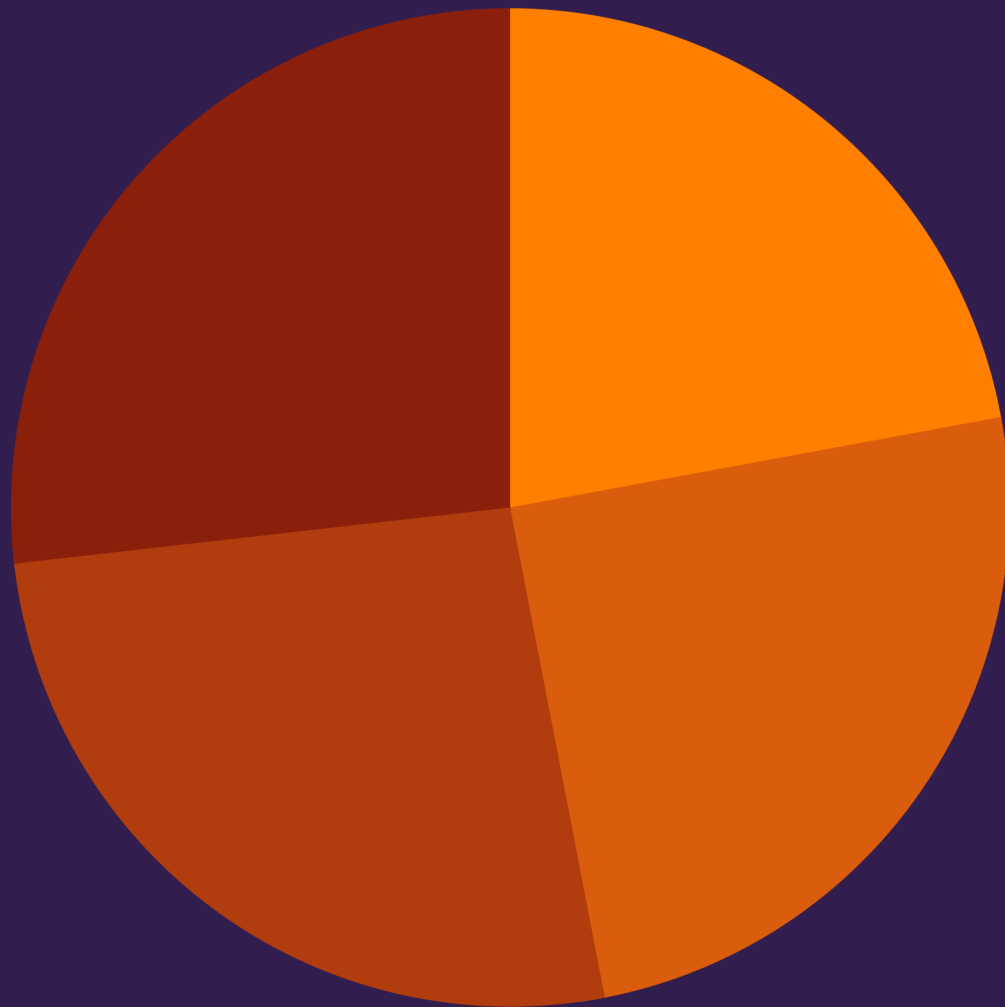


DON'T USE PIE CHARTS

Let me explain why...

**It is very hard to
compare similar-
sized slices of pie**

Which of these slices is the largest?

