The Post-Pandemic Future of ICANN Public Meetings

ICANN Public Meeting Survey Results: Community Interest in Face-to-Face Meetings

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This community survey was conducted to investigate the possibility of organizing ICANN72 as a hybrid meeting with virtual and in-person attendance in Seattle. The survey target audience was current virtual attendees and previous in-person attendees from the last 3 years.

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The Board will consider the results of this survey as an important part of its deliberations.

Final results as of 10 June 2021

Survey Results | Regional Breakdown

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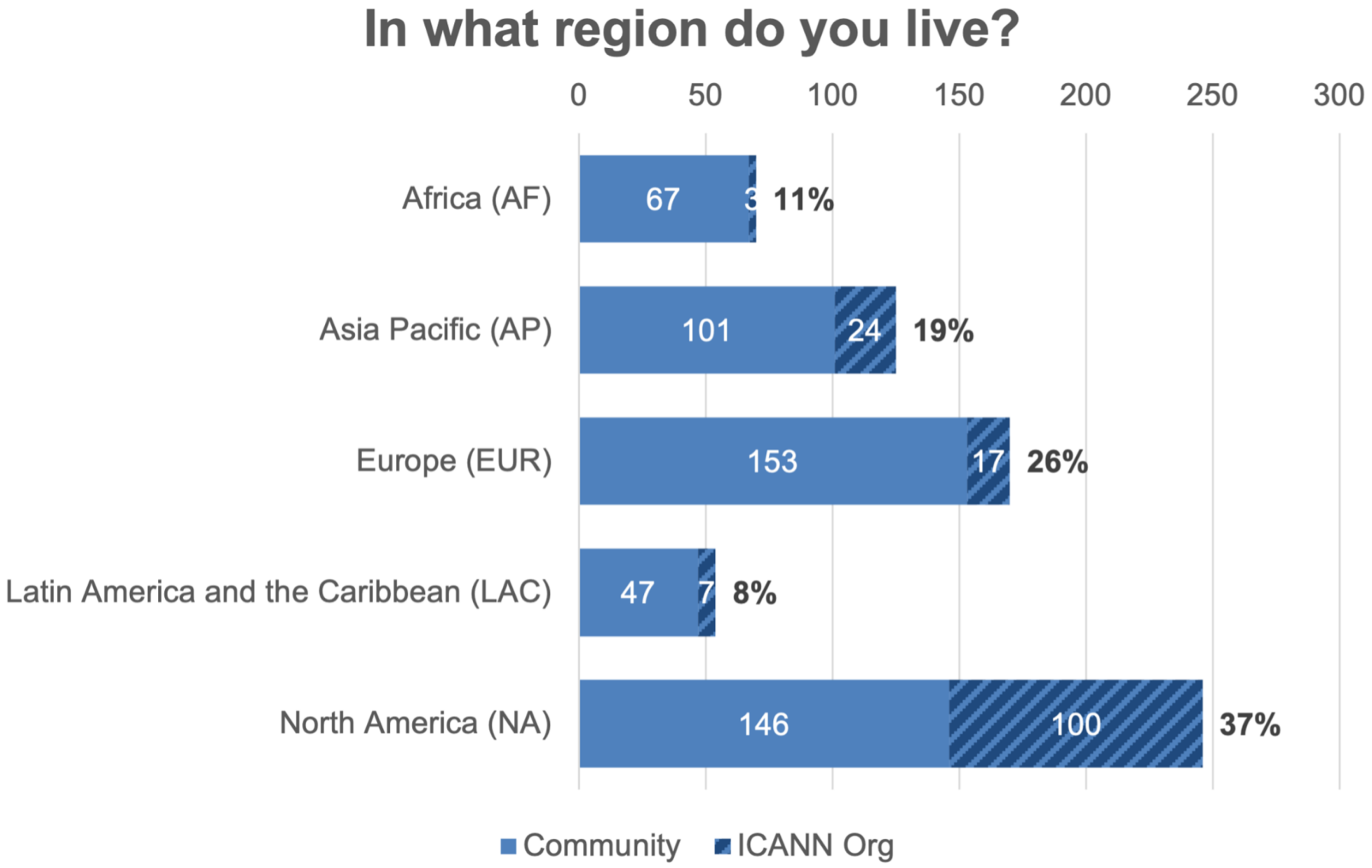

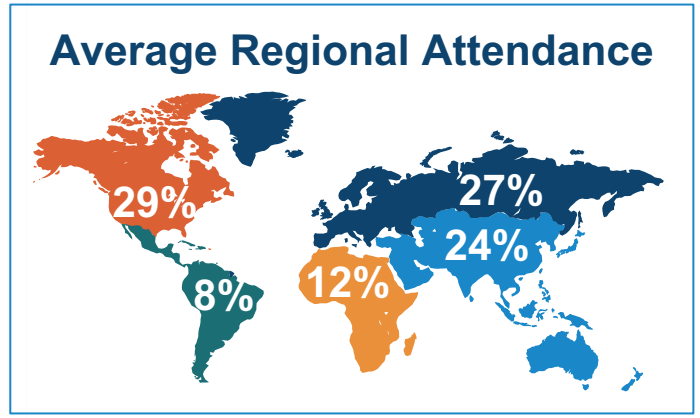

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2,079 average attendees since 2016, with 665 responses = 32% survey response rate

