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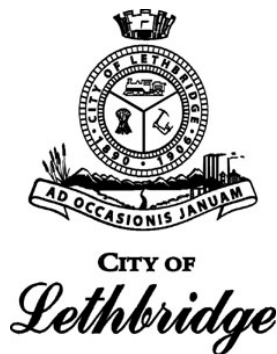


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INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

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 (n=658), 29.5% from Calgary, 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 Edmonton (n=658) 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	294	44.7	250	38.0	498
Badminton	72	10.9	50	7.6	154
Bicycling	298	45.3	254	38.6	644
Figure skating	26	4.0	16	2.4	46
Gymnastics	54	8.2	13	2.0	86
Ice skating (not hockey)	169	25.7	128	19.4	372
In-line skating	74	11.2	42	6.4	111
Jogging/running	223	33.9	186	28.3	408
Martial arts (i.e., Judo, Karate)	39	5.9	16	2.4	54
Racquetball	29	4.4	18	2.7	42
Skateboarding	44	6.7	19	2.9	64
Squash	31	4.7	21	3.2	45
Swimming (e.g., in lakes, rivers ponds)	222	33.7	195	29.6	564
Swimming (in pools)	304	46.2	254	38.6	714
Table tennis	67	10.2	54	8.2	137
Tennis	75	11.4	46	7.0	126
Track and field	68	10.3	22	3.3	119
Walking for pleasure	515	78.3	515	78.3	1169
Wall climbing	67	10.2	34	5.2	114
Weight training	218	33.1	171	26.0	325
Other physical activity	20	3.0	19	2.9	34

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Outdoor Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Archery	34	5.2	12	1.8	53
ATV/off-road vehicles	95	14.4	78	11.9	192
Birdwatching	138	21.0	128	19.4	259
BMX racing	7	1.1	4	0.6	14
Day hiking	210	31.9	206	31.3	474
Fishing	136	20.7	118	17.9	279
Gardening	426	64.7	411	62.5	765
Golf (other than driving range or mini golf)	276	41.9	232	35.3	453
Horseback riding/trail riding	66	10.0	45	6.8	117
Hunting	31	4.7	28	4.3	41
Moto-cross	6	0.9	6	0.9	9
Motorized trail biking (i.e., dirt biking)	26	4.0	21	3.2	43
Mountain biking (off-road)	67	10.2	62	9.4	116
Mountain climbing	38	5.8	33	5.0	68
Orienteering	28	4.3	20	3.0	39
Overnight backpacking	33	5.0	26	4.0	44
Overnight camping	238	36.2	213	32.4	600
Shooting (trap/skeet/target)	26	4.0	25	3.8	38
Other outdoor activity	18	2.7	18	2.7	40

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Group Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Basketball	76	11.6	45	6.8	140
Bowling/lawn bowling	139	21.1	122	18.5	331
Curling	53	8.1	47	7.1	87
Football	46	7.0	20	3.0	65
Ice hockey	85	12.9	45	6.8	129
Ringette	6	0.9	3	0.5	7
Rugby	8	1.2	4	0.6	10
Soccer	122	18.5	68	10.3	234
Softball/baseball	68	10.3	47	7.1	121
Volleyball	77	11.7	45	6.8	126
Other group activity	15	2.3	13	2.0	20

Snow Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Cross-country skiing	67	10.2	67	10.2	124
Downhill skiing	124	18.8	101	15.3	272
Snowboarding	90	13.7	35	5.3	130
Snowmobiling	37	5.6	34	5.2	77
Tobogganing/sledding	153	23.3	121	18.4	422
Other snow activity	15	2.3	15	2.3	26

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Water Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Canoeing	100	15.2	92	14.0	231
Motor boating	147	22.3	136	20.7	387
River rafting	34	5.2	29	4.4	74
Sailing	29	4.4	28	4.3	57
Sailboarding/windsurfing	9	1.4	6	0.9	15
Water skiing	65	9.9	41	6.2	134
Other water activity	29	4.4	25	3.8	67

