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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 26<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Surveys were mailed to the household sample on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 27.3% from rural Alberta and 11.4% from Lethbridge (n=234).

#### **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 Lethbridge (n=234) 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.

<b>Physical Activities</b>					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Aerobics/fitness/aquasize/yoga	109	46.6	85	36.3	174
Badminton	18	7.7	13	5.6	32
Bicycling	121	51.7	103	44.0	257
Figure skating	3	1.3	2	0.9	5
Gymnastics	17	7.3	5	2.1	27
Ice skating (not hockey)	34	14.5	32	13.7	88
In-line skating	23	9.8	15	6.4	36
Jogging/running	74	31.6	64	27.4	129
Martial arts (e.g., Judo, Karate)	11	4.7	6	2.6	16
Racquetball	6	2.6	2	0.8	9
Skateboarding	16	6.8	3	1.3	22
Squash	13	5.6	10	4.3	18
Swimming (e.g., in lakes, rivers, ponds)	89	38.0	85	36.3	224
Swimming (in pools)	108	46.2	96	41.0	260
Table tennis	22	9.4	21	9.0	48
Tennis	18	7.7	16	6.8	36
Track and field	16	6.8	4	1.7	27
Walking for pleasure	188	80.3	188	80.3	410
Wall climbing	23	9.8	13	5.6	33
Weight training	87	37.2	69	29.5	120
Other physical activity	6	2.6	5	2.1	12

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<b>Outdoor Activities</b>					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Archery	18	7.7	9	3.8	23
ATV/off-road vehicles	40	17.1	34	14.5	74
Birdwatching	40	17.1	40	17.1	79
BMX racing	4	1.7	1	0.4	7
Day hiking	99	42.3	100	42.7	226
Fishing	73	31.2	61	26.1	136
Gardening	148	63.2	135	57.7	257
Golf (other than driving range or mini golf)	100	42.7	96	41.0	172
Horseback riding/trail riding	23	9.8	17	7.3	41
Hunting	26	11.1	18	7.7	32
Moto-cross	5	2.1	4	1.7	7
Motorized trail biking (i.e., dirt biking)	14	6.0	10	4.3	23
Mountain biking (off-road)	27	11.5	21	9.0	50
Mountain climbing	19	8.1	15	6.4	26
Orienteering	4	1.7	3	1.3	7
Overnight backpacking	14	6.0	12	5.1	23
Overnight camping	102	43.6	98	41.9	249
Shooting (trap/skeet/target)	20	8.5	13	5.6	28
Other outdoor activity	5	2.1	6	2.6	9

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<b>Group Activities</b>					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>
Basketball	30	12.8	15	6.4	48
Bowling/lawn bowling	57	24.4	57	24.4	132
Curling	19	8.1	13	5.6	28
Football	14	6.0	5	2.1	26
Ice hockey	33	14.1	19	8.1	46
Ringette	4	1.7	2	0.9	7
Rugby	6	2.6	2	0.9	8
Soccer	36	15.4	18	7.7	58
Softball/baseball	25	10.7	19	8.1	48
Volleyball	26	11.1	17	7.3	46
Other group activity	7	3.0	4	1.7	12

<b>Snow Activities</b>					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>
Cross-country skiing	20	8.5	18	7.7	37
Downhill skiing	44	18.8	34	14.5	83
Snowboarding	22	9.4	9	3.8	32
Snowmobiling	10	4.3	7	3.0	19
Tobogganing/sledding	45	19.2	34	14.5	121
Other snow activity	11	4.7	11	4.7	20



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<b>Water Activities</b>					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Canoeing	40	17.1	40	17.1	80
Motor boating	55	23.5	52	22.2	130
River rafting	23	9.8	19	8.1	40
Sailing	5	2.1	4	1.7	11
Sailboarding/windsurfing	8	3.4	4	1.7	11
Water skiing	26	11.1	22	9.4	46
Other water activity	16	6.8	16	6.8	29

