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British Columbia Regional Tourism Secretariat



Canada, British Columbia & Alberta

# **Monthly Visitor Highlights | 2022**

**Kootenay Rockies Region** 

2021 DATA VINTAGE

# PURPOSE



- As the tourism industry navigates through the global pandemic of COVID-19, the British Columbia Regional Tourism Secretariat (BCRTS) will provide baseline research to support the industry
- Baseline visitor analysis will help industry understand who is visiting our regions so they can plan strategically to attract visitors who will support their recovery
- The program has commenced with the BC Market as the top priority to coincide with the PHO travel recommendations for British Columbia, followed by the Alberta Market
- This report focuses on visitor analysis to the Kootenay Rockies Region



# **RESEARCH OVERVIEW**

- Environics Analytics is a Canadian based research firm providing information solutions for a variety of industries in both the Canadian and USA Markets
- Visitor View Canada provides insights the tourism industry needs to understand, market to and grow their business with Canadian travellers
- Visitor View produces neighborhood-level estimates of overnight Canadian visitors to Canada, the provinces and territories, or one of Canada's 85 tourism regions as defined by Destination Canada
- Estimates are provided for the total number of visitors, the number of trips and the number of nights spent in each province or tourism region
- Visitor View is based on anonymized, consent-based mobile location data Monthly, quarterly and annual estimate data is available starting with January 2018 to allow for analysis of historical trends

# bcrts **Visitor:** A visitor is defined as someone who **Trips:** Are defined as the count of domestic

Methodology

travels 60+km from their point of origin

traveller trips which involved spending one

or more nights over the time period as part of a continuous visit to the destination

Nights Stayed: Is defined as the count of

unique nights a domestic visitor was observed in the destination over the time

following day)

period (between 6:00pm – 8:00am the

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# **RESEARCH OVERVIEW**

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- Measure the effectiveness of your marketing strategies on Canadian Visitors, the Canadian travel and tourism industry and understand the impact of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to Visitors, Number of Trips and Number of Overnight Stays within Canada, its provinces, territories, and tourism regions
- Using Visitor View we can compare the number of visitors and their travel patterns by month in 2019, 2020 and 2021
- We can also compare different regions to assess the impact of the pandemic on Canadian travel patterns and identify when visitors start to return to British Columbia's respective tourism regions
- Identify the best regions and neighborhoods in Canada to prospect for new visitors and use the PRIZM Segmentation System to optimize experience development and marketing



### Q1 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022: Domestic Visitors by Quarter

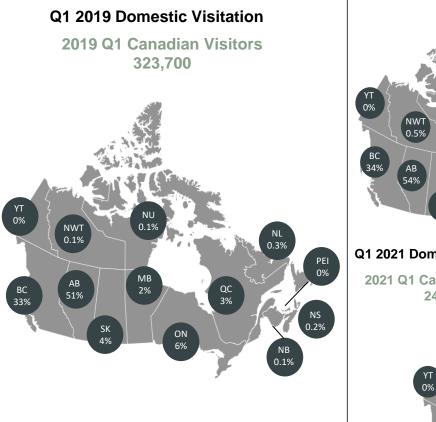
#### **Kootenay Rockies**

Q1 = January | February | March Note: All counts have been rounded to the nearest 100

#### Overview

During Q1 2019 the Kootenay Rockies saw an average of 323,700 Domestic Visitors. During Q1 2020 the region saw 274,800 Domestic Visitors, in Q1 2021 243,000 Domestic Visitors and in Q1 2022 292,200 Domestic Visitors. A decrease of -10% compared to 2019, an increase of 6% compared to 2020 and an increase of 25% compared to 2021. Provincial Visitation was consistent across all three years, with Alberta and British Columbia ranking as the top two domestic markets.

**Note:** A Visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+ km from their point of origin, counts may include Kootenay Rockies resident visitors depending on point of origin and point of destination





