

Micro-43 Survey Results

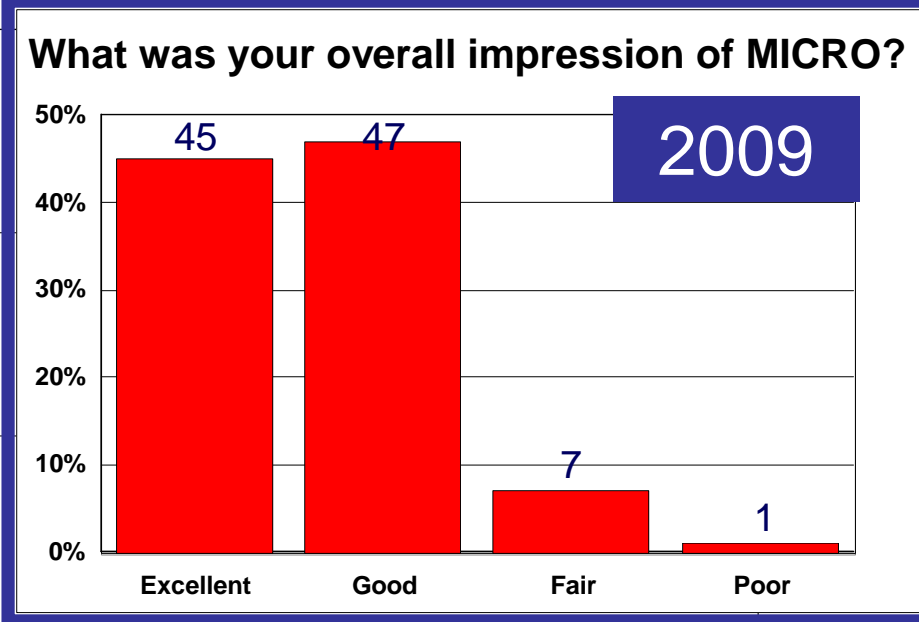
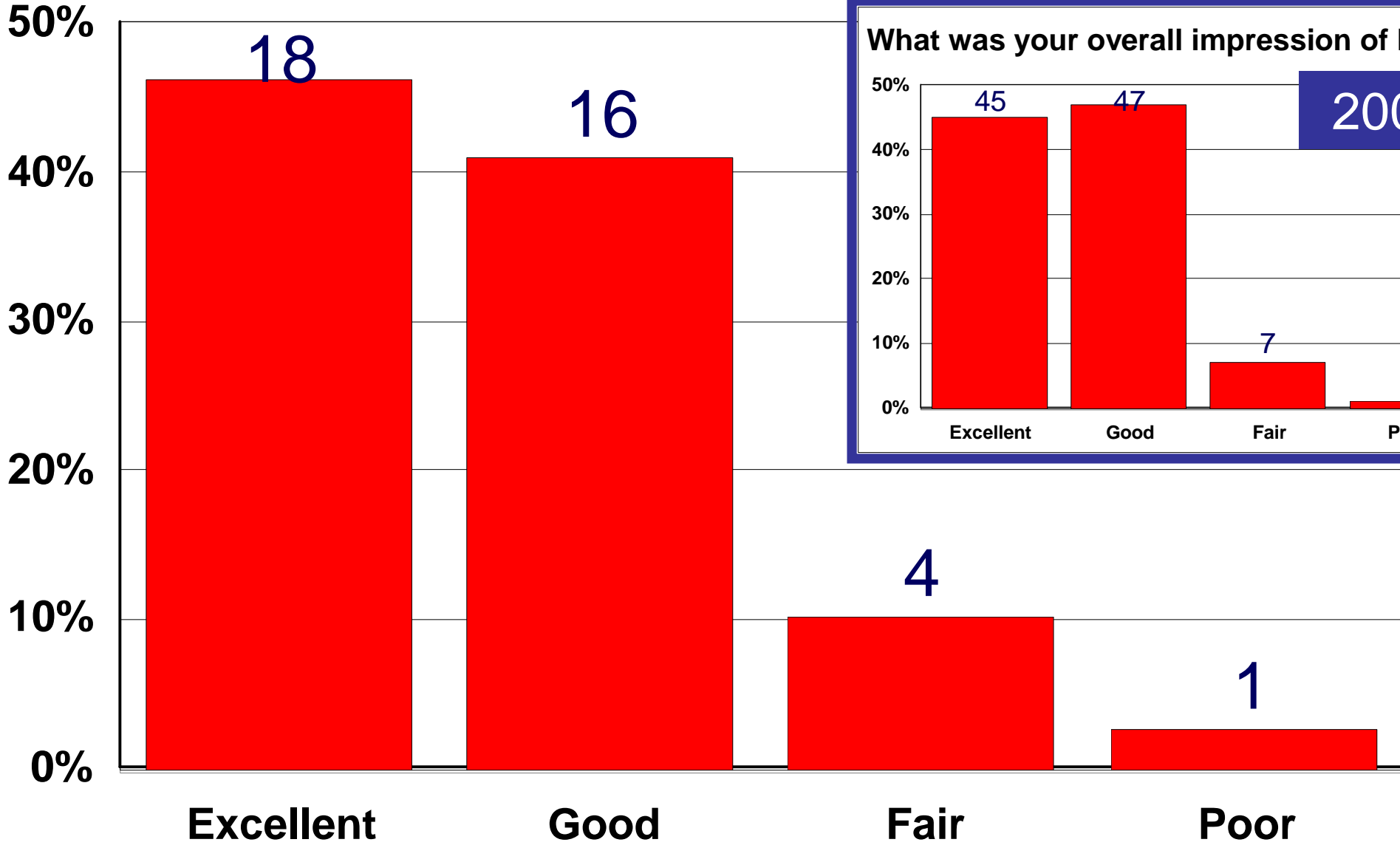
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