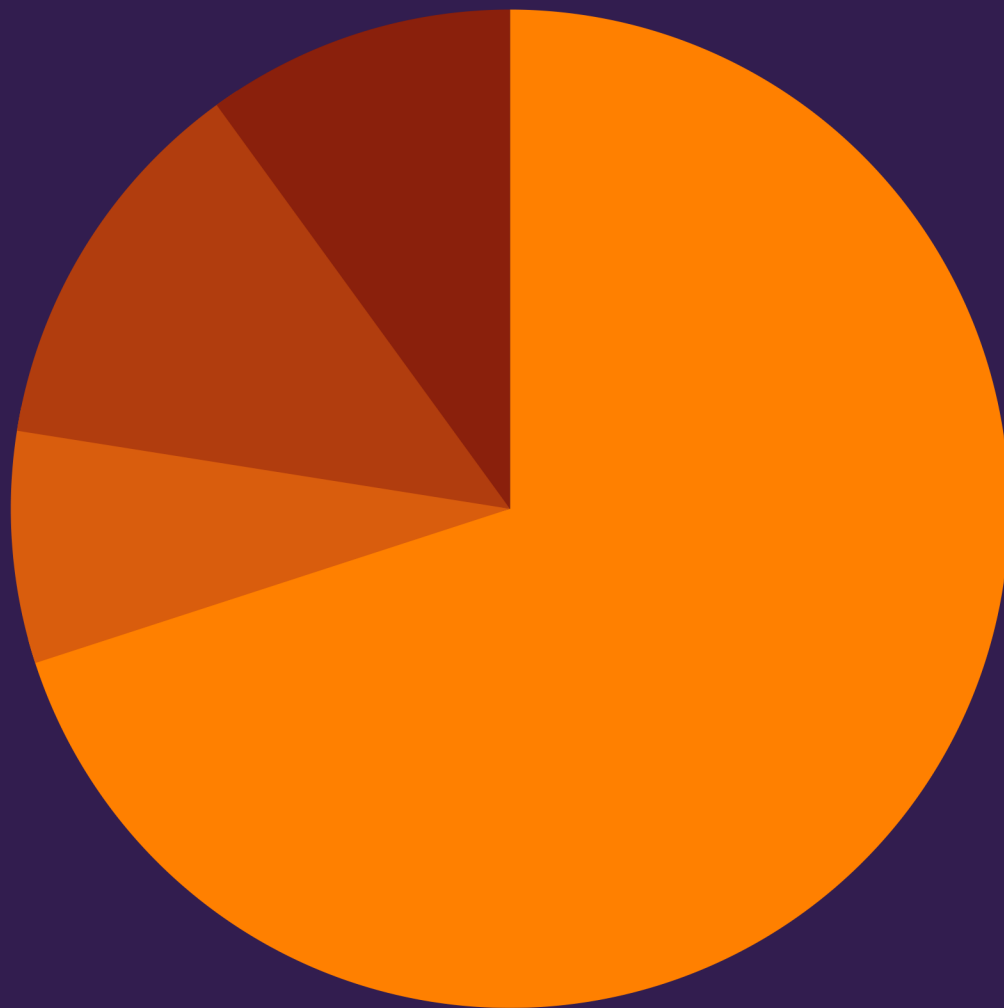


**It gets harder when
lines are not vertical**

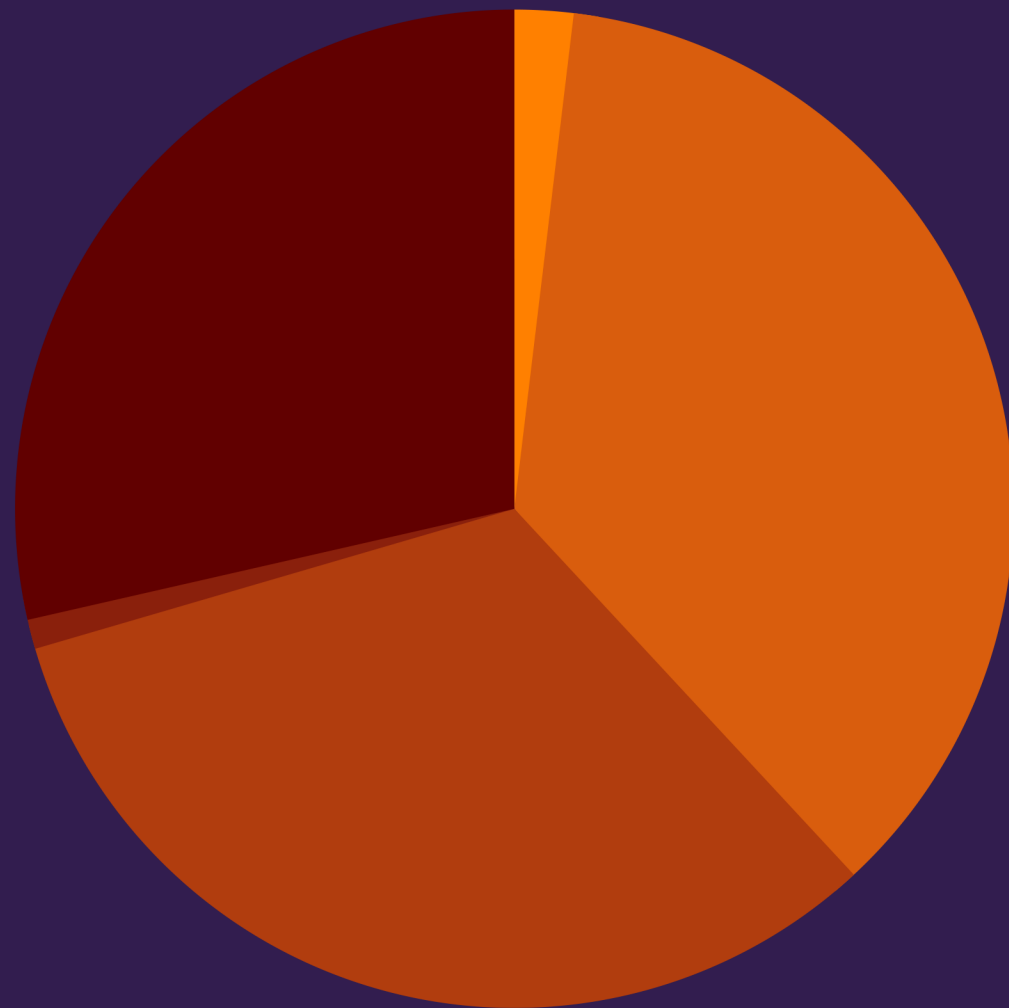