Survey Results | Attendee Breakdown

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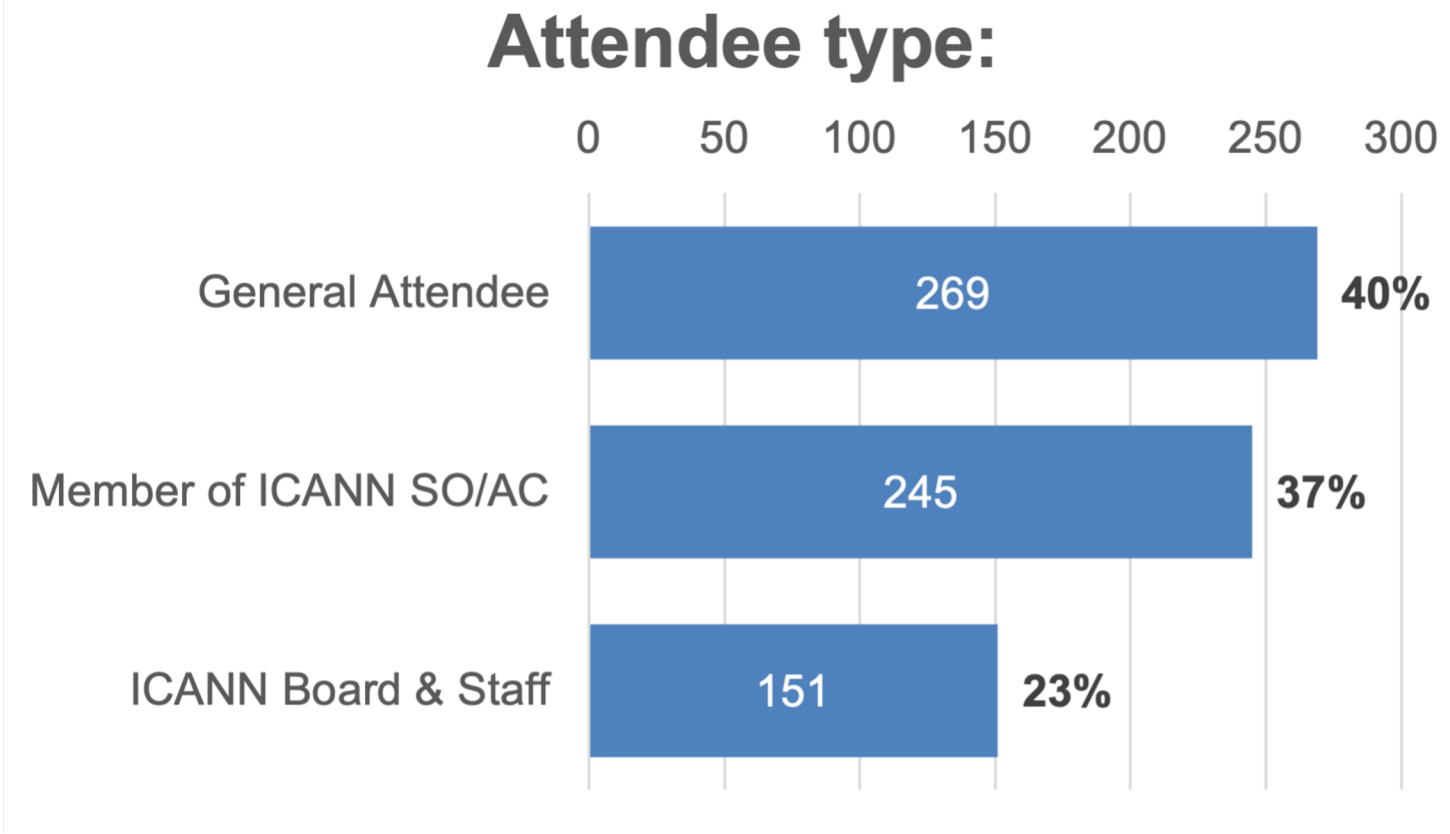

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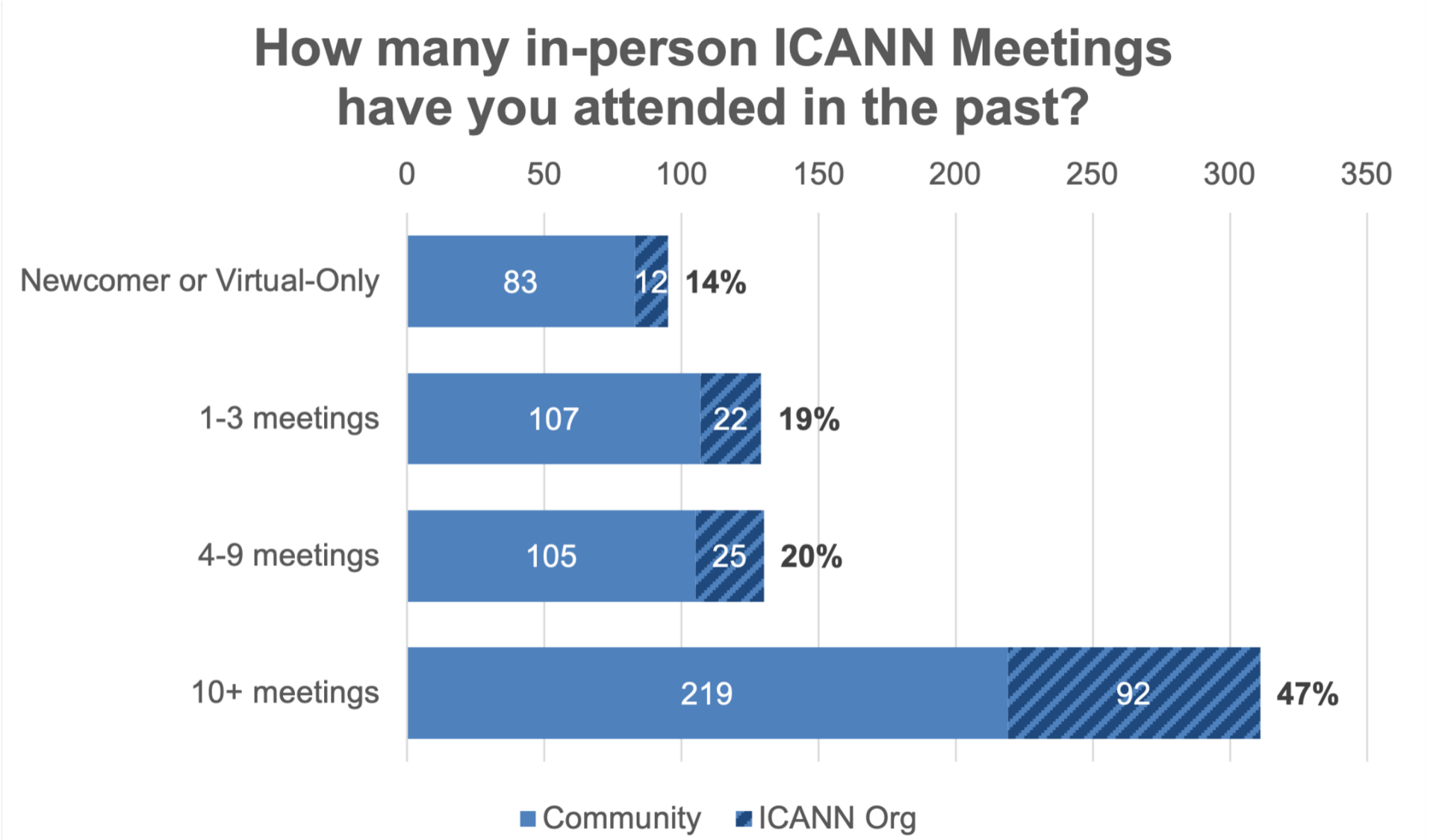
Survey Results | Attendee Experience

