



# SMART HOMES IN HOMEBUYING

NAVIGATING THE SEAS OF TECHNOLOGIES

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- A history of smart homes and how we got here
- Smart homes in the real world, an overview of current technologies and uses
- What homebuyers want from their smart homes
- Navigating smart home anxiety
- Why smart homes of the future will save the world... unless they kill us first



## BIO

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- Background in real estate, healthcare, and engineering



3,400 acre master plan development in Douglas County, CO



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Building a 21st century community from the ground up

# STERLING RANCH: A CUTTING-EDGE COMMUNITY



THE NATURE OF THE  
UNIQUELY COLORADO  
SURROUNDINGS OF  
STERLING RANCH IS A  
SANCTUARY OF BEAUTY,  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AND OPTIMISM.

THE NATURE OF  
INNOVATION  
ILLUMINATES STERLING  
RANCH AND CREATES  
AN ENVIRONMENT OF  
CONSCIENTIOUS USE  
AND ELEVATED LIVING.

# OUR PHILOSOPHY



CONSERVATION



CONNECTIVITY



COMMUNITY



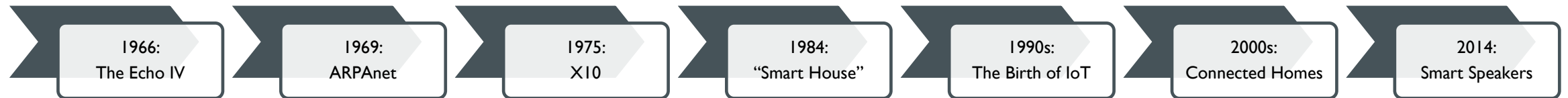


# A HISTORY OF SMART HOMES



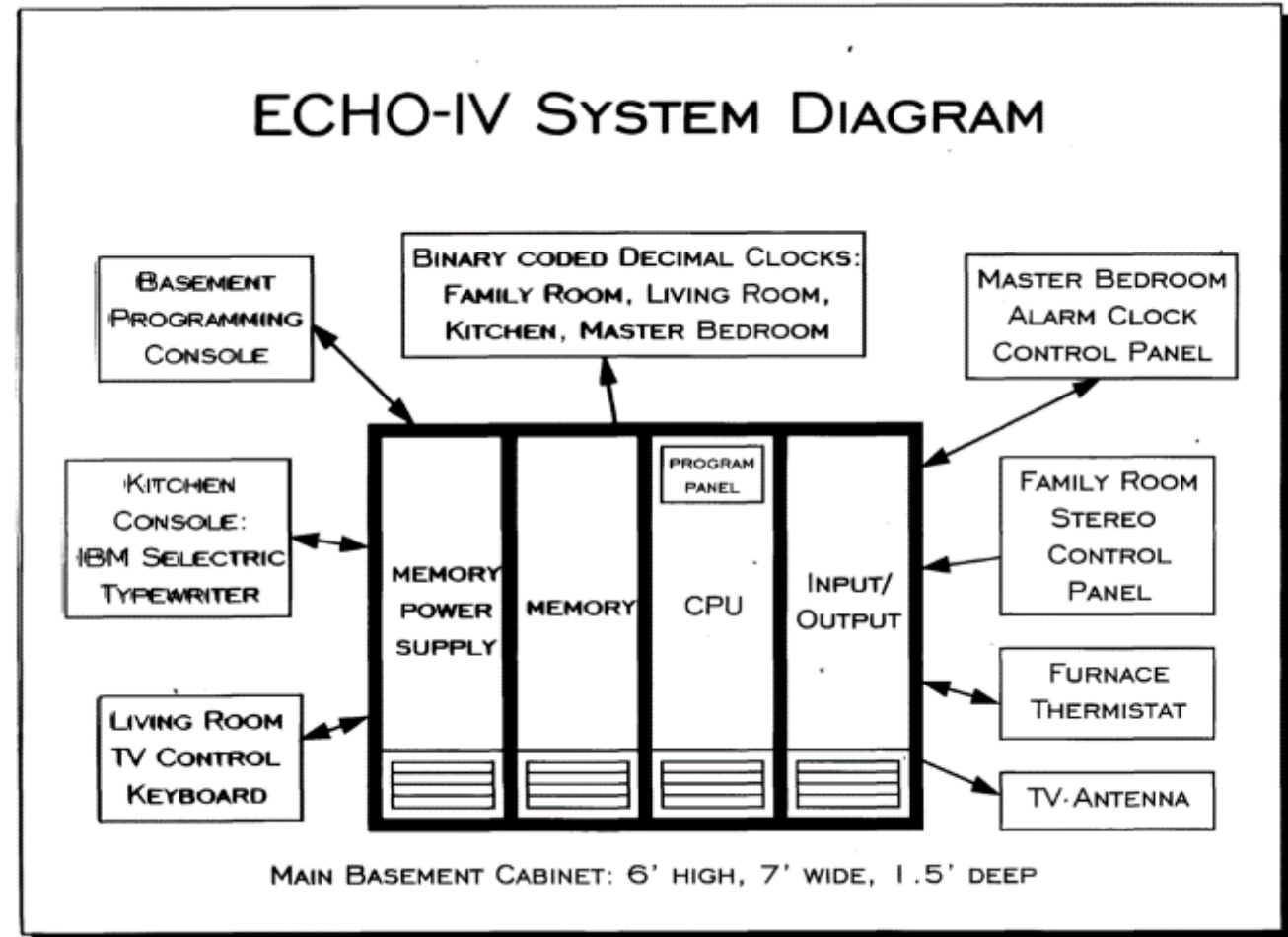


# TIMELINE





# 1966: THE FIRST "SMART" HOME





# THE FIRST “SMART” HOME

“At this point, I cannot say or even comprehend all the things that a computer someday will be doing for our homes, but wouldn't it be wonderful if they could provide more time for parents to spend with their children, therefore, making every home a happier one?”

-Ruth Sutherland, 1967



# THE FIRST “SMART” HOME

“Turn the lights on when you’re gone.”

“Control temperature, humidity, and burglar alarm.”

“Lock all doors at night.”

“Water the lawn.”



# THE FIRST “SMART” HOME

“Wash the car.”

“Handle family accounting.”

“Feed baby at night.”



