



# 2000 Alberta Recreation Survey: *Lethbridge Analysis*

In Partnership with:

Alberta Centre for Well-Being  
Alberta Environment  
City of Calgary  
City of Edmonton  
City of Lethbridge  
City of Red Deer

## Introduction and Methodology

The 2000 Alberta Recreation Survey is a co-operative effort between Alberta Community Development, the Alberta Centre for Well-Being, Alberta Environment, and the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, and Red Deer. Alberta Community Development and the Alberta Centre for Well-Being were jointly responsible for the coordination and design of the study 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 sixth 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 social, creative, cultural, outdoor, and sports activities. The second section inquires about the respondents' three favorite activities, an activity they would like to start, and their involvement as a volunteer. Section three asks the respondents' opinions on a number of recreation and park activities and services. The final section requests demographic information about the 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. A consideration in stratifying was that approximately 10% of the sampled households should be from Lethbridge.

The data were collected by mail during May and June 2000. Surveys were mailed to the household sample on May 15, 2000. Two weeks after the first wave mail out a postcard reminder was sent to those households that had not responded. On June 16, 2000 another survey package was mailed out to those households that still had not responded. July 7, 2000 was the final due date for returned surveys.

Questionnaires were received from 2,719 households or 27.2% of the sample. The proportion of the total responses received from the City of Lethbridge was 7.2% (n = 196).

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**Question No. 1 (a)**

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.

Activities (Ranked Ordered)	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Walking for Pleasure	182	92.9	174	88.8	411
Visiting a Museum/Theatre/Art Gallery	141	71.9	130	66.3	288
Gardening	141	71.9	119	60.7	238
Doing a Craft/Hobby	133	67.9	109	55.7	247
Attending a Fair or Festival	111	56.6	104	53.0	270
Bicycling	108	55.1	86	43.9	225
Attending a Sports Event as a Spectator	103	52.6	98	50.0	242
Swimming (in pools)	98	50.0	78	39.8	224
Playing Video/Computer Games	92	46.9	66	33.6	193
Overnight Camping	87	44.4	80	40.8	221
Golf (other than driving range/mini-golf)	86	43.9	74	37.8	156
Attending Educational Courses	80	40.8	59	30.1	143
Picnicking (within a city)	75	38.3	70	35.7	203
Picnicking (in the countryside)	73	37.2	68	34.7	188
Day Hiking	71	36.2	65	33.1	156
Dancing (social, folk, ballet, jazz, etc.)	67	34.2	54	27.6	125
Fishing	64	32.7	47	24.0	119
Taking Part in Drama, Music, etc.	62	31.6	44	22.4	114
Weight Training	61	31.1	47	24.0	90
Swimming (in lakes, rivers, ponds, etc.)	59	30.1	51	26.0	141
Aerobics/Fitness/Aquasize	55	28.1	33	16.8	70
Jogging/Running	53	27.0	41	20.9	77
Bowling/Lawnbowling	50	25.5	39	19.9	92
Playing Bingo, Casinos etc.	46	23.5	39	19.9	94
Downhill Skiing	46	23.5	30	15.3	95
Tobogganing/Sledding	46	23.5	27	13.8	98
Basketball	46	23.5	25	12.8	81
Ice Skating (not hockey)	44	22.4	29	14.8	87
Softball/Baseball	42	21.4	27	13.8	64
In-line Skating	38	19.4	21	10.7	67
Mountain Biking (off road)	33	16.8	25	12.7	52
Soccer	33	16.8	12	6.1	55
Birdwatching	31	15.8	26	13.3	58
Motor Boating	29	14.8	23	11.7	75
Mountain Climbing	28	14.3	26	13.3	55
Volleyball	28	14.3	11	5.6	39
Curling	24	12.2	18	9.2	33
Badminton	23	11.7	9	4.6	30
Canoeing	22	11.2	17	8.7	40

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Activities (Ranked Ordered)	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Overnight Backpacking	21	10.7	15	7.6	33
Horseback/Trail Riding	21	10.7	13	6.6	40
Tennis	21	10.7	12	6.1	28
Ice Hockey	20	10.2	11	5.6	23
Water Skiing	18	9.2	13	6.6	41
Cross-Country Skiing	18	9.2	12	6.1	33
Track and Field	17	8.7	4	2.0	28
ATV/Off Road Vehicles	14	7.1	11	5.6	32
Table Tennis	13	6.6	12	6.1	30
Football	13	6.6	7	3.6	18
Hunting	11	5.6	6	3.1	19
Gymnastics	11	5.6	1	0.5	11
Shooting (trap/skeet/target)	10	5.1	9	4.6	19
Motorized Trail Biking (i.e., dirt biking)	8	4.1	8	4.1	21
Racquetball	8	4.1	6	3.1	13
River Rafting	8	4.1	6	3.1	11
Snowboarding	8	4.1	4	2.0	16
Sailing	8	4.1	4	2.0	16
Snowmobiling	8	4.1	4	2.0	14
Judo/Karate	8	4.1	4	2.0	9
Skateboarding	8	4.1	2	1.0	13
Orienteering	6	3.1	5	2.6	7
Rugby	5	2.6	0	0	7
Squash	4	2.0	3	1.5	5
Archery	4	2.0	2	1.0	8
Ringette	3	1.5	1	0.5	3
Sailboarding/Windsurfing	2	1.0	2	1.0	4
Triathlon	2	1.0	1	0.5	2
BMX Racing	0	0	0	0	0
Moto-crossing	0	0	0	0	0

