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THE AICP COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

Program Overview and Statistics

The AICP College of Fellows program began in 1998 with its first call for nominations. Roger Hedrick, FAICP, AICP president at the time, announced the new program in a 1998 press release: "As our profession has come of age, it has been my perception that there is a need to recognize and honor planners whose career exhibits excellence. Fellowship in AICP will be the highest honor that AICP can bestow upon a member."

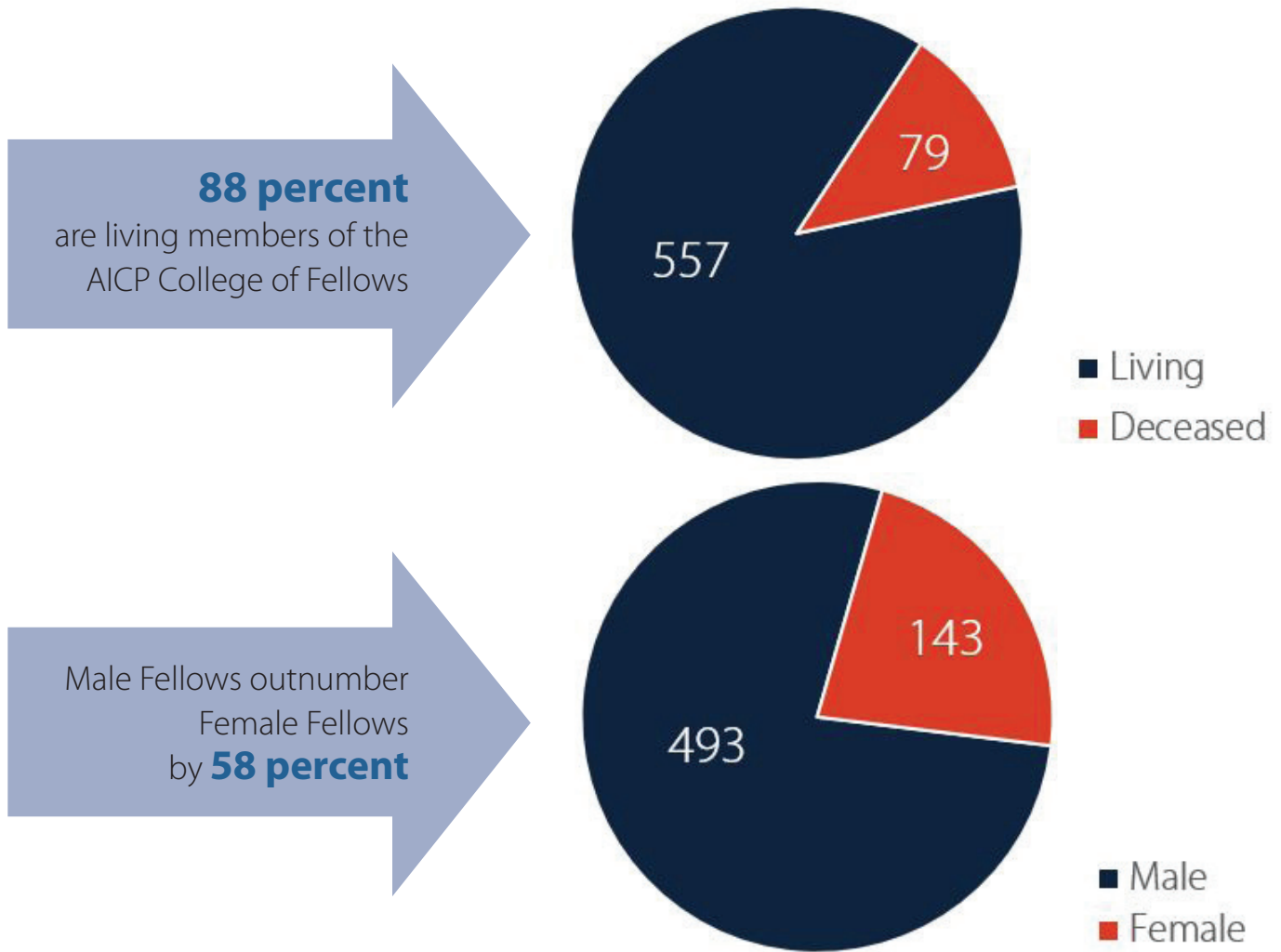
The induction ceremony of the inaugural class, which included 45 outstanding AICP members, occurred during the 1999 APA National Planning Conference in Seattle. From 1999 to 2004, the nomination cycle was held annually. After 2004, the nomination cycle became biennial. The deadlines for nominations are set during odd-numbered years and induction ceremonies for every new class are held during the National Planning Conference in even-numbered years.

Nomination submissions may only come from one of three sources: (1) Chapter president; (2) Division chair; or (3) 10 AICP members in good standing (APA/AICP dues paid and CM credit requirements met). The nomination guidelines, which are revised every cycle as needed and posted to the Fellows webpage on the APA website, contain all information and details regarding the nomination process.

Statements that highlight the achievements of each inductee are read during the induction ceremony, where the new Fellows are presented with a medallion, a lapel pin, and a certificate. Fellows meet annually at the National Planning Conference to discuss the program, the initiatives Fellows are involved in around the country, and engagement strategies that include mentoring the next generation of planners, pro bono service to programs such as APA's Community Planning Assistance Teams, and other local and regional efforts that advance the art and science and value of planning.



There are 636 members in the AICP College of Fellows



Fellows by Nomination Category



636 AICP members

have been inducted into the College of Fellows since the program's inception in 1999.

557 living Fellows,

or 88 percent, remain. Fellows who have passed away are memorialized during every induction ceremony and Annual Meeting of the Fellows.

