



**Kubernetes  
Community Days**  
Washington, DC



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KCD WASHINGTON DC 2023

# TRANSPARENCY REPORT

# SUMMARY

## KCD Washington DC rolls for a third year

We celebrated a third consecutive KCD with great success. For the second year in a row, we partnered with end-user member American Red Cross in assembling 120 attendees, 15 fabulous speakers and 14 amazing talks in the historic setting of the American Red Cross national headquarters. As an additional bonus through the generosity of our attendees and sponsors, we collected over \$1,000 in donations to support American Red Cross disaster relief programs.

Additionally, this was the first year co-locating our event with DevOpsDays DC, which post-event survey indicates was a huge success.





## Defending the Cloud Capital: Unveiling K8s Security Risks and Remediation

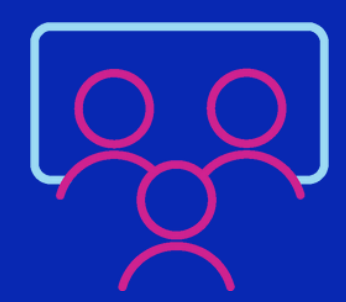
**Cailyn Edwards**  
**Shopify**  
Senior Infrastructure Security Engineer

## SPEAKERS & SESSIONS

Renowned speakers from all around the world delved into cutting-edge advancements in cloud-native digital infrastructures and the widespread adoption of Kubernetes, drawing in over 120 eager attendees.



