OCTOBER 31ST, 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRANKFORT, KY

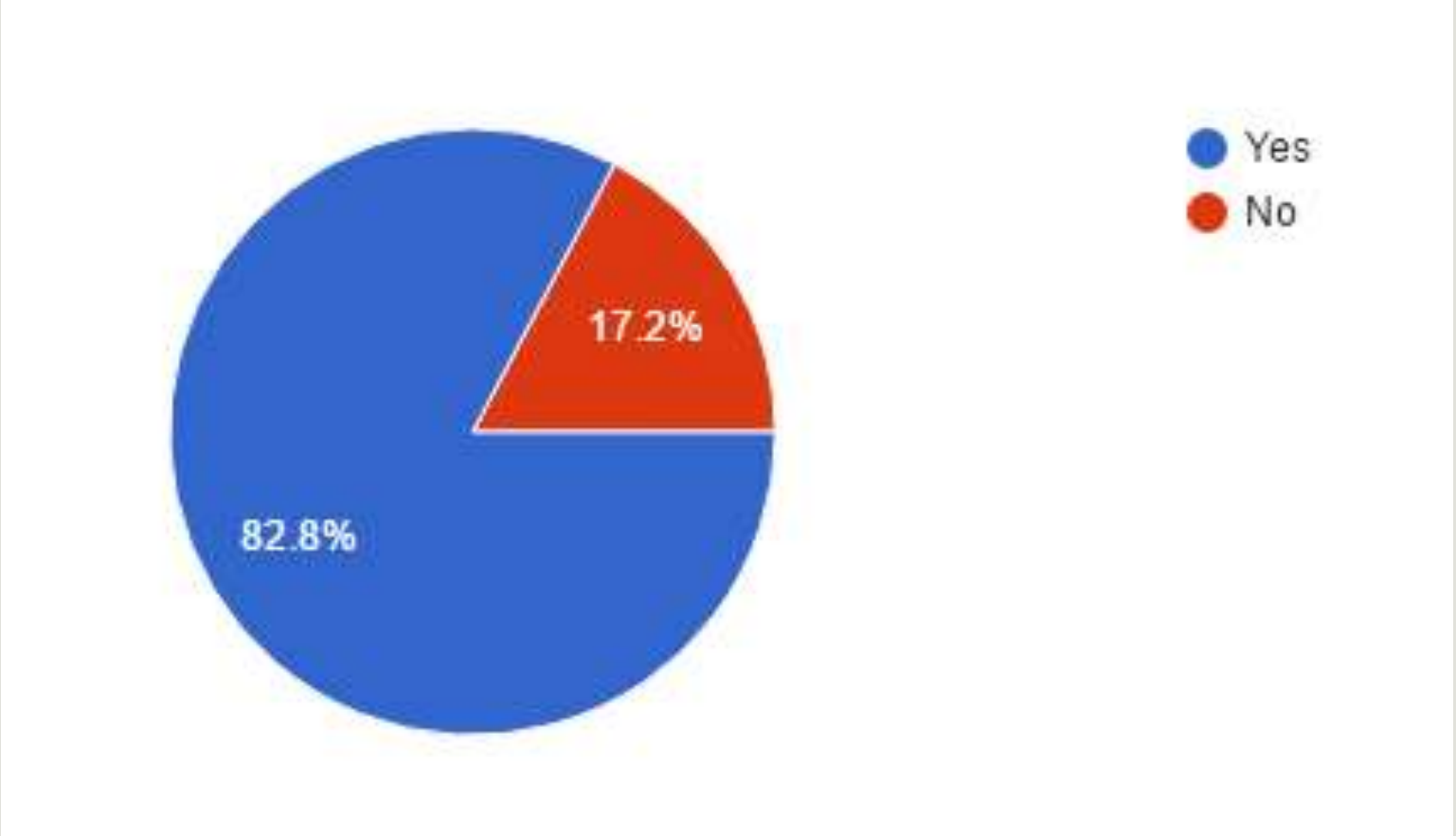
15-16 TSA Advisor Survey

29 RESPONSES

26 OUT OF 37 HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTERS

3 OUT OF 4 MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAPTERS

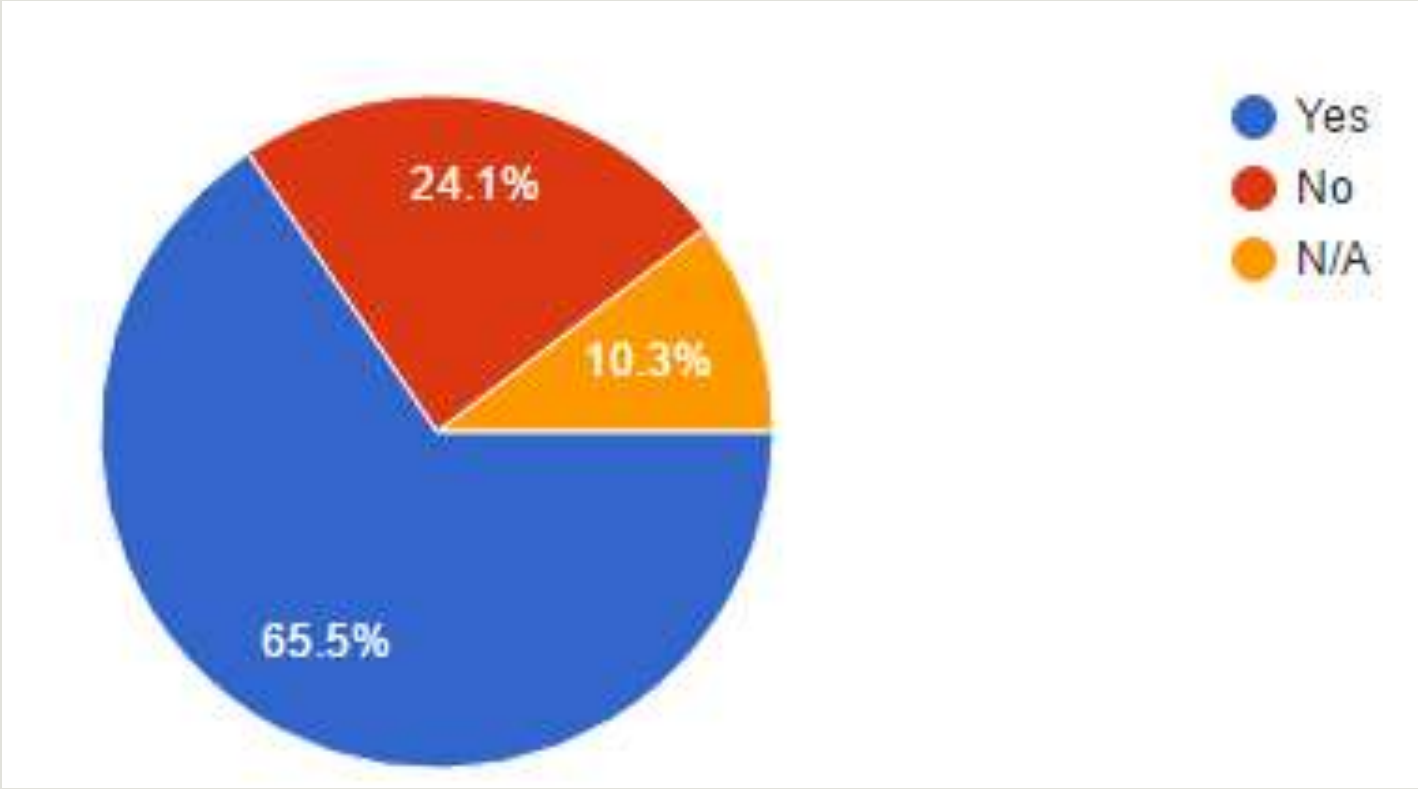
Did you have an "active" KY TSA Chapter in 15-16?