Creative/Cultural Activities					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Attending a fair or festival	427	64.9	427	64.9	1069
Attending live theatre (not movies)	308	46.8	308	46.8	668
Dancing (e.g., social, folk, ballet, jazz)	190	28.9	174	26.4	397
Doing a craft or creative hobby (e.g., photography, woodwork, sewing)	342	52.0	312	47.4	628
Doing other hobbies (e.g., genealogy)	122	18.5	118	17.9	219
Taking part in the arts (e.g., drama, music, drawing, writing)	195	29.6	147	22.3	350
Visiting a museum, art gallery	364	55.3	364	55.3	829
Other creative/cultural activity	27	4.1	27	4.1	53

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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	371	56.4	354	53.8	852
Attending non-credit educational courses	154	23.4	141	21.4	239
Picnicking (within a city)	234	35.6	234	35.6	647
Picnicking (in the countryside)	176	26.7	176	26.7	456
Playing bingo, casinos	164	24.9	158	24.0	270
Playing video, computer or electronic games	358	54.4	291	42.2	797
Other social activities	28	4.3	28	4.3	41

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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	85	12.9	71	10.8	66	10.0
Golf	63	9.6	21	3.2	22	3.3
Camping	35	5.3	23	3.5	23	3.5
Swimming	30	4.6	27	4.1	27	4.1
Reading	27	4.1	24	3.6	22	3.3
Jogging/running	25	3.8	12	1.8	9	1.4
Bicycling	19	2.9	37	5.6	28	4.3
Gardening	18	2.7	35	5.3	25	3.8
Hiking	16	2.4	17	2.6	12	1.8
Ice hockey	15	2.3	7	1.1	2	0.3
Fitness/gym	12	1.8	15	2.3	11	1.7
Fishing	12	1.8	14	2.1	9	1.4
Soccer	12	1.8	3	0.5	2	0.3
Downhill skiing	9	1.4	7	1.1	5	0.8
Video, PC, electronic games	8	1.2	7	1.1	8	1.2
Aquasize	8	1.2	3	0.5	2	0.3
Dancing	7	1.1	9	1.4	2	0.3
Playing cards	6	0.9	8	1.2	2	0.3
Attending live theatre	6	0.9	7	1.1	20	3.0
Hunting	6	0.9	4	0.6	2	0.3
Volleyball	6	0.9	4	0.6	2	0.3
Travelling	6	0.9	3	0.5	4	0.6

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3.0 SETTINGS FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2(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)	447	67.9
By yourself	353	53.6
In a scheduled program	167	25.4
In a drop-in session	87	13.2
In a competition (including preparing for a competition)	99	15.0
Other setting	11	1.7

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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	208	31.6	133	20.2	126	19.1	70	10.6
To improve my skills or knowledge	106	16.1	125	19.0	188	28.6	146	22.2
For physical health/exercise	55	8.4	69	10.5	152	23.1	314	47.7
For a challenge	81	12.3	122	18.5	172	26.1	189	28.7
To compete against others	323	49.1	96	14.6	75	11.4	49	7.4
To be with family	130	19.8	96	14.6	117	17.8	215	32.7
To be with friends	103	15.7	102	15.5	171	26.0	198	30.1
To meet new people	187	28.4	159	24.2	144	21.9	66	10.0
To help community	275	41.8	120	18.2	87	13.2	46	7.0
To relax	27	4.1	59	9.0	201	30.5	304	46.2
For pleasure	14	2.1	29	4.4	175	26.6	378	57.4
To be alone	259	39.4	128	19.4	89	13.5	70	10.6
To enjoy nature	126	19.1	74	11.2	147	22.3	206	31.3
To be away from family	389	59.1	80	12.2	32	4.9	24	3.6
To do something different from work	108	16.4	77	11.7	160	24.3	196	29.8
Other reason	19	2.9	2	0.3	3	0.5	9	1.4

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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	282	42.9
No	334	50.8
Missing	42	6.4
Total	658	100

