

Report of the
ASA Task Force on Membership:
Data Supplement

August 2019

In January 2019, the ASA Task Force on Membership fielded a survey of current and former ASA members to find out how well ASA was meeting sociologists' needs and in what ways it could improve. The survey was sent to a sample of 12,146 individuals who had a record in the ASA membership database indicating that they were a member for at least one year between 2012 and 2018. We received 2,526 usable survey responses for a response rate of 20.8 percent. Non-response analysis showed that one-year only respondents were underrepresented in the analytical sample and respondents who had been members for at least six years were overrepresented. Current members were also overrepresented. As a result, the data were weighted on 2018 membership and three categories of membership history (1-year membership, 2 to 5 years of membership, and 6 or more years of membership) during the 2012 to 2018 period. For additional details on the survey methodology, see the Report of the ASA Task Force on Membership.

This document presents the survey questions and responses for the unweighted and weighted sample.

What is your current primary employment status?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Employed full time	1670	66.1%	1641	64.9%
Employed part time	155	6.1%	176	7.0%
Not employed	54	2.1%	59	2.3%
Student	385	15.2%	420	16.6%
Retired	245	9.7%	211	8.3%
System Missing	17	0.7%	21	0.8%

Are you working part-time by choice, or would you prefer full-time work?

(Part-time workers)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
I work part-time by choice	56	2.2%	54	2.1%
I would prefer full-time work	77	3.0%	91	3.6%
System Missing	2393	94.7%	2382	94.2%

What is your current or most recent primary sector of employment?

(Non-Students)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Four-year college or university	1690	66.9%	1562	61.8%
Two-year college	103	4.1%	117	4.6%
Elementary/secondary school	26	1.0%	37	1.5%
Federal government	47	1.9%	60	2.4%
State or local government	33	1.3%	39	1.5%
Not-for-profit organization	89	3.5%	109	4.3%
For-profit company	39	1.5%	46	1.8%
Self-owned business employing others	7	0.3%	9	0.4%
Independent consultant, not employed in any of the above	36	1.4%	44	1.7%
Other (please specify):	55	2.2%	65	2.6%
System Missing	401	15.9%	440	17.4%

What is your current or most recent institution's name?

(Students and those employed in four- or two-year institutions)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Institution name provided	1811		1697	

Which of the following best describes your current or most recent department?

(Students and those employed in four- or two-year institutions)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Stand-alone sociology department	1145	45.3%	1031	40.8%
Joint sociology department (e.g., sociology and criminology, sociology and anthropology, etc.)	459	18.2%	436	17.3%
Applied social science department, not explicitly sociology (e.g., public policy, public health, business)	198	7.8%	210	8.3%
Other (please specify):	371	14.7%	417	16.5%
System Missing	353	14.0%	434	17.2%

What is the highest degree offered in your current or most recent department?

(Students and those employed in four- or two-year institutions)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
PhD	1220	48.3%	1140	45.1%
MA	208	8.2%	208	8.2%
BA	414	16.4%	384	15.2%
AA	72	2.9%	79	3.1%
We offer courses but no degree	36	1.4%	40	1.6%
Other (please specify):	95	3.8%	107	4.2%
System Missing	481	19.0%	569	22.5%

Which of the following best describes your current or most recent position?

(Non-students employed in four- or two-year institutions)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Instructor/lecturer/adjunct	143	5.7%	154	6.1%
Assistant professor	364	14.4%	331	13.1%
Associate professor	361	14.3%	340	13.4%
Full professor	653	25.9%	554	21.9%
Postdoctoral fellow or other fellowship	67	2.7%	61	2.4%
Research position	62	2.5%	76	3.0%
Administrative position	59	2.3%	70	2.8%
Other (please specify):	77	3.0%	86	3.4%
System Missing	740	29.3%	857	33.9%

Is your current or most position tenure track/tenured?
(Non-students employed in four- or two-year institutions)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	1228	48.6%	1081	42.8%
No	394	15.6%	439	17.4%
System Missing	904	35.8%	1007	39.9%

Do you *currently* have access to institutional, organizational, or grant funds that could cover most or all of the cost of professional association membership?
(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	860	34.0%	782	30.9%
No	1633	64.6%	1711	67.7%
System Missing	33	1.3%	34	1.4%

Has your access to institutional, organizational, or grant funds to cover the cost of professional association membership increased, decreased, or stayed about the same over the past 5 years?
(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Increased	226	8.9%	213	8.4%
Decreased	526	20.8%	548	21.7%
Stayed about the same	1576	62.4%	1546	61.2%
System Missing	198	7.8%	220	8.7%

Do you *currently* have access to institutional, organizational, or grant funds that could cover most or all of the costs associated with attending a professional meeting?
(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	1457	57.7%	1378	54.5%
No	1031	40.8%	1109	43.9%
System Missing	38	1.5%	41	1.6%

Has your access to institutional, organizational, or grant funds to cover the costs of attending a professional meeting increased, decreased, or stayed about the same over the past 5 years?
(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Increased	327	12.9%	306	12.1%
Decreased	663	26.2%	678	26.8%
Stayed about the same	1411	55.9%	1410	55.8%
System Missing	125	4.9%	134	5.3%

Some institutions provide reimbursement for the cost of professional conference registration, but not for the cost of membership in professional associations. Does your current or most recent institution have this policy?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	851	33.7%	858	33.9%
No	1234	48.9%	1180	46.7%
Don't know	411	16.3%	457	18.1%
System Missing	30	1.2%	33	1.3%

What is your gender? Select up to two.