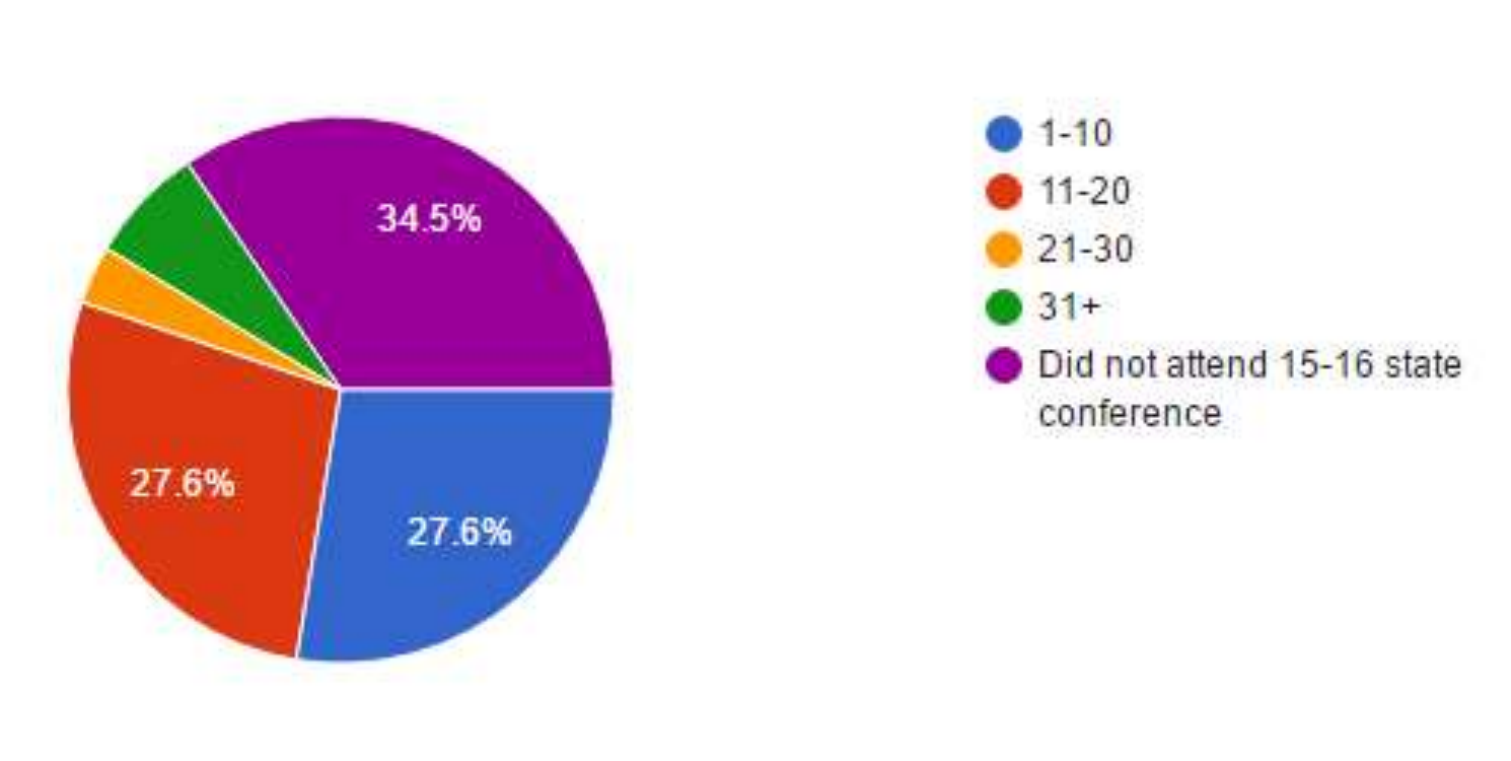


In 2010 I partnered with the local county 4H and participated in a two year grant which allowed us to start a U.S. FIRST Robotics competition team. This partnership allowed my students to be mentored by working professionals in technical fields and with local university professors who had content specific skills need by the team. This partnership lent itself to many of the strong points in our department program review. FIRST Robotics FRC left little time for us to raise moneys for TSA and 4H offers resources which we don’t have with TSA.
Not enough student interest, most of the meetings would have to be after school and kids don't have transportation
School Schedule, Competitions not matching what I teach,
Past Management Issues
I am the advisor for SkillsUSA and I am trying to get this setup but ran out of time.

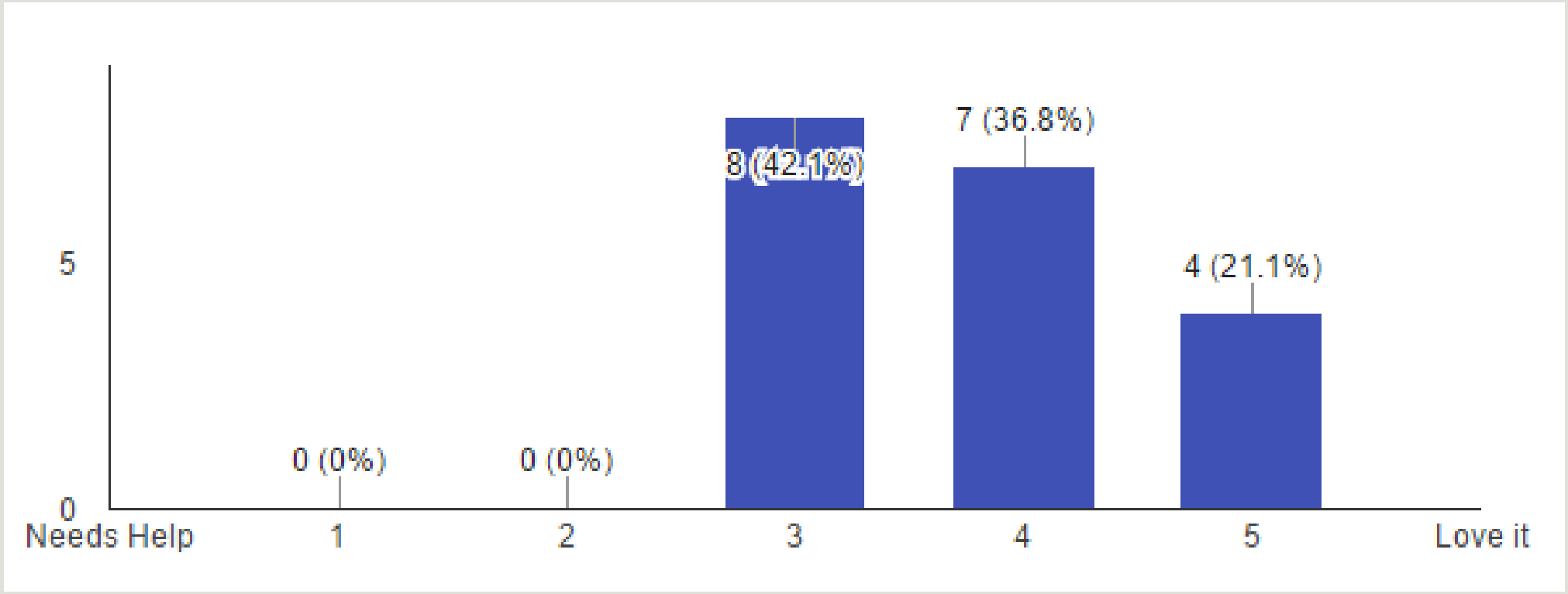
If no, please help us understand why you did not participate last year.

