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Wall Climbing Socializing Archery Exercise Fishing Mountain
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INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

The 2008 Alberta Recreation Survey is a co-operative effort between Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation, and the cities of Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge. Banister Research & Consulting Inc. (Banister Research) met with Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation to review the design of the questionnaire and to coordinate data collection. Banister Research undertook the data collection and the analysis of the resulting data. The goal of the survey is to determine participation patterns of Albertans and the factors that influence their recreation activity choices. It is the eighth survey since 1981. The information gathered is used to identify recreation trends and preferences, forecast future demands, and aid the recreation field in targeting and marketing services. This report provides descriptive data (frequencies and percentages) from the survey.

The survey instrument consists of four sections. The first investigates household and respondent participation in a variety of activities. The second section inquires about respondents' three favourite leisure activities, the importance of various reasons for taking part in their favourite leisure activity, an activity respondents would like to start and the reasons for not taking part in this activity and their involvement as a volunteer. Section three asks the respondents' opinions on a few benefits of recreation and parks and a number of recreation and parks activities and services. The final section requests demographic information about respondents and their households.

A random sample of 10,000 Alberta households was selected from a computer-generated list. The sampling unit was the individual household. Respondents from each household were selected on the basis of which member 18 years or older would celebrate their next birthday. The sampling technique provided a representative sample of Alberta households.

The data was collected between September 26th and December 5th, 2008. Surveys were mailed to the household sample on September 24th, 2008. Two weeks after the first wave mail out a postcard reminder was sent to those households that had not responded. On November 12th, 2008 another survey package was mailed to those households that had still not responded. December 5th was the final due date for returned surveys.

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Questionnaires were received from 2,254 households, or 22.5% of the sample with a margin of error within $\pm 2.1\%$. The proportions of the total responses received from the sponsoring municipalities were: 31.8 % from Edmonton, 29.5% from Calgary (n=633), 27.3% from rural Alberta and 11.4% from Lethbridge.

Note on Reading Data Tables

The data tables present the number of respondents and associated percentage of the sample who answered each of the survey questions. For all tables, the percentages are calculated using the total sample of Calgary (n=633) as the base. In some cases, percentages have been rounded to one decimal and may not add exactly to 100.

The number of respondents is shown in the columns heading by 'n'.

Several questions on the questionnaire allowed respondents to provide additional responses under the category "Other, please specify". These tables are identified within the summary. However, the summary of additional responses is limited to the leading, or most frequently reported, responses.

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1.0 PARTICIPATION

Q1. Please indicate the **NUMBER OF PEOPLE** in **your household** who took part in each of the following leisure or recreational activities during the **PAST 12 MONTHS**. In the last column, please indicate whether **YOU** personally took part in that activity.

Physical Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Aerobics/fitness/aquasize/yoga	327	51.7	280	44.2	574
Badminton	71	11.2	45	7.1	154
Bicycling	342	54.0	310	49.0	778
Figure skating	25	3.9	15	2.4	35
Gymnastics	44	7.0	15	2.4	65
Ice skating (not hockey)	164	25.9	141	22.3	415
In-line skating	92	14.5	51	8.1	146
Jogging/running	254	40.1	205	32.4	454
Martial arts (i.e., Judo, Karate)	36	5.7	22	3.5	45
Racquetball	13	2.1	10	1.6	20
Skateboarding	52	8.2	13	2.1	75
Squash	34	5.4	25	3.9	47
Swimming (e.g., in lakes, rivers, ponds)	280	44.2	259	40.9	724
Swimming (in pools)	329	52.0	277	43.8	780
Table tennis	59	9.3	48	7.6	131
Tennis	113	17.9	90	14.2	234
Track and field	44	7.0	16	2.5	71
Walking for pleasure	521	82.3	521	82.3	1155
Wall climbing	71	11.2	46	7.3	118
Weight training	249	39.3	205	32.4	397
Other physical activity	10	1.6	10	1.6	16