<b>Creative/Cultural Activities</b>					
Activity	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Attending a fair or festival	145	62.0	142	60.7	325
Attending live theatre (not movies)	114	48.7	115	49.1	232
Dancing (e.g., social, folk, ballet, jazz)	62	26.5	58	24.8	117
Doing a craft or creative hobby (e.g., photography, woodwork, sewing)	139	59.4	115	49.1	226
Doing other hobbies (e.g., genealogy)	44	18.8	40	17.1	69
Taking part in the arts (e.g., drama, music, drawing, writing)	75	32.1	54	23.1	132
Visiting a museum, art gallery	124	53.0	125	53.4	260
Other creative/cultural activity	6	2.6	7	3.0	13

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<b>Social Activities</b>					
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participating Households</b>		<b>Participating Respondents</b>		<b>Participating Household Members</b>
	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>
Attending a sports event as a spectator	140	59.8	138	59.0	287
Attending non-credit educational courses	60	25.6	53	22.6	92
Picnicking (within a city)	89	38.0	86	36.8	217
Picnicking (in the countryside)	96	41.0	99	42.3	231
Playing bingo, casinos	62	26.5	62	26.5	103
Playing video, computer or electronic games	132	56.4	106	45.3	266
Other social activities	7	3.0	4	1.7	15

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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 <sup>st</sup> favourite.						
Activity	1 <sup>st</sup> Favourite		2 <sup>nd</sup> Favourite		3 <sup>rd</sup> Favourite	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Camping	33	14.1	16	6.8	13	5.6
Golf	29	12.4	11	4.7	10	4.3
Walking	19	8.1	33	14.1	32	13.7
Reading	10	4.3	5	2.1	7	3.0
Fishing	9	3.8	13	5.6	5	2.1
Swimming	8	3.4	9	3.8	5	2.1
Jogging/running	7	3.0	7	3.0	2	0.9
Fitness/gym	7	3.0	3	1.3	1	0.4
Bicycling	6	2.6	10	4.3	9	3.8
Crafts	6	2.6	2	0.9	1	0.4
Downhill skiing	5	2.1	4	1.7	2	0.9
Ice hockey	4	1.7	2	0.9	4	1.7
ATV/off-road vehicles	4	1.7	1	0.4	1	0.4
Hiking	3	1.3	10	4.3	11	4.7
Gardening	3	1.3	10	4.3	5	2.1
Sewing/needlework/knitting, etc.	3	1.3	4	1.7	5	2.1
Attending sport events as a spectator	3	1.3	3	1.3	6	2.6
Bowling	3	1.3	3	1.3	2	0.9
Travelling	3	1.3	2	0.9	5	2.1
Playing cards	3	1.3	2	0.9	3	1.3
Listening to music	3	1.3	--	--	1	0.4
Playing a musical instruments	3	1.3	--	--	2	0.9
Badminton	3	1.3	--	--	--	--

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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)	173	73.9
By yourself	132	56.4
In a scheduled program	67	28.6
In a drop-in session	30	12.8
In a competition (including preparing for a competition)	39	16.7
Other setting	4	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	89	38.0	41	17.5	42	17.9	27	11.5
To improve my skills or knowledge	35	15.0	41	17.5	75	32.1	59	25.2
For physical health/exercise	20	8.5	31	13.2	63	26.9	106	45.3
For a challenge	34	14.5	34	14.5	77	32.9	65	27.8
To compete against others	124	53.0	40	17.1	20	8.5	17	7.3
To be with family	43	18.4	24	10.3	52	22.2	84	35.9
To be with friends	32	13.7	26	11.1	74	31.6	80	34.2
To meet new people	57	24.4	54	23.1	70	29.9	31	13.2
To help community	98	41.9	53	22.6	33	14.1	13	5.6
To relax	8	3.4	15	6.4	81	34.6	110	47.0
For pleasure	--	--	7	3.0	75	32.1	137	58.5
To be alone	107	45.7	44	18.8	25	10.7	25	10.7
To enjoy nature	47	20.1	26	11.1	47	20.1	84	35.9
To be away from family	157	67.1	25	10.7	6	2.6	7	3.0
To do something different from work	46	19.7	27	11.5	63	26.9	65	27.8
Other reason	10	4.3	--	--	1	0.4	6	2.6

