

Understanding Visitor Satisfaction 2013-14

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What we will cover:

- Introduction
- Tracking performance over time
- Headline performance by segment
- The drivers of satisfaction and changes over time
- The building blocks – destination performance
- Destination type analysis



Introduction

Background
Methodology & Survey Details



Visitor Satisfaction tracking is a key element of the Strategic Framework for Tourism

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The Vision

To maximise tourism's contribution to the economy, employment and quality of life in England.

The Objectives

This Strategic Framework aims to achieve four interdependent objectives. These have been developed through wide consultation with the industry and are defined by four pillars of work, designed to address the opportunities and challenges for England's visitor economy.

- Objective 01 To increase England's share of global visitor markets.
- Objective 02 To offer visitors compelling destinations of distinction.
- Objective 03 To champion a successful, thriving tourism industry.
- Objective 04 To facilitate greater engagement between the visitor and the experience.

Action	Lead Responsibility	Partners	Timescale (years in life of Plan)
02d Create an England satisfaction survey which provides a national benchmark and greater consistency of data at regional, destination and local levels, across England	VisitEngland	English Tourism Intelligence Partnership; Tourism Intelligence Unit	1-3



Raising satisfaction levels in the visitor experience and encouraging more UK residents to enjoy the destinations on their doorstep are key elements in increasing visitor spend and contributing to the 5% growth target.

VE Brand and Satisfaction tracker: What is it?

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What?

- An online survey collecting information about “brand England,” VE campaigns and visitor satisfaction (running since October 2009)

Who?

- A representative sample of English residents who are holiday takers (1+ night in paid accommodation, anywhere in the world) and non-rejectors of England

How Many?

- 100 per week - 5000 over 12 months
- This report: July 2013-June 2014 (12 months)
 - 4,992 respondents, 86% have taken a trip(s) – 4,279 trip takers



Tracking Performance over Time



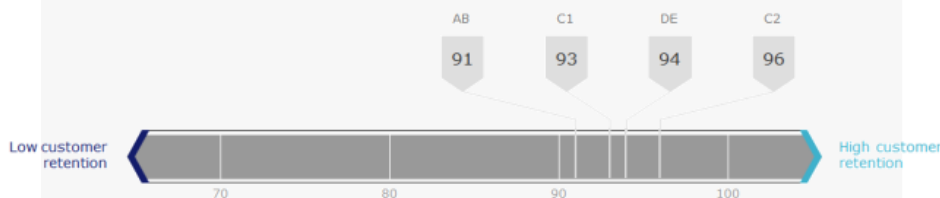
Visitor Experience TRI*M - going beyond traditional measures of satisfaction

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Headline Satisfaction Index

- **Key Performance Indicator** amongst 'last 12 months' visitors to benchmark and monitor the strength of visitor retention



Understand what's driving satisfaction

- **Identifying action areas for improvement:** Satisfaction levels with specific elements of the tourism product

High level strengths

A31. Unspoilt countryside

Medium level strengths

A16. Good quality accommodation
A30. Interesting towns and villages to visit
A19. Good quality food, drink and dining
A05. Clean and tidy environment
A02. Welcoming and friendly people
A33. Clean and well-maintained beaches
A04. A place where I feel safe and secure

Low level strengths

A26. Opportunities to see famous buildings and monuments
A25. Opportunities to visit museums/galleries and contemporary arts
A08. Easy to find useful information about the destination when planning the trip
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4 key questions to index the visitor experience in the destination

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The Visitor Experience TRI*M Index has been based on the answers given to 4 key questions (see below). They are each asked for the specified main destination of their most recent trip then netted for an overall England score

- How would you rate your overall experience of DESTINATION during your most recent holiday or short break?
- Based on your experiences during this trip, to what extent would you recommend DESTINATION as a destination to friends and family?
- How likely are you to take another holiday or short break in DESTINATION during the next few years?
- Given what you know about places to visit, how would you rate DESTINATION compared to other destinations for holidays or short breaks?

Overall performance

Likelihood to recommend

Likelihood to revisit

Competitive advantage

Visitor
Experience
TRI*M
Index

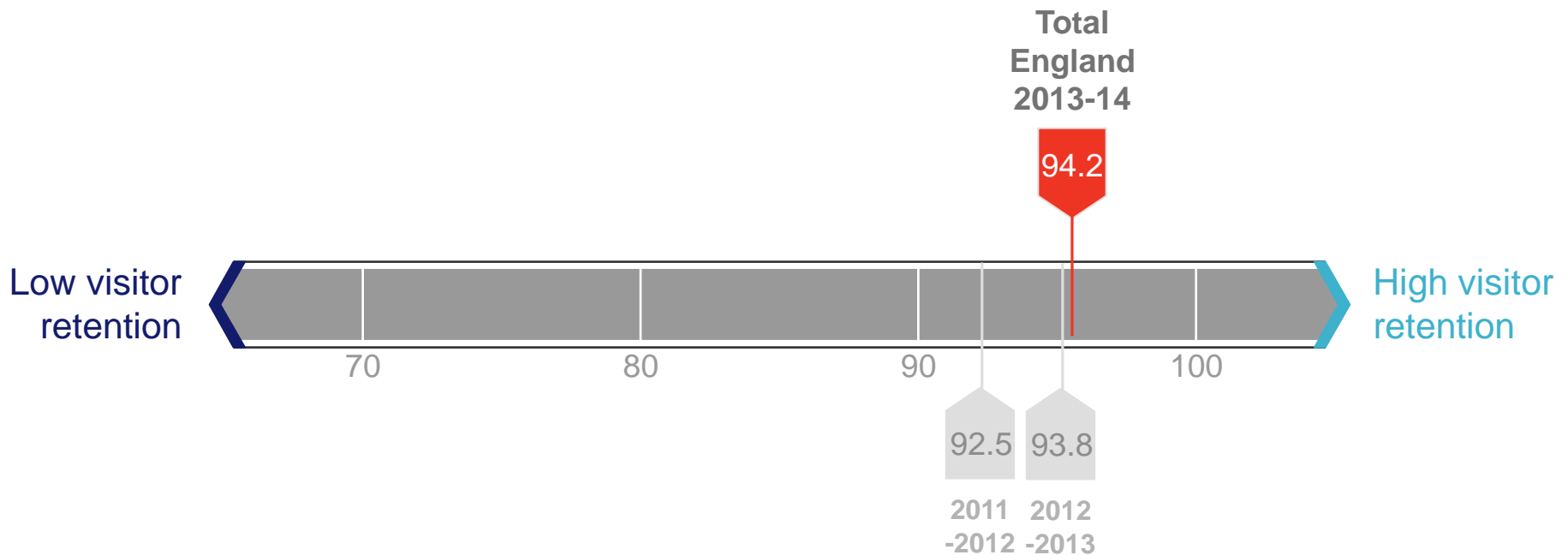
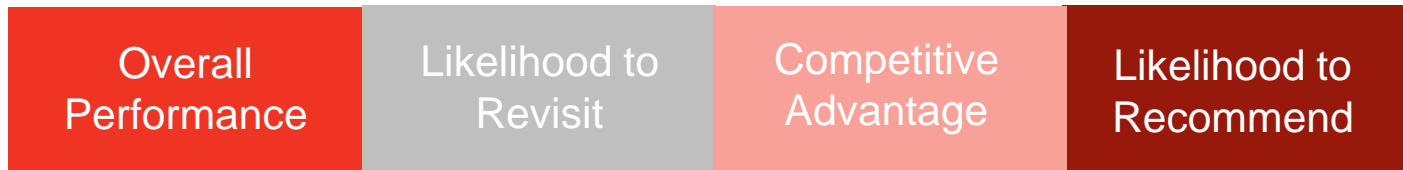
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OVERALL ENGLAND – 4,279 interviews: July 2013-June 2014

Some evidence of small but gradual increases in satisfaction levels over last 4 years

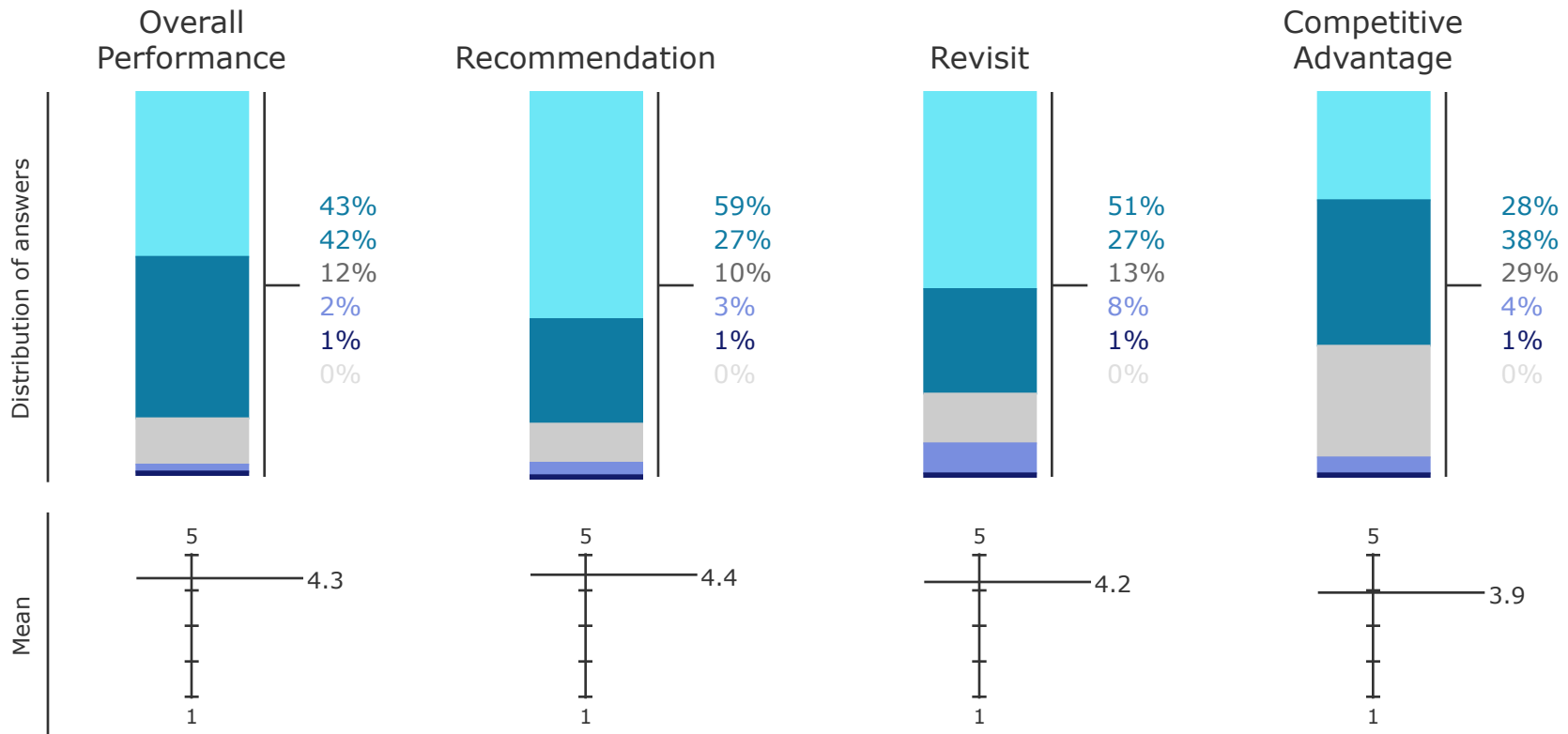
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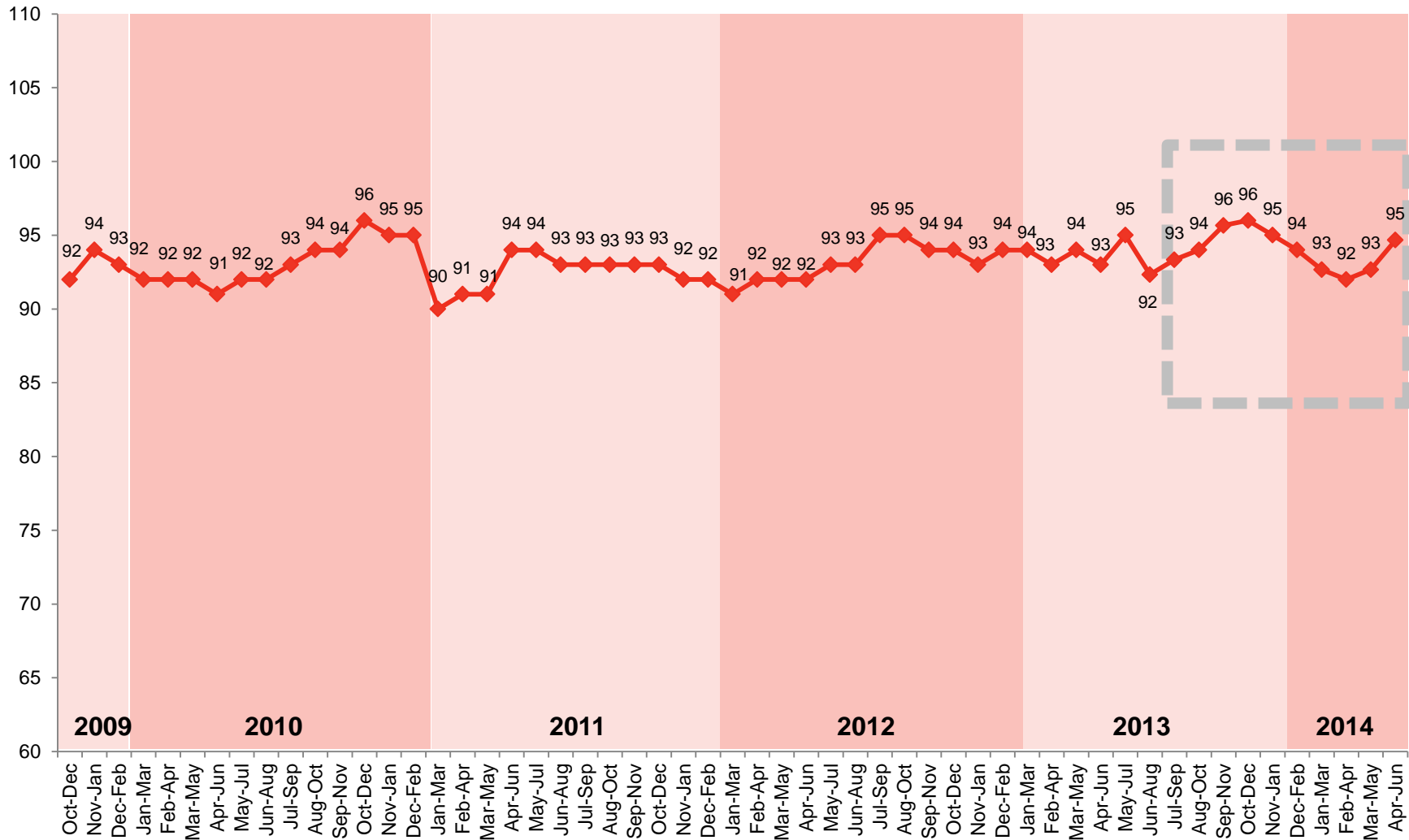
And how does this break down?
 Recommendation remains the main driver
 followed by overall performance and revisit.

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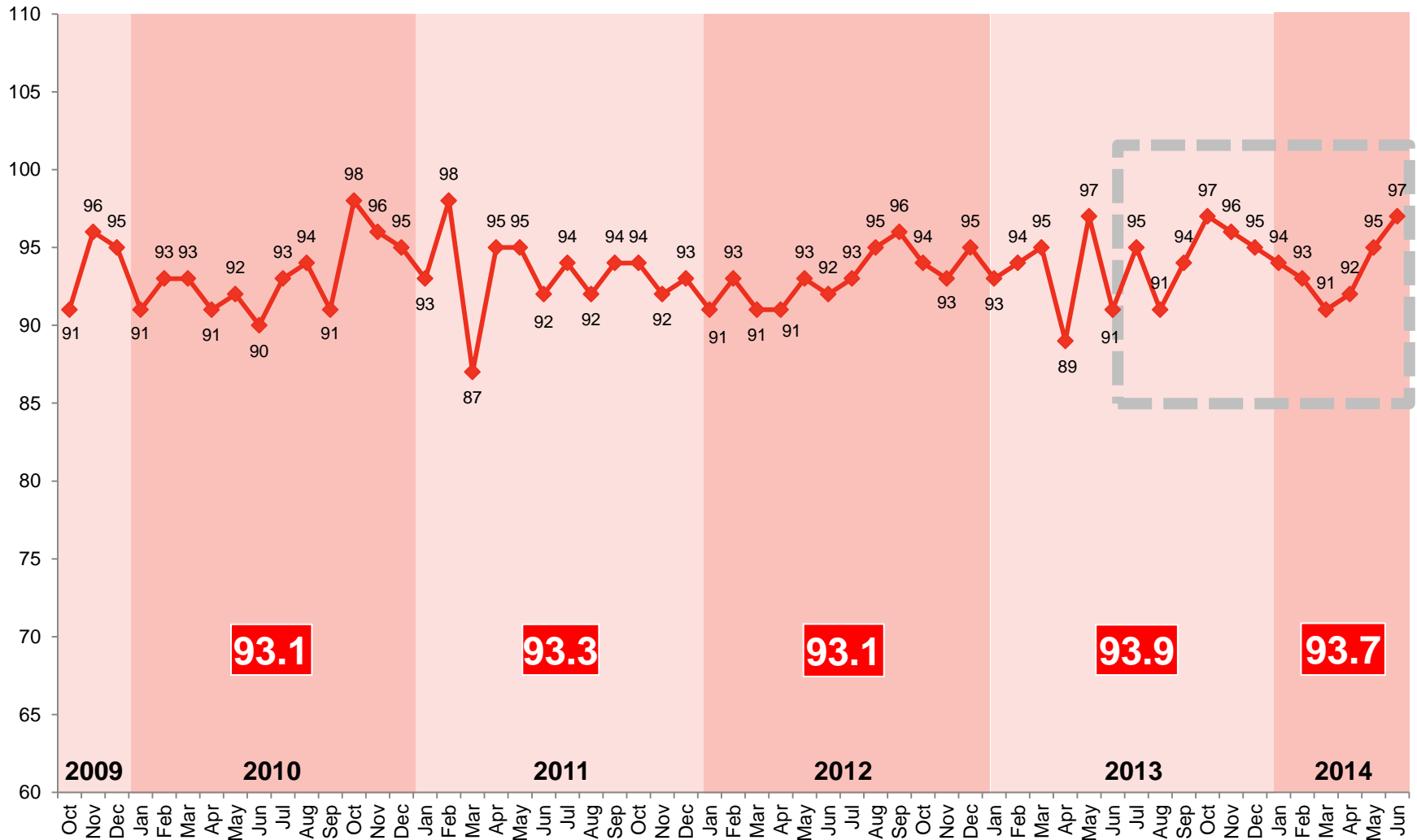


Encouragingly, a steady, year-on-year increase in 'top box' responses for Performance (41%, 42% and 43% respectively) – appears to be the main driver of improvements

Using three-month rolling averages, the relative stability of the indices is clear although the last 12 months have been more variable



