

# National ADA Symposium Participation and Outcomes: Great Plains ADA Center Survey Analysis

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ADA State of the Science Symposium

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# Research Question

- How are the participant's of the National ADA Symposium using the knowledge acquired during sessions in their work and community environment?

# Methodology

- Data were analyzed from a survey sent to attendees of the 2015 National ADA Symposium (n=763)
- 238 attendees responded to the survey (31%).

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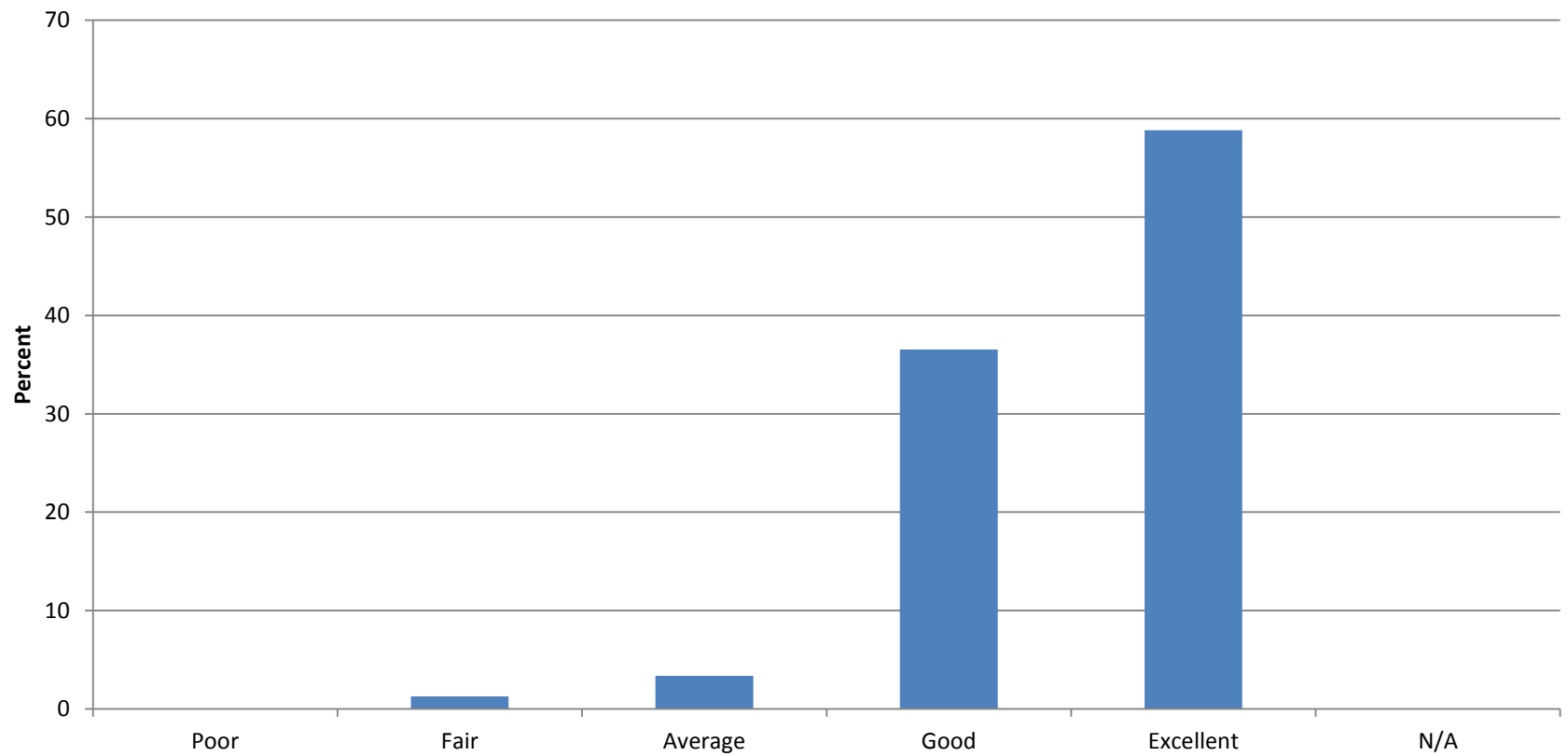
- Descriptive analysis was used to determine
  - Overall opinion of session presenters
  - Self-perceived improvement in skills and knowledge
  - Intended use of the knowledge and skills in work and/or community environments

# Methodology

- Open-ended comments were analyzed qualitatively with themes and categories developed to provide richer descriptions.

