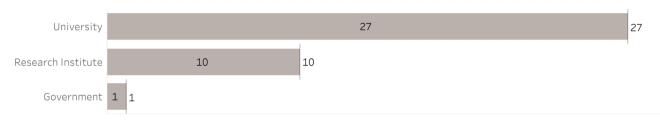
The 2021 ACFM Annual Survey

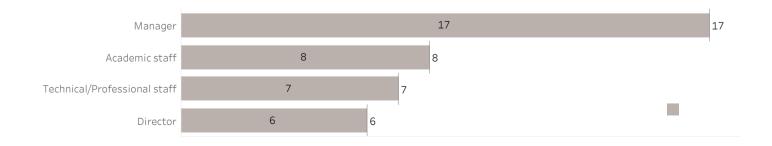
Is your host institution a



Do you have, or plan to have an accreditation

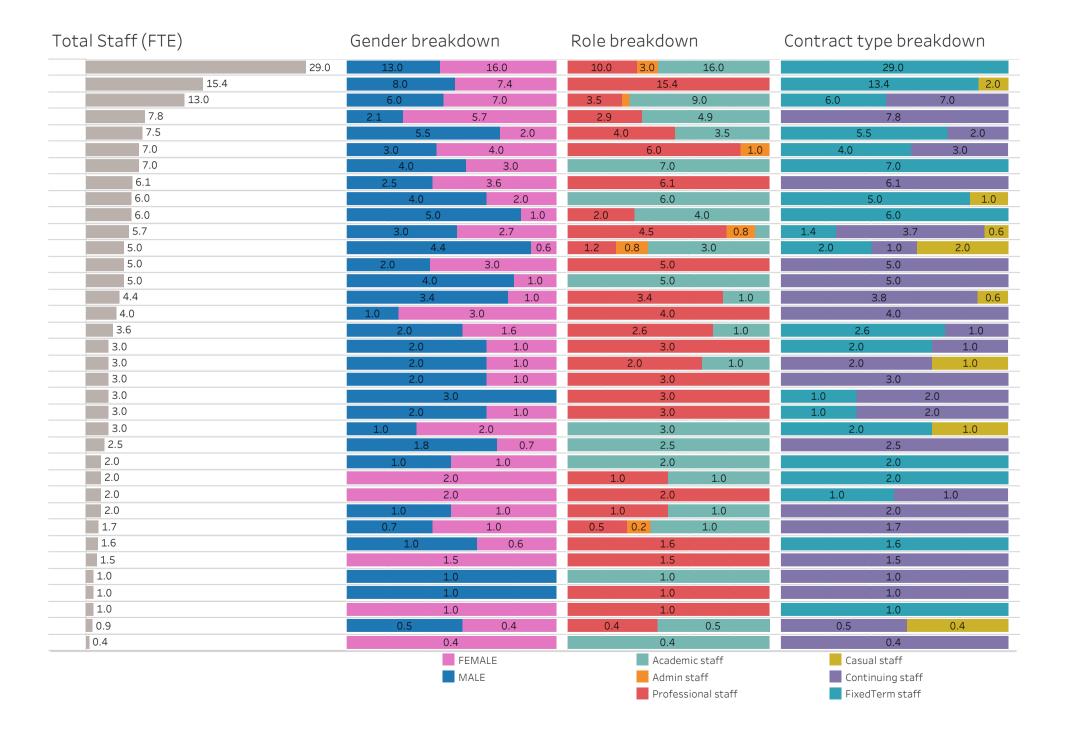


Are you a

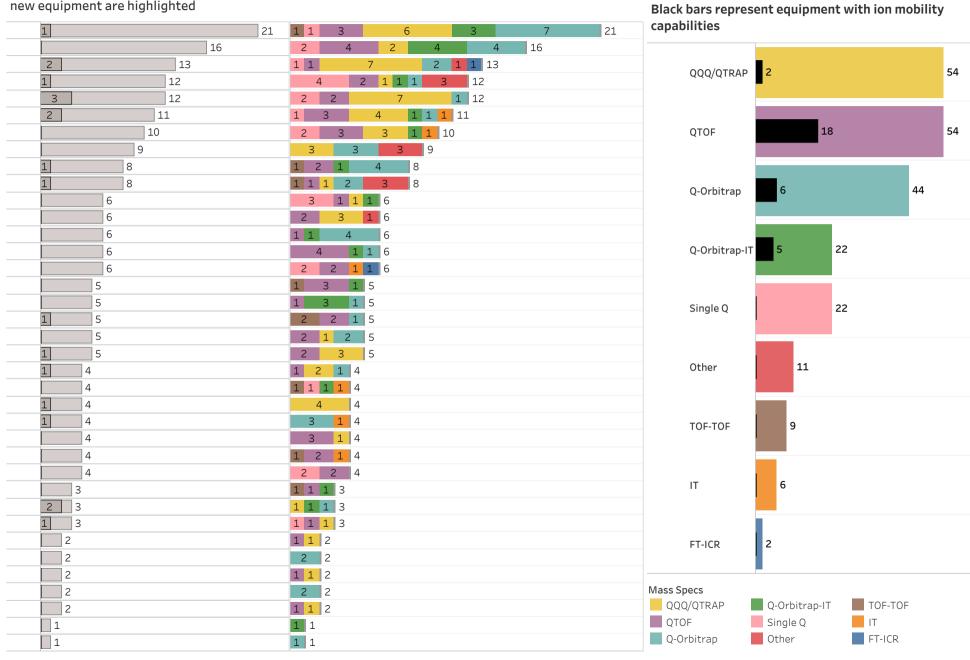


Is there any infrastructure in place at your host institute that supports your facility with the following areas?

