



# 2021

## Virtual Annual Meeting Survey Results

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# SSSP 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting Survey Results Released

September 8, 2021

With **797 attendees registered** and **140 total responses**, we're happy to release the results of the 2021 Virtual 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.

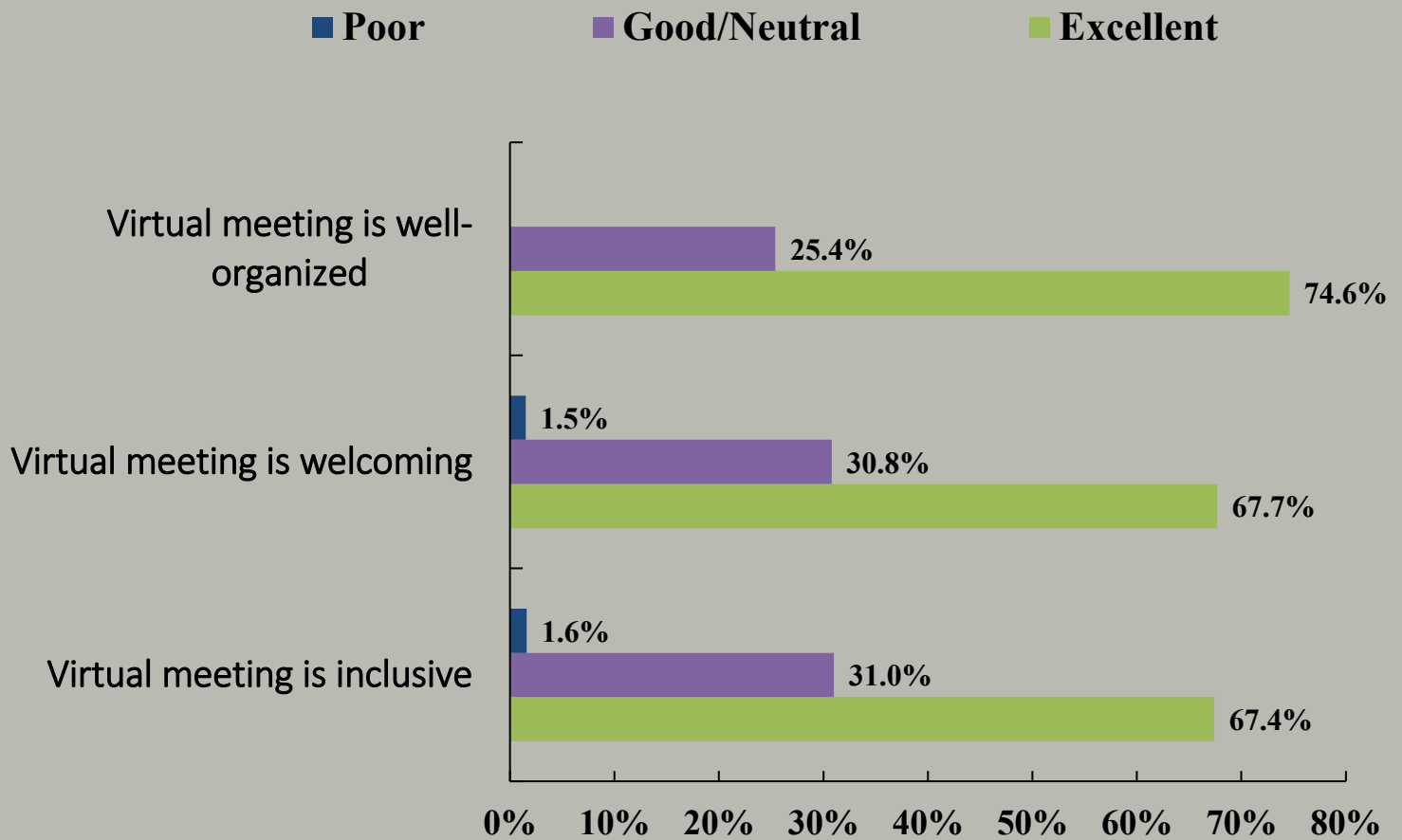
The survey ran for two weeks from August 11 through August 27 with a **18% participation rate**.

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 "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)	Good/Neutral (2)	Excellent (3)	Response	Mean Value
Virtual meeting is well-organized	0	33	97	130	2.75
Virtual meeting is welcoming	2	40	88	130	2.66
Virtual meeting is inclusive	2	40	87	129	2.66

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

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Virtual meeting is well-organized</b>	<b>Virtual meeting is inclusive</b>	<b>Virtual meeting is welcoming</b>
Min Value	1	1	1
Max Value	3	3	3
Mean	2.75	2.66	2.66
Variance	0.16	0.25	0.26
Standard Deviation	0.44	0.50	0.51
Total Responses	130	130	129

**You stated that the annual meeting was not inclusive.**

**Text Entry**

Poor documentation served as a barrier to easy movement getting into and moving between sessions.

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	1

**You stated that the virtual meeting was not welcoming.**

**Text Entry**

Same as above.

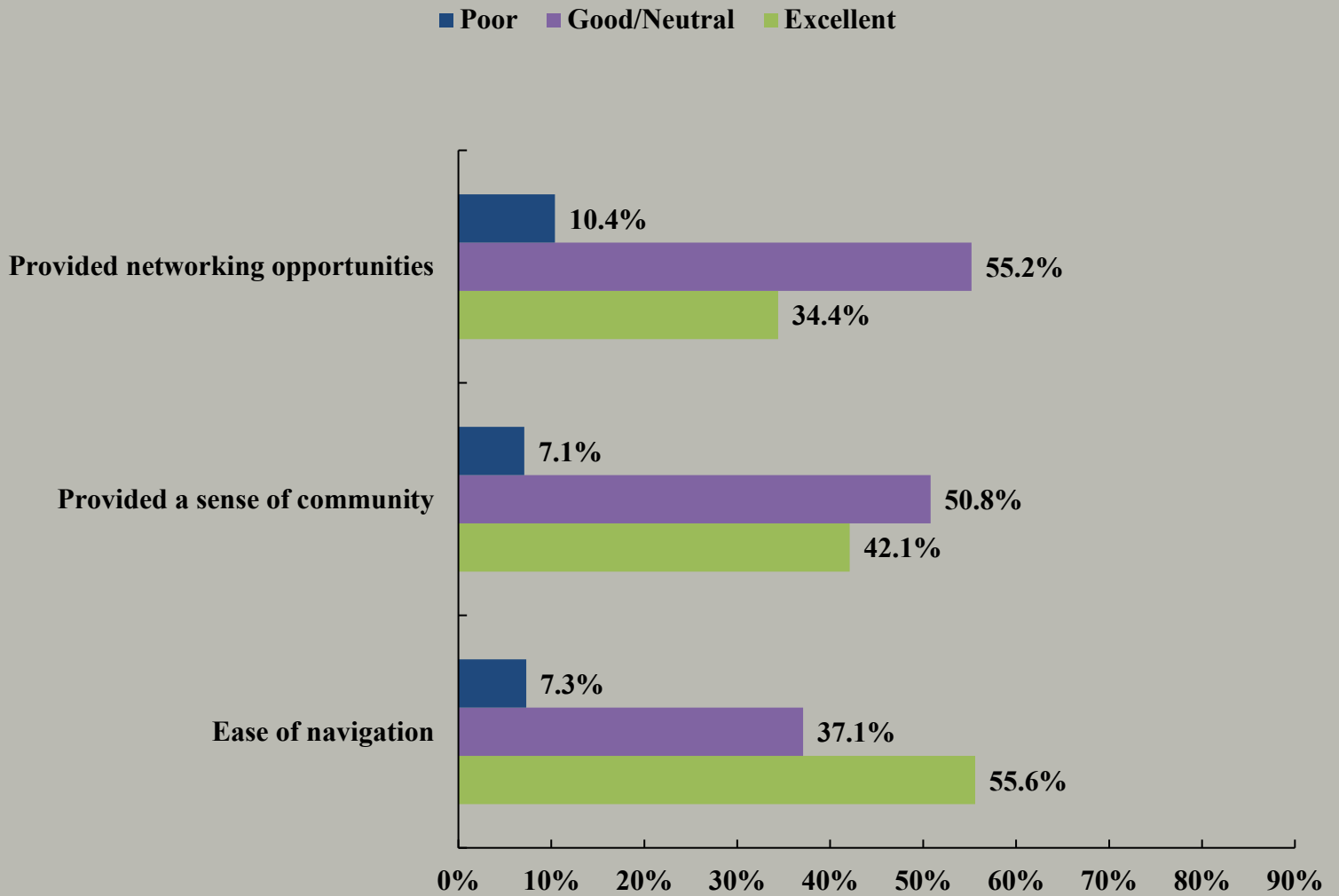
"Open radical space" sounds intimidating rather than inviting. I don't think there were division meetings but was not sure.

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	2

**You stated that the virtual meeting was not well-organized.**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	0

**Based on your experience, please rate the following aspects of the virtual annual meeting platform.**



Question	Poor (1)	Good/Neutral (2)	Excellent (3)	Response	Mean Value
Provided networking opportunities	13	69	43	125	2.24
Provided a sense of community	9	64	53	126	2.35
Ease of navigation	9	46	69	124	2.48

**Based on your experience, please rate the following aspects of the virtual annual meeting platform.**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Ease of navigation</b>	<b>Provided a sense of community</b>	<b>Provided networking opportunities</b>
Min Value	1	1	1
Max Value	3	3	3
Mean	2.48	2.35	2.24
Variance	0.39	0.37	0.39
Standard Deviation	0.63	0.61	0.62
Total Responses	124	126	125

**You said that you are dissatisfied with an aspect of the virtual annual meeting platform. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.**

**Text Entry**

any virtual meeting can not compete with an in-person meeting.

Creating a virtual community that feels warm is extremely difficult so it would have been extraordinary if any annual meeting accomplished this.

I am a new member of the SSSP, so meeting virtually was a boundary for me to network. However, I learned so much for the presentations.

It was difficult for speakers participating in my session to figure out how to get into the meeting despite sharing the instructions provided by SSSP.

I do not derive a sense of community on these platforms. I am also someone who is minimally involved with "social media." I prefer face-to-face interactions.

**You said that you are dissatisfied with an aspect of the virtual annual meeting platform. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied, continued.**

**Text Entry**

The online system itself was not user-friendly. I could not search for meetings by date/time, and the only way to view all session was to select a "view more" button that refreshed the page loading more sessions but taking the users back to the top of the webpage. Also, I didn't see any reason to gamify SSSP by providing "points" (that didn't appear to be used for anything) to users for attending sessions, uploading photos, etc. It felt like I was being monitored.

I know SSSP tried to provide network platforms/spaces. But owing to the lack of information, I am not sure whether I should participate. If we can have more information about what kind of communities and networking opportunities it offer, it will be more helpful.

not easy to navigate

The navigation of the program was challenging in the online platform. It would only display a handful session, then I would request to see more, and it would add a handful of sessions and bring the browser back to the first day of the conference. To get to the late Friday or Saturday sessions I would have to go through this process a dozen or so times just to get them to display on my screen.

I found the apps of the past to be easier to navigate and use than this web-based portal

The platform was a bit difficult to navigate in terms of finding sessions to attend for the day. It was great as a presenter since I could just click on the My Agenda tab to find my session and join, but it was more challenging to find other sessions to attend and then log into them.

It was difficult to get into the sessions. Instructions were buried in month-old emails and little was available at the start of the meetings.

The networking opportunity is something that no virtual meeting provides, so this was not an exception.

Virtual panels are just not the same

Not easy to network with groups



**You said that you are dissatisfied with an aspect of the virtual annual meeting platform. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied, continued.**

**Text Entry**

The scheduling and agenda calendars didn't work for me, even though I tried three different browsers. They never displayed correctly, which made it very hard to plan my attendance.

