

2019 Annual Membership Report
of the
Seismological Society of America

August 2019

Summary

Every year, we take a snapshot of our membership on August 1. The following is a summary of SSA's membership, gleaned from information collected in our database over the past year.

- Total individual membership is at 2,831 compared to 2,603 for the previous period. Total paid membership (excluding free memberships and free student memberships) is 2,381 compared with 2,236 in 2018.
- SSA's overall membership increased by 203 members.
- Corporate memberships number 13, one less than last year's count of corporate members.
- Affiliate members dropped by 20.5%. There are 93 affiliate members, as opposed to 117 last year.
- The number of early career members increased to 144 members in 2019, for 61.8% growth since 2018.
- SSA converted 16% of free student members to paid membership levels in 2019.
- This year yielded an 92% renewal rate of all paying individual members (excluding free students, corporate, affiliate and roster).
- New memberships increased this year, from 541 new members in 2018 to 711 new members in 2019. Most new members joined as either free students (59%), students (17%) or regular members (17%).
- Eighty-four individuals joined as members through the online registration process at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Details of Membership Types Available in 2019

Membership Type	Description	Price
Regular	Standard membership that includes online access to <i>BSSA</i> and <i>SRL</i> .	\$125 per year or \$225 for two years
Developing Country	All-electronic membership option for individuals who are both residing in and a citizen of a country whose economy is classified as other than “high-income” by the World Bank.	\$45 per year or \$90 for two years
Early Career	Membership available to those who are within three years past graduating from their terminal degree. Can only be used for a maximum of three years.	\$55 per year or \$150 for three years
Student	Discounted membership available to current students that includes online access to <i>BSSA</i> and <i>SRL</i> . Print <i>SRL</i> is available for an additional fee. Valid student ID required.	\$30 per year
Corporate	Membership available to companies that provides online access to <i>BSSA</i> and <i>SRL</i> for up to three employees.	\$2,000 per year
Affiliate	Limited membership available through an EERI membership that provides online access to <i>SRL</i> . Online access is not available for <i>BSSA</i> with this membership type. This membership type is not eligible for an Annual Meeting discount.	\$85 per year
Honorary	Free life membership given to Reid Medal and Distinguished Service Award recipients	N/A
Life	A one-time payment membership that allows a person to be an SSA member for life	Price dependent on member’s age
Emeritus	A discounted membership offered to members who are over the age of 65, retired and have been members for 25 years. A member must meet all three criteria to be eligible.	\$50 per year
Free Student	A one-year free membership offered to new members who are students.	N/A
Roster	Individuals named by a corporate membership to receive journals and have access to SSA’s roster.	Corporate membership is necessary

Current Members by Type

Types	2017	2018	2019	Change from Previous Year
Regular	1726	1574	1539	(35)
Free Students	354	367	450	83
Student	276	283	324	41
Early Career	101	89	144	55
Developing Country	106	120	145	25
Emeritus	60	113	147	34
Life	47	57	64	7
Honorary	31	-	18	18
TOTAL	2701	2603	2831	228
Corporate	14	14	13	(1)
Affiliate	110	117	93	(24)

Membership Summary

Membership Type	2018 Total	Lapsed	Transitioned Out	Transitioned In	2019 Total
Regular	1574	206	77	32	1539
Free Student	367	305	59	-	450
Students	283	137	33	58	324
Transitional/Early Career	89	16	25	44	144
Developing Country	120	32	7	21	145
Emeritus	113	15	3	48	147
Life	57	-	-	7	64
Honorary	-	-	-	-	18
TOTAL	2603	711	204	210	2831
Corporate	14	2	2	1	13
Affiliate	117	37	10	5	93

Lapsed Members Paid Through 2018

	Regular	Free Student	Student	Early Career	Developing Country	Affiliate	Corporate	Emeritus	Total Lapsed Members
Member Type									
Count	206	305	137	16	32	37	2	15	750
Location									
US	108	130	86	8	-	26	2	11	371
Outside US	98	120	51	8	32	11	-	4	324
Unknown	-	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	55

Transitions from 2018 to 2019

		2019							
		Regular	Student	Early Career	Developing Country	Emeritus	Life	Affiliate	Total Transitions
	Member Type								
2018	Regular	-	1	9	9	46	6	5	76
	Student	2	-	28	3	-	-	-	33
	Early Career	16	2	-	7	-	-	-	25
	Developing Country	2	-	3	-	2	-	-	7
	Emeritus	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
	Affiliate	8	-	1	1	-	-	-	10
	Free Student	-	55	3	1	-	-	-	59
	Total Transitions	30	58	44	21	48	7	5	213

Note: The above three charts include roster members, life members and all corporate members. The following charts exclude these groups.

