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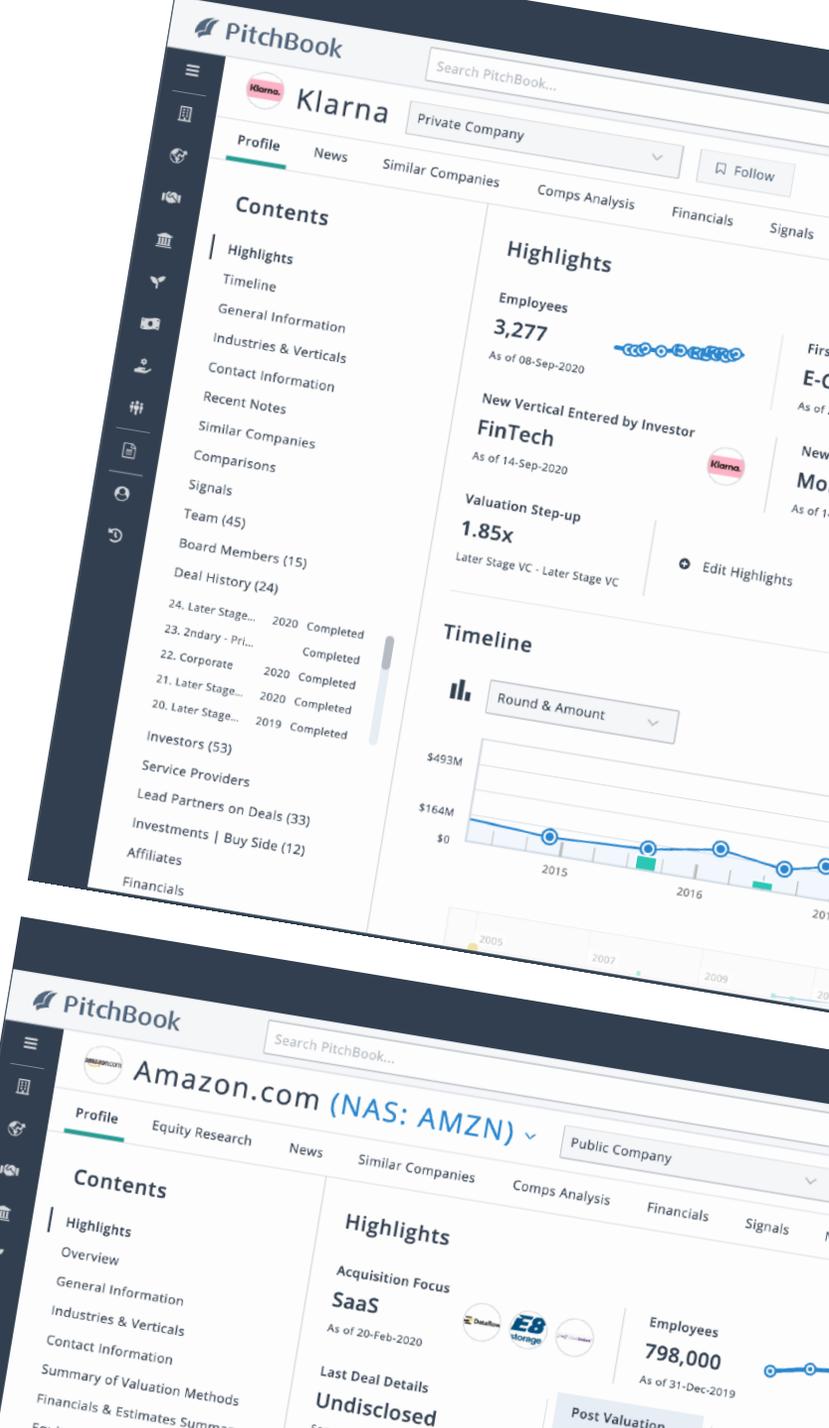
# Private Market Trends and the Rise of IPO Activity

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# Q3 2021 PitchBook-NVCA Venture Monitor Report



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The cover of the Q3 2021 Venture Monitor Report features a teal background with an aerial view of numerous sailboats. At the top left is the PitchBook logo and at the top right is the NVCA logo. The title "Venture Monitor" is prominently displayed in the center in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, "Q3 2021" is written in a smaller font, accompanied by a white heartbeat line icon. At the bottom, it states "In partnership with" followed by the logos for Silicon Valley Bank (svb) and affinity. A dark blue footer contains three key highlights and the tagline "The definitive review of the US venture capital ecosystem".

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# Venture Monitor

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The definitive review of the US venture capital ecosystem

# Panel Discussion



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Silicon Valley Bank



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VP of Marketing

Affinity

Moderated by Dave Osborne, PitchBook

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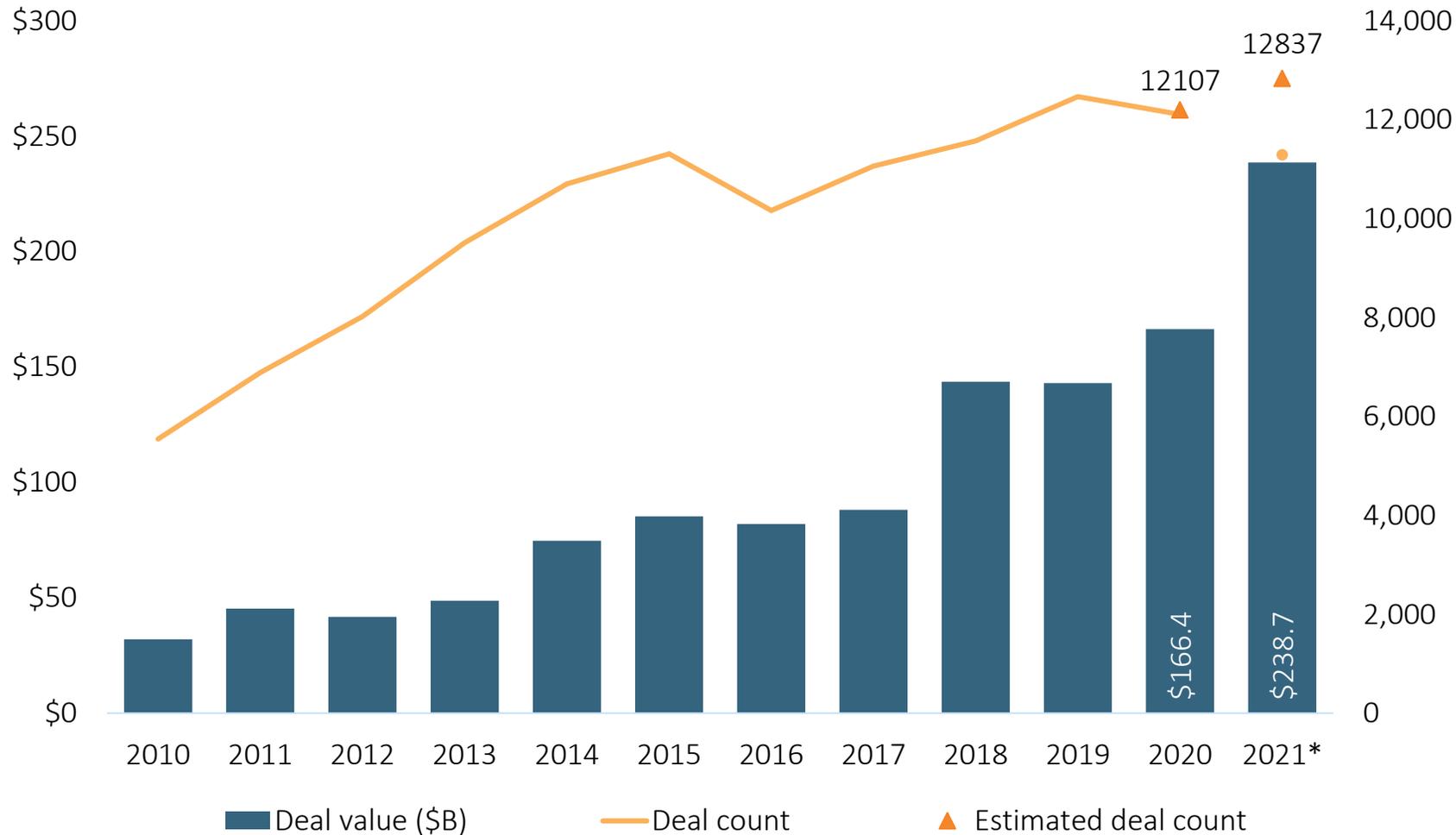
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# US VC Deal Activity