(All respondents.)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Female	1397	55.3%	1433	56.7%
Male	1035	41.0%	982	38.8%
Transgender	6	0.2%	8	0.3%
Gender queer/Gender non-conforming	34	1.3%	32	1.3%
Prefer not to state	33	1.3%	24	0.9%
Different identity (please specify):	18	0.7%	39	1.5%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%. The two categories of 'transgender male/man' and 'transgender female/woman' were combined into 'transgender' due to small cell sizes.

Do you identify as a sexual minority or gender nonconforming (including but not limited to: gay, lesbian, bisexual, two-spirited, polyamorous, transgender, gender nonbinary, etc.)?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	300	11.9%	307	12.1%
No	1957	77.5%	1924	76.1%
Unsure or prefer not to state	69	2.7%	74	2.9%
System Missing	200	7.9%	222	8.8%

What is your race/ethnicity? Select up to two.

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
African American, Black American, Black	182	7.2%	207	8.2%
Asian/Asian American	182	7.2%	201	8.0%
Hispanic/Latino(a)	184	7.3%	192	7.6%
Native American, American Indian, Alaskan Native	32	1.3%	35	1.4%
White	1845	73.0%	1775	70.2%
Prefer not to state	82	3.2%	159	6.3%
Other (please specify):	132	5.2%	83	3.3%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%.

Do you have a disability or impairment (or a difference that other people consider to be a disability or impairment)?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	188	7.4%	199	7.9%
No	2218	87.8%	2200	87.0%
Unsure or prefer not to state	84	3.3%	87	3.5%
System Missing	36	1.4%	41	1.6%

What is your year of birth?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	Weighted
Mean	1970.2	1971.5
Standard Deviation	15.9	15.3
Percentile 25	1959	1962
Percentile 50	1974	1975
Percentile 75	1983	1983

What is your current annual income?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Under \$30,000	465	18.4%	522	20.6%
\$30,000-\$39,000	133	5.3%	148	5.9%
\$40,000-\$54,999	191	7.6%	201	7.9%
\$55,000-\$69,999	300	11.9%	316	12.5%
\$70,000-\$84,999	342	13.5%	346	13.7%
\$85,000-\$99,999	259	10.3%	232	9.2%
\$100,000-\$124,999	303	12.0%	287	11.4%
\$125,000-\$149,999	155	6.1%	141	5.6%
\$150,000 and over	267	10.6%	229	9.0%
System Missing	111	4.4%	105	4.2%

Did either of your parents graduate from a 4-year college?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	1506	59.6%	1460	57.8%
No	974	38.6%	1015	40.2%
Not sure	7	0.3%	11	0.5%
System Missing	39	1.5%	41	1.6%

Think back to when you were 16 years old. What type of job did the highest earning person in your household have at that time?

(All respondents)

Open-ended responses provided	2261
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Were you a member of ASA in 2018?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	1863	73.8%	1378	54.5%
No	641	25.4%	1121	44.4%
System Missing	22	0.9%	29	1.1%

When was the last time you were a member of ASA?

(Respondents who were not members in 2018)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
In 2017	177	7.0%	265	10.5%
In 2015 or 2016	223	8.8%	384	15.2%
In 2013 or 2014	134	5.3%	247	9.8%
In 2012 or earlier	104	4.1%	219	8.6%
I've never been a member of ASA	4	0.2%	8	0.3%
System Missing	1884	74.6%	1406	55.6%

Think about the most recent year you were a member of ASA. Relative to what you paid in membership dues, how would you rate the value you received from your ASA membership?

(Member in 2013 or later)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Value was greater than the cost of membership.	194	7.7%	197	7.8%
Value was equal to the cost of membership.	720	28.5%	635	25.1%
Value was less than the cost of membership.	1220	48.3%	1272	50.3%
Not sure.	362	14.3%	383	15.1%
System Missing	30	1.2%	41	1.6%

ASA members receive a variety of tangible benefits. From the list of benefits below, please select up to five that you valued the most during your most recent year as an ASA member.

(Member in 2013 or later)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Discount on Annual Meeting registration	1008	39.9%	1003	39.7%
Access to ASA Job Bank	955	37.8%	965	38.2%
Access to journals	1260	49.9%	1305	51.6%
Access to TRAILS (online teaching resources library)	514	20.3%	502	19.9%
Access to Footnotes newsletter	742	29.4%	639	25.3%
Access to Member News and Notes e-newsletter	552	21.9%	516	20.4%
Section membership	1556	61.6%	1356	53.6%
Eligibility to serve on committees, task forces, governance positions, or editorships	390	15.4%	314	12.4%
Access to the Student Forum	69	2.7%	98	3.9%
Access to the Opportunities in Retirement Network	59	2.3%	43	1.7%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%.

Listed below are the tangible benefits you identified as most valuable to you as an ASA member. Please rank them in order from most to least valuable in the right-hand column.

(Respondents to previous question)

	Weighted Percent Among Those Who Selected the Benefit in Their Top 5				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Discount on Annual Meeting registration	33.4%	29.1%	22.6%	9.8%	5.2%
Access to ASA Job Bank	46.0%	26.6%	14.9%	8.1%	4.5%
Access to journals	45.8%	27.6%	15.8%	7.2%	3.6%
Access to TRAILS (online teaching resources library)	29.9%	26.4%	24.4%	13.4%	5.9%
Access to Footnotes newsletter	11.6%	29.0%	28.9%	20.1%	10.4%
Access to Member News and Notes e-newsletter	10.1%	18.9%	28.9%	25.1%	17.0%
Section membership	38.8%	36.8%	16.1%	6.2%	2.2%
Eligibility to serve on committees, task forces, governance positions, or editorships	13.8%	29.4%	30.6%	17.2%	8.9%
Access to the Student Forum	13.6%	31.7%	23.0%	15.6%	16.1%
Access to the Opportunities in Retirement Network	8.4%	30.4%	16.4%	11.6%	33.2%

ASA members may also receive a variety of intangible benefits. From the list of benefits below, please select up to five that you valued the most during your most recent year as an ASA member.