(Q1)



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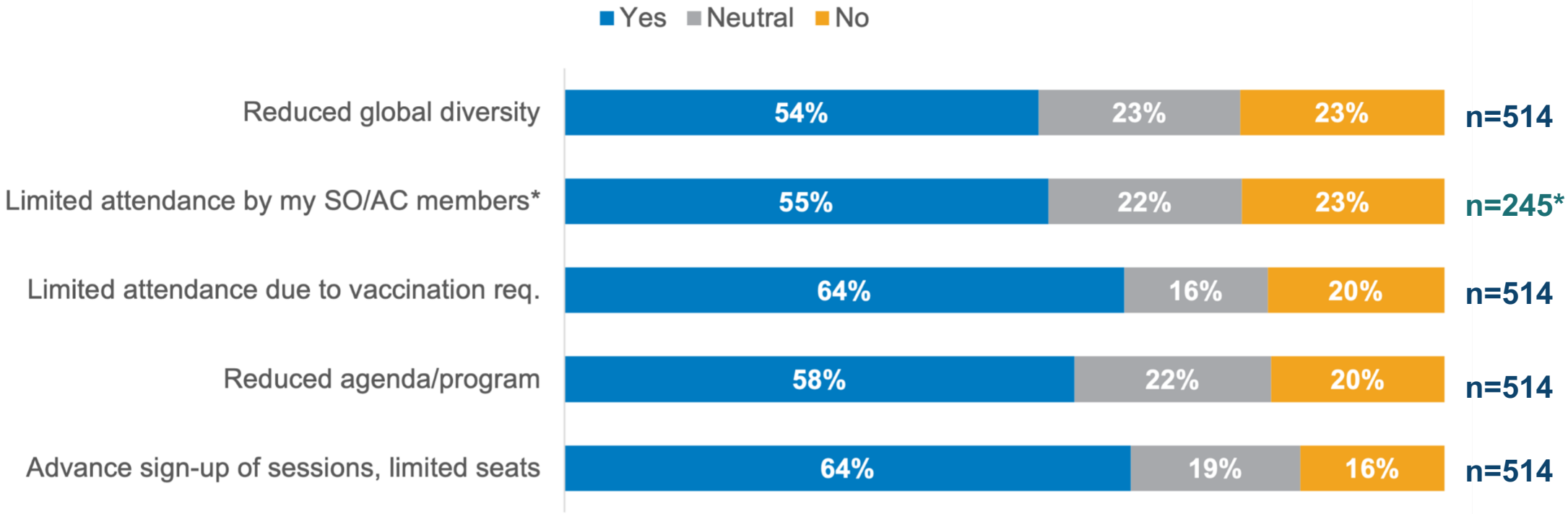
Survey Results | Community Perspective

(Q11)

Do you agree with ICANN holding an in-person meeting under the following conditions?



