



# UPDATE ON COMMERCIAL SPECIALTY & BUSINESS IMPLEMENTATION

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# DISCUSSION TOPICS

## RECAP OF COMMERCIAL SPECIALTY REPORT

- Total commercial members in the database and their subgroups

## UPDATE SINCE ANNUAL 2019

- Requests from this advisory board, how we sought to answer them, and important findings

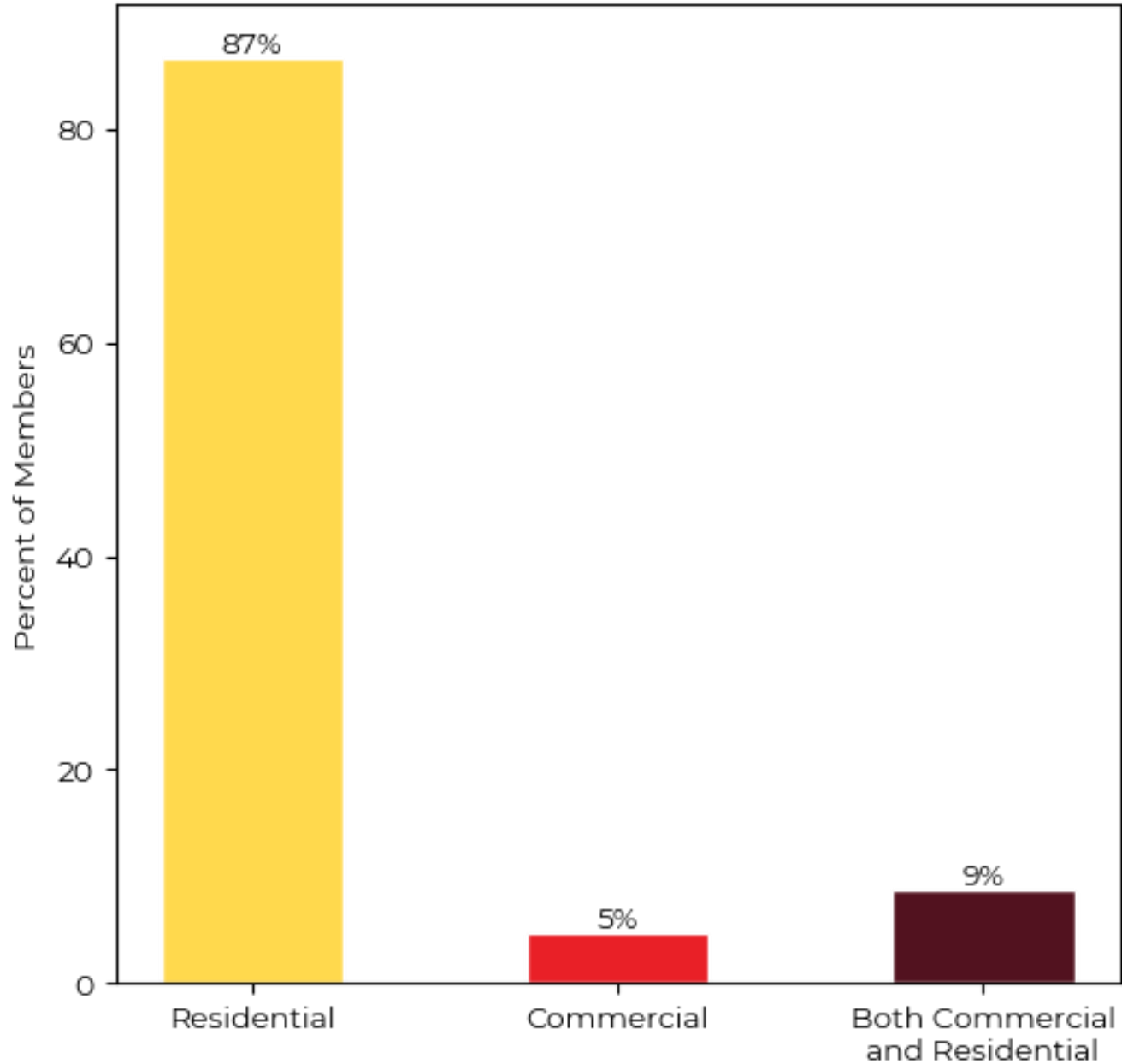
## RELEVANT NEW FINDINGS

- Geographical location of members, market analysis, and retention of subgroups

## BUSINESS IMPLEMENTATION

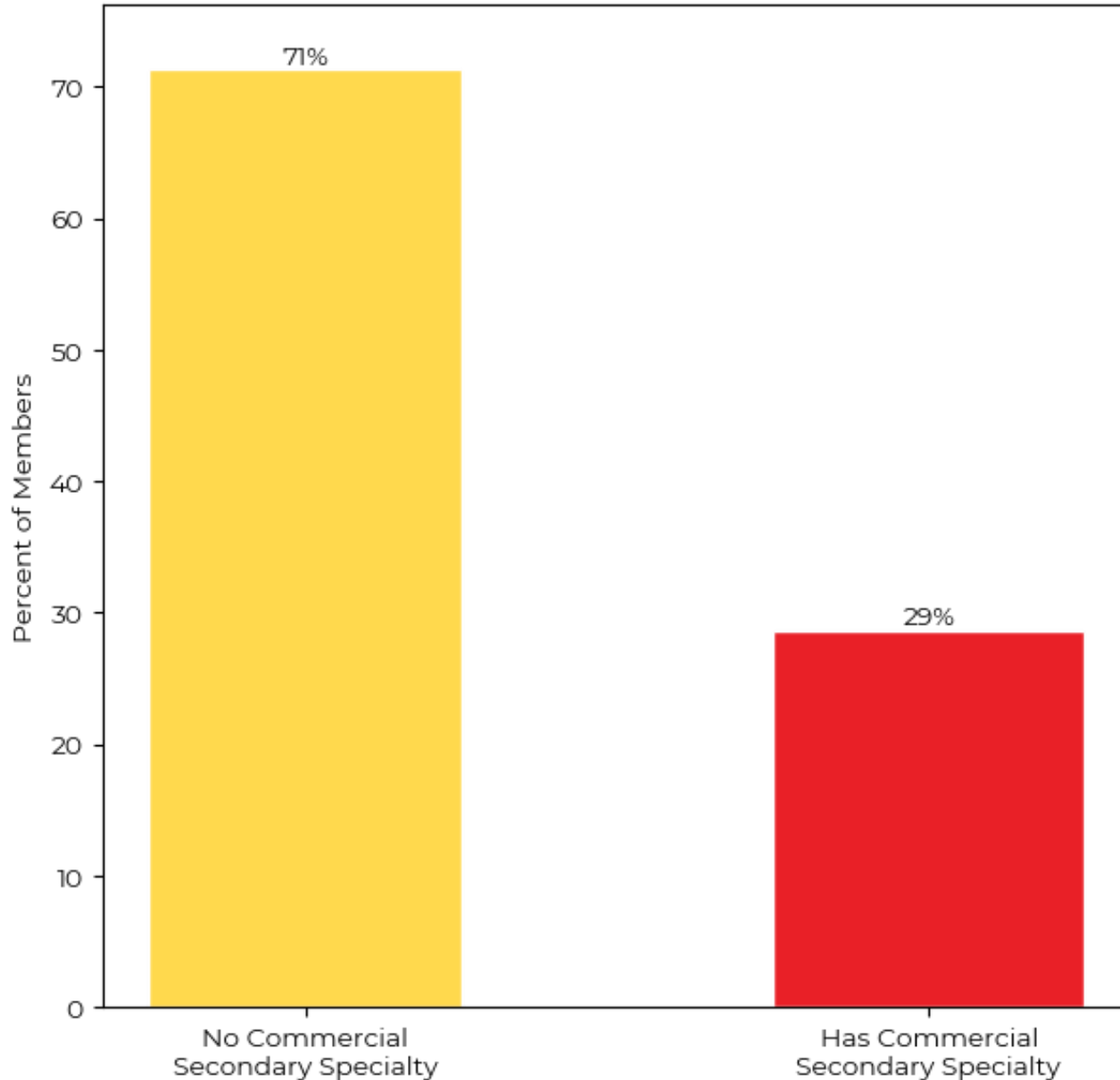
- What comes after the report

# SHARE OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SPECIALISTS



- Commercial specialists were 5% of all NAR members that reported a field of business in 2019