# 1969:ARPANET



The ARPANET in December 1969

# 1975: X10 HOME AUTOMATION



# 1980S: "SMART HOUSE" AND PERSONAL COMPUTING

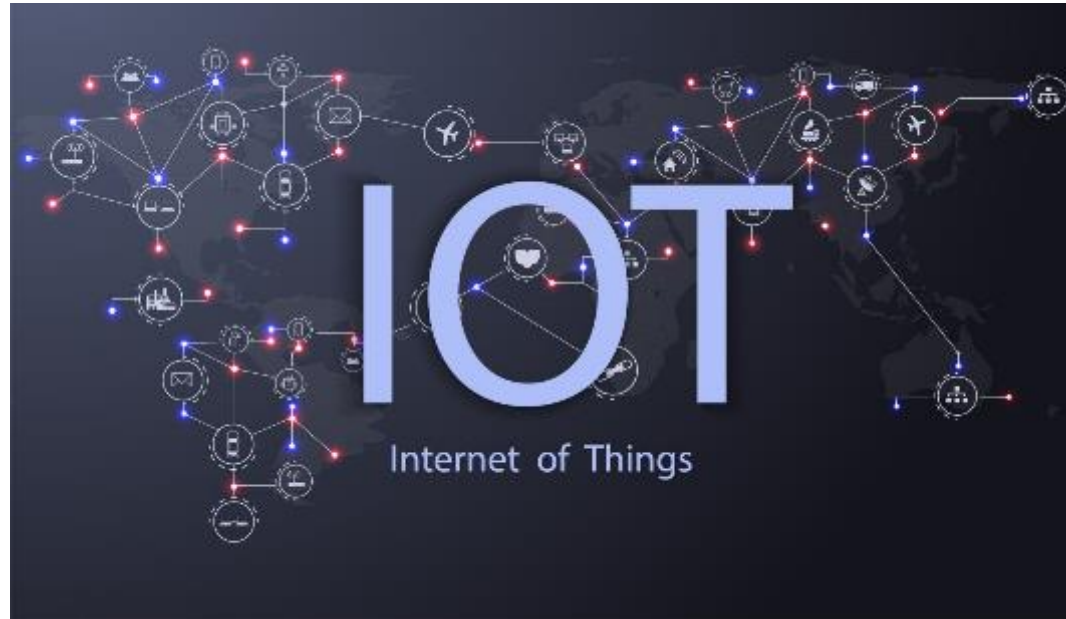




# 1990S:THE BIRTH OF IOT



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Control your world

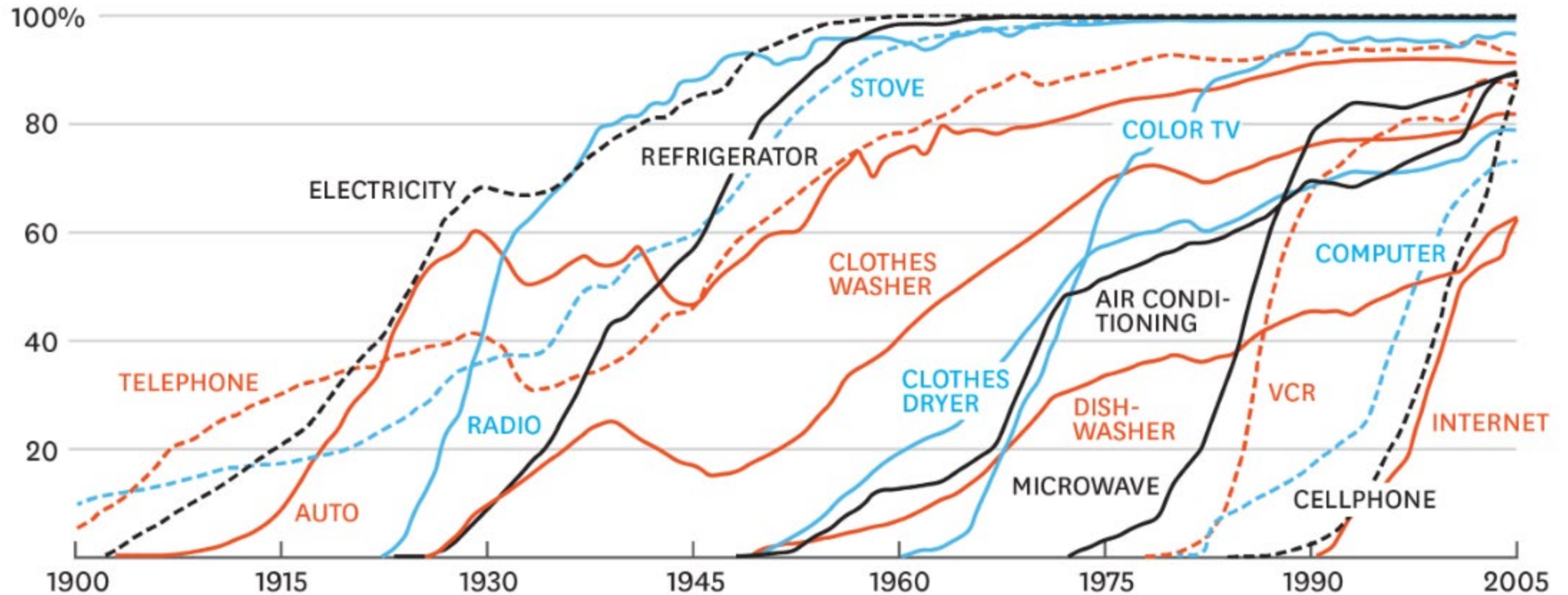


# CONNECTED HOMES START BREAKING THROUGH



# TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION

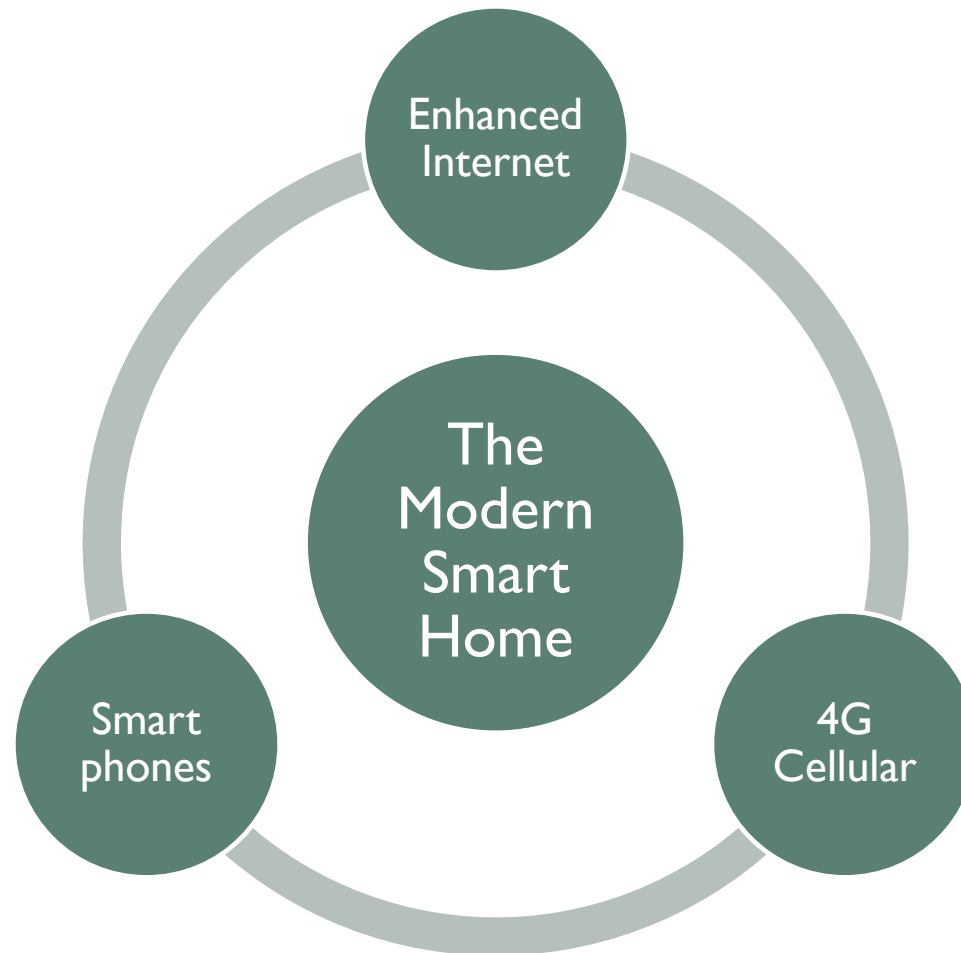
PERCENT OF U.S. HOUSEHOLDS



SOURCE NICHOLAS FELTON, THE NEW YORK TIMES

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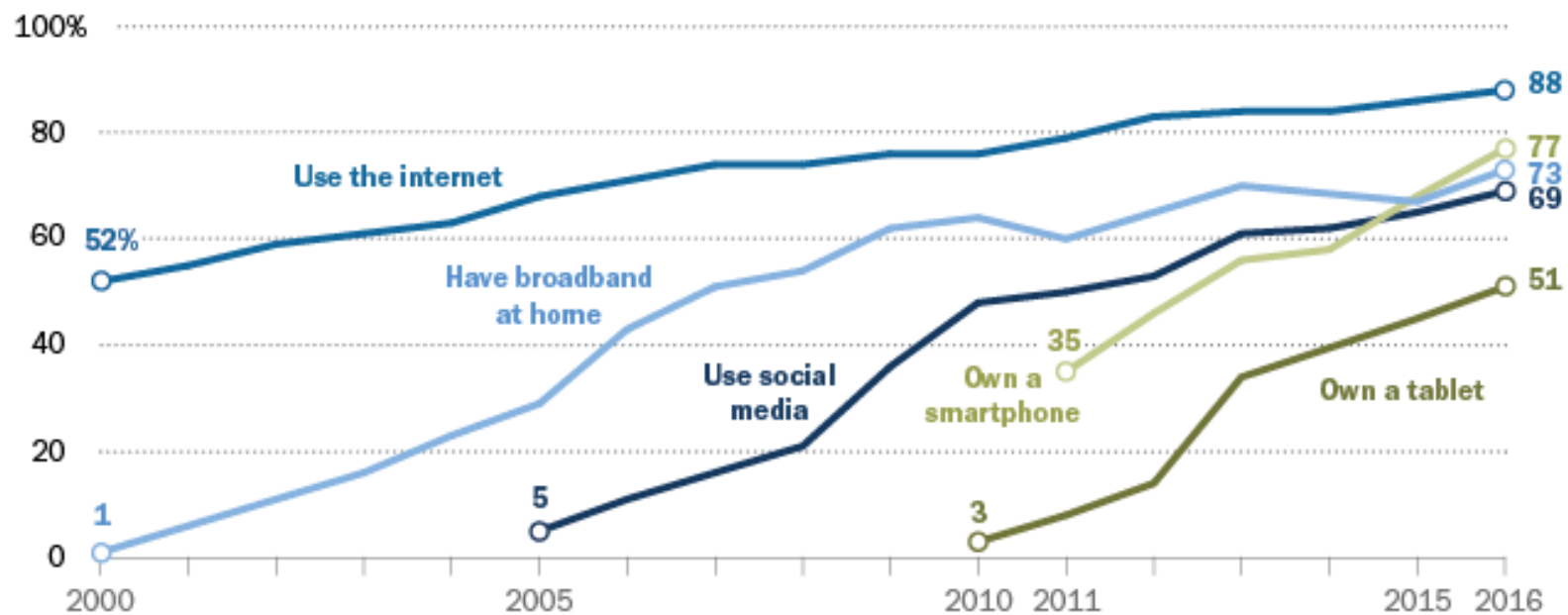
## 2000S:THE MODERN ERA TAKES SHAPE



# THE MODERN ERA TAKES SHAPE

## The evolution of technology adoption and usage

% of U.S. adults who ...



Source: Surveys conducted 2000–2016. Internet use figures based on pooled analysis of all surveys conducted during each calendar year.

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# THE MODERN ERA TAKES SHAPE



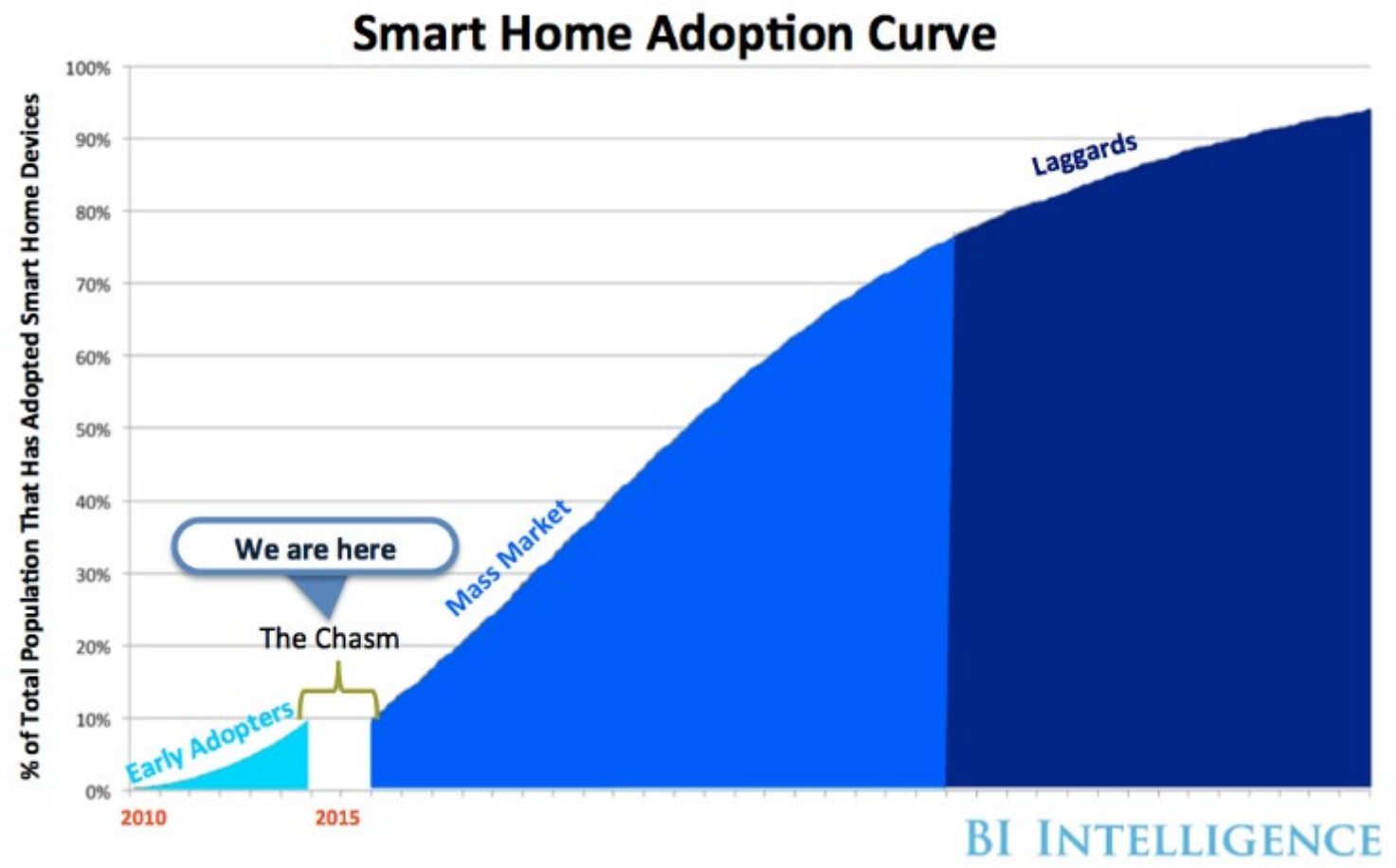


# 2014: SMART SPEAKERS ARRIVE ON THE SCENE



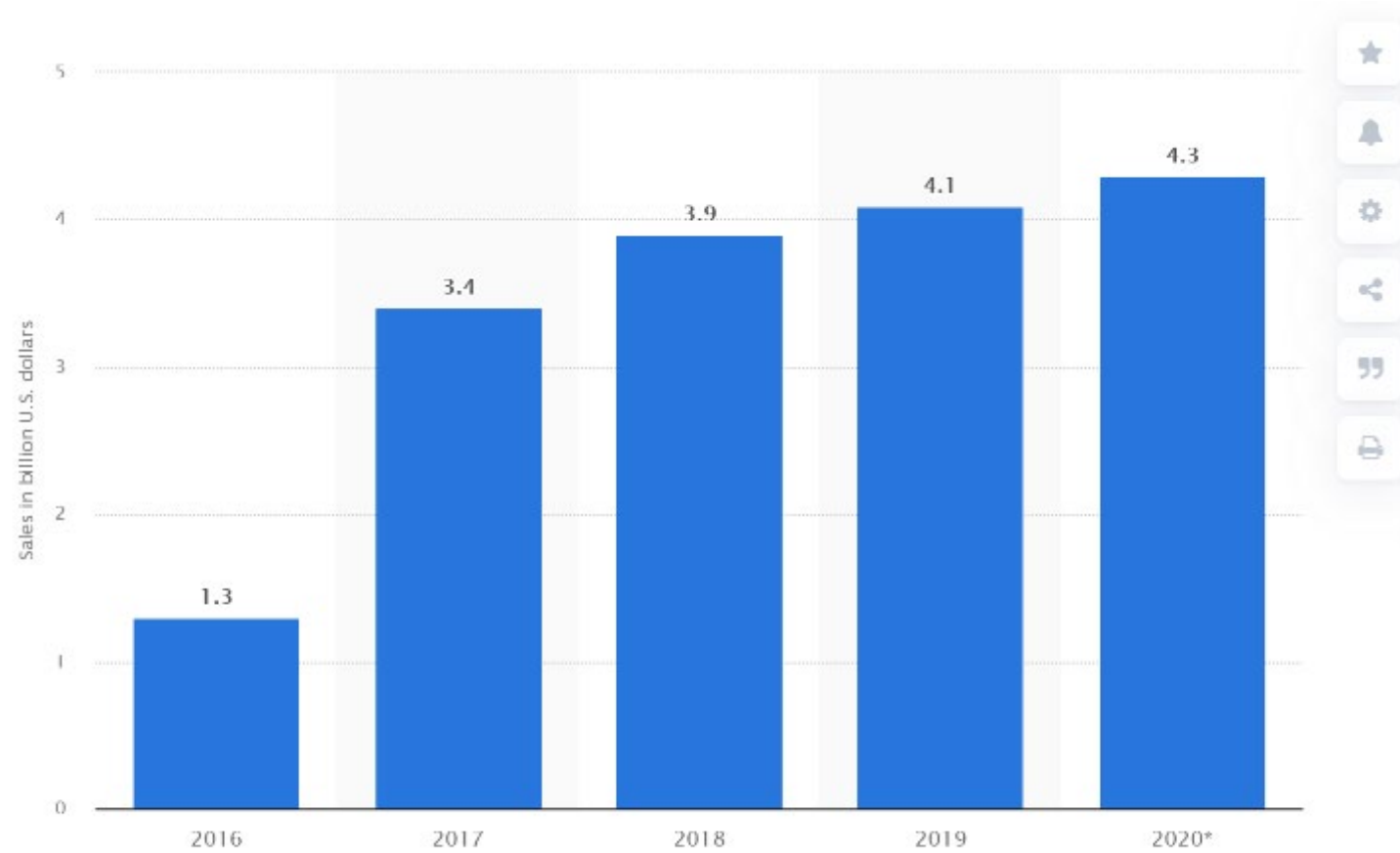


# SMART SPEAKERS CROSS THE CHASM





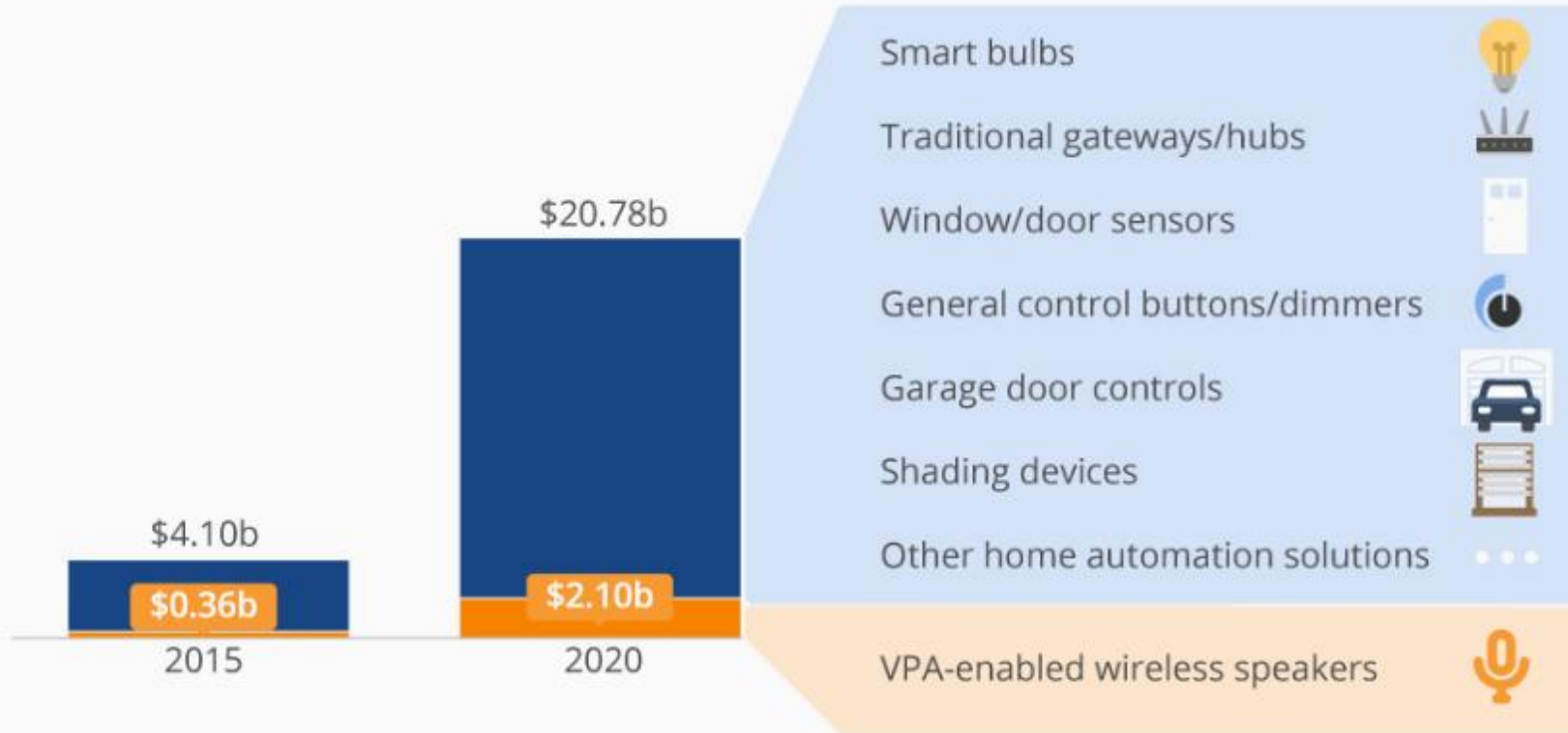
# SMART HOME ADOPTION EXPLODES



# Echo & Co. to Hit the Home Automation Market

Global home automation market revenue (in billion U.S. dollars)