US VC deal activity

## Capital investment hits new record through just three quarters



**\$238.7B**

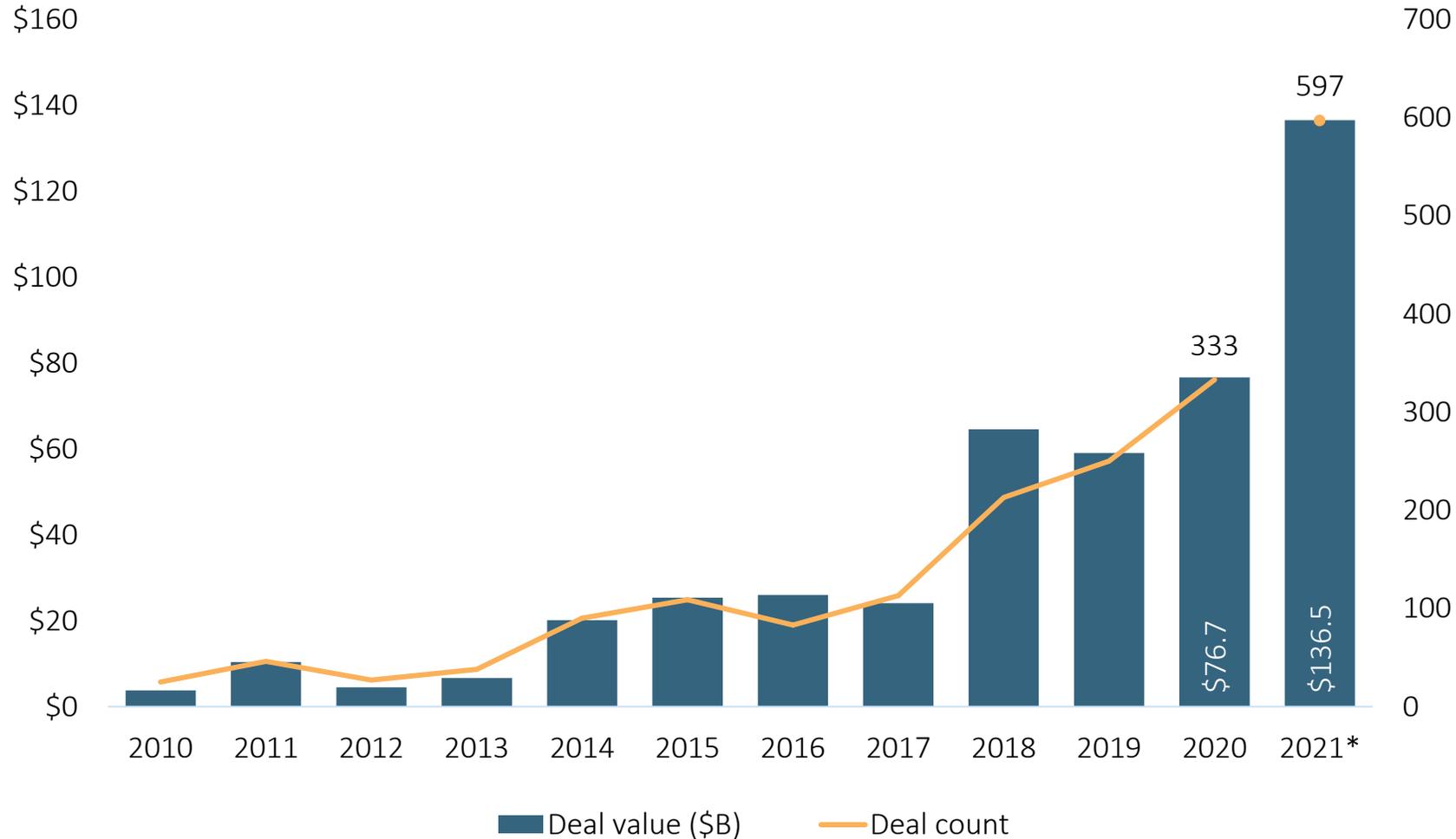
Capital investment in  
YTD 2021

**\$122.1B**

Capital investment in  
Q1-Q3 2020 (same time  
last year)