Fundraising	Marketing	Grant-writing support	Ordering	Invoicing	IT	Workshop	Service contract	No support selected	Total support available
									1
									1 1
									1
									1
									1
									1
									2 2
									3
									3
									3
									3
									3
									3
									3
									4
									4
									4
									4
									4
	_								4
									4
									5
									5
									5
									5
									6
									6
									6
									6
									6
									6
									6
									7
									7
									8

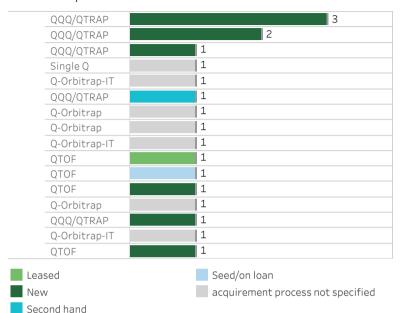


Mass Specs: Total vs **new in 2020** Total Mass Specs per Institution new equipment are highlighted



Total equipment across all Institutions

New acquisitions: 2020



Decommissions: 2020

Velos Pro
AB Sciex 4800 MALDI-TOF/TOF
2x Single Q (MSQ and ISQ)
Bruker 3D trap ETD / Bruker QToF
Triple Tof
QQQ
QExactive Classic
Orbitrap Eite
MALDI TOF/TOF
Waters Synapt G2
AB Sciex Qtrap 4000

NOTE:

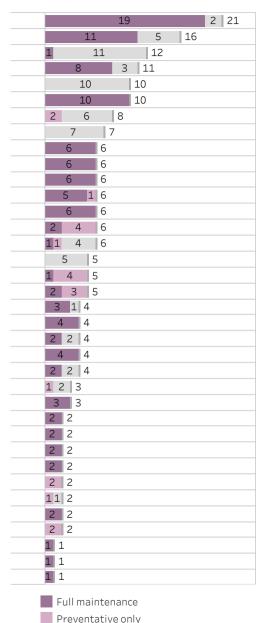
For acquisitions:

23 Institutions indicated No equipment were acquired in 2020 and one Institution did not respond.

For decommissions:

26 Institutions indicated no equipment were decommissioned in 2020.

Maintenances: 2020



No pre-paid cover

Equipment funding source: 2020



Funding source

Philanthropy

Self funded (user fees)

Host institution funded
State grant

Federal grant

Federal grant (NCRIS/RIIP)

NOTE:

For maintenances:

Two Institutions did not provide any response.

For funding source:

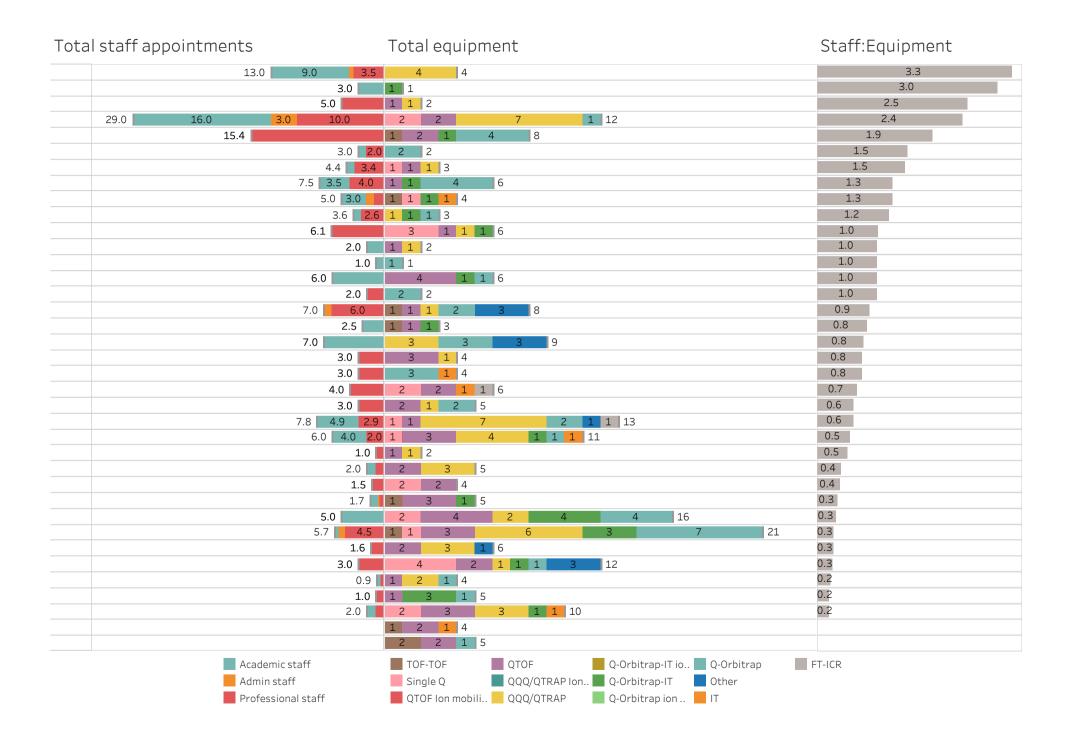
23 Institutions did indicate any funding source in 2020 and one Institution did not respond.

Software packages per Institution

2 2 2 2 48 Shareware (thin bar) 2 26 Licenses (thick bar) 3 22 20 ☐ Imaging software, SCilS 16 17 ■ Imaging software, HDI 17 3 Metabolomics software, Mass Hunter 14 ■ Metabolomics software, FreeStyle 2 14 Metabolomics software, MassLynx ■ Metabolomics software, Compound Discoverer 3 2 12 Metabolomics software, MS-DIAL Metabolomics software, LipidSearch 2 12 Metabolomics software, Insight Metabolomics software, Protenesis OI ■ Metabolomics software, LipidView Proteomics software, Max Quant Proteomics software, Proteome Discoverer Proteomics software, PeakView/SWATH Proteomics software, Mascot Proteomics software. ProteinPilot Proteomics software, DIA-NN Proteomics software. Peaks Proteomics software, Scaffold Proteomics software, Spectronaut Proteomics software, Mass Dynamics Proteomics software, Trans-Proteomics Pipeline Proteomics software, Byonic Proteomics software, Progenesis QI for Proteomics Proteomics software, EncyclopaDIA Proteomics software, Metamorpheus ■ Proteomics software, OpenMS ■ Targeted Analysis, Skyline 3 ■ Targeted Analysis, Qualbrowser 3 ■ Targeted Analysis, Tracefinder 2 3 ■ Targeted Analysis, Multiquant 3