The structure of networking opportunities allowed by the virtual platform was too formal to work for me. I don't think there's anything that SSSP could do about that. I realized that I really only network in in-between spaces, hallways, conversations with other attendees after a session, running into old friends and acquaintances in random places. That just doesn't really work in the virtual environment. I am also uncomfortable leaving my camera on while recording is happening, so that doesn't help.

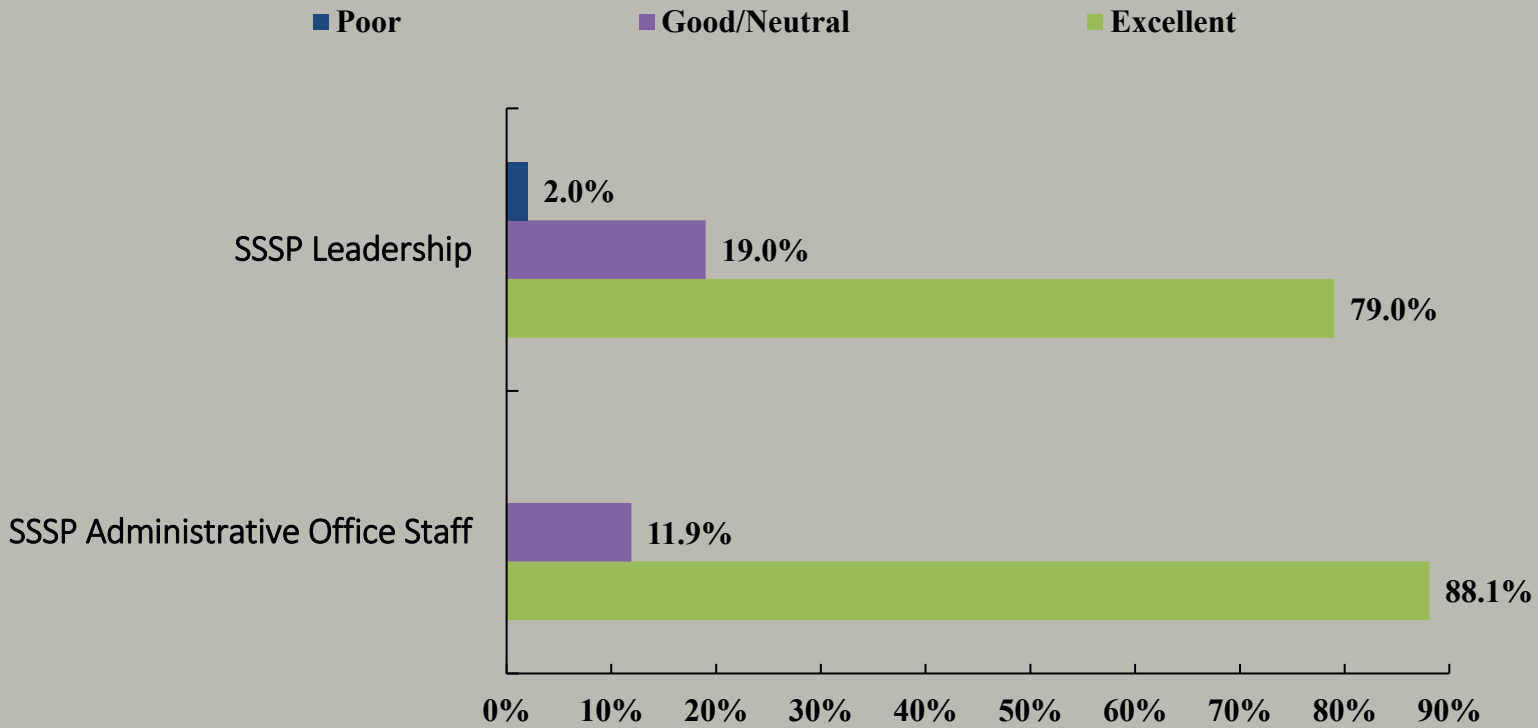
overall functionality

Could not get to the meeting portal via sssp website, it was completely inaccessible. The short presentation times did bit leave much room for networking or conversation.

I had trouble navigating the platform. It would not always move over to the next day and often reverted back to the first day and would not move from there. It did not always recognize my login credentials and for the big plenaries, kept saying I was "timed out" and would not let me in. This was very frustrating! The staff that helped, however, were kind and patient and I really appreciated them.

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	20

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



Question	Poor (1)	Good/Neutral (2)	Excellent (3)	Response	Mean Value
SSSP Leadership	2	19	79	100	2.77
SSSP Administrative Office Staff	0	12	89	101	2.88

	Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
SSSP Leadership	1	3	2.77	0.22	0.47	100	140
SSSP Admin Office Staff	1	3	2.88	0.13=0	0.32	101	140

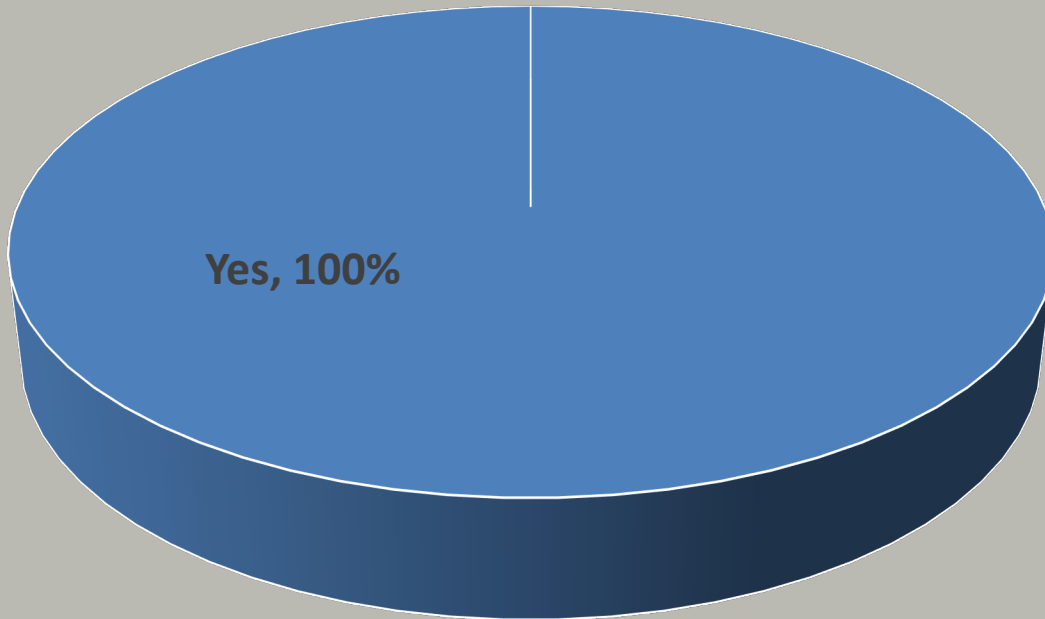
**You said that you are dissatisfied with SSSP Administrative Staff and/or SSSP Leadership. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.**

**Text Entry**

The president's address was shameful; promoting another organization at the expense of the SSSP. Critiques are good, but there is a way to do it. I was thoroughly disgusted by what he did. He should have the integrity to resign from the Board.

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	1

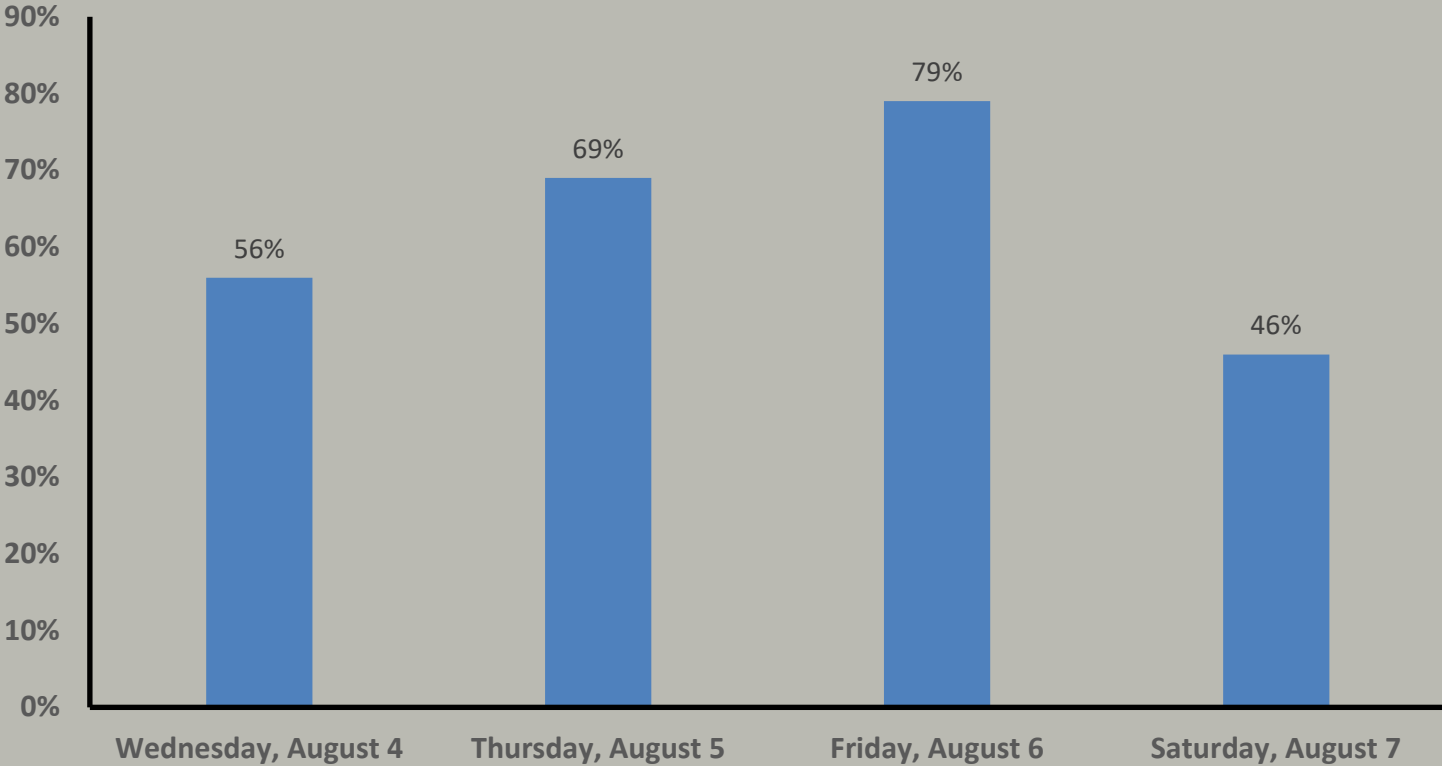
## Was the online registration process for the SSSP 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting satisfactory?