■ Total home automation market    ■ Thereof VPA-enabled wireless speakers



@StatistaCharts Sources: Statista Digital Market Outlook, Gartner

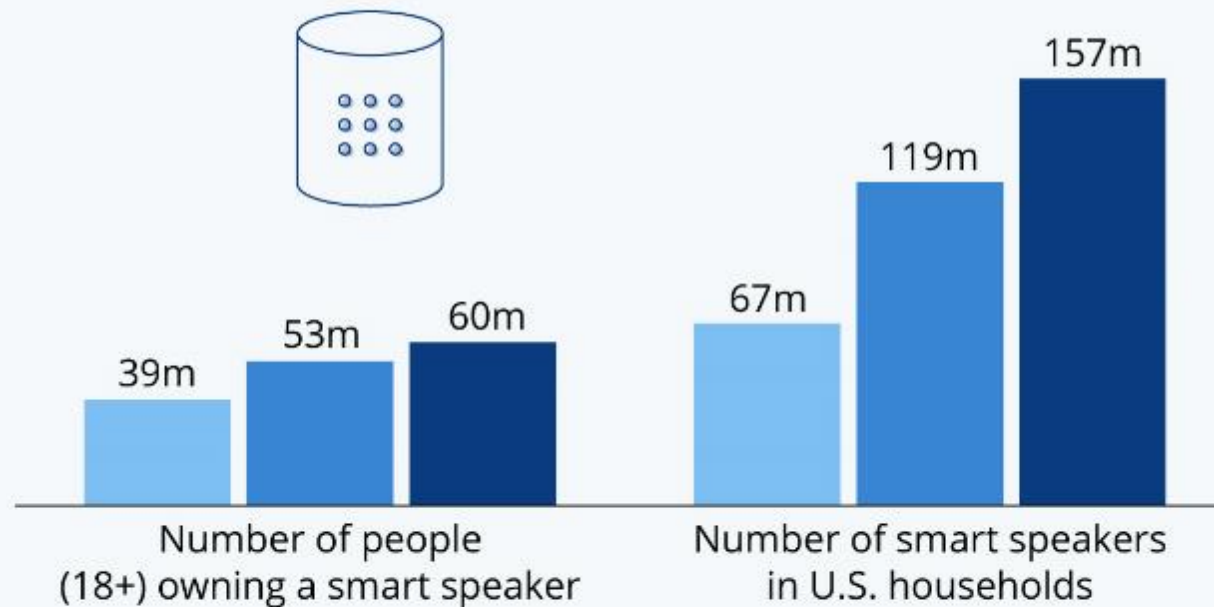
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# Smart Speaker Adoption Continues to Rise

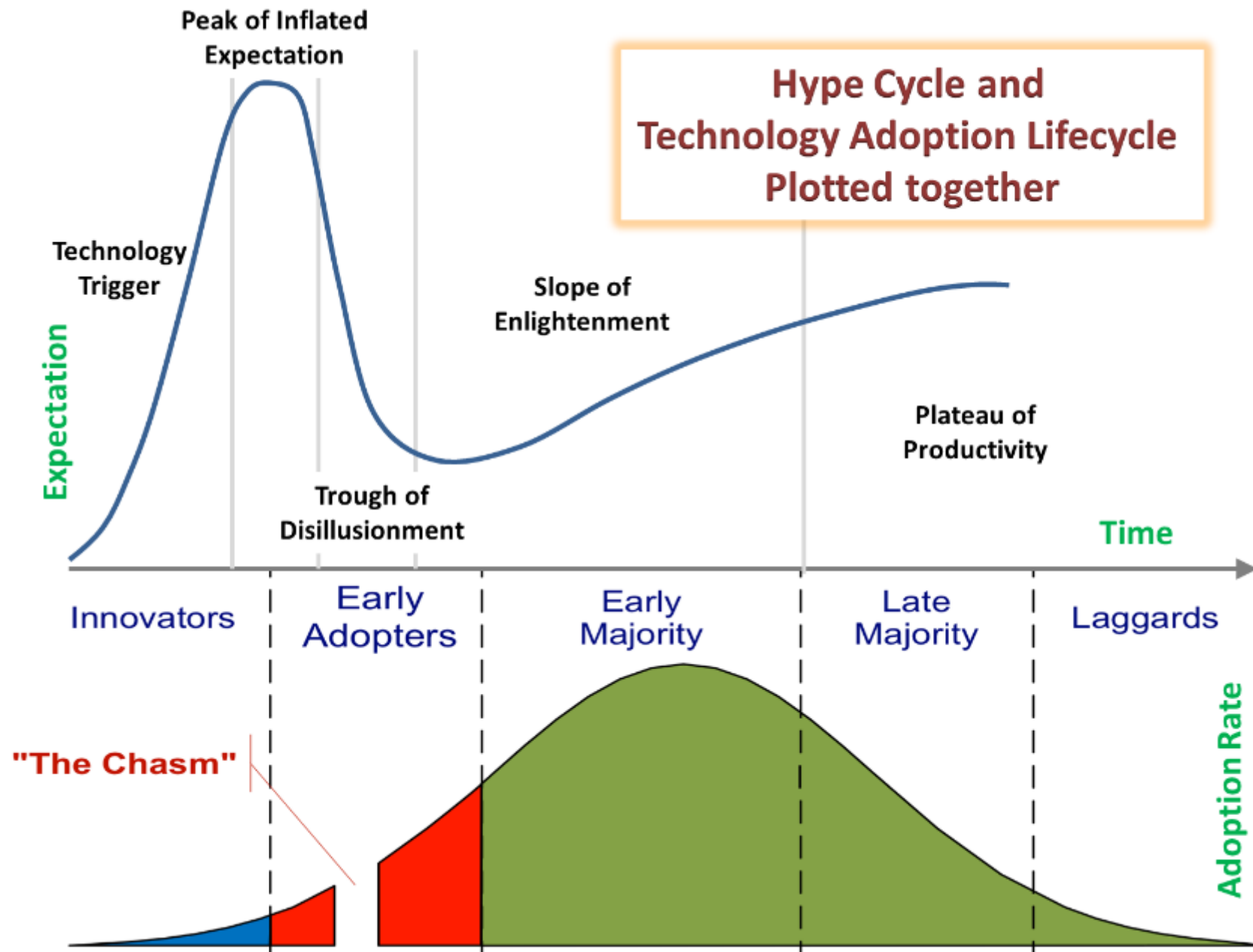
Estimates on smart speaker ownership in the United States

■ December 2017 ■ December 2018 ■ December 2019



Sources: NPR, Edison Research







# SMART HOMES IN THE REAL WORLD



# SECTION TOPICS

- Protocols
  - Wifi
  - Zwave
  - Zigbee
  - BLE
- Smart Homes Types
  - Smart Speaker Centric
  - Security System Centric
  - Smart Hub Centric
- Popular Devices
  - Smart Speakers
  - Security Systems
  - Smart Lights
  - Smart Thermostats
- Builder Smart Home Packages



