

Tsogo Sun Amashova Durban Classic 18th of October 2015

Impact Assessment: Top Line Summary Report



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Positive Highlights



- In 2015, there were a total of 64 international participants.
- There was an increase in the number of entrants from a number of provinces such as the Free State, E. Cape, Mpumalanga, N. West, Limpopo and the W. Cape.
- 97% of the respondents were satisfied with the information provided by the organizers.
- 94% of the participant respondents said that they would attend the event again.
- 98% would recommend the event to family and friends.
- 93% of the respondents did not experience any problems
- **The estimated economic impact was between R31,3 million and R62,6 million**

Methodology



Primary Data:

- **230** face-to-face interviews were conducted with respondents randomly selected on the day of the race at the finishing point (Suncoast Casino, Durban).
- The interviews were conducted using a structured questionnaire.

Secondary Data:

- Amashova organizers

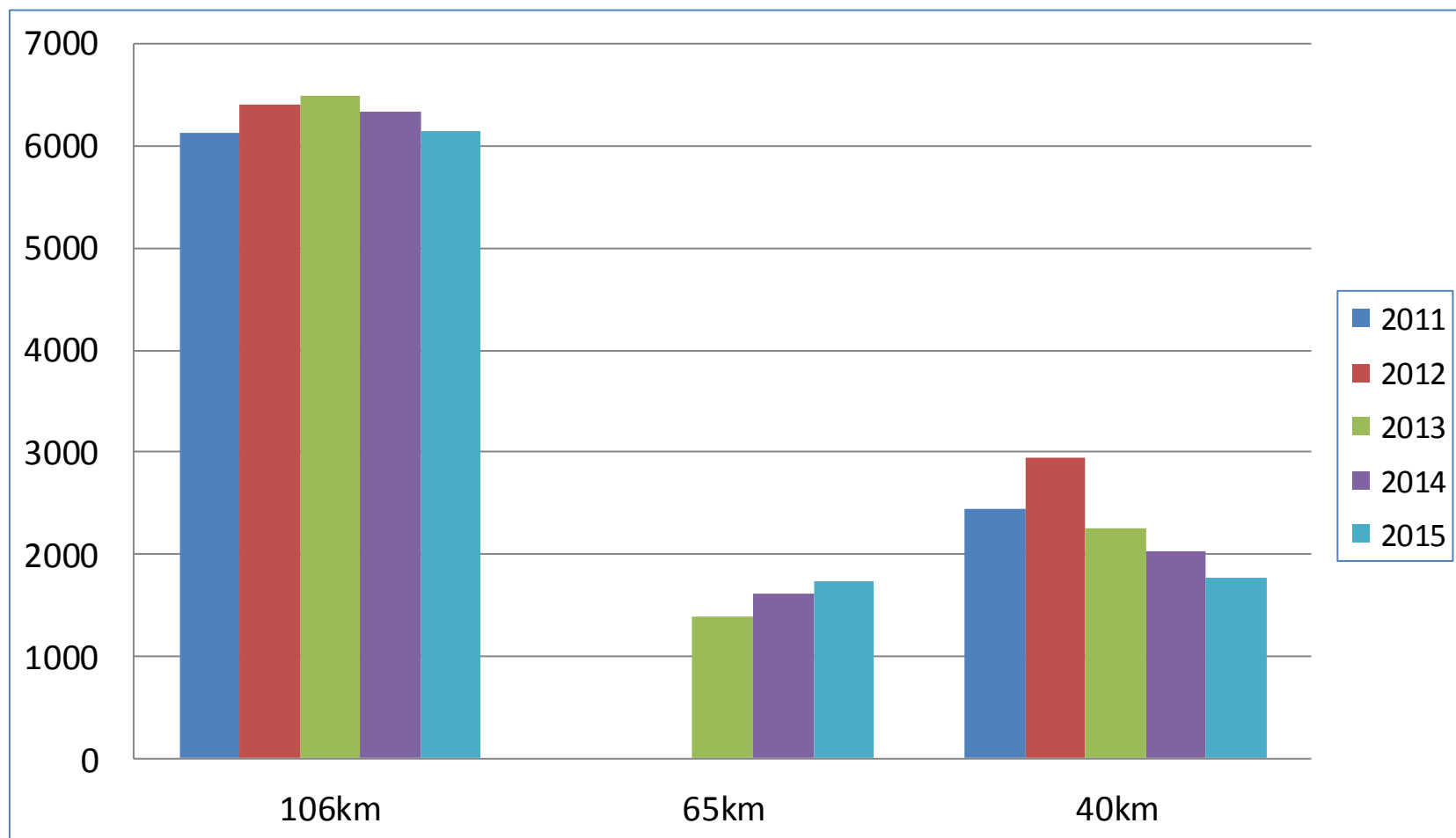
Entrants



| Event | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 106km | 5 894 | 6 124 | 6 411 | 6 492 | 6 337 | 6 154 |
| 65km | - | - | - | 1 383 | 1 610 | 1 731 |
| 40km | 2 757 | 2 440 | 2 954 | 2 249 (35KM) | 2 035 (35KM) | 1 776 (35KM) |
| Total Participants | 8 651 | 8 564 | 9 365 | 10 124 | 9 982 | 10 022 |
| | - | -1% | 9% | 8% | -1,4% | 0,4%↑ |

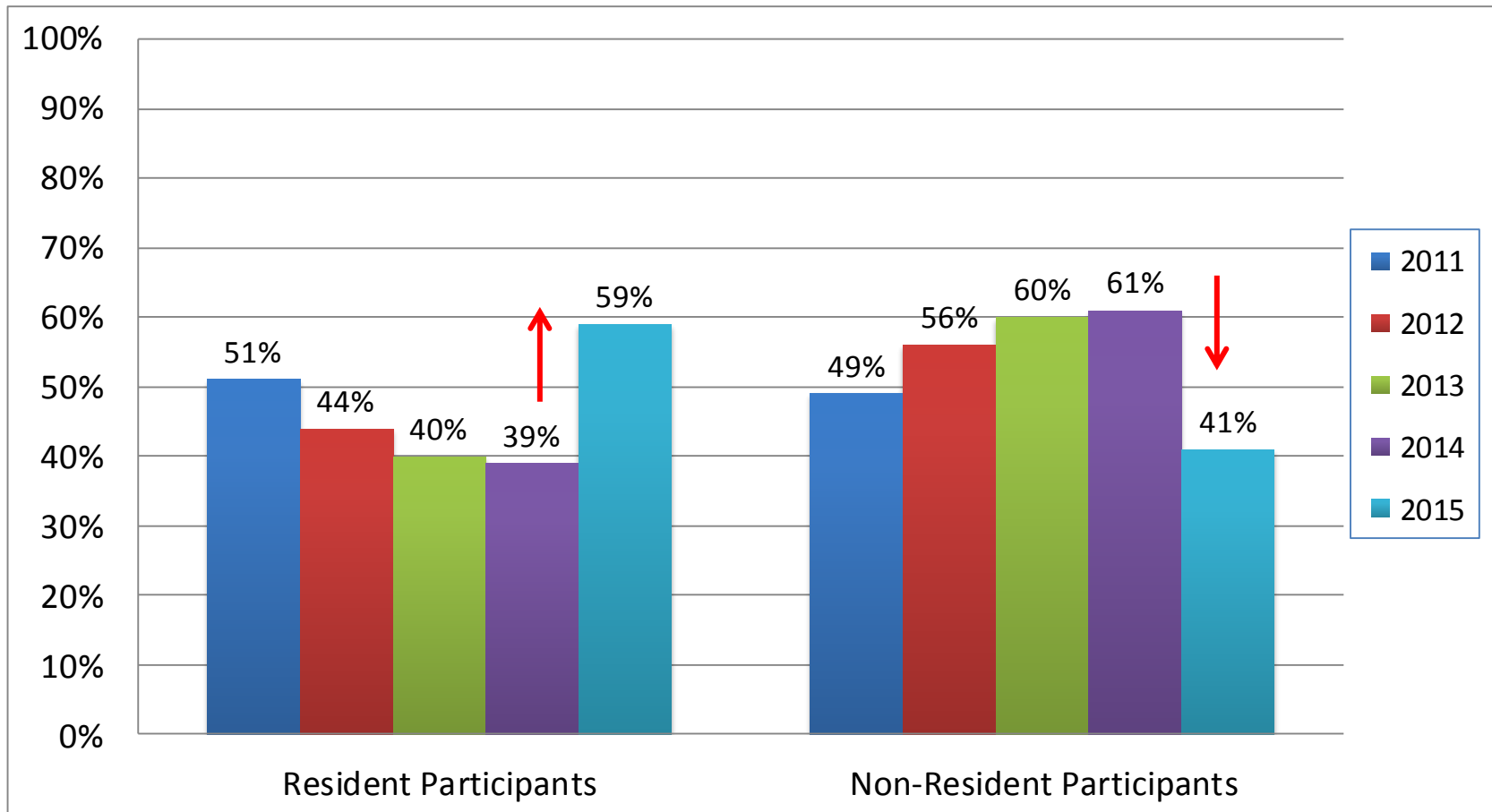
Note: the total participants in 2015 for the 106km, 65km and 40km is 9 661. The remaining 361 was made up by those who participated in the MiniShova (1km and 5km)

Entrants (cont'd)



In 2013 the 65km race was added, which seems to be popular as it continues to grow in numbers since then. However, since 2013 the numbers for the 106km and 40/35km races have declined, especially the 40/35km.

Nature of Participants Resident vs Non-Resident



The graph above shows a decline in the number of non-resident participants along with an increase of resident participants. This may influence the overall economic impact of the event.

Entrants: International by Country



| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total | 22 | 38 | 21 | 21 | 8 | 53 | 78 | 77 | 64 |

The number of international entrants has declined by 13 (-16%).

Entrants: SA by Province



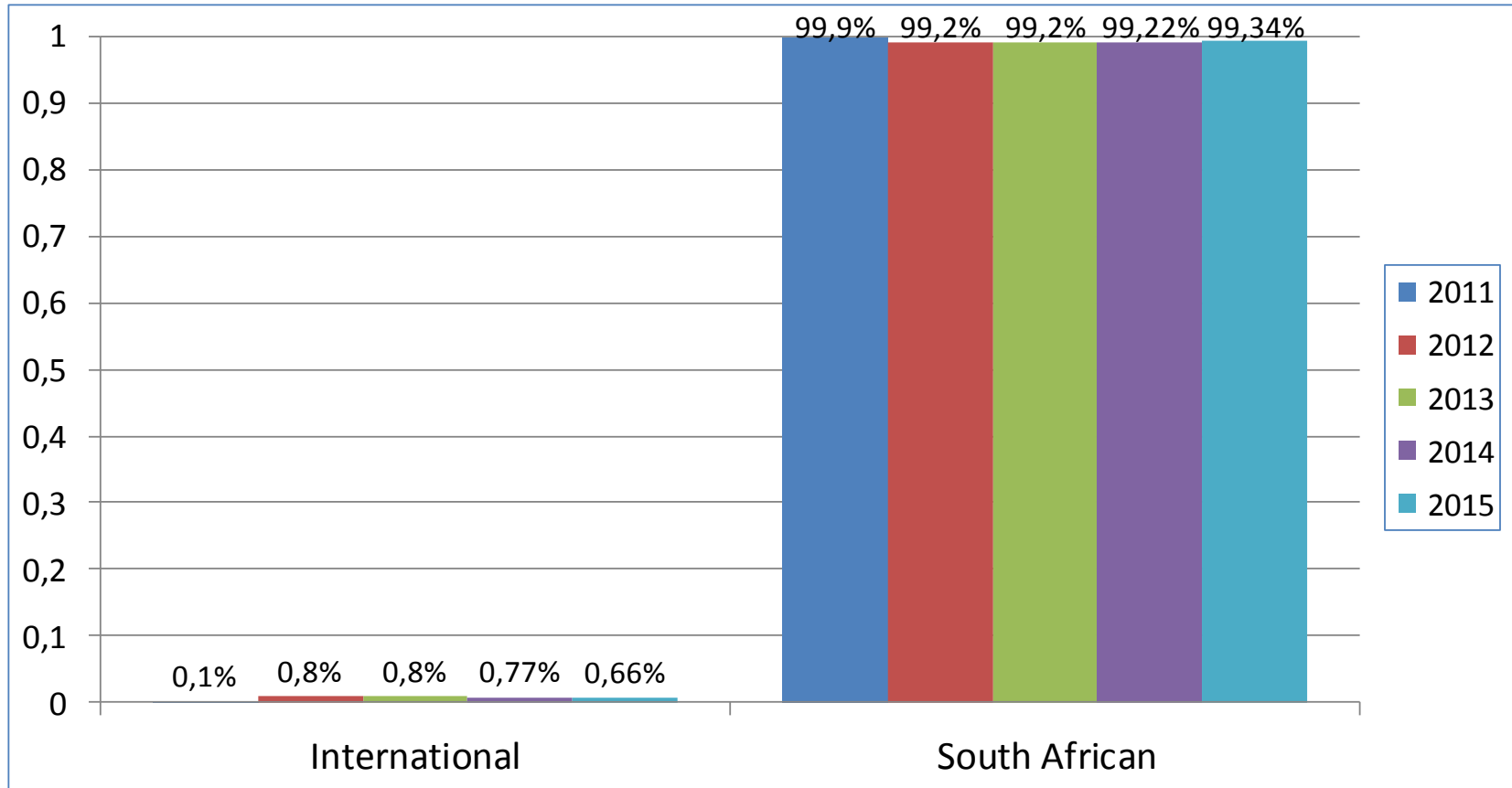
| Province | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Gauteng | 2 659 | 2 680 | 2 904 | 3 128 | 2 806 |
| KZN | 5 035 | 5 887 | 6 456 | 6 055 | 5 590 |
| Free State | 189 | 125 | 97 | 123 | 163 |
| Eastern Cape | 75 | 116 | 67 | 80 | 127 |
| Limpopo | 74 | 72 | 24 | - | 18 |
| North West | 96 | 90 | 122 | 79 | 185 |
| Mpumalanga | 202 | 113 | 200 | 213 | 325 |
| Western Cape | 197 | 201 | 143 | 204 | 363 |
| N. Cape | 29 | 28 | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| Total | 8 436 | 9 312 | 10 027 | 9 896 | 10 022 |

KZN still has the highest number of entrants followed by Gauteng. There was also an increase in the number of entrants from a number of provinces including the Free State, E. Cape, Mpumalanga, N. West, Limpopo and W. Cape.