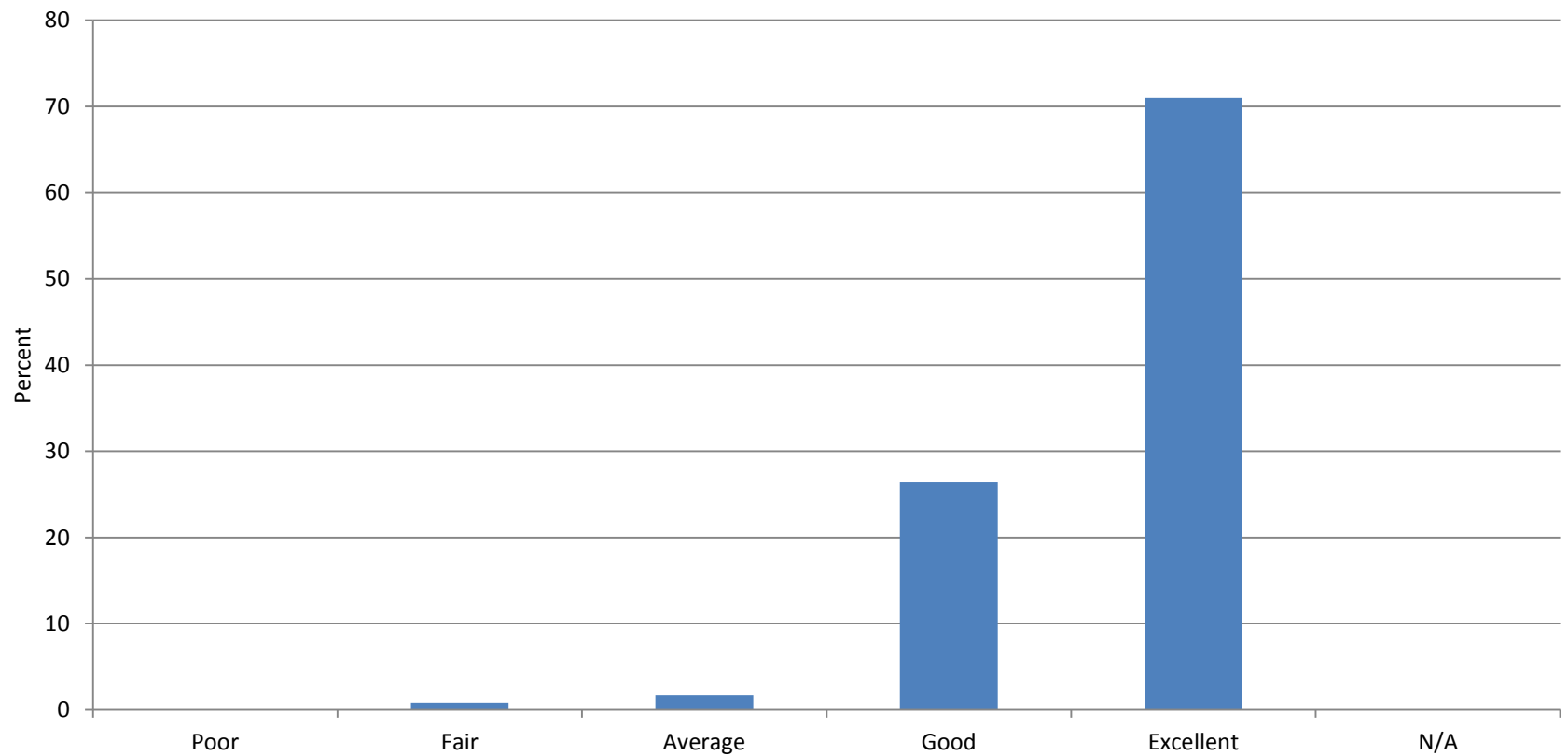
# Results

## Effectiveness of Speakers



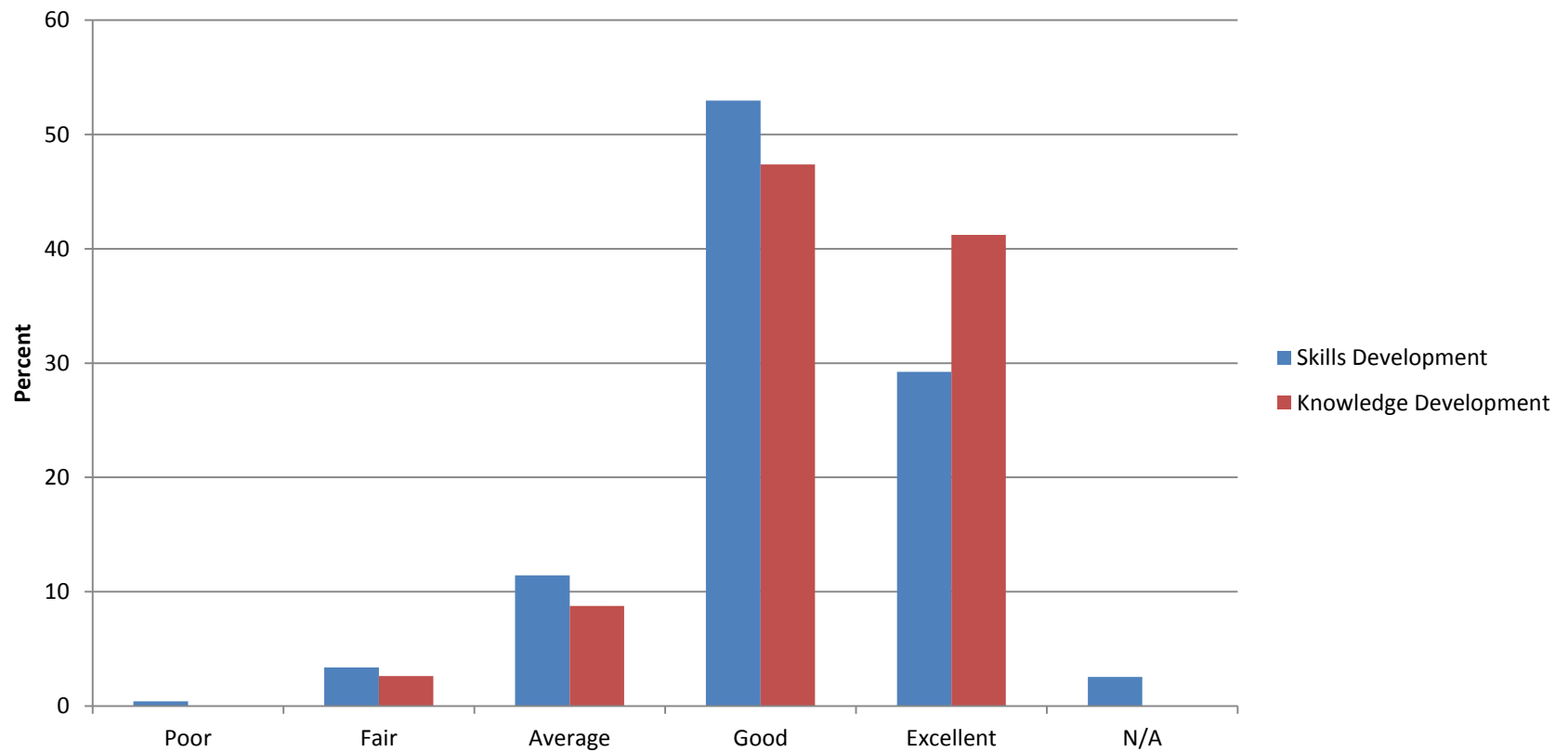
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## Knowledge and Expertise of Speakers