(Member in 2013 or later)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Supporting my professional identity	1441	57.0%	1294	51.2%
Supporting my personal identity	356	14.1%	341	13.5%
Connecting to the prestige of ASA as an organization	376	14.9%	384	15.2%
Gaining access to professional development opportunities	629	24.9%	632	25.0%
Gaining access to professional networks	1246	49.3%	1166	46.2%
Broadening my knowledge	1155	45.7%	1179	46.7%
Feeling supported in my work as a sociologist	541	21.4%	517	20.5%
Being part of a tradition	407	16.1%	375	14.8%
Contributing to the promotion and defense of sociology	780	30.9%	724	28.6%
Connecting with like-minded colleagues	1072	42.4%	1005	39.8%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%.

Listed below are the intangible benefits you identified as most valuable to you as an ASA member. Please rank them in order from most to least valuable in the right-hand column.

(Respondents to previous question)

	Weighted Percent Among Those Who Selected the Benefit in Their Top 5				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Supporting my professional identity	34.8%	21.1%	21.7%	13.4%	8.9%
Supporting my personal identity	15.9%	20.4%	23.8%	17.4%	22.6%
Connecting to the prestige of ASA as an organization	13.6%	20.2%	17.6%	23.3%	25.2%
Gaining access to professional development opportunities	21.3%	33.3%	17.5%	20.3%	7.7%
Gaining access to professional networks	40.0%	27.4%	17.7%	10.0%	4.9%
Broadening my knowledge	35.8%	27.4%	19.3%	12.7%	4.7%
Feeling supported in my work as a sociologist	14.4%	19.8%	27.0%	23.5%	15.3%
Being part of a tradition	14.5%	18.8%	25.5%	17.5%	23.7%
Contributing to the promotion and defense of sociology	26.2%	22.8%	20.0%	16.4%	14.6%
Connecting with like-minded colleagues	27.9%	31.9%	21.2%	11.9%	7.1%

If there are additional aspects of ASA membership that you value, please list them here.

(Member in 2013 or later)

Open-ended responses provided	429
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The benefits that you selected as most valuable in the previous questions are listed below. To help us make decisions about where ASA should invest resources we want to understand how you value tangible and intangible benefits in relationship to each other. Please distribute a total of 100 points across the benefits listed below, distributing the most points to the benefits that are the most valuable to you.

(Member in 2013 or later)

Responses provided	2139
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Overall, which do you value more: the tangible benefits of ASA membership or the intangible benefits of ASA membership?

(Member in 2013 or later)

	Unweighted	Weighted
Mean	50.7	50.0
Standard Deviation	22.6	22.4
Percentile 25	40	40
Percentile 50	50	50
Percentile 75	60	60

Note: Respondents were asked to move a slider bar along a line with end points of “tangible benefits” and “intangible benefits.” Placing the slider bar in the center indicated equally valuing these two types of benefits. Placing the bar to the right or left of center indicated valuing that type of benefit more. For data reporting, the “tangible benefits” end of the scale was recorded as 0 and the “intangible benefits” end of the scale was recorded as 100. Respondents’ placement of the bar was recorded as a number between 0 and 100.

People may have several different reasons for not renewing their membership in ASA. From among the reasons listed below, please select up to 5 that influenced your decision not to renew for 2018 and place them in rank order, starting with the one that most strongly influenced your decision not to renew.

(Respondents who were not members in 2018)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Climate of ASA.	137	21.4%	231	20.6%
Cost of membership.	444	69.3%	761	67.9%
Lack of institutional or grant-based funding to offset the cost of membership.	280	43.7%	481	42.9%
Involvement in other professional associations.	253	39.5%	435	38.8%
Ability to access ASA journals without being a member.	117	18.3%	199	17.8%
Length of the membership form.	9	1.4%	12	1.1%
Disagreement with ASA advocacy positions.	43	6.7%	74	6.6%
Professional colleagues' opinions about ASA.	12	1.9%	26	2.3%
With social media I can keep up with the discipline on my own.	47	7.3%	79	7.0%
Mismatch between ASA benefits and my professional needs.	207	32.3%	360	32.1%
I did not attend the Annual Meeting.	317	49.5%	548	48.9%
People like me don't seem to be valued in ASA.	203	31.7%	360	32.2%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%.

	Weighted Percent Among Those Who Selected the Reason in Their Top 5				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Climate of ASA.	21.8%	31.4%	14.0%	16.9%	15.9%
Cost of membership.	49.0%	28.1%	13.7%	6.6%	2.7%
Lack of institutional or grant-based funding to offset the cost of membership.	24.0%	40.4%	22.1%	7.6%	5.9%
Involvement in other professional associations.	21.1%	20.1%	24.9%	23.5%	10.3%
Ability to access ASA journals without being a member.	10.3%	14.4%	32.6%	26.0%	16.7%
Length of the membership form.	11.6%	34.9%	21.7%	11.6%	20.1%
Disagreement with ASA advocacy positions.	29.8%	28.8%	25.7%	6.5%	9.2%
Professional colleagues' opinions about ASA.	0.0%	20.7%	21.4%	31.7%	26.2%
With social media I can keep up with the discipline on my own.	5.5%	17.8%	29.2%	16.9%	30.6%
Mismatch between ASA benefits and my professional needs.	28.7%	18.7%	24.4%	20.6%	7.6%
I did not attend the Annual Meeting.	30.4%	25.0%	23.6%	14.3%	6.8%
People like me don't seem to be valued in ASA.	27.2%	25.2%	25.8%	15.6%	6.1%

If there were additional factors that influenced your decision not to renew, please list them here.