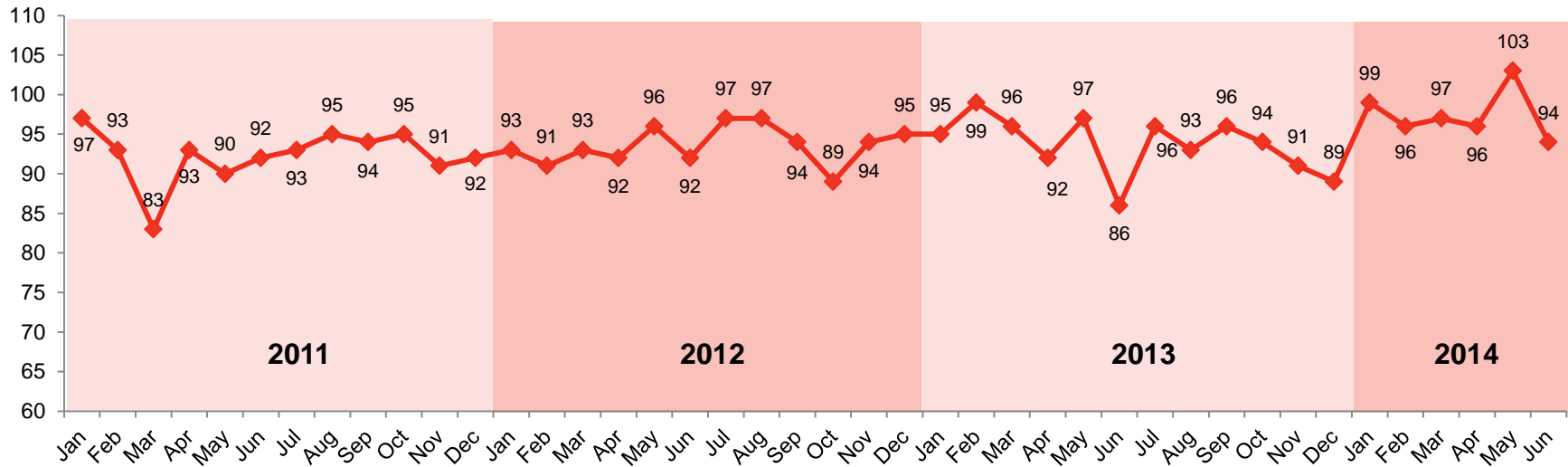
There are greater variations month-on-month but the 12 month annual indices have risen slightly over the period from 93 to 94



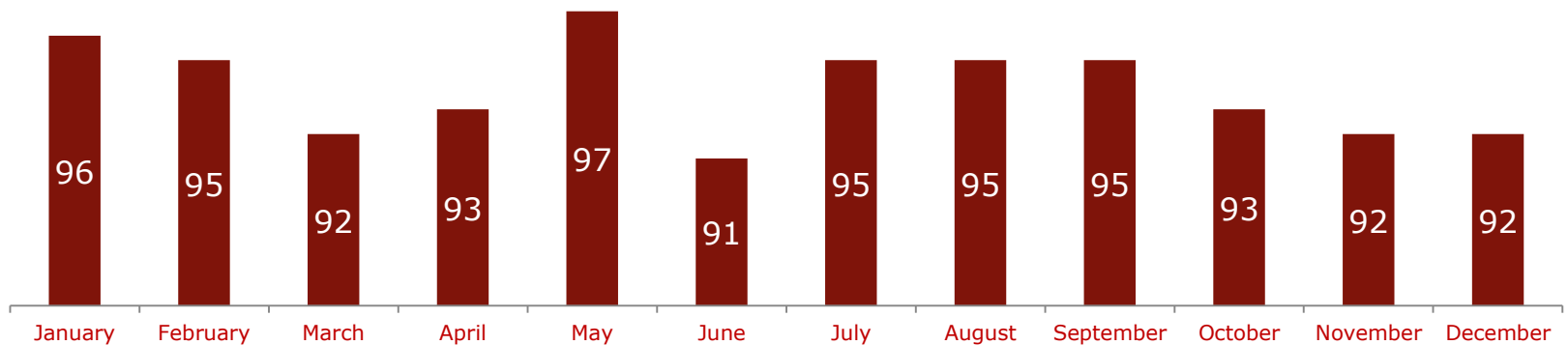
Analysis by month when trip taken suggests peaks in May around Bank Holidays. Poor weather in recent years may explain subsequent dips in the following month

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2011-2014 averages



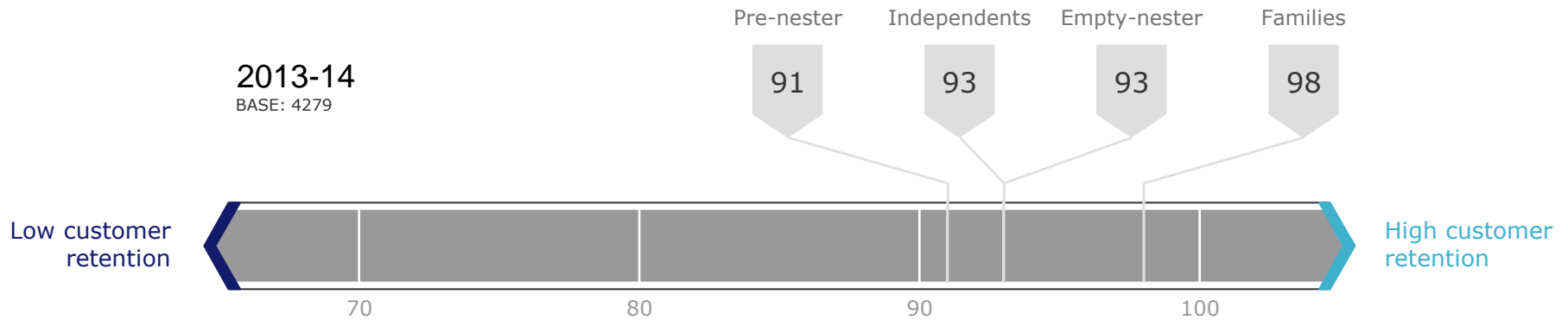
Headline performance by segment



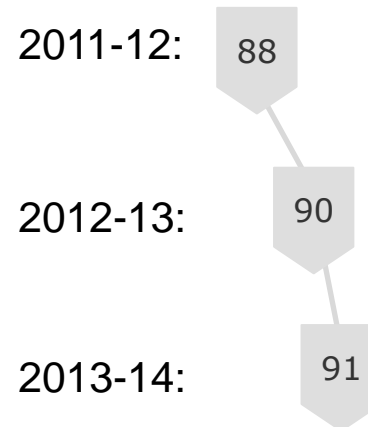
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Pre-Nesters

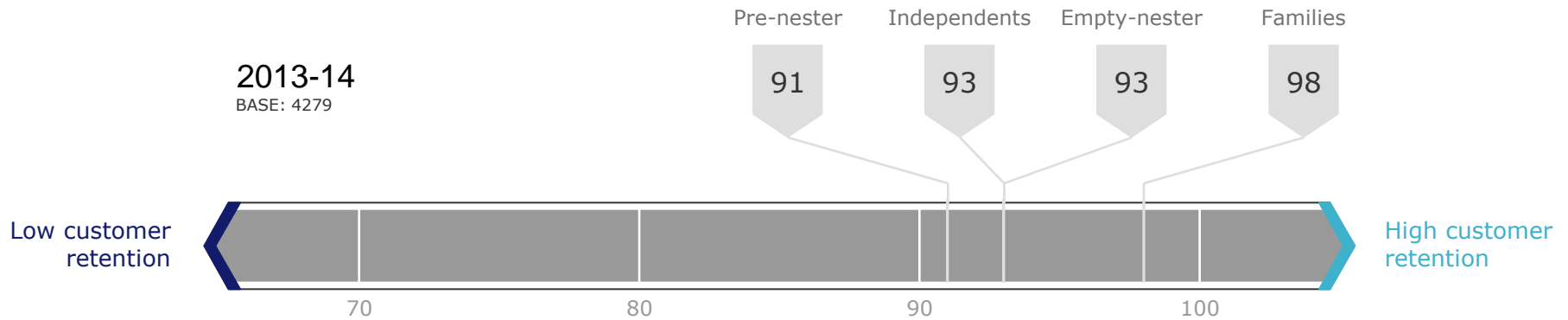


Evidence of increasing satisfaction among Pre-Nesters

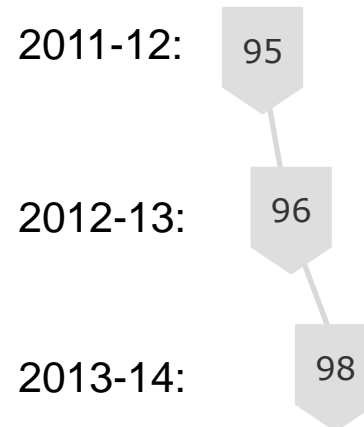
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Families

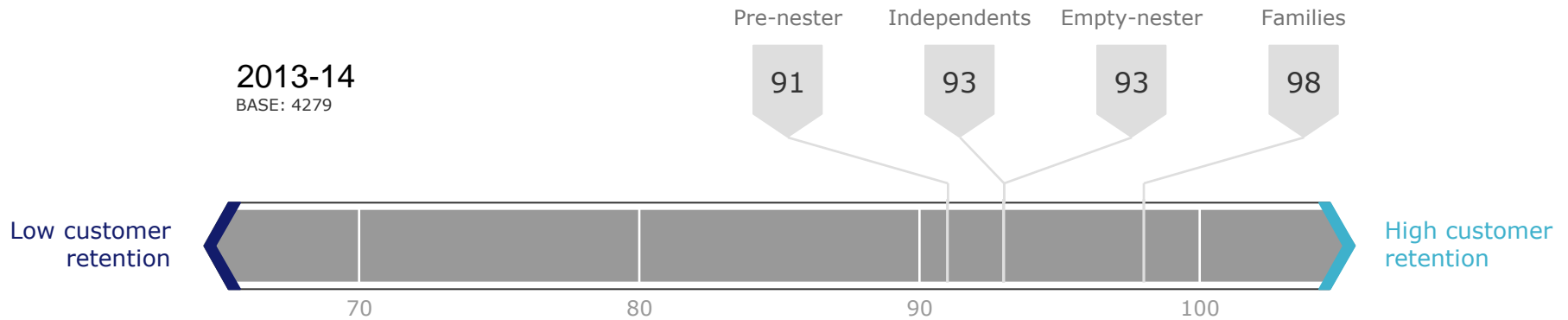


Year on year increases in satisfaction among families

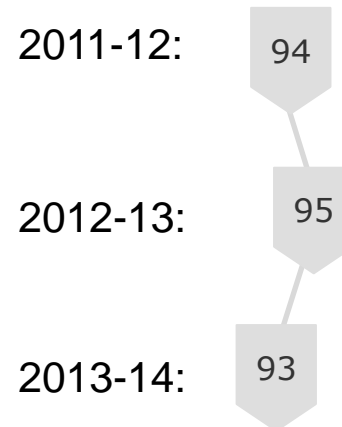
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Independents

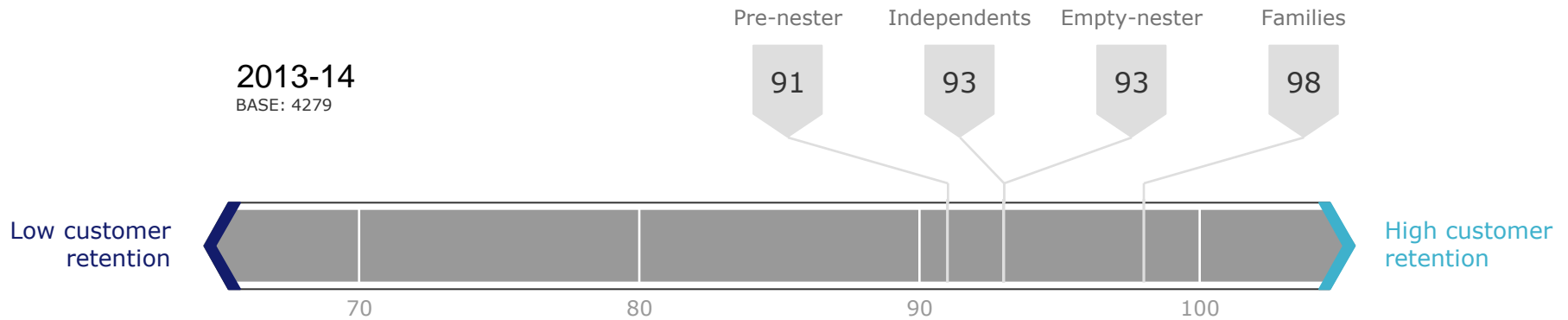


Lower satisfaction rating among Independents than in the previous 2 years

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Empty Nesters



2011-12:

92

2012-13:

93

2013-14:

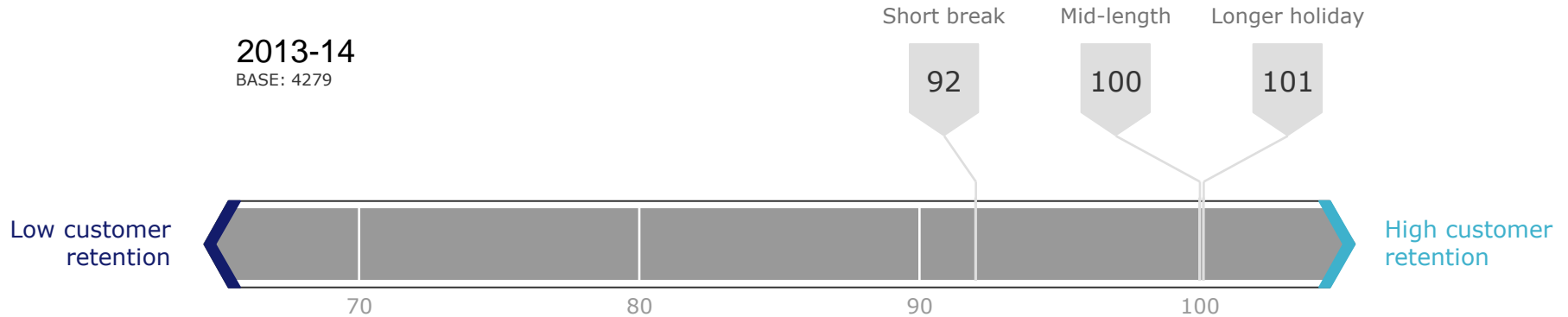
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Consistent levels of satisfaction among Empty Nesters

Visitor Experience TRI*M Index Holiday Type

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Short Breaks



2011-12:

91

2012-13:

92

2013-14:

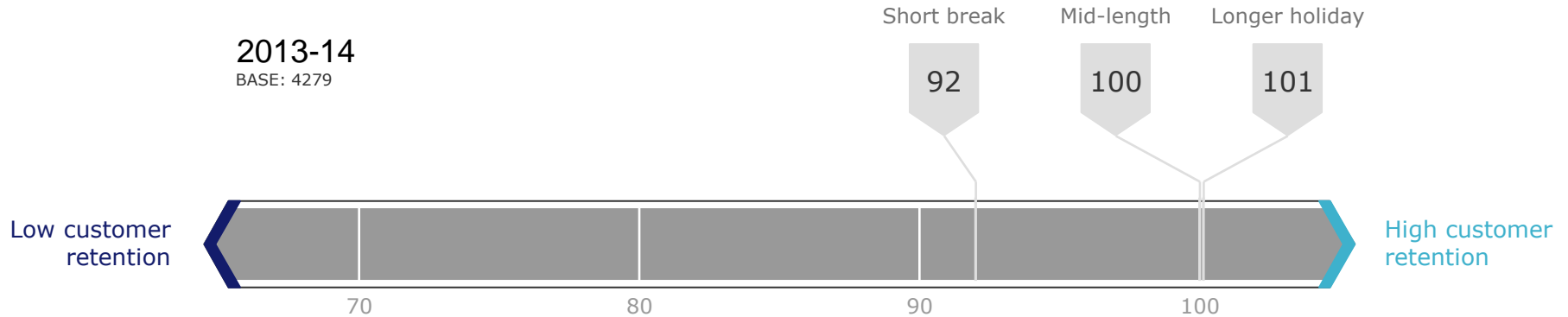
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No major movement
in satisfaction with
short breaks

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Mid-length holidays



2011-12:

96

2012-13:

98

2013-14:

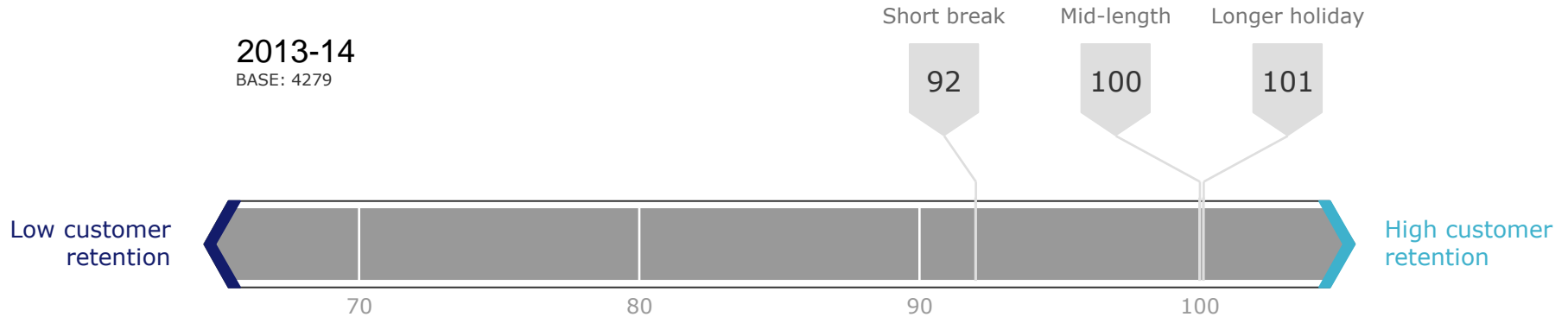
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Steady improvement in
satisfaction levels on mid-
length holidays

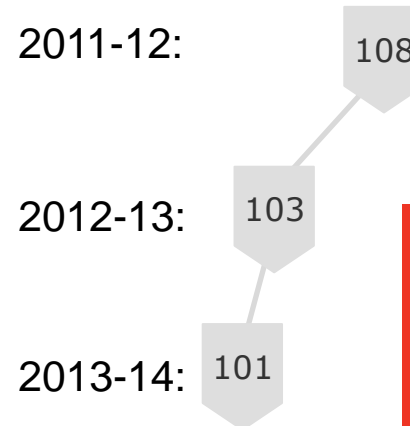
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Longer holidays

