

#### 2015 Visitor Exit Survey

November 21, 2016





# Background

# What is the Visitor Exit Survey?

#### Key tool to profile Nova Scotia visitors.

#### **Information collected includes:**

- Mode of travel/party size/demographics.
- Trip planning time.
- Visitor behaviour.
- Spending.
- Accommodations.



#### **Methodology**

#### **VES survey response cards:**

- Halifax Stanfield International Airport.
- Cobequid Pass.
- Ferry exit points.
- Online survey.

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May 2015-May 2016.

#### 4,230 survey responses in final dataset.

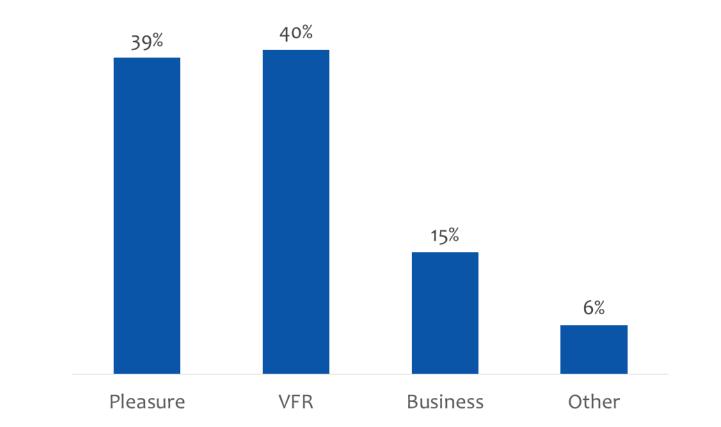
• Data weighted based on entry point and mode of travel.