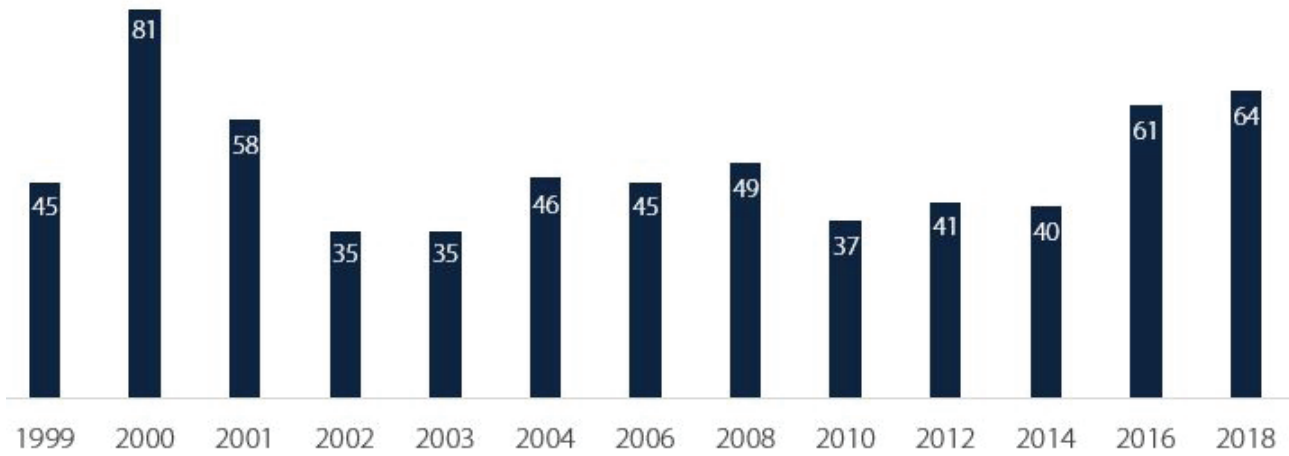
Male Fellows comprise

78 percent

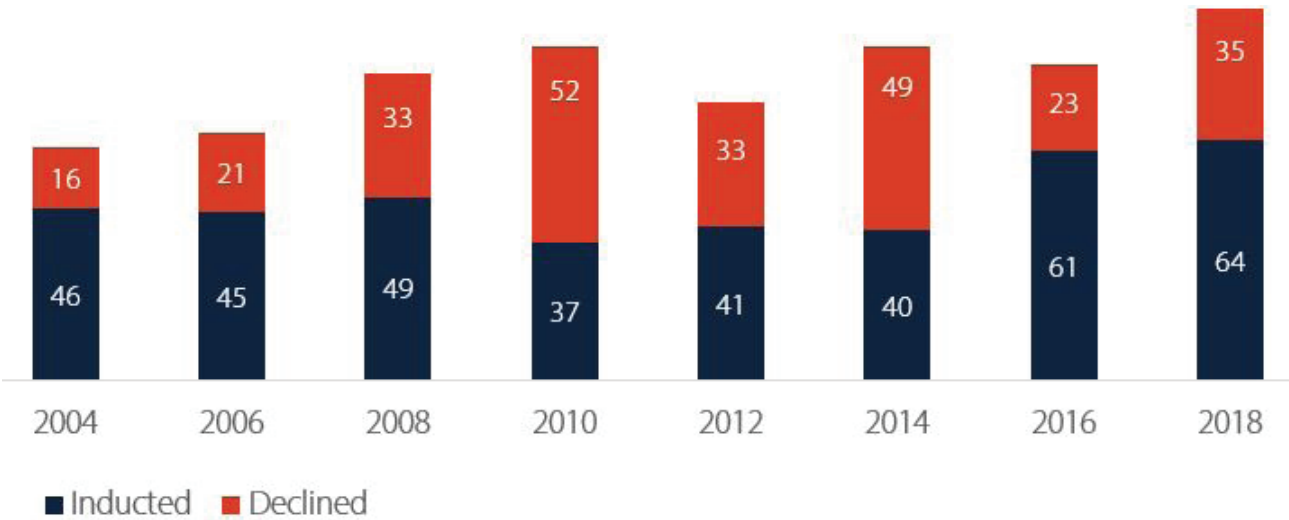
of the College and outnumber female Fellows significantly. However, there is a gradual increase in female nominations and inductees in several consecutive cycles.

Most nominations are submitted in the professional practice category, which subsequently claims the highest number of inductees. A new change in the 2020 Nomination Guidelines permits nominations to submit under multiple categories, now referred to as "career focus areas."

Number of Fellows per Induction Class



Nomination Selection Rate (2004–2018)