Answer	Response	%
Yes	126	100%
No	0	---
Total	126	100%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	1	1.0	0.0	00	126	140

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

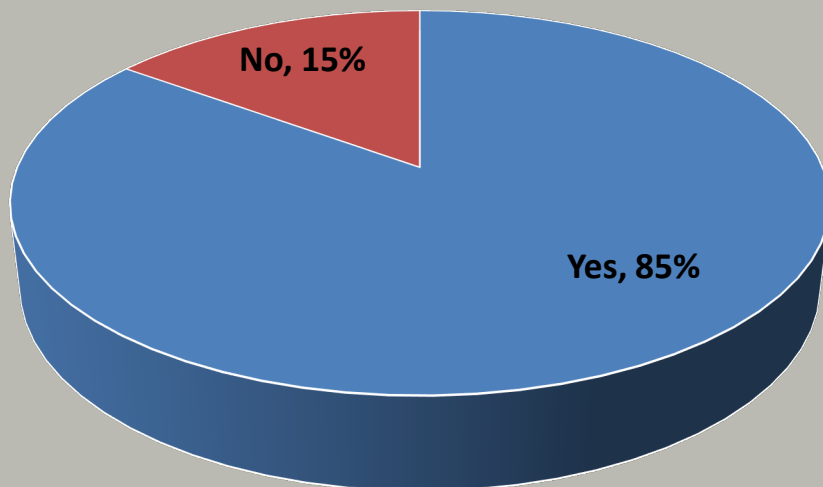


Answer	Response	%
Wednesday, August 4	70	56%
Thursday, August 5	86	69%
Friday, August 6	99	79%
Saturday, August 7	58	46%

Total Responses	Total Respondents
313	125

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

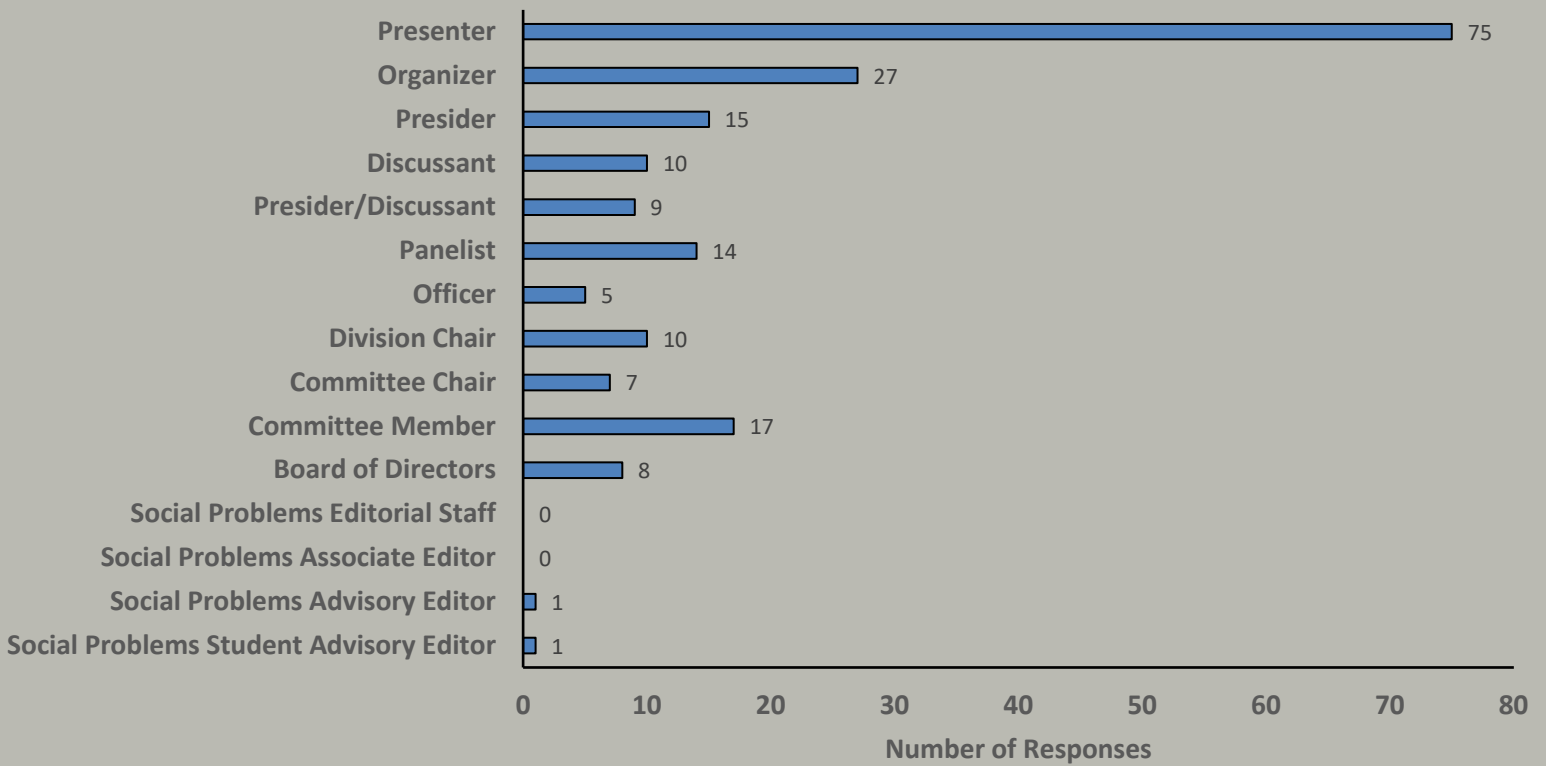
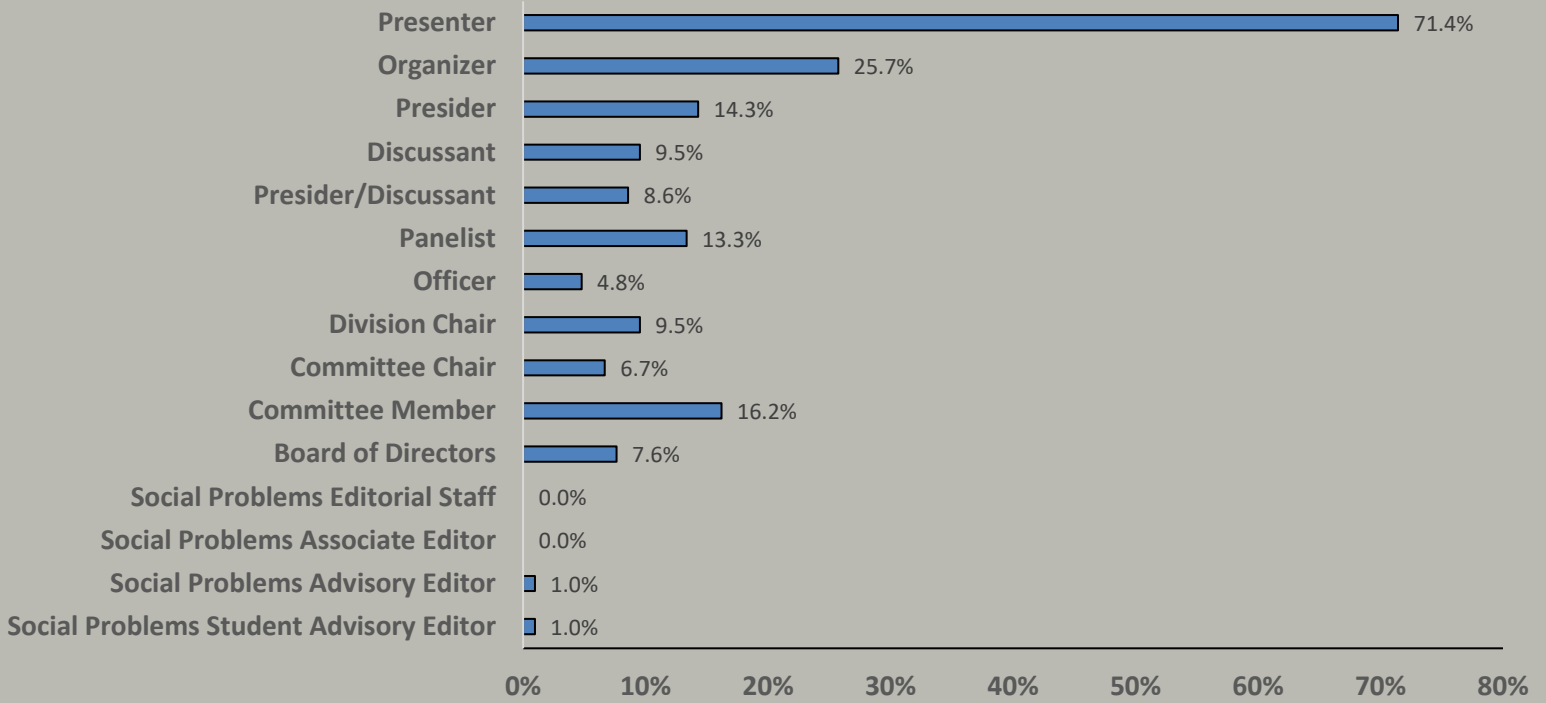
- Presenter
- Organizer
- Presider
- Discussant
- Presider/Discussant
- Panelist
- Officer
- Division Chair
- Committee Chair
- Committee Member
- Board of Directors
- *Social Problems* Editorial Staff
- *Social Problems* Associate Editor
- *Social Problems* Advisory Editor
- *Social Problems* Student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



Answer	Response	%
Yes	106	85%
No	19	15%
Total	125	100%

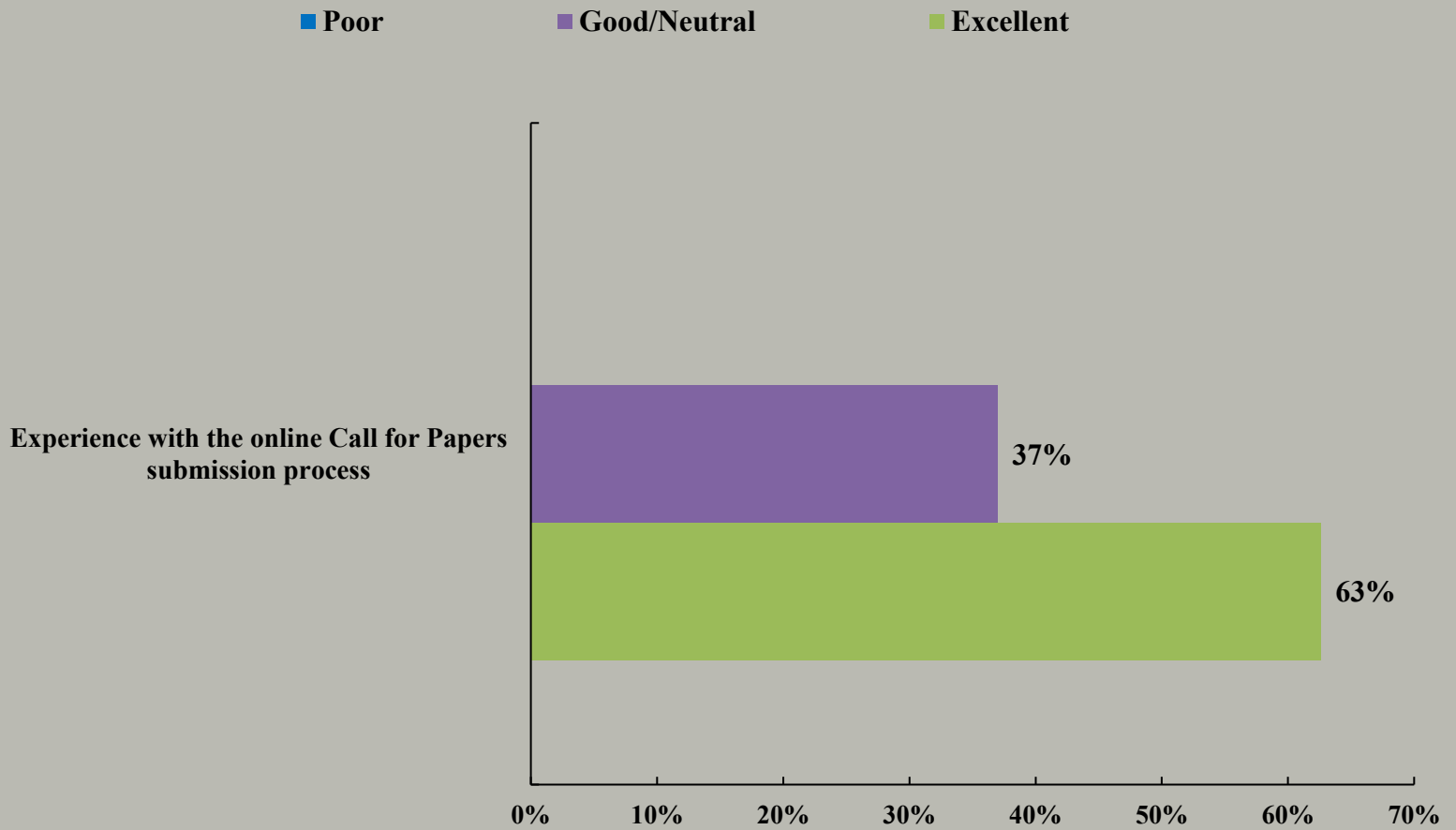
Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses
1	2	1.15	0.13	0.36	125