#### Q1 2022 Domestic Visitation

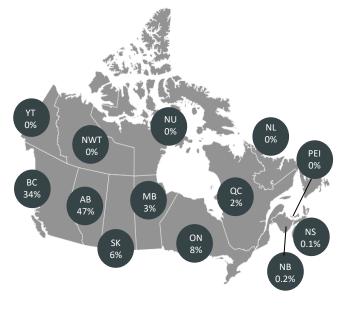
2022 Q1 Canadian Visitors 292,200

Increase of 6%

Decrease of -10% 2022 compared to 2019

to 2022 compared to 2020

Increase of 25% 2022 compared to 2021



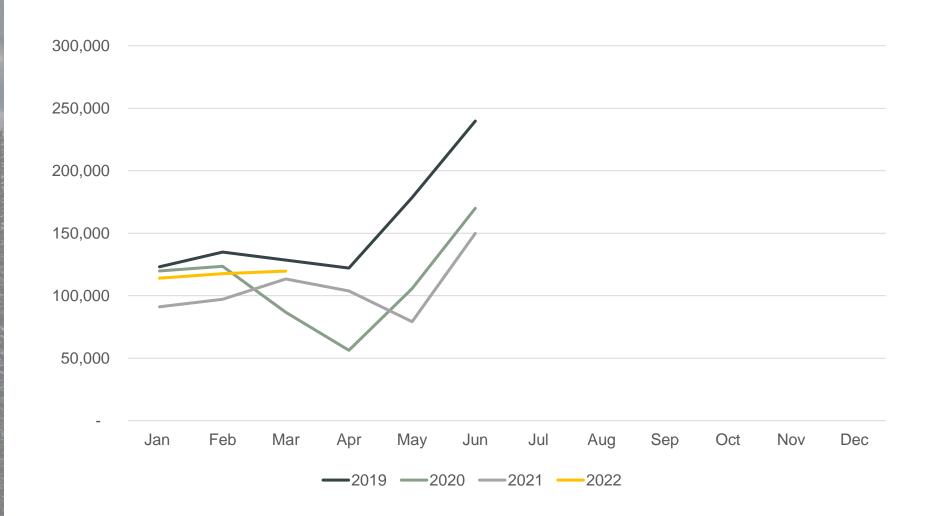
# **Canadian Visitation**

#### CANADIAN VISITORS TRAVELLING TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

January 2022 saw a -7% decrease compared to January 2019, a -5% decrease compared to 2020 and a 25% increase compared to 2021

February 2022 saw a -13% decrease compared to February 2019, a -5% decrease compared to 2020 and a 21% increase compared to 2021

March 2022 saw a -7% decrease compared to March 2019, a 38% increase compared to 2020 and a 6% increase compared to 2021

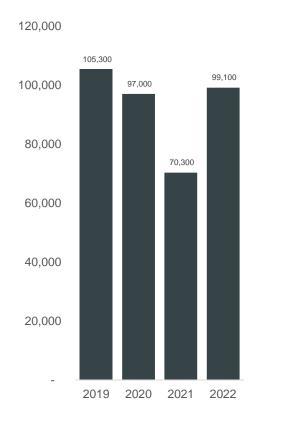




# British Columbia Insights

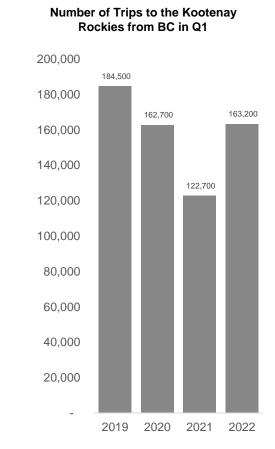
# **Kootenay Rockies Visitation**

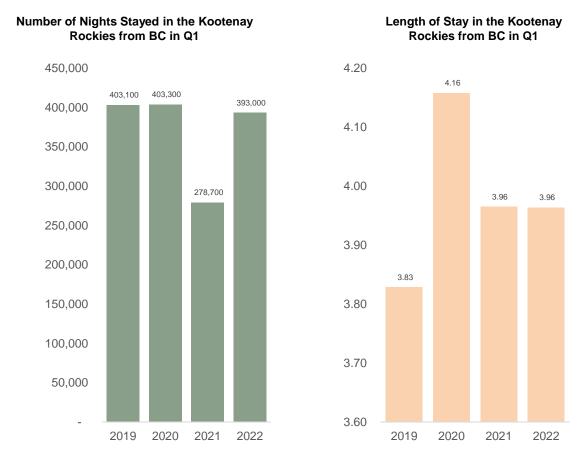
### BC RESIDENTS TRAVELLING TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY QUARTER



Number of Visitors to the Kootenay

Rockies from BC in Q1





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### BC VISITORS TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY QUARTER - Q1 NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY ORIGIN CITY

City	2019 Visitor Count	City	2020 Visitor Count	City
Vancouver	11,200	Kelowna	9,300	Vancouver
Kelowna	8,700	Vancouver	8,000	Kelowna
Cranbrook	6,000	Cranbrook	5,500	Surrey
Kamloops	4,500	Surrey	4,300	Cranbrook
Surrey	4,400	Kamloops	3,900	Abbotsford
Abbotsford	2,900	Creston	2,700	Kamloops
Vernon	2,800	Abbotsford	2,600	Salmon Arn
Burnaby	2,300	Vernon	2,300	Kimberley
Kimberley	2,300	West Kelowna	2,300	Vernon
Nelson	2,300	Burnaby	2,200	Chilliwack

21 Visitor Count	City	2022 Visitor Count
7,400	Vancouver	5,600
4,500	Kelowna	4,300
3,200	Cranbrook	4,100
2,800	Kamloops	3,900
2,700	Surrey	3,700
2,400	Castlegar	2,900
2,300	Nelson	2,800
2,300	Vernon	2,600
2,100	Trail	2,300
2,000	Salmon Arm	2,300