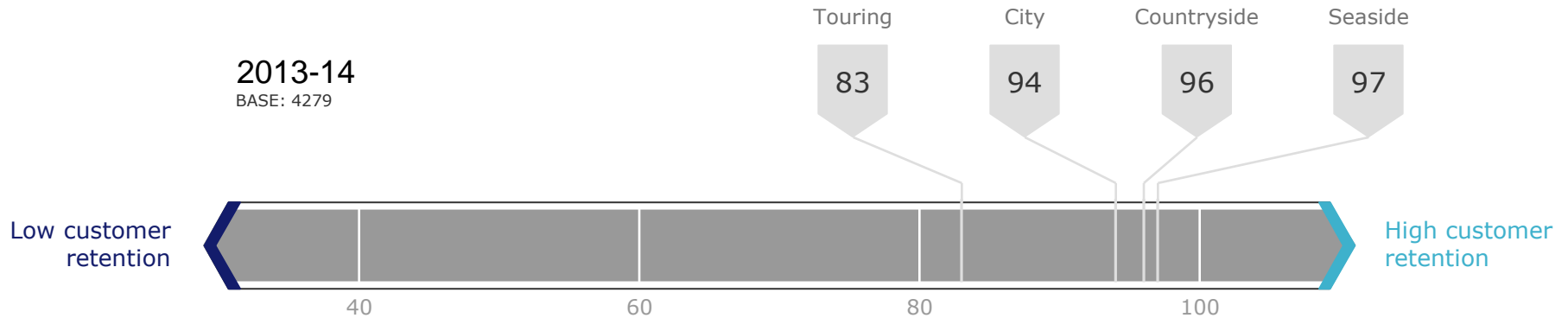


Although remaining high,
evidence of declining levels
of satisfaction amongst those
on longer holidays

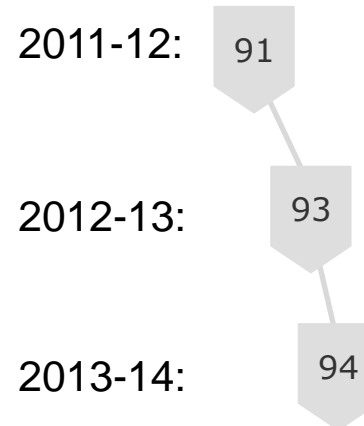
Visitor Experience TRI*M Index Location of Holiday

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City breaks

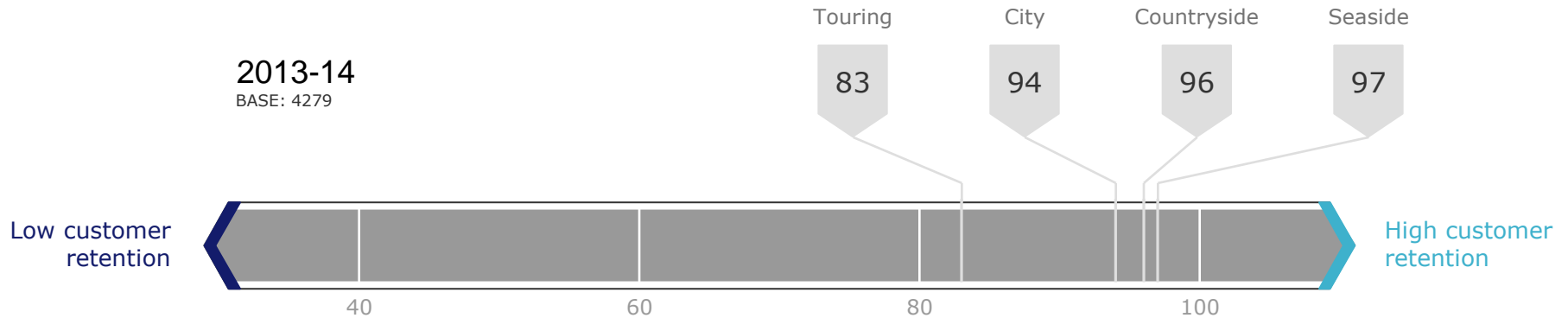


A steady increase in
satisfaction on city
breaks in last 3-4 years

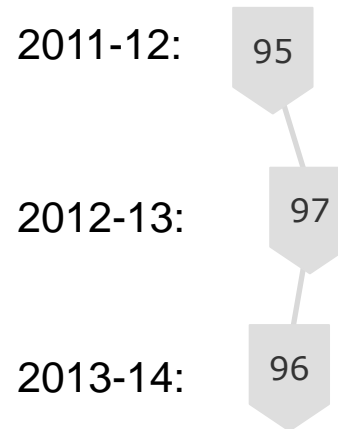
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Countryside

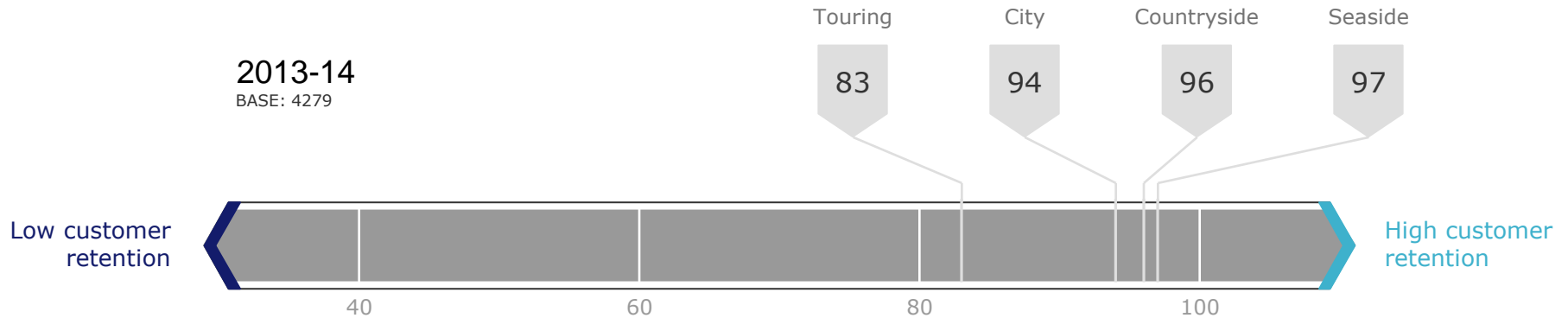


Not too much variation in
countryside destination
satisfaction – no clear
trends

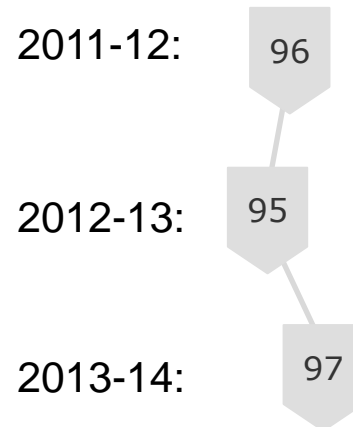
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Seaside

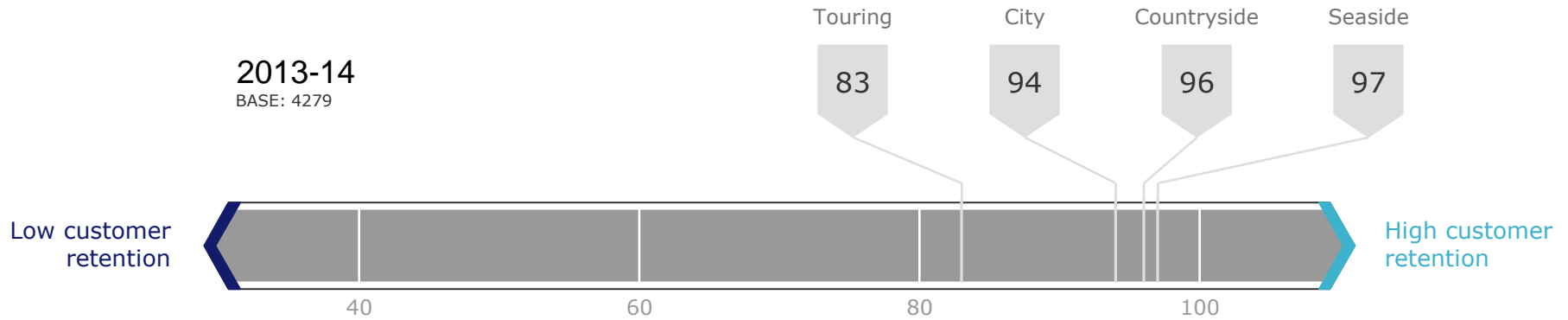


Again, little variation in
seaside destination
satisfaction – though
latest year is best
performing

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Touring



2011-12:

87

2012-13:

88

2013-14:

83

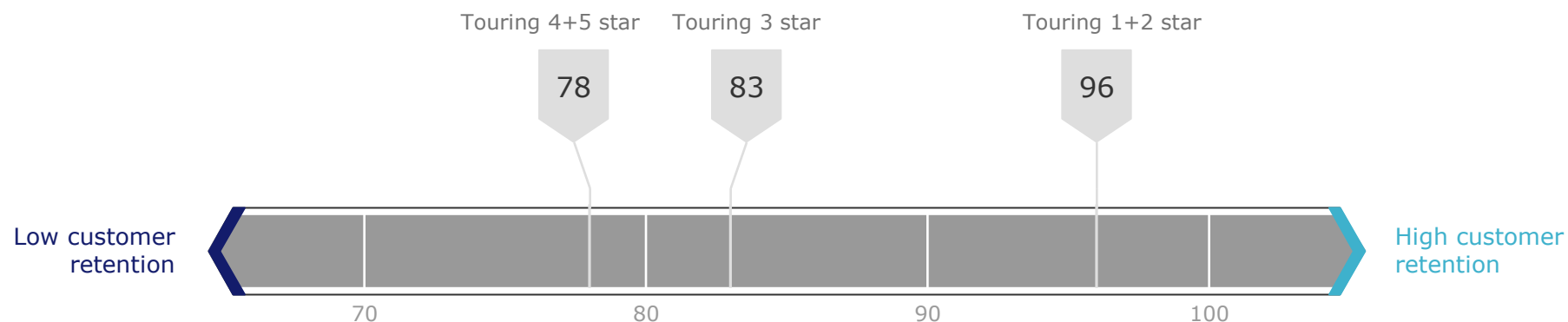
A decline in destination
satisfaction with touring
holidays compared with
previous years

Visitor Experience TRI*M Index Touring- by star rating

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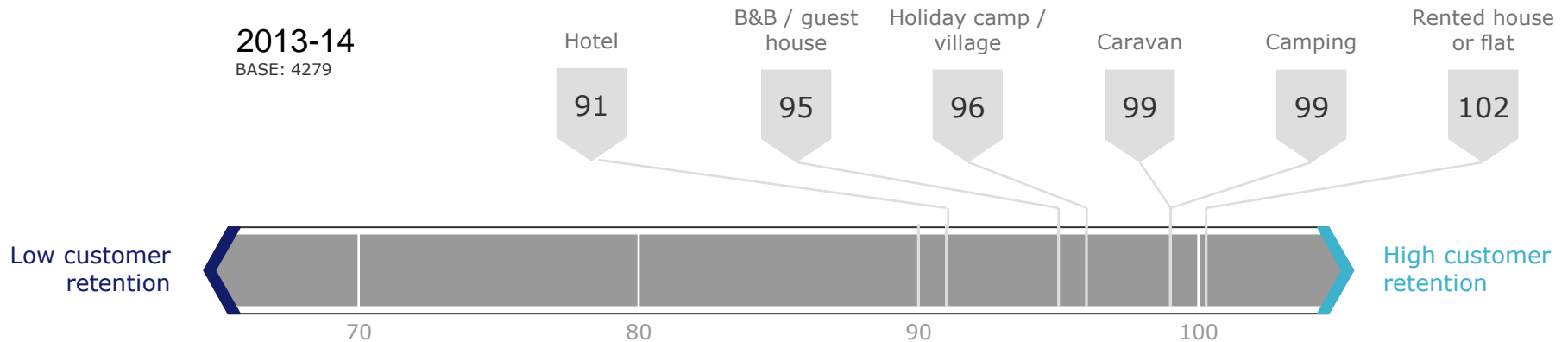
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Base 4279



Visitor Experience TRI*M Index Accommodation types

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Hotel



2011-12:

89

2012-13:

91

2013-14:

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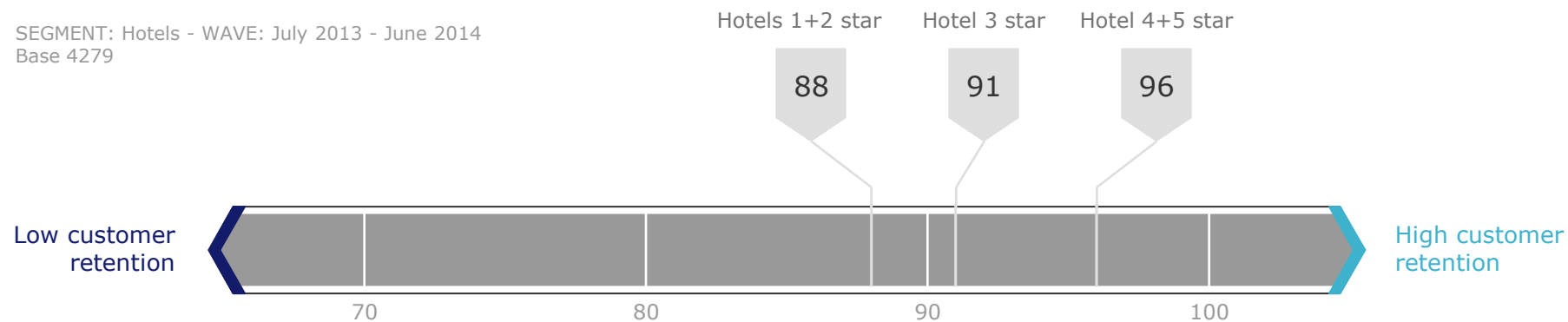
Consistently below
average performance
from hotels as a whole

Visitor Experience TRI*M Index Hotels- by star rating

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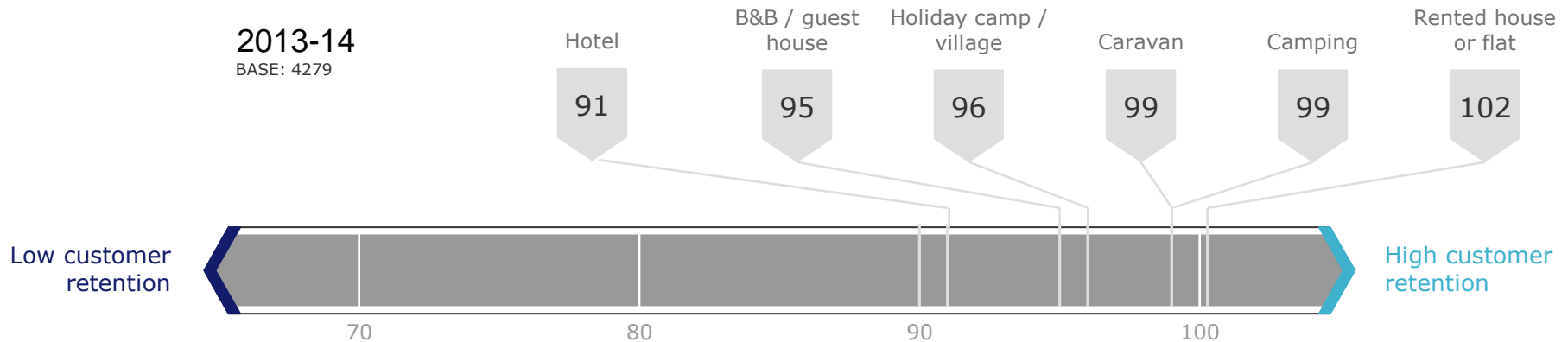
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B&B / Guesthouse



2011-12:

94

2012-13:

98

2013-14:

95

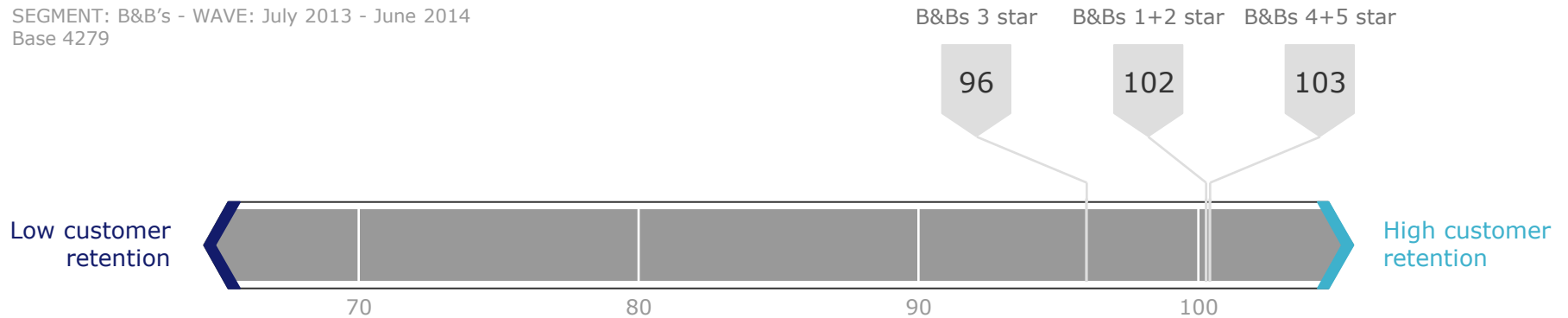
B&B satisfaction has varied year on year and is now around the average for all trips

Visitor Experience TRI*M Index B&B- by star rating

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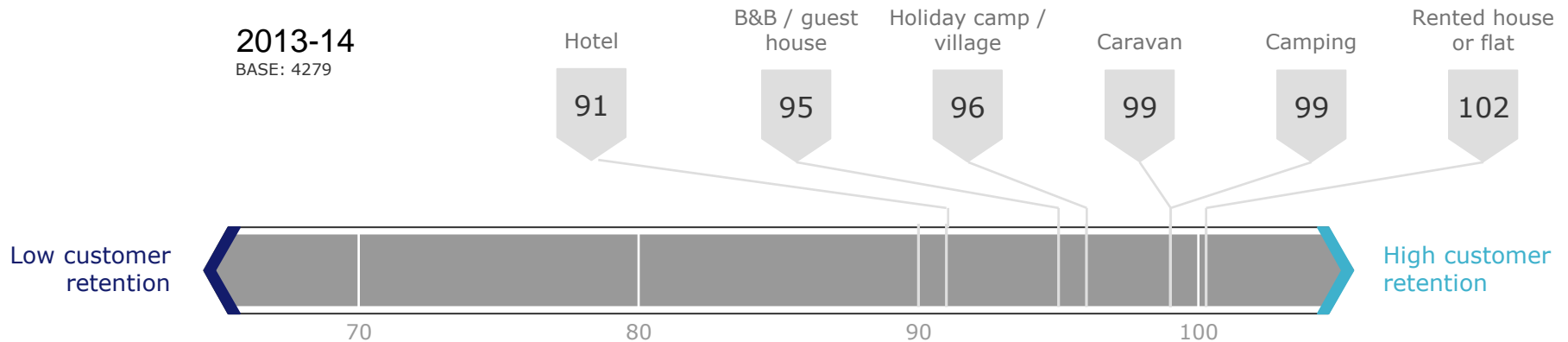
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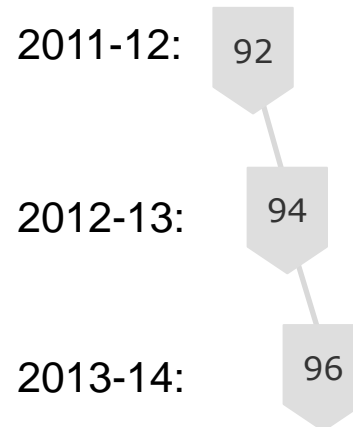
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Holiday camp / village