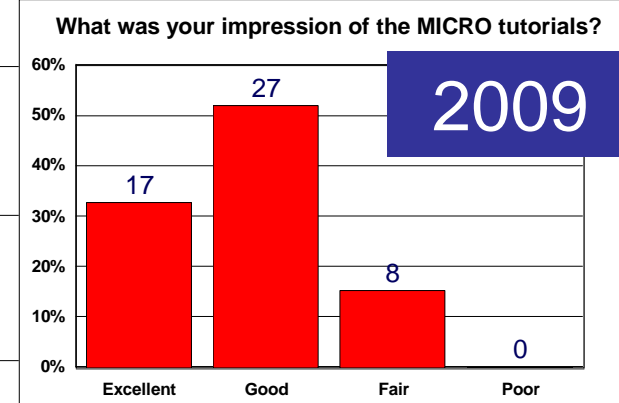
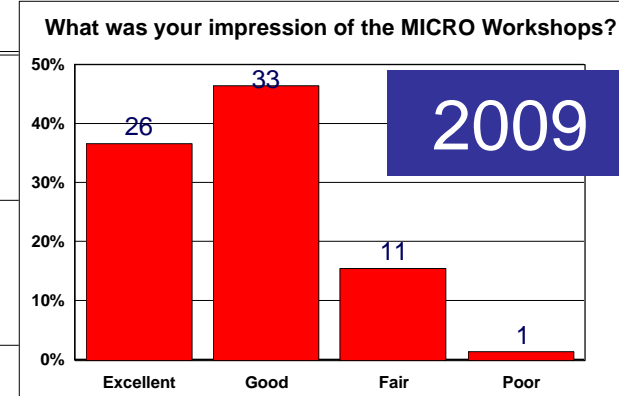
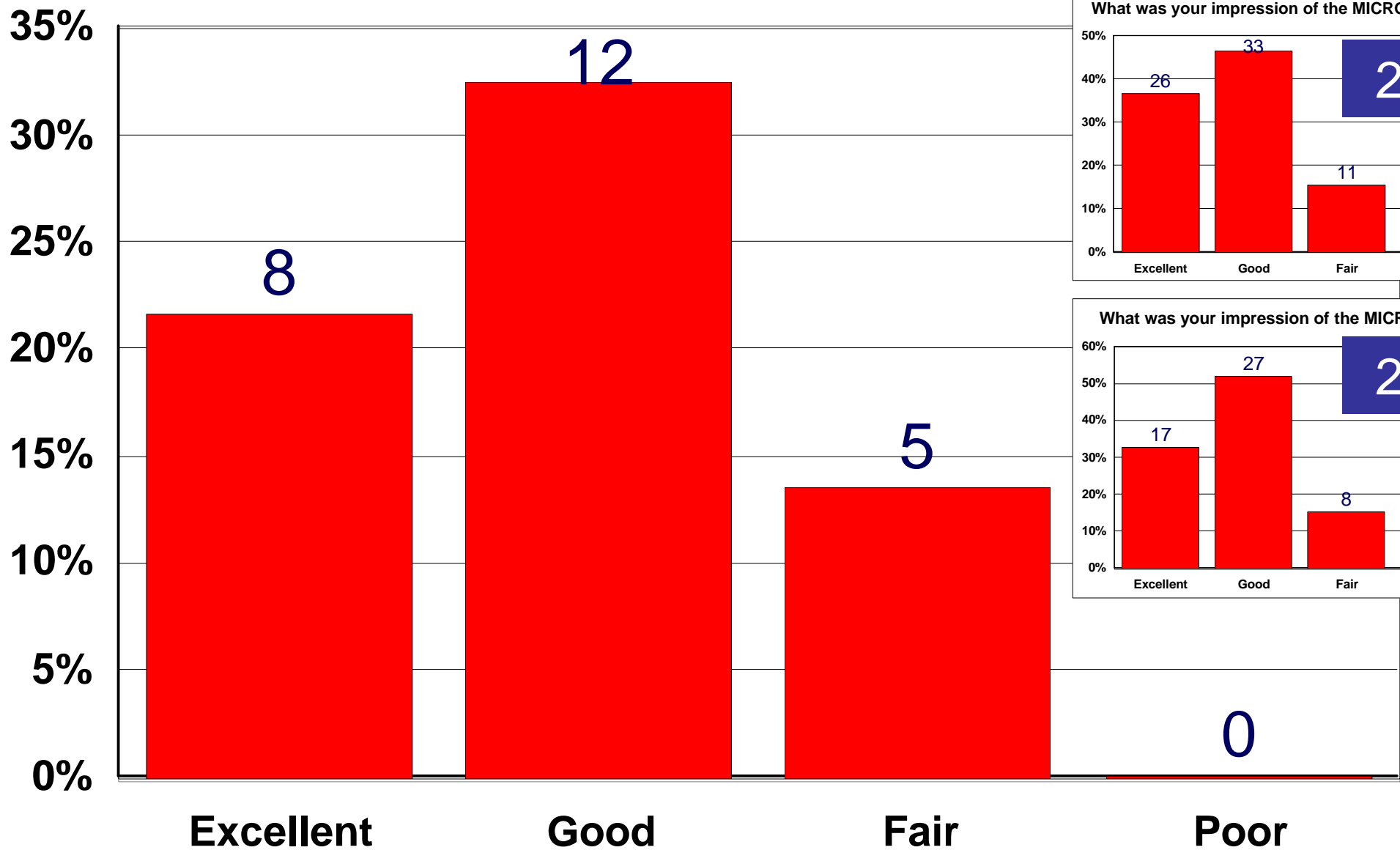
Survey Questions

