Potato trends in a Modern Market

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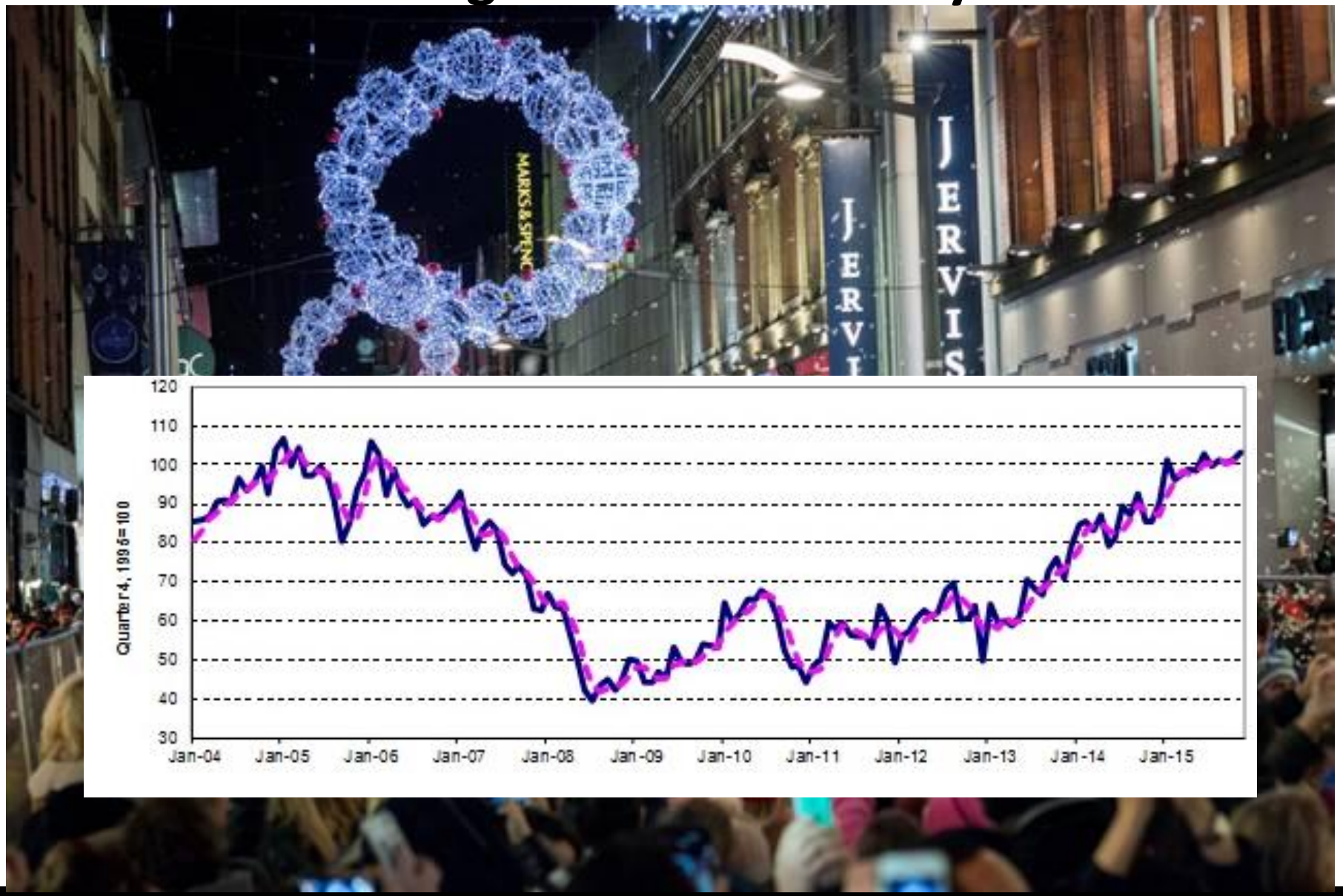
Sentiment at its highest since January 2006



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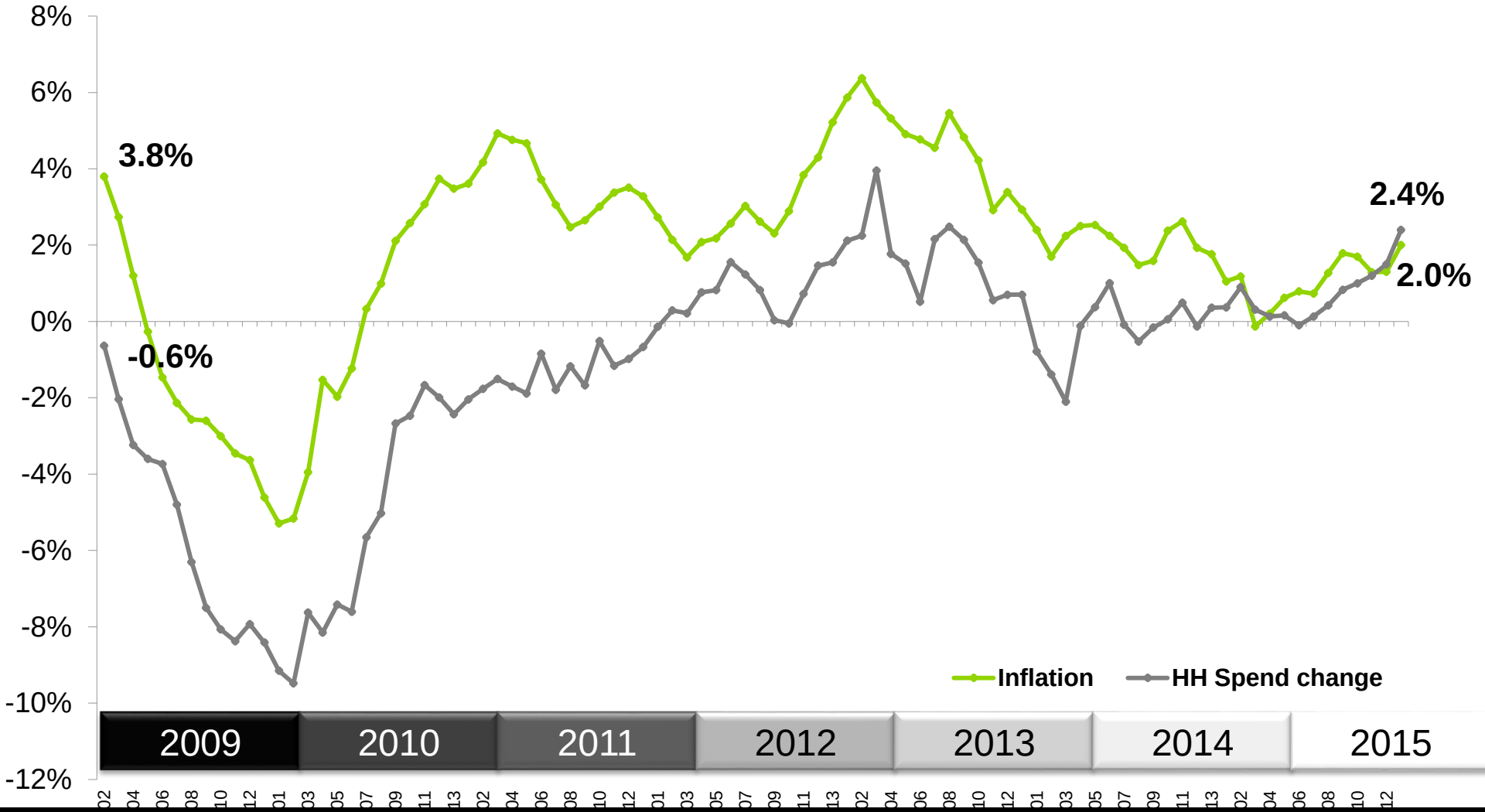
ROI market growth vs. inflation



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Grocery inflation across 38,000 items

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Shoppers relaxed the purse strings this Christmas

	2015	2016
More Trips?	+0.8 trip	-0.2 trip
Average spend	+2.2%	+3.6%
Volume Bought	+2%	+1%
Trip Spend	-2.3%	+5.5%
Price Paid	NC	+2.6%

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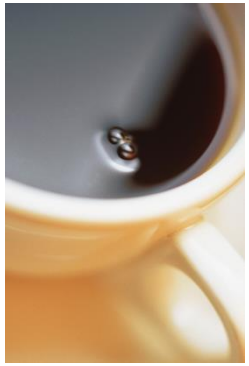
Battle between treat and health categories…



