

Membership Survey 2026

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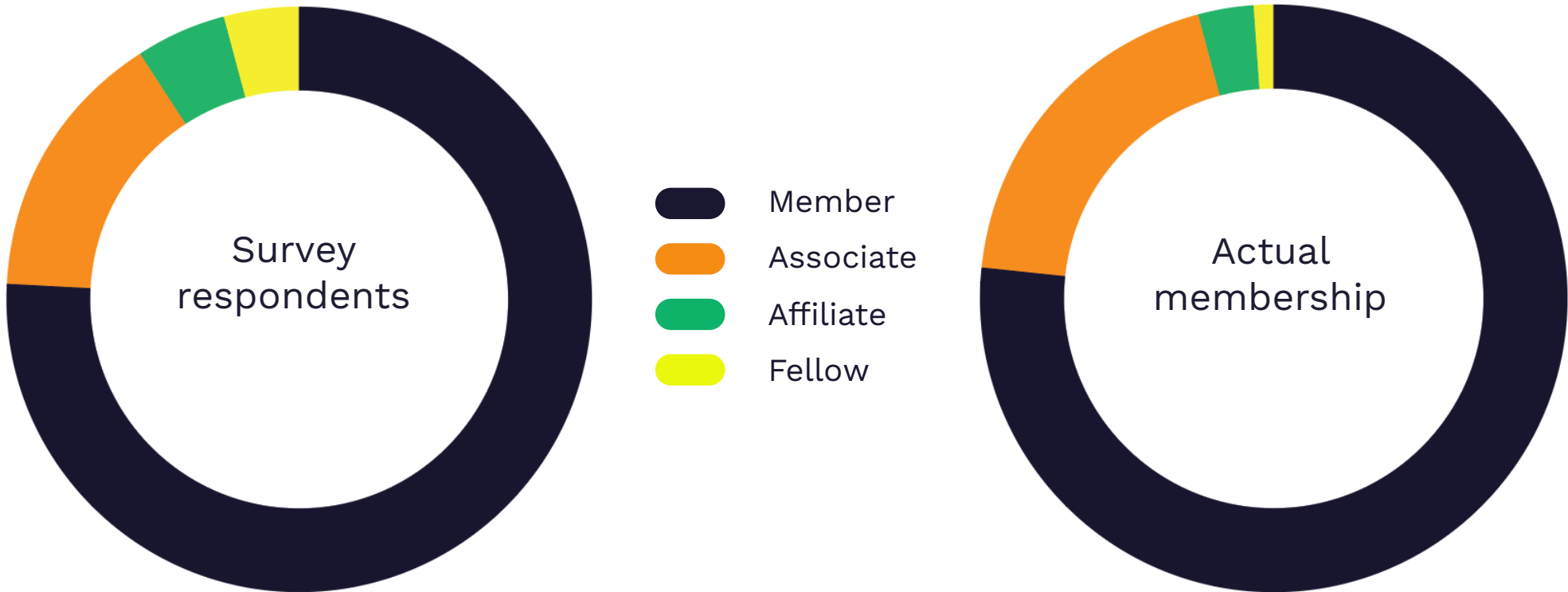
Who responded?



Membership

Every couple of years, we survey our members to identify trends in how different services are valued, to measure membership satisfaction, and to ensure our future work aligns with members' needs.

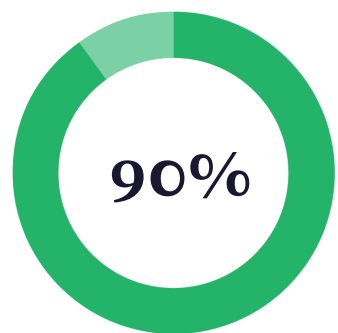
The balance of the 227 respondents across each membership category was very similar to the overall IES membership, with a slight overrepresentation of Affiliate and Fellow members, and a slight underrepresentation of Associate members.