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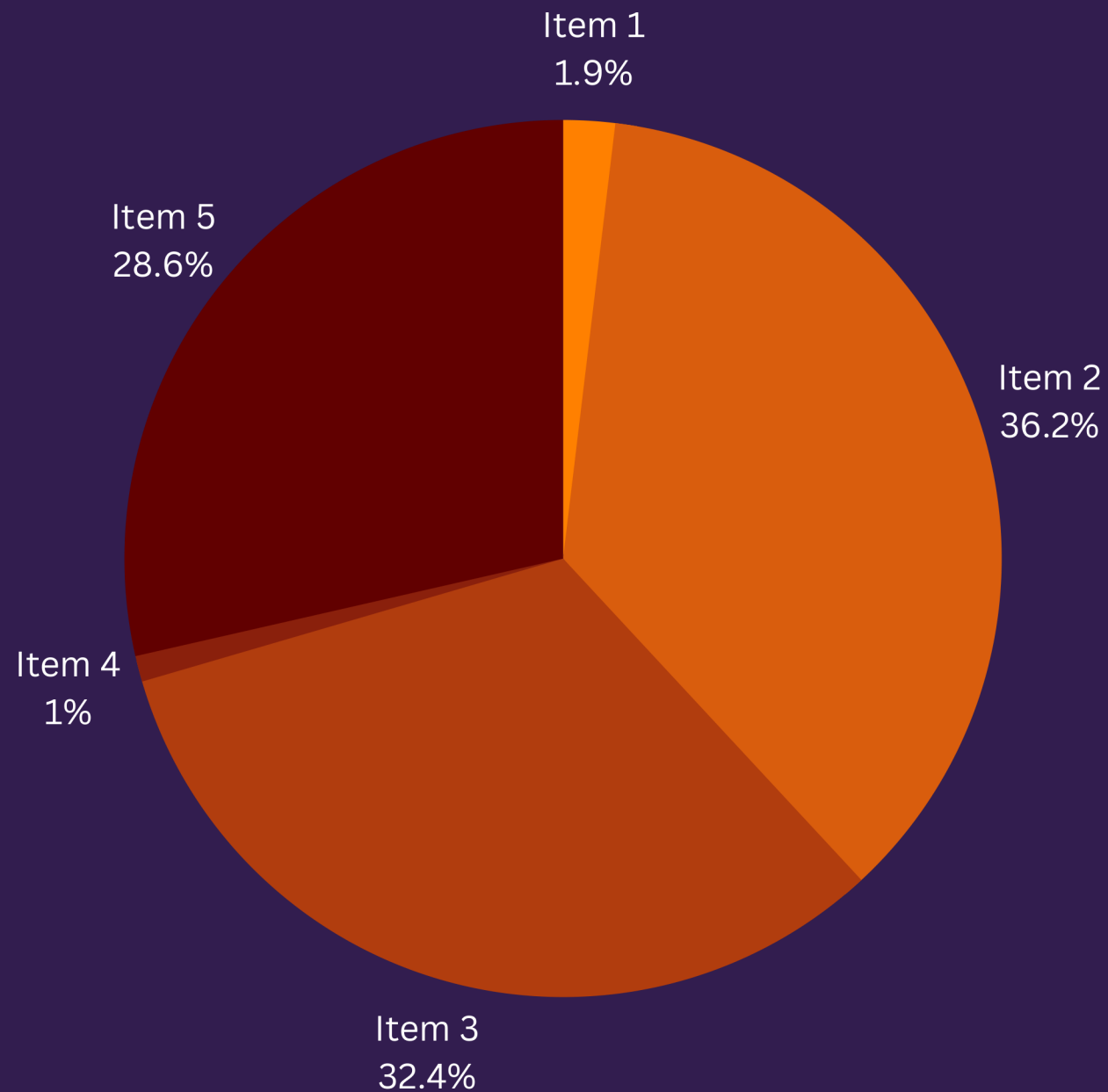
**Sometimes one slice
dominates the chart**