Of Members Whose Primary Specialty Was Residential

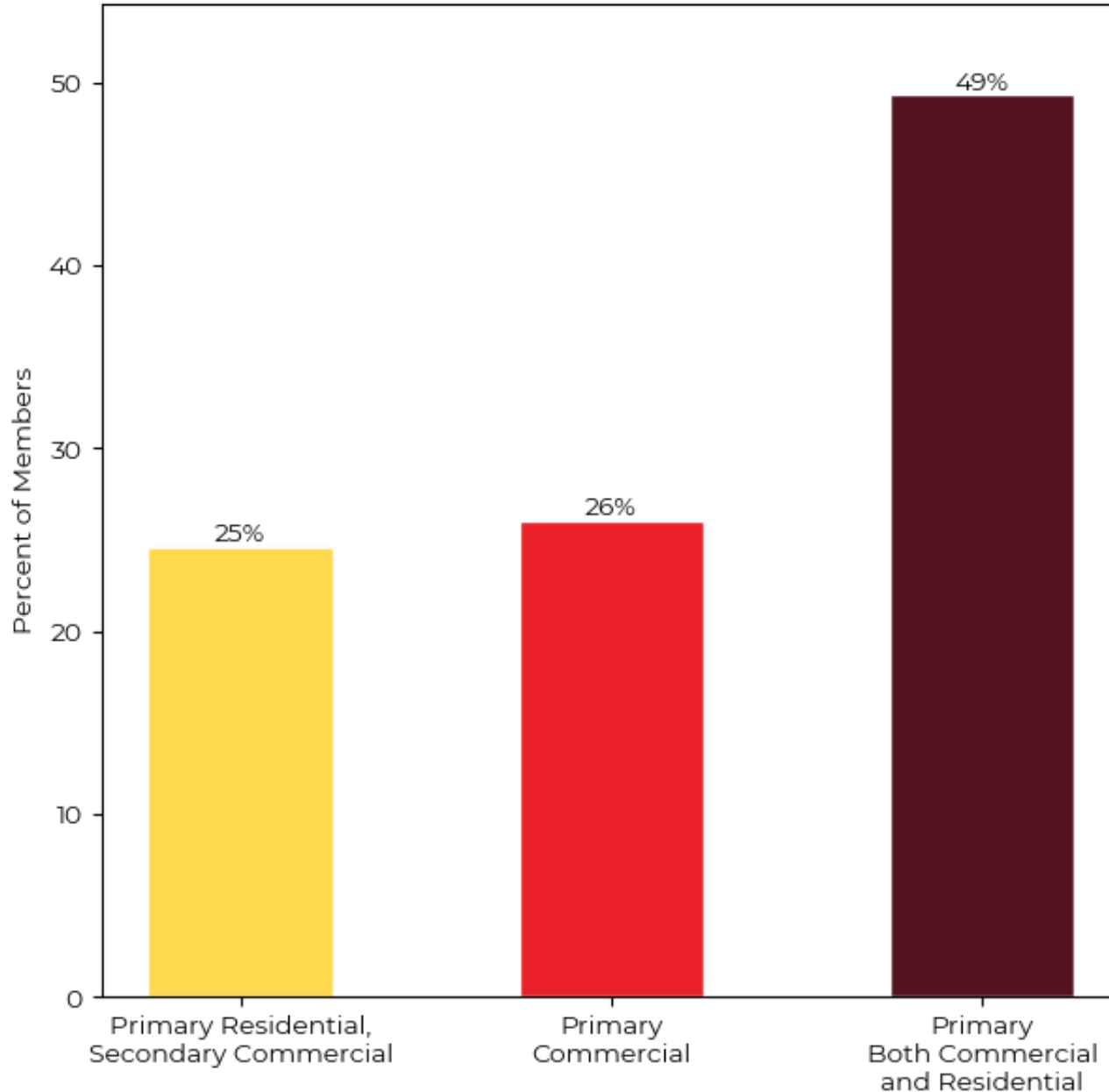


## RESIDENTIAL MEMBERS WITH A SPECIALTY IN COMMERCIAL

- Nearly 1/3 of residential specialists also worked in commercial as a secondary specialty

## MOST SIGNIFICANT FINDING:

- Prominence of the Dual Specialist – members specializing in both commercial and residential real estate (often in small markets where specialization is not practical)
- Distinguished from residential specialists with a secondary specialty in commercial, or “resi-mercial” members



# QUESTIONS FROM ANNUAL 2019

## LOCAL MARKET

- In which markets do commercial and dual specialists operate and what are the market characteristics?

