

# LightFair International 2022 Tradeshow Findings

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# LightFair Goals and Methodology

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# Goals for Attending LightFair



Most **cost-effective** way to gather large amounts of data from market experts



Provide context to **sales data** findings



Inform **findings and analysis** in all other BPA lighting projects



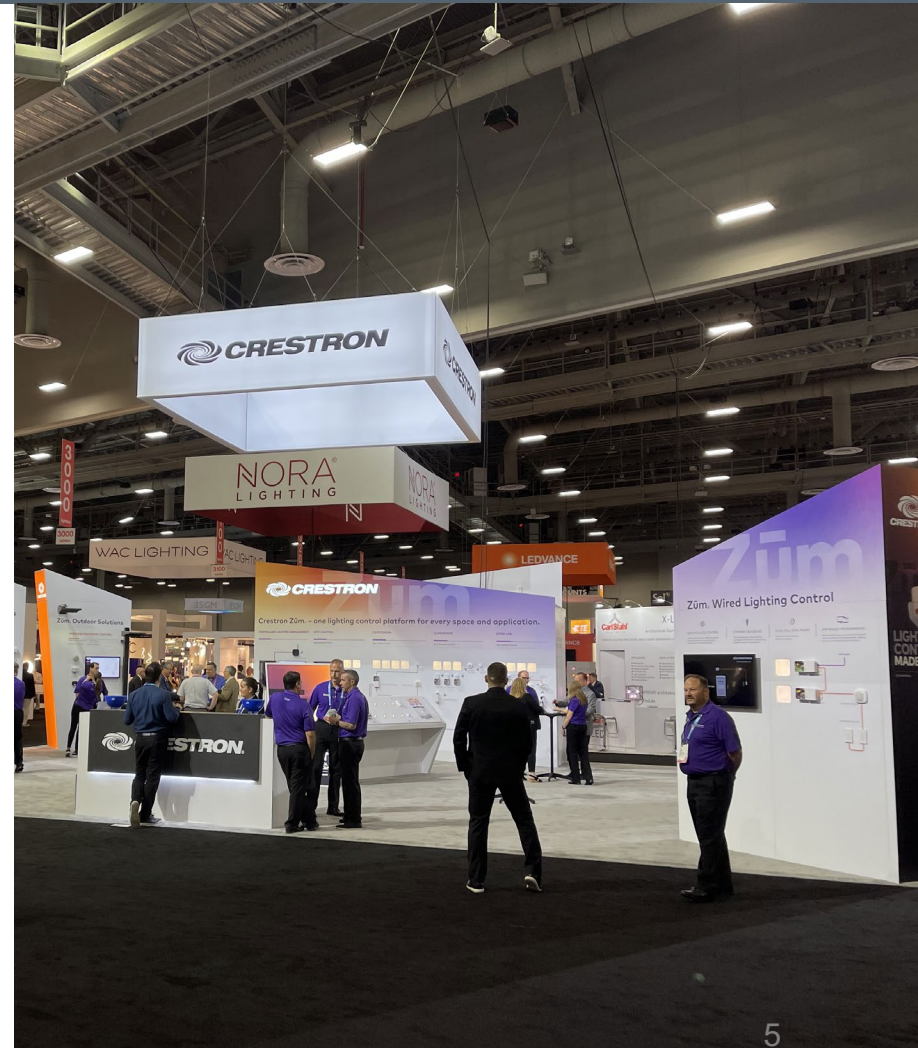
Provide context for future non-residential lighting **modeling efforts**



Observe **new trends** in the lighting market

# Methodology

- › Attended **3 days** of LightFair
- › Interviewed **22** lighting manufacturers and other industry experts
- › Information gathered through booth visits and long form interviews
- › Coordinated some visits and interviews with NEEA



# We spoke with a range of lighting industry experts

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# Reminders

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Findings are based on statements from lighting experts interviewed at LightFair



Any numbers and percentages presented are anecdotal, unless otherwise cited.