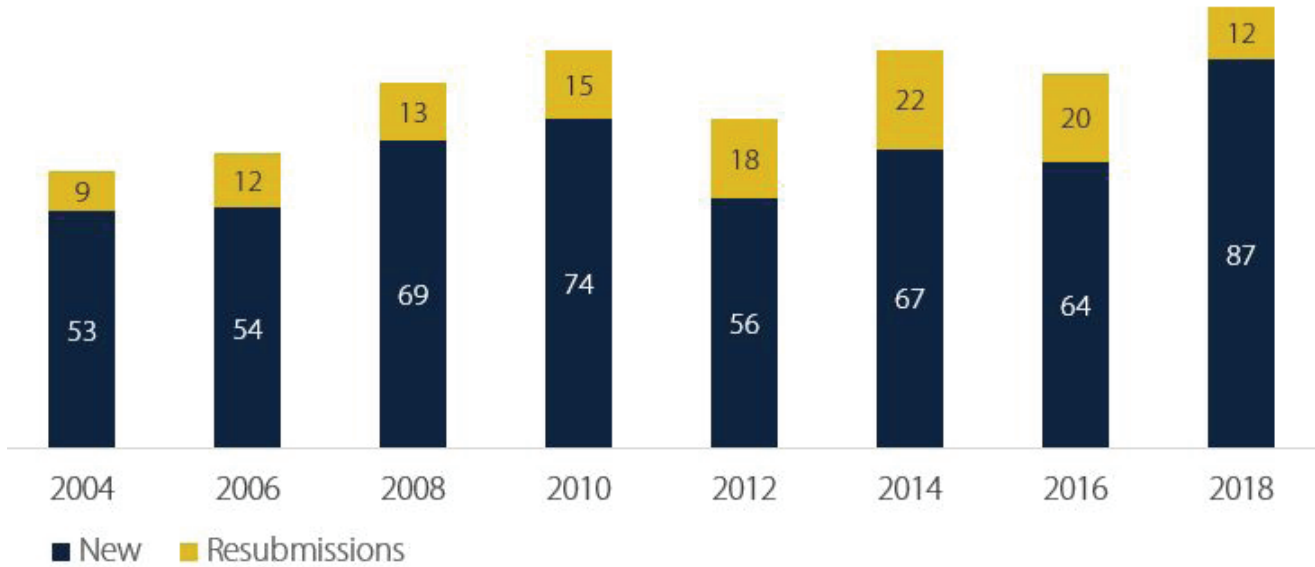
There is an average of **49 inductees** per class (1999–2018).

The year 2000 had an unusually high number of inductees due to the newness of the program and the surplus of outstanding members from previous decades.

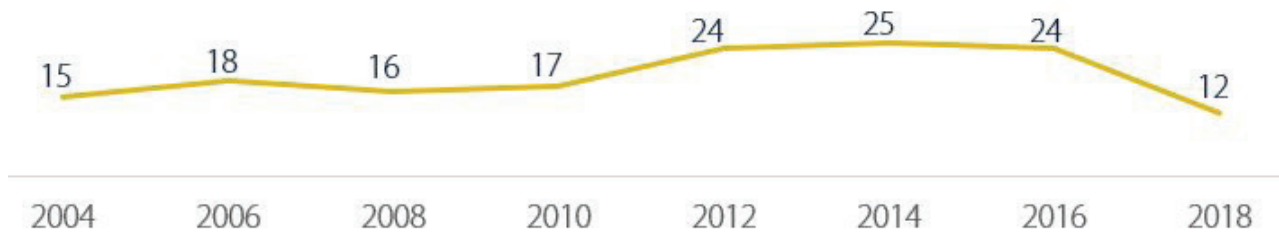
If you control for 1999 as an outlier, the average number of inductees per class is just over **46**.

The average induction rate for nominations from 2004 to 2018 is just over 60 percent.

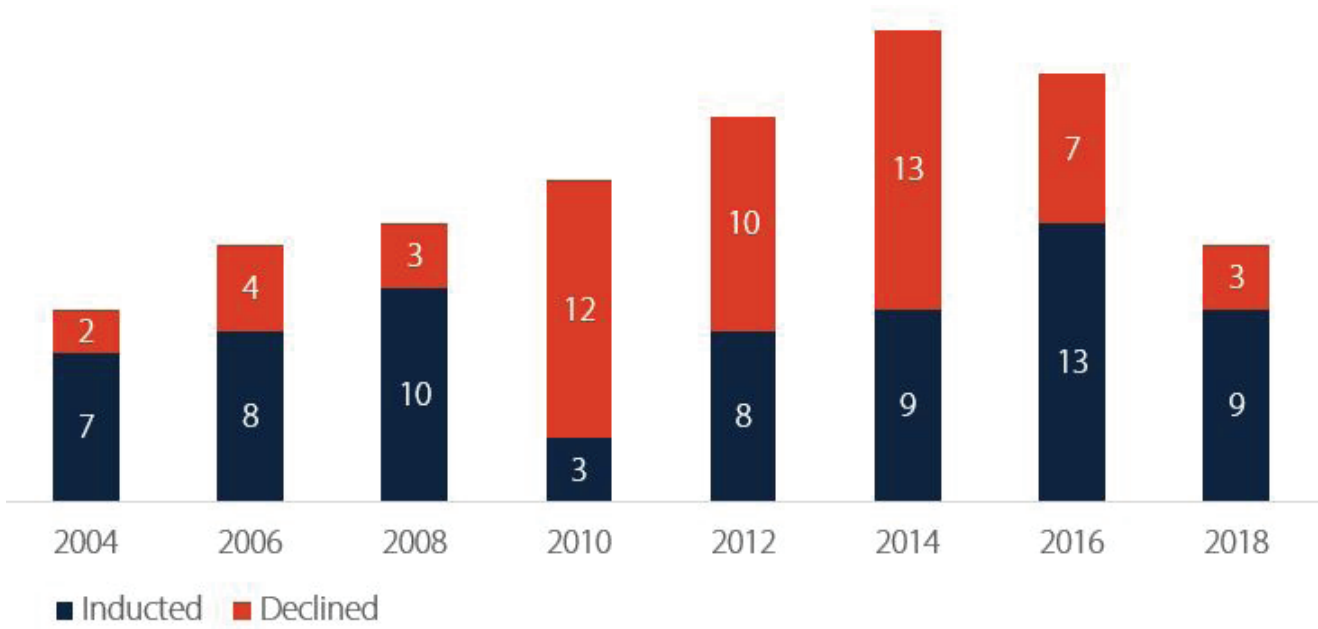
Number of Resubmissions (2004–2018)