1. What was your overall impression of MICRO?
2. What was your impression of the MICRO Workshops and Tutorials?
3. What was your impression of the excursion to the Georgia Aquarium?
4. What was your impression of the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center as a venue for MICRO?
5. What was your impression of the food served at MICRO?
6. What was your impression of the organization of MICRO?
7. How well did the Program Committee do in selecting high-quality papers?
8. How would you characterize the number of papers selected for publication at MICRO?
9. How would you characterize the total cost of attending MICRO?
10. Please provide any other comments

What was your overall impression of MICRO?



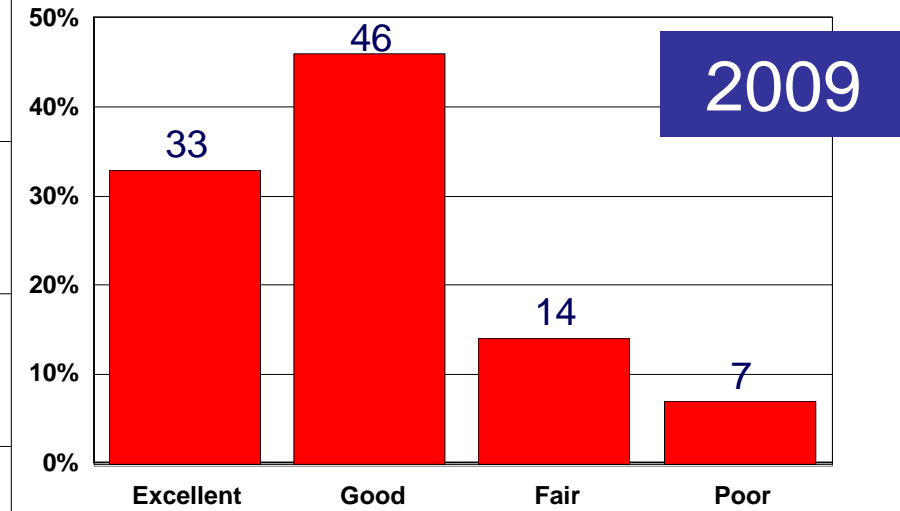
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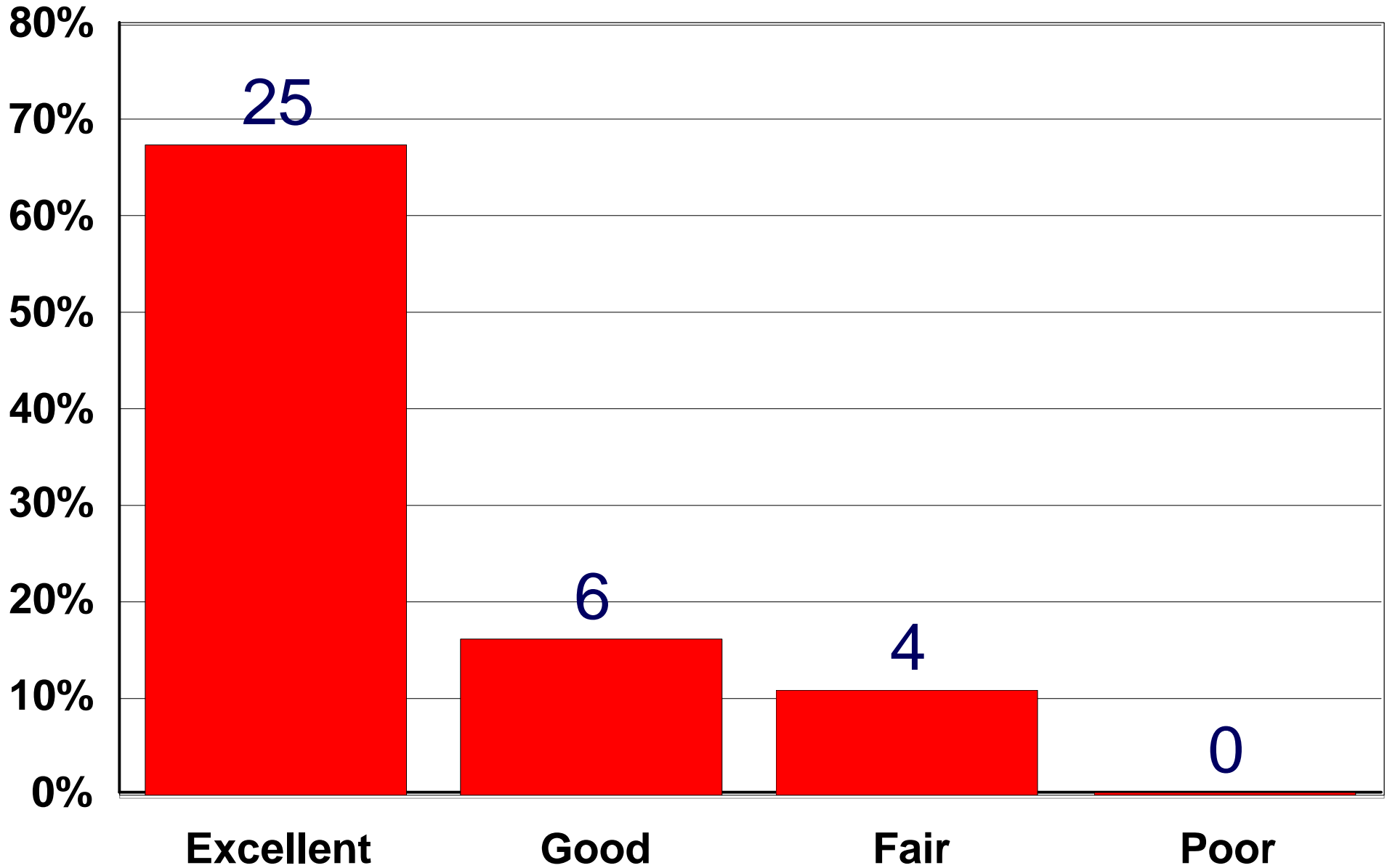
What was your impression of the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conf Center?