(Respondents who were not members in 2018)

Open-ended responses provided	278
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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about ASA as an organization?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
ASA advances the work of sociologists.				
Strongly Agree	746	29.5%	716	28.3%
Agree	1094	43.3%	1064	42.1%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	403	16.0%	422	16.7%
Disagree	122	4.8%	129	5.1%
Strongly Disagree	39	1.5%	47	1.9%
System Missing	122	4.8%	150	5.9%
ASA advances the discipline of sociology.				
Strongly Agree	825	32.7%	778	30.8%
Agree	1033	40.9%	1019	40.3%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	359	14.2%	382	15.1%
Disagree	133	5.3%	137	5.4%
Strongly Disagree	60	2.4%	66	2.6%
System Missing	116	4.6%	146	5.8%
Having a strong national organization is important for the promotion and defense of the discipline of sociology.				
Strongly Agree	1211	47.9%	1139	45.1%
Agree	891	35.3%	887	35.1%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	208	8.2%	236	9.4%
Disagree	75	3.0%	88	3.5%
Strongly Disagree	27	1.1%	31	1.2%
System Missing	114	4.5%	146	5.8%
The discipline of sociology would suffer if ASA did not exist.				
Strongly Agree	1021	40.4%	912	36.1%
Agree	894	35.4%	886	35.0%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	322	12.7%	385	15.2%
Disagree	118	4.7%	129	5.1%
Strongly Disagree	54	2.1%	64	2.5%
System Missing	117	4.6%	151	6.0%

For each of the activities below, please indicate whether you think ASA should increase its engagement, decrease its engagement, or maintain the same level of engagement.

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Supporting social justice issues.				
Increase Engagement	1223	48.4%	1257	49.7%
Maintain Same Level of Engagement	933	36.9%	883	34.9%
Decrease Engagement	257	10.2%	238	9.4%
System Missing	113	4.5%	149	5.9%
Supporting rigorous sociological science.				
Increase Engagement	1199	47.5%	1180	46.7%
Maintain Same Level of Engagement	1155	45.7%	1141	45.1%
Decrease Engagement	54	2.1%	55	2.2%
System Missing	118	4.7%	151	6.0%
Providing professional development opportunities outside of the Annual Meeting.				
Increase Engagement	1481	58.6%	1518	60.1%
Maintain Same Level of Engagement	858	34.0%	792	31.3%
Decrease Engagement	55	2.2%	52	2.0%
System Missing	132	5.2%	166	6.6%
Embracing theoretical diversity in scholarship.				
Increase Engagement	1166	46.2%	1228	48.6%
Maintain Same Level of Engagement	1144	45.3%	1042	41.2%
Decrease Engagement	92	3.6%	93	3.7%
System Missing	124	4.9%	164	6.5%
Embracing methodological diversity in scholarship.				
Increase Engagement	1291	51.1%	1332	52.7%
Maintain Same Level of Engagement	1034	40.9%	959	37.9%
Decrease Engagement	72	2.9%	72	2.8%
System Missing	129	5.1%	165	6.5%

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about *diversity and inclusion* in ASA?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
ASA is a welcoming organization.				
Strongly Agree	238	9.4%	249	9.9%
Agree	749	29.7%	671	26.5%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	845	33.5%	843	33.4%
Disagree	410	16.2%	426	16.8%
Strongly Disagree	108	4.3%	125	5.0%
System Missing	176	7.0%	213	8.4%
ASA embraces diversity in membership.				
Strongly Agree	410	16.2%	395	15.6%
Agree	936	37.1%	855	33.8%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	704	27.9%	758	30.0%
Disagree	245	9.7%	254	10.0%
Strongly Disagree	59	2.3%	64	2.5%
System Missing	172	6.8%	201	8.0%
ASA is welcoming to sociologists with disabilities.				
Strongly Agree	239	9.5%	245	9.7%
Agree	587	23.2%	540	21.4%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	1306	51.7%	1332	52.7%
Disagree	160	6.3%	142	5.6%
Strongly Disagree	38	1.5%	38	1.5%
System Missing	196	7.8%	231	9.1%
ASA is welcoming to sociologists from underrepresented racial/ethnic minorities.				
Strongly Agree	377	14.9%	369	14.6%
Agree	774	30.6%	705	27.9%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	849	33.6%	875	34.6%
Disagree	270	10.7%	274	10.8%
Strongly Disagree	67	2.7%	81	3.2%
System Missing	189	7.5%	224	8.9%
ASA is welcoming to sociologists who are women.				
Strongly Agree	560	22.2%	529	20.9%
Agree	988	39.1%	898	35.5%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	658	26.0%	737	29.1%
Disagree	119	4.7%	132	5.2%
Strongly Disagree	24	1.0%	22	0.9%
System Missing	177	7.0%	210	8.3%