**Question No. 1 (a) Part 2**

Other activities in which household members participated.

Activities (Rank Ordered)	Participating Household Other Activities 1		Participating Household Other Activities 2	
	N	%	N	%
Performing Arts	5	2.6	0	0
Games	4	2.0	0	0
Other Out-of-Home Activities	2	1.0	0	0
Entertain/Visit	2	1.0	0	0
Creative Activities	1	0.5	0	0
Kayaking/Rowing	1	0.5	1	0.5
TV/Movies	1	0.5	0	0
Horseshoeing	0	0	1	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.0</b>

**Question No. 1 (b)**

**Walking for pleasure** is an important recreational activity. This question breaks down this activity into several types of walking. Please answer this question according to the instructions given in question 1 (a).

Activities (Rank Ordered)	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	N	%	N	%	N
Walking on Streets	166	84.7	151	77.1	365
Walking on Trails	131	66.8	121	61.7	298
Walking as Transportation to Work, etc	70	35.7	52	26.5	139
Walking a Pet	68	34.7	58	29.6	161

**Question No. 1 (c)**

**Cycling** is a popular recreational activity. This question breaks down this activity into several types of cycling. Please answer this question according to the instructions given for question 1 (a).

Activities (Rank Ordered)	Participating Households		Participating Respondents		Participating Household Members
	N	%	N	%	N
Cycling on Streets	113	57.7	85	43.4	221
Cycling on Trails	70	35.7	58	29.6	139
Cycling as Transportation	51	26.0	32	16.3	83
Mountain Biking (Challenging Terrain)	26	13.3	19	9.7	40
Long Distance Touring	7	3.6	6	3.0	15

**Question No. 2 (a)**

Please LIST your three (3) favorite leisure or recreational activities.

Activities (Rank Ordered)	1st Favorite Activity		2nd Favorite Activity		3rd Favorite Activity	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Walking For Pleasure	31	15.8	22	11.2	28	14.3
Golf	21	10.7	7	3.6	7	3.6
Camping	12	6.1	12	6.1	14	7.1
Bicycling	11	5.6	14	7.1	11	5.6
Swimming	7	3.6	4	2.0	7	3.6

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Activities (Rank Ordered)	1st Favorite Activity		2nd Favorite Activity		3rd Favorite Activity	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Hiking/Backpacking	6	3.1	3	1.5	10	5.1
Performing Arts	6	3.1	0	0	4	2.0
Aerobics/Fitness/Aquasize	6	3.1	2	1.0	1	0.5
Crafts/Hobbies	6	3.1	4	2.0	3	1.5
Running/Jogging	4	2.0	4	2.0	3	1.5
Fishing	4	2.0	8	4.1	4	2.0
Softball/Baseball	4	2.0	0	0	1	0.5
Curling	3	1.5	6	3.1	0	0
Hunting/Shooting	3	1.5	3	1.5	1	0.5
Gardening	3	1.5	7	3.6	4	2.0
Ice Hockey	3	1.5	5	2.6	0	0
Dancing	2	1.0	0	0	2	1.0
Attending as a Spectator	2	1.0	1	0.5	2	1.0
Skiing/Downhill Skiing	2	1.0	4	2.0	0	0
Snowboarding	2	1.0	1	0.5	0	0
Mountain Biking (Off-Road)	2	1.0	1	0.5	0	0
Games	2	1.0	2	1.0	1	0.5
Soccer	2	1.0	0	0	1	0.5
Picnicking	2	1.0	0	0	2	1.0
Birdwatching	1	0.5	1	0.5	0	0
Water Sports	1	0.5	1	0.5	0	0
Computer/Video Activities	1	0.5	3	1.5	2	1.0
Read Books/Magazines	1	0.5	2	1.0	1	0.5
Travel/Vacation	1	0.5	2	1.0	1	0.5
Driving For Pleasure	1	0.5	1	0.5	1	0.5
Boating	1	0.5	0	0	1	0.5
Badminton	1	0.5	0	0	1	0.5
Racquetball/Squash	1	0.5	1	0.5	0	0
Bowling	1	0.5	4	2.0	4	2.0
Canoe/Kayak/Row/Rafting	1	0.5	1	0.5	2	1.0
Snowmobiling	1	0.5	0	0	0	0
Motorized Biking	1	0.5	1	0.5	1	0.5
Weight Training	1	0.5	3	1.5	0	0
Creative Activities	1	0.5	0	0	0	0
TV/Movies	1	0.5	3	1.5	5	2.6
In-Line Skating	1	0.5	2	1.0	1	0.5
Track & Field	1	0.5	0	0	0	0
Ice Skating	0	0	1	0.5	0	0
Horseback Riding	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
Gambling	0	0	3	1.5	1	0.5
Photography	0	0	1	0.5	0	0
Mountain Climbing	0	0	2	1.0	0	0
ATV/Off-Road Vehicles	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.5
Other Activities	0	0	1	0.5	0	0
Martial Arts	0	0	1	0.5	0	0
Cross-Country Skiing	0	0	0	0	2	1.0
Volunteering	0	0	1	0.5	0	0
Basketball	0	0	3	1.5	0	0
Tennis	0	0	2	1.0	0	0