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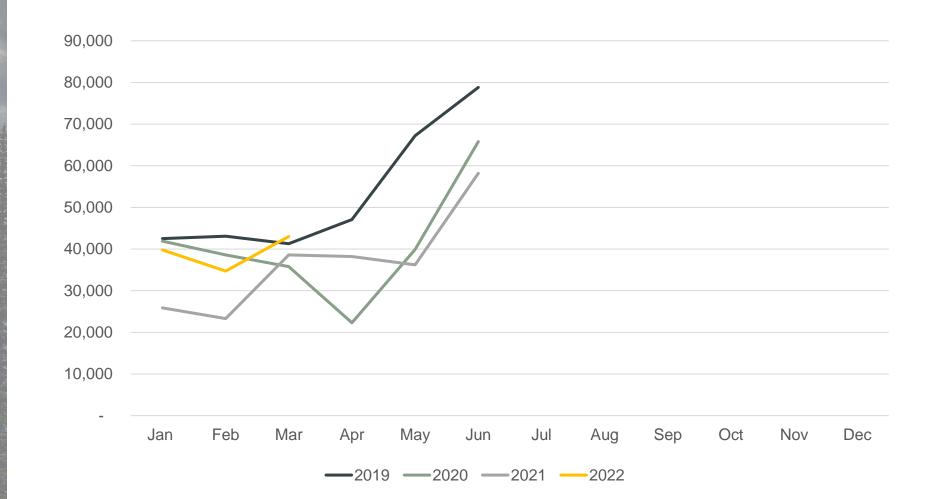
# **British Columbian Visitation**

### **BC VISITORS TRAVELLING TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH**

January 2022 saw a -6% decrease compared to January 2019, a -5% decrease compared to 2020 and a 54% increase compared to 2021

February 2022 saw a -19% decrease compared to February 2019, a -10% decrease compared to 2020 and a 49% increase compared to 2021

March 2022 saw a 4% increase compared to March 2019, a 20% increase compared to 2020 and a 11% increase compared to 2021



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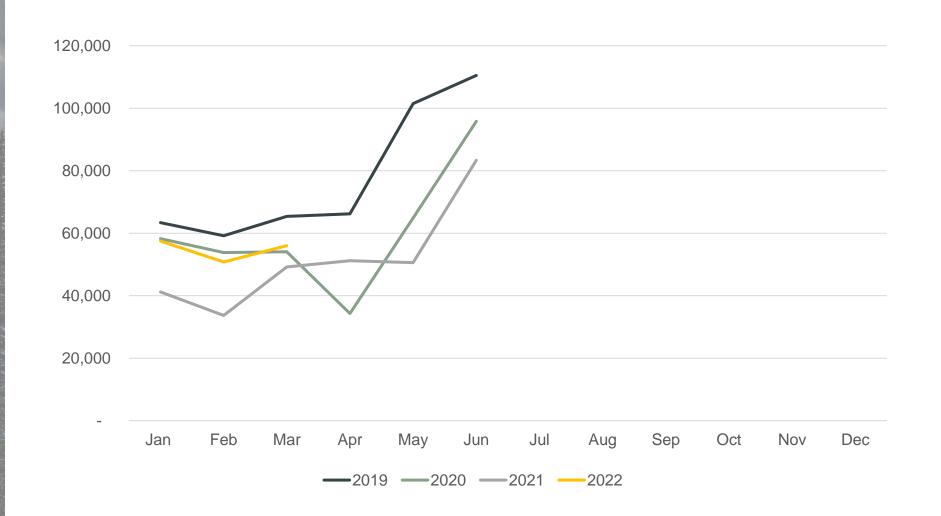
### BC TRIPS TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

2022 Visitor Highlights

January 2022 saw a -9% decrease compared to January 2019, a -1% decrease compared to 2020 and a 40% increase compared to 2021

February 2022 saw a -14% decrease compared to February 2019, a -6% decrease compared to 2020 and a 51% increase compared to 2021

March 2022 saw a -14% decrease compared to March 2019, a 4% increase compared to 2020 and a 14% increase compared to 2021