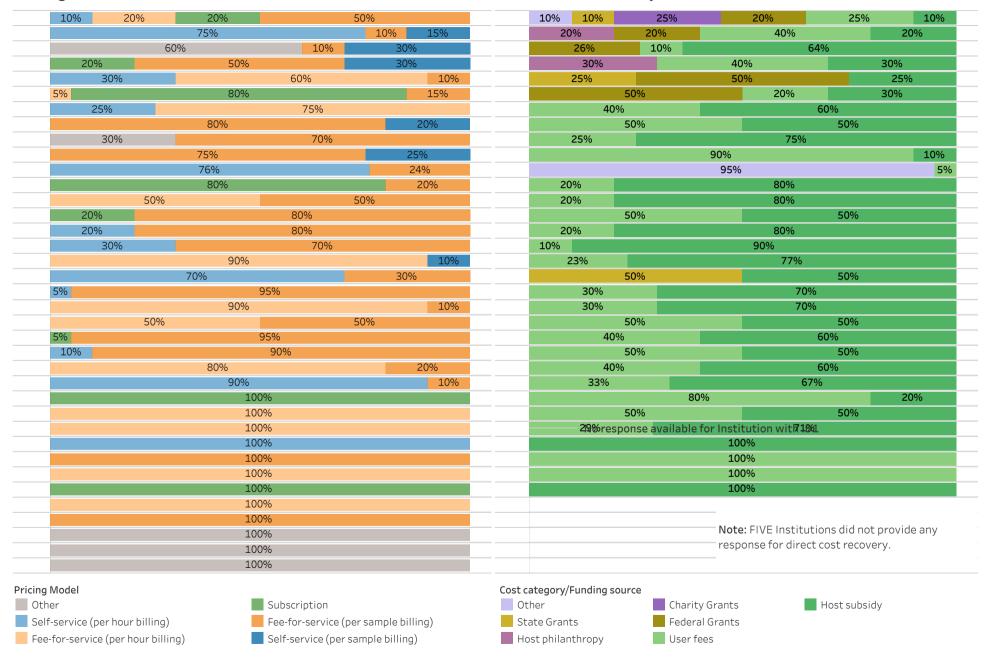
Total Software packages across all Institutions

Proteomics	Max Quant	30
software	Proteome Discoverer	28
	PeakView/SWATH	26
	ProteinPilot	22
	Mascot	22
	DIA-NN	20
	Peaks	11
	Scaffold	8
	Spectronaut	7
	Trans-Proteomics Pipeline	5
	Mass Dynamics	5
	Progenesis QI for Proteomics	4
	Byonic	4
	OpenMS	3
	Metamorpheus	3
	EncyclopaDIA	3
Metabolomics	Mass Hunter	33
software	FreeStyle	32
	MassLynx	20
	Compound Discoverer	13
	MS-DIAL	12
	LipidSearch	8
	Insight	7
	Protenesis QI	4
	LipidView	3
Targeted	Skyline	59
Analysis	Qualbrowser	24
	Tracefinder	14
	Multiquant	10
Imaging	SCilS	9
software	HDI	3