**15**  
Speakers



**13**  
Breakout Sessions

CNCF  
Ambassadors

**5**

Female  
Speakers

**6**

Male  
Speakers

**9**

## MOST POPULAR SESSIONS

### **Kubernetes Applied to Infrastructure (and K8s is infra)**

Cornelia Davis

Technology Fellow - Spectro  
Cloud

KEYNOTE

### **Scaling production grade Kubernetes Multi-Cluster environments using GitOps**

Carlos Santana

Sr. Kubernetes Solutions  
Architect -AWS

Rodrigo Bersa

Senior Solutions Architect -  
AWS

### **WebAssembly: From Cloud & K8s to Edge**

Liam Randall

Founder, CEO - Cosmonic

# SPEAKERS



**Cornelia Davis**  
SpectroCloud

**KEYNOTE**



**Aakansha Priya**  
WeMakeDevs



**Annie Talvasto**  
VSHN



**Cailyn Edwards**  
Shopify



**Carlos Santana & Rodrigo Bersa**  
AWS



**Chad Crowell**  
Raft

# SPEAKERS



**Henry Hernandez**  
ARMO



**Jessica Kerr**  
Homeycomb



**John Osborne**  
Chainguard



**Liam Randall**  
Cosmonic



**Phil Estes**  
AWS



**Guy Menahem**  
Komodor



**Amos Jones & Story Tweedie-Yates**  
KSOC

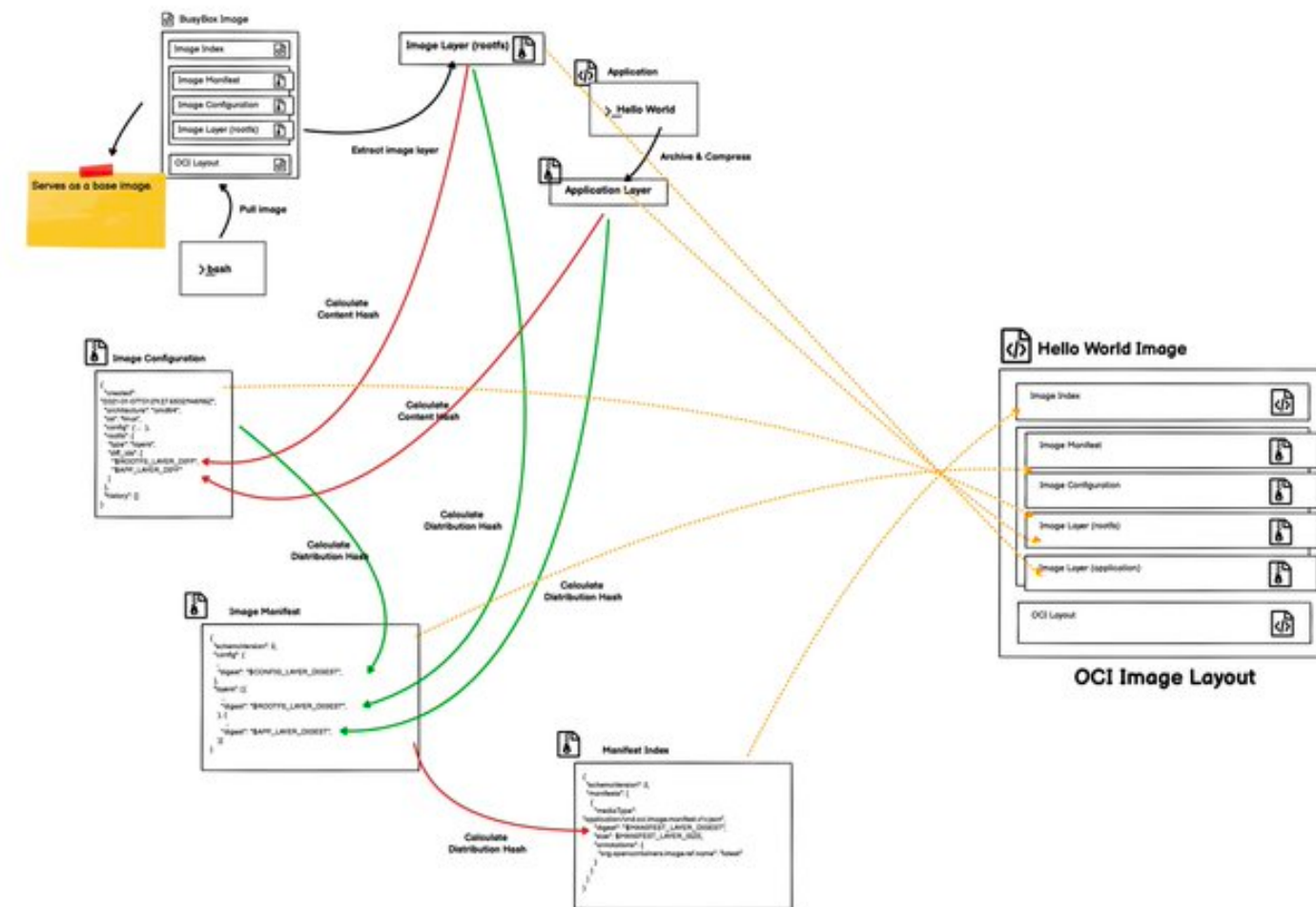


# KCD Washington DC ON TWITTER



Inspired by [@estesp](#)'s talk on CRI & container runtimes at [#KCDDC2023](#), I wrote an article for those who are afraid of the specification of container images. Check it out and let me know what you think:

**Irfan Naeem**  
**@ifi\_naeem**



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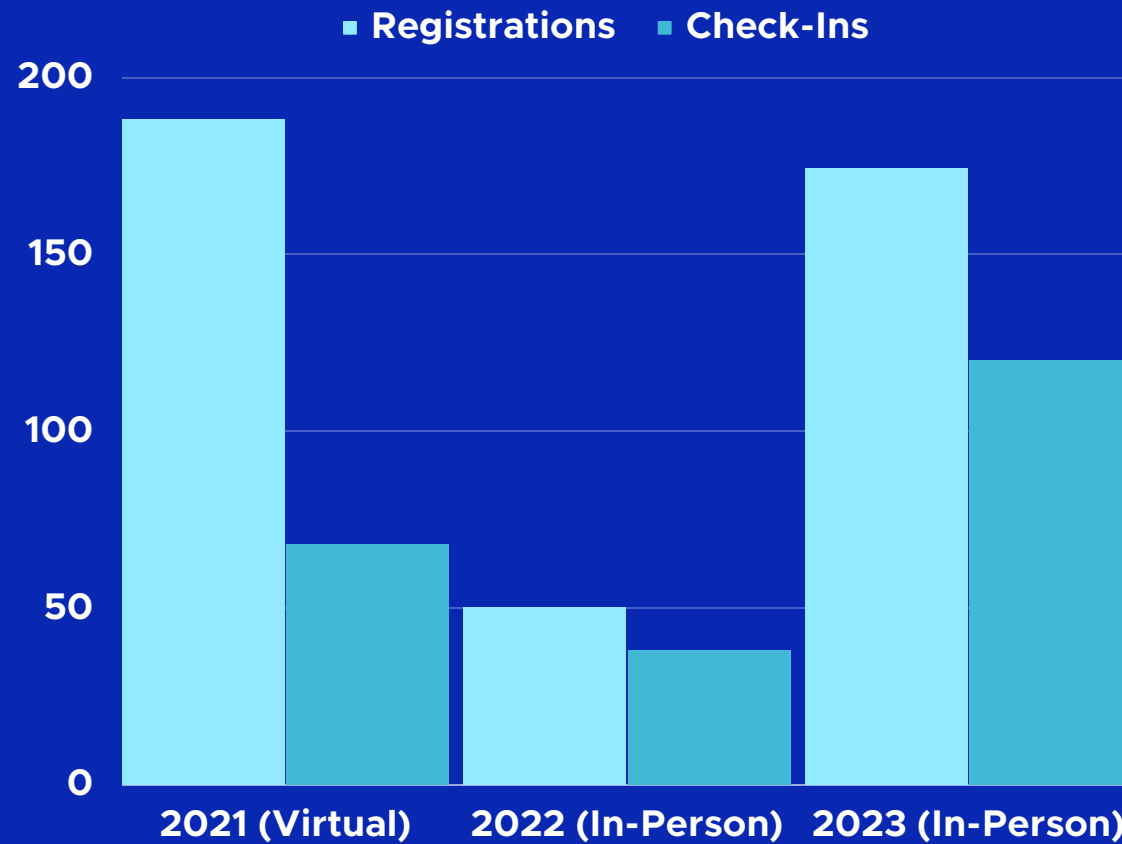
## KEY STATS