# Please indicate the roles you played at the SSSP Virtual Annual Meeting.



Total Responses	Total Respondents
199	105

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



Answer	Response	%
Poor	0	0%
Good/Neutral	26	37%
Excellent	45	63%
Total	71	100%

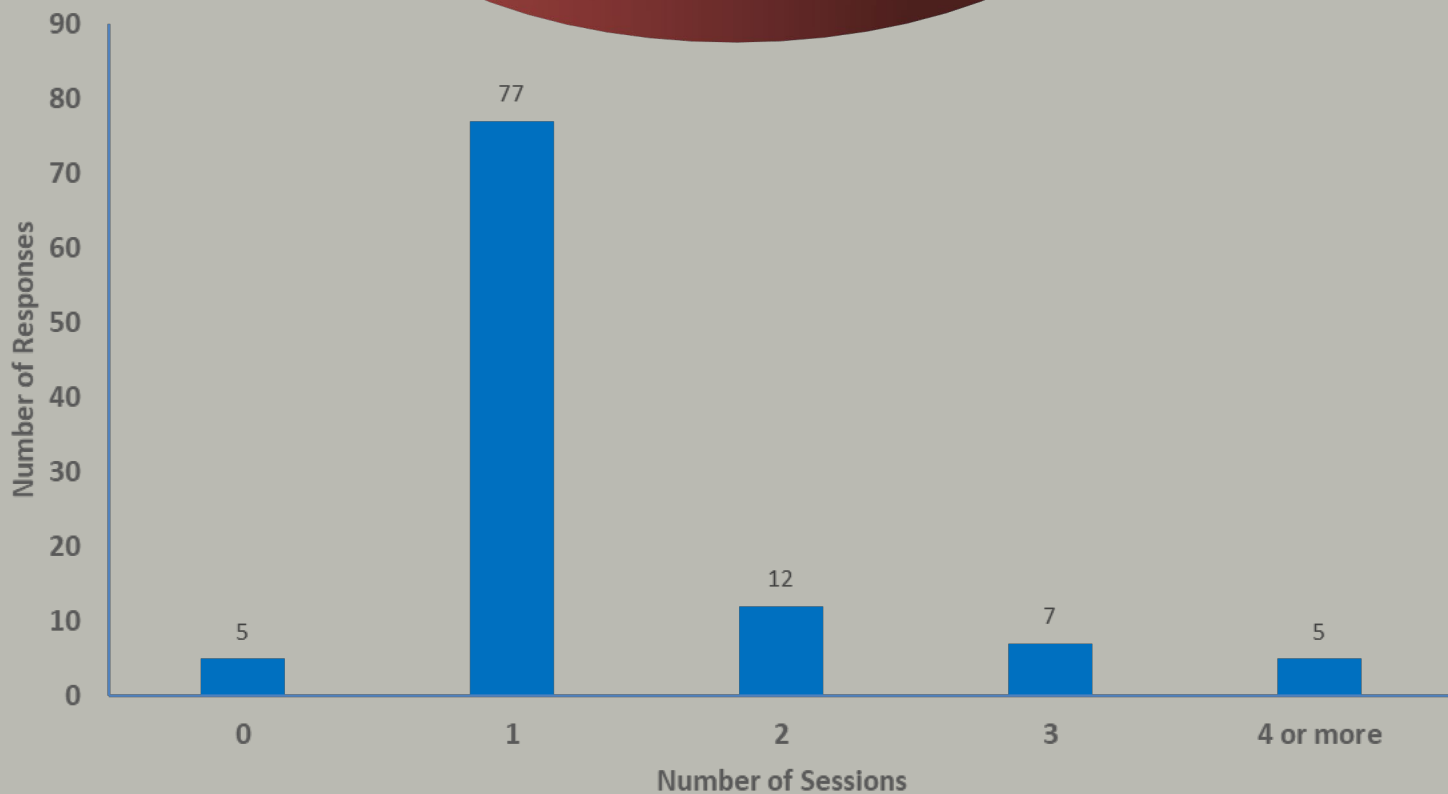
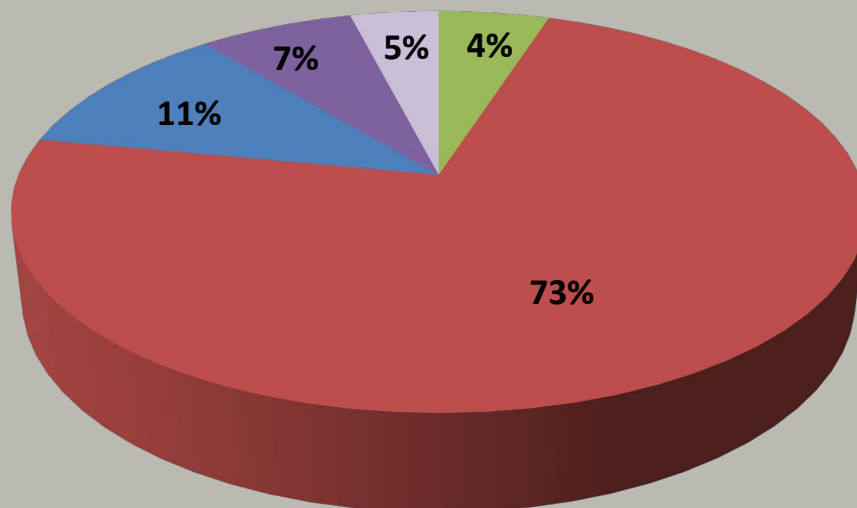
Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses
2	3	2.63	0.23	0.48	71



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

Number of Sessions

0 1 2 3 4 or more

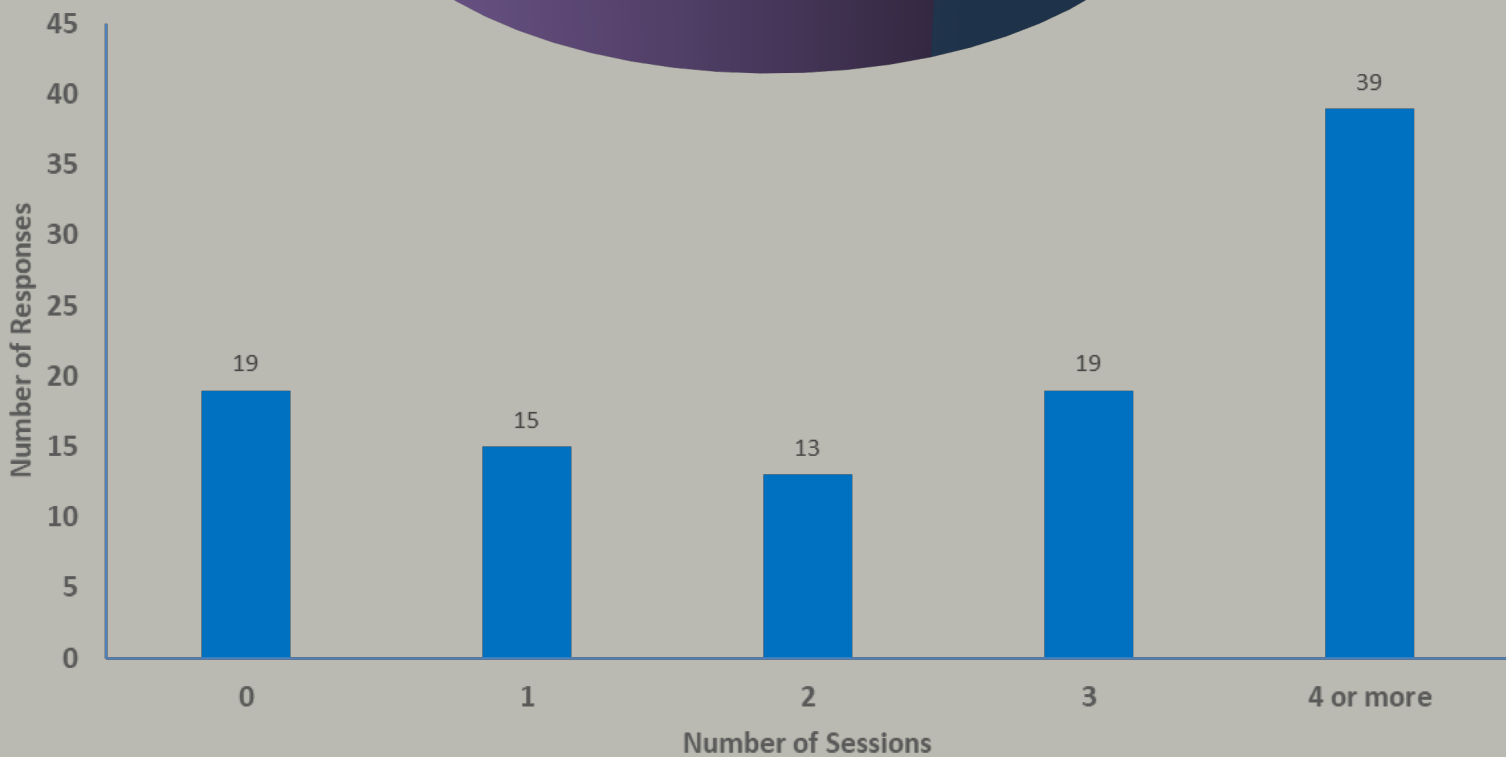
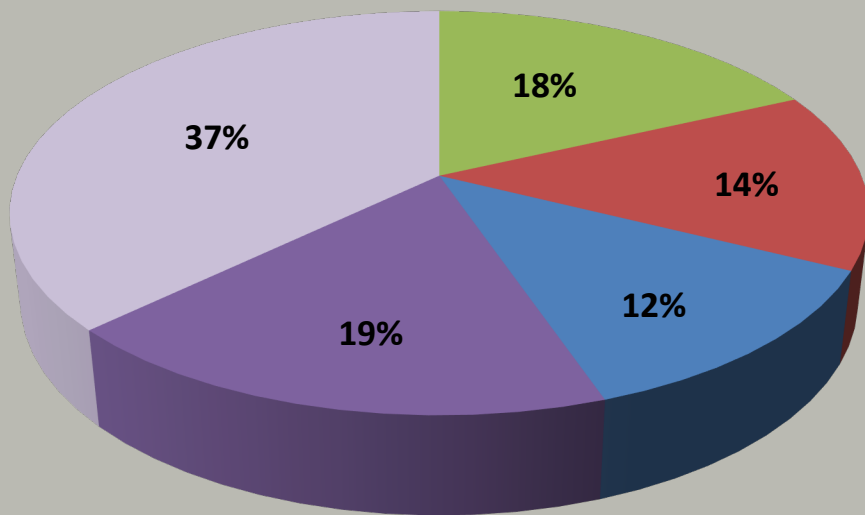


Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses
1	5	2.34	0.73	0.86	106

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

Number of Sessions

0 1 2 3 4 or more



Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses
1	5	3.42	2.36	1.54	105

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

**Text Entry**

It was an unexpected really hectic week and so I was unable to attend as many sessions as I wanted to.

Busy summer schedule ...

busy schedule, having kids to tend to, other work. You can't disconnect and immerse yourself in the conference like you would be able to do in person.

The virtual format was one where I found it hard to set aside time to attend, whereas meeting in person means I'm in that setting, in meeting mode, instead of juggling all other life issues that remain present throughout a virtual conference. I just didn't make the time to attend other sessions because I wanted/needed to be elsewhere.

I was not invited for ....

Scheduling conflicts.

The one author meets critic panel I attended kept booting us out of the zoom. There were not many panels of interest to me.

The timings were clashing with Indian standard time.

Time conflicts with other responsibilities at work and home. Lots of time on Zoom in other parts of my life.

I was busy moving from the West Coast to the East Coast. I was lucky to have moved in on time to present my paper. (My computer desk arrived on the day that I had to present.)

I really wanted to go, but I was busy with other work and I wasn't able to sync my personal calendar with the SSSP calendar so it slipped my mind with so many other things going on.