KWP Total Grocery Data 4 weeks to 4th Jan 2015 – growth +5% within Top Markets

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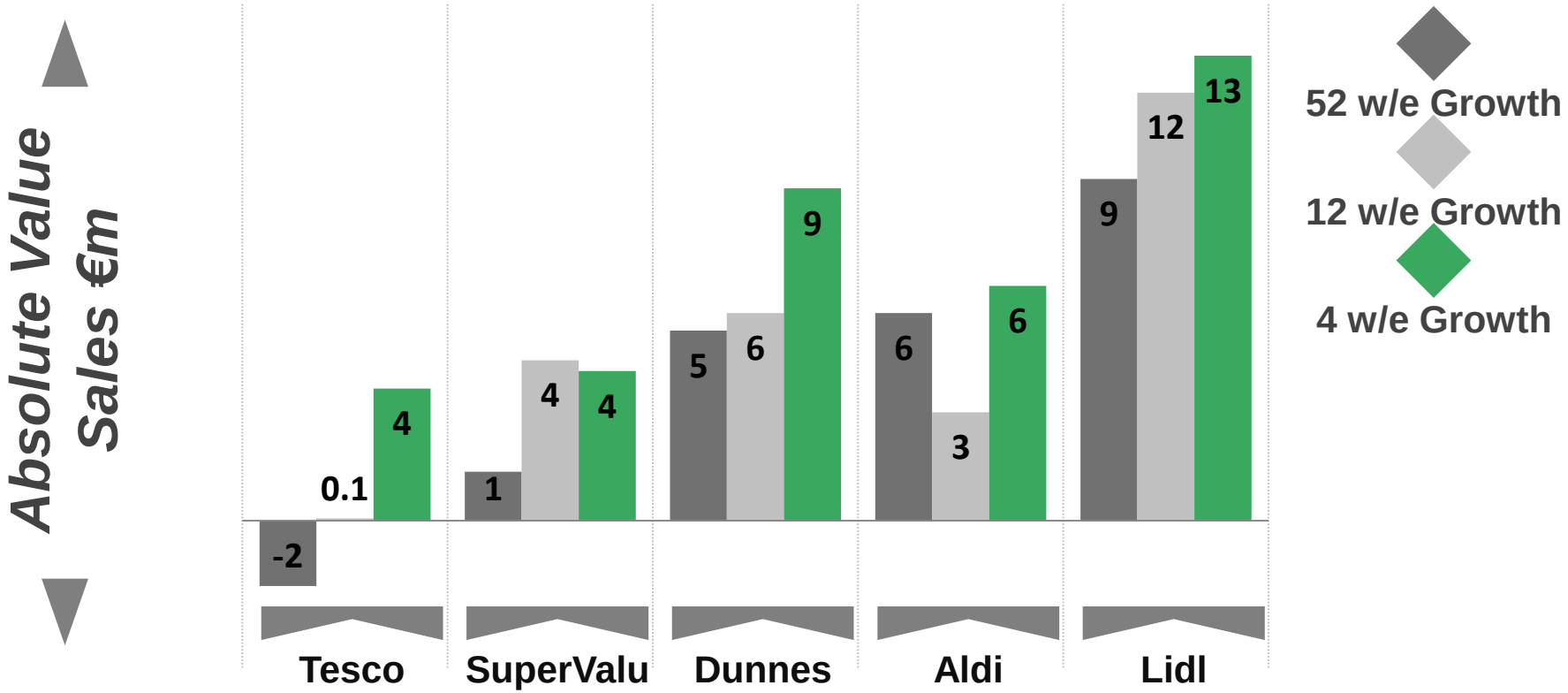
Strong momentum across the retail sector



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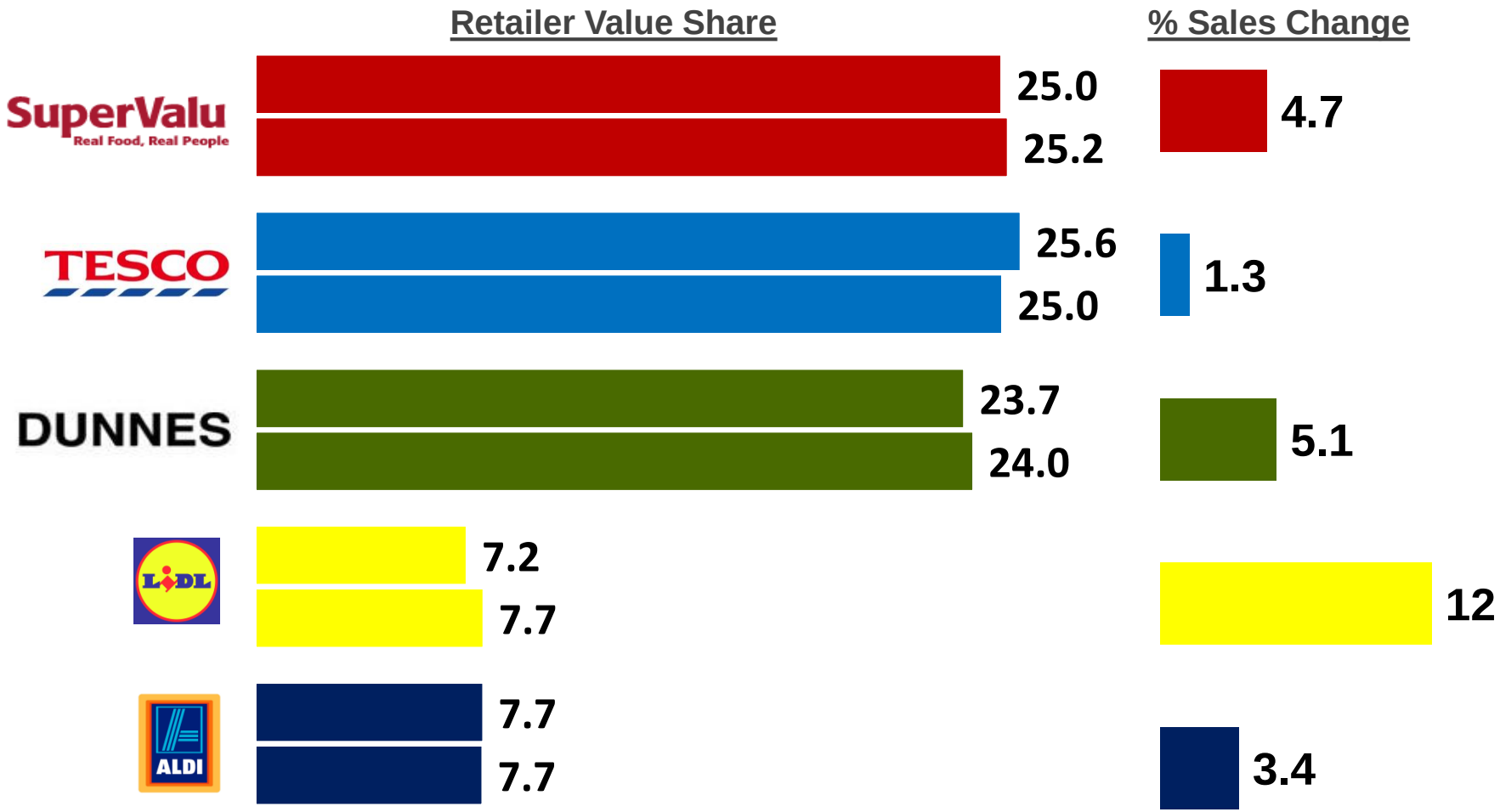
SuperValu claimed top spot at Christmas with a slight edge over Tesco



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143 million* packs of potatoes sold in 2015

Potatoes are bought once every 2 seconds in Irish Retailers

1.65 million households purchasing annually

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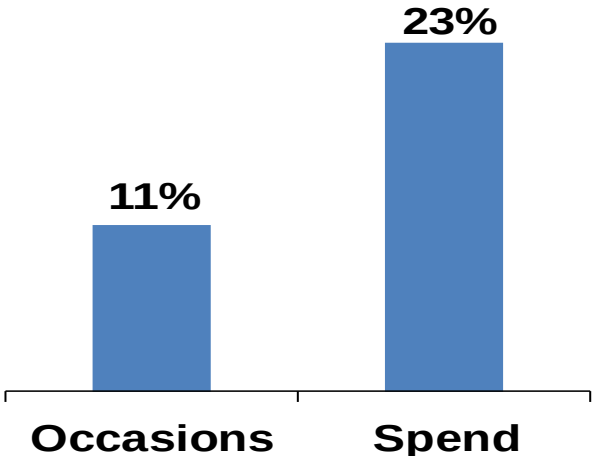
11% of all shopping trips feature potatoes. These trips contribute 23% of all sales. When potatoes are included in the basket, these grocery trips are worth more than average highlighting the importance of the potato category to retailers



€19.80

€46.70

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% of households buying (penetration)…

