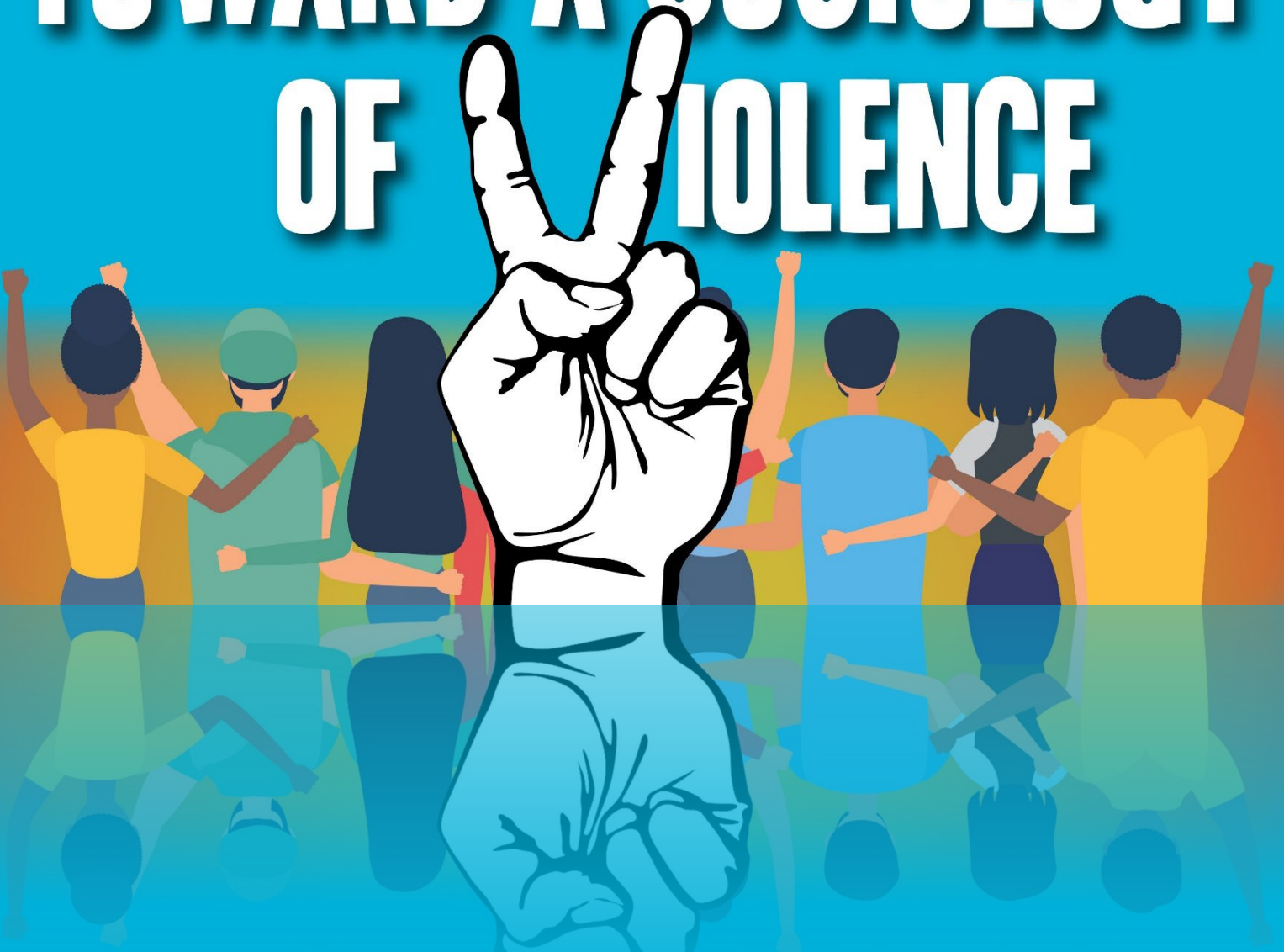


2024 Annual Meeting Survey Results



TOWARD A SOCIOLOGY OF VIOLENCE



SSSP 2024 Annual Meeting Survey Results Released

October 1, 2024

With **537 attendees registered** and **95 total responses**, we're happy to release the results of the 2024 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.

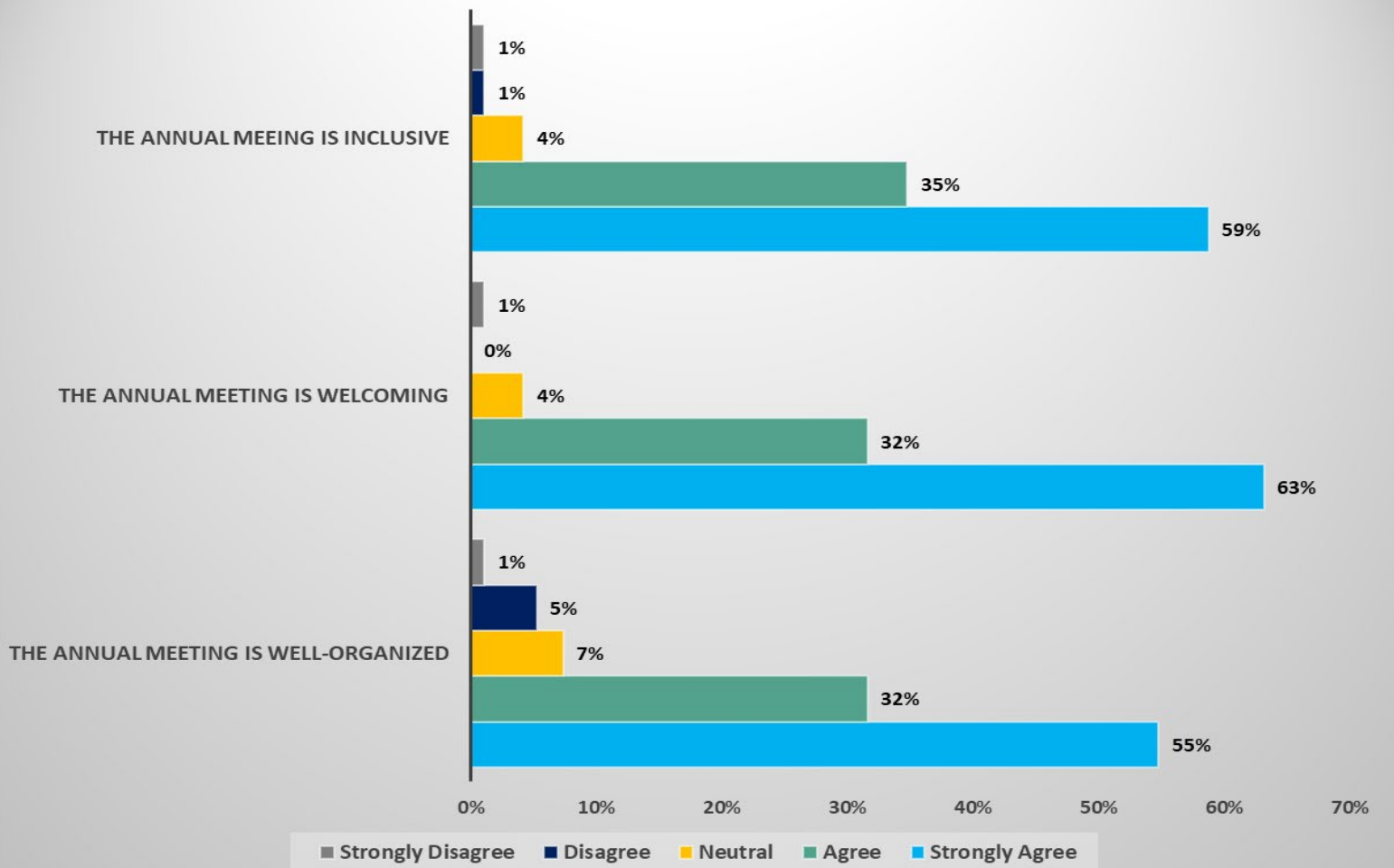
The survey ran for over two weeks from August 20 through September 6 with an **18% participation rate**. Please note that the participation rate is based on the total paid registrants (537). In 2024, there were 82 paid registrants that did not attend the annual meeting.

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 that, with the exception to open ended questions, comments are only asked for when an unsatisfactory response is selected.

Thank you for your participation.

Most sincerely,
The Administrative Office

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



	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neutral (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total Responses
The annual meeting is inclusive	1	1	4	33	56	95
The annual meeting is welcoming	1	0	4	30	60	95
The annual meeting is well-organized	1	5	7	30	52	95

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
The annual meeting is inclusive	1	5	4.49	0.72	0.52	95
The annual meeting is welcoming	1	5	4.56	0.68	0.46	95
The annual meeting is well-organized	1	5	4.34	0.90	0.81	95

You stated that the annual meeting was not inclusive.

People are not friendly to newcomers, especially if you don't "look" like a formal sociologist.

During a tour of the LGBT+ Village, the the tour was not physically disability friendly. There was one person in a wheelchair that had to walk down the escalate while another individual carried her wheelchair down to utilize the metro system. Extremely inappropriate for a conference on social justice.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

You stated that the annual meeting was not welcoming.

People are not friendly to newcomers, especially if you don't "look" like a formal sociologist.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

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

Literally every session I attended was behind schedule and poorly organized.

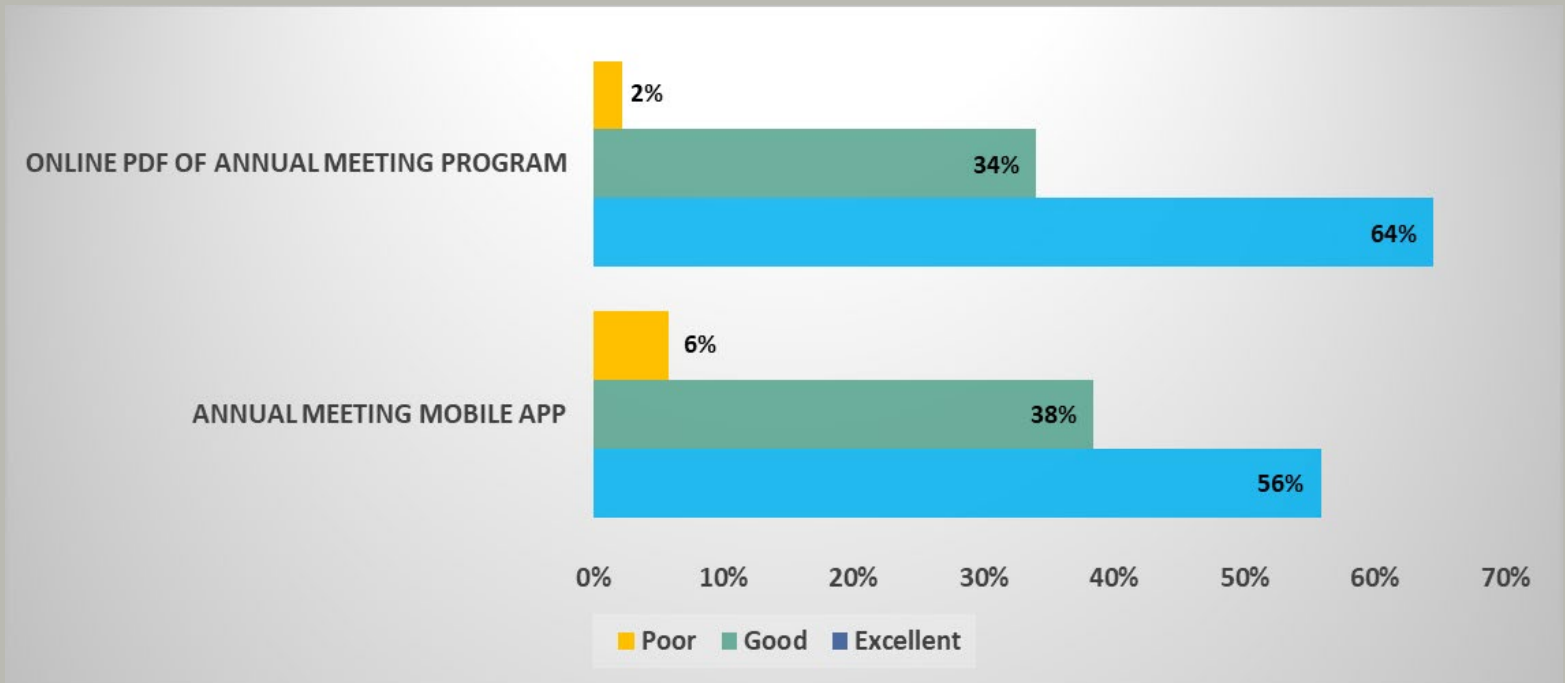
Some rooms were missing projectors. There were multiple versions of the schedule online. This meeting was chaotic.

I don't think the division meetings should be given earlier time slots. By Sunday people were sick of panels and the sessions were sparsely attended. And perhaps it would be a good idea to check for local events and festivals. It seems a lot of folks skipped Sunday for the pride festival and parade.

There was no communication from the organizer of my specific session. The sessions that I attended seemed fine though.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	4

Based on your experience, please rate the following items.



	Poor (1)	Good (2)	Excellent (3)	Total Responses
Online pdf of Annual Meeting program	2	30	58	90
Annual Meeting Mobile App	5	33	48	86

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Online pdf of Annual Meeting program	1	3	2.62	0.53	0.28	90
Annual Meeting Mobile App	1	3	2.50	0.61	0.37	86

You said that you are dissatisfied with the online .pdf of the Annual Meeting Program.

