



2018

Annual Meeting Survey Results

ABOLITIONIST APPROACHES TO SOCIAL PROBLEMS

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IN YOUR EFFORTS TO BREAK EVERY YOKE,
AND LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE.**

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SSSP 2018 Annual Meeting Survey Results Released

October 3, 2018

With **923 registrants** surveyed and **215 total responses**, we're happy to release the results of the 2018 Annual Meeting Survey on behalf of the SSSP Administrative Office. Thank you for taking time to participate in our survey. Your responses are vital in helping SSSP to provide a valuable conference experience and to continue our mission as a social justice organization.

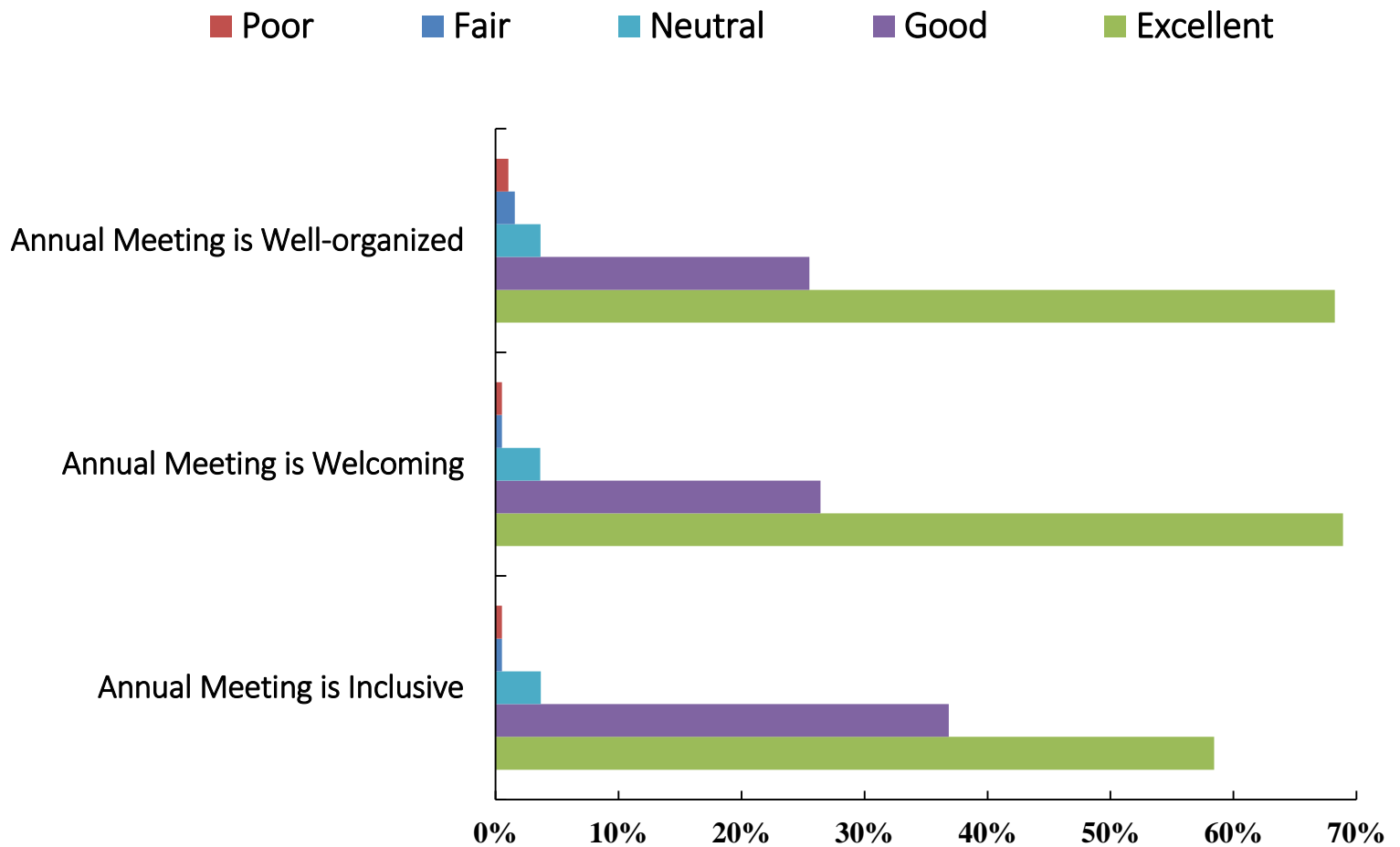
The survey ran for two weeks from August 23 through September 12 with a **23% participation rate**.

In this report, you'll see the survey questions, possible answers, summary of responses, graphs, and comments where applicable. The comments have not been edited and may contain misspellings and grammatical errors. Please note in the interest of keeping the survey short, we only ask for comments when a "fair" or "poor" is selected.

Thank you for your participation!

Most sincerely,
The Administrative Office

Based on your experience, how do you feel about the following?



Question	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Neutral (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Response	Mean Value
Annual Meeting is Well-Organized	2	3	7	49	131	192	4.58
Annual Meeting is Welcoming	1	1	7	51	133	193	4.63
Annual Meeting is Inclusive	1	1	7	70	111	190	4.52

Based on your experience, how do you feel about the following?

Statistic	Annual Meeting is Well-organized	Annual Meeting is Inclusive	Annual Meeting is Welcoming
Min Value	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5
Mean	4.58	4.52	4.63
Variance	0.53	0.42	0.40
Standard Deviation	0.73	0.65	0.63
Total Responses	192	190	193

You stated that the annual meeting was not well-organized.

Text Entry

I was disappointed with the organization this year. I felt the sessions I went to were not super high quality and I didn't like the layout of the conference - it felt very separated and disconnected.

No one knew where the rooms were . The water for presenters/panels was not refilled nor tended to. There was not info readily available (nor help if needed). Other than the city's location, the event was poorly put together this year.

Hotel was a dirty mess. Meeting rooms difficult to find.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	3

You stated that the annual meeting was not welcoming.

Text Entry

I didn't really like the layout this year - it seemed very separated and disconnected.

It just did not feel warm or welcoming. I'm not sure if it was just the spatial layout of the hotel or what. But, not welcoming, not at all inclusive.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

You stated that the annual meeting was not inclusive.

Text Entry

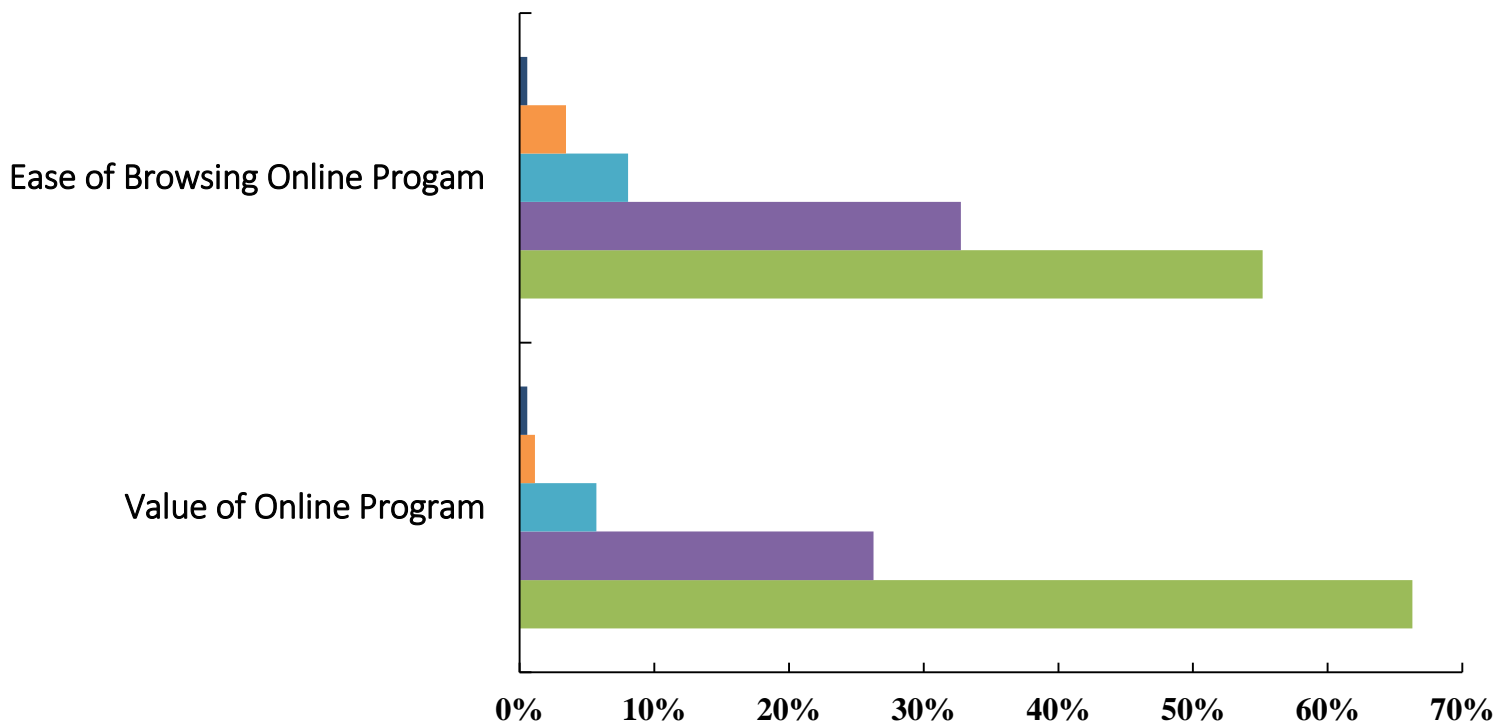
The volunteers were not recognizable nor welcoming. The space also, less than desirable.

Generally, the meeting is not inclusive for persons with disabilities.

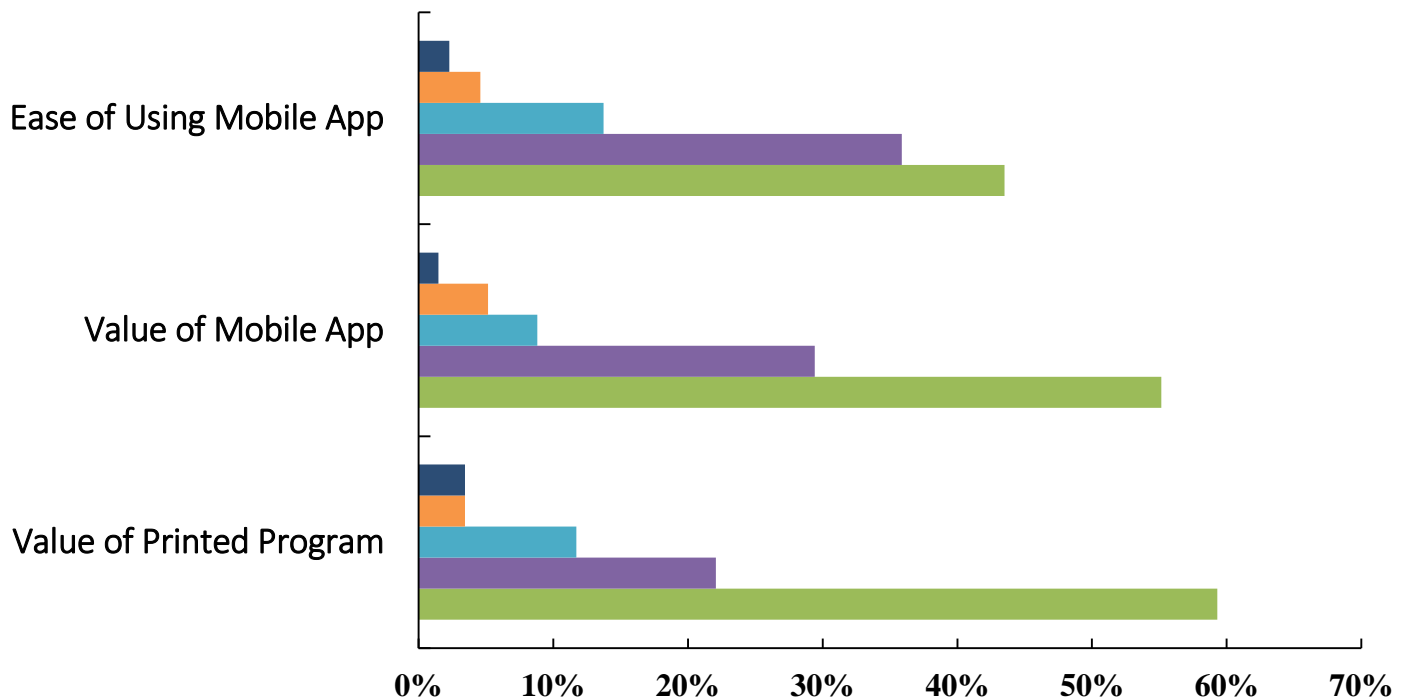
Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

Based on your experience, please rate the following items.

Poor Fair Neutral Good Excellent



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Based on your experience, please rate the following items.

Question	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Neutral (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Response	Mean Value
Ease of browsing the online Annual Meeting program on the SSSP website	1	6	14	57	96	174	4.39
Value of the printed Annual Meeting program	5	5	17	32	86	145	4.30
Ease of using the Annual Meeting mobile app	3	6	18	47	57	131	4.14
Value of the Annual Meeting mobile app	2	7	12	40	75	136	4.32
Value of the online Annual Meeting program on the SSSP website	1	2	10	46	116	175	4.57

Statistic	Ease of browsing the online Annual Meeting program on the SSSP website	Value of the printed Annual Meeting program	Ease of using the Annual Meeting mobile app	Value of the Annual Meeting mobile app	Value of the online Annual Meeting program on the SSSP website
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	4.39	4.30	4.14	4.32	4.57
Variance	0.67	1.07	0.94	0.88	0.5
Standard Deviation	0.82	1.03	0.97	0.94	0.71
Total Responses	174	145	131	136	175

You said that you are dissatisfied with the printed Annual Meeting Program. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry
It's just spurious and a waste of paper. The web app is far more useful.
Only reason is I think it is not needed - could save money going all online
I think the benefit of a printed program is minimal compared to the impact on resources (time, money, natural resources). If people want to print from the website, they should have that option, but I do not think we need to provide them. I think phasing out is okay, but making it clear to all members that we are working to be more environmentally conscience by xxx date.
I have no use for a printed program
I've grown more accustomed to accessing information on my phone. A physical program is less necessary.
I just think it is wasteful. That said, I understand it may be useful to some people and would never want to unintentional burden or otherwise limit access. I appreciate you asking if we would like to receive a copy. I hope that does substantially cut down on waste.
It was very long and hard to find the sections I really wanted to see.
Waste of money and paper

Statistic	Value
Respondents	8

You said that you are dissatisfied with the Annual Meeting mobile app. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry
It was just a bit hard to navigate.
I had no idea it existed...
I found it more cumbersome to use than looking at the printed program.
The App put the authors in alphabetical order but that was a different order than the book. Hence, I missed presentations because I thought they were later in the session.
The search function seemed to work poorly. I expected it to return more results based on the search terms I used.
Did not use it; too hard to see all the info on my phone and one more app to download.
Sucked, didn't use. Not user-friendly.
Required to download files instead of hyperlinked information
It was difficult to use and kept stalling or having to install updates and not working correctly. The text was very small and did not magnify and a lot of it was inaccessible because it was image based without providing image descriptions.
Clunky. Not user friendly
The mobile app had a different order for sessions. As I was trying to see different presentations during the same session, I depended on the mobile app for the order. But the order was different in the print version. Hence I missed key presentations.

