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Purpose

- As the tourism industry navigates through the global pandemic of COVID-19, 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 our 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 Kootenay Rockies



Research Overview

- <u>Environics Analytics</u> 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, and grow their business with Canadian travelers
- 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 2019 to allow for analysis of historical trends

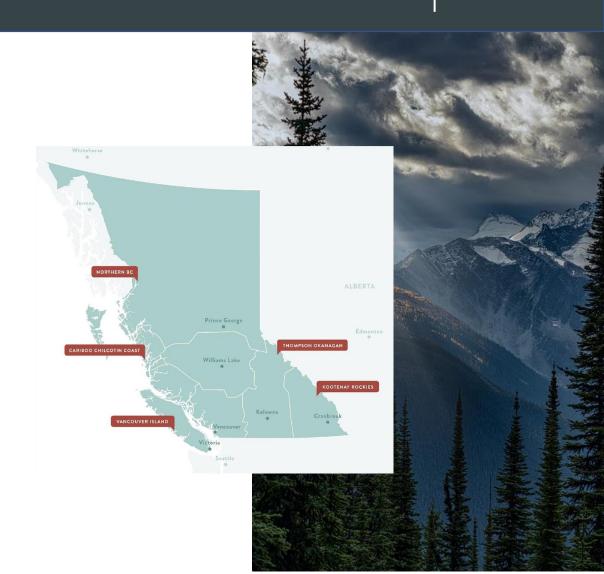
Methodology

- Visitor: A visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+km from their point of origin
- Trips: Are defined as the count of domestic 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 period (between 6:00pm – 8:00am the following day)



Research Overview

- 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, 2021 & 2022
- 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



NEW Visitor View Data Updates

- There have been methodology changes to Visitor View Canada to Canada supplied by Environics Analytics in a continued effort to improve the product. It has been rebuilt using telecom source data; this methodology change is to improve the stability and reliability of visitor estimates and the previous methodology which leveraged SDK source data.
- Visitor Estimates for this report have been produced using the new Visitor View solution (not including 2019).
- Environics is not able to reproduce 2019 estimates using the new methodology, but the original 2019 estimates have been retained. They caution against performing any direct volumetric comparisons to 2019 estimates and recommend limiting analysis using 2019 data to PRIZM profile and relative change comparisons. To maintain the consistency of this report and the finish of 2022, we have kept it included. Please review comparisons to 2019 with this in mind. For future reports in 2023, 2019 will not be included.





2019, 2020 & 2021: Canadian Visitors By Year Kootenay Rockies

Overview

During 2019 Kootenay Rockies saw an average of **1,467,800** Domestic Visitors. During 2020 the region saw **1,686,300** Domestic Visitors, in 2021

1,846,100 Domestic Visitors and in 2022 **2,158,000**

Domestic Visitors. An

increase of 47% compared to

2019, <u>increase</u> of **28%**

compared to 2020 and an

increase of 17% compared to

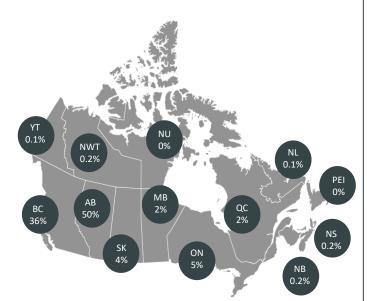
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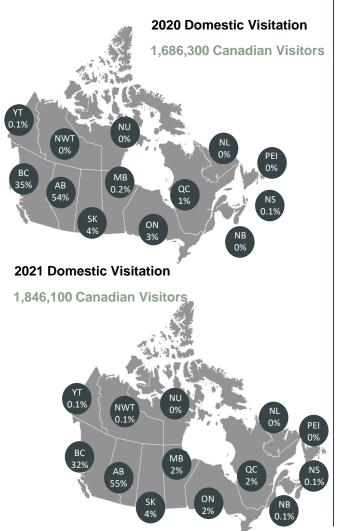
Provincial Visitation was consistent across all three years, with British Columbia and Alberta ranking as the top two domestic markets.

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

2019 Domestic Visitation

1,467,800 Canadian Visitors

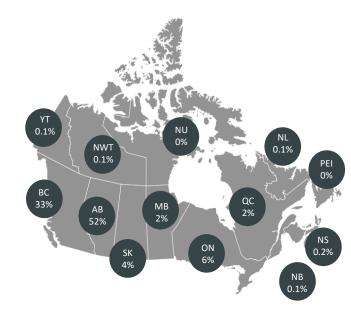




2022 Domestic Visitation

2,158,000 Canadian Visitors

Increase of 47% 2022 compared to 2019 Increase of 28% 2022 compared to 2020 Increase of 17% 2022 compared to 2021