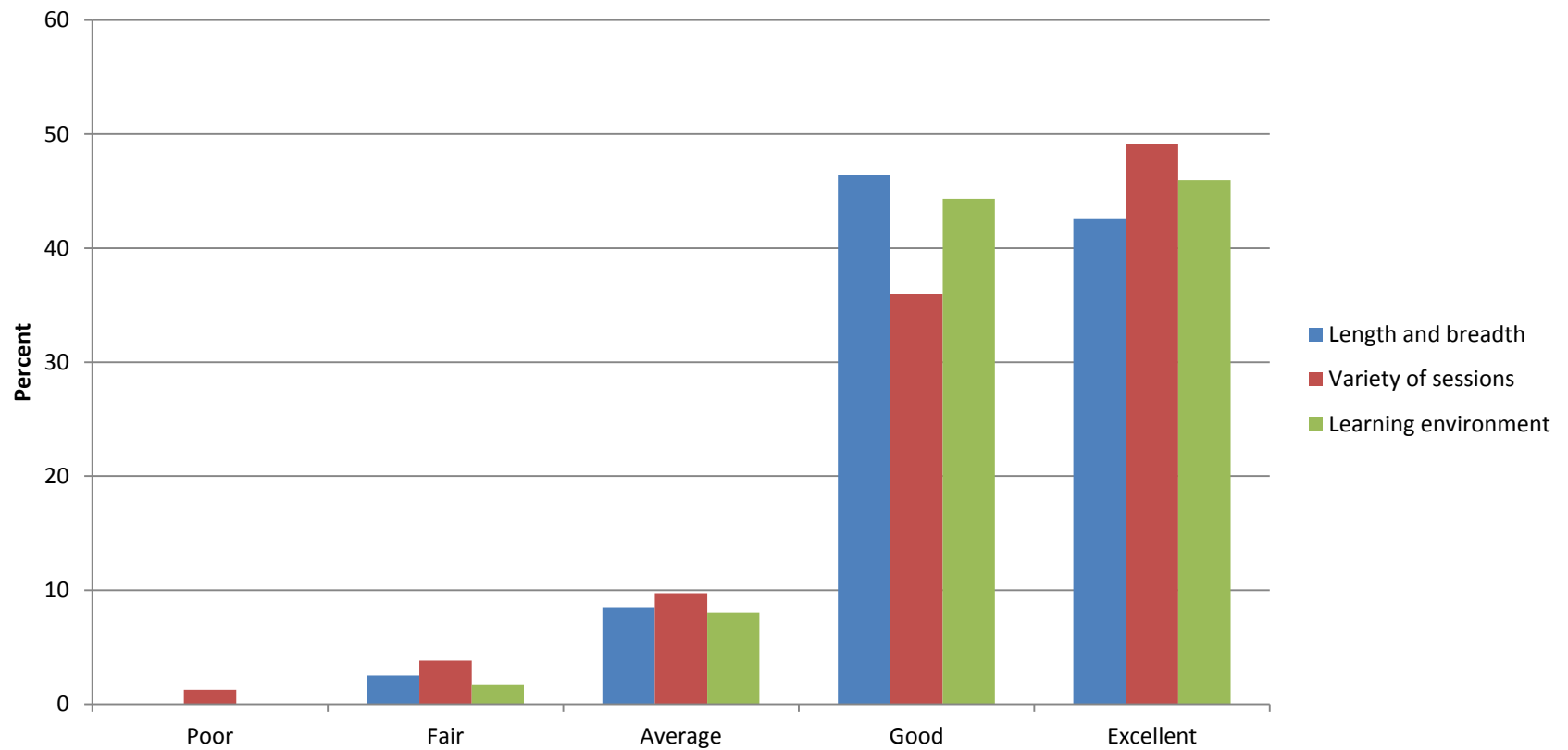
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## Skills and Knowledge Improvement