## RETENTION

- What is the likelihood that commercial members stay in the business?

## OUTREACH

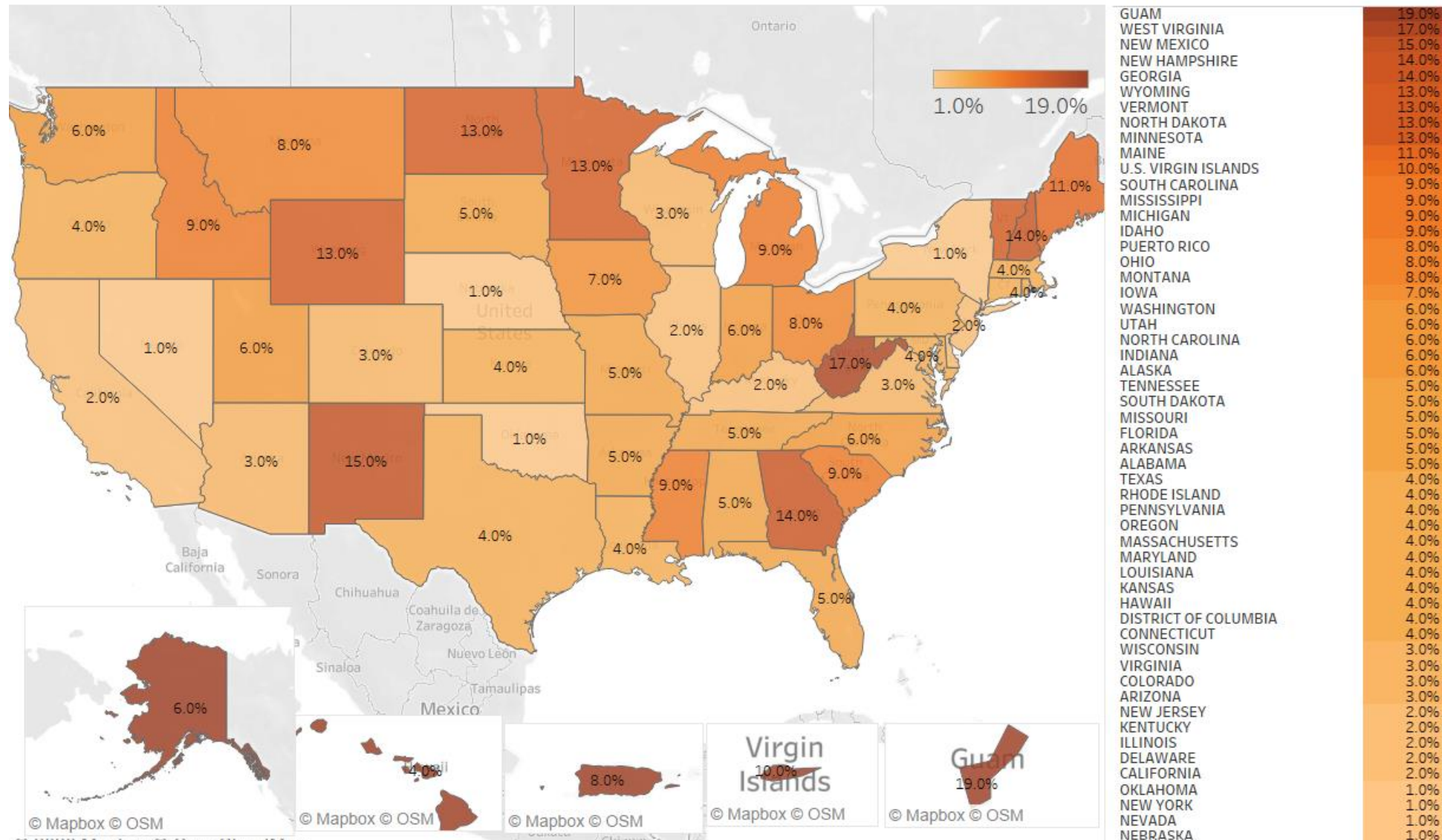
- What are the next steps for working across NAR Groups to provide an update on commercial members?

## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- How can NAR partner with RPR on commercial members?