# PROTOCOLS



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User Friendly

Stable

Wifi

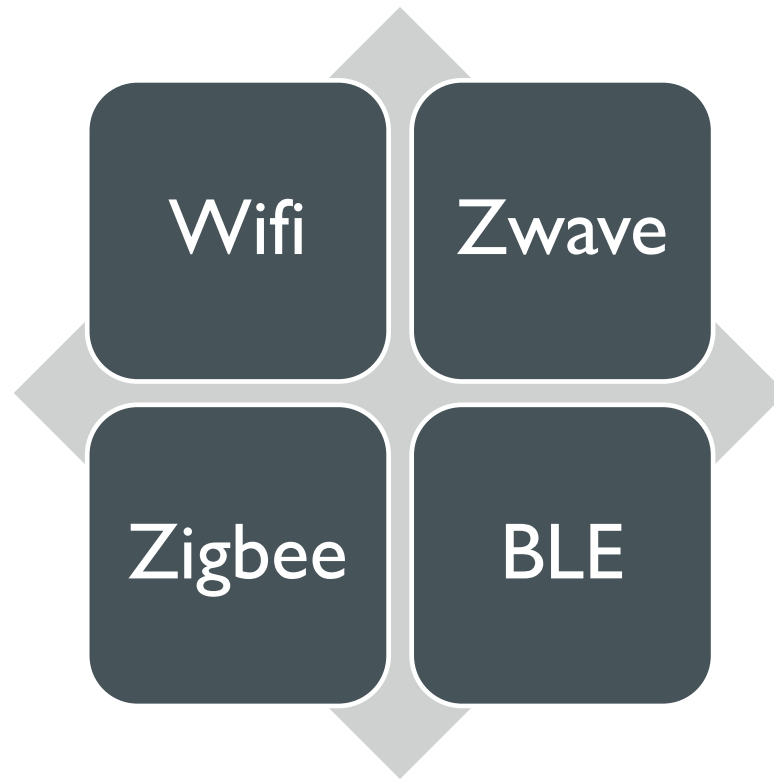
Zwave

Zigbee

BLE

Scalable

Efficient

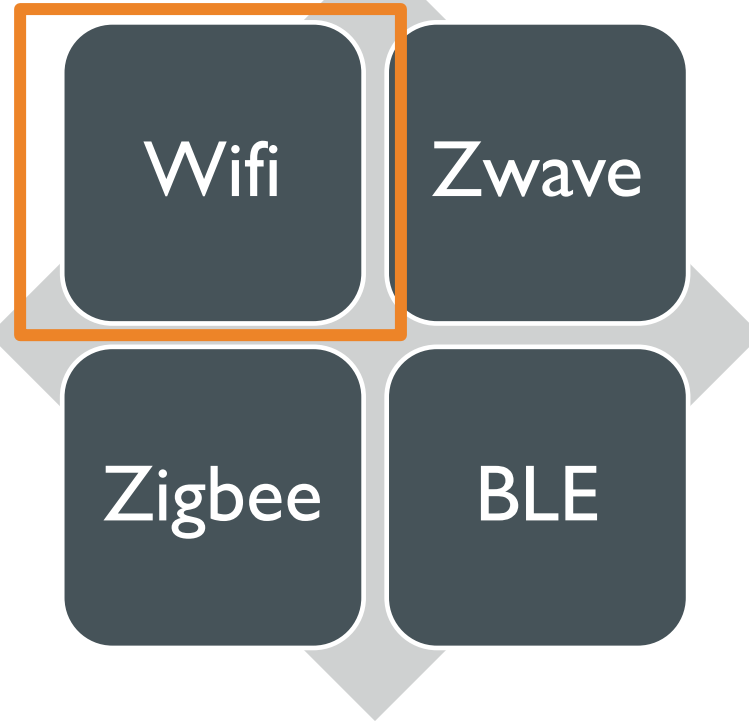




# PROTOCOLS

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# SMART HOME TYPES





Smart Speaker  
Centric



Security System  
Centric



Smart Hub  
Centric



More Cost Effective

More Custom

# SMART SPEAKER CENTRIC



Use a smart speaker as  
the core system



Lots of compatible  
devices



Homeowner can DIY  
everything

## KEY PLAYERS

Amazon Echo with Alexa

Google Home with Hey Google

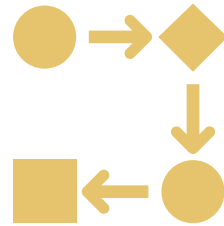
Apple Homepod with Siri



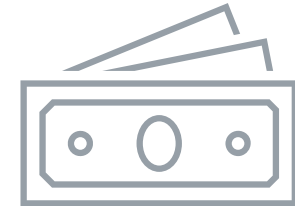
# SECURITY SYSTEM CENTRIC



Security monitoring at  
its core



More integrated,  
controlled experience



Business model based  
on monthly fees

## SOME OF THE KEY PLAYERS

Ring

SimpliSafe

Alarm.com

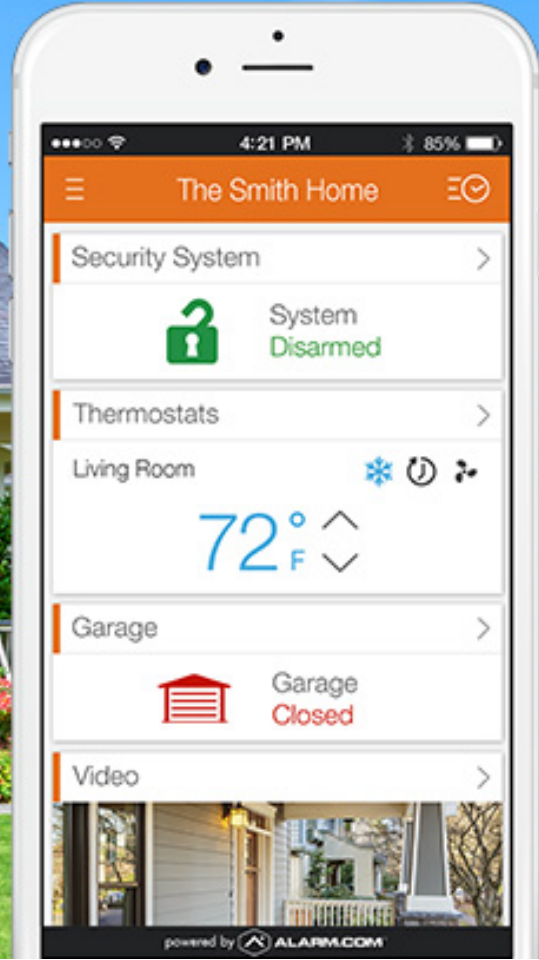
Vivint Smart  
Home

ADT  
Command





 ALARM.COM



powered by  ALARM.COM

# SMART HUB CENTRIC



Home automation at  
its core

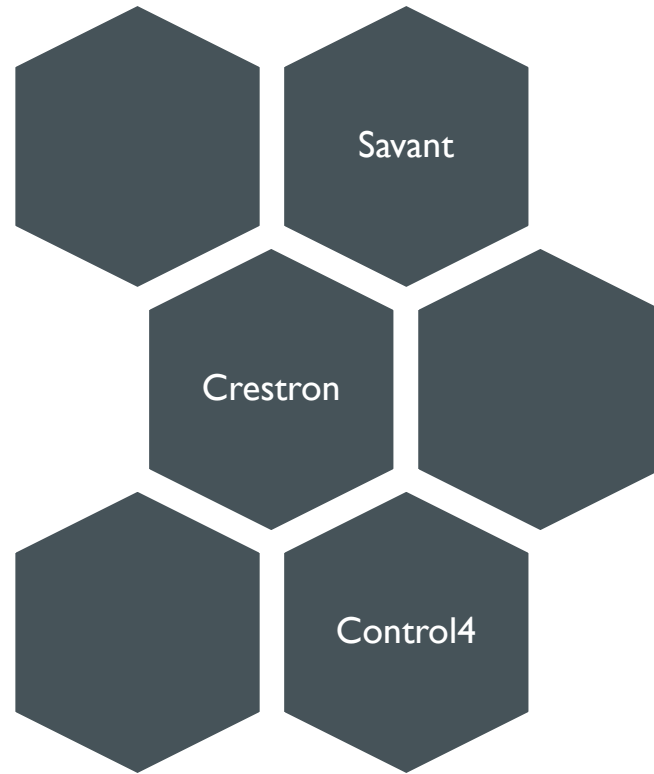


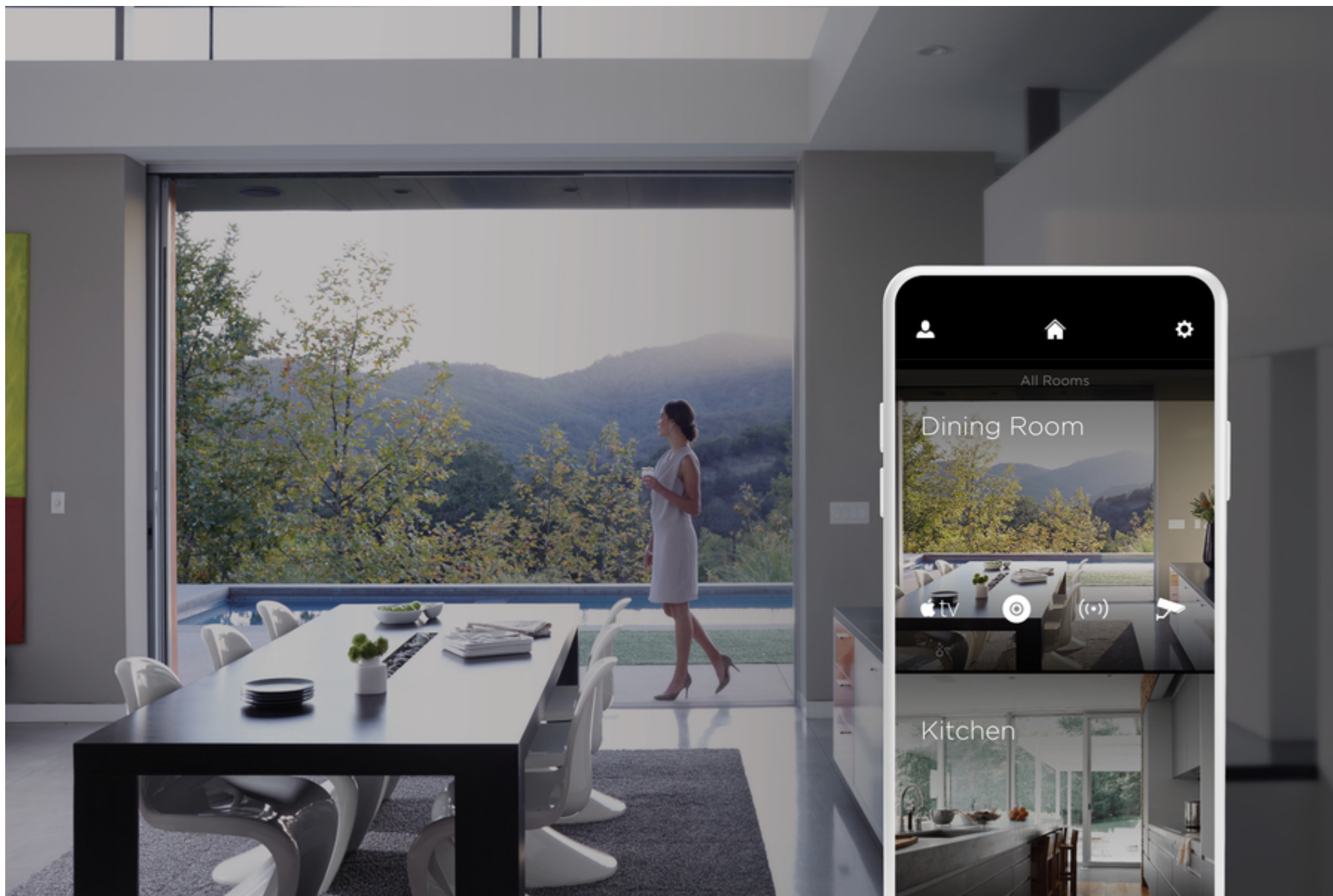
Very integrated,  
controlled experience