There were multiple versions of the PDF on Google. Also, would it be possible to include the room number next to each session. Unnecessary and tedious to expect us to scroll around to find the room number at the top of the page of the day. Who is organizing this thing?

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

You said that you are dissatisfied with the Annual Meeting mobile app.

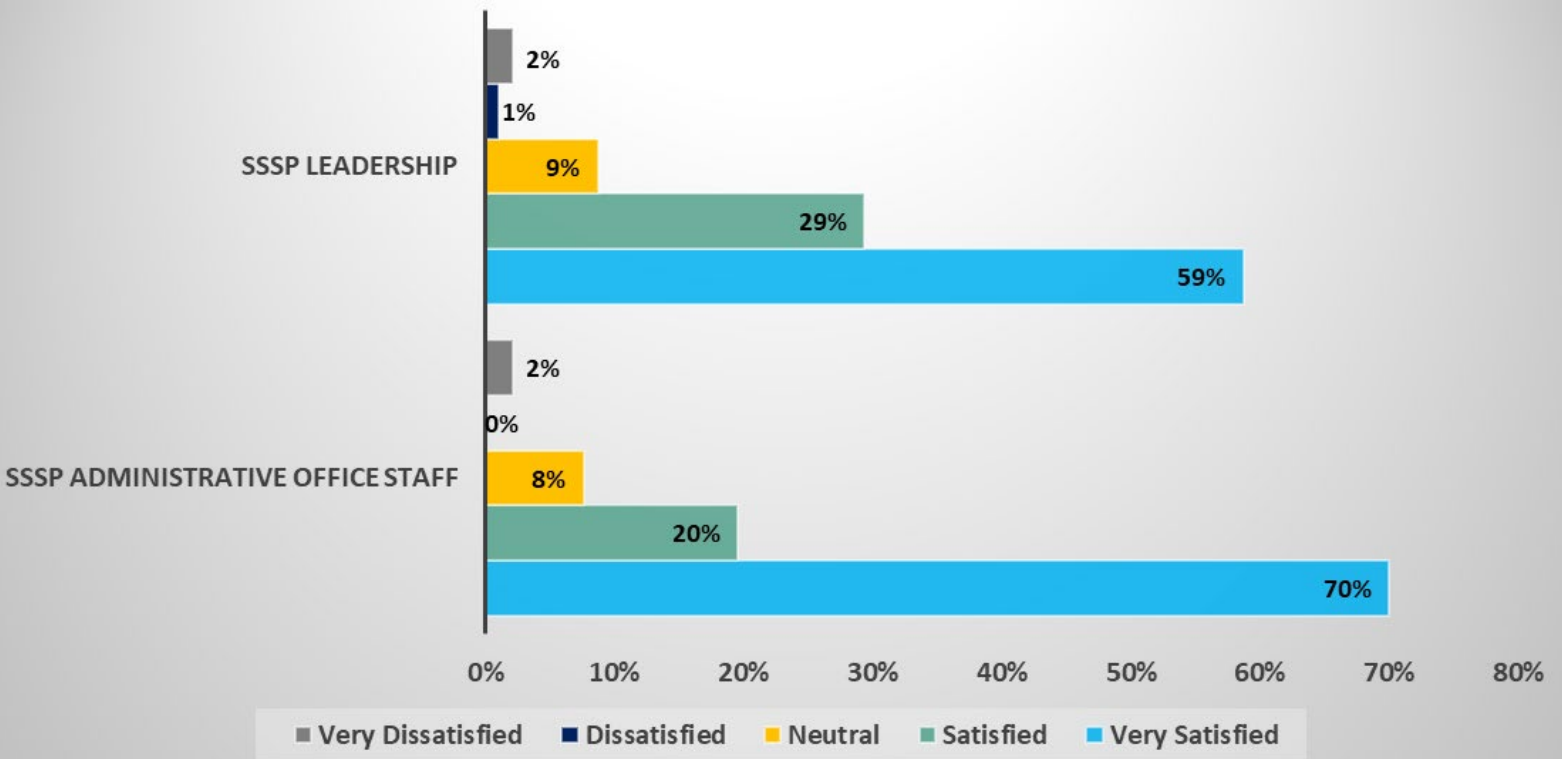
I can't easily skim through! Old person here I guess but I want it in writing all in one place, so I can skim through, highlight things I want to attend or might want to drop in on

I do not have space on my phone for new apps. I am unable to download. Additionally, many of my colleagues no longer use smart phones, making app communication impossible. Conferences need to stop going to apps to communicate and send important announcements.

The app was not wanting to work during the duration of the conference.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	3

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



	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Neutral (3)	Satisfied (4)	Very Satisfied (5)	Total
SSSP Leadership	2	1	8	27	54	92
SSSP Administrative Office Staff	2	0	7	18	65	92

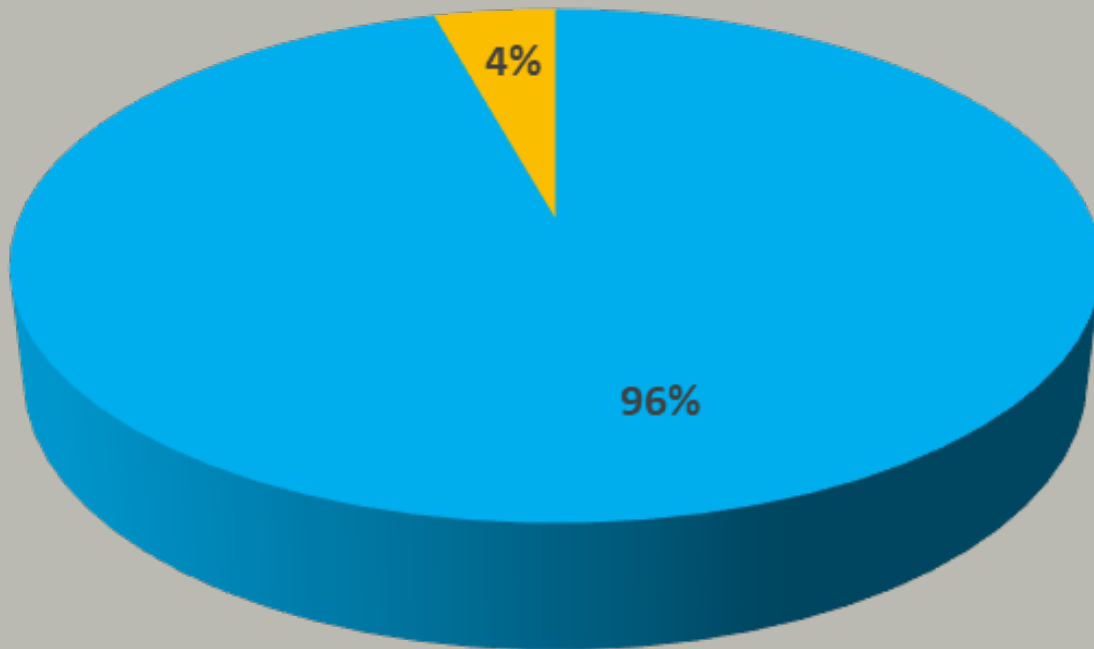
	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
SSSP Leadership	1	5	4.41	0.86	0.74	92
SSSP Administrative Office Staff	1	5	4.57	0.81	0.66	92

You said that you are dissatisfied with SSSP Administrative Staff and/or SSSP Leadership. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

I think the leadership needs an attitude adjustment. It generally feels like they hate their job. A little enthusiasm goes a long way.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

Did you pre-register for the Annual Meeting?

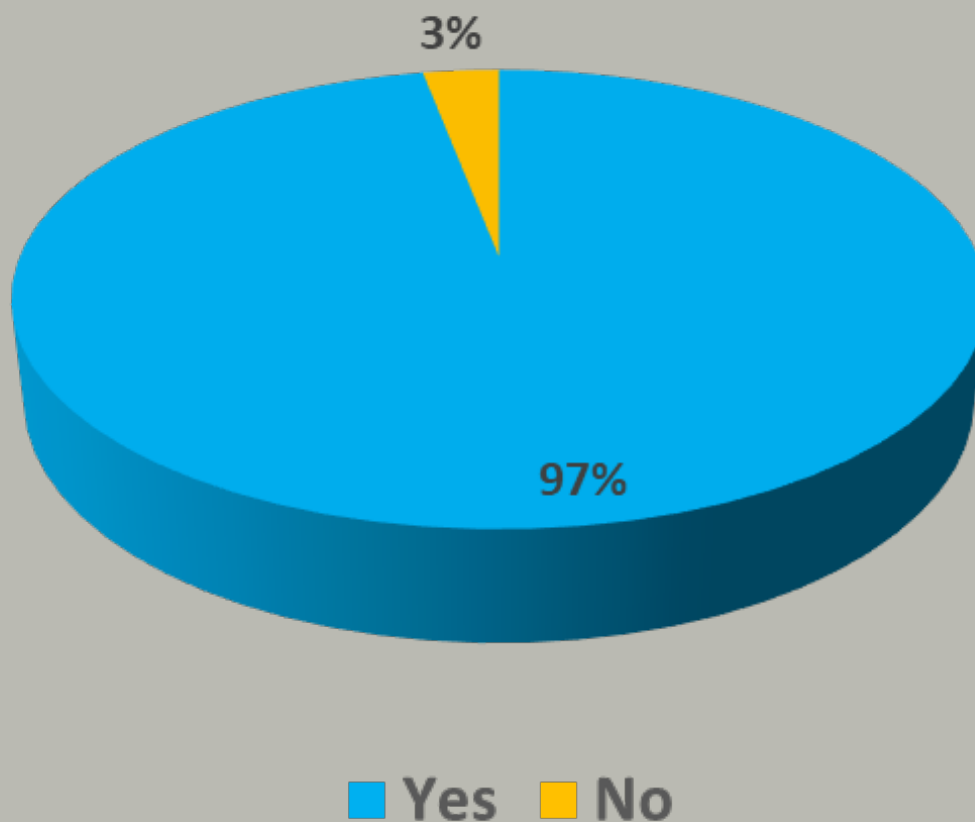


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	Responses
No (1)	4
Yes (2)	89
Total	93

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.96	0.2	0.04	93

Was the online pre-registration process satisfactory?



	Responses
No (1)	3
Yes (2)	86
Total	89

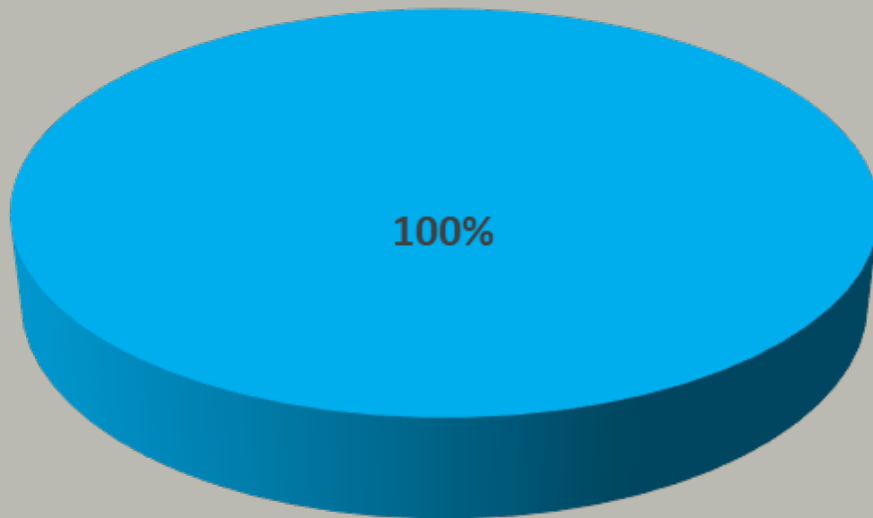
Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.97	0.18	0.03	89

Was the online pre-registration process satisfactory?

Finding the link to register was like finding a needle in the haystack. It should be front and center and big.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

Was the onsite registration process satisfactory?