**Question No. 2 (a)**Please LIST your **three (3)** favorite leisure or recreational activities.

Activities (Rank Ordered)	1st Favorite Activity		2nd Favorite Activity		3rd Favorite Activity	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Volleyball	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.5
Ringette	0	0	1	0.5	0	0
Entertain/Visit	0	0	2	1.0	1	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>67.9</b>

**Question No. 2 (a) Part 2**Please indicate how many times you participated in **EACH** activity during the **PAST 12 MONTHS**.

First Favorite Activity	NUMBER OF TIMES ACTIVITY WAS PERFORMED						Total N	%
	1 - 2	3 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 30	31 - 50	51 +		
Walking For Pleasure		1	2	3	6	19	31	15.8
Golf		1	2	8	4	6	21	10.7
Camping	1	3	4	3	1		12	6.1
Bicycling			1	3	2	5	11	5.6
Swimming			1	1		5	7	3.6
Hiking/Backpacking		1		1	2	2	6	3.1
Performing Arts		1		1	1	3	6	3.1
Aerobics/Fitness/Aquasize					2	4	6	3.1
Crafts/Hobbies				2	1	3	6	3.1
Running/Jogging						4	4	2.0
Fishing		3				1	4	2.0
Softball/Baseball				1	3		4	2.0
Curling				2	1		3	1.5
Hunting/Shooting	1	1	1				3	1.5
Gardening		1		1		1	3	1.5
Ice Hockey				1	1	1	3	1.5
Dancing				2			2	1.0
Attending as a Spectator					1	1	2	1.0
Skiing/Downhill Skiing				2			2	1.0
Snowboarding				1	1		2	1.0
Mountain Biking (Off-Road)			1			1	2	1.0
Games			1			1	2	1.0
Soccer						2	2	1.0
Picnicking		1		1			2	1.0
Birdwatching						1	1	0.5
Water Sports			1				1	0.5
Computer/Video Activities						1	1	0.5
Read Books/Magazines						1	1	0.5
Travel/Vacation				1			1	0.5
Driving For Pleasure						1	1	0.5
Boating				1			1	0.5
Badminton				1			1	0.5
Racquetball/Squash						1	1	0.5
Bowling					1		1	0.5
Canoe/Kayak/Row/Rafting				1			1	0.5
Snowmobiling						1	1	0.5
Motorized Biking			1				1	0.5
Weight Training						1	1	0.5
Creative Activities						1	1	0.5
TV/Movies						1	1	0.5

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First Favorite Activity	NUMBER OF TIMES ACTIVITY WAS PERFORMED						Total N	%
	1 - 2	3 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 30	31 - 50	51 +		
In-Line Skating					1		1	0.5
Track & Field						1	1	0.5
Total	2	13	15	37	28	69	164	83.7

**Question No. 2 (b)**People have many reasons for taking part in leisure activities. Based on your favorite leisure activity, how **IMPORTANT** are **EACH** of the following reasons to you? (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**.)

