



## GWU US Game Writer Survey

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### Message for respondents

The 2019 GWU US Game Writers Survey is now closed! See below if



Summary

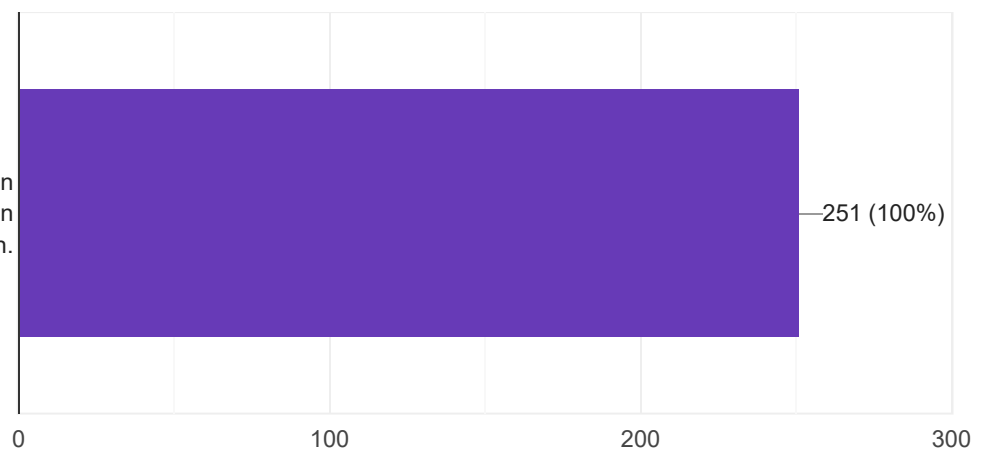
Question

Individual

By clicking the checkbox below, I consent to have my survey answers used for the purposes of publishing public information about game writing, as well as having the information used for general labor organizing within Game Workers Unite. Your personal information (email, phone number, name, etc) will not be published.

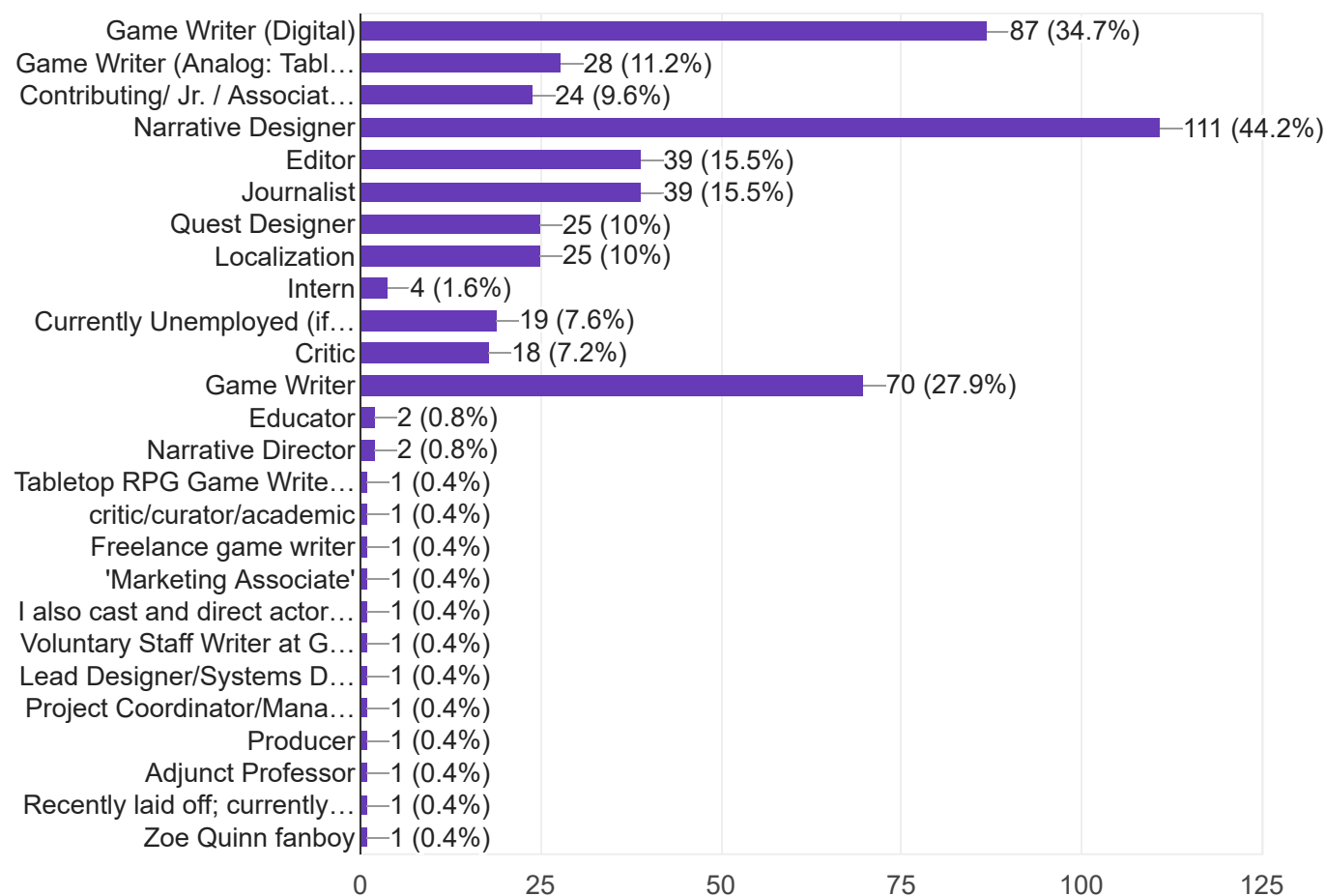
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I consent to have my answers in this survey used as described in the above paragraph.