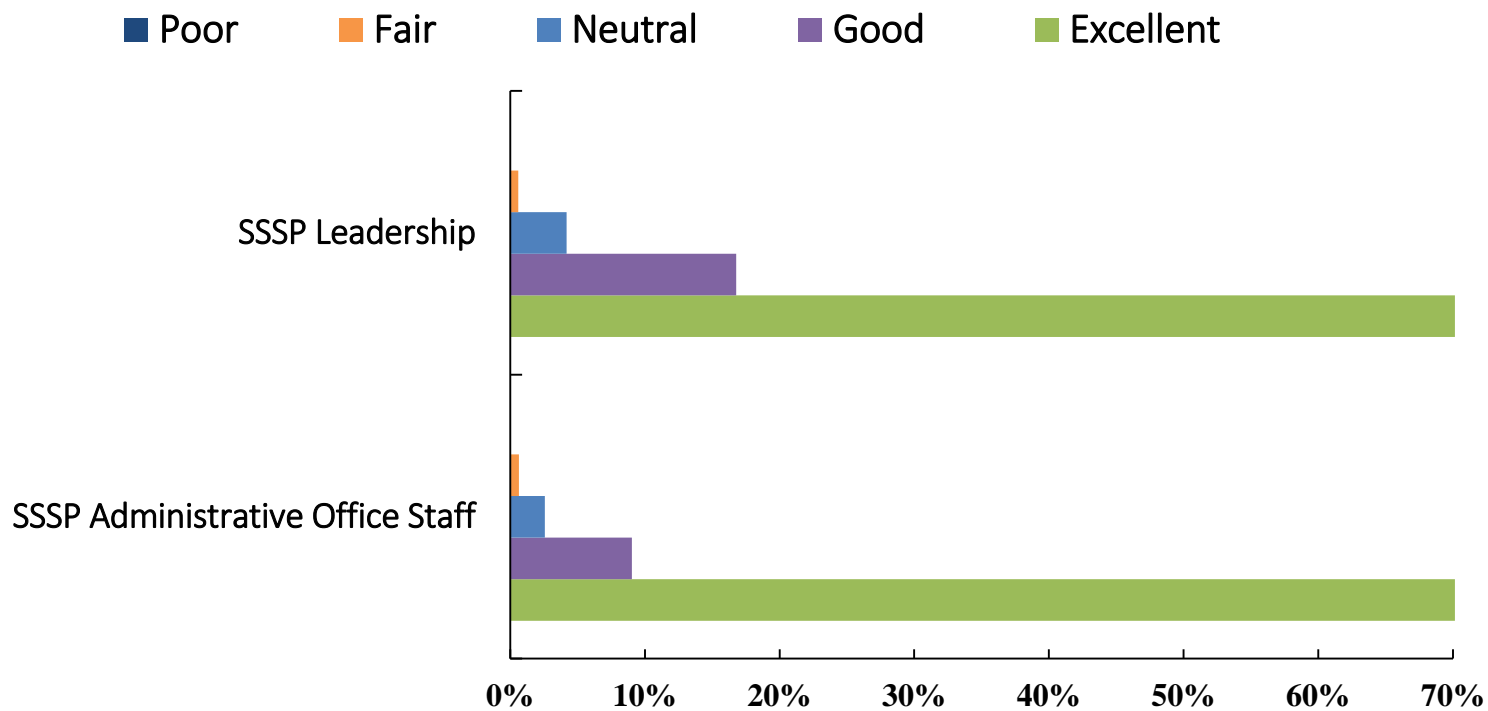
Statistic	Value
Respondents	11

You said that you are dissatisfied with the online Annual Meeting Program on the SSSP website. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry
I feel as though it could have been organized a bit better. You just had to excessively scroll through everything, so maybe it would work better if there was a table of contents that brought you to each section by clicking on the T.o.C. word. If that already existed and my computer just didn't allow for it, I apologize.
I wish the the online program was easier to "browse" -- it's pretty "clunky"!
I found it a little challenging to do searches and plan for attendance
It was difficult to navigate and did not appear great on my mobile device
Website kept timing out, couldn't get all the information needed.
It was hard to navigate and again very long. I had a hard time even finding my own session.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	6

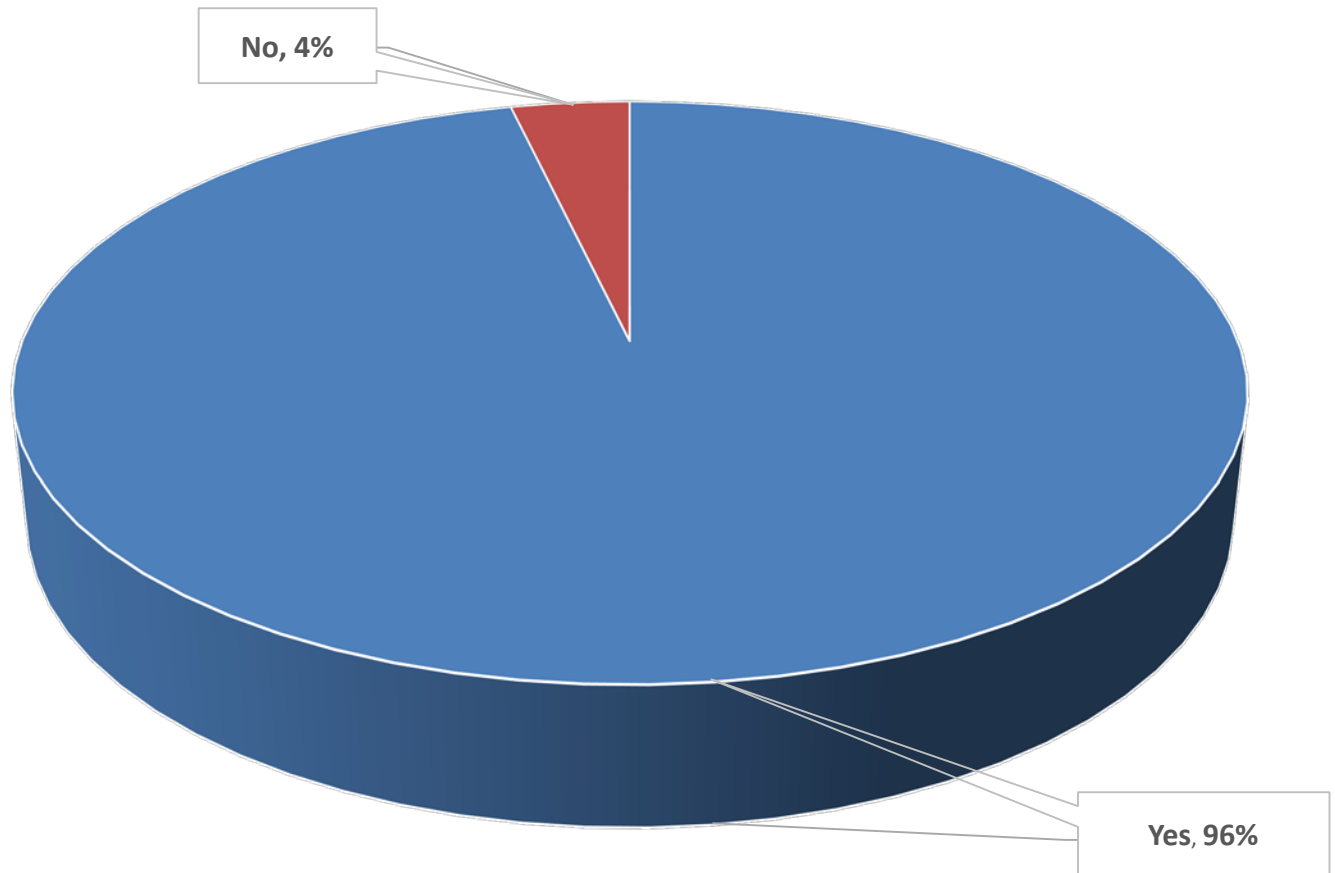
Based on your experience, how satisfied are you with the following?



Question	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Neutral (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Response	Mean Value
SSSP Leadership	0	1	7	28	131	167	4.73
SSSP Administrative Office Staff	0	1	4	14	136	155	4.84

	Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
SSSP Leadership	2	5	4.73	0.32	0.56	167	167
SSSP Admin Office Staff	2	5	4.84	0.23	0.47	155	155

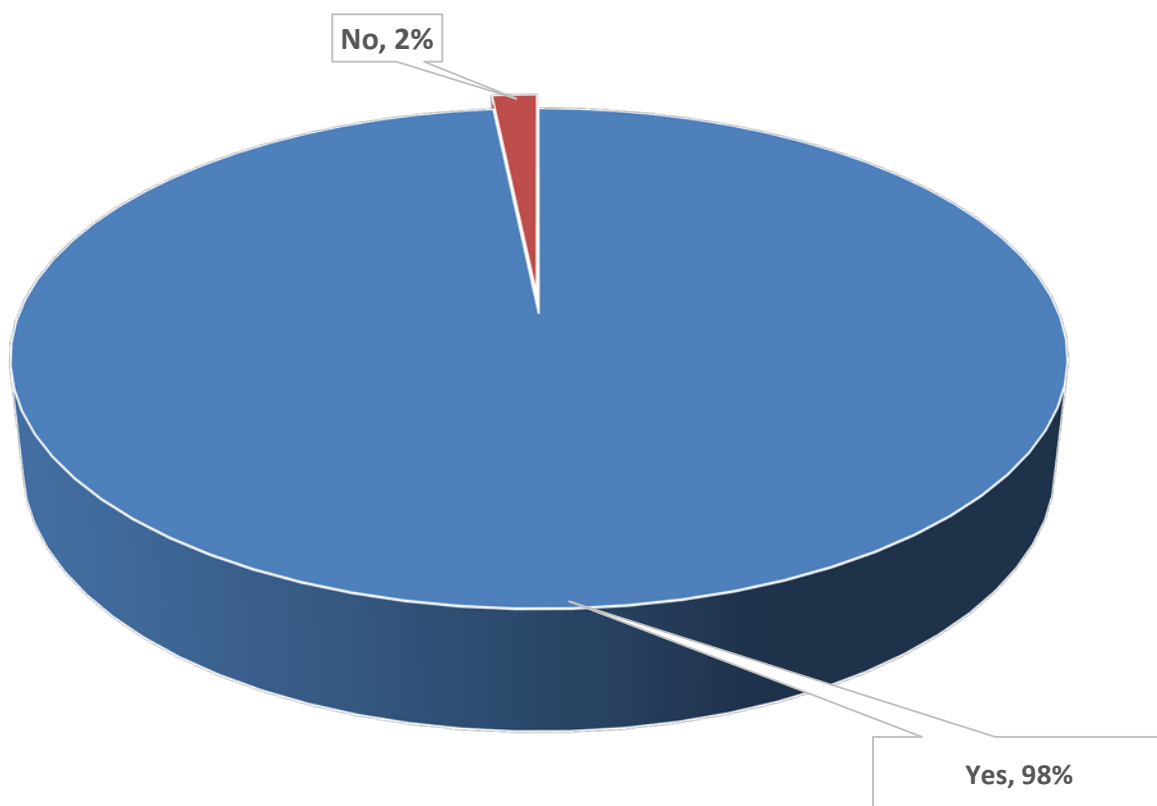
Did you pre-register for the Annual Meeting?



Answer	Response	%
Yes	183	96%
No	7	4%
Total	190	100%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	2	1.04	0.04	0.19	190	190

Was the online pre-registration process satisfactory?



Answer	Response	%
Yes	180	98%
No	3	2%
Total	183	100%

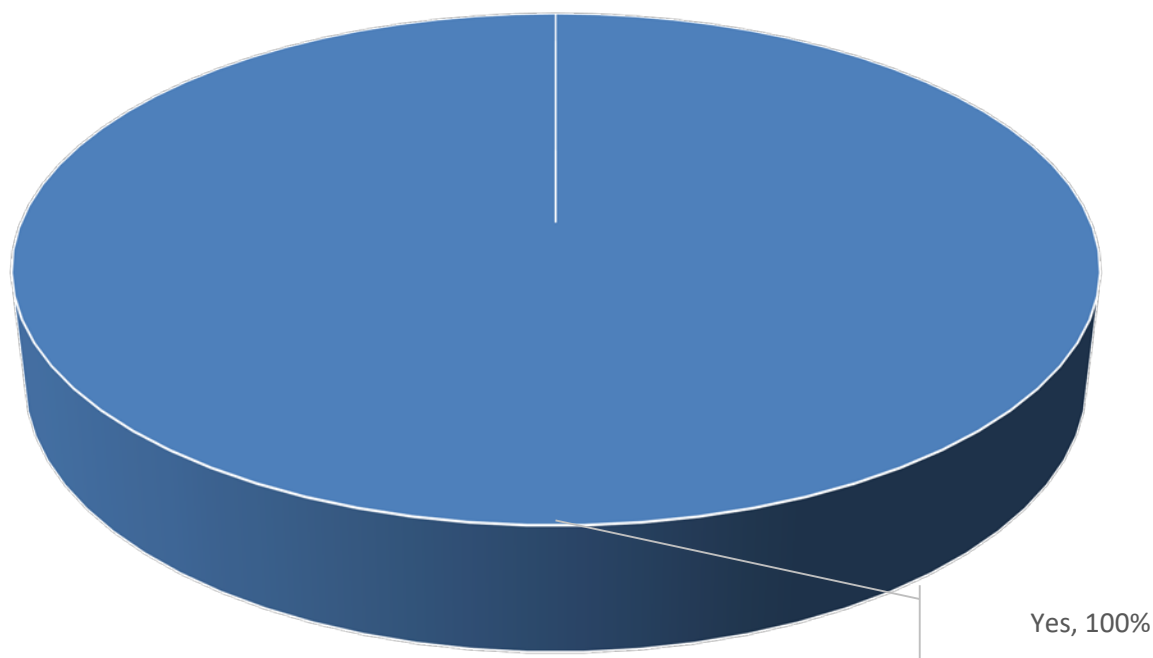
Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	2	1.02	0.02	0.13	183	183

You said that you are dissatisfied with the online pre-registration process.

Text Entry
Why does it cost so much money? Grad student\$ are poor.
I missed getting a tote bag. I did not notice the opt in of the tote bag.
The deadline for pre-registration (and staying on the program) was very early which meant I had to pay for it without knowing if there would be other sources--this is financially difficult. To make the meeting more inclusive, I'd push that deadline forward. I'm sure this is tough with printing--perhaps refrain from printing the program in the future?

