



SPOTLIGHT ON THE UK GROUND INVESTIGATION INDUSTRY

BULLETIN NO.

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The Association of Geotechnical and Geo-environmental Specialists (AGS) and the British Drilling Association (BDA) agreed in 2015 to set up a joint initiative to shine a 'Spotlight' on the UK Ground Investigation industry. This is one of several Bulletins providing statistical feedback from the survey's findings. To read the Position Paper that was issued prior to the survey, [click here](#).

WHAT'S COMING UP

THE BULLETINS ON THEIR WAY TO YOU SOON

Before we delve into the statistics and data provided by the results to the recent survey, below is the full list of Bulletins that will be delivered and become available for viewing across the next three months. Each Bulletin will provide statistical feedback from the results of the survey and will tackle a separate area of survey responses. Each title is a guide to what topics each Bulletin will cover:

- 21/03/2017** Introduction & Summary of Demographics
- 28/03/2017** Technical Standards - Familiarity and Application
- 04/04/2017** Health, Safety and Welfare Legislation - Familiarity and Adherence
- 11/04/2017** Procurement vs. Technical Standards & Health, Safety and Welfare Legislation
- 18/04/2017** Contract Specifications/Enforcement vs. Technical Standards
- 25/04/2017** Plant and Equipment vs. Technical Standards & Health, Safety and Welfare Legislation
- 02/05/2017** Innovation vs. Technical Standards
- 09/05/2017** Experience and Best Practice from Other Countries
- 16/05/2017** Review of UK Ground Investigation Practices
- 23/05/2017** Future challenges for the UK Ground Investigation Industry
- 30/05/2017** Improving the uptake of Technical Standards

Each Bulletin will be available for download from the Trade Association(s) and Task Force websites once published. Further results from the survey that were not able to be covered in-depth by the Bulletins will also be available to download following the distribution of all Bulletins.

The data summaries included in each Bulletin are provided by The Dunsmore Consultancy who independently analysed the survey responses.

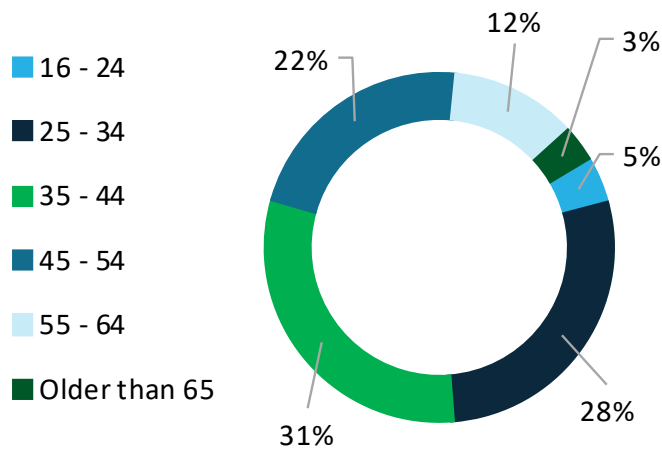
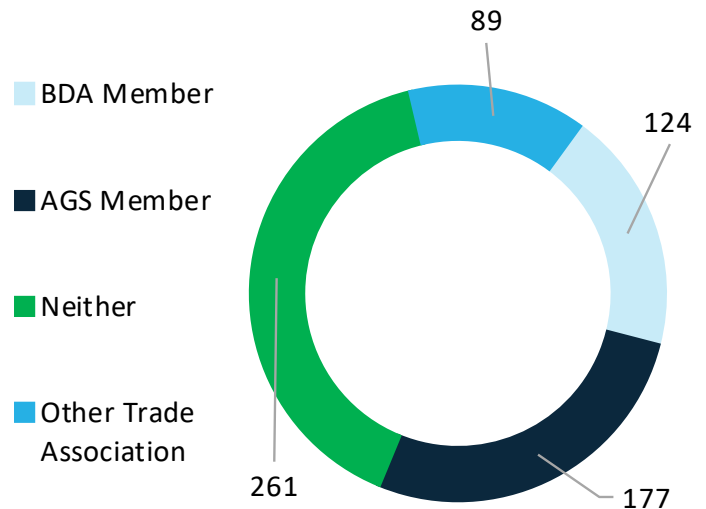
RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

SUMMARY OF DEMOGRAPHICS

There were 25 survey questions in total (some with additional sub-questions), and 7 further opportunities for 'freestyle' comment. In total, 585 people responded to the survey.

Question 1 of the survey asked whether respondents were members of either of the industry Trade Associations.