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	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
ASA is welcoming to LGBTQI sociologists.				
Strongly Agree	391	15.5%	392	15.5%
Agree	816	32.3%	740	29.3%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	994	39.4%	1030	40.8%
Disagree	113	4.5%	116	4.6%
Strongly Disagree	16	0.6%	17	0.7%
System Missing	196	7.8%	232	9.2%
ASA is welcoming to sociologists who are first generation or from working class backgrounds.				
Strongly Agree	217	8.6%	226	9.0%
Agree	516	20.4%	473	18.7%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	1022	40.5%	1032	40.8%
Disagree	417	16.5%	398	15.7%
Strongly Disagree	168	6.7%	183	7.3%
System Missing	186	7.4%	215	8.5%
ASA only values sociologists in research-intensive institutions.				
Strongly Agree	424	16.8%	451	17.8%
Agree	782	31.0%	762	30.2%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	706	27.9%	742	29.3%
Disagree	372	14.7%	317	12.5%
Strongly Disagree	73	2.9%	58	2.3%
System Missing	169	6.7%	199	7.9%
ASA members treat each other with respect.				
Strongly Agree	207	8.2%	211	8.3%
Agree	877	34.7%	790	31.3%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	900	35.6%	930	36.8%
Disagree	289	11.4%	302	12.0%
Strongly Disagree	78	3.1%	86	3.4%
System Missing	175	6.9%	208	8.2%
ASA values teaching.				
Strongly Agree	254	10.1%	262	10.4%
Agree	907	35.9%	829	32.8%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	724	28.7%	765	30.3%
Disagree	378	15.0%	378	14.9%
Strongly Disagree	91	3.6%	89	3.5%
System Missing	172	6.8%	205	8.1%

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	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
ASA values sociologists working in applied/practice settings.				
Strongly Agree	117	4.6%	127	5.0%
Agree	438	17.3%	411	16.3%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	913	36.1%	907	35.9%
Disagree	662	26.2%	631	25.0%
Strongly Disagree	220	8.7%	238	9.4%
System Missing	176	7.0%	214	8.5%

I would like to be more involved in ASA.				
Strongly Agree	233	9.2%	266	10.5%
Agree	652	25.8%	646	25.5%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	920	36.4%	845	33.4%
Disagree	411	16.3%	400	15.8%
Strongly Disagree	147	5.8%	176	7.0%
System Missing	163	6.5%	195	7.7%

People like me can be successful in pursuing leadership positions in ASA.				
Strongly Agree	216	8.6%	185	7.3%
Agree	518	20.5%	428	16.9%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	771	30.5%	789	31.2%
Disagree	522	20.7%	538	21.3%
Strongly Disagree	319	12.6%	372	14.7%
System Missing	180	7.1%	216	8.5%

In the most recent year you were a member of ASA, to what extent were you satisfied with your ASA membership?
(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Completely satisfied	285	11.3%	271	10.7%
Mostly satisfied	870	34.4%	762	30.1%
Somewhat satisfied	820	32.5%	828	32.8%
Not satisfied	405	16.0%	477	18.9%
Not sure/don't know	90	3.6%	110	4.3%
System Missing	56	2.2%	80	3.2%

Please explain the factors that led you to answer to the question above as you did.
(All respondents)

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How likely are you to recommend ASA membership to a friend, co-worker, or student?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Very likely	476	18.8%	385	15.2%
Likely	800	31.7%	730	28.9%
Neither likely nor unlikely	763	30.2%	806	31.9%
Unlikely	232	9.2%	287	11.3%
Very unlikely	102	4.0%	125	4.9%
System Missing	153	6.1%	195	7.7%

Are you *currently* a member of any of the following professional associations? Please check all that apply.

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Academy of Management	65	2.6%	58	2.3%
American Association for Public Opinion Research	37	1.5%	32	1.3%
American Educational Research Association	89	3.5%	75	3.0%
American Evaluation Association	24	1.0%	25	1.0%
American Society of Criminology	128	5.1%	135	5.4%
Association for Humanist Sociology	34	1.3%	31	1.2%
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	32	1.3%	33	1.3%
Association for the Sociology of Religion	69	2.7%	58	2.3%
Association of Black Sociologists	83	3.3%	75	2.9%
Eastern Sociological Society	260	10.3%	204	8.1%
Gerontological Society of America	41	1.6%	40	1.6%
International Sociological Association	191	7.6%	171	6.8%
Midwest Sociological Society	119	4.7%	103	4.1%
National Council for Social Studies	4	0.2%	4	0.2%
National Council on Family Relations	44	1.7%	35	1.4%
National Criminal Justice Association	7	0.3%	7	0.3%
North Central Sociological Association	51	2.0%	39	1.5%
Pacific Sociological Association	156	6.2%	134	5.3%
Population Association of America	219	8.7%	196	7.7%
Rural Sociological Association	50	2.0%	44	1.7%
Society for Research in Child Development	13	0.5%	14	0.6%
Society for the Study of Social Problems	227	9.0%	178	7.1%
Sociological Research Association	51	2.0%	29	1.1%
Sociologists for Women in Society	226	8.9%	175	6.9%
Southern Sociological Society	214	8.5%	187	7.4%
Southwestern Sociological Association	20	0.8%	17	0.7%
Other (please specify)	659	26.1%	666	26.3%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%.

In your most recent year of ASA membership, were you also a member of one or more ASA sections?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	1975	78.2%	1775	70.2%
No	369	14.6%	483	19.1%
Don't know	156	6.2%	232	9.2%
System Missing	26	1.0%	37	1.4%

This question is asking you to identify your “reference section.” If you belonged to just one section in your most recent year of ASA membership, that is your reference section. If you belonged to more than one section, please choose the section that is most closely aligned with your professional interests as your reference section. Please choose your reference section from the list below.