Q3b. 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	25	3.8
Yoga	21	3.2
Swimming	17	2.6
Dancing	15	2.3
Golf	10	1.5
Bicycling	9	1.4
Canoeing/kayaking	9	1.4
Curling	8	1.2
Running/jogging	7	1.1
Skiing	7	1.1
Weight training	7	1.1
Aquasize	6	0.9
Cross-country skiing	6	0.9
Playing musical instruments	6	0.9
Walking	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	12.5	56	8.5	66	10.0	65	9.9
The cost (rental or purchase) of equipment, material and supplies	97	14.7	57	8.7	56	8.5	57	8.7
The cost of transportation	154	23.4	61	9.3	24	3.6	30	4.6
The recreational facilities or areas are overcrowded	97	14.7	58	8.8	69	10.5	40	6.1
The recreational facilities or areas are poorly kept or maintained	122	18.5	49	7.4	51	7.8	34	5.2
I don't know where I can take part in this activity	153	23.3	45	6.8	35	5.3	35	5.3
There is no opportunity near my home	120	18.2	52	7.9	45	6.8	46	7.0
Lack of transportation	208	31.6	29	4.4	11	1.7	15	2.3
The recreational facilities are not physically convenient to use	151	22.9	57	8.7	23	3.5	27	4.1
Too busy with family	85	12.9	58	8.8	54	8.2	66	10.0
Too busy with work	67	10.2	52	7.9	65	9.9	84	12.8
Too busy with other activities	72	10.9	69	10.5	68	10.3	56	8.5
I don't have the physical abilities	185	28.1	42	6.4	11	1.7	17	2.6
I am physically unable to take part	207	31.5	24	3.6	13	2.0	9	1.4
I am not at ease in social situations	191	29.0	42	6.4	18	2.7	3	0.5
Other reason	6	0.9	--	--	2	0.3	20	3.0

Most Frequently Reported Other Reasons

"Other" reasons	Number of comments	% of comments
Personal motivation/laziness	5	0.8
Poor available times for activity/poor schedule for program	3	0.5
Have young children/single mom/would need childcare	3	0.5
Have no friends doing this activity/no one to go with	3	0.5

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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	222	33.7
No	417	63.4
Missing	19	2.9
Total	658	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	165	25.1
Board member (e.g., President, Secretary, Member at Large)	68	10.3
Committee member	71	10.8
Coach, manager or instructor	46	7.0
Other volunteer job	19	2.9

Most Frequently Reported Other Volunteer Work

Job	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Sunday school/church nursery	4	0.6
Fundraising/functions	3	0.5
Children/cadet leader	2	0.3
Aide in class	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	114	17.3
6-10 hours	39	5.9
11-15 hours	19	2.9
More than 15 hours	46	7.0
Not stated/missing	440	66.9
Total	658	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	49	7.4	186	28.3	386	58.7
Recreation opportunities make it possible for children and youth to take part in a variety of activities	10	1.5	25	3.8	173	26.3	422	64.1
Recreation opportunities make it possible for families to spend time together	7	1.1	41	6.2	173	26.3	410	62.3
Recreation opportunities make it possible to create partnerships and renew community spirit	24	3.6	132	20.1	229	34.8	242	36.8
Participating in recreation provides opportunities for people to contribute to their communities in many ways	27	4.1	145	22.0	250	38.0	203	30.9
Recreation and parks contribute to the economy of a community	42	6.4	143	21.7	225	34.2	209	31.8
Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for the preservation of Alberta's landscapes, plants and animals	11	1.7	50	7.6	162	24.6	411	62.5

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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	554	84.2
No	57	8.7
Not sure	10	1.5
Missing	37	5.6
Total	658	100

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

Visited	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Yes	458	69.6
No	75	11.4
Not sure	5	0.8
Missing	120	18.2
Total	658	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
Pigeon Lake	39	5.9
Dinosaur	36	5.5
Wabamum	35	5.3
Miquelon Lake	33	5.0
Pembina River	30	4.6
Long Lake	18	2.7
William A. Switzer	17	2.6
Sylvan Lake	16	2.4
Peter Lougheed	14	2.1
Cypress Hills	13	2.0

