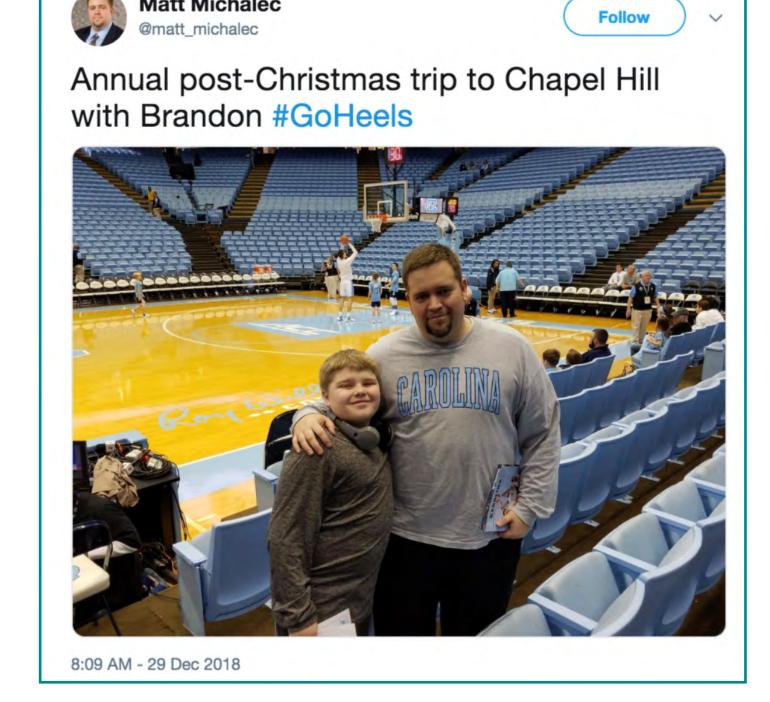
DAY TRIPS ARE THE MOST POPULAR TRIP TYPES



SPRING AND WINTER ARE THE MOST POPULAR TRIP TIMES

SPRING

62% 50% 紫棕







SPRING AND WINTER ARE THE MOST POPULAR TIMES TO VISIT

Day trips to Chapel Hill were among the most popular trip types, as were trips that involved traveling with a significant other.

TIMING OF TRIP	TOTAL
Spring season	62%
Winter season	50%
Summer season	47%
Fall season	44%

When did you visit this/these destination(s) in the past 12 months?

TYPE OF TRIP	TOTAL
Day trip	82%
Weekend trip	11%
Long weekend (3-4 days)	4%
Week-long trip	1%
Longer than a week	2%

What **type of trip** did you take when you last visited this/these destination(s)?

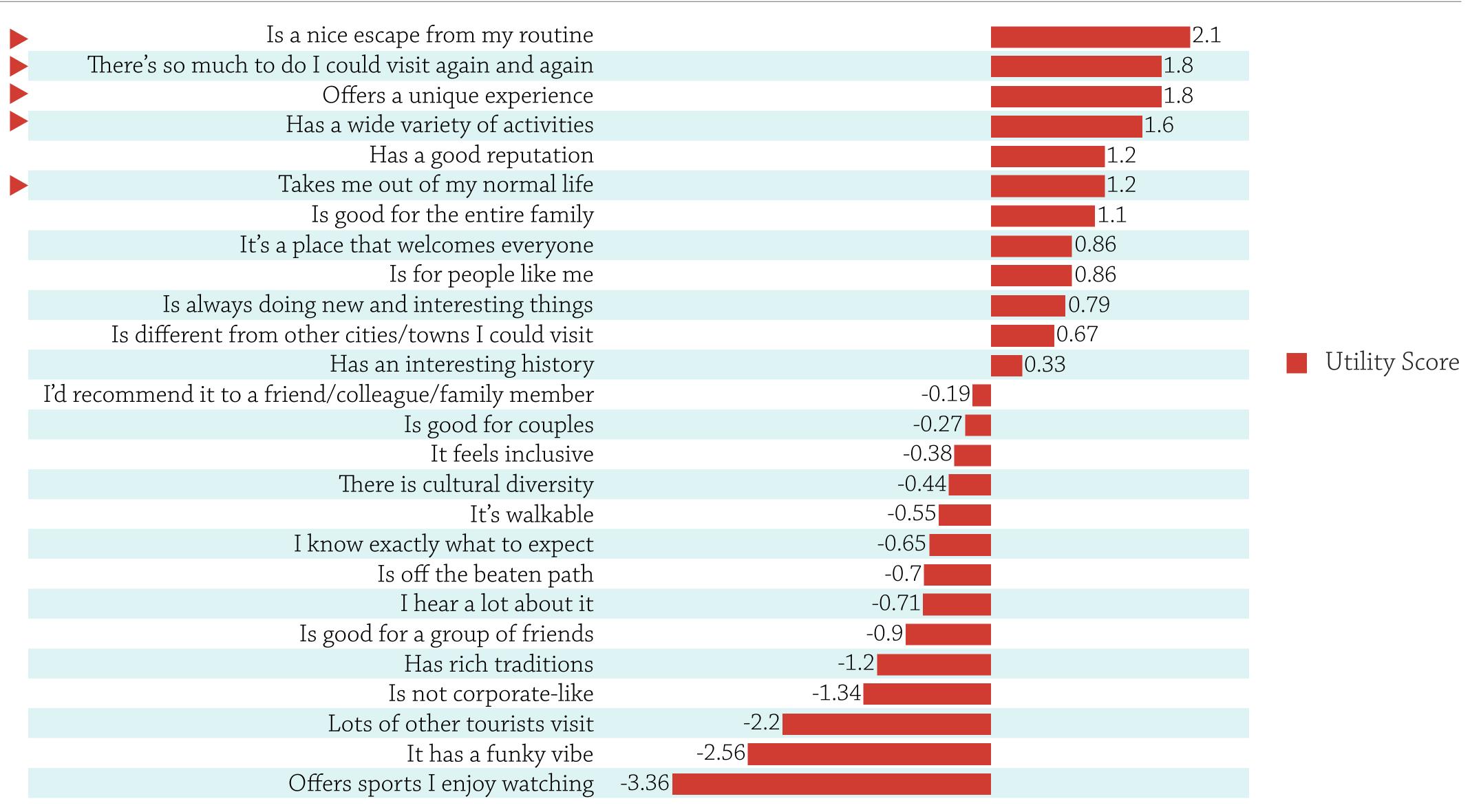
COMPANION	TOTAL
With significant other	33%
With family	26%
With friends	21%
Alone	19%

Who did you go with when you last visited this/these destination(s)?





TRAVELERS FAVOR LOCATIONS THAT OFFER CONSISTENT "OUT-OF-ROUTINE" EXPERIENCES







ONLINE, BASKETBALL SEEMS TO BE A BIG DRAW FOR FAMILIES

Basketball is the main event, and then other excursions are planned around it.









SOURCE: Online Anthropology, conducted May-June 2019

SIMPLICATIONS

CONFIRMS UNC IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOWN.

ALSO CONFIRMS UNC SPORTS INFLUENCE VISITATION TO THE AREA.

THIS SIGNALS THAT WE'RE NOT GIVING VISITORS ENOUGH EXPOSURE TO EXPERIENCES THAT WILL MAKE THEM STAY MORE THAN A DAY.

THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE VISITATION DURING SUMMER AND FALL TO LEISURE TRAVELERS.

OVERALL, TRAVELERS
HAVE POSITIVE
PERCEPTIONS OF CHAPEL
HILL. THEY JUST DON'T
HAVE ENOUGH
AWARENESS OF ALL THAT
THE TOWN HAS TO OFFER.

ON THIRD-PARTY TRAVEL SITES, CHAPEL HILL IS NOT HIGHLIGHTED AS A DESTINATION

NC TRIPPING WAS A 2019 INDY WEEK FINALIST FOR BEST LOCAL-INTEREST WEBSITE.



CITIES

Asheville Greensboro

Charlotte Raleigh

Durham

SMALL TOWNS

Bowling Rock New Bern

Brevard Shelby

Goldsboro

THOSE CONSIDERING CHAPEL HILL, ALSO CONSIDER VISITING NEARBY CITIES

DURHAM

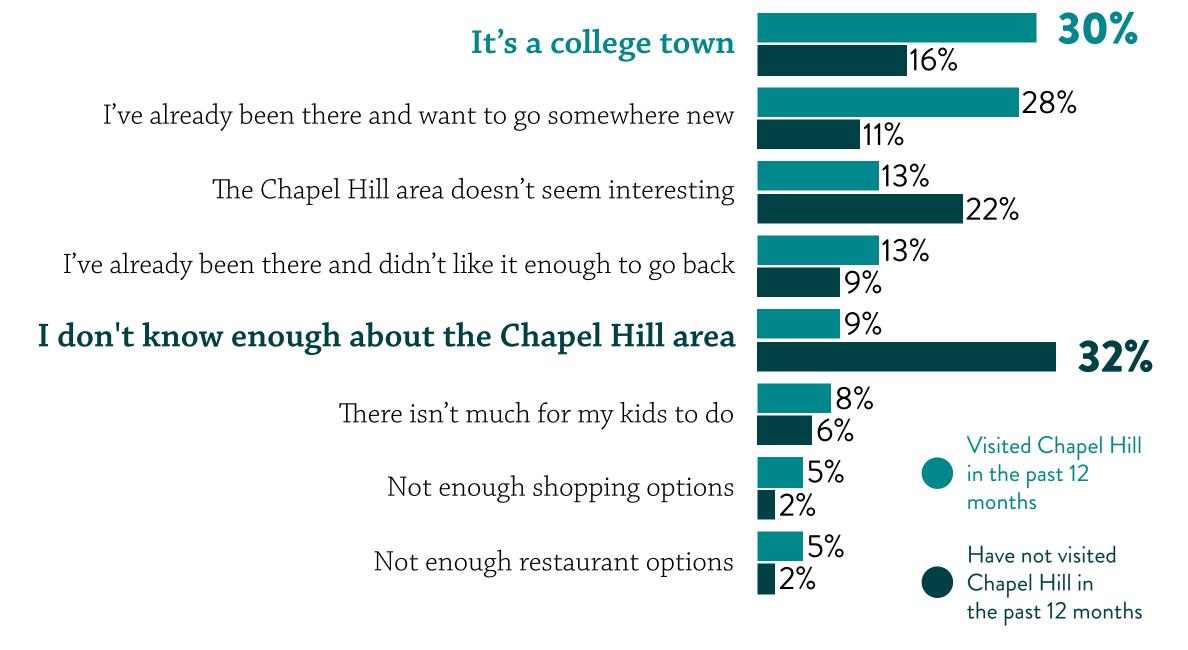
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FAH