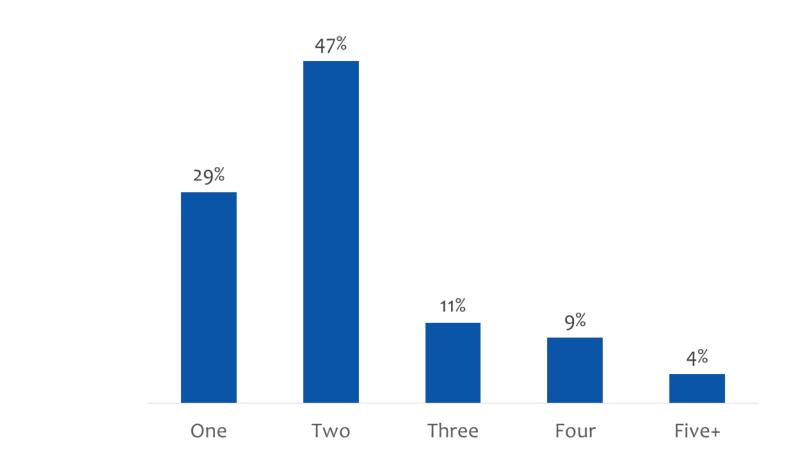
# Results

#### **Visitor Characteristics**

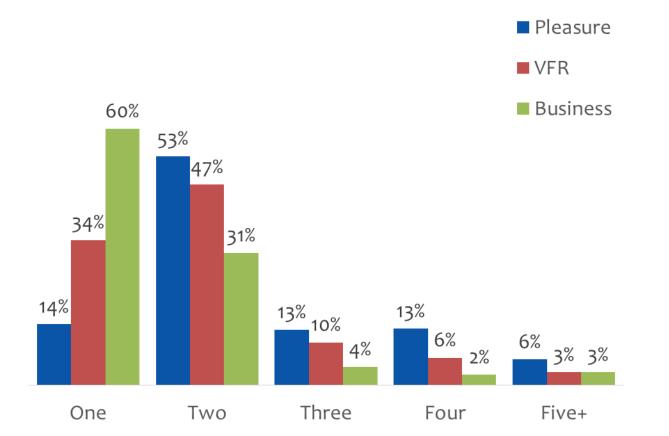
## **Purpose of Trip**



#### **Party Size**

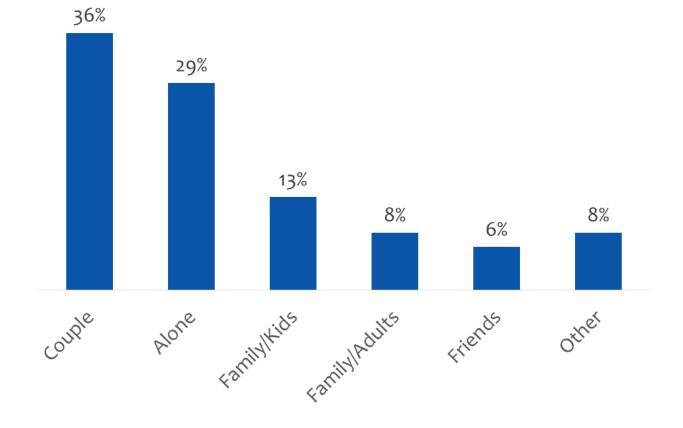


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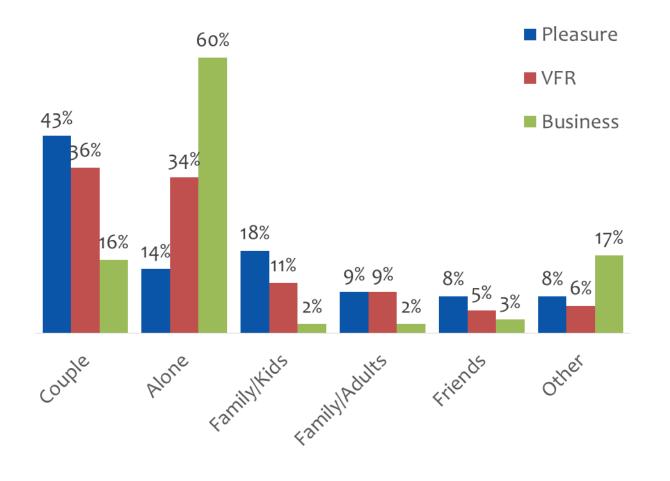


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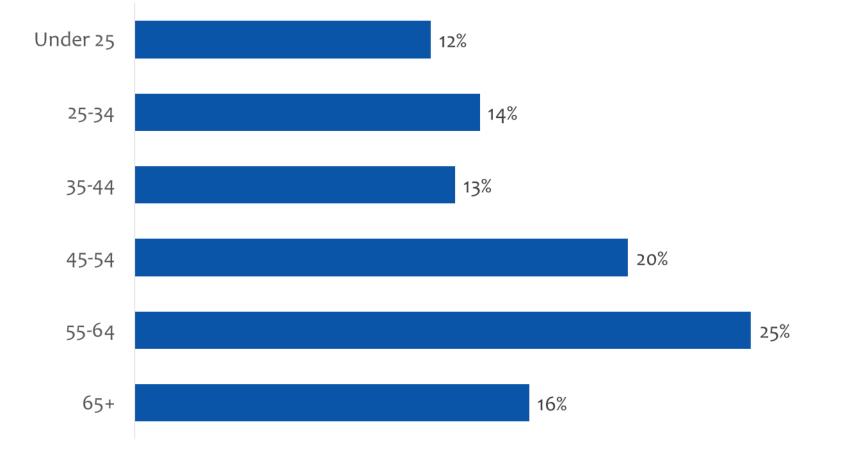
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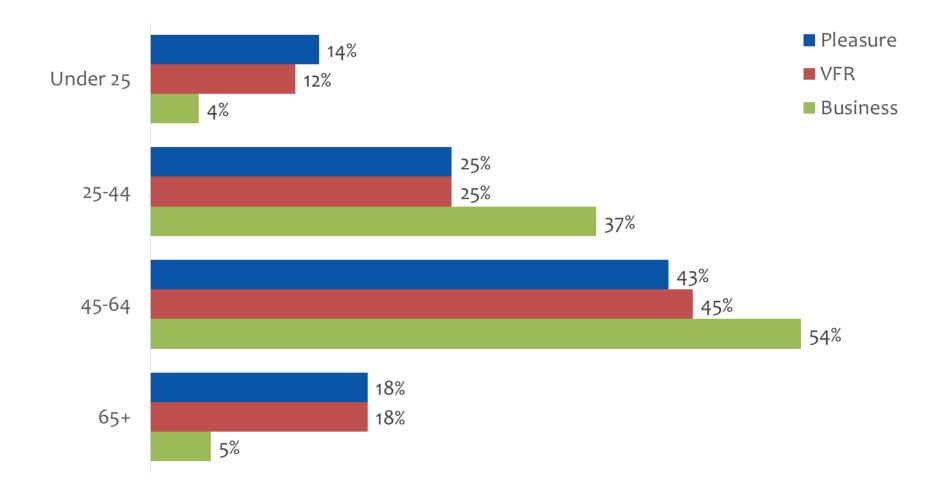