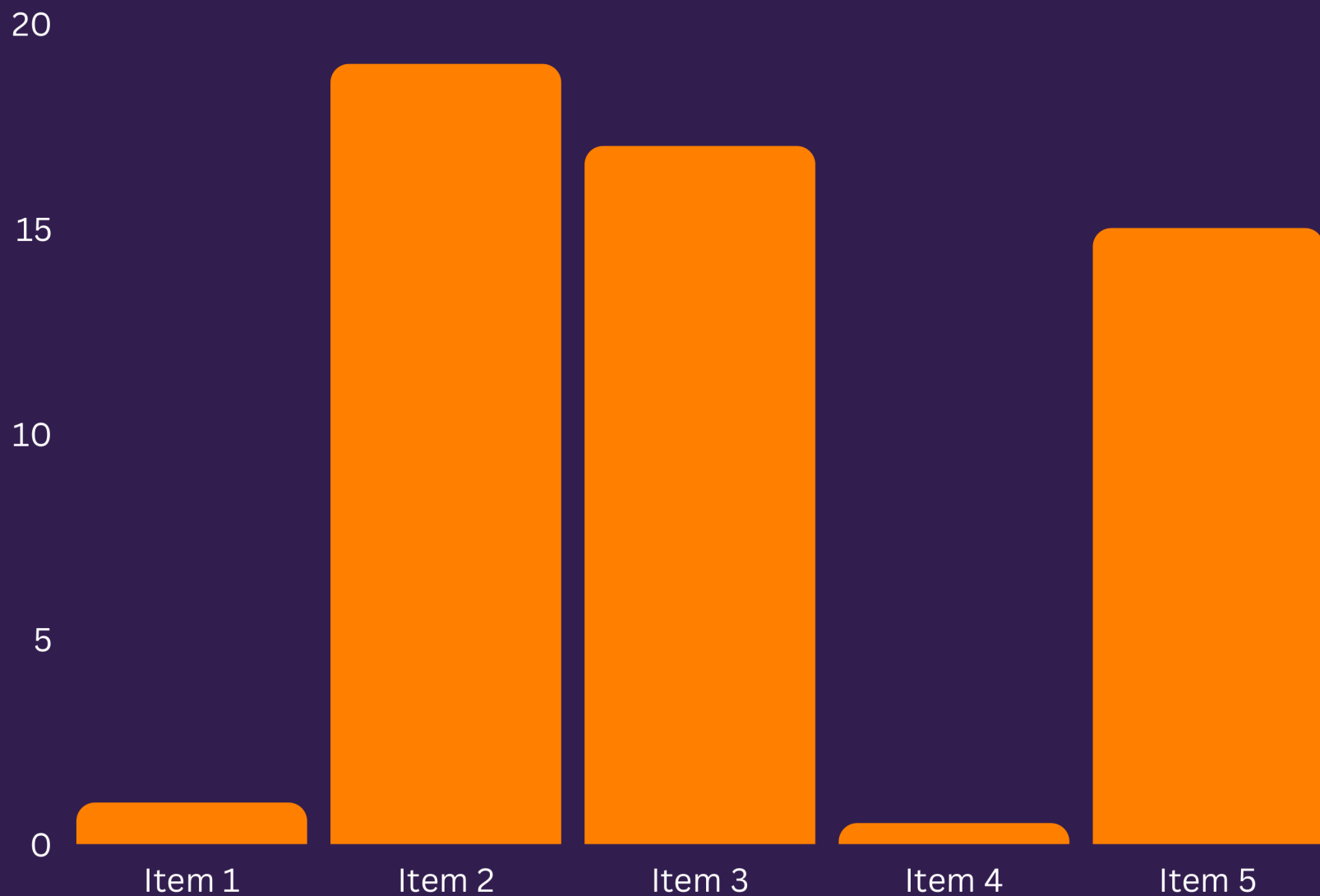
**Sometimes there are
slices that are too
small to see**