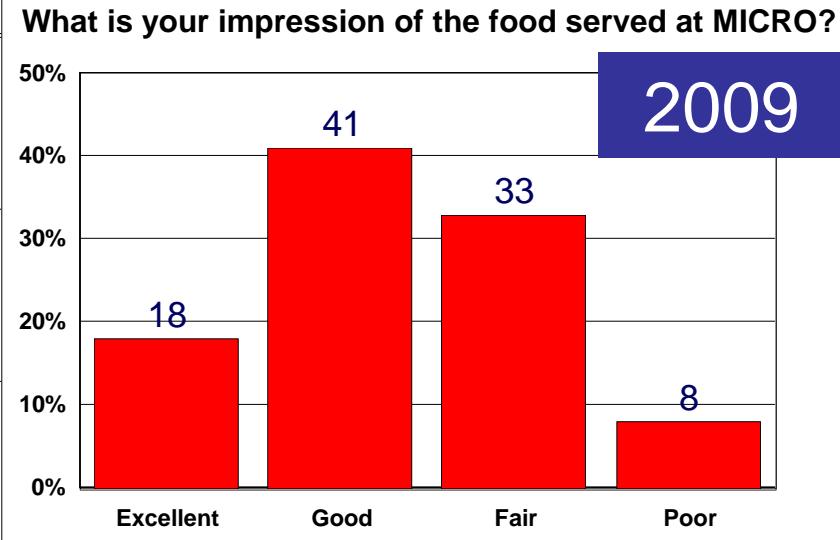
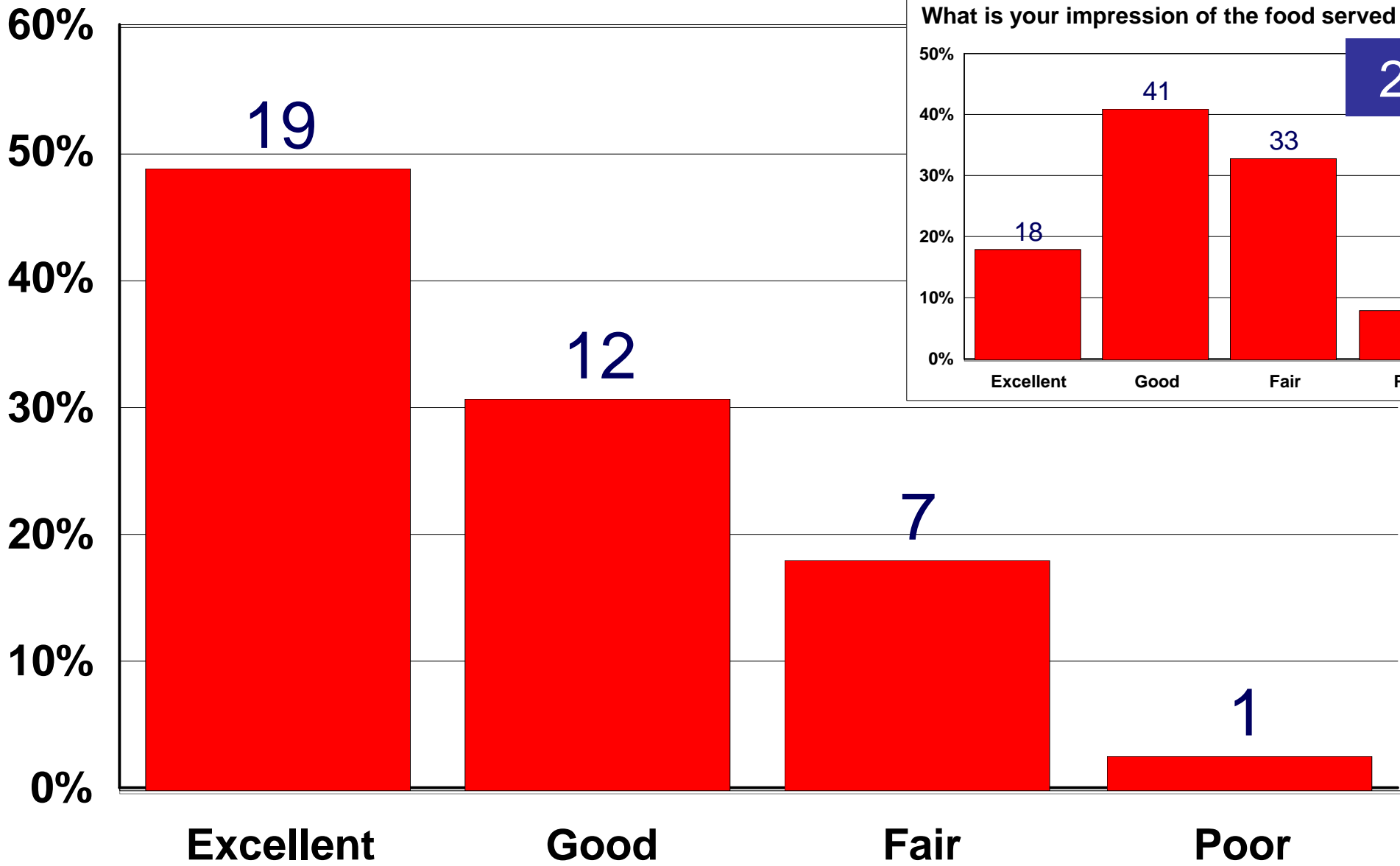
Impression of Westin Times Square Hotel venue for MICRO?