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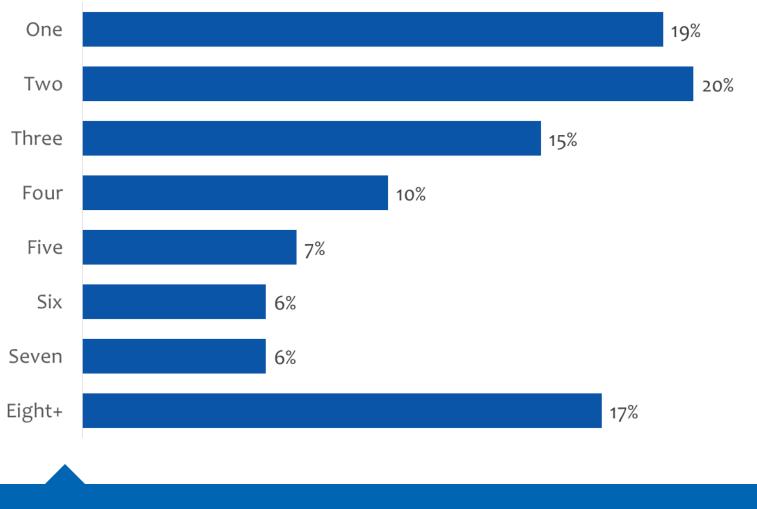


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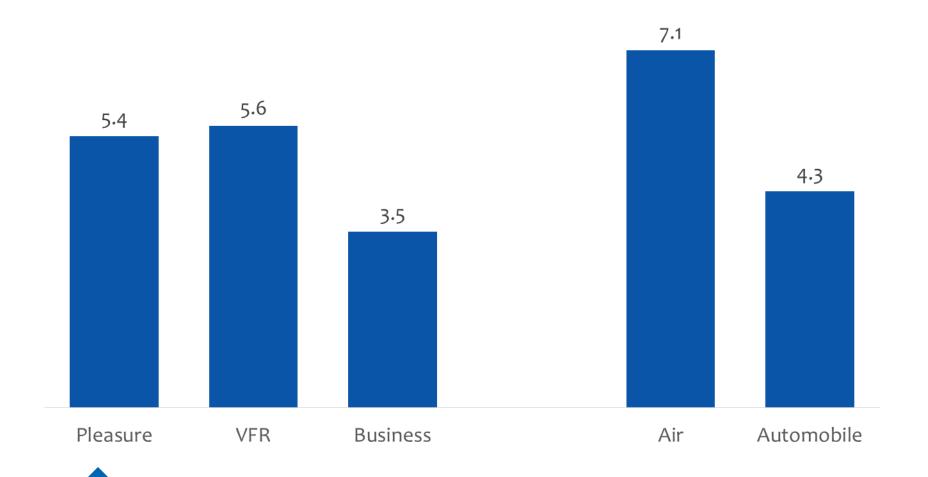
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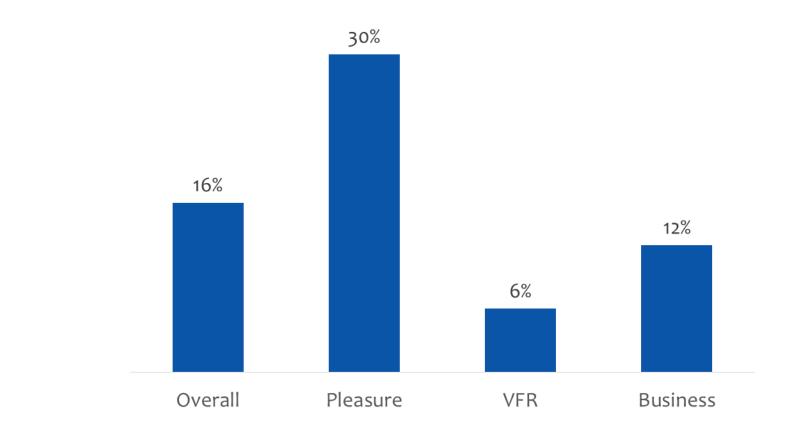
## **Length of Stay**