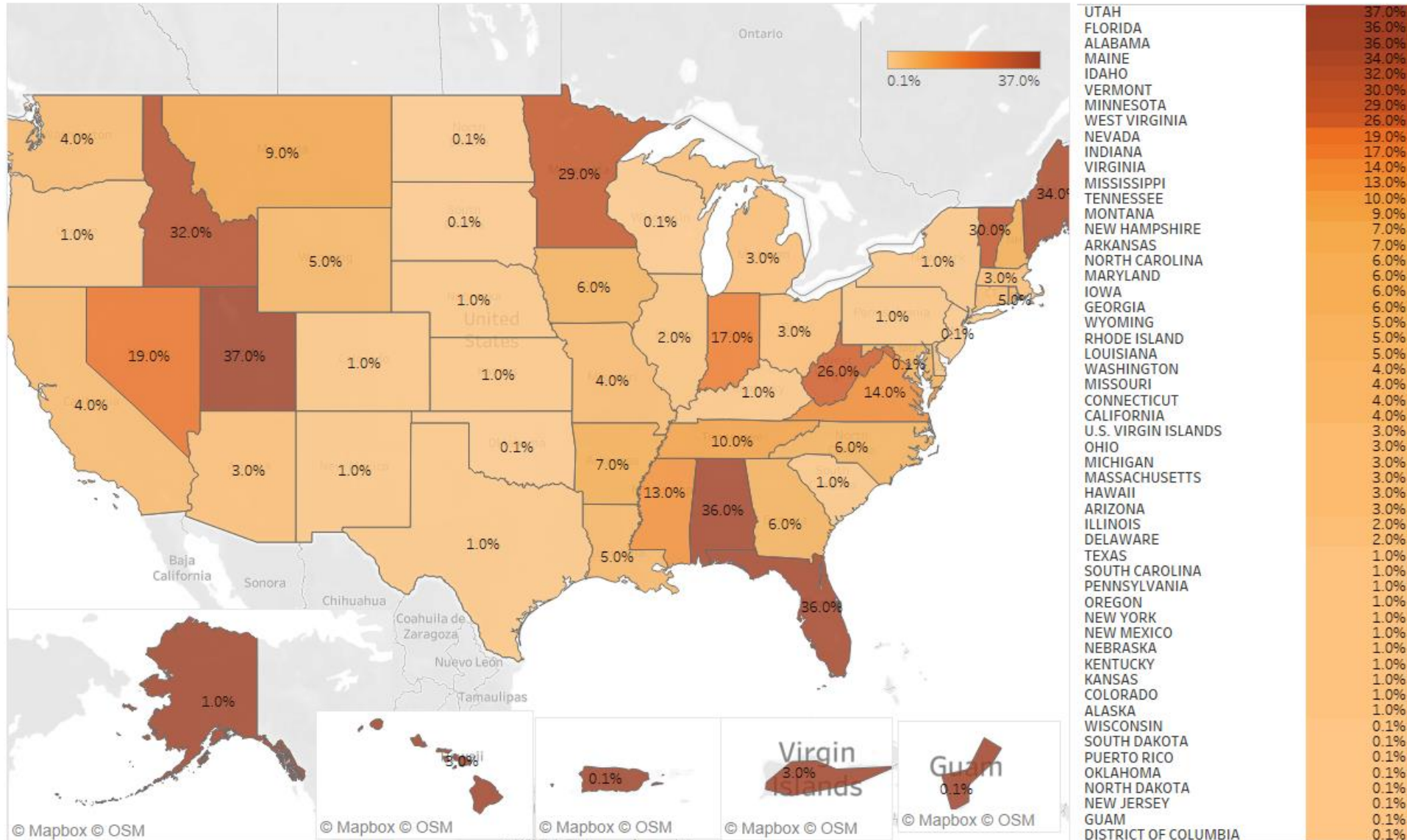
# SHARE OF COMMERCIAL SPECIALISTS BY STATE

Share of Members by NAR State Association with a Primary Specialty in Commercial Real Estate