Billing Model

Direct cost recovery: 2020

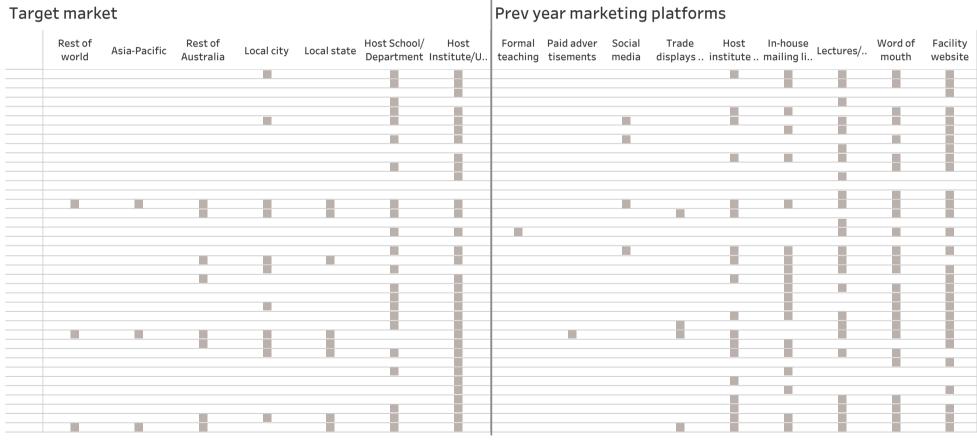


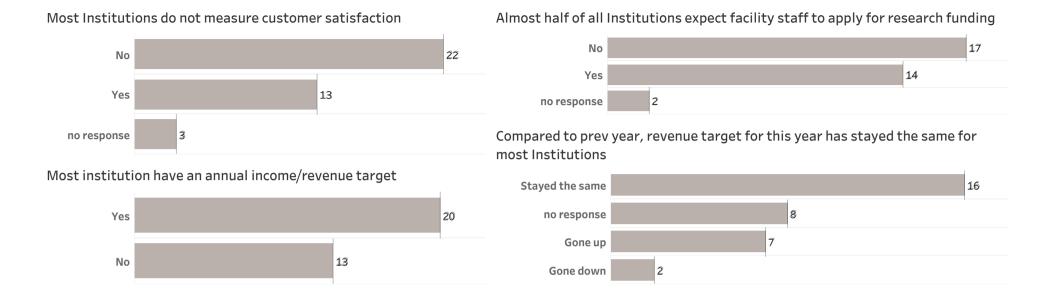
Client breakdown Clilent Origin





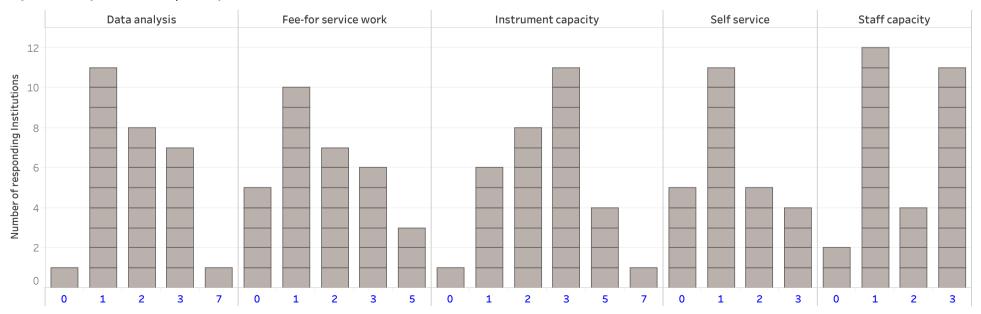
Colour legend: **Marketing & Communications** Red = Yes, have marketing plan Have marketing Yellow = No marketing plan & No marketing personnel Do you have a budget for advertising and marketing? Yes Purple = Yes, marketing personnel used 30 No 24 No 30 An ad hoc budget less than \$10k per annum 4 1 1 Use marketing personnel? Yes Yes - less than \$10k per annum 1 1 Yes - above \$10k per annum Thick bar: used marketing personnel Thin bar: no marketing personnel used 1 1 An ad hoc budget above \$10k per annum 1 No response





Advance planning

No. of years planned ahead per service/measure is shown on the **bottom** x-axis **0** years = not planned ahead/no response



Which mechanism best matches how you set your internal rates? (3) Bubble size indicates total response count

	Not a driver	5	4	3	2	1	No details
Cover direct costs	2	2		2	9	22	
What the host will subsidise	7	1	3	4	12	8	
What the market will bare	10		6	8	7	3	
Maximum profit	18	7	4	5			
Other driver(s)	18	1		1	1	3	
No details							ONE not for a inte

How do you deal with fiscal constraints? (3)

Bubble size indicates total response count

	Don't use	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Delay spend: equipment	2	2	1	1			2	3	2	2	12
Increasing utilisation	3	2	1					2	5	9	5
Delay spend: infrastructure	6	1	1	2		1			2	7	7
Increasing prices	4	3	1	3		2	4	2	4	1	2
Reduce services	4	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	3	2
No fiscal constraints	10		2	1		2	4	2		1	5
Reduce staff	7	3	3	1	1		1	2	2	1	3
Delay the project	6	3	1	2			1	5	4		1
Reduce prices	11	2	1	1		1	4		1		
Subcontract services out	13	3		2	1			1		2	

What mechanisms do you use to facilitate the sign up of new facility users? (3) Bubble size indicates total response count

	Don't use	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
e-mail/phone	2		2	1	2			5	23
Off the shelf CRM package	18	1	1				3	1	6
Part of someone's job	5	3	1	2	1	1	6	3	10
Part of project management system	18	1	2				1	3	5
We don't use anything	22	2						1	
Custom build software package	22	1	1				1		1
Spreadsheet or other generic system	9				3	2	5	2	8
Other	20							1	1 me sig

What training do you usually offer your customers? (3) Bubble size indicates total response count

	Don't use	6	5	4	3	2	1	
In-house one-on-one sessions	2	1	1		2	3	28	
In-house group sessions	7			2	9	9	8	
In-house on-line training	13		4	2	3	5	2	
Vendor training material	5	4	3	2	7	3	4	
Vendor live sessions (face-to-face or video link)	11	3	3	1	5		3	
Other training type	14						2	WO instituted 'Office to the control of the control

How do you track and manage projects? (3) Bubble size indicates total response count

	Don't use	5	4	3	2	1
Excel or other generic system	4			3	5	19
Part of someone's job	6		1	2	6	15
Customer build software package	17	1				5
Off the shelf dedicated package	13	2	1	1	1	8
We don't use anything	15				1	2
Other	17					

Which mechanism best matches how you set your internal rates? (2)

	Not a driver	5	4	3	2	1	No details	
Cover direct costs								
Maximum profit								
Other driver(s)								
What the host will subsidise								
What the market will bare								
No details							Some Institution 'Other' rate dri important, but provided.	vers are

How do you deal with fiscal constraints? (2) rank 1=most used, rank 10 = least used; 'Don't use' responses are assigned a value of 11

	Don't use	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Delay spend: equipment											
Increasing utilisation											00000
Delay spend: infrastructure											
Reduce staff											
Reduce services	0000										
Delay the project											
Increasing prices											
Reduce prices							0000				
Subcontract services out											
No fiscal constraints											00000

What mechanisms do you use to facilitate the sign up of new facility users? (2) rank 1=most used, rank 8 = least used; 'Don't use' responses are assigned a value of 9

	Don't use	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
e-mail/phone								00000	
Part of someone's job	00000						00000		
Spreadsheet or other generic system							00000		
Part of project management system									
Custom build software package									
Off the shelf CRM package							000		
We don't use anything									
Other								me	ne Institutions indicated thods for new user signu ails provided.

What training do you usually offer your customers? (2) rank 1=most used, rank 6 = least used; 'Don't use' responses are assigned a value of 7

	Don't use	6	5	4	3	2	1	
In-house one-on-one sessions								
In-house group sessions								
In-house on-line training								
Vendor training material								
Vendor live sessions (face-to-face or video link)								
Other training type								ions indicated they aining method(s)

How do you track and manage projects? (2)

rank 1=most used, rank 5 = least used; 'Don't use' responses are assigned a value of 6

	Don't use	5	4	3	2	1
Excel or other generic system						
Part of someone's job						
Customer build software package						
Off the shelf dedicated package						
We don't use anything						
Other						

Which mechanism best matches how you set your internal rates? Bubble size indicates total response count

	Not a driver	5	4	3	2	1	No details
Cover direct costs	2	2		2	9	22	
What the host will subsidise	7	1	3	4	12	8	
What the market will bare	10		6	8	7	3	
Maximum profit	18	7	4	5			
Other driver(s)	18			1	1	3	
							ONE

No details



ONE institution(s) did not provide any details for drivers that set internal rates.