- In total, 53 respondents reported that they were members of both the BDA and AGS. Of these, 20 were members of another, additional trade association.
- During analysis using cross-tabulation there were measurable differences between members of the BDA and members of the AGS in the way some questions were answered.

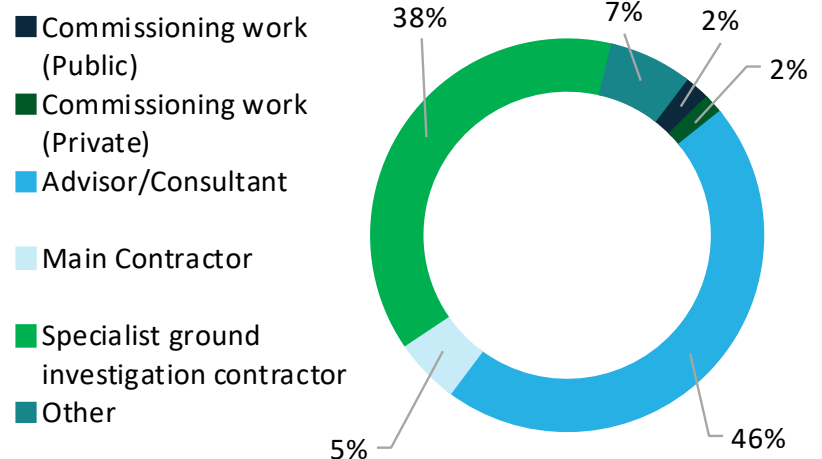


Question 2 asked the age of each respondent.

- Roughly one third of respondents were aged over 45, with the largest age range being 35 – 44 years.
- There were some differences noted according to age with, in particular, the youngest respondents demonstrating different attitudes.

Question 5 asked: "What is your principal role in relation to geotechnical work?"

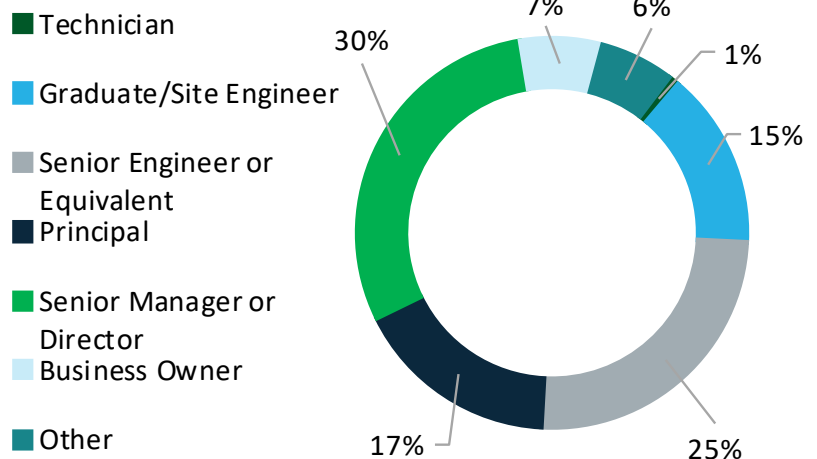
- The two largest categories of respondent by role were Advisor/Consultant and Specialist Ground Investigation contractor, which together accounted for 84% of respondents.



RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY CONT.

Question 6 asked: "What is your current job?"

- The largest category by job type was 'Senior Manager or Director' and this category accounted for 59% of British Drilling Association membership respondents and 42% of Association of Geotechnical and Geo-Environmental Specialists.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have any immediate responses to the data presented in this Bulletin and would like to engage in further productive discussions, then we want to hear from you.

Due to the time-consuming nature of responding to feedback across various media platforms, we are encouraging all parties keen to open topics of discussion to do so via email: info@ags-bda-taskforce.co.uk

We want to know what you think would be the best next-step or course of action for the topic discussed in this Bulletin, considering the data given above. Examples are given below:

- Seminars / Webinars covering the topic
- Technical articles in magazines
- Training courses covering the topic
- Further detailed surveys on the topic
- Dedicated conference/discussion panels
- Detailed guidance documents from Trade Associations
- Further analysis of the survey data on this topic
- No necessary course of action

Please forward this Bulletin and future Bulletins on to your colleagues and industry contacts in order to ensure as wider saturation for these discussions as possible. Also follow the AGS BDA Task Force on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to stay up to date with the latest developments.

There are several Bulletins emanating from this survey. Each Bulletin will be available for download from the Trade Association(s) and Task Force websites once published.

The survey has raised some important discussion points which the industry should discuss and debate. The hot topics will be the focal point for the conference at [Geotechnica 2017](#), alongside other prospective upcoming industry events.

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