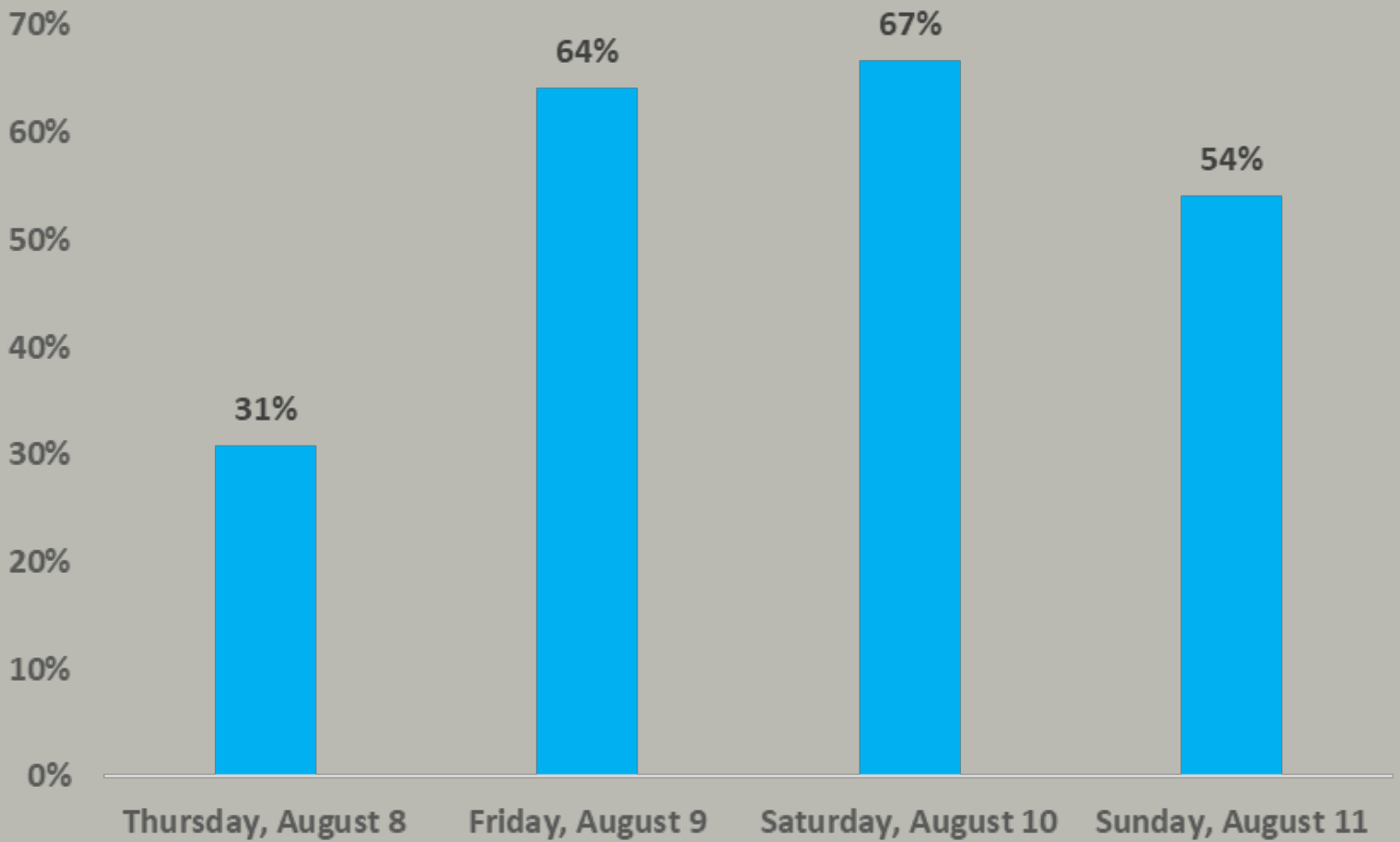


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	Responses
No (1)	0
Yes (2)	4
Total	4

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
2	2	2	0	0	4

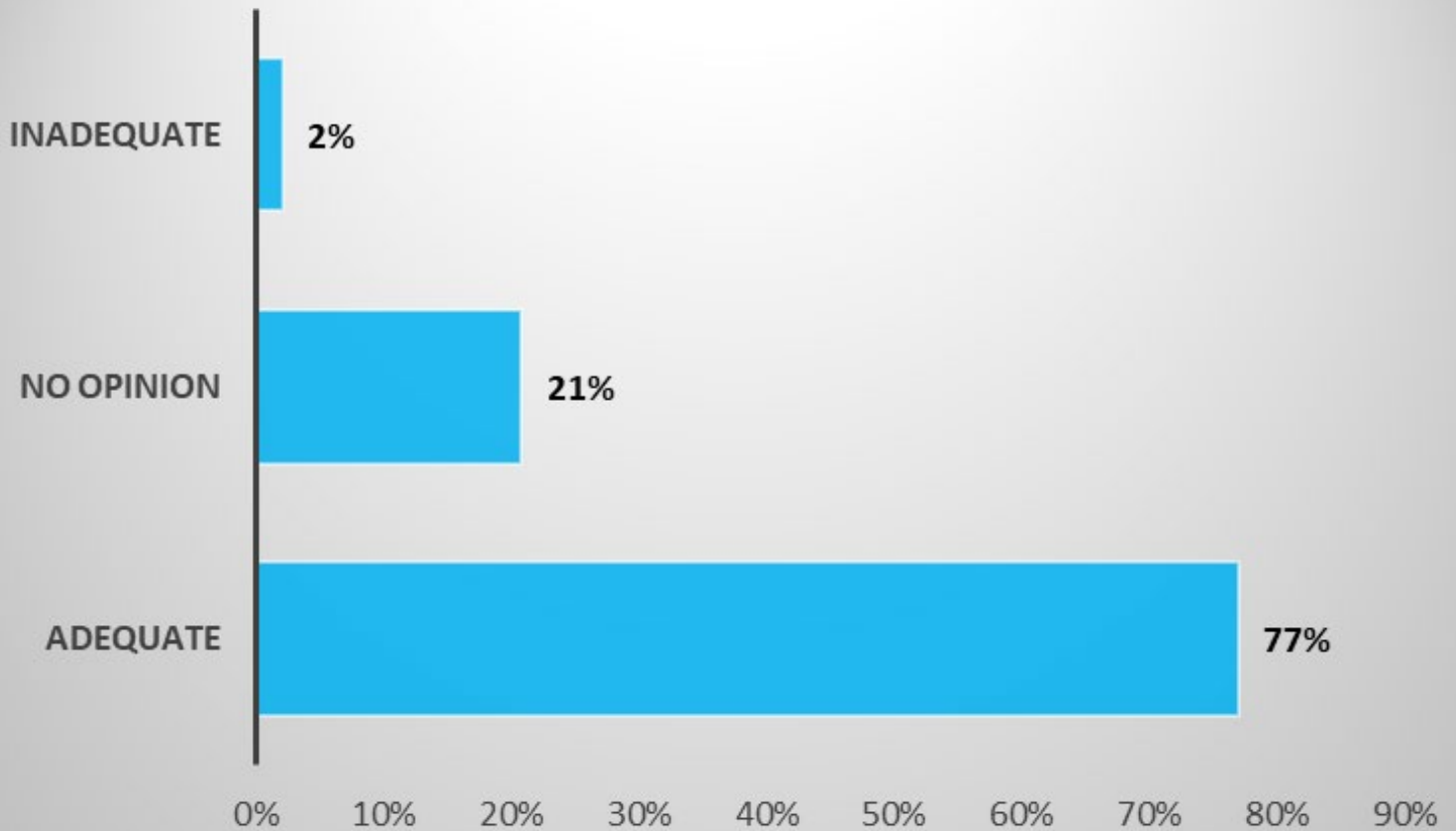
Please check the day(s) you attended the Annual Meeting.



	Response	Percentage
Thursday, August 17	37	31%
Friday, August 18	77	64%
Saturday, August 19	80	67%
Sunday, August 20	65	54%

Total Responses	Total Respondents
259	92

Based on your experience, please rate the Annual Meeting Accessibility Statement.



	Responses
Inadequate (1)	2
No Opinion (2)	19
Adequate (3)	70

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	3	2.75	0.48	0.23	91

You said that based on your experience the Annual Meeting Accessibility Statement was inadequate. Please tell us why.

Although I had planned to attend in person, I broke my leg. Michelle kindly provided on-line access thru Zoom to my panel and to our IE business session. I very much appreciated her work to do so. However, I would have liked to attend more sessions over zoom. I would like to see SSSP incorporate Zoom into their sessions and SSSP presidential address and business meeting. Many of us who are longtime members of SSSP still want to be involved through meetings despite our inability to travel to them.

Again, during my tour to the LGBT+ Village, there were individuals with physical disabilities that were not taken into consideration. Young lady in the wheelchair had to walk down the escalate while another individual carried her wheelchair down. In another situation, a retired veteran was often left behind catching up while walking with a cane. In other words, someone had to tell the tour guide to slow down for those with physical disabilities.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

How did you become aware of the Annual Meeting Accessibility Statement for the Annual Meeting? (Check all that apply)

Answer	Percentage	Count
Registration	26.67%	28
Email from Session Organizer/President	9.52%	10
Email from Division Chair	3.81%	4
Email from Administrative Office	20.95%	22
Word of Mouth	6.67%	7
Other	5.71%	6
I was not aware of the statement	26.67%	28
Total	100%	105

Please tell us how you became aware of the Annual Meeting Accessibility Statement for the Annual Meeting. Other – Text Response

I attended the pre-conference session held by anti-harassment committee.

Knew about it as it was getting developed

I don't recall, but I know I came across it a couple of times

My thesis supervisor told me about the conference.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	4

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N/A

The booths of publishers were good, but sometimes, there was no one on duty. Earlier information could have been given about the road closures on Sunday morning.

microphones in the session would have been helpful. i had a very hard time hearing the presenters.

N/A

I have no suggestion

I would like to hear visual descriptions for the blind during introductions. Just a simple “I am Moe, my pronouns are he/him, I am a white man with a long beard wearing a white linen shirt with suspenders...”

Need to make the hotel registration information clear about how to reserve accessible rooms.

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I appreciated that there was an option for folks to participate virtually if there was a medical reason that they were unable to attend the conference. I think it would have been helpful to expand this to include an option for those who were unable to travel internationally due to passport or visas concerns.

Again, I would suggest on-line access to sessions, particularly the SPSS business meeting and presidential address. Another suggestion is that the Accessibility Committee provide a list of companies renting scooters or wheel chairs deliverable to hotel where meetings are being held.

The only barrier to access for me was the price of registration for professors. Coming from a small institution, my access to funding is limited. If people are to participate in both SSSP and ASA, the fees amount to close to \$1000 US, and I would expect that people would choose ASA if they can't afford to go to both. The situation will be exacerbated for people who would like to attend from institutions in the Global South - not you main constituency, but I could see folks from Mexico being interested in the Society. Of course, I understand that the costs of organizing such a conference are high. They could be reduced by holding the conference in a university, like all other scholarly societies I am or have been involved with (CSA, ISA, Society for Socialist Studies). Thanks!

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None for me.

During my tour to the LGBTQ+ Village, there were individuals with physical disabilities that were not taken into consideration. Young lady in the wheelchair had to walk down the escalator while another individual carried her wheelchair down. In another situation, a retired veteran was often left behind catching up while walking with a cane. In other words, someone had to tell the tour guide to slow down for those with physical disabilities.

N/A

I did not hear anyone else read the accessibility statement.

No issues

The Sheraton hotel elevators were scary. They malfunctioned multiple times. The stairs did not lead directly to 4F where the conference was. The door to 5F through stairs was locked. Some safety concerns.

No disability room, place to go if you are over/under stimulated, soft lights, perhaps noise canceling ear phones for the room, fidget toys, etc. I'm AuDHD!

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I recognize that SSSP is trying to be gender inclusive and I respect that, but as a woman with significant trauma from men, SSSP's all gender bathrooms have become a source of great anxiety for me. My advisor is a man who also attends this conference, so this adds to the stress. Every time I open the wrong bathroom door and see a urinal, I worry about accidentally walking in on him urinating, so I either risk a UTI or go out of my way to find either solo bathrooms or bathrooms that are still marked by gender. I wonder if there is another way to be more inclusive towards gender nonconforming individuals while also recognizing that many of us AFAB have traumatic experiences with men and may feel safer/more comfortable having a space where one can still assume some privacy from men. To be clear, this is not intended as a rightwing TERF thing--I fully support people using the bathroom that aligns with their gender identity. Maybe in the future the norms will shift and this arrangement will be less jarring, but in the meantime, SSSP is the only space I've seen that tries to present spaces clearly designed with gender in mind as suddenly genderless. Again, truly not trying to be bigoted, just have had one too many creepy/scary/upsetting experiences while alone with men.

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This year many students, postdocs and colleagues had to withdraw their participation because of insufficient funding from their institutions. Please be aware that if we want to include these disadvantaged categories, we need to offer them possibilities for virtual participation/attendance of the meeting. These students and colleagues were both US-based and coming from the Global South and other non-US countries.

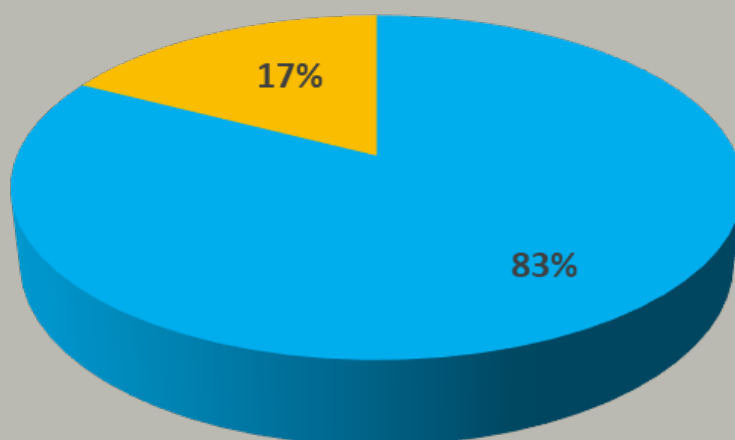
I did not notice any inequalities.