Source: Race Organisers

Nature and Extent of Participants

South African vs International:



The race continues to be dominated by South African participants

Nature and Extent of Participants

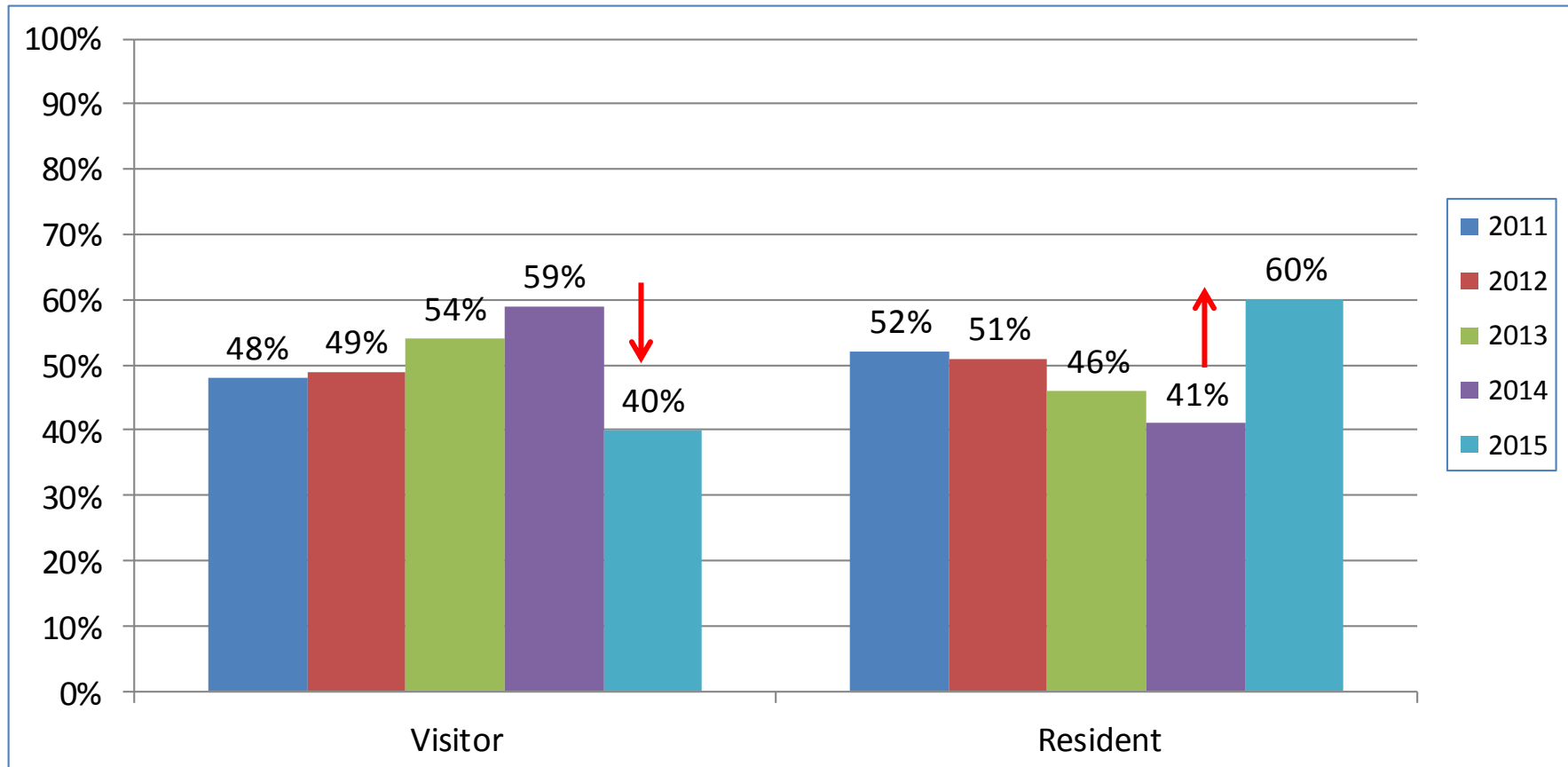
South African vs International:



International Countries Represented in 2015

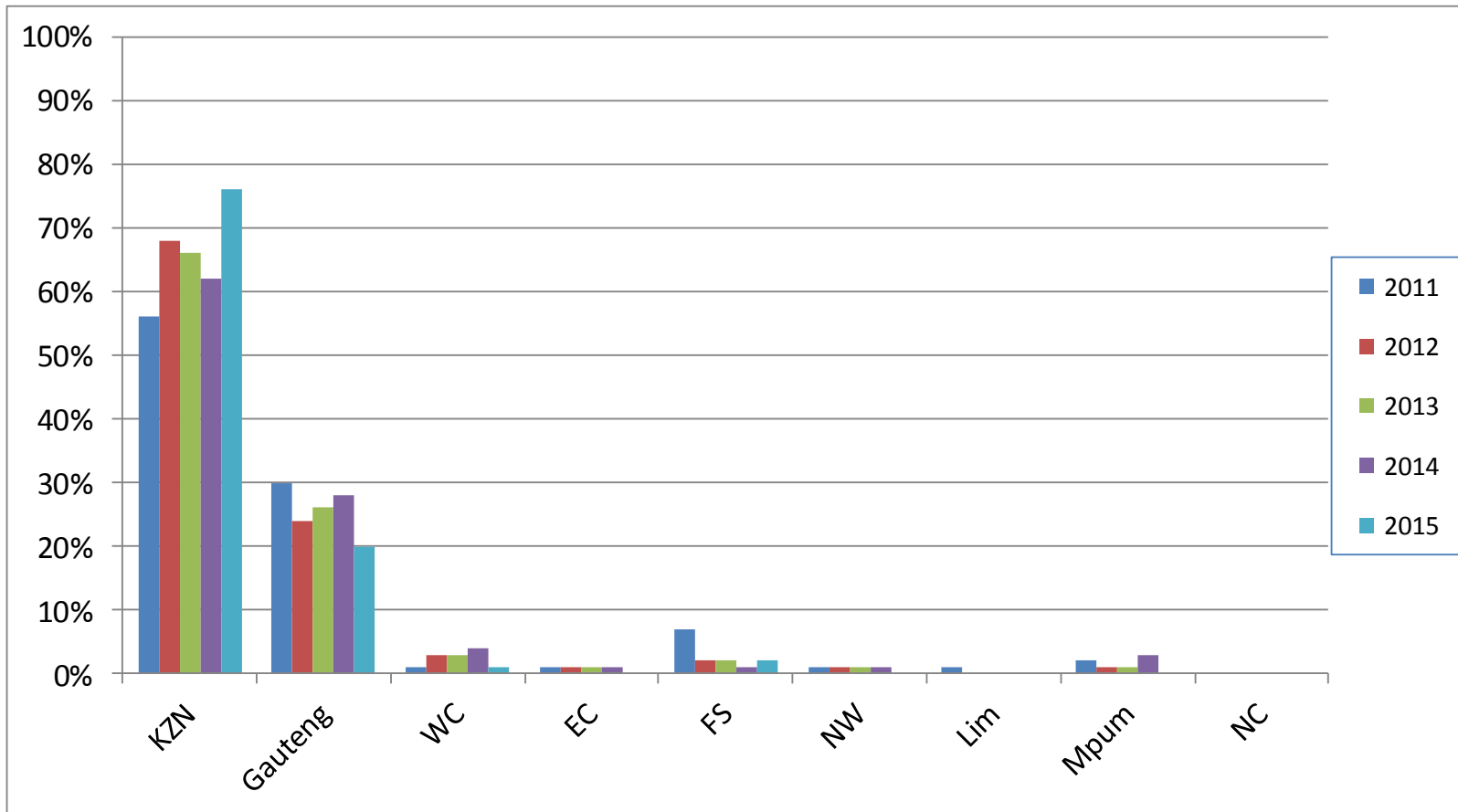
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Nature of Domestic Respondents



The number of visitor respondents interviewed had decreased in 2015, when compared to previous years. This is an indication that the event attracted fewer visitors to Durban, which is a concern for the tourism into the city. A Z-Test indicated a statistically significant difference in the visitor/resident ratio, when comparing 2014 and 2015.

Origin of Domestic Respondents



It is evident that people from KZN still dominate the event. When compared to previous years, the number of respondents from KZN increased by 14%, while respondents from Gauteng decreased by 8%. In comparison, the other provinces continued to be poorly represented in terms of overall entrants.

Average Group Size



| 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.8 |

Note: A group refers to a respondent and his/her non-cyclist friends, spouse and children attending the event. It does not include other cyclists. When comparing 2014 and 2015, it was evident that there was a decline in the average group size. This could possibly be attributed to the fact there were more local residents than visitors in 2015. Local residents tend to participate in these events with their partner whereas visitors tend to bring their families along.

Total Average Spend

| Year | **Low Estimate | *Middle Estimate | ***High Estimate |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2007 | R805 | R989 | R1 173 |
| 2008 | R1 315 | R1 554 | R1 794 |
| 2009 | R770 | R968 | R1 167 |
| 2010 | R1 350 | R1 685 | R2 019 |
| 2011 | R1 324 | R1 729 | R2 133 |
| 2012 | R1 627 | R2 071 | R2 515 |
| 2013 | R1 490 | R1 858 | R2 226 |
| 2014 | R2 101 | R2 729 | R3 357 |
| 2015 | R2 410 | R3 467 | R4 524 |

* No margin of error of mean

**Low estimate of margin of error of mean at 95% confidence level

***High estimate of margin of error of mean at 95% confidence level

The average mean spend of the respondents was higher in 2015 than in 2014. It could be because there was an increase in the proportion of respondents who stayed in paid accommodation establishments in 2015 when compared to 2014, and fewer respondents stayed with friends and relatives

Breakdown of Non-Resident Spend



| Item | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Accommodation | R1 559 | R1 334 | R1 804 | R1 911 | R2 645 | R2 102 | R2 898 | R2 570 |
| Transport | R1 079 | R629 | R 1 169 | R1 055 | R1 358 | R1 115 | R2 062 | R1 351 |
| Food and Beverages | R537 | R369 | R669 | R729 | R942 | R777 | R1 060 | R730 |
| Entertainment | R397 | R356 | R470 | R595 | R745 | R870 | R715 | R700 |
| Souvenirs | R503 | R320 | R452 | R756 | R900 | R594 | R866 | R558 |

Comparing 2014 to 2015, the average spend by non-residents decreased across all spend items with the no exceptions. However, the mean total spend increased in 2015 when compared to 2014. The logical reasoning behind this is because there was a higher number of residents that attended the race than non-residents. Also, there were more participants in 2015 which could also explain the higher total mean spend.

Estimated Economic Impact: Resident Participants



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Registration fees are not included to avoid double counting.

The increased total spend is due to the increased mean spend.

| Year | Number | Margin of Error | Mean | Spend |
|-------------|--------|-------------------|--------|------------|
| 2010 | 3 806 | *Low estimate | R541 | R2 059 609 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R375 | R1 428 896 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R707 | R2 691 322 |
| 2011 | 4 368 | *Low estimate | R260 | R1 134 713 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R215 | R937 005 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R305 | R1 332 421 |
| 2012 | 2 821 | *Low estimate | R244 | R688 275 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R352 | R993 107 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R460 | R1 297 940 |
| 2013 | 4 657 | *Low estimate | R300 | R1 401 368 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R444 | R2 071 752 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R588 | R2 742 135 |
| 2014 | 6 055 | *Low estimate | R181 | R1 095 962 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R395 | R2 389 832 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R608 | R3 683 703 |
| 2015 | 5 913 | *Low estimate | R441 | R2 607 633 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R790 | R4 671 270 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R1 140 | R6 740 820 |

Estimated Economic Impact: Non-Resident Participants

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The increased spend of non resident spending is due to the higher number of non-resident participants.

| Year | Number | Margin of Error | Mean | Spend |
|-------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------|
| 2010 | 4 845 | *Low estimate | R2 594 | R12 566 285 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R1 982 | R9 603 553 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R3 205 | R15 529 017 |
| 2011 | 4 196 | *Low estimate | R3 089 | R12 960 877 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R2 061 | R8 647 189 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R4 117 | R17 274 566 |
| 2012 | 3 590 | *Low estimate | R3 129 | R11 233 110 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R4 127 | R14 814 443 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R5 125 | R18 398 750 |
| 2013 | 6 479 | *Low estimate | R2 472 | R16 019 462 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R3 136 | R20 321 195 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R3 560 | R23 068 305 |
| 2014 | 3 841 | *Low estimate | R3 144 | R12 076 586 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R4 151 | R15 944 786 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R5 158 | R19 812 985 |
| 2015 | 4 109 | *Low estimate | R3 225 | R13 251 525 |
| | | **Middle Estimate | R4 387 | R18 026 183 |
| | | ***High Estimate | R5 549 | R22 800 841 |

Estimated Economic Impact: Resident Spectators



Zulu Kingdom. Exceptional

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 ***High estimate of margin of error of mean at 95% confidence level

These are based on the number of spectators at the finishing point as observed by the research team.

