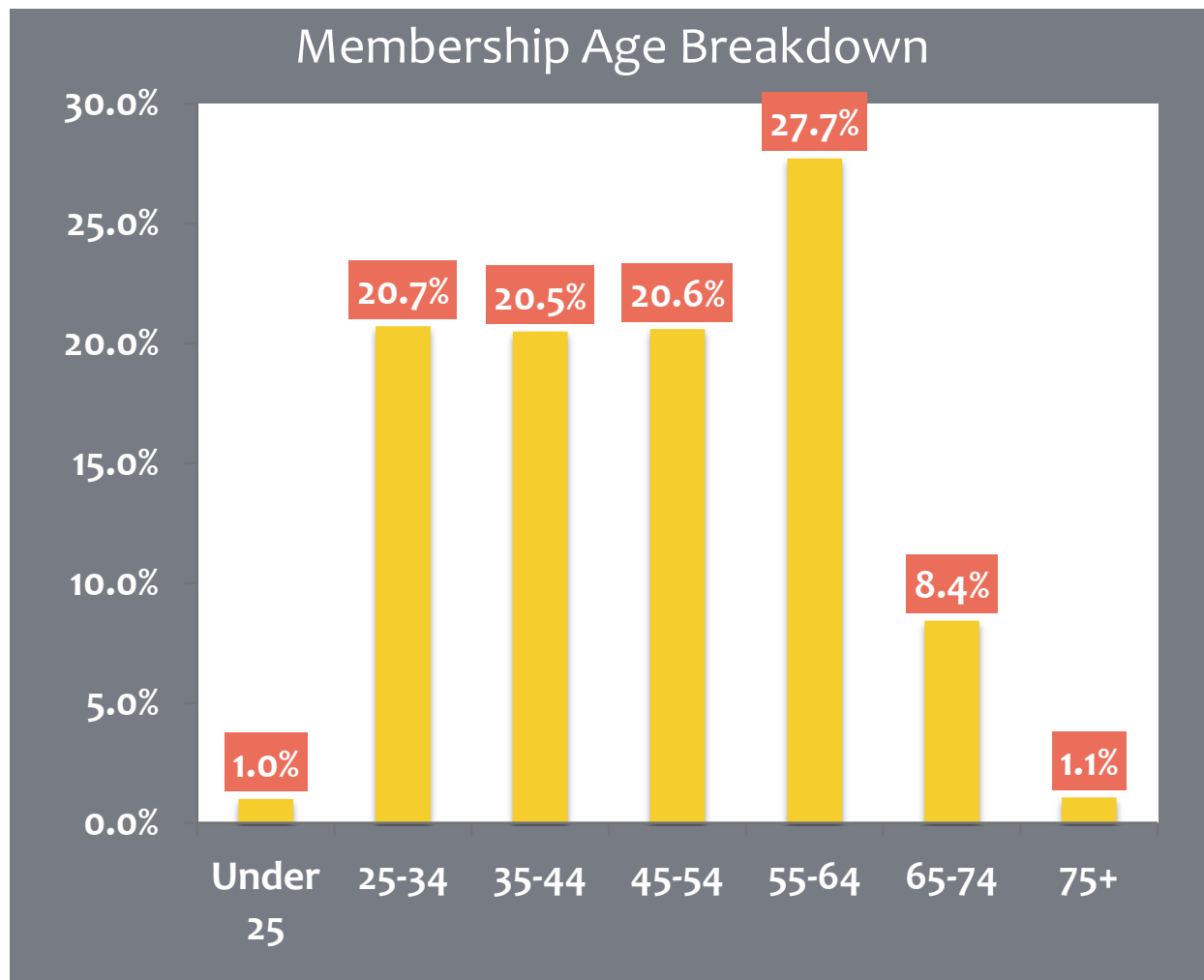


Beginning in May 2005, ALA invited members to participate in a brief demographic survey. As of March 20th, 2012, 40,776 current members have participated. 68% our current membership has participated in this voluntary, self-selected survey.

Baby boomers – born between 1946 and 1964 – represent 46.9 percent of the ALA membership responding as of the March 2012 analysis of the ALA Member Demographic Survey. Members already at retirement age (over age 65) represent 9.5 percent (3,747) of those who provided a date of birth in their response. If we estimate retirement age beginning at age 62, then about 17.4 percent of members reporting their date of birth fall into that range (6,847 respondents).



Membership remains largely unchanged since ALA began collecting these characteristics. Not dissimilar from the library profession overall, ALA members are:

- Predominantly white (88.7%). 3.7% of the membership listed their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino. In describing their race/family origin, members selected the following responses:
 - 88.7% White
 - 4.5% Black or African American
 - 3.7% Asian
 - 1.1% American Indian or Alaska Native
 - 0.2% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - 3.8% Other
- Hold an MLS or other Master's degrees (63.7% and 26.5%, respectively). 4.6% of the membership holds a PhD.
- 2.9% of respondents reported having a disability.
- The membership is predominantly female (80.7% female to 19.3% male).

ALA Members Predominantly Female