US VC mega-deal (\$100M+) activity

## Explosion of mega-deals reaches new levels in 2021



# 207

Mega-deals completed in Q3 2021

### Notable Q3 mega-deals

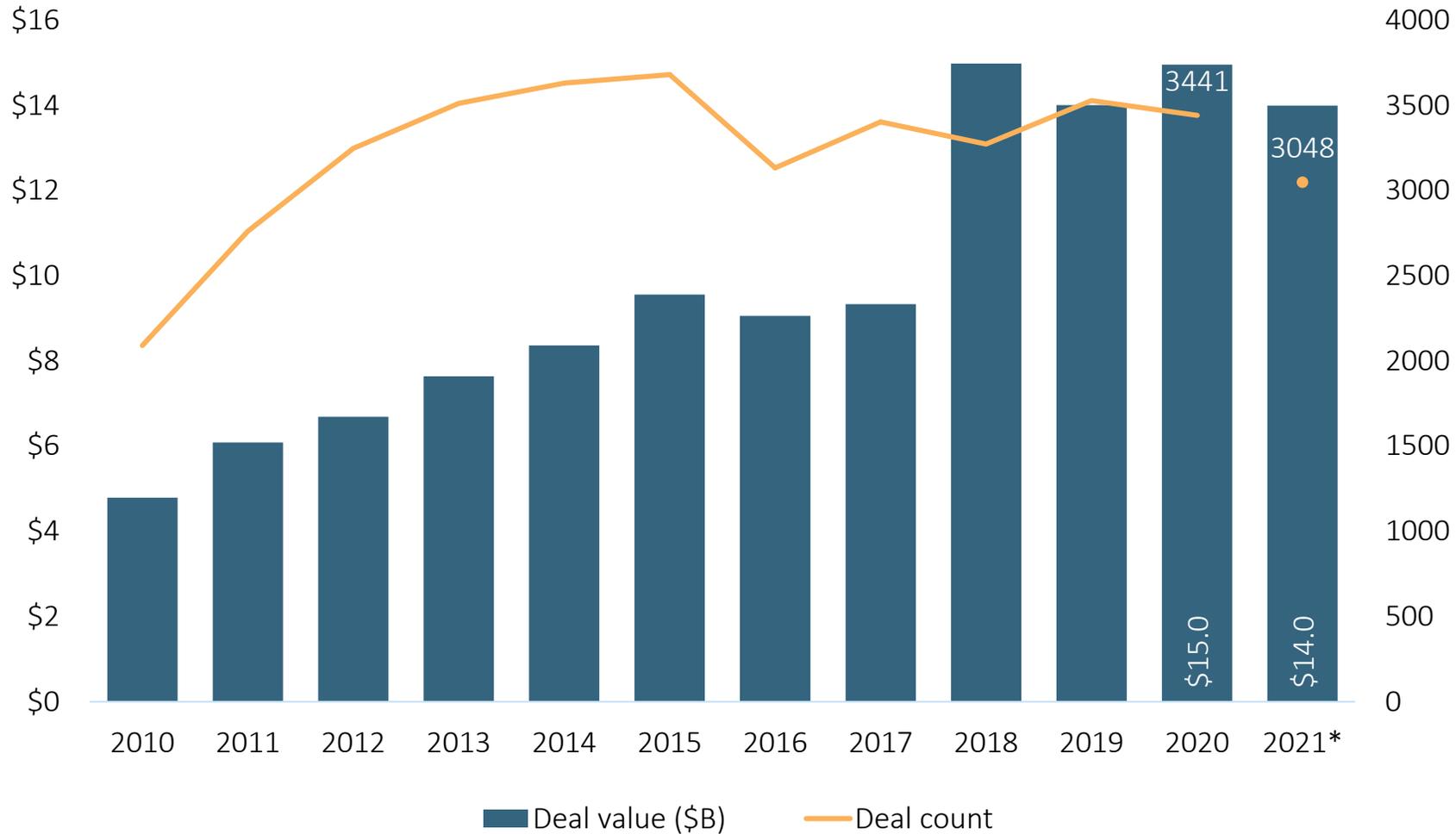
 **RIVIAN**  
\$2.5Bn late-stage round

 **GENERATE**  
\$2.5B late-stage round

 **databricks**  
\$1.6B Series H

US VC first-time financing deal activity

## New startups tracking to raise an unprecedented level of capital

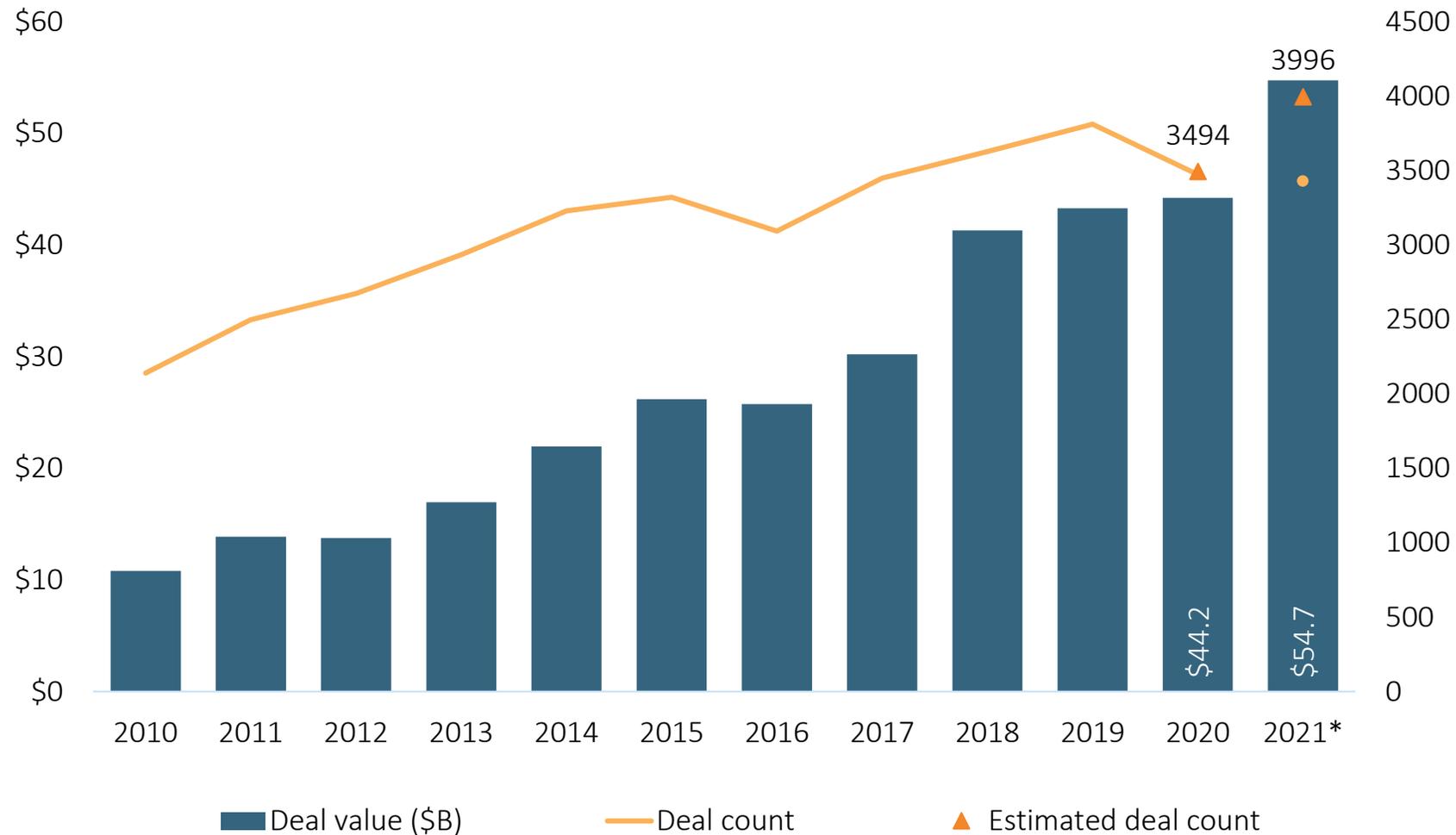


88.6%

Percentage of 2021 first-time financings compared to 2020's total

## US early-stage VC deal activity

### New records set on both a count and value basis



# \$19.7B

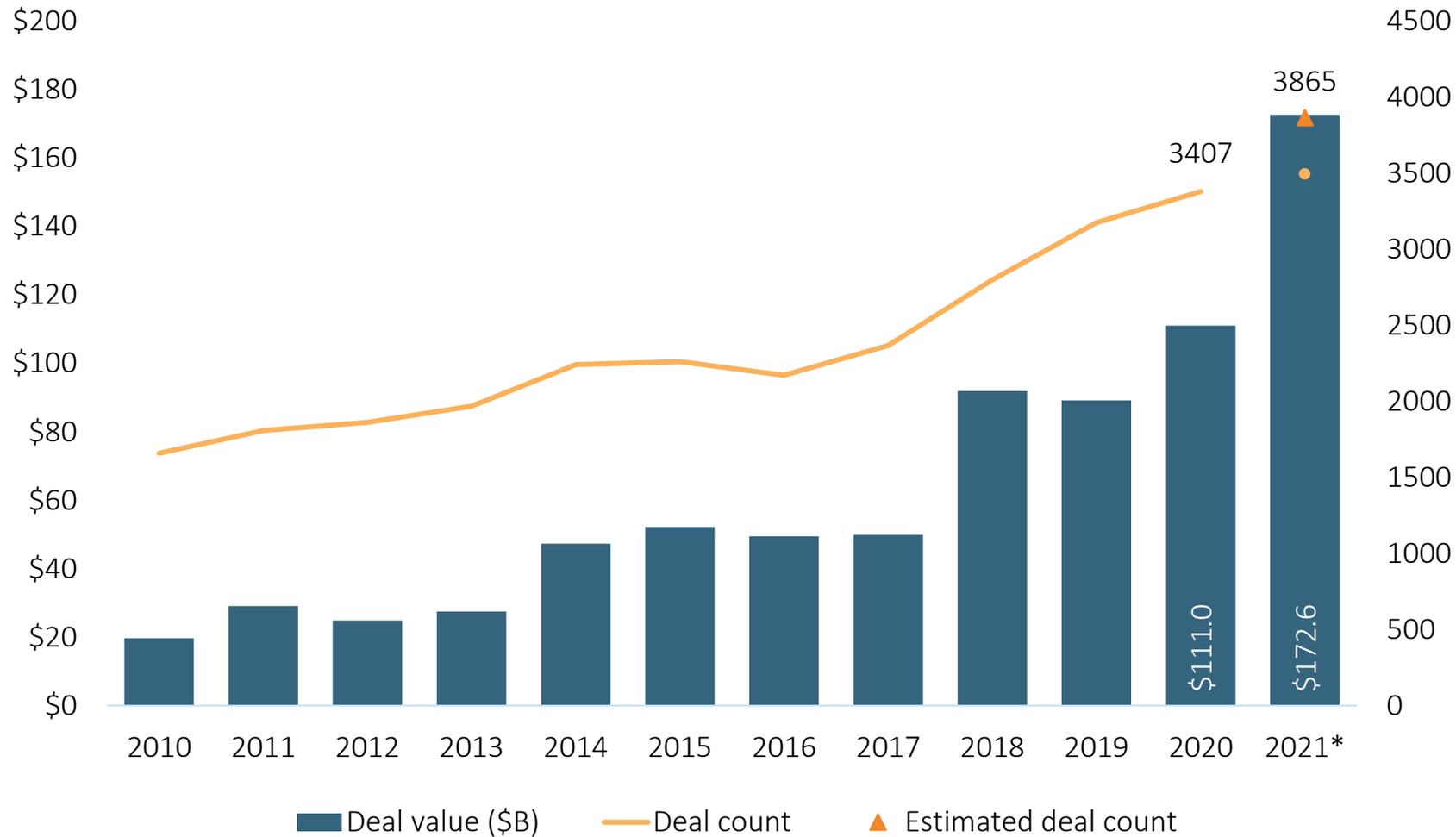
Early-stage VC deal activity in Q3 2021

# 67.4%

YoY growth over Q3 2020

## US late-stage VC deal activity

### Momentum continues to persist at the late stage



**\$59.4B**

Late-stage VC deal activity in Q3 2021

**78.7%**

YoY growth over Q3 2020

Understanding deal activity...

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Is this current pace of dealmaking sustainable? If not, what sorts of things are VCs worried about going into 2022 and are there any dark clouds on the horizon that we should be worried about?