#### **Average Length of Stay**

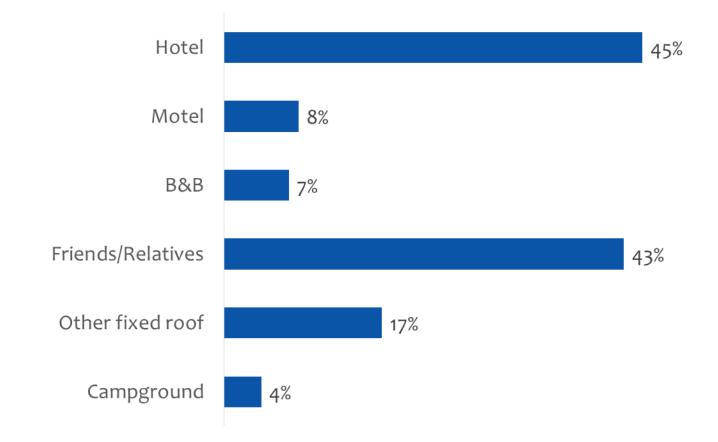


#### **First-time Visitors**



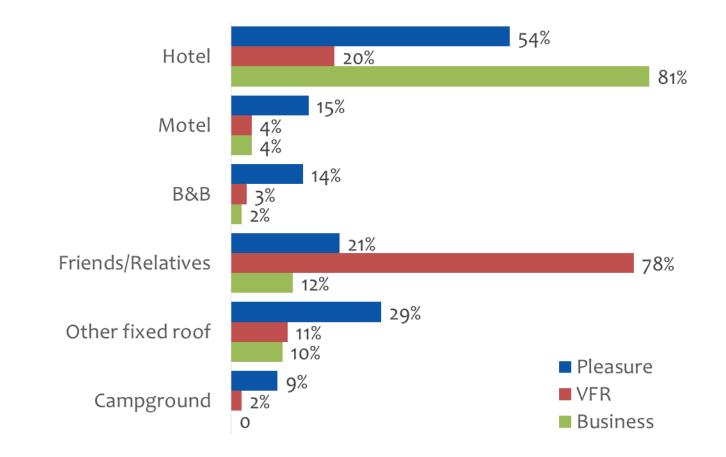
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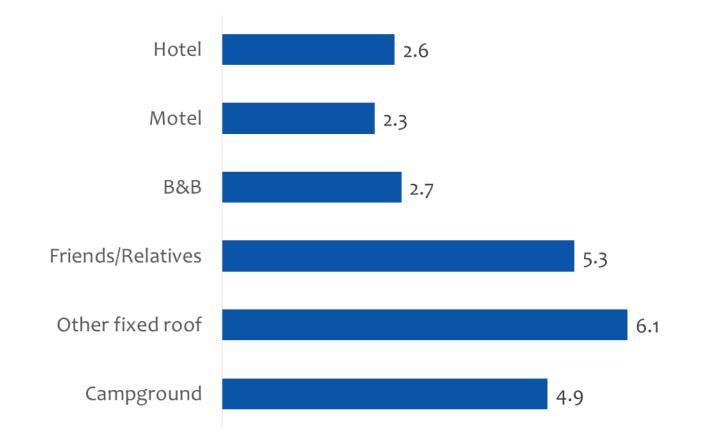


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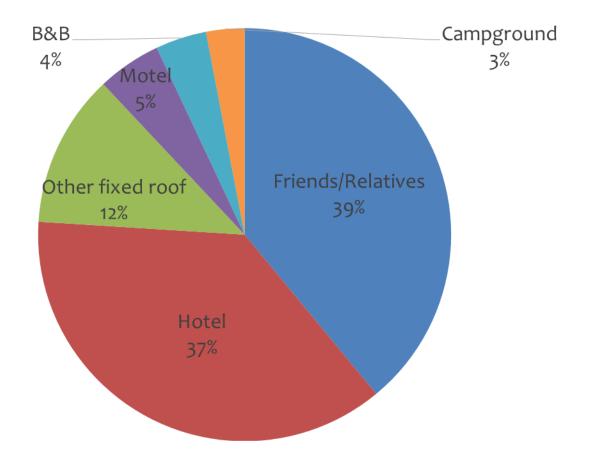