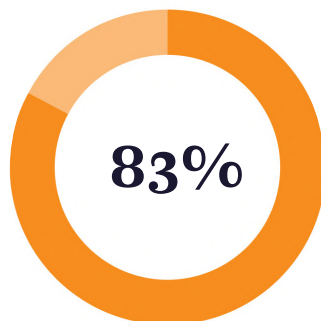
Membership services



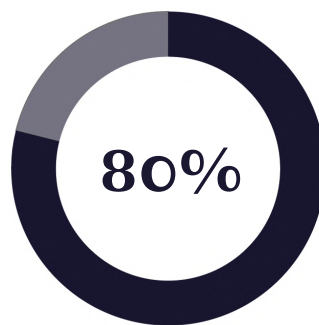
Services rated 'very important' or 'important'



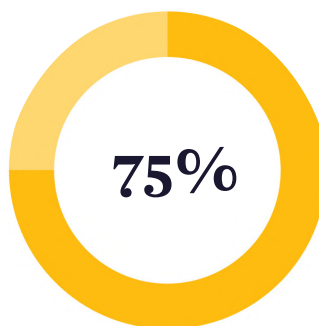
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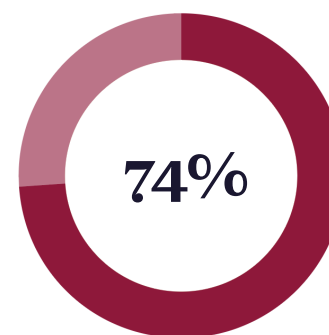
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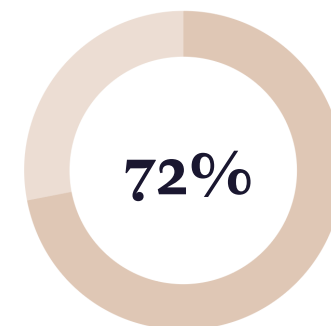
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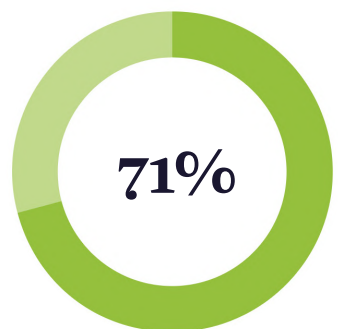
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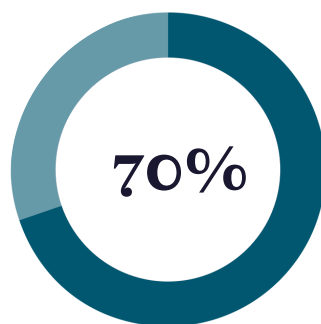
Policy bulletin



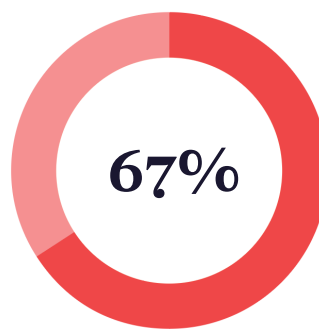
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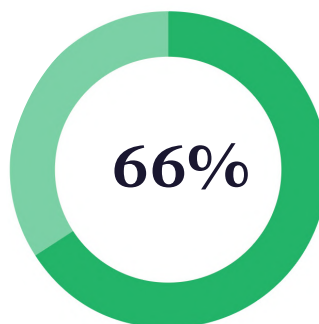
Post-nominal letters



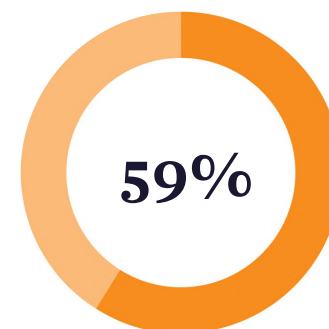
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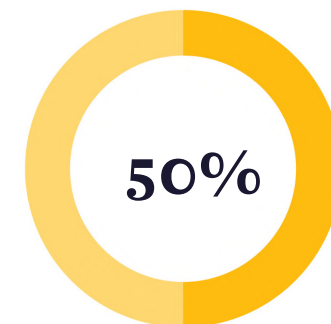
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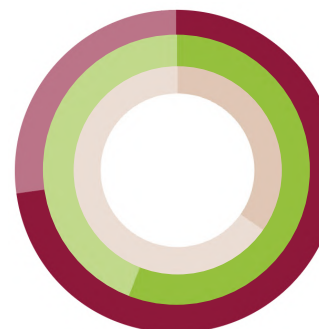
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In-person events