Statistic	Value
Respondents	3

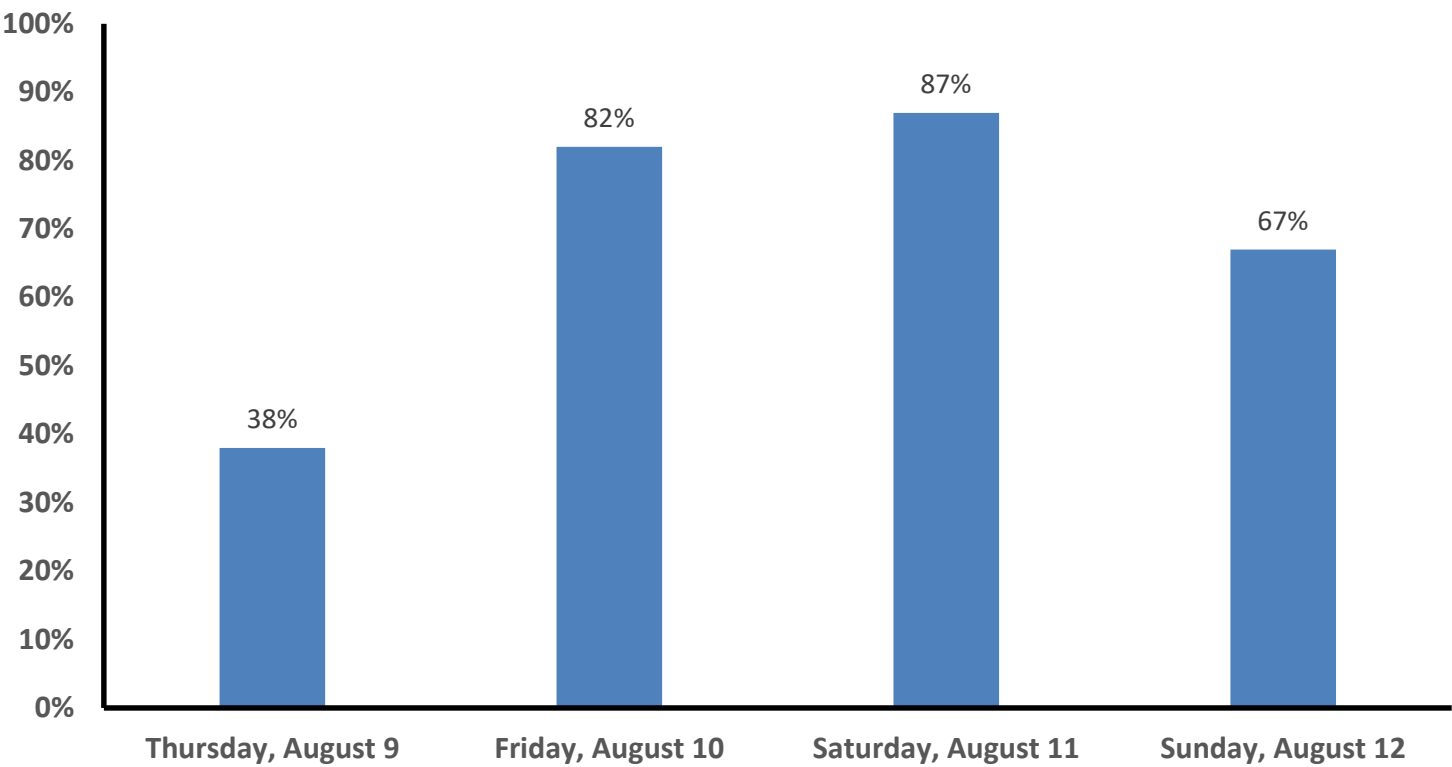
Was the on-site registration process satisfactory?



Answer	Response	%
Yes	7	100%
No	0	0%
Total	7	100%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	1	1	0	0	7	7

Please check the day(s) you attended the Annual Meeting.

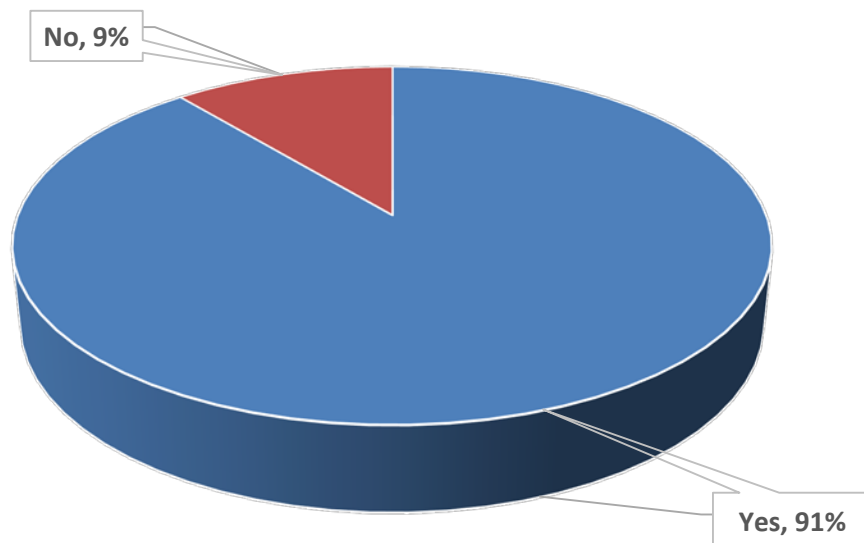


Answer	Response	%
Thursday, August 10	71	38%
Friday, August 11	155	82%
Saturday, August 12	163	87%
Sunday, August 13	125	67%

Total Responses	Total Respondents
514	188

Did you participate in the Annual Meeting as any of the roles listed below?

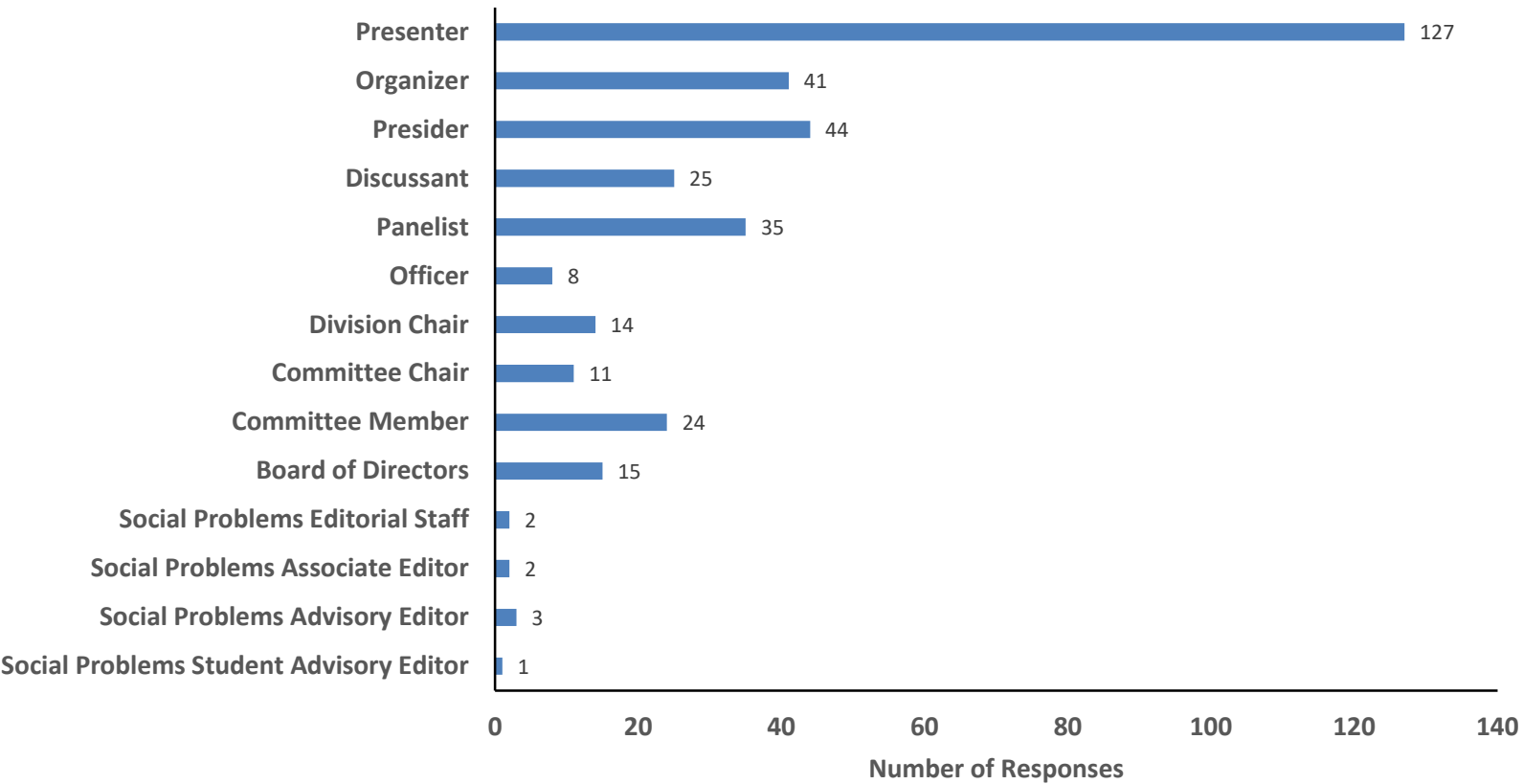
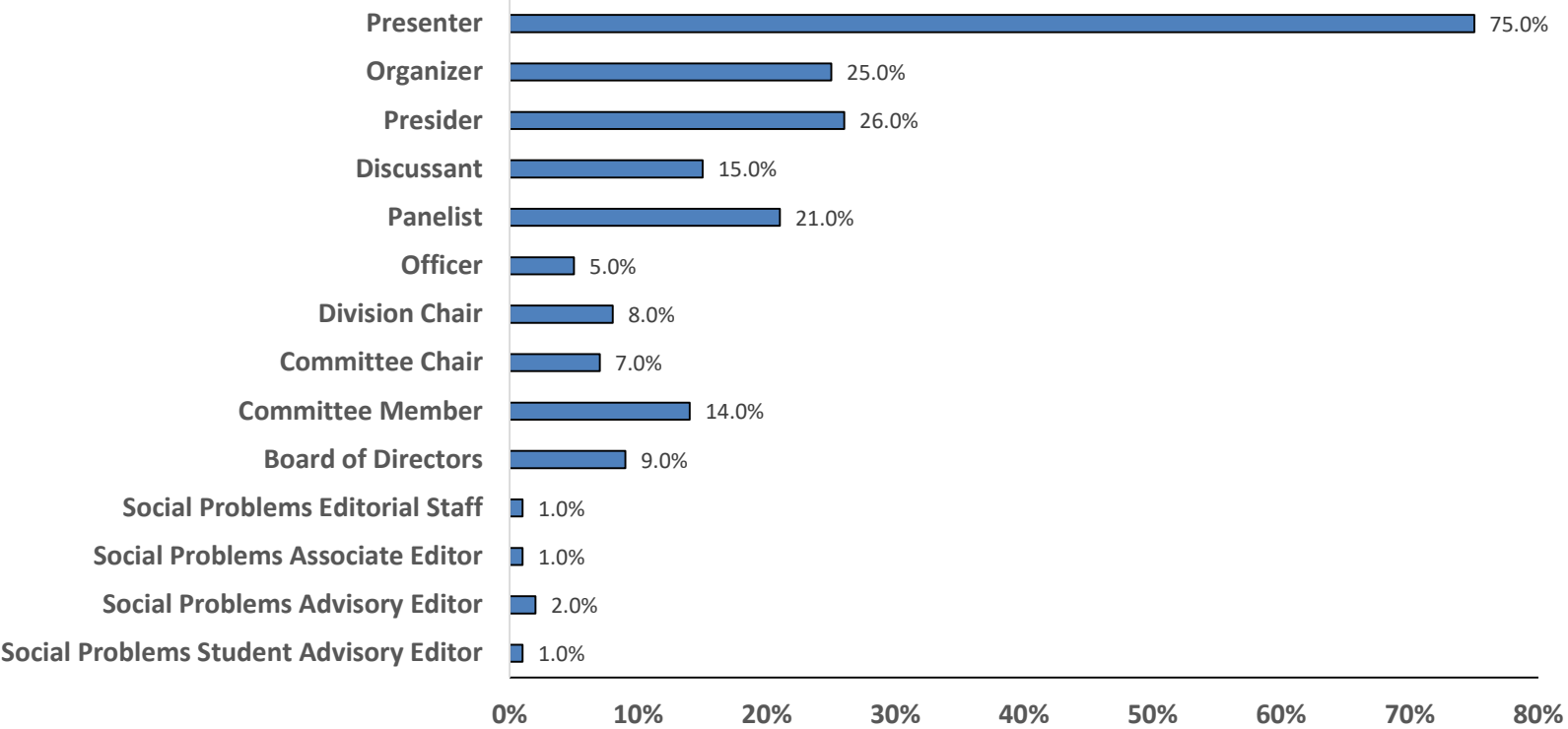
- Presenter
- Organizer
- Presider
- Discussant
- Panelist
- Officer
- Division Chair
- Committee Chair
- Committee Member
- Board of Directors
- *Social Problems* Editorial Staff
- *Social Problems* Associate Editor
- *Social Problems* Advisory Editor
- *Social Problems* Student Advisory Editor



Answer	Response	%
Yes	169	91%
No	21	9%
Total	190	100%

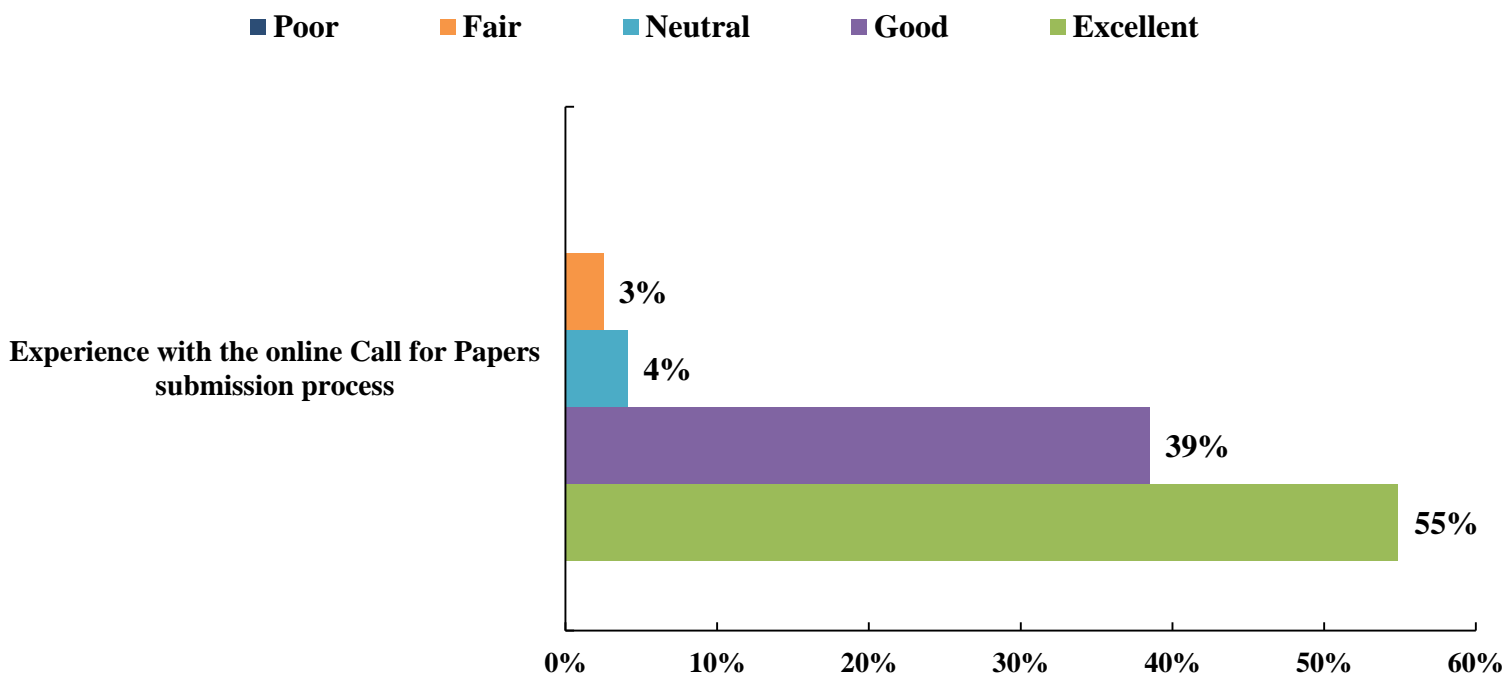
Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	2	1.11	0.1	0.31	190	190

Please indicate the roles you played at the Annual Meeting.