#### **Accommodations: Average Stay**

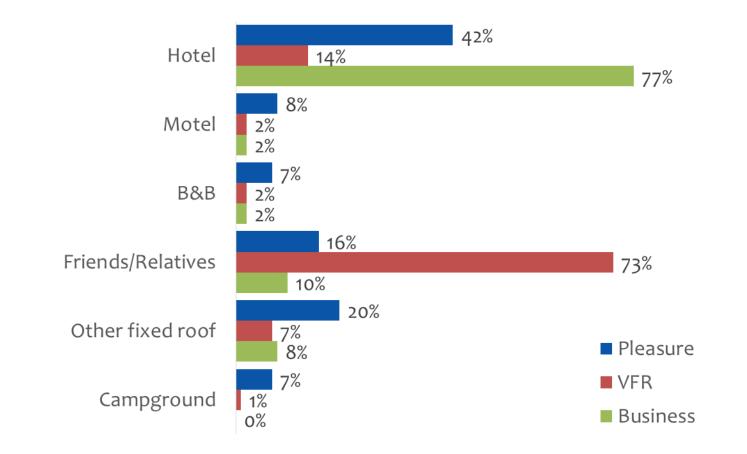


#### **Accommodations: Share of Nights**



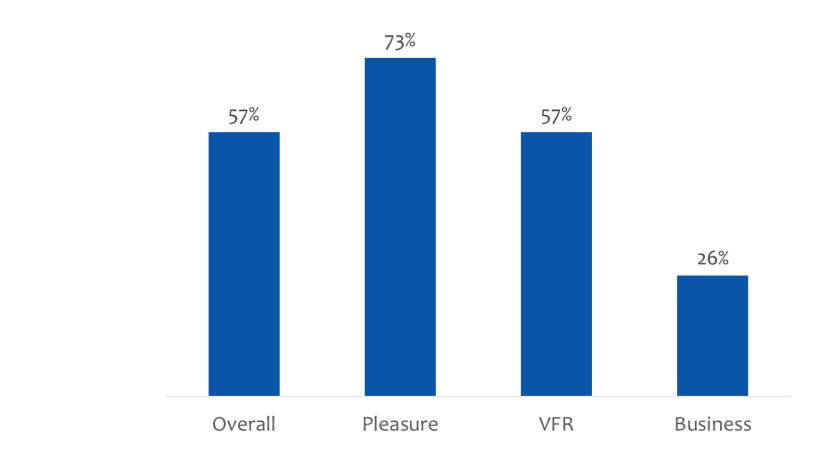


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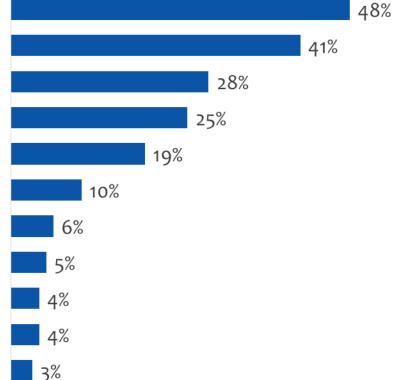
#### **Activities**

#### **Outdoor Activities: % Participation**



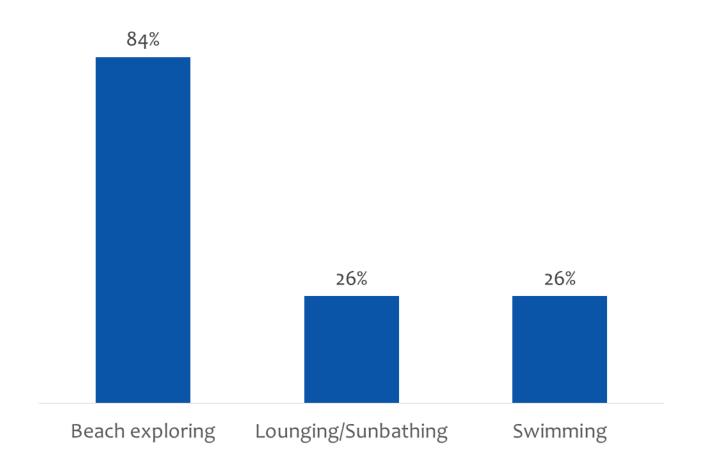
#### **Outdoor Activities: Pleasure Visitors**