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From what you're seeing in Washington, and going through the data from the Venture Monitor, what do you think of this level of dealmaking?

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Are there trends you're seeing on the vendor side, whether related to technology, due diligence, or investor sentiment, that either support or refute the massive dealmaking numbers we saw in Q3?

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The Delta variant appears to be waning in the US and many are talking about a post-COVID future. What does that look like at Affinity and what sorts of lasting impacts has COVID had on the company, its business model, and its relationship with VCs?

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Regarding the influx of capital from nontraditional investors, there's an argument to be made that a lot of VCs are being priced out of deals. Is this a VC tectonic shift we're witnessing? What are your thoughts around this?

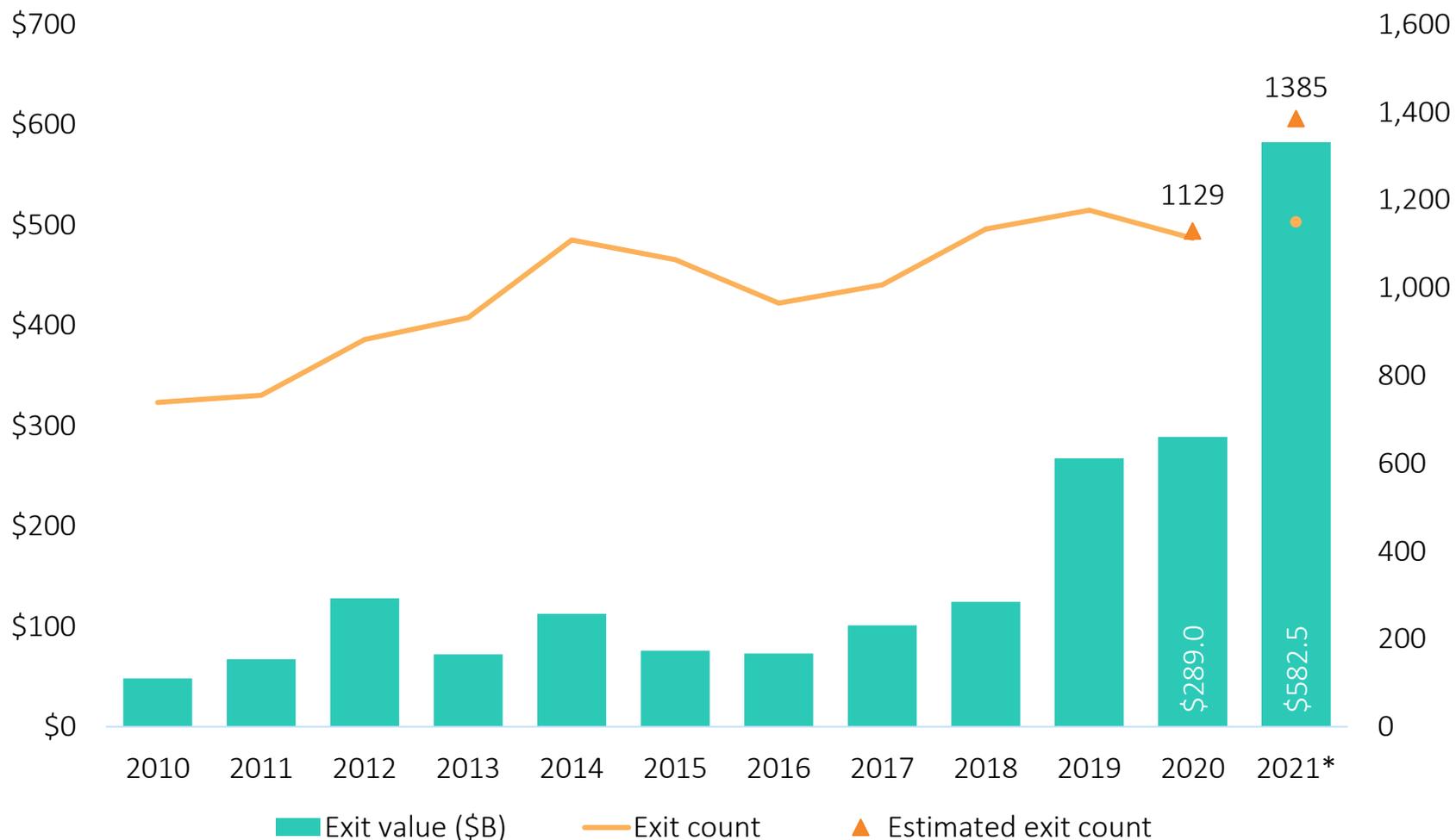
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# US VC Exit Activity