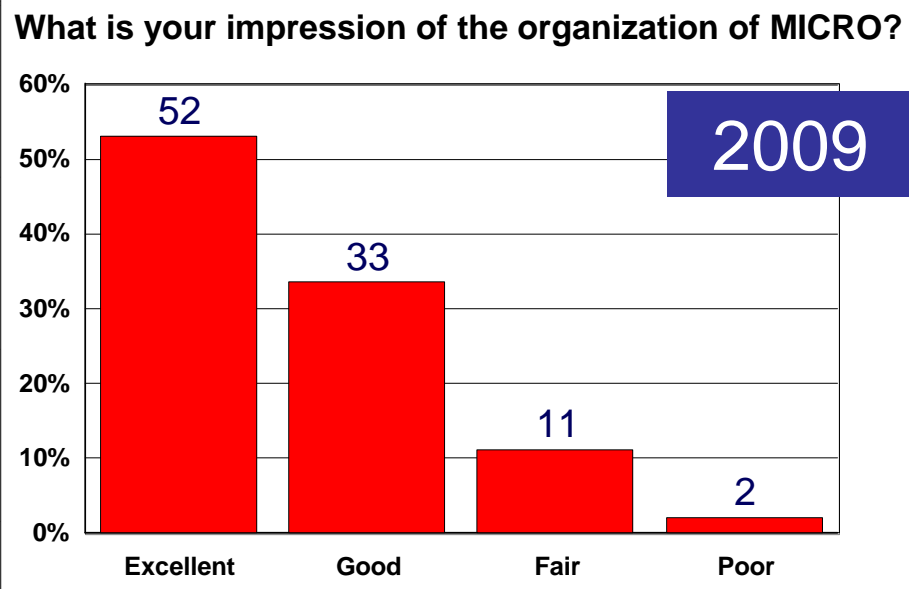
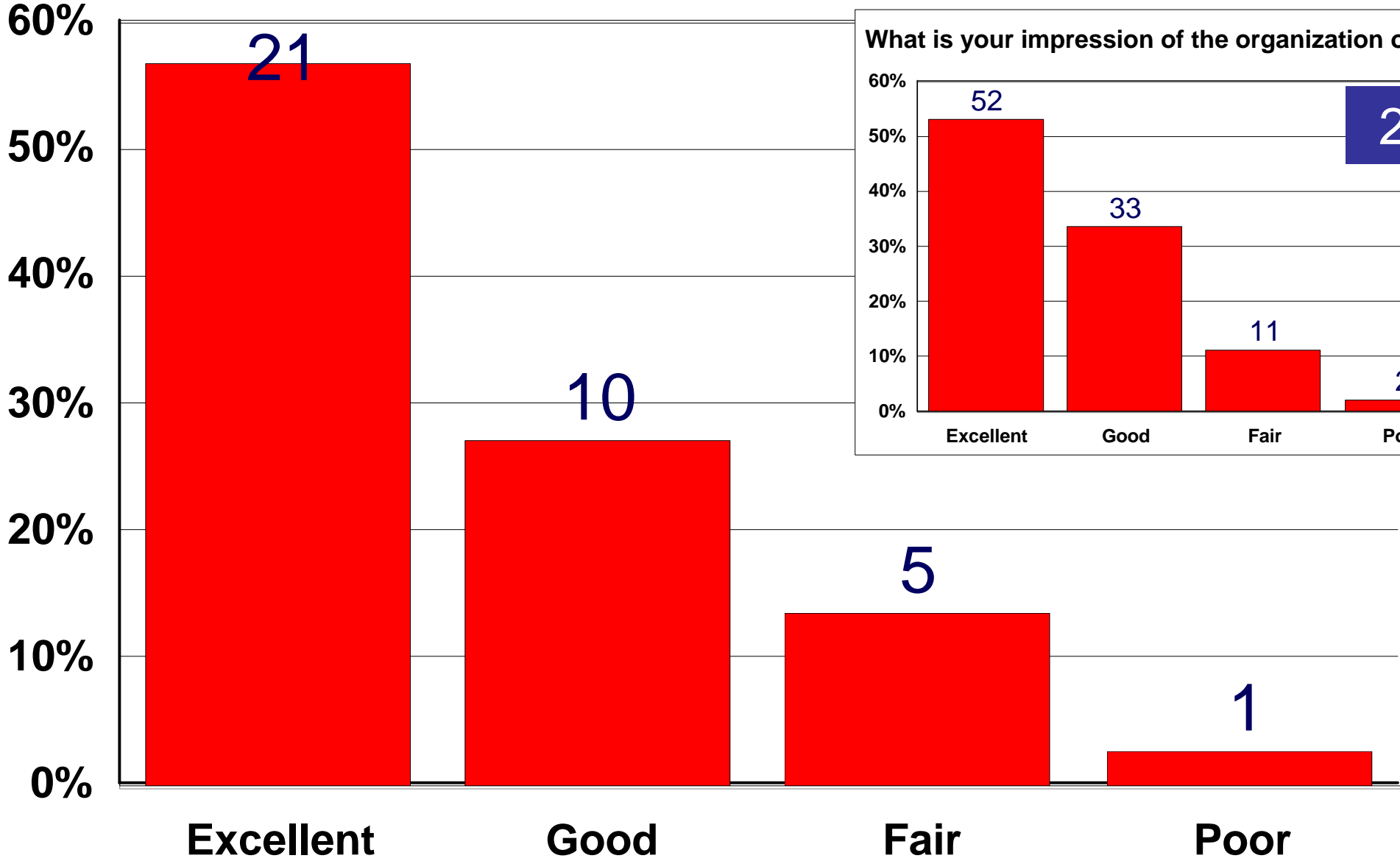
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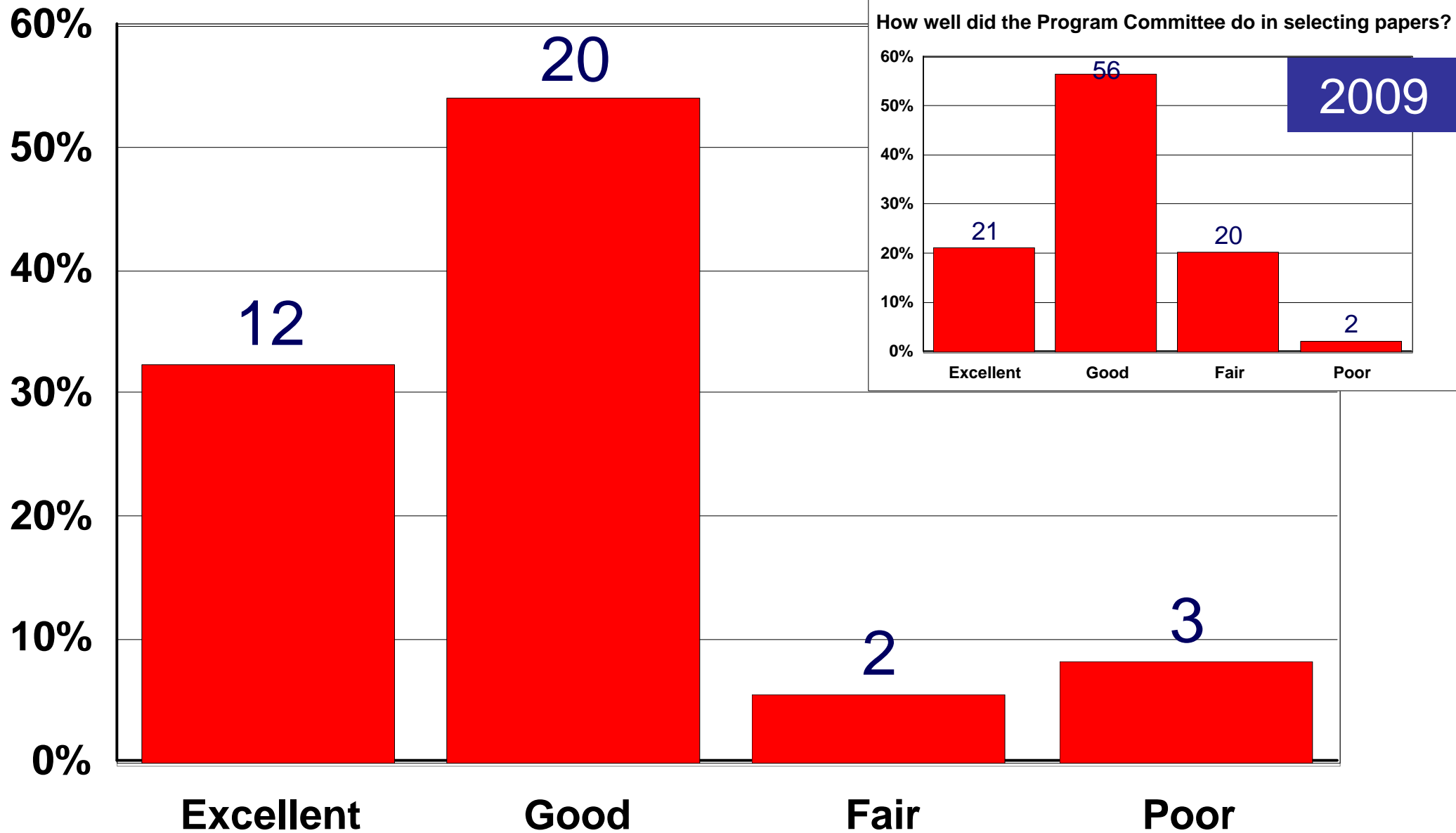