If yes did you attend the 2016 KY TSA State Conference

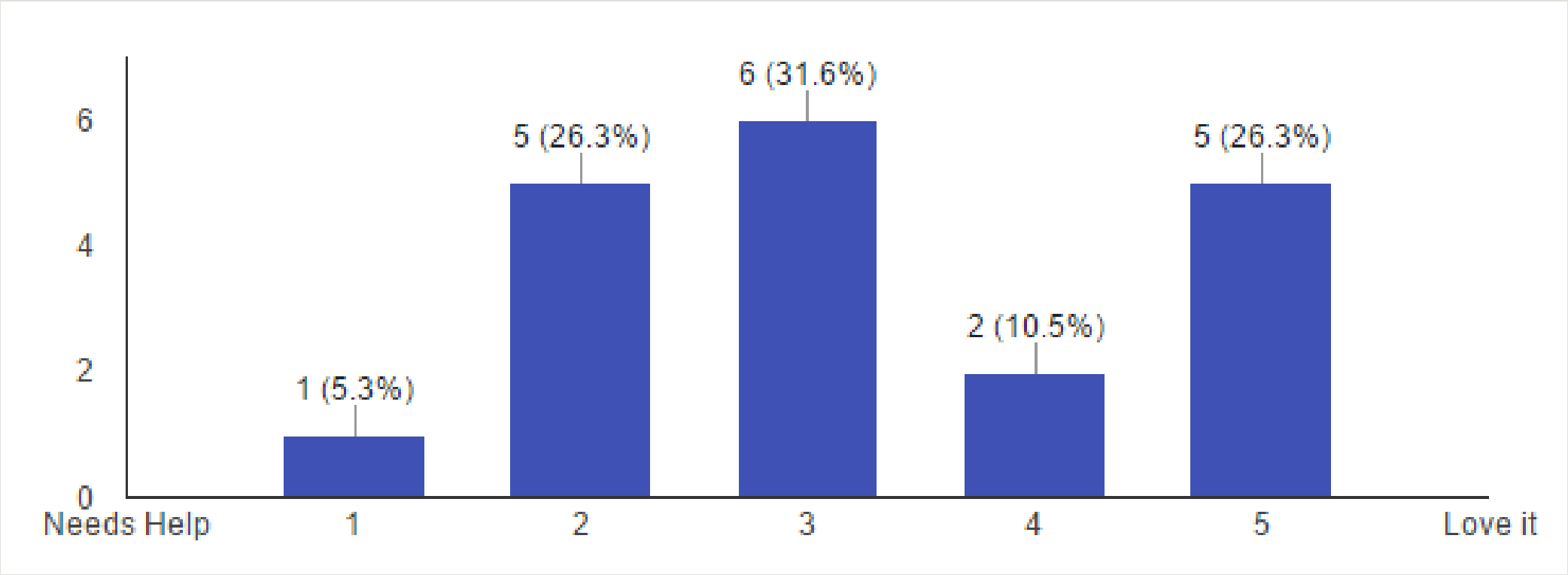




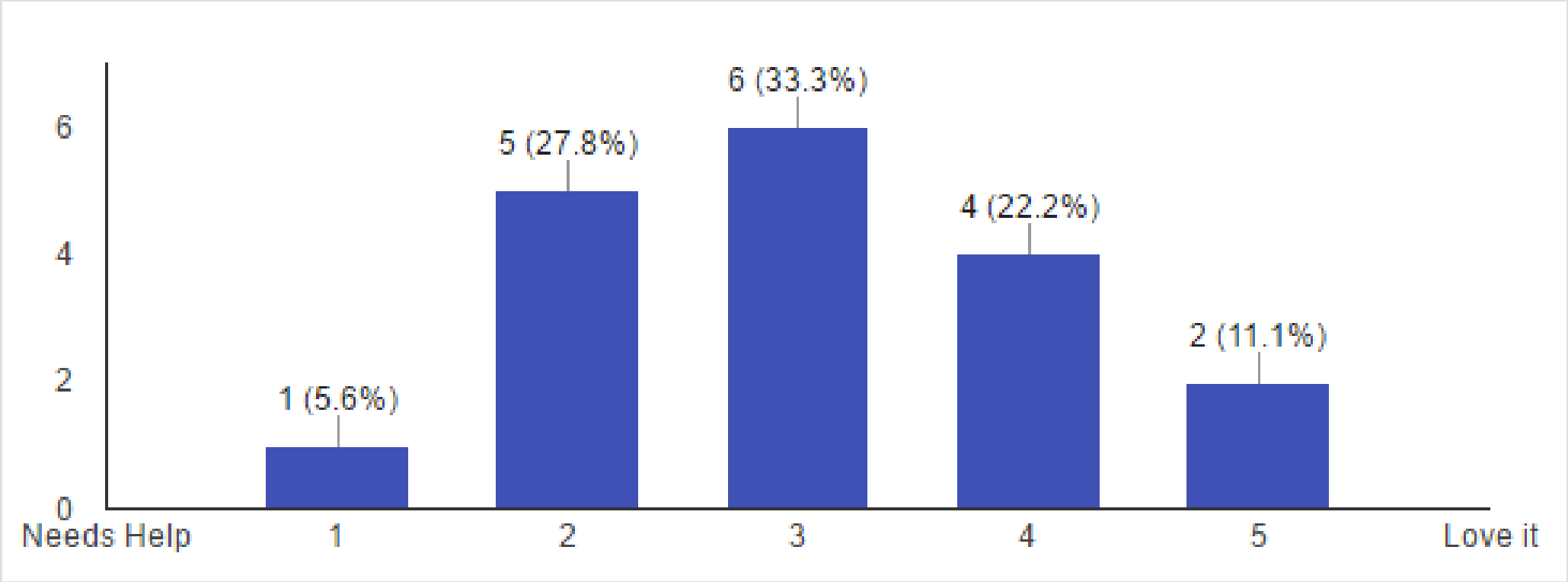
If you attended the 2016 state conference, how many students attended with you?



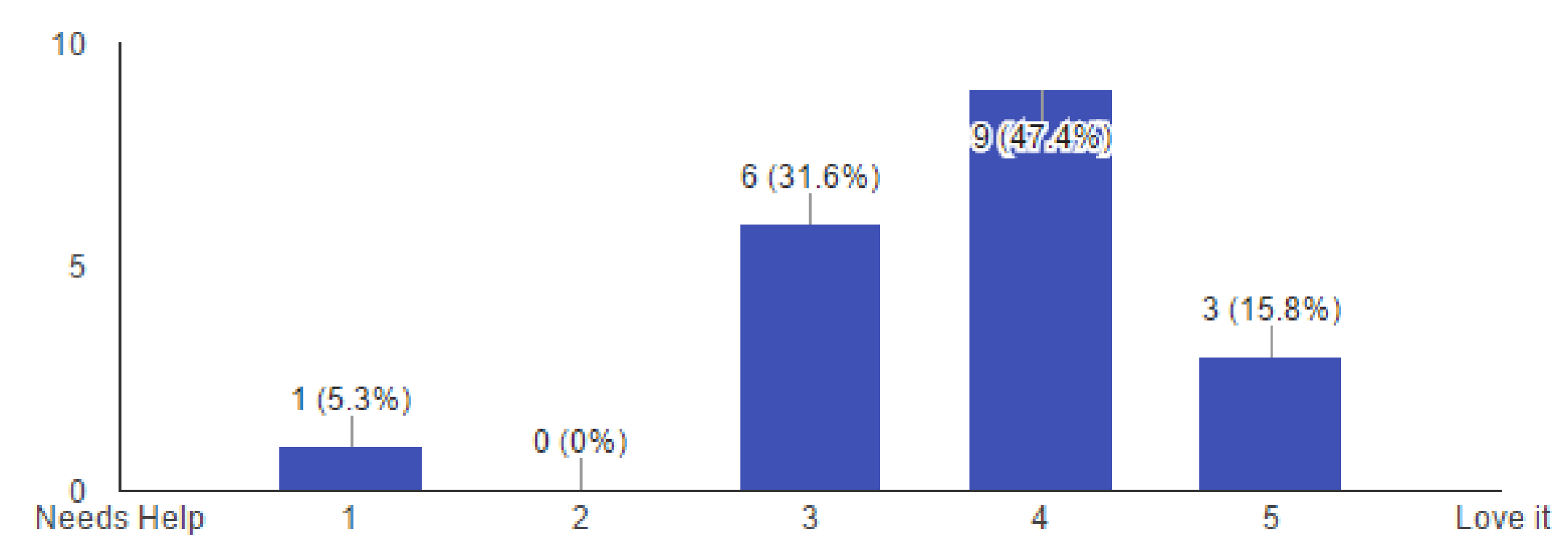
Quality of 2016 TSA state registration process