We enjoyed nearly 2x attendee growth above our virtual event in 2021 under COVID-19 lockdown protocols. We're also proud of growing 3x beyond last year's in-person event.

### ATTENDEES

**3x**

MORE THAN  
LAST YEAR



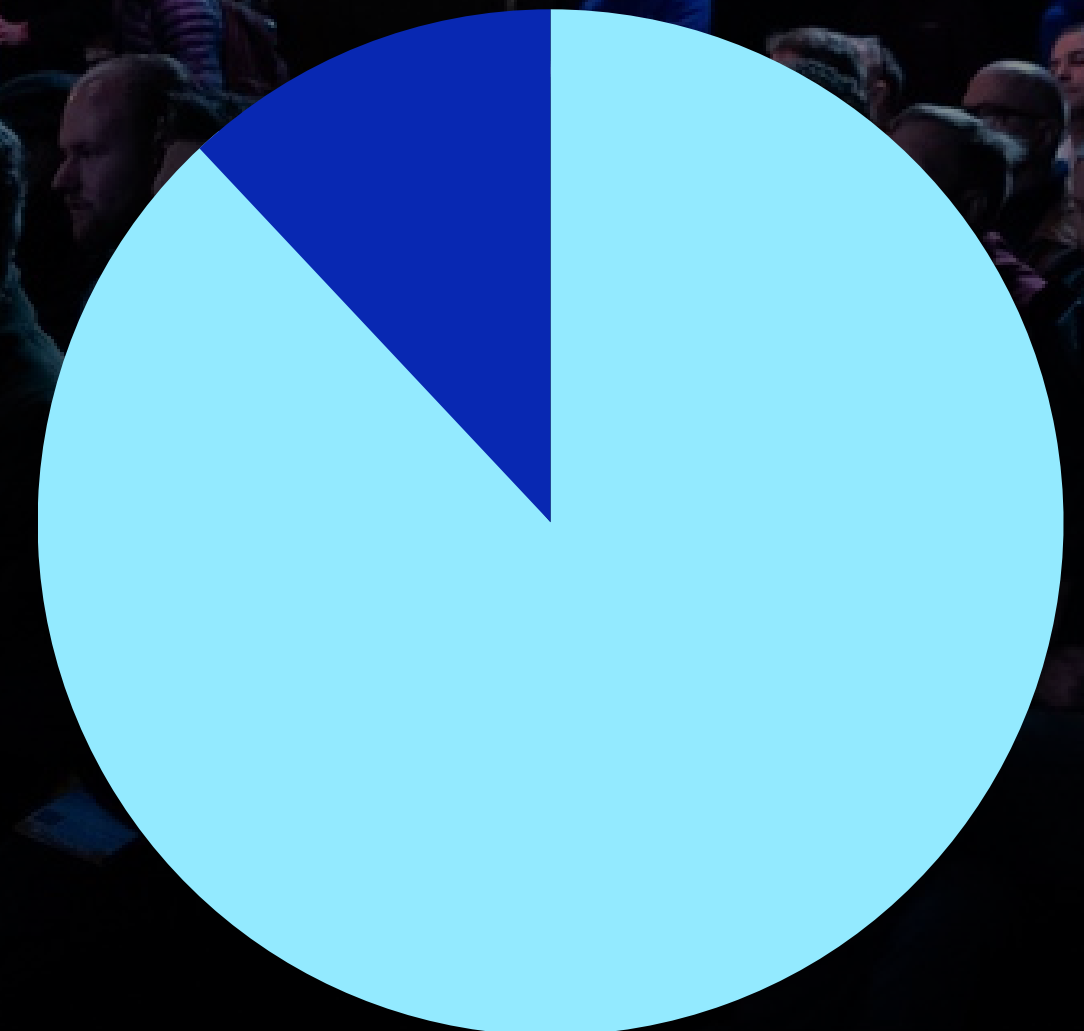
**4x** SPONSORSHIPS

**1.5x** SPEAKERS

An impressive 88% of our attendees were first-time participants, adding to the excitement and fresh perspectives brought to our discussions.