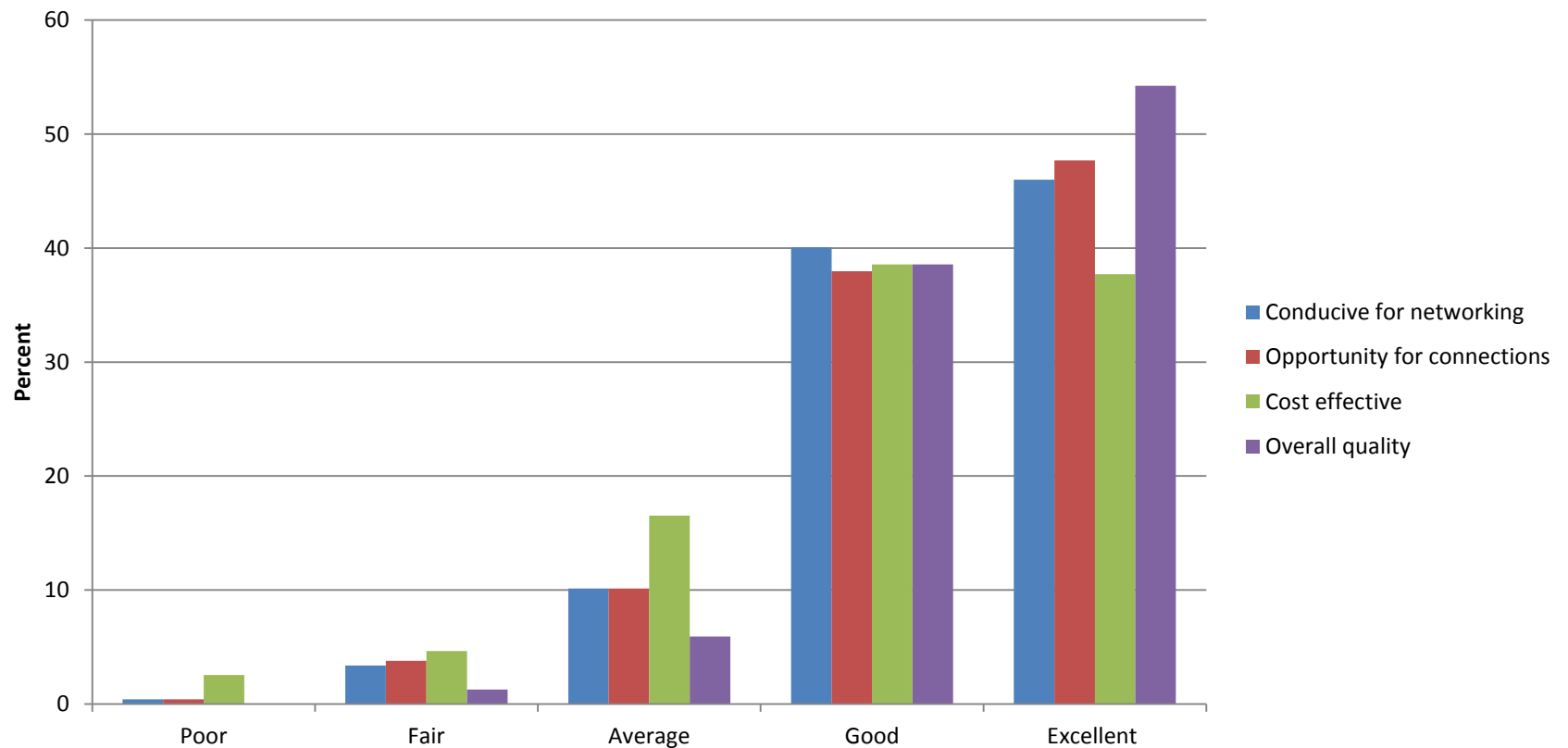
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- Most beneficial
  - Networking!
  - Panel discussions and breakout sessions
  - Information sessions during the Symposium
  - Time with vendors

# Results

- Most beneficial
  - Knowledgeable speakers
    - DOJ
  - Regulatory updates
  - Information and resources
  - Center for Civil and Human rights reception

# Results

- Future topics
  - Access to health care
  - Employment
  - More advanced sessions for
    - Titles I, II, & III

- Future topics
  - Education
    - Higher education and transition services
    - K-12 focus
  - Fair housing

# Results

- Future topics (cont.)
  - Emergency preparedness
    - Many expressed dissatisfaction with this presentation
  - Accessibility at venues

# Results

- Future topics
  - Policy training
    - Other disability laws
    - Olmstead Act
  - Additional sessions focused on lawyers and litigation

# Results

- Barriers to implementation of knowledge/skills
  - Commitment from/knowledge of employers
  - Money
  - Time

# Summary/Punchline

- The National ADA Symposium is an effective mechanism for increasing skills and knowledge of disability issues that will be used in the community and workplace.

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- Further survey results have been used to:
  - Add requested modules (e.g., advanced sessions)
  - Incorporate networking
  - Add more large group sessions (similar to TED talks)
  - Increase support by business (e.g., Region's Bank)

Thank you!  
Questions?