RALEIGH



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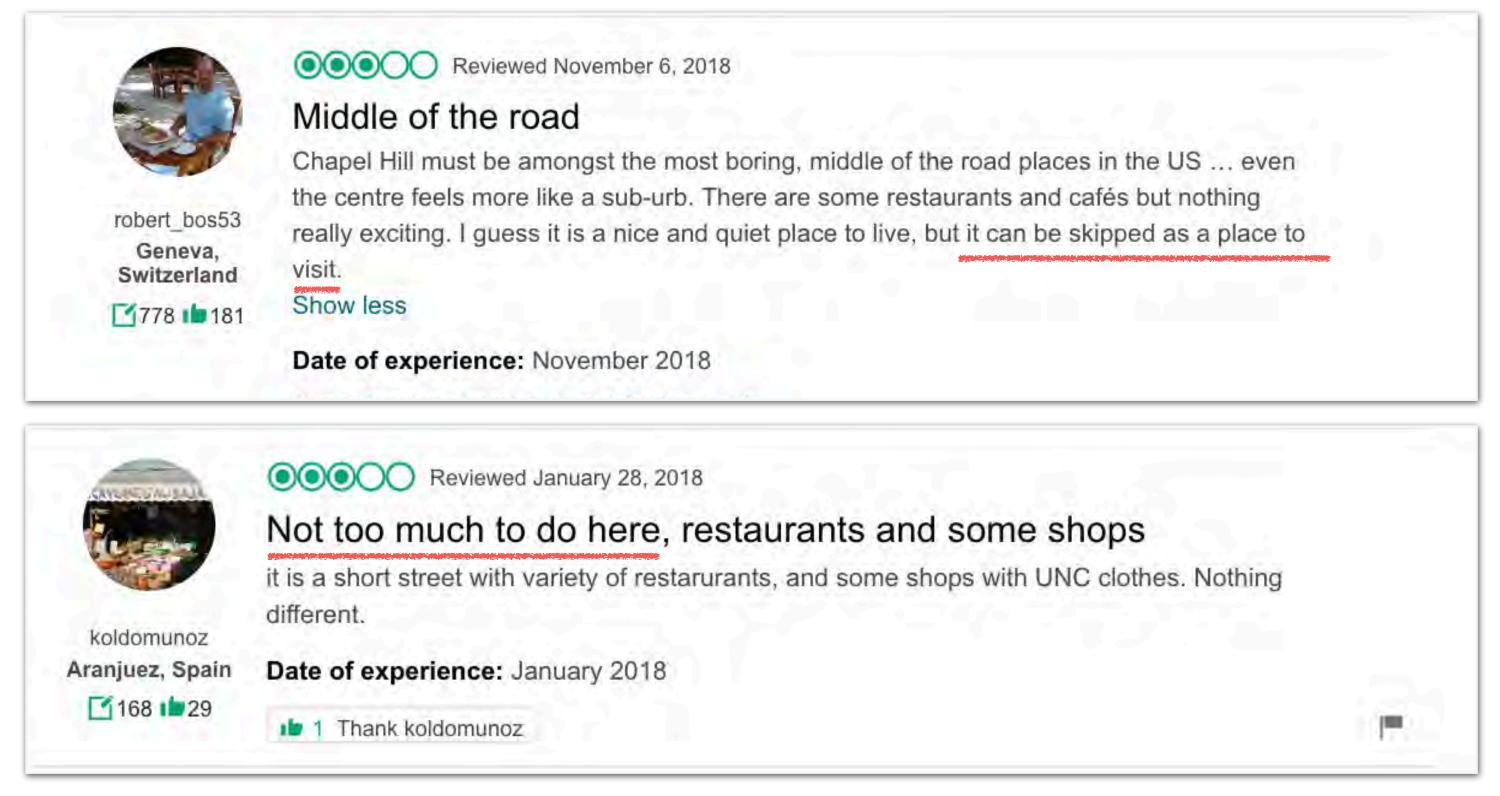


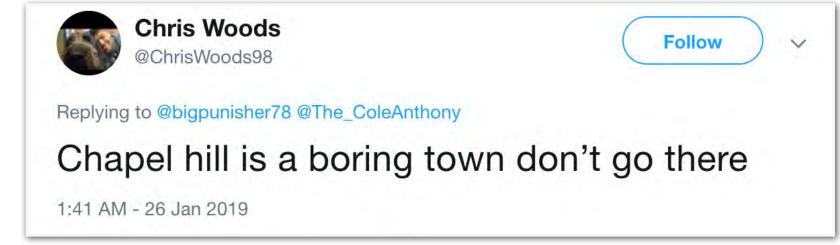




MANY PEOPLE THINK OF CHAPEL HILL AS A 'ONE AND DONE' DESTINATION

Unless there is a reason or obligation to come back, there are only a few areas of interest that come to mind.





Source: Twitter

Source: TripAdvisor



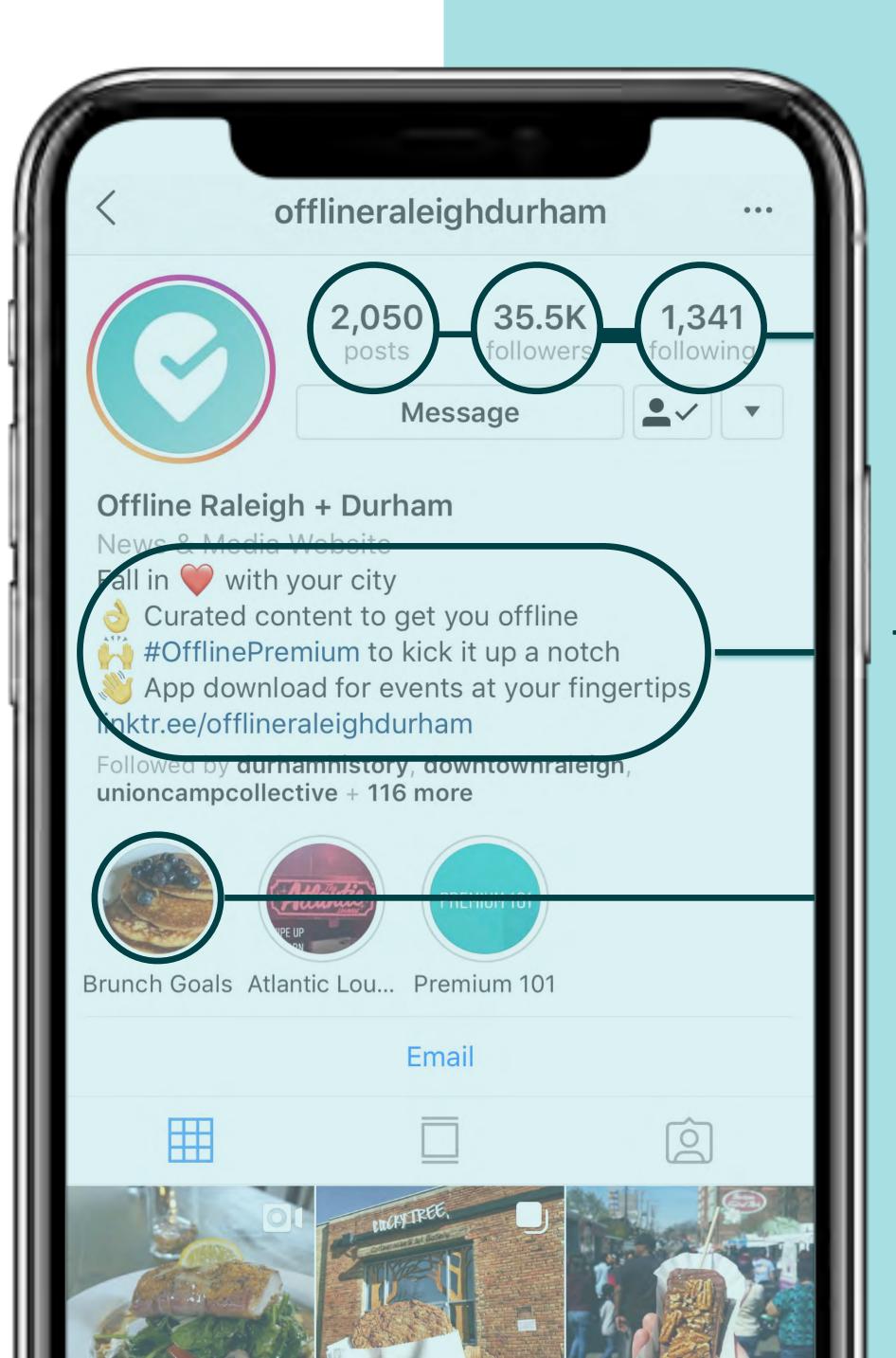


THE BIGGEST BARRIER FOR ALUMNI IS THAT THEY WANT TO HAVE NEW EXPERIENCES

Other obstacles include perceived shortcomings around activities, lodging, and shopping options.

Reasons why respondents aren't considering Chapel Hill for a trip in the next 12 months:

ALUMNI VISITATION BARRIERS	
	I've already been there and want to go somewhere new
2	I prefer to visit the beach
3	Not enough activity options
	It's too far to drive
5	Not enough lodging options
6	It's a college town
	Not enough shopping options
	I prefer to visit the mountains
9	It's too expensive
10	I prefer somewhere more upscale



DIGITAL TOURISTS

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2,050
POSTS

35.5K

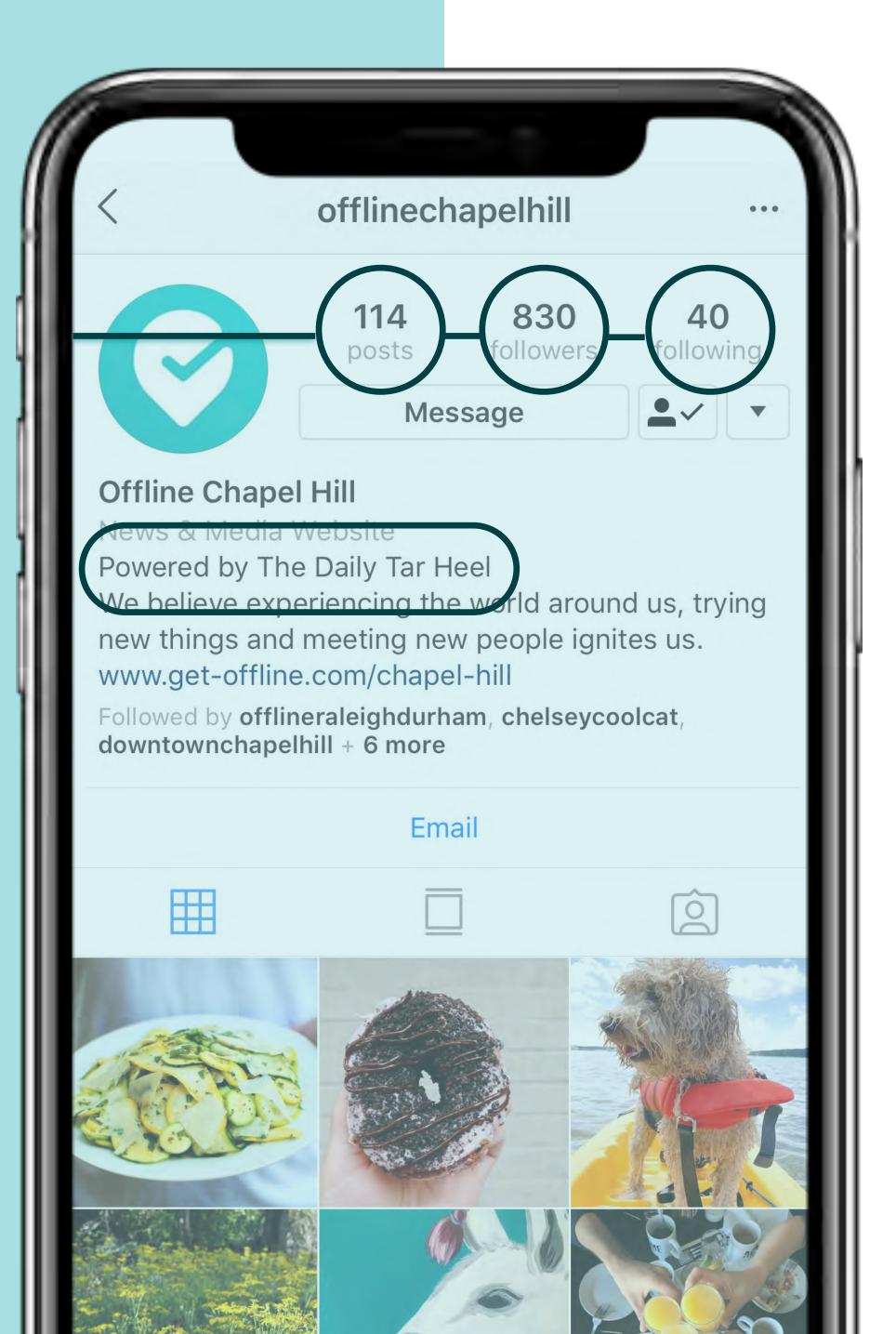
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HIGHLIGHT UNIQUE CHAPEL HILL EXPERIENCES