### Returning Attendee

12%

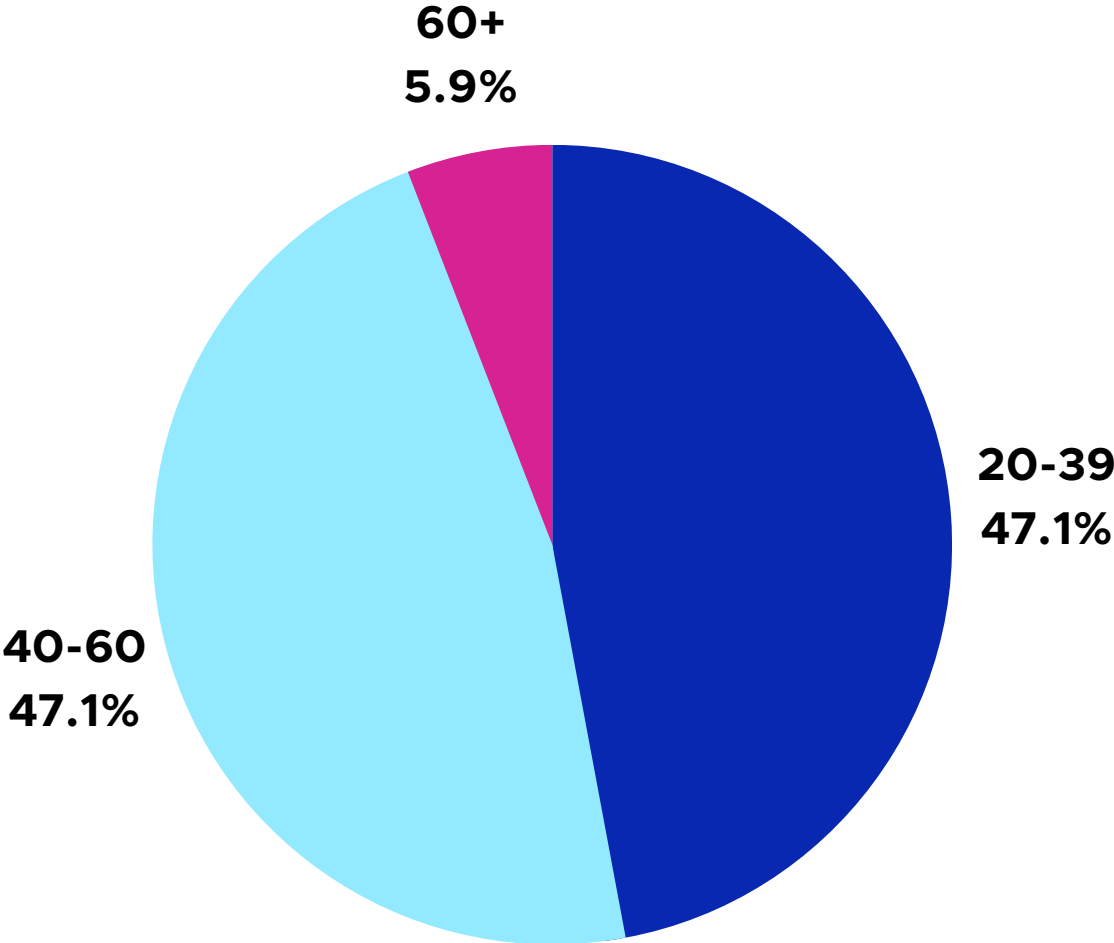


First-Time Attendee

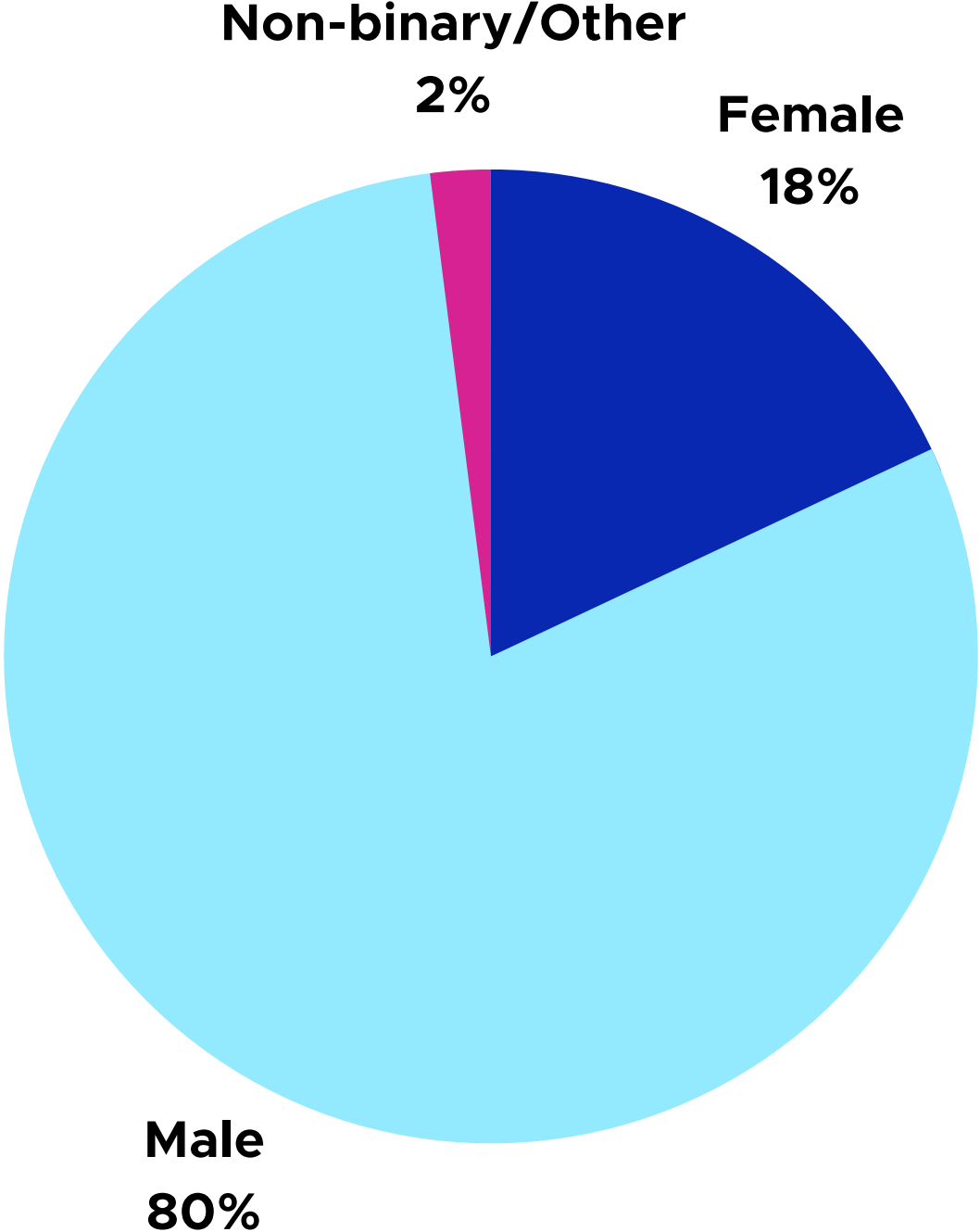
88%

# ATTENDEE DIVERSITY

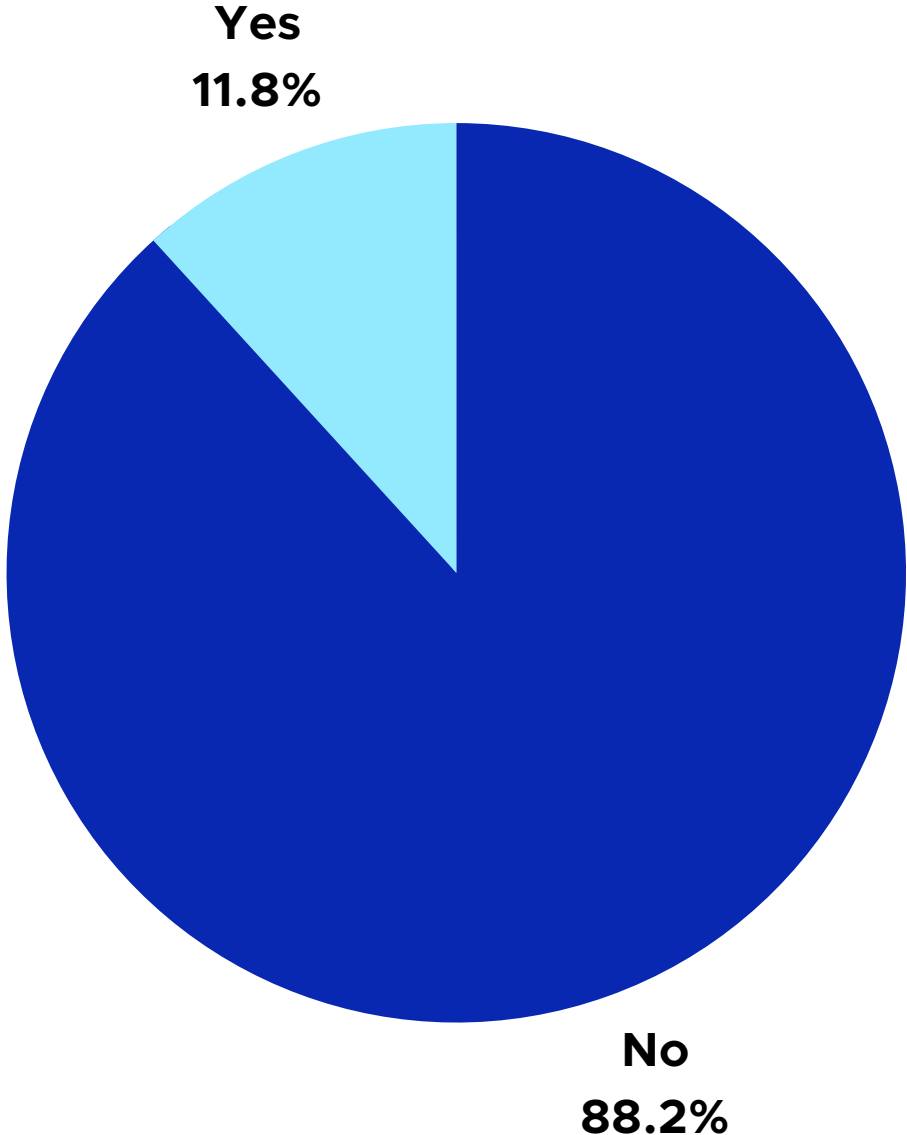
## AGE RANGES



## GENDER IDENTITY

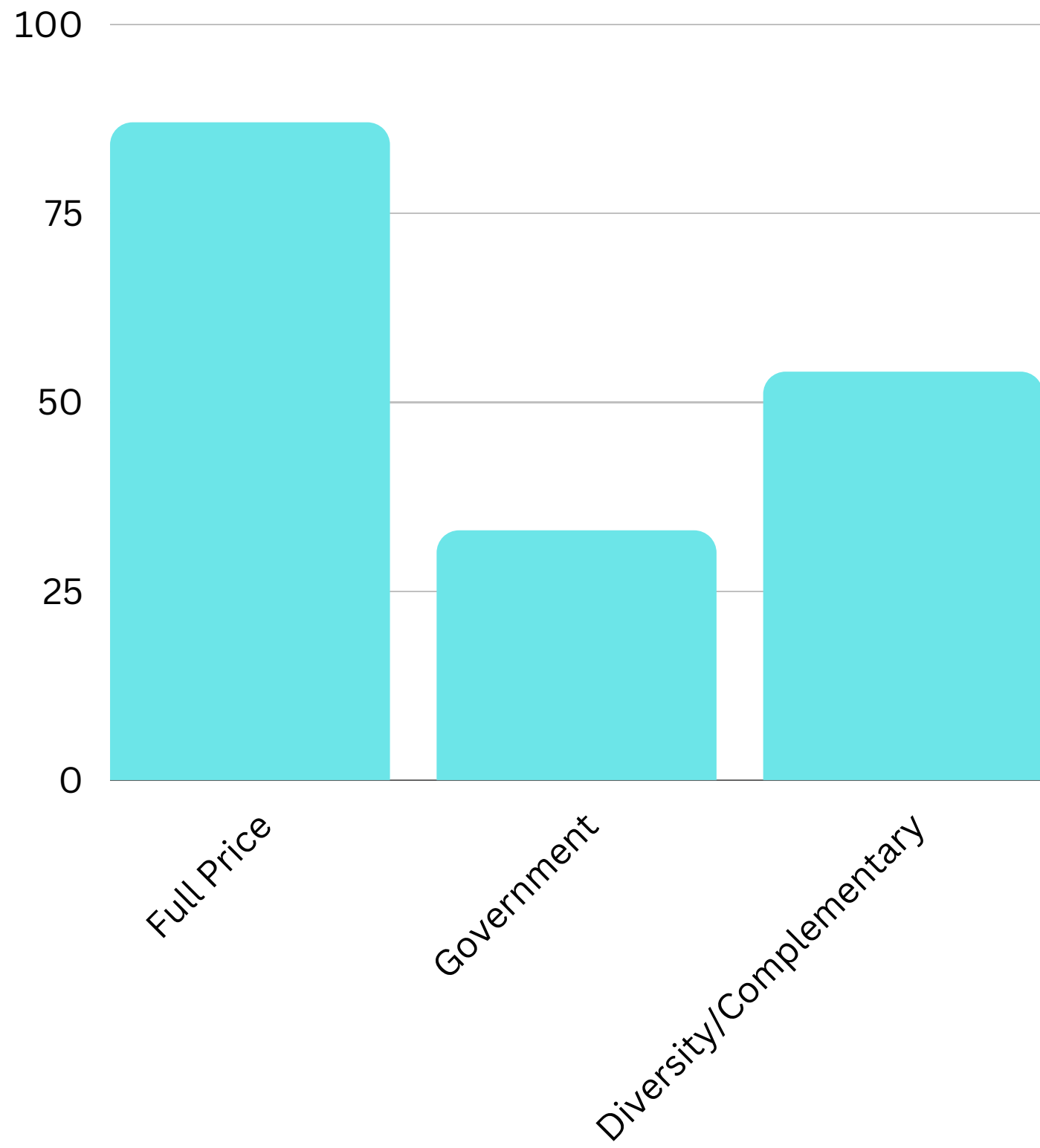


## PERSON OF COLOR

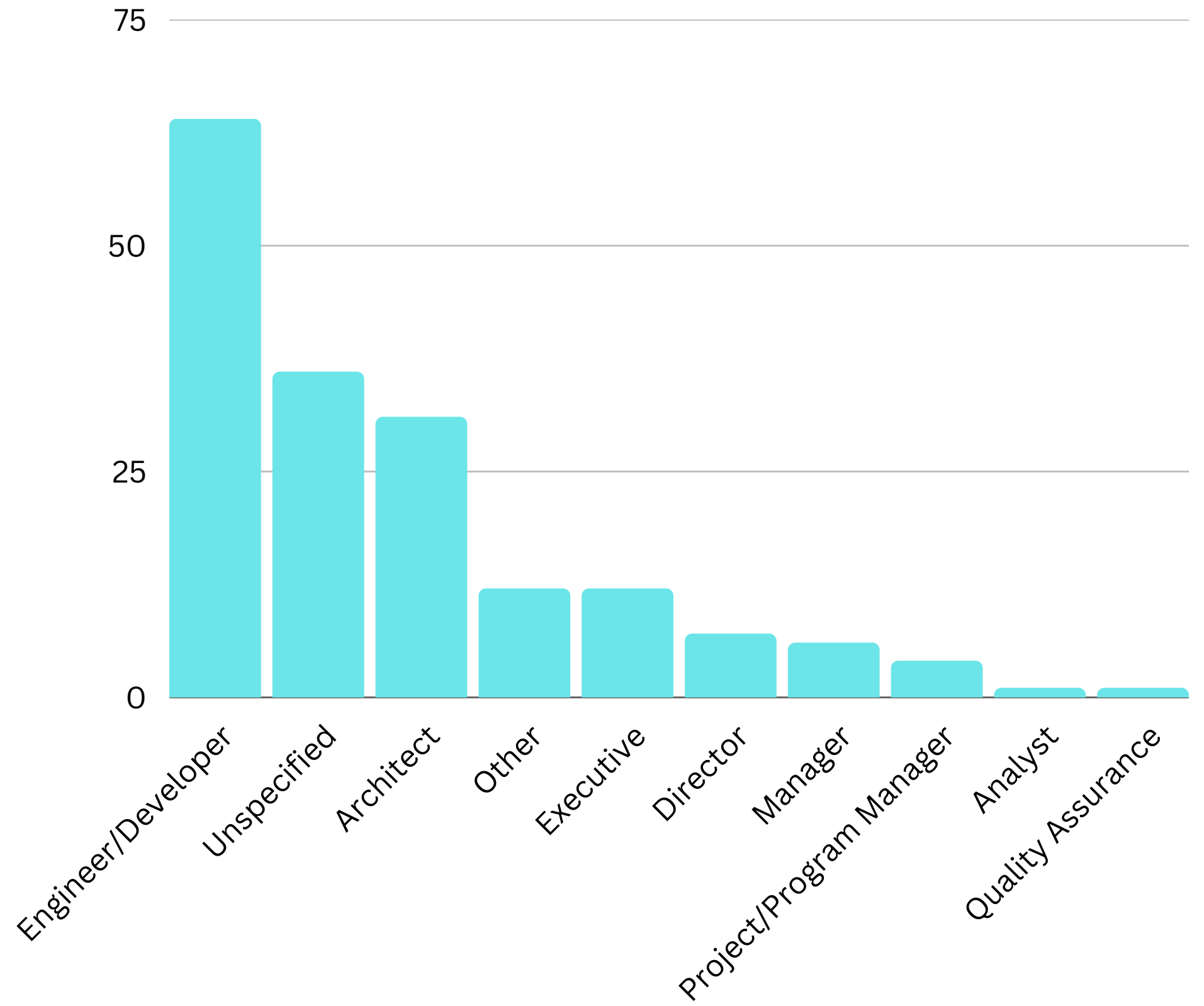