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Outdoor Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Archery	25	3.9	20	3.2	42
ATV/off-road vehicles	70	11.1	62	9.8	140
Birdwatching	92	14.5	92	14.5	167
BMX racing	8	1.3	8	1.3	17
Day hiking	289	45.7	289	45.7	654
Fishing	165	26.1	141	22.3	309
Gardening	425	67.1	391	61.8	749
Golf (other than driving range or mini golf)	293	46.3	262	41.4	506
Horseback riding/trail riding	78	12.3	61	9.6	126
Hunting	39	6.2	39	6.2	49
Moto-cross	6	0.9	6	0.9	12
Motorized trail biking (i.e., dirt biking)	21	3.3	18	2.8	36
Mountain biking (off-road)	105	16.6	89	14.1	184
Mountain climbing	44	7.0	44	7.0	75
Orienteering	15	2.4	14	2.2	29
Overnight backpacking	51	8.1	47	7.4	91
Overnight camping	238	37.6	220	34.7	591
Shooting (trap/skeet/target)	41	6.5	41	6.5	56
Other outdoor activity	14	2.2	14	2.2	33

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Group Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Basketball	86	13.6	43	6.8	150
Bowling/lawn bowling	131	20.7	120	19.0	307
Curling	53	8.4	50	7.9	80
Football	57	9.0	31	4.9	87
Ice hockey	104	16.4	68	10.7	167
Ringette	9	1.4	7	1.1	11
Rugby	17	2.7	9	1.4	22
Soccer	133	21.0	58	9.2	217
Softball/baseball	78	12.3	56	8.8	122
Volleyball	75	11.8	42	6.6	136
Other group activity	13	2.1	13	2.1	16

Snow Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Cross-country skiing	91	14.4	85	13.4	171
Downhill skiing	179	28.3	153	24.2	365
Snowboarding	87	13.7	45	7.1	126
Snowmobiling	24	3.8	24	3.8	42
Tobogganing/sledding	152	24.0	123	19.4	417
Other snow activity	27	4.3	27	4.3	39

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Water Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Canoeing	101	16.0	94	14.8	220
Motor boating	123	19.4	121	19.1	304
River rafting	73	11.5	68	10.7	140
Sailing	41	6.5	40	6.3	73
Sailboarding/windsurfing	12	1.9	12	1.9	21
Water skiing	71	11.2	51	8.1	144
Other water activity	36	5.7	33	5.2	66

Creative/Cultural Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Attending a fair or festival	397	62.7	383	60.5	947
Attending live theatre (not movies)	293	46.3	289	45.7	619
Dancing (e.g., social, folk, ballet, jazz)	175	27.6	153	24.2	356
Doing a craft or creative hobby (e.g., photography, woodwork, sewing)	341	53.9	305	48.2	621
Doing other hobbies (e.g., genealogy)	118	18.6	110	17.4	194
Taking part in the arts (e.g., drama, music, drawing, writing)	195	30.8	133	21.0	323
Visiting a museum, art gallery	328	51.8	313	49.4	716
Other creative/cultural activity	15	2.4	15	2.4	29

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Social Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>
Attending a sports event as a spectator	390	61.6	379	59.9	894
Attending non-credit educational courses	151	23.9	145	22.9	226
Picnicking (within a city)	193	30.5	193	30.5	529
Picnicking (in the countryside)	225	35.5	225	35.5	589
Playing bingo, casinos	127	20.1	127	20.1	223
Playing video, computer or electronic games	348	55.0	270	42.7	754
Other social activities	18	2.8	18	2.8	28

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2.0 FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES

Q2(a). Please **LIST** your **three (3)** favourite leisure or recreational activities and indicate how many times you participated in **EACH activity during the PAST 12 MONTHS**.