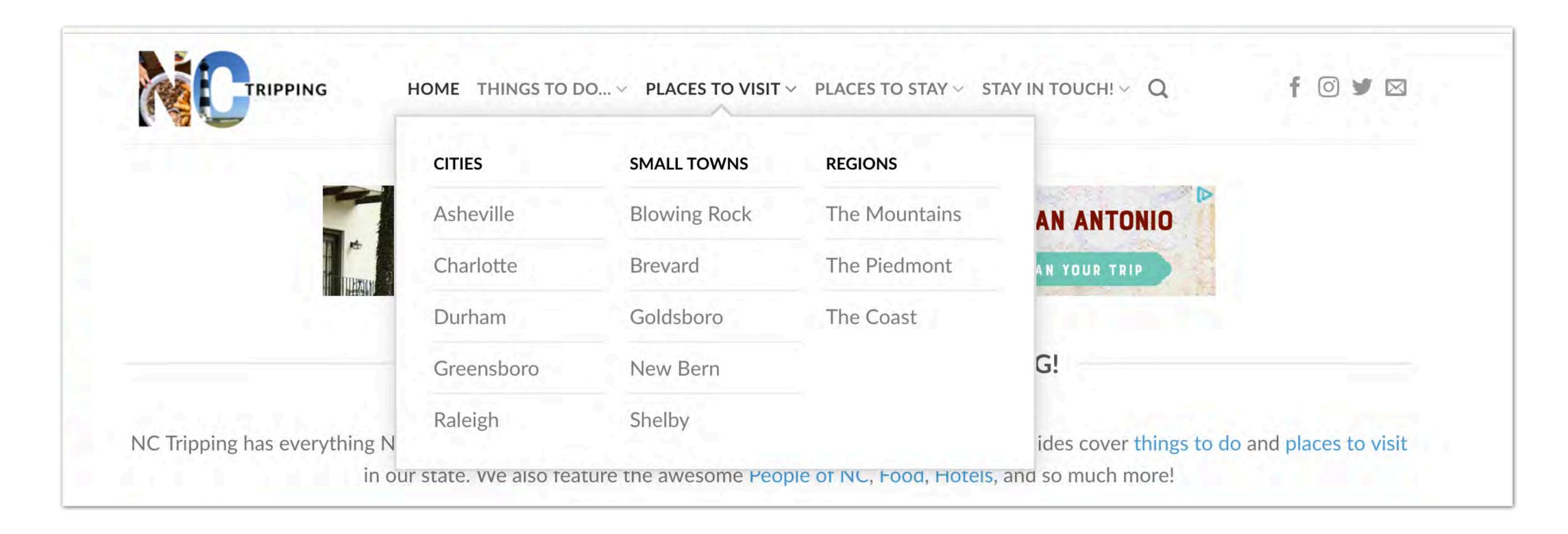
SOME SPEND THE TIME LEADING
UP TO THEIR NEXT GETAWAY EXPLORING
THEIR DESTINATION. OTHERS JUST
WANT TO STAY IN THE LOOP AFTER THEIR
TRIP. THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP
PEOPLE EXCITED ABOUT CHAPEL HILL
BEFORE AND AFTER THEIR VISIT.





ON THIRD-PARTY TRAVEL SITES, CHAPEL HILL IS NOT HIGHLIGHTED AS A DESTINATION

Chapel Hill is often treated as an afterthought and is not given the same type of platform as other cities.



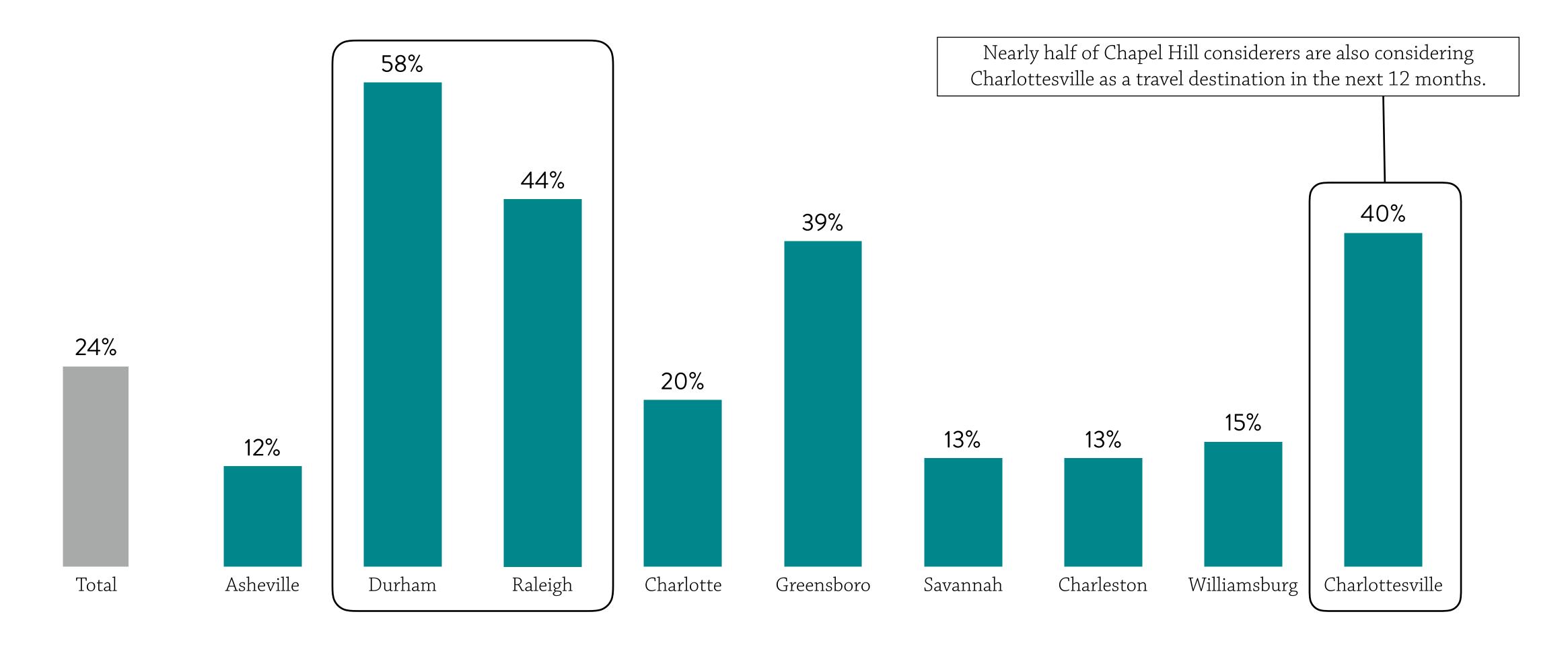
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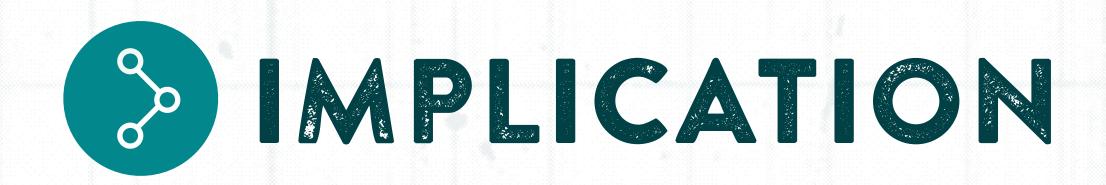
CHAPEL HILL CONSIDERERS ARE ALSO THINKING ABOUT NEARBY TOWNS

Other destinations considered among Chapel Hill Considerers:



Base: Chapel Hill Considerers (N=98)

SOURCE: Survey about Chapel Hill, fielded May 2019



PROMOTING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IS THE KEY TO PRESENTING A WELL-ROUNDED CHAPEL HILL THAT'S JUST RIGHT FOR THEM.

FINDING NO 3E

RECENT VISITORS OF CHAPEL HILL ARE LESS LIKELY TO PROMOTE IT **COMPARED TO NEIGHBORING DESTINATIONS, LIKELY DUE TO THEIR** INDIFFERENCE TOWARD CHAPEL HILL.



"INDIFFERENCE"

(5-7 NPS SCORE)

46% 45% **GREENSBORO DURHAM**

38%

RALEIGH

38% **CHAPEL HILL**

32%

31%

CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTESVILLE

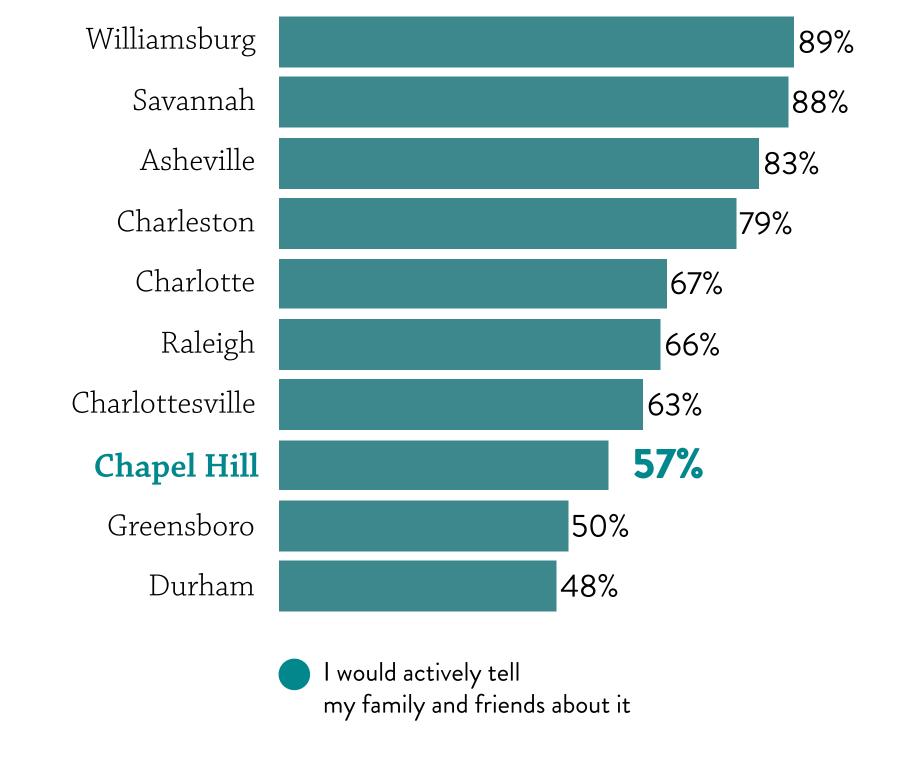
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ASHEVILLE SAVANNAH

19% WILLIAMSBURG 16%

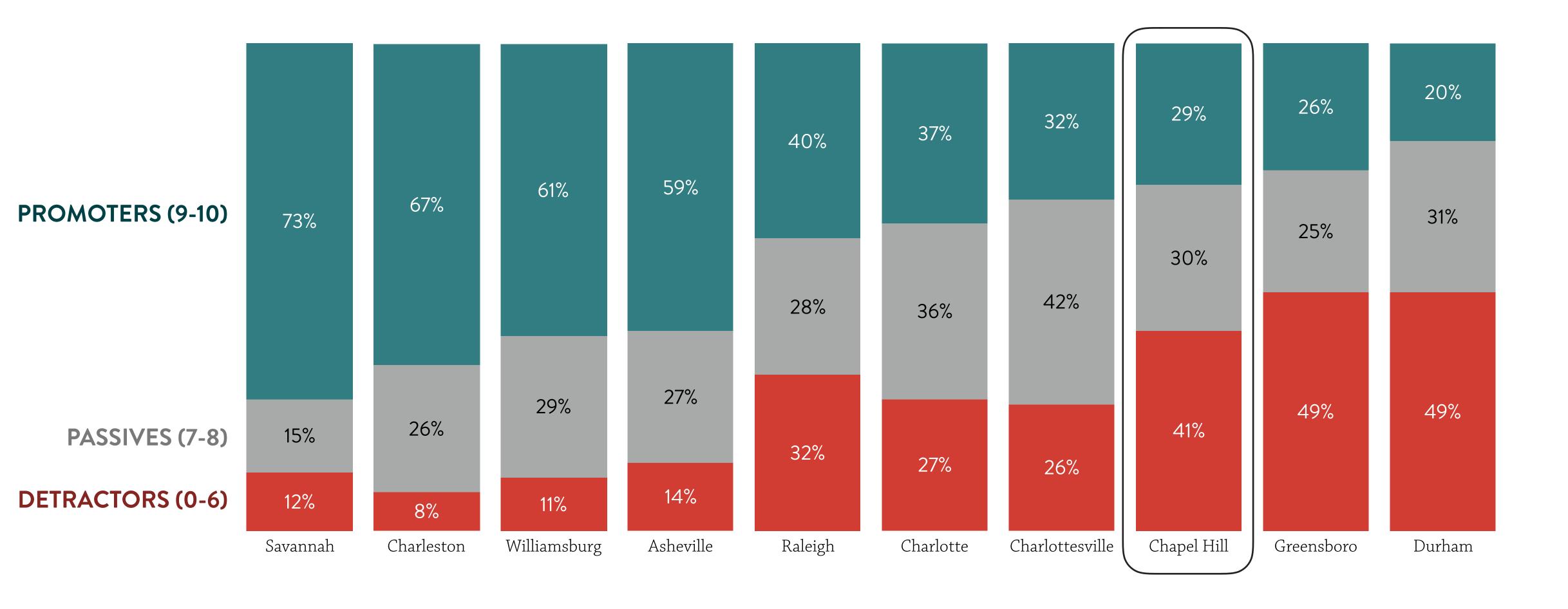


CHAPEL HILL VISITORS AREN'T AS DRIVEN TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE TOWN



RECENT VISITORS TO CHAPEL HILL ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE STRONG PROMOTERS OF THE TOWN

That's especially the case when compared with Charlottesville.