Total Responses	Total Respondents
352	169

Please rate your experience of the online Call for Papers submission process for the Annual Meeting.



Answer	Response	%
Poor	0	0%
Fair	3	3%
Neutral	5	4%
Good	47	39%
Excellent	67	55%
Total	122	100%

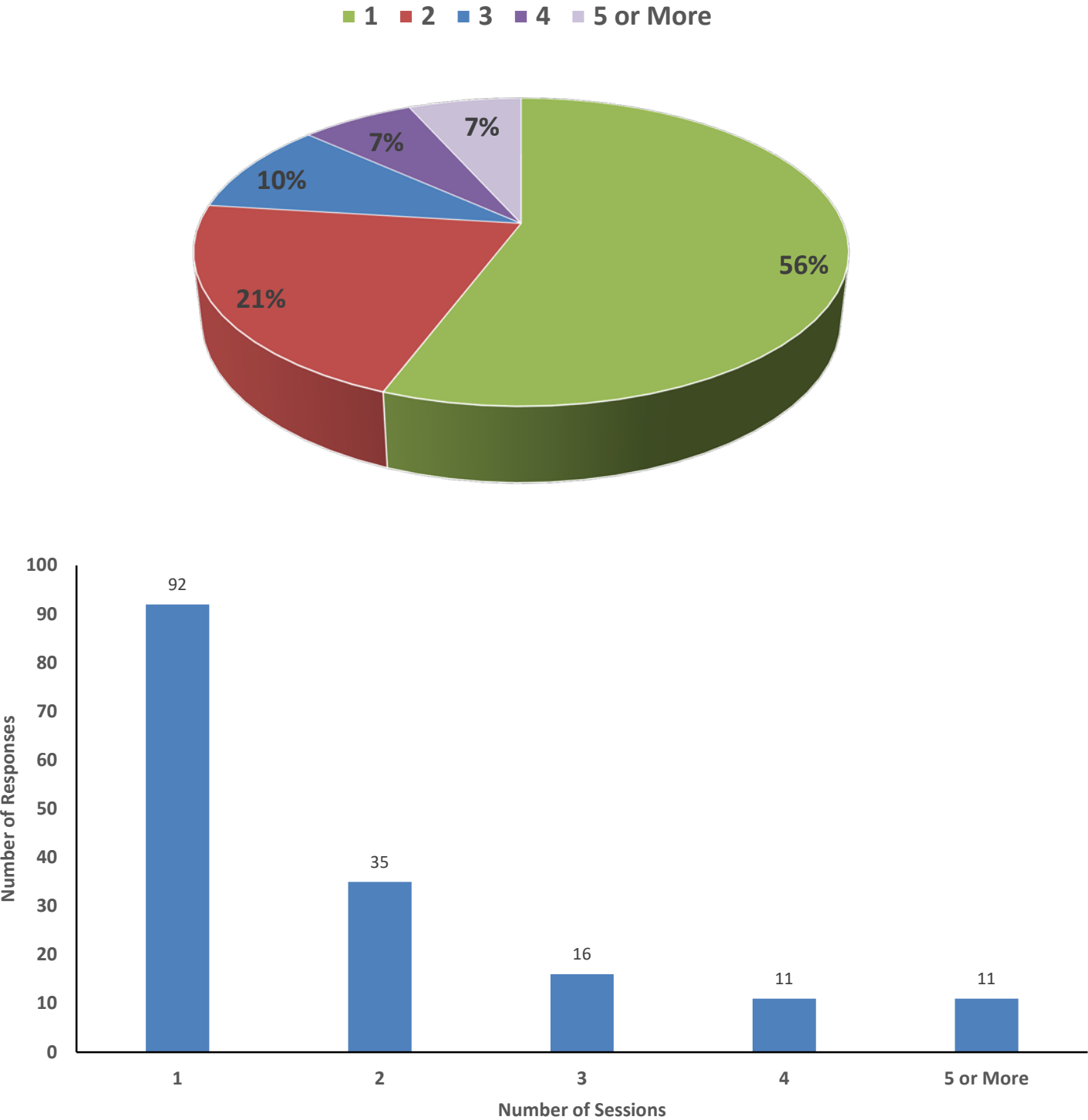
Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
2	5	4.46	0.48	0.69	122	122

You said that you are dissatisfied with the online Call for Papers submission process. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry
did not like the categories
I think the Society could do a better job of getting the call for papers promoted on social media.

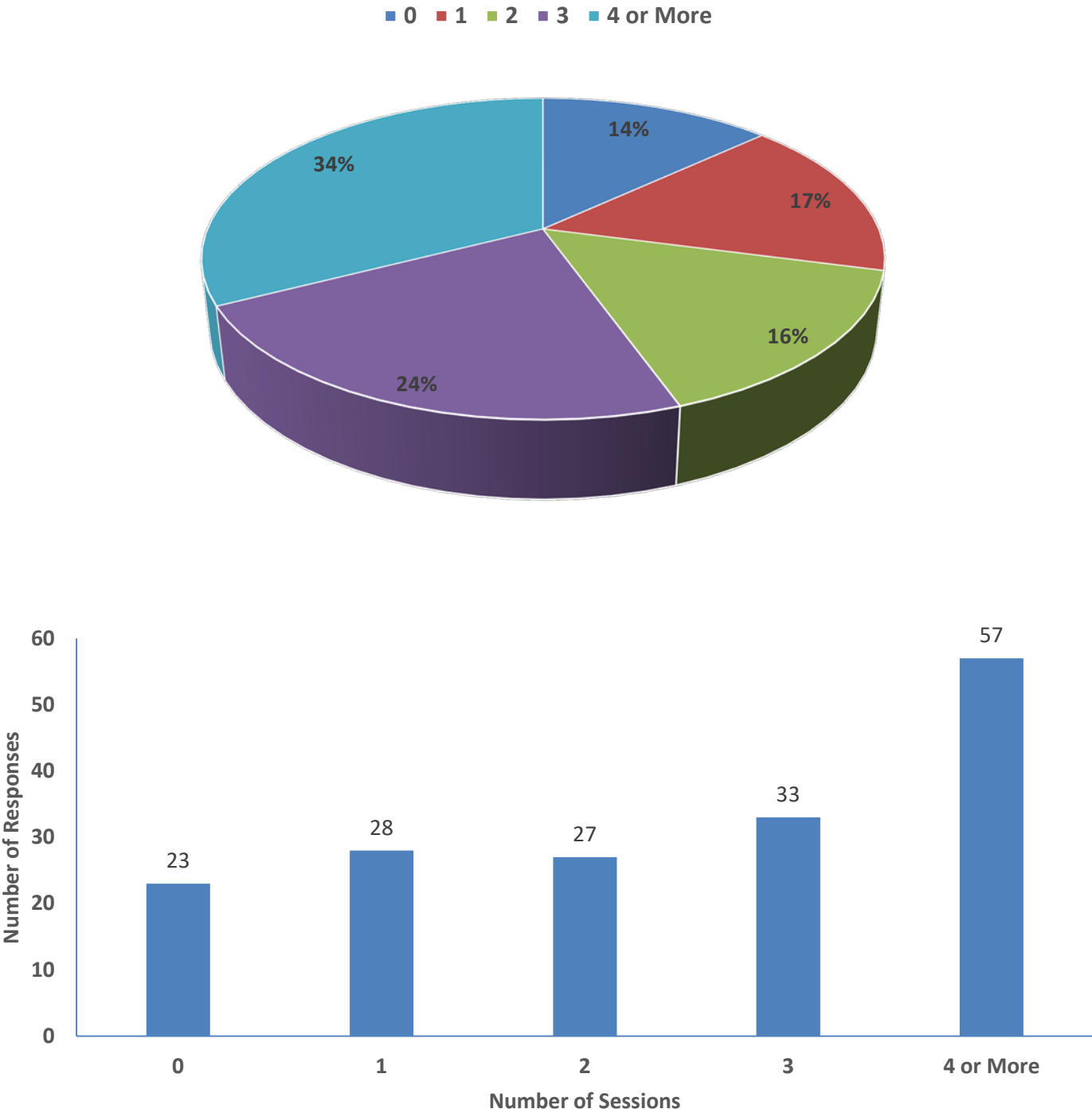
Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

How many sessions did you participate in at the Annual Meeting?
(Participate is defined as having a specific role such organizer, presenter, etc.)



Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	6	2.32	2.72	1.65	165	165

Approximately how many sessions did you attend at the Annual Meeting, aside from those you participated in?



Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	5	3.43	2.08	1.44	168	168

Please specify reason for not attending more sessions, aside from those you participated in.

Text Entry
I ran late getting to the sessions because of the terrible traffic problems in the downtown area.
Clashes with other sessions
was also participating in ASA and did not have free time
I was present only for my session.
Limited time.
Due to a lack of money, I worked at a temp job while I was at the conference
Was in town for other reasons (not ASA :)
I was in meetings the whole time because I am on the Board and a Division Chair.
I was also attending ASA.
would have liked to attend more sessions but had meetings
I was also attending sessions at ASA. And I had just flown back from New Zealand, so I was very jetlagged.
I had too many other meeting obligations to attend more sessions.
ASA/SSSI mini-conference
Spent all my time in SSSP meetings
meetings, meetings, meetings
This was my first year realizing that SSSP, SSWA, and ASA all happened at the same time. I split my time between the three conferences. It was my first time at SSSP but I have decided I am going to spend more time there next year.

Please specify reason for not attending more sessions, aside from those you participated in.

Text Entry
Busy with committee work
Time. When I wasn't presiding, presenting, or attending administrative meetings, there was very little time to attend other meetings.
Personal commitments
I was busy attending board meetings, working at the desk, or meeting with colleagues.
Time restraints
None offered during the day that I was in Philly that interested me.
Meetings
Attending ASA
Time constraints with ASA presentations and commitments before arriving
Board and committee meetings
I had a packed schedule, including several meetings and multiple presentations to give (one at SSSP and one at ASA).
Busy schedule
I was jointly attending the ASA conference and working a job to finance coming to the conference. I was also staying at a motel quite a distance
available time limited for me
Too many Board and committee meetings.
Didn't have enough time, had other obligations at ASA and could not get back and forth with enough ease.

Please specify reason for not attending more sessions, aside from those you participated in.

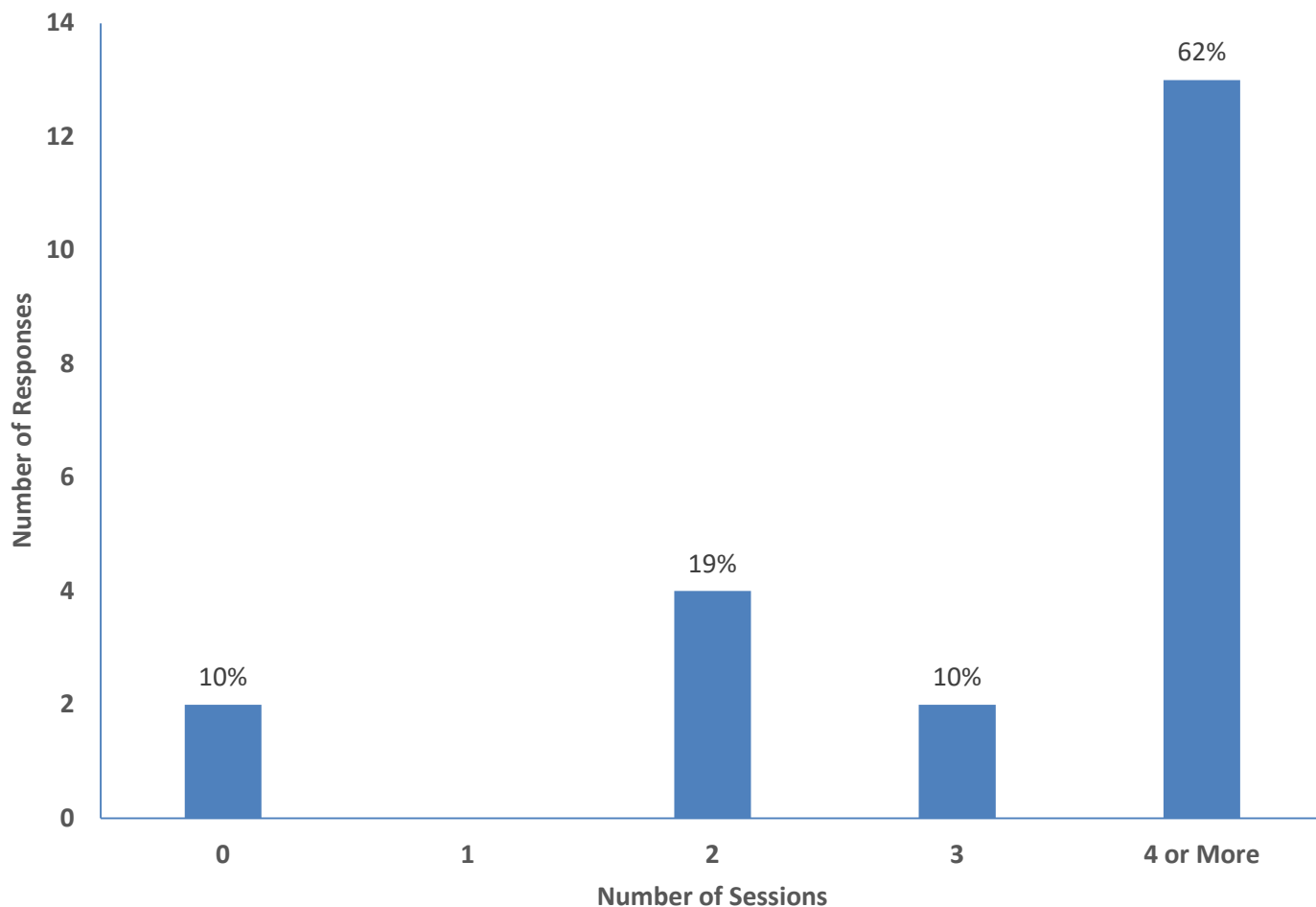
Text Entry
My schedule was packed. It's good to overlap with the ASA but that's also bad for scheduling purposes.
No time. Also, the sessions I wanted to attend conflicted with the sessions I was involved with.
Travel from suburbs- limited time
Papers are poorly developed and presented.
I had a two and a half month old baby at the time of the conference so my time at the conference was limited because I needed to make sure I could feed her and take care of her.
Because of the extreme problems with driving around Philadelphia, I arrived late for the program, and I believe it was shown only once (Voices of Baltimore)
Have chronic illness, needed to rest after the long drive to PA from MI.
It was too difficult to travel back and forth between ASA and SSSP. In the past, they've been near one another so it's easier to get the benefit of both. I like SSSP and want to support the community, but it feels increasingly difficult to do both, so I'll likely opt for just ASA.
Division chair and business meetings were a major time suck.
ASA Preconference plus ASA conference made it all too much
Schedule conflicts

Please specify reason for not attending more sessions, aside from those you participated in.

Text Entry
I spent extensive time preparing for my presentation and was anxious about how well I should have been prepared. I spent most of the conference days putting finishing touches on memorizing my presentation. So, I was unable to enjoy most of the sessions.
Had multiple obligations and two sessions at ASA
I went to an ASA satellite for much of Friday; and the SSSP site was too far from both ASA site and my hotel to go to it easily, so I only went on Thursday afternoon and then on Friday for my session
Time
Too many other meetings/obligations.
No time.
Required meetings.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	50

Approximately how many sessions did you attend at the Annual Meeting?
(This question was only asked to non-program participants.)



Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	5	4.14	1.65	1.28	21	21

Please specify reason for not attending more sessions.
(This question was only asked to non-program participants who attended less than 2 sessions.)

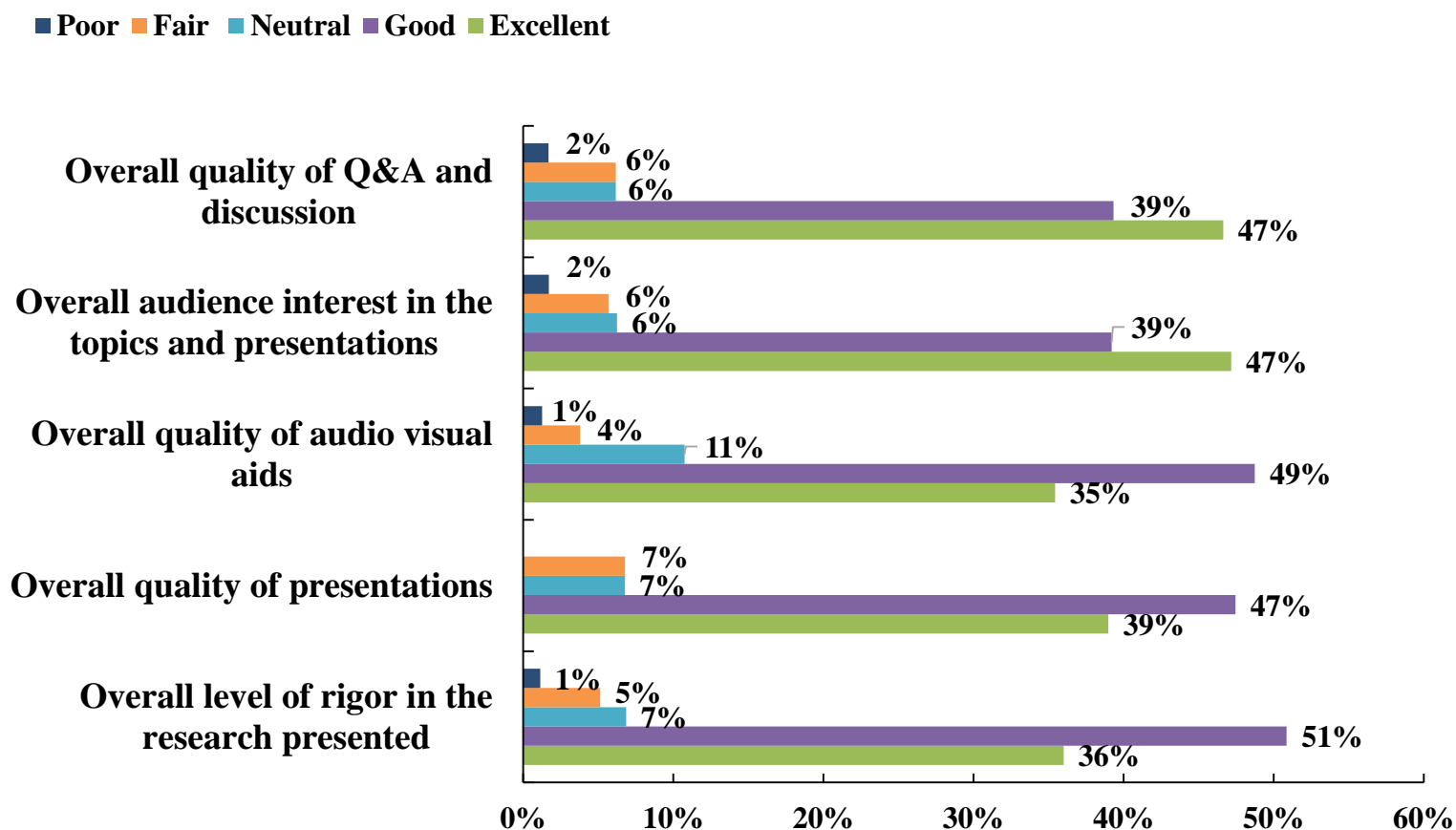
Text Entry

Because of health reasons, I was unable to attend the meetings in Philadelphia.

I was very excited to present my paper at this Annual meeting but unable to attend because I am doesn't get any travel expenses.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

**Please rate your experience of the session(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.
(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)**



Question	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Neutral (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Response	Average Value
Overall quality of Q&A and discussion	3	11	11	70	83	178	4.23
Overall audience interest in the topics and presentations	3	10	11	69	83	176	4.24
Overall quality of audio visual aids	2	6	17	77	56	158	4.13
Overall quality of presentations	0	12	12	84	69	177	4.19
Overall level of rigor in the research presented	2	9	12	89	63	175	4.15

**Please rate your experience of the session(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.
(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)**

Statistic	Overall level of rigor in the research presented	Overall audience interest in the topics and presentations	Overall quality of presentations	Overall quality of Q&A and discussion	Overall quality of audio visual aids
Min Value	1	1	2	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	4.15	4.24	4.19	4.23	4.13
Variance	0.71	0.86	0.69	0.87	0.71
Standard Deviation	0.84	0.92	0.83	0.93	0.84
Total Responses	175	176	177	178	158
Total Respondents	215	215	215	215	215

You said that you are dissatisfied with some aspect of the session(s) you attended. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry

I was disappointed in the lack of attendance for the session that I presented at. I presented in the session on homelessness. I was so excited to present in a homeless research specific session but was disappointed by the lack of attendance. I was hoping it would be a better opportunity for networking with people who had a similar interest.

Aside from the presenters, there were maybe 4 people in attendance. All presenters aside from one were graduate students, so there were clear holes in the research materials.

The organization has become very grad student heavy. Grad students are very important members and it is good that SSSP is welcoming. However, nearly 100% of the presentations I attended were grad students. We need a better balance of senior scholars.

Attendance was low. One of my panels had only 2 audience members.

There was not enough time for Q&A at the end of all the presentations.

Poor scholarship, disorganized presenters, unprepared

Papers should have a beginning, middle, and end. Conferences are not places to throw out raw data with no analysis. Presentations can be tentative, but they must indicate how the material is situated in existing literature and how it might advance our thinking. The over-professionalization of graduate students has led to conference sessions that feel like first-year seminars.

There were very few people in the audience in both sessions I attended. In the session I presented in, there were 5 panelists and only three audience members, none of whom asked any questions or made any comments. Our facilitator was excellent, and those of us presenting sat in the audience for the other presenters, but we were disappointed in the turn out. It felt more like a round-table than a presentation.

You said that you are dissatisfied with some aspect of the session(s) you attended. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry
The research presented felt very low-quality and pretty johnny one-note.
Questions / discussions could be better but I attribute that to audience more so than the presenters
Low attendance
There was an unevenness to the presentations. Some presentations were highly polished and I was able to learn some exciting new information. Other presentations rambled giving the impression that presenters didn't take this opportunity to share work seriously.
A/V provided by the venue could have been more accommodating/but overall very good adaptability by panelists.
I think the session presentations are often just presenters reading huge chunks of block text from slides. Not engaging at all, and shows a lack of preparation and enthusiasm about one's project.
My presentation was on Sunday so the energy was probably lower overall on the last day. But it was annoying to find that my presider and one of the three presenters arrived 5 minutes late. They generally did not seem very prepared and not invested in the presentations and following discussions. It was somewhat disheartening because me and the other presenter had prepared slides and rehearsed for what was a pretty unenthusiastic group.
The discussant for my session did not wait for me to answer one of the questions asked to me during the discussion after the presentations; I felt that she did not agree with the findings of my research because she did not understand my methodology, and therefore did not take my presentation as seriously as the others.
No audience participation
I was disappointed with the quality of presentations at both my own sessions and those I attended without presenting. I haven't felt like this in the past but this year was disappointed and it made me wonder if I will attend SSSP anymore.

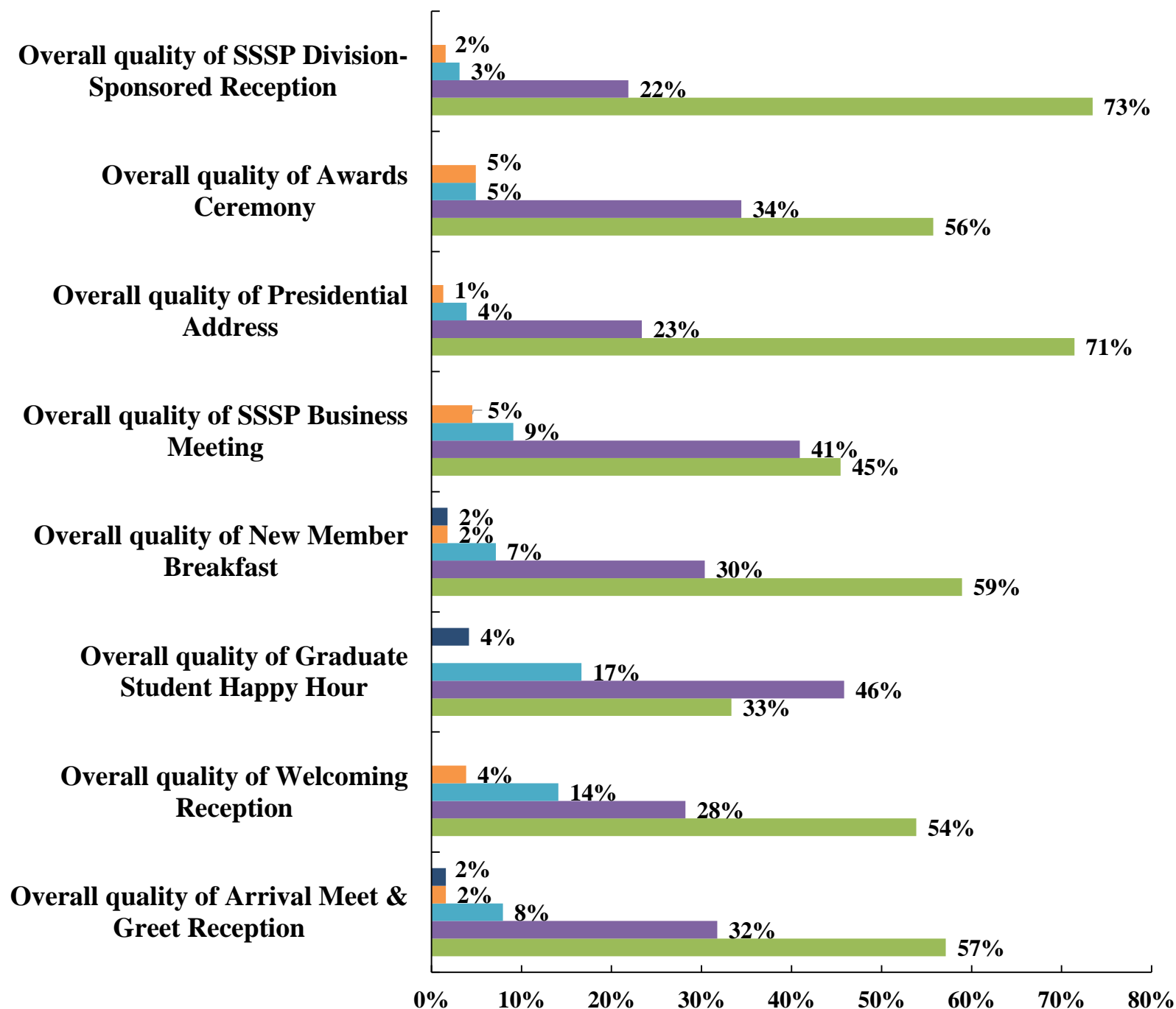
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Text Entry	
I had a good time but I feel that the hotel was not conducive to an overall great conference experience. The hotel was very old and dark and did not have a social atmosphere. I also would have liked to network more but when I attended events everyone was, of course, with their friends and people they already know. I feel that this could have been easier if we were in a nicer, or more modern space. Further, I presented in a session that only had 1 audience member. I am concerned that people register for SSSP and then just leave and go to ASA or use it as a vacation. I don't know what SSSP can do to combat that, but it is frustrating to prepare for a session and have only 1 attendee in addition to the panel and organizer.	
None of the presenters or conference activities, except those in the session I organized, had handouts of their powerpoint slides or any large-print materials. Access needs during presentations were very poor.	
Low attendance. No specific feedback re: the specific area of my interest	
They were not entirely inclusive for persons with disabilities. Further, the room for one disability session was completely overcrowded, which was not conducive for persons who had equipment or aids. .. I wish that every session had a discussant so that I could get feedback on my project.	
Some presenters literally read their papers. I would suggest encouraging presenters to make eye contact with their audiences.	
Some of the presentations were rather weak	
The critical dialogue sessions were not moderated very well. There was a lack of interesting dialogue and I would have liked to hear more about each paper before jumping into discussion.	

Statistic	Value
Respondents	25

Please rate your experience of the reception(s) and special events you attended at the Annual Meeting.

■ Poor ■ Fair ■ Neutral ■ Good ■ Excellent



Please rate your experience of the reception(s) and special events you attended at the Annual Meeting.

Question	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Neutral (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Response	Mean Value
Overall quality of Welcoming Reception	0	3	11	22	42	78	4.32
Overall quality of SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception	0	1	2	14	47	64	4.67
Overall quality of Graduate Student Happy Hour	1	0	4	11	8	24	4.04
Overall quality of New Member Breakfast	1	1	4	17	33	56	4.43
Overall quality of SSSP Business Meeting	0	2	4	18	20	44	4.27
Overall quality of Presidential Address	0	1	3	18	55	77	4.65
Overall quality of Awards Ceremony	0	3	3	21	34	61	4.41
Overall quality of Arrival Meet & Greet Reception	1	1	5	20	36	63	4.41

Please rate your experience of the reception(s) and special events you attended at the Annual Meeting.