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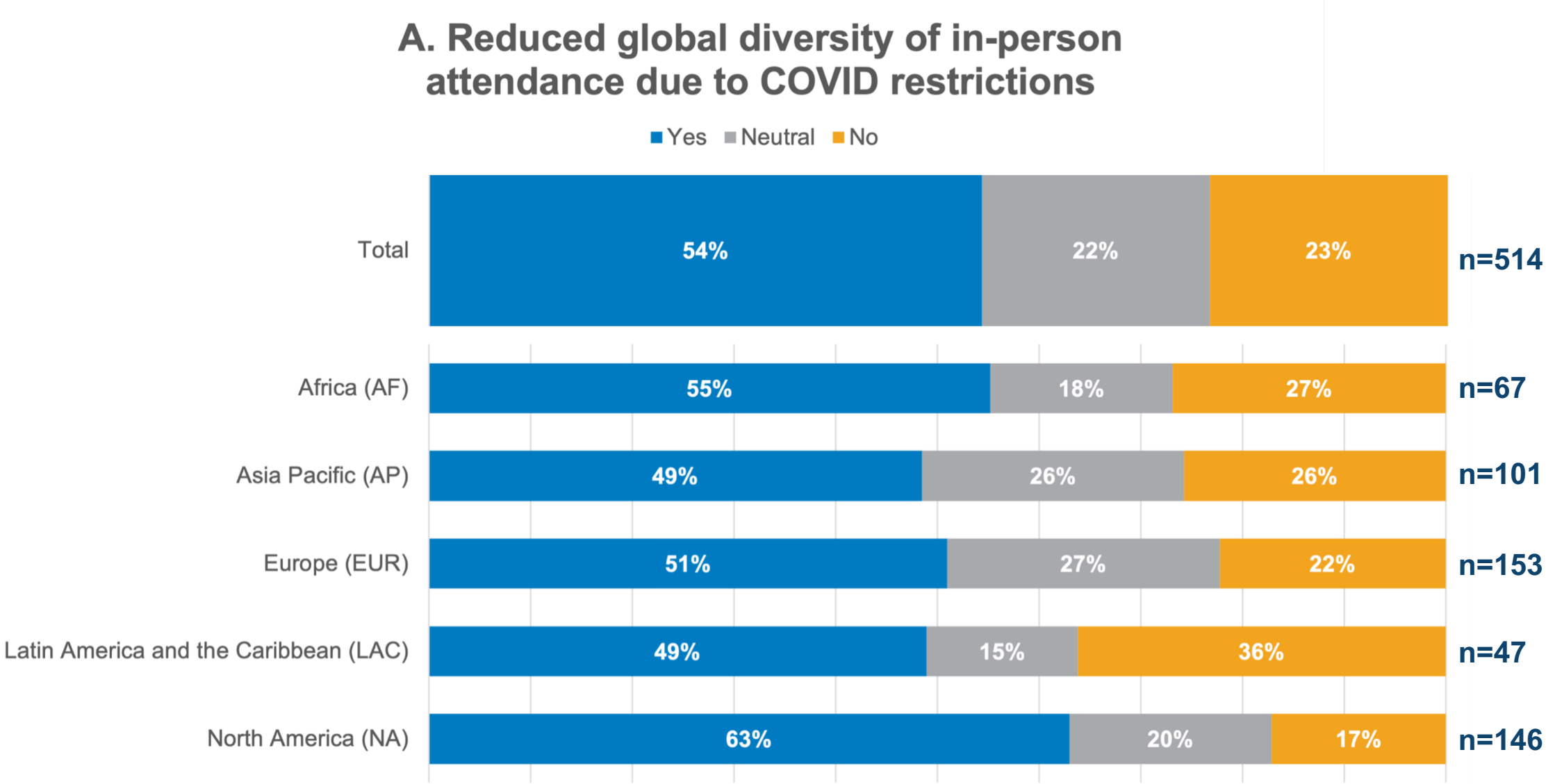
Data excludes Org Staff, Support Staff, Board feedback.

Survey Results | Limited Attendance by Region - Diversity (Q11a)



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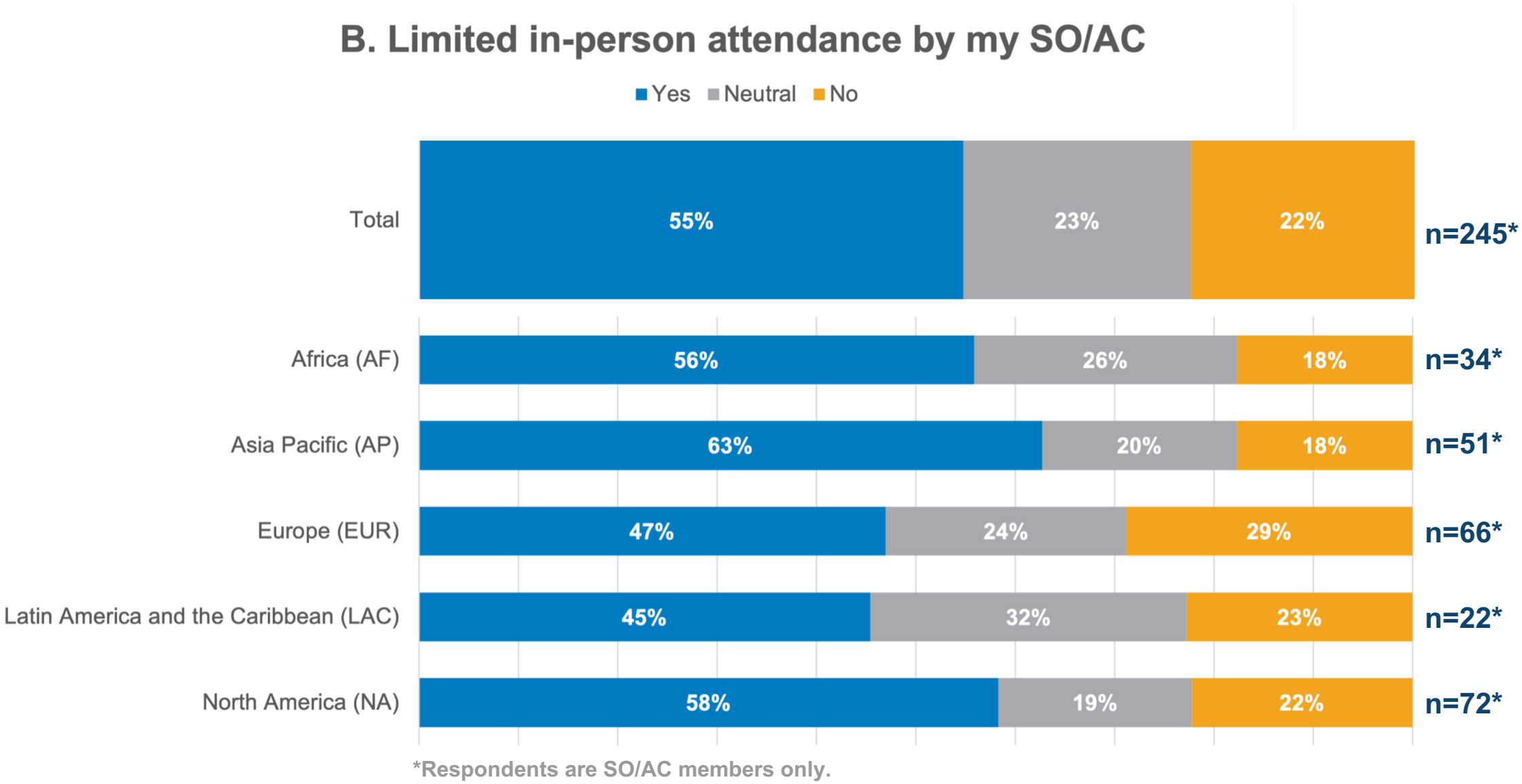
Survey Results | Limited Attendance by Region - SO/AC (Q11b)