Most expensive option

# KEY PLAYERS



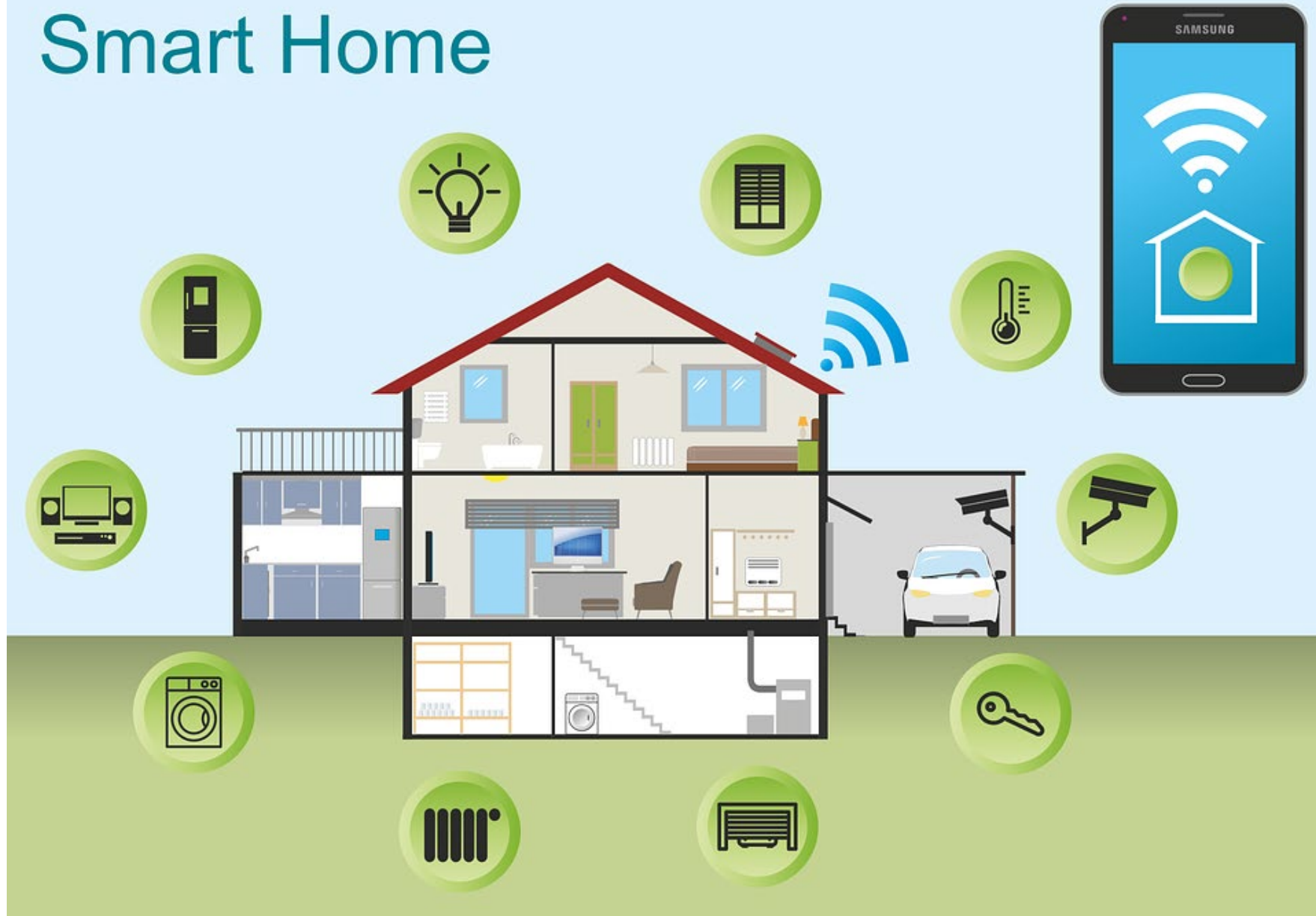


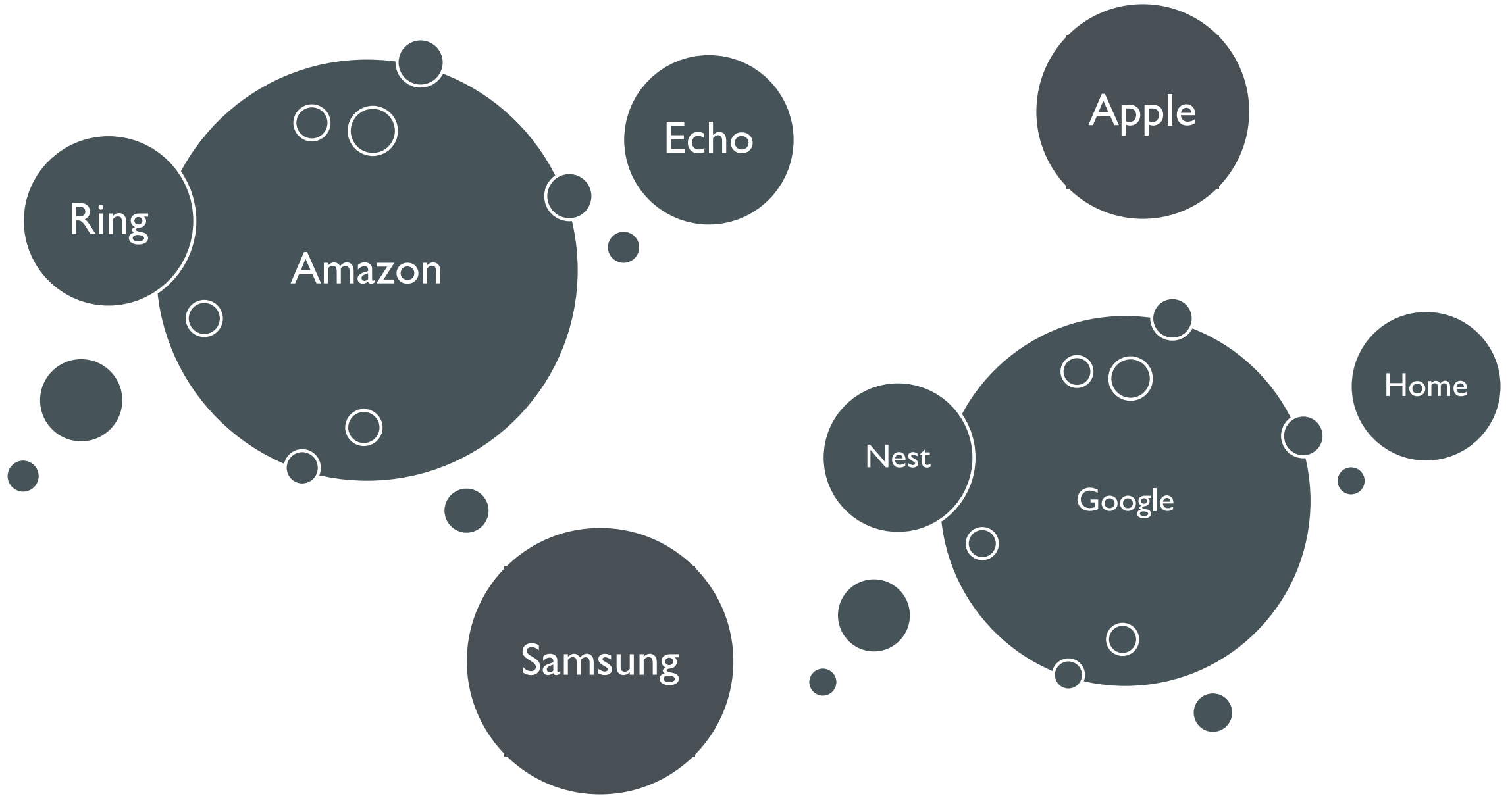


# POPULAR DEVICES

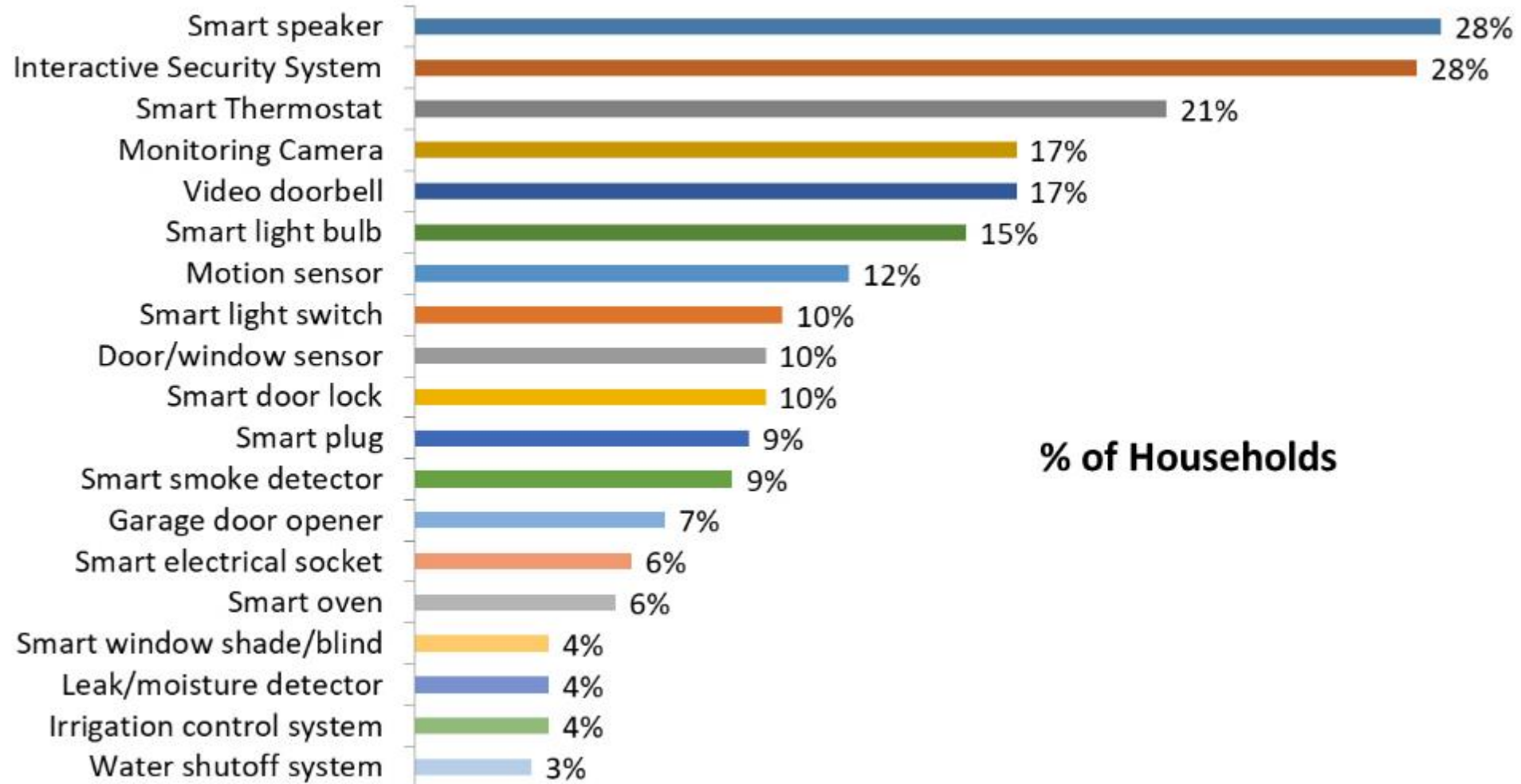


# Smart Home





## Ownership of Smart Home Devices in US Homes



**% of Households**

Note: Based on survey of 2642 US homes in Q4 2019

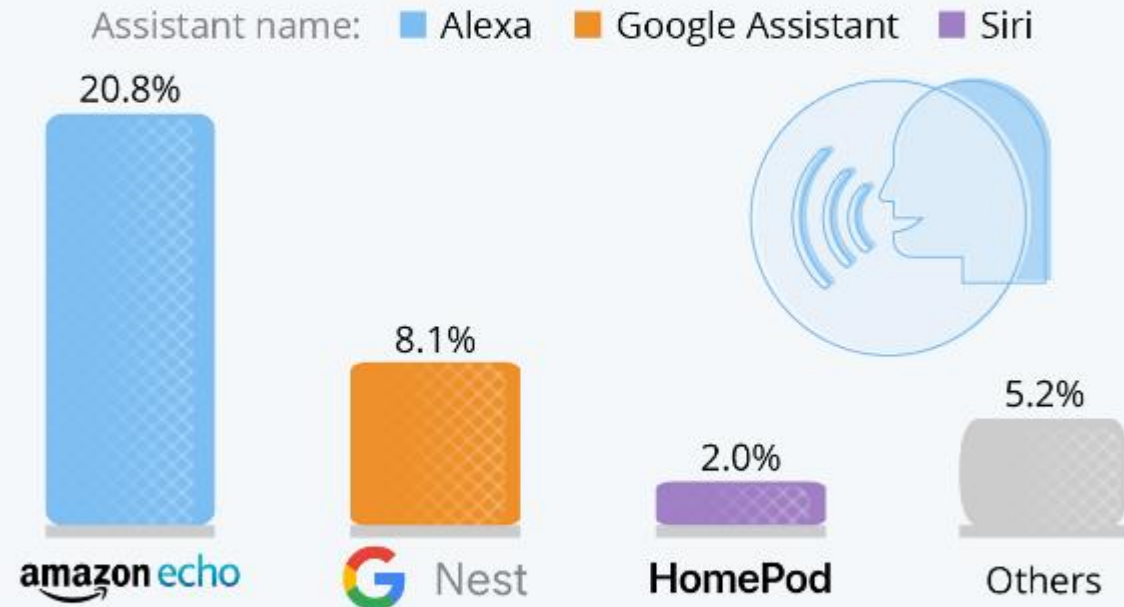
Source: Strategy Analytics' Smart Home Strategies service



# SMART SPEAKERS

## The Most Popular Smart Speakers in the U.S.

Share of U.S. adults who own the following voice-activated smart speakers (2020)



4,000+ respondents 18-64 y/o surveyed in Q3 2020

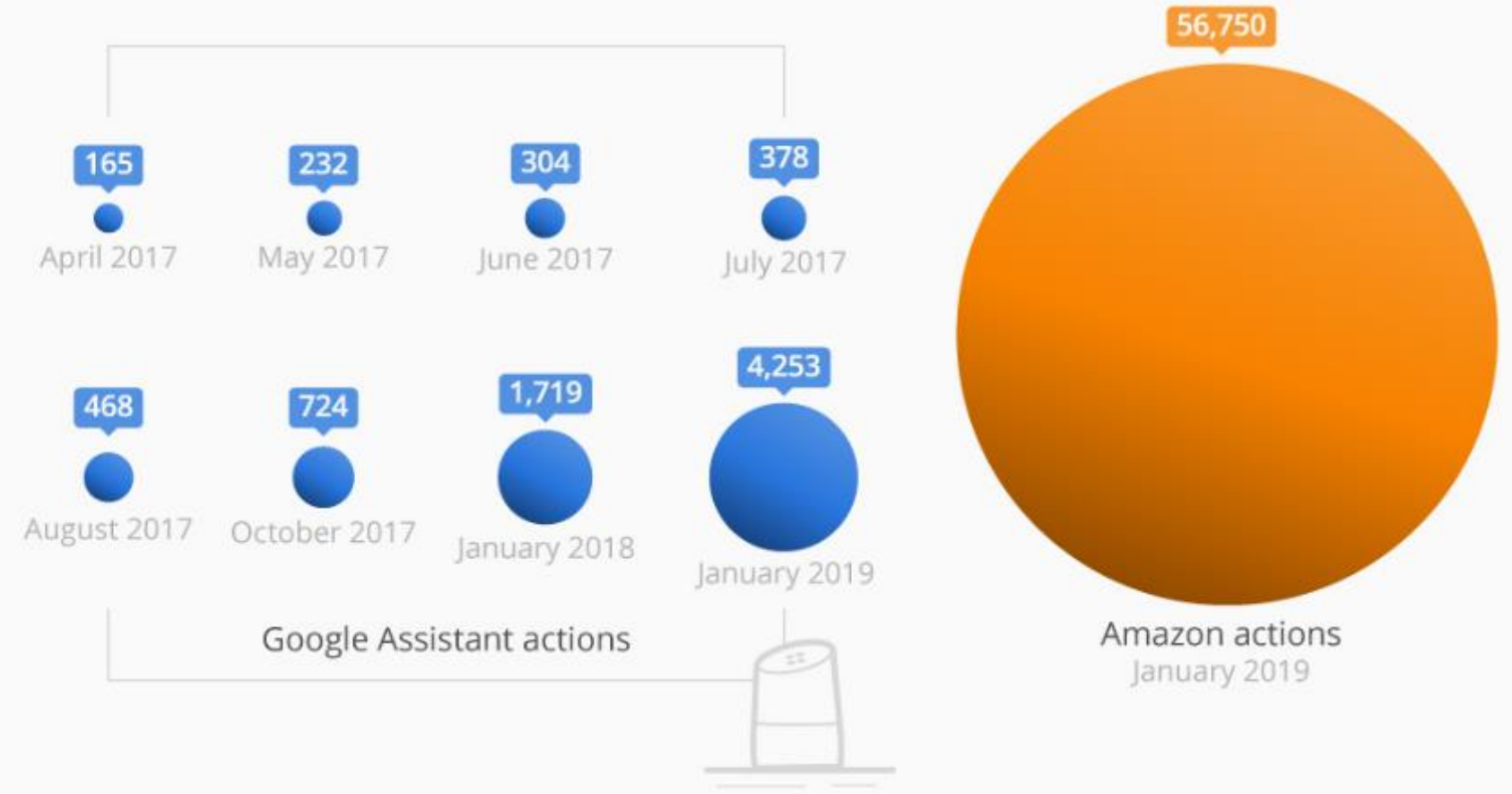
Source: Statista Global Consumer Survey



# SMART SPEAKERS

## How Does Google's Assistant Stack Up to Alexa?

Number of unique Google Assistant actions in the United States from 2017 to 2019

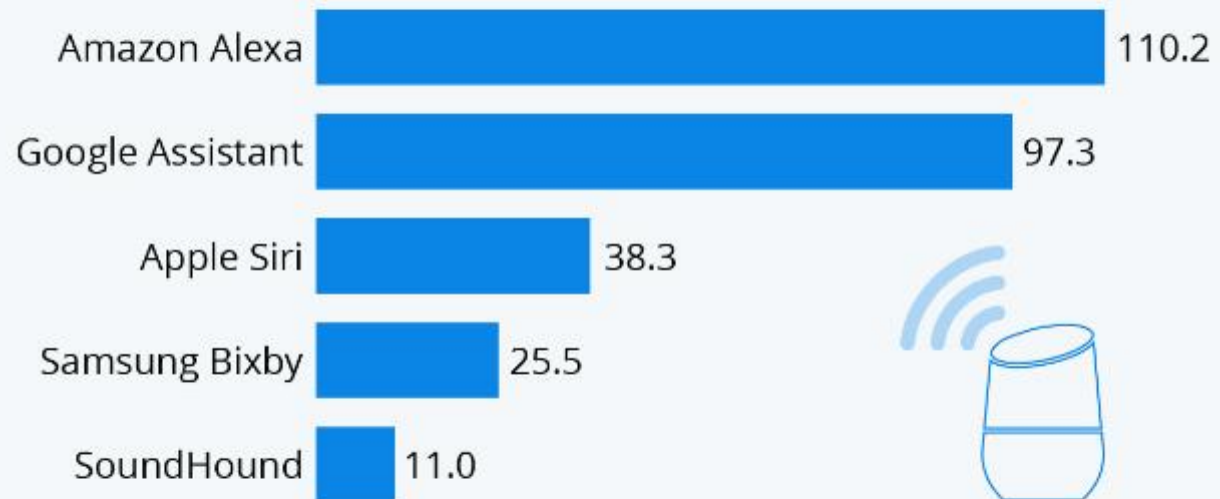


@StatistaCharts Source: Voicebot.ai

# SMART SPEAKERS

## The Most Important Voice Platforms in 2020

Leading voice platforms worldwide based on Voicebot's Voice Platform Impact Rating\*



\* The rating includes the breadth of use, sentiment, current activity, and future plans stated by voice industry professionals. It is not a gauge of consumer adoption but rather of adoption and expressed intent by industry professionals to support the ecosystems. Scores can range from -250 to 250.

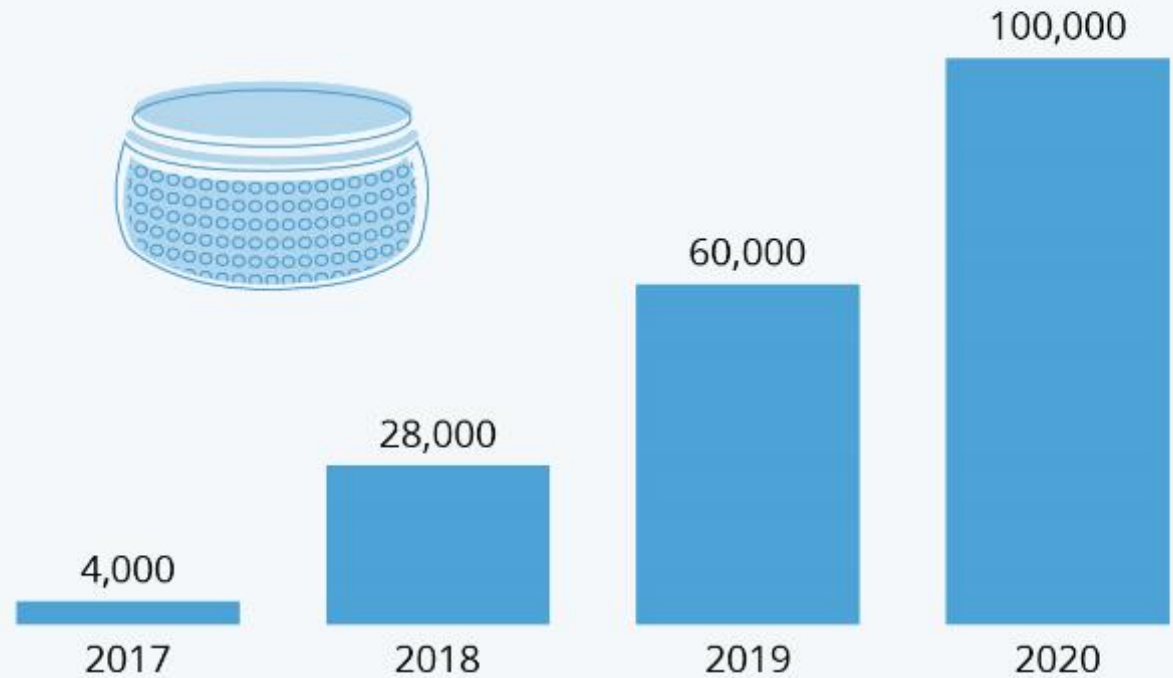
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# SMART SPEAKERS

## The Growing Footprint of Amazon's Alexa

Total number of smart home devices that can be controlled with Amazon's Alexa



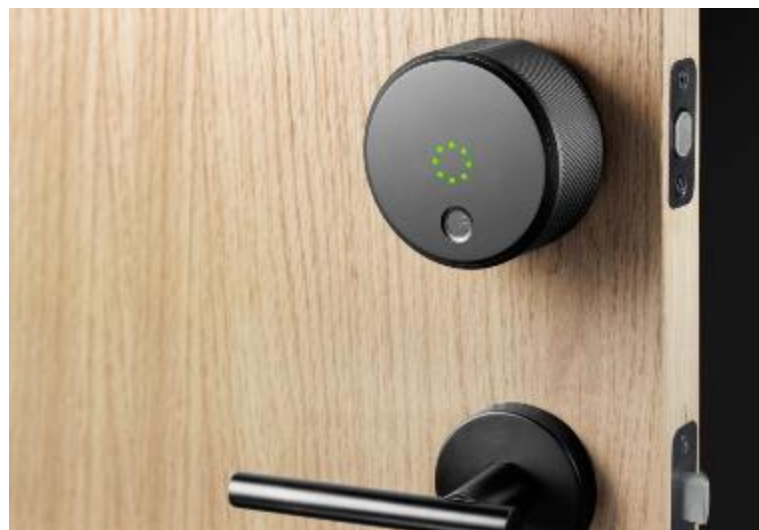
Source: Amazon



# SMART SECURITY



# SMART LOCKS



# SMART THERMOSTATS



# SMART LIGHTS





# MOST COMMON BUILDER APPROACHES

- Amazon Ring
- Alarm.com
- Control4
- Standard Device Suite
- Custom Packages



# COLORADO BUILDER APPROACHES\*

- Lennar - Ring
- Toll Brothers – Alarm.com or Control4 depending on homebuyer
- DR Horton – Alarm.com
- Brookfield – myCommand brand agnostic platform
- Taylor Morrison – Legrand | AV Custom Device Suite
- Meritage – Standard Device Suite
- Century – Standard Device Suite
- Tri Pointe – Variable Device Suite
- Richmond – None

\*Based on latest information available, subject to change

# QUESTION

- Do you have any smart home tech in your house?