Statistic	Overall quality of Welcoming Reception	Overall quality of SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception	Overall quality of Graduate Student Happy Hour	Overall quality of New Member Breakfast
Min Value	2	2	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5
Mean	4.32	4.67	4.04	4.43
Variance	0.73	0.38	0.87	0.71
Standard Deviation	0.85	0.61	0.93	0.84
Total Responses	78	64	24	56
Total Respondents	215	215	215	215

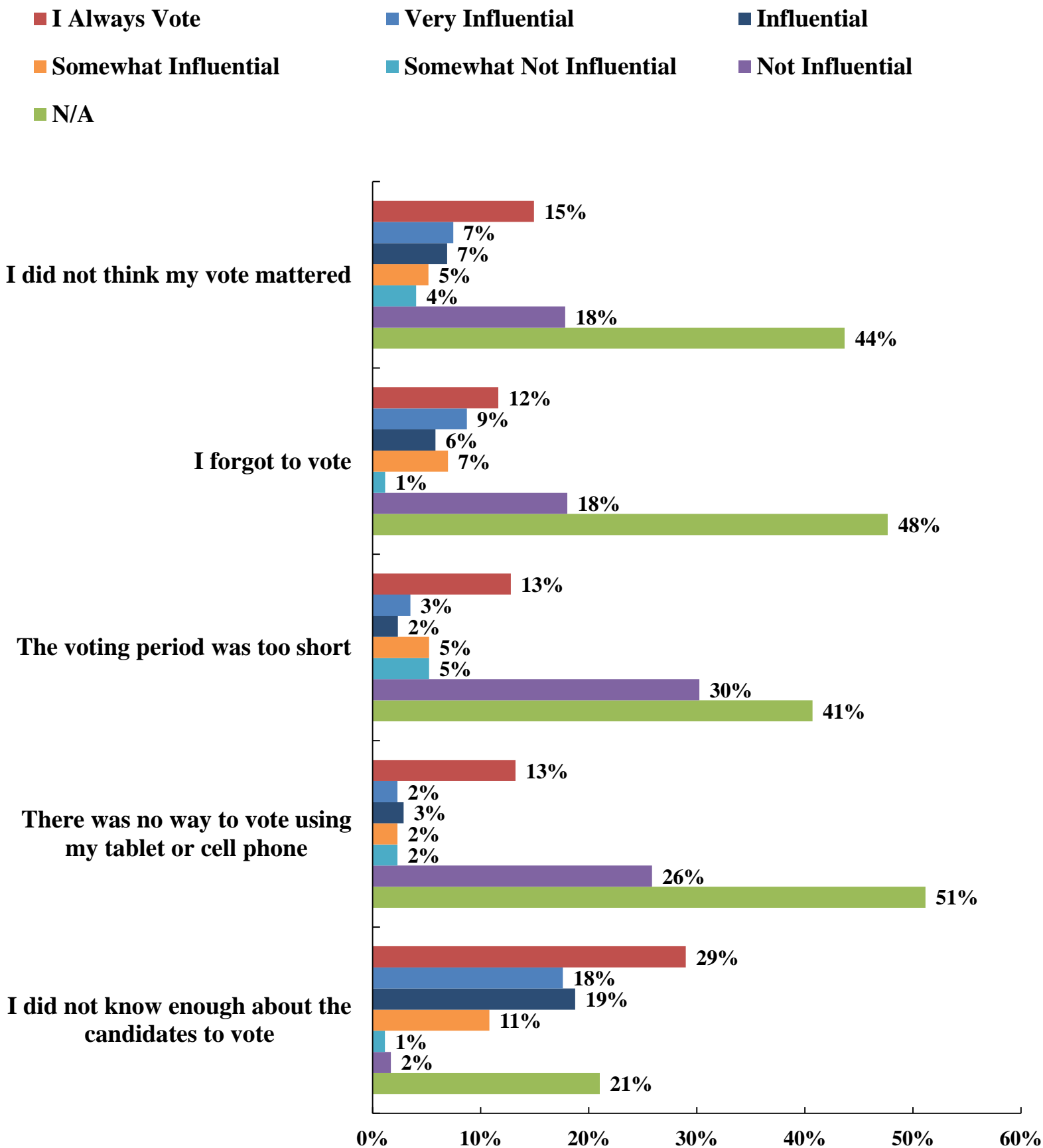
Statistic	Overall quality of SSSP Business Meeting	Overall quality of Presidential Address	Overall quality of Awards Ceremony	Overall quality of Arrival Meet & Greet Reception
Min Value	2	2	2	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5
Mean	4.27	4.65	4.41	4.41
Variance	0.65	0.38	0.64	0.69
Standard Deviation	0.81	0.62	0.80	0.83
Total Responses	44	77	61	63
Total Respondents	215	215	215	215

You said that you are dissatisfied with some aspect of the reception(s) and special events you attended. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry	
Okay - but there was no "greeting" - just providing name, getting tag.	
Hosting the awards in the same room as the division reception might help improve attendance / awareness of awards. A poster, banner, or other photographic representation of winners might help better recognize achievements of those who cannot be recognized in a larger/meeting setting.	
There was mention of a graduate student happy hour, but no indication of its location. No one I talked to knew about it.	
My SSSP mentor was mean and unsupportive.	
I feel that food should be provided for the Thursday and Friday receptions in addition to the division sponsored reception on Saturday. I had fun networking but was starving at the end and unable to find dinner on my own due to it being so late	
There was no help or representation from SSSP. it did not feel inclusive, very clique, what is this - ASA? Even ISA was more organized, more inclusive. It was overall a real disappointment this yr. Also, the sessions were so poorly attended. I spent a lot of time preparing a talk for only a handful of people and this was one of the more well-attended sessions. Some had only the panel in the audience!	
Inaccessible	
Not enough food	
I know that award presenters are given instructions on how to present awards, but clearly, not all of them followed the instructions. I wish there was a better way to ensure everyone followed the timelines so that the reception doesn't drag on too long.	
This year the time dedicated to a disputed resolution was cut short (business meeting). I know there is a schedule, but I find it was unfortunate there was not more time for member input.	

Statistic	Value
Respondents	10

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Question	Not Influential (1)	Somewhat Not Influential (2)	Somewhat Influential (3)	Influential (4)	Very Influential (5)	I Always Vote (6)	N/A (7)
I did not know enough about the candidates to vote	3	2	19	33	31	51	37
There was no way to vote using my tablet or cell phone	45	4	4	5	4	23	89
The voting period was too short	52	9	9	4	6	22	70
I forgot to vote	31	2	12	10	15	20	82
I did not think my vote mattered	31	7	9	12	13	26	76

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Statistic	I did not know enough about the candidates to vote	There was no way to vote using my tablet or cell phone	The voting period was too short
Min Value	1	1	1
Max Value	8	8	8
Mean	5.41	5.49	5.59
Variance	3.00	8.96	9.31
Standard Deviation	1.73	2.99	3.05
Total Responses	176	174	172
Total Respondents	215	215	215

Statistic	I forgot to vote	I did not think my vote mattered
Min Value	1	1
Max Value	8	8
Mean	5.59	5.45
Variance	7.38	7.36
Standard Deviation	2.72	2.71
Total Responses	172	174
Total Respondents	215	215

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Text Entry
Please tell us about any other factors that have influenced whether or not you voted in past SSSP General Elections.
I missed the session
This is my first year with SSSP and I feel as though I know nothing about the organization yet. Given that I am new AND just finished undergrad, I don't think my vote matters very much or that I should have much of a say
When was it? I didn't know. Maybe I wasn't a member in time.
They seem to be a bit of a insider's club kind of thing, where the same few suspects from the same few schools dominate the positions, so it feels like a bit of a waste of time to vote
I feel that because I am not from the USA my vote and voice does not matter.
It is my responsibility as a member. I voted.
It would not be fare to vote without knowing the contestant.
I have always voted as I have two mentors in the organization.
I believe I voted in the past two elections (duration of membership).
I always vote, and believe it is important for members to participate in the election process. On a rare occasion I have not known either candidate and the bios are sometimes not entirelyly specific to the function of the organization (making it harder to choose either candidate).
Concern with the organization and its future
I am not a member.

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Text Entry
I work outside of academia, so if detailed information is not provided, I do not know a lot about the candidates.
Mostly I do not know enough about the candidates and how each would make a difference to the organization. I am generally satisfied so I assume that most would do a good job.
I have always found SSSP to have the most representative leadership.
I'm a grad student who has only been a member for two years and don't feel like voting will change my experience at the annual meeting.
It really didn't cross my mind to vote. Perhaps encourage people to do so via email prior to the conference, if you don't already.
I do not know many of those that present and/or attend these meetings, but enjoy going to them.
Perhaps is necessary to make a more thorough follow-up of whether people have voted or not. E-mails reminding will be good.
I always vote as it is my professional obligation to the organization.
I was not aware of voting
I'm new to SSSP, so I didn't feel comfortable participating in its leadership selection.
New member
Being new to the Society, I am unsure of these candidates' impact and importance in the organization.
I vote. I'm a patriot.
I did not know about any vote. I still don't.

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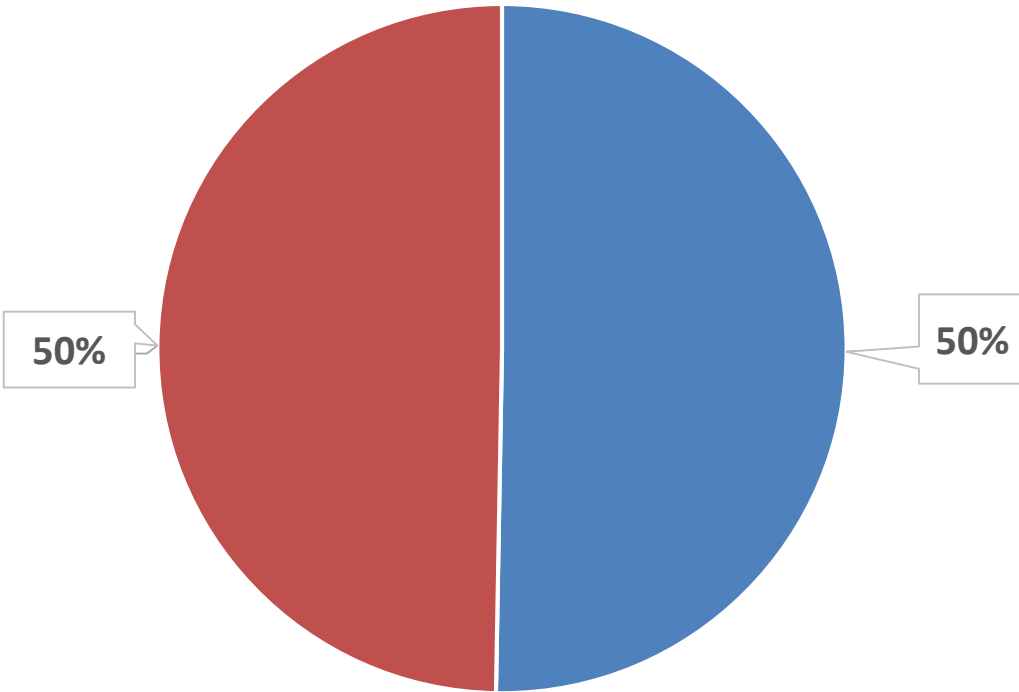
Text Entry
Because my participation in SSSP is tied financially to the conference, I do not receive notifications when my membership lapses (which is has to do every year because of financial constraints). Better would be having the year tied to the conference so membership and thus communications are consistent.
I don't remember being invited to vote. Perhaps I missed it in my email.
I've been a member for several years, and I hate to say it, but it does not seem that there is any difference in how a section is run based on who runs it. They basically just organize a newsletter and the conference sessions, which are always similar regardless to who the chair is.
I have no idea who these people are most of the time, so I'd rather let the people who do know vote.
I always vote!
I did not know any of the candidates.
Earlier and more reminders to vote would be helpful. Time needed to read the applications of all candidates to make an informed decision is my main reason for not voting.
always vote
I did not vote because I focused on preparing the presentation at my session.
As one of the oldest members, I feel that these decisions matter more to the younger members
I always vote in both general and division elections. :)
N/A
I have not been a member of the SSSP very long and have not yet taken time to become invested in my membership other than in attending two meeting (which have been excellent).

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Text Entry
I did not vote because I am not a member of SSSP.
I actually don't know much about the organization.
I'm out of the network to know the issues and candidates concerned
reminders, otherwise i would forget
I was a new member and didn't feel like I had enough information as a first year SSSP member to vote in the elections.
I have voted every year I've been a member. But to hypothesize, I assume it just gets lost in the emails like everything else. Maybe multiple reminders would help? (weekly) - specifically targeting members who haven't voted yet

Statistic	Value
Respondents	46

Did you stay at the Philadelphia 201 Hotel (formally Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel)?



Answer	Response	%
Yes	90	50%
No	89	50%
Total	179	100%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	2	1.5	0.25	0.5	179	179

What was the main reason you did not stay at the conference hotel?

Text Entry
For my budget, it is very expensive
price, got a cheaper room a few blocks away at a different hotel
cost
My family lives in Philadelphia, so I stayed with them
cost
Family lives in area.
Cost.
too expensive
expensive
Stayed at an ASA hotel
Sold out before I booked my room
Too expensive
I could not find (and did not know how to find) someone to room with. I could not afford to pay for a room by myself as I have so little money and no support from my university. I ended up staying at a motel and shared the room with a student I did not know. I would really appreciate it if SSSP could design something so I can find someone to room with at future conferences. It really takes away from the experience not to be at the conference hotel and I know that SSSP has to book enough rooms to guarantee their discounts
Affordability.
Cost
I am an introvert and I need to get away from people. I become overwhelmed at the conference hotel.
Cost + interest in a different neighborhood of town
Cost. I stayed at an airbnb.

What was the main reason you did not stay at the conference hotel?

Text Entry
Budget
\$
cost, also i travel with my family and it's more convenient to stay in a airbnb
I try to avoid hotels whenever possible (something about being able to separate myself from work at the end of the day is helpful).
I was attending another conference across the river and wanted to be in a more central location, air b&b was cheaper, and I think SSSP had member rates only after we booked our apartment.
Too expensive.
price
I attended ASA as well and stayed at the Downtown Marriot with those who I usually room with. They chose the hotel, and also presented at ASA, not SSSP
I have frequently visited Philadelphia and have a favorite hotel. That hotel is next to the Rittenhouse Square, which I like, as well as the restaurants where I met with colleagues after program activities.
Cost
Price
Cost. (I am attending 3 conferences this year, and my university only gives me a \$1200 budget for all three.)
Too expensive
Found a cheaper option nearby. Allowed me to walk between SSSP and ASA
I found a more affordable option with AirBnB
I found a cheaper Airbnb and didn't have department funding because I wasn't presenting so it didn't matter where I stayed.

What was the main reason you did not stay at the conference hotel?

Text Entry
Returned home.
I found a better deal elsewhere.
Costs
By the time I wanted to book a room the reduced conference rate ones I was interested in were gone
Stay at friend's place.
I live within commuting distance of the hotel
Stayed with a friend
My travel funds are not sufficient to cover my costs.
I am on a tight budget, so I shared an Airbnb with three other colleagues.
Price was the primary concern. The person I shared a roommate had a car and we did not want to pay the high parking rates for 4 days, which would have been over at least an additional \$150. Because of this, we stayed at a hotel much closer to the airport, which was really inconvenient. As a graduate student, and working with limited funding, it is unfortunate because it does limit the time you can spend at the conference because you have to be concerned with how/ when you can get back to your hotel.
cost
I received external support in order to attend the meeting and this support was limited to a cheaper hotel.
Stayed at ASA room block
Too expensive.
I stayed where ASA was held
Price and comfort. I found a much better deal at a much better place.
Cheaper outside of hotel - airbnb.
cost and i have family in the suburb
Dirty. Went elsewhere

What was the main reason you did not stay at the conference hotel?