# **British Columbian Visitation**

### **BC OVERNIGHT STAYS IN THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH**

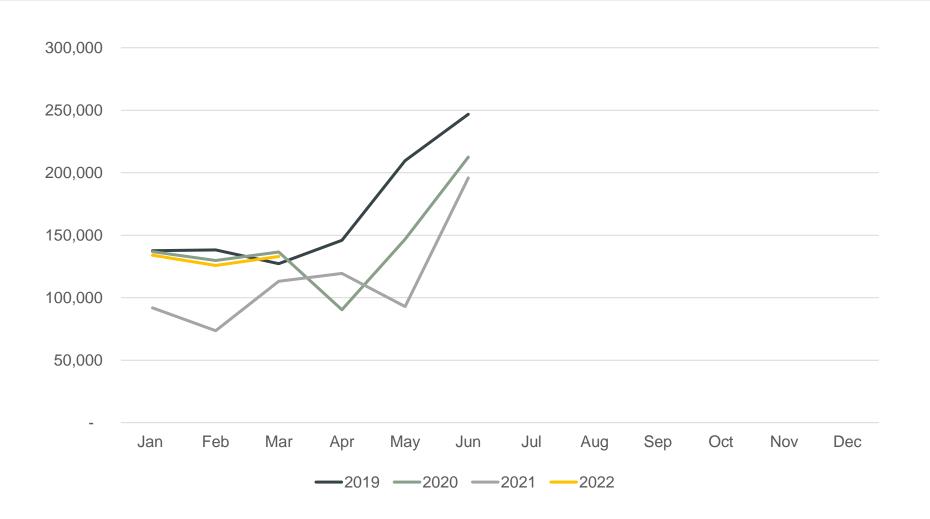
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2022 Visitor

January 2022 saw a -3% decrease compared to January 2019, a -2% decrease compared to 2020 and a 46% increase compared to 2021

February 2022 saw a -9% decrease compared to February 2019, a -3% decrease compared to 2020 and a 71% increase compared to 2021

March 2022 saw a 4% increase compared to March 2019, a -3% decrease compared to 2020 and a 17% increase compared to 2021



## January 2022 Canada/British Columbia Regional Visitation

#### **Kootenay Rockies**

100,000

50,000

Visitors

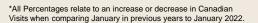
2022 Visitor Highlights

#### Overview

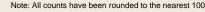
The number of visitors to the Kootenay Rockies from Canadian travellers decreased by **-7%** when comparing January 2022 to January 2019.

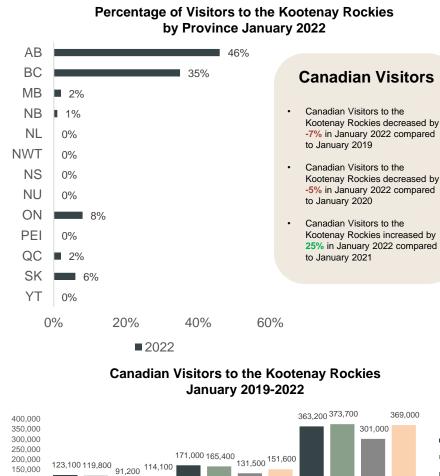
Visitors decreased by **-5%** when compared to January 2020 and increased by **25%** when compared to January 2021.

Alberta made up the majority of visitors at 46% followed by British Columbia at 35%



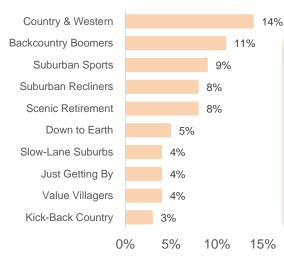
Note: A Visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+ km from their point of origin. Trips may be counted more than once due to repeat visitation.





Trips

#### January 2022 BC Visitors by PRIZM Segment



■2019

■2020

■2021

2022

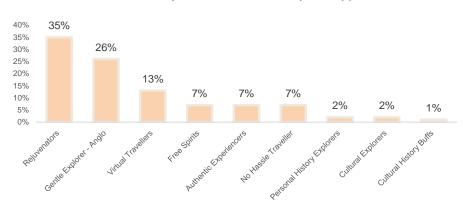
**Overnight Stays** 

#### **PRIZM Overview**

Country & Western rank 5th, making up 85,872 households, or 4% of the total Households in British Columbia (2,018,734)

Backcountry Boomers rank 15th, making up 55,024 households, or 3% of the total Households in British Columbia (2,018,734).

Suburban Sports rank 1st, making up 122,632 households, or 6.1% of the total Households in British Columbia (2,018,734).



#### January 2022 BC Visitors by EQ Type

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#### **Kootenay Rockies**

2022 Visitor Highlights

#### Overview

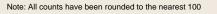
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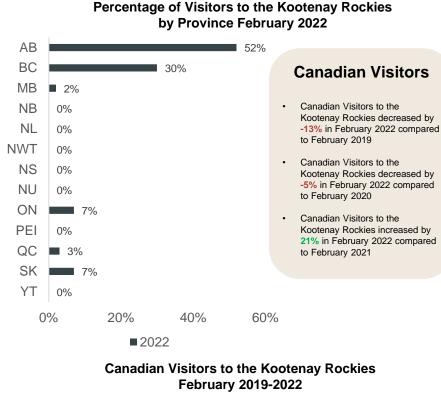
Visitors decreased by **-5%** when compared to February 2020 and increased by **21%** when compared to February 2021.

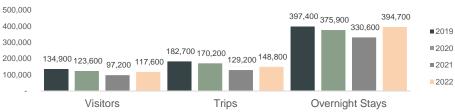
Alberta made up the majority of visitors at 52% followed by British Columbia at 30%

\*All Percentages relate to an increase or decrease in Canadian Visits when comparing February in previous years to February 2022.