It was a little tricky that the only female bathroom on one of the floors was up a half flight of stairs, but otherwise, things were fine. The specific hotel elevators this year were a little slow too, but nothing too concerning.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	21

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

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

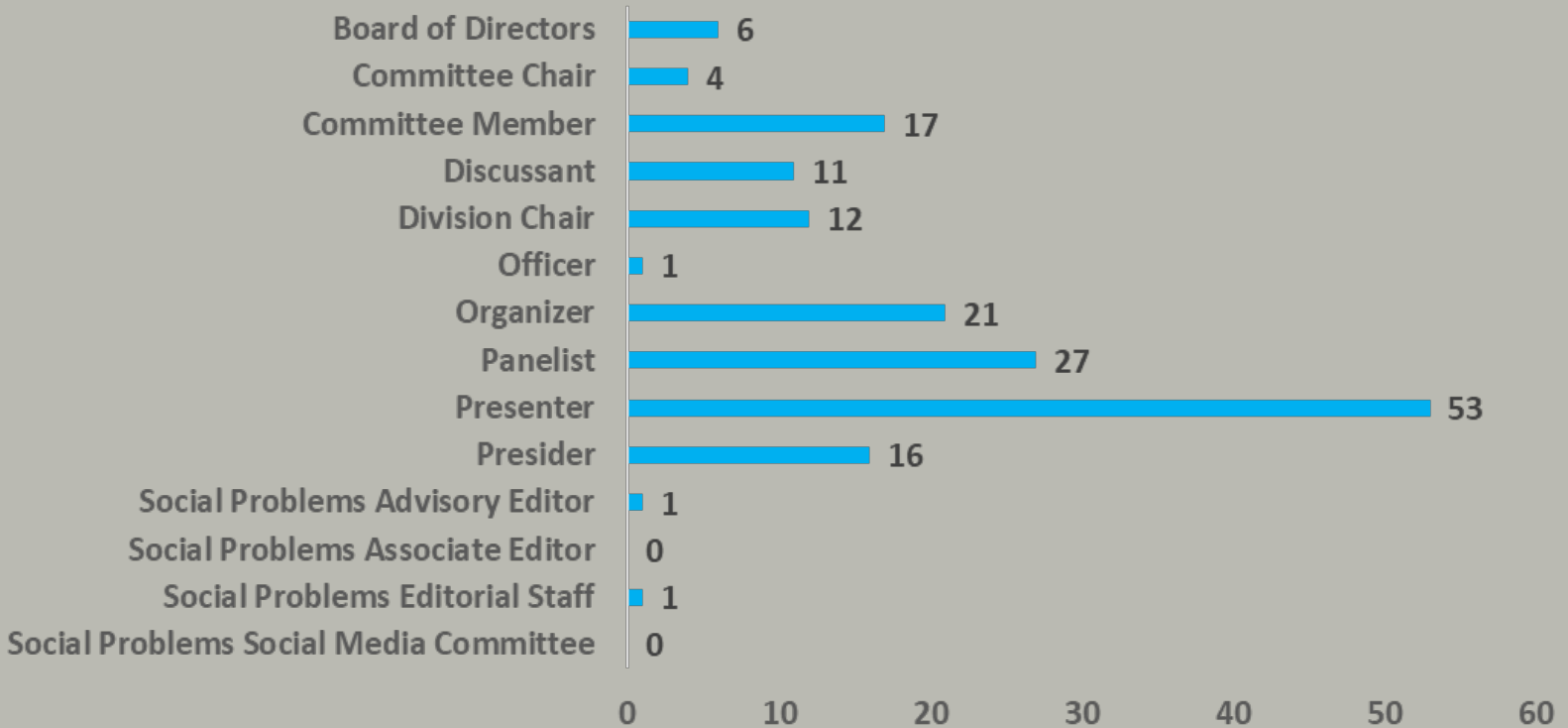
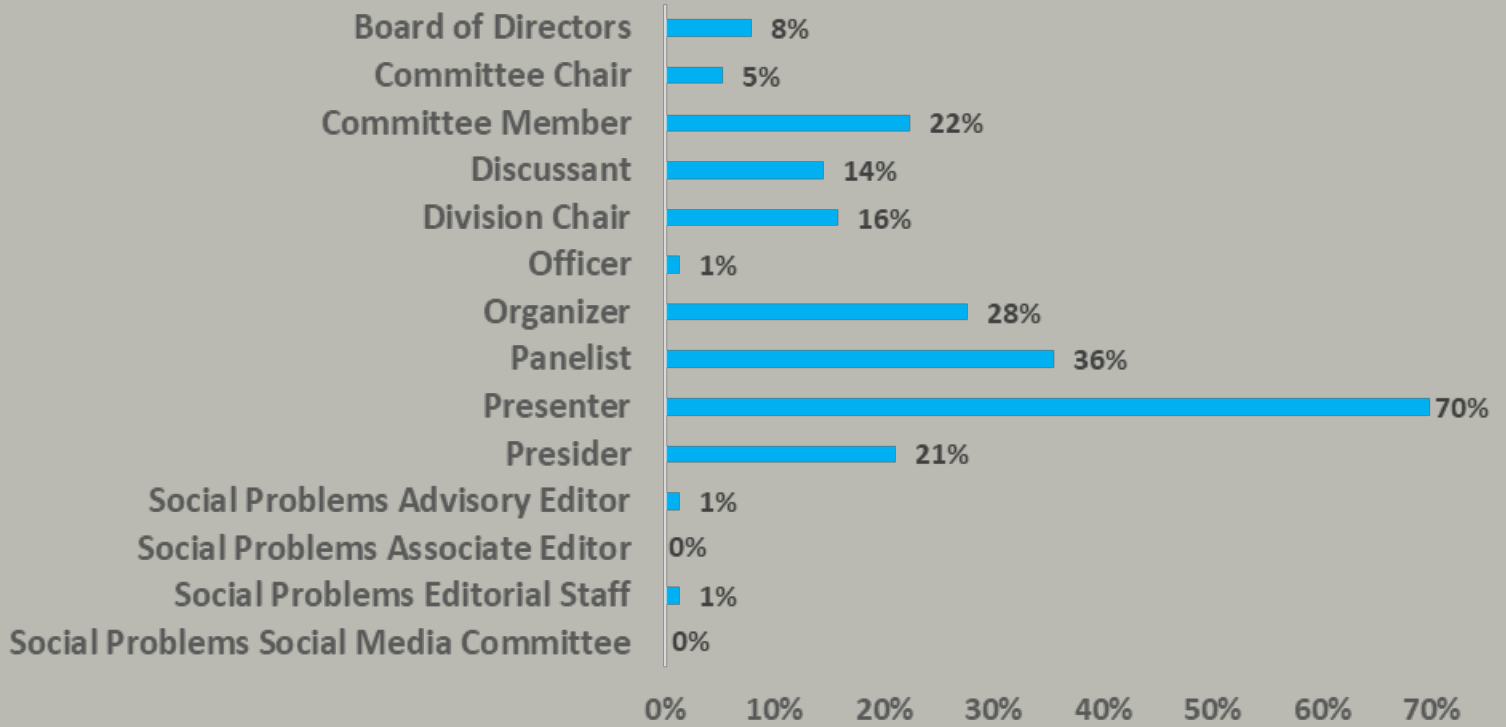


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	Responses
No (1)	16
Yes (2)	76
Total	92

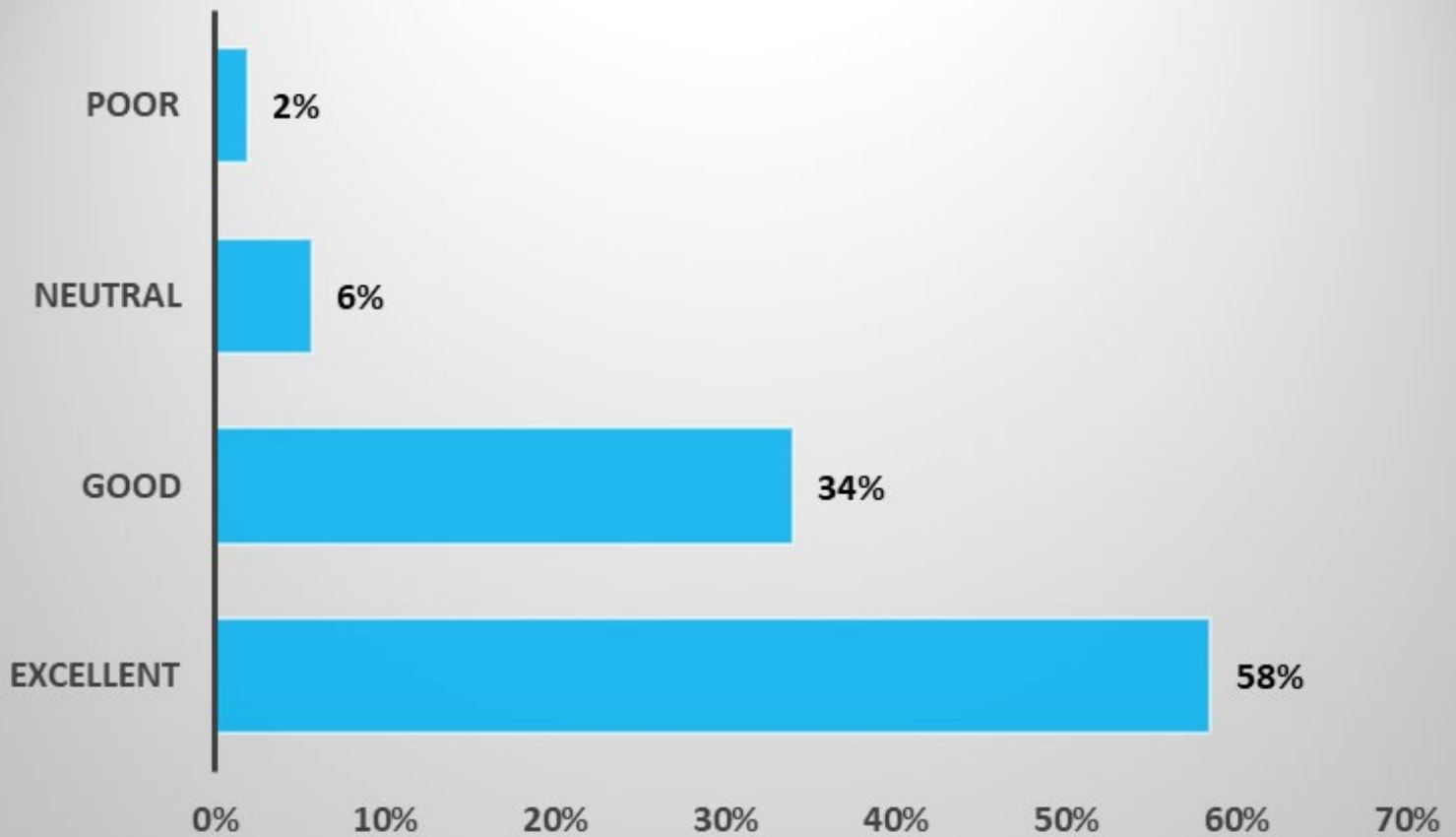
Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.83	0.38	0.14	92

Please indicate the roles you played at the Annual Meeting.



Total Responses	Total Respondents
170	76

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



	Responses
Poor (1)	1
Neutral (2)	3
Good (3)	18
Excellent (4)	31

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	4	3.49	0.69	0.48	53

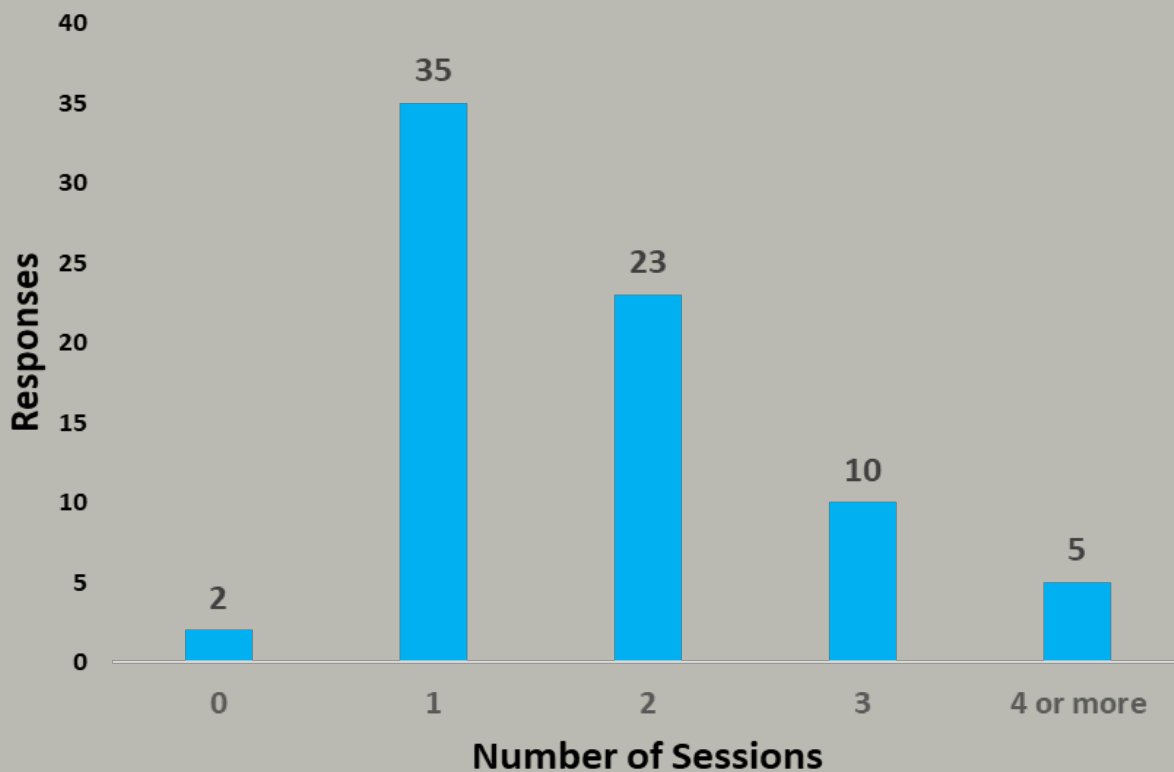
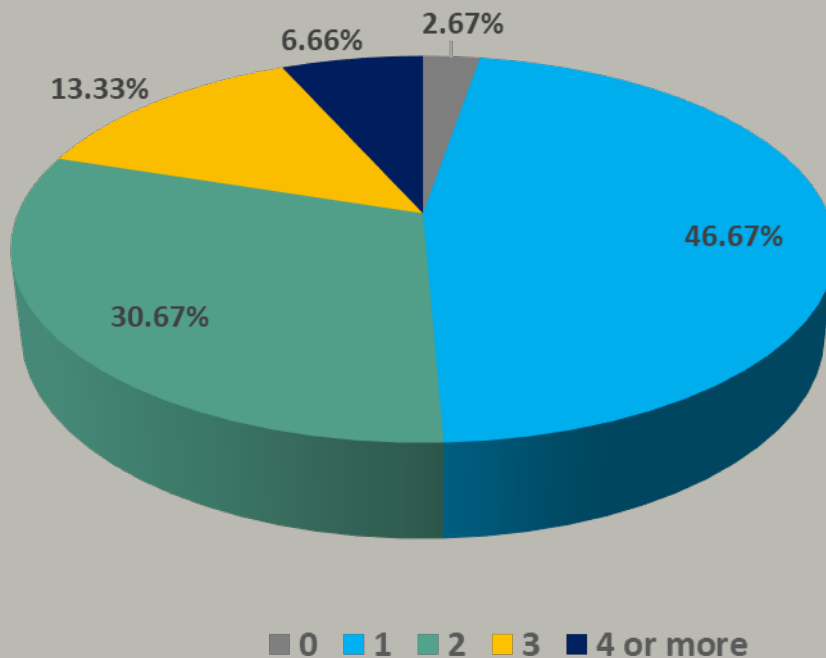
Please rate your experience of the online Call for Papers submission process for the Annual Meeting.