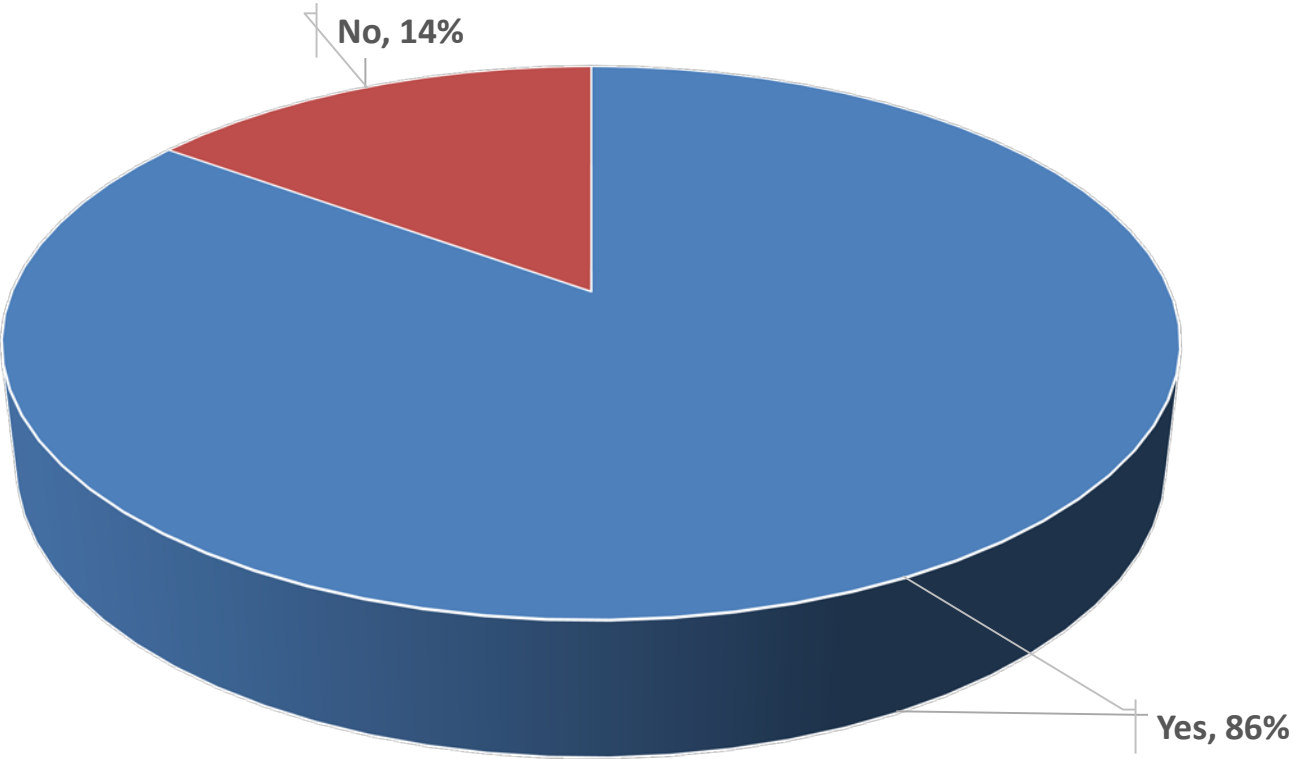
Text Entry
Challenges finding roommates for the conference.
I live nearby.
Another hotel had better value and location.
prie
Price; I stayed in a youth hostel
Because my school was paying for the hotel room of several people in my graduate cohort we needed a place a little bit more central to the ASA conference where they were presenting.
Cost savings. I stayed at an Airbnb instead
Too expensive.
I live in Philadelphia
I found a better price at a hotel closer to the ASA meeting.
Too expensive
Stayed with Friends
I was staying for 10 days and did not want to move locations.
Too expensive
I live in the area
My hotel was being paid by someone else and I had to stay at an ASA hotel.
I didn't stay at conference hotels the entire stay because of the price. I decided to stay at ASA hotel for a few nights instead of SSSP because my roommate was presenting at ASA (so was I)
Too far from ASA site
stayed at a better hotel for about the same rate
Too expensive

What was the main reason you did not stay at the conference hotel?

Text Entry
Cost. I am a VERY low income member of SSSP. I struggled with paying the membership and registration dues. I was embarrassed to reach out for decreased pricing due to being on food stamps. So, I just stayed at another very cheap hotel at \$30/night in the area because the value of attending SSSP was paramount and trumped even being uncomfortable to an extent.
location. I often do stay at SSSP hotel
Bad location. No parking
I've stayed at the hotel at previous meetings and do not care for it. I stayed at one of the ASA hotels (Loew's), which was closer to the cultural spots of the city.
I need to have some space between the conference and alone time. I need time off.
Sought airbnb for longer stay to attend remaining conferences.
live in area
too expensive, air bnb was \$65 a night
I got my hotel through the ASA block of rooms, since it was a Marriott product and I have rewards with them.
Cost
Use the roommate match service and found a better 'deal' elsewhere with 3 other members.
Cost.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	85

Are you likely to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting in New York City, NY?



Answer	Response	%
Yes	159	86%
No	25	14%
Total	184	100%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	2	1.14	0.12	0.34	184	184

What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting in New York City, NY?

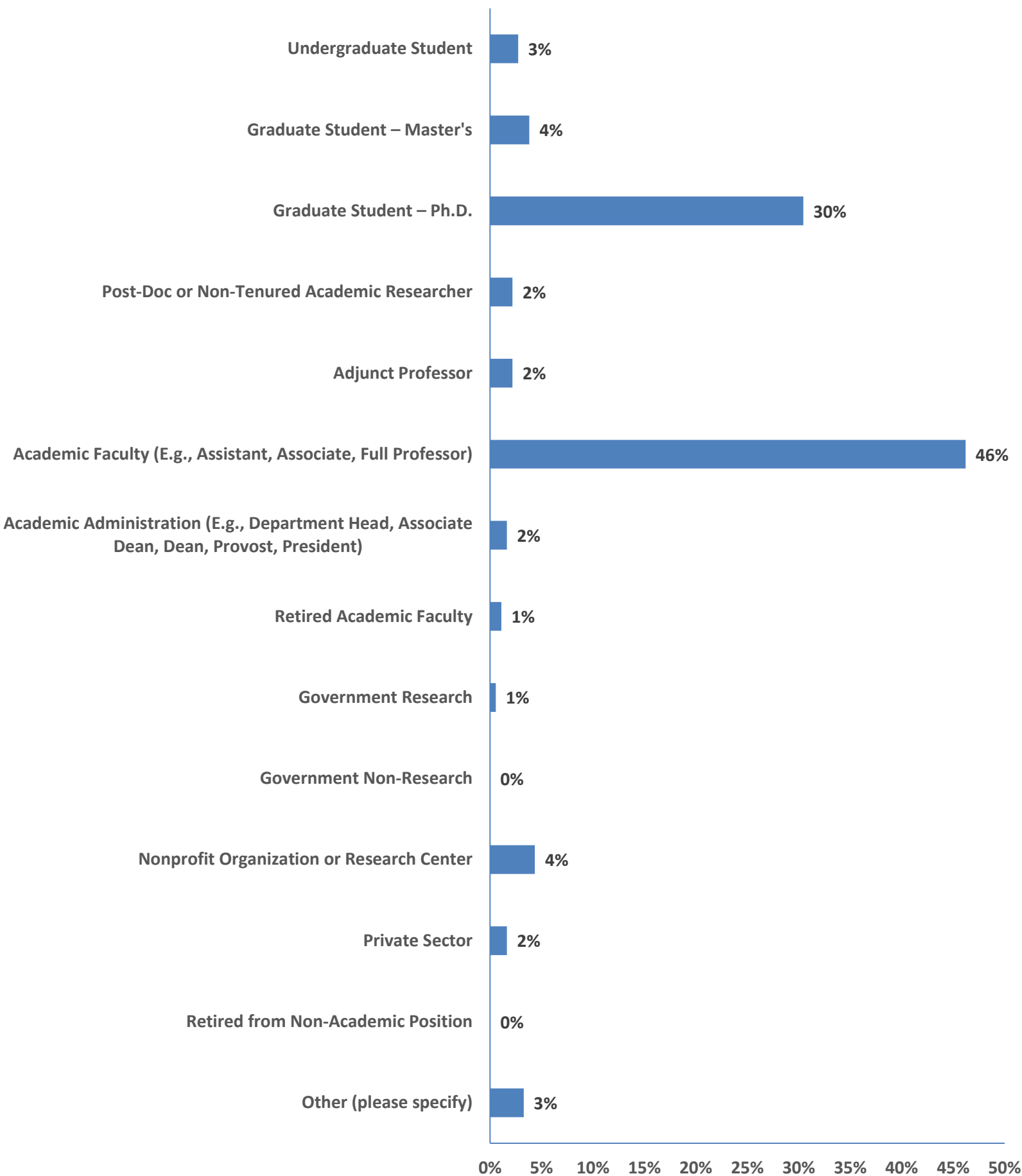
Text Entry
Cost. NYC is the most expensive city for conference travel. With limited university support for travel it is impossible to attend without going out-of-pocket.
I need to attend a conference more aligned with my research area (maternal and child health). However, SSSP was very important to my development as a graduate student and early career academic.
Finances
will not be in the country
My participation in this meeting was solely to serve as panelist in a Saturday 2:30 session.
Cost
NY is very expensive to stay, eat, go out.
fund crunch
New York is expensive and at this time, it is uncertain that I will be able to afford to attend.
Cost. I live in the west coast. So it is not just travel but accommodations cost are high.
Cost. I'll be a lecturer, and it's a very expensive trip without adequate funding for travel (even with assistance from SSSP).
Price
New York City is extremely expensive, and unless I am presenting, I cannot afford the cost of attending. I have to save my personally funds for conferences where I am presenting.
Too expensive

What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting in New York City, NY?

Text Entry
I will likely attend ASA but am considering not attending SSSP because this year it didn't seem worth my time to present or attend - I was disappointed with attendance, comments and quality of presentations
Funding resources and sabbatical
I have now graduated from graduate school and I'm not attending graduate school this next year.
The expense and inconvenience. I think acknowledging that individuals likely participate in both conferences is key--and making accommodations.
Obligations at ASA
The cost of attending NYC is prohibitively expensive.
I am a graduating senior.
I was just in New York and just found it too crowded and overwhelming. I may attend, but it being in New York is definitely a deterrent.
I do not think SSSP has a session that is a good fit for my research interests. I study the sociology of war, yet there is no session dedicated to war, conflict, and collective violence. SSSP does not seem to recognize war as a social problem, which to me is troublesome. ASA offers sessions that are a better match for my research interests.
Expense; I am more likely to attend every other year and look forward to submitting something for the San Francisco meeting.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	24

What is your primary employment type or affiliation?



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Answer	Response	%
Undergraduate Student	5	3%
Graduate Student – Master's	7	4%
Graduate Student – Ph.D.	56	30%
Post-Doc or Non-Tenured Academic Researcher	4	2%
Adjunct Professor	4	2%
Academic Faculty (E.g., Assistant, Associate, Full Professor)	85	46%
Academic Administration (E.g., Department Head, Associate Dean, Dean, Provost, President)	3	2%
Retired Academic Faculty	2	1%
Government Research	1	1%
Government Non-Research	0	0%
Nonprofit Organization or Research Center	8	4%
Private Sector	3	2%
Retired from Non-Academic Position	0	0%
Other (please specify)	6	3%
Total	184	100%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	14	7.6	6.24	2.5	184	184

What is your primary employment type or affiliation?

Other Employment of Affiliation Responses

Academic Program Director

Graduate student- Joint MA/PhD

Visiting Scholar

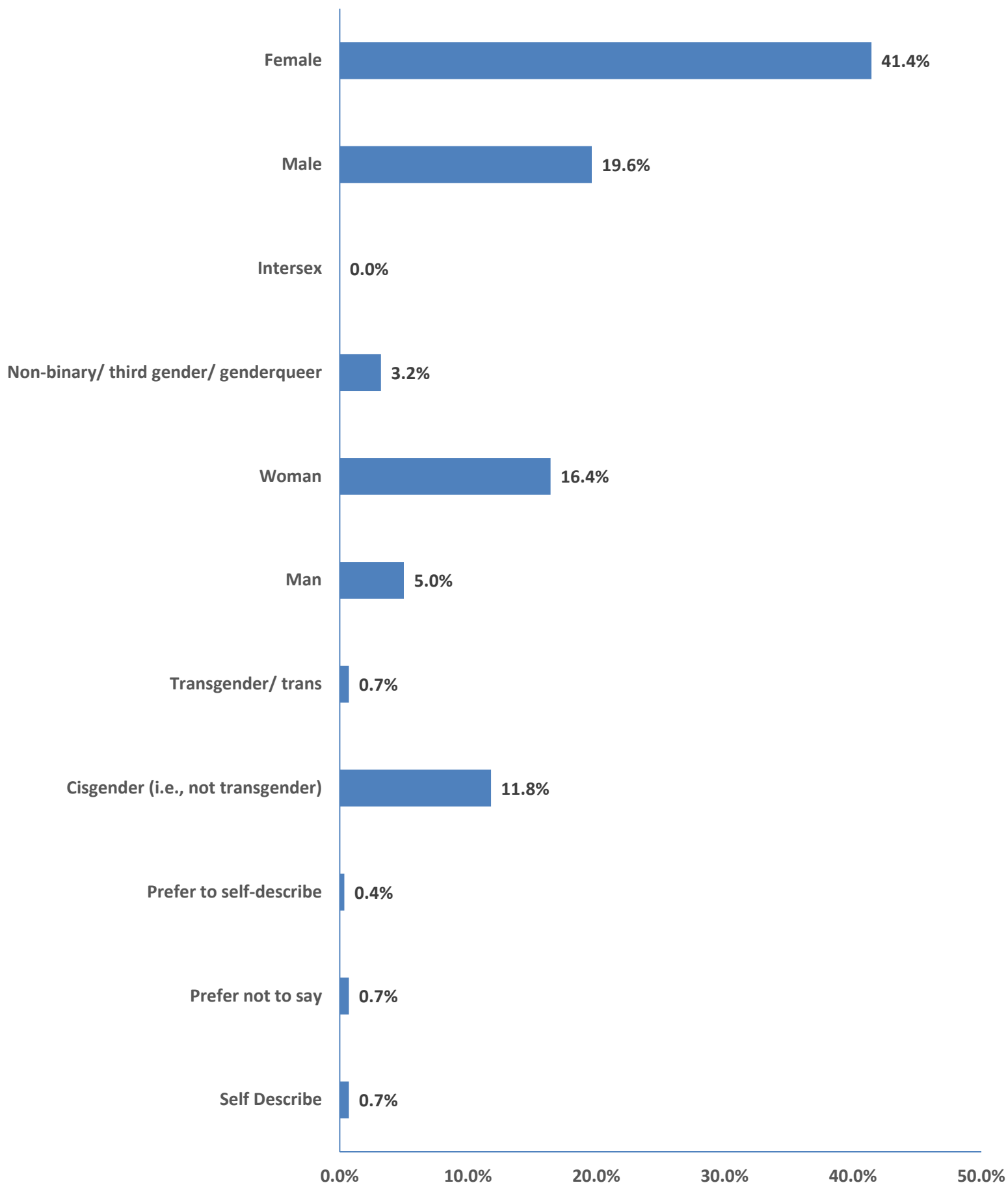
Community mental health

Retired Military, local historian and publisher of 12 books on history of African American life in Balto Co where no such history ever existed

University non-student part-time employee

Statistic	Value
Respondents	6

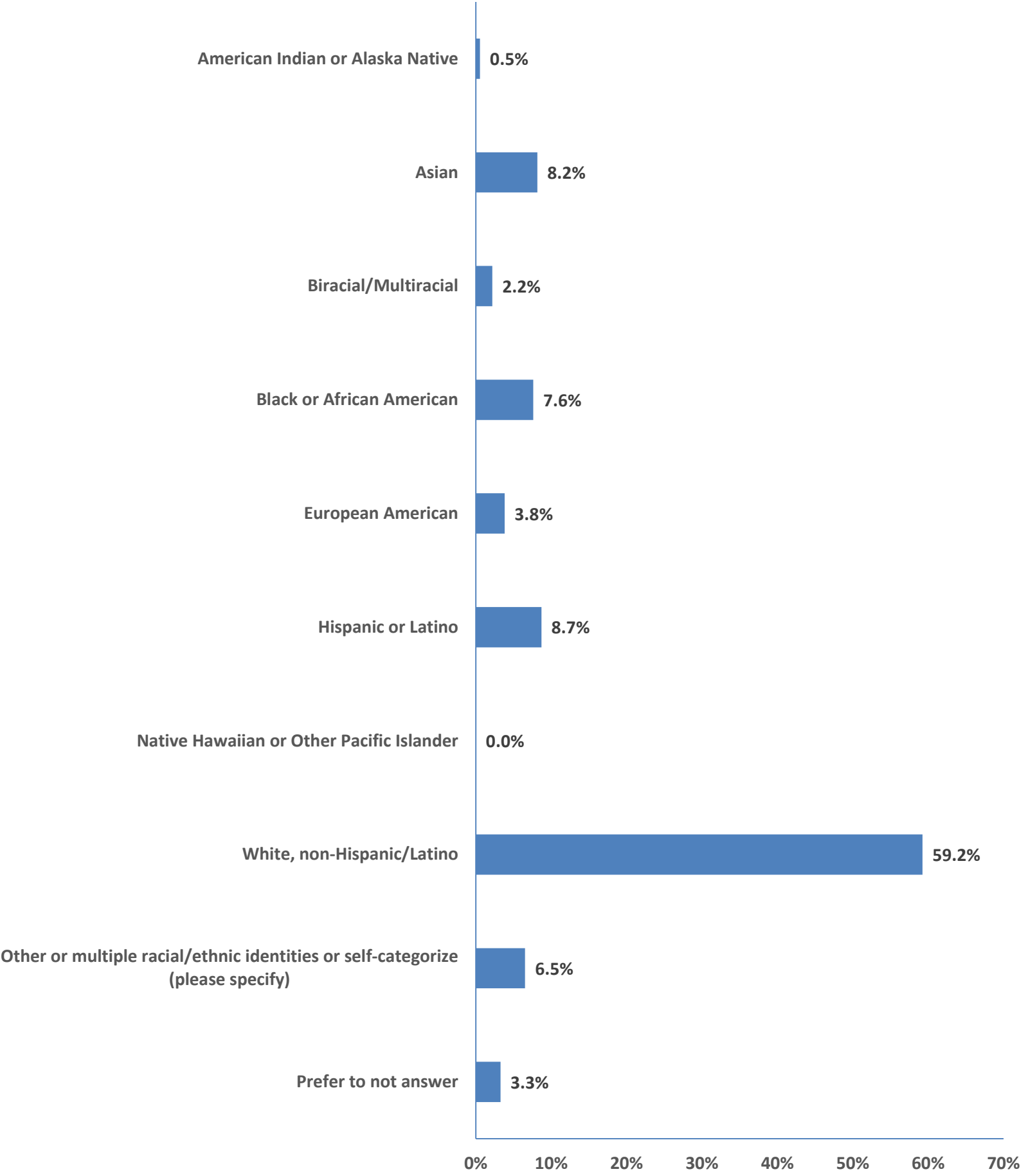
Please specify your gender identification.