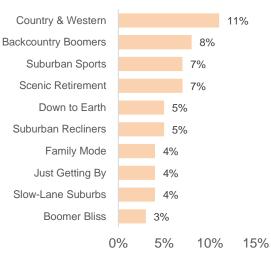
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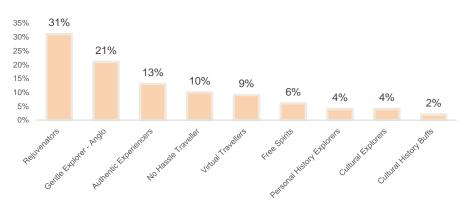


#### February 2022 BC Visitors by PRIZM Segment



#### **PRIZM** Overview

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#### February 2022 BC Visitors by EQ Type

### March 2022 Canada/British Columbia Regional Visitation

Percentage of Visitors to the Kootenay Rockies

#### **Kootenay Rockies**

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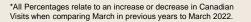
#### The number of visitors to the Kootenay Rockies from Canadian travellers decreased

Overview

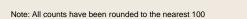
by -7% when comparing March 2022 to March 2019.

Visitors increased by 38% when compared to March 2020 and increased by 6% when compared to March 2021.

Alberta made up the majority of visitors at 47% followed by British Columbia at 36%



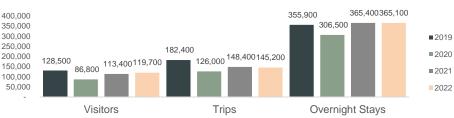
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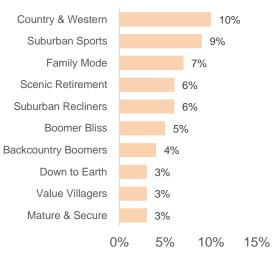




- Kootenav Rockies decreased by -7% in March 2022 compared to
- Kootenav Rockies increased by 38% in March 2022 compared to
- Kootenay Rockies increased by 6% in March 2022 compared to

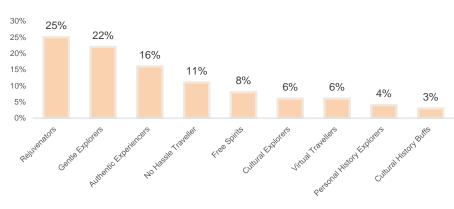






#### **PRIZM** Overview

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- Suburban Sports rank 1st, making up 122.632 households. or 6.1% of the total Households in British Columbia (2.018.734).
- Family Mode rank 17<sup>th</sup>, making up 50,010 households, or 2% of the total Households in British Columbia (2,018,734).

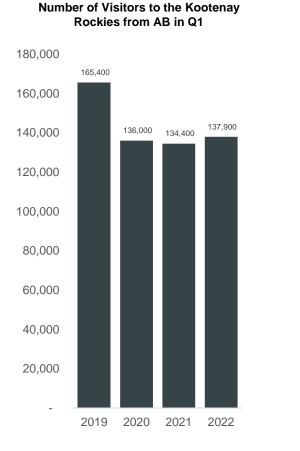


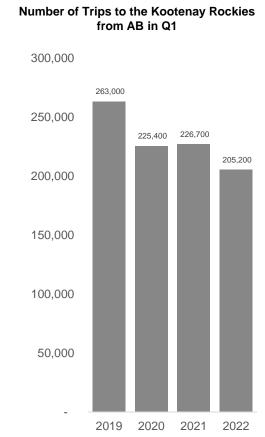
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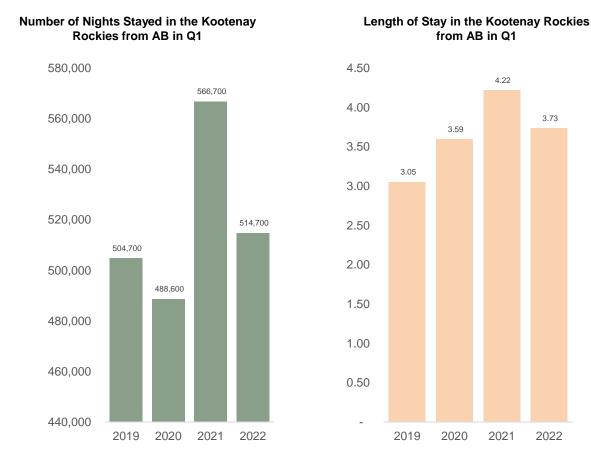


# **Kootenay Rockies Visitation**

#### ALBERTA RESIDENTS TRAVELLING TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY QUARTER







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# ALBERTA VISITORS TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY QUARTER – Q1 NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY ORIGIN CITY