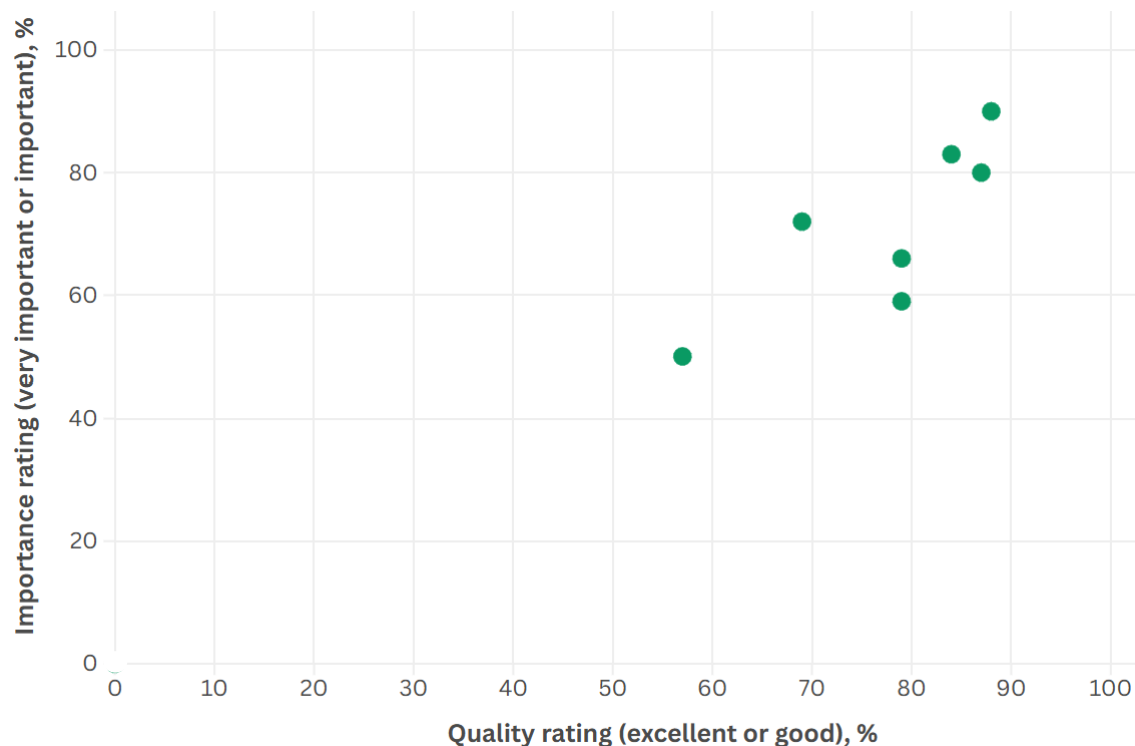
Career services



Registers

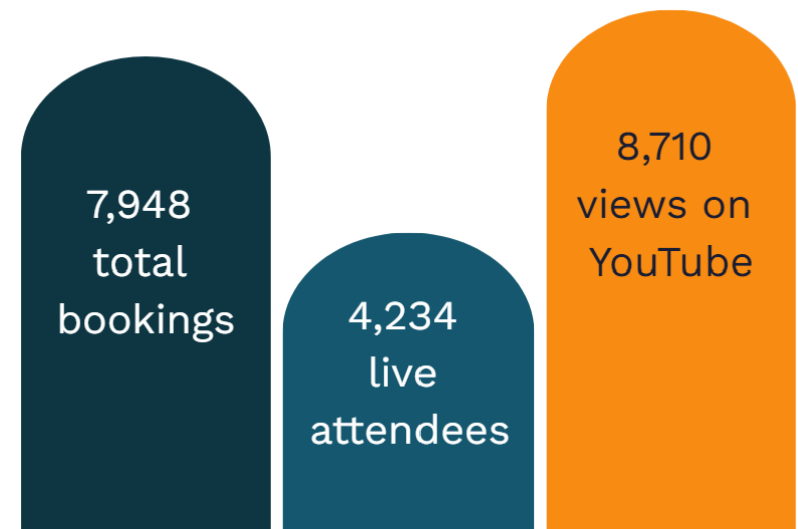
- CEnv Chartership opportunity: 73%
- CSci Chartership opportunity: 56%
- Other professional registers (e.g. REnvP): 35%