Most frequently mentioned favourite activities, ranked by 1 st favourite.						
Activity	1 st Favourite		2 nd Favourite		3 rd Favourite	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Walking	92	14.5	60	9.5	62	9.8
Golf	73	11.5	36	5.7	17	2.7
Camping	41	6.5	24	3.8	17	2.7
Hiking	40	6.3	33	5.2	34	5.4
Bicycling	27	4.3	38	6.0	29	4.6
Reading	26	4.1	17	2.7	11	1.7
Swimming	22	3.5	35	5.5	28	4.4
Fitness/gym	22	3.5	14	2.2	6	0.9
Ice hockey	19	3.0	16	2.5	7	1.1
Downhill skiing	19	3.0	9	1.4	12	1.9
Jogging/running	17	2.7	16	2.5	12	1.9
Gardening	14	2.2	24	3.8	24	3.8
Fishing	14	2.2	16	2.5	5	0.8
Weight Training	8	1.3	3	0.5	4	0.6
Soccer	7	1.1	4	0.6	2	0.3
Skiing	6	0.9	9	1.4	2	0.3
Mountain biking	6	0.9	3	0.5	8	1.3
Watch TV	6	0.9	3	0.5	3	0.5
Dancing	5	0.8	11	1.7	8	1.3
Yoga	5	0.8	8	1.3	7	1.1
Tennis	5	0.8	8	1.3	5	0.8
ATV	5	0.8	5	0.8	2	0.2
Hunting	5	0.8	4	0.6	5	0.8
Walking a pet	5	0.8	4	0.6	1	0.2

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3.0 SETTINGS FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Q2(b). People take part in leisure or recreational activities in a variety of settings. For the **first favorite** leisure activity that you listed, do **YOU** participate? (Please check **ALL** boxes that apply.)

Setting	Number of respondents	% Respondents
In a social setting (i.e., with family, friends, co-workers)	445	70.3
By yourself	355	56.1
In a scheduled program	139	22.0
In a drop-in session	93	14.7
In a competition (including preparing for a competition)	83	13.1
Other setting for first favourite activity	14	2.2

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4.0 REASONS FOR PARTICIPATION

Q2(c). People have many reasons for taking part in leisure activities. Based on the **first favourite** leisure activity you listed, how **IMPORTANT** are **EACH** of the following reasons to you? (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**.)

Reason	Not Important		Somewhat Important		Important		Very Important	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
To be creative	212	33.5	150	23.7	105	16.6	76	12.0
To improve my skills or knowledge	89	14.1	110	17.4	206	32.5	151	23.9
For physical health/exercise	48	7.6	44	7.0	144	22.7	359	56.7
For a challenge	64	10.1	93	14.7	210	33.2	196	31.0
To compete against others	321	50.7	107	16.9	68	10.7	46	7.3
To be with family	132	20.9	89	14.1	143	22.6	194	30.6
To be with friends	93	14.7	98	15.5	204	32.2	179	28.3
To meet new people	166	26.2	205	32.4	137	21.6	52	8.2
To help community	283	44.7	142	22.4	82	13.0	27	4.3
To relax	18	2.8	54	8.5	195	30.8	325	51.3
For pleasure	4	0.6	25	3.9	161	25.4	410	64.8
To be alone	248	39.2	125	19.7	76	12.0	97	15.3
To enjoy nature	98	15.5	65	10.3	150	23.7	254	40.1
To be away from family	399	63.0	78	12.3	32	5.1	27	4.3
To do something different from work	97	15.3	77	12.2	176	27.8	202	31.9
Other reason	19	3.0	3	0.5	2	0.3	8	1.3

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5.0 NEW ACTIVITIES

Q3(a). Is there any leisure or recreational activity that you **DO NOT take part in now**, but you **WOULD LIKE to start** doing regularly? (Please check **ONE** box only.)

Desire a new activity	Number	% of Respondents
Yes	285	45.0
No	324	51.2
Missing	24	3.8
Total	633	100

Q3(b). Please specify which leisure or recreational activity you would **MOST LIKE TO START**. (Name **ONE** activity only.)