Reasons for Taking Part (Ranked in Order of "Very Important")	NOT IMPORTANT		SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT		IMPORTANT		VERY IMPORTANT	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
For Pleasure	3	1.5	8	4.1	54	27.6	114	58.2
For Physical Health/Exercise	9	4.6	21	10.7	48	24.5	110	56.1
To Relax	6	3.1	15	7.7	68	34.7	85	43.4
To Enjoy Nature	13	6.6	18	9.2	59	30.1	81	41.3
To Do Something Different From Work	20	10.2	21	10.7	52	26.5	72	36.7
To Be With Family	32	16.3	29	14.8	45	23.0	67	34.2
To Do Things With Friends	17	8.7	38	19.4	64	32.7	50	25.5
For A Challenge	26	13.3	32	16.3	62	31.6	49	25.0
For Excitement	25	12.8	35	17.9	62	31.6	48	24.5
To Keep Busy	41	20.9	48	24.5	44	22.4	43	21.9
To Learn New Skills and Abilities	24	12.2	39	19.9	65	33.2	41	20.9
To Improve My Skills or Knowledge	26	13.3	41	20.9	69	35.2	34	17.3
To Meet New People	46	23.5	51	26.0	44	22.4	30	15.3
To Be Alone	70	35.7	41	20.9	33	16.8	23	11.7
To Be Creative	57	29.1	49	25.0	37	18.9	20	10.2
To Help Community	66	33.7	61	31.1	23	11.7	16	8.2
Because I'm Good At It	70	35.7	50	25.5	41	20.9	12	6.1
To Be Away From Family	112	57.1	30	15.3	12	6.1	10	5.1
To Compete With Others	117	59.7	31	15.8	17	8.7	6	3.1
To Show Others I Can Do It	118	60.2	32	16.3	14	7.1	4	2.0

**Question No. 3 (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 An Activity	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
No	94	48.0
Yes	85	43.4
Did Not Respond	17	8.7

**Question No. 3 (b)**Please specify which leisure or recreational activity you would **MOST LIKE TO START**. (Name **ONE** activity only.)

Activity	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Aerobics/Fitness/Aquasize	13	6.6
Golf	10	5.1
Canoe/Kayak/Row/Rafting	8	4.1
Weight Training	4	2.0
Swimming	4	2.0
Boating	3	1.5



**Question No. 3 (b)**

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

<b>Activity</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Camping	3	1.5
Tennis	3	1.5
In-Line Skating	3	1.5
Bicycling	2	1.0
Creative Activities	2	1.0
Fishing	2	1.0
Bowling	2	1.0
Softball/Baseball	2	1.0
Skating	2	1.0
Soccer	2	1.0
Snowboarding	2	1.0
Motorized Biking	1	.5
Hunting/Shooting	1	.5
Volleyball	1	.5
Water Sports	1	.5
Walking For Pleasure	1	.5
Mountain Biking	1	.5
Martial Arts	1	.5
Skiing/Downhill Skiing	1	.5
Volunteering	1	.5
Racquetball/Squash	1	.5
Attend Educational Courses	1	.5
Archery	1	.5
Picnicking	1	.5
Cross-Country Skiing	1	.5
Badminton	1	.5
Crafts/Hobbies	1	.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>42.3</b>

**Question No. 3 (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**.)

Reasons for Not Taking Part (Ranked in Order of "Very Important")	NOT IMPORTANT		SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT		IMPORTANT		VERY IMPORTANT	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
	Cost Of Equipment/Materials/Supplies	18	9.2	17	8.7	16	8.2	28
Admission Fees/Charges	20	10.2	21	10.7	17	8.7	23	11.7
Too Busy With Work	25	12.8	19	9.7	15	7.7	19	9.7
Facilities Overcrowded	17	8.7	25	12.8	20	10.2	16	8.2
No Opportunity to do it Near Home	45	23.0	11	5.6	11	5.6	12	6.1
Too Busy With Family	34	17.3	14	7.1	18	9.2	12	6.1
Facilities Poorly Kept/Maintained	36	18.4	15	7.7	16	8.2	11	5.6
Facility Not Physically Convenient To Use	56	28.6	8	4.1	4	2.0	8	4.1
Cost Of Transportation	47	24.0	17	8.7	7	3.6	7	3.6
Don't Know Where To Go	49	25.0	7	3.6	18	9.2	5	2.6
Physically Unable To Take Part	66	33.7	8	4.1	2	1.0	4	2.0
Lack Of Transportation	64	32.7	7	3.6	2	1.0	3	1.5
Don't Have the Physical Abilities	63	32.1	12	6.1	3	1.5	2	1.0
Not At Ease In Social Situations	61	31.1	9	4.6	6	3.1	1	0.5

**Question No. 4 (a)**

In 1998, Health Canada released Canada's Physical Activity Guide to Healthy Active Living. Are you aware of this guide?

	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
No	147	75.0
Yes	39	19.9
Did Not Respond	10	5.1

**Question No. 4 (b)**

Have you used the guide?