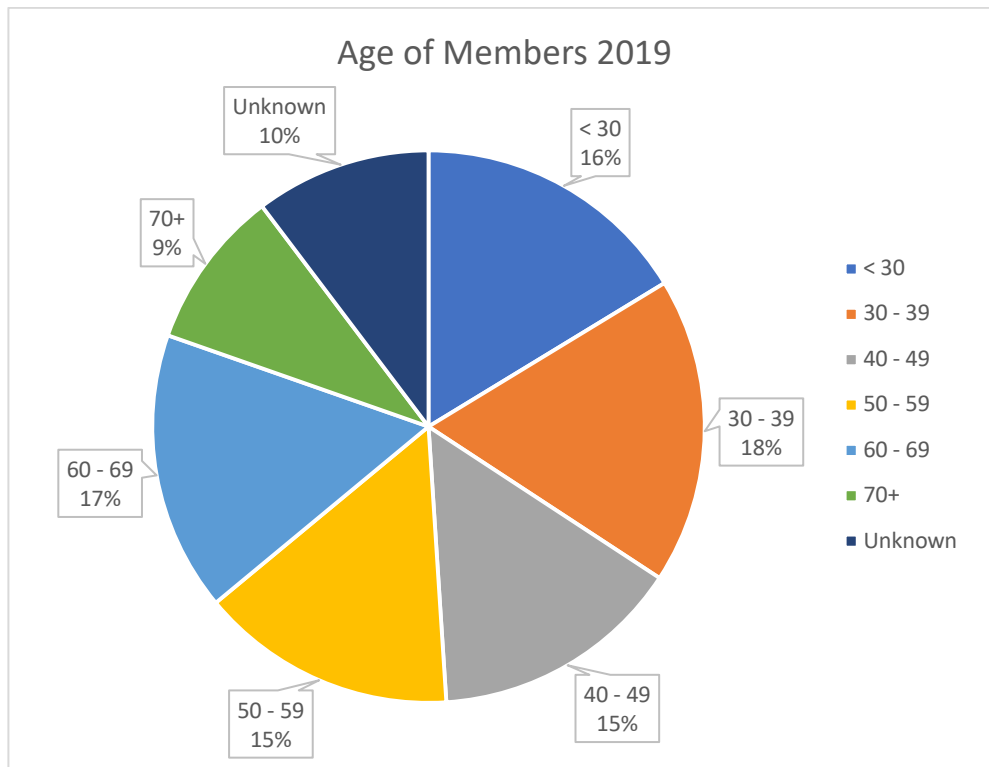
New Members in 2019

Member Type	Regular	Free Student	Student	Developing Country	Affiliate	Total New Members	Total %
Count	124	422	126	29	10	711	-
Location							
US	75	223	72	1*	2	373	52%
Outside US	49	190	54	28	0	321	45%
Unknown	-	9	-	-	8	17	2%

* Membership entered incorrectly; the correction will be reflected in the 2020 Membership Report