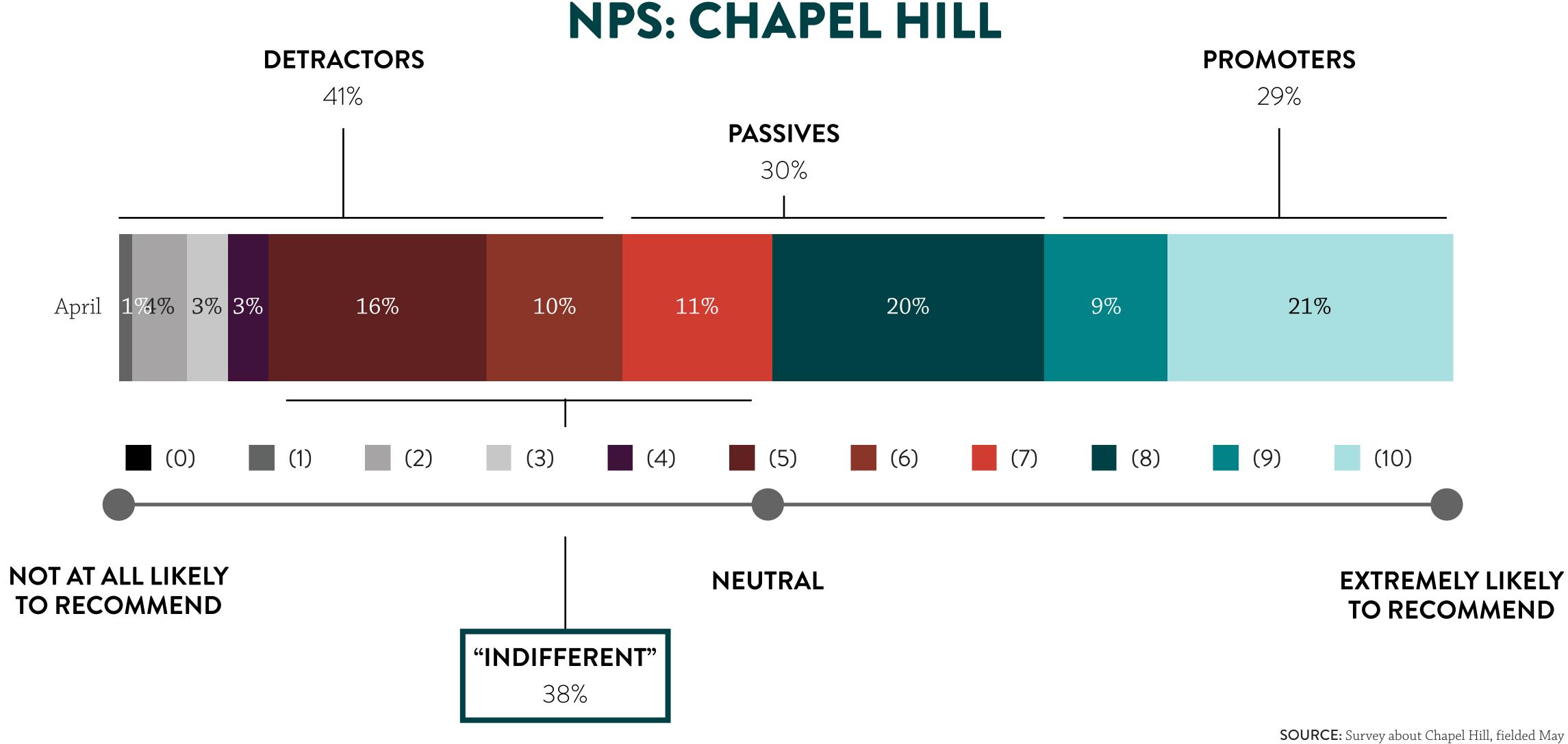


Base: Visited cities for vacation/leisure in the past 12 months (Base Varies)





THIS IS MORE LIKELY DUE TO LESS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR CHAPEL HILL





THIS COMES ACROSS IN THE REASONING FOR THEIR RATING

- (10) It's the best place for culture and diversity, for couples or families. You can find literally everything there.
- (9) **Beautiful area**, especially around the university. **Feels safe and quiet** and has lots of great architecture.
- (7) I had a nice time, **and this is a positive rating**...little hard to navigate around...Hillsborough was pretty and quiet good for a day trip...Chapel Hill and Carrboro were funky and fun.

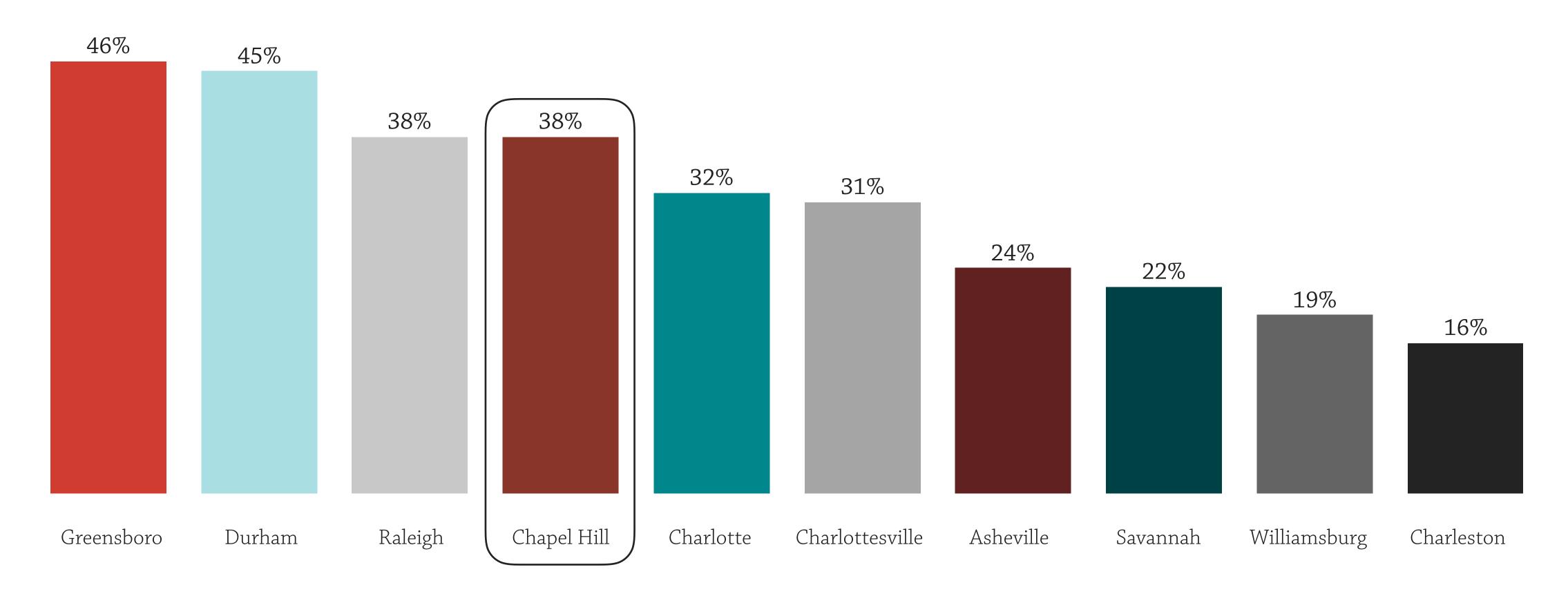
- (6) They have **great restaurants** to eat at. **I would not vacation there just a leisure trip** to eat with family or friends.
- (5) There are **some great things and some others that aren't so great**.

 Traffic in the area is horrible, and they are not as welcoming/charming as other small town areas in North Carolina.
- (2) Not much there besides UNC.



THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CHAPEL HILL SHARES WITH DURHAM, GREENSBORO, AND RALEIGH

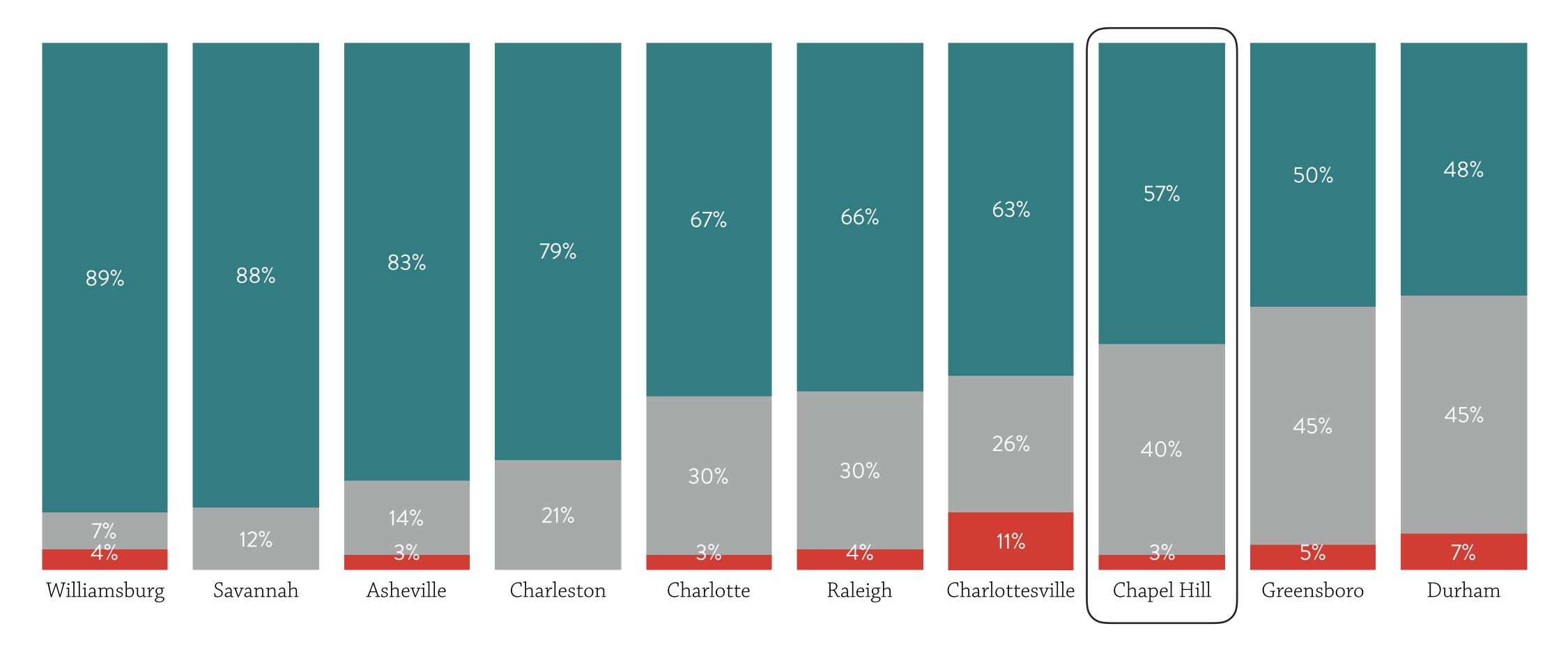
"INDIFFERENCE" (5-7 NPS SCORE)





TRAVELERS TO CHAPEL HILL AREN'T AS DRIVEN TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE TOWN

- I would actively tell my family and friends about it I would rarely bring it up to my family and friends I would actively avoid telling my family and friends about it



CHAPEL HILL IS MORE ASSOCIATED WITH SITES AND LANDMARKS, WHICH MAY CAUSE IT TO HAVE A LESS MASS APPEAL THAN DURHAM AND RALEIGH, WHICH ARE MORE ASSOCIATED WITH 'FOOD & DRINK' AND 'NIGHTLIFE'.