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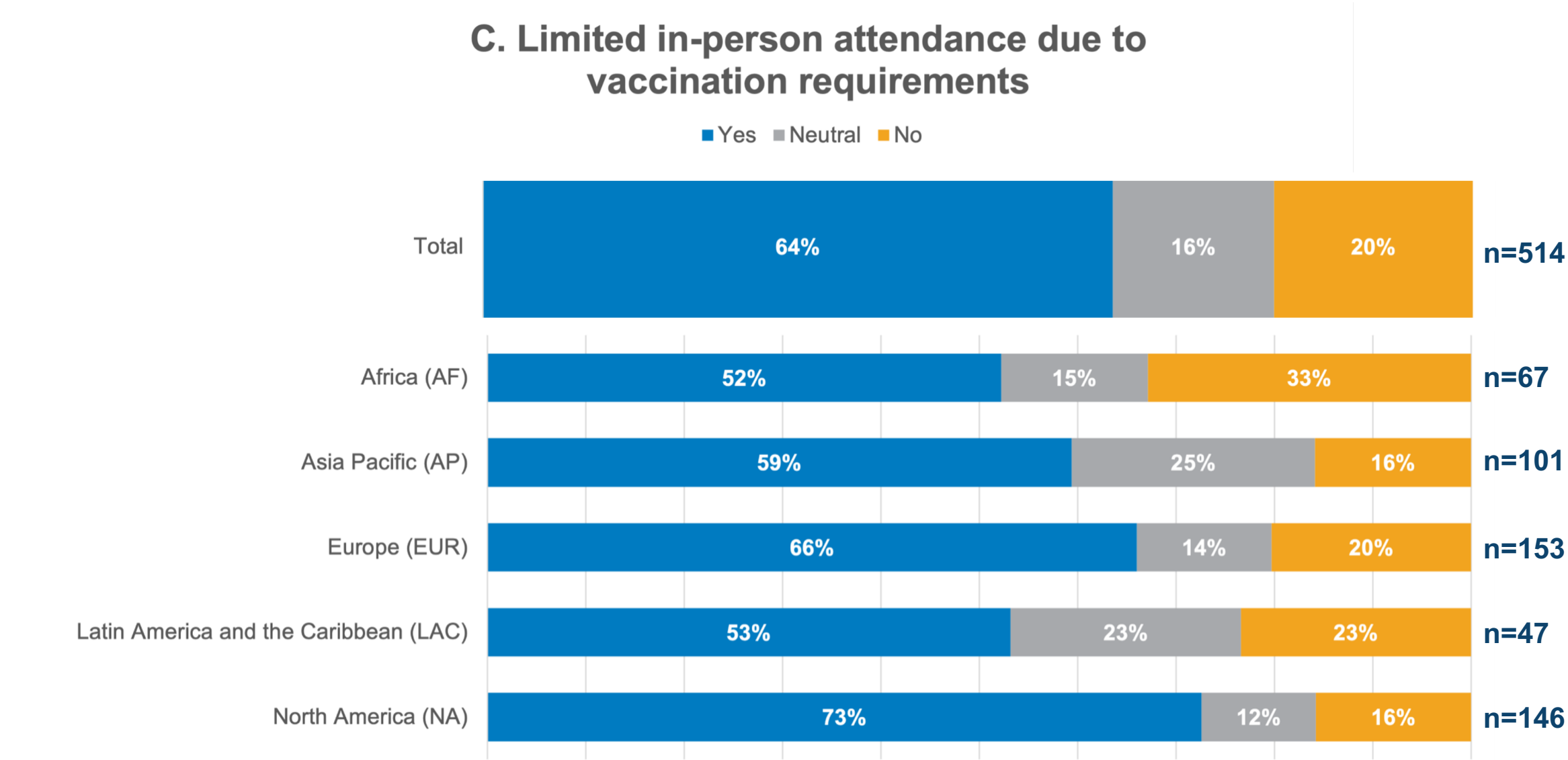
Survey Results | Limited Attendance by Region - Vaccinations (Q11c)