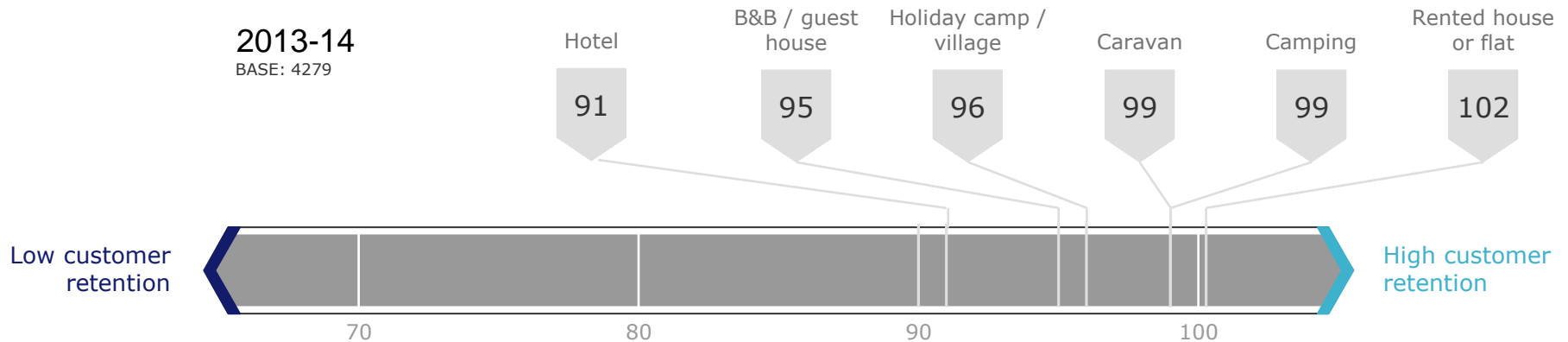


Year on year increases
in satisfaction at holiday
camps and villages

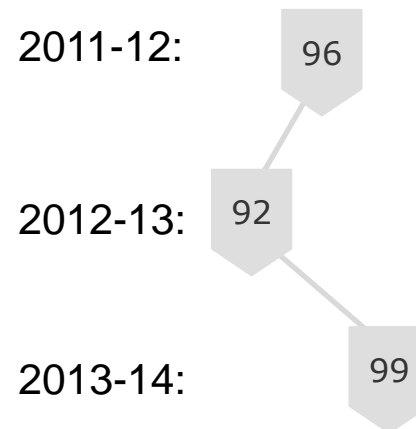
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Caravan

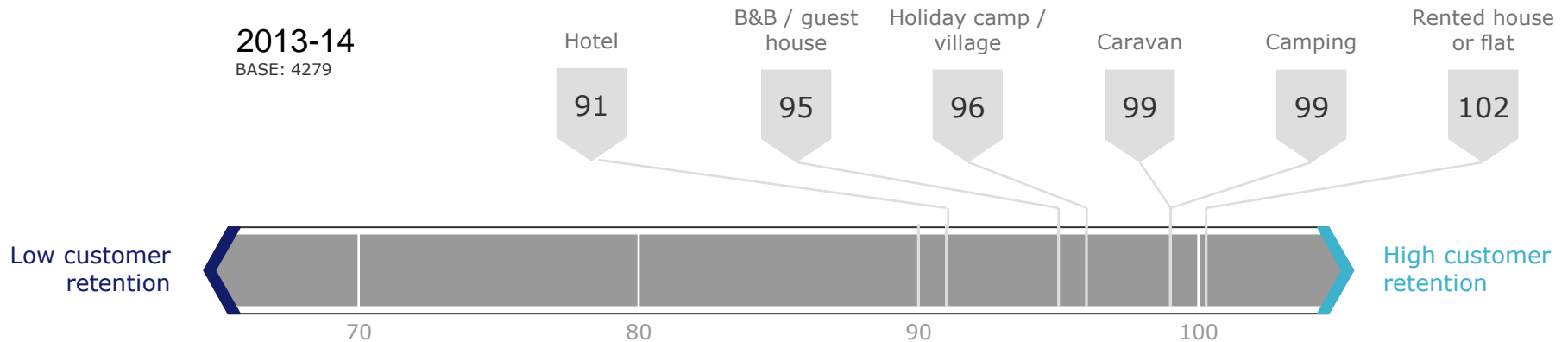


Varied year-on-year
levels of satisfaction on
caravan holidays

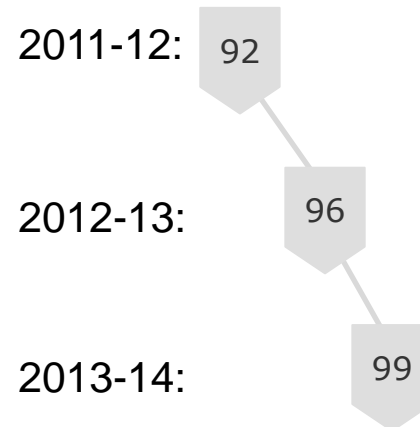
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Camping

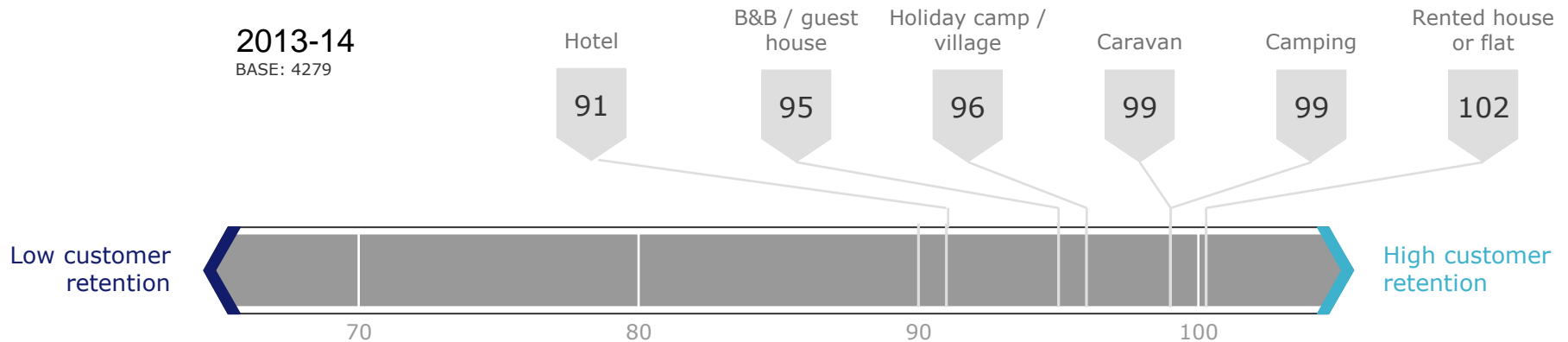


Steady increase in satisfaction on camping holidays – from below national average satisfaction to significantly above

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Rented house / flat



2011-12:

101

2012-13:







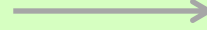
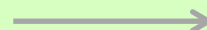

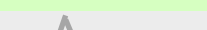

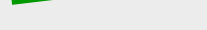
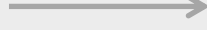
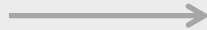


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2013-14:

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Satisfaction with self-catering accommodation has consistently been the highest of all accommodation types

The slight upward shift in satisfaction overall is reflected in increases among pre-nesters and families especially on mid-length holidays for camping or in holiday villages. City breaks also showing increased satisfaction levels. Only on Touring and longer holidays are levels of satisfaction declining

Self catering	102	
Longer holidays	101	
Mid length holidays	100	
Caravans	99	
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The Drivers of Satisfaction



30-35 attributes of the ‘destination experience’ are asked about:

Rated in terms of importance to the respondent (Stated Importance)

‘How important is each of these factors to you when thinking about short breaks or holidays?’

Extremely Important (Score of 5)

Very Important (4)

Fairly Important (3)

Not Very Important (2)

Not at All Important (1)

Rated in terms of how the destination performed during the visit

‘How would you rate ‘DESTINATION’ on each of the following factors?’

Excellent (Score of 5)

Very Good (4)

Good (3)

Fair (2)

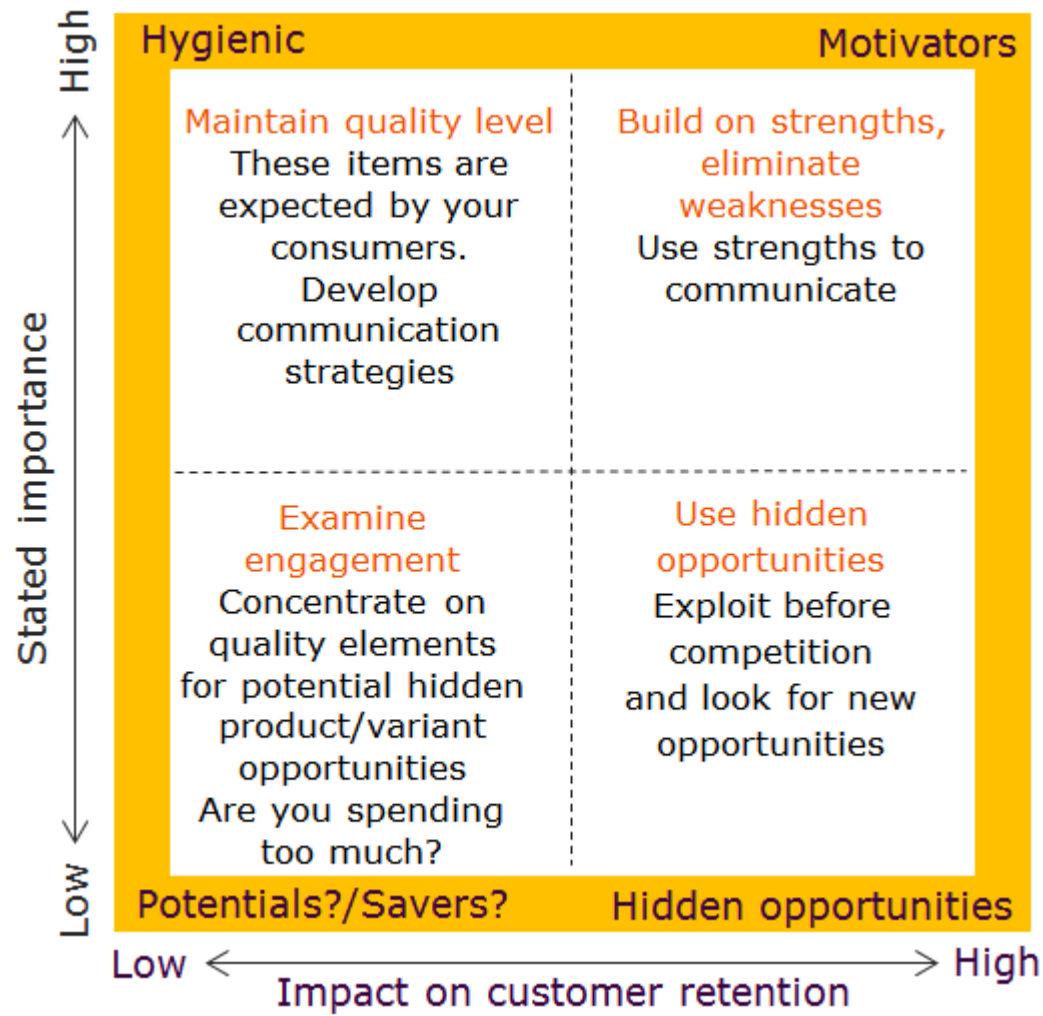
Poor (1)

***And a third dimension is derived – Impact on the Experience
(to what extent does overall satisfaction correlate to each attribute)***

Determining the drivers of satisfaction (2)

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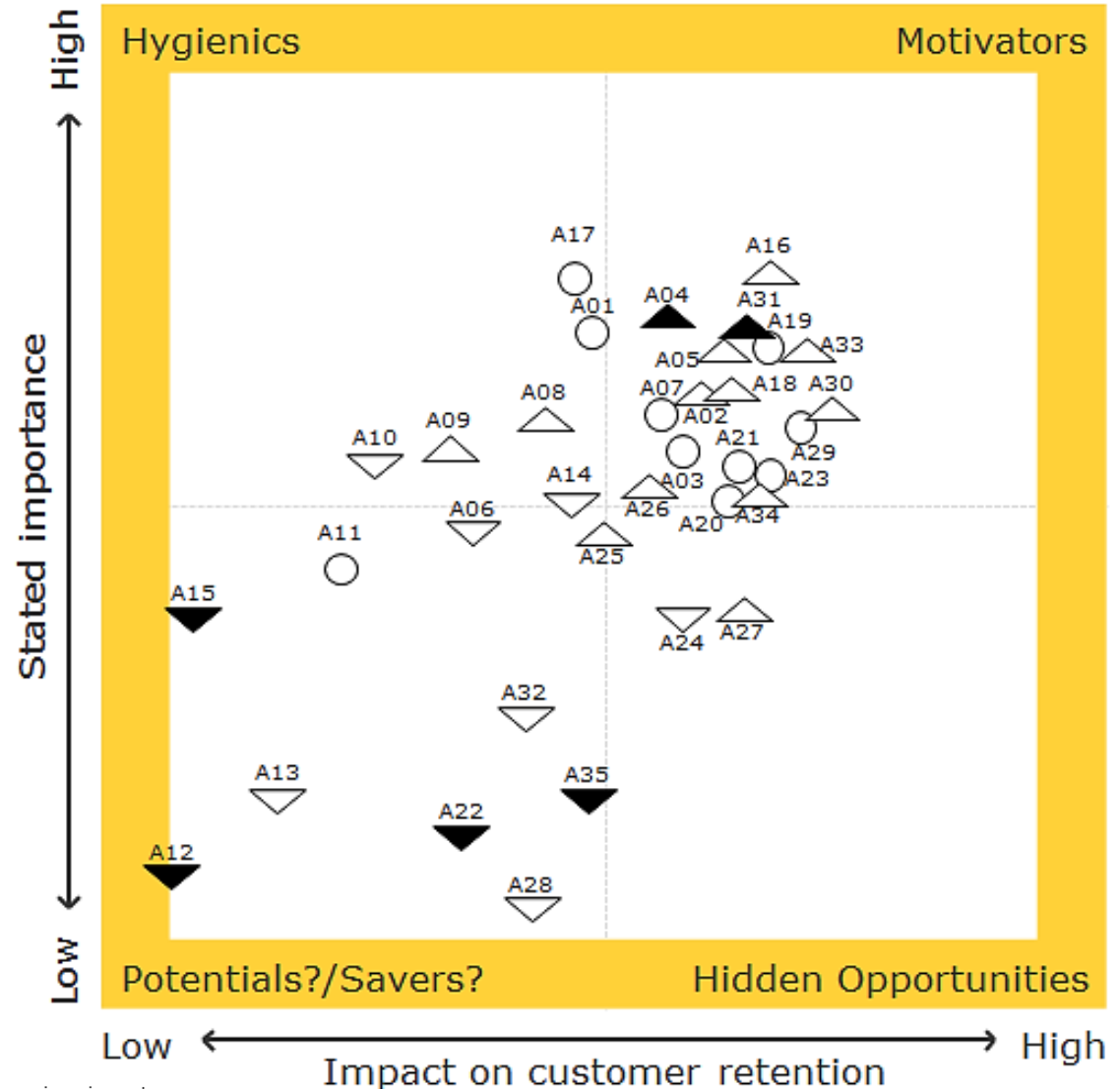


Destination England: The TRI*M Grid

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- A01. Good value for money generally
- A02. Welcoming and friendly people
- A03. Very high levels of customer service
- A04. A place where I feel safe and secure
- A05. Clean and tidy environment
- A06. Deals and discounts for the destination
- A07. Accessible for those with impairments*
- A08. Easy to find useful info when planning
- A09. Easy to book your trip in advance
- A10. Not too expensive to get to
- A11. Doesn't take too long to get to
- A12. Easy to get to by public transport
- A13. Easy to get around by public transport
- A14. Clear signposting to find your way around
- A15. Availability of reasonably priced car parking
- A16. Good quality accommodation
- A17. Accommodation that offers value for money
- A18. Variety of accom that suits my needs
- A19. Good quality food, drink and dining
- A20. Opportunities to eat/drink local food etc.
- A21. Easy to find useful info when you're there
- A22. Availability of festivals, music, sporting events
- A23. Wide range of attractions and things to do
- A24. Availability of individual/independent local shops
- A25. Opportunities to visit museums/galleries
- A26. Opportunities to see famous buildings
- A27. Good range of shopping opportunities
- A28. Good nightlife
- A29. Attractive/well maintained town/city centre
- A30. Interesting towns and villages to visit
- A31. Unspoilt countryside
- A32. Good range of outdoor activities
- A33. Clean and well-maintained beaches
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* Only asked of individuals who have / travelled with someone with an impairment

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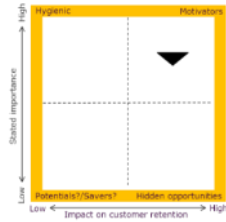
TRI*M Index

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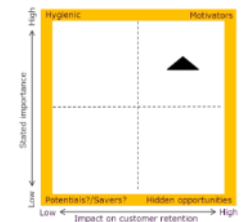
Performance - Far below average Below average Average Above average Far above average

But we can make analysis much more straightforward using summaries with strengths & weaknesses prioritised based on their grid position.....