The scope needs to be widened more. Too much sociology, not enough deviance, crime and justice.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

How many sessions did you participate in as either Presenter, Organizer, Presider, Discussant, Presider/Discussant, and/or Panelist at the Annual Meeting?

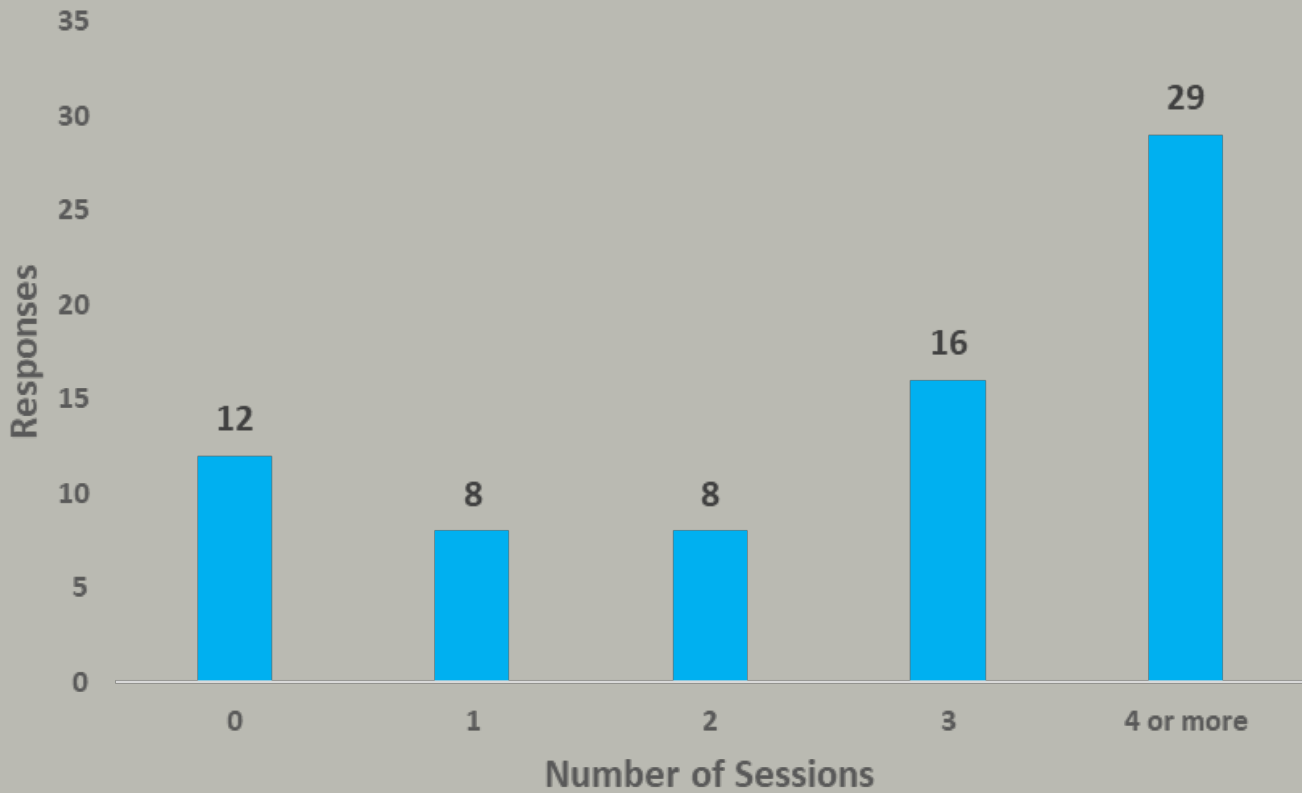
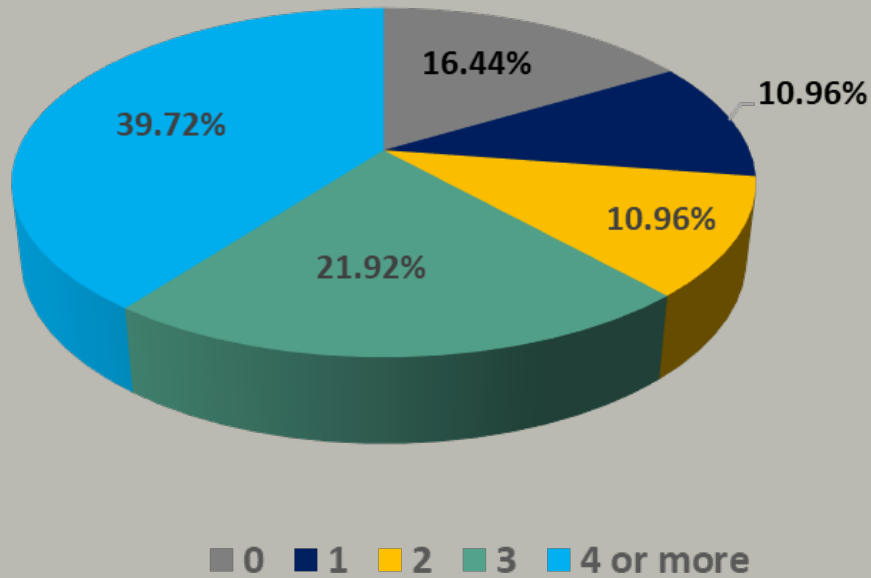
Number of Sessions Respondent Participated In



Minimum (0 sessions)	Maximum (4 or more sessions)	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	5	2.75	0.95	0.91	75

Approximately how many sessions did you attend, aside from those you participated in?

Number of Sessions Respondent Attended



Minimum (0 sessions)	Maximum (4 or more sessions)	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	5	3.58	1.5	2.24	73

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

Time conflicts with other co-current conferences

The meeting schedule for division chairs and committee members is quite high, that combined with attending meetings at ASA and individual meetings meant that I couldn't attend any of the sessions.

ASA had a larger turn out. Since I am on the market, I felt it was important to be where the people were (at ASA).

I was also attending sessions at the ABS and ASA conferences.

Other responsibilities, committee meetings, etc.

I had too many other meetings

busy schedule

too much conflict with ASA panels and sessions at same time

Meeting deadlines for projects unrelated to the conference.

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Was bouncing between SSSP and ASA! There was so much overlap that attending more sessions would have been challenging.

Initial got canceled because of storms, so could only attend the last day of the conference

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

I didn't have enough time left after the sessions in which I was president, presenter, organizer, etc. and after all the meetings I had as chair of a Division and a Committee

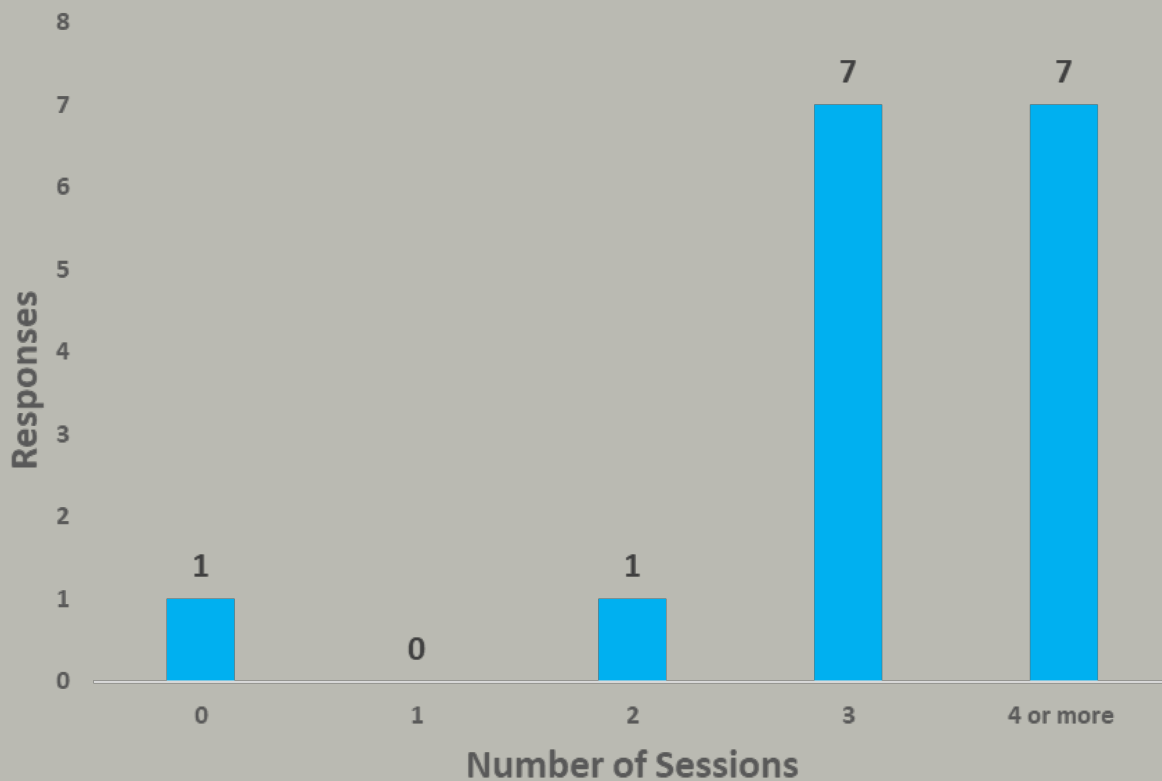
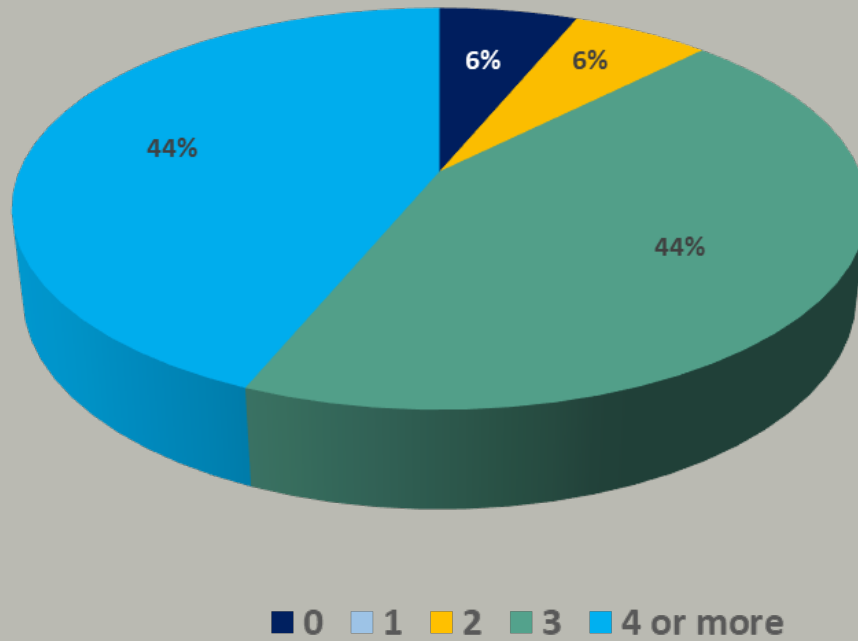
I spent the time catching up with colleagues outside of panels.