Busy schedule.

to hard to navigate

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

**Text Entry, continued**

I am teaching summer school and have a lot of administrative duties as well. Simply a matter of time.

My schedule did not allow for it.

less interested in topics, format not compelling.

I was busy with research and had family in town over the weekend

It's difficult to have ASA and SSSP overlap virtually. I also had tech trouble with the sessions that were through the platform and not Zoom.

I was really busy and it was hard to make time for the meeting while working from home

When time was available, entry was defeated or frustrated for reasons listed above.

Busy teaching summer session.

Pressing work demands

I hate conferences. I'd rather read research than have it presented to me. I go to conferences to get a line on my CV, and that's it.

Schedule didn't allow; zoom fatigue

I am in Europe, so the time difference was significant for me. Plus, as I said, the schedule/agenda feature never worked properly for me, so I had a hard time planning my attendance.

Just not enough time. It's been a really hard year

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

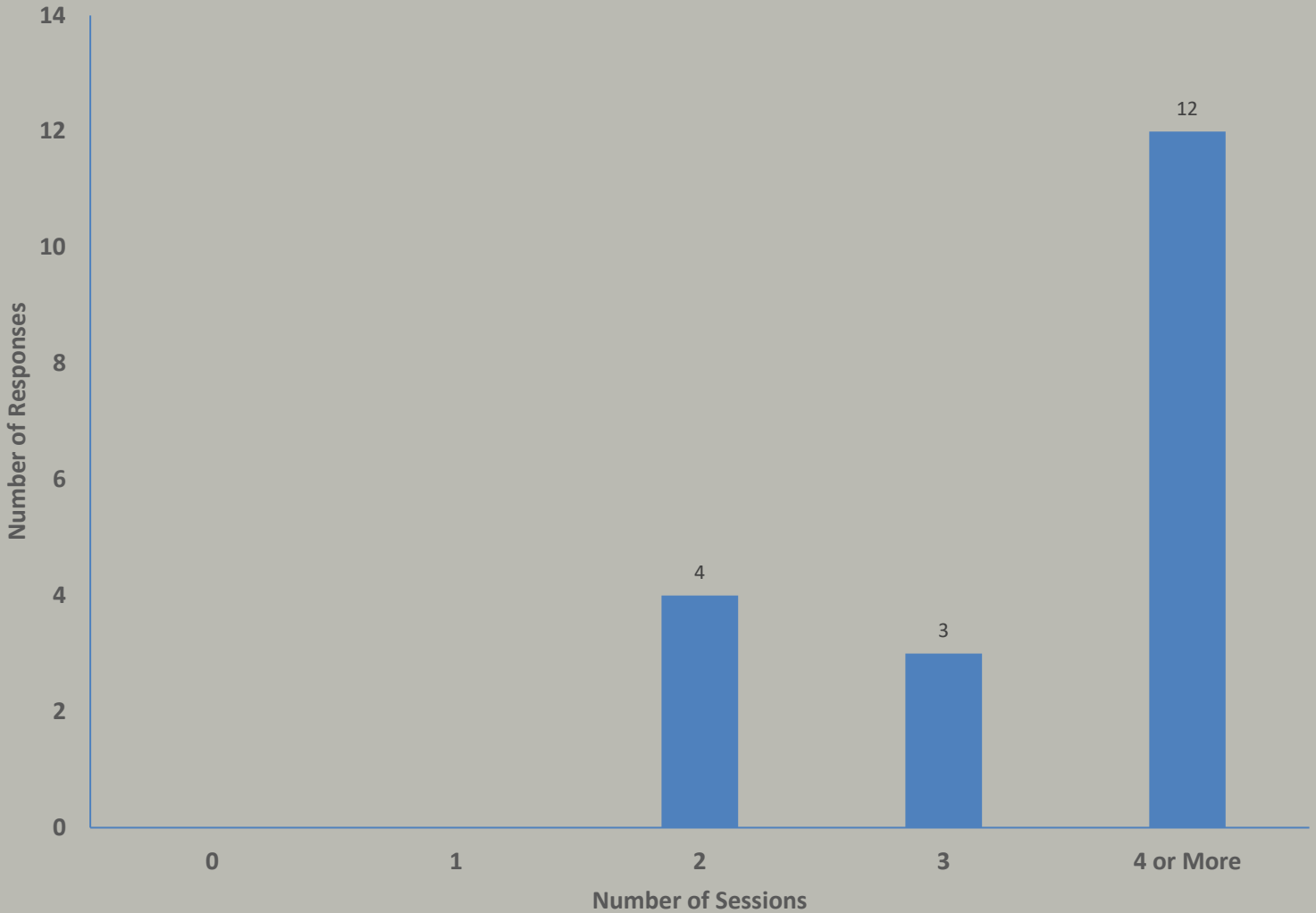
**Text Entry, continued**

I was moving house, honestly.

The day before the first session I organized/presided over, I completed an 1,800-mile move halfway across the country. I was so busy handling things from the move and preparing for the semester that I had to only invest my time in sessions I had a role in.

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	28

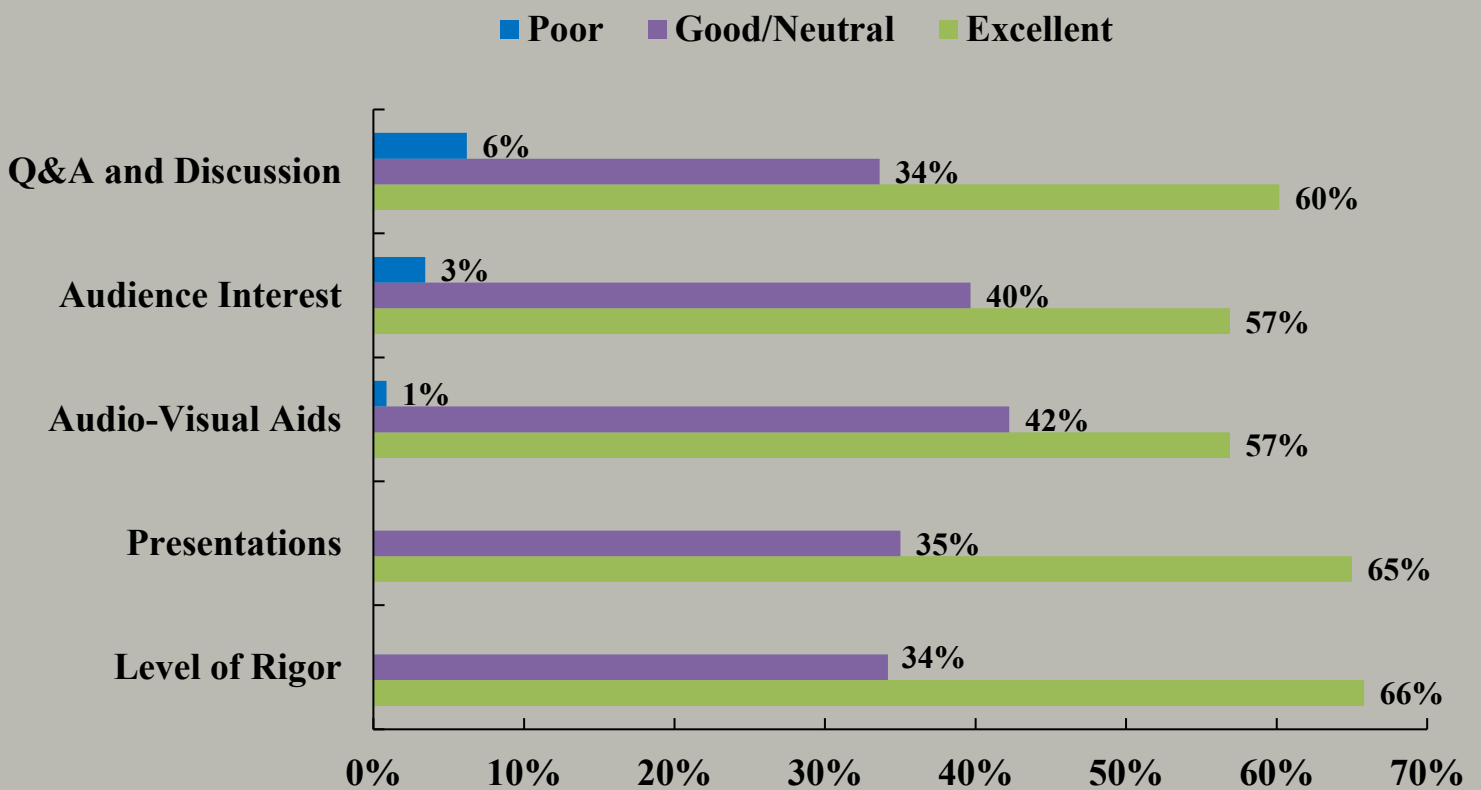
**Approximately how many sessions did you attend at the virtual meeting?  
(This question was only asked to non-program participants.)**



Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses
3	5	4.42	0.66	0.82	19

Please rate the overall quality of the aspects of the session(s) you attended at the SSSP 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting.

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



Question	Poor (1)	Good/Neutral (2)	Excellent (3)	Response	Average Value
Q&A and Discussion	7	38	68	113	2.54
Audience Interest	4	46	66	116	2.53
Audio-Visual Aids	1	49	66	116	2.56
Presentations	0	42	78	120	2.65
Level of Rigor	0	40	77	117	2.66

Please rate the overall quality of the aspects of the session(s) you attended at the SSSP 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, continued.

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

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Level of Rigor</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Audio-Visual Aids</b>	<b>Audience Interest</b>	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
Min Value	2	2	1	1	1
Max Value	3	3	3	3	3
Mean	2.66	2.65	2.56	2.53	2.54
Variance	0.22	0.23	0.26	0.32	0.37
Standard Deviation	0.47	0.48	0.51	0.56	0.61
Total Responses	117	120	116	116	113
Total Respondents	117	120	116	116	113



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

**Text Entry**

I positively hate the reliance on powerpoint. It is useful for the presentation of tables or figures that may be important to the presentation. Other than that, I wish presenters would simply speak to the audience. I would give that comment on inperson meetings as well. However, I think presenters are more animated when they have an audience and when they are standing up. The speakers were quite dull, even when their research was interesting.

Little work done by the presiders to facilitate meaningful dialogue. In one of the two sessions there was a discussant that provided some connective comments. Mostly, the presentations stood on their own and participation was in the form of "are there any questions"

The presider/discussant was informed late of their role so they couldn't ask questions/be as active as if they had been prepared.

There was not time for Q&A.