| Year | Number | Margin of Error | Mean | Spend |
|-------------|--|--|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2010 | <i>Omitted due to the use of different trial methodology</i> | - | - | - |
| 2011 | 1 060 | *Low estimate **Middle Estimate ***High Estimate | R234 R193 R275 | R247 828 R204 258 R291 398 |
| 2012 | 1 550 | *Low estimate **Middle Estimate ***High Estimate | R269 R444 R618 | R417 446 R687 813 R958 179 |
| 2013 | 1 380 | *Low estimate **Middle Estimate ***High Estimate | R248 R486 R724 | R342 455 R671 319 R1 000 183 |
| 2014 | 1 725 | *Low estimate **Middle Estimate ***High Estimate | R155 R231 R307 | R267 691 R399 337 R530 983 |
| 2015 | 1 850 | *Low estimate **Middle Estimate ***High Estimate | R208 R496 R783 | R384 800 R917 600 R1 448 550 |

Estimated Economic Impact: Non-Resident Spectators

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| Year | Number | Margin of Error | Mean | Spend |
|------|--|--|----------------------------|--|
| 2010 | <i>Omitted due to the use of different trial methodology</i> | - | - | - |
| 2011 | 940 | *Low estimate **Middle Estimate ***High Estimate | R2 110 R1 438 R2 782 | R1 983 118 R1 352 015 R2 614 221 |
| 2012 | 760 | *Low estimate **Middle Estimate ***High Estimate | R2 005 R3 171 R4 337 | R1 523 689 R2 410 076 R3 296 464 |
| 2013 | 1 620 | *Low estimate **Middle Estimate ***High Estimate | R1 433 R2 496 R3 560 | R2 322 131 R4 045 049 R5 767 966 |
| 2014 | 1275 | *Low estimate **Middle Estimate ***High Estimate | R2 449 R4 148 R5 487 | R3 123 474 R5 289 713 R7 455 953 |
| 2015 | 1 350 | *Low estimate **Middle Estimate ***High Estimate | R1 756 R4 025 R6 294 | R2 370 600 R5 433 750 R8 496 900 |

Estimated Total Economic Impact: Participants and Spectators Non-Residents

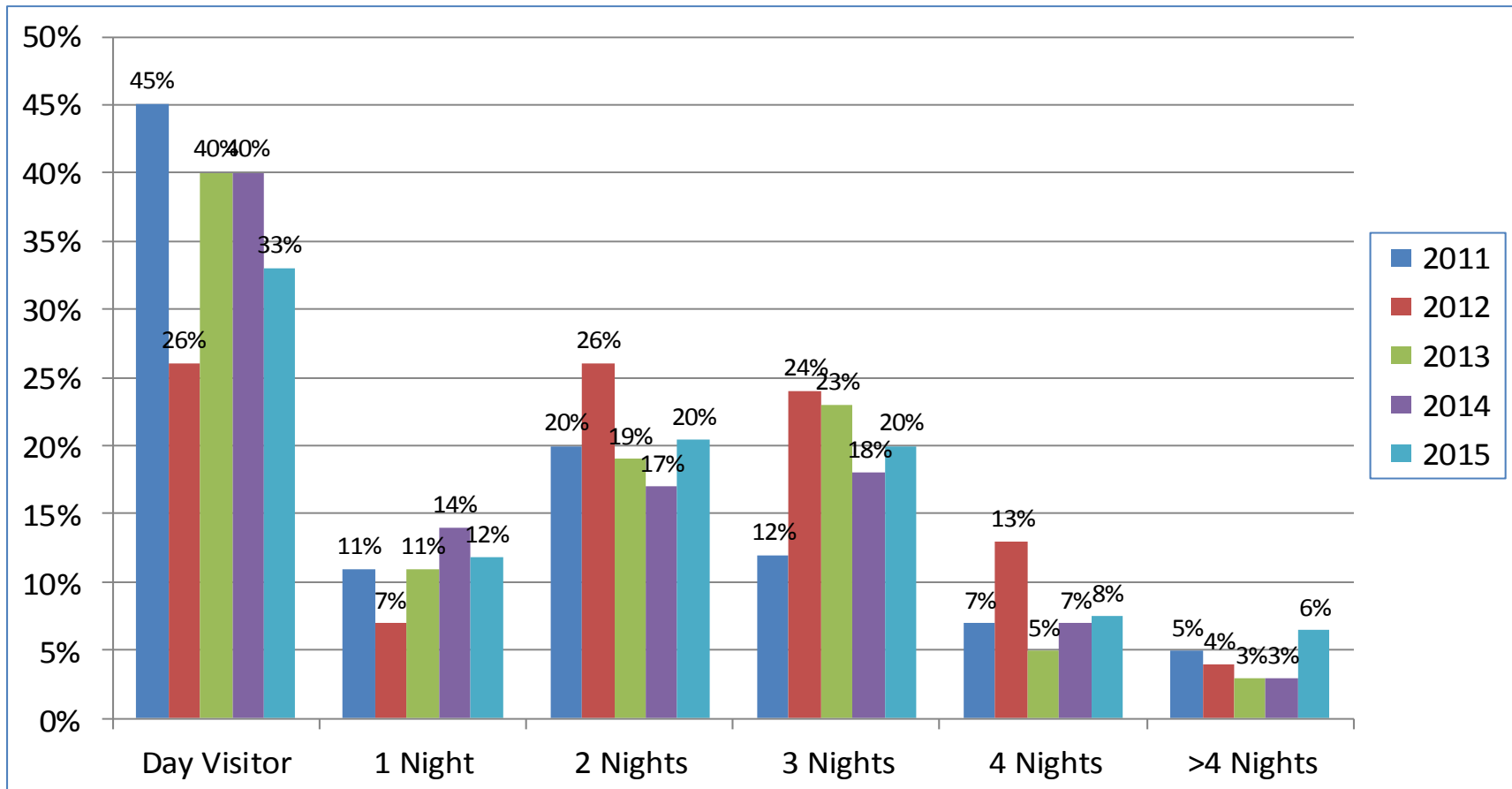


| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| *Direct Spend | Between R18 341 594 and R28 836 272 | Between R15 200 060 and R27 268 938 | Between R15 622 125 and R31 297 741 |
| Total Spend | *Between R26 045 064 and R40 947 506 **Between R27 512 392 and R43 254 408 | **Between R30 400 121 and R54 537 877 | **Between R31 324 250 and R62 595 482 |

Note: The direct spend was calculated by using the non-resident spend only. Only 75% of the organizers' spend was considered to be spent in KZN. This accounts for spend that leaves the province, such as prize money and time keeping equipment. The number of participants had increased. This resulted in a higher estimated spend in KwaZulu-Natal.

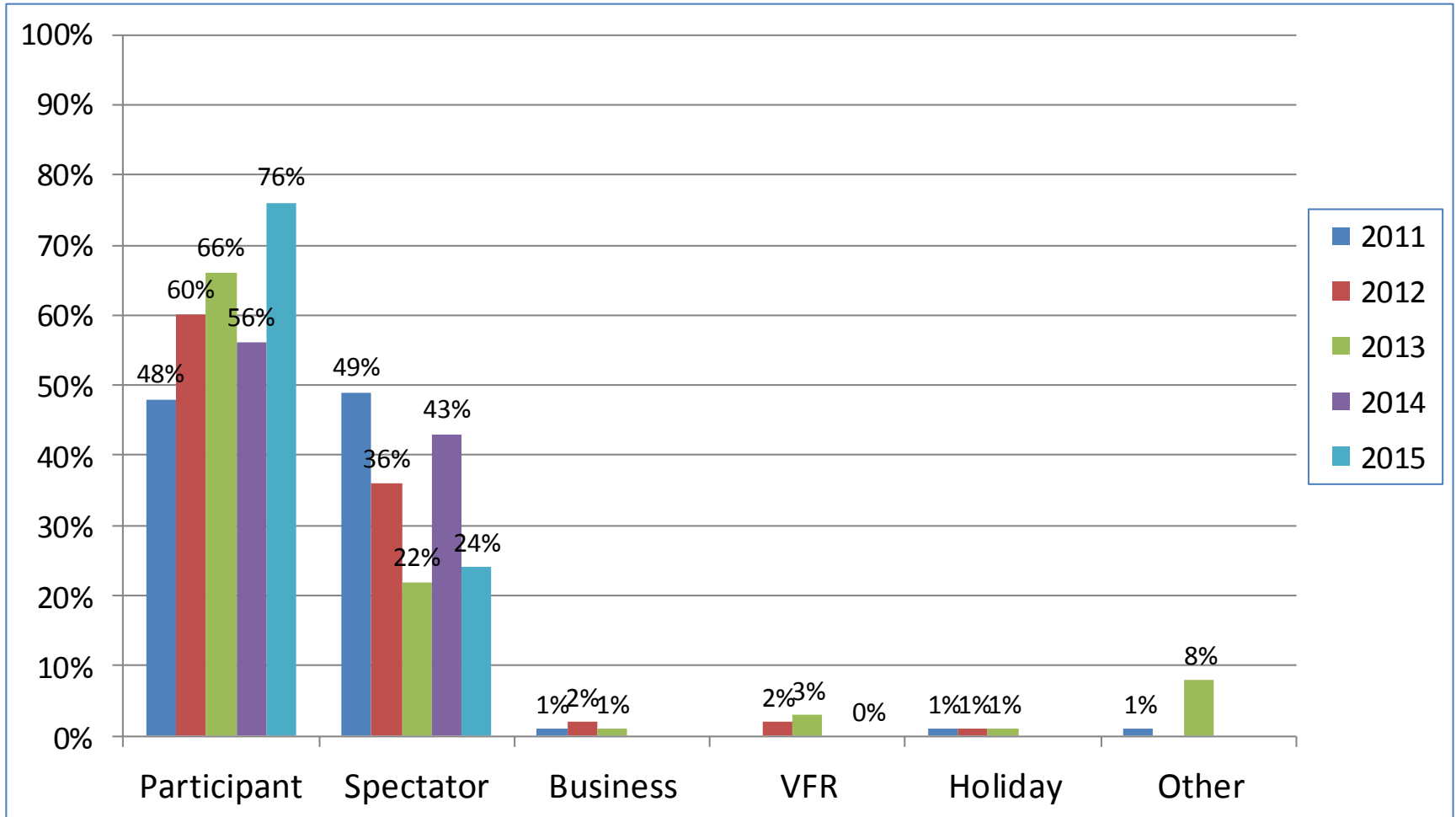
•Multiplier of 1.42
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Length of stay



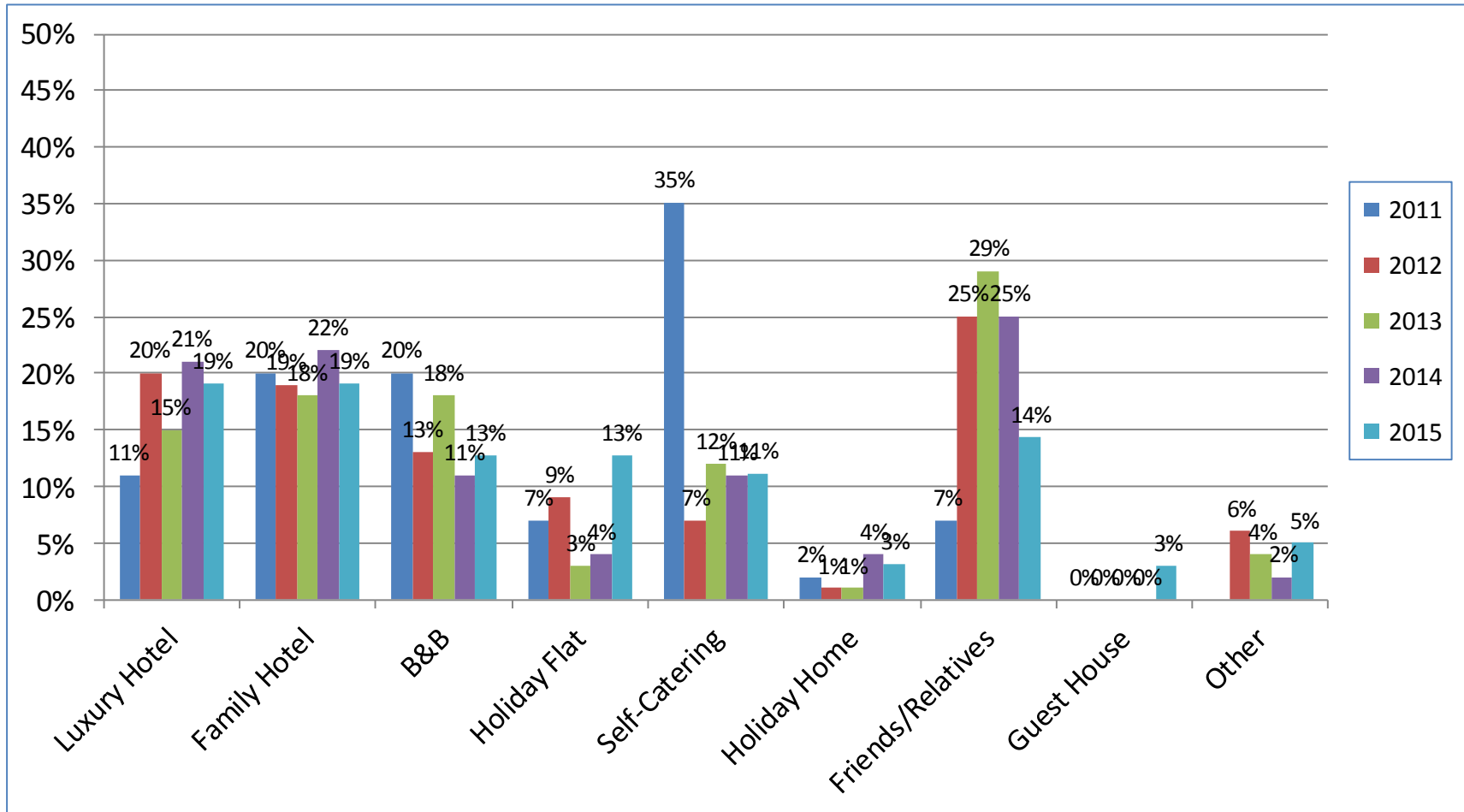
In 2015, most of the respondents were day visitors (33%). Of those who did stay overnight in 2015, most stayed for 2 or 3 nights. There was an increase in the proportion of respondents who stayed for 2 and 3 nights and it is important to note that there was a slight increase in those who stayed for more than 4 nights. However, there was a decline in those who stayed for 1 night when compared to 2014. There was also a decline in the number of day visitors when comparing 2015 with 2014.