#1		100%
#2		99%
#3		99%
#4		99%
#5		98%
#6		97%
#7		97%
#8		97%

From a shopper perspective Potatoes are the 8th most important category in store

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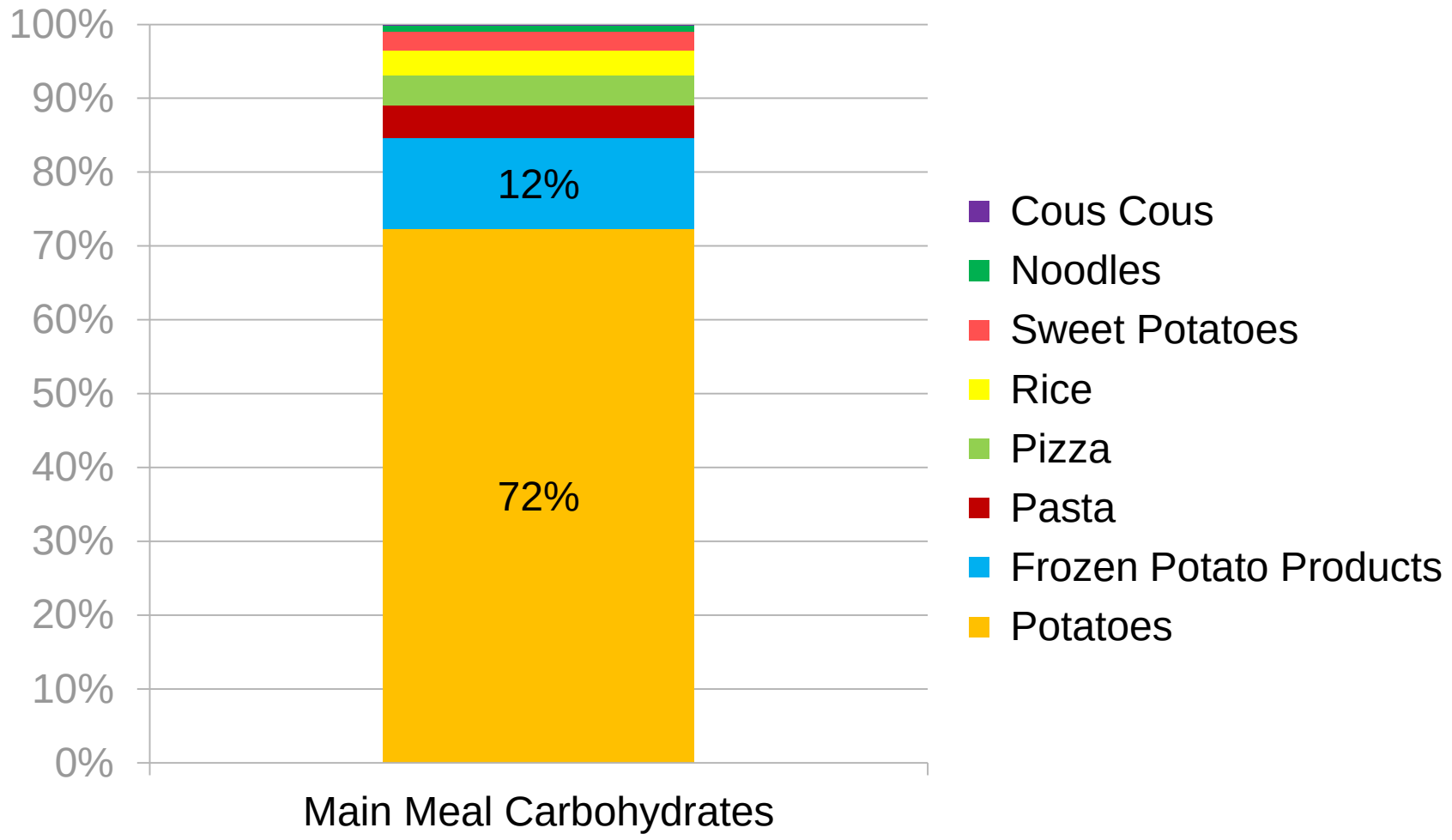
Potatoes and Frozen Potato Products together account for 84% of main meal carbs

52 w/e | % Volume Share (kgs)



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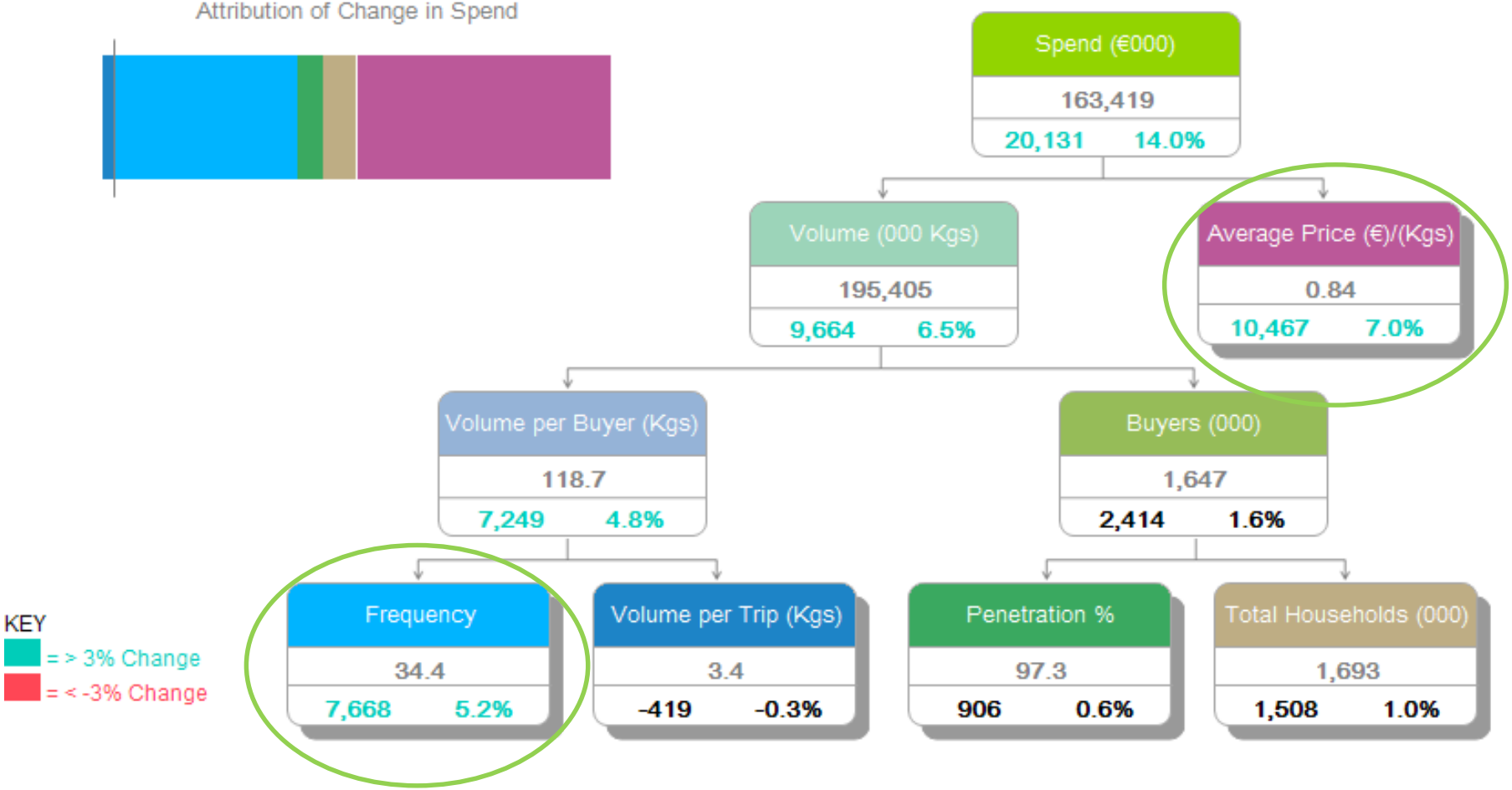
Potato sales are up from last year as a result of price increases and shoppers making more trips to buy.

03-Jan-16 vs. Previous Year

Potatoes | Total Outlets | 52 w/e | Previous Year



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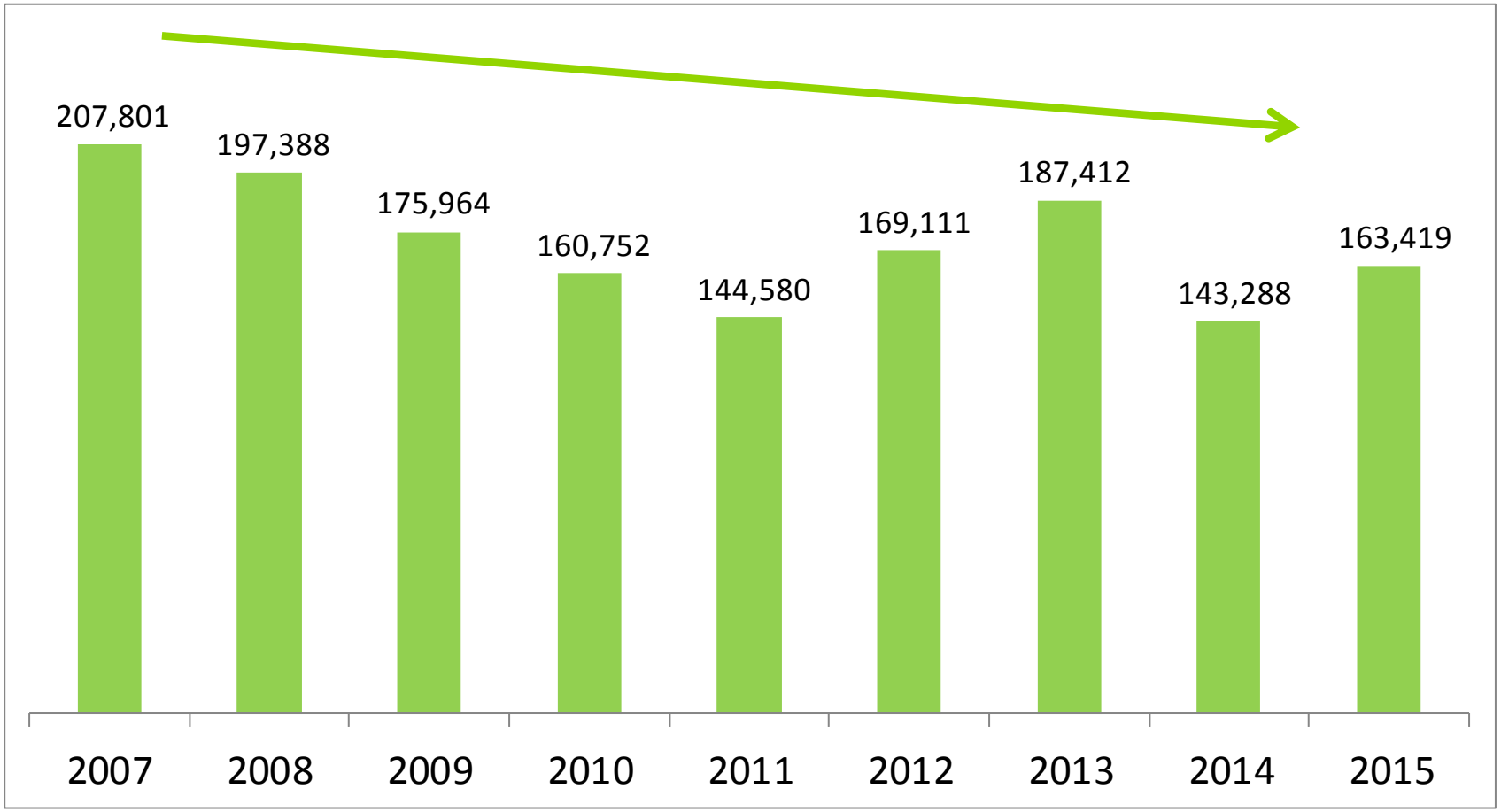
After a drop in 2014 Potato sales have recovered again in 2015 but are still below 2007/8 levels