How do you deal with fiscal constraints?

Bubble size indicates total response count

	Don't use	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Delay spend: equipment	2	2	1	1			2	3	2	2	12
Increasing utilisation	3	2	1					2	5	9	5
Delay spend: infrastructure	6	1	1	2		1			2	7	7
Increasing price	es 4	3	1	3		2	4	2	4	1	2
Reduce services	5 4	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	3	2
No fiscal constraints	10		2	1		2	4	2		1	5
Reduce staff	7	3	3	1	1		1	2	2	1	3
Delay the proje	ct 6	3	1	2			1	5	4		1
Reduce prices	11	2	1	1		1	4		1		
Subcontract services out	13	3		2	1			1		2	

What mechanisms do you use to facilitate the sign up of new facility users? Bubble size indicates total response count

	Don't use	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
e-mail/phone	2		2	1	2			5	23	
Part of someone's job	5	3	1	2	1	1	6	3	10	
Part of project management system	18	1	2				1	3	5	
Off the shelf CRM package	18	1	1				3	1	6	
Spreadsheet or other generic system	9				3	2	5	2	8	
Custom build software package	22		1				1		1	
We don't use anything	22	2						1		
Other	20							1	1 ir	WO institution(s) adicated 'Other' nethods for new user ignup, but no details rovided.

What training do you usually offer your customers? Bubble size indicates total response count

	Don't use	6	5	4	3	2	1
In-house one-on-one sessions	2	1	1		2	3	28
In-house group sessions	7			2	9	9	8
In-house on-line training	13		4	2	3	5	2
Vendor training material	5	4	3	2	7	3	4
Vendor live sessions (face-to-face or video link)	11	3	3	1	5		3
Other training type	14						2 TW inc

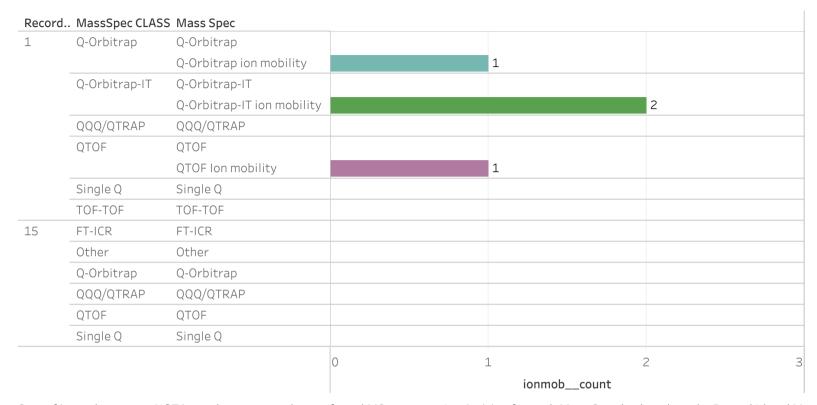
How do you track and manage projects? Bubble size indicates total response count

	Don't use	5	4	3	2	1
Excel or other generic system	4			3	5	19
Part of someone's job	6		1	2	6	15
Off the shelf dedicated package	13	2	1	1	1	8
Customer build software package	17	1				5
We don't use anything	15				1	2
Other	17					

Rate multipliers

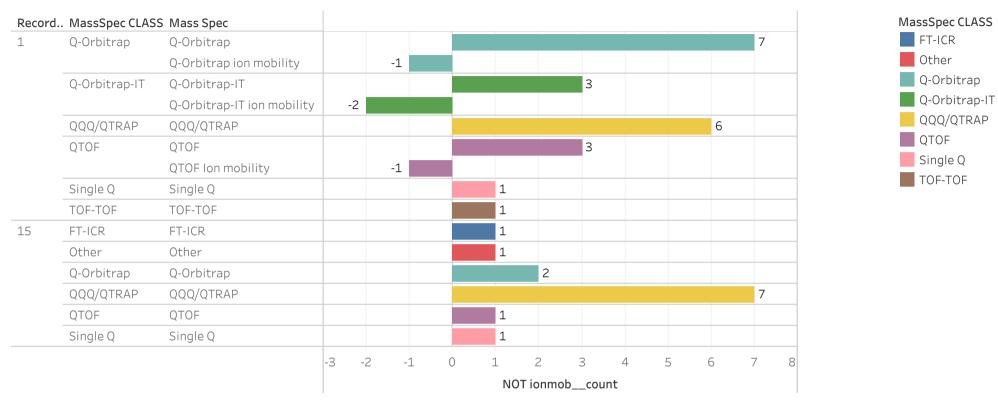
All Institutions (except 22 and 28) have internal academic rate on which the external academic and commercial rate multipiers are applied

Academia (external) rate	Commercial customer rate	Null	Other rate	State based rate
50	100			
	1.75%			
20%	50%			
	300			
150	300			
	2.5			
	150			
10				
30	500			
			Centrally supported - Us	ers provi
	50			
35	300			
			'Other rate' selected, bu	it no resp
1.5-2	3			
Rates multiplier not specified	Rates multiplier not specified			
200				
	300%			
30				
30	100			
5				
100				
100	300			
30	60			
Rates multiplier not specified	Rates multiplier not specified			
5	40			
33	80			
150%	200%			State based rate
1.5	2			
Infinite (free for internal users)	Infinite (free for internal users)			
50	200			
Rates multiplier not specified	Rates multiplier not specified			
125	190			
	170			
1.5X	5X			
20%	300%			