## US VC exit activity

### Exit value surpasses \$500 billion for the first time ever



# 86.7%

Percentage of exit value in Q3 attributed to public listings

### Notable Q3 exits

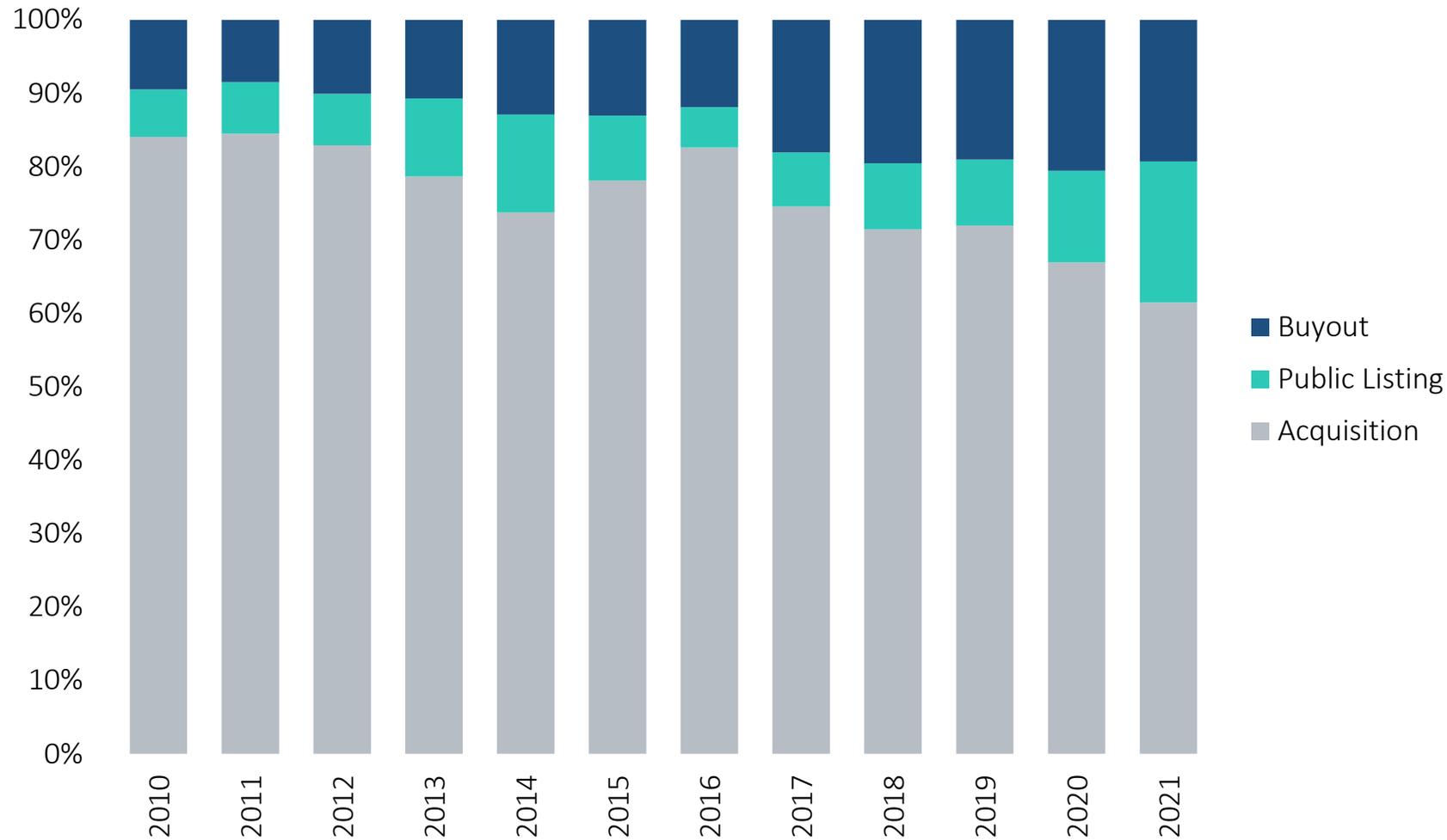
**Robinhood**   
\$30.0B IPO

**toast**  
\$19.1B IPO

**GINKGO BIOWORKS**  
\$14.2B SPAC

US VC exit count (#) by type

## Buyouts and IPOs provide open pathways to liquidity in 2021

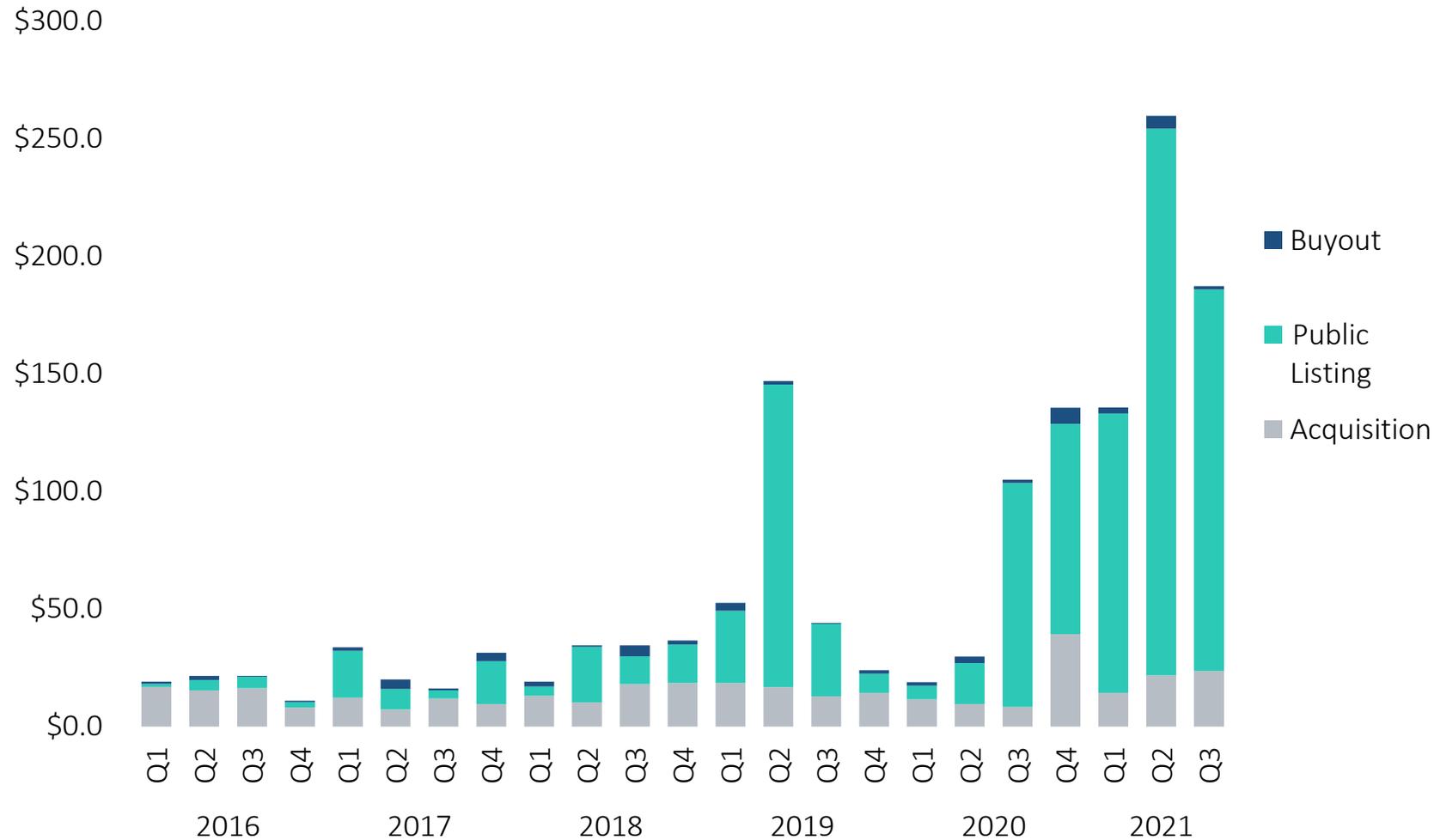


61.5%

Percentage of exits in 2021 that were acquisitions – a record low

US VC exit value (\$) by type

## Aggregate exit value continues to be dominated by public listings

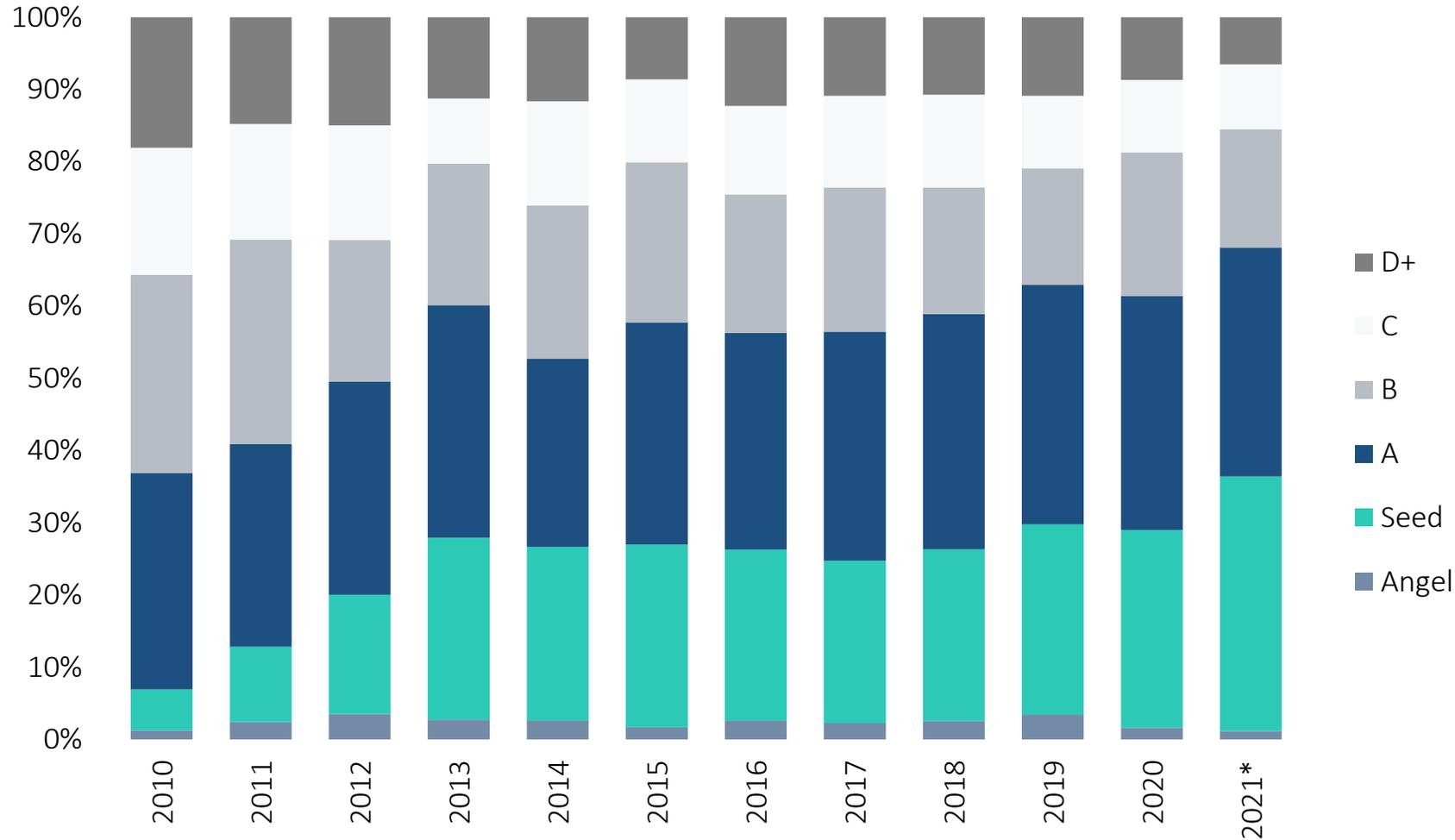


86.7%

Percentage of total exit value in Q3 2021 attributed to public listings

Acquisitions directly prior to exit by round

## Acquisitions consistently occurring earlier in the startup lifecycle



# 67.0%

Percentage of all acquisitions in 2021 occurred directly after a seed or Series A round

Notable Q3 acquisitions

## GRAIL

\$8.0B acq. by Illumina

 **stackoverflow**

\$1.8B acq. by Prosus

Exit activity in Q3...

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From speaking with VCs, how are they approaching this fervent exit environment? Do you think we'll see more VCs trying to hold public securities more?

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In this past quarter's Venture Monitor, we saw that 2 out of every 3 acquisitions that happened in 2021 occurred after a seed round or Series A round. Just a few years ago, this was hovering around the 50% mark. Are late-stage startups getting too expensive to acquire or is there more going on here?

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From your vantage point in Washington and conversations with many NVCA board members who are VCs themselves, what should we know about potential tax changes? And long-term, if these are implemented, how might that change the VC ecosystem and how we think about exits?