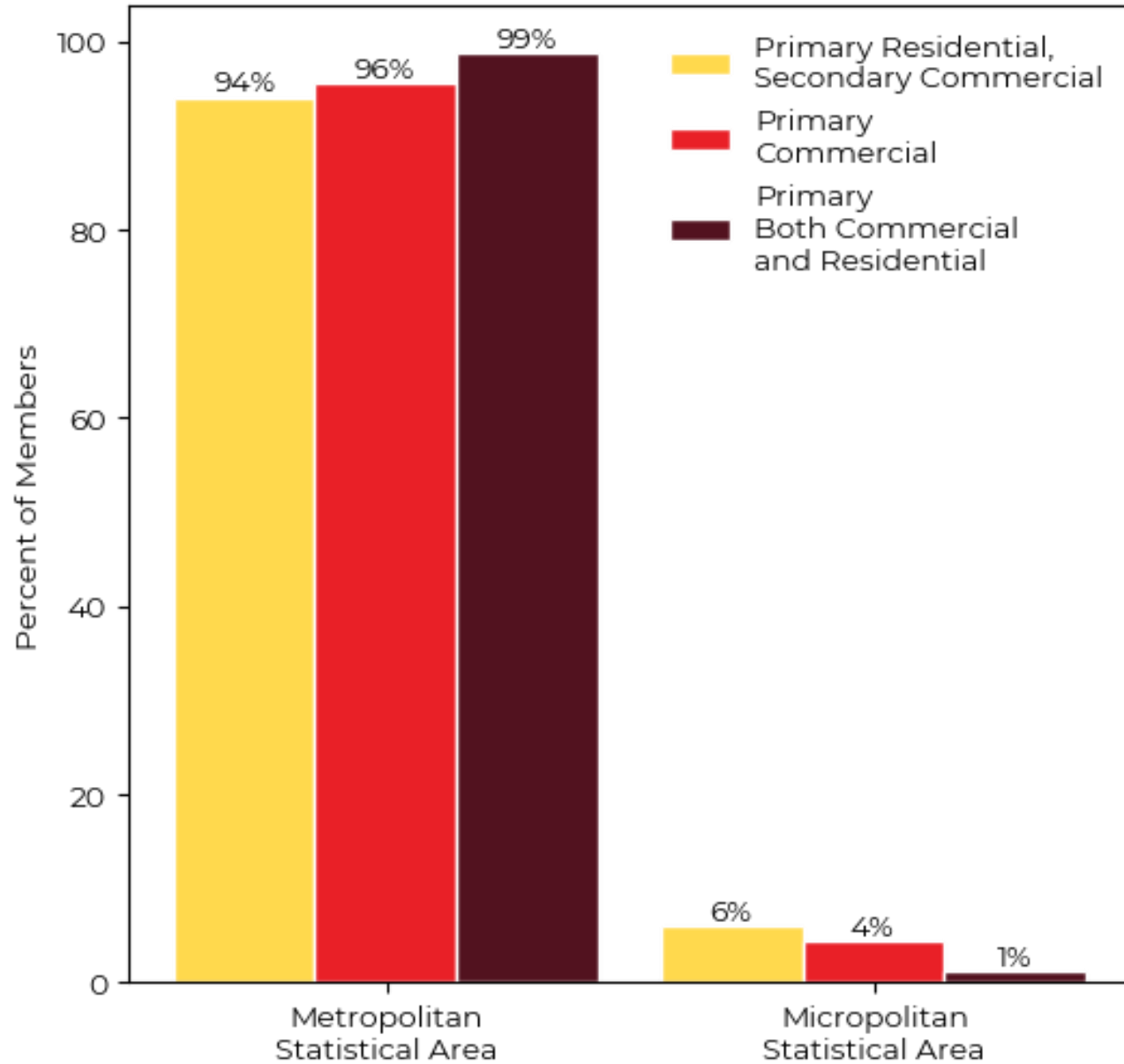


# SHARE OF DUAL SPECIALISTS BY STATE

Share of Members by NAR State Association with a Primary Specialty in Both Commercial and Residential Real Estate



