

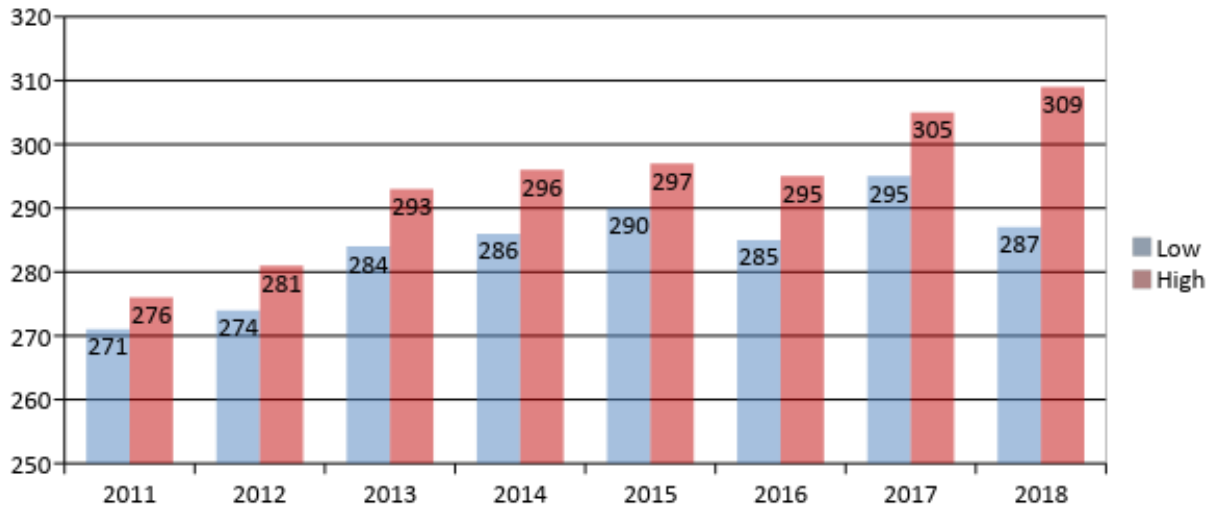
All Star I - 2018

Registrar's Report, Susan O'Loughlin

As of the March 10th registration deadline there were 331 registrations. Registrations continued to come in after the deadline, bringing the total registrations to 361. (Note: three island staff/children were registered for the conference for the purpose of participating in the conference or children's program, but are not included in any of our registration numbers.) We had 33 people cancel (11 pre-acceptance; 15 post-acceptance; and 7 from the waitlist). We were not able to accept 8 people on the waitlist (4 with on-time registrations and 4 with registrations submitted after the March 10th deadline).

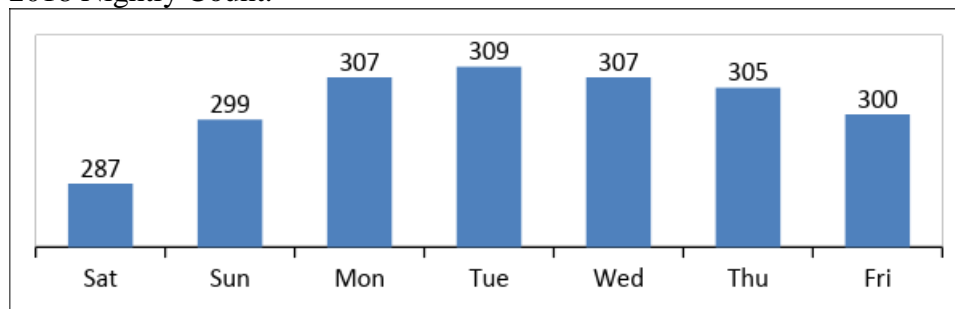
A total of 320 individuals were part of the All Star I conference this year; 278 full conference and 42 overnight guests. The average stay for the overnight guests was 4 nights. As illustrated in the graph below, we housed 309 conferees on the highest night, and 287 on the lowest night (the previous record high was 305 in 2017). In all, there were 2114 bed-nights (302 avg).

Conference Growth Since 2011.



The nightly count was unusually low on Saturday night due to planned arrival delays, and again on Friday due to planned early departures. The doctor who usually is assigned a motel unit was housed in island staff housing, thus freeing up an additional unit for conference use.

2018 Nightly Count.



In 2018, conferee ages ranged from 7 months to 89 years. There were 80 children 17 and under which was lower than past years. The number of 18-39 and 40-59 year olds was consistent with prior years. The number of conferees 60+ is continuing its trend upward; reflecting an aging population over the past 5 years. The increase in the 60+ demographic presents unique challenges in housing given that there are only 50 available first floor beds along the boardwalk.

Demographics by Group Total and Percent of Conferee Total.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
17 and under	92 (34%)	93 (32%)	83 (27%)	92 (29%)	89 (29%)	94 (30%)	80 (25%)
18 to 39	17 (6%)	31 (11%)	47 (15%)	35 (11%)	49 (16%)	44 (14%)	48 (15%)
40 to 59	102 (38%)	115 (40%)	118 (38%)	106 (34%)	107 (34%)	104 (33%)	106 (33%)
60+	61 (22%)	51 (18%)	50 (16%)	67 (21%)	66 (21%)	72 (23%)	86 (27%)
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Total	272	290	307	313	311	318	320

This year, 18 of the 20 conferees who were new to All Star I were also new to Star Island.

The ongoing issue regarding the doctors and their families paying conference fees was resolved with both doctors paying the conference fees for themselves and their families.

What number of conferees is the “perfect” number: are we at the tipping point?

There were many complaints about the size of the conference, both in conversations on-island and in evaluations. Some suggested lowering the number to 300 or lower, while others thought the current 320 should be the maximum.

This year, housing all 320 conferees required some creative space usage. There were more singles housed together and island staff were displaced. While we were able to accommodate all special needs housing requests, our numbers did not afford us the flexibility to accommodate a last-minute request in the motel units.

For several events we are over capacity in Elliott and the Lobby requiring more people to listen from the porch. We have been lucky to have great weather in recent years, but if it rains, we could not fit everyone in Newton for social hour.

I would like to thank Deb Walton, who so tirelessly and thoughtfully housed this enormous conference.