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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	90	38.5
No	131	56.0
Missing	13	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

**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
Swimming	10	4.3
Gym/fitness	7	3.0
Aquasize	5	2.1
Curling	5	2.1
Yoga	5	2.1
Dancing	4	1.7
Attend educational courses	3	1.3
Golf	3	1.3
Weight training	3	1.3
Bowling	2	0.9
Camping	2	0.9
Canoeing/kayaking	2	0.9
Cross-country skiing	2	0.9
Ice hockey	2	0.9
Karate	2	0.9
Motorcycling	2	0.9
Running/jogging	2	0.9
Shooting (target, skeet)	2	0.9
Singing/choir	2	0.9
Team sports	2	0.9
Walking	2	0.9
Water activities	2	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	29	12.4	21	9.0	17	7.3	17	17.3
The cost (rental or purchase) of equipment, material and supplies	33	14.1	15	6.4	16	6.8	20	8.5
The cost of transportation	45	19.2	19	8.1	12	5.1	8	3.4
The recreational facilities or areas are overcrowded	38	16.2	26	11.1	17	7.3	4	1.7
The recreational facilities or areas are poorly kept or maintained	47	20.1	19	8.1	11	4.7	7	3.0
I don't know where I can take part in this activity	57	24.4	13	5.6	8	3.4	7	3.0
There is no opportunity near my home	55	23.5	10	4.3	10	4.3	9	3.8
Lack of transportation	68	29.1	7	3.0	3	1.3	4	1.7
The recreational facilities are not physically convenient to use	62	26.5	8	3.4	5	2.1	7	3.0
Too busy with family	30	12.8	16	6.8	18	7.7	19	8.1
Too busy with work	27	11.5	13	5.6	18	7.7	26	11.1
Too busy with other activities	24	10.3	17	7.3	22	9.4	20	8.5
I don't have the physical abilities	57	24.4	14	6.0	5	2.1	9	3.8
I am physically unable to take part	67	28.6	8	3.4	5	2.1	5	2.1
I am not at ease in social situations	66	28.2	14	6.0	3	1.3	--	--
Other reason	3	1.3	--	--	1	0.4	4	1.7

Most Frequently Reported Other Reasons

"Other" reasons	Number of comments	% of comments
Personal motivation/laziness	2	0.9
Poor available times for activity/poor schedule for program	1	0.4
Out of the country during the winter	1	0.4
Classes are booked full	1	0.4

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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	101	43.2
No	128	54.7
Missing	5	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

**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	101	43.2
Board member (e.g., President, Secretary, Member at Large)	36	15.4
Committee member	31	13.2
Coach, manager or instructor	24	10.3
Other volunteer job	74	31.6

Most Frequently Reported Other Volunteer Work

Job	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Children/cadet leader	1	0.4
Competition chairman	1	0.4
Children/cadet leader	1	0.4
Performer	1	0.4
Community on patrol	1	0.4
Volunteer at sporting events	1	0.4
Canvas neighbourhoods for non-profit groups	1	0.4



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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	61	26.1
6-10 hours	21	9.0
11-15 hours	6	2.6
More than 15 hours	13	5.6
Not stated/missing	133	56.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

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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	3	1.3	13	5.6	68	29.1	146	62.4
Recreation opportunities make it possible for children and youth to take part in a variety of activities	2	0.9	12	5.1	64	27.4	155	66.2
Recreation opportunities make it possible for families to spend time together	2	0.9	11	4.7	61	26.1	158	67.5
Recreation opportunities make it possible to create partnerships and renew community spirit	8	3.4	56	23.9	93	39.7	73	31.2
Participating in recreation provides opportunities for people to contribute to their communities in many ways	8	3.4	58	24.8	93	39.7	69	29.5
Recreation and parks contribute to the economy of a community	17	7.3	49	20.9	91	38.9	72	30.8
Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for the preservation of Alberta's landscapes, plants and animals	4	1.7	8	3.4	67	28.6	151	64.5