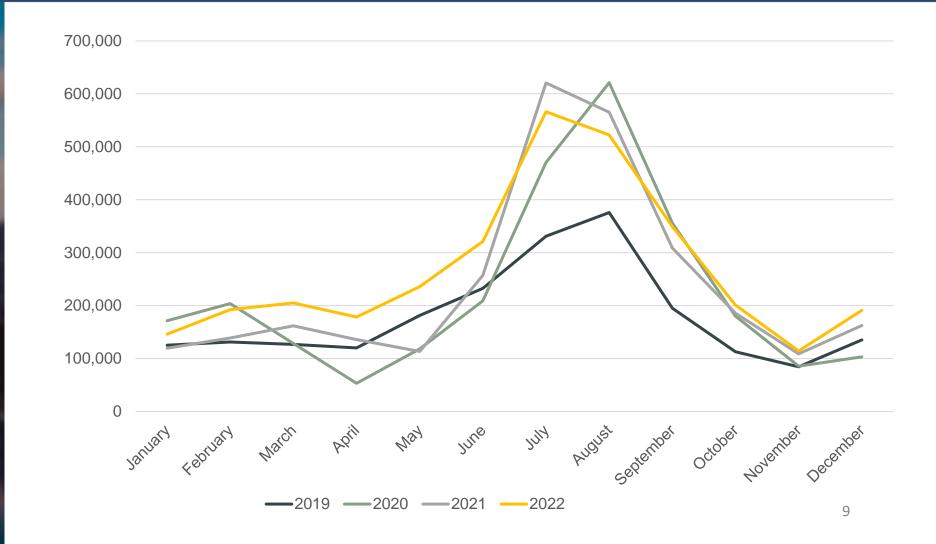


Canadian Visitation

CANADIAN VISITORS TRAVELLING TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

- July and August saw the most visitation in 2022.
- July 2021 saw a 71% increase compared to 2019, 20% increase compared to 2020, and 9% decrease compared to 2021.
- August 2022 saw a 39% increase compared to 2019, 16% decrease compared to 2020, and 8% decrease compared to 2021.
- January saw the lowest visitation of 2022 with a 16% increase compared to 2019, 15% decrease compared to 2020, and 22% increase compared to 2021.

Note: "Visitors" is a unique visitor count of travelers who spent one or more nights in the destination over the respective time period.



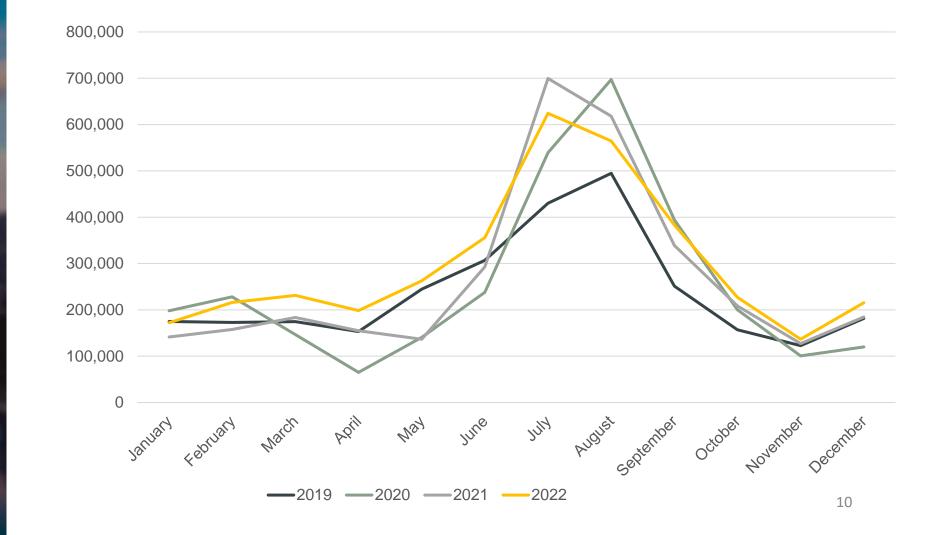
Canadian Visitation

CANADIAN TRIPS TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

- July and August saw the most trips in 2022.
- July 2021 saw a 45% increase compared to 2019, 16% increase compared to 2020, and 11% decrease compared to 2021.
- August 2022 saw a 14% increase compared to 2019, 19% decrease compared to 2020, and 9% decrease compared to 2021.
- January saw the lowest visitation of 2022 with a 2% decrease compared to 2019, 13% decrease compared to 2020, and 22% increase compared to 2021.

Note: "Trips" is a count which involved spending one or more nights over the time period as part of a continuous visit to the destination. One 'visitor' can take multiple 'trips' over the time period.