	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
No	28	14.3
Yes	11	5.6

**Question No. 5 (a)**

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

	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
No	108	55.1
Yes	74	37.8
Did Not Respond	14	7.1

**Question No. 5 (b)**With what kind of group did you work as a volunteer? (Please check **ALL** boxes that apply.)

<b>Group</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Church	23	11.7
Local Sport Team or Club	21	10.7
School	19	9.7
Service Club	18	9.2
Special Sport/Recreation Event	13	6.6
Other	13	6.6
Conservation, Parks, Ecology, etc.	9	4.6
Cultural Group	9	4.6
Community League or Association	8	4.1
Youth Group	3	1.5
Recreation or Parks Board	0	0

**Question No. 5 (b) Con't**

Other volunteer groups specified.

<b>Group</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Charitable Organizations	3	1.5
Seniors Centre/Club	3	1.5
Work/Office Group	1	0.5
University	1	0.5
AB Golf Association	1	0.5
Humane Society	1	0.5
Theatre/Art Group	1	0.5
Food Bank	1	0.5
Archaeology	1	0.5
Total	13	6.6

**Question No. 5 (c)**What job(s) did you do as a volunteer? (Please check **ALL** boxes that apply.)

<b>Job</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Volunteer Worker	54	27.6
Executive	20	10.2
Committee Member	19	9.7
Coach/Manager/Instructor	15	7.7
Other	1	0.5

**Question No. 5 (c) con't**

Other volunteer job(s) specified.

<b>Job</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Canvasser/Fundraiser	1	0.5

**Question No. 5 (d)**How many hours in an average week did you spend doing volunteer work during the **PAST 12 MONTHS?**  
(Please check **ONE** box only.)

<b>Time Spent</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
1 - 5 Hours	42	21.4
6 - 10 Hours	16	8.2
11 - 15 Hours	6	3.1
More Than 15 Hours	10	5.1
Total	74	37.8

**Question No. 6**

Recreation and parks can provide benefits to communities. Below are a few benefits that some Albertans feel they receive from having recreation in their community. For each benefit, please rate **how important** you think they are.

Benefits (Ranked in Order of "Very Important")	NOT IMPORTANT		SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT		IMPORTANT		VERY IMPORTANT	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Opportunities For Families To Be Together	3	1.5	4	2.0	47	24.0	127	64.8
Preserve Alberta Plants, Animals, etc.	1	0.5	8	4.1	51	26.0	123	62.8
Opportunities For Children/Youth In a Variety Of Activities	3	1.5	3	1.5	56	28.6	119	60.7
Improves Quality Of Life	2	1.0	10	5.1	63	32.1	109	55.6
Creates Partnerships/Community Spirit	2	1.0	33	16.8	76	38.8	69	35.2
Contributes To Economy Of Community	12	6.1	42	21.4	70	35.7	58	29.6
Opportunity To Contribute To Community	8	4.1	44	22.4	72	36.7	55	28.1

**Question No. 7 (a)**

On the average, Albertans pay about \$103.00 per person per year on municipal recreation and parks services. The amount you actually pay may be more or less, but \$103.00 is the average. Do you feel your recreation and park services are worth \$103.00 per person each year?

	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Amount Is Reasonable	148	75.5
Amount Is Too Low	18	9.2
Amount Is Too High	18	9.2
Did Not Respond	12	6.1
Total	196	100.0

**Question No. 7 (b)**

If you think the amount is too high, how much would you allocate per person per year?

Yearly Fee (\$)	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
0	1	.5
50	9	4.6
60	1	.5
63	1	.5
75	2	1.0
90	1	.5
Total	15	7.7

**Question No. 7 (c)**

How should recreation services and public parks be supported?

	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Through A Combination Of Taxes And User Fees	128	65.3
Mainly Through Taxes	29	14.8
Mainly Through User Fees	26	13.3
Other	7	3.6

**Question No. 7 (c) Part 2**

Other sources of support specified.

<b>Other Sources</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Private/Corporate Sponsorship	2	1.0
Fundraising	1	.5
Lotteries/Lottos	1	.5
Government	1	.5
Municipality	1	.5
Donations	1	.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3.6</b>

**Question No. 8 (a)**Did you visit an **Alberta Provincial Park** in the last 12 months? Provincial parks are managed by the government and **NOT** managed by municipal or federal agencies.

	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Yes	110	56.1
No	75	38.3
Don't Know	6	3.1
Did Not Respond	5	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Question No. 8 (b)**Which **Alberta Provincial Parks** did you visit?

