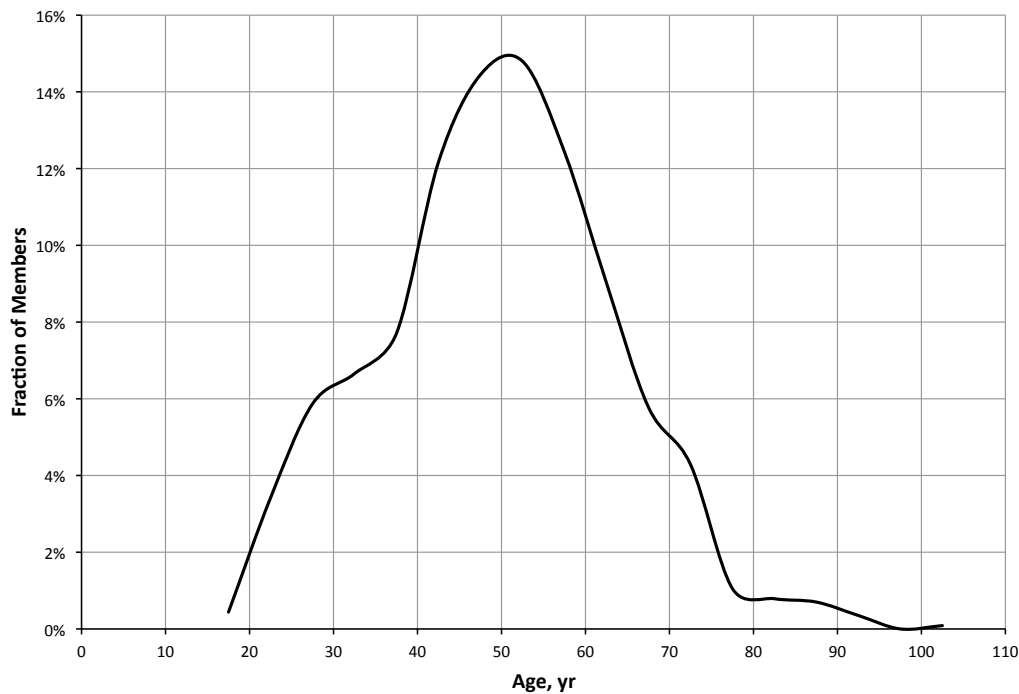


Virginia LMSC Information—2013

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LMSC Demographics

Of the 1142 LMSC members as of 10/1/13, 93.7% (1070) are from Virginia, 2.5% (28) are from West Virginia and 3.9% (44) are from outside both states. The average age is **49.6** (median age is 49.7), while 48.4% are male and 51.6% are female. The table and chart below give more details. Generally speaking, the younger age groups have more females than male: 61% of swimmers under 40 are female while 56% of swimmers 65 and older are male.



Age Group	% Total	Within Age Group	
		% Male	% Female
18-24	5.1%	2.3%	2.8%
25-29	7.7%	2.5%	5.2%
30-34	7.0%	2.7%	4.3%
35-39	10.4%	4.2%	6.2%
40-44	13.7%	6.3%	7.4%
45-49	14.0%	6.7%	7.3%
50-54	15.0%	8.5%	6.5%
55-59	10.5%	6.3%	4.2%
60-64	6.1%	3.0%	3.2%
65-69	5.3%	3.3%	2.0%
70-74	2.9%	1.5%	1.4%
75-79	0.7%	0.4%	0.3%
80-84	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%
85-89	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%
90-94	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%
95-99	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
100-104	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Participation in Races

There were 1163 swimmers registered in the LMSC as of 10/20/13. How many participated in a pool or open water event? The results from the following 17 events that took place in the 12 months since the last annual meeting:

- Jack King Ocean swim (open water, VA sanctioned)
- Chris Green Lake cable swims (open water, VA sanctioned)
- Jim McDonnell Lake swims (open water, PV sanctioned)
- Great Chesapeake Bay Swim (open water, not sanctioned)
- Lake Moomaw 1-mile swim (open water, VA sanctioned)
- The Commonwealth Games (LCM pool, VA recognized)
- David Gregg Memorial meet (SCY pool, VA sanctioned)
- Two For One Invitational (SCM/LCM pools, VA sanctioned)
- RCA Dive Into Spring meet (SCY pool, VA sanctioned)
- Virginia Senior Games (SCM pool, VA recognized)
- Colonies Zone SCY Championship (SCY pool, PV sanctioned)
- Colonies Zone LCM Championship (LCM pool, VA sanctioned)
- VMST Annual Fall Meet (SCM pool, VA sanctioned)
- Pan American LCM Championship (LCM pool, FG sanctioned)
- YMCA National Masters Championship (SCY pool, FG recognized)
- USMS Spring Nationals (SCY pool, NC sanctioned)
- USMS Summer Nationals (LCM pool, NE sanctioned)

Participation rates are given in the table below.

All Events	405	34.8%
OW	204	17.5%
Pool	245	21.1%
OW only	160	13.8%
Pool only	201	17.3%

Considering all events, there were 405 unique members who participated, 35% of our LMSC membership. There were 204 unique members in OW events and 245 in pool events, while 14% of our membership participated ONLY in OW events and 17% participated ONLY in pool events.

It is a little difficult to compare participation rates to last year, since I increased the number of events (from 13 to 17). Nevertheless, overall participation rates are down slightly (from 39% to 35%) despite the inclusion of more events; in particular, the VA Beach SCM meet was not included in the tally last year. More striking is that participation in pool events decreased (27% to 21%) even as participation in OW events *increased* slightly (15 to 17.5%). Note that these participation rates include LMSC members only, not one-event registrations.

What I find significant, perhaps a little surprising, is the relatively high number of members who competed only in OW events; without their participation, only 21% of our members would be competing.

It is interesting to compare this to the national rate. Looking at the USMS Results Database information for 2012, which included ONLY pool events, there were 17,026 unique participants out of 58,656 USMS members for a 29% participation rate in pool events, which is significantly larger than our rate of 21% of unique pool participants. Last year the two rates (national vs local) were approximately the same.