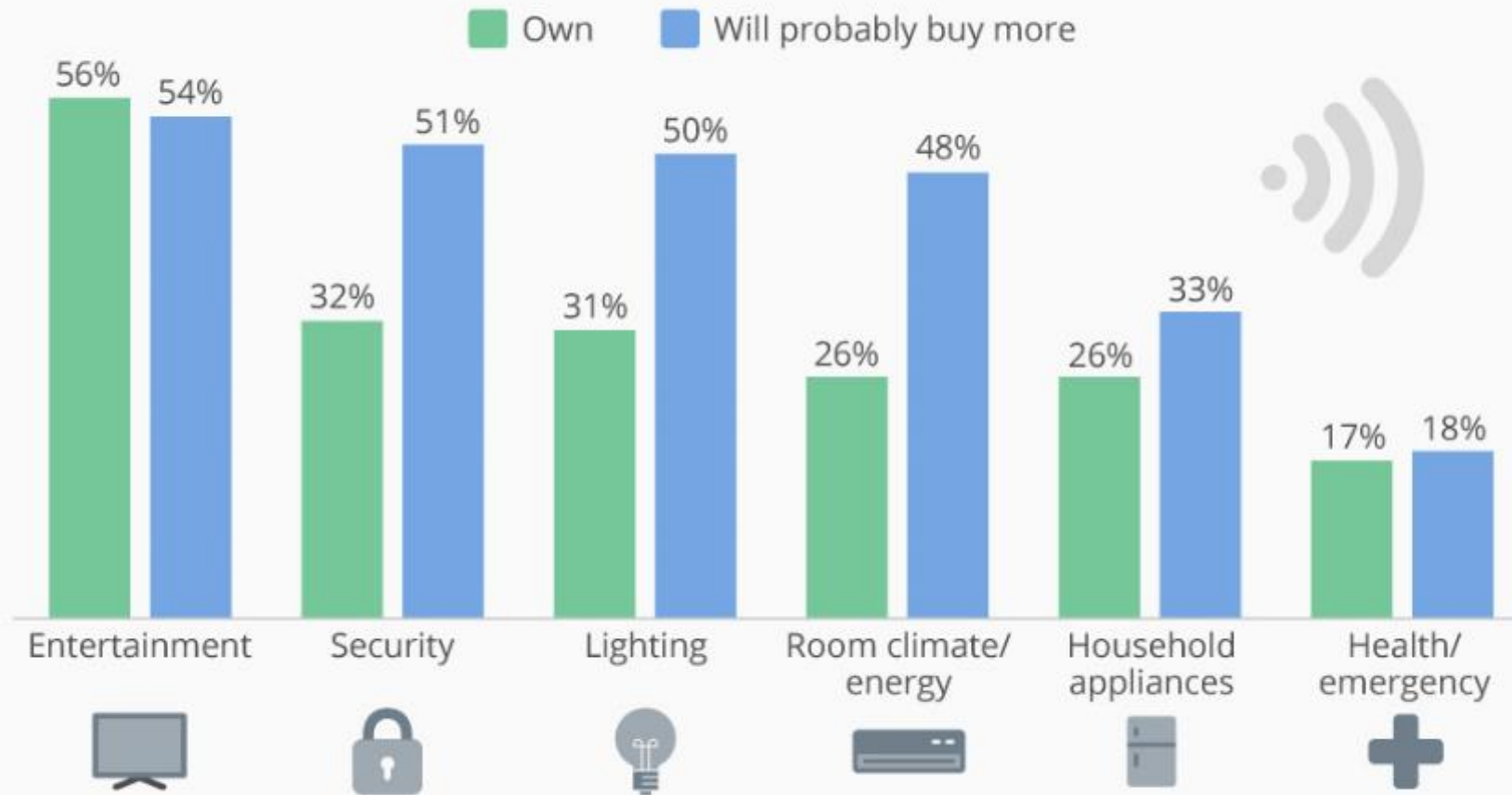
# WHAT HOMEBUYERS WANT





## How Americans Smarten Up Their Homes

% of U.S. consumers owning/planning to buy smart home products from these categories





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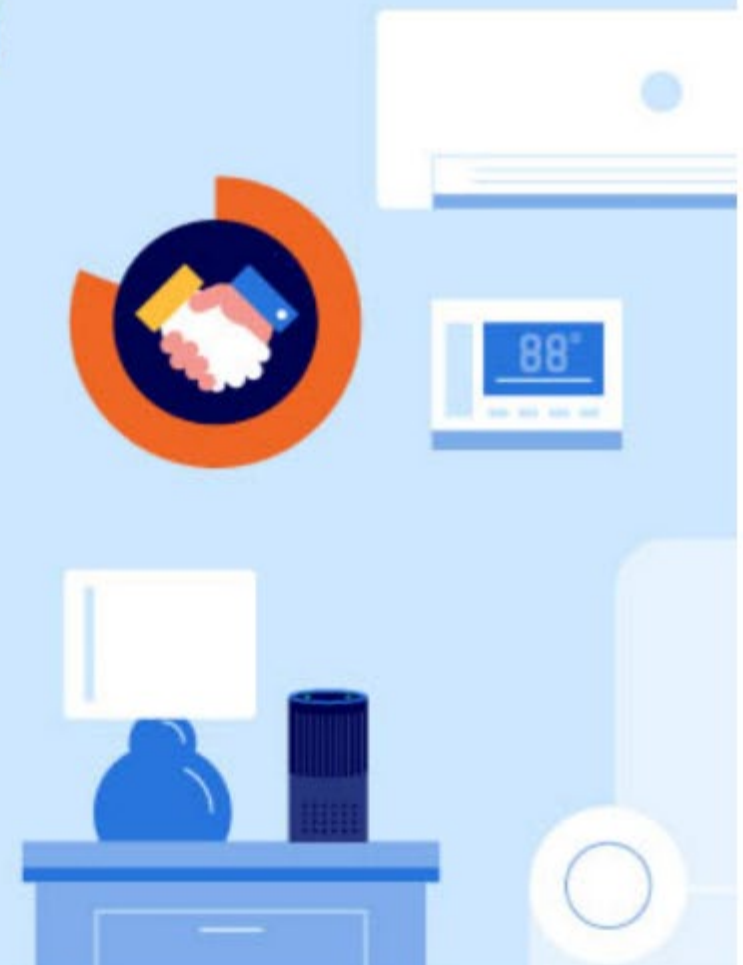


## HOUSING



**68%** of Americans think smart homes will be as common as smartphones within 10 years.

**81%** buyers say they'd rather buy a home with smart home products already installed.



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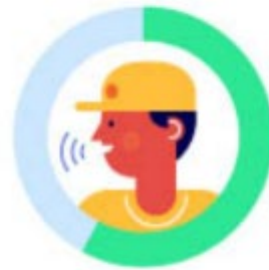
## VOICE CONTROL

Voice control is the most upward-rising trend in the industry.



**72%**

of Americans with smart home devices want voice control capabilities.



**58%**

Millennials



**50%**

Gen Xers



**26%**

Baby Boomers

Have smart home devices with voice control.



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## DAILY PRESENCE

**47%** of Millennials already own some devices.

**70%** who already own one product are planning to buy another one.

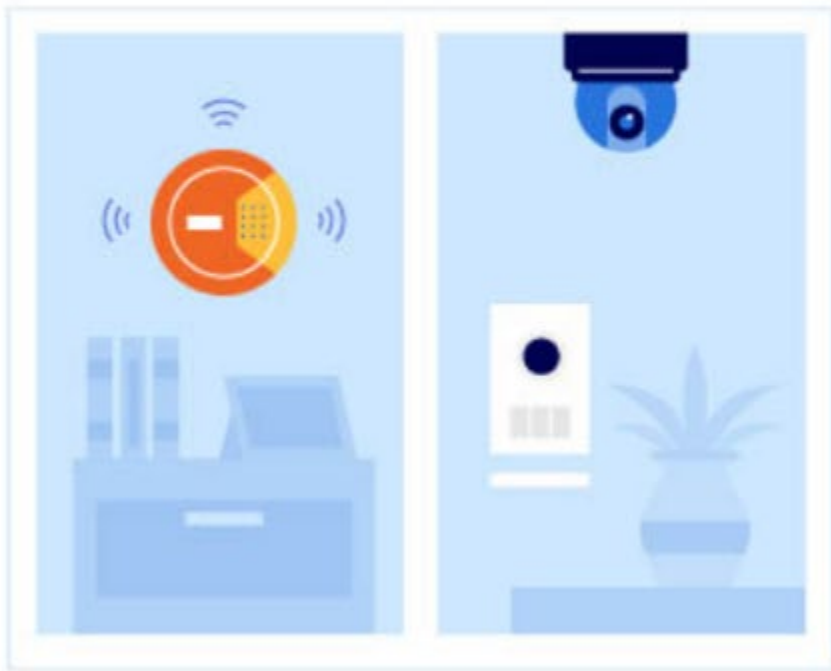


**76%** of smart home products are being controlled by smartphones.



## HOME SECURITY

Home security systems will account for an estimated **\$47 Billion** of the total security market and will surpass \$100 billion by 2020.



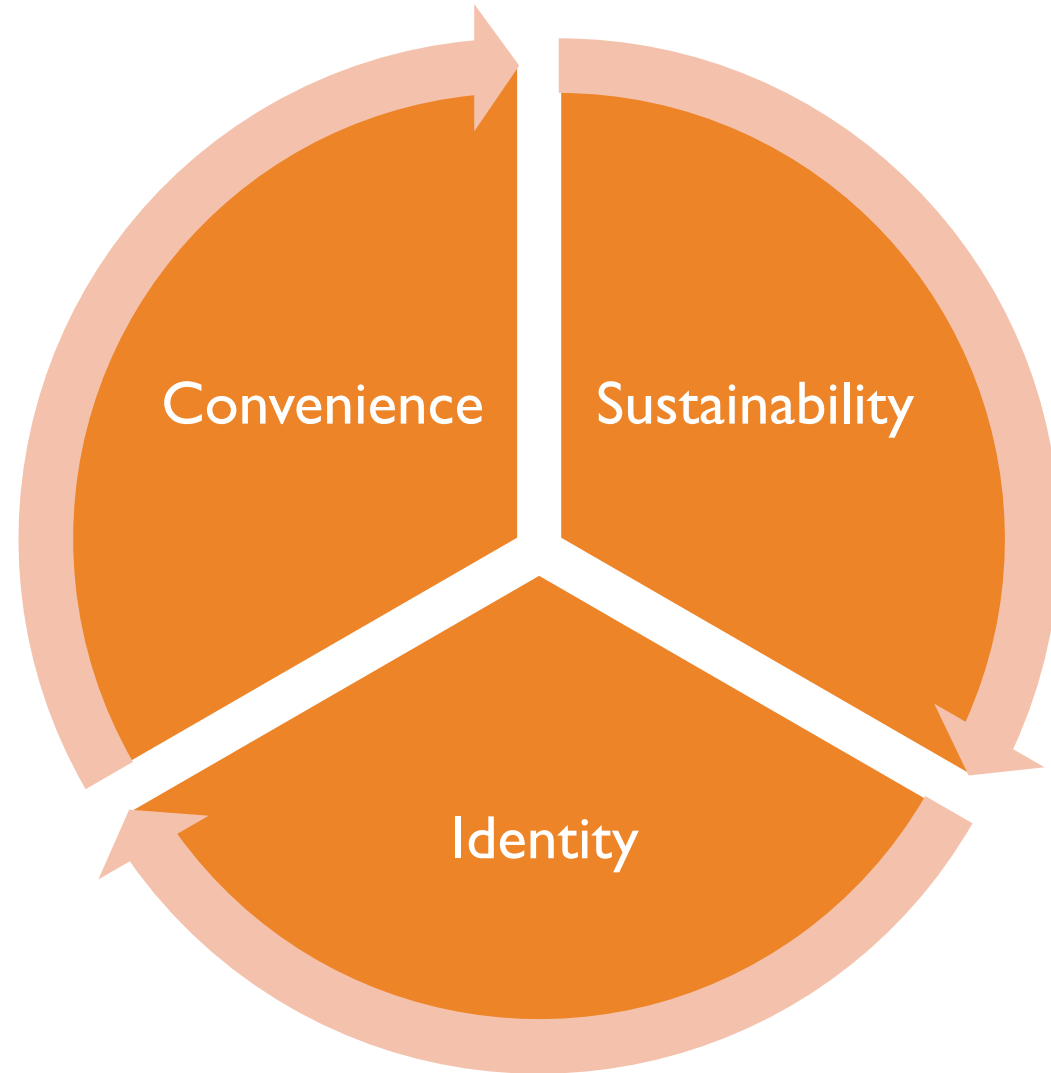
**62%** of Americans claim home security is the top benefit.