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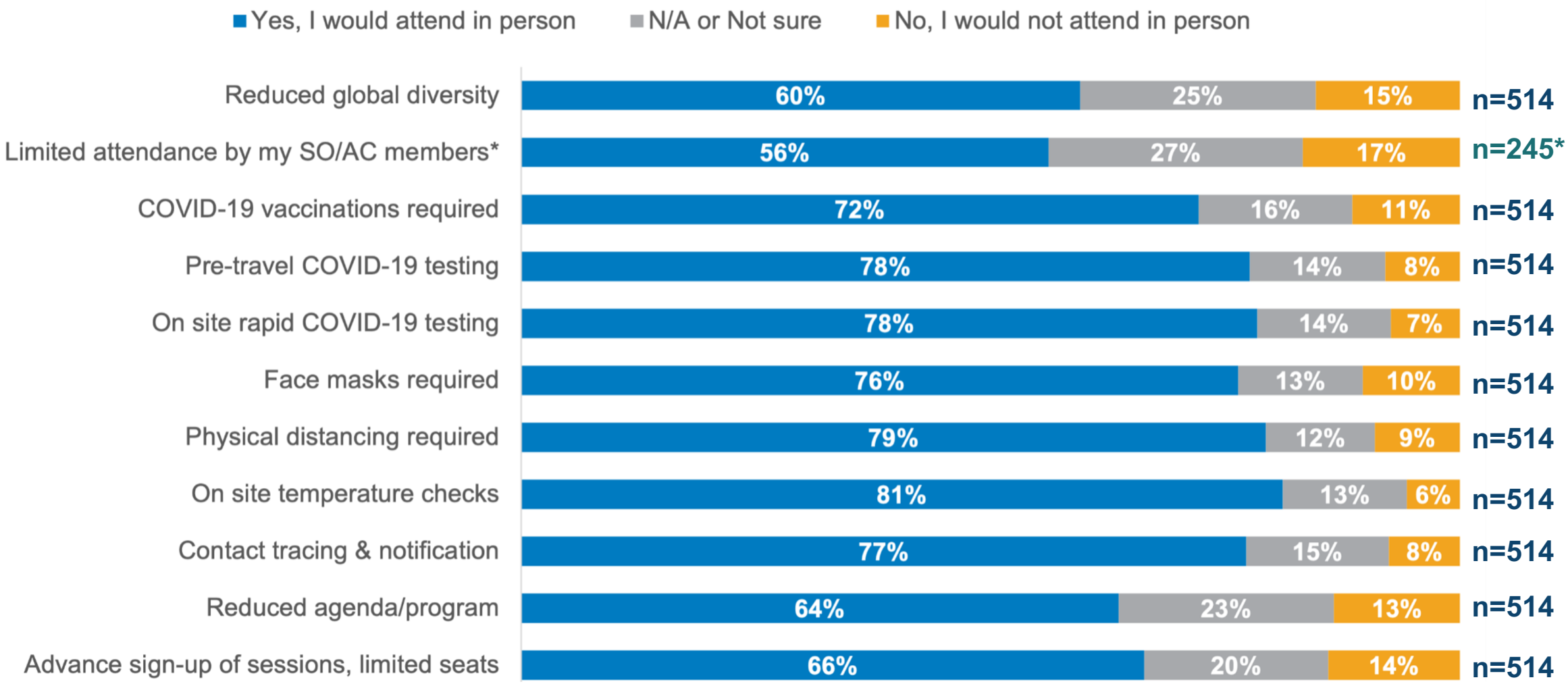
Survey Results | Community Willingness

(Q10)

Would you be willing to attend a meeting in person under the following conditions?



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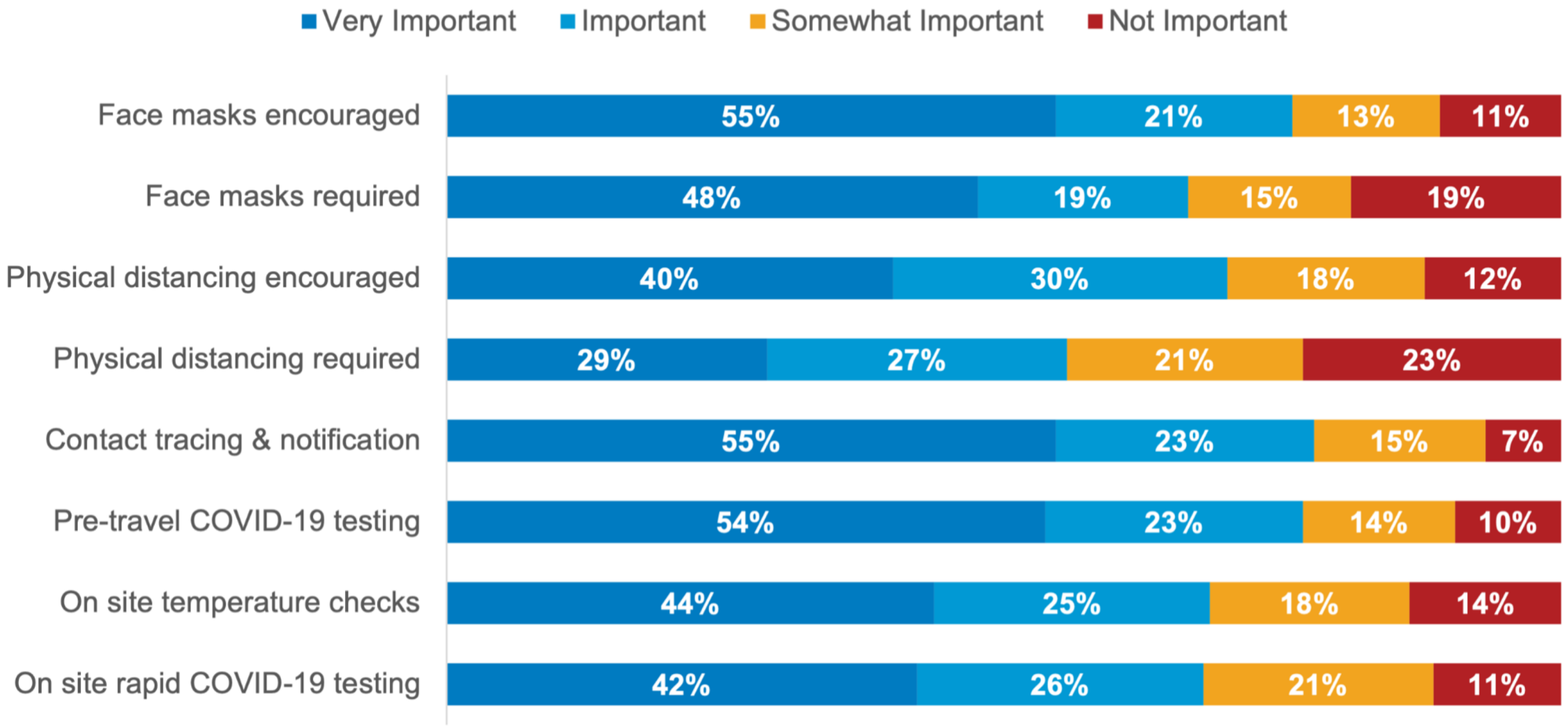
Survey Results | Community Priorities