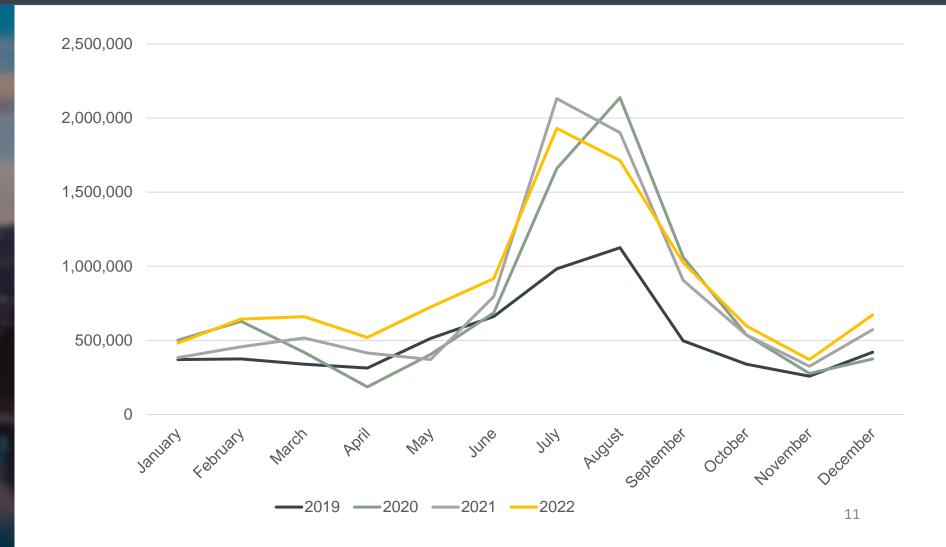


Canadian Visitation

CANADIAN OVERNIGHT STAYS TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

- July and August saw the most overnight stays in 2022.
- July 2021 saw a 96% increase compared to 2019, 16% increase compared to 2020, and 9% decrease compared to 2021.
- August 2022 saw a 52% increase compared to 2019, 20% decrease compared to 2020, and 10% decrease compared to 2021.
- January saw the lowest visitation of 2022 with a 30% decrease compared to 2019, 4% decrease compared to 2020, and 25% increase compared to 2021.



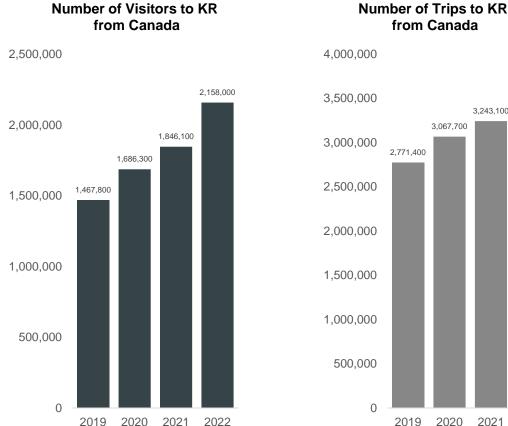


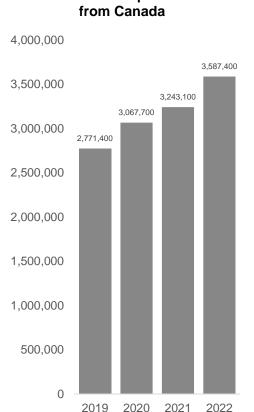
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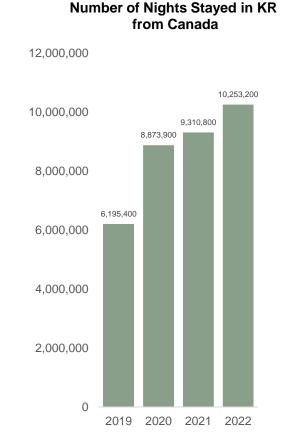
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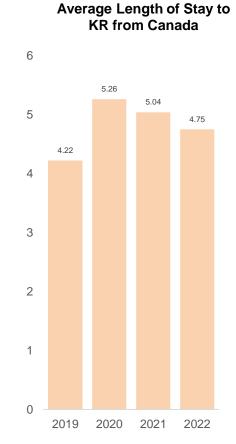
Canadian Visitation By Year

CANADIAN RESIDENTS TRAVELLING TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES









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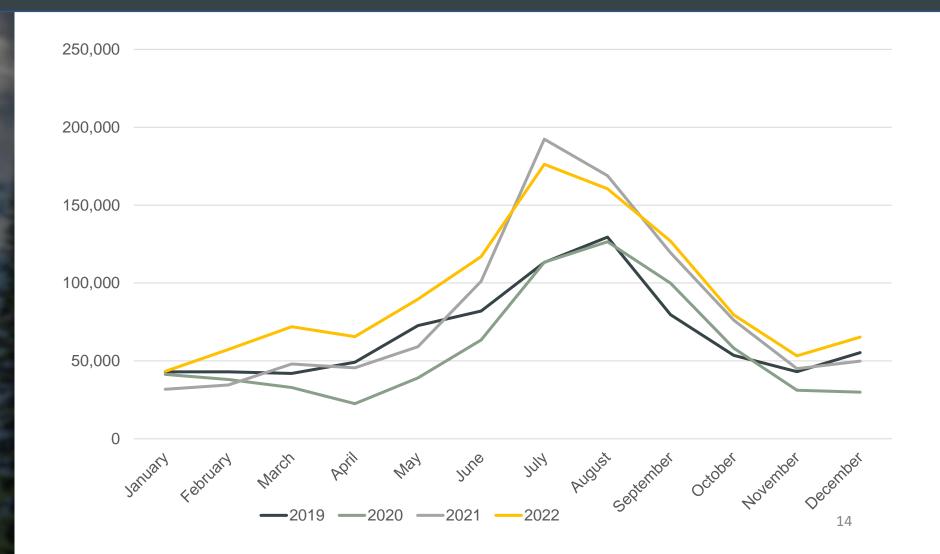
British Columbian Visitation

BC VISITORS TRAVELLING TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

- July and August saw the most visitation in 2022.
- July 2021 saw a 56% increase compared to 2019, 55% increase compared to 2020, and 8% decrease compared to 2021.
- August 2022 saw a 24% increase compared to 2019, 27% decrease compared to 2020, and 5% decrease compared to 2021.
- January saw the lowest visitation of 2022 with a 1% increase compared to 2019, 5% increase compared to 2020, and 36% increase compared to 2021.