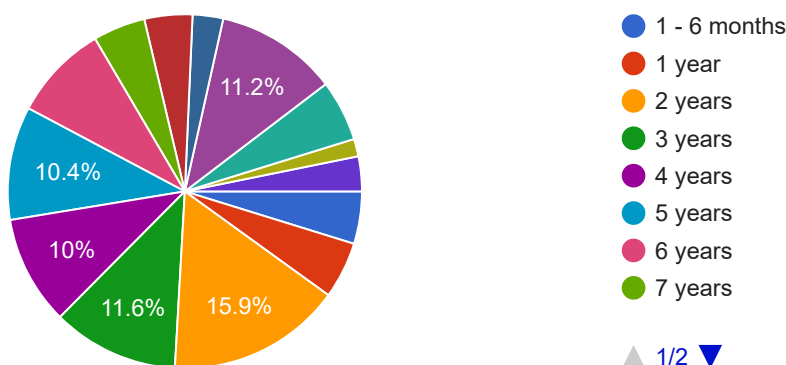
What's your current role? If you have more than one, mark all that apply. [If you are a late entry filling this out in 2020, please answer with answers that are true for your 2019. Thank you!]

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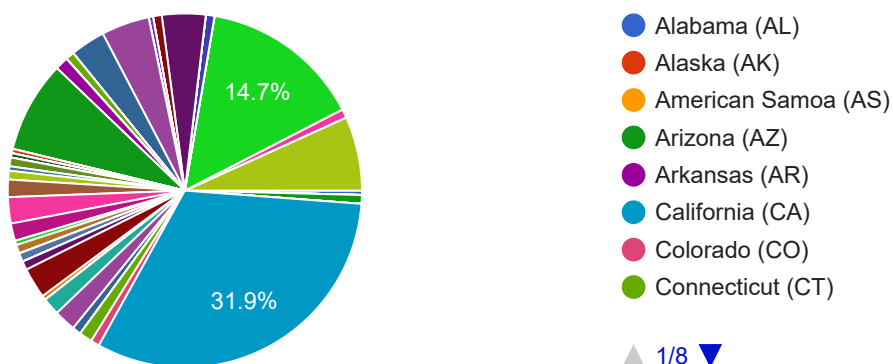
How many years of experience do you have as a game writer? [If you are a late entry filling this out in 2020, please answer with answers that are true for your 2019. Thank you!]

251 responses



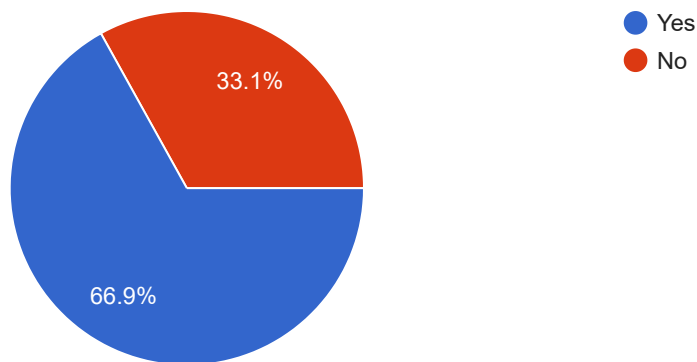
Which state or territory in the U.S. do you primarily work from? [If you are a late entry filling this out in 2020, please answer with answers that are true for your 2019. Thank you!]