You could add the data to the chart but...



A column chart is much clearer

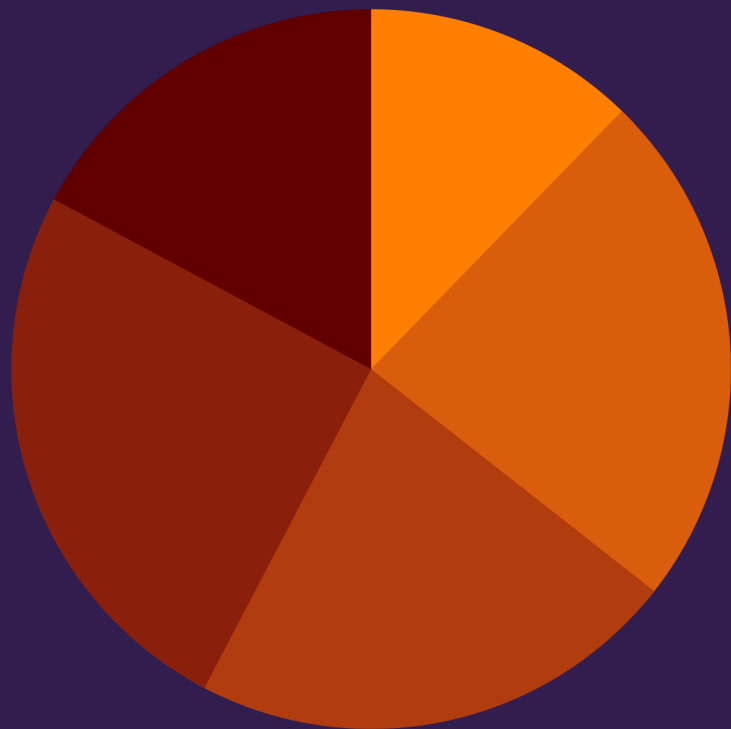


Pie charts side by side do not show trends ...