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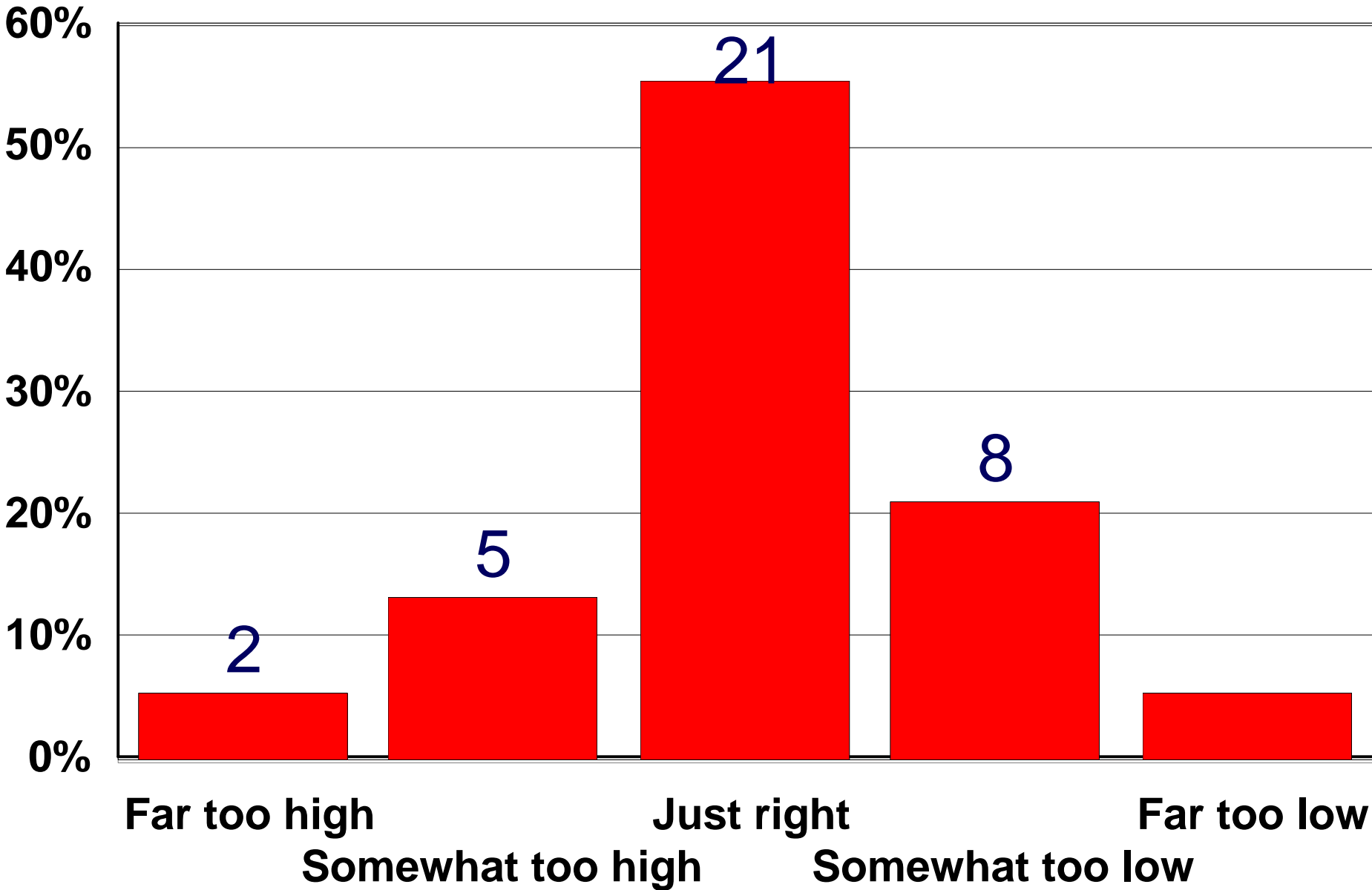
What was your impression of the organization of MICRO