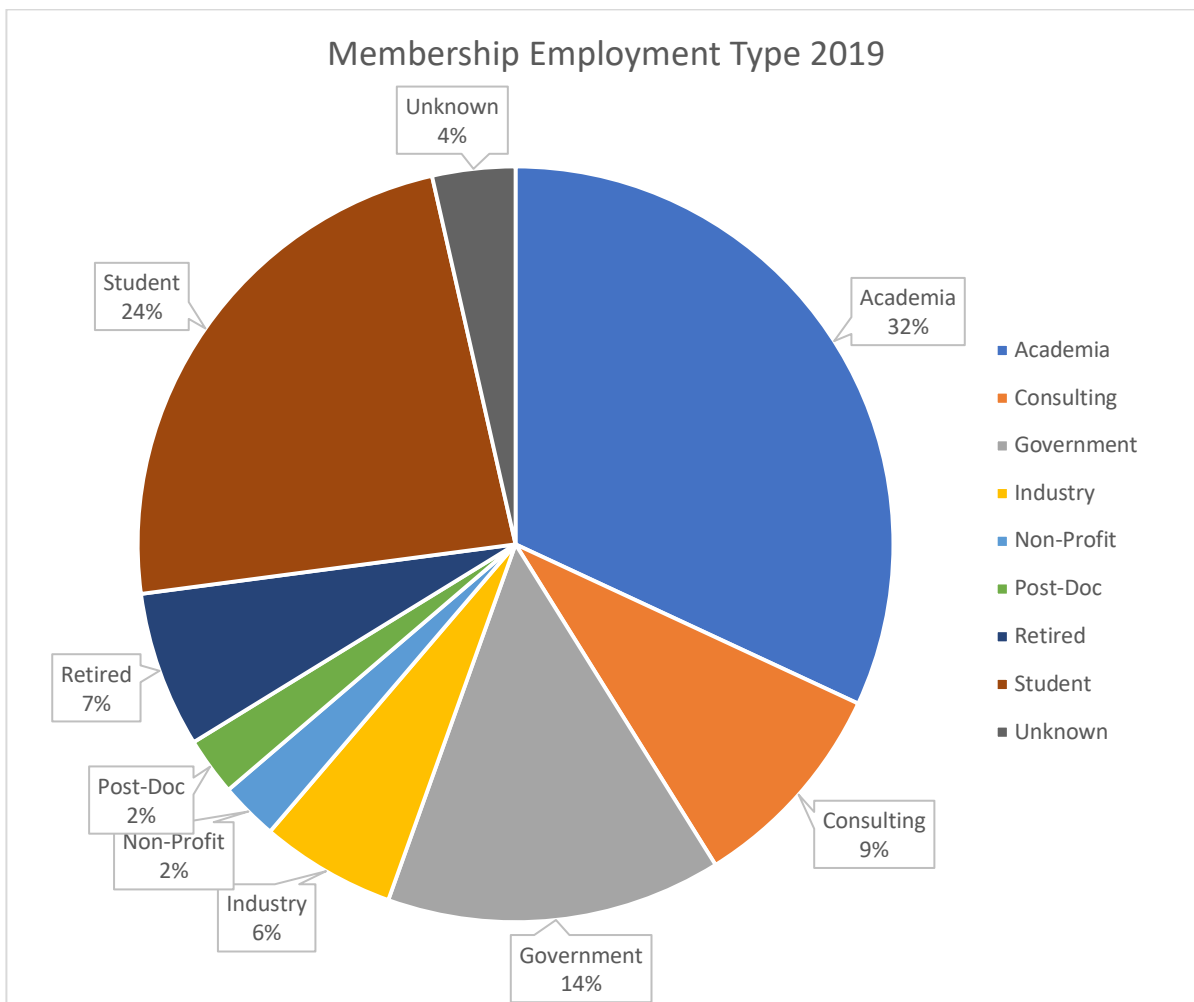
Age of Members in 2019

Age	Count	Percentage
< 30	459	16%
30 - 39	505	18%
40 - 49	415	15%
50 - 59	423	15%
60 - 69	461	16%
70+	263	9%
Unknown	290	10%
TOTAL	2,816	100%



Member Employment 2019

Employment Type	Count	Percentage
Academia	899	32%
Consulting	259	9%
Government	404	14%
Industry	163	6%
Non-Profit	70	2%
Post-Doc	70	2%
Retired	188	7%
Student	663	24%
Unknown	100	4%
TOTAL	2,816	100%



Membership by Country

United States	1,699
Out of the United States	1,117
TOTAL	2,816

By Continent	
Africa	10
Asia	452
Europe	352
Oceania	61
North America	1,862
South America	62
None Given	17
TOTAL	2,816

AFRICA	
Algeria	3
Botswana	1
Lebanon	1
Libya	1
Madagascar	1
South Africa	3
TOTAL	10