CHAPEL HILL

FOOD & DRINK 5

FUN & GAMES 5

NIGHTLIFE 10

SIGHTSEEING 17

SHOPPING 11

DURHAM

FOOD & DRINK 23

FUN & GAMES 18

NIGHTLIFE 18

SIGHTSEEING 19

SHOPPING 21

RALEIGH

FOOD & DRINK 19

FUN & GAMES 39

NIGHTLIFE 60

SIGHTSEEING 45

SHOPPING 44



CHAPEL HILL

FOOD & DRINK 5

FUN & GAMES 5

NIGHTLIFE 10

SIGHTSEEING 17

SHOPPING 11

CHARLOTTESVILLE

FOOD & DRINK 33

FUN & GAMES 16

NIGHTLIFE 11

SIGHTSEEING 18

SHOPPING 27



THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IGNITE ENTHUSIASM AND, IN TURN, CREATE CHAPEL HILL ADVOCATES.

FINDING NO5

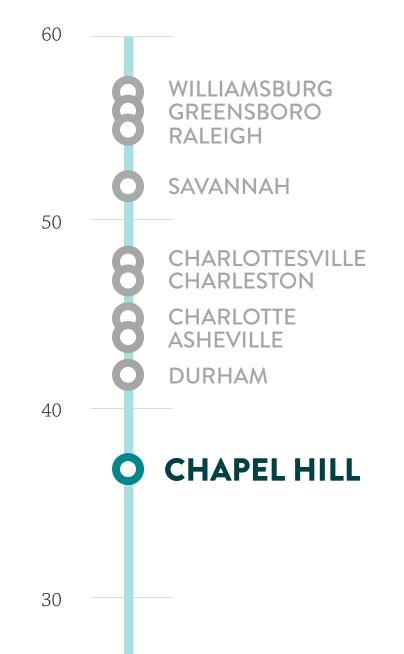
CHAPEL HILL IS NOT SEEN AS OVERLY "WELCOMING".

WHILE THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT, 'WELCOMING' DOES RANK IN CHAPEL HILL'S TOP FIVE TRAITS WHEN VIEWED BY TOTAL

PERSONALITY TRAITS

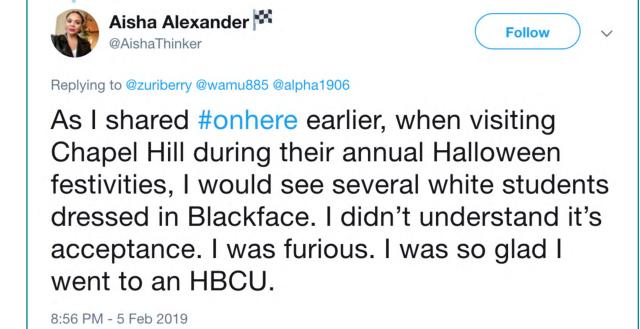


CHAPEL HILL LAGS BEHIND OTHER TOWNS WHEN BASED ON "WELCOMING"







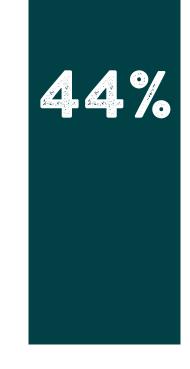


CHAPEL HILL'S LACK OF "WELCOMING" IS BASED ON PAST VISITATION, NOT PERCEPTION

VIEWED AS "WELCOMING"



Visited Chapel Hill in the past 12 months

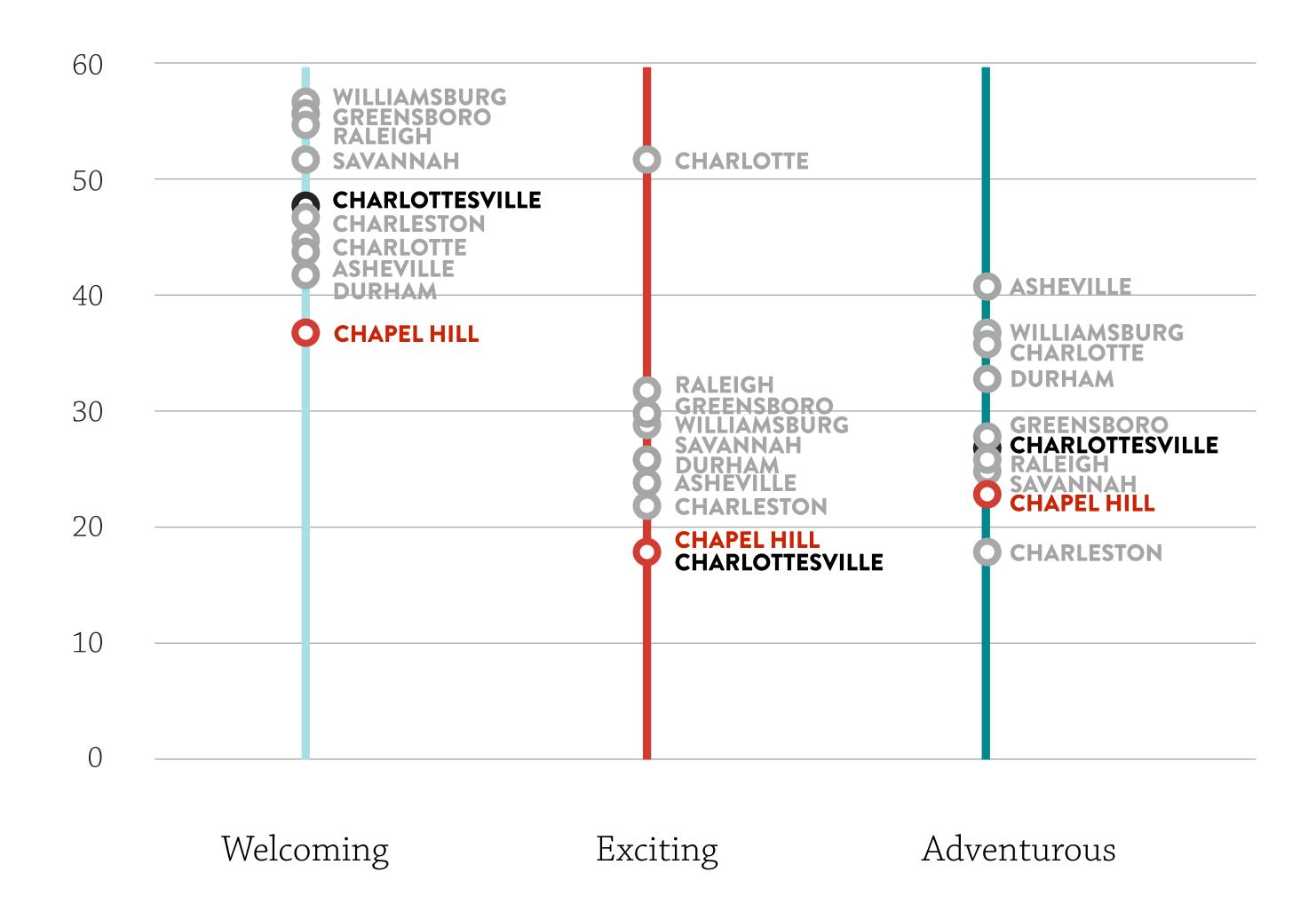


Have not visited Chapel Hill in the past 12 months



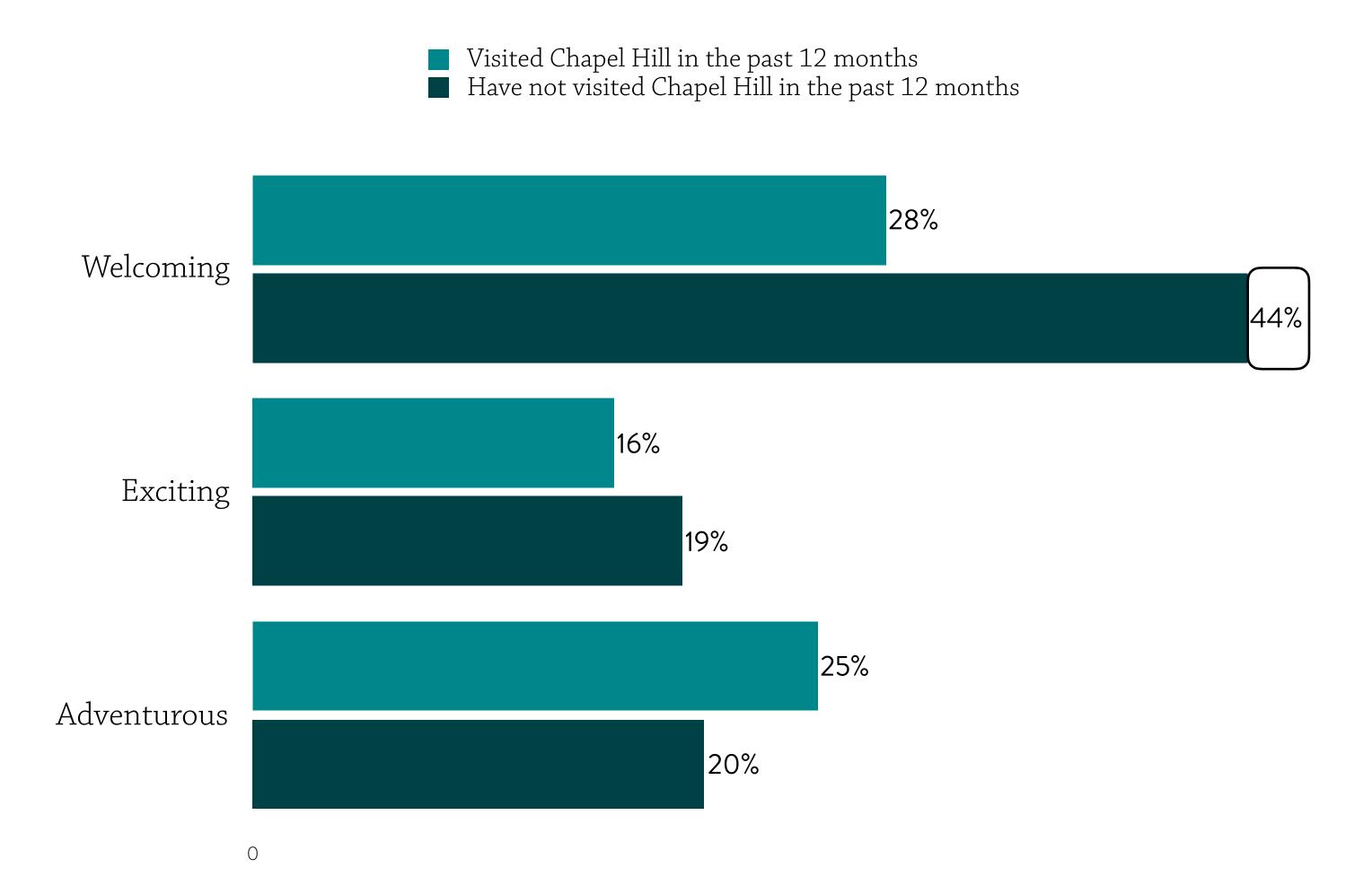
IT LAGS BEHIND OTHER TOWNS IN BEING SEEN AS WELCOMING, EXCITING, AND ADVENTUROUS

'Welcoming' is the biggest challenge for the town, especially compared to Charlottesville.



THE 'WELCOMING' LAG IS DRIVEN BY THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY VISITED CHAPEL HILL

This finding is concerning given it is based on real-life experiences of Chapel Hill.