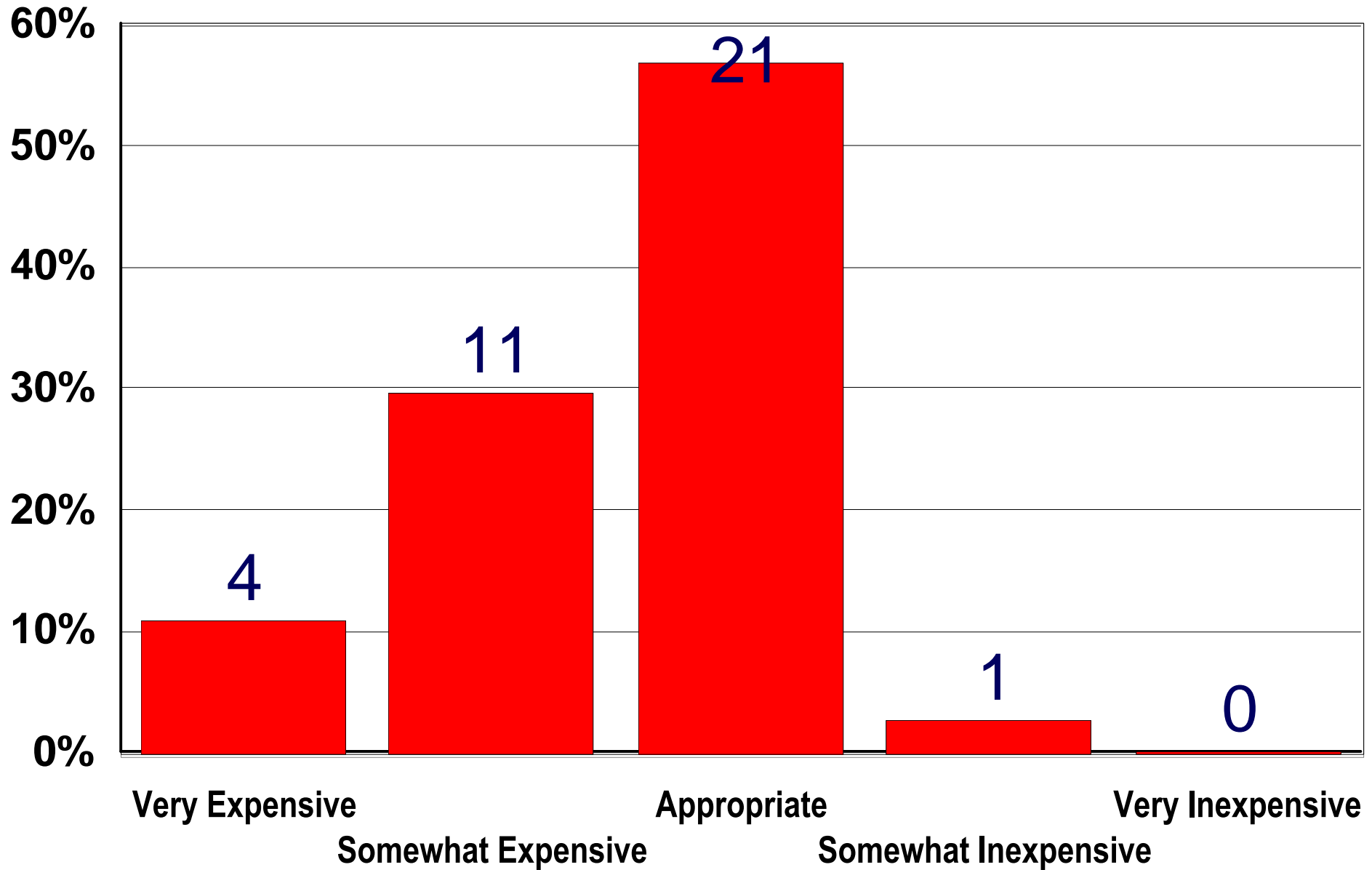
How well did the PC do in selecting high-quality papers?



