

FROM DATA TO ACTION:

# 2025 Association Community Benchmarks









Wed, Sept 24 2 PM ET / 11 AM PT

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### Agenda

- Let's Review the Data
  - Averages and Trends
  - Strategies and Impact
- Let's Talk Strategy
  - More Logins
  - More Discussion Activity
  - More Resources & Value





#### Let's Review the Data

#### **Community Snapshot**

June 2024 - May 2025

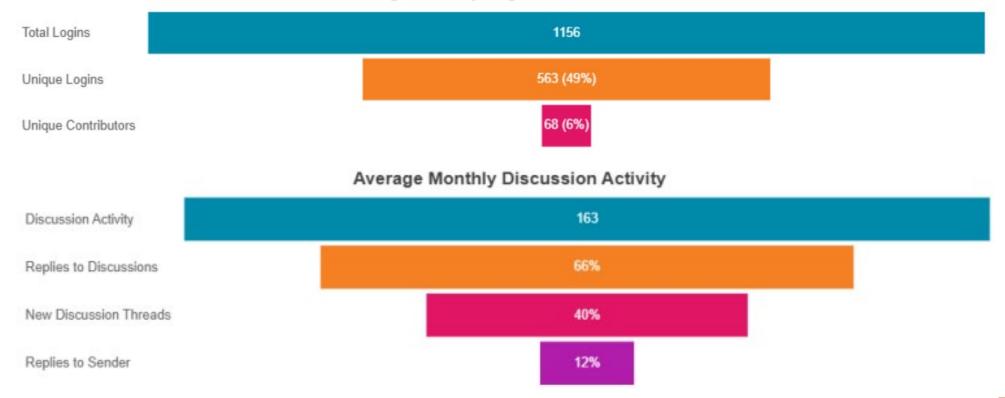
**Average** Average Average Median Users in at Users **Total User Total User Least One** w/Activity in Accounts Accounts Community last 120 days 69,982 12,040 8,439 9,346 **Average Average Average Average** Monthly Monthly Monthly **Total Logins** Unique Unique **Discussion Per Month** Logins/Users **Contributors** Activity 1,156 563 68 163