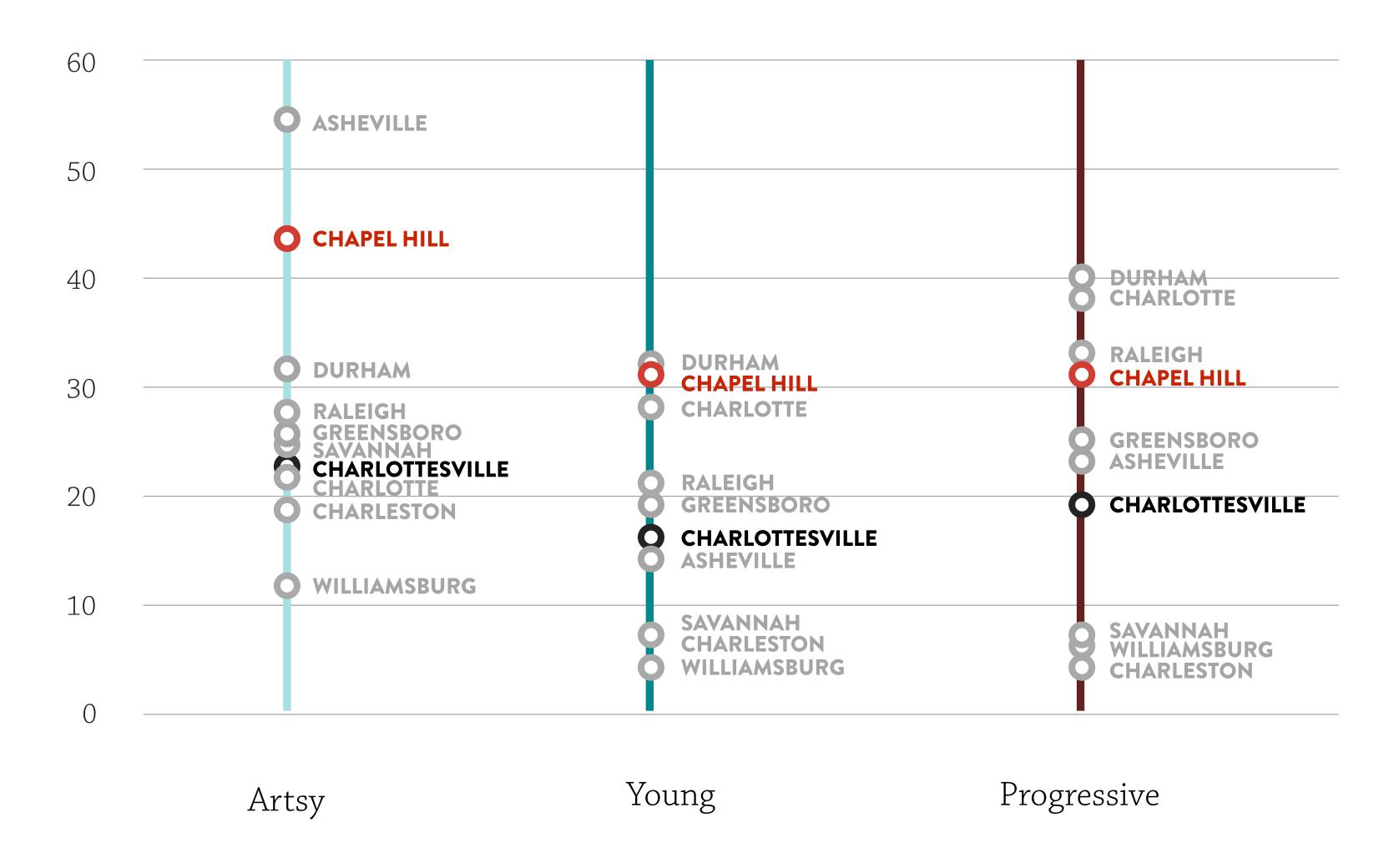


SOURCE: Survey about Chapel Hill, fielded May 2019



CHAPEL HILL'S STRENGTHS ARE BEING PERCEIVED AS ARTSY, YOUNG, AND PROGRESSIVE

In all of these areas, it leads Charlottesville.







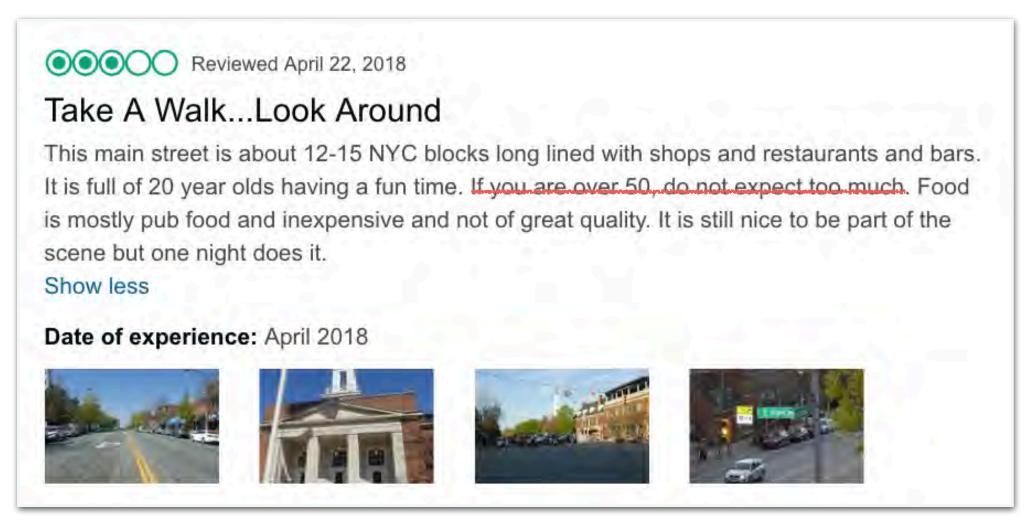
CERTAIN GROUPS MAY FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE IN CHAPEL HILL

Seeing other people like them reflected in the town makeup may make them feel more at home.









Source: Reddit

Source: TripAdvisor

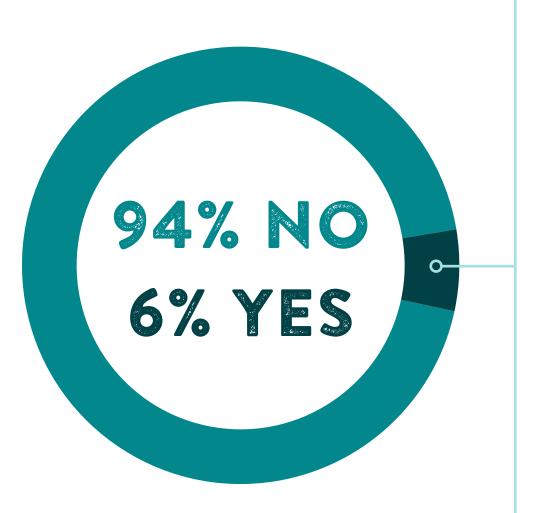


FIND OPPORTUNITIES TO BOTH DEMONSTRATE AND COMMUNICATE A SENSE OF INCLUSION AND HOSPITALITY.

FINDING NOG

ALUMNI HAVE STRONG
POSITIVE PERCEPTIONS
AND TRAVELERS'
VISITATION DECISIONS
HAVEN'T BEEN AFFECTED
BY NEGATIVE NEWS
COVERAGE.

FEW TRAVELERS ARE SWAYED BY THE NEWS OUT OF CHAPEL HILL WHEN CONSIDERING IT:



AFFECTED?

"Ongoing academic cheating scandal at UNC (and their lack of ethics in responding to it)"

"UNC Chapel Hill seems super political"

"The whole Silent Sam protests and controversy on the university grounds. It sounds like Chapel Hill culture is governed by a bunch of bratty, drunk millennials rather than thinking intellectuals"

"Crime in that area seems pretty high"







CONVERSELY, UNC ALUMNI VIEW THE TOWN AS MORE WELCOMING

This may be due to the memories they have, the time they've spent there, and the sense of belonging they felt as a student.

WHEN ASKED TO COME UP WITH A SHORT SLOGAN THAT DESCRIBES THE ESSENCE OF CHAPEL HILL, BEYOND THE UNIVERSITY, MANY MENTIONED DIVERSITY AND CULTURE:

"Chapel Hill is progressive, accepting, and welcoming"

"Southern Hospitality that welcomes all"

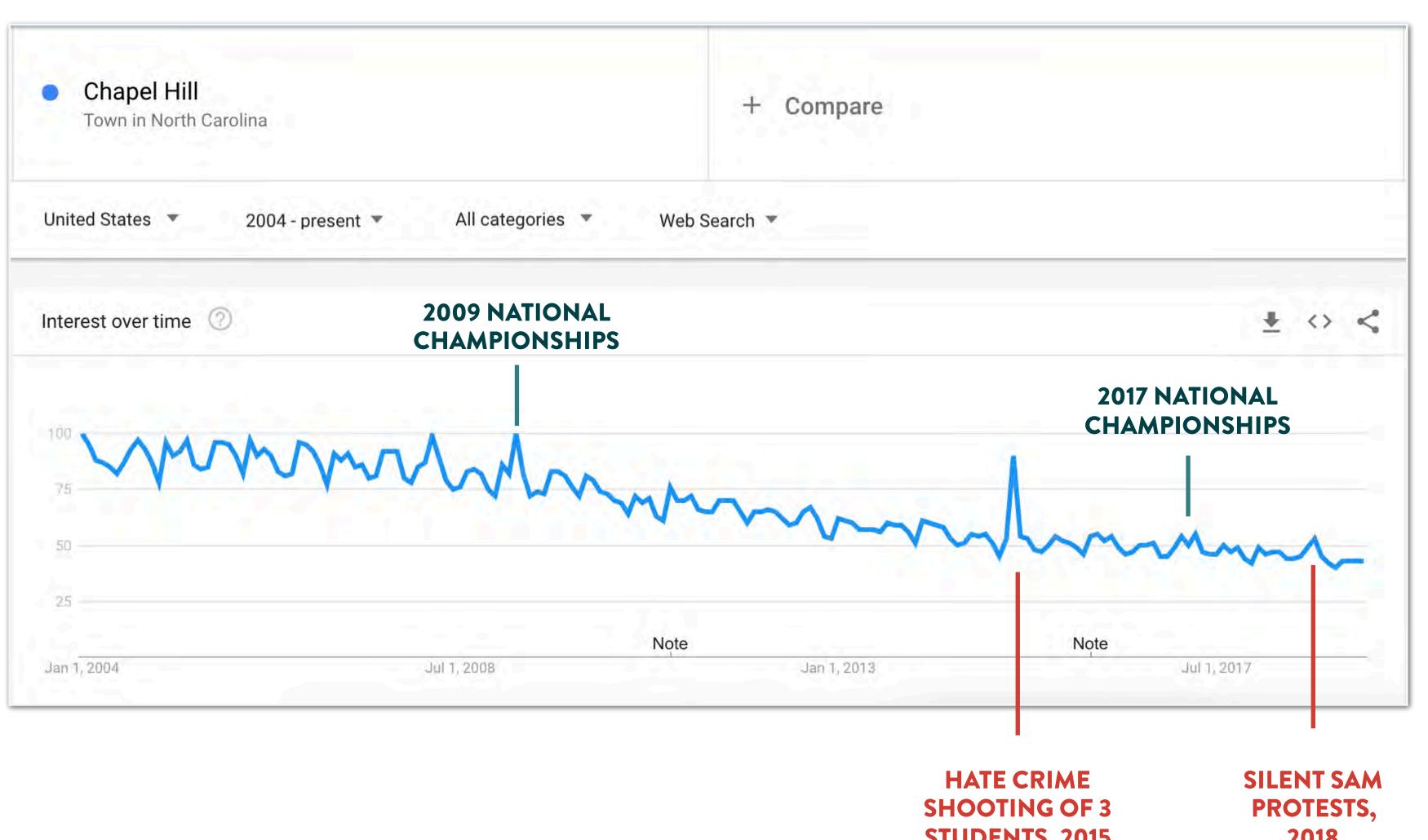
"A family-centered town that encourages self-expression"

"Chapel Hill, a place that welcomes everyone"



ASSOCIATIONS WITH CHAPEL HILL HAVE SHIFTED SOMEWHAT FROM SPORTS TO POLITICS

Searches about Chapel Hill used to have the highest spikes during sporting events, but recently social/political events have gained more attention.