# Key Findings from LightFair

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# Key Findings



Focused on LED fixture sales, though non-LED products remain relevant

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Code and technology improvements increased controls adoption

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COVID-19 caused market actors to adjust sales strategies

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Increased costs caused market actors to reduce supply chain costs

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Market actors rely on utility programs to sell energy-efficient technology

# LED and Legacy Product Trends

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# Manufacturers are focused on LED fixture sales

- › LED fixture sales are increasingly recommended over TLEDs for retrofits and new construction
- › Fixture sales are higher in coastal areas

According to sales data collection, only **9%** of linear product sales are currently LED fixtures



# Manufacturers still value legacy product sales

› Key players in the market continue selling legacy products while market demand persists

› “We will be the last one standing in that space”

*Large international manufacturer of lighting and controls products*

“Legacy” products are all non-LED products

According to sales data collection, legacy products still make up **32%** of sales in the Northwest



# LED replacement provides opportunity for controls

Early Gen GE  
LED A-Lamp



3rd Gen GE  
Design



## Reasons for replacement

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↔ Look and feel

↔ Driver failure

↔ End of life

# Controls Trends

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# Lighting experts predict dramatic controls adoption

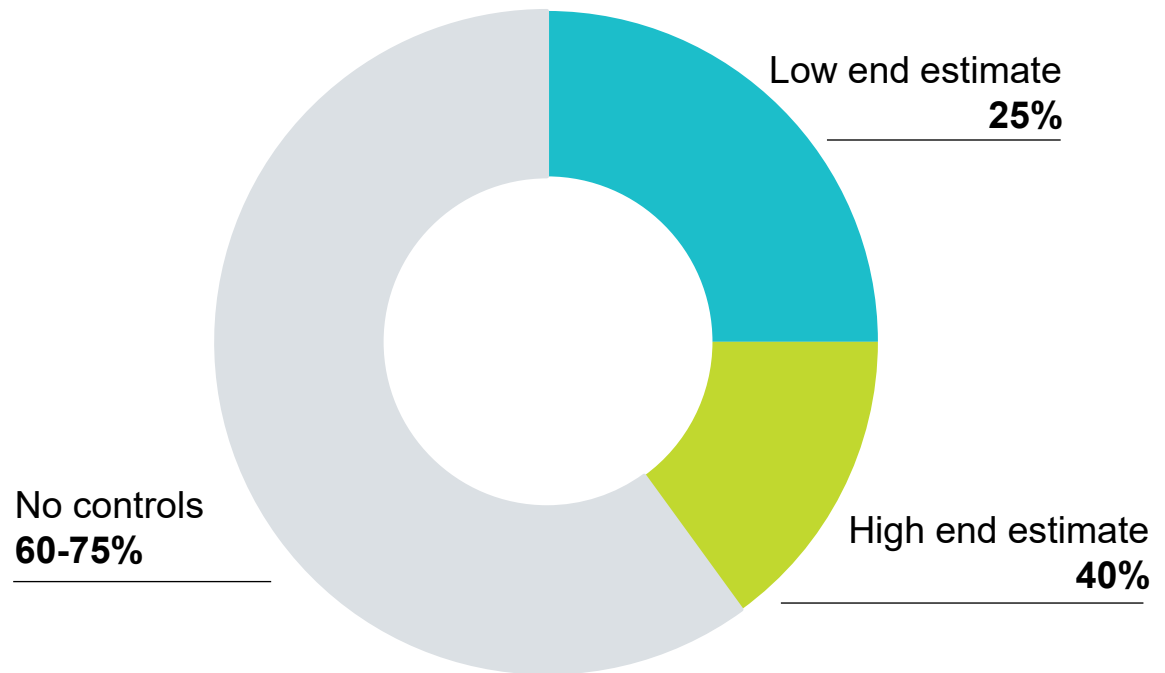
“In 10 years 100% of luminaires will be sold with controls”

*Lighting-only Manufacturer*

“In the next 5-10 years everything will have controls”

*Global Lighting and Controls Manufacturer*

ESTIMATED PORTION OF LIGHTING PROJECTS WITH CONTROLS



# Manufacturers focused on promoting wireless controls

- › Wireless controls are favored due to:
  - Ease of installation and commissioning
  - Reduction of labor and maintenance cost
  - Lower materials cost
- › One common barrier:
  - Compatibility issues due to proprietary systems



Image from memoori.com



# Within wireless, zonal controls are the most common practice

## NLC CONFIGURATION

1 sensor : many fixtures



1 load controller : many fixtures

## INDIVIDUALLY ADDRESSABLE

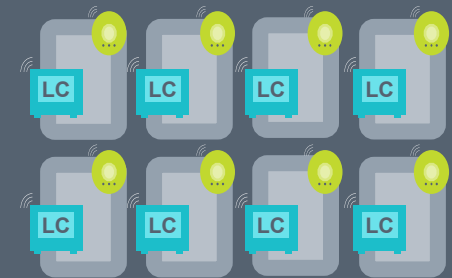
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1 load controller : 1 fixture