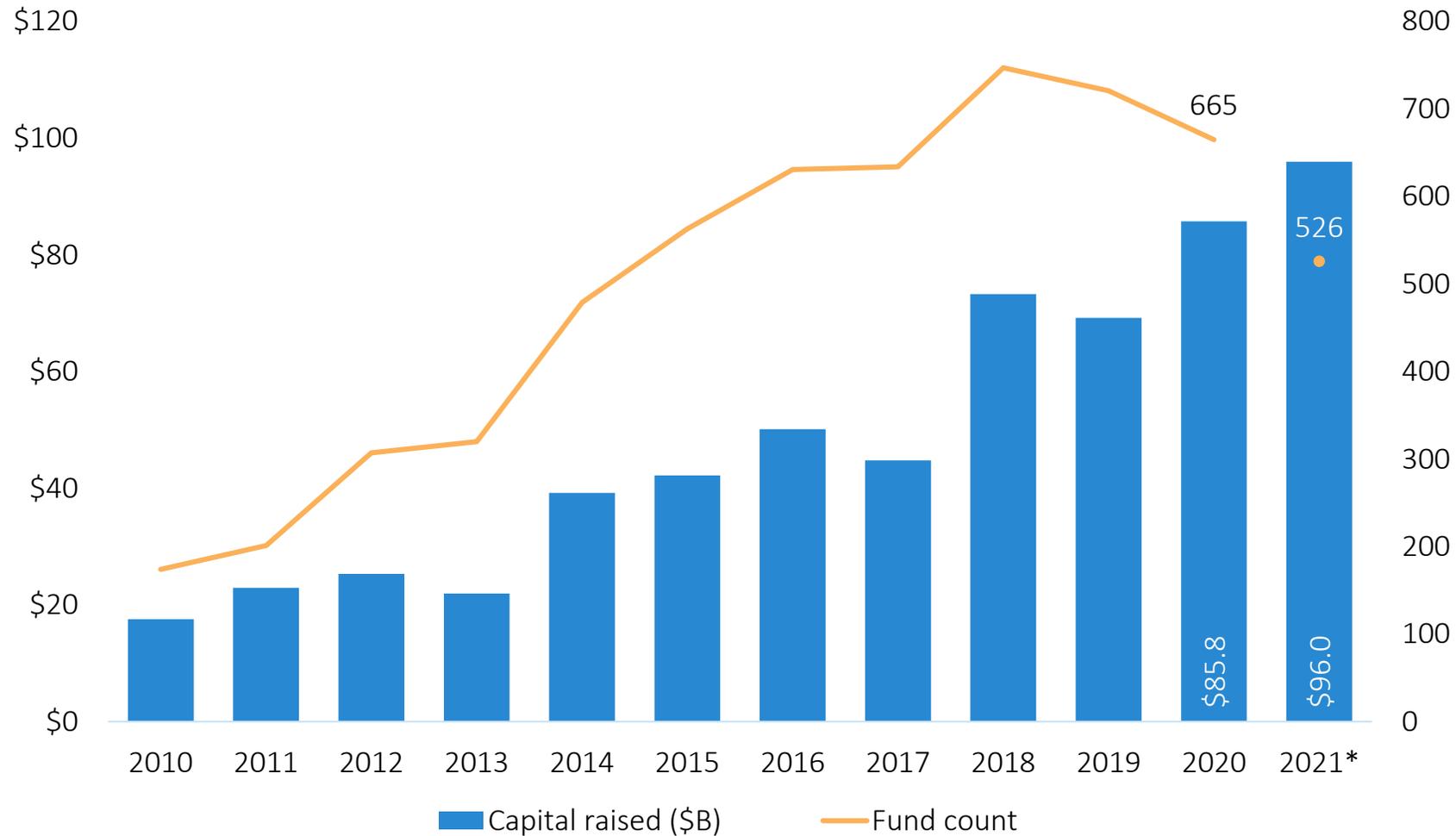
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# US VC Fundraising Activity