Primary Reason for Visit?



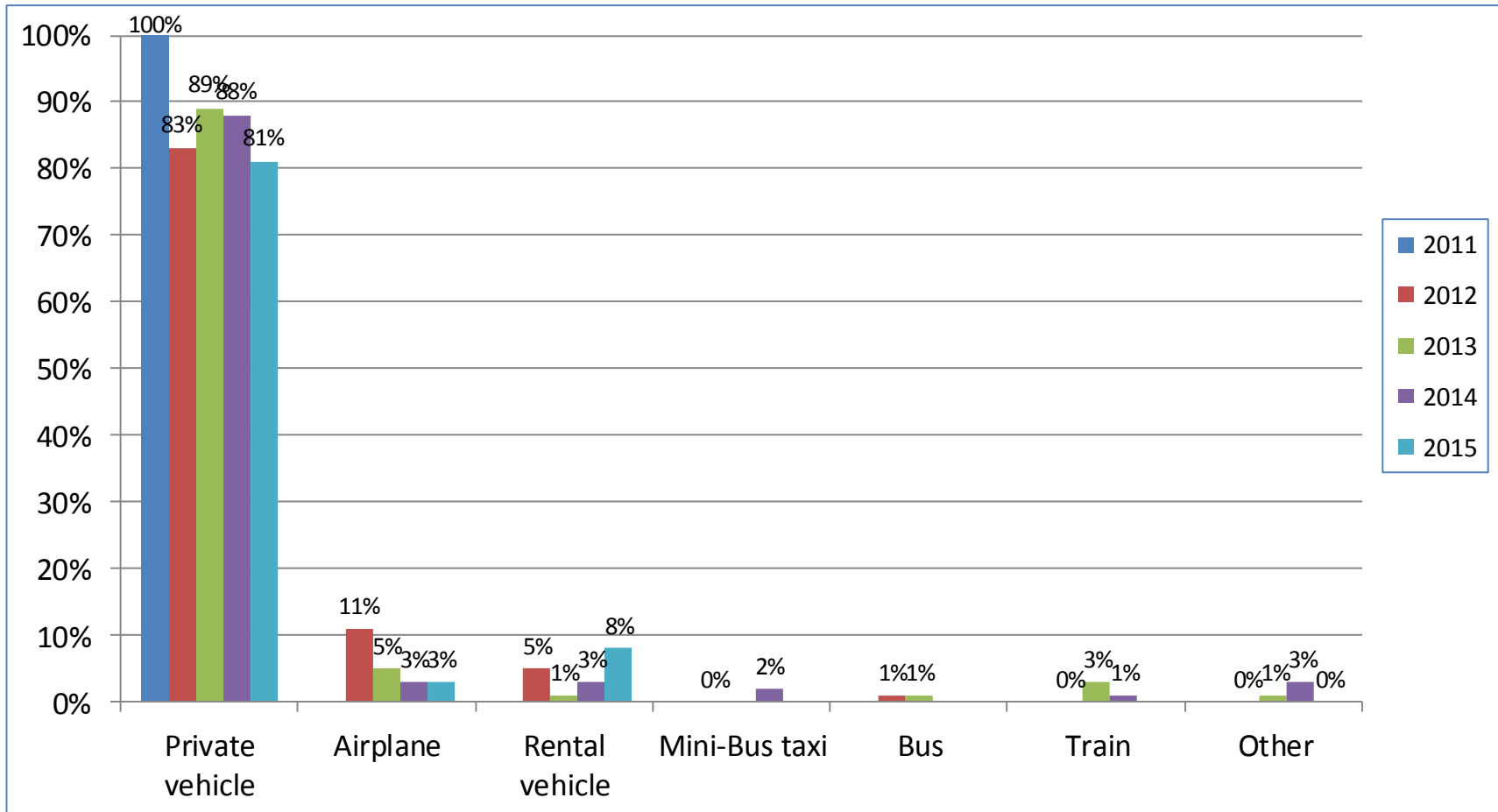
All of the respondents at the event were in Durban as a result of the event, due to the fact that 100% of the respondents indicated that they were either a participant or a spectator. This indicated that the event does attract visitors to Durban. It is positive to note that there was an increase in the number of participants who were interviewed.

Accommodation: non-residents



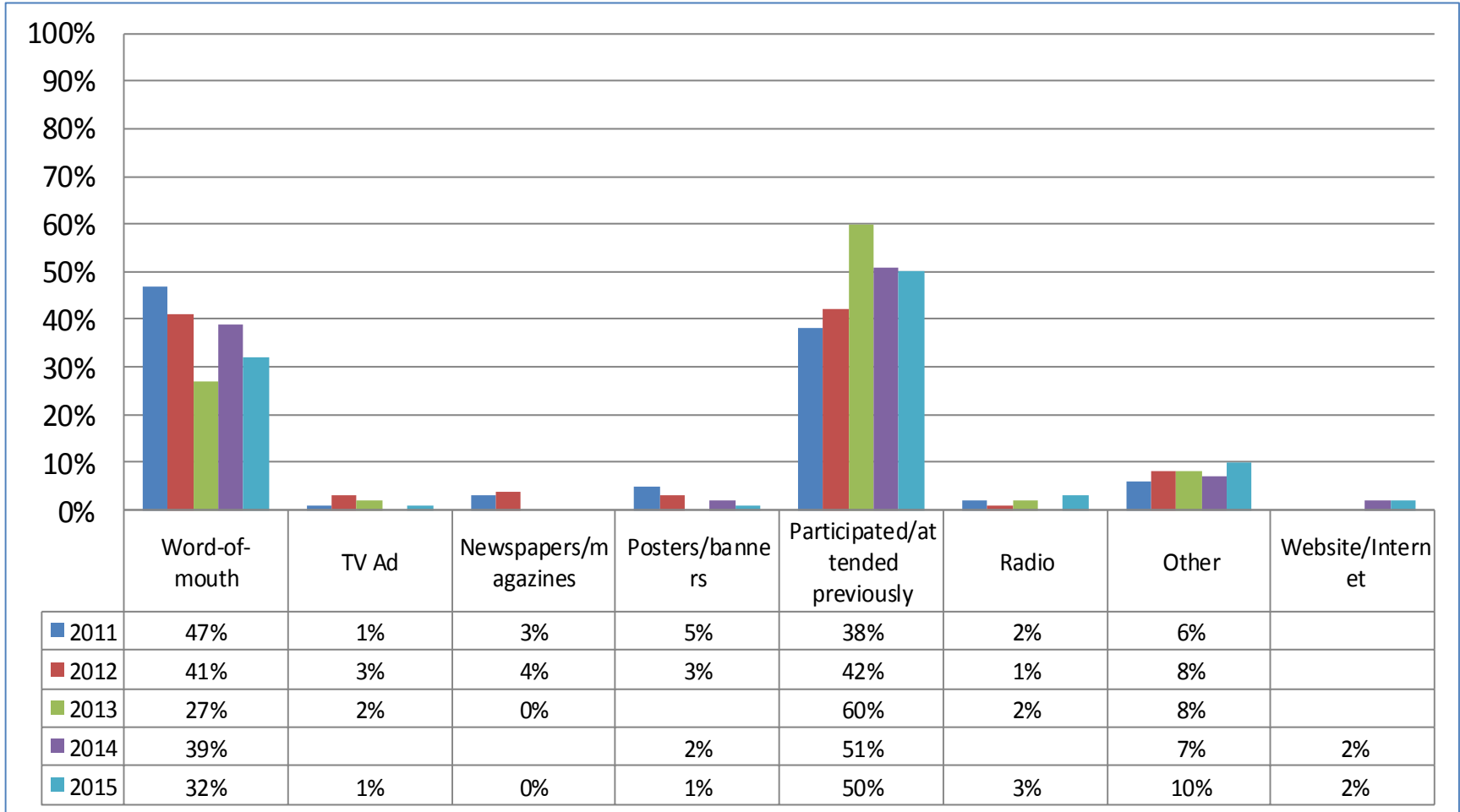
There was an increase in the use of 'Holiday Flats' and 'Guest Houses' in 2015. There were no other significant changes apart from the fact that there was a decline in the use of 'Friends/Relatives', which bodes well for the accommodation sector of the city (as people do not pay to stay with their friends and family).

Transport to Event: Non-Residents



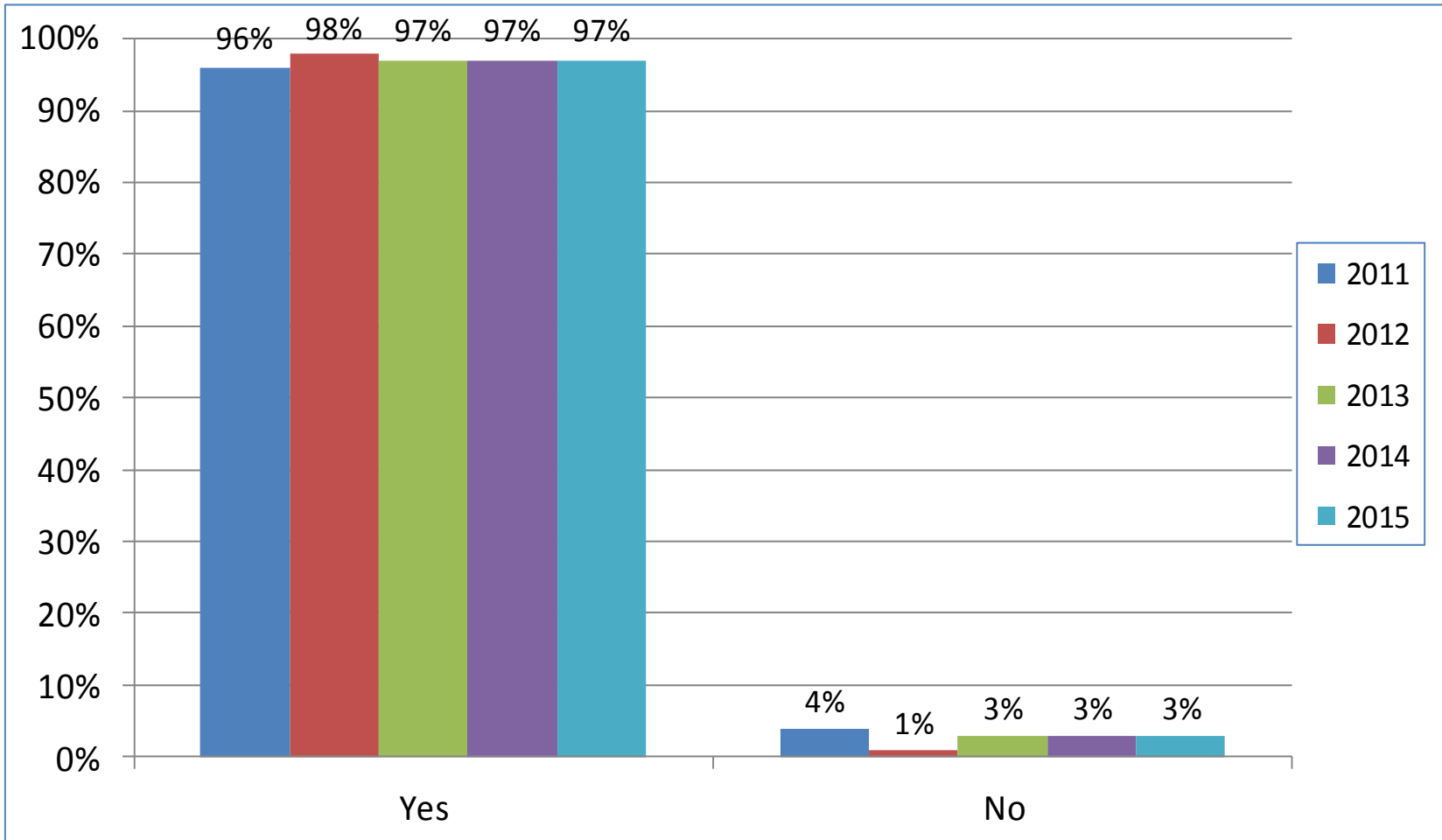
Even though there was a decline, the number of respondents who travelled to Durban using their private vehicle, it was still the highest. This was due to that fact that participants need to transport their bicycles and using their own vehicles is easier. It was also interesting to note that there was a 5% increase in the use of rental vehicles to travel to the event.

Influenced to attend?