Most Frequently Reported Desired Activities

New activity to start	Number of comments	% of comments
Gym/fitness	22	3.5
Swimming	20	3.2
Cross-country skiing	15	2.4
Bicycling	13	2.1
Fishing	11	1.7
Canoeing/kayaking	10	1.6
Yoga	10	1.6
Aquasize	9	1.4
Golf	9	1.4
Skiing	8	1.3
Curling	7	1.1
Dancing	7	1.1
Walking	7	1.1
Hiking	6	0.9
Mountain biking	6	0.9
Wall climbing	6	0.9

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6.0 REASONS FOR NOT STARTING NEW ACTIVITIES

Q3(c). People have many reasons for **NOT** taking part in a leisure or recreational activity. Based on the activity you listed in question 3(b), how **IMPORTANT** are **EACH** of the following reasons for not starting this activity? (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**.)

Reason	Not Important		Somewhat Important		Important		Very Important	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Admission fees or other charges for facilities and programs	82	13.0	64	10.1	59	9.3	65	10.3
The cost (rental or purchase) of equipment, material and supplies	93	14.7	54	8.5	58	9.2	66	10.4
The cost of transportation	128	20.2	67	10.6	45	7.1	32	5.1
The recreational facilities or areas are overcrowded	84	13.2	59	9.3	66	10.4	60	9.5
The recreational facilities or areas are poorly kept or maintained	118	18.6	60	9.5	52	8.2	38	6.0
I don't know where I can take part in this activity	143	22.6	60	9.5	44	7.0	21	3.3
There is no opportunity near my home	125	19.7	46	7.3	56	8.8	41	6.5
Lack of transportation	208	32.9	29	4.6	13	2.1	16	2.5
The recreational facilities are not physically convenient to use	160	25.3	51	8.1	29	4.6	28	4.4
Too busy with family	79	12.5	61	9.6	62	9.8	67	10.6
Too busy with work	66	10.4	50	7.9	72	11.4	79	12.5
Too busy with other activities	58	9.2	65	10.3	81	12.8	65	10.3
I don't have the physical abilities	203	32.1	35	5.5	15	2.4	11	1.7
I am physically unable to take part	225	35.5	25	3.9	7	1.1	9	1.4
I am not at ease in social situations	212	33.5	43	6.8	7	1.1	4	0.6
Other reason	13	2.1	1	0.2	3	0.5	7	1.1

Most Frequently Reported Other Reasons

"Other" reasons	Number of comments	% of comments
Personal motivation/laziness	2	0.3
Poor available times for activity/poor schedule for program	2	0.3

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7.0 VOLUNTEERISM

Q4(a). Have you done volunteer work connected with culture, recreation, sports or parks in the **PAST 12 MONTHS?** (Please check **ONE** only.)

Volunteered	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Yes	243	38.4
No	383	60.5
Missing	7	1.1
Total	633	100

Q4(b). What job(s) did you do as a volunteer? (Please check **ALL** boxes that apply.)

Job	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Volunteer worker	178	28.1
Board member (e.g., President, Secretary, Member at Large)	69	10.9
Committee member	69	10.9
Coach, manager or instructor	56	8.8
Other volunteer job	17	2.7

Most Frequently Reported Other Volunteer Work

Job	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Children/cadet leader	2	0.3
Referee	2	0.3
Teacher	2	0.3
Consultant	2	0.3

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Q4(c). How many hours in an average week did you spend doing volunteer work during the **PAST 12 MONTHS?** (Please check **ONE** box only.)

Time	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
1-5 hours	148	23.4
6-10 hours	41	6.5
11-15 hours	10	1.6
More than 15 hours	40	6.3
Not stated/missing	394	62.2
Total	633	100

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8.0 BENEFITS OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Q5. Recreation and parks can provide benefits to communities as a whole. Below are a few benefits that some Albertans feel they receive from having recreation and parks in their community. For each benefit, please rate **how important** you think they are. (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**.)