Also had commitments at ASA and the hotels were not that close. I didn't stay at either conference hotels because of the cost.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	15

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

Number of Sessions Respondent Attended



Minimum (0 sessions)	Maximum (4 or more sessions)	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	5	4.19	1.01	1.03	16

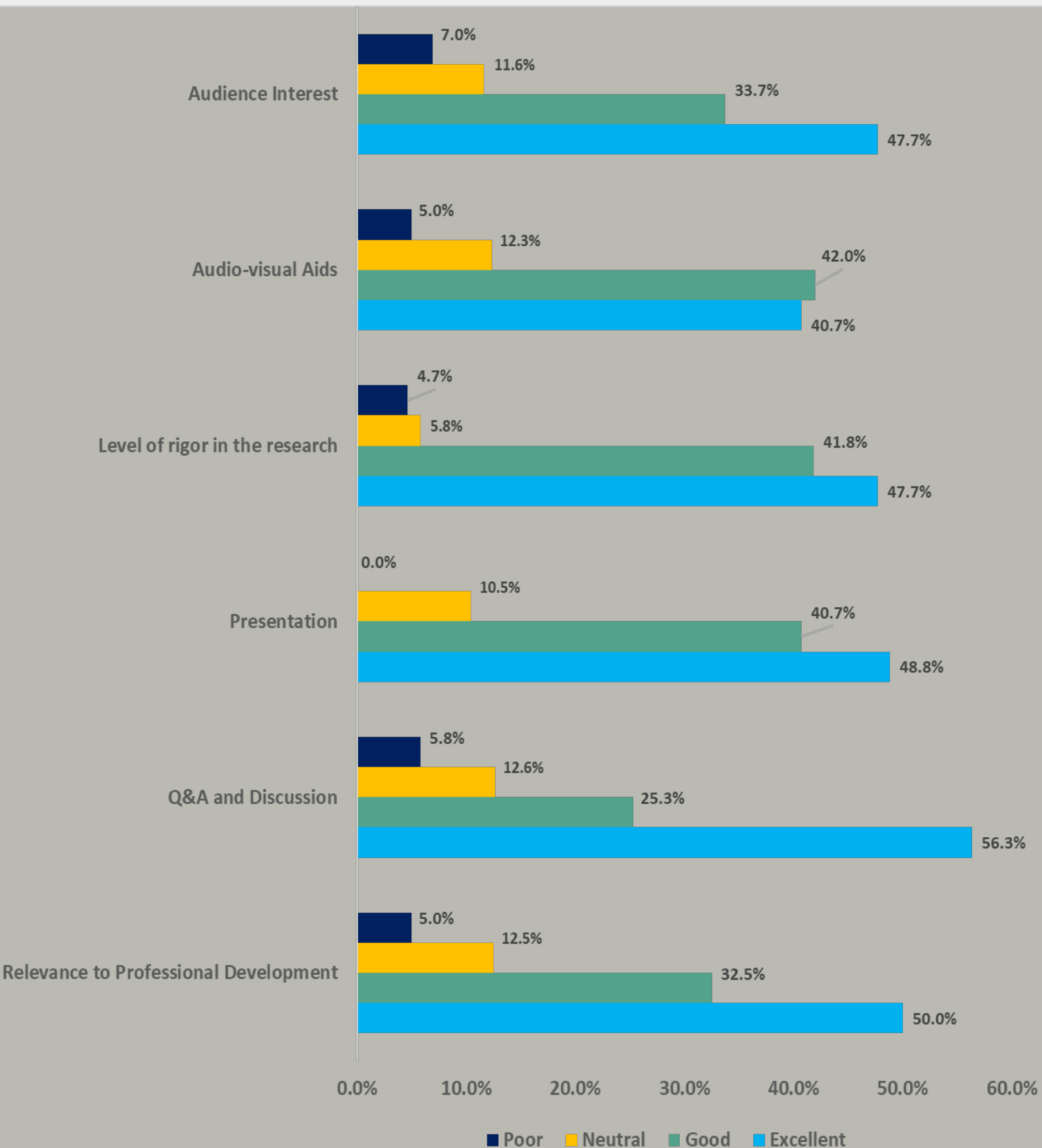
**Please specify reason(s) for not attending more sessions.
(This question was only asked to non-program participants.)**

I registered, but was unable to attend due to health reasons

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

Please rate the overall quality of the aspects of the session(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.

(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)



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(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)

	Poor (1)	Neutral (2)	Good (3)	Excellent (4)	Total
Audience Interest	6	10	29	41	86
Audio-visual Aids	4	10	34	33	81
Level of rigor in the research	4	5	36	41	86
Presentation	0	9	35	42	86
Q&A and Discussion	5	11	22	49	87
Relevance to Professional Development	4	10	26	40	80

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Audience Interest	1	4	3.22	0.91	0.82	86
Audio-visual Aids	1	4	3.19	0.83	0.69	81
Level of rigor in the research	1	4	3.33	0.78	0.61	86
Presentation	2	4	3.38	0.67	0.45	86
Q&A and Discussion	1	4	3.32	0.9	0.82	87
Relevance to Professional Development	1	4	3.27	0.87	0.75	80

Please rate the overall quality of the aspects of the session(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.

(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)

Sessions were not that well attended this year. Disappointing. Left wondering how to improve.

Some presenters presented online but the room was not equipped for that. Audience could hear the echo and the presider was of not much help. I think it is important to ensure presider has support to organize the event.

very few people showed up to several of the sessions. and it was extremely difficult to hear most of the presenters even though i sat close to the front row.

In general the participants are much less than expected; as a result, it is hard to generate rigorous discussions.

Only the panelists were there to listen and participate in the discussion. No one else attended and so I think this may have attended a conference where no one, outside of the panelists, attended our session. This wasn't SSSP fault, just maybe lack of interest in the topic for people attending the conference.

Too many panelists in the Dialogue session and many of the comments were chic "radical" but not practical for academics or for addressing right wing attacks. There was little time for audience participation.

Please rate the overall quality of the aspects of the session(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.

(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)

There were two things that bothered me with sessions. At least two of the sessions I attended only had two of the five presenters present. It was disappointed to expect to see more papers and only have two of five presenters there. The second issue was the overall organization of the presentations. Things like people with 20 or more slides and running way over the 15 minute time limit. It is an organizational issue that seemed particularly prevalent in 2024 compared to other years. It could be this was an off year, and I just happened to step into the only panels and presentations with these issues.

In one session, the presenters did not have access to the projector. One of the members had to use their own laptop and the other presenters emailed their PowerPoint presentations to them.

some of the papers were not in a final draft so there were just not fully developed or hashed out which made the presentations undercooked.

There is very little audience attendance at SSSP sessions -- the speakers can be good, but the audience is usually tiny... disappointing...

Attendance was lacking, and engagement was generally focused on audience members who attended because they were friends with people on the panel. Its a pretty expensive trip for low attendance and low engagement.

Please rate the overall quality of the aspects of the session(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.

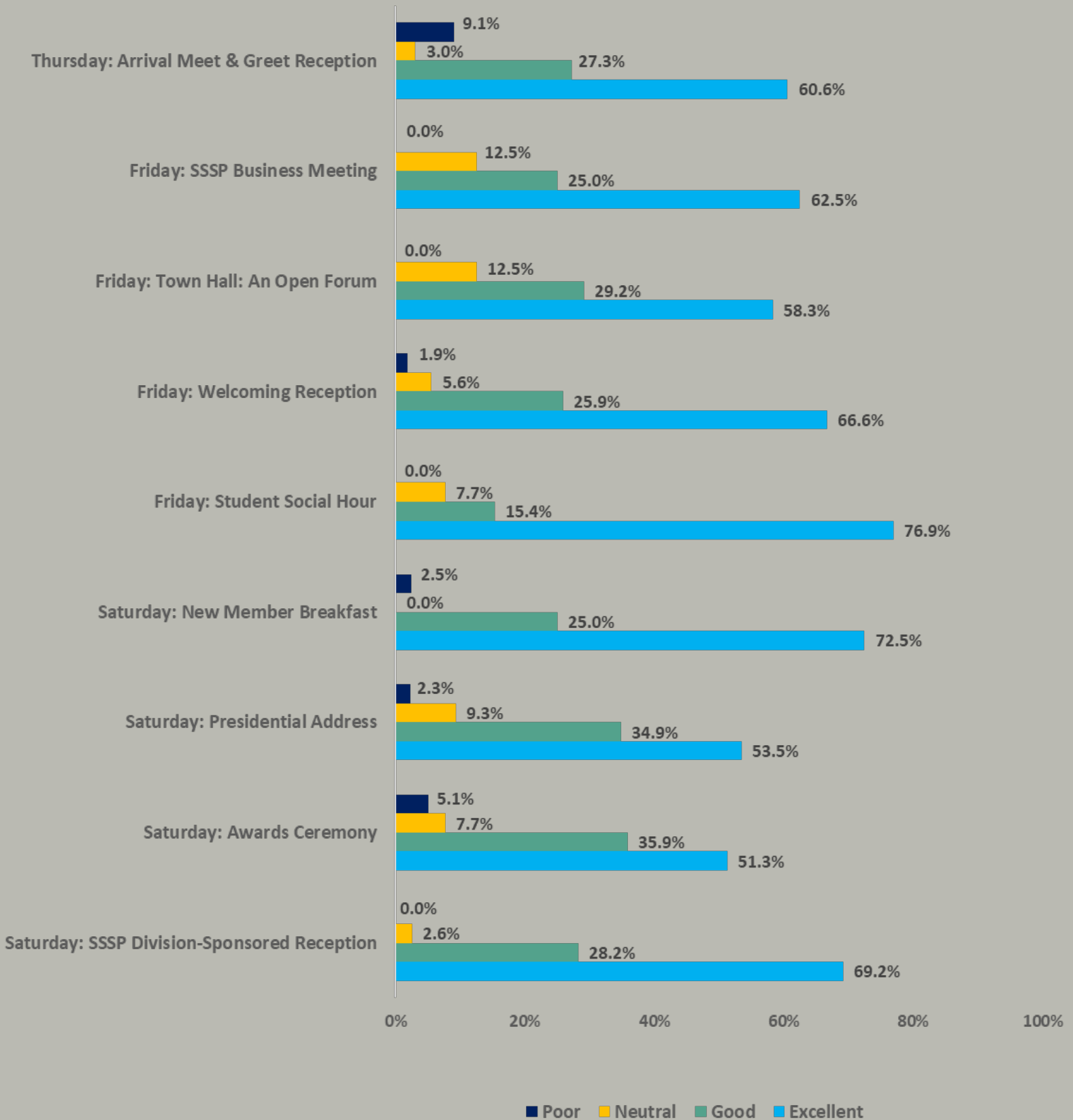
(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)

A better turnout and engagement was expected. Less participation meant less audience and scholarly engagement

Many of the talks were basically half-baked works in progress with no data, no research question, or no argument about how the work advanced scholarship in some way. One talk appeared to be the lecture slides used to teach an undergraduate class. I realize that asking for full papers puts a burden on people, but some of these talks were very under cooked. It also seemed like some senior faculty in particular had not rehearsed or even proof read their talks. Aside from this, the organizer of my session insulted the session, the presenters, SSSP, and the audience a few times. In their opinion, the talks were weak and they expected no one to sit through them, which is a terrible thing to tell an audience and presenters. He also discussed papers at SSSP that he had rejected from this sessions. There's basically no excuse for that type of stuff.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	13

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



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	Poor (1)	Neutral (2)	Good (3)	Excellent (4)	Total
Thursday: Arrival Meet & Greet Reception	3	1	9	20	33
Friday: SSSP Business Meeting	0	4	8	20	32
Friday: Town Hall: An Open Forum	0	3	7	14	24
Friday: Welcoming Reception	1	3	14	36	54
Friday: Student Social Hour	0	1	2	10	13
Saturday: New Member Breakfast	1	0	10	29	40
Saturday: Presidential Address	1	4	15	23	43
Saturday: Awards Ceremony	2	3	14	20	39
Saturday: SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception	0	1	11	27	39

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

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Thursday: Arrival Meet & Greet Reception	1	4	3.39	0.92	0.84	33
Friday: SSSP Business Meeting	2	4	3.5	0.71	0.5	32
Friday: Town Hall: An Open Forum	2	4	3.46	0.71	0.5	24
Friday: Welcoming Reception	1	4	3.57	0.68	0.47	54
Friday: Student Social Hour	2	4	3.69	0.61	0.37	13
Saturday: New Member Breakfast	1	4	3.67	0.61	0.37	40
Saturday: Presidential Address	1	4	3.4	0.75	0.56	43
Saturday: Awards Ceremony	1	4	3.33	0.83	0.68	39
Saturday: SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception	2	4	3.67	0.52	0.27	39

You said that you were dissatisfied with some aspect of the reception(s) and/or special event(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting. Please tell us why.