(Q9)

How important are the following safety protocols in your decision to attend an ICANN Public Meeting in person?



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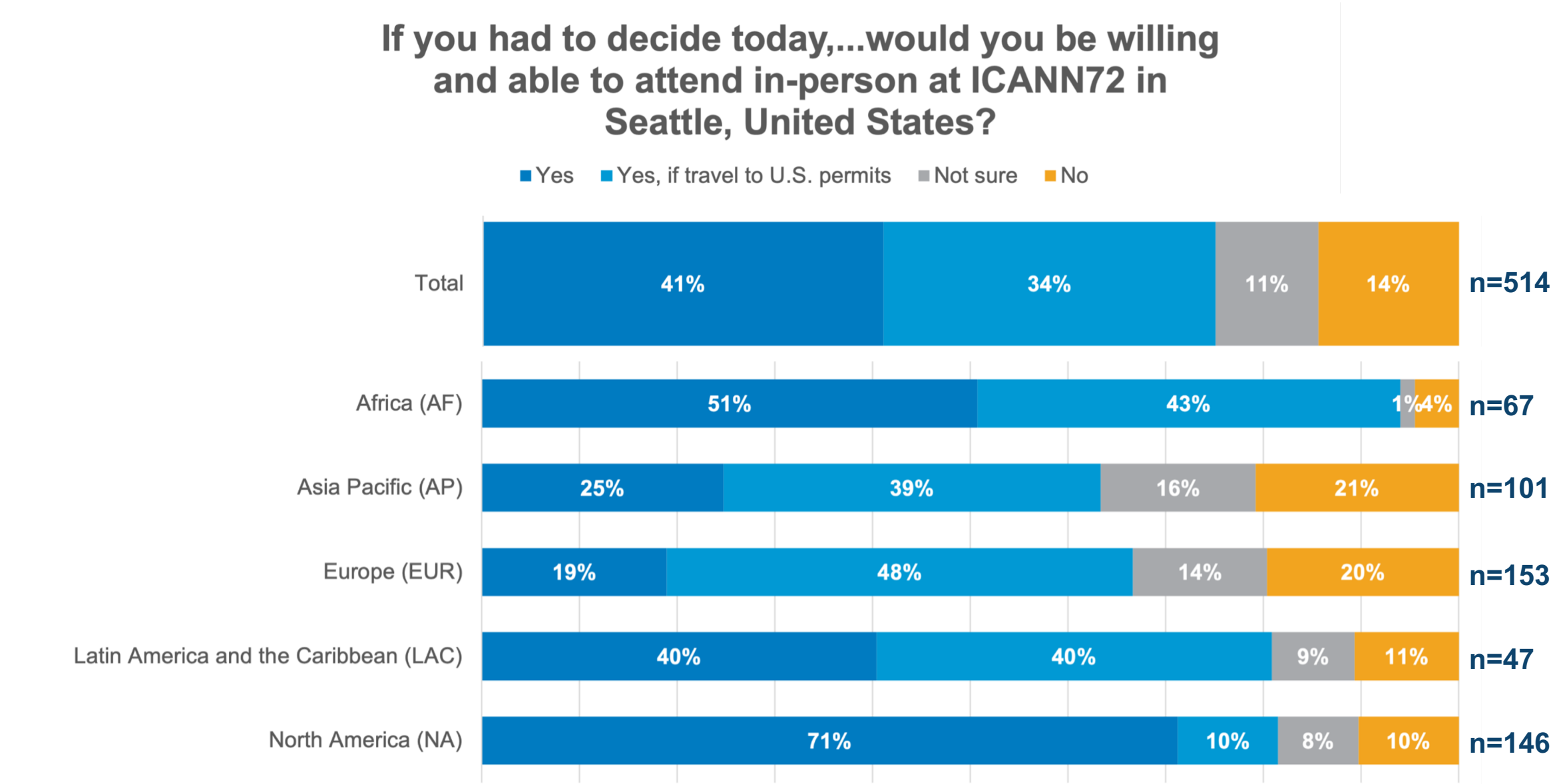
Survey Results | Community Willingness to Attend

(Q12)