## LLLC

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1 load controller : 1 fixture

# Code drives controls baseline and sales trends

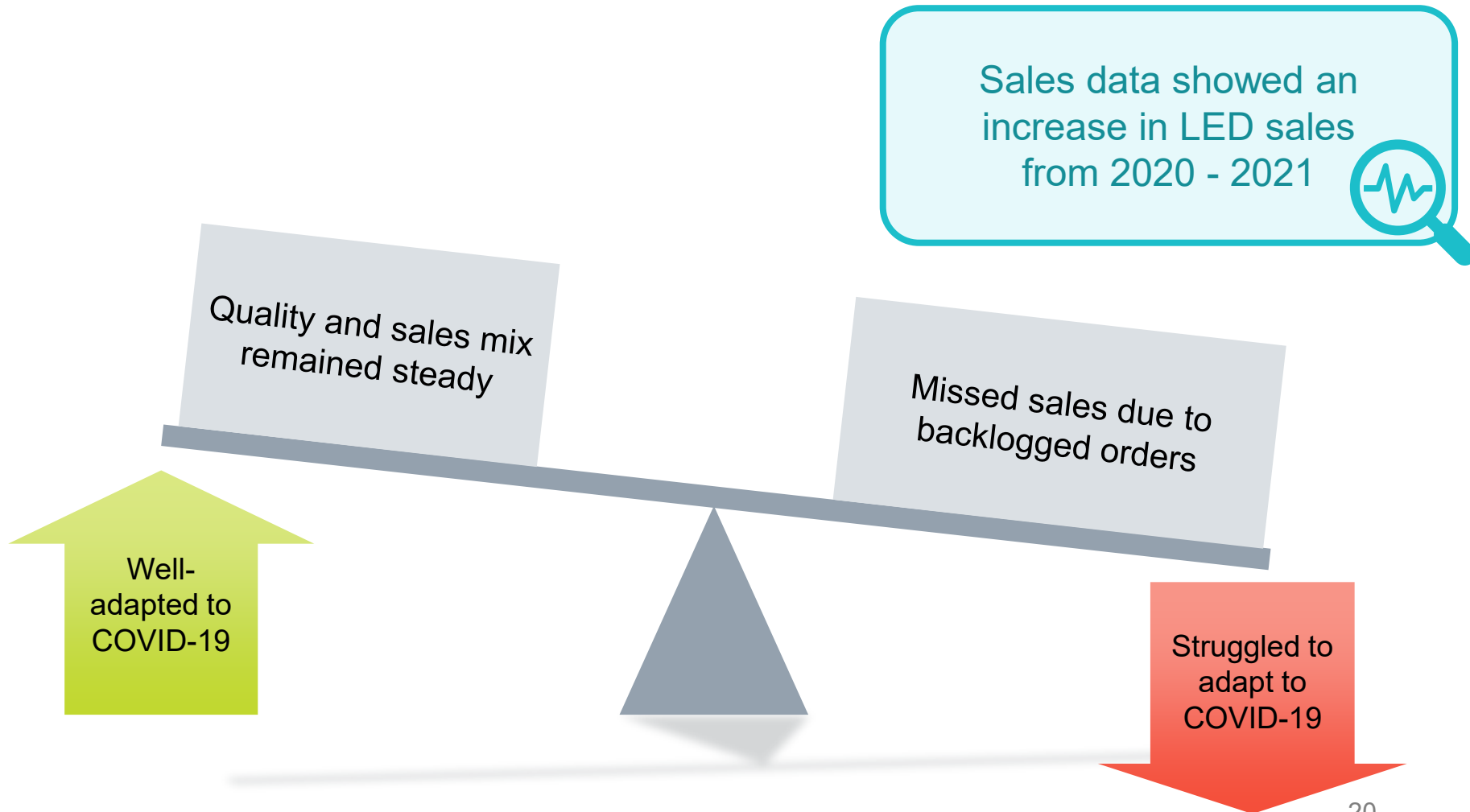
- › Without significant economic incentive, building code drives adoption
- › Building code is pushing controls in **warehouse**, **office**, and **school** applications