Note: "Visitors" is a unique visitor count of travelers who spent one or more nights in the destination over the respective time period.





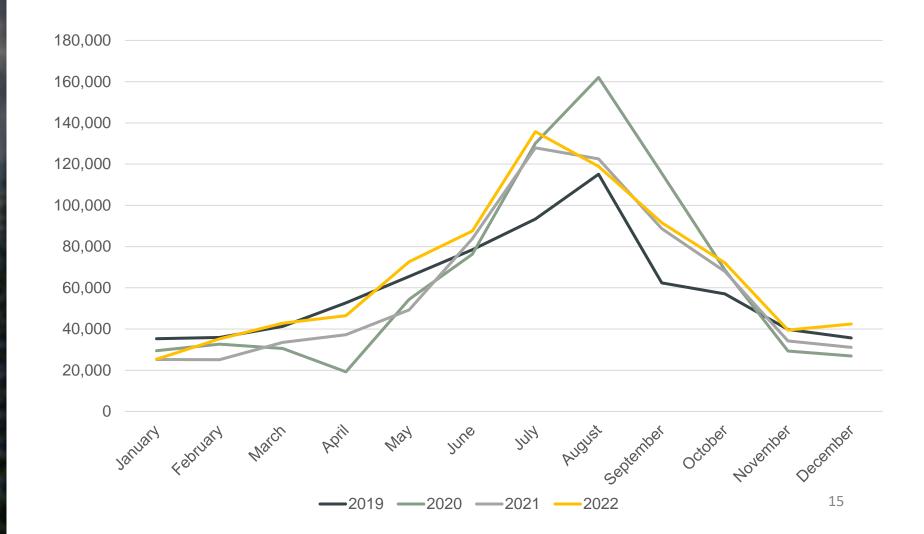
British Columbian Visitation

BC TRIPS TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

- July and August saw the most trips in 2022.
- July 2021 saw a 29% increase compared to 2019, 28% increase compared to 2020, and 11% decrease compared to 2021.
- August 2022 saw a 3% increase compared to 2019, 4% decrease compared to 2020, and 7% decrease compared to 2021.
- January saw the lowest visitation of 2022 with a 16% decrease compared to 2019, 7% decrease compared to 2020, and 36% increase compared to 2021.

Note: "Trips" is a count which involved spending one or more nights over the time period as part of a continuous visit to the destination. One 'visitor' can take multiple 'trips' over the time period.





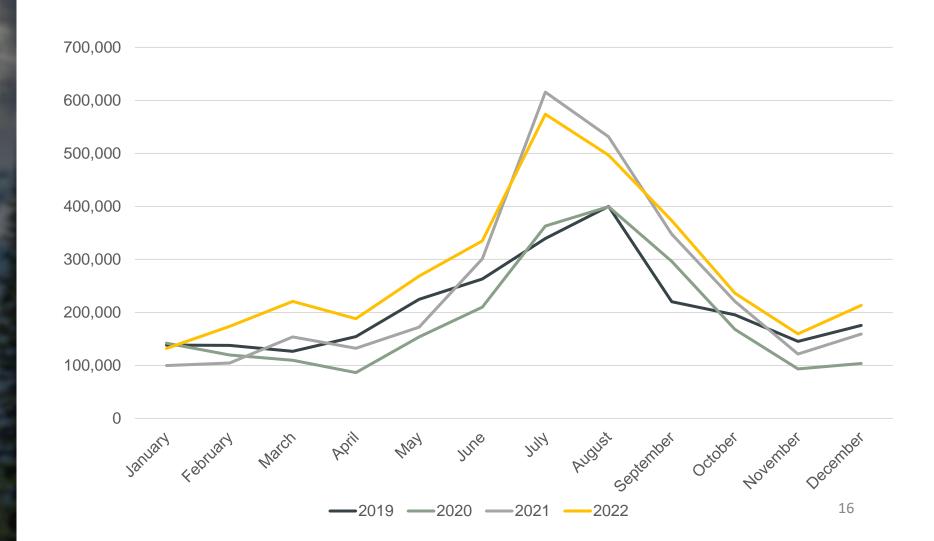
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British Columbian Visitation

BC OVERNIGHT STAYS IN KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

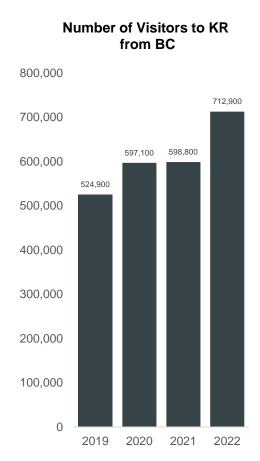
- July and August saw the most overnight stays in 2022.
- July 2021 saw a **69%** increase compared to 2019, **58%** increase compared to 2020, and **7%** decrease compared to 2021.
- August 2022 saw a 24% increase compared to 2019, 24% decrease compared to 2020, and 7% decrease compared to 2021.
- January saw the lowest visitation of 2022 with a 4% decrease compared to 2019, 7% decrease compared to 2020, and 32% decrease compared to 2021.