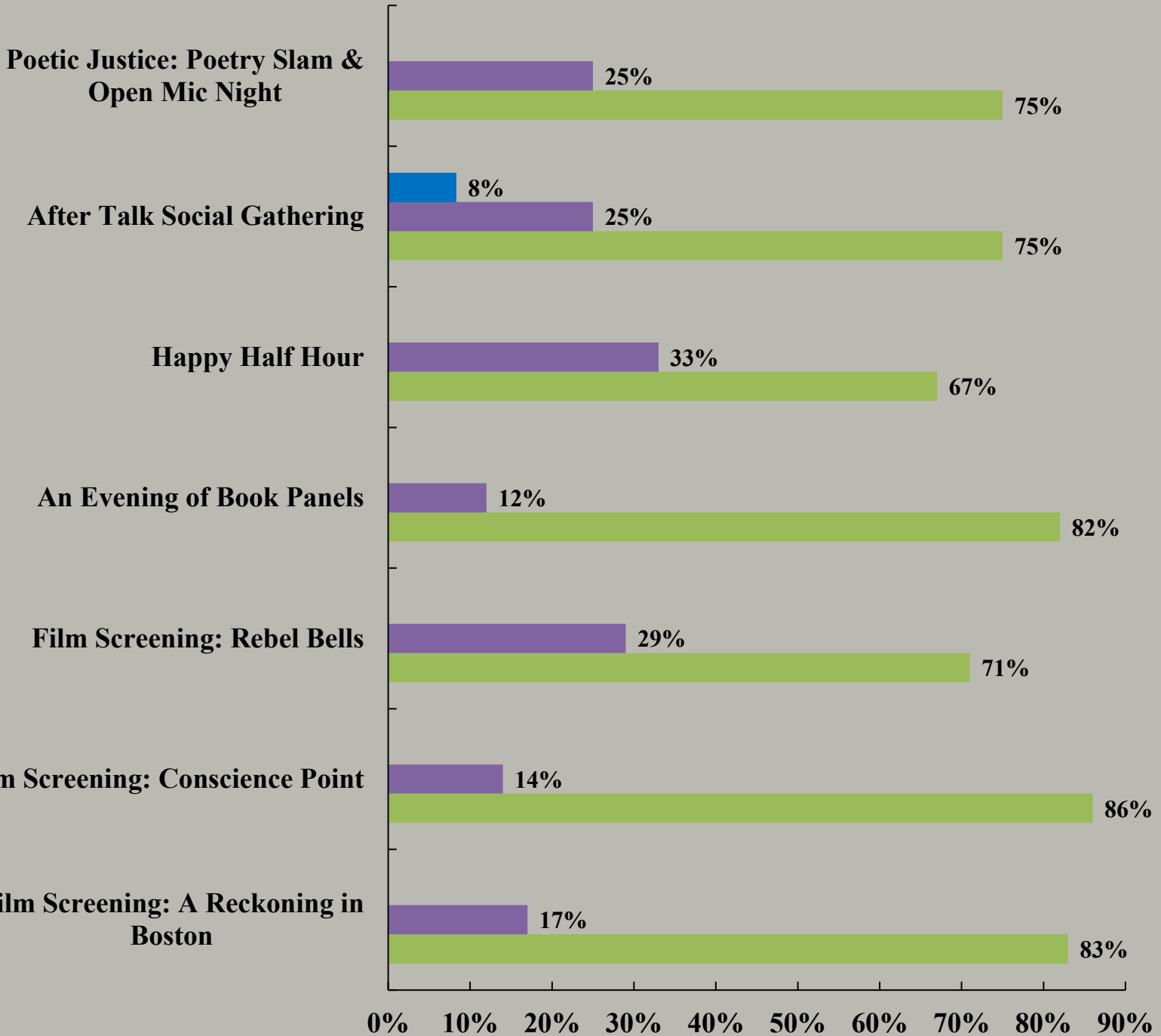
I got zero questions and our discussant was terrible.

Not enough time for q and a if presenters ran over or zoom presider talked a lot after the session with their opinions and questions

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	6

Please rate your experience and overall quality of the virtual evening activities you attended at the SSSP Virtual Annual Meeting.

■ Poor ■ Good/Neutral ■ Excellent



**Please rate your experience and overall quality of the virtual evening activities you attended at the SSSP Virtual Annual Meeting.**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Poor (1)</b>	<b>Good/Neutral (2)</b>	<b>Excellent (3)</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Mean Value</b>
Film Screening: <i>A Reckoning in Boston</i>	0	2	10	12	2.83
Film Screening: <i>Conscience Point</i>	0	1	6	7	2.86
Film Screening: <i>Rebel Bells</i>	0	2	5	7	3.00
An Evening of Book Panels	0	2	9	11	2.82
Happy Half Hour	0	3	6	9	2.67
After Talk Social Gathering	1	3	8	12	2.58
Poetic Justice: Poetry Slam & Open Mic Night	0	2	6	8	2.75

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<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Film Screening: <i>A Reckoning in Boston</i></b>	<b>Film Screening: <i>Conscience Point</i></b>	<b>Film Screening: <i>Rebel Bells</i></b>	<b>An Evening of Book Panels</b>
Min Value	2	2	2	2
Max Value	3	3	3	3
Mean	2.83	2.86	2.71	2.82
Variance	0.14	0.12	0.20	0.15
Standard Deviation	0.37	0.35	0.45	0.39
Total Responses	12	7	7	11
Total Respondents	12	12	12	12

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Happy Half Hour</b>	<b>After Talk Social Gathering</b>	<b>Poetic Justice: Poetry Slam &amp; Open Mic Night</b>
Min Value	2	1	2
Max Value	3	3	3
Mean	2.67	2.58	2.75
Variance	0.22	0.41	0.19
Standard Deviation	0.47	0.64	0.43
Total Responses	9	12	8
Total Respondents	12	12	12

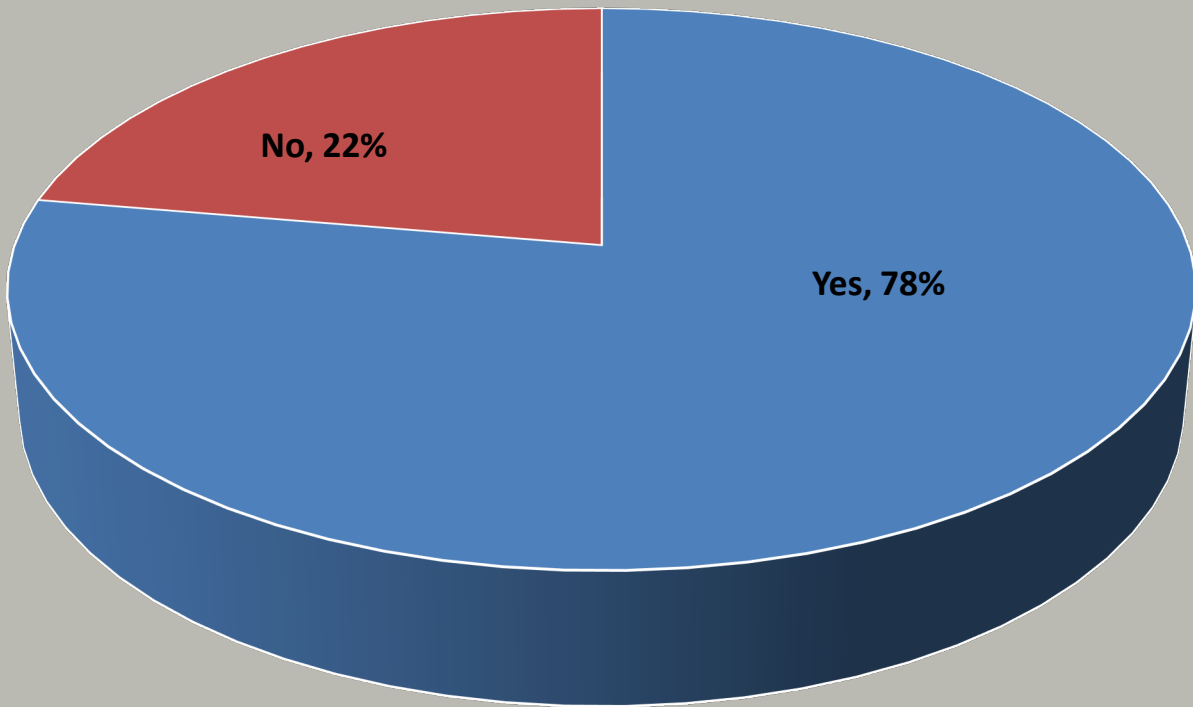
**You said that you are dissatisfied with some aspect of the virtual session(s) you attended. Please be as specific as possible in your response.**

**Text Entry**

The president was arrogant and opinionated during the post-talk discussion. That was a real turn-off. If you didn't agree with him, he seemed dismissive. It made the post-talk discussion, which already had limited attendance, one where you were made to feel uncomfortable and on the offense.

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	1

# Are you likely to attend the in-person 2022 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA?



Answer	Response	%
Yes	98	78%
No	27	22%
Total	125	100%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses
1	2	1.22	0.17	0.41	125

## What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the in-person 2022 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA?

### Text Entry

I'm retired, & might not want to travel, especially if the pandemic is still a factor.

cost

I no longer live in the US - I will consider participating but it is contingent on many factors including the ease of traveling re the COVID-19 related restrictions. Good luck!

Not part of our organization's schedule of activities.

It feels redundant with ASA happening around the same time.

OVID uncertainty.

It's uncertain if I will still be working in academia at that point in time. Also, it's unlikely that I will have access to the necessary funds to participate (travelling from Denmark). But I would like to participate in person if I get the opportunity to do so.

I live in Australia so unsure whether travel will be an option :(

CA is too far away and therefore too expensive for me to afford. It would serve all members better if the meeting were always centrally located in the U.S. Hosting the meeting on one coast or the other provides a barrier due to the distance needed to travel

I am not sure whether I will have to move to another apartment around that time. I might be really busy around the summer.

I am located in Europe, it isn't always possible to get finance to travel to meetings in the US. Depends on a lot of factors.

I will likely be moving for a job if the job market goes well for me this year

With the state that the world is currently in, I cannot plan that far ahead.

Travel costs. Hybrid/virtual option preferred.

## What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the in-person 2022 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA, continued?

### Text Entry, continued

I will most likely be teaching in-person summer courses during the Annual Meeting dates. Also, travel to and accommodations in LA are a bit cost-prohibitive.

Uncertainty with the pandemic

Retirement!

Accessibility of in-person meetings and long-distance travel are a challenge for me. Conferences either need to be within driving distance or virtual to be accessible for me.

Dates are too early in the summer for me

I live on the East Coast and am not a sociologist by trade. I would consider it.

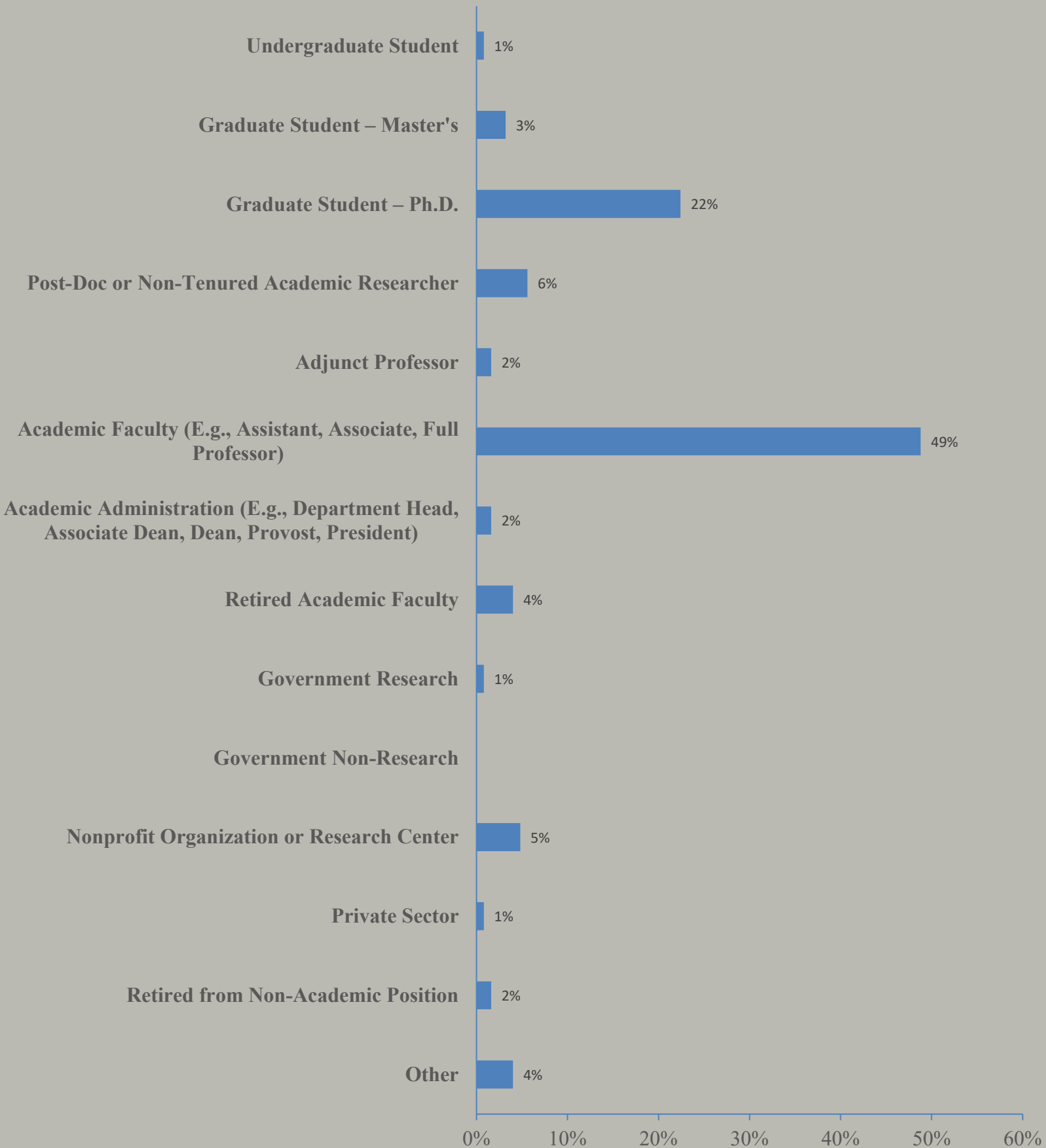
Finances and LA pollution plus size of the city