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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	307	46.7
Recommendations from others	205	31.2
Internet/world wide web	197	29.9
Road maps	186	28.3
Campground guide/directories	140	21.3
Alberta Motor Association	142	21.6
Travel information centres/kiosks	94	14.3
Advertising (e.g., newspaper, magazine)	70	10.6
Radio/television	27	4.1
Travel counsellors/agents	3	0.5
Other	20	3.0

(Note: multiple responses allowed)

Most Frequently Reported Other Information Sources

Information Source	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Friends	4	0.6
Family	4	0.6
Global positioning system	2	0.3
Live nearby	2	0.3
Travel guide	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	32	4.9	36	5.5
I prefer other forms of recreation and travel	30	4.6	13	2.0
Not sure	27	4.1	18	2.7
They are too far away	19	2.9	15	2.3
I visit other parks that better meet my needs	16	2.4	10	1.5
I am not interested in wilderness and the outdoors	10	1.5	16	2.4
They are not accessible enough for my physical challenges	9	1.4	1	0.2
I just moved to Alberta	4	0.6	5	0.8
Other reason	26	4.0	7	1.1

Most Frequently Reported Other Reasons for not visiting

Reasons	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Busy/no time/work	11	1.7
Park entrance fees are too high	6	0.9
Is too old/unhealthy	5	0.8
Have own private cabin, property	2	0.3
Just didn't take the time to go	2	0.3
Children have grown up	2	0.3

(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	165	25.1	363	55.2	84	12.8
Primitive rental cabins	337	51.2	180	27.4	89	13.5
Hostels or dormitories	263	40.0	245	37.2	108	16.4
Hotels or motels	249	37.8	282	42.9	80	12.2
Resorts	222	33.7	301	45.7	88	13.4
<u>Sport and Recreation Facilities:</u>						
Courts (e.g., tennis, volleyball, basketball)	327	49.7	183	27.8	102	15.5
Playing fields (e.g., baseball, soccer)	347	52.7	174	26.4	89	13.5
Golf courses	281	42.7	247	37.5	85	12.9
Downhill ski areas	308	46.8	190	28.9	106	16.1
Cross-country ski trails	433	65.8	110	16.7	72	10.9
<u>Service Facilities:</u>						
Grocery stores and laundromats	417	63.4	150	22.8	48	7.3
Restaurants or lounges	349	53.0	189	28.7	70	10.6
Gas stations	358	54.4	189	28.7	60	9.1
<u>Outdoor Activities:</u>						
Hunting	124	18.8	417	63.4	73	11.1
Snowmobiling	183	27.8	350	53.2	81	12.3
Horse rentals	400	60.8	133	20.2	83	12.6
Motorized off-road vehicles (e.g., quads)	145	22.0	398	60.5	73	11.1
Mountain biking	390	59.3	151	22.9	80	12.2

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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)	472	71.7	113	17.2	44	6.7
Playing fields (e.g., baseball, soccer)	470	71.4	115	17.5	45	6.8
Golf courses	373	56.7	184	28.0	64	9.7
Downhill ski areas	371	56.4	166	25.2	81	12.3
Cross-country ski trails	450	68.4	116	17.6	57	8.7
<u>Service Facilities:</u>						
Picnic areas	524	79.6	98	14.9	10	1.5
Restaurants or snack bars	416	63.2	166	25.2	43	6.5
Tents and campgrounds	422	64.1	158	24.0	50	7.6
<u>Outdoor Activities:</u>						
Snowmobiling	181	27.5	363	55.2	76	11.6
Horse rentals	363	55.2	173	26.3	84	12.8
Motorized off-road vehicles (e.g., quads)	142	21.6	402	61.1	75	11.4
Mountain biking	407	61.9	144	21.9	71	10.8
Off-leash dog parks	344	52.3	215	32.9	67	10.2

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13.0 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Q8. What is **your** gender?