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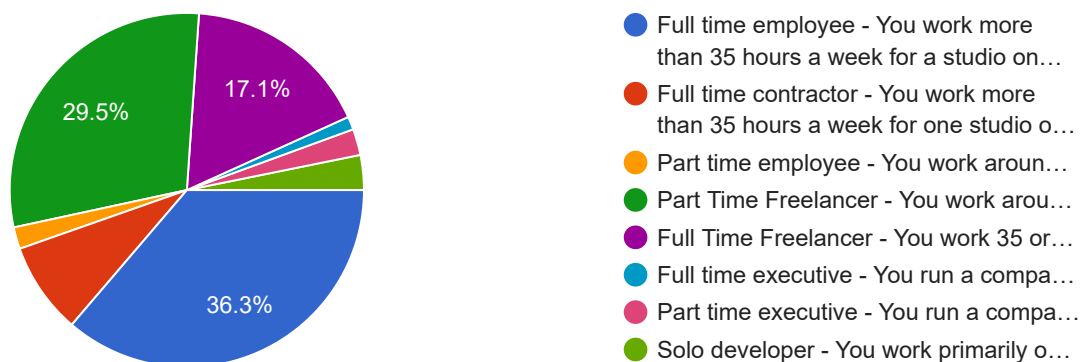
## Is game writing your main source of income?

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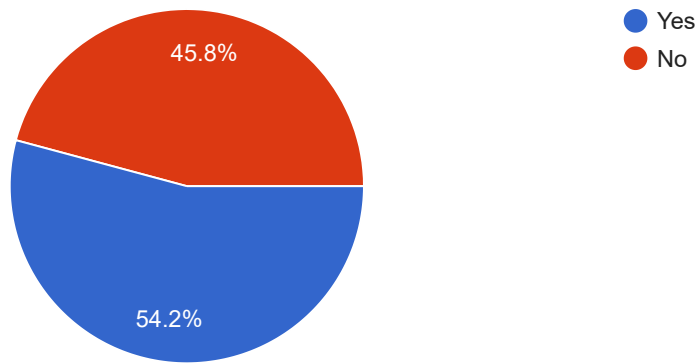
## What is your employment status as a game writer?

251 responses



Do you identify as part of a marginalized community?

251 responses



What was your net income from game writing in 2018 ?

251 responses

0

\$45,000

30000

6000

8000

5000

50000

65,000

1200

How much are you being paid for game writing in 2019? (Salary)

123 responses

0

52000

70,000

95000

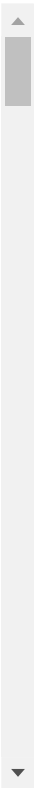
35000

90000

\$40,000

\$45,000

40000



How much are you charging for game writing in 2019? (Rate)

148 responses

50

15

0

30

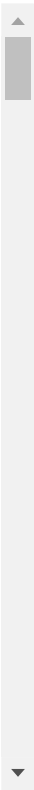
40

\$10

\$20

\$25

N/A



What do you expect your net income from game writing to be in 2019? [If you are a late entry filling this out in 2020, please answer with the amount of money you did make in 2019, if you feel comfortable doing so.]

