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KCD TORONTO 2026

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

FOREWORD

Toronto's **FIRST KCD** starts off strong!

We celebrated our inaugural Kubernetes Community Days Toronto 2026 with great success, achieving a complete venue sellout of 300 attendees. Held at The Quay, the conference delivered high-quality, community-driven technical content. Building on this incredible momentum, the community is already buzzing with excitement for the next event!



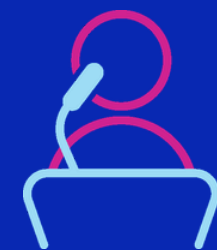


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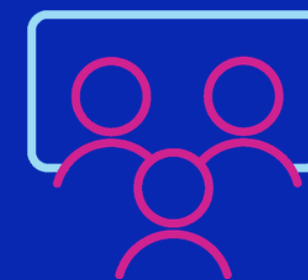
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SPEAKERS & SESSIONS

Renowned speakers from all around the world delved into cutting-edge advancements in cloud-native digital infrastructures and the widespread adoption of Kubernetes, drawing in over 500 eager attendees.



34
Speakers



13
Breakout Sessions

Lightning
Talks

8

Hands-on
Workshops

3

Non-Male
Speakers

7

MOST POPULAR SESSIONS

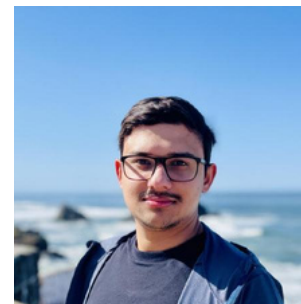
Human Intelligence: Agency in the age of AI



Marylia Gutierrez
Principal Software Engineer -
Grafana

KEYNOTE

Using Karpenter's controls strategically: >95% cluster efficiency



Abhinav Dahiya
Staff Software Engineer - Lyft

Choosing the Right Operator for MCP Servers and Agents on Kubernetes



Calum Murray (CNCF Ambassador)
Software Engineer - Red Hat



Emily Chen (CNCF Ambassador)
Sales/Solutions Engineer - Akuity



Kevin Yu, TOGAF® • 1st

Cloud Solutions Architect | 14x Certified | CNCF Kubestronaut | AWS Community Builder | Enterprise Architecture,...
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What a week at KCD Toronto! 🎉🌟

Catching up with old friends, making new ones, and soaking in some of the most forward-thinking conversations in the cloud native space. This community never disappoints 😊

Walking away from KCD Toronto, one thing is crystal clear: the cloud native community is at an inflection point, entering the new agentic AI era. We are living through a massive paradigm shift. Here are the top keywords and concepts that are now firmly on my radar:

- Workload-aware scheduling
- AI Conformance
- Sovereign Cloud
- MCP Lifecycle Operator
- Agent Sandbox
- Agent Gateway
- A2A (Agent-to-Agent Protocol)
- LLM-D (LLM Native Router)
- LLM Workload-Aware Autoscaler
- Tetragon (eBPF-based security observability & runtime enforcement)

If you couldn't make it to the sessions, I highly recommend looking these up. The future of cloud native infrastructure is being shaped around them. 🙏

🙏 Huge thanks to [KCD Toronto](#) organizers and every single community member who made this such an unforgettable event. You are what make this space so special ❤️





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Cloud & Security Engineer | Securing Infrastructure and Identities Across the ...
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KCD Toronto delivered: great energy and a strong builder community. 🚀

A few takeaways that stuck:

- > Kubernetes forensics is still a blind spot. The platform is built to be ephemeral, but incidents still need evidence. Most teams aren't ready for that reality; logging, audit trails, and retention need to be intentional.
- > Observability doesn't need a large-scale rollout. With OpenTelemetry, the winning approach is to start small, prove value, and scale through trust, not by forcing adoption.
- > Fundamentals still matter. Even in a container-first world, image hygiene hasn't gone away. CVEs, weak base images, and uncontrolled builds are still very real risks.

Big thanks to the sponsors, organizers, speakers and everyone who made it happen. 🙌





Roy Reshef ✓ • 1st
Kubernetes Principal Engineer
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My first talk at the very first **KCD Toronto** 2026. An amazing event, organized by an amazing team and attended by an amazing community. Literally exceeded all expectations.
Thank you ❤️ to the organizers, volunteers and fellow speakers.