€ 000 Value Sales



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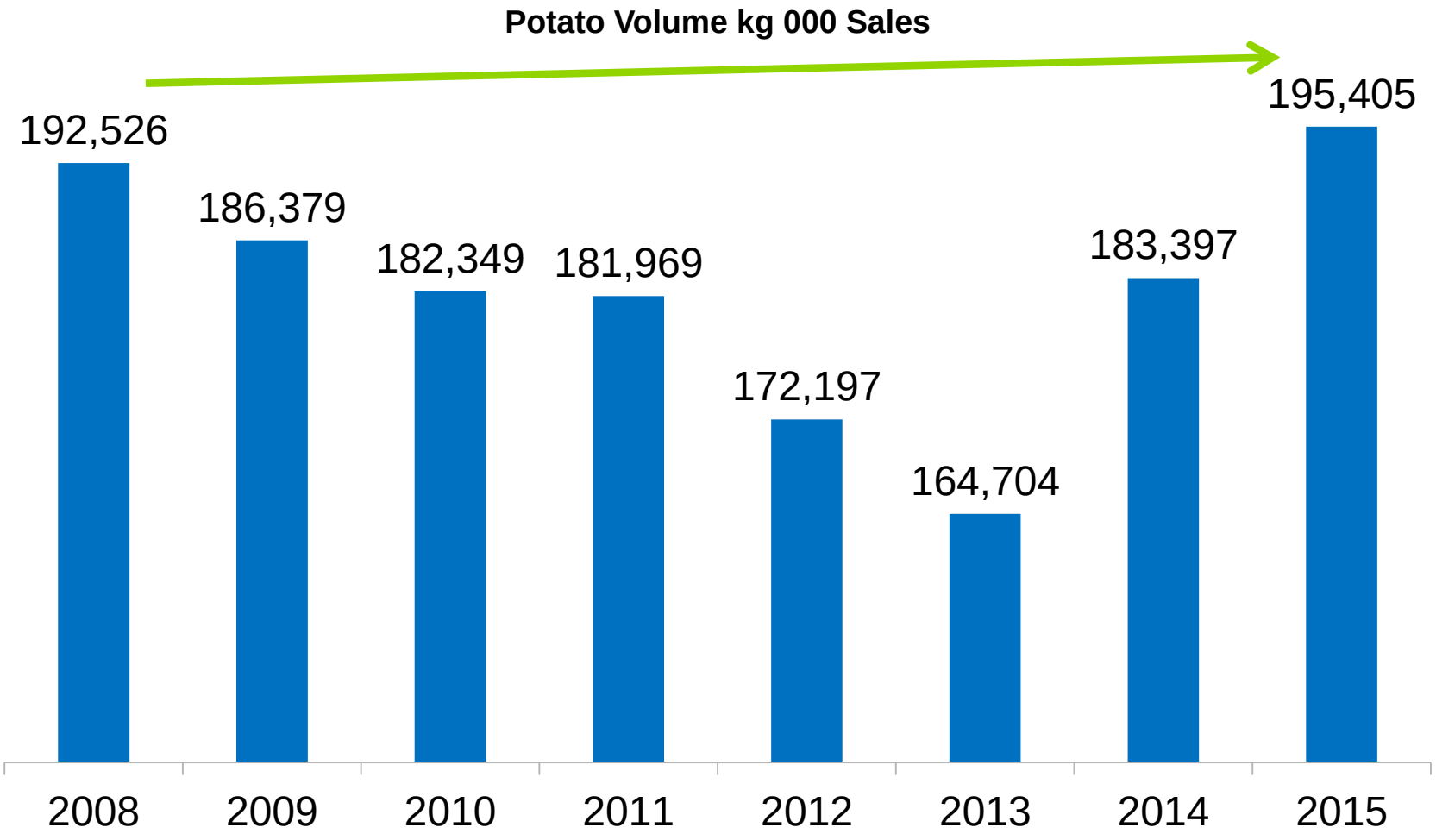
In volume terms however, Potatoes are back to 2008 levels with a strong recovery in the last two years



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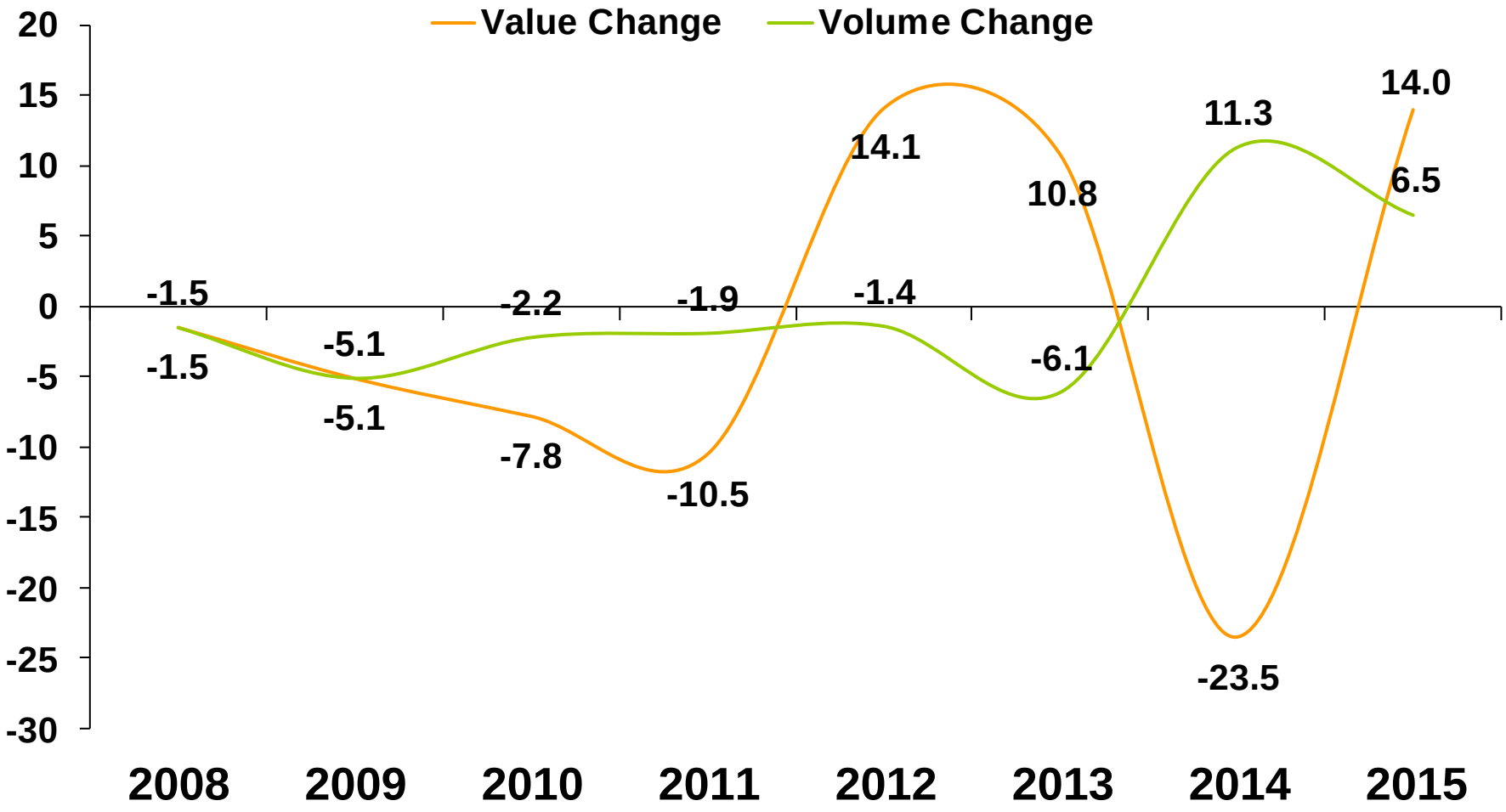
For the first time in 7 years, Potatoes saw growth in both Value and Volume terms in 2015