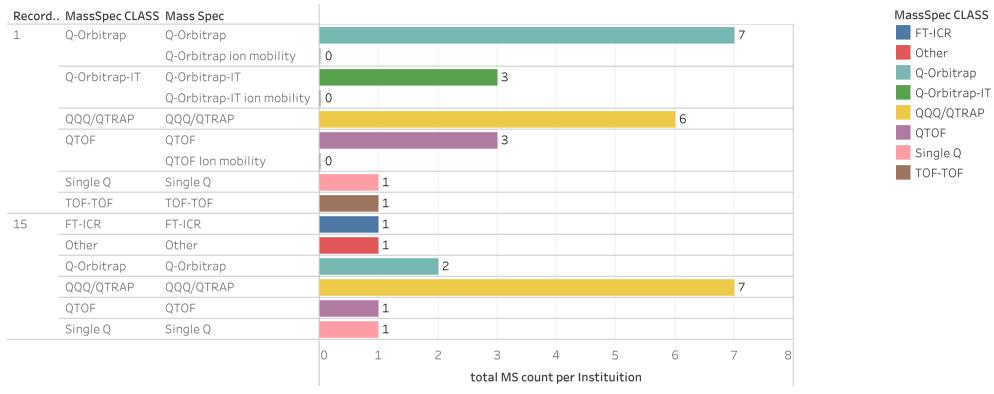




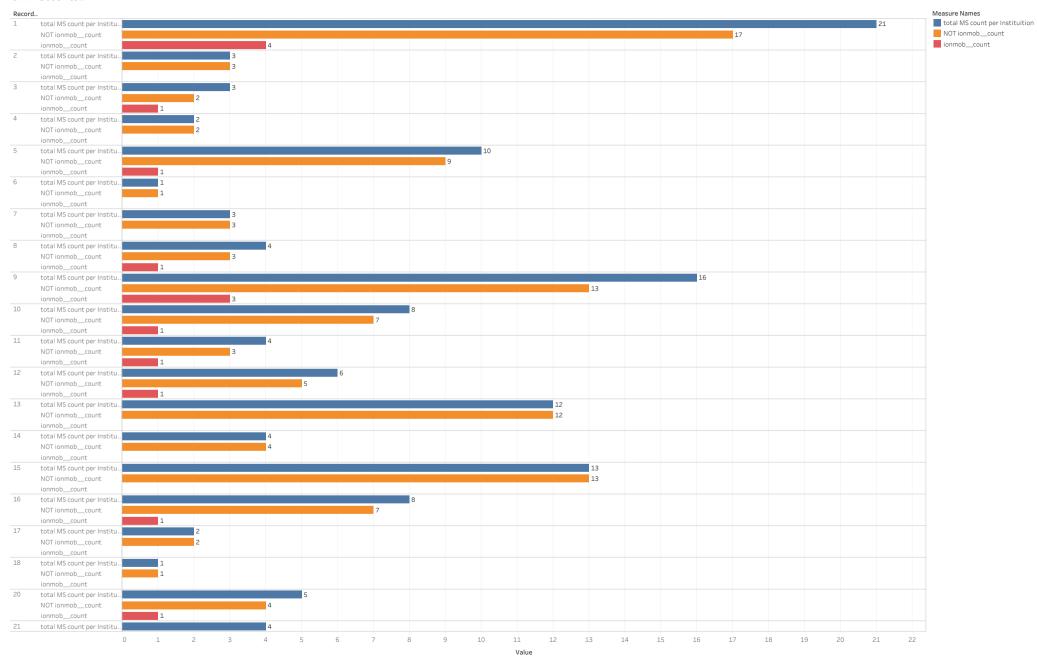
Sum of ionmob__count, NOT ionmob__count and sum of total MS count per Instituition for each Mass Spec broken down by Record Id and MassSpec CLASS. Color shows details about MassSpec CLASS. The view is filtered on Record Id, which keeps 1 and 15.

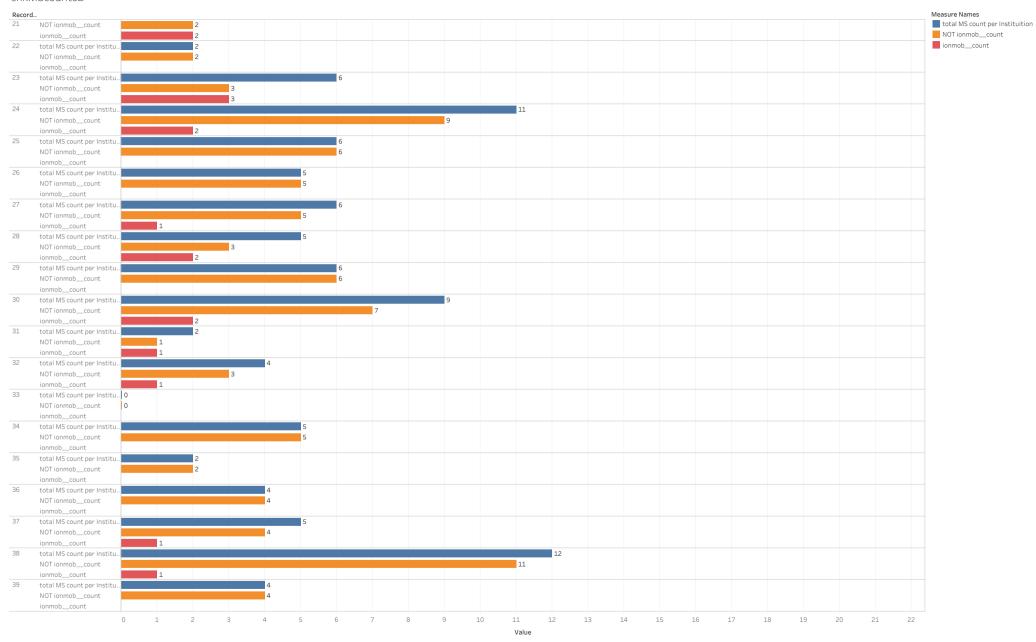


Sum of ionmob__count, NOT ionmob__count and sum of total MS count per Instituition for each Mass Spec broken down by Record Id and MassSpec CLASS. Color shows details about MassSpec CLASS. The view is filtered on Record Id, which keeps 1 and 15.