(Section members)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Aging and the Life Course	51	2.0%	44	1.7%
Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco	17	0.7%	18	0.7%
Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity	7	0.3%	8	0.3%
Animals and Society	12	0.5%	12	0.5%
Asia and Asian America	19	0.8%	18	0.7%
Children and Youth	24	1.0%	26	1.0%
Collective Behavior and Social Movements	57	2.3%	44	1.8%
Communication, Information Technologies and Media Sociology	20	0.8%	18	0.7%
Community and Urban Sociology	68	2.7%	58	2.3%
Comparative-Historical Sociology	38	1.5%	35	1.4%
Crime, Law, and Deviance	78	3.1%	83	3.3%
Disability in Society	11	0.4%	8	0.3%
Economic Sociology	46	1.8%	39	1.6%
Environmental Sociology	52	2.1%	45	1.8%
Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis	13	0.5%	11	0.4%
Evolution, Biology, and Society	7	0.3%	6	0.2%
Family	48	1.9%	39	1.5%
Global and Transnational Sociology	34	1.3%	26	1.0%
History of Sociology	6	0.2%	4	0.1%
Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility	49	1.9%	44	1.7%
International Migration	67	2.7%	57	2.3%
Labor and Labor Movements	20	0.8%	22	0.9%
Latina/o Sociology	32	1.3%	32	1.3%
Marxist Sociology	24	1.0%	24	1.0%
Mathematical Sociology	13	0.5%	13	0.5%
Medical Sociology	90	3.6%	96	3.8%
Methodology	25	1.0%	22	0.9%
Organizations, Occupations, and Work	77	3.0%	70	2.8%

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Peace, War, and Social Conflict	22	0.9%	25	1.0%
Political Economy of the World-System	17	0.7%	11	0.4%
Political Sociology	40	1.6%	34	1.3%
Race, Gender, and Class	52	2.1%	56	2.2%
Racial and Ethnic Minorities	99	3.9%	87	3.4%
Rationality and Society	4	0.2%	2	0.1%
Science, Knowledge, and Technology	33	1.3%	29	1.2%
Social Psychology	52	2.1%	47	1.9%
Sociological Practice and Public Sociology	26	1.0%	23	0.9%
Sociology of Body and Embodiment	7	0.3%	8	0.3%
Sociology of Consumers and Consumption	16	0.6%	11	0.4%
Sociology of Culture	59	2.3%	53	2.1%
Sociology of Development	20	0.8%	16	0.6%
Sociology of Education	85	3.4%	77	3.1%
Sociology of Emotions	8	0.3%	7	0.3%
Sociology of Human Rights	8	0.3%	9	0.4%
Sociology of Law	18	0.7%	16	0.6%
Sociology of Mental Health	25	1.0%	29	1.1%
Sociology of Population	37	1.5%	29	1.2%
Sociology of Religion	51	2.0%	42	1.7%
Sociology of Sex and Gender	68	2.7%	56	2.2%
Sociology of Sexualities	40	1.6%	33	1.3%
Teaching and Learning in Sociology	71	2.8%	57	2.2%
Theory	38	1.5%	32	1.3%
System Missing	625	24.7%	817	32.3%

Section members may receive a variety of tangible benefits. From the list of benefits below, please pick up to four that you received and valued the most as a member of your reference section and place them in rank order, starting with the most valuable.

(Section members)

Identified in top 4:	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Section newsletter	976	49.4%	802	45.1%
Section listserv	826	41.8%	674	37.9%
Section journal	558	28.3%	515	29.0%
Section sessions at the Annual Meeting	1130	57.2%	930	52.4%
Section reception during Annual Meeting	607	30.7%	473	26.7%
Eligibility to serve on section council, committees, working groups, or editorships	526	26.6%	381	21.5%
Eligibility for section awards	403	20.4%	309	17.4%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%.

	Weighted Percent Among Those Who Selected the Benefit in Their Top 4			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Section newsletter	32.3%	33.3%	20.3%	14.1%
Section listserv	39.2%	28.4%	20.7%	11.7%
Section journal	49.7%	25.7%	14.0%	10.7%
Section sessions at the Annual Meeting	43.9%	29.6%	17.9%	8.6%
Section reception during Annual Meeting	16.6%	28.8%	31.6%	23.0%
Eligibility to serve on section council, committees, working groups, or editorships	23.2%	26.2%	27.5%	23.1%
Eligibility for section awards	21.5%	29.5%	27.1%	21.8%

Section members may also receive a variety of intangible benefits. From the list of intangible benefits below, please select up to four that you received and valued the most as a member of your reference section and place them in rank order, starting with the most valuable.

(Section members)

Identified in top 4:	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Supporting my professional identity through section membership.	964	48.8%	798	45.0%
Supporting my personal identity through section membership.	329	16.7%	306	17.2%
Connecting to the prestige of the section.	87	4.4%	76	4.3%
Accessing professional development opportunities through the section.	517	26.2%	440	24.8%
Accessing professional networks in the section.	984	49.8%	801	45.1%
Connecting with like-minded colleagues in the section.	1153	58.4%	966	54.4%
Helping build a strong section to promote scholarship in my area of the discipline.	864	43.7%	697	39.2%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%.

	Weighted Percent Among Those Who Selected the Benefit in Their Top 4			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Supporting my professional identity through section membership.	34.6%	28.2%	20.2%	17.0%
Supporting my personal identity through section membership.	25.6%	33.2%	19.8%	21.4%
Connecting to the prestige of the section.	18.8%	22.4%	32.7%	26.0%
Accessing professional development opportunities through the section.	25.1%	31.2%	26.2%	17.6%
Accessing professional networks in the section.	37.1%	30.0%	23.3%	9.6%
Connecting with like-minded colleagues in the section.	41.4%	29.9%	18.9%	9.8%
Helping build a strong section to promote scholarship in my area of the discipline.	32.9%	25.5%	24.9%	16.7%

If there are additional aspects of membership in your reference section that you value, please list them here.