	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Waterton	36	18.4
Park Lake	34	17.3
Writing-On-Stone	23	11.7
Banff	13	6.6
Unknown	13	6.6
Beauvais	11	5.6
Cypress Hills	10	5.1
Kananaskis Country	10	5.1
Beaver Mines Lake	8	4.1
Little Bow	8	4.1
Police Outpost	7	3.6
Taber	7	3.6
Lundbrecks Falls	4	2.0
Peter Lougheed	4	2.0
A Lot Of Them	3	1.5
Allison FRA	2	1.0
Chain Lakes	2	1.0
Dinosaur	2	1.0
Kinbrook Island	2	1.0
Old Man River	2	1.0
St. Mary's Reservoir	2	1.0
Aspen Beach	1	0.5
Bow	1	0.5
Burnt Stick Random	1	0.5
Castle Falls	1	0.5
Chinook Lake	1	0.5
Dry Island Buffalo Jump	1	0.5
Island Lake	1	0.5
Little Bow Reservoir	1	0.5
Lynx Creek	1	0.5

**Question No. 8 (b)**Which **Alberta Provincial Parks** did you visit?

	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Payne	1	0.5
Raven	1	0.5
Woolford	1	0.5
Vermillion	1	0.5
Total	216	110.2

**Question No. 8 (c)**Which of the following information sources did you use? (Please check **ALL** boxes that apply.)

Information Sources	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Recommendations From Others	63	32.1
Visitor Information Centres	53	27.0
Publications	45	23.0
Other	23	11.7
Internet	22	11.2
Alberta Parks and Protected Area Offices	14	7.1
Travel Alberta's 1-800 Toll Free Line	10	5.1

**Question No. 8 (c) Part 2**

Other sources of information specified.

Other Sources	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Past Experience/Knowledge	11	5.6
AMA	7	3.6
Maps	2	1.0
Word Of Mouth	1	0.5
Family	1	0.5
Library	1	0.5
Total	23	11.7

**Question No. 8 (d)**

The following is a list of reasons why you might not have visited an **Alberta Provincial Park** during the last 12 months. For each one, please indicate how important each is in your decision not to visit an **Alberta Provincial Park** during the past 12 months. (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**).

Reasons for Not Visiting (Ranked in Order of "Very Important")	NOT IMPORTANT		SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT		IMPORTANT		VERY IMPORTANT	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
	Lack Of Time	35	17.9	24	12.2	46	23.5	52
Costs Of Camping Too High	53	27.0	36	18.4	36	18.4	30	15.3
Noisy Activities Of Others	61	31.6	41	20.9	27	13.8	22	11.2
Prefer Camping In Undeveloped Areas	80	40.8	28	14.3	25	12.8	20	10.2
Private Operation Of Provincial Parks Campgrounds	78	39.8	38	19.4	14	7.1	20	10.2
Transportation/Equipment Costs Too Much	53	27.0	45	23.0	36	18.4	19	9.7
Facilities Poorly Kept/Maintained	64	32.7	43	21.9	26	13.3	17	8.7
Lack Of Information	77	39.3	35	17.9	22	11.2	16	8.2
Unaware Of Opportunities In Parks	66	33.7	35	17.9	35	17.9	14	7.1
Fear Of Crime/Safety/Security	84	42.9	37	18.9	19	9.7	14	7.1
Poor Health	122	62.2	13	6.6	13	6.6	13	6.6
Too Many Restrictive Regulations	76	38.8	42	21.4	20	10.2	13	6.6
Parks are Too Crowded	54	27.6	50	25.5	38	19.4	12	6.1

**Question No. 8 (d)**

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Reasons for Not Visiting (Ranked in Order of "Very Important")	NOT IMPORTANT		SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT		IMPORTANT		VERY IMPORTANT	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
	Prefer Municipal Parks	78	39.8	41	20.9	22	11.2	12
Parks Are Too Far Away	66	33.7	44	22.4	29	14.8	12	6.1
Prefer National Parks	89	45.4	36	18.4	18	9.2	10	5.1
Age	106	54.1	22	11.2	15	7.7	10	5.1
Lack Of RV Campsites	102	52.0	20	10.2	19	9.7	10	5.1
Lack Of Things To Do	106	54.1	25	12.8	11	5.6	10	5.1
Lack Of Interpretative Programs	83	42.3	37	18.9	21	10.7	8	4.1
Prefer Private Parks/Campgrounds	91	46.4	36	18.4	18	9.2	5	2.6
Lack Of Handicapped Accessible Facilities	126	64.3	11	5.6	10	5.1	3	1.5
Not Interested in Outdoor Recreation Activities/Parks	121	61.7	21	10.7	10	5.1	3	1.5

**Question No. 8 (d) Con't**

Other reasons given for not visiting an **Alberta Provincial Park** during the past 12 months.

Other Reason 1	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT
Possess Own Recreational Property		1
Prefer B.C. Parks		1
Absence Of Car	1	
Gas Price		1
No Electricity, Hot Water, etc.		1
Gave Up/Don't Like Camping		1
Too Expensive		1
Poor Tenting/Camping Facilities		1
Lack Of Quality Lakes & Beaches		1
Parks Deterioration		1
Total	1	9

**Question No. 8 (d)**

Other reasons given for not visiting an **Alberta Provincial Park** during the past 12 months.