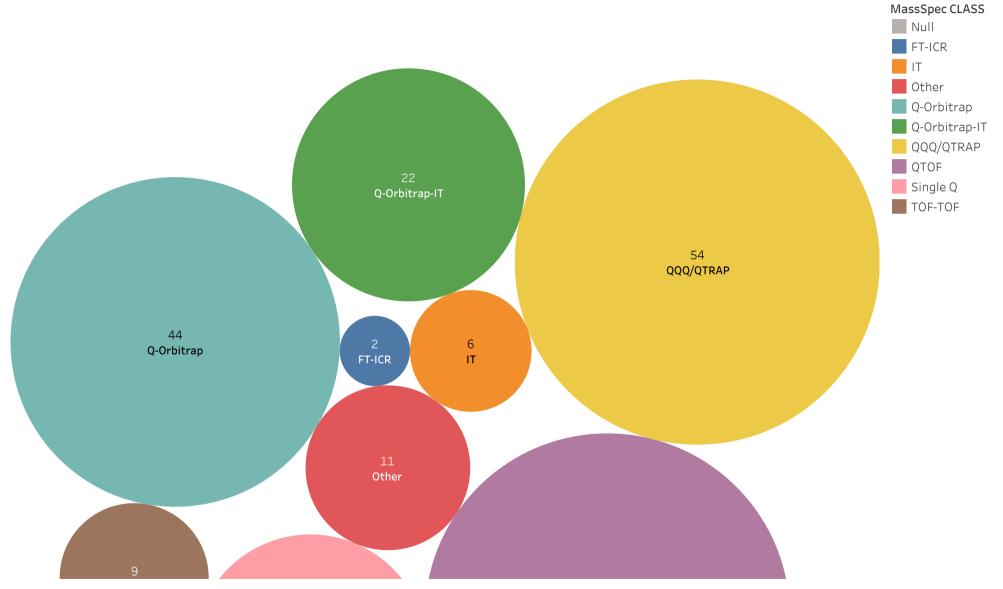
Sum of ionmob__count, NOT ionmob__count and sum of total MS count per Instituition for each Mass Spec broken down by Record Id and MassSpec CLASS. Color shows details about MassSpec CLASS. The view is filtered on Record Id, which keeps 1 and 15.





Total MS count per Instituition, NOT ionmob__count and ionmob__count for each Record Id. Color shows details about total MS count per Instituition, NOT ionmob__count and ionmob__count.

Total equipment across all Institutions

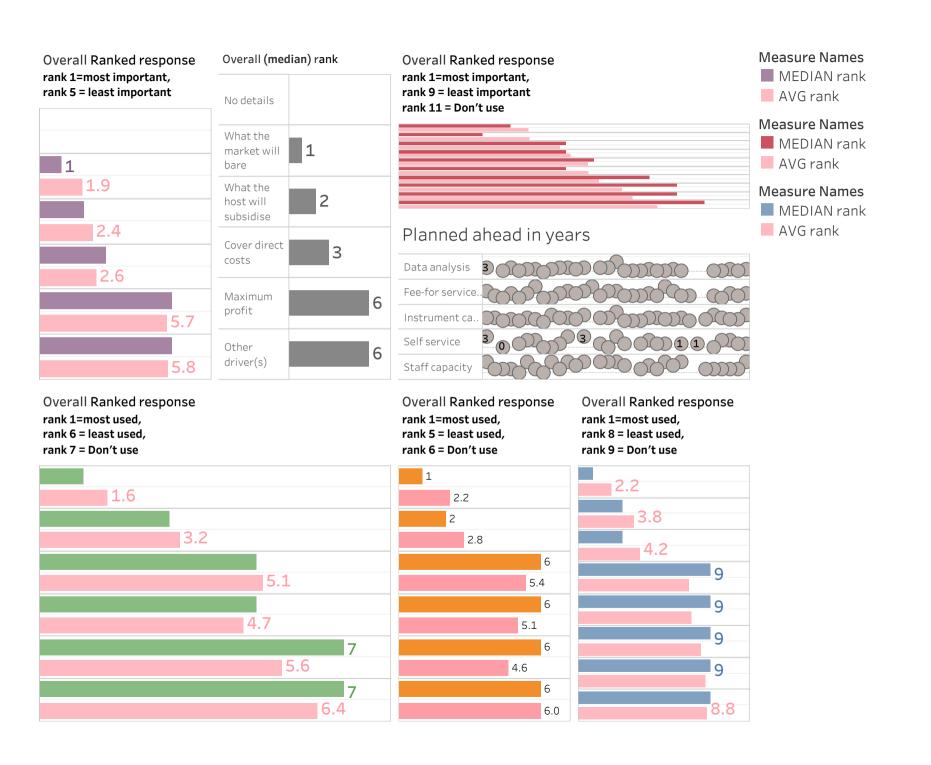


Sum of total MS count per Instituition and MassSpec CLASS. Color shows details about MassSpec CLASS. Size shows sum of total MS count per Instituition. The marks are labeled by sum of total MS count per Instituition and MassSpec CLASS. The data is filtered on Record Id, which keeps 39 of 39 members.

Total equipment across all Institutions

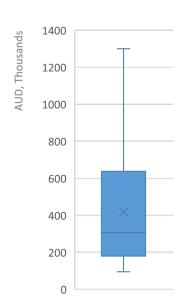


Sum of total MS count per Instituition and MassSpec CLASS. Color shows details about MassSpec CLASS. Size shows sum of total MS count per Instituition. The marks are labeled by sum of total MS count per Instituition and MassSpec CLASS. The data is filtered on Record Id, which keeps 39 of 39 members.