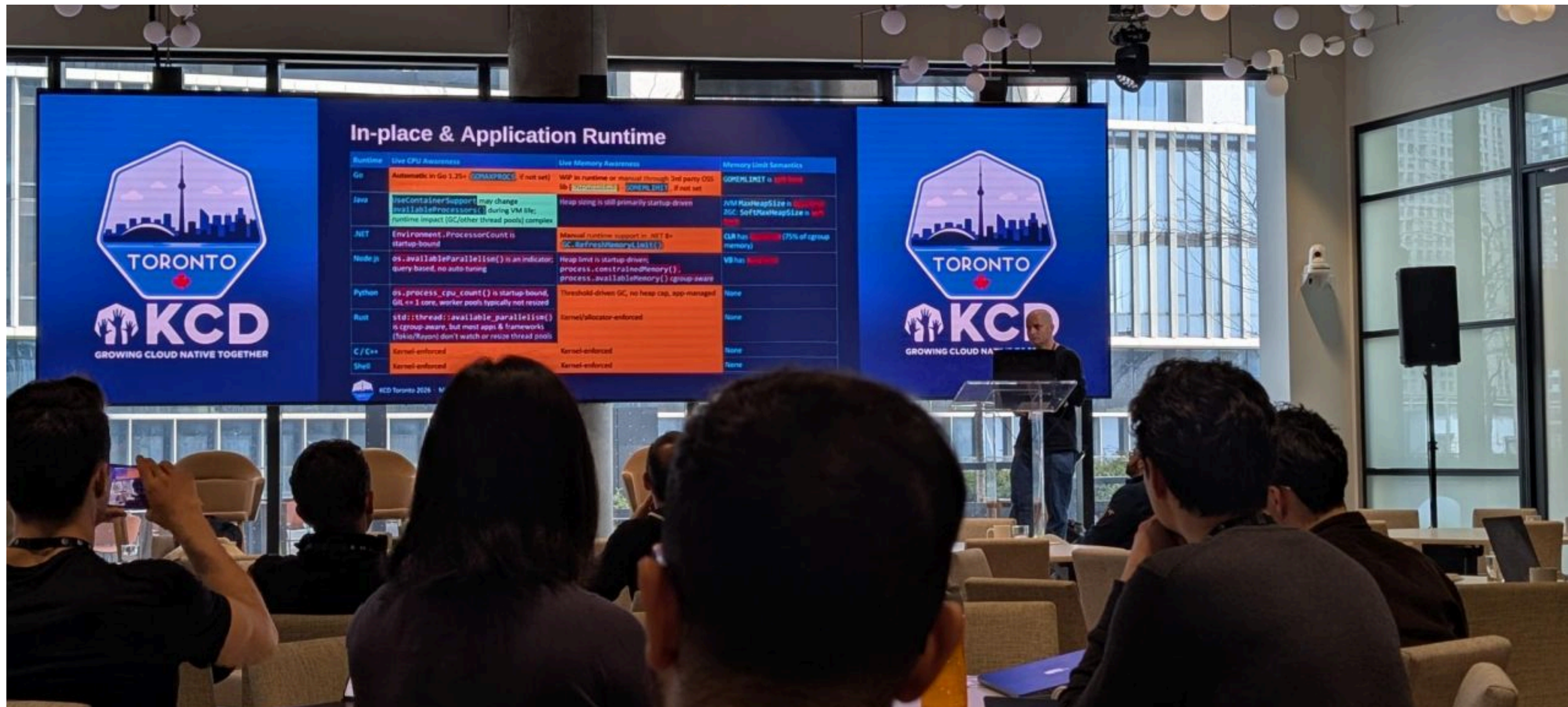


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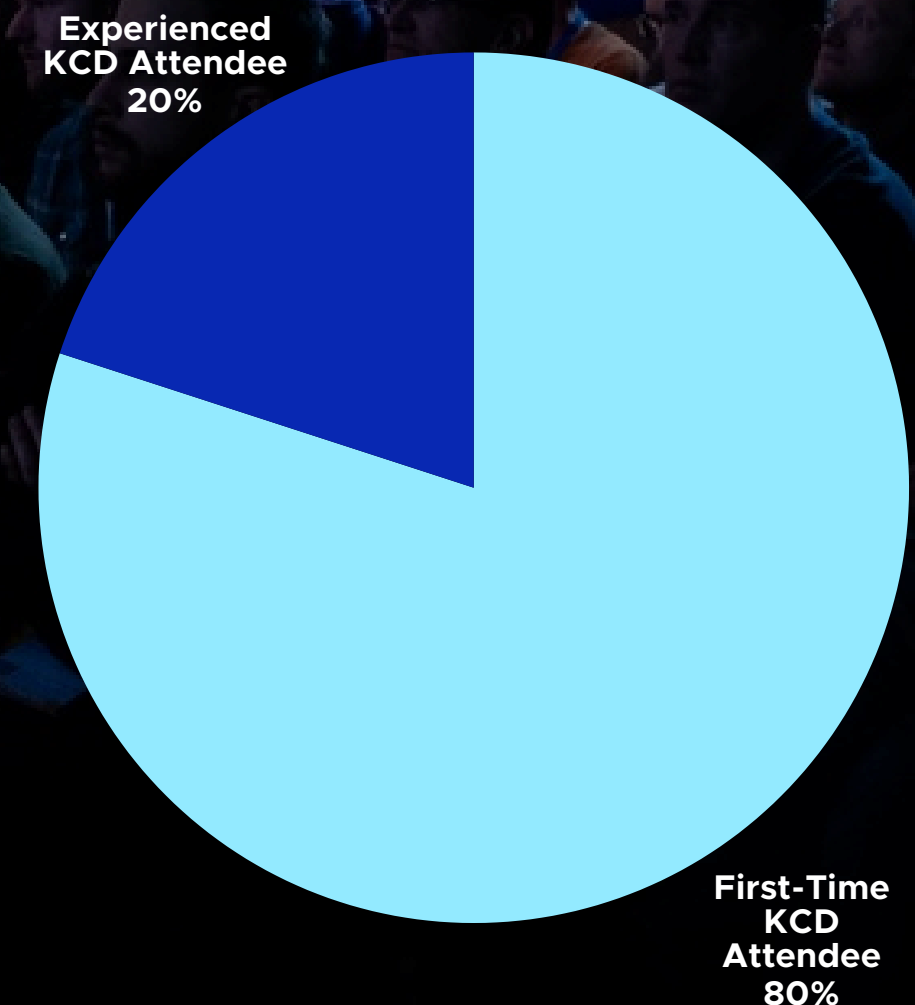


STATISTICS

KCD Toronto 2026 was the very first Kubernetes Community Day in Canada and what a way to start. The cloud native community came together from across Canada and beyond, most of them experiencing a KCD for the first time.

Attendees travelled from across Canada from Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia, joined by guests from the United States, Brazil, and as far as France, Italy and Costa Rica. The room skewed heavily toward practitioners: DevOps engineers, SREs, developers and architects.

An exciting 80% of our attendees were first-time KCD goers, adding to the excitement and energy brought throughout the conference.



Based on 234 registrants who answered.

ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS



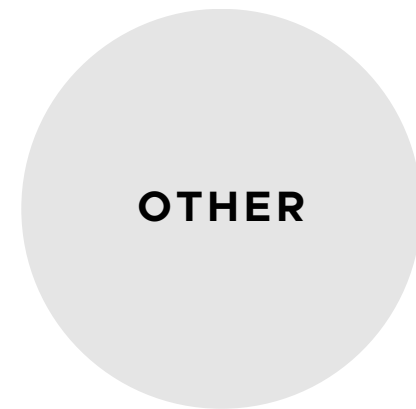
87%



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2%

Attendees hailed from a wide variety of countries including Austria, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Italy, and Panama.

ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER

 Male
78.2%

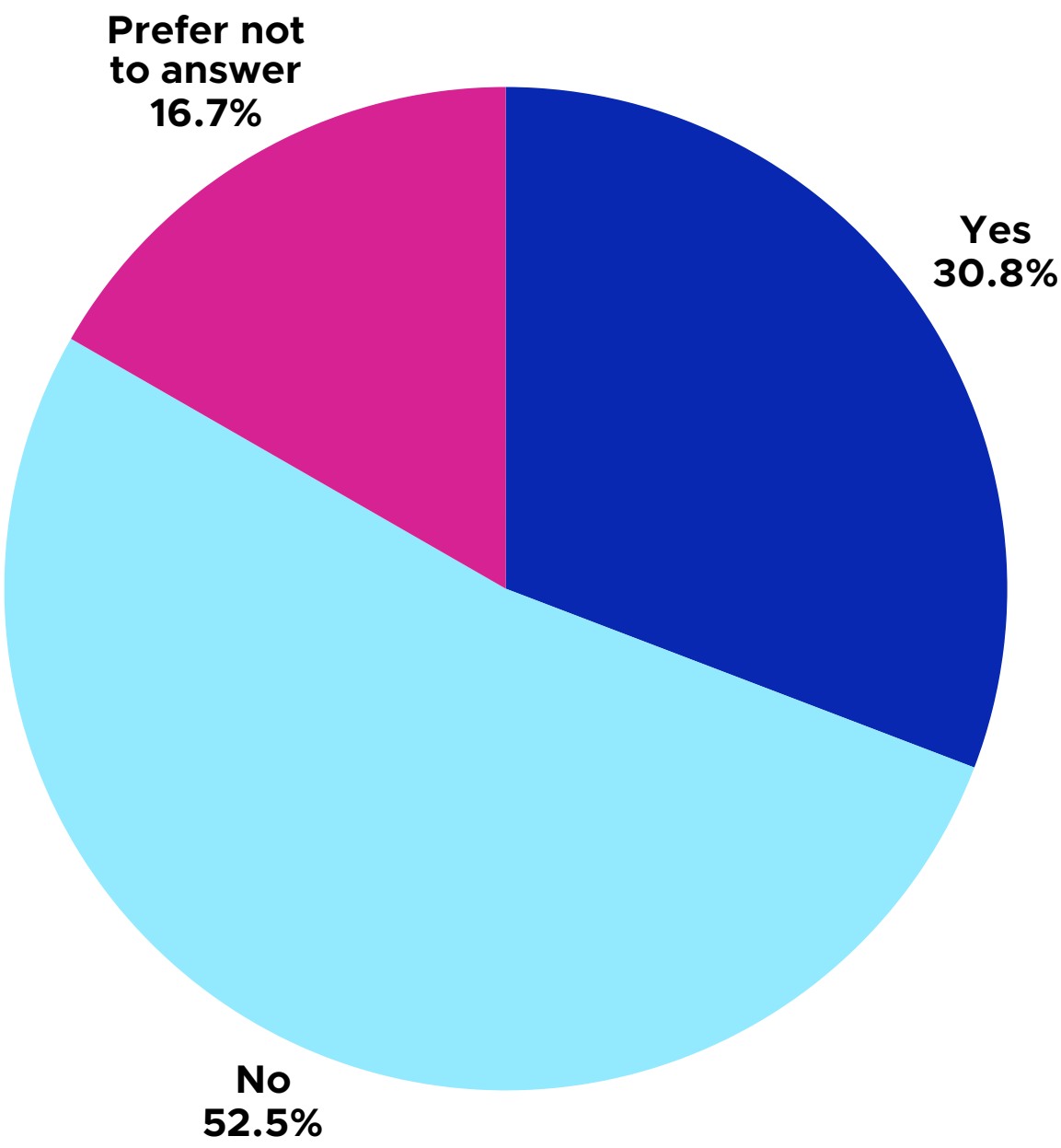
 Female
15.2%

 Non-Binary/Other
0.5%

 Prefer not to say
6.2%

Based on 211 registrants who answered.

DO YOU IDENTIFY AS A PERSON OF COLOUR?



Based on 198 registrants who answered.

ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS

I PRIMARILY CONSIDER MYSELF AS:



DevOps/SRE/SysAdmin

32.6%



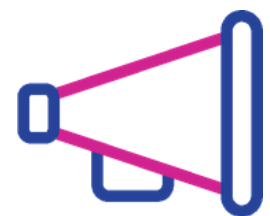
Developer

21.4%



Architect

19.6%



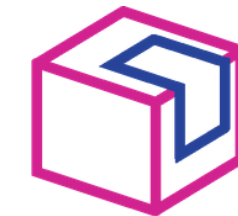
Sales/Marketing

9.4%



Student

5.8%



Product Manager

3.6%



Other

7.6%

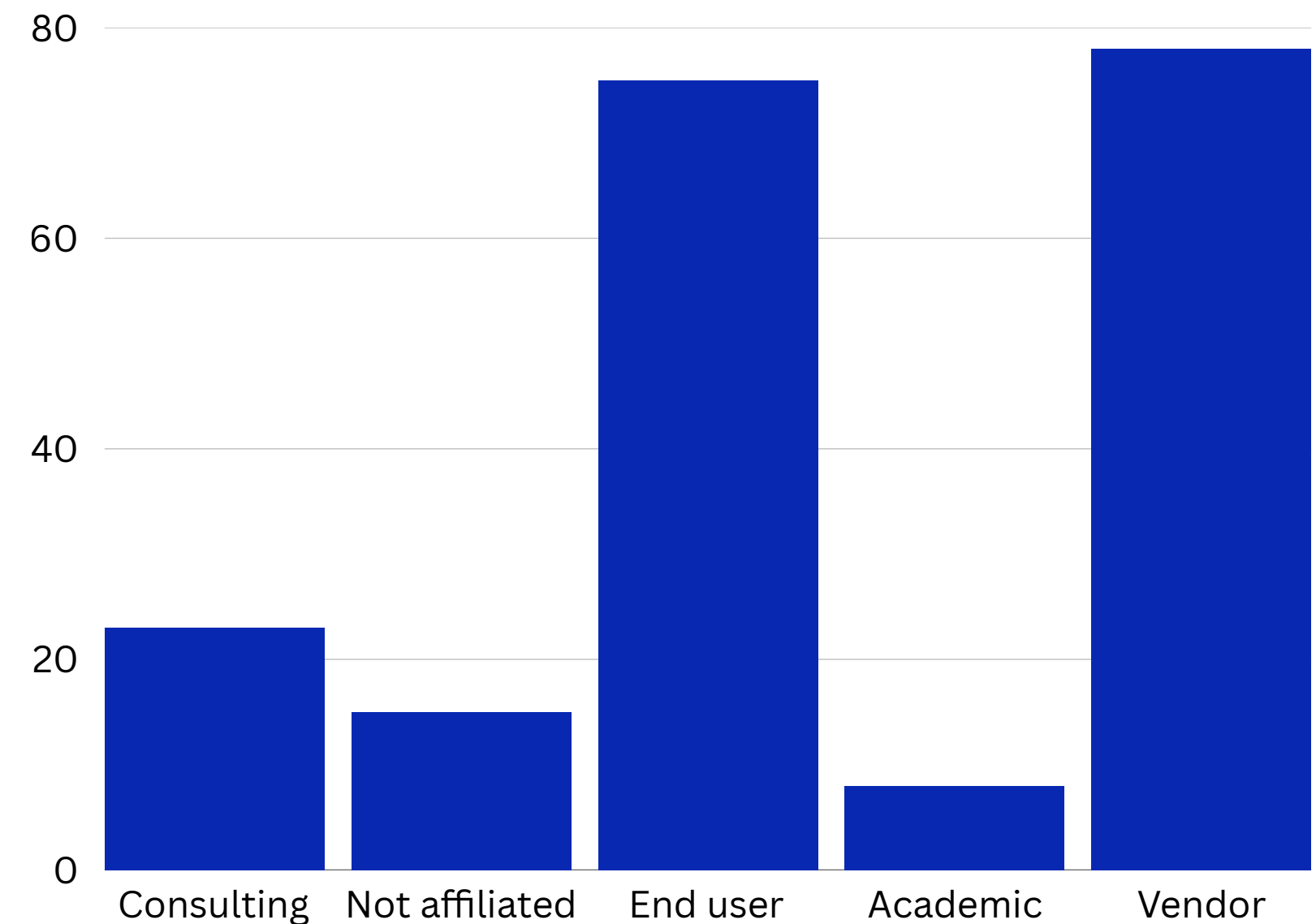
Based on 224 registrants who answered.

ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS

ORGANIZATIONS

We were thrilled to see the diverse representation of organization types at our event, ranging from end-users to consulting firms and vendors.

The wide range of attendees reflects the growing interest and adoption of cloud-native digital infrastructures and Kubernetes across different sectors of the industry.