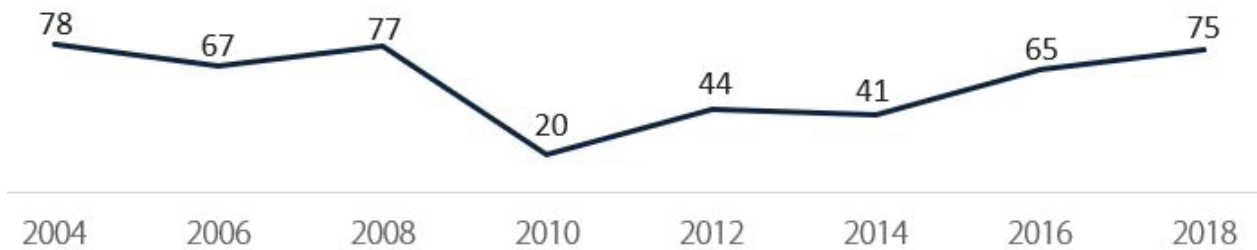
Percentage of Resubmissions (2004–2018)



Induction Rate for Resubmissions (2004–2018)

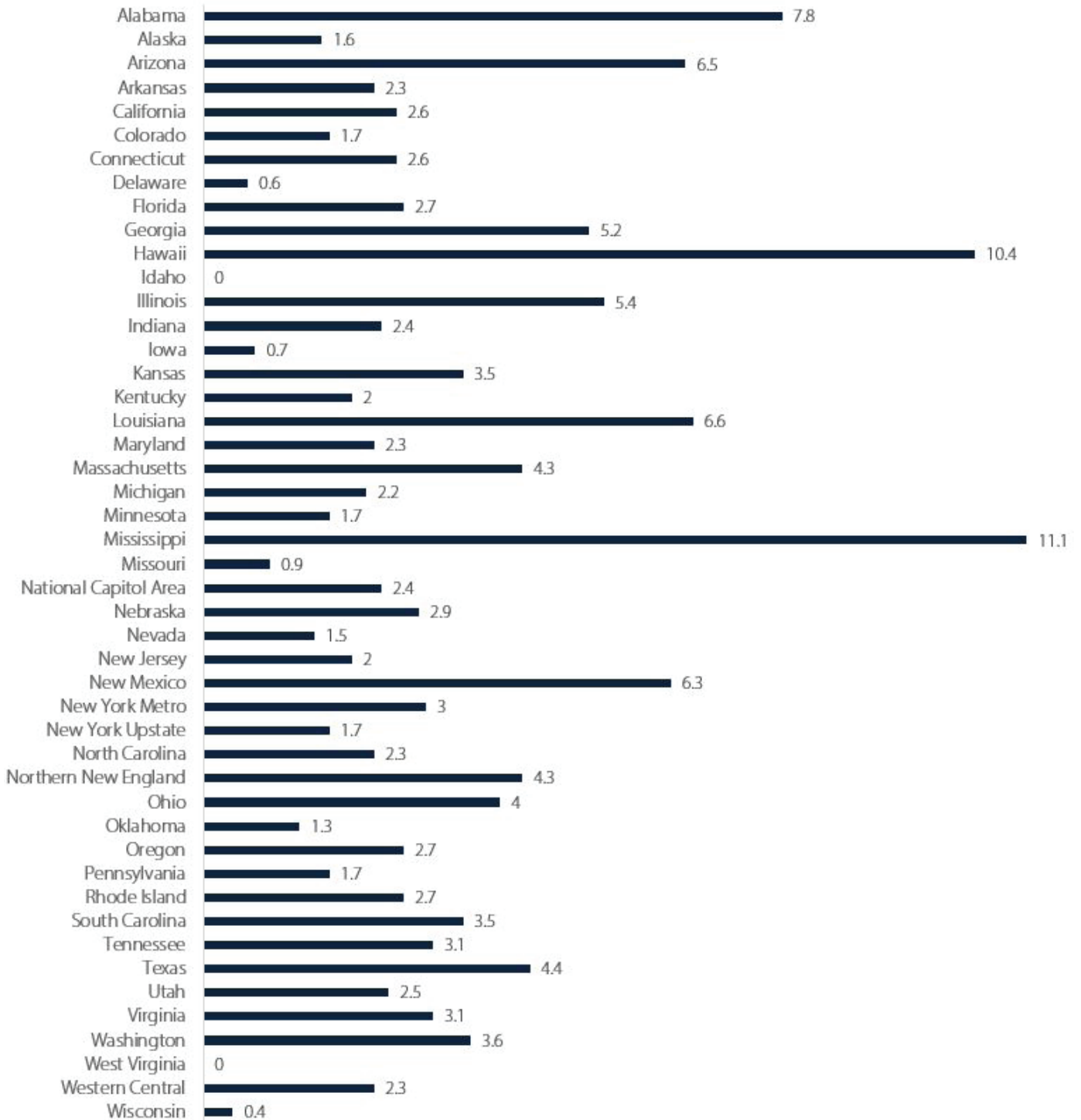


Percentage of Induction Rate for Resubmissions (2004–2018)