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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	216	92.3
No	9	3.8
Not sure	1	0.4
Missing	8	3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Visited	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Yes	191	81.6
No	20	8.5
Not sure	2	0.9
Missing	21	9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

**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
Park Lake	57	24.4
Writing-on-Stone	36	15.4
Beauvais Lake	22	9.4
Little Bow	20	8.5
Cypress Hills	19	8.1
Police Outpost	14	6.0
Beaver Mines Lake	9	3.8
Lundbreck Falls	8	3.4
Dinosaur	7	3.0
Chain Lakes	5	2.1

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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	143	61.1
Recommendations from others	78	33.3
Campground guide/directories	53	22.6
Internet/world wide web	52	22.2
Road maps	49	20.9
Travel information centres/kiosks	42	17.9
Alberta Motor Association	40	17.1
Advertising (e.g., newspaper, magazine)	19	8.1
Radio/television	4	1.7
Travel counsellors/agents	--	--
Other	11	4.7

*(Note: multiple responses allowed)*

**Most Frequently Reported Other Information Sources**

Information Source	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Friends	4	1.7
Live nearby	3	1.3
Family	2	0.9
Drove by	2	0.9

*(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	10	4.3	9	3.8
I prefer other forms of recreation and travel	6	2.6	3	1.3
I visit other parks that better meet my needs	5	2.1	2	0.9
They are too far away	4	1.7	3	1.3
Not sure	3	1.3	7	3.0
I just moved to Alberta	2	0.9	--	--
They are not accessible enough for my physical challenges	2	0.9	--	--
I am not interested in wilderness and the outdoors	1	0.4	2	0.9
Other reason	6	2.6	2	0.9

Most Frequently Reported Other Reasons for not visiting

Reasons	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Is too old/unhealthy	2	0.9
Busy/no time/work	1	0.4
Park entrance fees are too high	1	0.4
No companion to go with	1	0.4
Live in the country	1	0.4
Overregulated	1	0.4
Children have grown up	1	0.4
Lack of vehicle to tow RV	1	0.4

*(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	%
<b><u>Accommodation Facilities:</u></b>						
Private cottages	83	35.5	109	46.6	33	14.1
Primitive rental cabins	121	51.7	62	26.5	41	17.5
Hostels or dormitories	81	34.6	96	41.0	44	18.8
Hotels or motels	79	33.8	112	47.9	31	13.2
Resorts	75	32.1	112	47.9	31	13.2
<b><u>Sport and Recreation Facilities:</u></b>						
Courts (e.g., tennis, volleyball, basketball)	134	57.3	54	23.1	35	15.0
Playing fields (e.g., baseball, soccer)	130	55.6	58	24.8	36	15.4
Golf courses	104	44.4	87	37.2	31	13.2
Downhill ski areas	108	46.2	75	32.1	38	16.2
Cross-country ski trails	149	--	41	17.5	32	13.7
<b><u>Service Facilities:</u></b>						
Grocery stores and Laundromats	140	63.7	59	25.2	27	11.5
Restaurants or lounges	116	49.6	79	33.8	31	13.2
Gas stations	125	53.4	75	32.1	24	10.3
<b><u>Outdoor Activities:</u></b>						
Hunting	54	23.1	141	60.3	30	12.8
Snowmobiling	80	34.2	113	48.3	32	13.7
Horse rentals	145	62.0	42	17.9	41	17.5
Motorized off-road vehicles (e.g., quads)	60	25.6	132	56.4	30	12.8
Mountain biking	151	64.5	48	20.5	28	12.0