## US VC fundraising activity

# 2021 YTD VC fundraising shatters previous yearly record



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\$1B+ funds closed in 2021

Notable funds closed in Q3



\$1.8B Fund XVII



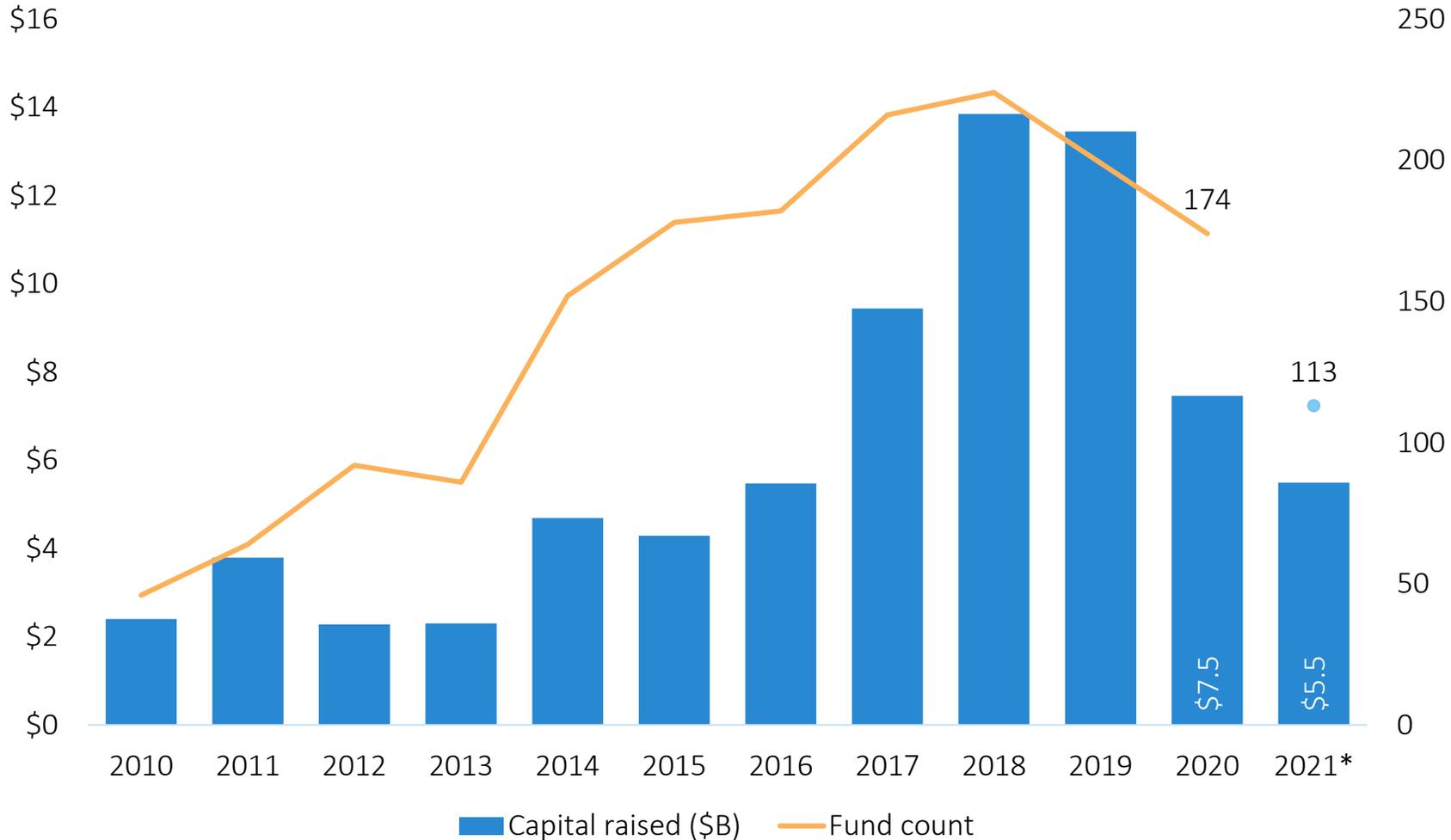
\$900M Fund XI

 **Felicis Ventures**

\$900M Fund VIII

US VC first-time fundraising activity

## First-time fundraising value pacing close to 2020

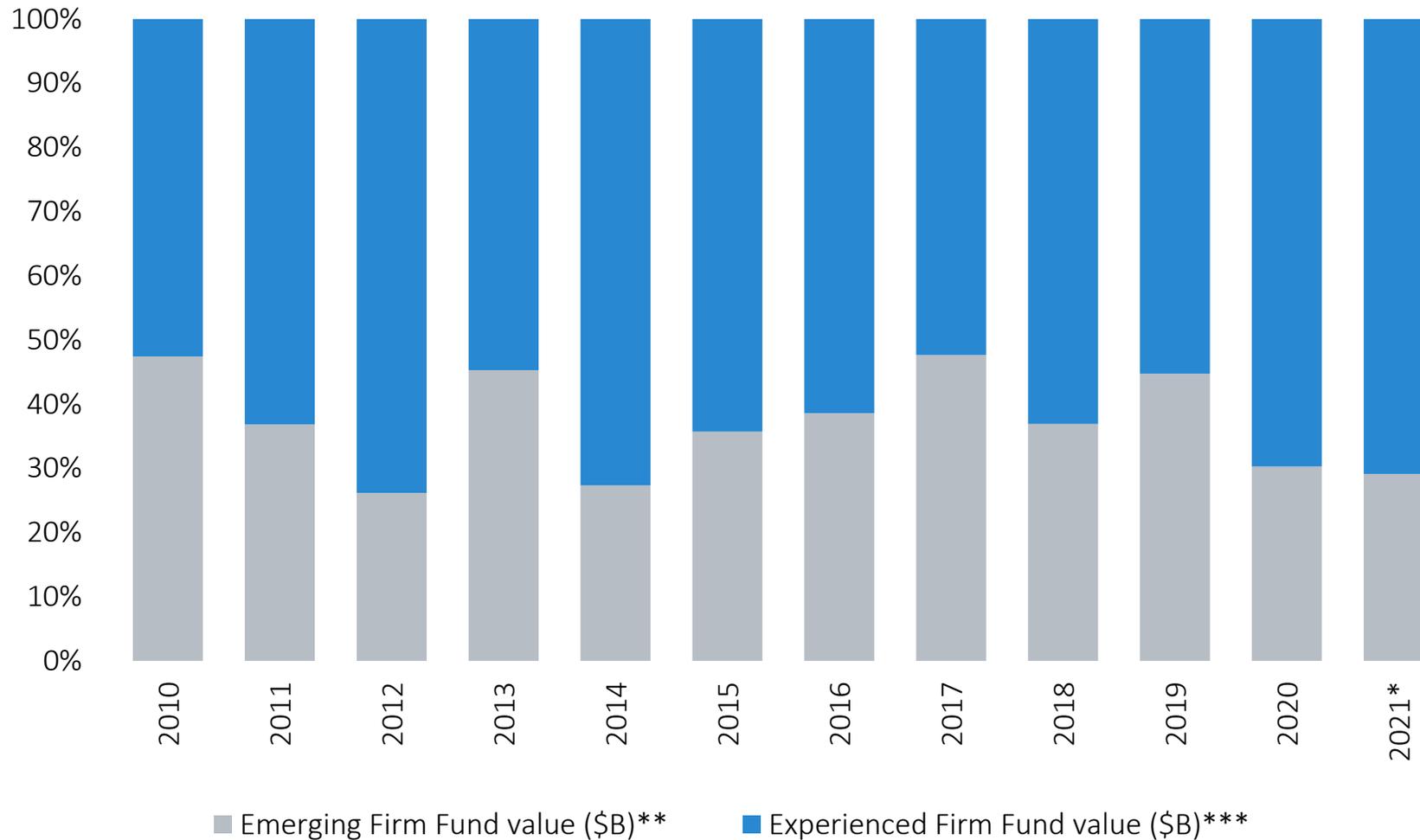


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Number of first-time funds closed in Q3 2021

US VC funds (\$) by emerging and established firms

## Established VC firms make up overwhelming majority of new funds

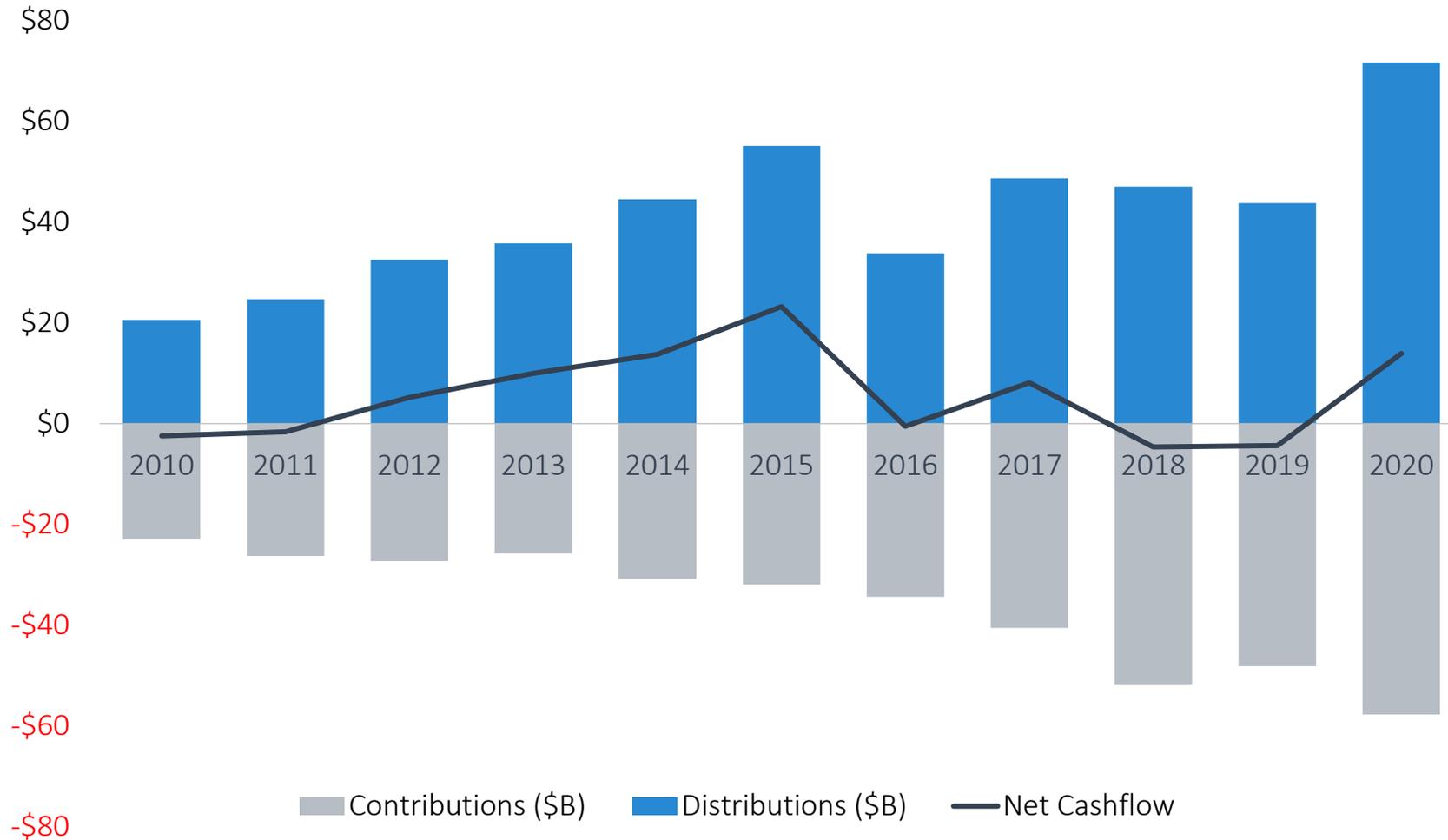


70.9%

Percentage of capital raised by established VC firms (those with four funds or more)

US VC cash flows (\$B) by type

## Record level of distributions drive positive cash flow to LPs



**\$71.7B**

Distributions to LPs in full year 2020

Fundraising in Q3...



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What do you guys look for in an investor? What are they doing to differentiate themselves as GPs?

During a time of massive capital availability, was that also your experience going through the fundraising process?

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We've seen a lot of activity around solo capitalists like Elad Gil and Lachy Groom – is this something other angel investors are going to try and emulate? Or is it just able to be done by a small handful of people?

Do you think this movement is going to revolutionize VC fundraising?

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