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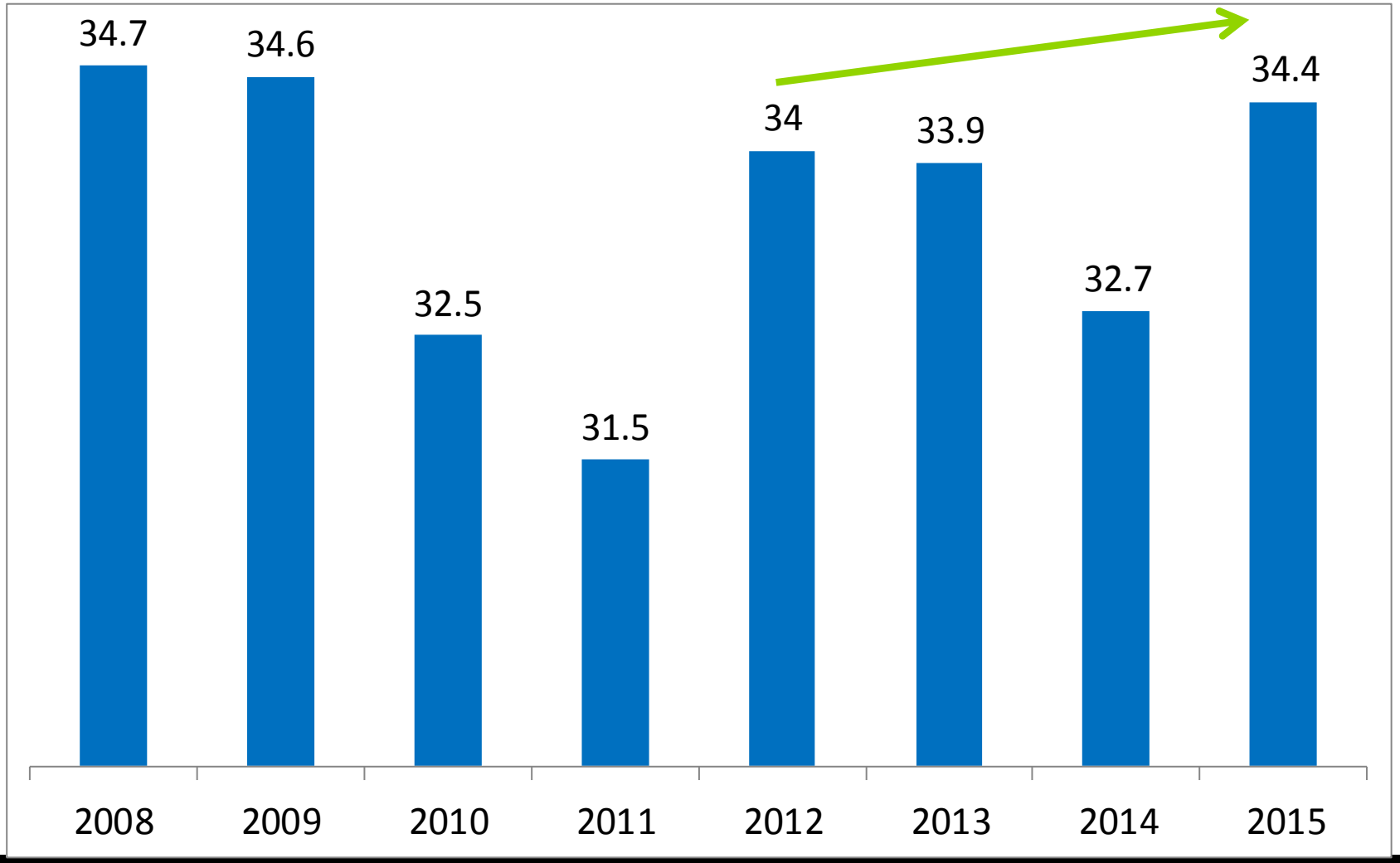
Frequency of purchase has recovered since lows of 2011 and last year's dip with shoppers now buying Potatoes more than 34 times a year – in line with 2008/9 levels



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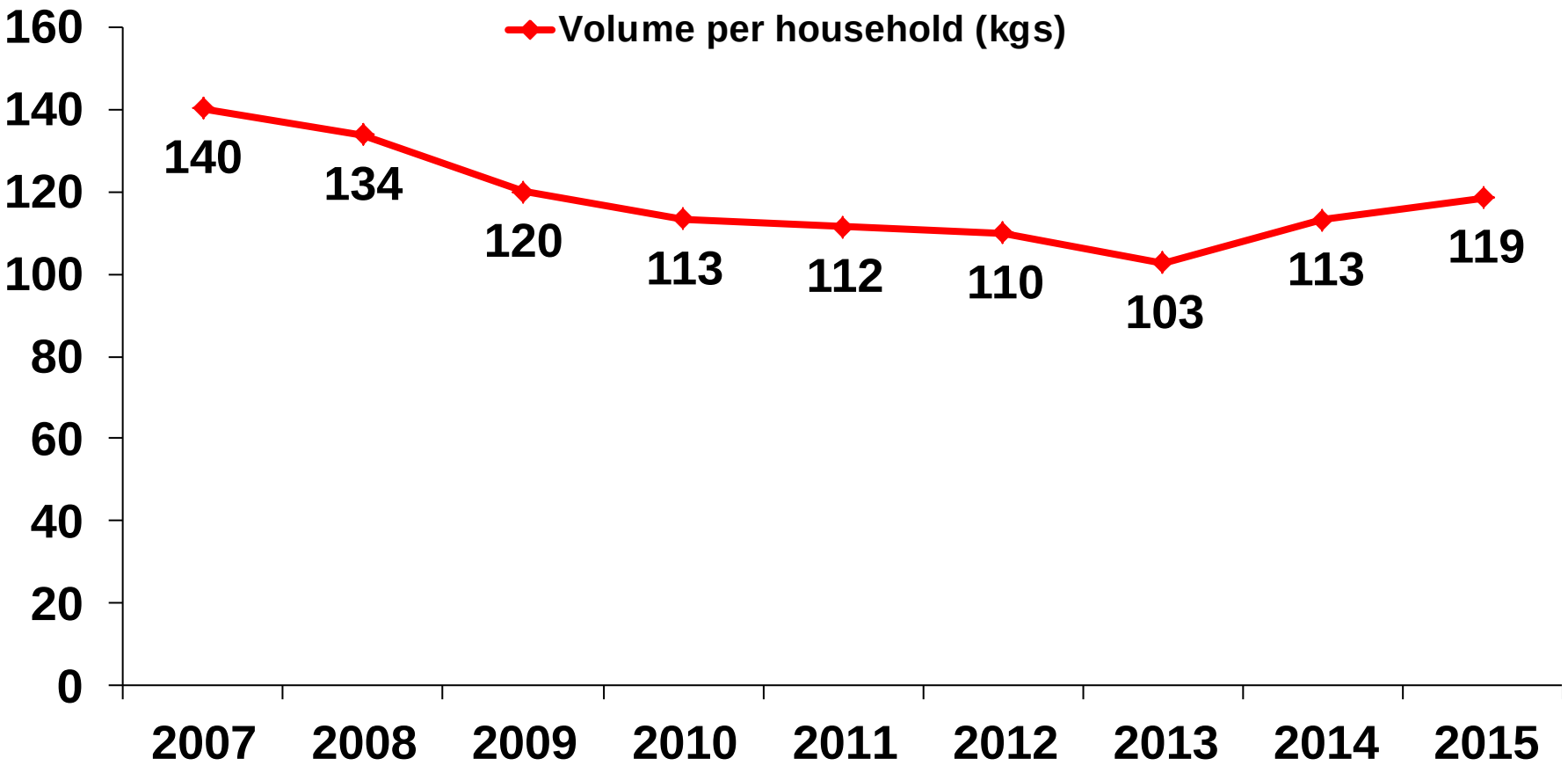
Since 2013 we have also seen recovery in the volumes that households buy – as they are willing to purchase more potatoes on each trip but this remains much lower than 2007/8 levels