Cost

Statistic	Value
Respondents	22



# What is your primary employment type or affiliation?



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Answer	Response	%
Undergraduate Student	1	0.8%
Graduate Student – Master's	4	3.20%
Graduate Student – Ph.D.	28	22.40%
Post-Doc or Non-Tenured Academic Researcher	7	5.6%
Adjunct Professor	2	1.6%
Academic Faculty (E.g., Assistant, Associate, Full Professor)	61	48.80%
Academic Administration (E.g., Department Head, Associate Dean, Dean, Provost, President)	2	1.60%
Retired Academic Faculty	5	4.00%
Government Research	1	0.80%
Government Non-Research	0	0.00%
Nonprofit Organization or Research Center	6	4.80%
Private Sector	1	0.80%
Retired from Non-Academic Position	2	1.6%
Other	5	4.00%
Total	125	100%

## What is your primary employment type or affiliation?

### Other Employment of Affiliation Responses

Retired from both academic and non-academic positions

Union organizer

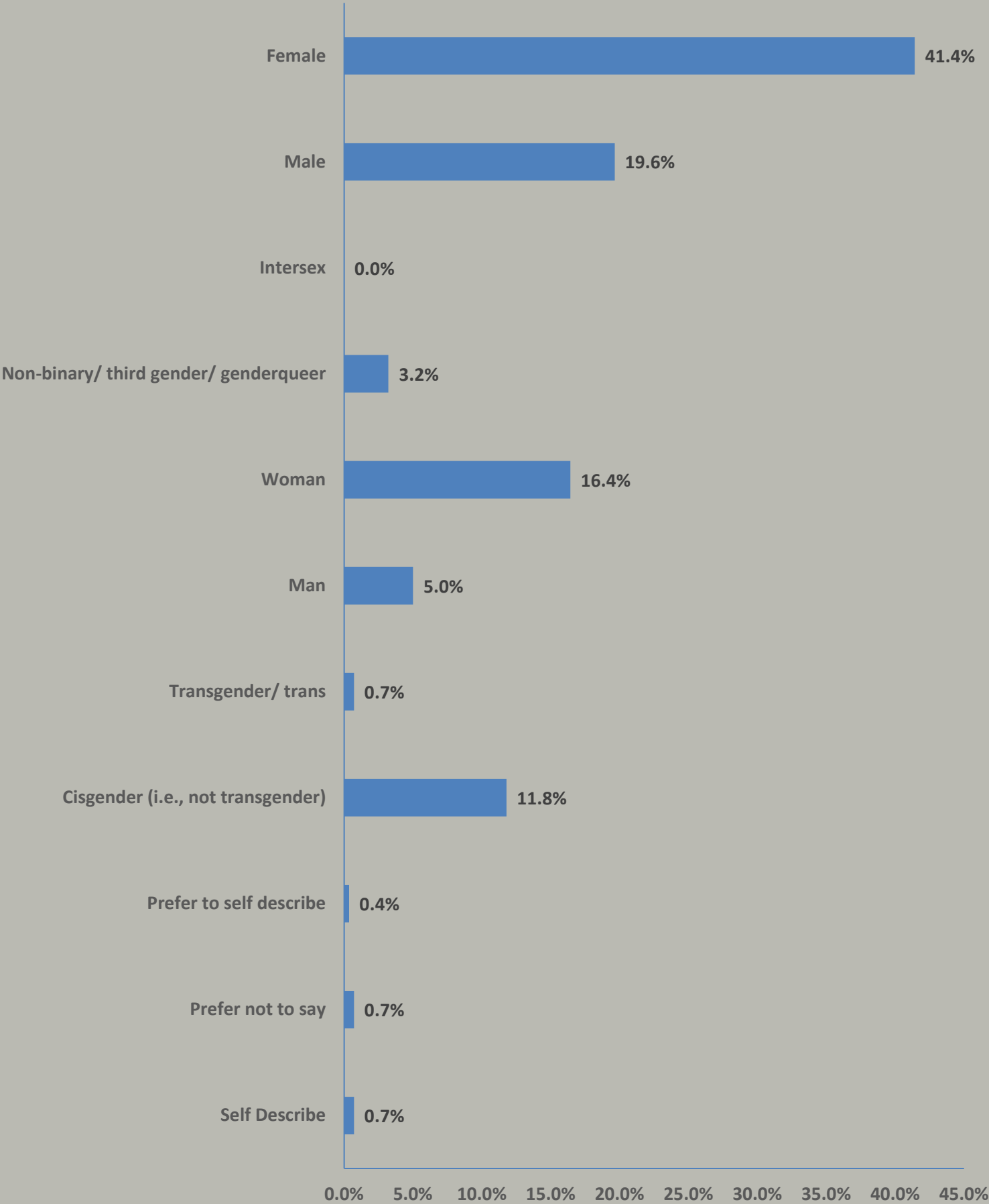
Research Assistant

Teaching professor

Researcher

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	5

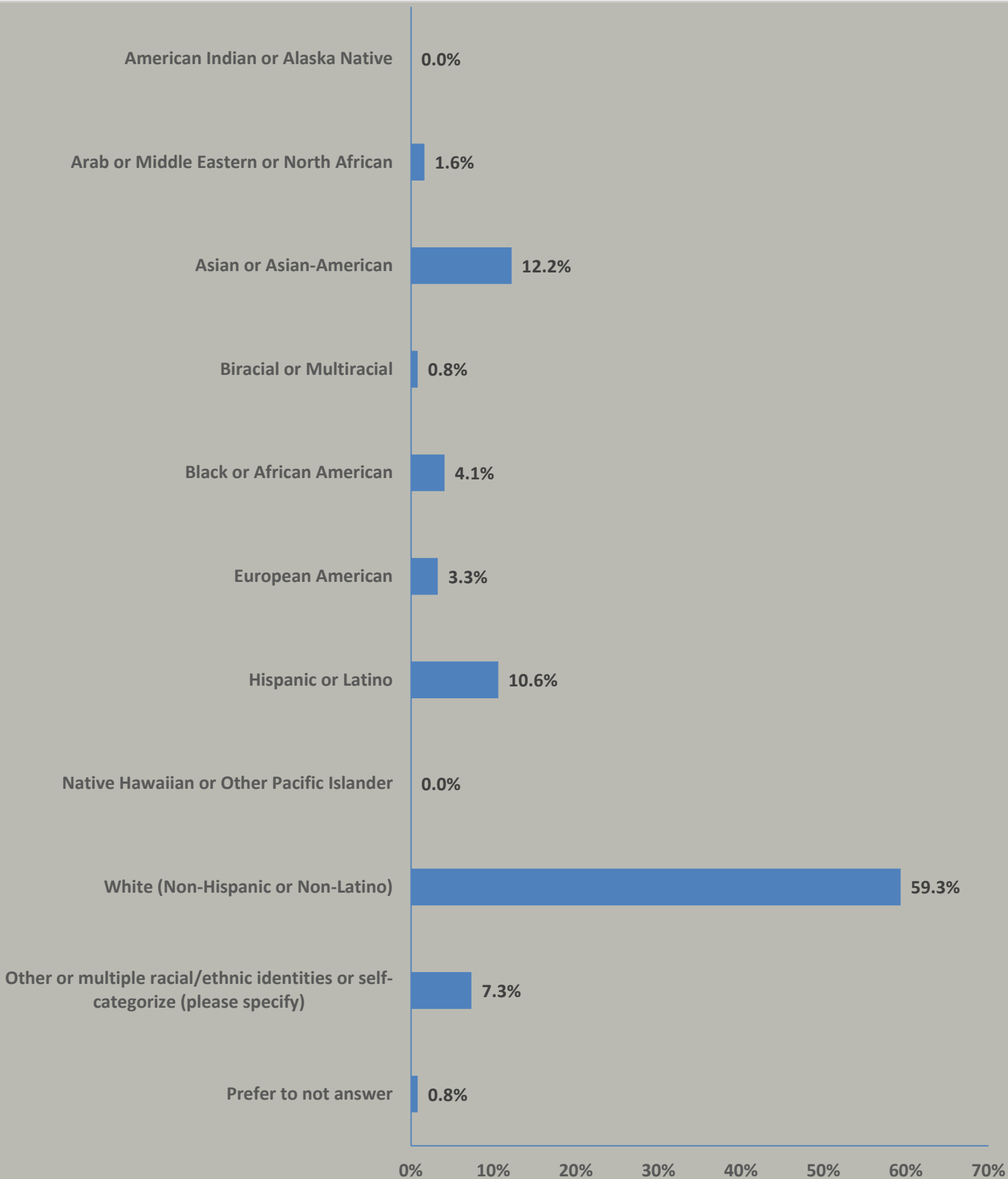
# What gender/sex categories apply to you? (please check all that apply)



**What gender/sex categories apply to you? (please check all that apply)**

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>%</b>
Female	70	34.65%
Male	42	20.79%
Intersex	0	0.00%
Non-binary/ third gender/ genderqueer	6	2.97%
Woman	35	17.33%
Man	8	3.96%
Transgender/ trans	1	0.50%
Cisgender (i.e., not transgender)	34	16.83%
Prefer to self describe	3	1.49%
Prefer not to say	1	0.49%
Self Describe	2	0.99%
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>100</b>

## Please specify your racial/ethnic identification.



Please specify your racial/ethnic identification.

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

Human (from Turkey)

Multiple

Ukrainian

Metis (First Nations/White)

Black, multiracial

Colonial/settler Canadian

Not quite white

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>%</b>
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0%
Arab or Middle Eastern or North African	2	1.6%
Asian or Asian-American	15	12.2%
Biracial or Multiracial	1	0.8%
Black or African American	5	4.1%
European American	4	3.3%
Hispanic or Latino	13	10.6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
White (Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino)	73	59.3%
Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify)	9	7.3%
Prefer to not answer	1	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100%</b>

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#### Text Entry

I was very pleasantly surprised to find that I could participate much more freely in 2021 than in the face-to-face meetings of always. My age-related hearing loss has kept me from full participation, sitting in the front row, straining to hear the presentations. The virtual meetings brought me back to full participation with my headphones and I attended sessions back-to-back all days as a result. I wonder if something could be done to provide in-room sound support that works better. The presenters start well, standing at the lectern, then they turn away from the microphone, walk around the room, and otherwise become inaudable.

NA

I truly enjoyed the conference. While it was disappointing not to be able to attend in person, the online sessions were very convenient. I probably attended more sessions because they were virtual. I probably also attended fewer of the other types of events (e.g. book fair) bc they were virtual. It was very well-organized. I was very, very excited to talk to people in the field, even over Zoom, after feeling isolated over the last year and a half. In my view, the conference was a huge success!

Most session hosts did not automatically start closed captioning for presentations. I looked at the option and users had to "request" that the host start closed captions. Only one session host in the talks I attended even mentioned closed captions were an option, and she did not turn them on.