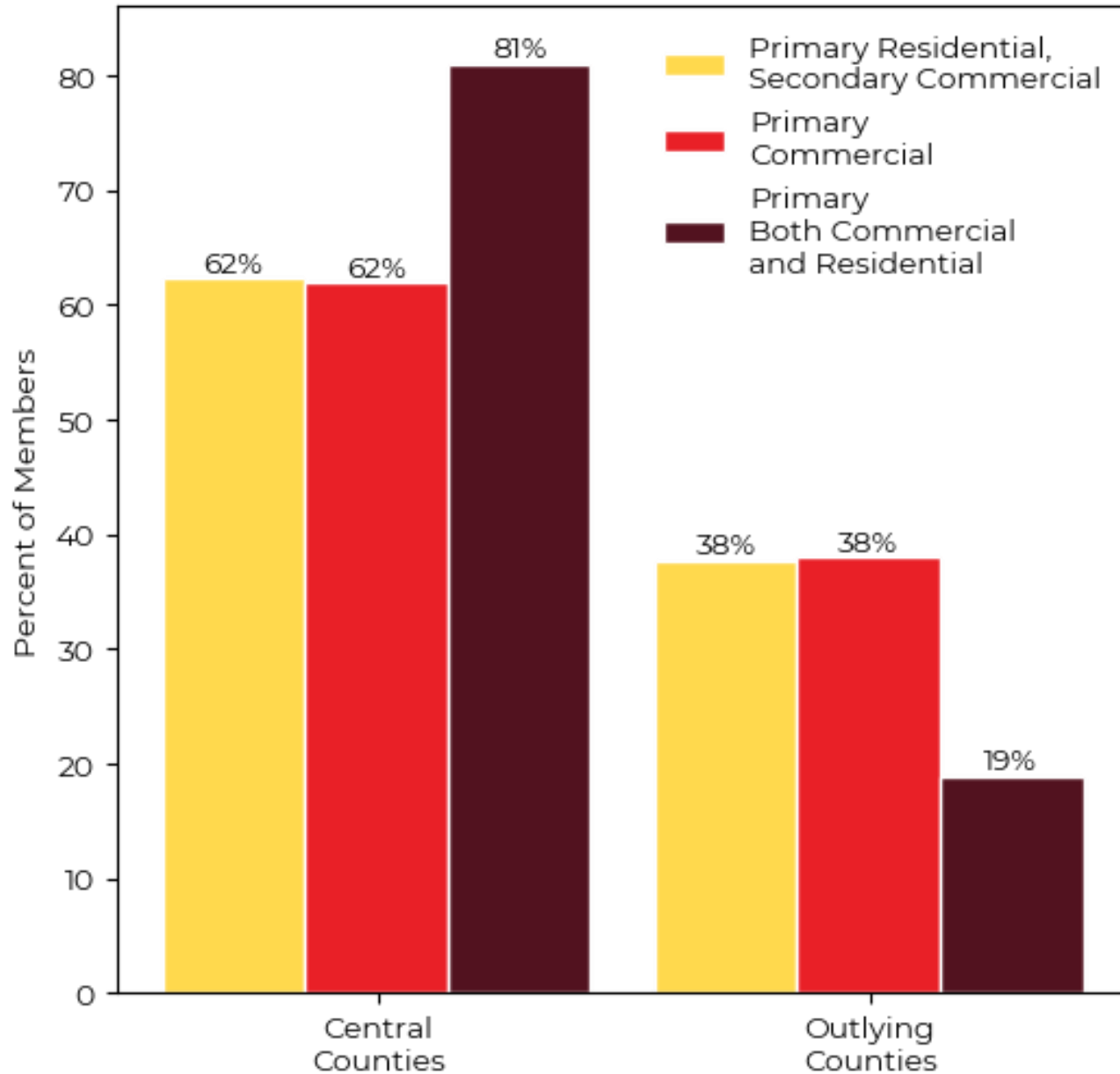




# METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

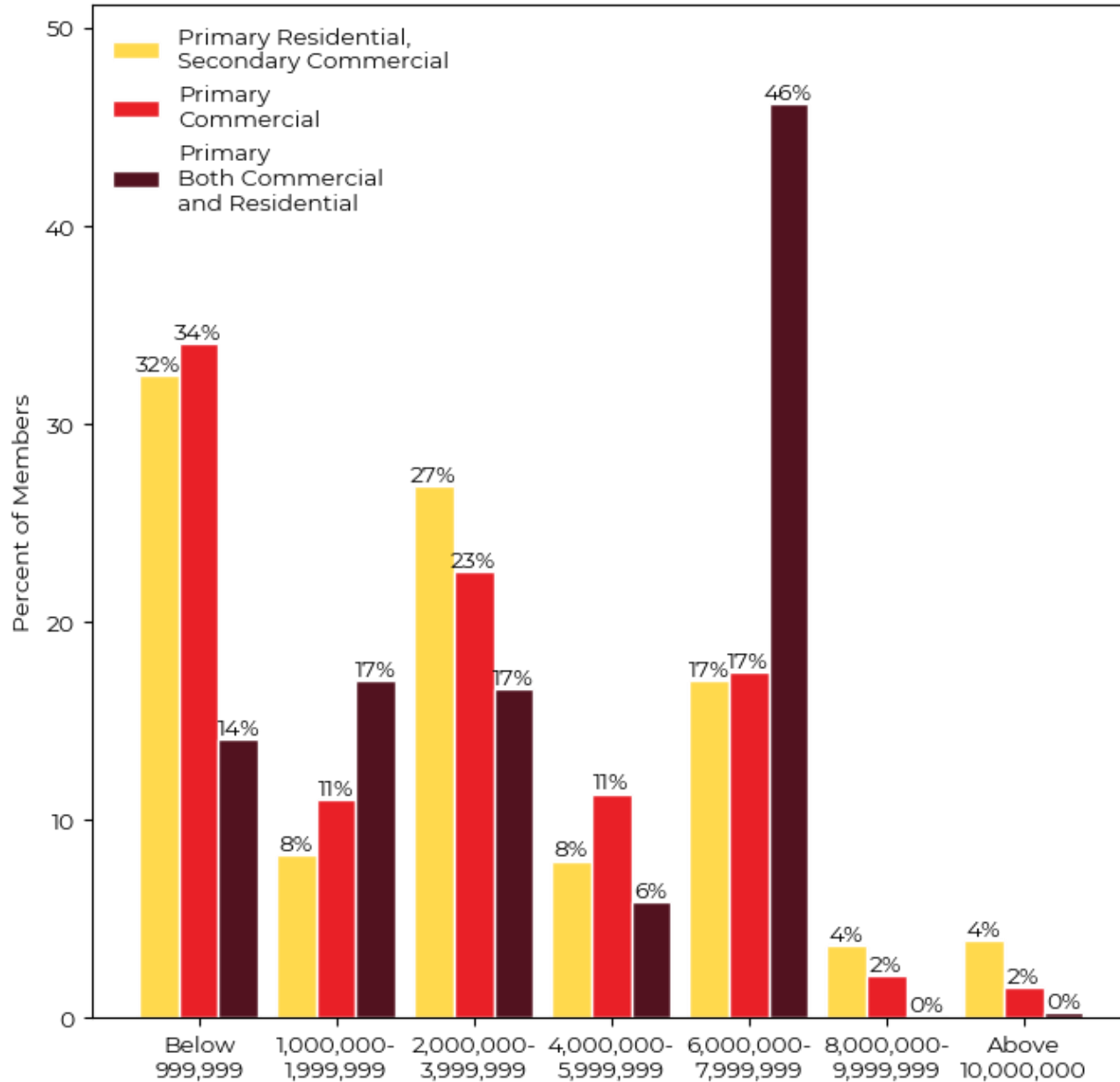
- A majority of members working in commercial operate in metropolitan areas

# CENTRAL AND OUTLYING COUNTIES



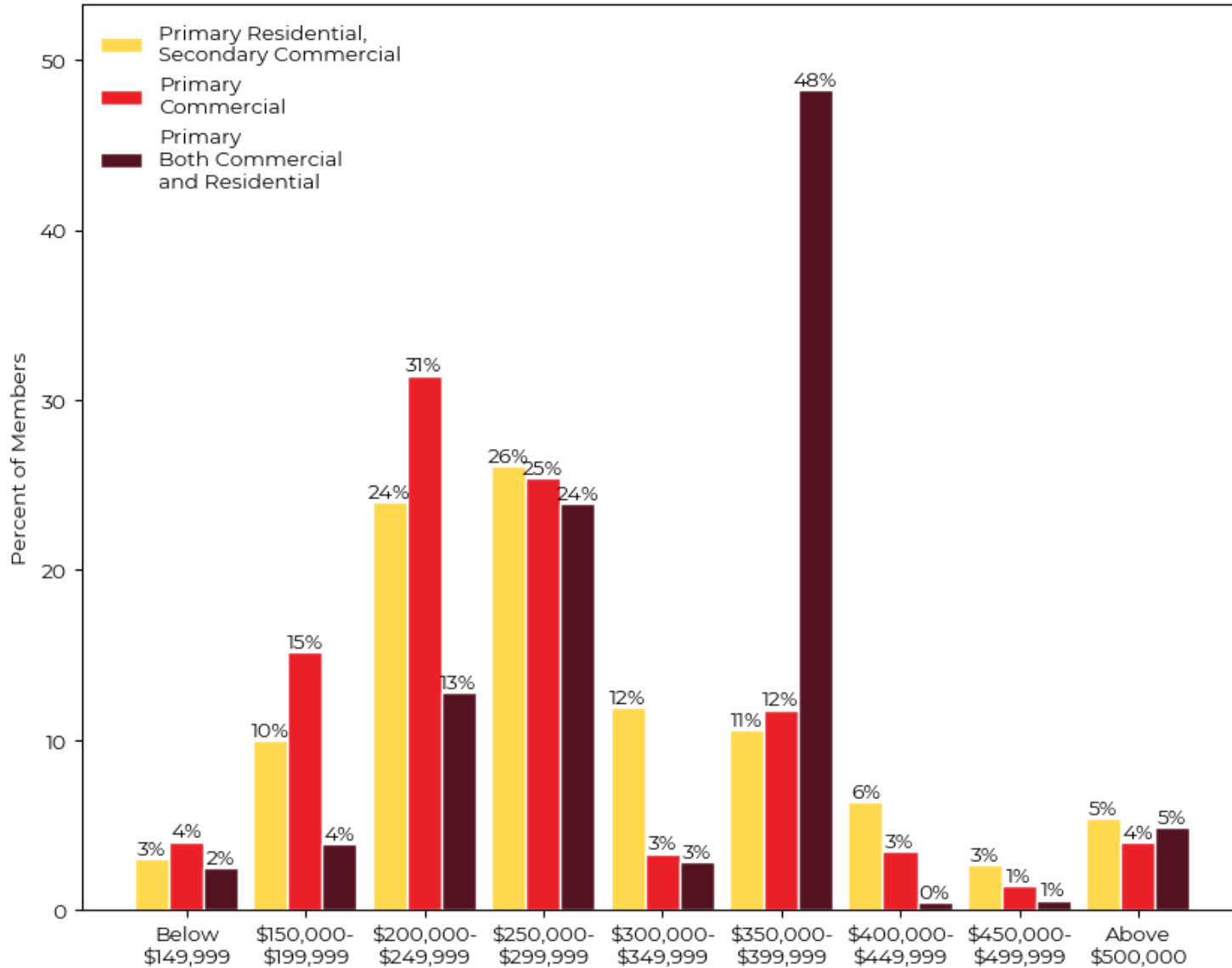
- **A third of commercial members and residential members operate in outlying counties**