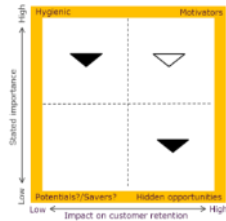
High level weakness



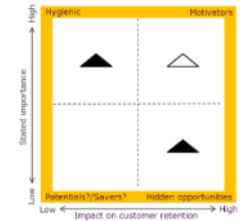
High level strength



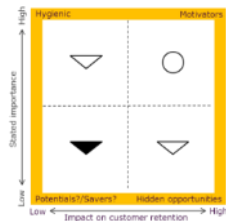
Medium level weakness



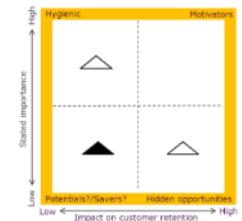
Medium level strength



Low level weakness



Low level strength



▼ Far below average
 ▽ Below average
 ○ Average
 △ Above average
 ▲ Far above average
 ■ Positive
 ■ Negative

DESTINATION ENGLAND: STRENGTHS: these need to be maintained to ensure overall satisfaction levels are retained

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DESTINATION ENGLAND: WEAKNESSES: these need to be addressed if the overall satisfaction rating is to increase

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Medium level weaknesses

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- A23. Wide range of attractions and things to do
- A21. Easy to find useful information about the destination when you're there
- A20. Opportunities to eat/drink local food and produce
- A03. Very high levels of customer service
- A07. Easily accessible for those with impairments (e.g. those with mobility, visual or hearing impairments) *
- A24. Availability of individual/independent local shops
- A14. Clear signposting that helps you find your way around the destination
- A35. Good range of water-based/beach activities
- A10. A destination that is not too expensive to get to
- A22. Availability of festivals, music, sporting and cultural events
- A15. Availability of reasonably priced car parking
- A12. A destination that is easy to get to by public transport

* Only asked of individuals who have / travelled with someone with an impairment

Best performing attributes, 2013-14

Those described by more than a quarter as 'excellent'

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Satisfaction, 2013-14



Encouragingly, the vast majority are key motivators

Unspoilt countryside - COUNTRYSIDE	43%
A place where I feel safe and secure	31%
Quality of accommodation	30%
Interesting towns and villages to visit - COUNTRYSIDE	30%
Welcoming and friendly people	29%
Opportunities to see famous buildings and monuments - CITIES	29%
Clean and tidy environment	27%
Ease of booking your trip/different parts of your trip in advance	27%
Opportunities to visit museums/galleries/contemporary arts - CITIES	27%
Clean and well-maintained beaches - SEASIDE	27%
Beaches which are safe and suitable for bathing - SEASIDE	27%
Ease of finding information about the destination when planning	26%
Value for money of accommodation	26%
Quality of food, drink and dining	26%
Good range of shopping opportunities - CITIES	26%



Poorest performing attributes, 2013-14

Those described by less than a quarter as 'excellent'

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Value for money, accessing local information, deals and signposting need attention as all are important but performing below average

Availability of festivals, music, sporting and cultural events	15%
The nightlife - CITIES	16%
Availability of reasonably priced car parking	17%
The range of water-based/beach activities - SEASIDE	17%
Ease of getting around by public transport	18%
Overall availability of deals and discounts for the destination	19%
A destination that is easy to get to by public transport	19%
Availability of individual/independent local shops	20%
Range of outdoor activities - COUNTRYSIDE	20%
Clarity of signposting that helps you find your way around the destination	21%
Opportunities to eat/drink local food and produce	22%
Ease of finding useful information about the destination when you're there	22%
Value for money generally	23%
A destination that is not too expensive to get to	23%

Increases in overall satisfaction driven by increases in
'excellent' rating of motivating attributes
(Annual average change, 2011-2014)

Understanding Visitor
Satisfaction, 2013-14



Motivators

- | | |
|--|-----|
| • Ease of finding useful information about the destination when you're there | +8% |
| • Well maintained town/city centre | +7% |
| • Levels of customer service | +7% |
| • Availability of a wide range of attractions and things to do | +5% |
| • Variety of accommodation to choose from that suits my needs | +4% |
| • Opportunities to see famous buildings and monuments | +4% |
| • Welcoming and friendly people | +4% |
| • Quality of accommodation | +4% |
| • A place where I feel safe and secure | +3% |
| • Unspoilt countryside | +3% |
| • Clean and well-maintained beaches | +2% |
| • Quality of food, drink and dining | +2% |
| • Clean and tidy environment | +2% |
| • Interesting towns and villages to visit | - |

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Increases in overall satisfaction driven by increases in
'excellent' rating of motivating attributes
(Annual average change, 2011-2014)

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- Clarity of signposting that helps you find your way around the destination +12%
- Ease of finding useful information about the destination when planning the trip +9%
- A destination that is not too expensive to get to +7%
- Ease of booking your trip/different parts of your trip in advance +6%
- Value for money generally +5%
- Overall availability of deals and discounts for the destination +3%
- Value for money of accommodation -

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Increases in overall satisfaction driven by increases in
'excellent' rating of motivating attributes
(Annual average change, 2011-2014)

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Satisfaction, 2013-14

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- Availability of individual/independent local shops +6%
- Good range of shopping opportunities +5%
- Opportunities to visit museums/galleries and contemporary arts +5%
- Beaches which are safe and suitable for bathing +4%
- Opportunities to eat/drink local food and produce +3%

Hidden Opportunities

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The building blocks – destination performance



Measures of satisfaction based on main destination on most recent holiday/break in England (July 2012-June 2014)

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South West England:

1,858 respondents (26%)

• Torquay	192	• Total Dorset	326
• Other Devon	272	• Bristol	87
• Total Devon	464	• Bath	117
• Cornwall	473	• Somerset	149
• Bournemouth	170	• Wiltshire	54
• Weymouth	67	• Gloucestershire	42
• Other Dorset	89	• The Cotswolds	90

London & the South East:

1,052 respondents (15%)

• London	748	• Kent coast	94
• Eastbourne	37	• Other Kent	59
• Other E Sussex	38	• Total Kent	175
• Total E Sussex	75	• Other South East	54
• Canterbury	22		

South of England:

677 respondents (9%)

• Brighton	159	• Portsmouth	42
• Other W Sussex	56	• Other Hampshire	67
• Total W Sussex	215	• Oxford	53
• Buckinghamshire	23	• Other Oxfordshire	23
• Isle of Wight	110	• Total Oxfordshire	76
• The New Forest	72	• Other S England	63

West Midlands:

414 respondents (6%)

• Stratford	65	• Birmingham	145
• Warwickshire	53	• Shropshire	41
• Staffordshire	54	• Other W Midlands	12

East Midlands:

425 respondents (6%)

• Nottingham	51	• Leicestershire	34
• Total Notts	82	• Peak District	94
• Derbyshire	46	• Skegness	100
• Lincoln	36		

East England:

666 respondents (9%)

• Great Yarmouth	157	• Cambridge	51
• Other Norfolk	221	• Total Camb'shire	71
• Total Norfolk	378	• Essex	67
• Suffolk	99	• Other East Anglia	51

North West England:

1,095 respondents (15%)

• The Lake District	336	• Liverpool	126
• Other Cumbria	32	• Total Merseyside	143
• Total Cumbria	368	• Manchester	162
• Blackpool	223	• Chester	66
• Lancashire Coast	42	• Other Cheshire	27
• Other Lancashire	33	• Total Cheshire	93
• Total Lancashire	298	• Other North West	31

Yorkshire:

681 respondents (10%)

• York	167	• Other Yorkshire	73
• Leeds	65	• Total Yorkshire	650
• Scarborough	115	• Total Humberside	31
• North York Moors	50		
• Yorkshire Coast	51		
• Yorkshire Dales	84		

North East England:

278 respondents (4%)

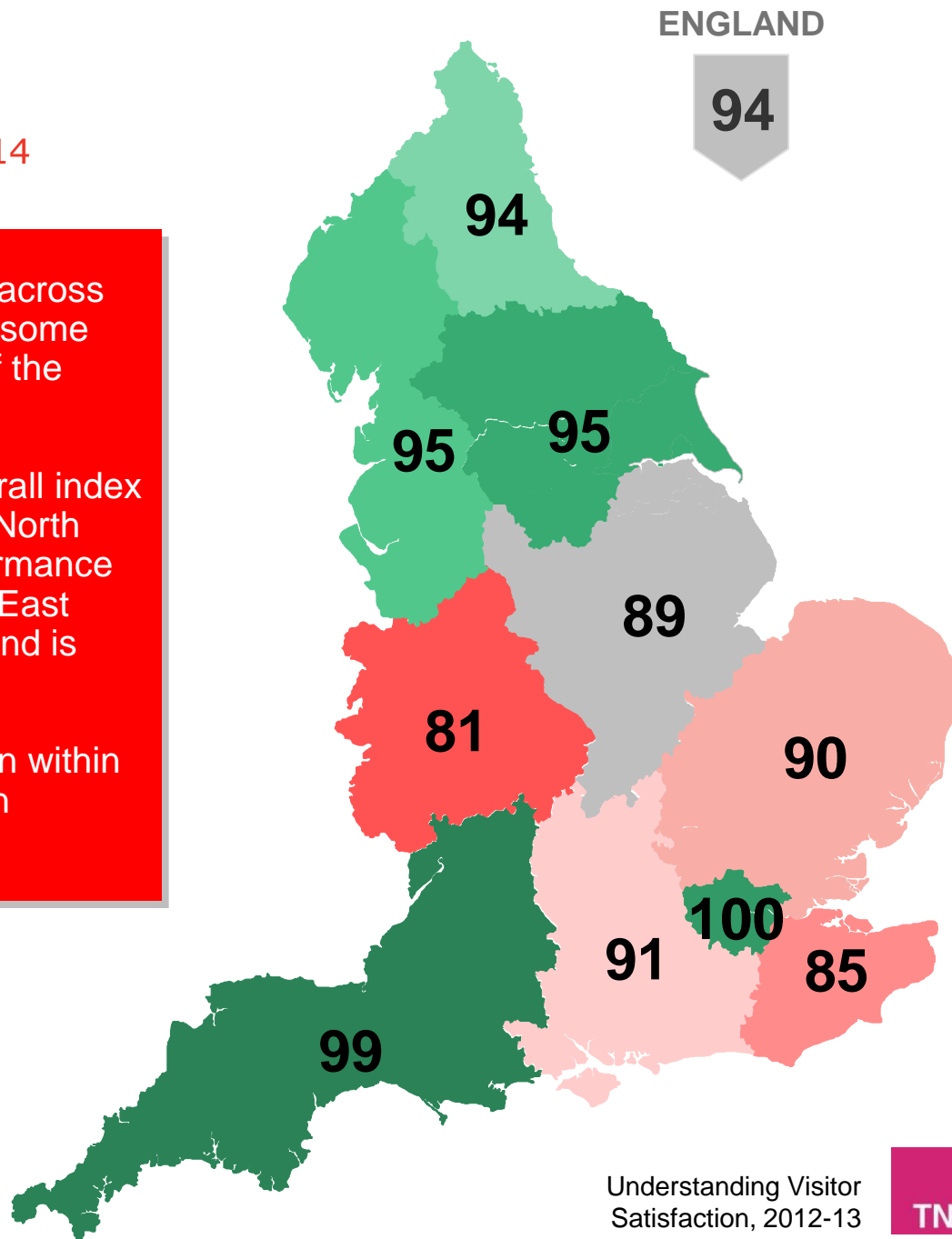
• Northumberland	114
• Durham	46
• Newcastle	67

Variations in satisfaction by destination region (2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

The overall satisfaction index for England across the two year period is 94 – but this masks some fairly large variations across the regions of the country.

Five areas are helping to drive up this overall index – London, the South West, Yorkshire, the North West and the North East. However, performance in the West Midlands, the South East, the East Midlands, the South and the East of England is working against this.

The next slide illustrates however that even within these regions, there are major variations in satisfaction at the destination level.....



Top performing destinations (2 year period – July 2011-June 2013)

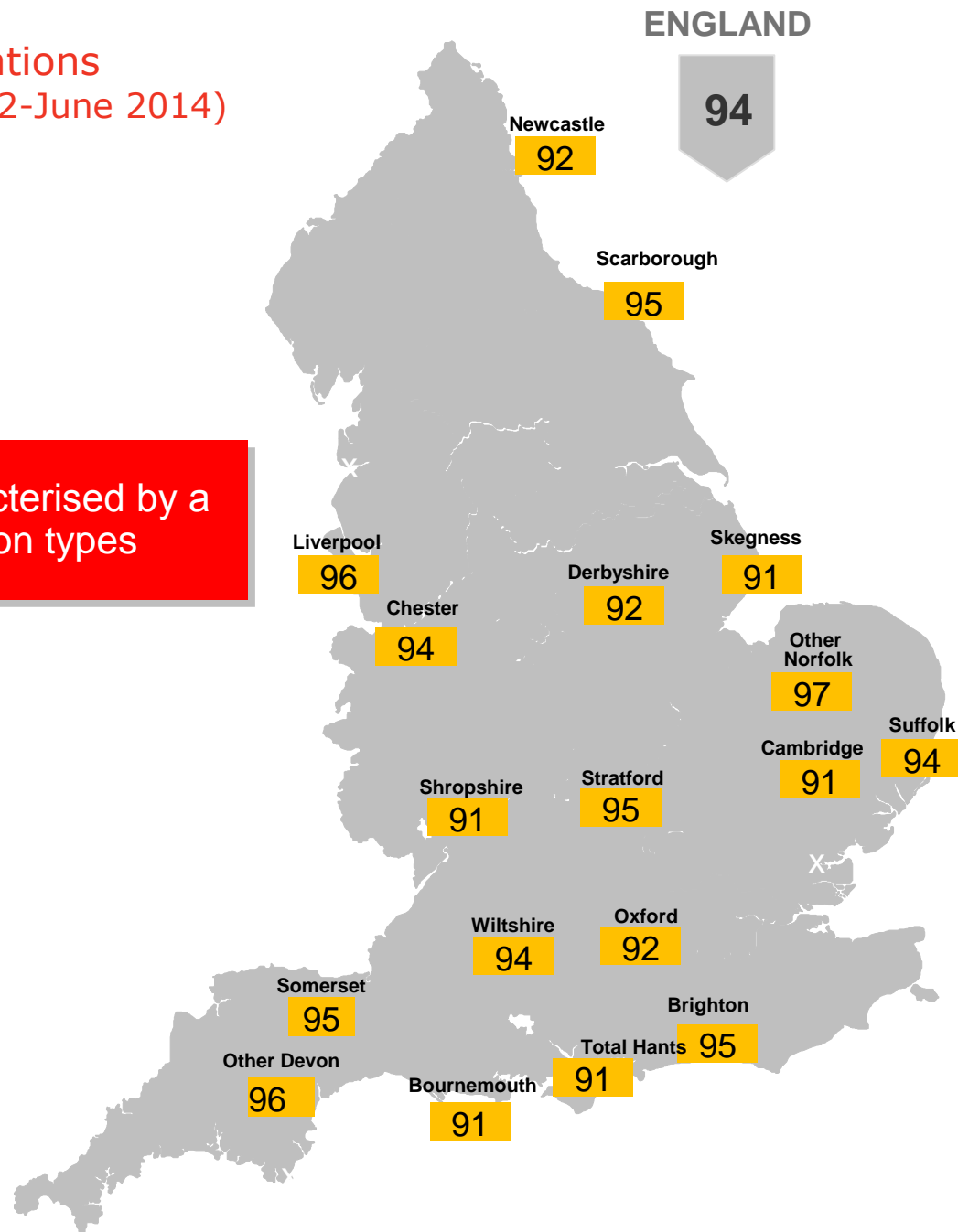
England's overall performance is driven by high levels of satisfaction in several key destinations and areas, especially:

- Lake District
- Yorkshire – Moors, Dales, Coast & York
- Cornwall
- Torquay
- New Forest
- Northumberland
- Bath



Middle ranking destinations (2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

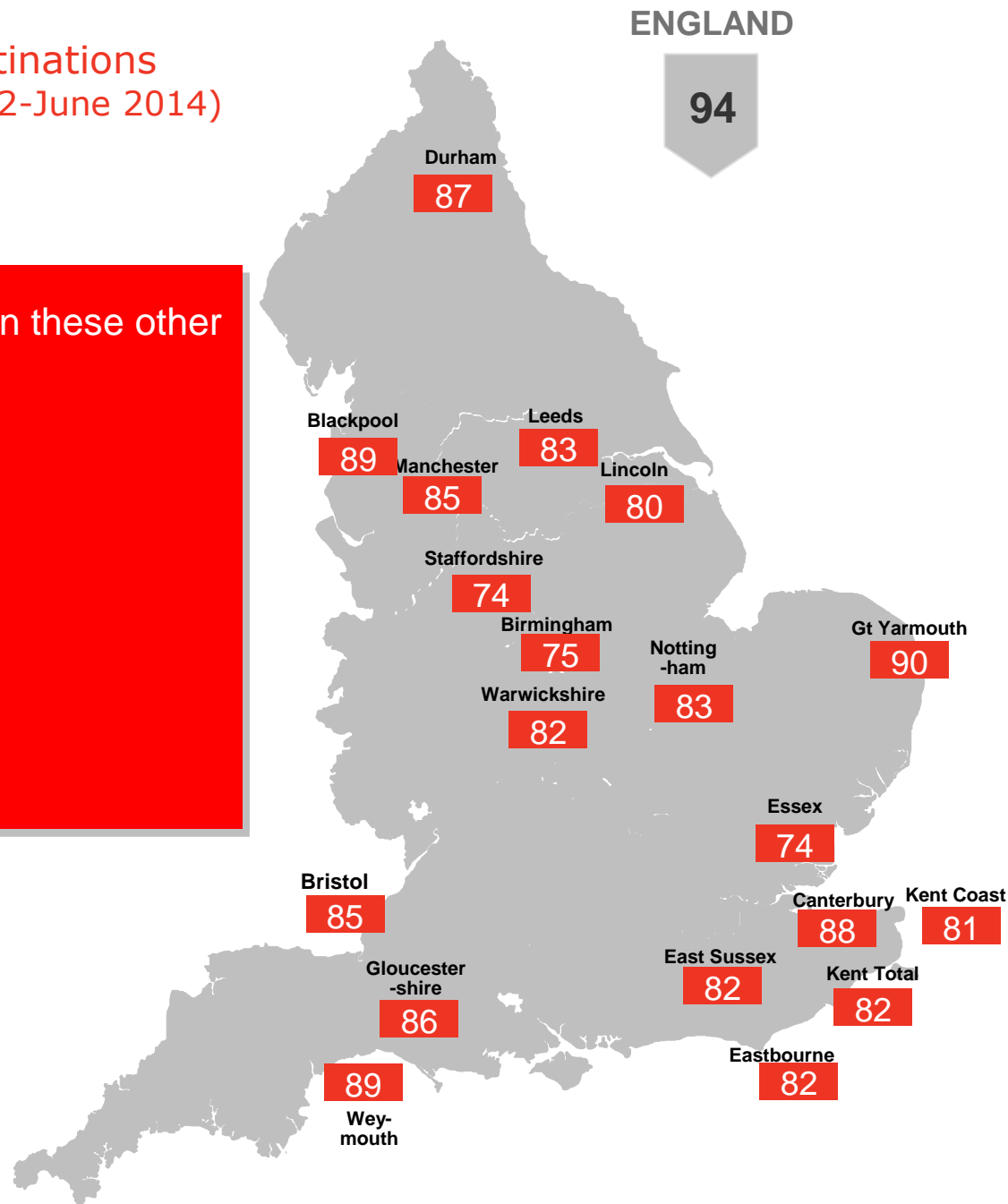
The 'middle ground' characterised by a range of different destination types



Lower performing destinations (2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

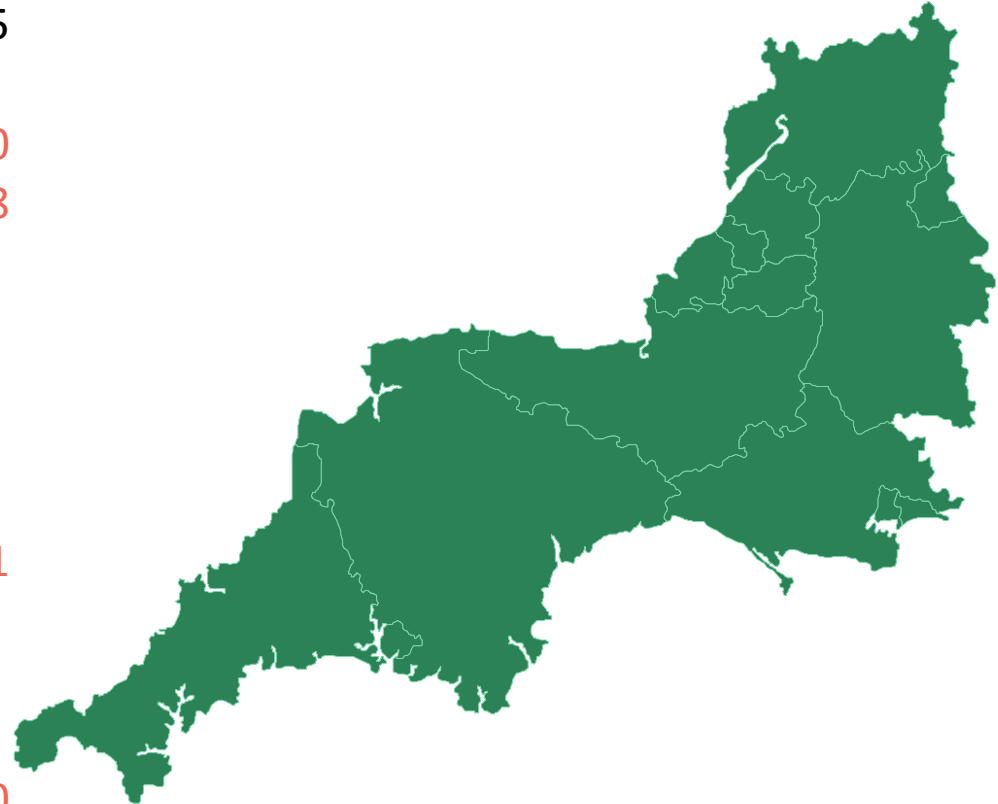
Overall satisfaction levels in these other destinations are lower:

- Essex
- Staffordshire
- Birmingham
- Lincoln
- Kent coast
- Eastbourne
- Nottingham
- Leeds
- Manchester
- Bristol



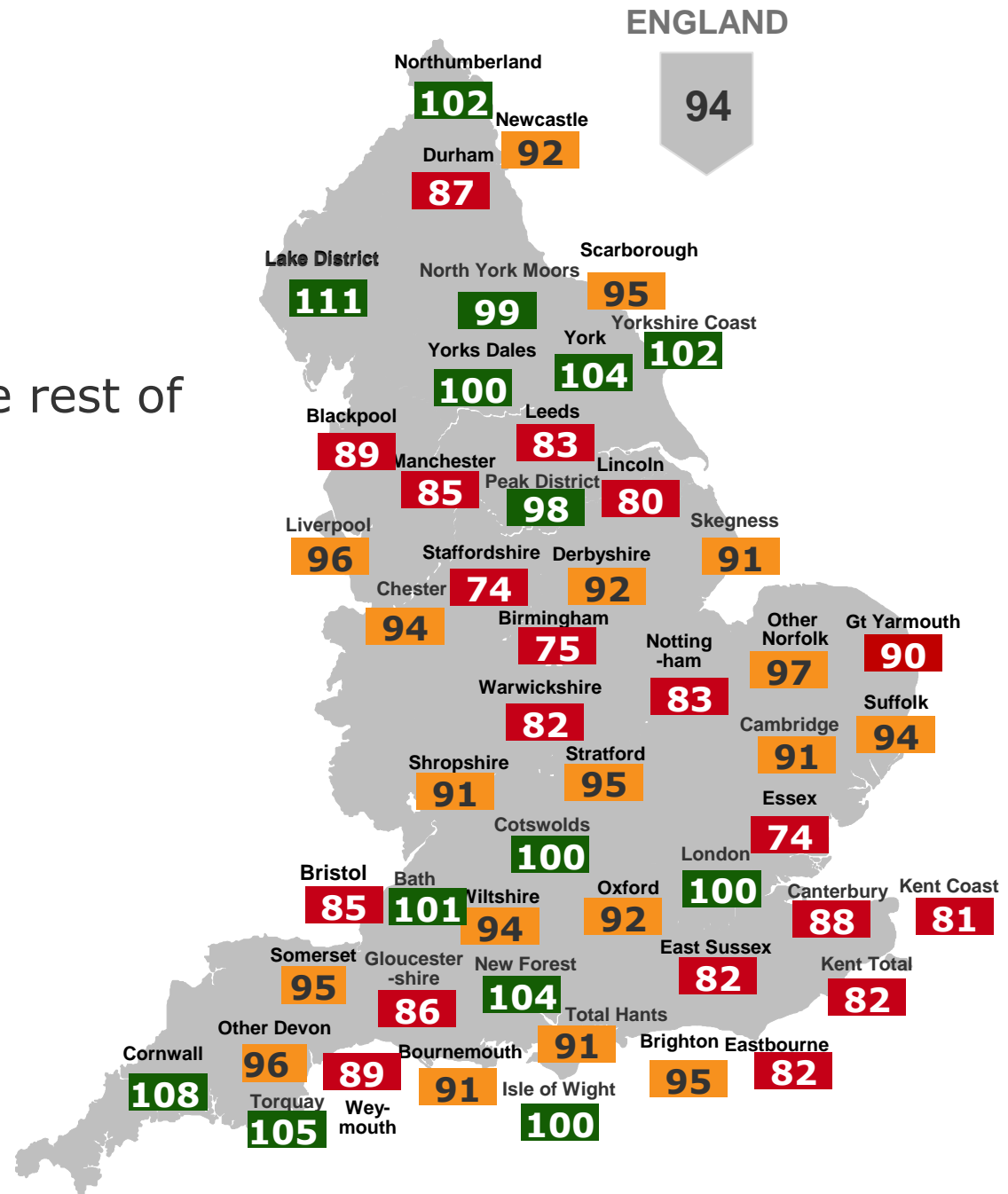
The South West:
Strong performance driven by Cornwall,
Torquay, Bath and the Cotswolds
(2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

Torquay	105
Other Devon	96
Total Devon	100
Cornwall	108
Bournemouth	91
Weymouth	89
Other Dorset	93
Total Dorset	91
Bristol	85
Bath	101
Somerset	95
Wiltshire	94
Gloucestershire	86
The Cotswolds	100



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In comparison to the rest of England...



The South of England:

Strong performances from the New Forest, Isle of Wight and Brighton. Poorer performance elsewhere

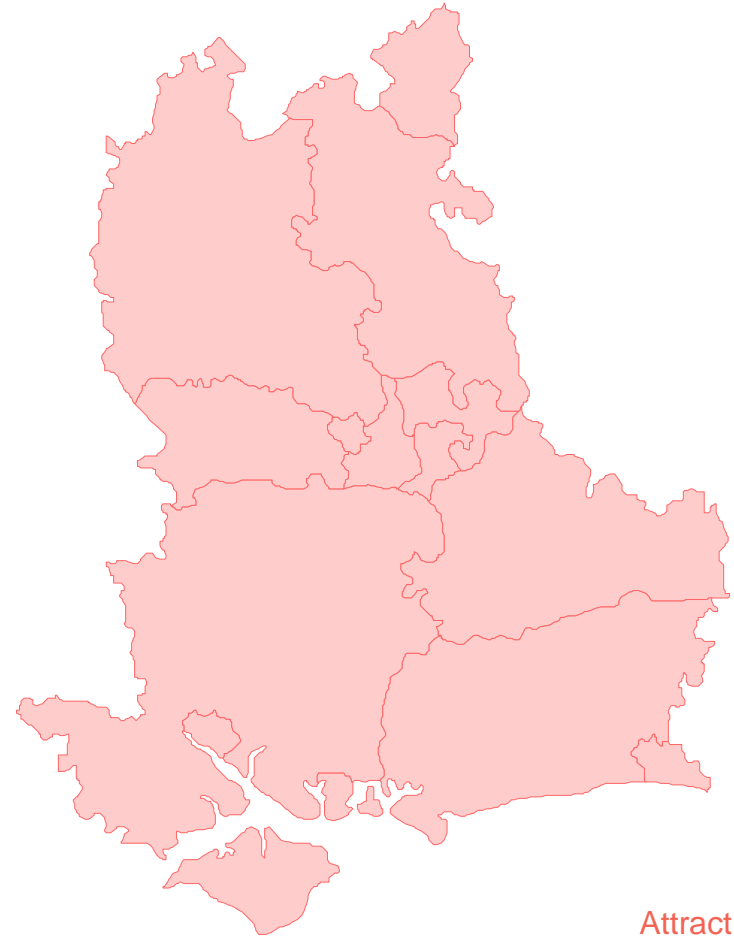
SOUTH

91

(2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

Brighton	95
Other West Sussex	84
Total West Sussex	92
Isle of Wight	100
The New Forest	104
Portsmouth (*)	86
Other Hampshire	80
Oxford	92
Other Oxfordshire	71
Total Oxfordshire	86
Other Southern England	72

(* - Less than 50 respondents)



Attract Brands

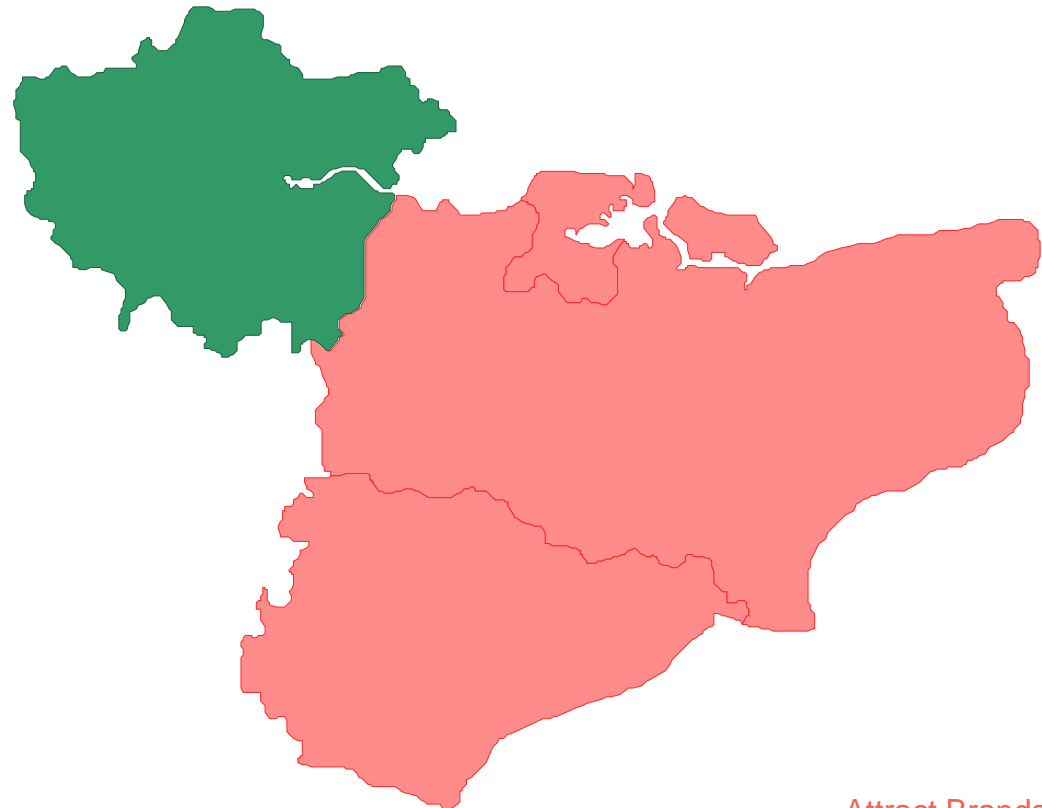
South East England & London:

The South East is one of the poorer performing regions – with relatively low satisfaction in Eastbourne & East Sussex and the Kent coast. London is a very strong performer however

(2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

London	100
Eastbourne (*)	82
Other East Sussex (*)	81
Total East Sussex	82
Canterbury (*)	88
Kent coast (inc Margate, Ramsgate, Dover)	81
Total Kent	82
Other South East England (*)	72

(* - Less than 50 respondents)



Attract Brands

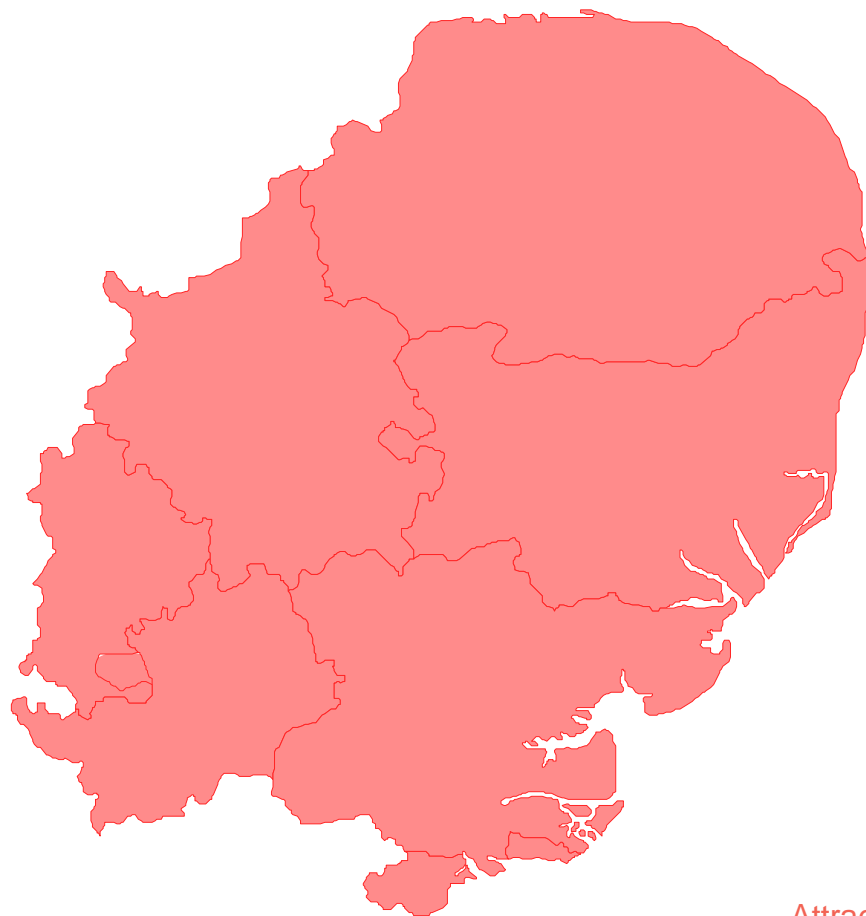
The East of England:

Norfolk and Suffolk are the best performing areas of the region, around national average. Overall performance reduced considerably by Essex

(2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

EAST
90

Great Yarmouth	90
Other Norfolk	97
Total Norfolk	94
Suffolk	94
Cambridge	91
Total Cambridgeshire	85
Essex	74
Other East of England/East Anglia	88



Attract Brands

West Midlands:

Stratford and Shropshire perform best – all other parts of the region have much lower levels of satisfaction

(2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

WEST
MIDLANDS

81

Stratford upon Avon

95

Warwickshire

82

Staffordshire

74

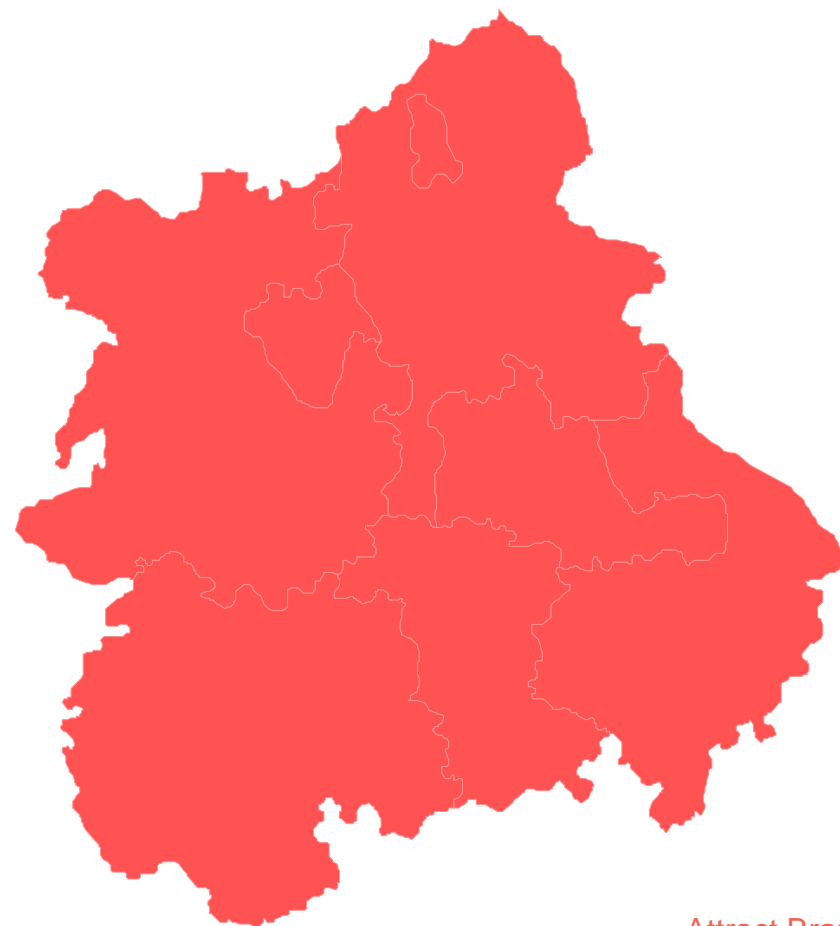
Birmingham

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Shropshire (*)

91

(* - Less than 50 respondents)



Attract Brands

East Midlands:

Performs below the overall England standard –driven up by satisfaction with visits to the Peak District but down by other parts of the region

(2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

Nottingham	83
Total Nottinghamshire	88
Derbyshire (*)	92
Leicestershire (*)	83
Peak District	98
Lincoln (*)	80
Skegness	91

(* - Less than 50 respondents)



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North West:

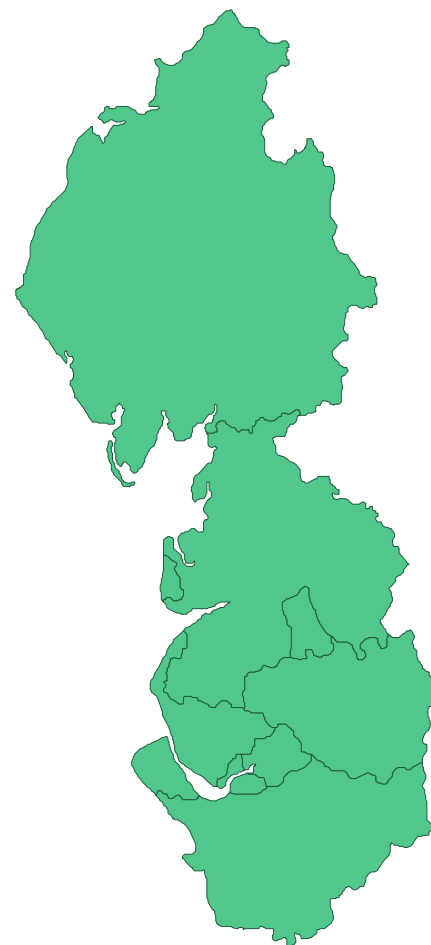
Strength of this region driven by the Lake District.
Liverpool & Chester also driving up index – but weakened
by Blackpool & Manchester

(2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

NORTH WEST

95

The Lake District	111
Other Cumbria (*)	91
Total Cumbria	109
Blackpool	89
The Lancashire Coast (*) (Morecambe, Lytham St Annes)	84
Total Lancashire	87
Liverpool	96
Total Merseyside	93
Manchester	85
Chester	94
Other Cheshire (*)	90
Total Cheshire	93



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Yorkshire & the Humber:

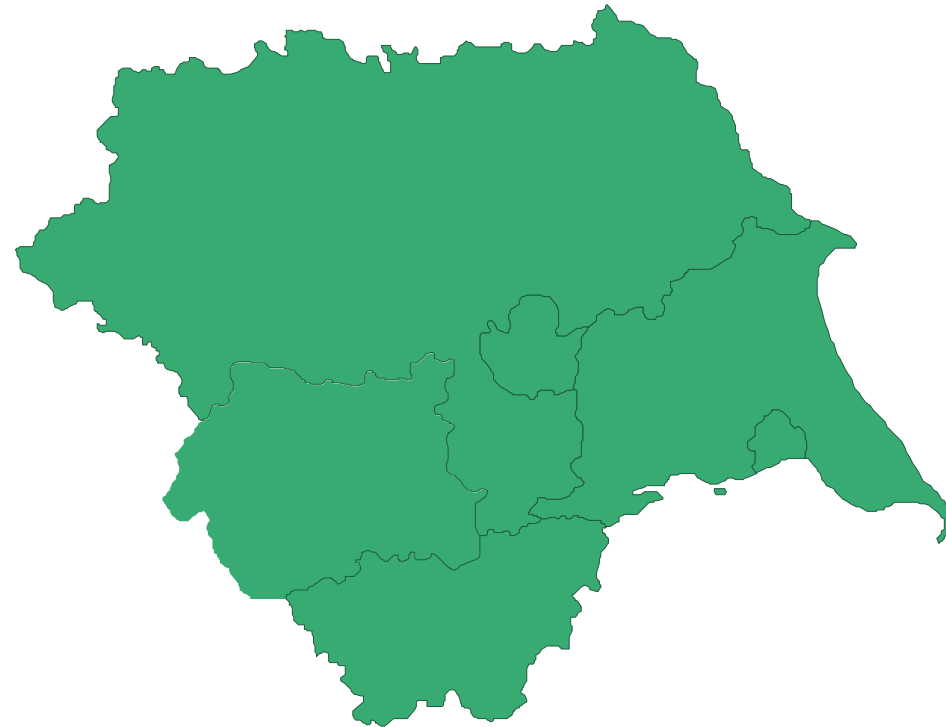
Yorkshire characterised by several strongly performing sub-brands. Overall performance reduced by Leeds and other parts of South Yorkshire and Humberside

YORKS/HUMB

95

(2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

York	104
Leeds	83
Scarborough	95
North York Moors	99
Yorkshire Coast	102
Yorkshire Dales	100
Other Yorkshire	88



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North East:

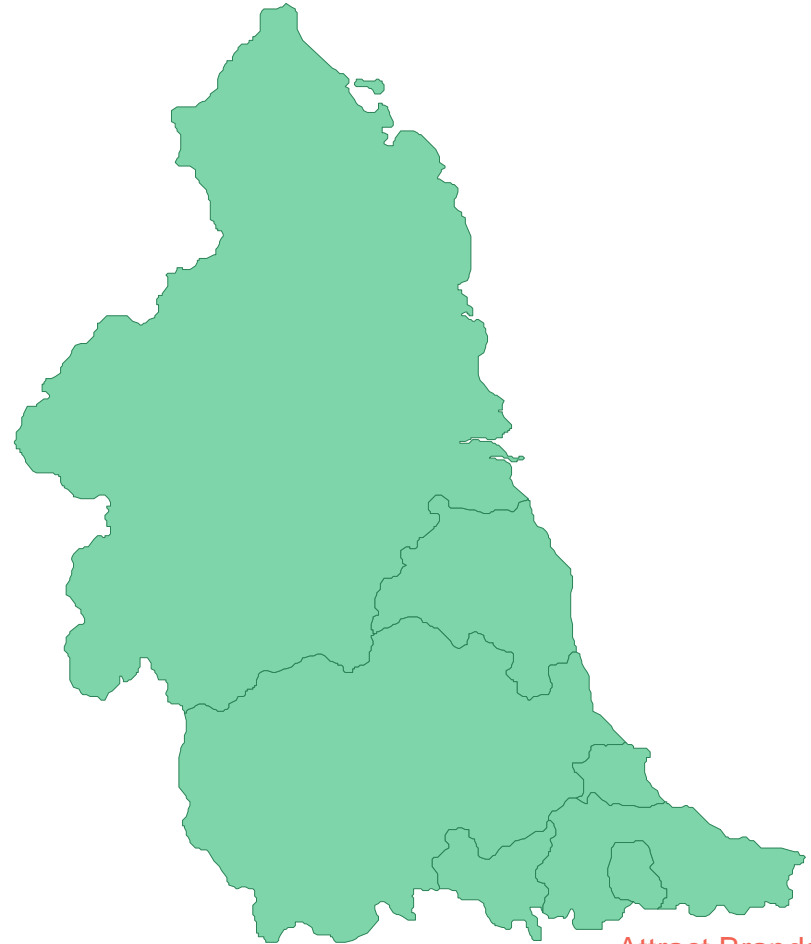
Northumberland is significantly driving up satisfaction within this region – otherwise below average

(2 year period – July 2012-June 2014)

NORTH EAST

94

Northumberland	102
Durham (*)	87
Newcastle upon Tyne	92



(* - Less than 50 respondents)

Destination type analysis:

Seaside
Countryside
Cities

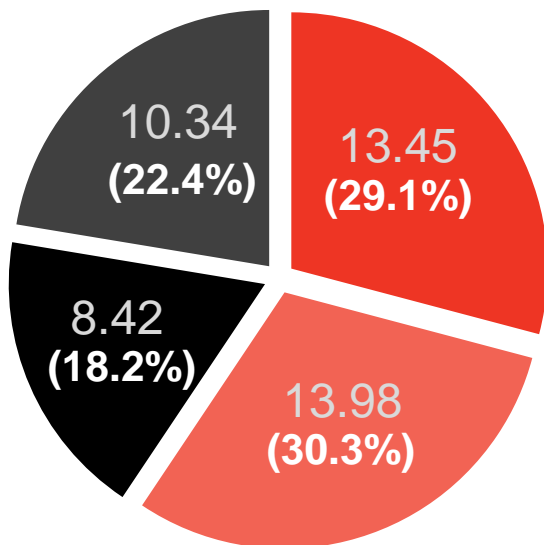


Trip Destination Types: Volume and Value context from GBTS

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Holiday trips by GB residents
in England, 2013 (millions)

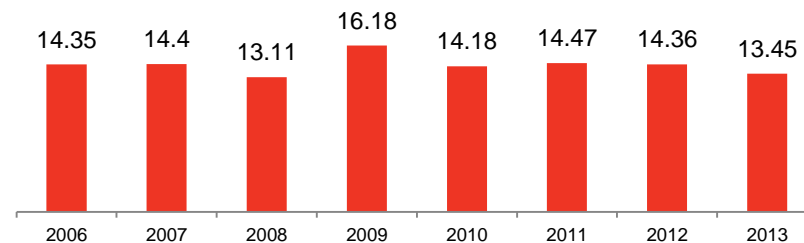


- Seaside
- Large city/town
- Small town
- Countryside

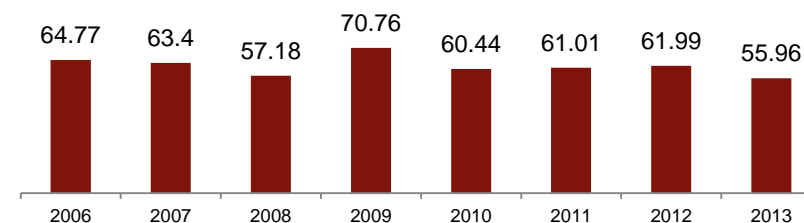


Trends in GB seaside holidays in England

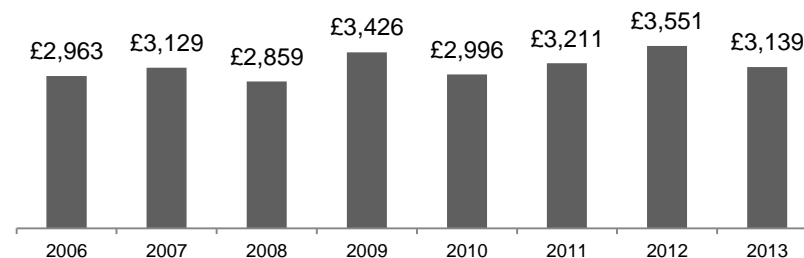
Trips
(-0.4% pa)



Nights
(-1.4% pa)



Spend
(+1.5% pa)

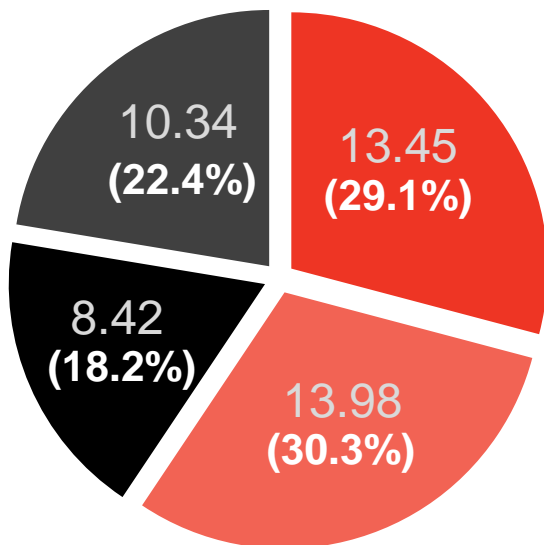


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Holiday trips by GB residents
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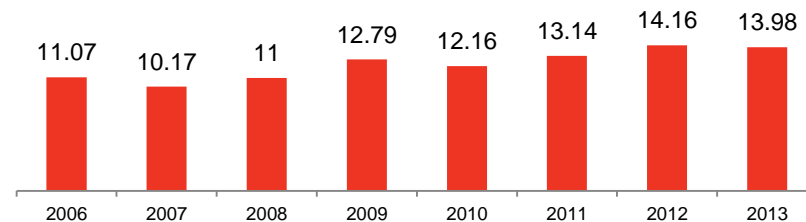


- Seaside
- Large city/town
- Small town
- Countryside

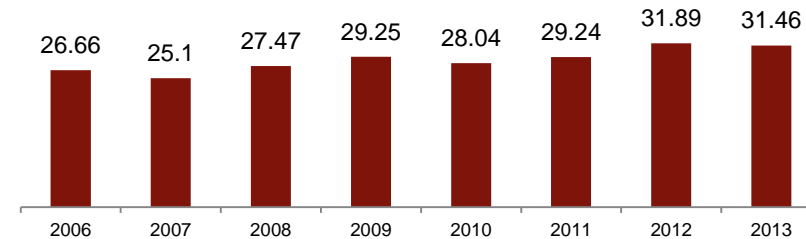


Trends in large city/town holidays in England

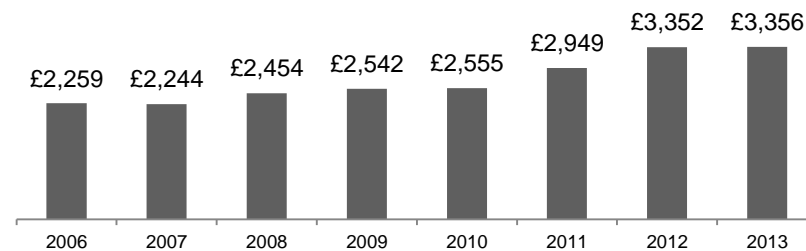
Trips
(+3.7% pa)



Nights
(+2.6% pa)



Spend
(+6.0% pa)

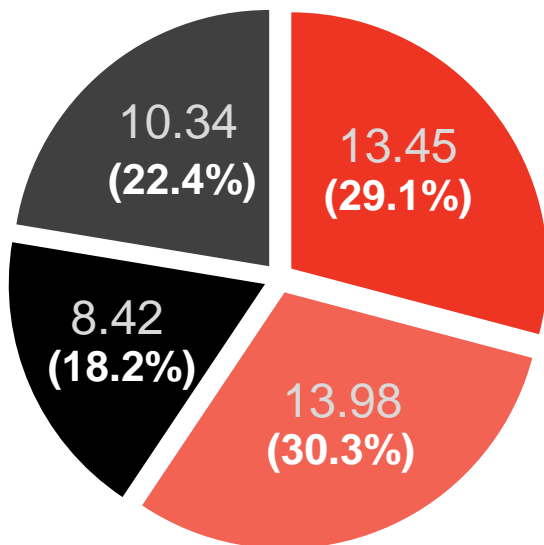


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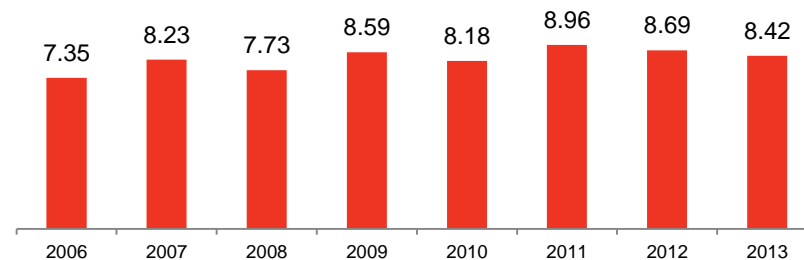


- Seaside
- Large city/town
- Small town
- Countryside

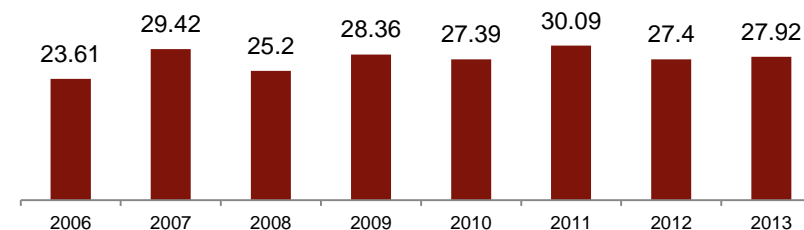


Trends in holidays to small towns in England

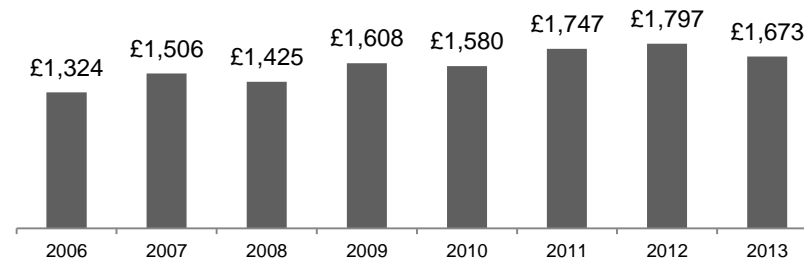
Trips
(+2.2% pa)



Nights
(+3.2% pa)



Spend
(+3.7% pa)

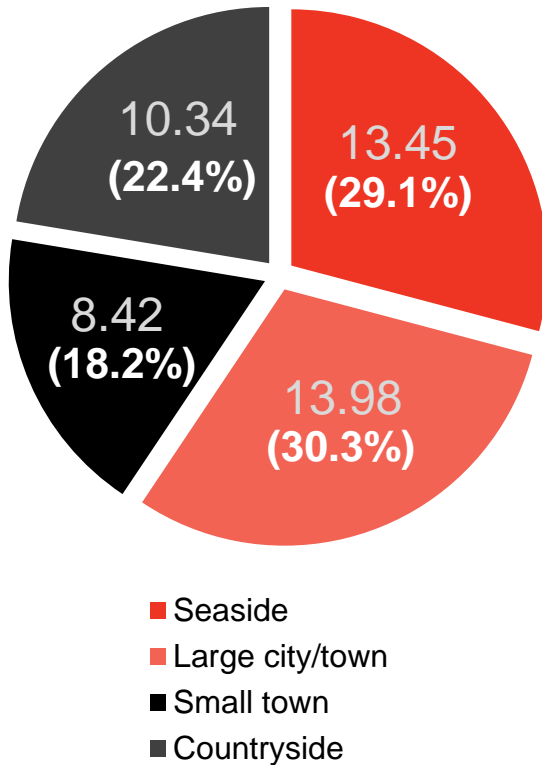


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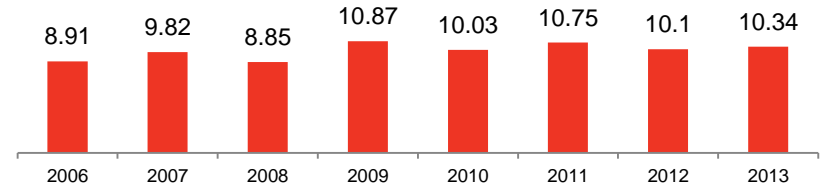
Holiday trips by GB residents
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Trends in holidays to the English countryside

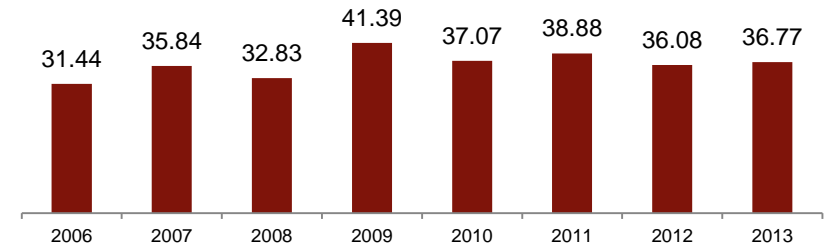
Trips

(+2.7% pa)



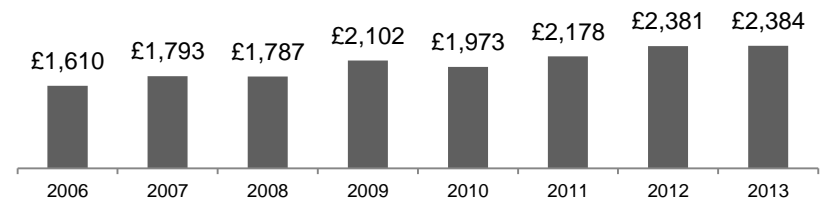
Nights

(+3.0% pa)



Spend

(+6.1% pa)



In Summary:

Seaside destinations have not benefited from the staycation trends to the same extent as other destination types – especially cities

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Trips, per annum:

-0.4%

Share of trips:
2006 → 13:

34%

29%

Av. trip length:
2006 → 13:

4.5

nights

4.2

nights



Trips, per annum:

+3.7%

Share of trips:
2006 → 13:

27%

30%

Av. trip length:
2006 → 13:

2.4

nights

2.3

nights



Trips, per annum:

+2.2%

Share of trips:
2006 → 13:

18%

18%

Av. trip length:
2006 → 13:

3.2

nights

3.3

nights



Trips, per annum:

+2.7%

Share of trips:
2006 → 13:

21%

22%

Av. trip length:
2006 → 13:

3.5

nights

3.6

nights

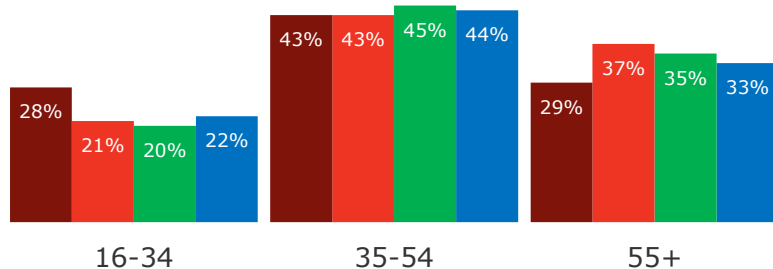
Other characteristics (from GBTS 2013):

Major differences in the profile of holidaymakers visiting different types of destination.....