Other Reason 2	VERY IMPORTANT
Restricted/Poor Fishing	1

**Question No. 9 (a)**

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

Activities/Services	YES		NO		NO OPINION	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cross-Country Ski Trails	145	74.0	23	11.7	11	5.6
Grocery Stores/Laundromats	144	73.5	32	16.3	11	5.6
Mountain Biking	131	66.8	36	18.4	14	7.1
Horse Rentals	129	65.8	31	15.8	21	10.7
Courts (tennis, vollebyball, etc.)	125	63.8	42	21.4	12	6.1
Playing Fields (baseball, soccer, etc.)	124	63.3	46	23.5	9	4.6
Gas Stations	121	61.7	47	24.0	16	8.2
Primitive Rental Cabins	108	55.1	56	28.6	19	9.7

**Question No. 9 (a)**

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

Restaurants/Lounges	107	54.6	65	33.2	11	5.6
Downhill Ski Areas	102	52.0	61	31.1	15	7.7
Golf Courses	89	45.4	81	41.3	11	5.6
Hostels/Dormitories	69	35.2	90	45.9	25	12.8
Hotels/Motels	62	31.6	108	55.1	15	7.7
Snowmobiling	58	29.6	100	51.0	23	11.7
Resorts	52	26.5	106	54.1	21	10.7
Private Cottages	46	23.5	110	56.1	27	13.8
Motorized Off-Road Vehicles (i.e., quads)	34	17.3	127	64.8	22	11.2
Hunting	30	15.3	137	69.9	14	7.1

**Question No. 9 (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/Services	YES		NO		NO OPINION	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Picnic Areas	184	93.9	1	0.5	1	0.5
Courts (tennis, volleyball, etc.)	157	80.1	17	8.7	11	5.6
Tents/Campgrounds	157	80.1	25	12.8	6	3.1
Playing Fields (baseball, soccer, etc.)	152	77.6	22	11.2	12	6.1
Cross-country Ski Trails	142	72.4	27	13.8	16	8.2
Restaurants/Snack Bars	130	66.3	45	23.0	12	6.1
Mountain Biking	117	59.7	45	23.0	17	8.7
Horse Rentals	111	56.6	46	23.5	25	12.8
Golf Courses	106	54.1	61	31.1	14	7.1
Downhill Ski Areas	98	50.0	62	31.6	23	11.7
Hostels/Dormitories	75	38.3	98	50.0	15	7.7
Snowmobiling	43	21.9	114	58.2	21	10.7
Motorized Off-Road Vehicles (i.e., quads)	31	15.8	130	66.3	17	8.7

**Question No. 10**

What is your gender?

Gender	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Male	114	58.2
Female	81	41.3
Did Not Respond	1	.5

**Question No. 11**

What year were you born? (2000-Year Born = Age)

Age Category	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
18-25	13	6.6
26-35	24	12.2
36-45	42	21.4
46-55	37	18.9
56-65	30	15.3
66-75	27	13.8
76+	18	9.2
Did Not Respond	5	2.6
Total	196	100.0



**Question No. 12**What is the **HIGHEST** level of education **YOU** have completed? (Please check **ONE** box only.)

Education Level	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Elementary, Junior/Senior High School	61	31.1
University	60	30.6
College	41	20.9
Technical Or Vocational Program	29	14.8
Other	5	2.6
Total	196	100.0

**Question No. 12 Part 2**

Other education specified.

Education Level	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Nursing School/Registered Nurse	2	1.0
Some University	2	1.0
Teaching Certificate	1	.5
Total	5	2.6

**Question No. 13 (a)**

In what village, town or city do you live?

	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Lethbridge	196	7.2

**Question No. 14**Which of the following describes your household? (Please check **ONE** box only.)

	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
Couple With No Children	75	38.3
Couple With Children	66	33.7
Single Person	30	15.3
Two Or More Related Adults	9	4.6
Two Or More Unrelated Single Adults	8	4.1
Single Parent Family	6	3.1
Other	1	.5
Did Not Respond	1	.5
Total	196	100.0

**Question No. 14 Part 2**

Other household arrangements mentioned.

	NUMBER	% OF RESPONDENTS
2+ Related + 2+ Unrelated Adults	1	0.5

**Question No. 15**How many members of your household are in the following age group? Please specify the **NUMBER OF PEOPLE** in each **AGE GROUP**.