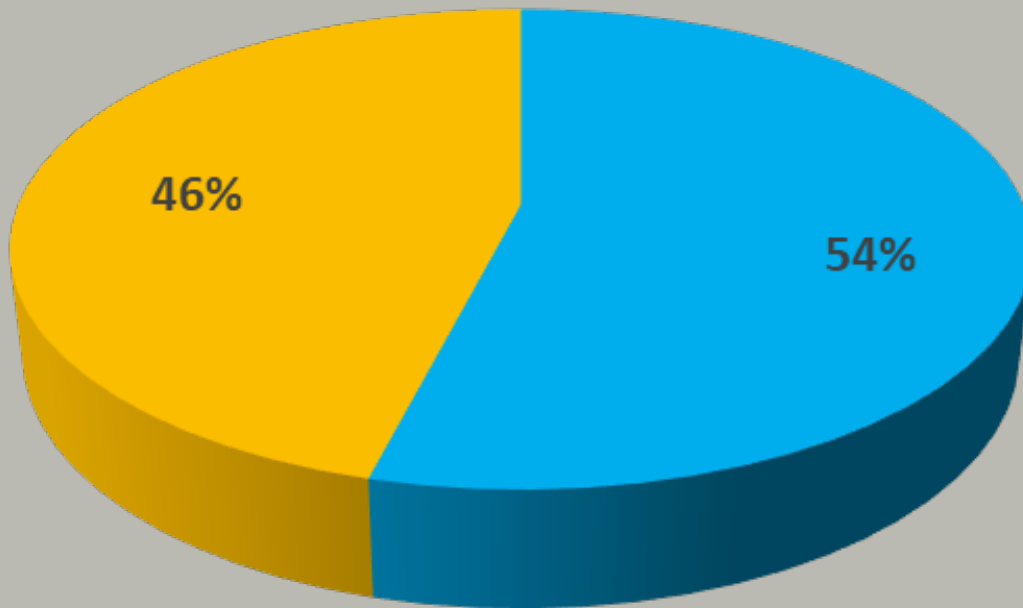
presidential addresss and awards ceremony went way over the allotted time. plus i could not hear anything.

I didn't like the Thursday evening Meet and Greet event. The hotel staff were setting up the beverages and hors-d'œuvres after the start time, which is unacceptable service to SSSP, as a client of the hotel. Secondly, there was low attendance so it felt awkward. I stayed 15 minutes and left.

The welcome reception had so little food. I came to network but also for the "reception" but left the reception looking for a place to eat after just arriving to SSSP.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	3

Did you stay at the SSSP Conference Hotel?



■ Yes ■ No

Responses	Count
No (1)	41
Yes (2)	49

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.54	0.5	0.25	90

What was the main reason you did not stay at the SSSP Conference Hotel?

Cost

I wanted to - planned to. But, then didn't have the money to cover both the conference hotel and the cost for covering someone else's attendance to the meeting.

2 minutes walk i found a spot for about \$50 less per night

When I tried to book it said that the hotel was full.

Prohibitively expensive

The cost was expensive for me, since my funding was limited.

I live in Montreal, so I stayed at my home.

I could not afford it.

It was expensive and also there was no room left to reserve. Also, the roommate option of SSSP was not a clear process, and it did not work for me.

What was the main reason you did not stay at the SSSP Conference Hotel?

Between the cost of membership, registration for the conference, and travel costs, the conference hotel was too expensive. I only receive a small stipend from my school for conference travel and I have to split my money between SSSP and Rural Sociological Society, so I need to save costs wherever I can.

Cost, I wanted to make sure my entire hotel stay was covered by school's travel funds.

Had to cancel reservation since could not attend in person.

Too expensive and I didn't receive a scholarship through SSSP to help me fund my stay there

Too expensive; I have family in Montréal

Cost.

The rooms were booked up by June

my family came and it was cheaper to stay in an airbnb than 2 hotel rooms.

Wanted to be nearer to ASA.

I had a free room at one of the ASA hotels.

What was the main reason you did not stay at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel?

Because I stayed at the SSSP hotel last year and it was not as nice as the ASA hotels.

I live in Montreal

Other conference areas

Rooms were booked.

Cost

Cost

Stayed at ASA hotel

It was prohibitively expensive, I stayed in a cheaper hotel elsewhere in the city

Found cheaper accommodations elsewhere

could not afford it as a phd student with limited financial support from my university

too expensive

What was the main reason you did not stay at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel?

Summer travel funding is short, so I was forced to wait until closer to book. By that time everything was booked. So expenses of hotel was an issue as well.

AirBnB was 50% cheaper

Higher cost.

traveling with community partner co-presenters, it was cheaper to stay a few blocks away in a multi-bedroom apartment

Booked too late

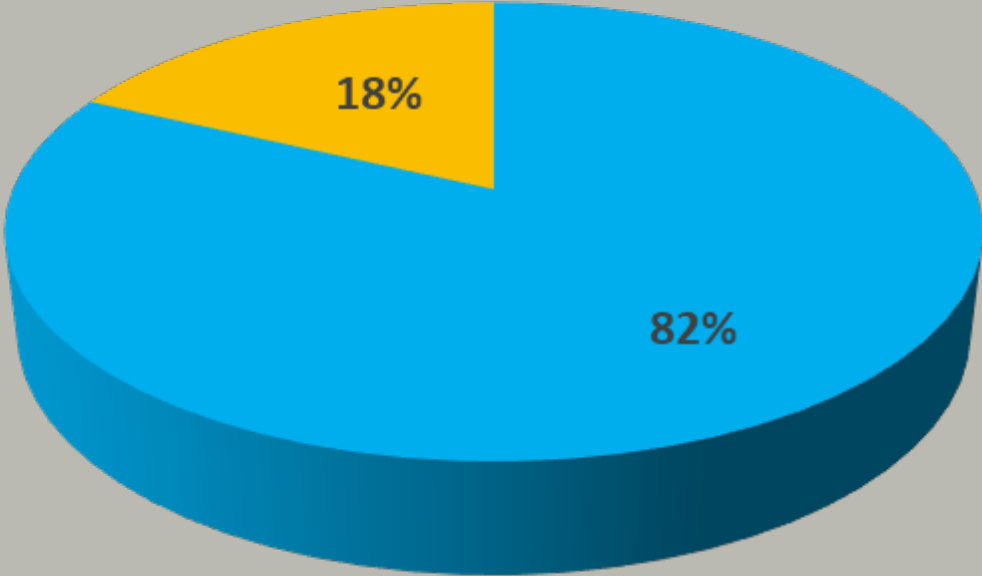
Cost

Cost

Cost was too high and my institution could only give me so much \$ toward the conference.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	38

Are you likely to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting in Chicago?



■ Yes ■ No

Responses	Count
No (1)	16
Yes (2)	73

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.82	0.38	0.15	89

What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting in Chicago?

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Cost

money and time and health

limited research grant funds, i need to prioritize certain conferences this coming summer

Funding and research progress

Difficult to travel for family reasons (I'm the sole parent of a child with several disabilities)

I'm in Chicago too frequently for conferences and so I will wait to attend SSSP when it is in a different city.

Financial issues.

A close friend is getting married in Alaska and scheduled their wedding for that weekend.

These meetings are getting far too expensive for my university budget.

Too far from where i'm based; I limit my travels to be with my family.

What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting in Chicago?

I recently graduated and am planning to take a break from the conference circuit for a year.

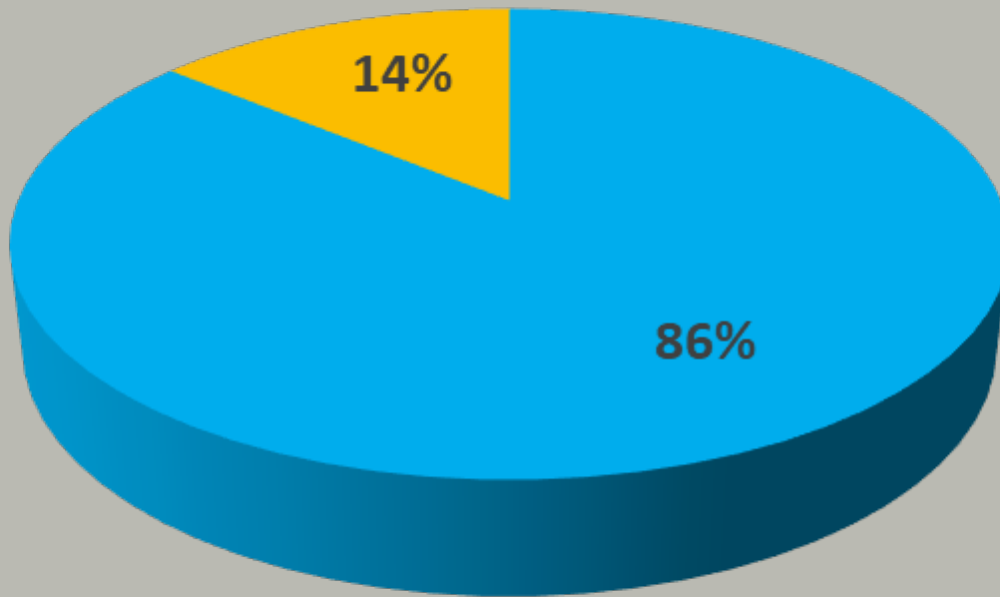
It's tough to divide time between SSSP and ASA and I generally attend ASA.

Cost.

One of the main issues is that I don't personally feel a sense of community at SSSP. Another issue is that many of the talks I went to seemed undercooked works in progress and I feel like I didn't learn much. I think SSSP as an organization is terrific and I love a lot of things that the org is doing, but I don't feel like the conference itself brings a lot of value-added to my work life.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	15

Are you aware of SSSP's Anti-Harassment Policy, including options for reporting instances of harassment and discrimination?



■ Yes ■ No

Responses	Count
No (1)	12
Yes (2)	76

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.86	0.34	0.12	88

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#	Answer	%	Count
1	Physical assault and/or the threat of physical assault	0%	0
2	Unwanted touching	20%	1
3	Offensive jokes, slurs, epithets, put-downs, and/or name-calling	0%	0
4	Persistent unwanted attention and/or invasion of personal space	0%	0
5	Unsolicited suggestive or offensive materials	0%	0
6	Stared, leered, or ogled at in any way that made you feel uncomfortable	0%	0
7	Offensive remark based on your race or ethnicity, gender or gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religion, nationality or immigrant status, age, class or ability	20%	1
8	Other form of harassment or discrimination not included above	60%	3
9	Pressured by someone with more status or power to engage in uncomfortable or unwanted interactions	0%	0
	Total	100%	5

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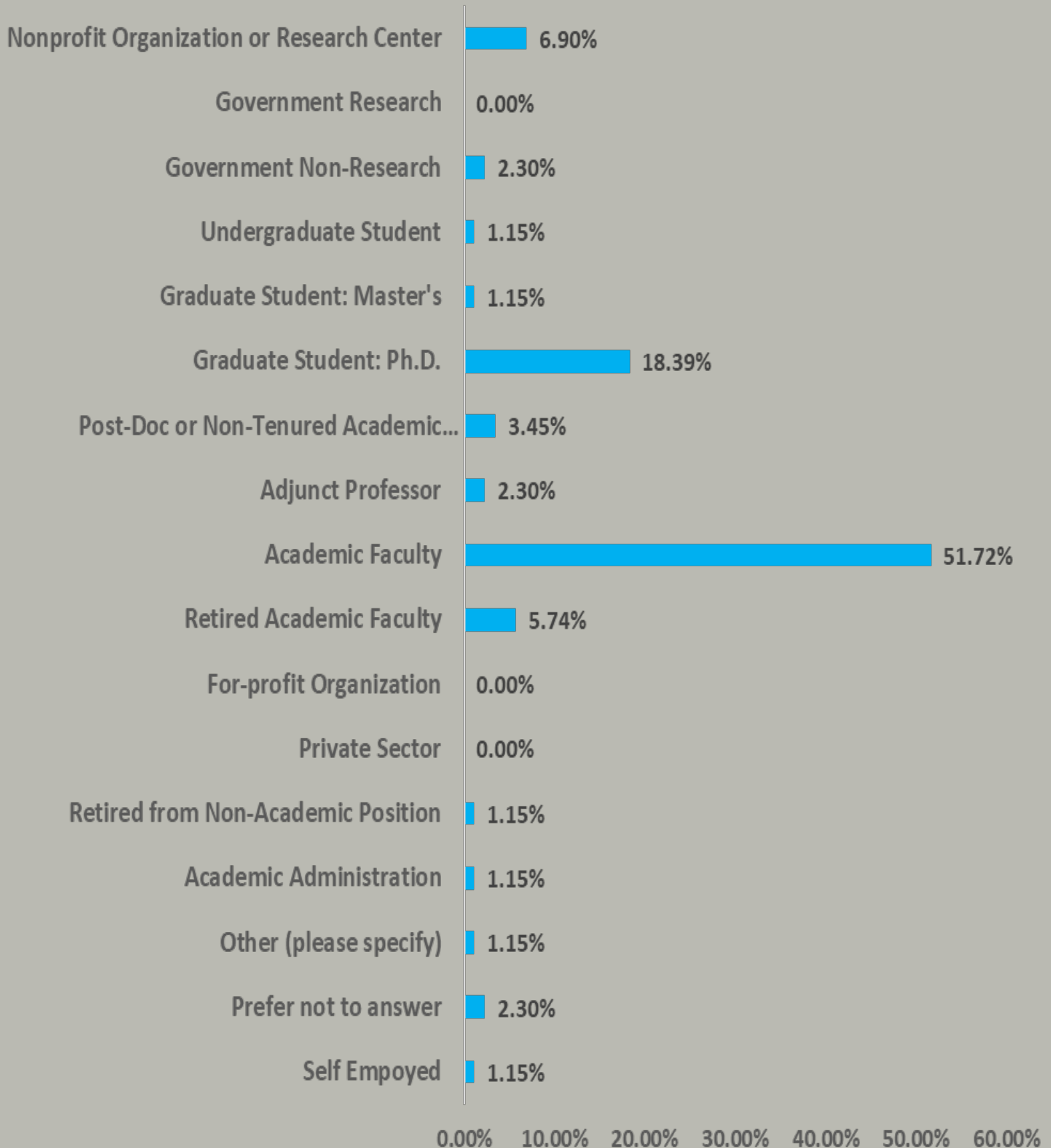
**Other form of harassment or discrimination not included above:
Text Response**

there is a privilege white lady problem, they are out of control.