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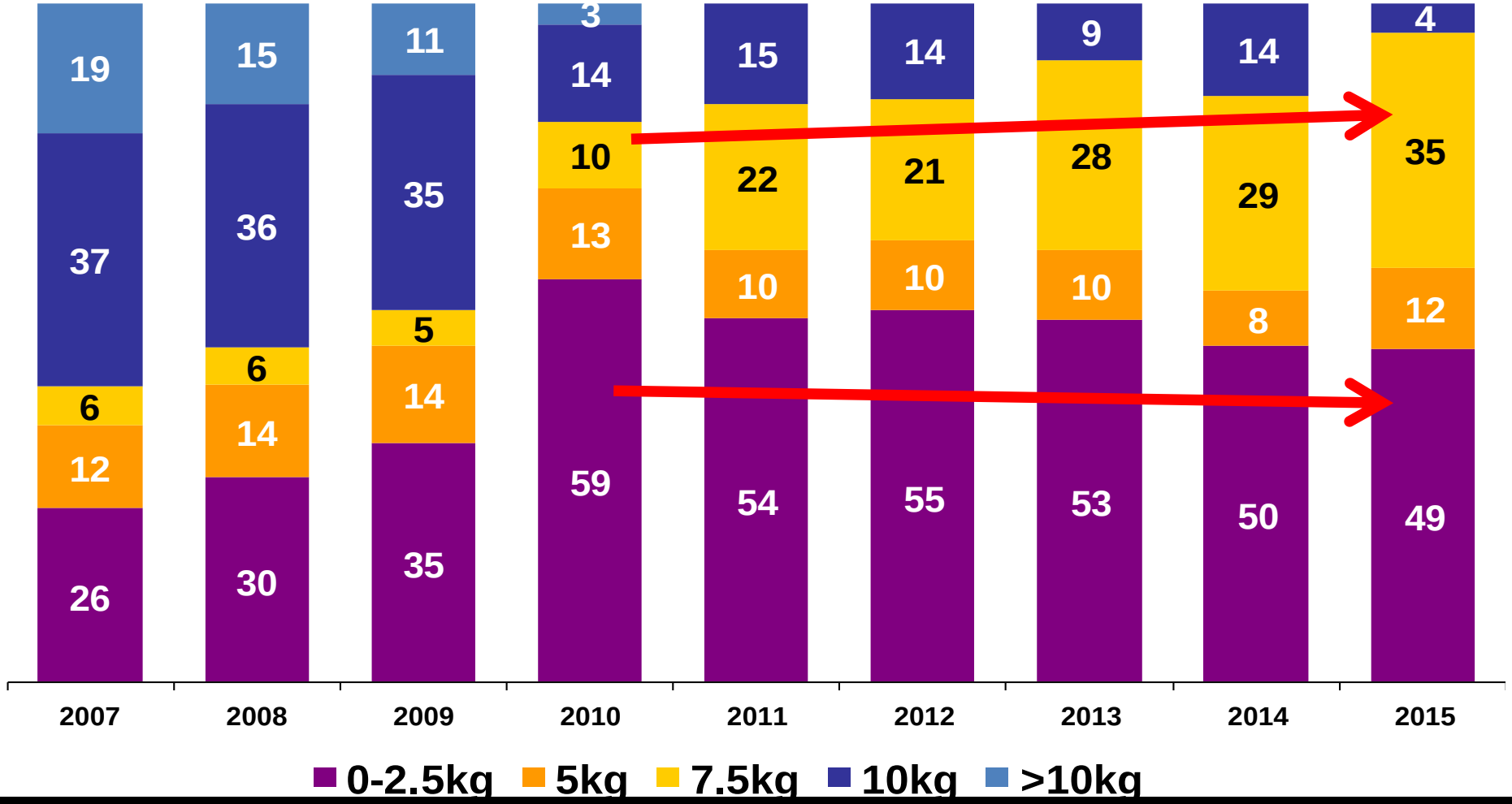
The trend towards less than 2.5kg packs has reversed with 7.5kg packs now at 35% share and growing steadily

% volume share



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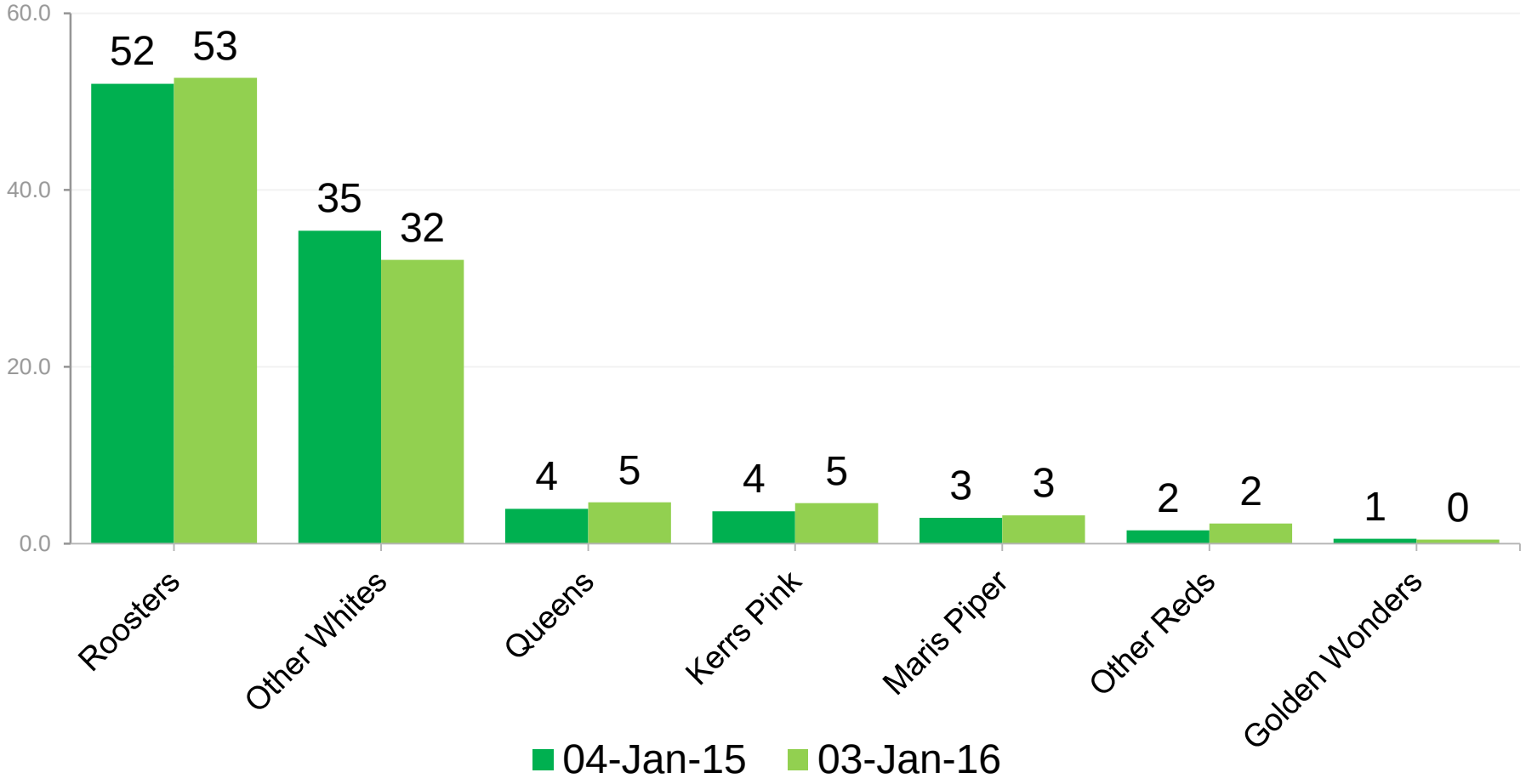
In volume terms Roosters have a clear lead and over 50% of the category sales. Queens & Kerr Pinks are also growing share

Product % of Category Volume | Actual | Total Outlets | 52 w/e



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Roosters and Queens are winning more trips, this along with price increases for these types is driving market growth

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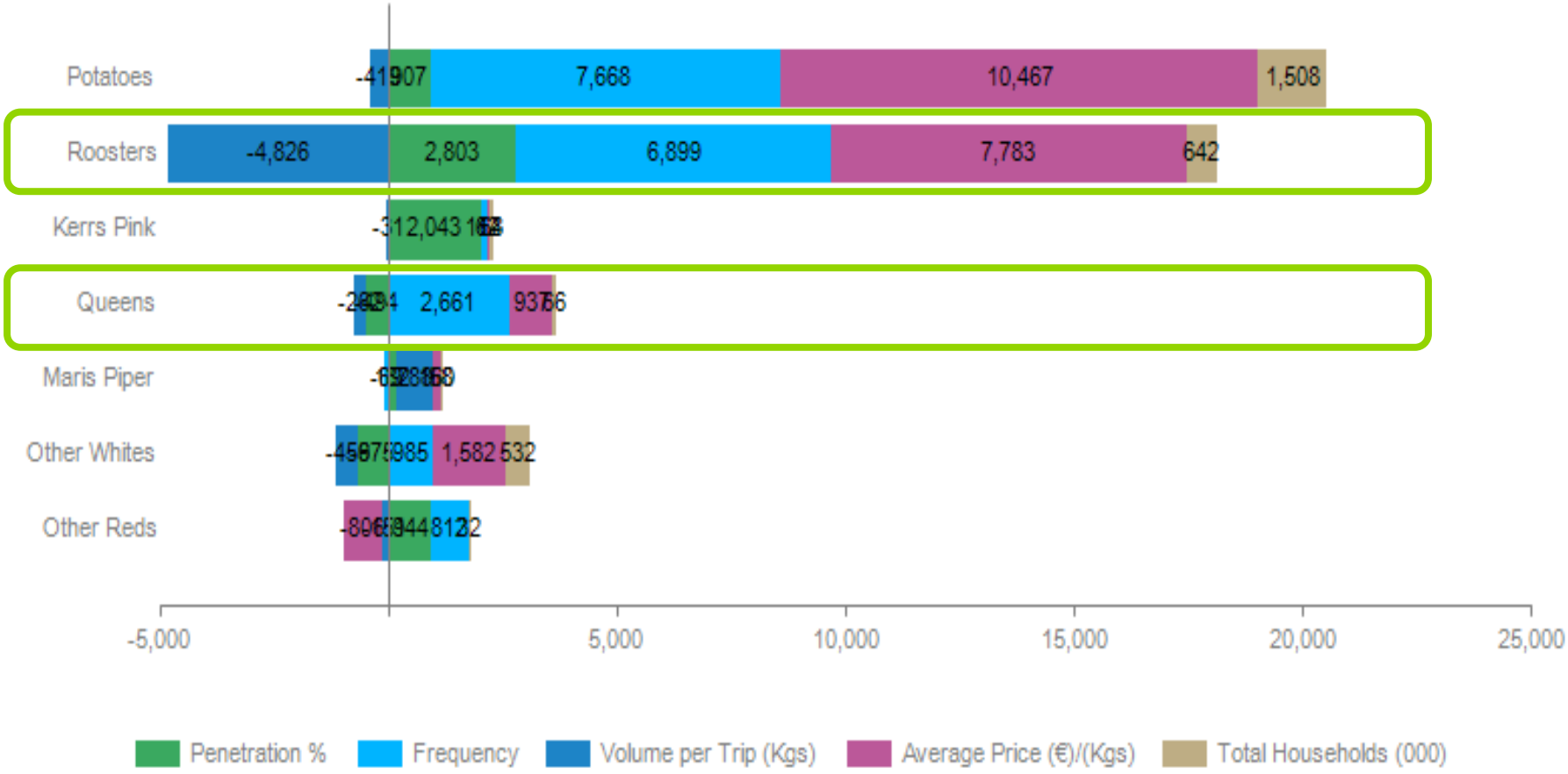
Total Outlets | 52 w/e | Previous Year



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Where are the retailer opportunities?