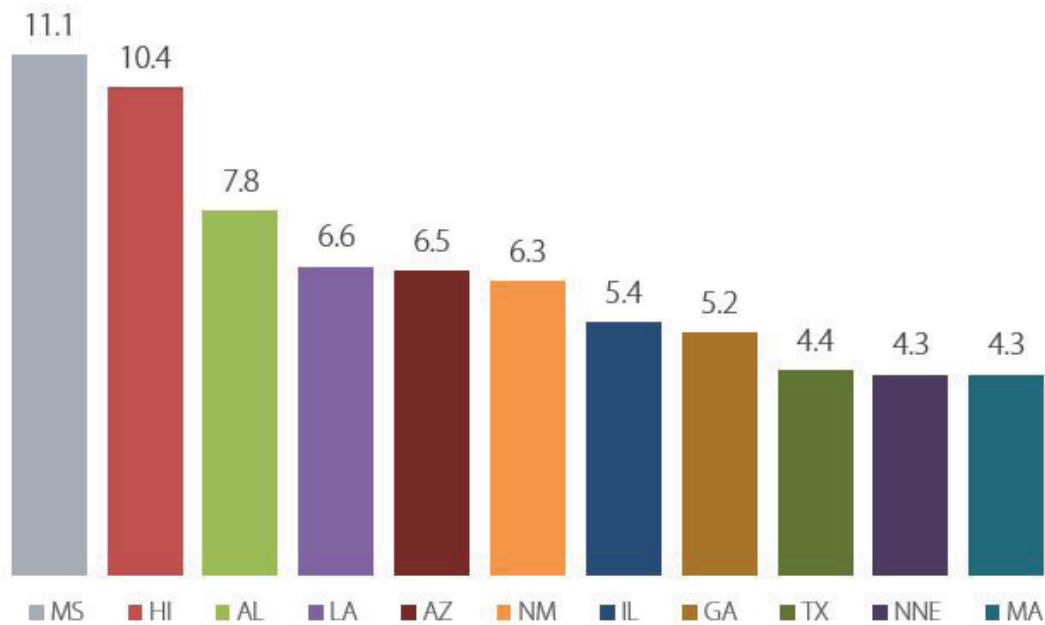
Out of all nominations submitted from 2004 to 2018 (645 total), almost **19 percent** (121 total) were resubmissions. Sixty-seven of those 121 resubmissions, more than **55 percent**, were inducted.

Percentage of FAICP Members to Total Number of AICP Members per Chapter

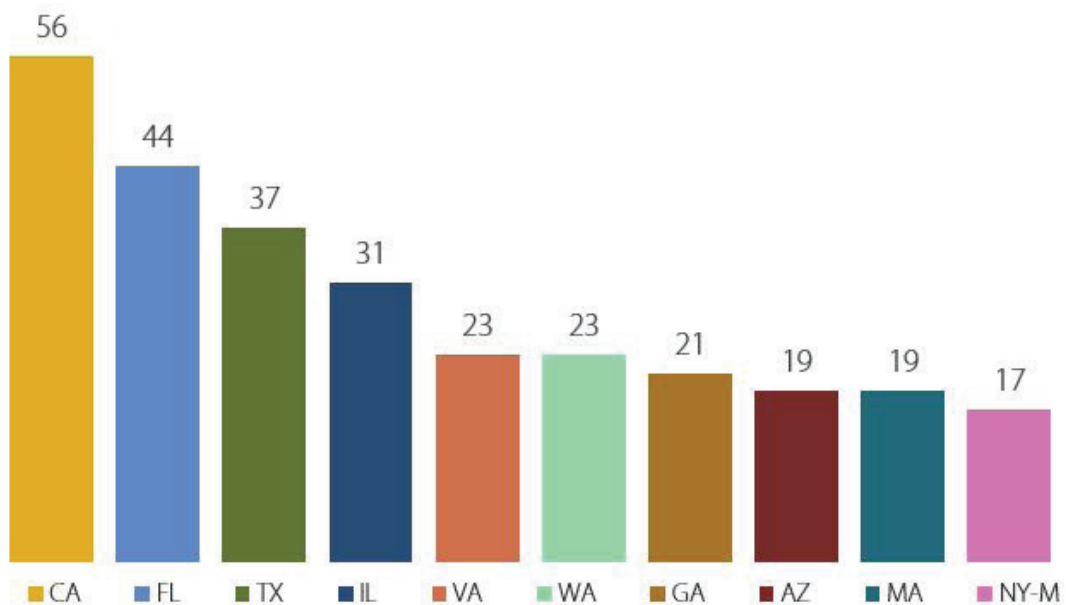


These percentages derive from numbers based on recent AICP membership records that are subject to change.