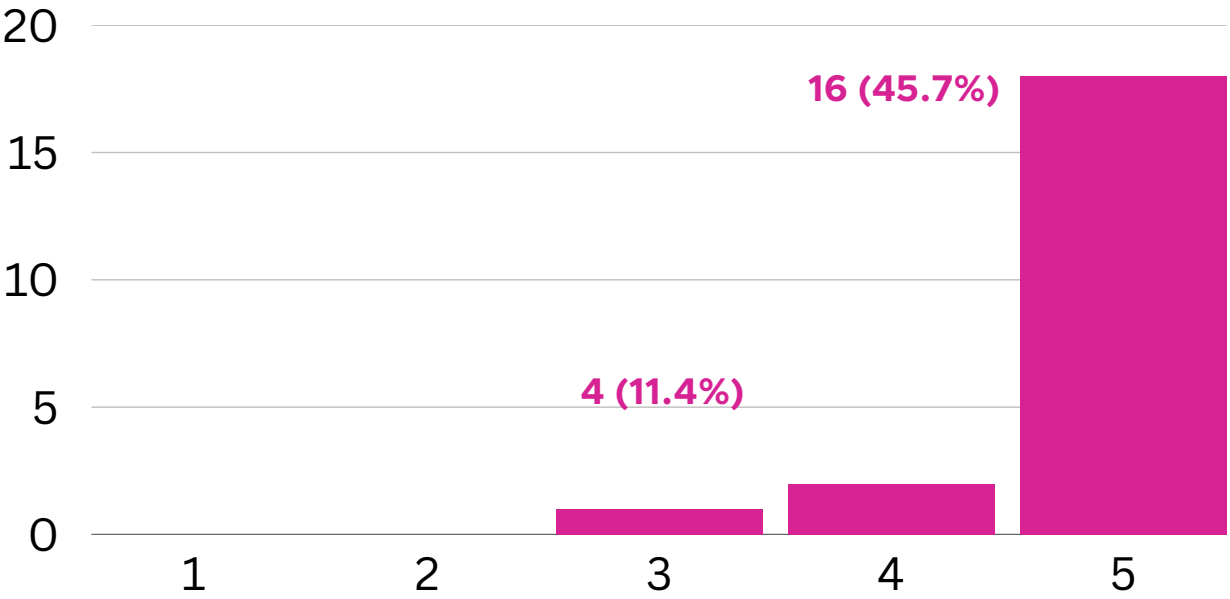


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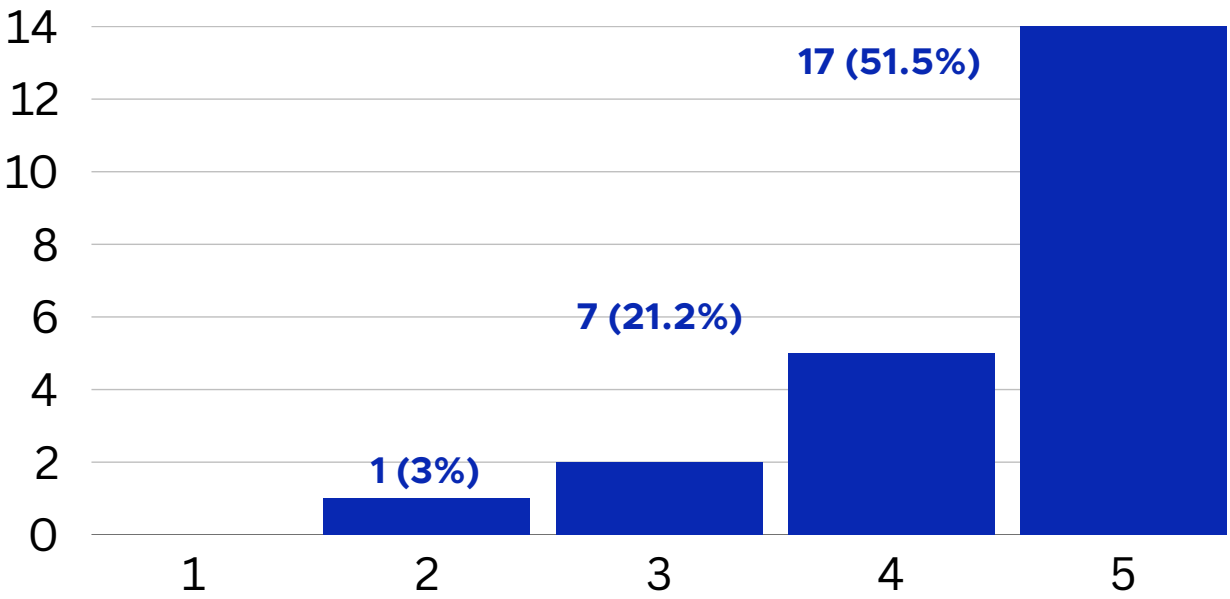
RESULTS



EVENT RATING
from 35 responses



TALKS RATING
from 33 responses



WHAT ATTENDEES SAID

“The event was REALLY great. See you next year!”

“It was a great event, with strong technical presentations, plenty of opportunities to meet new people and network, and great food.”

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**I've been in several
Tech/Meet up events,
this was one of the few
I'd suggest and support
for a 2 day event.
Happy to see this great
community growing
together!**

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