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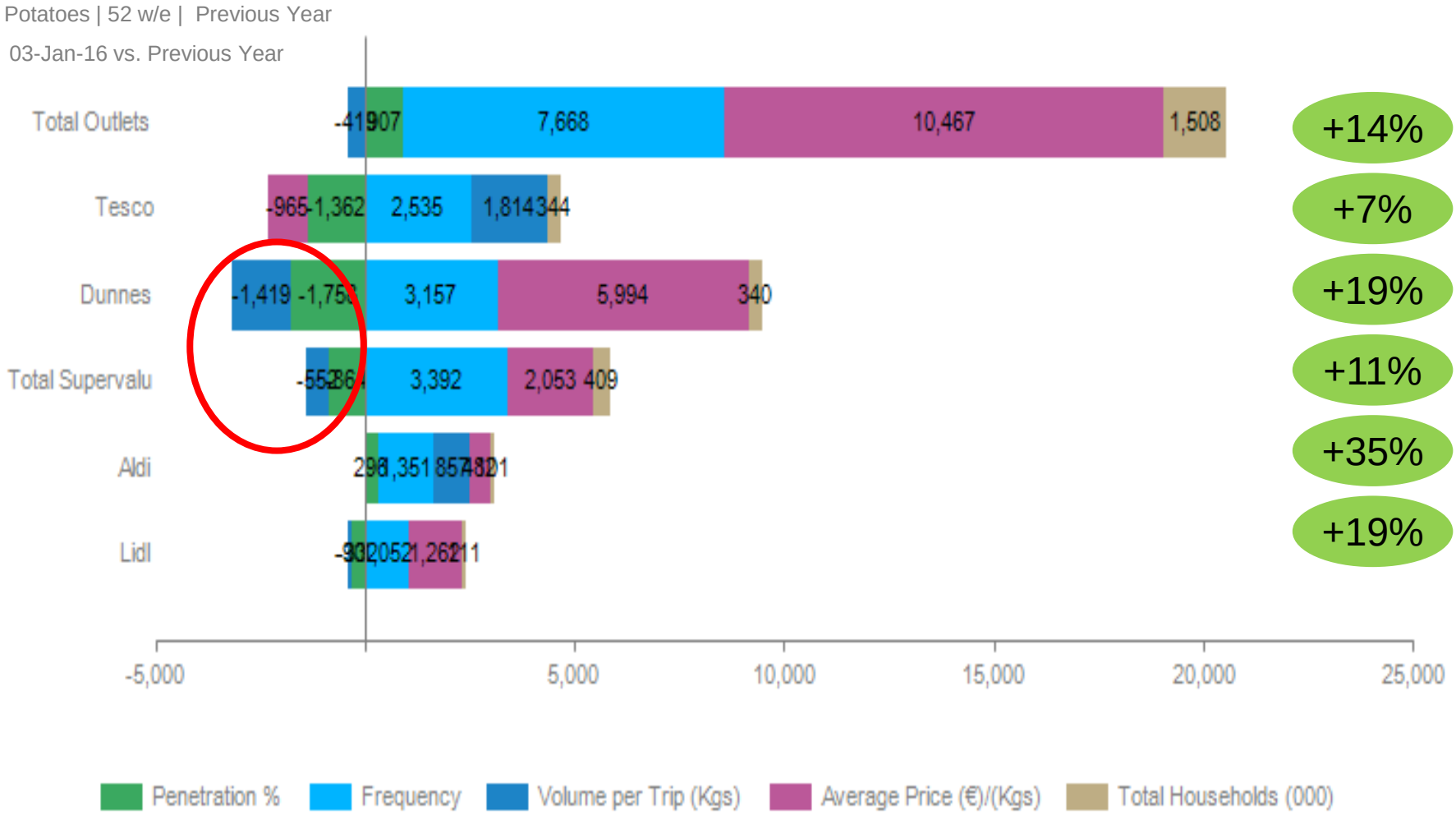
Discounters are making strong gains in the market. Tesco, Dunnes and SuperValu are all losing Potato shoppers. Dunnes and SuperValu are also losing volumes per trip



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What are the opportunities for Potatoes?

Recruit back lost shoppers & improve volumes per trip

Under-trading vs Fruit & Veg overall – win back shoppers & increase volume per trip

Under-trading vs Total Grocery – win back shoppers & look at increasing prices

Under-trading vs Fruit & Veg – focus on shopper conversion

Under-trading vs Fruit & Veg – focus on shopper conversion

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Which shoppers should we focus on?

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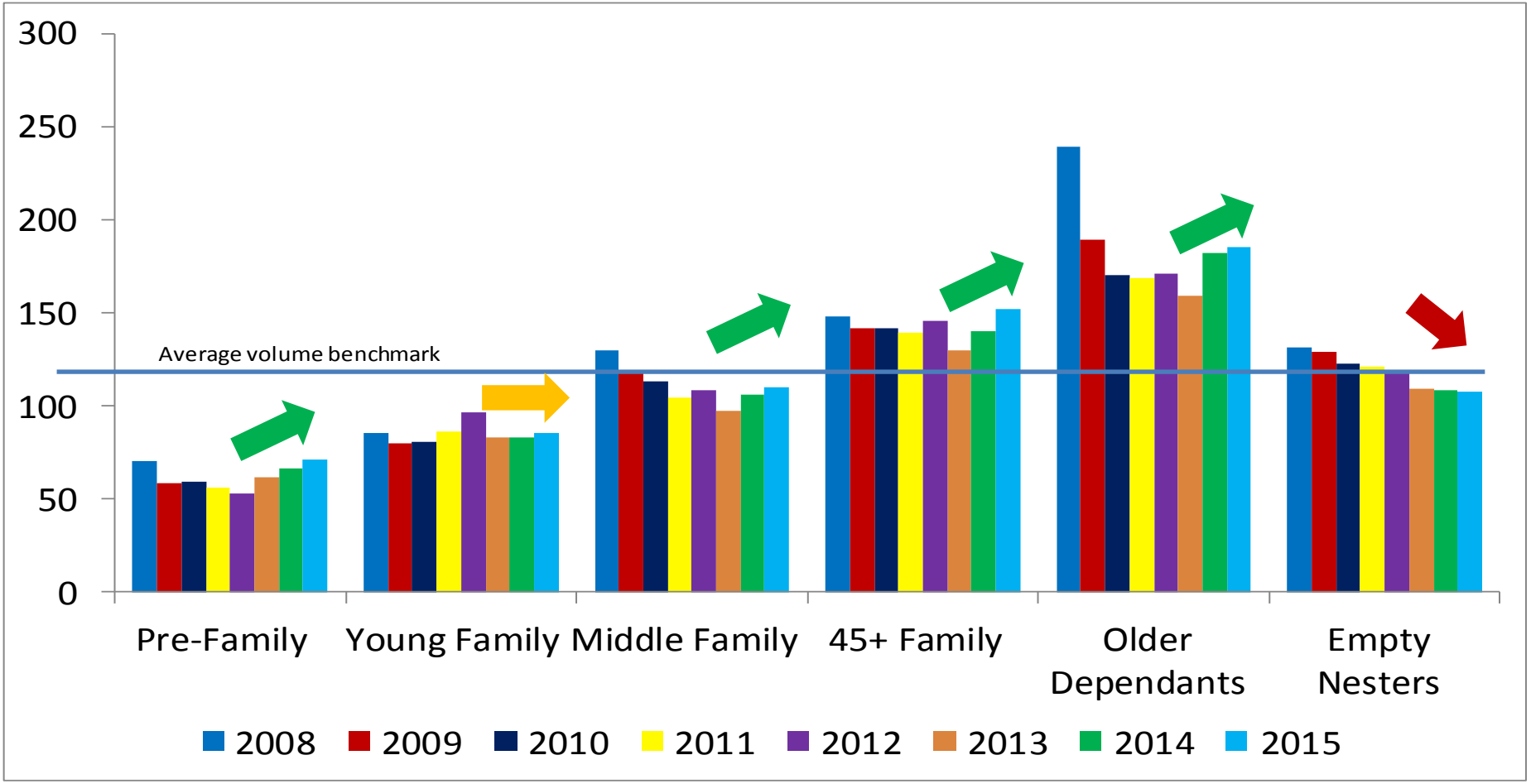
Pre-Family households have increased their volumes since 2012 but are still below the market benchmark. Young Families remain flat while Empty Nesters are decreasing



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Are other carbs stealing share from Potatoes?