Top 10 Chapters: Percentage of FAICP Members to AICP Members

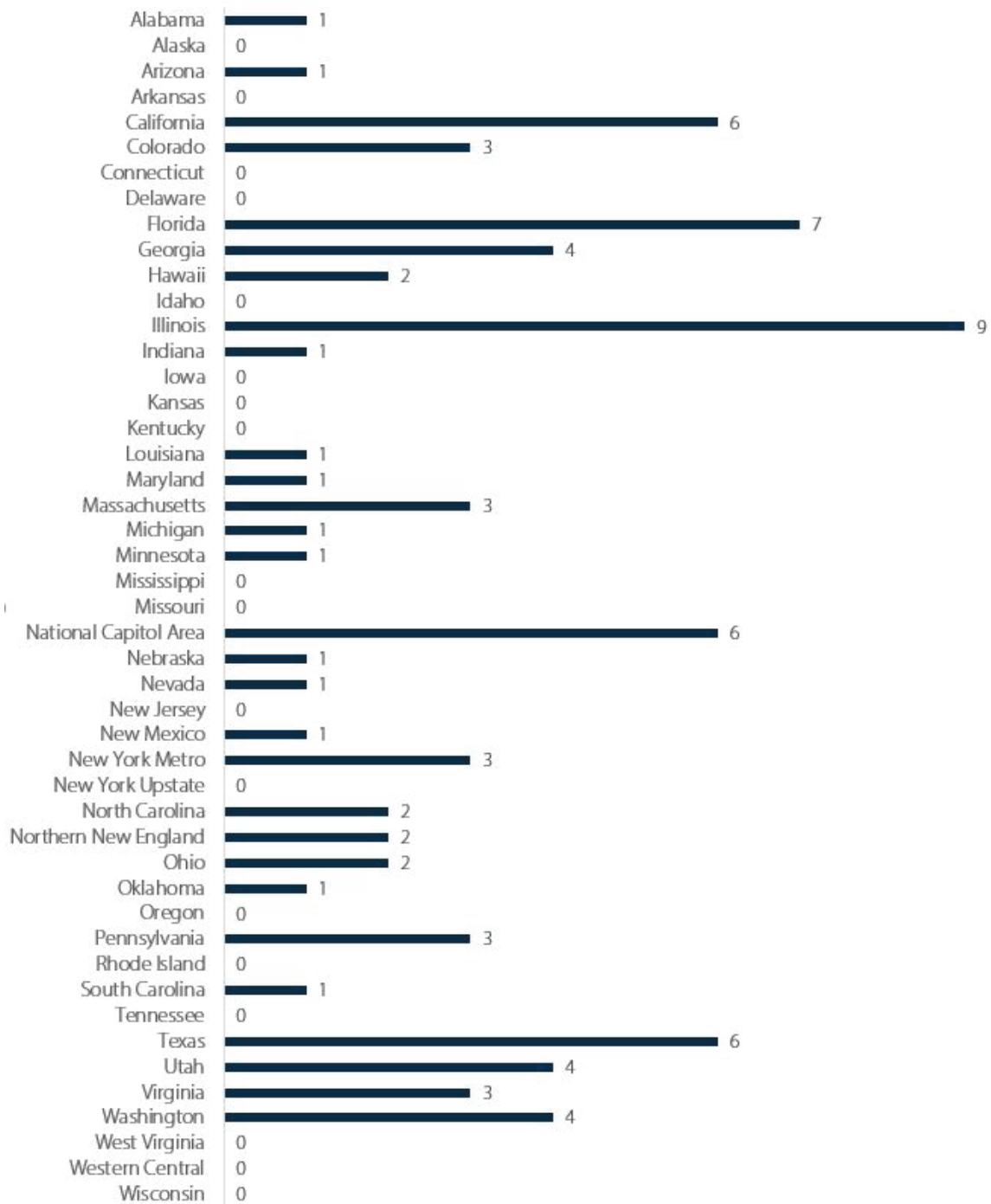


Top 10 Chapters: Number of FAICP Members



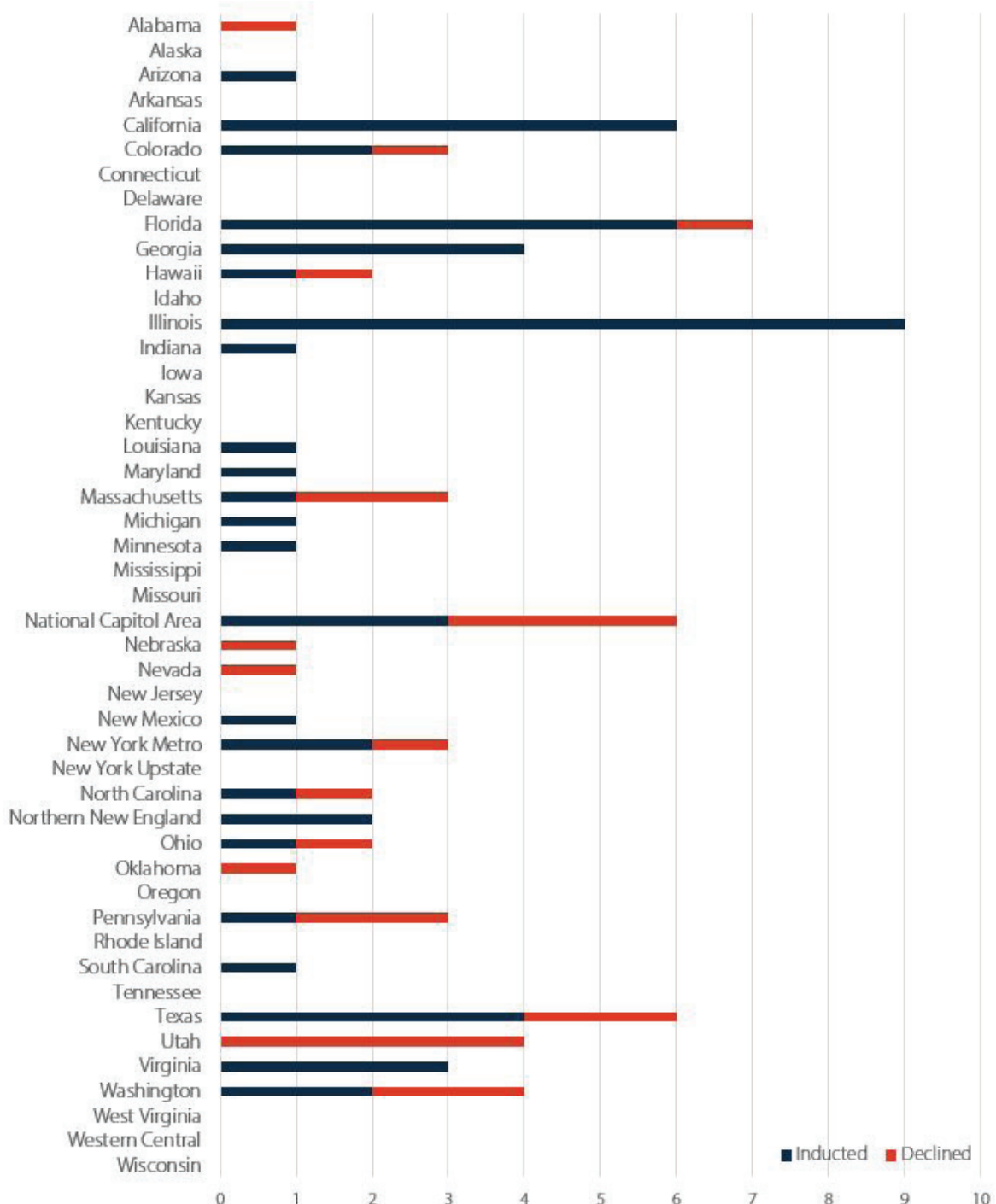
The Mississippi Chapter (11.1 percent) leads in percentage of FAICP to AICP members followed by Hawaii (10.4 percent) and Alabama (7.8 percent). California, the largest of APA Chapters, leads in number of Fellows with 56. Florida (44), Texas (37), and Illinois (31) follow closely behind. Five Chapters—Arizona, Illinois, Georgia, Texas, and Massachusetts—make both lists.