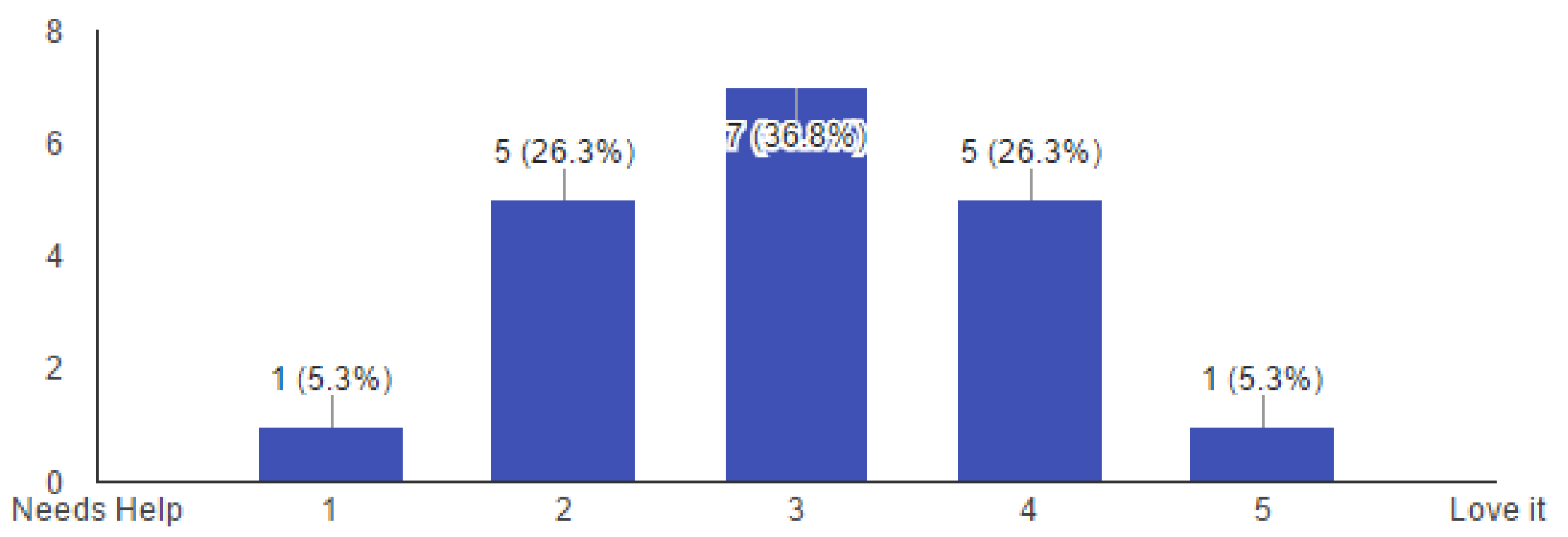
Quality of 2016 TSA state competition logistics



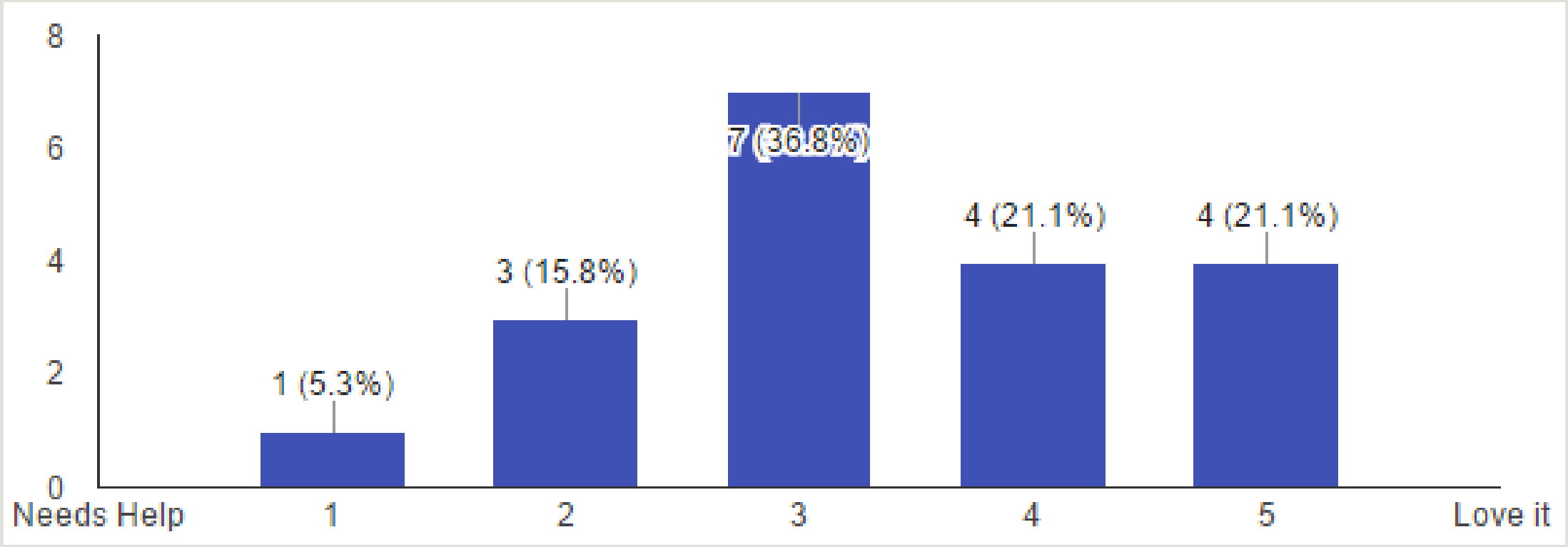
Quality of 2016 TSA state general sessions



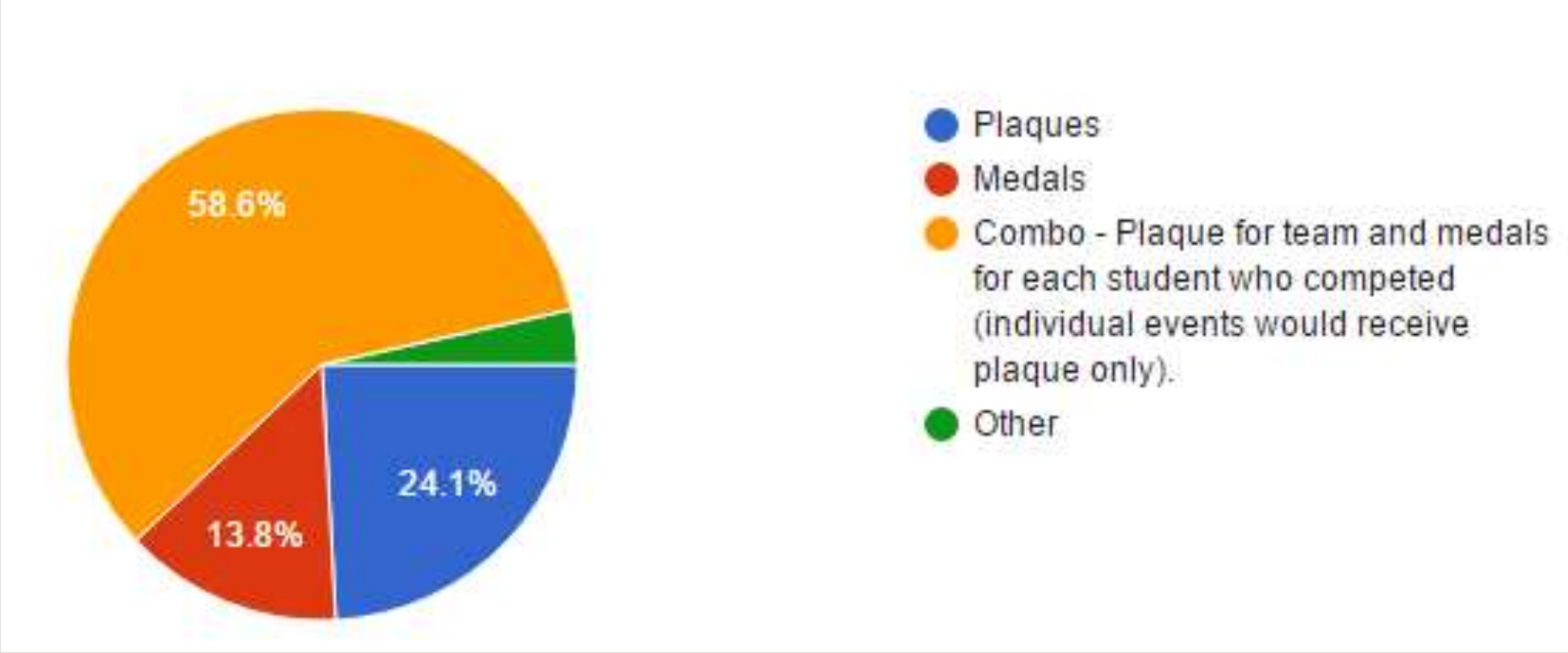
Quality of 2016 TSA state hotel/conference center