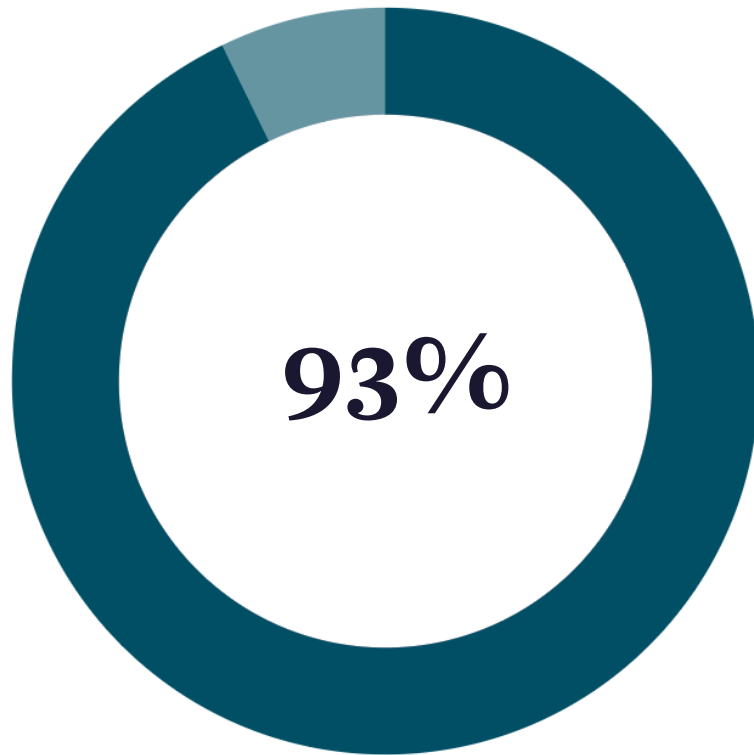
All of our services were rated by at least 50% of respondents as 'excellent' or 'good', and by at least 50% as 'very important' or 'important'. There was a strong positive correlation between ratings of quality and importance. It is unsurprising that Career Services and 'Other registers' are ranked lower – these services are targeted at a smaller number of members.



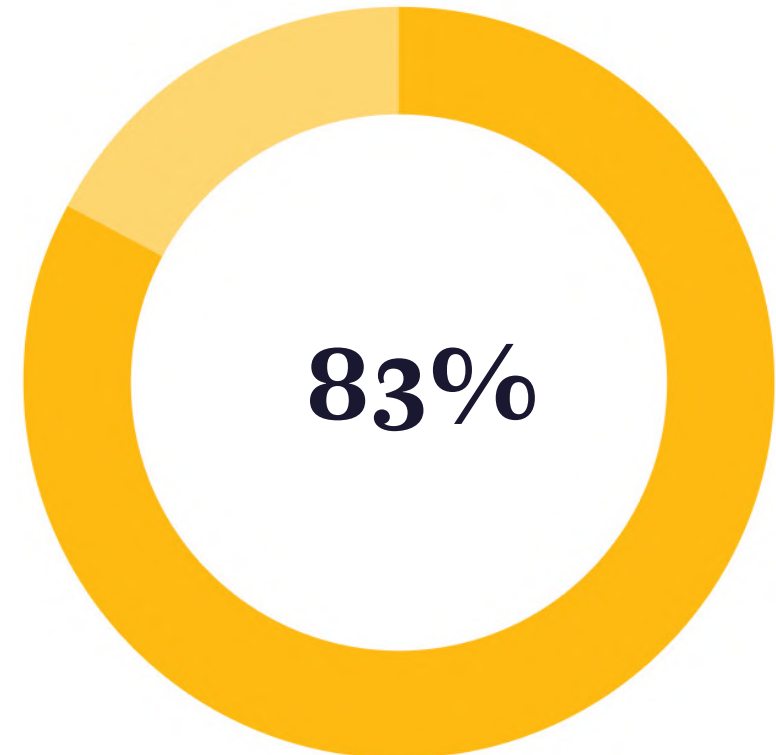
Respondents rated our webinars as both the most important and highest quality service overall. The most common form of access was via our [YouTube channel](#).

Engagement with webinars





of members rated the IES office's ability to answer their query as 'excellent' or 'good'.



of members strongly agree or agree that they trust the IES to help them develop the skills needed to engage with policy and regulation.

“A lot of my colleagues find a great deal of interesting content and support from the Institution... and the people who run it are very friendly, helpful and engaging.”

– 2026 survey respondent



Webinars and events

79% of members who had attended in-person events rated them as 'excellent' or 'good'.

80% rated webinars as 'excellent' or 'good'.

“Overall, the IES provides a strong range of membership services that support professional development, knowledge sharing, and networking across the environmental sector.”