Number of Nominations Submitted per Chapter in 2018



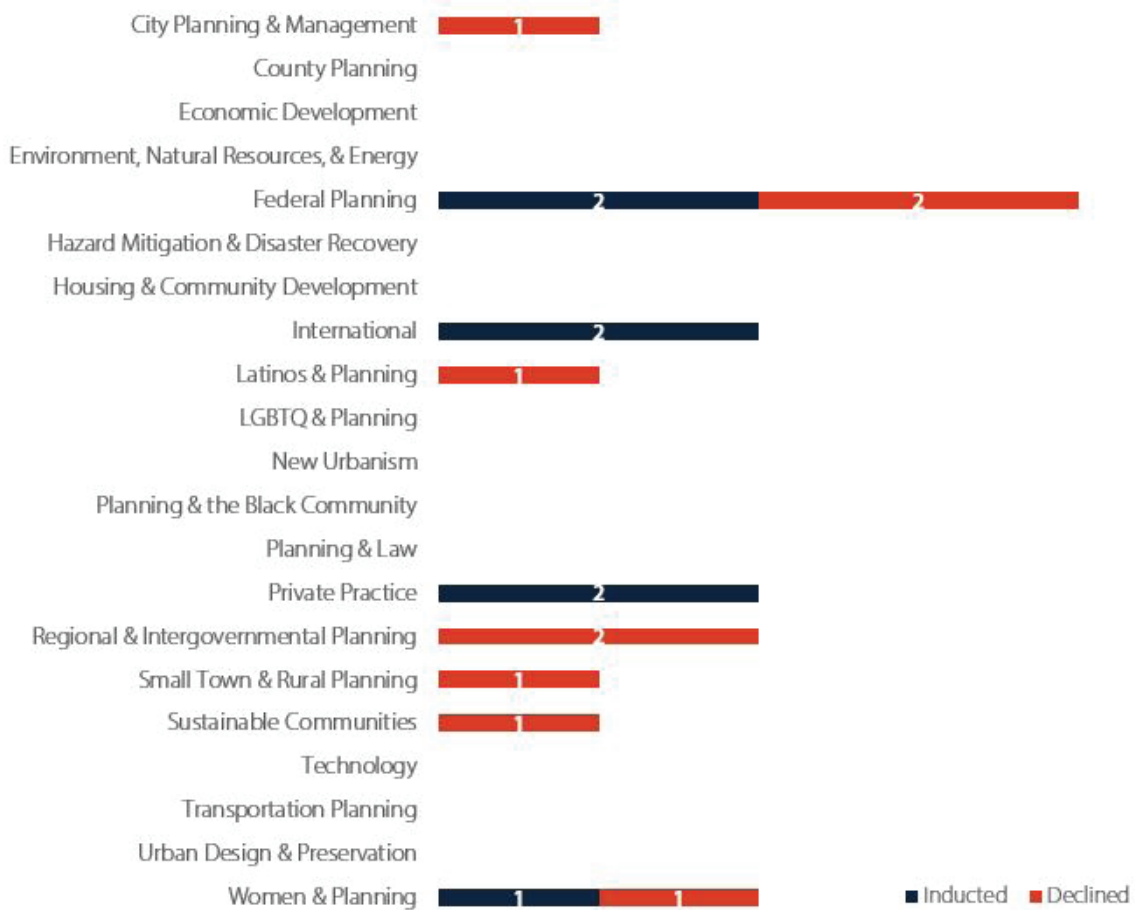
There were a total of 99 nominations submitted in 2018, 81 of which were submitted by APA Chapters. Twenty-nine of the 47 Chapters submitted nominations in 2018. Illinois submitted the most with nine. Florida submitted the second most with seven. California, National Capital Area, and Texas each submitted six. Georgia, Utah, and Washington each submitted four.

Number of Nominees Inducted and Declined per Chapter in 2018

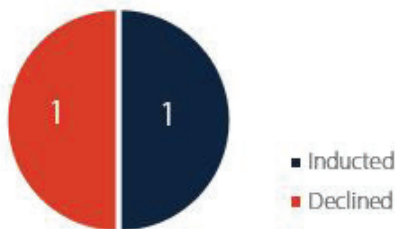


Of the 29 Chapters that submitted nominations, 13 Chapters submitted nominations with a 100 percent success rate, eight of which submitted only one nomination. Chapters with multiple nominations that were 100 percent successful included: Illinois (nine); California (six); Georgia (four); Virginia (three); and Northern New England (two).