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If we are to become an international and inclusive organization, we are going to need to consider virtual meetings that meet at more convenient times to people outside of the US time zones. In addition, if we want to remain accessible to persons with disabilities, we need to encourage more remote/virtual opportunities. As a person living with chronic illness, I have no doubt that my involvement in SSSP has been (ironically?) enhanced during the pandemic. To some extent it is more the norm to hold virtual committee/council meetings. I know that the live meetings have something to offer that virtual meetings do not, but for the sake of inclusion, SSSP should consider ways to provide more virtual alternatives, especially in doing the organization's business. Finally, if we are able to provide transcript/closed captioning in real time, we should also consider real time translations for multiple language groups. I know this technology is young and not that great yet, but we should be keeping an eye on that possibility in the future. Even people who speak English as a second language benefit from seeing subtitles in their native language.

I noticed a big variance in the way that chairs opened sessions, which could cause accessibility issues. Some chairs took the time to explain how that session would be structured, when the Q&A would be, which ways they were accepting questions for the Q&A (e.g. text in chat, hands up), which parts would be recorded, how to access the closed captions etc, others didn't really say anything. I didn't realise we were using closed captions until day 2 when one chair explained how to find it! That might have been because I could only attend one or two sessions live each day because of time differences. I think that either chairs should have a 'pre-flight checklist' reminding them what they should explain at the start, or there should be some standard text in the session descriptions.

Please continue allowing electronic and recorded presentations at future annual meetings. This allows for marginalized scholars (low-income, disabled, caregivers, and more) to participate in the conference that may not otherwise be able to.

The virtual meeting made the meetings much more accessible for me than face to face.

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Recording sessions on Zoom was excellent and such a great service for catching up with sessions scheduled outside of my time zone

Thank you for a lovely conference with excellent sessions!

NA.

No concerns

N/A

The virtual environment was very accessible for my disabilities.

I'm pretty ticked off about my experience with mentoring. I am queer (and cis) and I do not study gender or sexuality. I got matched with a trans mentor who studies gender & sexuality and my mentor emailed all of the mentor's [not sure of appropriate pronouns] mentees together. All of them were trans and I am cis. I think the other mentees studied gender & sexuality too. I fully support the rights of trans people, but I have more in common with cis straight people than I do with trans people. Trans people face many barriers and difficulties that cis people do not. I am not visibly queer, and queerness has little to no bearing on my professional life. What does matter to me professionally is my research. I feel like I got pigeonholed as a queer person and lumped together with the other queers as if we are all the same, instead of being seen for the part of me that matters in my membership in this community, my academic interests and research. I would have found it more useful (and less marginalizing and offensive) to have a mentor whose research is in the same areas as mine, regardless of their personal characteristics like gender or sexual identity.

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I'm not sure what the solution to this would be, but I was struck through the meeting how much harder it was, as a single mom, to participate in a virtual meeting versus an in-person one. It wasn't possible for me to put my life on hold and give the meeting my full attention while physically being in my home. As a result, I only attended the sessions - not the plenaries, the business meeting, any evening events, or any of the weekend portion of the meeting (my primary division had an event on the sunday). I imagine this might be the case for others as well, so I wonder if there are ways to mitigate the effects of this inequitable participation going forward e.g. I don't know how long the videos of the plenaries etc will still be accessible to view online; or also maybe divisions could be encouraged to hold weekday/daytime events during the year to give folks a chance to connect.

Keep subtitles active when switching to and from breakout rooms

I really appreciated that there were recorded videos of the sessions, especially because the ones I most wanted to attend ended up being at the same time as others I wanted to attend or for which I had to present or be at for other reasons.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	18

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I found the virtual meeting very well organized & easy to access, providing a much better experience than I'd expected. I'd love to have a virtual option in the future, for myself, for international participation, and for sustainability (especially minimizing air travel). Thanks to staff for getting this meeting up & working so smoothly!

i recognize the enormous effort put into planning and executing this virtual conference. While I do hope it is in person next year, the system in place did work well.

Excellent meeting overall. I commend the SSSP Administrative Office and IT specialists for all the incredible work that went into this shift to a virtual meeting, and the Executive Officer for creating a welcoming and dignified professional space (as always). I must register my disappointment at the presidential address which seemed undignified, disgraceful, and ill-intentioned towards SSSP, somewhat ironically being that it was from the SSSP president no less. I was troubled by some of his comments in the address regarding women (male bonding over flirting with waitresses), and certainly his marketing for AHS in that context and manner was a distasteful and immature move that only reflects poorly on him. SSSP continues on thankfully, much gratitude to all the others in SSSP leadership and the administrative office!

Yes, I made my comments on the previous comment page.

Very good.

It was a good crowd, thank you for having me!

Thank you for all of your efforts to keep our community together!

The Presidential Address was shameful.

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I think that all annual meetings should have a virtual component (hybrid mode) in the future. I live outside the US and attending the annual meetings in person is very expensive. Sometimes I can, but other times I am not able to afford the cost of this journey with my son. Therefore, the virtual component would help me in attending every year even when I do not have enough money to do it. Thanks for considering my request.

This was my favourite conference ever! First time SSSP member so really enjoyed it. The social justice purpose of many people's research was refreshing with really good discussions. Being based in a different timezone, I really really appreciated the recordings as it allowed me to catch up on presentations. I look forward to many to come. PS also to be commended on the IT platform - this was the best & easiest to use of all online conferences I have attended during covid.

Great conference and organization like always!

Again, great job. I thought it went very well, and I benefitted from participating. In my session, we had lots of time for discussion, which was wonderful. Some sessions I attended did not. If we have virtual events again in the future, making sure there are not too many papers in one session would be helpful, so that there is time for discussion. The access to recordings afterward is wonderful.

I had a great first experience with the SSSP. SSSP > ASA

Love the freedom you give the sections!

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I thought this meeting was really well organized, and kudos to Michele and Rachel for all of their work on the logistics side of the house. The online portal was nicely laid out - the way it loaded my agenda by day was a bit clunky, but it's a smaller meeting, so it was easy enough to just look at the master schedule when the "My Agenda" button was faulty. I found all of the sessions I attended to be super interesting, and the dialogue and energy in the sessions I participated in was stellar - I do wonder if online format made for more dialogue and engagement through Zoom features like the "raise your hand" function, particularly for folks who are more on the shy side. As a committee member, I had new members send me private messages saying how much they were enjoying the meeting, which was fantastic. I can't wait for next year in person!

The actual interface for the schedule is the best I've seen, and this might be the fourth or fifth virtual conference I've been to since the pandemic started. I was also impressed with how fast the recordings were available. For example, I have the EARLI conference coming up and working out the schedule for that is absolutely terrible in comparison. I didn't really appreciate the gamification element, it was pretty obviously easy to game, and I think it led to a lot of people posting pointless comments and therefore probably didn't incentivise the behaviours you wanted. I didn't see the comments on session pages get much engagement, it might have been better to have more like a forum that collects these discussions, where it's easier to track what people are talking about or to have asynchronous discussion / networking in one place. I really appreciated the chance to join in virtually, it really opens up this meeting to those of us who live overseas or who have disabilities and family commitments that limit travel.

There were some things that were beneficial in a virtual format. The fact that I did not have to travel was absolutely glorious. Also, being able to eat meals on a more regular schedule instead of around sessions I want to attend was a major benefit of the virtual format. While I am not against face-to-face meetings, these basic quality of life characteristics made this conference more enjoyable than normal.

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Just wanted to briefly mention that I presented at both the SSSP and ASA virtual meetings. I was on a "regular panel" at ASAs and a SSSP "critical dialogue." The audience was both larger and more enthusiastic at the SSSP session than the ASA one. And we had a much better discussion of the papers and issues at SSSP. The contrast was rather striking! (I wonder if the virtual format is even more advantageous for the SSSP sort of audience, who may not have the wherewithal to travel to physical conferences?)

Overall, I thought the meeting went well. I was very pleased with the sessions and presentations. Improving the online system to view events would greatly improve the conference. Additionally, so many late night events during a virtual conference were challenging to attend, as I had home responsibilities to attend. In the future (if necessary), more daytime events (9-6pm) for virtual conferences would be appreciated. Accounting for time-zone variations would be appreciated as well.

I want to offer high praise and appreciation for the home office staff, especially Michele and Rachel, but also leadership and the board. This was quite the undertaking, during an extremely stressful period of US history. They did their jobs and while I indicated there may be some room for improvement in some aspects of this conference, it should in no way be seen as any failure on their part. We can improve this way of meeting with each other, but that is more about technical advances and know-how. With the time and the tools they had, they really pulled off a seamless experience and as a person who lives with chronic illness and disabilities, it was probably the easiest academic conference I've ever attended.

The conference platform was well organized and thought out. Great work!

Thank you for the awesome opportunity!

More virtual meetings in future please!

NA.

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The virtual meeting was a great success for me and I encourage SSSP to consider alternating between virtual and face/face in coming years. Many more international researchers joined our discussions and sessions. Sessions were infused with new ideas and very different cultural understandings of social problems---very exciting. This was one of the most important aspects of the virtual format since SSSP more recently has sought international representation. The virtual format allowed me to listen to recorded sessions that were scheduled simultaneously with others I was attending. The face/face meetings preclude this, thus, a real advantage of the virtual environment where I was able to attend many more sessions. The one disadvantage of the virtual meeting was that I was not able to join with friends for a drink or dinner to talk informally. These are people I see only once a year and I missed that. Interestingly, however, since the meeting has ended I have received a lot of email from those attending a session, following up or making comments about a session. That has been great!

I enjoyed the online format and software we used

How does one go about becoming Chair of a Section?

It would be great to get the registration and information about the virtual platform earlier--more like two to three weeks before the meeting.

Great conference!

Well done. The platform worked well.

The administrative office led by Michele Koontz, including Kelsey Whitaker, Rachel Kogburn and Zaina Shams, was absolutely spectacular and incredibly helpful. Thank you for all of your hard work in making this year's conference successful and seamless.



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Everything was great except that the website was really slow and the back button always took you to the whole program after clicking on one session, and the default was WEd Aug 4 and it randomly moved between days and the buttons for the days did not really work on the agenda so to move from session to session or look up specific sessions or use the chatbox was super time consuming! Definitely needs better design and faster capacity

I really liked the platform. I wish I could have attended more.

Loved the online program and app! It was easier to read and find sessions compared to the pdf/print version, and the "My Agenda" feature was really helpful for organizing the day. Please keep that (or something like it) for future in-person meetings. Ditch the print programs altogether (if you haven't already).

I have a lot of connectivity problems during the meeting. Some may have been on my end (my computer's fairly old) but it was far beyond anything else I've ever experienced on Zoom. Literally every single session I attended, I lost my connection and/or had my screen freeze multiple times. I'm glad to be able to re-watch the videos later, but it did make it difficult to participate in the real-time discussions.

Excellent! I am very happy with my brief experience with the organization.

Please consider organizing at least some virtual sessions for the 2022 annual meeting. These opportunities help people with financial constraints, small children, scheduling conflicts, etc.

N/A

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I really strongly feel that there should be continued virtual access to these meetings. I understand the importance of having them in-person as well, but having virtual access makes it much more inclusive for people who cannot attend in-person for reasons of cost, time constraints, social anxiety, and many other reasons. If SSSP has the resources to do so, I think it would speak to their desire for inclusivity and accessibility to continue to provide broad opportunities for virtual access.

I understand the desire to record sessions, but I don't think they should have been recorded. Given the relationship of surveillance to structures of inequality and carceral systems (and there were some good papers about that), and that not using the camera or participating in discussion to avoid being recorded puts participants at a disadvantage, I think it is a mistake. Perhaps create a repository where people can record their own presentations, outside of SSSP sessions, if they wish, and upload them for others, if something of that nature is needed. But I am not comfortable being recorded or having to go on permanent record in order to participate.

I attended Critical Dialogue sessions that were much more like formal paper sessions than what I understood CD sessions to be.

Great job! Platform worked well.

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Respondents	42