– 2026 survey respondent

Publications



Journal



2024

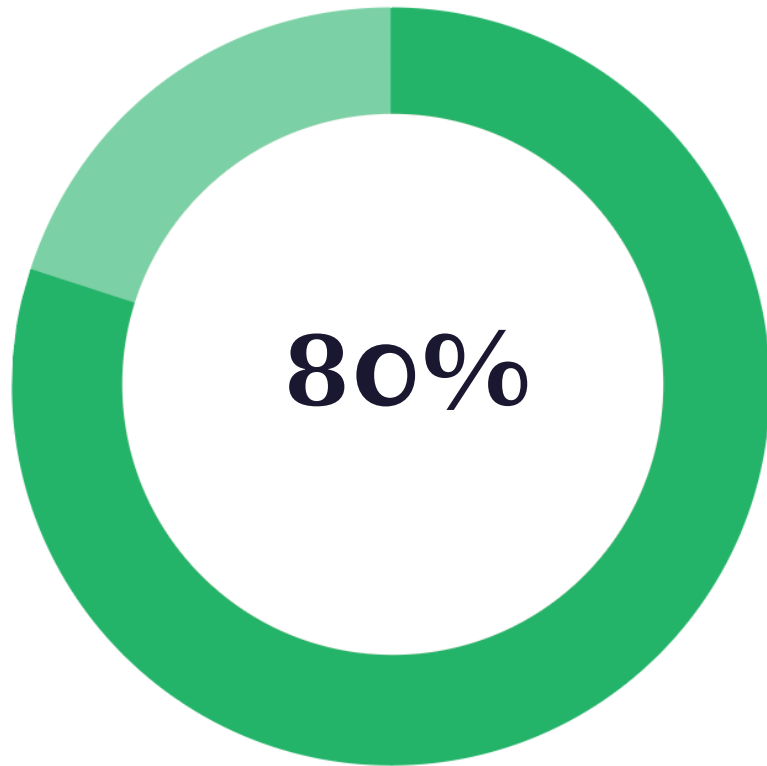
We've published eight editions of *environmental SCIENTIST* since the last member survey. **87%** of readers rated the journal as “excellent” or “good”. **83%** of respondents said they’d recommend the journal to a friend or colleague.

2025

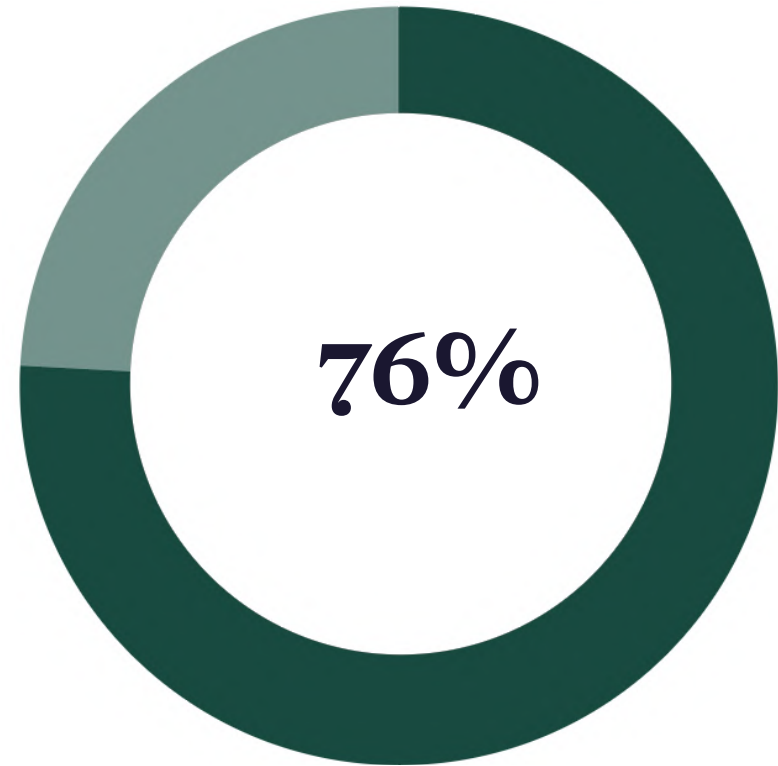
Final thoughts



Our mission



of members strongly agree or agree that they understand the mission of the IES.



of members strongly agree or agree that the IES helps them to work towards the transition to a sustainable society.

When asked how likely members would be to recommend the IES to a friend or colleague, the aggregated results gave us a Net Promoter Score of **45** – the UK average is **32**.



“There is no other professional body worth joining.”

– 2026 survey respondent

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