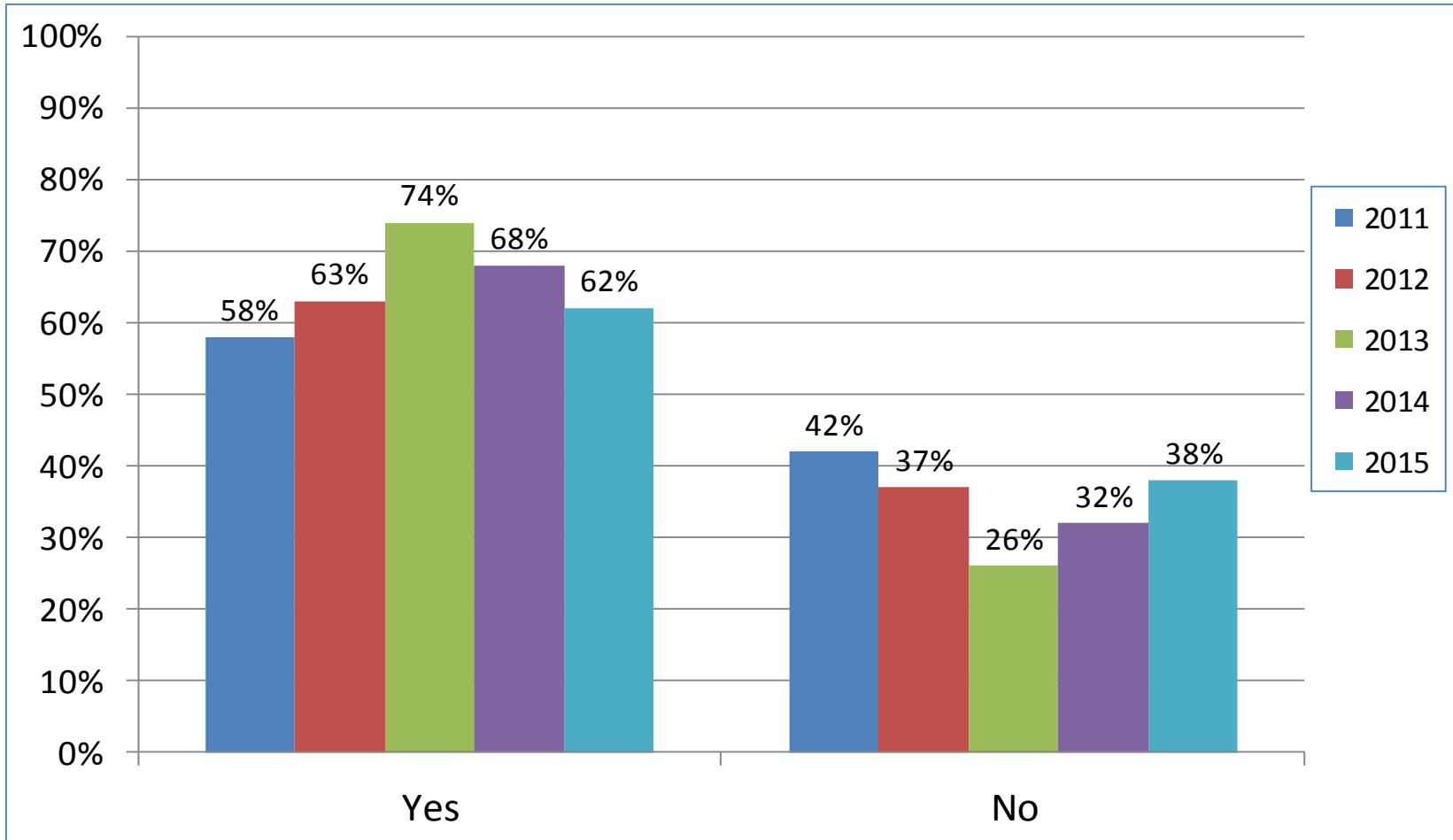
Word-of-mouth and **attending or participated previously** continued to be the main influences to attend the event. It is important to note that 'other' influences included: "to support a friend/family member", "social media" and "I am a professional cyclist".

Information Satisfaction



Most of the respondents had indicated that they were satisfied with information regarding the event. There has been a constant trend, since 2010, whereby almost all of the respondents have been satisfied with the information.

Attend in previous years?



Once again, most of the respondents indicated that they had attended the event in previous years. However, there was a slight decrease in this number while there was a 6% increase in the number of people who participated for the first time. Both of these results show positives – it shows that the event attracts return participants as well as new participants.

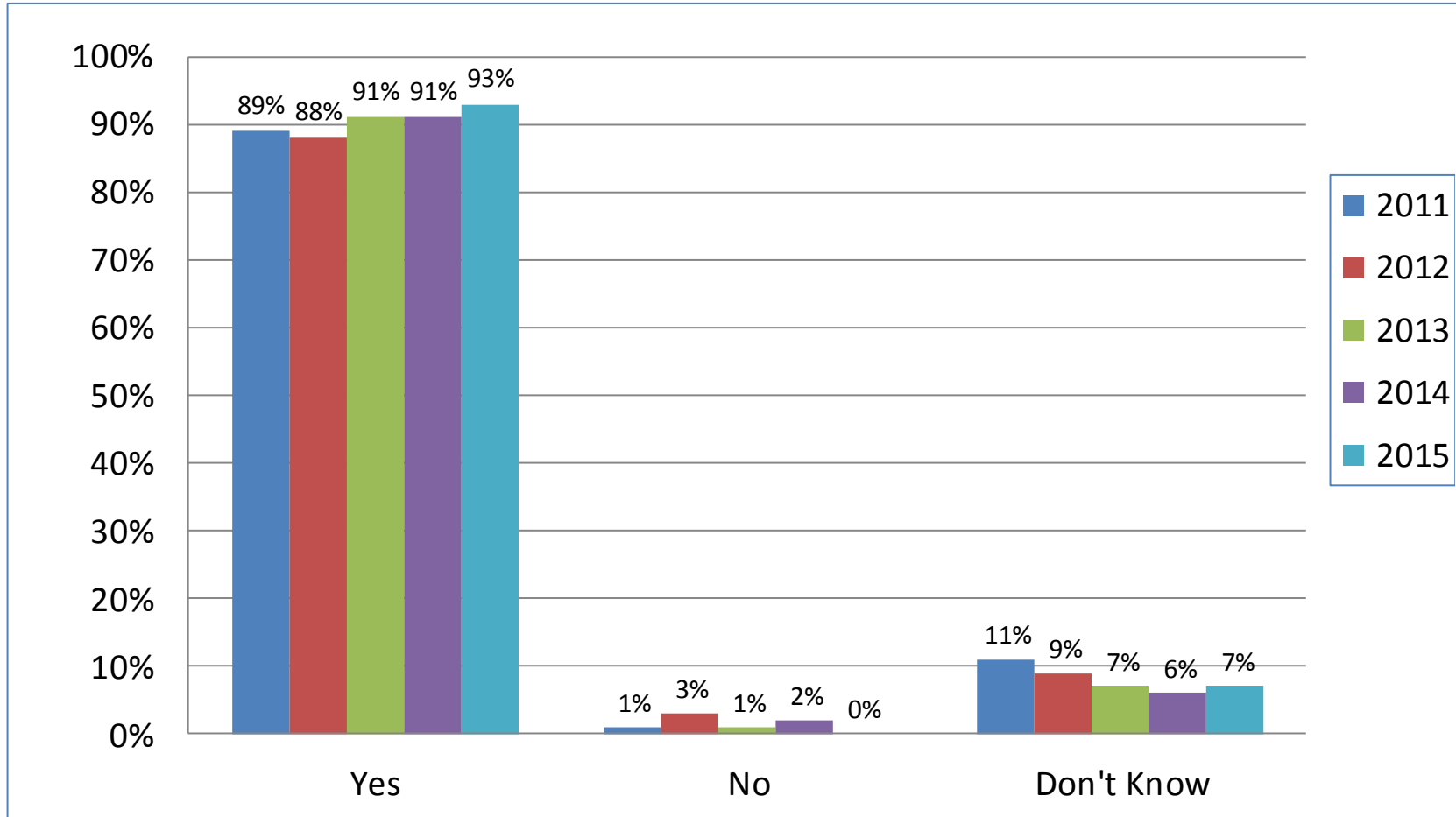
Event Marketing Improvements



| SUGGESTIONS | % |
|---|------------|
| The event is well marketed already, no improvements are needed | 68% |
| Broadcast and advertise more on television | 13% |
| Advertise on the radio | 9% |
| Advertise on social media and the internet | 7% |
| Advertise in other areas/provinces | 3% |

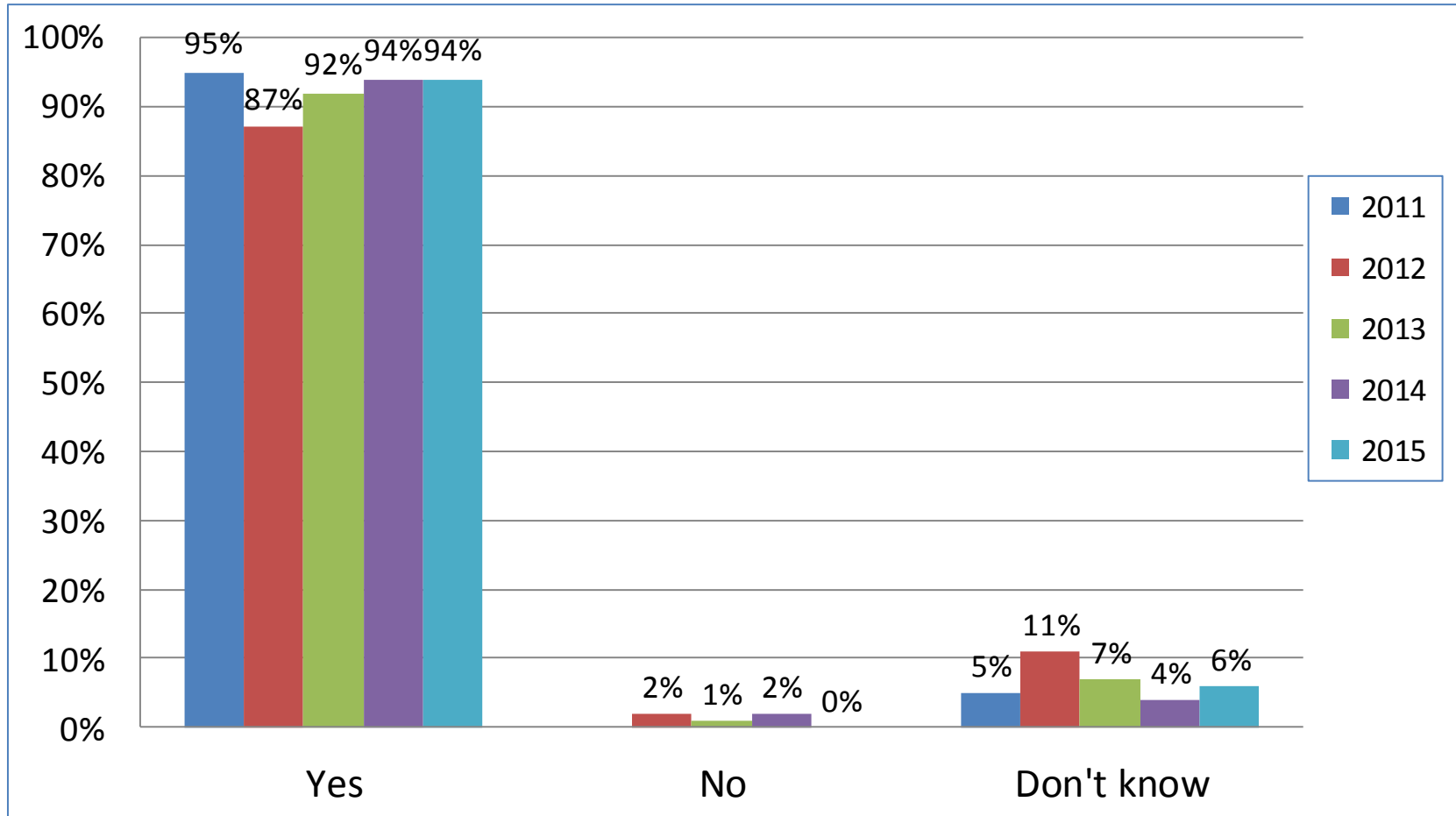
Most respondents are happy with the marketing of the event. However there are some who feel that the event can be marketed on TV and the local radio and on social networks.