Benefit	Not Important		Somewhat Important		Important		Very Important	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Recreation and parks facilities and services improve quality of life	9	1.4	26	4.1	160	25.3	422	66.7
Recreation opportunities make it possible for children and youth to take part in a variety of activities	8	1.3	26	4.1	151	23.9	441	69.7
Recreation opportunities make it possible for families to spend time together	9	1.4	40	6.3	172	27.2	401	63.3
Recreation opportunities make it possible to create partnerships and renew community spirit	22	3.5	130	20.5	219	34.6	250	39.5
Participating in recreation provides opportunities for people to contribute to their communities in many ways	23	3.6	155	24.5	234	37.0	207	32.7
Recreation and parks contribute to the economy of a community	41	6.5	161	25.4	196	31.0	224	35.4
Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for the preservation of Alberta's landscapes, plants and animals	10	1.6	40	6.3	149	23.5	422	66.7

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9.0 VISITING ALBERTA PROVINCIAL PARKS

Q6(a). Have you ever visited an **Alberta Provincial Park**? Provincial parks are managed by the provincial government and **NOT** managed by municipal or federal agencies.

Visited	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Yes	563	88.9
No	35	5.5
Not sure	6	0.9
Missing	29	4.6
Total	633	100

Q6(b). Was your most recent visit within the past three (3) years?

Visited	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Yes	522	82.5
No	35	5.5
Not sure	1	0.2
Missing	75	11.8
Total	633	100

Q6(c). Which **Alberta Provincial Parks** have you visited in the last (3) years?

Top 10 Most Reported Parks Visited	Number of References	% of References
Fish Creek	104	16.4
Peter Lougheed	89	14.1
Dinosaur	53	8.4
Bow Valley	52	8.2
Bragg Creek	37	5.8
Cypress Hills	23	3.6
Chain Lakes	17	2.7
Writing-on-Stone	16	2.5
Canmore Nordic Centre	15	2.4
Little Bow	15	2.4

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Q6(d). Which of the following services/information sources did you use for planning your trips to **Alberta Provincial Parks**? (Please check **ALL** boxes that apply.)

Information Source	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Personal experience or previous visit	383	60.5
Recommendations from others	250	39.5
Internet/world wide web	240	37.9
Road maps	210	33.2
Campground guide/directories	146	23.1
Travel information centres/kiosks	122	19.3
Alberta Motor Association	113	17.9
Advertising (e.g., newspaper, magazine)	72	11.4
Radio/television	22	3.5
Travel counsellors/agents	7	1.1
Other	34	5.4

(Note: multiple responses allowed)

Most Frequently Reported Other Information Sources

Information Source	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Travel books	7	1.1
Global positioning system	3	0.5
Hiking guide	3	0.5
Friends	2	0.3
Live nearby	2	0.3
Family	2	0.3
Drove by	2	0.3
Trail guides	2	0.3

(Note: multiple responses allowed)

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10.0 REASONS FOR NOT VISITING ALBERTA PROVINCIAL PARKS

Q6(e). Please check **ONE** main reason and **ONE** secondary reason as to why you have not recently visited an **Alberta Provincial Park**?

Most frequently mentioned reasons for not recently visiting an Alberta Provincial Park, ranked by main reason.				
Activity	Main Reason		Second Reason	
	n	%	n	%
No reason	20	3.2	18	2.8
Not sure	20	3.2	16	2.5
I prefer other forms of recreation and travel	11	1.7	10	1.6
They are too far away	11	1.7	3	0.5
I visit other parks that better meet my needs	10	1.6	10	1.6
I am not interested in wilderness and the outdoors	9	1.4	8	1.3
They are not accessible enough for my physical challenges	5	0.8	3	0.5
I just moved to Alberta	2	0.3	--	--
Other reason	12	1.9	3	0.5

Most Frequently Reported Other Reasons for not visiting

Reasons	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Not familiar with provincial parks facilities	4	0.6
Is too old/unhealthy	2	0.3
Park entrance fees are too high	2	0.3
Busy/no time/work	2	0.3
Have own private cabin, property	1	0.2
Little kids	1	0.2
No companion to go with	1	0.2
What most enjoy is not at provincial parks	1	0.2
Lack of vehicle to tow RV	1	0.2

(Note: reasons listed for main or second "other" reason)

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11.0 ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES IN PROVINCIAL PARKS

Q7(a). In your opinion, should the following activities or services be allowed in Alberta provincial parks? (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**.)