251 responses

0

50000

5000

75000

70,000

Unknown

48000

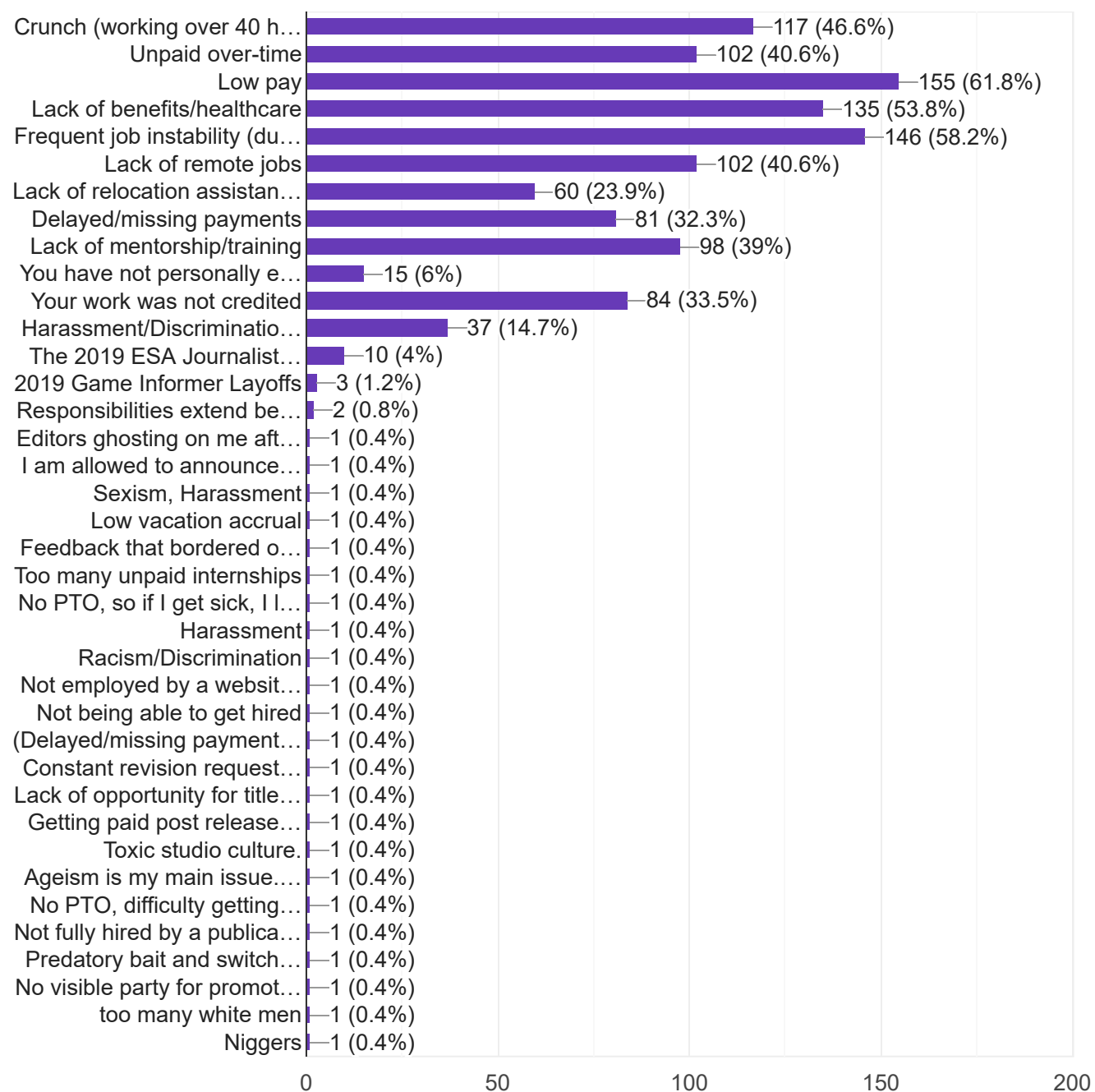
52000

\$3000



## What issues have you experienced in your game writing role(s)?

251 responses



## What are the main issues you experience as a game writer?

221 responses

N/A

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Low pay

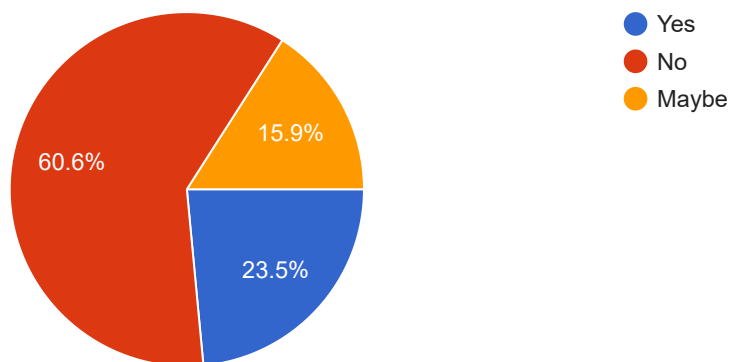
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Companies are not willing to pay a lot for what is, in fact, specialized work. There's a confusion between what the different jobs related to game story are, narrative design is more specialized than writing and should pay more. Some writers call themselves narrative designers when they're only writing cutscenes or editing. The different jobs and their rates need to be established; the writers guild of the UK has a good breakdown that's a good start.

Lack of mobility

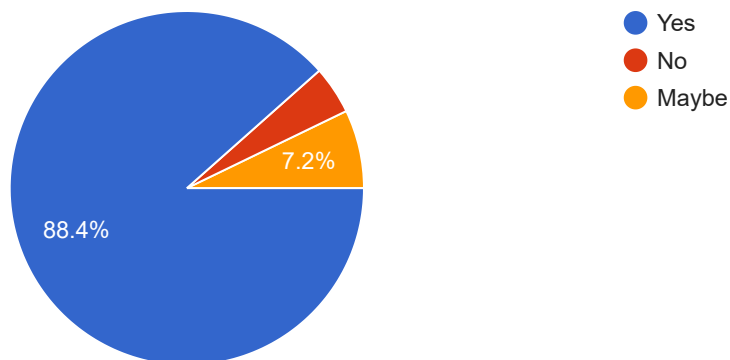
## Have you been miscategorized as an independent contractor now or in the past?

251 responses



## Do you believe the game industry should unionize?

251 responses



## Should game writers work with a pre-existing labor organization?

251 responses

