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LASA Membership Report 2005

Individual memberships

Total memberships for 2005	4590 (10 percent decrease from previous year*)
New members	677 (15 percent of the membership)
Renewed from 2004	3424 (67 percent renewal rate; 75 percent of the membership)
Renewed lapsed members	489 (10 percent of the membership)
Member type**	
Regular members	2614
Student members	925 (20 percent of the membership)
Life Members***	63 (8 honorary; 55 paid; 5 new for 2005)
Joint Memberships	284
Member residency	
U.S. residents	3490 (76 percent of the membership)
Latin American residents	640 (14 percent of the membership)
Other Non-U.S. residents	460 (10 percent of the membership)
Major disciplines represented	
Literature	794
Political Science	717
History	714
Anthropology	444
Sociology	334
Latin American Studies	225
Economics	176
Three-year memberships initiated in 2005	320
Institutional Memberships	
Total memberships for 2005	95 (15 percent decrease from previous year)
New members	8
Renewed from 2004	75 (67 percent renewal rate)
Renewed lapsed members	12
Institution location	
United States	77
Latin America	9
Other	9

^{*}Non-Congress years generally experience a decrease in membership.

^{**}Member type will not tally to total memberships, since member type may also reflect residence.

^{***}The AVINA Foundation has provided \$10,000 for Life Memberships for Kalman Silvert Award recipients