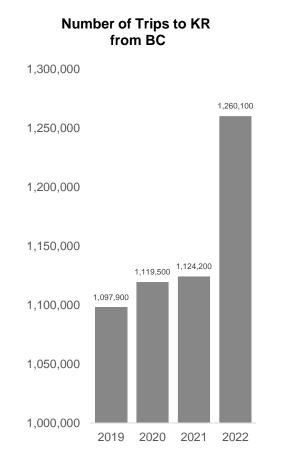


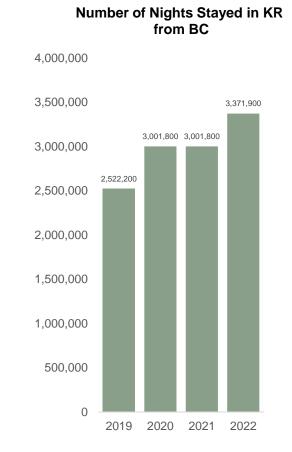


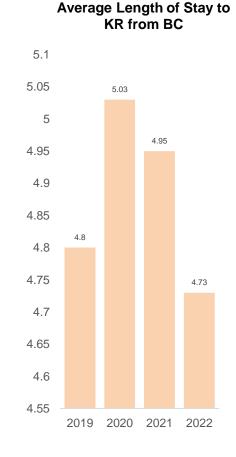
British Columbia Visitation By Year

BRITISH COLUMBIA RESIDENTS TRAVELLING TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES









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BC Visits To British Columbia By Year

VISITS TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY ORIGIN CITY

City	2019 Visitor Count
Vancouver	45,300
Kelowna	34,500
Surrey	28,800
Kamloops	18,800
Abbotsford	13,200
Burnaby	13,100
Cranbrook	12,900
Richmond	11,400
Vernon	11,200
West Kelowna	9,400

City	2020 Visitor Count
Vancouver	56,200
Kelowna	45,700
Surrey	41,500
Kamloops	21,900
Burnaby	17,500
Abbotsford	17,000
Richmond	14,900
Vernon	14,500
Cranbrook	13,200
Coquitlam	11,800

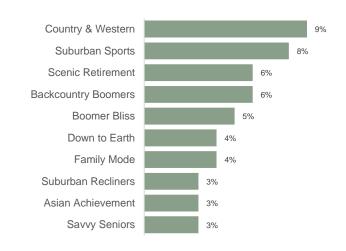
City	2021 Visitor Count
Vancouver	48,900
Kelowna	48,200
Surrey	39,400
Kamloops	24,600
Abbotsford	16,800
Burnaby	16,000
Vernon	15,800
Cranbrook	13,400
Richmond	13,200
West Kelowna	12,500

City	2022 Visitor Count
Vancouver	65,000
Surrey	52,400
Kelowna	49,600
Kamloops	26,500
Burnaby	21,800
Abbotsford	19,300
Richmond	18,000
Vernon	16,500
Coquitlam	14,500
Langley	13,900

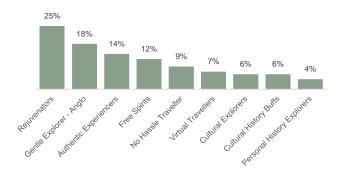
PRIZM Overview

- Suburban Sports rank 34th of the 67 PRIZM Clusters identified in Canada, making up 122,725 (6.0%) of the total Households in British Columbia (2,030,007).
- Country & Western rank 5th of the 67 PRIZM Clusters identified in Canada, making up 87,422 (4.3%) of the total Households in British Columbia (2,030,007).
- Scenic Retirement rank 4th of the 67 PRIZM Clusters identified in Canada, making up 90,909 (4.4%) of the total Households in British Columbia (2,030,007).
- Backcountry Boomers rank 16th of the 67 PRIZM Clusters identified in Canada, making up 54,768 (2.7%) of the total Households in British Columbia (2,030,007).

2019 BC Visitors by PRIZM Segment



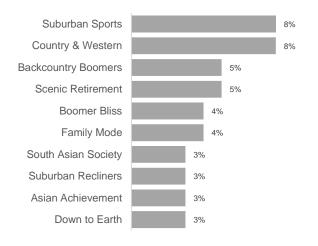
2019 BC Visitors by EQ Type



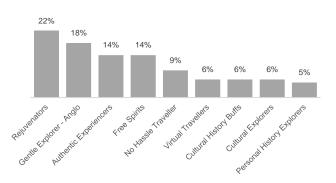
EQ Overview

- Rejuvenators rank 3rd of the of the 9
 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada,
 making up 297,620 (14.7%) of the total
 Households in British Columbia
 (2,030,007).
- Gentle Explorers rank 2nd of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 320,690 (15.5%) of the total Households in British Columbia (2,030,007).
- Authentic Experiencers rank 4th of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 291,751 (14.3%) of the total Households in British Columbia (2,030,007).
- Free Spirits rank 1st of the 9 EQ
 Traveler Types identified in Canada,
 making up 320,690 (15.8%) of the total
 Households in British Columbia
 (2,030,007).
- No Hassle Travellers rank 8th of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 119,355 (5.9%) of the total Households in British Columbia (2,030,007).