Attend Again? (All)



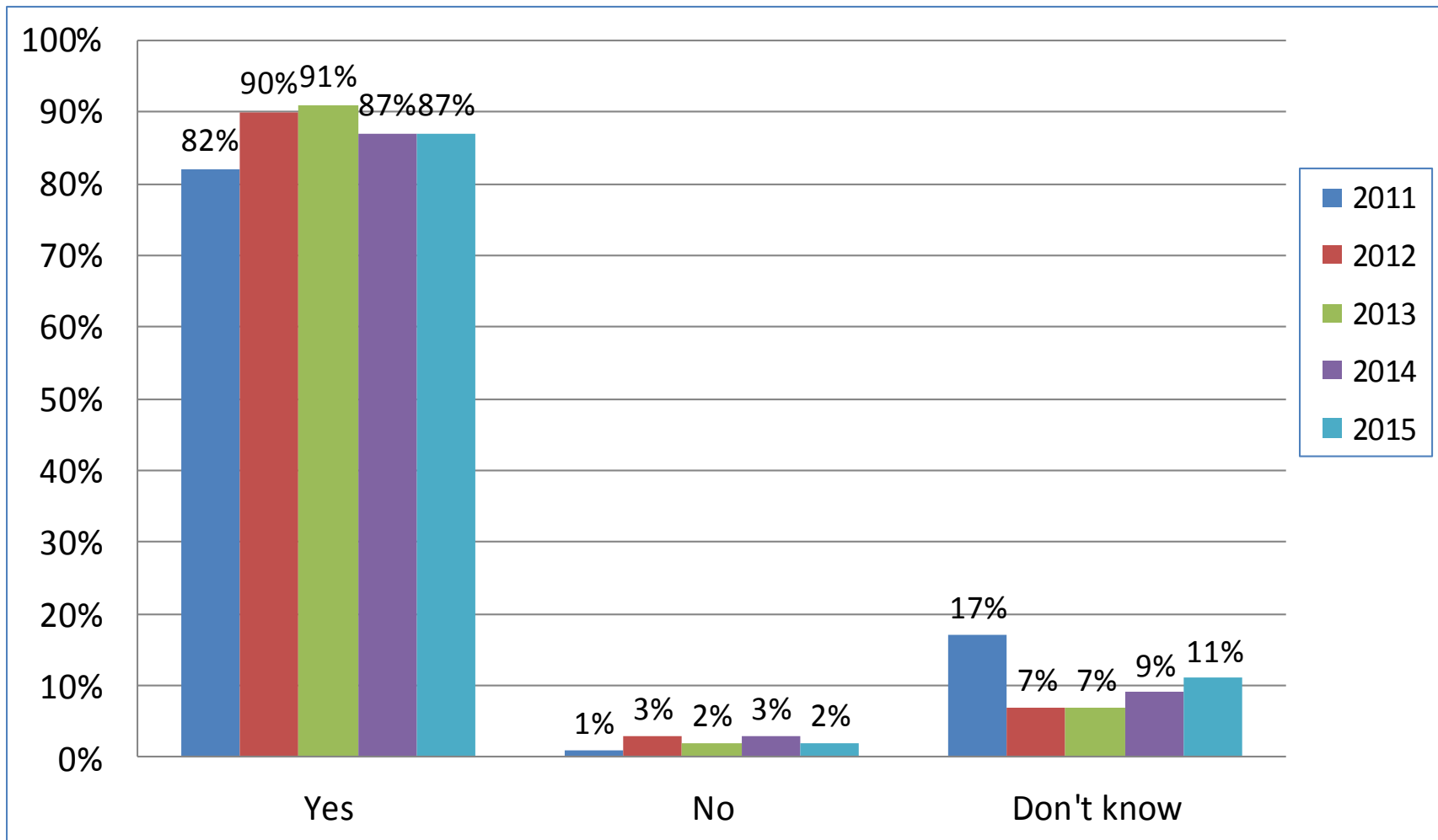
Most of the respondents indicated that they would attend the event again. This further supports the indication that the event is popular. There was also an increase in the number of respondents who said they would attend again when comparing 2015 with the years 2011-2014.

Attend Again? (Participants)



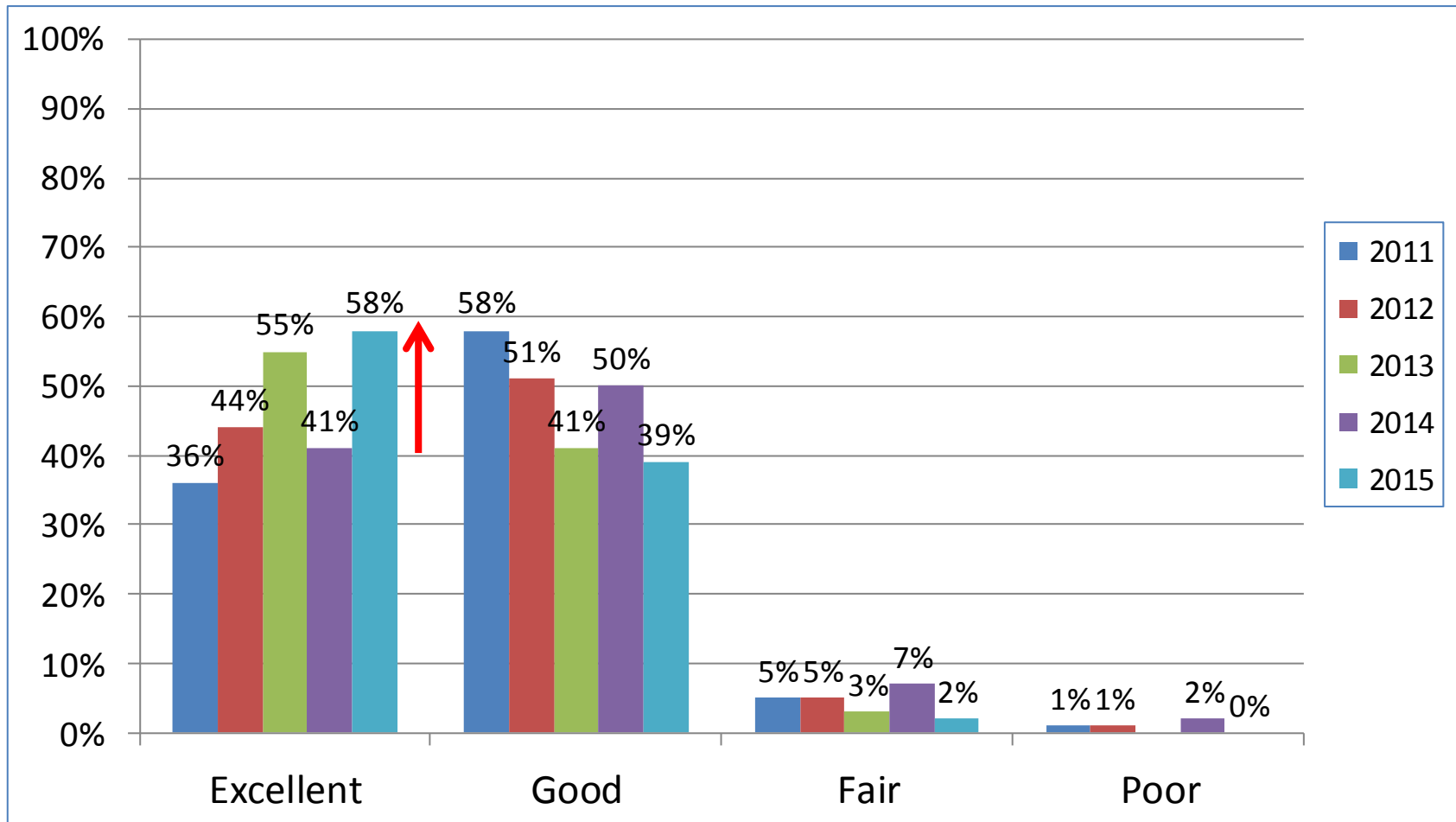
94% of the participants interviewed indicated that they would attend this event again. This bodes well for the event and Durban in the future. There were no other significant changes in 2015.

Attend Again? (Spectators)



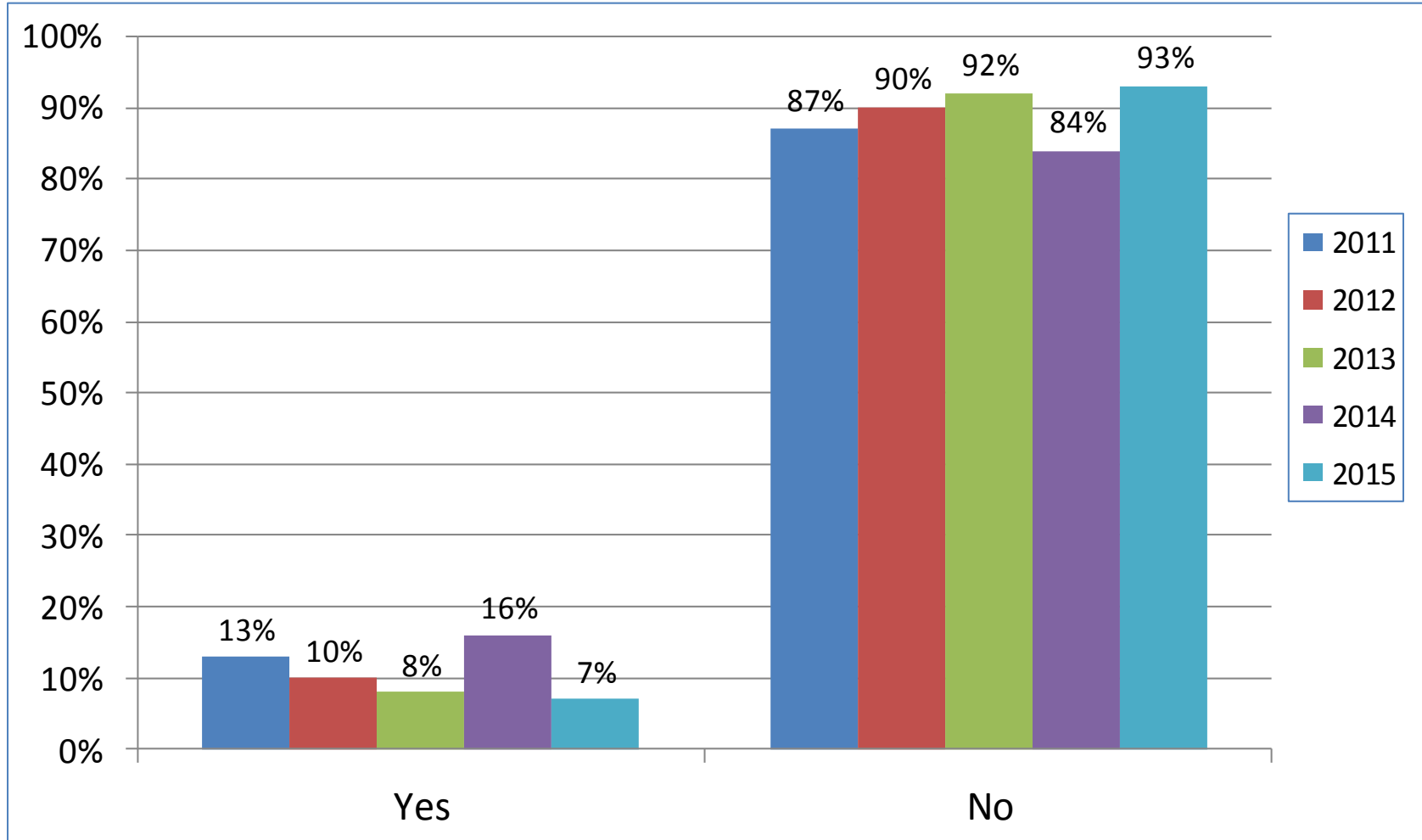
The spectators also seem to have confidence in this event as 87% indicated that they would like to attend the event again. There were no other significant changes in 2015.

Experience Rating



This slide indicates that 58% of the respondents had rated their experience as **excellent** and another 39% as **good**. This is also a reason why respondents would want to attend this event in the future. It is important to note that the response, **excellent**, experienced a 17% increase when comparing 2015 and 2014.

Experienced problems at the event?



Few respondents experienced any problems at the event. Mentions of the types of problems were experienced are found on the following slide. It is positive to note that there was a decrease in the proportion of respondents who did experience problems (9% decrease of those who did not experience any problems).

Problems Experienced

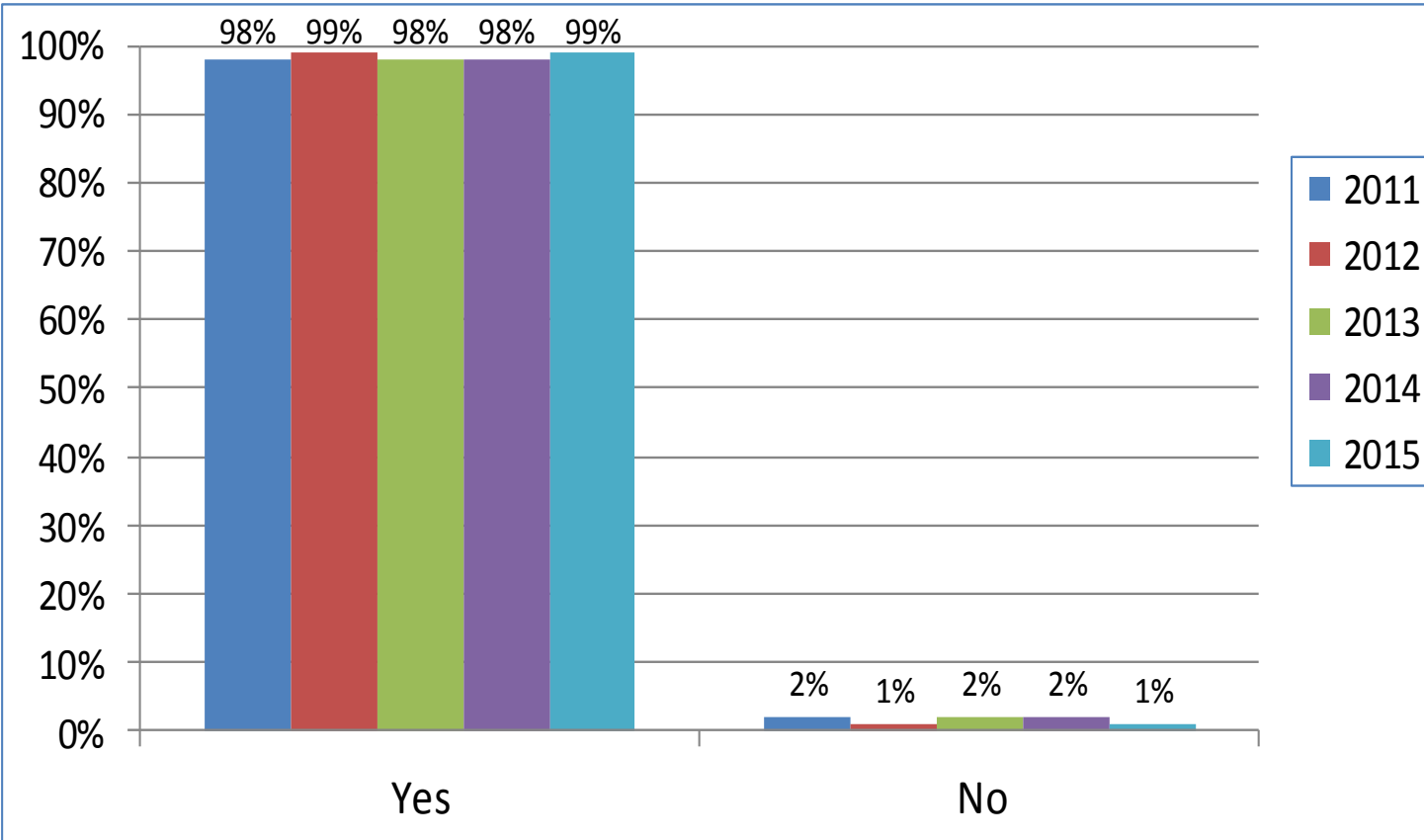


The problems that were experienced by the respondents were:

- Traffic congestion and parking problems
- Problems on the roads such as glass, potholes and waste/litter
- Road closures were confusing and it made dropping off the participants much more difficult
- Issues with Metro Police at the starting line
- “Disgusting litter when riding through Durban city centre”

Note: These problems above were cited from a very small minority of participants. Upon following up with other participants, there is a reason to not be concerned about these issues. However, they should still be explored further, just in case.