# POPULATION



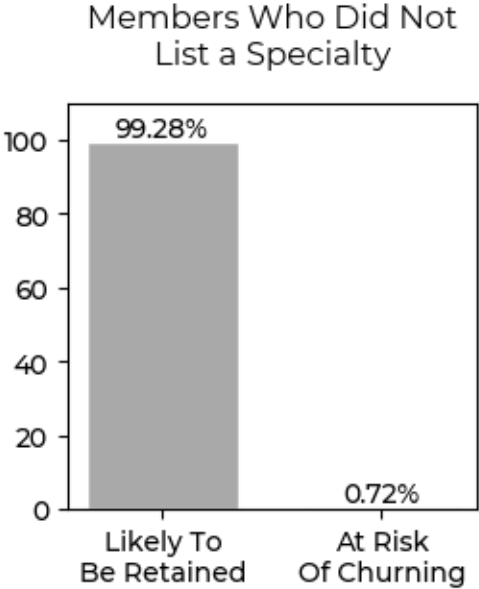
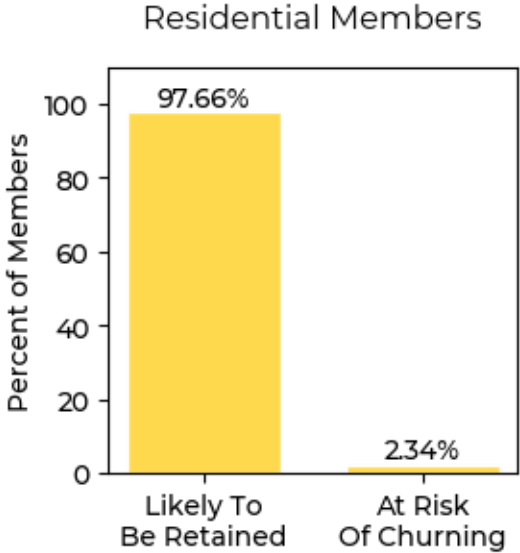
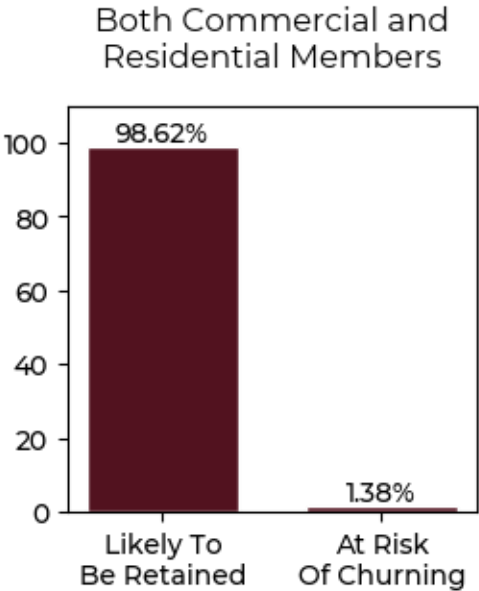
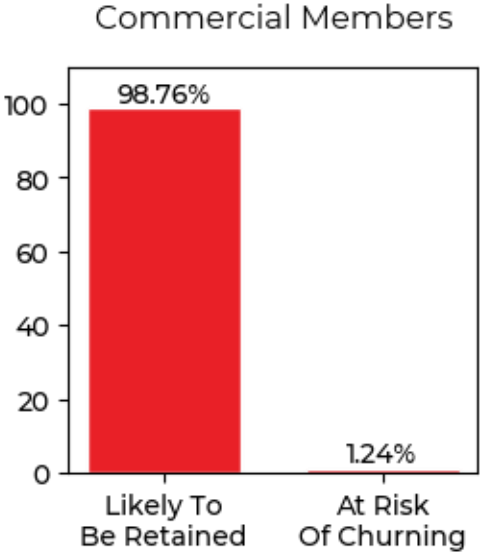
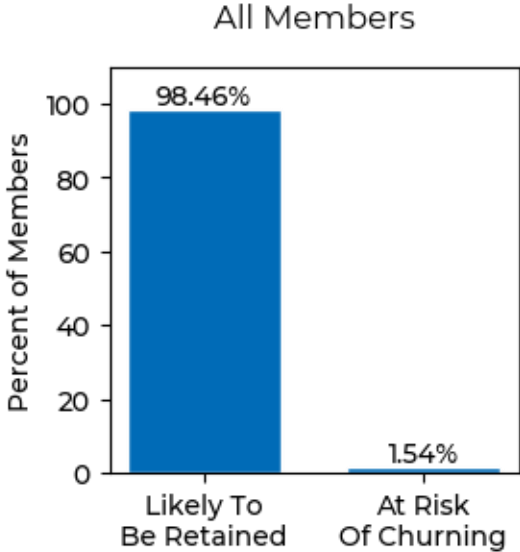
- **46% of dual specialists operate in cities with a population between 6 and 8 million residents**

# MEDIAN ANNUAL HOME PRICE



- **48% of dual specialists operate in cities where the median annual home price is between \$350-\$400,000**

# COMMERCIAL RETENTION



- Commercial members had the greatest retention rate of all specialties and were the least likely to churn in the next year

# OUTREACH

Since the release of the report in January 2020, the Data Science Team has reached out to the following NAR Groups:

- Research Group:
  - Data sharing and strategy development with Gay on the market analysis
  - Introduction and segmentation of commercial subgroups into survey channels
- Marketing:
  - Expansion of Commercial Digest and news lists
- Member Engagement:
  - Commercial Committee setting up a roundtable discussion on how to engage subgroups
- Member Experience:
  - Reaching out to members most at risk for leaving the business to keep them engaged
- NAR Local Associations:
  - Reaching out to 100 associations to ensure quality data collection of each of the commercial subgroups

# PARTNERSHIP WITH RPR

The Commercial Real Estate Research Advisory Board asked for a partnership with RPR

- We launched discussions in November 2019 with RPR
- Both organizations have identified a core project for phase one, RPR Usage:
  - To track user profiles of commercial members on the RPR platform and connect it with NAR member profiles, both commercial as well as residential
- Discussions underway between the groups to determine how best to share data
- Exploring additional analytical work, ideas, and strategies

# FEEDBACK & NEXT STEPS

Data Science Team wants your feedback on future projects

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How to submit feedback & suggestions?

## ADVISORY BOARD

Ask questions and make suggestions today. Follow up with Gay through the advisory board after mid-year

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## COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE

Participate in a roundtable discussion on engaging the commercial membership with the Commercial Committee



# THANK YOU



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# 2020 Report on Commercial Specialty

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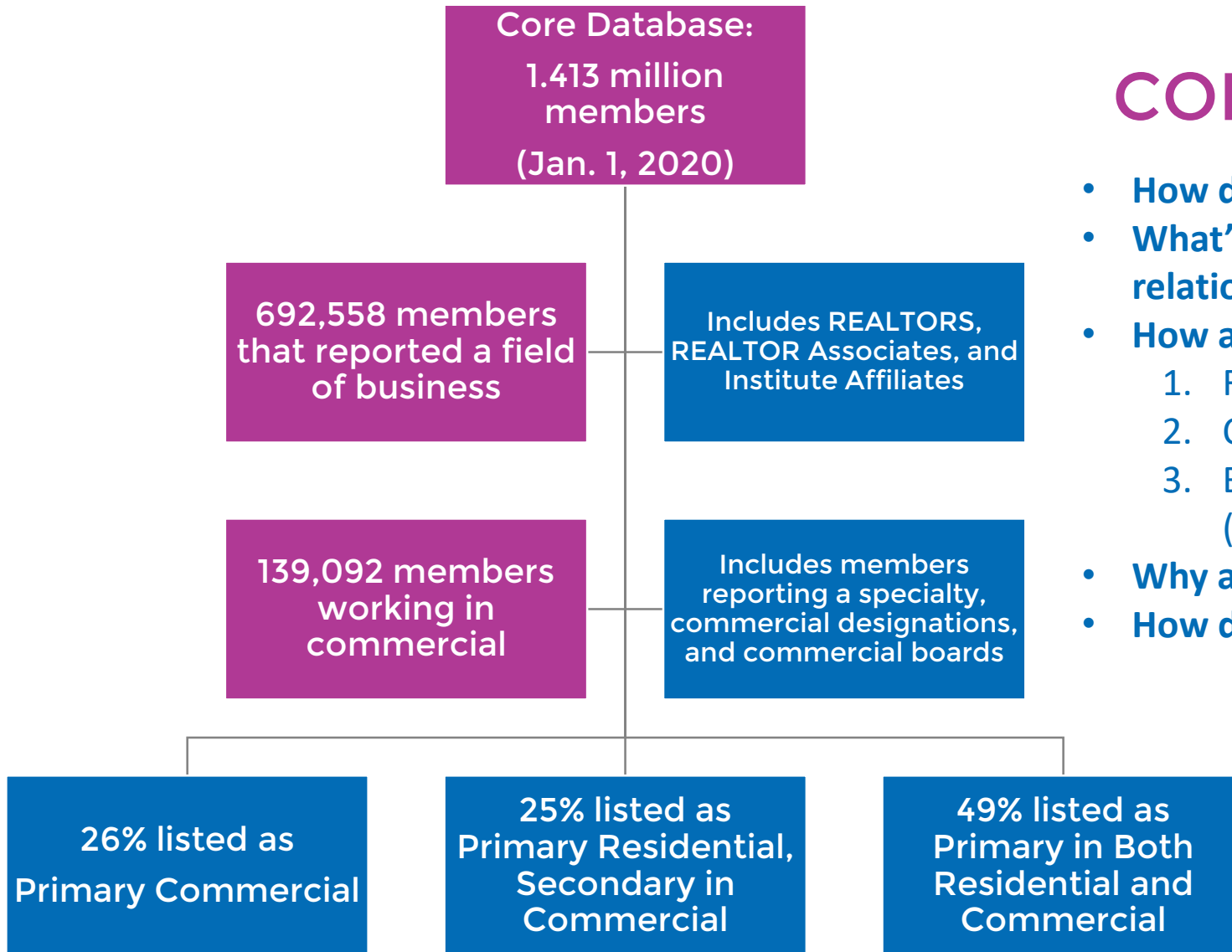
## REPORT METHODOLOGY

- In 2019, reporting the NRDS field of business become a requirement
- 158 standardized fields of business:
  1. Residential (100-199 and 411)
  2. Commercial (200-299 and 410)
  3. Both residential and commercial specialties (301-302)
- Membership data was pulled from production on January 1, 2020
- Contained an aggregate number of 692,558 members reporting a primary field of business, or 49% of the 1.413 NAR membership
- 139,092 members working in commercial real estate



# TOTAL COMMERCIAL MEMBERS

- How do we find these members?
- What's the breakdown of commercial members in relation to all NAR members?
- How are they coded in the database?
  1. Residential (100-199 and 411)
  2. Commercial (200-299 and 410)
  3. Both residential and commercial specialties (301-302)
- Why are the numbers important?
- How do they differ from other data sources?



# NAR DATA SCIENCE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## About Us

- Our goal is to promote data science, artificial intelligence, and related fields in the context of real estate to strengthen REALTOR® technology, research, education, and practice
- In January 2020, the Data Science Team became part of the larger Information Technology group in order to capture synergies with NAR's technology transformation and modernization program