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Answer	Response	%
Female	116	41.1%
Male	55	19.6%
Intersex	0	0%
Non-binary/ third gender/ genderqueer	9	3.2%
Woman	46	16.4%
Man	14	5.0%
Transgender/ trans	2	0.7%
Cisgender (i.e., not transgender)	33	11.8%
Prefer to self-describe	1	0.4%
Prefer not to say	2	0.7%
Self Describe	2	0.7%
Total	280	

Please specify your racial/ethnic identification.



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Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify)
Black Jamaican
Tejana
Descendant of original Canadian colonizers
white and Latina
White and Middle Eastern
Other
Jewish
Filipino

Answer	Response	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0.5%
Asian	15	8.2%
Biracial/Multiracial	4	2.2%
Black or African American	14	7.6%
European American	7	3.8%
Hispanic or Latino	16	8.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0%
White, non-Hispanic/Latino	109	59.2%
Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify)	12	6.5%
Prefer not to answer	6	3.3%
Total	184	100%

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1	10	6.90	4.64	2.15	184	184

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Text Entry
I am disabled, but everyone was very kind to me and offered to help me throught the sessions
No problem
I have hearing issues and some rooms the background noise was too loud
NA
I really appreciated the quiet room. I suffered a brain injury in February and I experience symptoms with a lot of stimuli. I had a little trouble with the fluorescent lights in the rooms, so I had to bring my hat, but I'm not sure what could be done about that. In addition, I had trouble finding a place to fill my waterbottle. There were pitchers of water in the presentation rooms but I was looking for someplace in the lobby or hallway, like a drinking fountain and couldn't seem to find one.
I did not experience any difficulties.
I was very excited to present my paper at this Annual meeting but unable to attend because I am doesn't get any travel expenses. I Hope next annual meeting I will get some Travel expenses from your institution and able to present my paper. Thank You..
none
None.
Inaccessible sessions, handouts unreadable, presenters unprepared for people with disabilities
I didn't end up using it, but I was very appreciative that there were a few signs up indicating where the nursing room was on the second floor. I also attended the ASA conference and they had nothing like.

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Text Entry
Every thing was fine with the meeting facilities
I discussed most of these during the panel on access barriers.
I really appreciated you having a lactation room. When I went to a workshop on Monday after the conference, the hotel was also very accommodating with finding me a place to pump.
I was rather pleased with accessibility as someone with knee problems
I was shocked at the limited availability of "access copies" - printed or digital - for those with visual impairments or who are blind. I would like to focus on culture change that make the preparation and dissemination of these copies as the norm for the meeting.
I appreciated the many all-gender restroom options on site.

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Text Entry
I have a medication that I must inject for my chronic illness and the hotel made it difficult to get a refrigerator for my medication. I called a week prior to the conference to inquire about the refrigerator and they said it would be no problem. When I checked in, I reminded them and they said someone from housekeeping would bring one up soon. 2-3 hours later they still did not come. After 2 other phone calls, they finally brought up the refrigerator at around 11 pm/12 am range. I drove from Michigan and so my ice packs only last so long. I was able to get a fridge, but it took much longer that it should have. It is important that my medication be kept at the appropriate temperature. If it gets too warm, I have to throw it out, if it freezes, I have to throw it out. At \$1500-\$2000 per injection, I could not afford to throw it out due to not having proper refrigeration.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	18

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Text Entry
None
It would be helpful if the New Member Breakfast could be slightly later -- the 7:15 am hour was very hard to get to based on my location and other commitments.
Please change policy regarding meeting registration deadline. Many universities will not reimburse the cost of membership but they will reimburse the costs of meeting registration. If there were a way to combine those two as a purchase at the meetings it could be covered as one cost (without having to first pay membership dues and not be reimbursed by them).
No problem
I think it might be nice to have a scheduled time for Mentors and Mentees to meet in one location. I very much enjoyed and appreciated meeting with my mentor, but it was a bit of a hassle to find a time and place that worked for the both of us. Therefore, I think having one set time and place for us to meet eliminates any added stress of trying to plan a time and place to meet with another person during the already stressful time that is attending conferences. I also think it's a great idea to keep the New Member Breakfast. That was wonderful and I actually felt like a part of SSSP
Fantastic presidential theme, and excellent presentations! Thanks!
It was super intimidating as an undergrad, but that might be me! Not sure what there is to do about that.
Anything to bring the costs down to a reasonable level for everyone who isn't a tenured faculty member at a large institution would be great

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Text Entry

The SSSP was the first conference that I attended where I felt welcomed and learned so much. It was a life-altering experience. From the support to submit an abstract (I missed the deadline for the first time in my life), to receiving funding, to being greeted, to people being kind, I am deeply grateful for the experience. Here are a few ideas I bring forward: For functions such as the grad student event, opening gatherings, etc it would be nice to have roving people who take introverts like me under their wing and introduce them and include them. It seems that everyone knew everyone and I stood there feeling like an outsider. Maybe a fun tag that says, "I'm shy," of something like that. Accommodations are the biggest barrier to my attending events. I would so much appreciate the SSSP setting up a system to connect people to share rooms. I could not book a flight until I knew I had someplace to stay. Refillable water bottle stations—please. It would be wonderful to have a sponsor of reusable water bottles. The number of water bottles going into the garbage was uncomfortable. Recycling and composting bins Poster presentations: have people put up their research posters along the main registration area walls (and have a place for handouts). Leave the posters up for the entire conference so people can peruse them at their leisure. Maybe have a dedicated time for poster presenters to be there to talk about their research. ASA had a poster presentation but you had to mount posters on foam core, which is outdated, expensive, and impossible to transport. If people had their posters printed on retractable bands then tacking them onto walls would not be an issue. What are the ways SSSP can create fundraising opps for students and profs who are cash strapped so they can attend? If conferences are only for those with money then ... it seems contrary to SSSP's mission and values. Book vendors: increase the number of vendors. I worked for a publisher at the ASA conference and met many vendors who did not know about SSSP Membership recruiters: I talked to many students and profs who did not know about SSSP. I think I was able to recruit a few new members. How can SSSP help people like me, who is now a firm believer in SSSP, talk to people about membership? For example, when I was working for the publisher at the ASA conference, and when I facilitated a roundtable discussion at ASA, I talked about SSSP and was a great salesperson. I attended the CBPAR workshop and it was amazing. I would love to be able to attend pre-conference workshops like this where I learn alongside others who are doing sociology.

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Text Entry

I appreciated the free coffee and tea!

The award ceremony is too long. Try not to conflict with ASA's receptions too much. I like that we have receptions, but they often conflict with ASA and a lot of us want to attend both conferences along with their receptions/plenaries/etc.

Keep being welcoming and friendly.

The hotel (rooms to sleep and hotel food) was not as nice as in past SSSP annual conferences.

I would love to see all of the bathrooms be all-gender instead of just the single, locking room.

Only bathrooms that were already single-stall restrooms were degendered, which did not make me feel any more included. Additionally, I wish the name badges allowed attendees a pronoun option when registering.

Be more selective on invited presentations

This was the first time I had organized a session, and I was surprised at how few submissions I received. Of course, it's possible that I did not have a popular topic, but I often find that many of my colleagues do not know about the SSSP or its meetings. I was also a bit surprised at the practice of cancelling a session if one of your four presenters cancels in advance of the meeting. By the time I was notified about the cancellation, I had already made travel arrangements that would be supported by my institution if I participated in the meeting. If my session was cancelled, I would have to pay for all my expenses/cancellations out-of-pocket. I assumed the same would be the case for my fellow presenters, two of whom were graduate students. The SSSP cancellation practice did, however, motivate me to find a replacement presenter, and it all worked out in the end. But I worry what would have been the effect (especially on the graduate students) had the session been cancelled. I suppose the SSSP would have found another way for all the participants to participate in another way?

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More opportunities to mingle over snacks. The coffee service at the hotel was nice, but perhaps add some light snacks to this--people would be more likely to stay and talk to one another after sessions.

It would be great if SSSP could incorporate more non-academic researchers into the conference. Other than that though, everything was great. I particularly liked the "Voices of Baltimore" film screening and panel discussion.

I thought the conference was well run. I like coming to SSSP. The cost of the hotel was high but that is to be expected. I do plan on staying at the hotel in New York.

The moderator for my session, Laura Waldron, was outstanding. She did an excellent job of weaving together the important pieces of our individual presentations to develop an integrative portrait of our collective work. It was very inspiring and I felt it definitely added to each of our presentations as well as to the overall session.

The only problem I experienced at the conference was the hotel and how I was going to be charge \$50 for parking and were told that I needed to pay for my own Internet. However, I spoke to Michelle and she took care of the problem. On that note, most of the hotel employees were quite nice and polite!

none

In order to have lunch, I had to forgo attending a session Temperature of meeting rooms was very cold, making it uncomfortable

The hotel wasn't great at all. Even for Philly, it was pricey for the quality of the rooms. While they had clearly renovated the lobby and meeting space areas, the rooms remained average at best, while the price remained high.

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This has nothing to do with SSSP as an organization, but the hotel itself was disorganized with its staff. I realize that SSSP cannot switch hotels easily. Some of the issues--fire alarms going on while sleeping, inconsistent food at the hotel restaurant, inconsistent staff service--were a bit irritating to manage each day. It was great to see that the book exhibit seemed to have more vendors than the last couple of years. I hope that continues to expand because I enjoy perusing the works and stocking up on new reads.

My only issues are the costs associated with meetings in these big cities. I know that is part of the attraction, as it often serves as a mix of business and leisure for a lot of us, but some of the conference hotels are just too expensive if you are staying more than several days. But overall, I really enjoy SSSP and plan to continue attending!

I think it might be helpful to block out an hour in the afternoon with no events so people can get lunch and not miss out on sessions. I wanted to attend more sessions but had to miss them to get lunch

Excellent meeting.

I really loved the critical dialogue sessions - they really allowed for some interesting and constructive conversations and were much more interesting than the typical presentation format.

Have standards for presenters. Grad student research is interesting, but if they are not prepared or smile read, it is a waste of time.

I sort of wish there was 1 less day of overlap with ASA, but I realize that might not be feasible. Also, having the two meetings near each other is a HUGE advantage. The closer the better, everything else being equal (which is never is). This year's ~6 block distance felt pretty long, especially to this old person with arthritic knees.

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I do not drink coffee or tea, so I was disappointed those were the only drink options set out. Including hot cocoa or juice would have been appreciated for people who do not drink coffee or tea.

A repeat of this year's meeting should do well in the next meeting

The mentor program was wonderful!

I liked the theme of the meeting and the attention to diversity in leadership and presentations.

I think, in general, we need to find ways to get people to attend sessions. SSSP needs to find a way to bring life back to the organization. It seems that a lot of people are on the schedule to present and register, but then I think they all leave and go to ASA and don't actually stay for the sessions at SSSP. Also, the facilities. The SSSP hotel in Philadelphia was the worst hotel I have ever stayed in, at that price point, by far. It had the interior and design of a \$60/night motel. Just gross. I can't believe I burned through my annual travel budget to stay in such a gross hotel. No wonder why people didn't attend the sessions. They probably did not want to spend any extra time in the hotel. Also, some of the sessions, including the new members breakfast start so early! Please try to be more mindful of people who are flying in from the west coast.

The hotel was horrible. Absolutely horrible. I had to spend so much time arguing with the staff to get my money back over so many different things. It was not a pleasant experience and cost much more than it was worth. The hotels always seem to be hit or miss and I wish there were some at least minimum standard that I could expect for this conference. As it is, I am not planning on staying at this conference hotel ever again after that experience. I sincerely hope the conference got some money back for the state of that hotel and the lack of amenities/construction.

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please separate out the Presidential address, the business meeting adn the awards ceremony. Just endlessssslillyyy long!

Make sure similar sessions do not overlap with ASA. For example, put all disability sessions on Thurs/Fri at SSSP and all disability sessions on Sat/Sun at ASA.

I presented for a Critical Dialogue. I think everyone has too little time to present and hope that in the future, presenters have more time to present. In a way, I believe that this will allow participants in the audience to ask better questions.

I fervently enjoyed attending the meeting. I learned much about the means by which researchers are innovating approaches to studying social problems and mitigating their risks. I would like to commend the extent of inclusiveness and relaxed style of the session in which I participated. I hope SSSP continues to strengthen and enrich its approach to the study of social problems. Keep up the great work!

Just a thank you to Michele and her team. As a member, I feel that she is incredibly responsive. She and her team worked hard to produce an excellent meeting in a difficult site/location. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Overall I felt like the research rigor was up for the presentations and there was the inclusion of much more visible set of early career researchers of color.

The one aspect of the SSSP meeting I did not care for was the requirement of early registration for meeting participants. The June 1 deadline to register is too early, when the fiscal year ends June 30. Better to have an early July deadline for registration.

I found the research very uneven this year. Some presentations were great but others were underdeveloped and needed more help. Maybe creating a session--research in process--for graduate students maybe a clearer description.

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I really enjoyed the theme of this year's conference, and hope SSSP will return to more activist-oriented themes in the future. It brought a lot of academics in conversation with activists and activist topics, which was very important to me as someone who does applied sociology. I enjoy SSSP because it is slightly more radical than other sociology conferences, as well as being accepting to graduate student work. I also want to thank whomever invited PM Press to sell books- they're an amazing publisher, and do great work to publish titles that work to dismantle white supremacy and advocate for prison reform.

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