How would you characterize the number of papers selected for publication



How would you characterize the total cost of attending MICRO?



Conference Quality

- Overall the quality of the conference and the organization was very good. The conference hotel was great and not expensive, the food was plenty and of good quality. I would go for shorter presentations. I found the quality of the presentations quite low and it was painful to endure for half an hour. 20 min presentation would work better and it would leave some more room for more papers.
- The organization is very poor. Many papers are reviewed at the last minute and ask a lot of students to review. (I am from UIUC so I know that).
- Our community should take steps to improve the attendance during the technical sessions. I find attendees at some of the top systems conference for instance to be more involved during the technical sessions, more livelier Q&A, and follow-up presentations with more enthusiastic discussions. I may be wrong, but at MICRO there seems to be general apathy towards most of the papers presented. One simple fix : session chair could make an announcement or may be make some noise with a glass to encourage those in the hallways to get into the conference room.
- The content of the tutorials did not match the advertised topics. They were a big waste of money. The methodology of 90% of the papers was atrocious, though that's par for the course for architecture conferences.
- Could prepare enough proceedings or CDs of the proceedings.
- Fantastic MICRO (except for the cold weather!).

Best Paper

- I missed the Best Paper and also the announcement of the next year conference.
- I am very disappointed with the cancellation of the best paper award and best paper presentation. Students and faculty put a lot of time and effort into delivering high quality material and these awards exist for a reason. These awards reinforce that the community recognizes and values high quality work. Further more, these awards encourage and motivate our students to work harder. For this MICRO to arbitrarily decide that they are canceling the award ceremony reflects very poorly on the MICRO committee. It is a lack of professionalism. The award slips were given out and then midway we were told that it does not matter how we perceive the talks. In doing so you are not only being disrespectful to the authors, but the audience as well. Haphazardly dismissing such awards in the last minute only diminishes their value.

Childcare

- I am requesting that future MICRO support/provide child care for participants.
 - My wife and I are PhD students in Computer Architecture and it can happen that we have paper in the same MICRO.
 - SIGPLAN has such a policy <http://www.sigplan.org/PAC.htm>
 - ISCA started providing support for infants.

Food and Other

- For the regular lunches there weren't enough healthy and filling vegetarian options. There was only salad and pizza. The rest was more meat centric. The dinner at the Aquarium was excellent.
- The vegetarian food was horrible.
- The conference was really interesting. I wish that the lunch meal had more vegetarian options. The papers were very interesting.