Quality of 2016 TSA state events to keep students busy (talent show, mixer, etc)

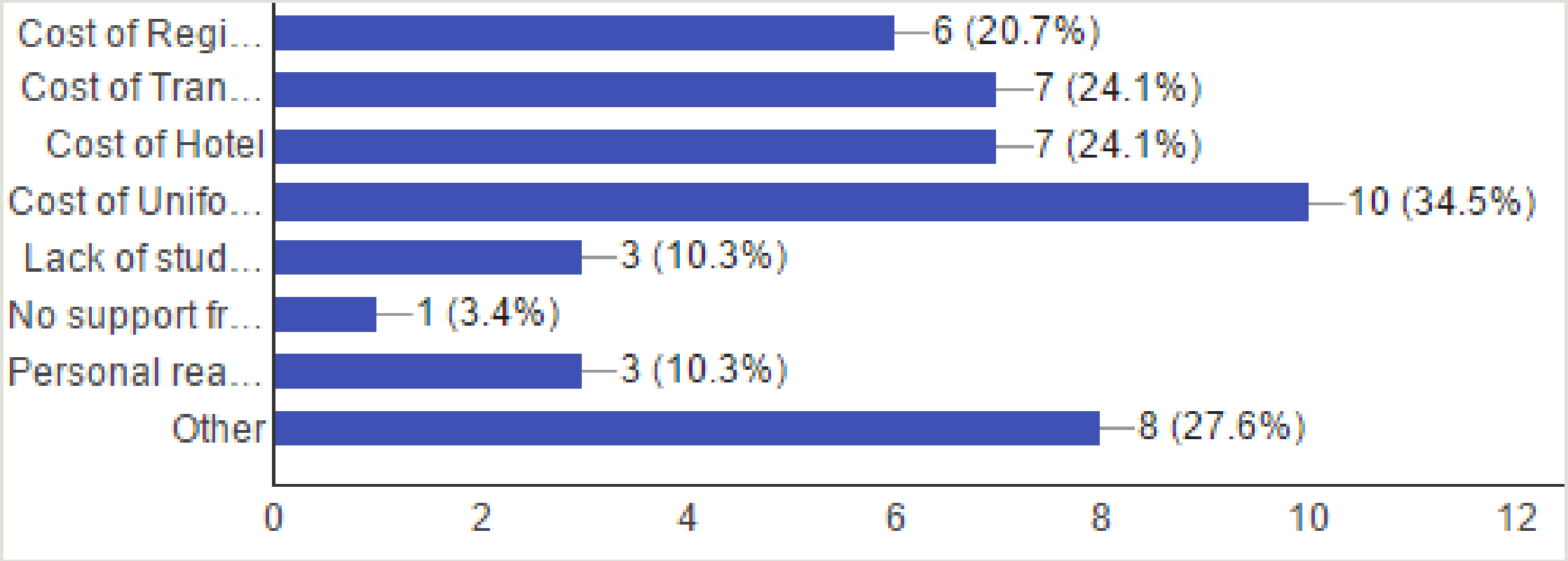


Quality of overall 2016 TSA state event



What type of award should we use to honor the top three in each competitive event?

If you have skipped TSA state competitions in the past please mark any of the reasons your chapter did not attend.



If you have attended ANY KY TSA State Conference, what are 3 areas that you would NOT change (please rank in order with your first response being the most important)?

The awards brunch is nice. Other than that I believe there is a lot of room for improvement.
Like it in Louisville, just maybe at a better hotel
co2 cars, structure design, location
Quantity of Events, Dress Code Requirements, Judges from Industry
1. Blue Shirts - we should be uniform with nationals and it keeps the "playing field" equal by all students looking the same. 2. We need to keep the opening session, delegates meeting and awards ceremony. 3. The awards ceremony and breakfast (my students love it)
-I like the state students running registration and logistics. It shows the other students leadership skills. It just needs to be more organized and streamlined. -Competitions seem to run smoothly, but scoring can sometimes seem cumbersome and slow. -Location - I like the smaller hotel setting, but it limits to food choices and other items. I would also like for people to look at maybe rotating between Louisville and Lexington. It is a good drive to Louisville from far Eastern KY, I know that some schools have not attended due to time and cost of travel.

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1.While the TSA conference has a lot of components (General Sessions, Competitive events, State officer voting, Mixers, Medals/Plaques, Logistics, T-shirts and Etc...I would be open to changing anything that makes TSA conference better for our students. However, i also understand that when you change one thing it does effect 3 other things. So we need to be discuss possible changes thoroughly to eliminate any future problems. Maybe talk to other state advisors to see what they are doing.
1. I wouldn't change the breakfast on the final day 2. I wouldn't Change the... well that may be the only thing
1. The awards ceremony and provided meal.....
Logistics, hotel and registration
Vex Competition, Location
The number of events, time of the year, having it in Louisville

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1. Location
The conferences that I've attended were great!
The Hotel The Logistics The overall way it is run
1) Opportunities for discount of registration if chaperones are judges. 2) Cost of registration is reasonable. 3) Each one registered, gets a shirt.
It has been some time since I had been to a conference.
Late April dates for conference are great. Awards brunch.
The Brunch at awards ceremony. The way awards were handed out. The bags of ready supplies handed out to the advisors at check in.

If you have attended ANY KY TSA State Conference, what are 3 areas that need improvement (please rank in order with your first response being the most important)?

We need to showcase the student project better. Simple things can be done like using a new background for the stage, I believe the same background has been used for at least 4 years.
Getting more schools involved, the numbers are low
- Allow students to wear blue shirt "look-a-likes" instead of having to purchase the $29 shirts. - Registration needs to be easier. When you go to the "conference" link, it simply shows the location for the conference. Can we add the link that will take us to the registration website? - There seems to be LOTS of confusion about who's coordinating events. Sometimes they don't show up....sometimes there aren't enough. Some advisers are coordinating too many events and others aren't coordinating any. - There needs to be an ELECTRONIC means of communicating with students/advisers regarding competition issues, finalists, etc. - There needs to be a minimum of competitions for students to compete in order to participate at state. Some students only competed in one and then walked around. - There needs to be additional activities throughout the day to engage students. Exploration of careers? Guest speakers? Robotics? Scavenger hunt with reward?