Number of Nominees Inducted and Declined per Division in 2018

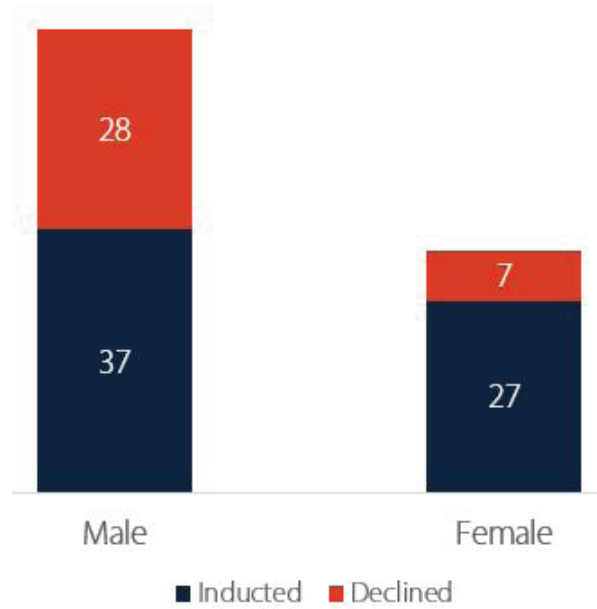


Number of Nominees Inducted and Declined per 10 AICP Member Nominations in 2018



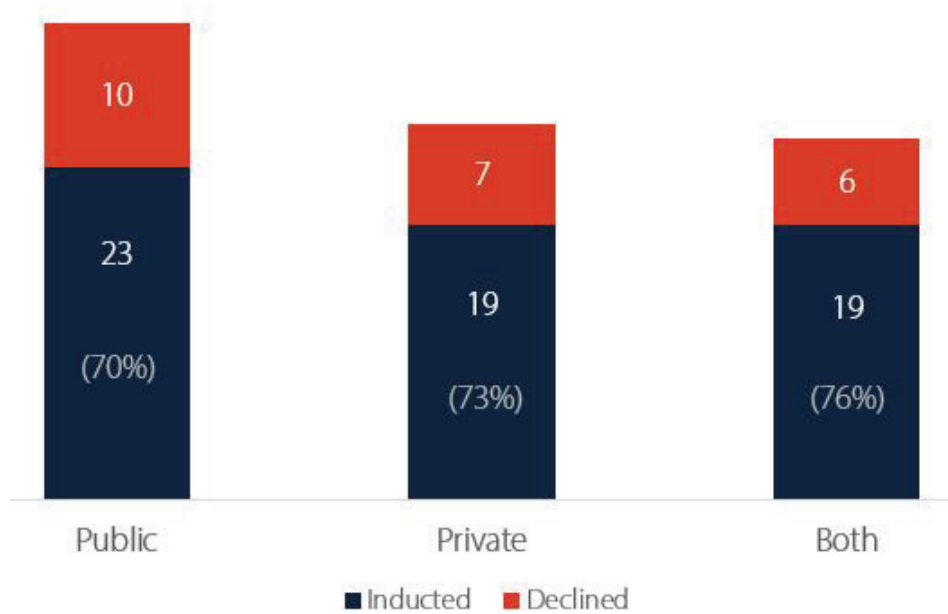
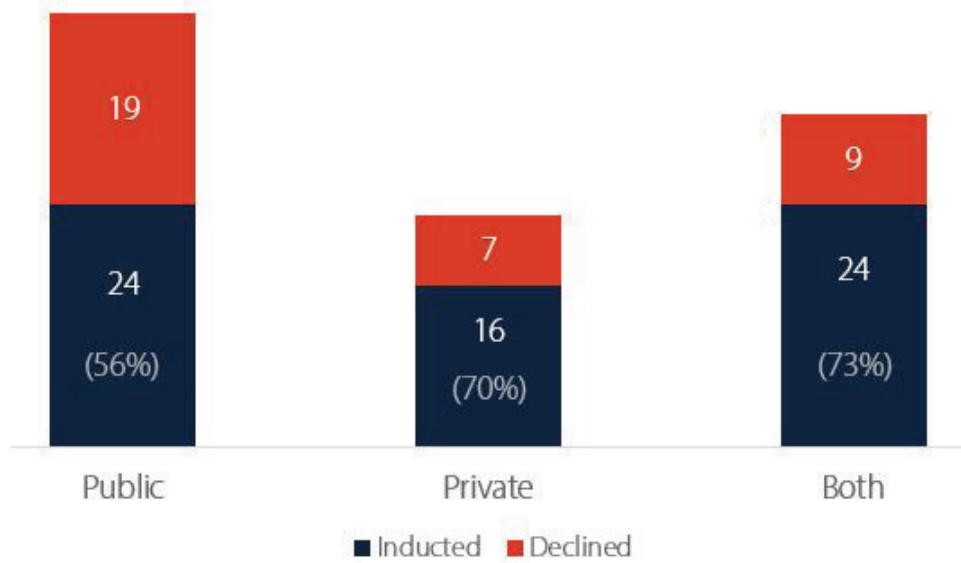
Nine of APA's 21 Divisions submitted a total of 16 nominations in 2018. Seven of the 16 nominations, just under 44 percent, were successful. Four of the nine Divisions that submitted nominations were successful. Those four Divisions included the Federal Planning (two), International (two), Private Practice (two), and Women and Planning (two). Two nominations were submitted by two 10-AICP member committees, one of which was successful.

Number of Nominees Inducted and Declined by Male and Female in 2018



Female nominees comprised just over 34 percent of all nominations in 2018. Out of 34 nominations, 27 were successful—a 79 percent success rate. Nearly 65 percent of all 2018 nominations were male nominees, with a success rate of 57 percent.

Number of Nominees Inducted and Declined by Self-Identified Sector in 2016 and 2018



In 2016 for the first time, and again in 2018, nominees were asked to self-identify the sector in which their career was spent, i.e., public, private, or both. Both years, the majority of nominees identified as public-sector planners. The figures between the two years are generally comparable. The success rate of public-sector nominations increased from 56 percent to 70 percent. The success rate for private and “both” sectors rose three percent.