City	2019 Visitor Count
Calgary	153,200
Edmonton	26,400
Rocky View County	6,200
Lethbridge	5,100
Airdrie	4,400
Canmore	4,300
Red Deer	3,500
Foothills No. 31	2,800
Strathcona County	2,600
Okotoks	2,200

City	2020 Visitor Count	
Calgary	93,900	
Edmonton	14,200	
Lethbridge	6,200	
Rocky View County	4,900	
Airdrie	3,900	
Canmore	3,300	
Red Deer	2,400	
Foothills No. 31	2,300	
Strathcona County	2,100	
Okotoks	1,900	

City	2021 Visitor Count
Calgary	90,700
Edmonton	16,500
Rocky View County	5,900
Airdrie	4,400
Canmore	3,700
Red Deer	3,700
Lethbridge	3,700
Foothills No. 31	2,900
Okotoks	2,500
Strathcona County	2,400

City	2022 Visitor Count
Calgary	65,900
Edmonton	14,500
Lethbridge	4,500
Rocky View County	3,400
Airdrie	3,200
Strathcona County	2,200
Banff	2,200
Foothills No. 31	1,800
Okotoks	1,700
St. Albert	1,600

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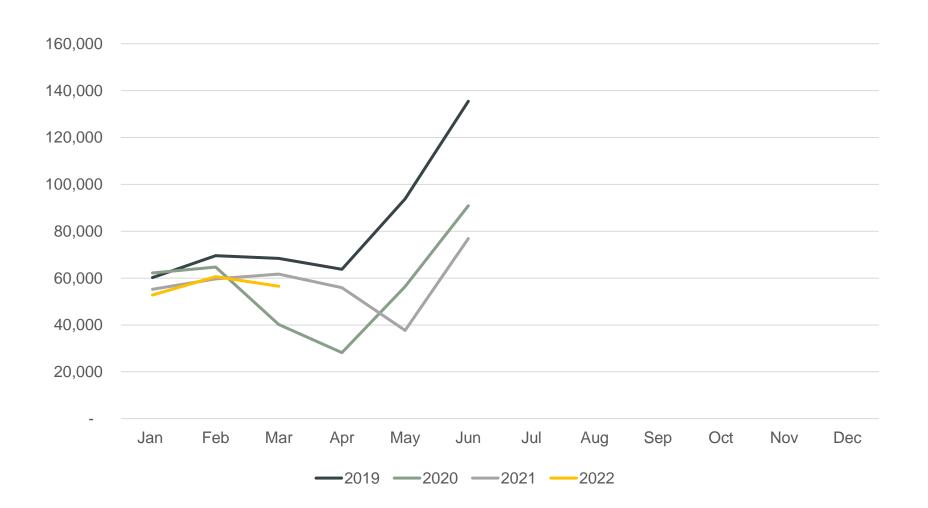
#### ALBERTA VISITORS TRAVELLING TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

2022 Visitor Highlights

January 2022 saw a -12% decrease compared to January 2019, a -15% decrease compared to 2020 and a -4% decrease compared to 2021

February 2022 saw a -13% decrease compared to February 2019, a -6% decrease compared to 2020 and a 2% increase compared to 2021

March 2022 saw a -17% decrease compared to March 2019, a 41% increase compared to 2020 and a -8% decrease compared to 2021



# **Alberta Visitation**

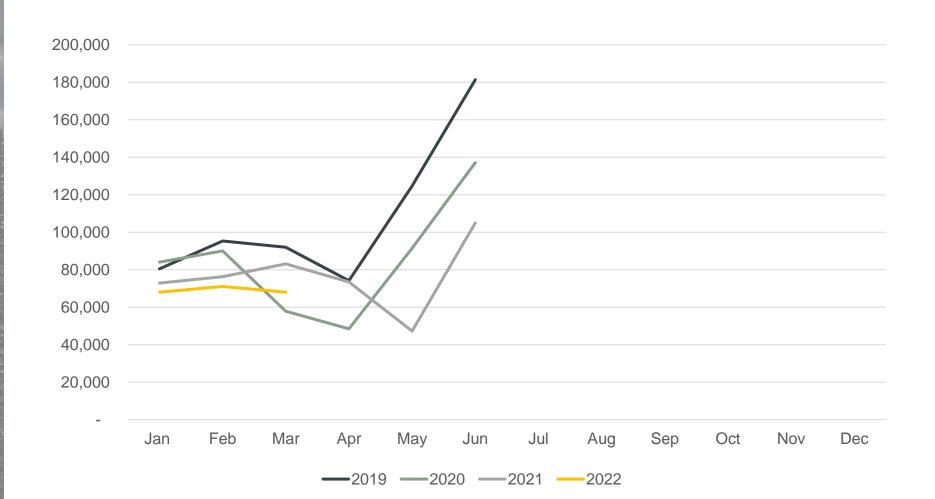
### ALBERTA TRIPS TO THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