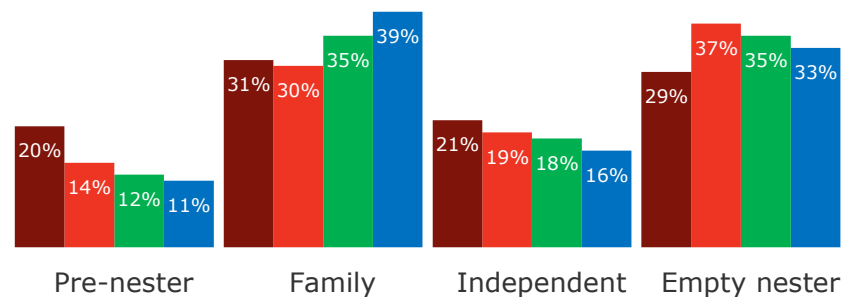
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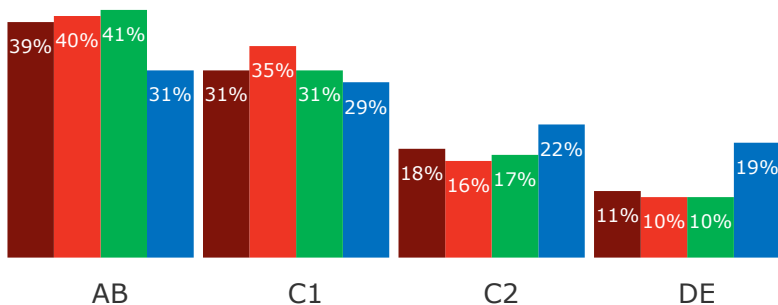
Age (% of total)



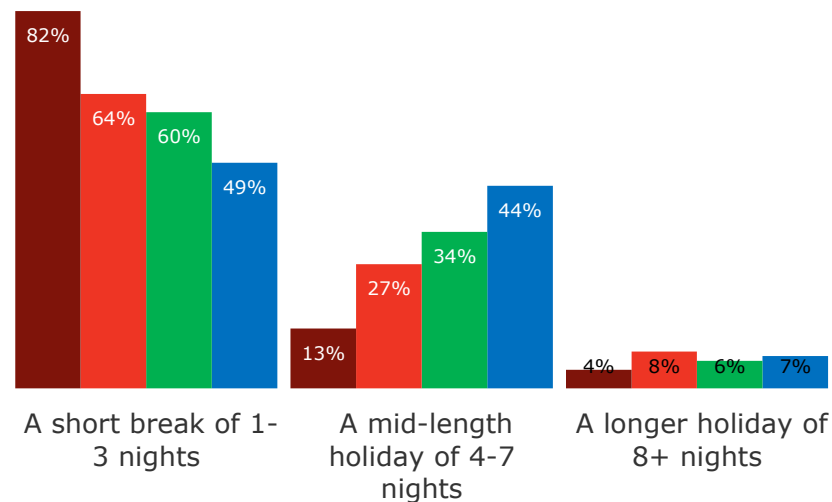
Lifecycle (% of total)



Socio Economic Group (% of total)



Length of holiday (% of total)

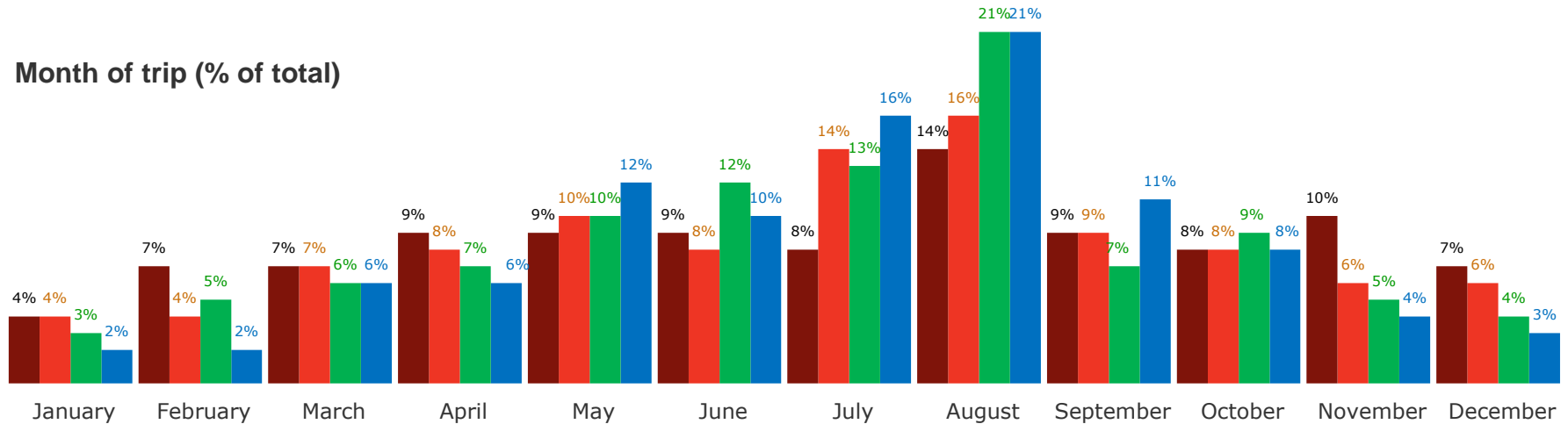


Other characteristics (from GBTS 2013): Seaside holidays much more seasonal than city breaks whilst accommodation usage varies considerably

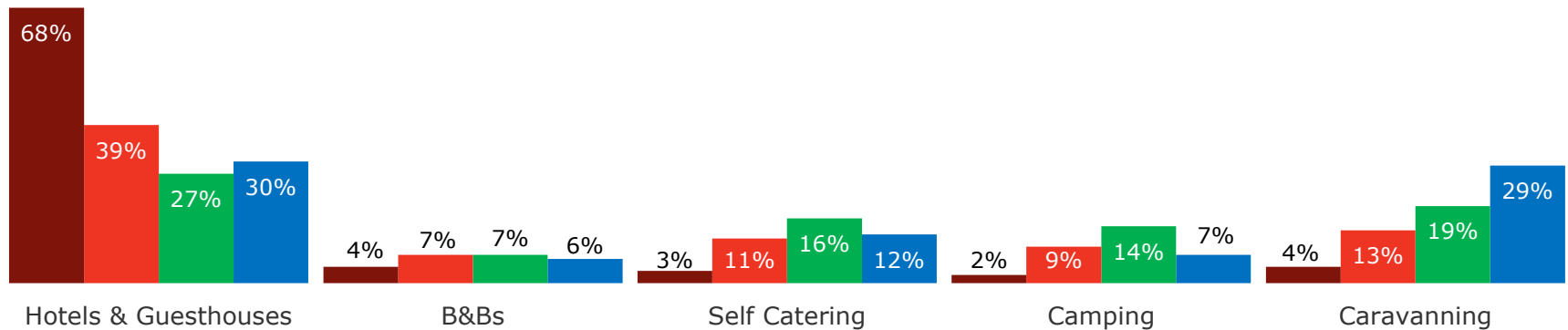
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Month of trip (% of total)



Accommodation type (% of total)



What visitors claim are 'extremely important' and how varies by destination: Greater importance for many seaside attributes possibly reflecting longer trips and more families.

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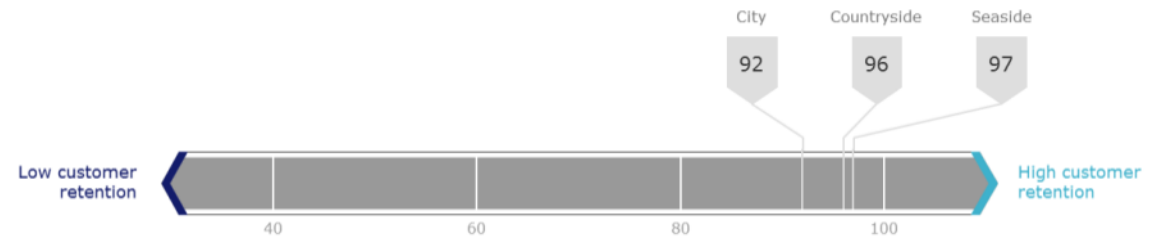
	TOTAL	SEASIDE	COUNTRYSIDE	ALL CITIES	CITIES exc London
Sample Size (July 2011-June 2014)	13188	4223	3627	4093	2904
Good quality accommodation	38	41	39	36	37
Accommodation that offers value for money	38	41	35	38	39
Easily accessible for those with impairments *	37	38	32	40	40
A place where I feel safe and secure	36	41	35	33	34
Unspoilt countryside	35		35		
Good value for money generally	34	39	31	31	32
Clean and well-maintained beaches	34	36			
Clean and tidy environment	32	36	33	27	29
Good quality food, drink and dining	32	35	32	31	33
Beaches which are safe and suitable for bathing	29	31			
Welcoming and friendly people	28	32	29	25	28
Variety of accommodation to choose from that suits my needs	28	31	26	27	28
Interesting towns and villages to visit	27		27		
Easy to find useful information about the destination when planning	26	29	25	26	26
Easy to book your trip/different parts of your trip in advance	26	28	24	26	26
A destination that is not too expensive to get to	26	29	21	27	28
Attractive/well maintained town/city centre - SEASIDE	26	26			
Opportunities to eat/drink local food and produce	25	28	26	24	25
Very high levels of customer service	24	27	23	22	23
Clear signposting that helps you find your way around the destination	24	26	22	25	25
Wide range of attractions and things to do	24	28	19	26	23
Opportunities to see famous buildings and monuments	24			25	22
Attractive/well maintained town/city centre - CITIES	24			24	25
Easy to find useful information about the destination when you're there	23	24	22	24	24
Overall availability of deals and discounts for the destination	21	25	17	22	22
A destination that doesn't take too long to get to	21	23	18	22	23
Availability of reasonably priced car parking	21	24	20	20	22
Opportunities to visit museums/galleries and contemporary arts	21	21	19	22	20
Good range of shopping opportunities	19			19	20
Easy to get around by public transport	18	19	11	23	20
Availability of individual/independent local shops	18	21	16	17	18
A destination that is easy to get to by public transport	17	18	10	23	21
Good range of outdoor activities - COUNTRYSIDE	15		14		
Good range of water-based/beach activities	15	15			
Availability of festivals, music, sporting and cultural events	13	14	9	17	15
Good nightlife	12			12	12

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SEASIDE HOLIDAYS IN ENGLAND, 2011-2014:

STRENGTHS: these need to be maintained to ensure overall satisfaction levels are retained

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High level strengths

A04. A place where I feel safe and secure

Medium level strengths

- A16. Good quality accommodation
- A05. Clean and tidy environment
- A02. Welcoming and friendly people
- A33. Clean and well-maintained beaches
- A18. Variety of accommodation to choose from that suits my needs
- A03. Very high levels of customer service
- A17. Accommodation that offers value for money
- A34. Beaches which are safe and suitable for bathing

Low level strengths

- A08. Easy to find useful information about the destination when planning the trip
- A09. Easy to book your trip/different parts of your trip in advance

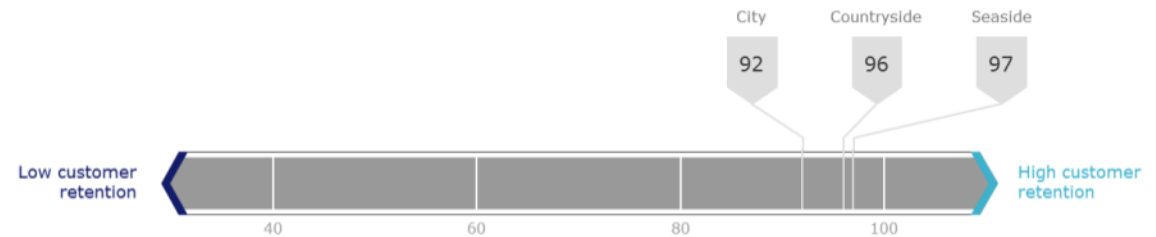


SEASIDE HOLIDAYS IN ENGLAND, 2011-2014:

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High level weaknesses

None

Medium level weaknesses

None

Low level weaknesses

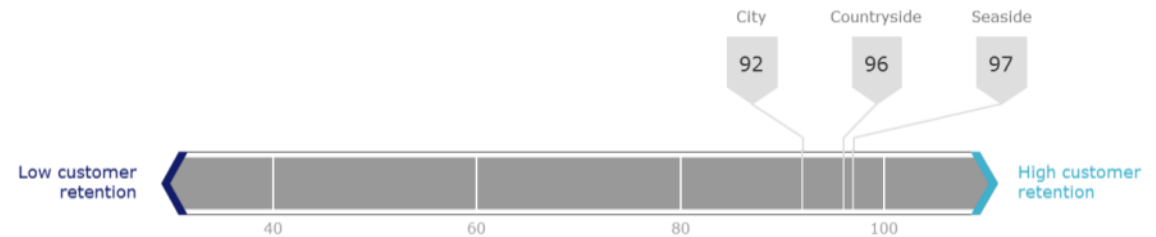
- A32. Good range of outdoor activities
- A19. Good quality food, drink and dining
- A23. Wide range of attractions and things to do
- A20. Opportunities to eat/drink local food and produce
- A01. Good value for money generally
- A21. Easy to find useful information about the destination when you're there
- A29. Attractive/well maintained town/city centre
- A35. Good range of water-based/beach activities
- A22. Availability of festivals, music, sporting and cultural events
- A15. Availability of reasonably priced car parking
- A12. A destination that is easy to get to by public transport



COUNTRYSIDE HOLIDAYS IN ENGLAND, 2011-2014:

STRENGTHS: these need to be maintained to ensure overall satisfaction levels are retained

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Satisfaction, 2013-14



High level strengths

- A31. Unspoilt countryside
- A05. Clean and tidy environment
- A04. A place where I feel safe and secure

Medium level strengths

- A30. Interesting towns and villages to visit
- A16. Good quality accommodation
- A02. Welcoming and friendly people
- A18. Variety of accommodation to choose from that suits my needs
- A19. Good quality food, drink and dining
- A03. Very high levels of customer service
- A17. Accommodation that offers value for money
- A08. Easy to find useful information about the destination when planning the trip

Low level strengths

- A09. Easy to book your trip/different parts of your trip in advance

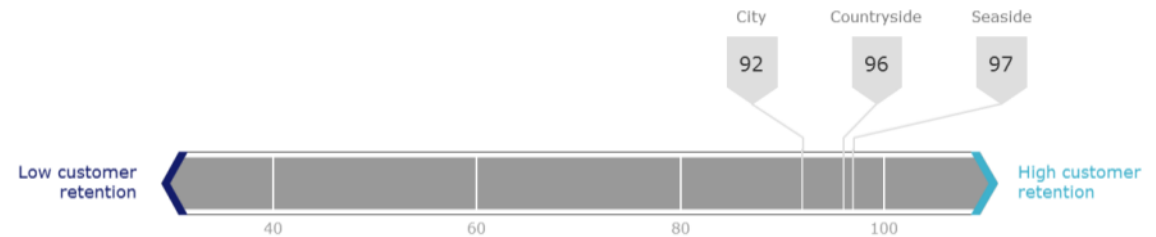


COUNTRYSIDE HOLIDAYS IN ENGLAND, 2011-2014:

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Satisfaction, 2013-14

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High level weaknesses

None

Medium level weaknesses

None

Low level weaknesses

- A01. Good value for money generally
- A20. Opportunities to eat/drink local food and produce
- A21. Easy to find useful information about the destination when you're there
- A23. Wide range of attractions and things to do
- A07. Easily accessible for those with impairments (e.g. those with mobility, visual or hearing impairments) *
- A22. Availability of festivals, music, sporting and cultural events
- A13. Easy to get around by public transport
- A12. A destination that is easy to get to by public transport

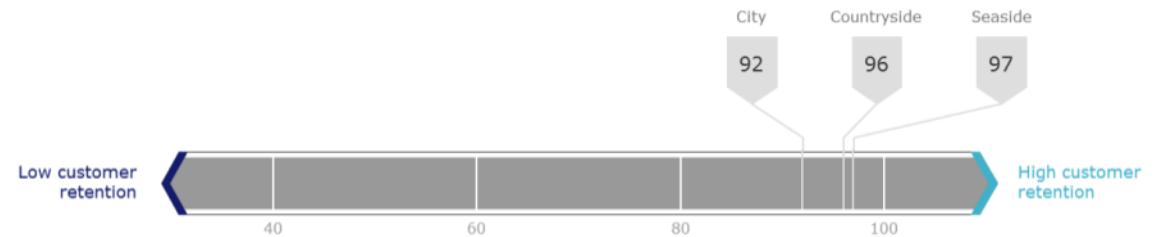


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CITY BREAKS IN ENGLAND, 2011-2014:

STRENGTHS: these need to be maintained to ensure overall satisfaction levels are retained

Understanding Visitor
Satisfaction, 2013-14



High level strengths

None

Medium level strengths

- A23. Wide range of attractions and things to do
- A19. Good quality food, drink and dining
- A16. Good quality accommodation

Low level strengths

- A26. Opportunities to see famous buildings and monuments
- A27. Good range of shopping opportunities
- A25. Opportunities to visit museums/galleries and contemporary arts
- A08. Easy to find useful information about the destination when planning the trip
- A09. Easy to book your trip/different parts of your trip in advance

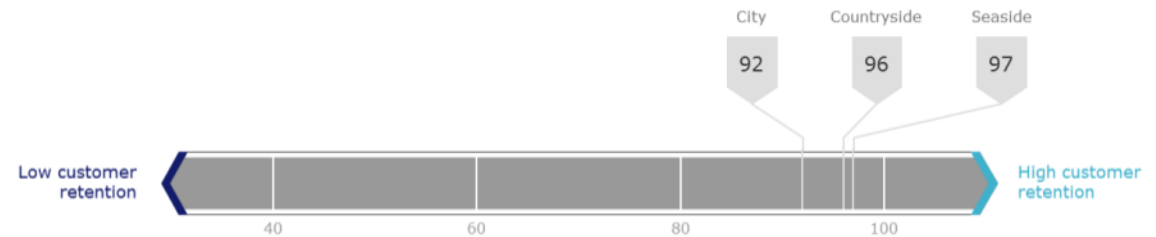


CITY BREAKS IN ENGLAND, 2011-2014:

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High level weaknesses

None

Medium level weaknesses

A14. Clear signposting that helps you find your way around the destination

Low level weaknesses

- A29. Attractive/well maintained town/city centre
- A07. Easily accessible for those with impairments (e.g. those with mobility, visual or hearing impairments) *
- A21. Easy to find useful information about the destination when you're there
- A18. Variety of accommodation to choose from that suits my needs
- A03. Very high levels of customer service
- A05. Clean and tidy environment
- A24. Availability of individual/independent local shops
- A01. Good value for money generally
- A06. Overall availability of deals and discounts for the destination
- A10. A destination that is not too expensive to get to
- A15. Availability of reasonably priced car parking