# Impacts of COVID-19

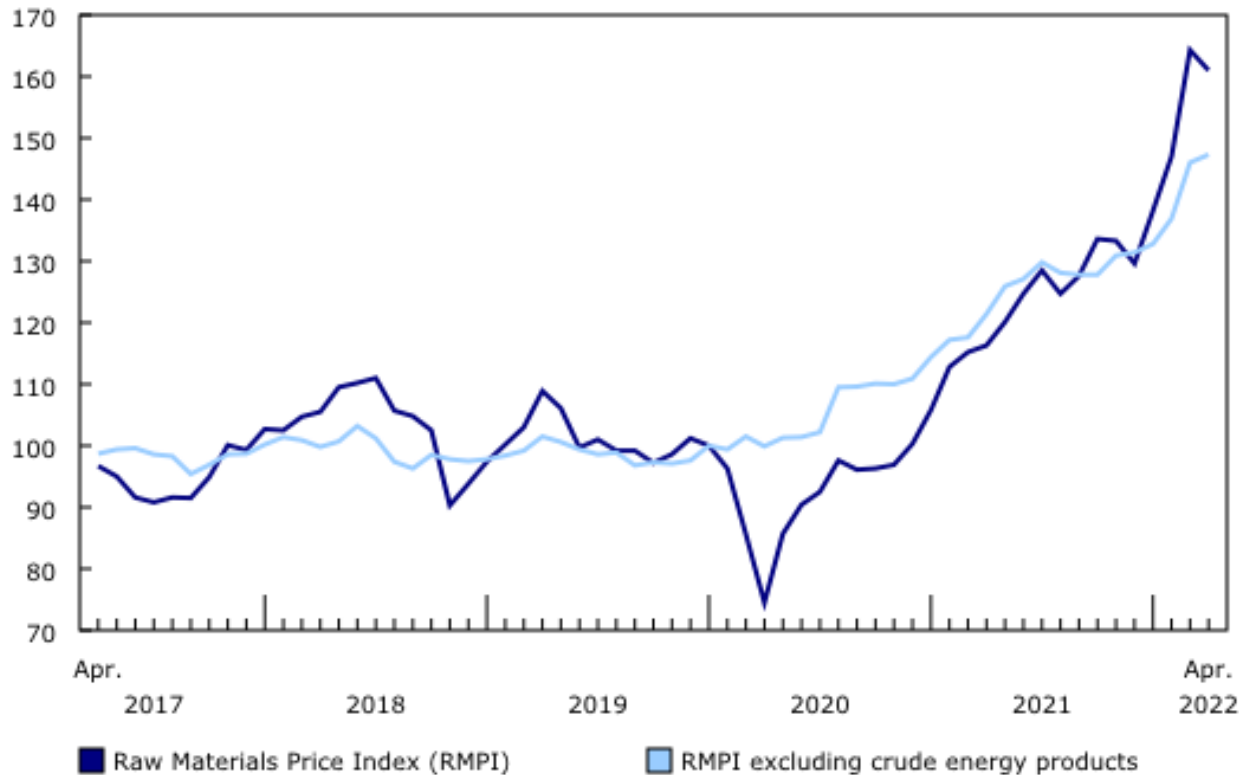
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# COVID-19 impacted each company differently



# Prices increased for most technologies

index (January 2020=100)



[www150.statcan.gc.ca](http://www150.statcan.gc.ca)

**Large  
International  
Manufacturer**

→ Reported a 50% price increase for legacy products due to cost of raw materials

# Industrial sales outperformed commercial during early COVID-19

- › Safety protocols impacted commercial more than industrial
- › Large retail companies increased production

One large international lighting and controls manufacturer saw record sales in 2020 and 2021 in industrial high bay lighting