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More student leadership speakers
Conference Site needs more options for outside meals; Pre-Conference Information / Registration Limits need to be provided early in year; Check-In needs knowledgeable / efficient personnel to address questions and accept payment with receipt given.
Dance and Mixer need some improvement Need a better keynote speaker - we should find successful alumni to invite back State officers need more parliamentary training
Better logistics and setup for competitions. Shorter conference. More events for students while not competing.
-Cost - It is so expensive to come to state convention between travel, hotels and registration. -Advisor registration -We are paying $75 to bring our students to state to compete. If we judge a competition that is cut in half. I do not think that the advisors should have to pay at all. If there is a fee for shirts or something else, that is fine. But, the $75 is to much. -Time - It is hard for use (2 Teachers) to be out three days. We come down early and go back home the following evening. We do not stay for awards because that is another night of hotel rooms to pay for.

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1. Medals to Plaques or Trophies. I understand why we did it (Money) not for sure how to fix it. Charge more for Registration? 2. If there is somehow we could help Chapters with Transportation cost to state conference. I know that getting a bus to bring us to Louisville and come back and pick us up is around $700.00 - $800.00.Charter a bus to pick chapters up? 3. While the TSA conference has a lot of components (General Sessions, Competitive events, State officer voting, Mixers, Medals/Plaques, Logistics, T-shirts and Etc...I would be open to changing anything that makes TSA conference better for our students. However, i also understand that when you change one thing it does effect 3 other things. So we need to be discuss possible changes thoroughly to eliminate any future problems. Maybe talk to other state advisors to see what they are doing.
1> Quality and accuracy of judges 2> Activities for TSA members to do during down time. 3> Food choices for students and staff
Monday Tuesday Wed vs Thurs Friday, Saturday

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1. Judges training (at times we have had judges that don't understand the competition details and rules) 2. Beginning time of first day competition qualifying test and first day turn-in times could be changed. (Some TSA members don't arrive until 11:00am or later on the first day and a later time window would help some of those TSA members. A 12:00 or 12:30 starting time would be better). 3. Competition updates and notifications during the 3 days of state competition could be shared by some type of digital media (KY TSA web page?....).
#1 Host the conference in other parts of the state not just Louisville. Few Louisville schools actually attend. #2 I think expanding events to reflect some classroom activities in Engineering & Tech classroom, The event should reflect more partner ships with products and activities commonly used in Kentucky classrooms.
Cost, Length of Conference, Quality of competitions
Required clothing, Change Hotel, Food that is offered is to expensive
We did attend 2 in y 6 years at KSD, they were really disorganized especially for a new advisor.

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1. Registration (Free or discounted for people (teacher, parents) working events). 2. Communications. Emails on updates, Update web pages, and Planning events 3. Competitions Detailed and clear specifications for structures, cars and others.
More chapters participating
general sessions location time of year
1) Need more judges with knowledge of what they are evaluating. 2) Time of year for state: needs to be in March or final day end on a Saturday, our school is unwilling to allow us to stay 2 nights/3 days out of school right before KPREP. 3) Flexibility from judges when competitors must be at multiple events that overlap. Most judges are considerate, but some are not.

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Not a big fan of the official blue shirt requirement for state.
Some of the General Sessions would put people to sleep &students would attempt to skip out of them because of lack of interest in the sessions.
The medals had misspelling on them
Cost of attending/competing. More advisors involved in planning and coordinating events. Better communication prior to conference.

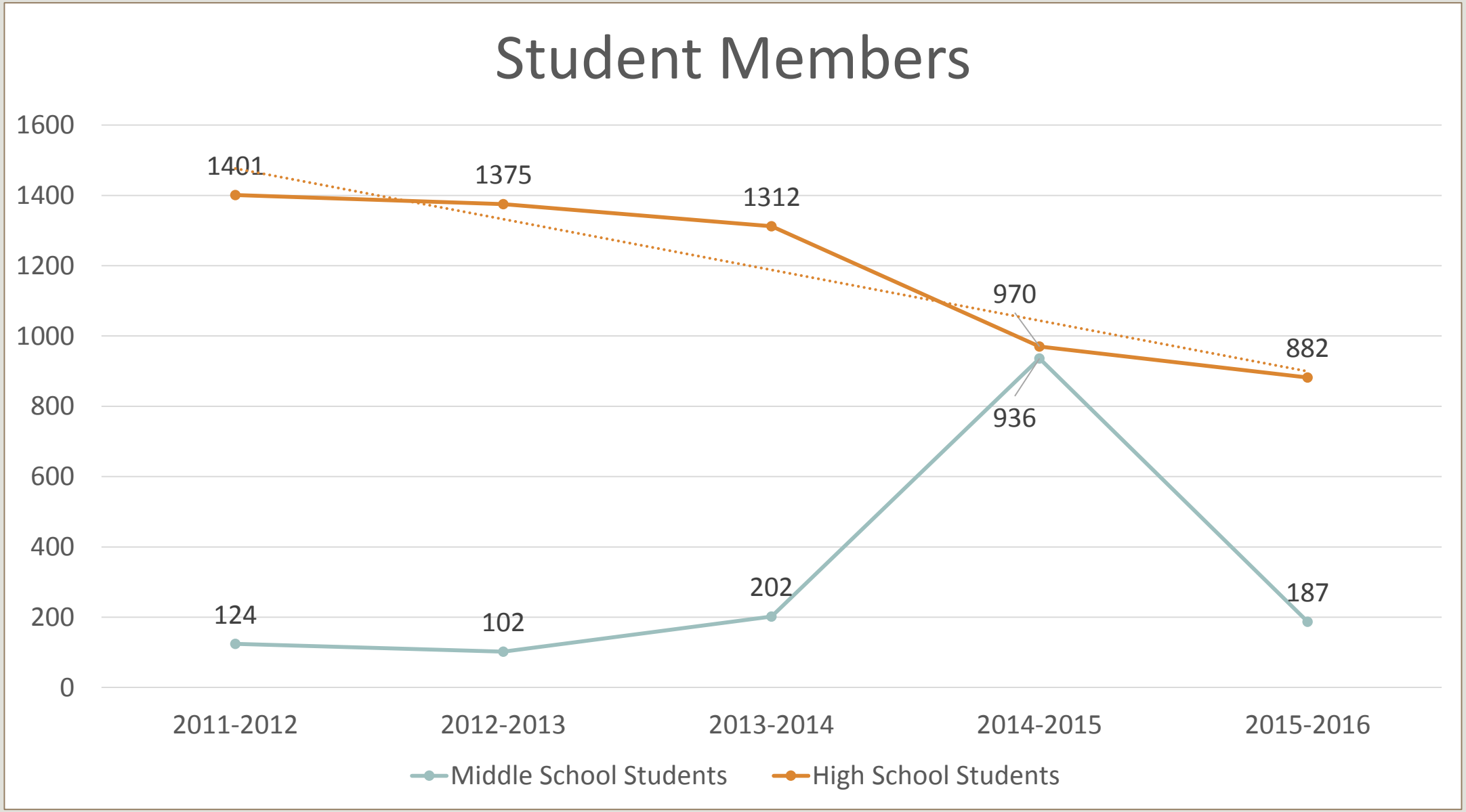
Additional Comments

Kentucky TSA has really settled in a rut. This is a good time to make improvements.
The Crowne Plaza is in a terrible location as far as student groups are concerned. There is very limited fast food options within safe walking distances; Awards ceremony needs more organization and less introductions (perhaps team members shown on screen as school is called as winner); Ensure sufficient judges are available at each event; maintain a rules review committee to decide on issues that arise.
We should keep in mind that the goal of KYTSA is to prepare students to compete in the national competition and that we are to teach professionalism.
I look forward to an awesome event this year.
I have had mostly good experiences attending the TSA state events during my time with Raceland TSA and I think my students would agree with that. As with any organization, there is always room for improvement.....