	<5		5-9		10-14		15-19		20-29		30-49		50-64		65+	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1	12	6.1	7	3.6	22	11.2	24	12.2	28	14.3	35	17.9	32	16.3	27	13.8
2	4	2.0	4	2.0	5	2.6	3	1.5	14	7.1	56	28.6	29	14.8	26	13.3
3	0	0	0	0	2	1.0	1	0.5	4	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Question No. 16 (a)**

How many people from your household received an income during the **PAST 12 MONTHS**? Please specify the **NUMBER OF PEOPLE**.

<b>Number of People</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
1	52	26.5
2	100	51.0
3	20	10.2
4	9	4.6
5	1	.5
7	1	.5
Did Not Respond	13	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Question No. 16 (b)**

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

<b>Total Income Level</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Less than \$10,000	6	3.1
\$10,001 - \$30,000	46	23.5
\$30,001 - \$50,000	49	25.0
\$50,001 - \$70,000	40	20.4
\$70,001 - \$90,000	13	6.6
\$90,001 or more	17	8.7
Did Not Respond	25	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Question No. 17 (a)**

In order to determine if recreation participants reflect the cultural diversity of Alberta, please check which background applies to you.

<b>Background</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
White	179	91.3
Other	5	2.6
Chinese	3	1.5
Aboriginal	1	.5
Japanese	1	.5
Korean	1	.5
Latin American	1	.5
South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Punjabi, Sri Lankan)	1	.5
Did Not Respond	4	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Question No. 17 (a) Part 2**

Other background specified.

<b>Background</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Half-White/Half-Japanese	2	1.0
Metis	1	0.5
Half-White/Half-Chinese	1	0.5
Caucasian	1	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.6</b>

**Question No. 17 (b)**

Please provide us with the language(s) you speak with your family at home.

<b>Languages Spoken</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
English	186	94.9
Dutch	7	3.6
German	5	2.6
French	4	2.0
Chinese	3	1.5
Ukrainian	3	1.5
Polish	3	1.5
Spanish	2	1.0
Italian	2	1.0
Japanese	2	1.0
Hungarian	2	1.0
Korean	1	0.5
Other	1	0.5

**Question No. 17 (b) Part 2**

Other language(s) specified.

<b>Languages Spoken</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Gaelic	1	0.5

**Additional Information**

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

<b>Comments 1</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Preserve Parks & Wildlife For Future	7	3.6
Stop Privatization/Commercialization	6	3.1
More Help For Low-Income People	4	2.0
Too Expensive/Don't Increase Fees	3	1.5
Keep Up Great Job	3	1.5
Include Cost Of Fire Wood In Camp Fees	2	1.0
More Walking/Running Trails In Parks	2	1.0
More Parks/Campgrounds/Leisure Centres Needed	1	.5
No "Over-Development" In Parks	1	.5
Don't Cut Parks Staff	1	.5
Service Level Deteriorated	1	.5
Too Many Access Restrictions	1	.5
Parks Must Have Power, Hot Water, etc.	1	.5
Leave Crown Lands Undeveloped	1	.5
More Funds Needed	1	.5
Keep Everything Clean	1	.5
Stricter Fines For Violations, Vandalism	1	.5
More Public Involvement In Decisions	1	.5
Maintain/Support Parks By User Fees	1	.5
More Parks In Crowsnest & Kananaskis Area	1	.5
More Camping With Swimming Pools	1	.5
More Places For Adults Only	1	.5
Keep Water Level In Lakes Higher	1	.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>21.9</b>

**Additional Information –  
Con't**

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

<b>Comments 2</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
No "Over-Development" In Parks	4	2.0
Too Expensive/Don't Increase Fees	2	1.0
Different Areas For Different Activities	2	1.0
Service Level Deteriorated	2	1.0
Stop Privatization/Commercialization	2	1.0
Keep Everything Clean	2	1.0
More Parks/Campgrounds/Leisure Centres Needed	1	.5
More Help For Low-Income People	1	.5
Preserve Parks & Wildlife For Future	1	.5
More Interpretive Programs	1	.5
More Attention To Seniors	1	.5
Don't Close Bike Trails For Public	1	.5
Too Many Hunting/Fishing Restrictions	1	.5
Stricter Fines For Violations, Vandalism	1	.5
Parks Are Overcrowded	1	.5
Forbid Hunting/Fishing	1	.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12.2</b>

**Additional Information-  
Con't**

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

<b>Comments 3</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% OF RESPONDENTS</b>
Too Expensive/Don't Increase Fees	3	1.5
More Help For Low-Income People	1	.5
No "Over-Development" In Parks	1	.5
Preserve Parks & Wildlife For Future	1	.5
Use Alternatives To Pesticides	1	.5
More Police In Parks Needed/Better Safety	1	.5
Keep Everything Clean	1	.5
More Indoor Bike Trails	1	.5
Stricter Fines For Violations, Vandalism	1	.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5.6</b>