#### **Community Engagement**

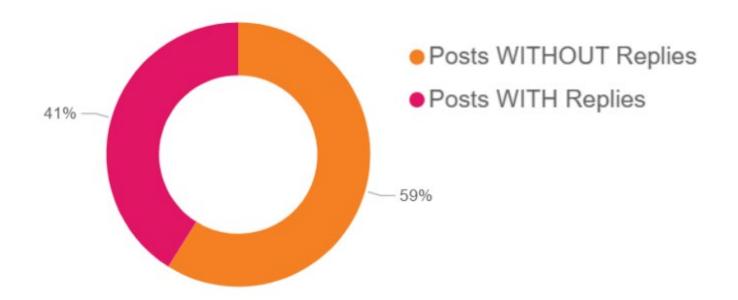






#### **Area for Improvement: Discussion Replies**

Average Number of Community
Discussions With and Without Replies





#### **Community Digest Emails**

**Industry Average Email Open Rate** 

36%

Average Community Digest Open Rates

44% Daily Digest 56%
Daily Consolidated Digest

54% Weekly Consolidated Digest



#### **Community Resource Libraries**

539

Average Number of Resource Library Downloads 293

Average of # of NEW Library Entries



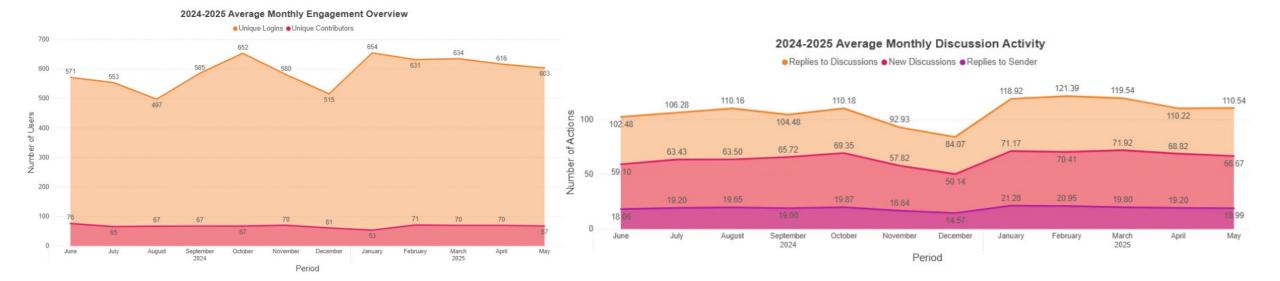
#### **Community Trends**

#### 2023-2025 Monthly Engagement Overview



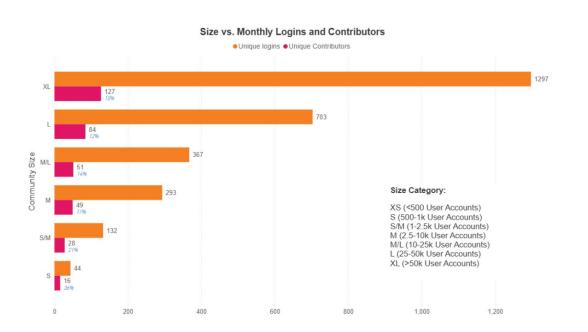


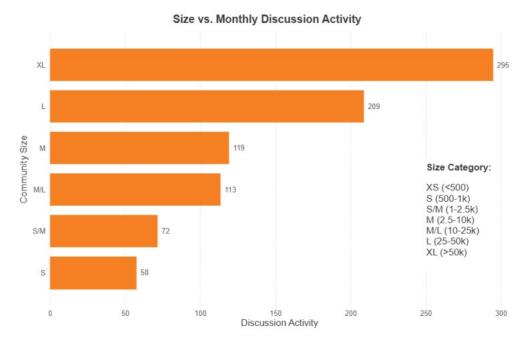
#### **Yearly Community Cycles**





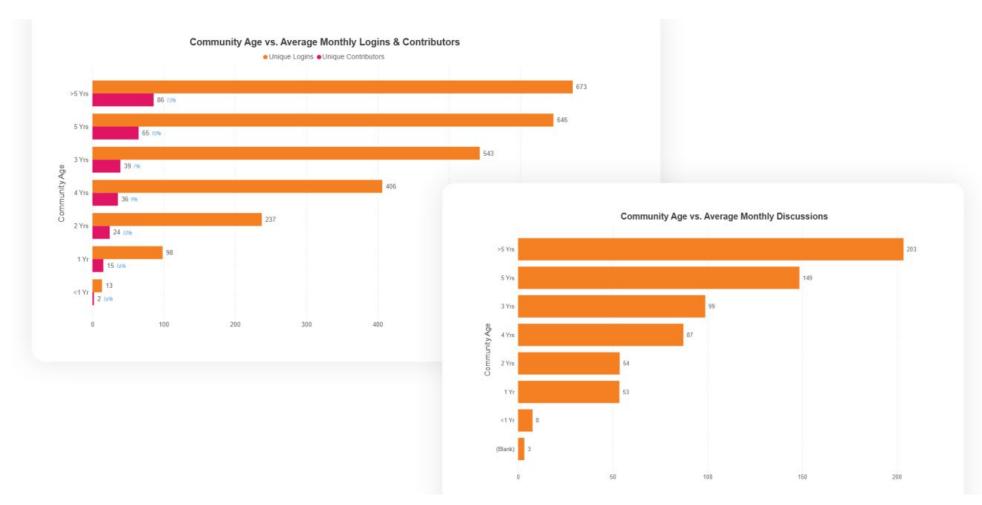
#### **Impact of Community Size**







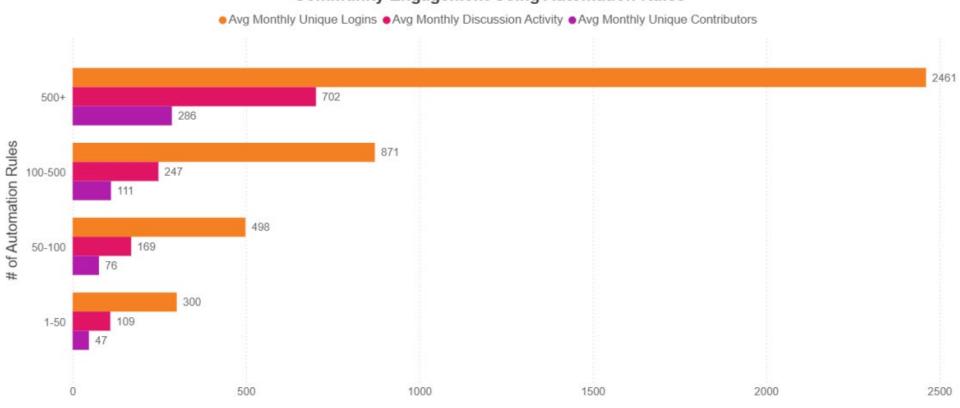
#### **Impact of Community Age**





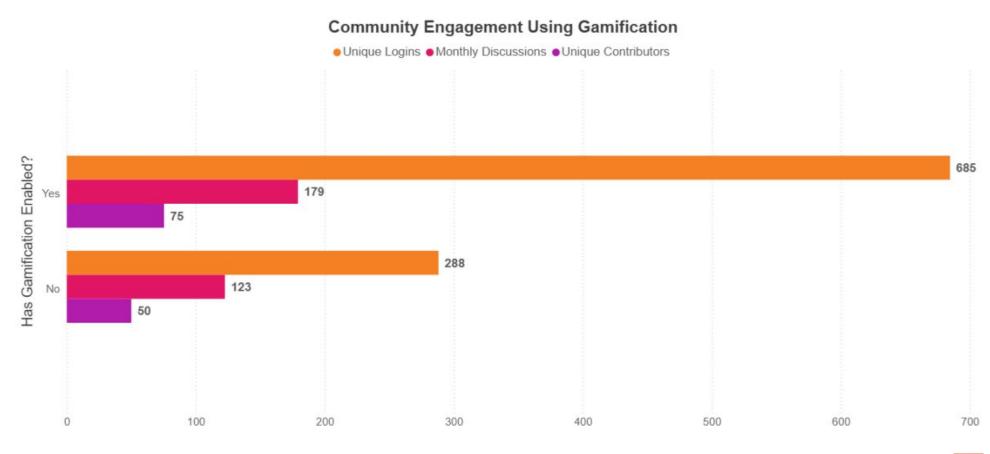
#### **Automation Rules**

#### **Community Engagement Using Automation Rules**





#### Gamification





#### **Making Community a Central Hub**

• Mentoring and volunteering drive 2.4x more logins and 2x contributors and discussions

Job boards drive 2x more logins

 Personalized chapter communities drive over 2.6x more logins, 88% more contributors, and 73% more discussions

 Connecting marketing with communities drives 30% more logins, 76% more discussions, and 40% more contributors;





### Let's Talk Strategy

## What are some tactics to grow your community? *Users & Logins*



**Automation Rules:** schedule automated emails to welcome members to the community or re-engage inactive segments



**Gamification:** use ribbons and badges to motivate and reward members for engagement (including onboarding!)



**Auto-subscribing users to a community digest:** ensure members have consistent community content delivered to their inbox



**Promote community across channels:** include community content across channels to attract new members and encourage new logins

#### What are some tactics to increase discussion activity?



**Reach out to members who haven't posted:** provide recommendations and directions via an automated email - consider collecting seed content as well



**Champions/Ambassadors**: reach out to active or founding members and drive them to an "Unanswered Threads" widget or task them with posting conversation starters



**Drive conversation around events:** host a community AMA or plan discussion content around an upcoming event



**Smart Newsletter:** enable this feature to ensure a variety of personalized content is delivered to members



#### What are some ways to drive contributions and additional value?



Call for Resources: use an automation rule to reach out to SMEs, speakers, or other segments to upload entries



Leverage Tags and Folders: keep your library content organized and more easily searchable



Bulk Upload with AI: quickly add conference decks, recordings, and curated resources at scale



Spotlight Resources: create a series that highlights valuable, community-exclusive resources

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