Additional Comments Continued

I have an idea for a competition which I think Kentucky state TSA would be good place to piloting it. The competition would be based on decision making. The event competitors would be teams who are judge on how they arrive at a decision in some kind of a project they have done during the current school year. I suspect most of the teams would be robotics teams such as VEX, FIRST, BEST etc. When teams are given a challenge they have to define what their objective is and the arrive at what they are going to do. it sounds crazy but is is very important that students understand how and why then arrive at he solution they have designed. the name of the event might de "Design Iteration and Decision Making" Share your thoughts. Jeff Slaton
I love TSA and my level of involvement does not reflect negatively on the TSA program.
Maybe we could meet during the Summer CTE conference to plan and organize the TSA calendar year.
I have been a TSA advisor for all 24 years of my teaching career. The overall appeal of TSA has been in decline for several years. It appeared the fax was running the hen house! I appreciate you taking over TSA and trying to make it a student organization that we can be proud of.
I would like additional information so that I could get a chapter going.

KYTSA 5 Year Data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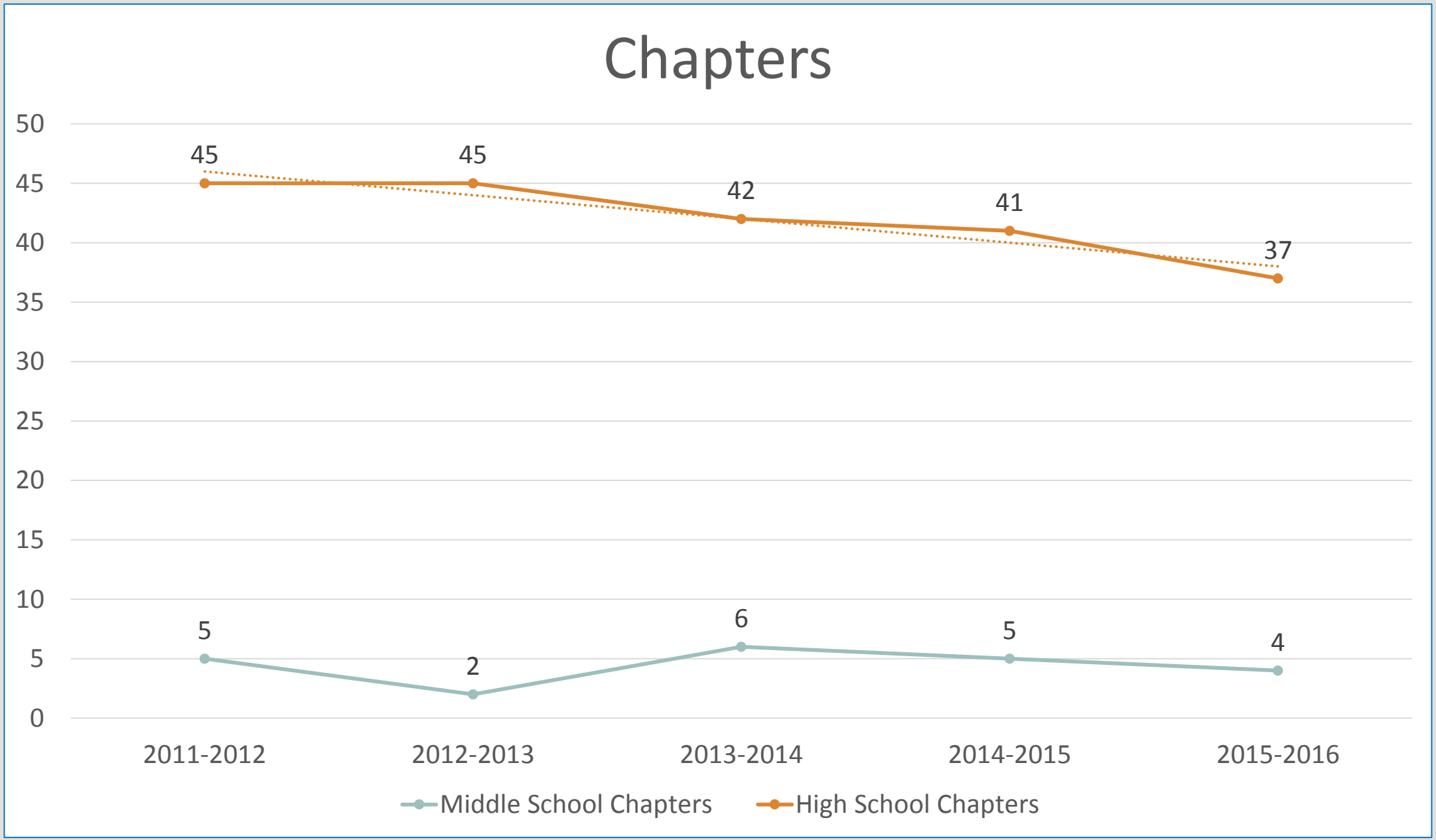
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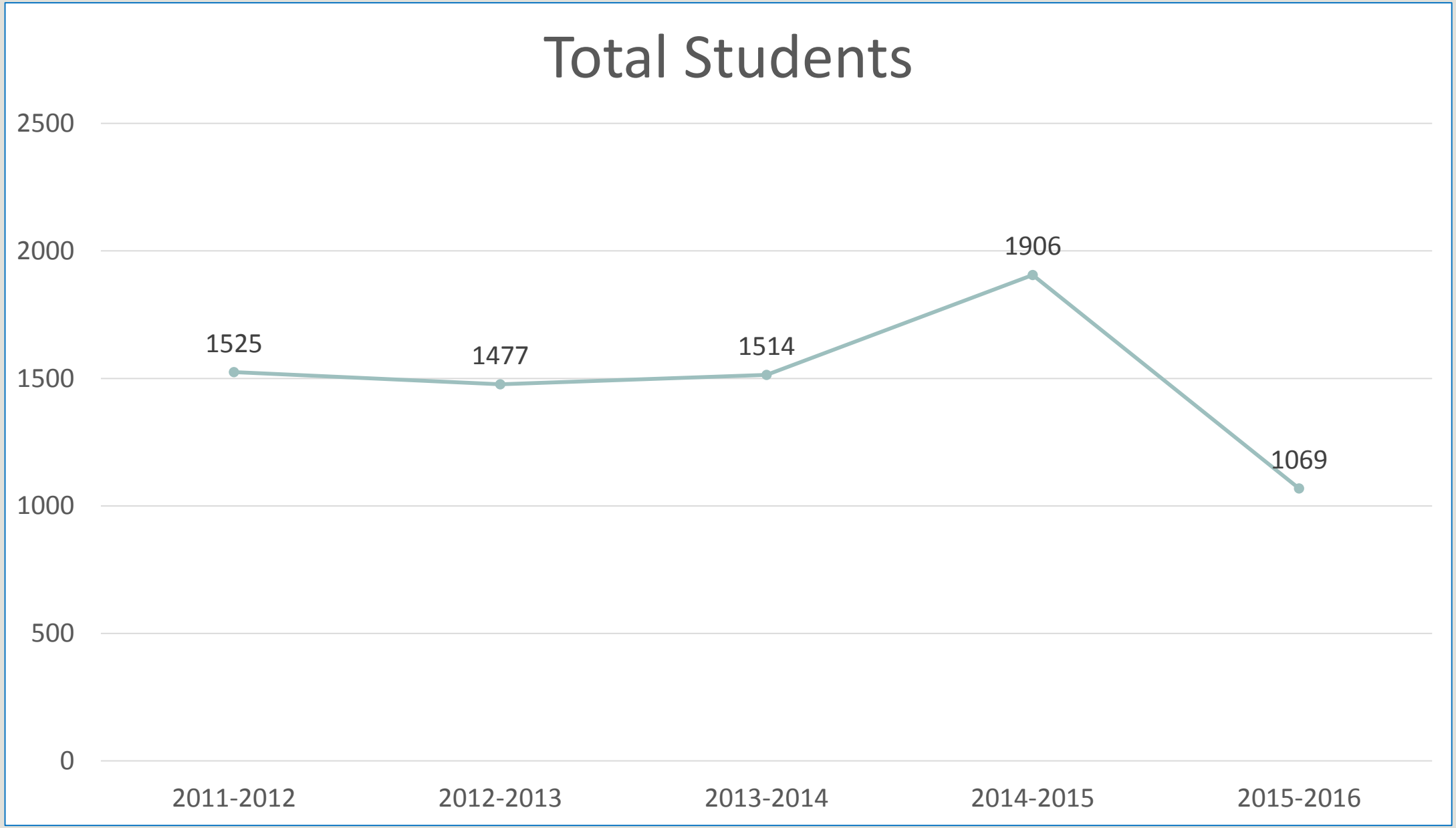
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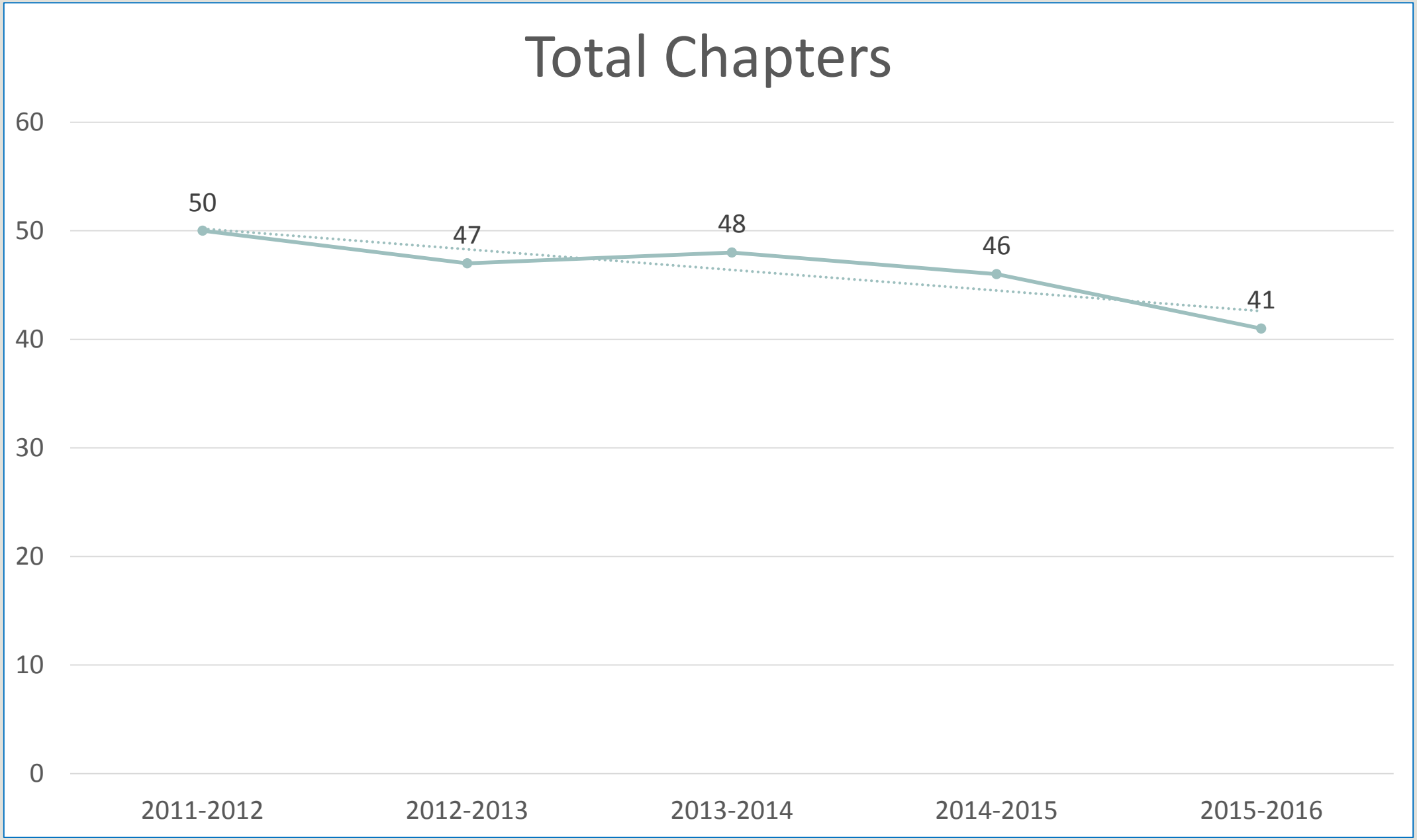
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MEMBERSHIP