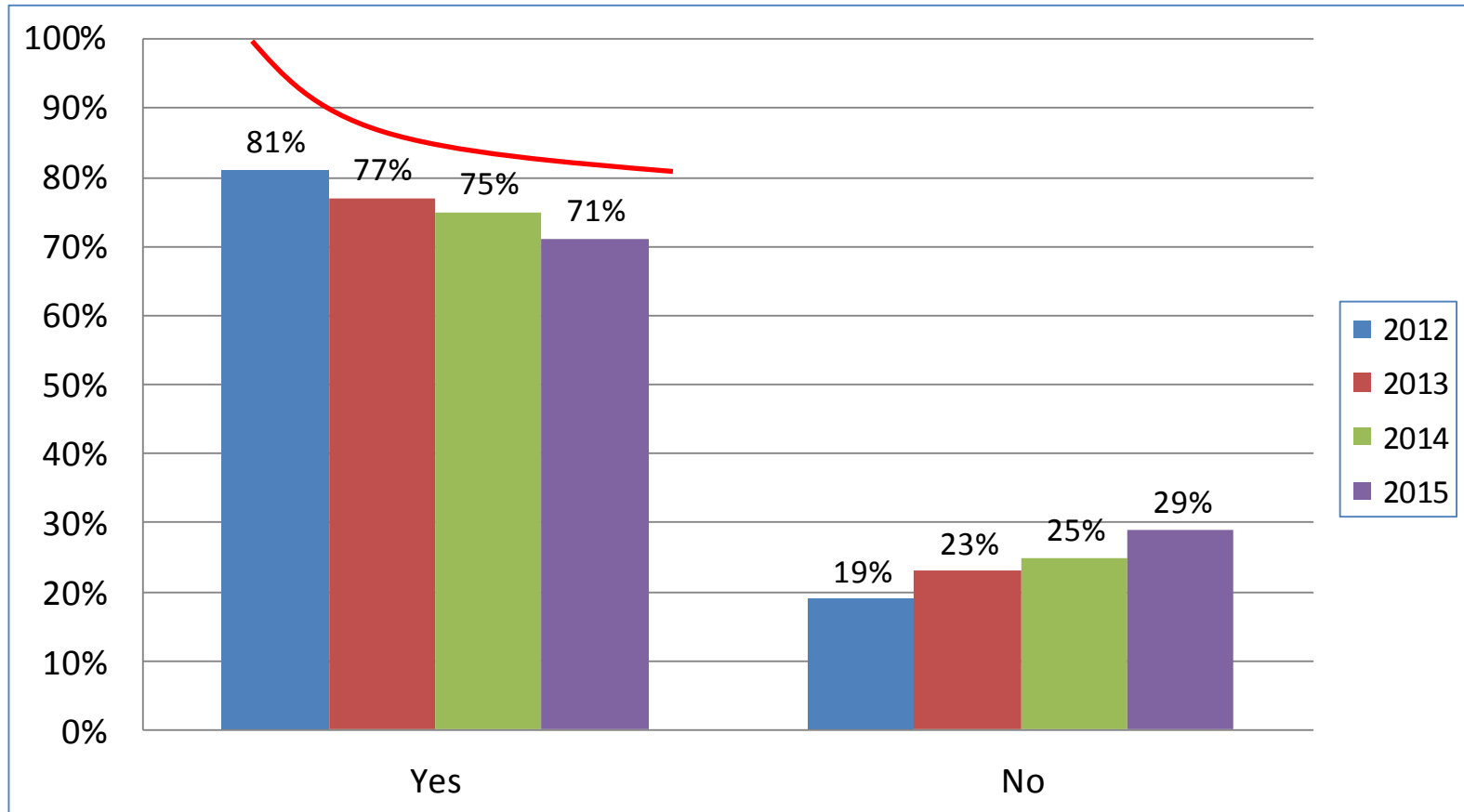
Recommend the Event to Family & Friends?



REASONS FOR RECOMMENDING THE EVENT

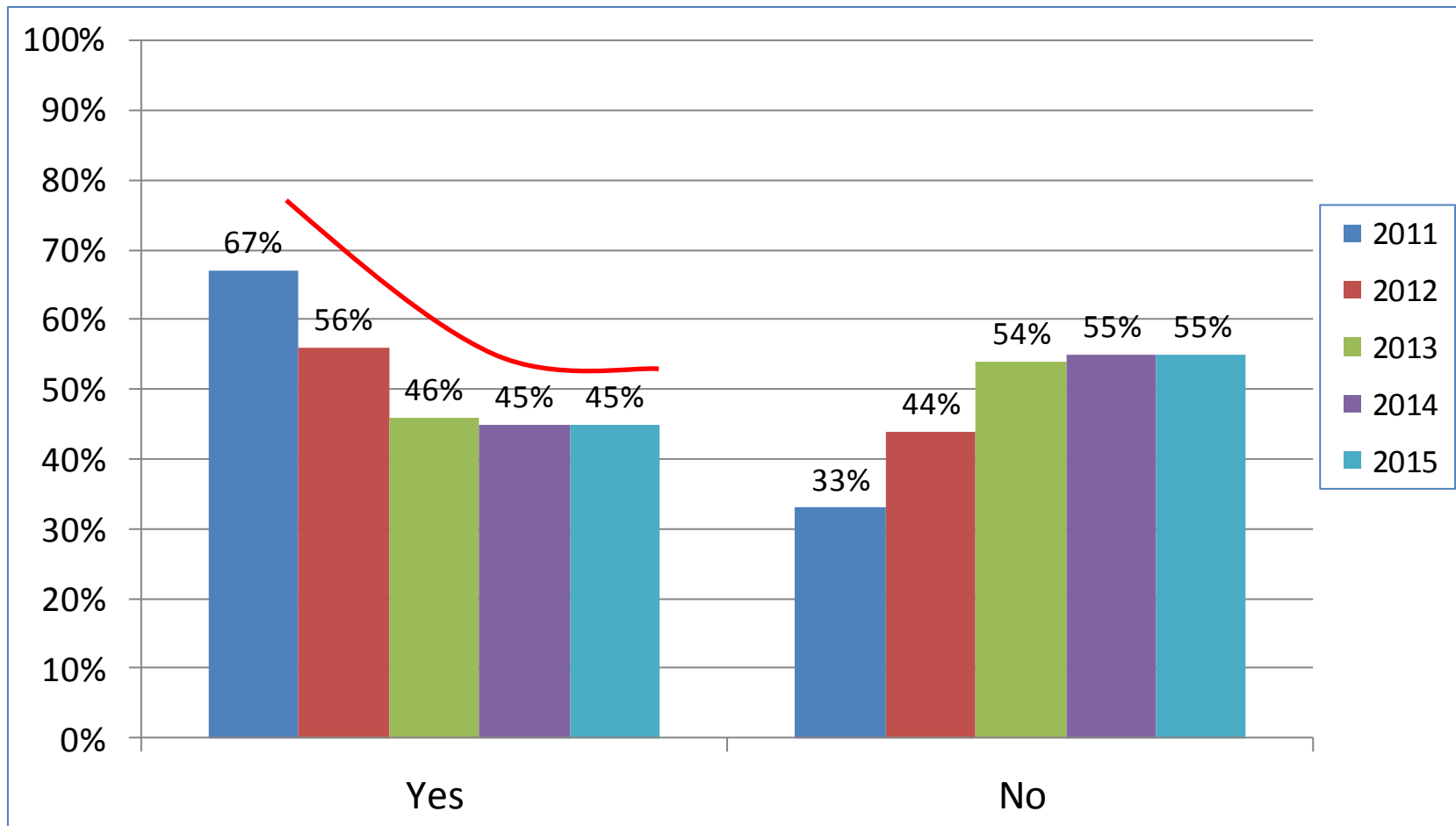
- Fun and exciting event
- Family event
- Well organised
- Caters for all levels of cyclists
- Healthy and enjoyable event

Plan to visit KZN for a holiday in the next 12 months?



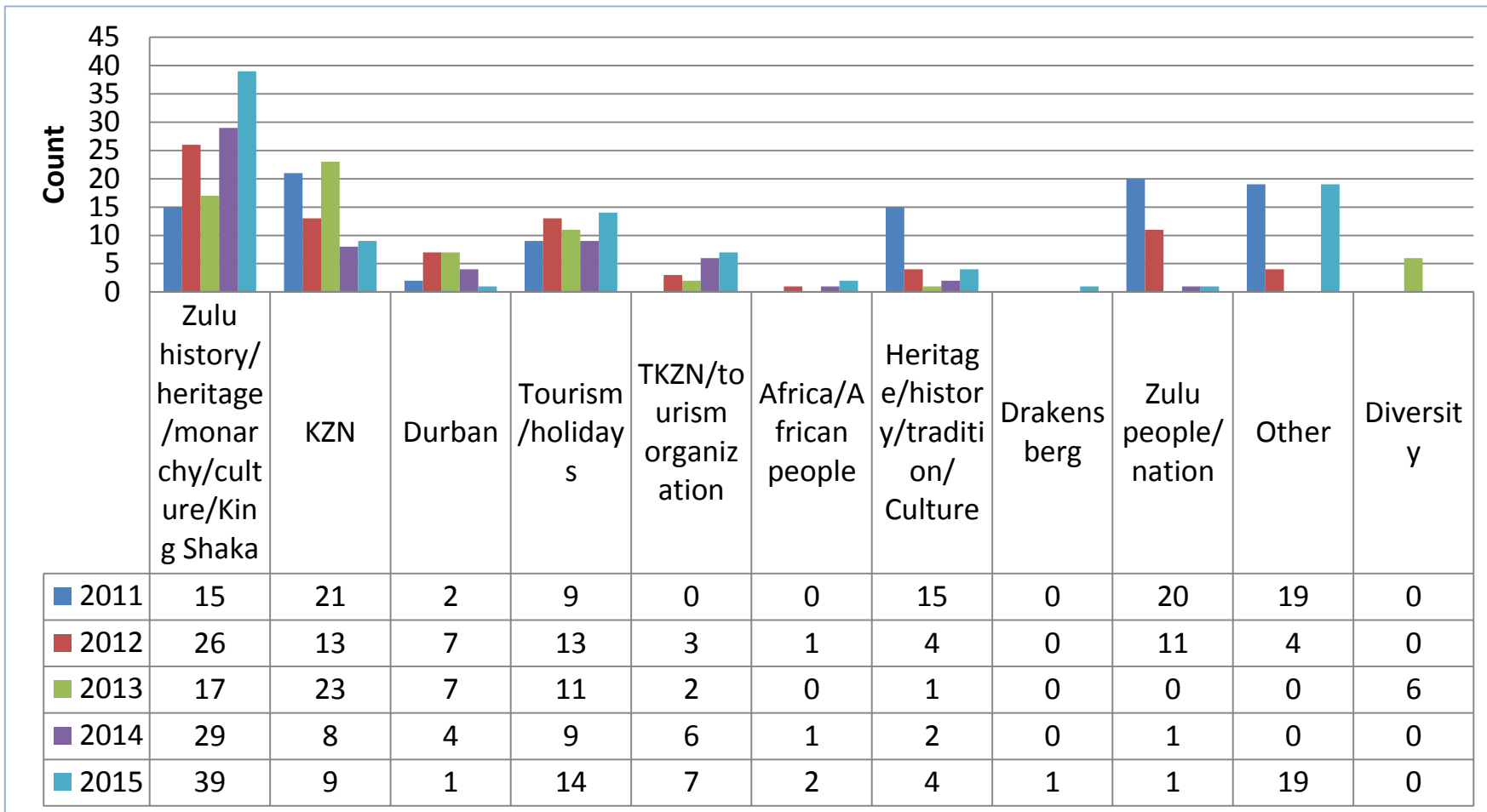
Although there was a decline in the proportion of respondents who indicated that they would visit KwaZulu-Natal in the next 12 months, this decline was not statistically significant. However, what is of concern is that there seems to be a constant decline in those who are planning to visit KZN in the future.

Familiar with TKZN's slogan?