Activities and Services	Yes		No		No Opinion	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
<u>Accommodation Facilities:</u>						
Private cottages	147	23.2	377	59.6	88	13.9
Primitive rental cabins	322	50.9	202	31.9	90	14.2
Hostels or dormitories	259	40.9	255	40.3	96	15.2
Hotels or motels	233	36.8	316	49.9	66	10.4
Resorts	233	36.8	313	49.4	66	10.4
<u>Sport and Recreation Facilities:</u>						
Courts (e.g., tennis, volleyball, basketball)	319	50.4	203	32.1	89	14.1
Playing fields (e.g., baseball, soccer)	333	52.6	186	29.4	92	14.5
Golf courses	299	47.2	247	39.0	75	11.8
Downhill ski areas	344	54.3	182	28.8	86	13.6
Cross-country ski trails	420	66.4	134	21.2	64	10.1
<u>Service Facilities:</u>						
Grocery stores and laundromats	365	57.7	209	33.0	46	7.3
Restaurants or lounges	336	53.1	223	35.2	58	9.2
Gas stations	366	57.8	205	32.4	50	7.9
<u>Outdoor Activities:</u>						
Hunting	158	25.0	394	62.2	63	10.0
Snowmobiling	217	34.3	330	52.1	63	10.0
Horse rentals	365	57.7	185	29.2	66	10.4
Motorized off-road vehicles (e.g., quads)	161	25.4	404	63.8	49	7.7
Mountain biking	393	62.1	177	28.0	52	8.2

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12.0 ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES IN MUNICIPAL PARKS

Q7(b). In your opinion, should the following activities or services be allowed in **municipal parks and recreation areas**? (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**.)

Activities and Services	Yes		No		No Opinion	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
<u>Sport and Recreation Facilities:</u>						
Courts (e.g., tennis, volleyball, basketball)	461	72.8	125	19.7	39	6.2
Playing fields (e.g., baseball, soccer)	467	73.8	121	19.1	34	5.4
Golf courses	384	60.7	181	28.6	57	9.0
Downhill ski areas	354	55.9	185	29.2	77	12.2
Cross-country ski trails	443	70.0	127	20.1	50	7.9
<u>Service Facilities:</u>						
Picnic areas	507	80.1	113	17.9	8	1.3
Restaurants or snack bars	417	65.9	162	25.6	47	7.4
Tents and campgrounds	367	58.0	214	33.8	44	7.0
<u>Outdoor Activities:</u>						
Snowmobiling	213	33.6	357	56.4	52	8.2
Horse rentals	332	52.4	216	34.1	70	11.1
Motorized off-road vehicles (e.g., quads)	176	27.8	391	61.8	52	8.2
Mountain biking	394	62.2	183	28.9	47	7.4
Off-leash dog parks	333	52.6	235	37.1	55	8.7

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13.0 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Q8. What is **your** gender?

Gender	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Male	346	54.7
Female	283	44.7
No Response	4	0.6
Total	633	100

Q9. What year were **you** born?

Age Group (years)	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
18 to 25	22	3.5
26 to 35	79	12.5
36 to 45	129	20.4
46 to 55	172	27.2
56 to 65	111	17.5
66 to 75	58	9.2
76 and over	44	7.0
No Response	18	2.8
Total	633	100

Q10. What is the **HIGHEST** level of education **YOU** have completed? (Please check **ONE** box only.)

Education Level	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Elementary, Junior or Senior High School	115	18.2
Technical or vocational program	90	14.2
College	129	20.4
University	283	44.7
Other	14	2.2
No Response	2	0.3
Total	633	100

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Q11. What are the first three digits of your postal code?

City, town of residence	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Calgary	633	100
Total	633	100

Q12. Which of the following best describes your household? (Please check **ONE** box only.)

Household Type	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Couple with no children	171	27.0
Couple with children	258	40.8
Single person	110	17.4
Single parent family	16	2.5
Two or more unrelated single adults	15	2.4
Two or more related adults	44	7.0
Other	10	1.6
Missing	9	1.4
Total	633	100

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Q13. How many members of your household are in the following age groups? Please specify the **NUMBER OF PEOPLE** in each **AGE GROUP**. (**REMEMBER** to include yourself.)