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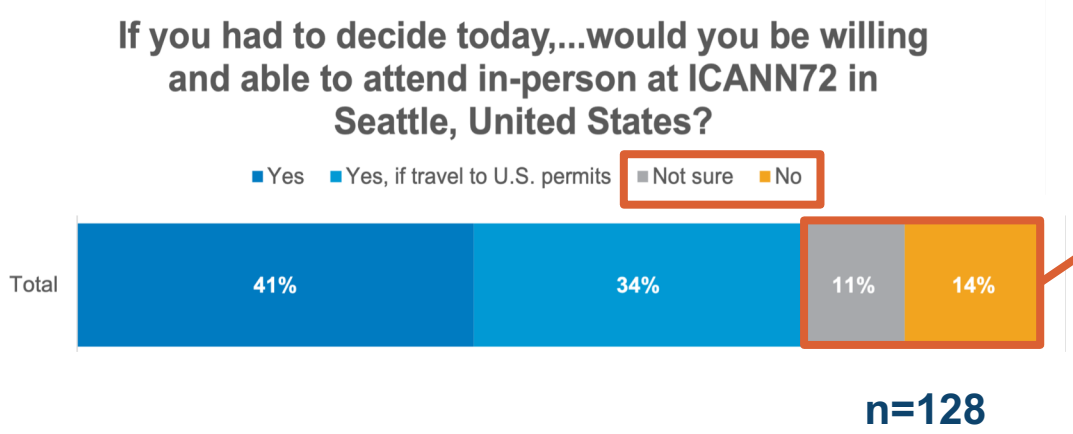
Survey Results | Community Willingness to Attend Breakdown (Q13)



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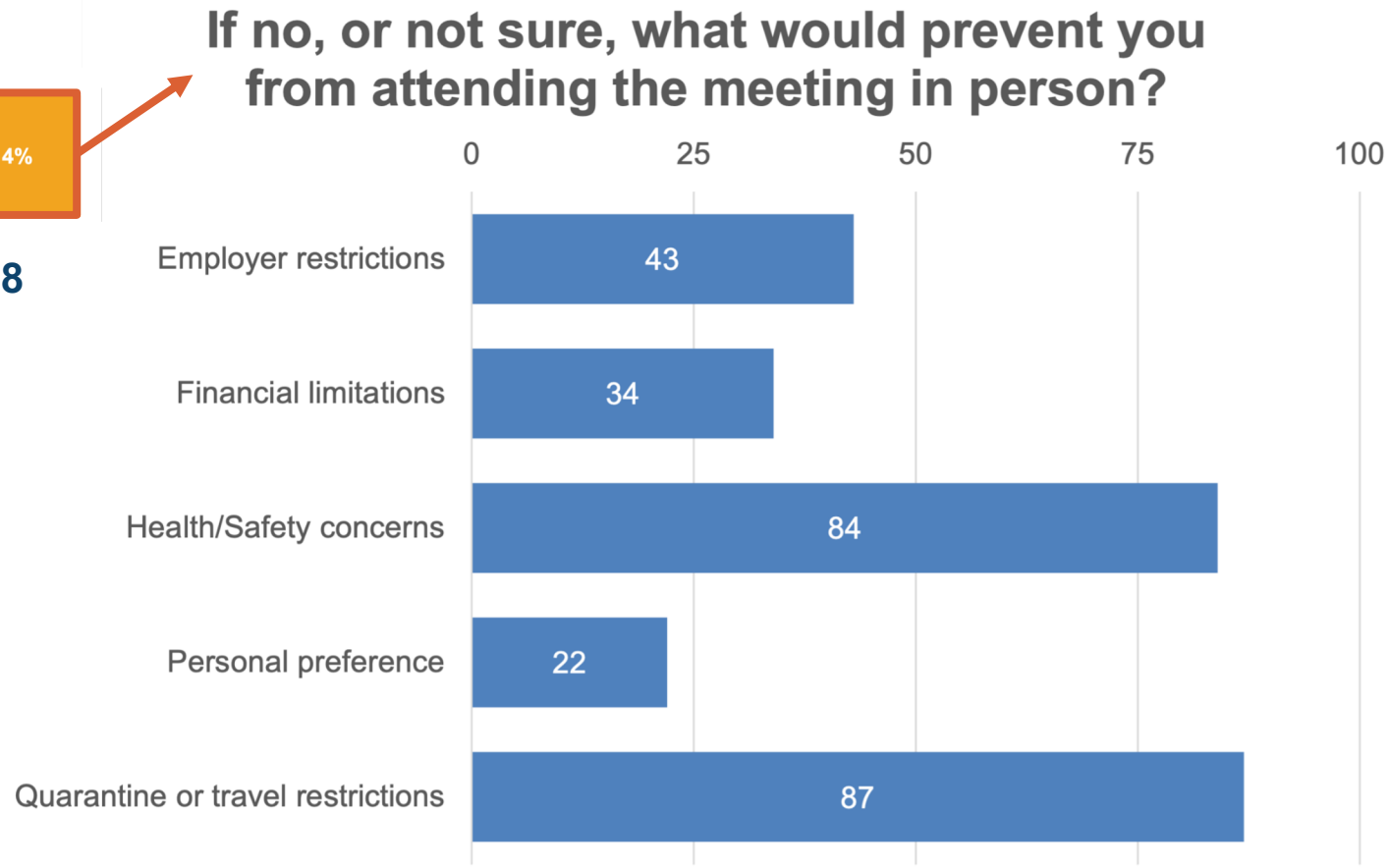

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Survey Results

Global Considerations

- Current travel restrictions among countries
- US Visa availability with many embassies and consulates operating at reduced capacity
- Varying vaccine availability
- Varying COVID-19 infection rates

Timeline Considerations

- Mid-July decision date to accommodate:
  - Funded traveler visas and community travel arrangements
  - Venue and service provider contractual obligations

What do we mean by hybrid?

A “Hybrid” meeting embraces a more equitable approach to the different interaction types of in-person and virtual participants.

- Continued use of existing enhanced virtual participation tools
- Improved moderation of sessions ensuring equal participation by virtual attendees
- Better integration of in-person and virtual presenters

Survey Results | Community Feedback

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