MapWorks Club Questions

Four questions regarding clubs were asked in the second round (Fall Checkup) of the MapWorks survey of first year students in the Fall 2014 semester. Questions included:

1. How did you find out about joining clubs? (Multiple choice)
2. Did you want to join a club but could not? (Yes or No)
3. Which club(s) did you join and why? (Open-ended)
4. Which club(s) were you unable to join and why? (Open-ended)

The results were as followed.

How did you find out about joining clubs? (N=900)

Most students reported finding out about how to join clubs by attending the Friday Festival Club Fair at the beginning of the semester. The graph below describes the different ways first year students learned about joining clubs.

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Did you want to join a club but could not? (N=909)

247 students of the 909 who responded to this question reported that they had wanted to join a club during the Fall Semester but were unable to do so. Some of the reasons for being unable to join a club are described later in the report under question four.
Which club(s) did you join and why? (n=318)
The kinds of clubs that were most popular to join were clubs in the Science and Engineering coalition, followed by Sports and Recreation and then Campus Life. Several students joined more than one club which is why the total number of clubs joined is higher than the number of students who responded to this question.

The most reported reason for joining a club was that it would provide more opportunities within majors and for professional futures. Because this was a two-part question, several students who provided the name of the club they joined did not provide a reason for joining that club. Therefore, the number of reasons reported for joining a club is lower than the total number of students who answered this question.
Which club(s) were you unable to join and why? (n=248)

The majority of students reported that time conflicts were the primary reason for being unable to join a club. These time conflicts included having class and/or work at the same time as meetings. The second most common reason was students were too busy to take on another commitment like a club.

For this question, students could have written multiple reasons for not joining a club and therefore, there are more responses than number of students who answered this question.