# ATTENDEE DIVERSITY

## BY TICKET TYPE



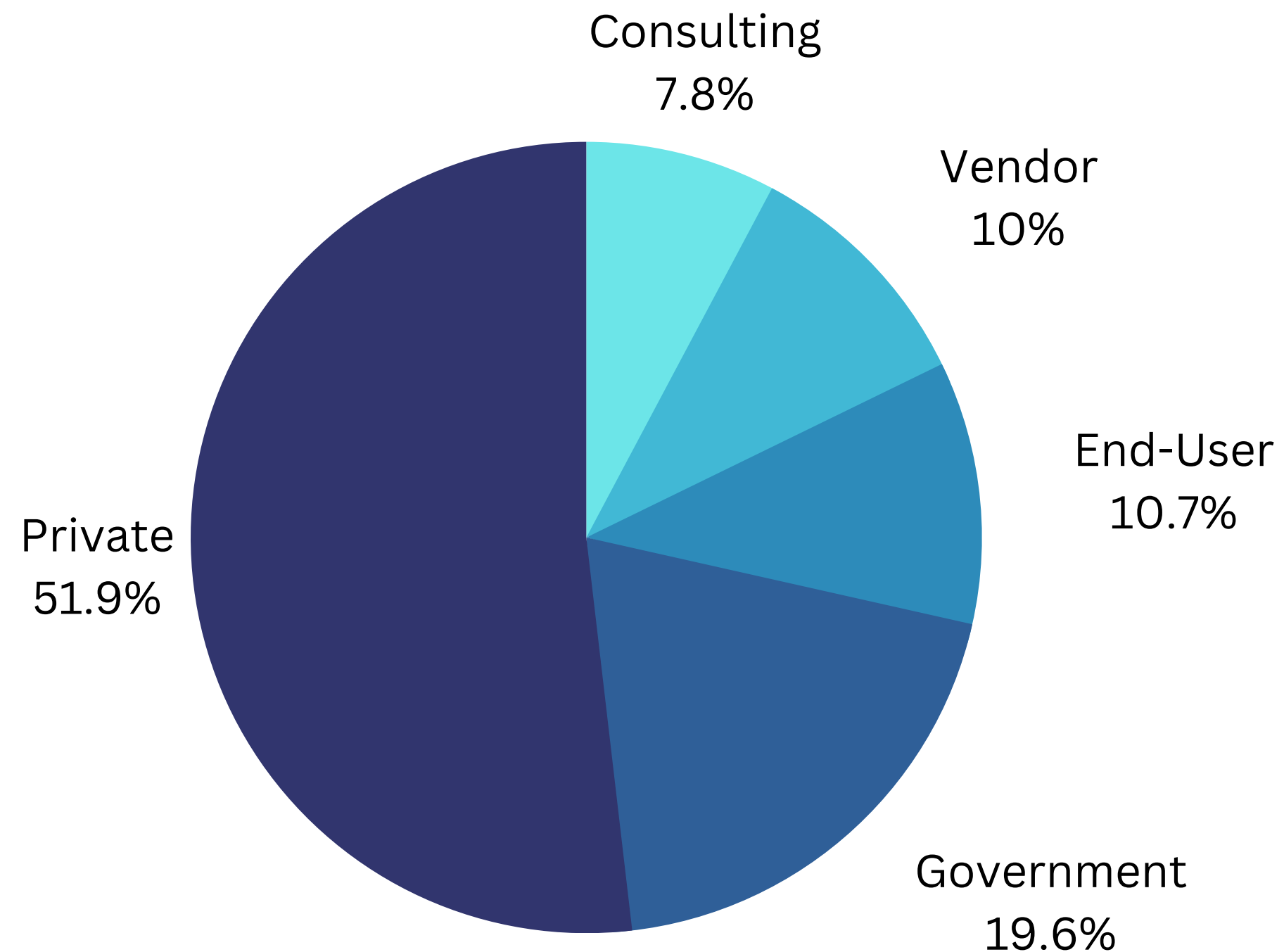
## BY ROLE



## ORGANIZATIONS

The unique location in our Nation's Capital lends itself to healthy participation from government agencies.

We're also proud of the wide range of private organizations that joined us for a full day of diverse perspectives.





## POST-EVENT SURVEY

OVERALL SATISFACTION 4.3



The content offered by speakers was engaging and valuable?

4.3



The venue was convenient and appropriate?

4.4



I got what I wanted out of the event.

4.4



## WHAT ATTENDEES SAID

“ Super relevant talks from the trench.

“ Everyone was very approachable and it was easy to strike up an insightful conversation with anyone around.

“ I loved that so many women presented at this conference.



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**We connected with a lot of smart and talented industry professionals, and made lasting connections. It was great to see the D.C. tech community is still thriving! Looking forward to next year!**  
**- Raft (Platinum Sponsor)**

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### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR?

By becoming a sponsor, you will have the opportunity to connect with a diverse audience of industry professionals, showcase your brand, and contribute to the growth and success of our community.

**Contact us for more information on sponsorship packages and how to be a part of our exciting journey!**

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