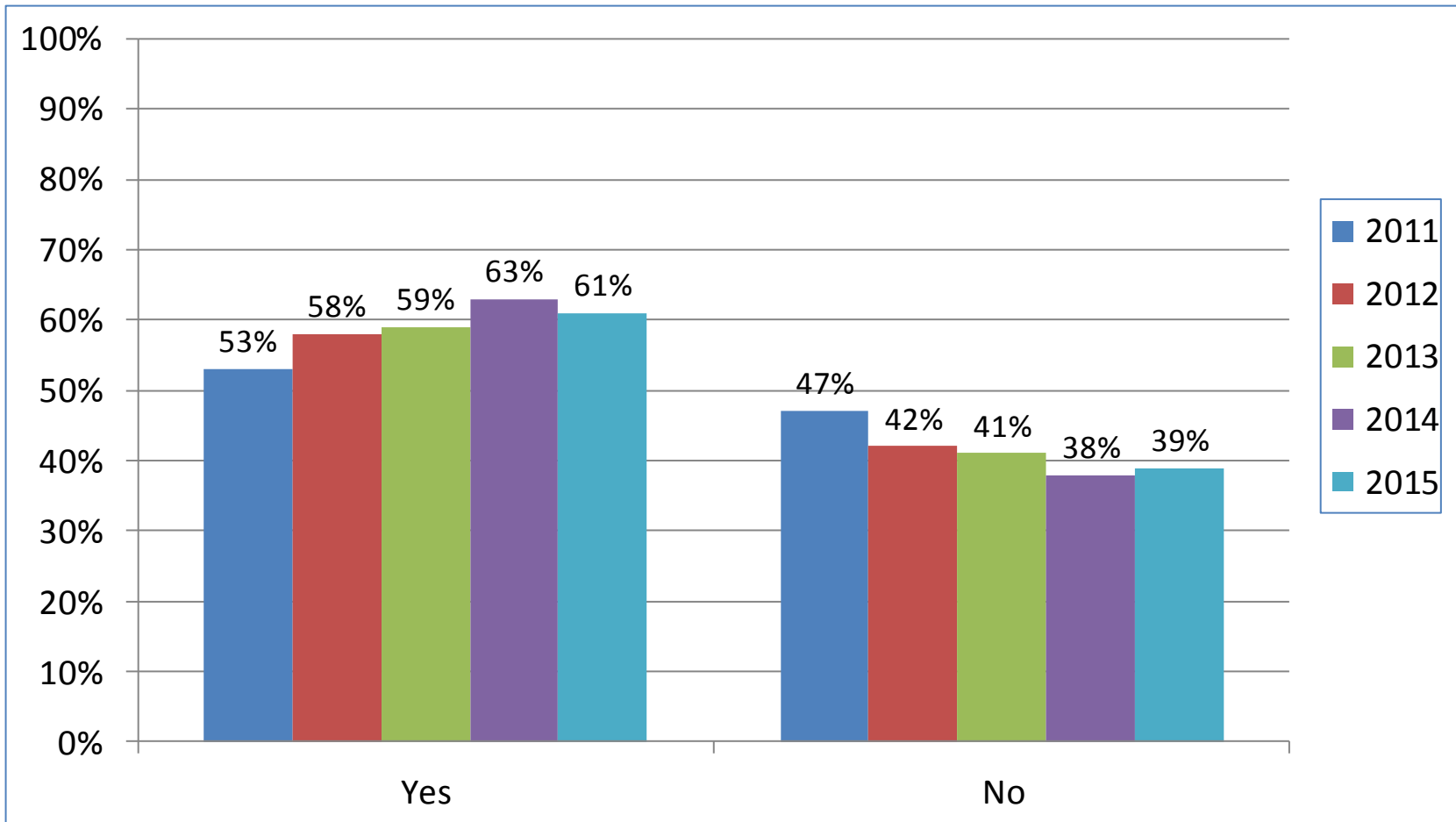
The lack of familiarity with TKZN's slogan continued to decline, although there were no changes with 2014 and 2015. The decline in familiarity started in 2011 when TKZN's branding changed and it has steadily continued to do so.

Associations – TKZN’s slogan Core Mentions



The key associations with TKZN’s slogan was **Zulu history/heritage/culture/king**. Other associations included **tourism/holidays, KZN** and **‘other’**. Note: ‘other’ associations included destinations such as the Valley of 1000 Hills and historical figures such as the late Nelson Mandela.

Noted TKZN's logo?



The recognition of the TKZN logo is steadily growing every year. However, when comparing 2015 and 2014, there was a slight decrease in the number of respondents who had noted the logo.

Where TKZN's logo noted?

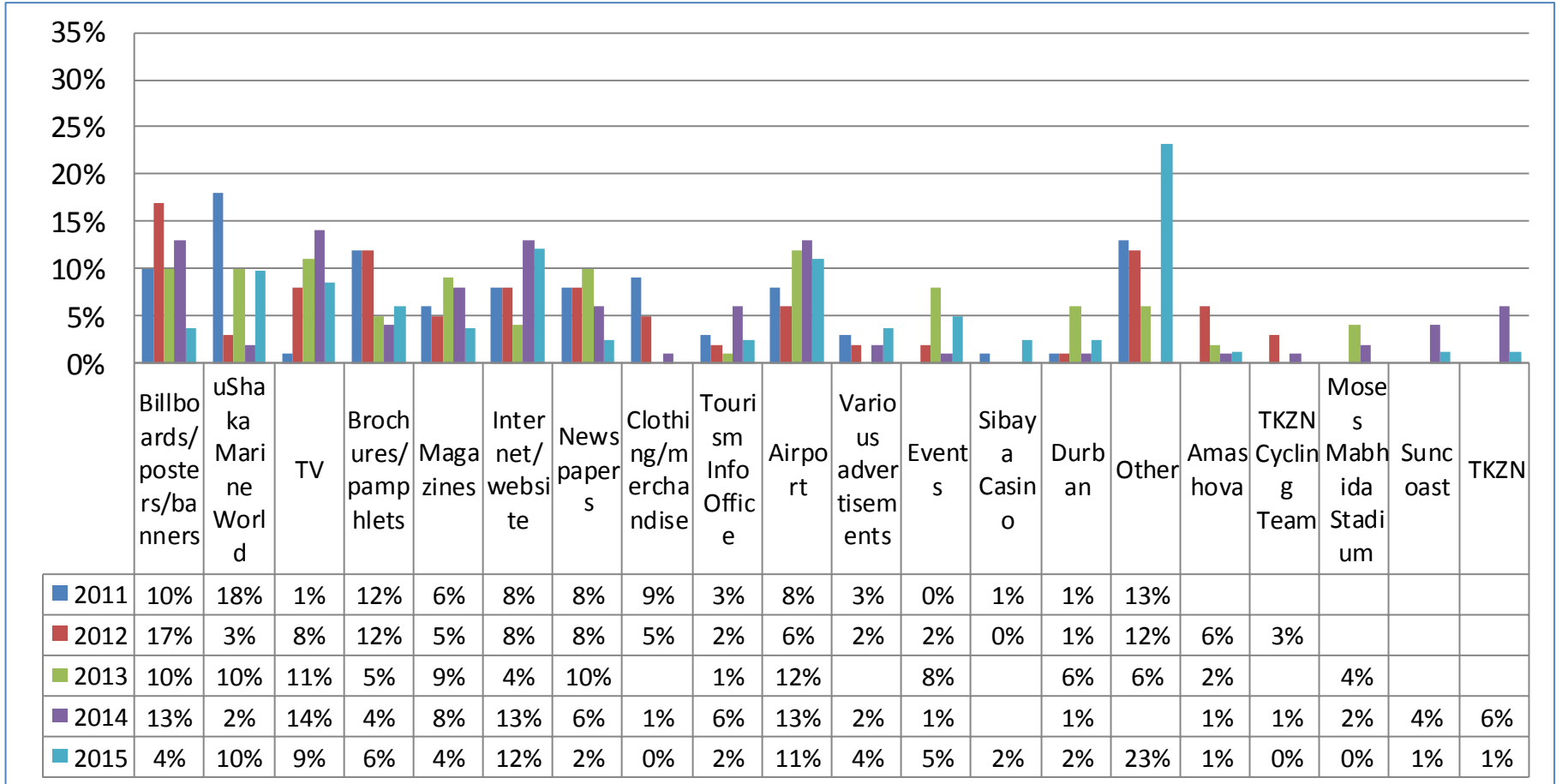


Figure 20 shows where the logo was seen/noted. It shows that it was seen in places such as uShaka Marine World, on television, internet, and at the airport. It is important to note that “other” locations include accommodation establishments and tourist attractions.

Durban Statistics



It was interesting to note the following statistics that are specific to the city of Durban:

- 86% of the respondents rated Durban, as a tourist destination, as either **excellent** (44%) or **good** (42%).
- 89% of the respondents said that they **would strongly** (53%) or **would recommend** (36%) Durban, as a tourist destination, to friends and family.
- The majority of the respondents stayed for either 2 or 3 nights in Durban.
- The mean total spend of all respondents in Durban was **R2 235**.

Main Findings



1. In 2013, the 65km distance was added to the 35km and 106km distances. In 2015, there was a small decrease in the number of participants in the 106km race, while there was an increase in the 65km race. Overall there was a increase in the number of total participants.
2. There were 64 international entrants in 2015 compared to 77 in 2014.
3. On a domestic front, in 2015 there was an increase in the number of entrants from a number of provinces such as the Free State, E. Cape, Mpumalanga, N. West, Limpopo and the W. Cape. The number of entrants from KZN increased while the number of entrants from Gauteng decreased.
4. The average group size was 2,8 in 2015, a small decline from 3.2 in 2014.
5. The total mean spend of all participants had increased. However, the mean spend for non-residents, across the categories (accommodation etc.), had decreased.
6. The total economic impact is estimated to be in the region of between R31mn and R62mn.
7. Most (60%) of the respondents indicated that they were local residents to Durban, while 40% were visitors to the area (14% were day visitors and 26% stayed overnight).
8. Of the non-resident respondents who stayed overnight, 20% stayed for either 2 or 3 nights. This was an increase from 2014 (18% for each). This shows that these respondents stayed for the weekend of the event.

Main Findings (cont'd)



9. In terms of accommodation for non-residents there was an increase in the use of holiday flats and B&Bs and a decline in the use of luxury hotels and staying with friends and relatives. This was reflected in the decreased spending on accommodation.
10. In terms of attending the event, this research showed that respondents were largely influenced by **attended in previous years** followed by **word-of-mouth**. This provides an indication that people have positive views of the event because they return and also talk about the event.
11. 97% of respondents were satisfied with the information that was provided regarding the event. It shows that the organizers are communicating well with participants.
12. Just over 80% of the respondents travelled to the event using the private vehicles. The nature of the event dictates that the participants used private transport in order to transport their own bicycles. There was also a slight increase in those who used rental vehicles to travel to the event.
13. There was a decrease (62% in 2015 and 68% in 2014) in the proportion of respondents who attended the event in previous years.

Main Findings (cont'd)



14. Many of the respondents indicated that the event was well marketed. Some said that more advertising could be done on TV, local radio and social media.
15. The majority of participants (94%) said they would attend the event again in future. This further supports the positive views that are held regarding the event. Also 87% of the spectators indicated that they would attend the event again. This all bodes well for the event and the destination.
16. 58% and 39% of the respondents rated their experience at the event as **excellent** and **good** respectively. Therefore, there is a clear connection with their desire to attend the event in future.
17. 93% of the respondents did not experience any problems at the event in 2015.
18. However, the problems that were experienced were cited as:
 - Difficulty finding parking
 - Problems on the roads such as broken glass and litter
 - Poor communication at the starting line
 - Problems with Metro Police at the start

Main Findings (cont'd)



19. 99% of respondents would recommend the event for the following reasons:
- Fun and exciting event
 - Healthy and enjoyable event
 - Family event
 - Well organized

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20. 71% of the respondents plan to visit KwaZulu-Natal in the next 12 months for a holiday. However, this number has been on the decline since 2012.
21. There has been a constant decline in the recognition of TKZN's slogan from 56% in 2012, 46% in 2013 to 45% in both 2014 and 2015.
22. There was a slight decrease of 2% in the noting of TKZN's logo to 61% when comparing 2014 and 2015. This is an indication of a lack of awareness of TKZN's branding.

Recommendations



The following recommendations are aimed at the **organisers** of the event:

1. Directions, to the parking areas at the start and finish, should be clear and noticeable by all who need to make use of these. In addition to this, there could also be designated drop-off points that can be monitored by officials. These drop-off points could be in areas where there are no road closures and they should have a lot of space for cars to move in and out without becoming a danger to cyclists getting out and moving to the start.
2. “Park-and-Ride” points could also be set up near the finish to alleviate the flow of traffic in close vicinity to the finish area. Not only will this ease congestion, it is also safer as there is a lot of pedestrian traffic near the finish.
3. Although respondents indicated that more TV adverts need to be run, these are very expensive. The organizers could therefore consider a more focused approach of placing advertisements in cycling magazines, on social media pages and other internet-based platforms.
4. The organisers should aim to increase the number of international entrants specifically from Africa. In addition to this, travel packages could be offered to these international visitors in order to increase their length of stay and thus, their spend in the province.

Recommendations (cont'd.)



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5. The organisers could seek to partner with the DSW section of the eThekweni Municipality in order to make certain that the litter in Durban City Centre is not an issue. In addition to this, the organisers could also seek advice and assistance from certain road agencies to make sure that the roads do not pose any danger to the cyclists (such as glass on the road or potholes).
6. It is suggested that the organisers expand their marketing into other provinces outside of KZN. The extent of these could be based on the number of entrants from each of these provinces. For example, even though the number of entrants from Gauteng declined in 2015, there is still a large number and the current marketing campaigns should continue in this province. In terms of the provinces that had an increase of entrants (such as the Free State), the marketing and promotion of the event could be enhanced a bit more.

Recommendations (cont'd.)



The following recommendations are directed at **TKZN**:

- 1) It is advised that TKZN's Marketing and PR teams find a way to partner with the organisers of this event as it has the potential to grow into a much larger event in KZN, as its potential grows every year.
- 2) TKZN should assist the organisers with regards to travel packages that can be offered to both international entrants as well as domestic entrants from other provinces. If people are encouraged to take a holiday around the event, it will thus increase their length of stay and their total spend in the province.
- 3) It is advised that TKZN works towards a brand recognition and association strategy whereby the brand awareness of the organization is increased. This suggestion arose from the results relating to the noting of both the TKZN slogan and logo.
- 4) The research team should conduct a separate and specific study on the branding, i.e. the slogan and logo of TKZN.