2020 BC Visitors by PRIZM Segment



2020 BC Visitors by EQ Type



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.

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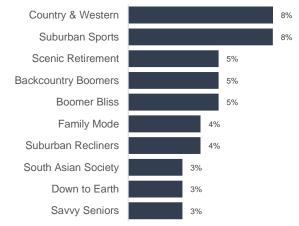
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BC Visitation to Kootenay Rockies by PRIZM Segment and EQ Type

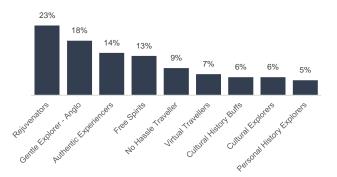
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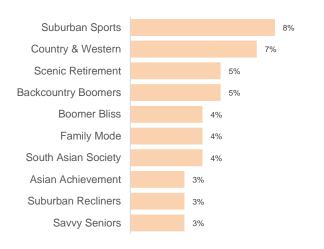
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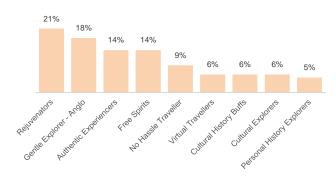
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2022 BC Visitors by PRIZM Segment



2022 BC Visitors by EQ Type



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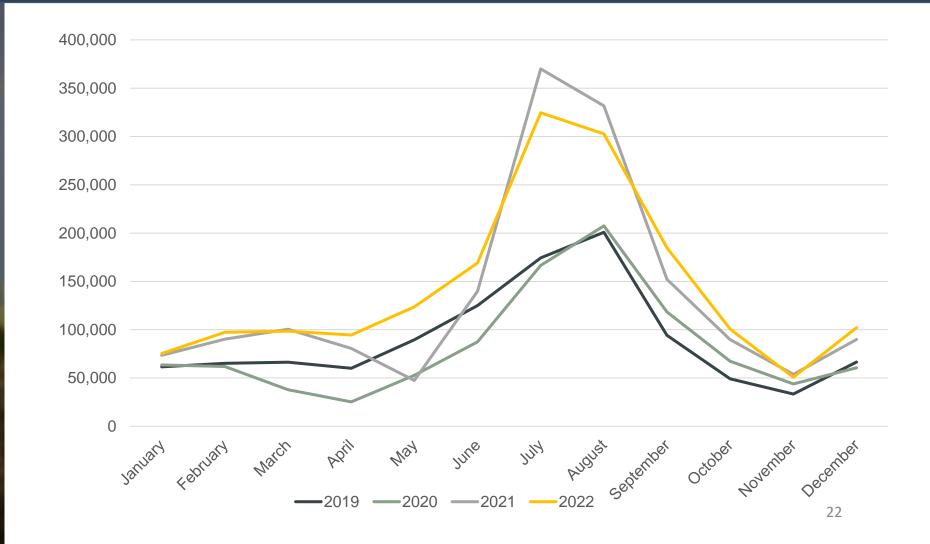
Alberta Visitation

ALBERTA VISITORS TRAVELLING TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

- July and August saw the most visitation in 2022.
- July 2021 saw a 86% increase compared to 2019, 95% increase compared to 2020, and 12% increase compared to 2021.
- August 2022 saw a 51% increase compared to 2019, 46% increase compared to 2020, and 9% decrease compared to 2021.
- January saw the lowest visitation of 2022 with a 22% increase compared to 2019, 19% increase compared to 2020, and 3% increase compared to 2021.

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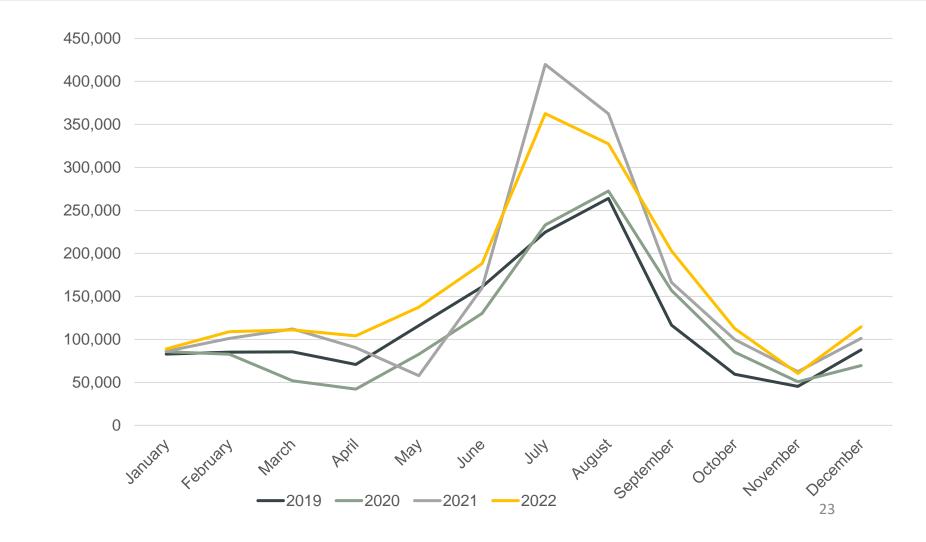
Alberta Visitation

ALBERTA TRIPS TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

- July and August saw the most trips in 2022.
- July 2021 saw a 61% increase compared to 2019, 56% increase compared to 2020, and 14% decrease compared to 2021.
- August 2022 saw a 24% increase compared to 2019, 20% increase compared to 2020, and 10% decrease compared to 2021.
- January saw the lowest visitation of 2022 with a 7% increase compared to 2019, 4% increase compared to 2020, and 3% increase compared to 2021.