(Section members)

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your reference section? (Section members)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Section embraces diversity in membership.				
Strongly Agree	384	15.2%	311	12.3%
Agree	672	26.6%	562	22.2%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	525	20.8%	496	19.6%
Disagree	78	3.1%	75	3.0%
Strongly Disagree	31	1.2%	31	1.2%
System Missing	836	33.1%	1052	41.6%
Section is welcoming to sociologists from underrepresented racial/ethnic groups.				
Strongly Agree	409	16.2%	331	13.1%
Agree	567	22.4%	474	18.8%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	600	23.8%	559	22.1%
Disagree	91	3.6%	87	3.5%
Strongly Disagree	29	1.1%	31	1.2%
System Missing	830	32.9%	1045	41.3%
Section is welcoming to sociologists who are women.				
Strongly Agree	582	23.0%	458	18.1%
Agree	674	26.7%	597	23.6%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	390	15.4%	380	15.0%
Disagree	37	1.5%	36	1.4%
Strongly Disagree	10	0.4%	9	0.4%
System Missing	833	33.0%	1048	41.4%
Section is welcoming to LGBTQI sociologists.				
Strongly Agree	356	14.1%	287	11.4%
Agree	515	20.4%	425	16.8%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	760	30.1%	707	28.0%
Disagree	38	1.5%	39	1.5%
Strongly Disagree	10	0.4%	12	0.5%
System Missing	847	33.5%	1057	41.8%
Section is welcoming to sociologists with disabilities.				
Strongly Agree	221	8.7%	188	7.5%
Agree	433	17.1%	360	14.2%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	975	38.6%	871	34.5%
Disagree	44	1.7%	44	1.8%
Strongly Disagree	10	0.4%	10	0.4%
System Missing	843	33.4%	1053	41.7%

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	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Section is welcoming to sociologists who are first generation or from working class backgrounds.				
Strongly Agree	293	11.6%	245	9.7%
Agree	476	18.8%	390	15.4%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	750	29.7%	669	26.5%
Disagree	128	5.1%	135	5.4%
Strongly Disagree	38	1.5%	33	1.3%
System Missing	841	33.3%	1055	41.8%
Section embraces diversity of scholarly approaches to its topic.				
Strongly Agree	335	13.3%	269	10.7%
Agree	673	26.6%	570	22.6%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	465	18.4%	419	16.6%
Disagree	168	6.7%	168	6.6%
Strongly Disagree	50	2.0%	55	2.2%
System Missing	835	33.1%	1047	41.4%
Section members treat each other with respect.				
Strongly Agree	386	15.3%	300	11.9%
Agree	786	31.1%	666	26.4%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	439	17.4%	436	17.3%
Disagree	63	2.5%	59	2.3%
Strongly Disagree	22	0.9%	21	0.8%
System Missing	830	32.9%	1045	41.3%
I would like to be more involved with the section.				
Strongly Agree	232	9.2%	219	8.7%
Agree	576	22.8%	487	19.3%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	634	25.1%	538	21.3%
Disagree	206	8.2%	185	7.3%
Strongly Disagree	48	1.9%	55	2.2%
System Missing	830	32.9%	1043	41.3%
Only scholars at research-intensive institutions are valued in the section.				
Strongly Agree	168	6.7%	169	6.7%
Agree	439	17.4%	386	15.3%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	637	25.2%	581	23.0%
Disagree	357	14.1%	278	11.0%
Strongly Disagree	101	4.0%	76	3.0%
System Missing	824	32.6%	1039	41.1%

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	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Section leadership is controlled by a small closed group.				
Strongly Agree	171	6.8%	153	6.1%
Agree	318	12.6%	305	12.1%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	703	27.8%	659	26.1%
Disagree	400	15.8%	295	11.7%
Strongly Disagree	100	4.0%	68	2.7%
System Missing	834	33.0%	1048	41.5%

I have built strong professional relationships through the section.				
Strongly Agree	291	11.5%	195	7.7%
Agree	454	18.0%	364	14.4%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	485	19.2%	448	17.7%
Disagree	347	13.7%	350	13.9%
Strongly Disagree	120	4.8%	125	5.0%
System Missing	829	32.8%	1045	41.3%

People like me can be successful in pursuing leadership positions in the section.				
Strongly Agree	331	13.1%	232	9.2%
Agree	515	20.4%	428	16.9%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	532	21.1%	512	20.3%
Disagree	232	9.2%	218	8.6%
Strongly Disagree	91	3.6%	92	3.6%
System Missing	825	32.7%	1045	41.3%

Which of the following influenced your decision to not join a section? Please check all that apply.
(Section non-members)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Additional cost of joining a section.	206	55.4%	265	54.2%
There are no sections relevant to what I do.	21	5.6%	25	5.0%
I was not aware of sections.	45	12.1%	78	15.9%
Negative prior experience with sections.	8	2.2%	9	1.9%
I see little benefit to joining a section.	104	28.0%	120	24.5%
Other (please specify):	40	10.8%	50	10.3%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%.

Have you attended an ASA Annual Meeting in the last 3 years? This includes Philadelphia in 2018, Montreal in 2017, and Seattle in 2016.

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	1350	53.4%	1049	41.5%
No	1150	45.5%	1442	57.1%
System Missing	26	1.0%	37	1.4%

Have you *considered* attending an ASA Annual Meeting in the last 3 years?

(Respondents who did not attend meeting in last 3 years)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	665	26.3%	819	32.4%
No	487	19.3%	625	24.7%
System Missing	1374	54.4%	1084	42.9%

Think back to the last time you were considering attending the ASA Annual Meeting. What motivated you to attend? From the list of possible motivations below, please pick up to five that most motivated you to attend the Annual Meeting and place them in rank order, starting with the strongest motivation.