## Drivers of industrial sales

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Amazon

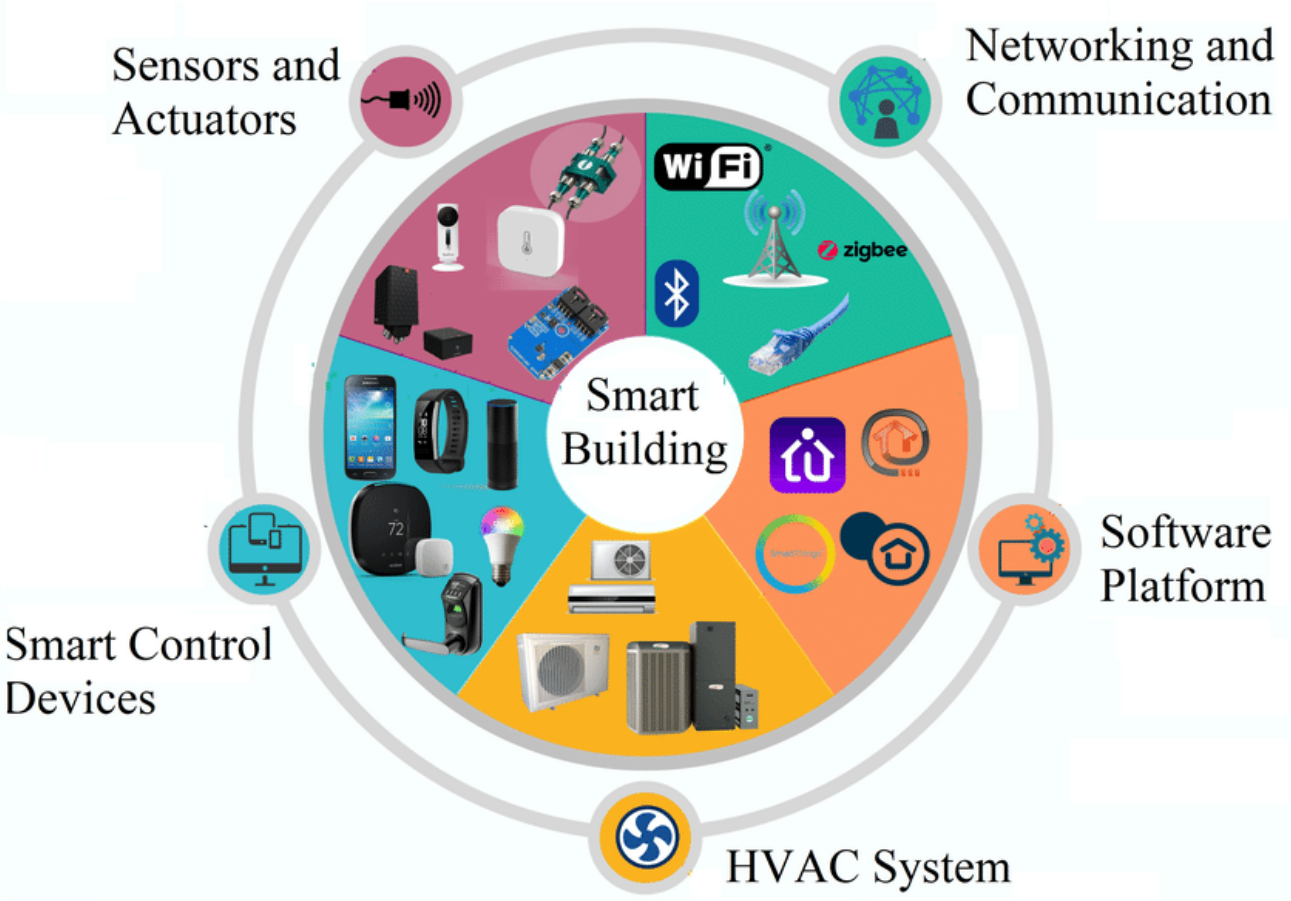


Tech industry



Auto industry

# COVID-19 provided opportunity to market advanced controls



# Supply Chain Changes





# 2022 saw large increases in shipping costs

Two different types of lighting manufacturers said:

“2022 will be known as a supply chain and freight surcharge year”

“Shipping container prices went from \$5,000 to \$25,000 during the pandemic”