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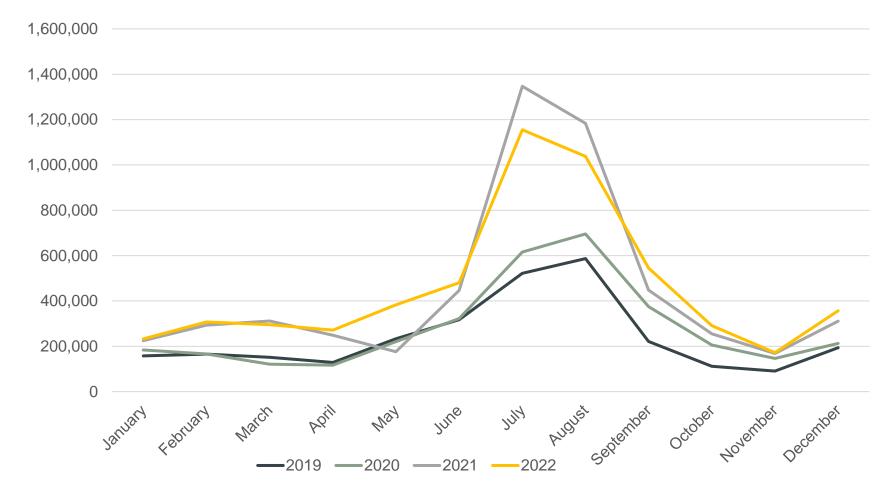




Alberta Visitation

ALBERTA OVERNIGHT STAYS IN KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY MONTH

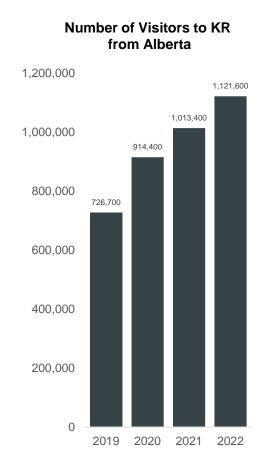
- July and August saw the most overnight stays in 2022.
- July 2021 saw a 122% increase compared to 2019, 88% increase compared to 2020, and 14% decrease compared to 2021.
- August 2022 saw a 77% increase compared to 2019, 49% decrease compared to 2020, and 12% decrease compared to 2021.
- January saw the lowest visitation of 2022 with a 47% increase compared to 2019, 27% increase compared to 2020, and 34% increase compared to 2021.

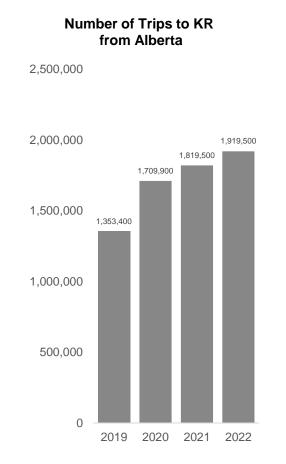


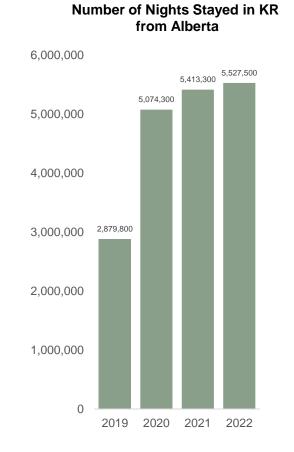


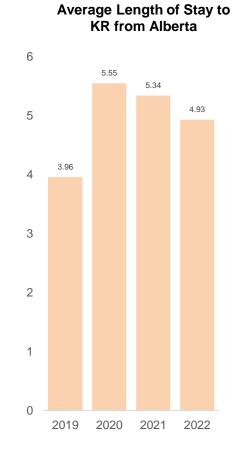
Alberta Visitation By Year

ALBERTA RESIDENTS TRAVELLING TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES









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Alberta Visits To British Columbia By Year

VISITS TO KOOTENAY ROCKIES BY ORIGIN CITY

City	2019 Visitor Count
Calgary	310,100
Edmonton	94,100
Lethbridge	23,500
Airdrie	21,300
Red Deer	18,700
Rocky View County	14,400
Strathcona County	13,000
Okotoks	9,300
St. Albert	8,900
Cochrane	8,500

City	2020 Visitor Count
Calgary	420,100
Edmonton	123,300
Lethbridge	28,300
Airdrie	27,100
Red Deer	21,100
Rocky View County	17,000
Strathcona County	15,100
Okotoks	11,200
Medicine Hat	10,700
Cochrane	10,400

City	2021 Visitor Count
Calgary	462,700
Edmonton	141,200
Lethbridge	30,700
Airdrie	29,600
Red Deer	22,700
Rocky View County	18,500
Strathcona County	17,700
Medicine Hat	12,300
Okotoks	12,000
St. Albert	11,800