2022 Visitor Highlights

January 2022 saw a -16% decrease compared to January 2019, a -19% decrease compared to 2020 and a -7% decrease compared to 2021

February 2022 saw a -25% decrease compared to February 2019, a -21% decrease compared to 2020 and a -7% decrease compared to 2021

March 2022 saw a -26% decrease compared to March 2019, a 17% increase compared to 2020 and a -18% decrease compared to 2021



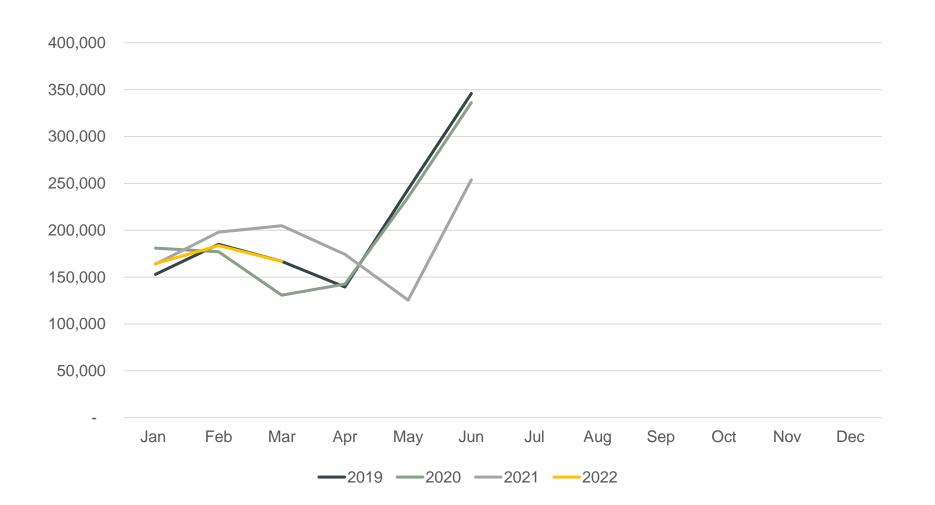
# **Alberta Visitation**

### ALBERTA OVERNIGHT STAYS IN THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

January 2022 saw a 7% increase compared to January 2019, a -9% decrease compared to 2020 and a 0.3% increase compared to 2021

February 2022 saw a -1% decrease compared to February 2019, a 4% increase compared to 2020 and a -7% decrease compared to 2021

March 2022 saw a 0.1% increase compared to March 2019, a 28% increase compared to 2020 and a -19% decrease compared to 2021



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### January 2022 Canada/Alberta Regional Visitation

#### **Kootenay Rockies**

AB

BC

MB

NB

NL

NS

NU

ON

PEI

QC

SK

YT

NWT

2%

1%

0%

0%

0%

0%

0%

2%

6%

8%

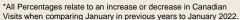
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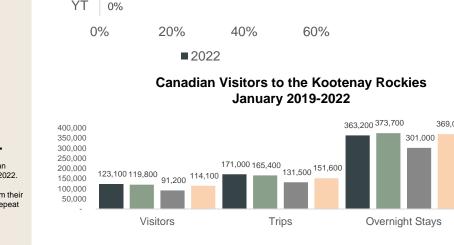
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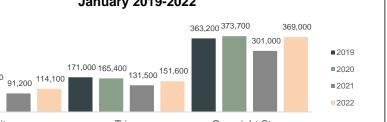


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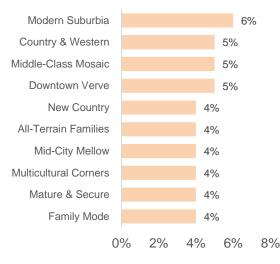


#### Percentage of Visitors to the Kootenay Rockies by Province January 2022 46% 35% **Canadian Visitors**

- Canadian Visitors to the Kootenav Rockies decreased by -7% in January 2022 compared to January 2019
- Canadian Visitors to the Kootenav Rockies decreased by -5% in January 2022 compared to January 2020
- Canadian Visitors to the Kootenay Rockies increased by 25% in January 2022 compared to January 2021

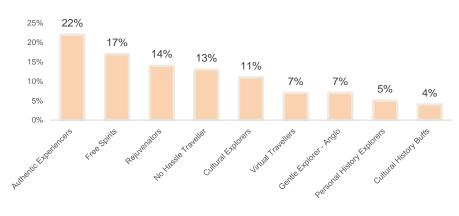


#### January 2022 Alberta Visitors by PRIZM Segment



#### **PRIZM** Overview

- Modern Suburbia rank 1st, making up 125,524 households, or 7.6% of the total Households in Alberta (1,641,221).
- Country & Western rank 6th, making up 66.998 households, or 4.1% of the total Households in Alberta (1,641,221).
- Middle-Class Mosaic rank 4th, making up 81,299 households, or 5% of the total Households in Alberta (1,641,221).