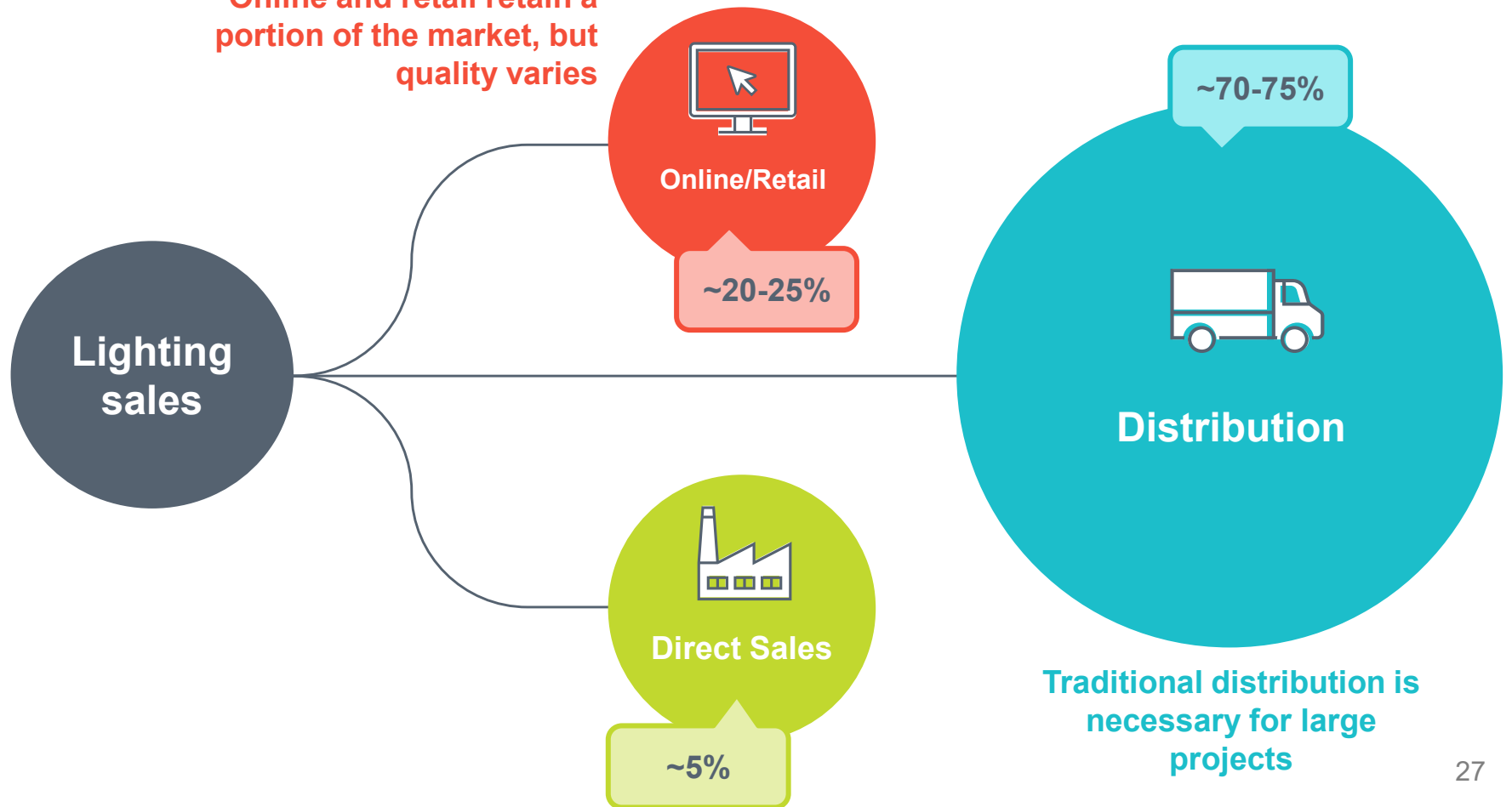
# Companies are getting creative to reduce costs

- › Some companies are designing products to fit into smaller spaces to reduce shipping costs



# Customers purchase through a variety of distribution channels

Online and retail retain a portion of the market, but quality varies



# Role of Utility Companies

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# Companies rely on incentive programs to sell their products

- › Price increases renew importance of incentive programs to sell more efficient products
  - Desire to make rebates more user-friendly for contractors
- › There is demand for LED and controls incentives

“We would love to see rebate programs give controls incentives [for first generation LED replacements]”

*Controls Manufacturer*

# Findings Implications

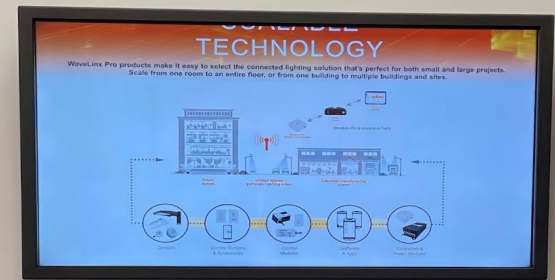
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# Despite COVID-19, lighting market continues to evolve

› Controls are growing in importance for the lighting industry

Supports BPAs plans to explore future modeling of controls technologies

**WaveLinx Wireless**  
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**Insights Ceiling Sensor**

- Occupancy
- Daylight
- People count
- Temperature
- Humidity

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**Wireless Area Controller gen2**

- 50% More devices
- Up to 50 Areas
- More Zones and Occupancy groups

new



**WaveLinx Wireless Mobile App**





# LED sales continue to be dynamic

- › Evidence shows increased LED sales
- › LED fixture sales gaining momentum

Continue monitoring fixture sales as a rising portion of replacements projects



Image taken by JCB at LightFair



# Findings Summary

Lighting controls and system adoptions will surge in coming years

Supply chain cost increases will continue to disrupt the market

LED fixtures are now directly competing with TLED lamp replacement sales



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