City	2022 Visitor Count
Calgary	496,100
Edmonton	161,000
Lethbridge	34,400
Airdrie	31,800
Red Deer	25,800
Rocky View County	19,800
Strathcona County	19,800
Medicine Hat	14,500
St. Albert	13,500
Okotoks	13,000

AB Visitation to Kootenay Rockies by PRIZM Segment and EQ Type

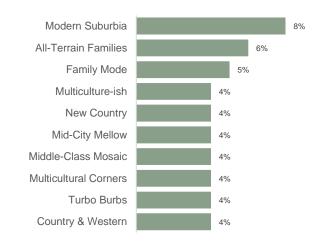
PRIZM Overview

- Modern Suburbia rank ^{1st} of the 67 PRIZM Clusters identified in Canada, making up 127,141 (7.7%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- All-Terrain Families rank 2nd of the 67 PRIZM Clusters identified in Canada, making up 84,128 (5.1%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- Family Mode rank 7th of the 67
 PRIZM Clusters identified in
 Canada, making up 62,933 (3.8%) of
 the total Households in Alberta
 (1,642,696).
- Multiculture-ish rank 15th of the 67 PRIZM Clusters identified in Canada, making up 42,255 (2.6%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).

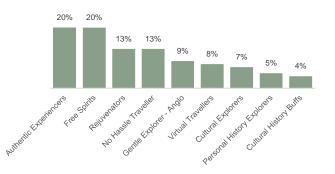
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2019 AB Visitors by PRIZM Segment



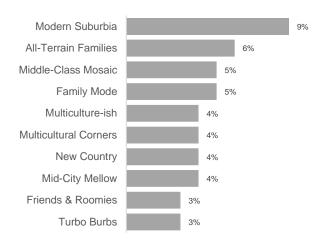
2019 AB Visitors by EQ Type



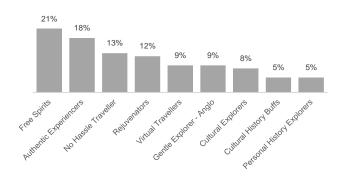
EQ Overview

- Free Spirits rank 1st of the of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 316,197 (19.3%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- Authentic Experiencers rank 3rd
 of the of the 9 EQ Traveler Types
 identified in Canada, making up
 213,895 (13.0%) of the total
 Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- Rejuvenators rank 2nd of the of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 229,710 (13.9%) of the total Households in Alberta (1.642,696).
- No Hassle Travellers rank 5th of the of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 193,954 (11.8%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- Gentle Explorers rank 4th of the of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 200,784 (12.2%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).

2020 AB Visitors by PRIZM Segment



2020 AB Visitors by EQ Type

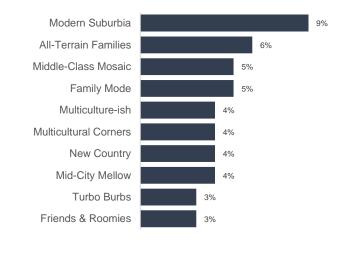


AB Visitation to Kootenay Rockies by PRIZM Segment and EQ Type

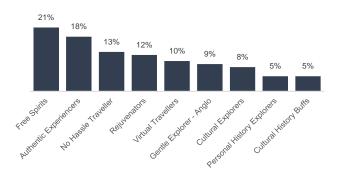
PRIZM Overview

- Modern Suburbia rank 1st of the 67 PRIZM Clusters identified in Canada, making up 127,141 (7.7%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- All-Terrain Families rank 2nd of the 67 PRIZM Clusters identified in Canada, making up 84,128 (5.1%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- Middle-Class Mosaic rank 4th of the 67 PRIZM Clusters identified in Canada, making up 79,778 (4.8%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- Family Mode rank 7th of the 67
 PRIZM Clusters identified in
 Canada, making up 62,933 (3.8%) of
 the total Households in Alberta
 (1,642,696).

2021 AB Visitors by PRIZM Segment



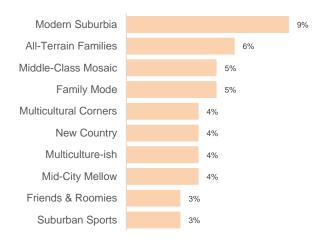
2021 AB Visitors by EQ Type



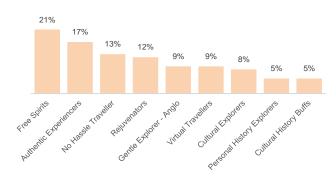
EQ Overview

- Free Spirits rank 1st of the of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 316,197 (19.3%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- Authentic Experiencers rank 3rd
 of the of the 9 EQ Traveler Types
 identified in Canada, making up
 213,895 (13.0%) of the total
 Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- Rejuvenators rank 2nd of the of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 229,710 (13.9%) of the total Households in Alberta (1.642,696).
- No Hassle Travellers rank 5th of the of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 193,954 (11.8%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).
- Gentle Explorers rank 4th of the of the 9 EQ Traveler Types identified in Canada, making up 200,784 (12.2%) of the total Households in Alberta (1,642,696).

2022 AB Visitors by PRIZM Segment



2022 AB Visitors by EQ Type



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

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.

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