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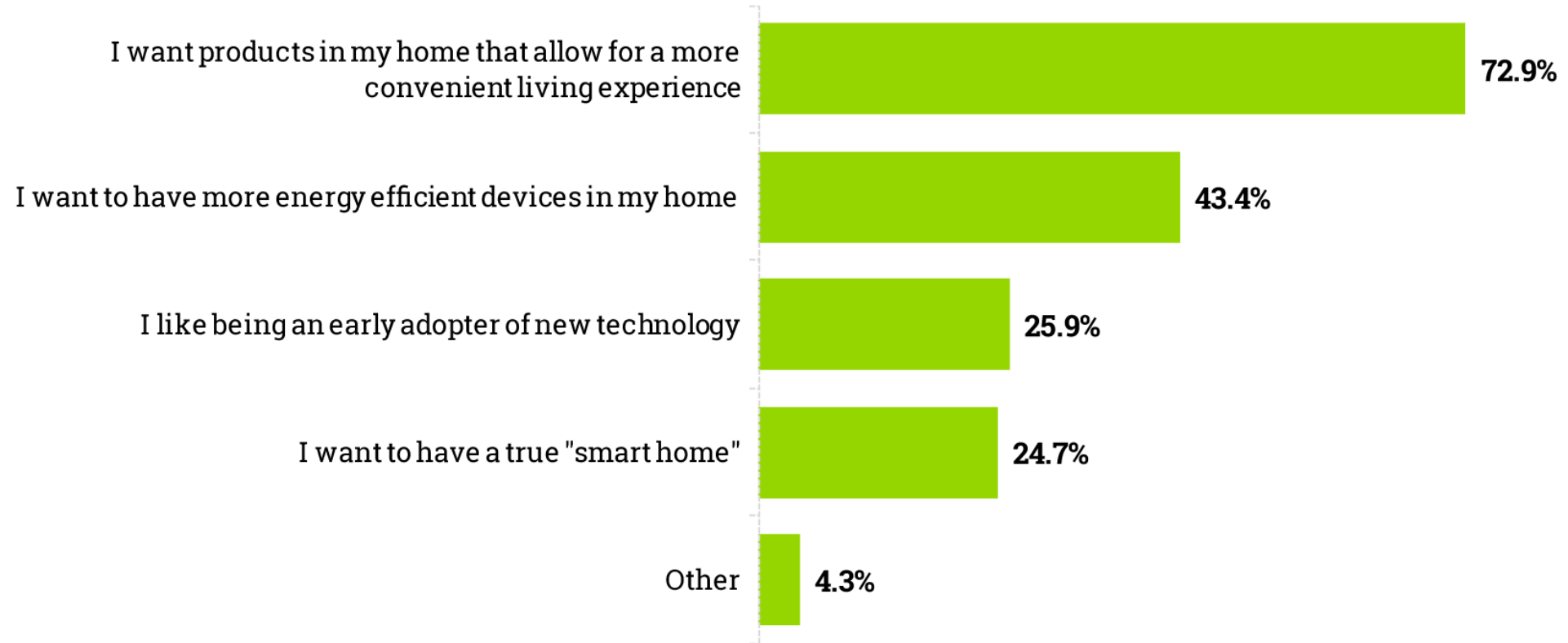
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# Reasons for Buying A Smart Home Device



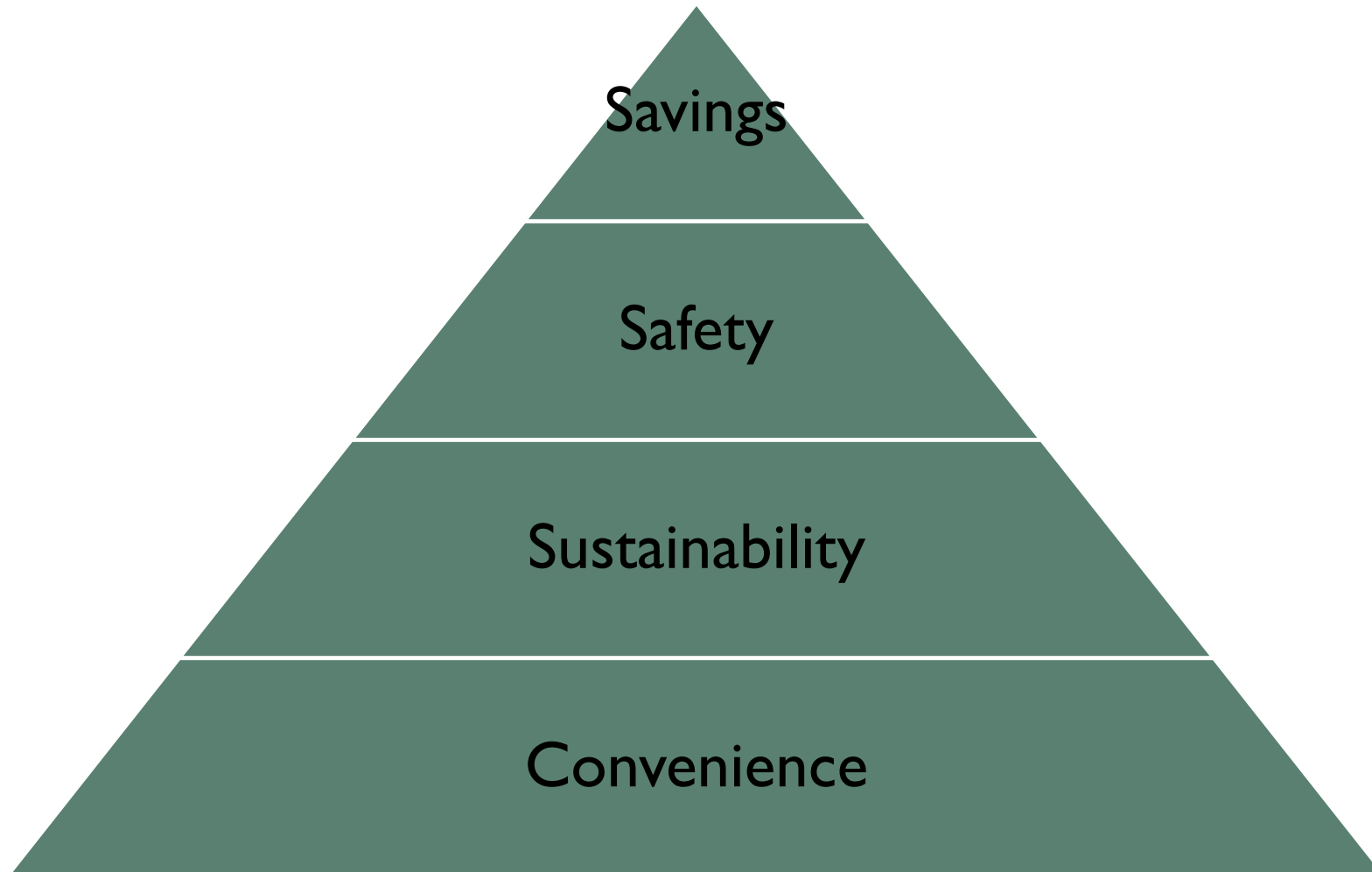
"Which of the following reasons led you to purchase your home connected device(s)?"



Published on MarketingCharts.com in September 2020 | Data Source: SYKES

*Based on a survey of 1,500 owners of smart home devices such as speakers, lighting fixtures, thermostats, etc.*

# SMART HOME BENEFITS



## QUESTION

- Have you ever had a homebuyer get excited about smart homes?



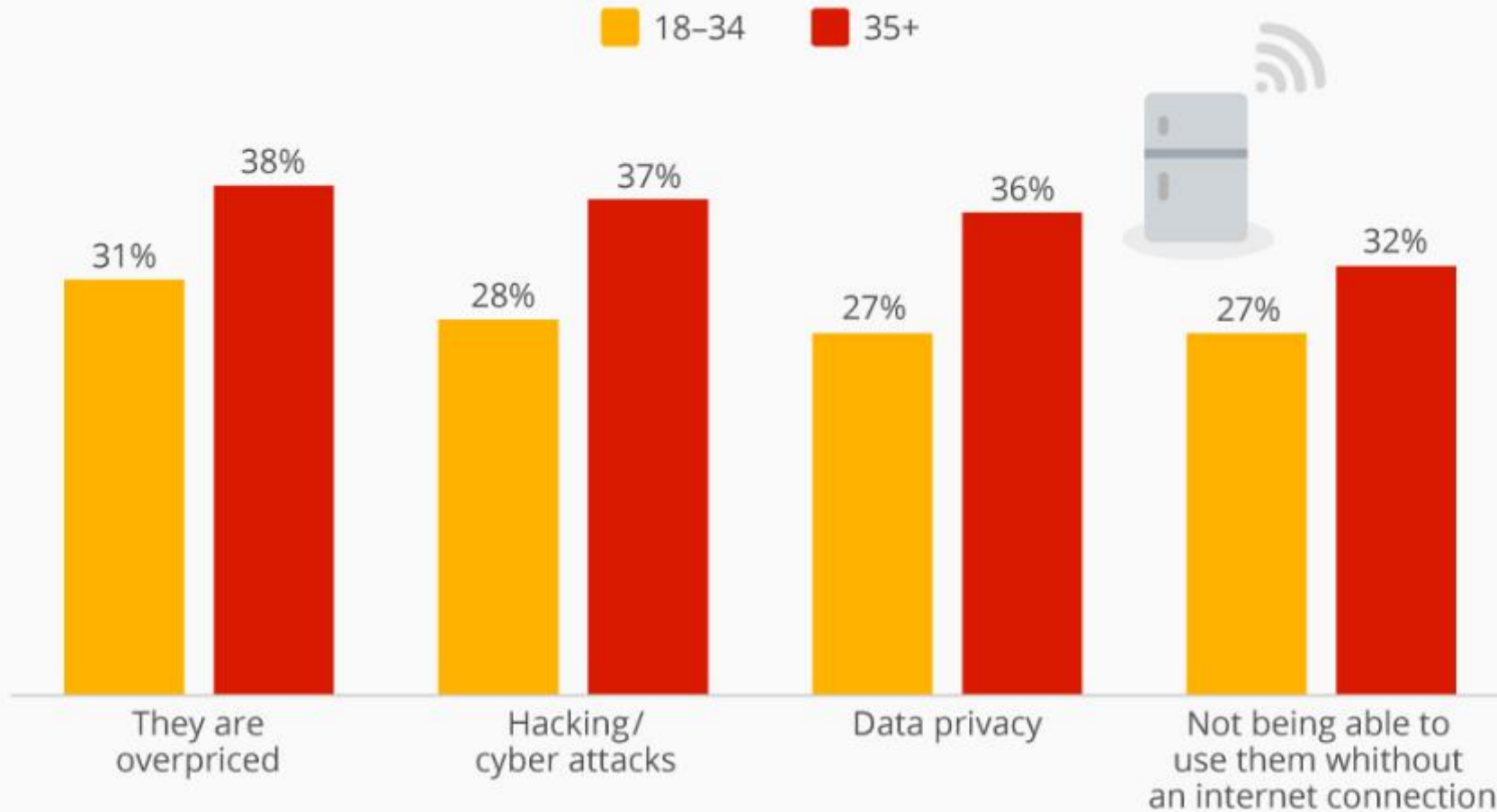


# NAVIGATING SMART HOME ANXIETY

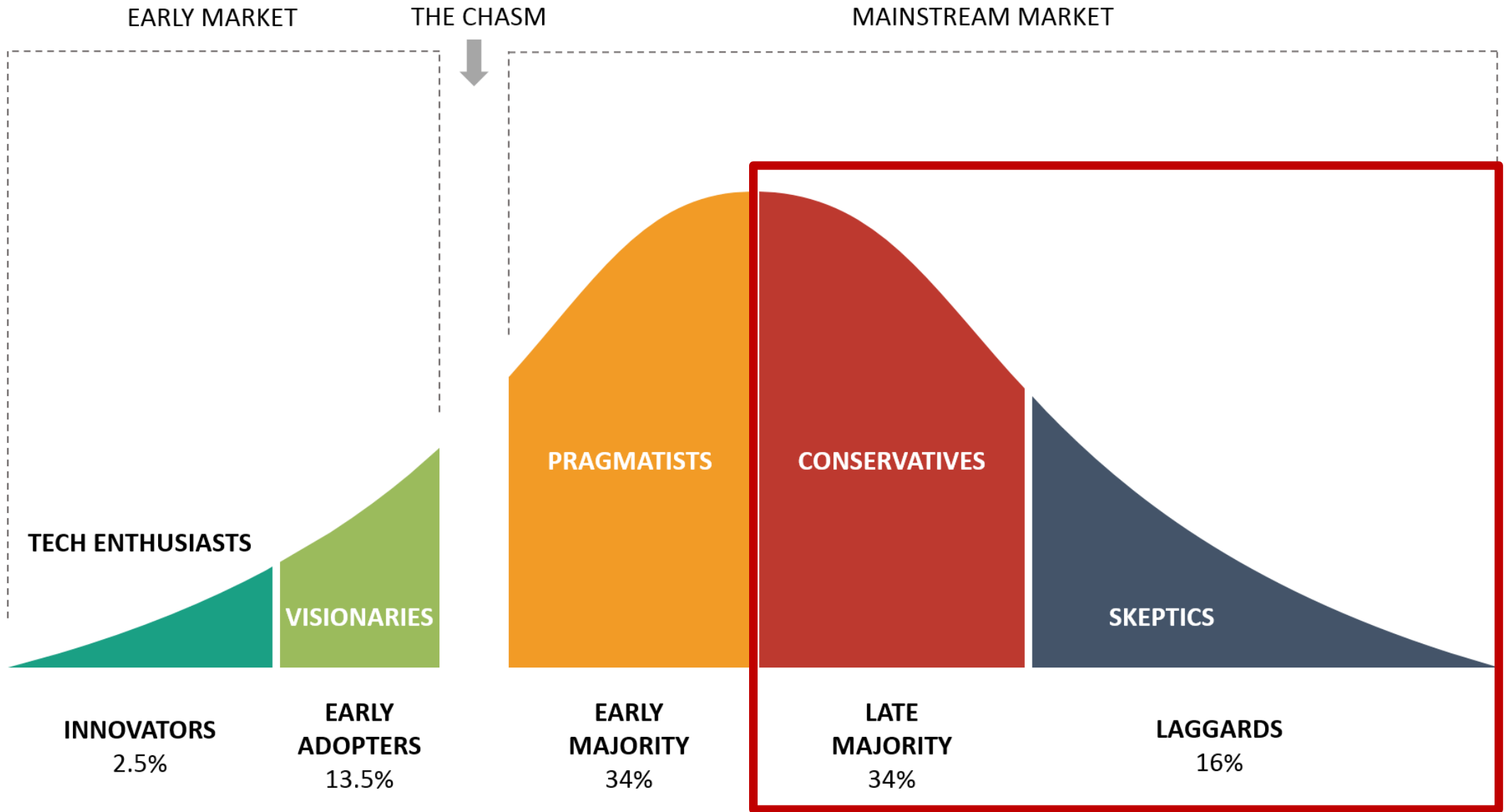


# Pricing & Privacy – Concerns About Smart Appliances

% of U.S. adults who have the following concerns about smart household appliances