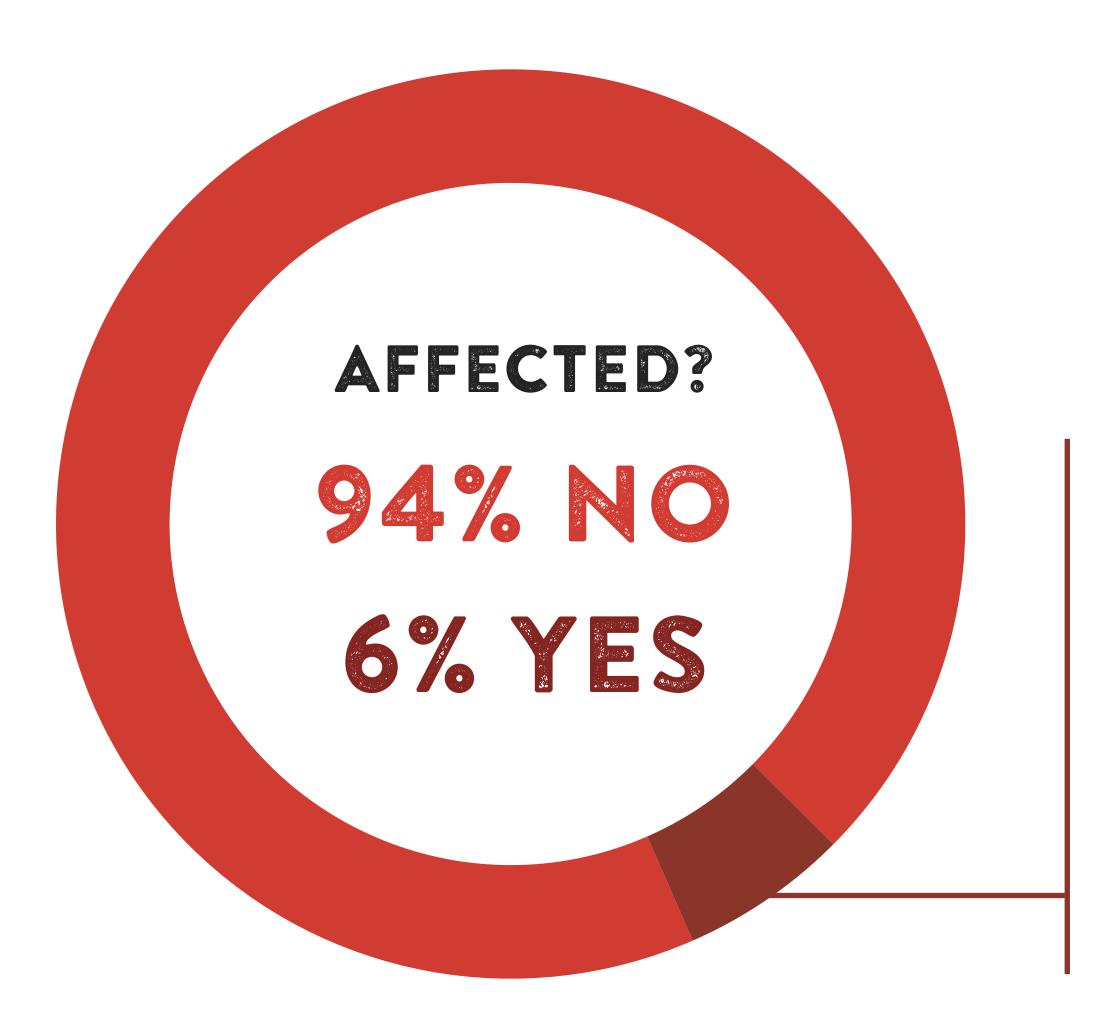


STUDENTS, 2015

2018



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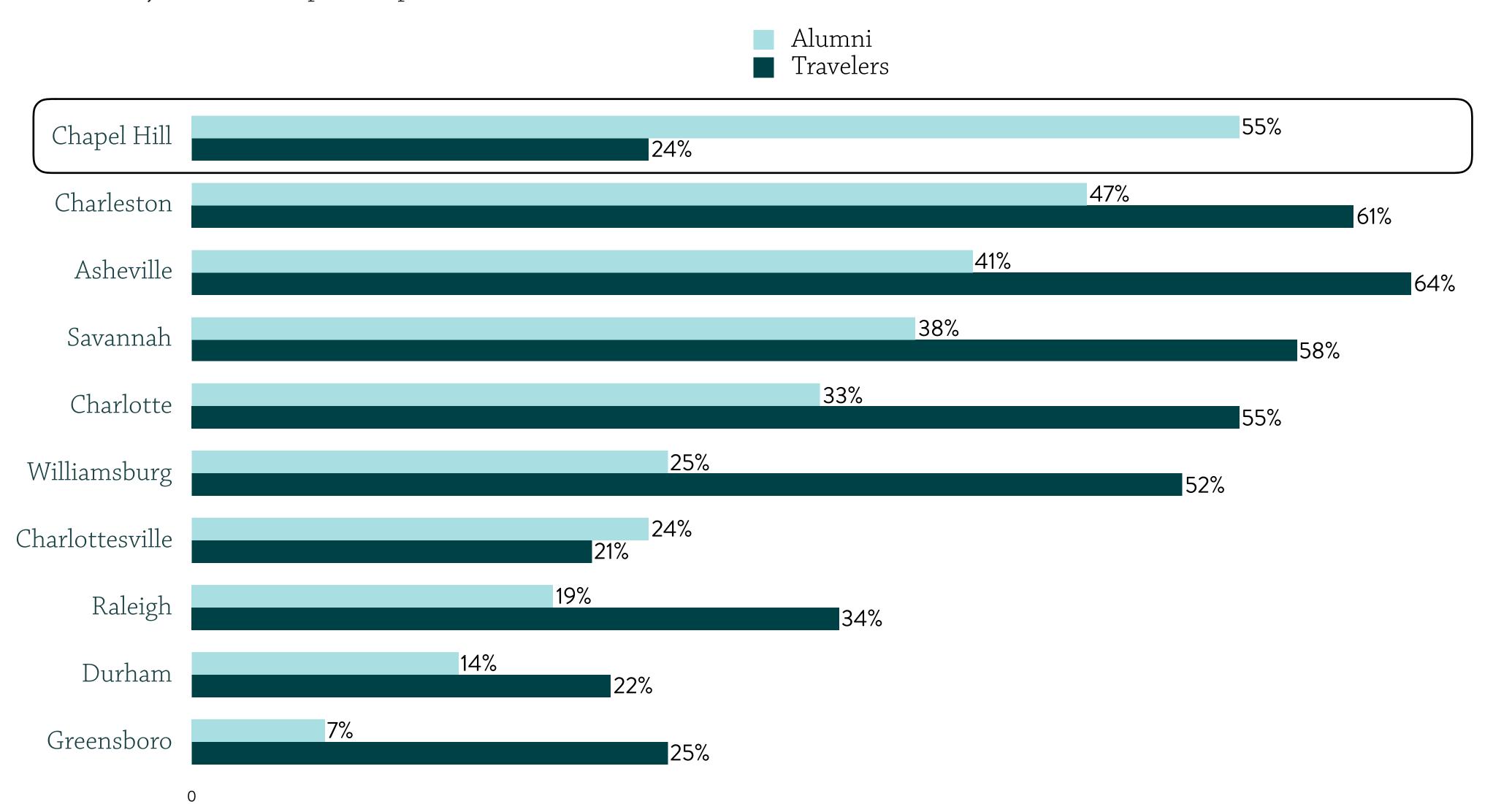
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CONSIDERATION IS HIGHER AMONG ALUMNI

This is likely due to their prior experience in the area.



Base: Total Alumni (N=50) Total Visitors (N=405)



NEGATIVE NEWS EVENTS CAN OVERSHADOW WHAT PEOPLE HEAR MORE GENERALLY ABOUT CHAPEL HILL. BUT THEY TEND TO FADE INTO THE BACKGROUND OVER TIME.

CONSIDERATIONS

HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES TO LIVE INTO OUR CAMPAIGN'S BRAND PROMISE?

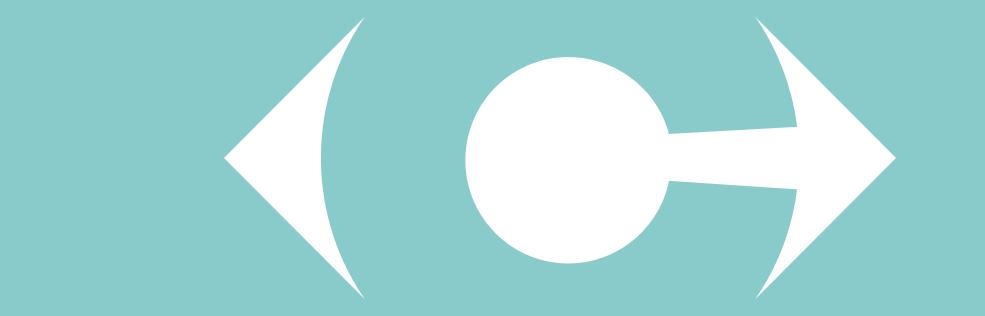
HOW CAN WE INCREASE ENTHUSIASM OF VISITORS SO THAT THEY INHERENTLY BECOME VOCAL ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE?

HOW DO WE LEVERAGE LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE COMMUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE AN OVERALL SENSE OF WELCOMING?

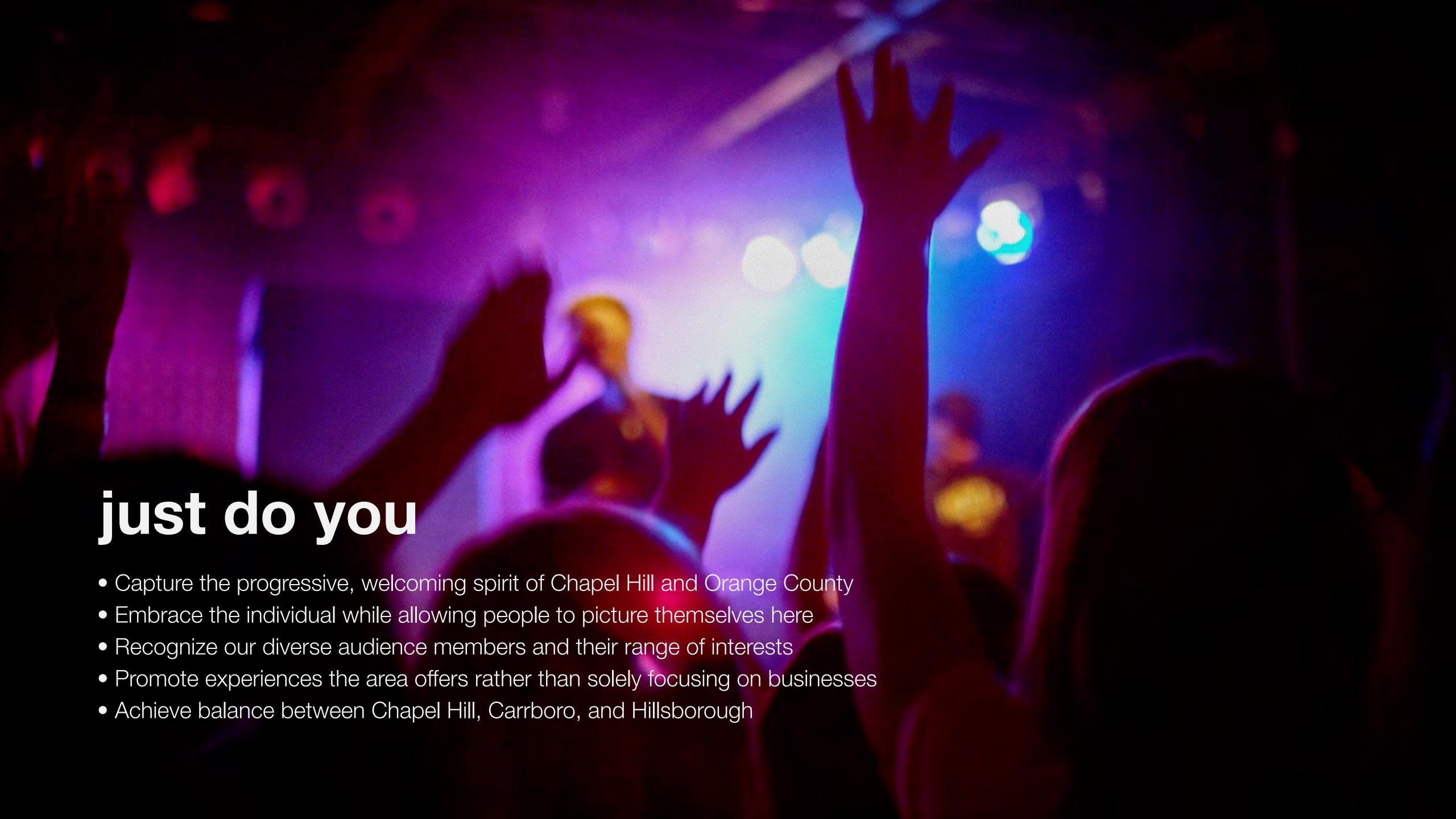
HOW DO WE HARNESS THE FEELING THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING FOR WHEN THEY COME FOR BASKETBALL GAMES, AND REPLICATE THAT FEELING MORE BROADLY? HOW CAN WE
BETTER LEVERAGE
ALUMNI?