N/ A

Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

What is your primary employment type or affiliation?



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Answer	Count
Non-profit Organization or Research Center	6
Government Research	0
Government Non-Research	2
Undergraduate Student	1
Graduate Student – Master's	1
Graduate Student – Ph.D.	16
Post-Doc or Non-Tenured Academic Researcher	3
Adjunct Professor	2
Academic Faculty (i.e., Assistant, Associate, Full Professor)	45
Retired Academic Faculty	5
Private Sector	0
Retired from Non-Academic Position	1
Other (please specify)	1
Academic Administration (i.e., Department Head, Associate Dean, Dean, Provost, President)	1
Prefer not to answer	2
Self Employed	1
For-profit Organization	0
Total	87

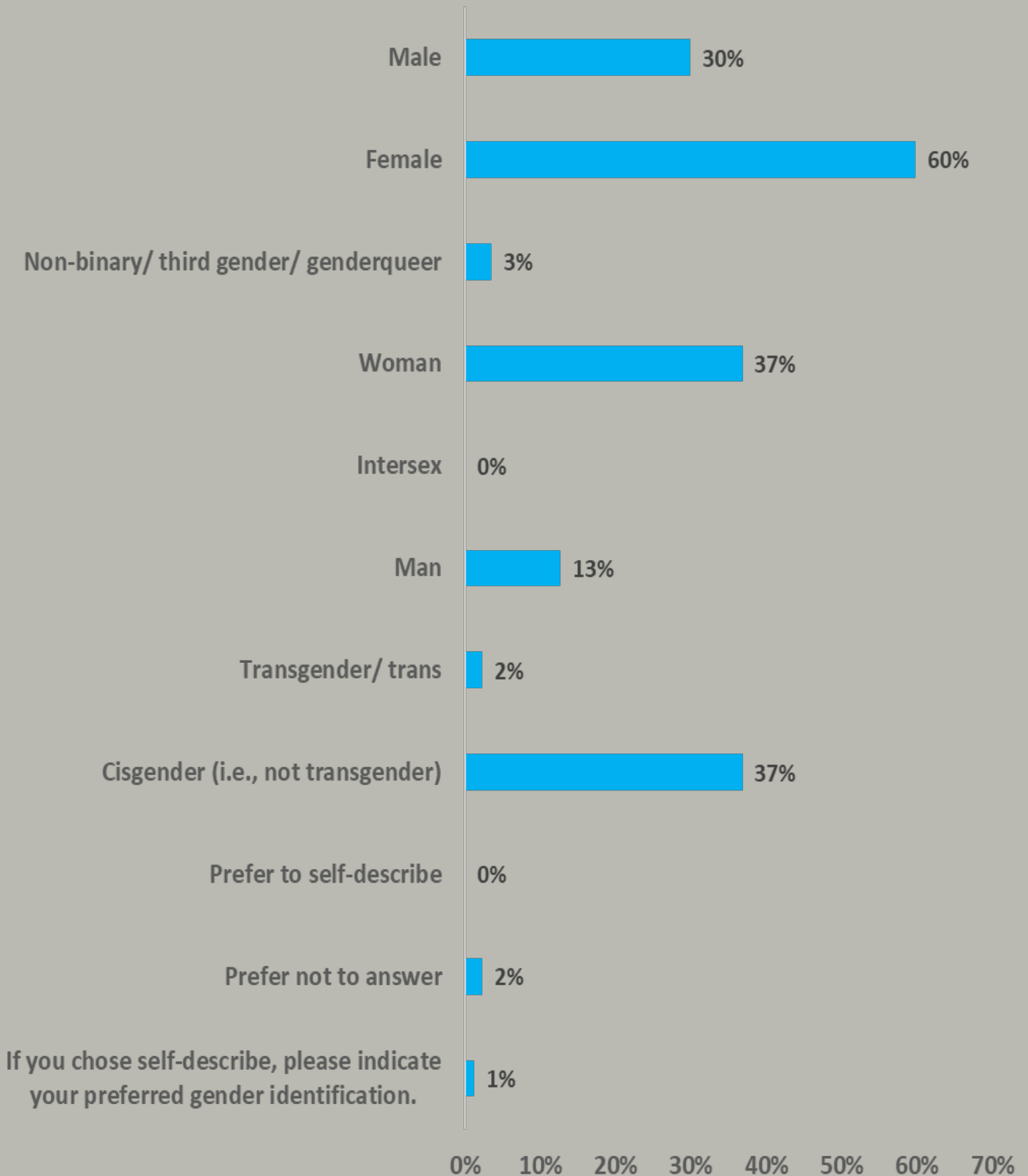
What is your primary employment type or affiliation?

Other (please specify) – Text Response

PhD Candidate

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

What gender/sex categories apply to you? (Check all that apply)

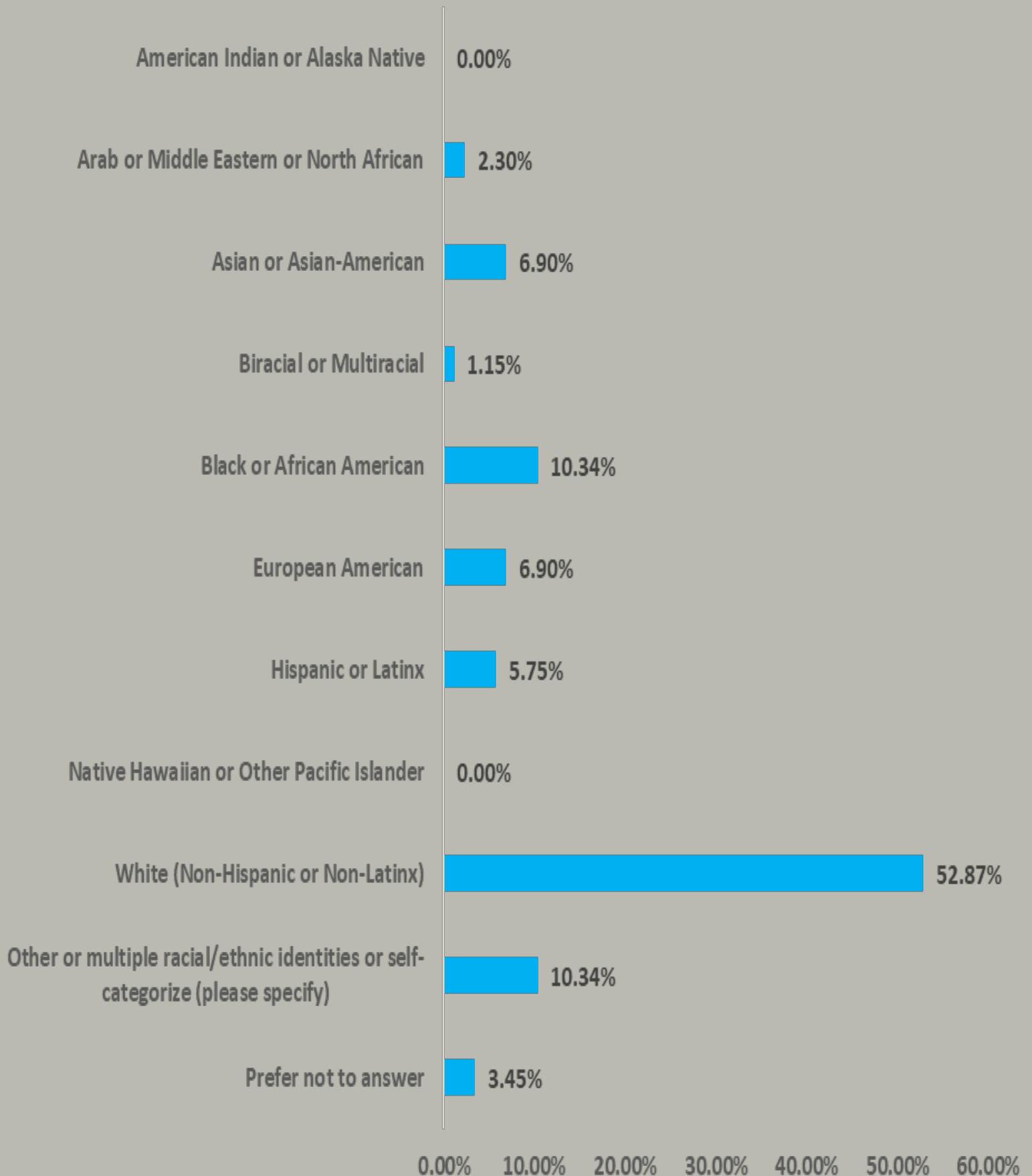


What gender/sex categories apply to you? (Check all that apply)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Male	26	30%
Female	52	60%
Non-binary/ third gender/ genderqueer	3	3%
Woman	32	37%
Intersex	0	0%
Man	11	13%
Transgender/ trans	2	2%
Cisgender (i.e., not transgender)	32	37%
Prefer to self-describe	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	2	2%
If you chose self-describe, please indicate your preferred gender identification.	1	1%

Total Responses	Total Respondents
161	87

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Answer	Count	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.00%
Arab or Middle Eastern or North African	2	2.30%
Asian or Asian-American	6	6.90%
Biracial or Multiracial	1	1.15%
Black or African American	9	10.34%
European American	6	6.90%
Hispanic or Latinx	5	5.75%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
White (Non-Hispanic or Non-Latinx)	46	52.87%
Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify)	9	10.34%
Prefer not to answer	3	3.45%
Total	87	100%

Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify) - Text

Eastern European

Multi-racial

Mixed white and Hispanic

Ethnicity: Latina/Tejana; Race: White

Asian/White

White, Latinx

South Asian

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The shuttle to the ASA meeting didn't seem very reliable, but I'm not sure who's responsible for that. Related to that, it would have been helpful to have advance notice that the Pride parade was going to go by the conference hotel and that all streets for blocks around would be closed on Sunday morning. Shuttle service had to be moved, of course, and was nonexistent when I had to go to ASA. Fortunately I had enough time to walk, but could have used a heads up the day before.

This was my first SSSP meeting and I'm not in sociology. I was surprised how few people were in some of the sessions, until I realized that many were simultaneously attending ASA. I imagine the advantages and disadvantages of this set-up have been already been considered, but it seemed to do a disservice to some of the SSSP presenters, who had almost no audience for their very interesting work. On a separate (but perhaps related?) note, I found it odd that there was no lunch break in the meeting schedule. For someone like me attending SSSP only (i.e. not ASA as well), it meant having to choose between eating at attending a maximum number of sessions.

Schedule the division chair meetings so that they don't overlap with sessions.

I appreciated the opportunity to attend SSSP as it has been several years since I have been to this conference. Thank you.

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If possible, I'd love to see one of the division chairpersons meeting be moved to a virtual option before the meeting. I appreciate the "free for all" in the last session, but the multiple sessions limit how I'm able to participate in the conference and attend other sessions. Otherwise, I really enjoy the conference and having a chance to connect with everyone!

Wayyyy too many emails leading up to the conference. Between emails about the different policy statements, votes on bylaws and policies, and division stuff I was receiving several emails a day from SSSP. I started ignoring them after awhile so I'm sure I missed some important messages.

Is there any way we can make these meetings more affordable. I absolutely love SSSP, but the cost is becoming prohibitive.

I would suggest consideration of co-presiders/discussants, etc. in cases of illness.

Thanks to everyone who worked at organizing the meeting, I wish I could have attended for all four days!

Please do not schedule tours during presentations. We were scheduled to present during a tour we paid for.

N/A

Find a way to shorten the awards ceremony without limiting recipients' comments.

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Admin staff are exceptionally helpful and very professional! Kudos to the team!

The walk tour on Friday should have been canceled. The rain was unusual for Montreal and the attendance was low. At least there should be some communication about the tour upon the rain forecast, and the accommodation or advice on umbrellas beforehand. There was none of that.

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Honestly I didn't like the layout this year. Having it so spread out made it less inviting and less connective. I didn't think the snacks/drinks were sufficient either. I could rarely find and and when I did it was just chips and sugary bars. I really thought the meeting in Philadelphia last year excelled in this way. The hotel though was awesome.

Please consider to add a light virtual component for members who do not have enough funds to come to the Annual Meeting because this year they were a great number. This would allow more inclusion and participation.

I'd like to see the quality of the talks improve. Attendance also seems to be dipping. I was surprised by how few people went to the presidential address and how many people told me they attended their own session and that was it. I think presenting to a mostly empty room is a bit demoralizing.

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I attended two chairs' meetings on behalf of our division chair who was absent. I felt like I learned a lot from those. I wish there was a way to have more open dialogue sessions, and this may be exactly what the critical dialogue sessions are, but I didn't get a chance to attend one. It was fun and energizing to hear the various sections' ideas and plans for the future. I think we could learn a lot from one another if we were able to have more of those kinds of exchanges, including discussions about how SSSP might continue to shape itself to meet the needs of our members and recruit new members. Great meeting--I think the pouring rain was actually a solidarity-builder too!

My research assistant did the room matching service and let me know that she was matched in a room with another student and a professor. I will follow up on this since it does strike me as a little odd that this was possible.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	20