Age Group (years)	People in Household											
	1		2		3		4		5		6	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 5	48	7.6	21	3.3	3	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
5 to 9	55	8.7	18	2.8	1	0.2	--	--	--	--	--	--
10 to 14	62	9.8	25	3.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
15 to 19	67	10.6	23	3.6	3	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
20 to 29	69	10.9	39	6.2	7	1.1	1	0.2	--	--	--	--
30 to 49	120	19.0	197	31.1	2	0.3	2	0.3	1	0.2	--	--
50 to 64	120	19.0	128	20.2	2	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
65 and over	64	10.1	65	10.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Q14(a). How many people from your household received an income during the **PAST 12 MONTHS**?

Number of Household Members	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
0	3	0.5
1	153	24.2
2	348	55.0
3	54	8.5
4	32	5.1
5	9	1.4
6	1	0.2
No Response	33	5.2
Total	633	100

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Q14(b). Approximately, what is the **TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCOME** that you and members of your household received during the **PAST 12 MONTHS?** (Please check **ONE** box only.)

Total Income	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Less than \$10,000	6	0.9
\$10,000 to \$30,000	40	6.3
\$30,001 to \$50,000	59	9.3
\$50,001 to \$70,000	75	11.8
\$70,001 to \$90,000	88	13.9
\$90,001 to \$110,000	78	12.3
\$110,001 to \$130,000	51	8.1
\$130,001 or more	159	25.1
No Response	77	12.2
Total	633	100

Q15. How long have you lived in Alberta?

	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Less than 1 year	2	0.3
1 to 2 years	13	2.1
3 to 5 years	29	4.6
6 to 10 years	41	6.5
11 or more years	544	85.9
No Response	4	0.6
Total	633	100

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Q16. In order to determine whether you and others participate in similar leisure, recreation and parks activities, are you (Please check **ALL** boxes that apply.):

Number of Respondents	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
White	550	86.9
Chinese	37	5.8
Black (e.g., African, Haitian, Jamaican, Somali)	13	2.1
Aboriginal/First Nations/Métis/Inuit	12	1.9
South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Punjabi, Sri Lankan)	10	1.6
Filipino	9	1.4
Arab/West Asian (e.g., Armenian, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Moroccan)	6	0.9
Japanese	5	0.8
Latin American	5	0.8
South East Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Indonesian, Laotian, Vietnamese)	5	0.8
Korean	1	0.2
Other	19	3.0
No Response	13	2.1

Q17. Do you have any disability of six months or more duration that affects your ability to perform daily activities unassisted?

	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Yes	49	7.7
No	576	91.0
Missing	8	1.3
Total	633	100

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us about parks, recreation or leisure issues? If so, please use this space for that purpose.

Most frequently mentioned comments	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Preserve parks and natural resources - trees/water/wild life	17	2.7
Restrict ATV/off-road vehicles in parks	14	2.2
Park fees are too high	9	1.4
Love Alberta nature parks	8	1.3
More and better campgrounds needed	8	1.3
Biking paths/lanes in cities needed	7	1.1
More parks needed	6	0.9
No commercial development in or adjacent to parks	5	0.8
More areas for quads, dirt bikes, ski-doo's	4	0.6
Enjoy parks as often as possible	4	0.6
Need to maintain parks properly	4	0.6
Raising fees will reduce participation and benefits of rec	4	0.6
Bikes and motor sports pose danger to hikers, wilderness	4	0.6
Better maintenance of washroom facilities	3	0.5
Keep the parks free of crime	3	0.5
Many leisure facilities are not wheelchair accessible	3	0.5
Keep up the good work	3	0.5
Too many drunks, beggars in municipal parks	3	0.5
No fee if enter park on errand or short visit	3	0.5
Park users shall pay for all their activities	3	0.5
More money on law enforcement in recreation areas	3	0.5
Develop parks more	3	0.5
Increase provincial funding and support for the arts/culture	3	0.5
Keep dog walks and off-leash areas	3	0.5
Not enough time to use facilities	3	0.5