YTD 15-16 Versus 16-17

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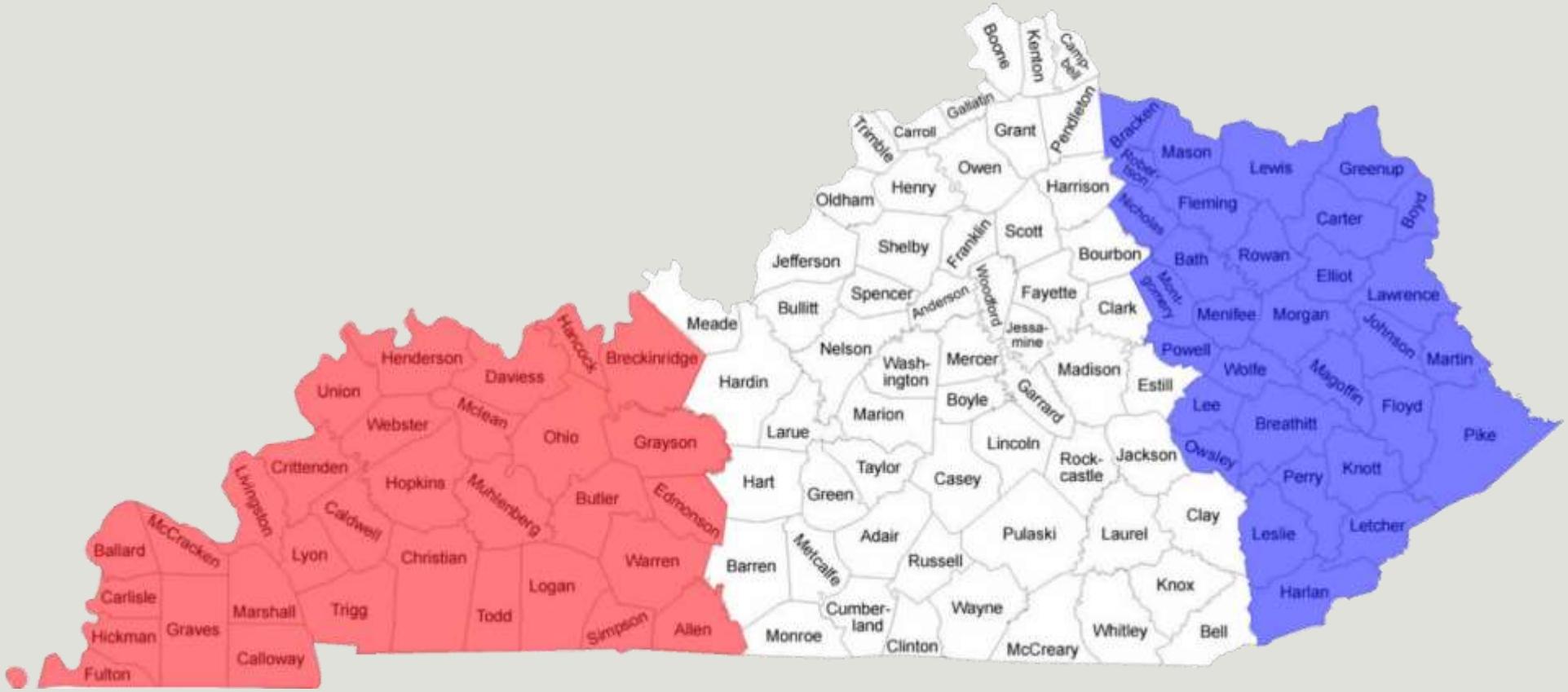
Chapters	9	16
Members	226	490

KYTSA Regions



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