Gender	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Male	329	50.0
Female	321	48.8
No Response	8	1.2
Total	658	100

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

Age Group (years)	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
18 to 25	18	2.7
26 to 35	82	12.5
36 to 45	108	16.4
46 to 55	162	24.6
56 to 65	123	18.7
66 to 75	82	12.5
76 and over	60	9.1
No Response	23	3.5
Total	658	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	162	24.6
Technical or vocational program	111	16.9
College	115	17.5
University	246	37.4
Other	19	2.9
No Response	5	0.8
Total	658	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
Edmonton	658	100
Total	658	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	198	30.1
Couple with children	219	33.3
Single person	106	16.1
Single parent family	30	4.6
Two or more unrelated single adults	16	2.4
Two or more related adults	45	6.8
Other	18	2.7
Missing	26	4.0
Total	658	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	47	7.1	12	1.8	1	0.2	--	--	--	--	--	--
5 to 9	39	5.9	20	3.0	4	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--
10 to 14	50	7.6	27	4.1	3	0.5	3	0.5	--	--	--	--
15 to 19	64	9.7	24	3.6	3	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
20 to 29	70	10.6	48	7.3	10	1.5	3	0.5	--	--	--	--
30 to 49	137	20.8	164	24.9	--	--	2	0.3	--	--	--	--
50 to 64	124	18.8	144	21.9	--	--	1	0.2	--	--	--	--
65 and over	92	14.0	82	12.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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	6	0.9
1	155	23.6
2	326	49.5
3	70	10.6
4	37	5.6
5	9	1.4
6	2	0.3
No Response	53	8.1
Total	658	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	7	1.1
\$10,000 to \$30,000	64	9.7
\$30,001 to \$50,000	82	12.5
\$50,001 to \$70,000	93	14.1
\$70,001 to \$90,000	69	10.5
\$90,001 to \$110,000	75	11.4
\$110,001 to \$130,000	66	10.0
\$130,001 or more	115	17.5
No Response	87	13.2
Total	658	100

Q15. How long have you lived in Alberta?

	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Less than 1 year	1	0.2
1 to 2 years	10	1.5
3 to 5 years	17	2.6
6 to 10 years	26	4.0
11 or more years	597	90.7
No Response	7	1.1
Total	658	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	534	81.2
Chinese	41	6.2
South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Punjabi, Sri Lankan)	24	3.6
Aboriginal/First Nations/Métis/Inuit	23	3.5
Filipino	12	1.8
Arab/West Asian (e.g., Armenian, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Moroccan)	7	1.1
Latin American	6	0.9
Black (e.g., African, Haitian, Jamaican, Somali)	4	0.6
Korean	4	0.6
Japanese	3	0.5
South East Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Indonesian, Laotian, Vietnamese)	3	0.5
Other	36	5.5
No Response	20	3.0

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	64	9.7
No	571	86.8
Missing	23	3.5
Total	658	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	20	3.0
Love Alberta nature parks	13	2.0
Park fees are too high	9	1.4
Restrict ATV/off-road vehicles in parks	9	1.4
More washroom facilities in parks, tourist areas, etc.	7	1.1
Enjoy parks as often as possible	6	0.9
Fortunate to have so many parks	6	0.9
Hire more parks security to make it safer from vandals, drunks	6	0.9
Parks and rec should be government-provided, not private	5	0.8
Keep the parks free of crime	5	0.8
General healthy mind and body is the result of recreation	5	0.8
Recreation should be available to everyone	5	0.8
Parks are very well taken care of	3	0.5
More parks needed	3	0.5
More money on recreation	3	0.5
More areas for quads, dirt bikes, ski-doos	3	0.5
No industrial development, oil and gas in parks	3	0.5
Campers shouldn't be able to reserve spots in provincial parks	3	0.5
More and better campgrounds needed	3	0.5
\$5 for a small bundle of wood is outrageous	3	0.5
More fitness facilities in Edmonton	3	0.5
Enjoyed programs	3	0.5
Better maintenance of washroom facilities	3	0.5
Need to maintain parks properly	3	0.5