OCEANIA	
Australia	19
French Polynesia	1
New Zealand	41
TOTAL	61

ASIA	
Bangladesh	3
China	44
Hong Kong	6
India	60
Indonesia	9
Japan	173
Korea, Republic of	40
Iran, Islamic Republic of	4
Iraq	1
Israel	16
Kyrgyzstan	1
Philippines	4
Mongolia	1
Taiwan	34
Thailand	4
Pakistan	3
Turkey	25
United Arab Emirates	1
Singapore	2
Azerbaijan	2
Malaysia	1
Russian Federation	13
Saudi Arabia	5
TOTAL	452

EUROPE	
Armenia	2
Austria	5
Belgium	2
Bulgaria	3
Croatia	3
Czech Republic	6
Finland	3
France	48
Georgia	2
Germany	58
Greece	18
United Kingdom	64
Italy	32
Hungary	1
Iceland	6
Spain	22
Sweden	1
Switzerland	32
Norway	7
Netherlands	5
Poland	6
Portugal	6
Romania	10
Slovakia	4
Slovenia	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Luxembourg	1
Malta	3
TOTAL	352

NORTH AMERICA	
Canada	119
Costa Rica	5
Dominican Republic	4
United States	1,697
United States Minor Outlying Islands	2
Panama	1
Mexico	34
TOTAL	1,862

SOUTH AMERICA	
Argentina	10
Brazil	7
Chile	15
Colombia	16
Ecuador	4
El Salvador	1
Guatemala	1
Nicaragua	3
Peru	3
Trinidad and Tobago	2
TOTAL	62

Member Areas of Interest 2019	Primary Interest	Primary Percentages	Secondary Interest	Secondary Percentages
Archeoseismology	2	0.1%	5	0.2%
Architecture	1	0.3%	6	0.2%
Building Inspector	0	0.0%	2	0.1%
Computer Science	12	0.4%	34	1.2%
Education and Outreach	11	0.4%	30	1.1%
Engineering - Civil/Structural	42	1.5%	39	1.4%
Engineering - Earthquake	92	3.3%	115	4.1%
Engineering - Geology	18	0.6%	21	0.7%
Engineering - Geotechnical	80	2.8%	48	1.7%
Geodesy - Surveying	9	0.3%	12	0.4%
Geodesy - Tectonic	102	3.6%	63	2.2%
Geology - Earthquake/Paleoseismology	158	5.6%	72	2.6%
Geology - Engineering	22	0.8%	24	0.9%
Geomorphology	26	0.9%	57	2.0%
Geophysics - Exploration	78	2.8%	91	3.2%
Geophysics - Global	26	0.9%	47	1.7%
Hydrogeophysics	7	0.2%	11	0.4%
Induced Seismology	44	1.6%	50	1.8%
Infrasound	15	0.5%	17	0.6%
Instrumentation	16	0.6%	18	0.6%
Insurance	2	0.1%	7	0.2%
Lifelines	1	0.0%	6	0.2%
Machine Learning	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Microseismology	16	0.6%	24	0.9%
Monitoring - Explosions	59	2.1%	48	1.7%
Monitoring - Seismic Networks	44	1.6%	73	2.6%
None Given	114	4.0%	438	15.6%
Oceanography	13	0.5%	19	0.7%
Other	35	1.2%	15	0.5%
Planetary Seismology	7	0.2%	16	0.6%
Preparedness/Emergency Response	11	0.4%	11	0.4%
Public Policy/Planning	5	0.2%	14	0.5%
Seismic Risk Modeling	94	3.3%	96	3.4%
Seismology - Crustal	160	5.7%	150	5.3%
Seismology - Earthquake	892	31.7%	367	13.0%
Seismology - Engineering	144	5.1%	150	5.3%
Seismology - Glacial	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Seismology - Global	114	4.0%	96	3.4%

Area of Interest	Primary Interest	Primary Percentages	Secondary Interest	Secondary Percentages
Seismology - Strong Motion	144	5.1%	170	6.0%
Seismology - Theoretical	51	1.8%	90	3.2%
Statistics	12	0.4%	39	1.4%
Tectonics	70	2.5%	139	4.9%
Tsunami	19	0.7%	29	1.0%
Volcanology	46	1.6%	57	2.0%
TOTAL	2,816	100%	2,816	100%