(Respondents who attended a meeting in the last 3 years)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Getting feedback and new ideas for my research projects.	885	44.0%	820	44.0%
Getting feedback and new ideas for my teaching.	166	8.2%	169	9.1%
Being exposed to research from across the full breadth of the discipline.	749	37.2%	739	39.6%
Learning about the newest research in my specific areas of interest.	1049	52.1%	979	52.5%
Reconnecting with old friends and/or making new ones.	1063	52.8%	858	46.0%
Visiting a major city like New York, Chicago, or San Francisco.	533	26.5%	478	25.6%
Being listed in the program.	518	25.7%	458	24.5%
Attending meetings of the committees, task forces, governance groups, or editorships of which I am a member.	310	15.4%	211	11.3%
Professional development opportunities.	584	29.0%	581	31.2%
Re-energizing myself professionally.	798	39.6%	695	37.2%
Participating in the job fair and other employment services.	248	12.3%	244	13.1%
Participating in special events like the Chairs or DGS preconferences, topic-specific preconferences, or symposia	159	7.9%	123	6.6%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%.

	Weighted Percent Among Those Who Selected the Motivation in Their Top 5				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Getting feedback and new ideas for my research projects.	26.1%	27.6%	24.2%	14.9%	7.2%
Getting feedback and new ideas for my teaching.	18.0%	24.8%	20.7%	22.8%	13.7%
Being exposed to research from across the full breadth of the discipline.	21.6%	23.3%	24.6%	20.1%	10.4%
Learning about the newest research in my specific areas of interest.	24.9%	29.2%	22.9%	16.2%	6.8%
Reconnecting with old friends and/or making new ones.	29.2%	25.6%	19.2%	15.6%	10.4%
Visiting a major city like New York, Chicago, or San Francisco.	13.3%	18.9%	23.8%	22.7%	21.4%
Being listed in the program.	43.3%	18.9%	16.1%	11.1%	10.6%

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Attending meetings of the committees, task forces, governance groups, or editorships of which I am a member.	29.4%	26.0%	17.6%	15.4%	11.7%
Professional development opportunities.	24.5%	25.7%	23.9%	16.3%	9.7%
Re-energizing myself professionally.	19.4%	22.3%	25.7%	20.3%	12.3%
Participating in the job fair and other employment services.	39.7%	20.3%	16.4%	13.5%	10.1%
Participating in special events like the Chairs or DGS preconferences, topic-specific preconferences, or symposia	29.8%	21.2%	16.0%	11.8%	21.2%

When you are considering whether to attend the ASA Annual Meeting, are there barriers that reduce the chances that you will attend? From the list of possible barriers below, please pick up to five factors that reduce the chances that you will attend the Annual Meeting and place them in rank order, starting with the biggest barrier.

(All respondents)

Identified in top 5:	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Requirement to submit a full paper (not just abstract) to present in most sessions.	872	43.3%	769	41.2%
Early January submission date.	766	38.1%	664	35.6%
Meeting taking place in August.	519	25.8%	461	24.7%
Meeting being held outside my general region of the country.	263	13.1%	254	13.6%
Feeling lonely in the crowd at the meeting.	356	17.7%	375	20.1%
Cost of registration.	832	41.3%	837	44.9%
Cost of transportation to the Annual Meeting city.	818	40.6%	778	41.7%
Cost of lodging.	957	47.5%	885	47.4%
Accessibility of Annual Meeting facilities.	22	1.1%	21	1.1%
Lack of institutional or grant funding to offset the cost of attending.	861	42.8%	829	44.4%
My paper or workshop proposal not being accepted.	495	24.6%	433	23.2%

Note: More than one choice is possible, so percentages will not add to 100%.

	Weighted Percent Among Those Who Selected the Barrier in Their Top 5				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Requirement to submit a full paper (not just abstract) to present in most sessions.	30.9%	26.5%	17.6%	12.7%	12.2%
Early January submission date.	23.5%	29.5%	20.5%	14.6%	11.9%
Meeting taking place in August.	38.2%	21.1%	15.9%	15.7%	9.2%
Meeting being held outside my general region of the country.	30.2%	18.4%	15.7%	19.3%	16.4%
Feeling lonely in the crowd at the meeting.	16.7%	19.0%	19.1%	17.3%	27.9%
Cost of registration.	28.1%	21.8%	22.6%	18.7%	8.8%
Cost of transportation to the Annual Meeting city.	18.6%	22.1%	29.6%	18.2%	11.6%

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Cost of lodging.	15.7%	30.9%	24.7%	17.9%	10.8%
Accessibility of Annual Meeting facilities.	43.0%	6.5%	24.9%	7.6%	18.0%
Lack of institutional or grant funding to offset the cost of attending.	28.2%	22.6%	20.8%	19.2%	9.2%
My paper or workshop proposal not being accepted.	39.9%	20.8%	18.4%	10.6%	10.3%

Is there anything else you would like to share with the ASA Membership Task Force? Please use the text box below to share any additional comments and/or provide clarification on any of your responses in this survey.

(All respondents)

Open-ended responses provided	761
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This survey is part of the work of the ASA Task Force on Membership. We may conduct a limited number of follow-up interviews to help us interpret the results of this survey. Would you be willing to participate in a brief follow-up interview later in this study?

(All respondents)

	Unweighted	%	Weighted	%
Yes	917	36.3%	920	36.4%
No	1478	58.5%	1464	57.9%
System Missing	131	5.2%	144	5.7%