# OBJECTION #1: COST



- Point out the ways home automation will save money long term:
  - Reduced utility bills
  - Possible home insurance discounts
  - Asset protection

## OBJECTION #2: CYBER SECURITY



- The same tools that help you stay safe online will help keep your home safe:
  - Use reputable brands
  - Secure your WiFi network
  - Use strong unique passwords
  - Use two-factor authentication
  - Keep software up to date

## OBJECTION #3: DATA PRIVACY



- The major smart home players now have tools that allow you to opt out of surveillance:
  - Update your privacy preferences
  - Request data deletion

## OBJECTION #4: USABILITY



- Demonstrate the system and have them try it themselves
- Pick technologies that will function like their manual counterparts (ex. smart switches instead of smart bulbs)
- Make sure they know help is available from smart home tech support resources such as Best Buy Geek Squad

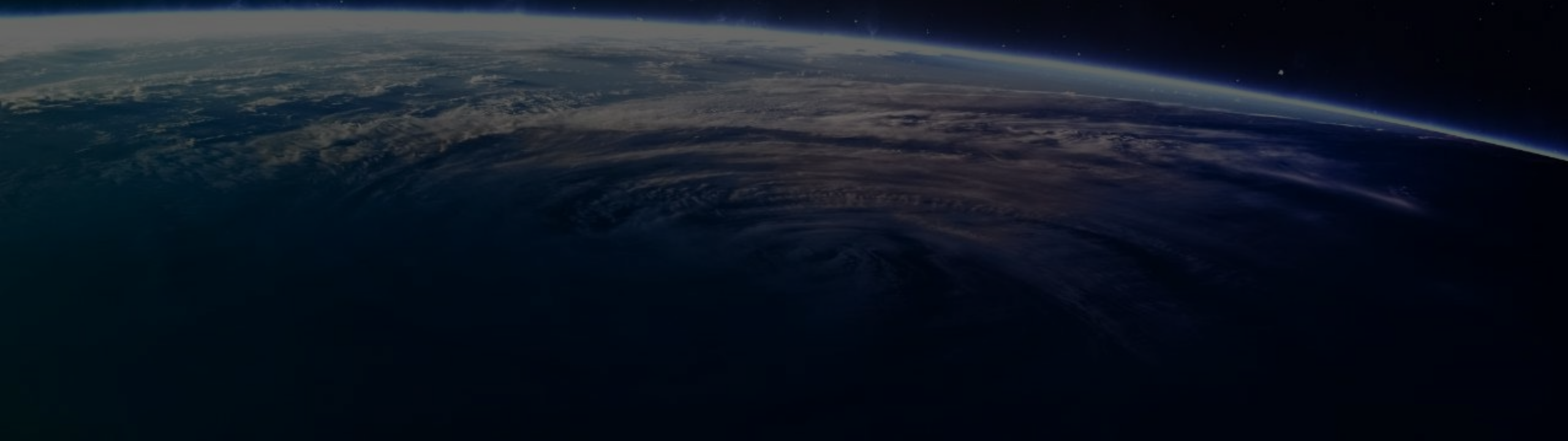
# QUESTION

- Have you ever had a homebuyer express reluctance to buy a smart home?



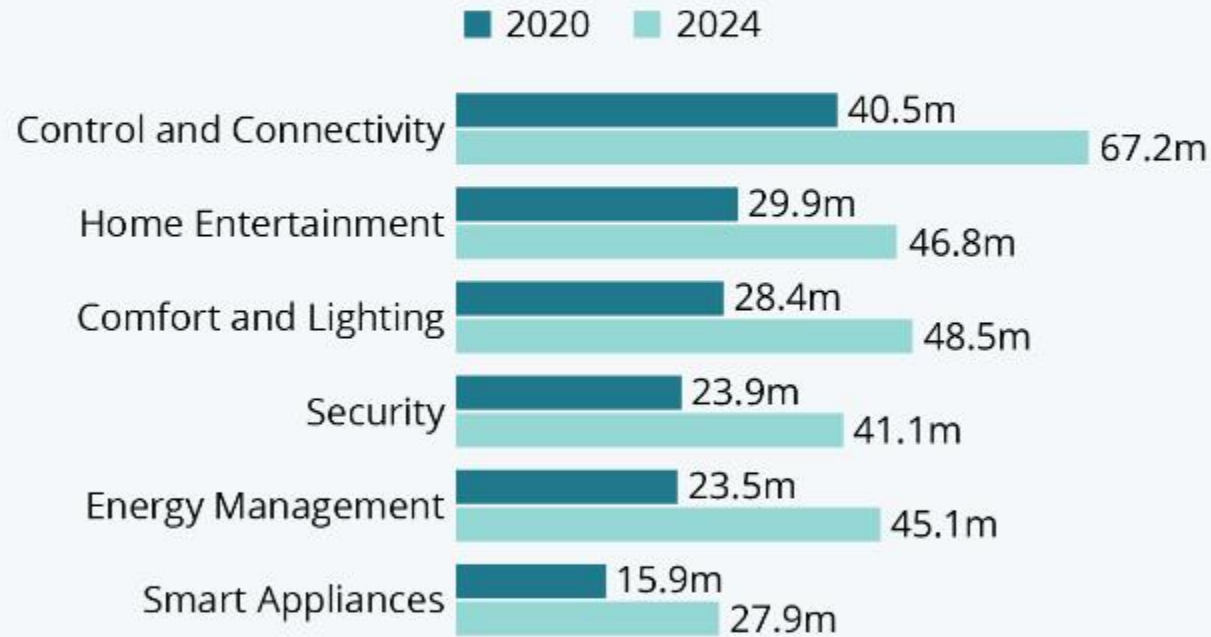


# SMART HOMES OF THE FUTURE



# U.S. Households Are Becoming Smarter

Estimated number of U.S. households with smart home applications, by type



As of May 2020

Source: Statista Digital Market Outlook





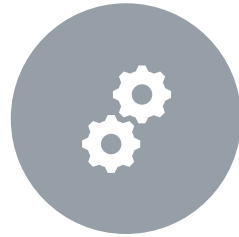
# TRENDS



INCREASING  
CONNECTIVITY



ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE



ENHANCED  
ROBOTICS



INTEREST IN  
SUSTAINABILITY



INCREASING  
STANDARDIZATION



## MY GUESS

- The number of connected devices will continue to proliferate
- Smart appliances will become more cost effective and mainstream
- The market will undergo substantial consolidation and coalesce around shared standards
- Connected technologies, such as wearable tech, will increasingly communicate with smart homes
- Artificial Intelligence will drive coordinated suggestions and actions without need for user setup
- A focus on sustainability will lead to widespread coordination of energy usage

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WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS?



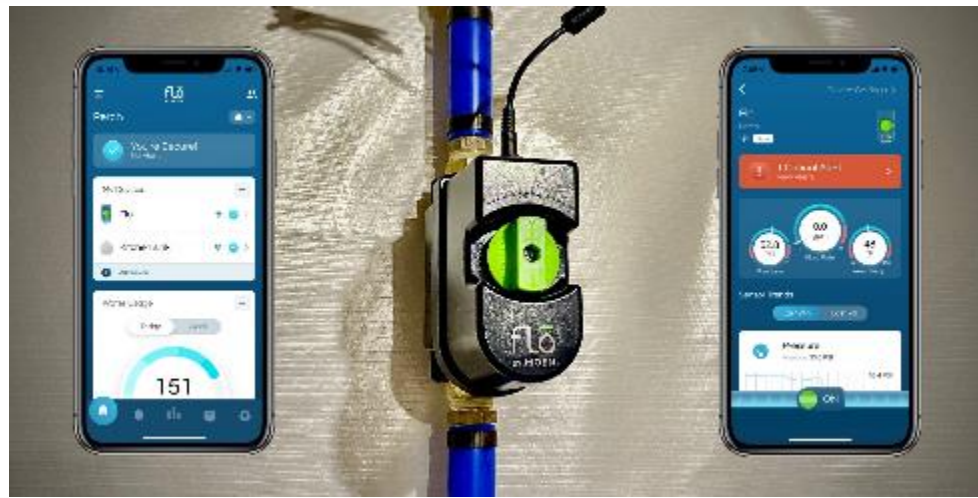
# THE BAD

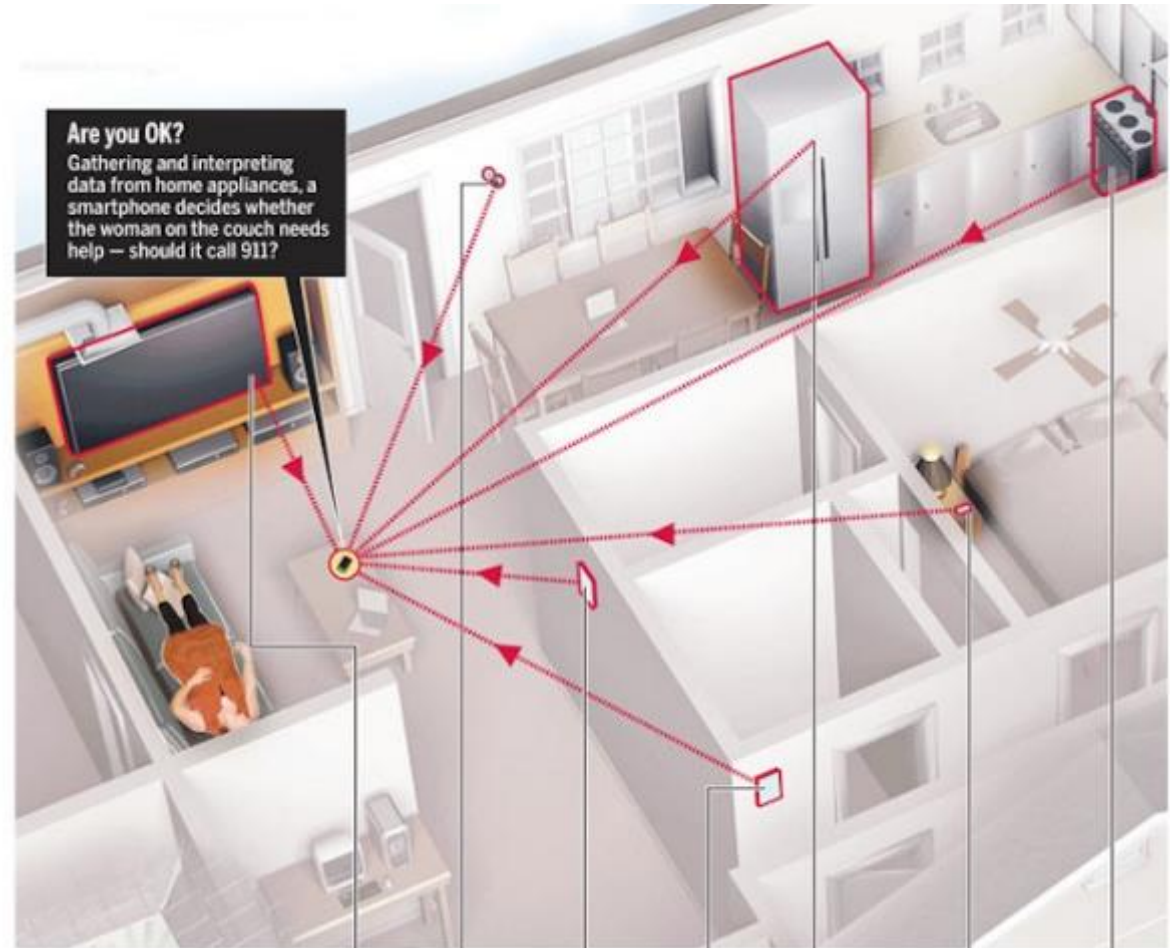
- More Hacking and Malware
- More Targeted Advertising
- Widening Technology Gap
- Decreasing Self Reliance
- Increasing Reliance on Technology

# THE GOOD

- Smart Homes at Scale that Enhance Sustainability
  - Energy
  - Water
- Home Healthcare
  - Automated Issue Detection
  - Aging in Place







**Are you OK?**  
Gathering and interpreting data from home appliances, a smartphone decides whether the woman on the couch needs help — should it call 911?

### How appliances could save a life

Experts say smart gadgets will one day sense whether people need help and automatically assist them. How a system would work using a smartphone and smart appliances.

- |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| <p><b>1 TV</b><br/>She isn't getting up to watch her favorite television show.</p> | <p><b>2 Security camera</b><br/>She might be sleeping, but she hasn't moved in 24 hours.</p> | <p><b>3 Audio sensor</b><br/>She sounded weak and disoriented yesterday.</p> | <p><b>4 Motion sensor</b><br/>She's been walking slower the past few days.</p> | <p><b>5 Refrigerator</b><br/>She hasn't eaten well for weeks.</p> | <p><b>6 Pill box</b><br/>She stopped taking her medications two days ago.</p> | <p><b>7 Stove</b><br/>She left one of the burners on.</p> |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|

What an appliance or gadget could detect

Source: Mercury News reporting

ANDREA MASCHIETTO AND DOUG GRISWOLD/MERCURY NEWS





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## WHAT WE SHOULD DO

- Leverage smart homes at scale
- Build resilience into our technology and utility grids
- Design technology that brings people together

# FINAL TAKEAWAYS

- Smart home technology is moving from novelty to standard
  - Be prepared to sell the benefits of a smart home
  - Know what concerns may come up and be prepared to address them
  - Learn how to navigate smart home transitions
  - Stay up to date as technology continues to evolve