HOW CAN WE TIE IN CHAPEL HILL MORE TO THE TRIANGLE?

HOW DO WE GET VISITORS
TO KNOW THAT THERE IS
MORE TO DO, WHICH IN
TURN, WILL EXTEND THEIR
LENGTH OF STAY?



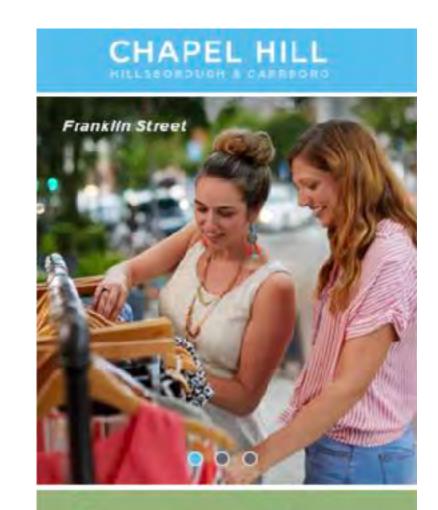
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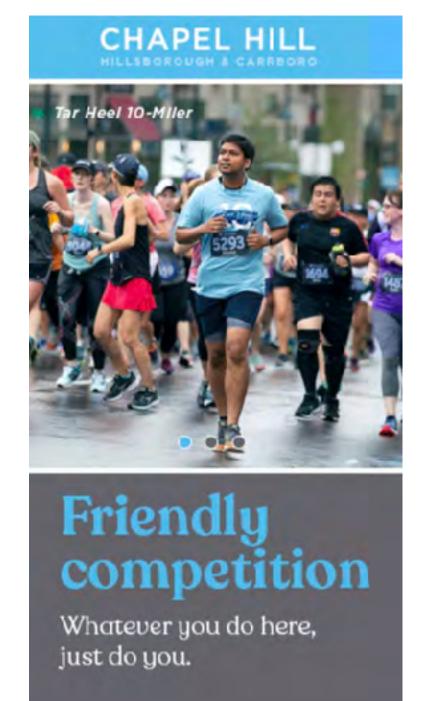


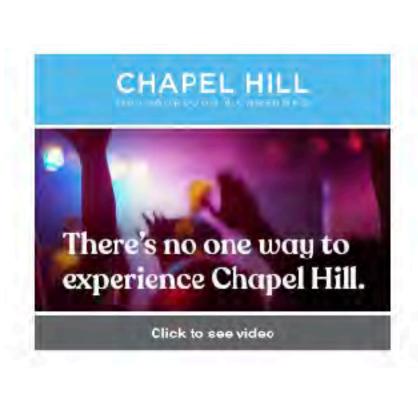


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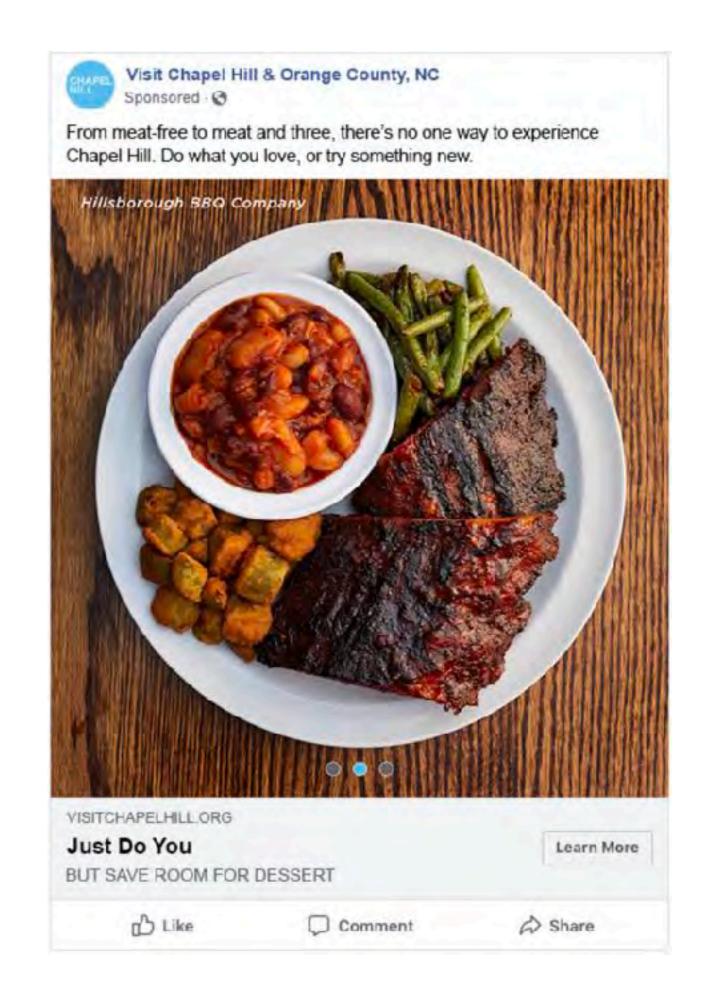


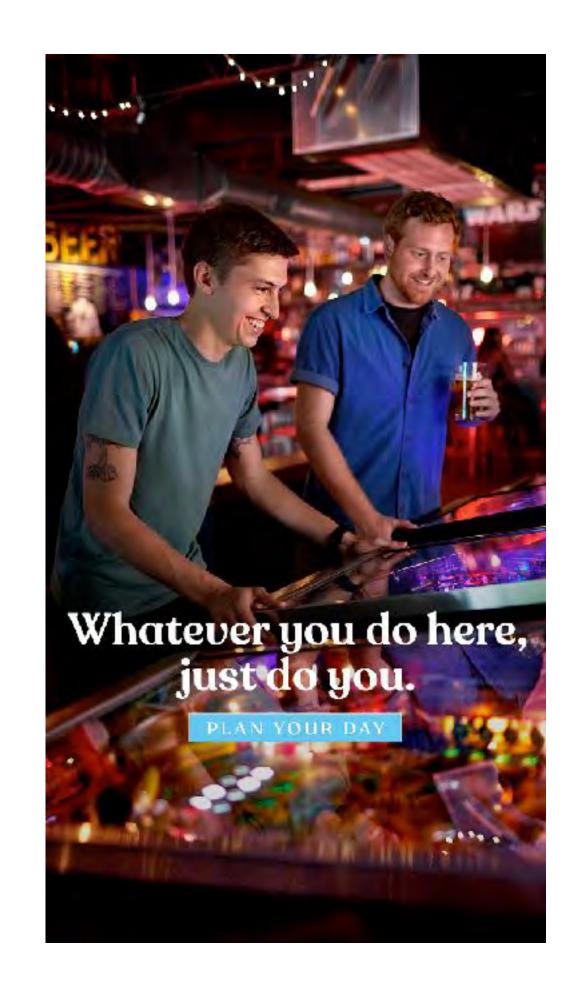


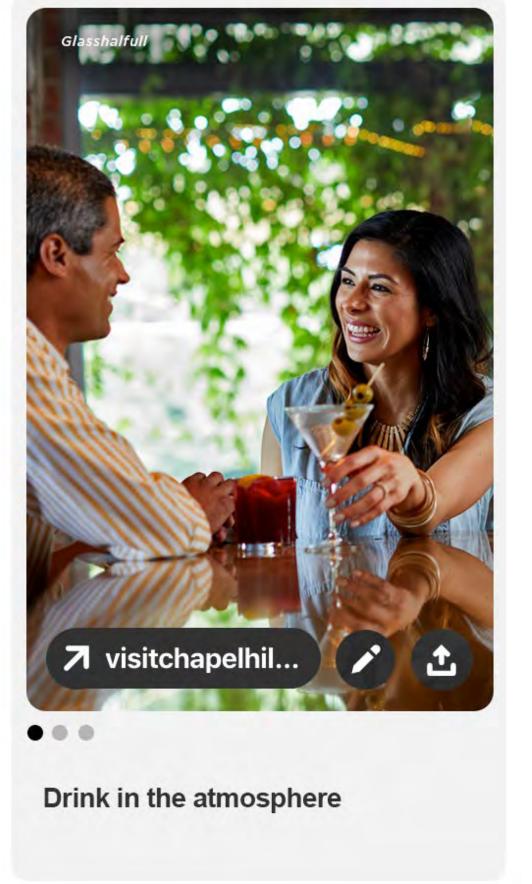
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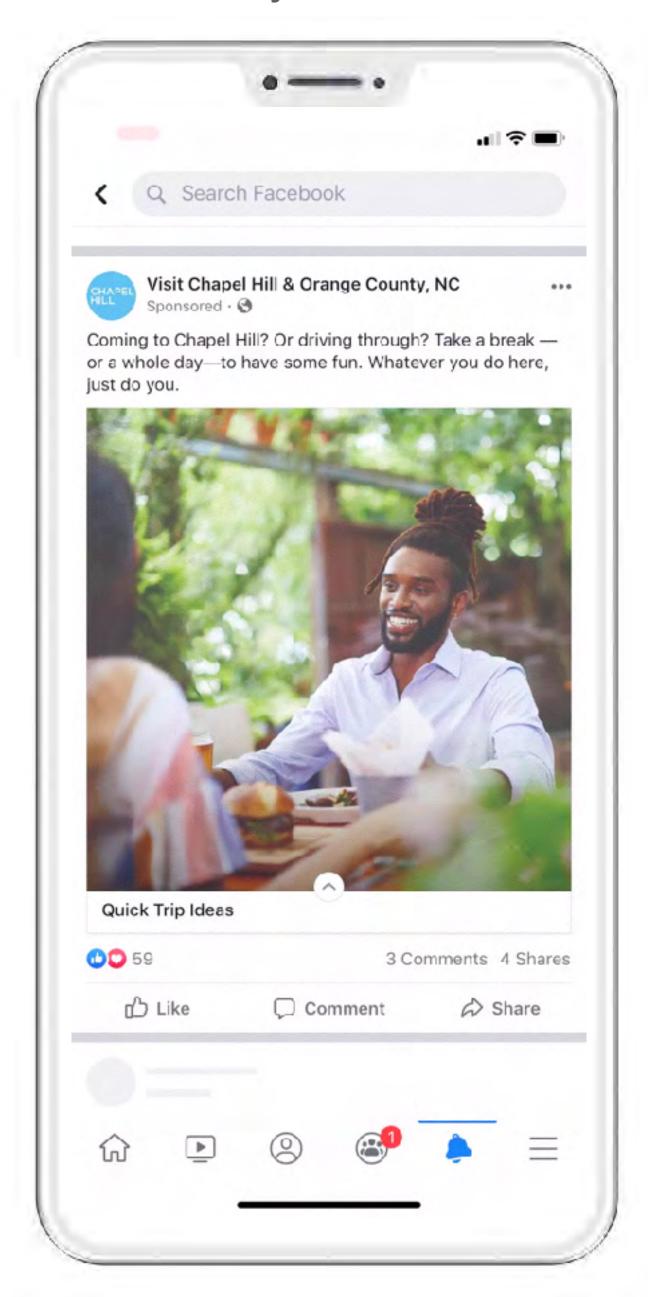


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just do you: website refresh



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next steps

- research results will inform future campaign planning
- evaluate considerations that arose from research
- seek opportunities to promote welcoming spirit of Chapel Hill/ Orange County