Last year



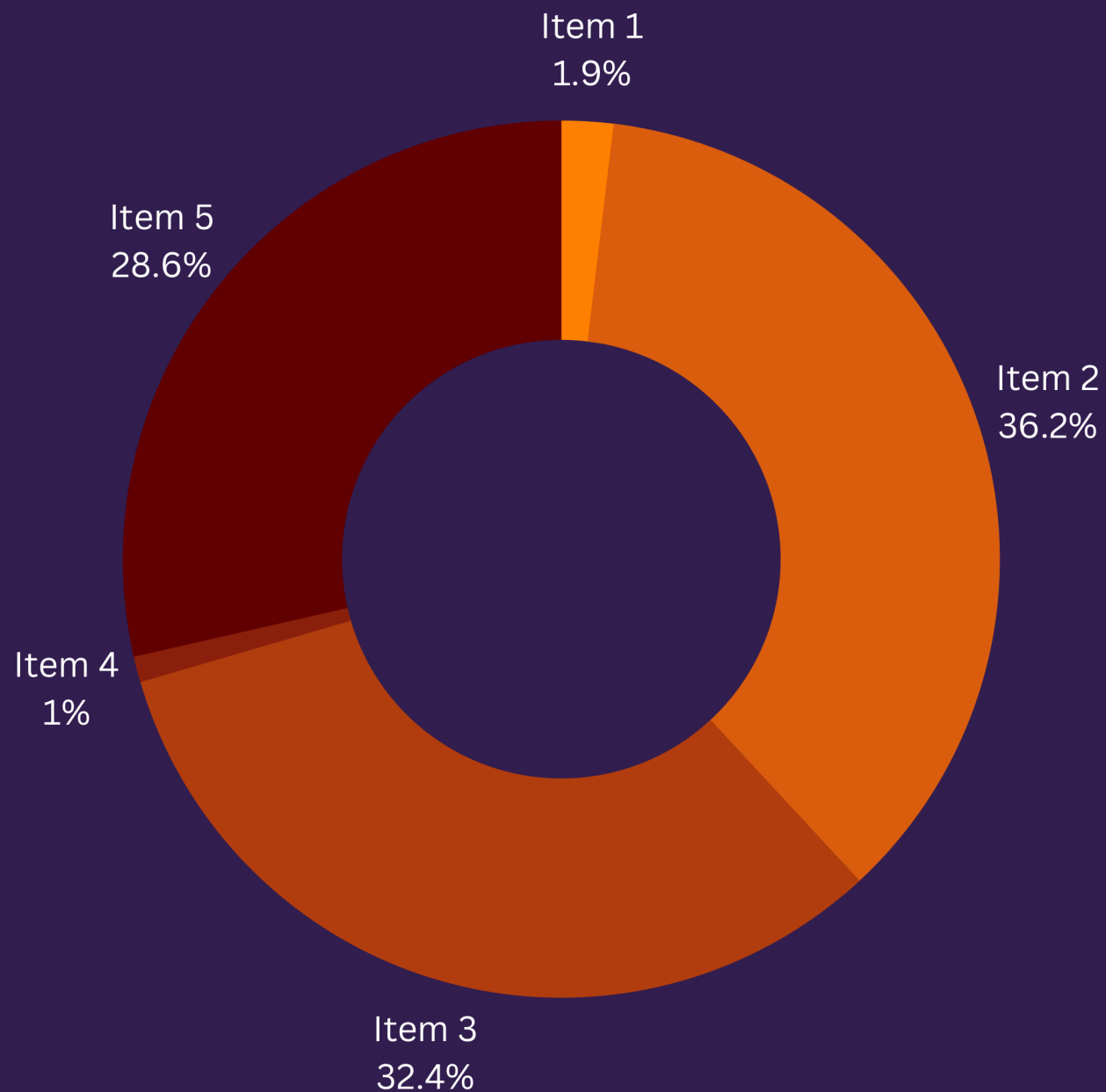
This year



as clearly as a table

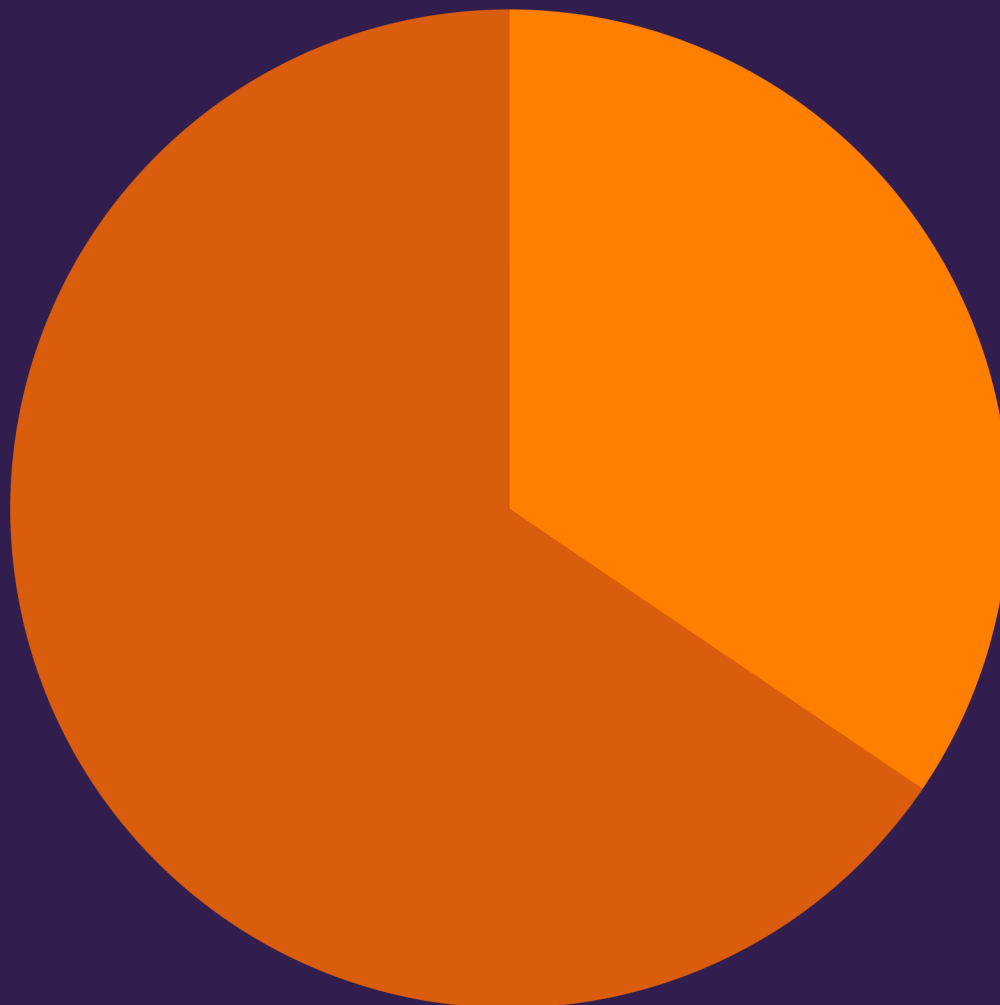
	Last year	This year
Item 1	12.0	10.0
Item 2	19.0	19.0
Item 3	17.0	18.0
Item 4	21.0	20.5
Item 5	15.0	14.0

Donut charts are just as hard to read as pie charts.



An exception.

Pie charts with only two slices are much easier to interpret



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