#### January 2022 Alberta Visitors by EQ Type

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### February 2022 Canada/Alberta Regional Visitation

Percentage of Visitors to the Kootenay Rockies

#### **Kootenay Rockies**



#### Overview

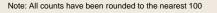
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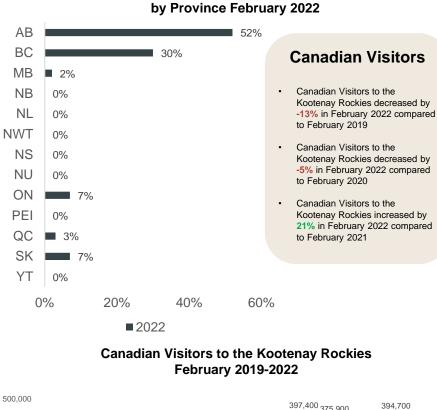
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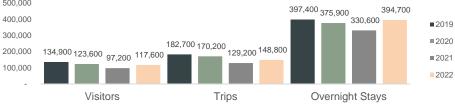
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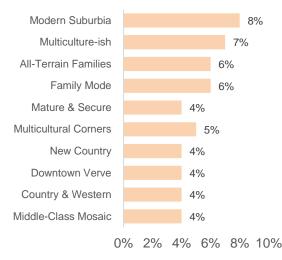
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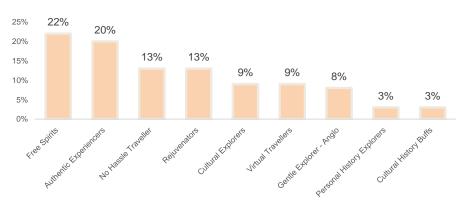
#### February 2022 Alberta Visitors by PRIZM Segment



#### **PRIZM** Overview

- Modern Suburbia rank 1<sup>st</sup>, making up 125,524 households, or 7.6% of the total Households in Alberta (1,641,221).
- Multiculture-ish rank 14<sup>th</sup>, making up 44,496 households, or 2.7% of the total Households in Alberta (1,641,221).
- All-Terrain Families rank 3<sup>rd</sup>, making up 83,825 households, or 5.1% of the total Households in Alberta (1,641,221).

February 2022 Alberta Visitors by EQ Type



### March 2022 Canada/Alberta Regional Visitation

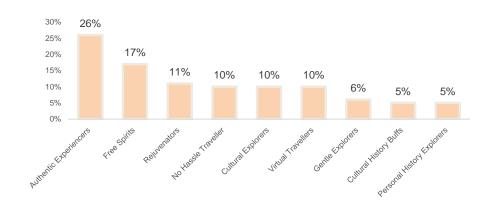
#### **Kootenay Rockies**

50,000

Visitors

2022 Visitor Highlights

#### March 2022 Alberta Visitors by PRIZM Segment Modern Suburbia 9% **PRIZM** Overview The A-List 5% Multiculture-ish 4% Modern Suburbia rank 1st, making up 125,524 households, Mature & Secure 4% or 7.6% of the total Households in Alberta (1,641,221). Turbo Burbs 4% The A-List rank 24th, making up Mid-City Mellow 4% 21.148 households, or 1.3% of the total Households in Alberta All-Terrain Families 4% (1,641,221). **First-Class Families** 4% Multiculture-ish rank 14th. making up 44,496 households, or New Country 4% 2.7% of the total Households in Alberta (1,641,221). Downtown Verve 4% 0% 2% 4% 6% 8% 10% March 2022 Alberta Visitors by EQ Type



#### \*All Percentages relate to an increase or decrease in Canadian Visits when comparing March in previous years to March 2022.

Overview

The number of visitors to the

Canadian travellers decreased

by -7% when comparing March

when compared to March 2020

Alberta made up the majority of

Kootenay Rockies from

2022 to March 2019.

Visitors increased by 38%

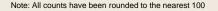
and increased by 6% when

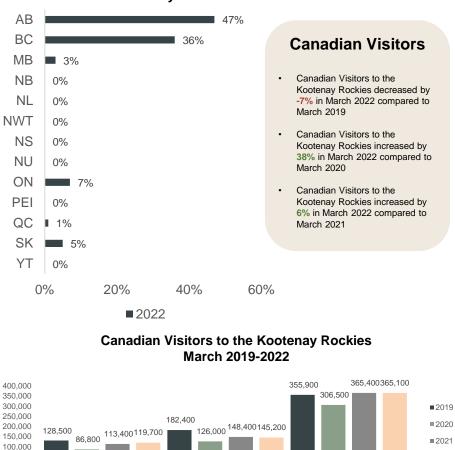
compared to March 2021.

visitors at 47% followed by

British Columbia at 36%

Note: A Visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+ km from their point of origin. Trips may be counted more than once due to repeat visitation.





Trips

2022

**Overnight Stays** 

Percentage of Visitors to the Kootenay Rockies

by Province March 2022

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