LASA Membership Report 2014

In 2014 the Association set a new membership record of 9,690 individual members. The charts that follow show the growth in membership in the last few years along with a breakdown by member type, new versus renewed/lapsed members, residency, and discipline. The last chart shows institutional membership.

Individual Membership

As figure 1 shows, individual membership has grown in recent years.

Student representation is at its highest in the past 15 years (figure 2), and it has more than doubled since 2006.

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Figure 1. Individual members

Institutional Membership

As Figure 6 shows, LASA institutional membership continues to decline. There were 319 institutional members in 2014. Of institution members, 68 percent were located in the United State, 8 percent in Latin America, and 24 percent in other countries. Most institutional members were renewals, with only 10 percent being new members and 2 percent renewing after a lapse in membership.

Figure 2. 2014 member composition

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Figure 3. 2014 individual members

- Renewed from last year: 47%
- Renewed lapsed members: 19%
- New members: 34%

Figure 4. 2014 member residency

- U.S. residents: 49%
- Other: 12%

Figure 5. 2014 members by discipline

- Other: 40%
- Latin American studies: 7%
- Anthropology: 8%
- Sociology: 9%
- History: 12%
- Literature: 13%
- Political science: 11%

Figure 6. Institutional members

- 2007: 100
- 2008: 600
- 2009: 500
- 2010: 400
- 2011: 300
- 2012: 200
- 2013: 100
- 2014: 0