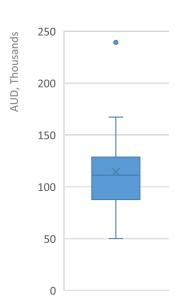


Staff Costs in 2020:

N=29 Total \$ per year



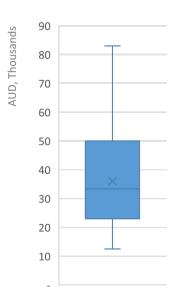
\$ per year per FTE



Maintenance:

N=23

\$ per year per instrument



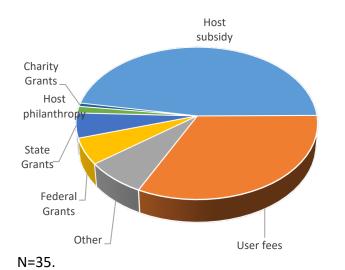
Are staff expected to apply for funding?

Yes: 49% (17) No: 51% (18)

Revenue

What happens to user revenue?

In 2020, what % of your direct costs were covered by...

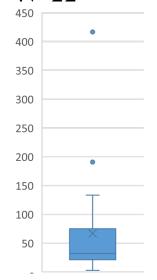


Reduce deficit 61%

Carry over to next year 17%

Spend as they like 22%

Revenue (AUD) per instrument N=22



AUD, Thousands

During the calendar year of 2021...

If the staff count Staff count likely to... changed it was by an average of 2.0 FTE

Fee-for-service work likely to...

If the fee-forservice work changed it was by an average of 66%

User count likely to...

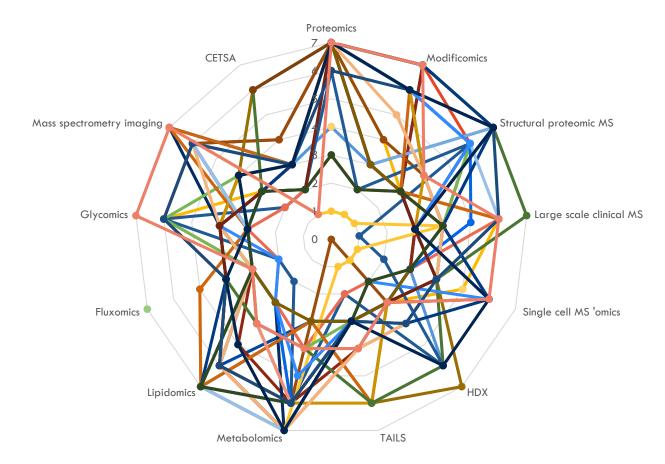
If the user count changed it was by an average of 24%

41% have funding for an equipment purchase of over \$50k, the shopping

list includes: Automation system, UPLC Byonic update & (subjet to funding) 2 x MS instruments and a CGE-LIF cyclic IMS Evosep One **Exploris** and Eclipse Exploris480 Fluxomics system GC QQQ and/or QTOF HDX system high resolution LC-MS platform for metabolomics Maldi TOF refresh current capital **SCIEX Cloud services** Tip puller, beveller

Who is doing how much of what?

Do a lot 7
Do a bit 6
Getting 5
Would Like 4
No plans 3
Don't know 2
Don't want 1
Shut it down 0

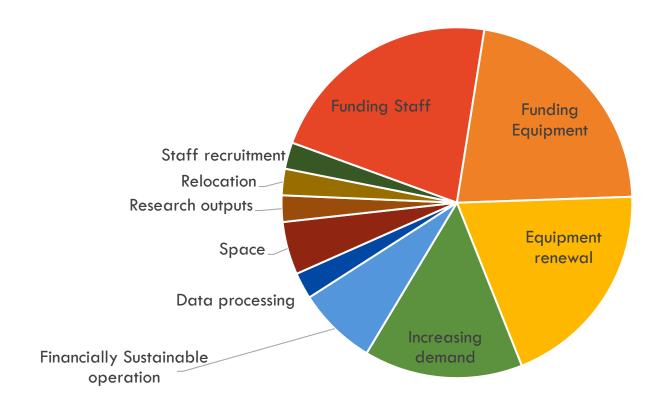


If money was no object, what one would you buy (and why)?

Eclipse	6.8
QQQ	5
Exploris 480	4.5
QTOF	4
timsTOF Pro 2	3.3
lmaging instrument	3
Lumos	2
7600 ZenoTOF	2
timsTOF Flex	1.5
7500 QTRAP	1
Orbitrap IDX	1
MALDI TOF	1
cyclic IMS	1
Waters-DESI /MALDI	0.5

 The 'whys' ranged form 'love the current one' to 'it breaks down so much I need a back up'

What is your biggest challenge in the next 3 years?



If you were the average mass spec facility...



Less than 10% McSpec facilities have accreditation, but 13% planning on getting accreditation in 2020

- $-2/3^{rd}$ Uni, $1/3^{rd}$ research institute
- You would have 4.7 staff, 2 are academics, just under 3 professional and 0.16 admin
- You would have nearly 2 QTOFs,
 1.5 QQQ, 1.3 Q-Orbi and 0.7 of tribrid
- There is a 50% chance one MS would be new in 2020

Acknowledgements

The Australasian Core Facilities Surveys are coordinated by Ben Crossett (USyd) and Ralf Schittenhelm (Monash).

This survey was originally designed with assistance from Paula Burton (Mass Dynamics), Mark Condina (while at UniSA) and the contents has been refined at the last two ACF meetings.

We would like to thank: Matt Padula (UTS), Tara Pukala (Adelaide) and Nick Williamson (UniMelb) for 'beta testing'; the 37 facilities that complete the survey and Naveed Nadiv (USyd) for expert assistance in compiling this summary.

The survey was conducted using REDCap.

Any enquiries, please contact: ben.crossett@sydney.edu.au