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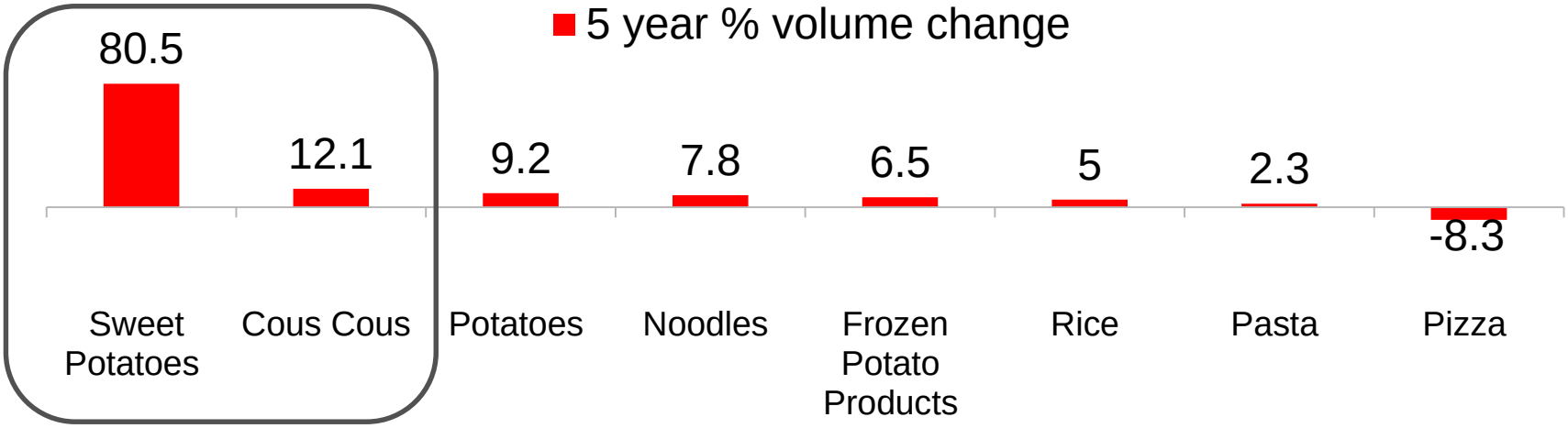
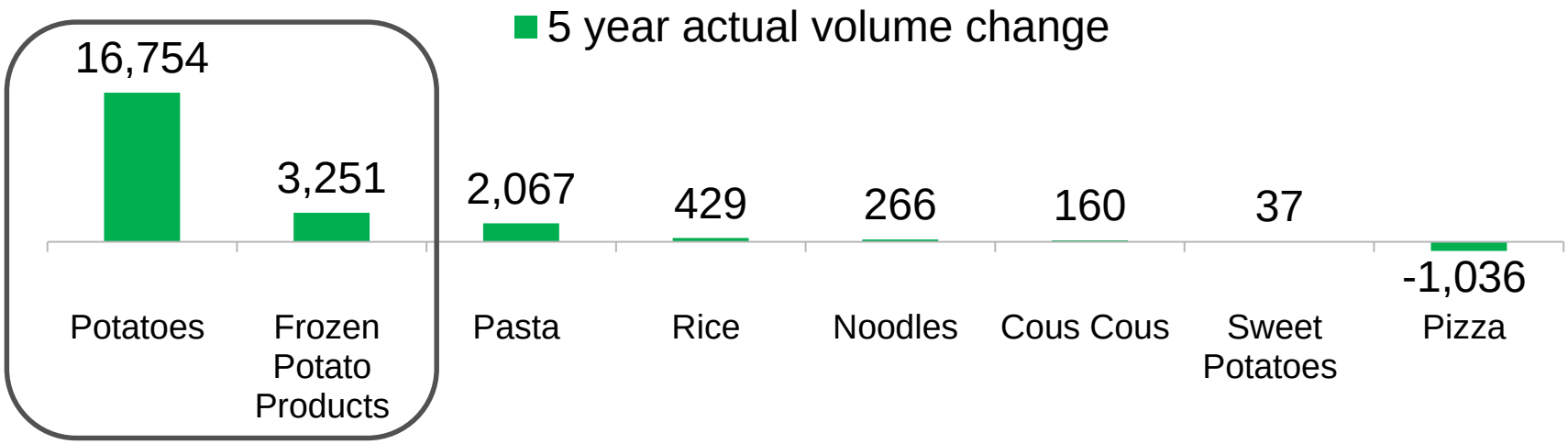
In % terms Sweet Potatoes and Cous Cous see strong growth but if we look at actual volumes Potatoes are contributing the most growth both in fresh & frozen processed





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Volume switches show shoppers moving less spend directly to other carbs

49k

90k

74k

3k

14k

7k

9k

Pack switch 52we 3rd Jan 2016

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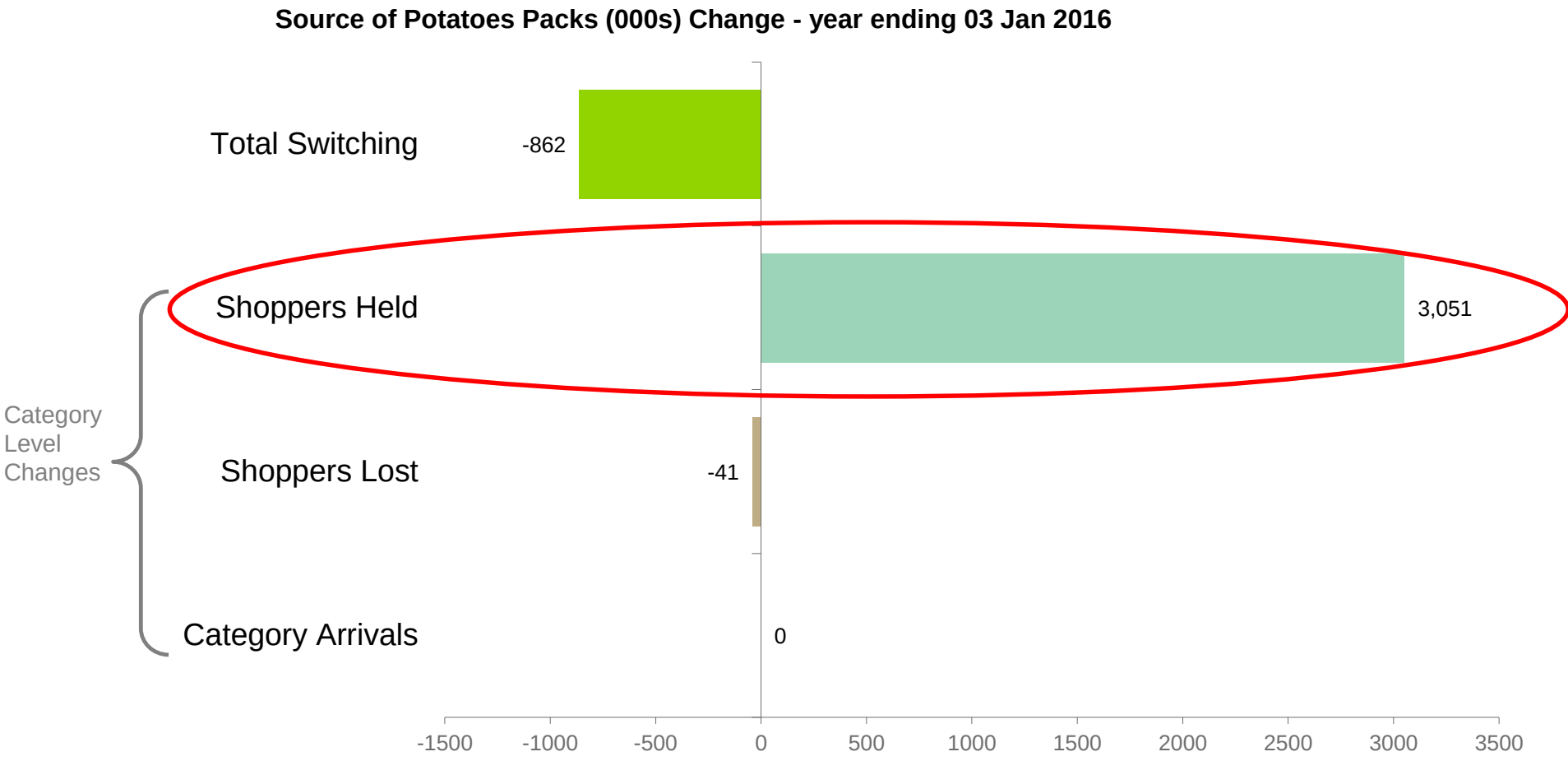
Although Potato sees some switching losses spend with existing shoppers has increased as more packs are purchased YoY



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Health remains high on shoppers' agenda

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Children from less well-off backgrounds only half as likely to be diagnosed, study finds

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Birds Eye launches social media inspired Potato Shapes

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UK food brand Birds Eye is launching Mashtags this month, a new product inspired by social media.

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McCain leads the pack on NPD

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An eye on the competition

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Where to from here?

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Key take aways

Vital Category

Drive Footfall

Key to high € trips

Back in Value & Volume growth – prices up and shoppers returning more often

Sweet Potato in strong % growth but Potato growing more in actual volume

Potatoes now also growing ahead of Rice, Noodles & Pasta

Gaining switched volumes back from Pizza

Shopper frequency now driving growth – next step = grow volume on each trip

Growing younger shopper interest – increase focus on young families

Ensure we continue to engage older generation

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