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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	%
<b><u>Sport and Recreation Facilities:</u></b>						
Courts (e.g., tennis, volleyball, basketball)	175	74.8	40	17.1	11	4.7
Playing fields (e.g., baseball, soccer)	172	73.5	43	18.4	11	4.7
Golf courses	129	55.1	74	31.6	21	9.0
Downhill ski areas	123	52.6	67	28.6	34	14.5
Cross-country ski trails	157	67.1	41	17.5	29	12.4
<b><u>Service Facilities:</u></b>						
Picnic areas	193	82.5	34	14.5	3	1.3
Restaurants or snack bars	147	62.8	62	26.5	20	8.5
Tents and campgrounds	171	73.1	45	19.2	13	5.6
<b><u>Outdoor Activities:</u></b>						
Snowmobiling	75	32.1	110	47.0	37	15.8
Horse rentals	124	53.0	67	28.6	33	14.1
Motorized off-road vehicles (e.g., quads)	65	27.8	127	54.3	30	12.8
Mountain biking	152	65.0	50	21.4	24	10.3
Off-leash dog parks	125	53.4	75	32.1	28	12.0

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**13.0 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

**Q8.** What is **your** gender?

Gender	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Male	122	52.1
Female	107	45.7
No Response	5	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Age Group (years)	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
18 to 25	7	3.0
26 to 35	25	10.7
36 to 45	27	11.5
46 to 55	64	27.4
56 to 65	47	20.1
66 to 75	41	17.5
76 and over	19	8.1
No Response	4	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

**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	67	28.6
Technical or vocational program	45	19.2
College	50	21.4
University	65	27.8
Other	4	1.7
No Response	3	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>



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

City, town of residence	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Lethbridge	234	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

**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	74	31.6
Couple with children	80	34.2
Single person	40	17.1
Single parent family	11	4.7
Two or more unrelated single adults	4	1.7
Two or more related adults	9	3.8
Other	12	5.1
Missing	4	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

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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	14	6.0	4	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5 to 9	12	5.1	8	3.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10 to 14	20	8.5	4	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
15 to 19	26	11.1	9	3.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
20 to 29	29	12.4	15	6.4	3	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
30 to 49	34	14.5	49	20.9	1	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
50 to 64	36	15.4	60	25.6	1	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
65 and over	39	16.7	34	14.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

**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	10	4.3
1	52	22.2
2	109	46.6
3	28	12.0
4	18	7.7
5	2	0.9
No Response	15	6.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

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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	4	1.7
\$10,000 to \$30,000	29	12.4
\$30,001 to \$50,000	37	15.8
\$50,001 to \$70,000	36	15.4
\$70,001 to \$90,000	29	12.4
\$90,001 to \$110,000	28	12.0
\$110,001 to \$130,000	19	8.1
\$130,001 or more	27	11.5
No Response	25	10.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

**Q15.** How long have you lived in Alberta?

	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Less than 1 year	-	0
1 to 2 years	3	1.3
3 to 5 years	11	4.7
6 to 10 years	10	4.3
11 or more years	208	88.9
No Response	2	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

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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	% of Respondents
White	215	91.9
Japanese	9	3.8
Aboriginal/First Nations/Métis/Inuit	3	1.3
Black (e.g., African, Haitian, Jamaican, Somali)	3	1.3
Chinese	3	1.3
Latin American	3	1.3
South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Punjabi, Sri Lankan)	3	1.3
Filipino	2	0.9
South East Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Indonesian, Laotian, Vietnamese)	2	0.9
Arab/West Asian (e.g., Armenian, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Moroccan)	1	0.4
Korean	--	--
Other	6	2.6
No Response	3	1.3

**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	20	8.5
No	208	88.9
Missing	6	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100</b>

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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
Park fees are too high	9	3.8
Preserve parks and natural resources - trees/water/wild life	6	2.6
Love Alberta nature parks	6	2.6
Restrict ATV/off-road vehicles in parks	5	2.1
More parks needed	4	1.7
More areas for quads, dirt bikes, ski-doos	4	1.7
Parks and rec should be government-provided, not private	3	1.3
\$5 for a small bundle of wood is outrageous	2	0.9
Keep the parks clean	2	0.9
Private operation resulted in degradation of parks	2	0.9
Free passes for low-income families and children	2	0.9
Fishing regulations are too strict	2	0.9