Coastal sightseeing Visit beach Hiking Nature observing View highest tides Whale watching Sailboat tour Cycling Kayaking Fishing Golfing



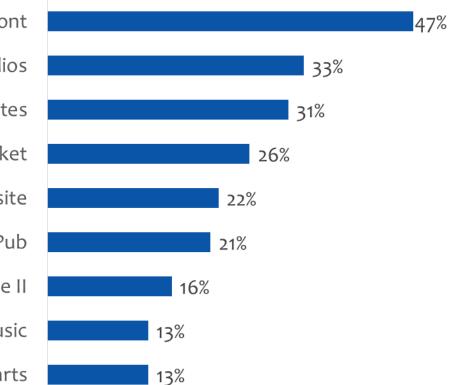
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#### **Outdoor Activities: Beaches**



#### **Attractions: Pleasure Visitors**

Halifax waterfront Craft shops/studios Museums/Historic sites Farmers' market World heritage site Nightclub/Lounge/Pub Bluenose II Live music Art gallery/Fine arts



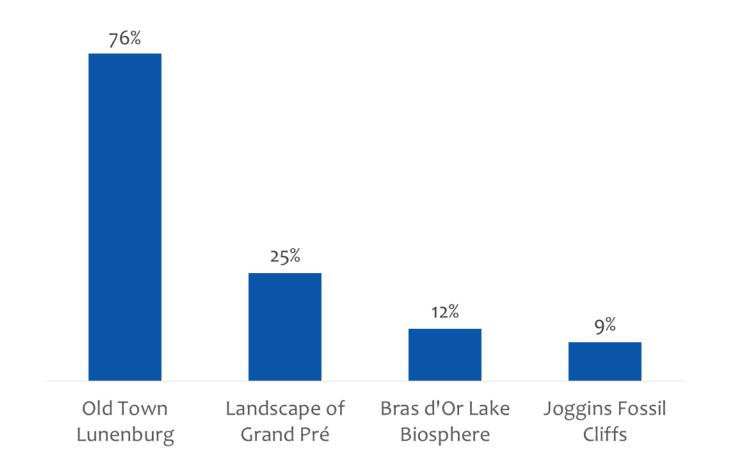


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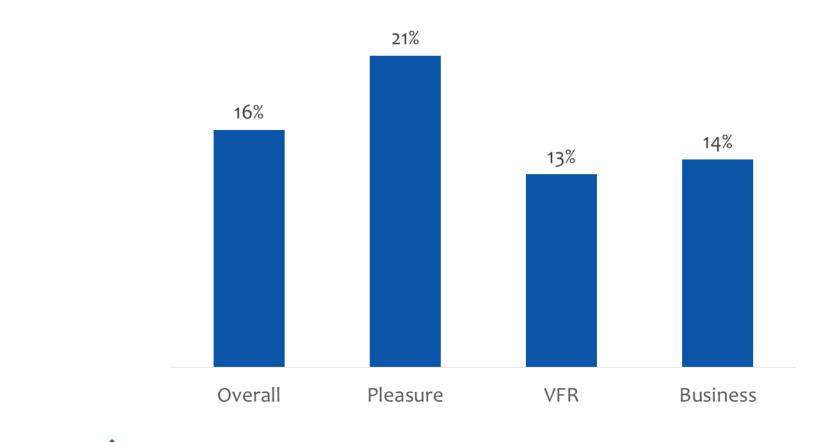




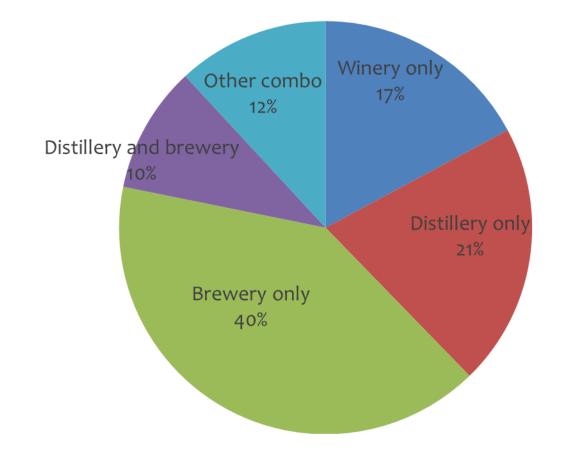
#### **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**



#### **Beer, Wine & Spirits**



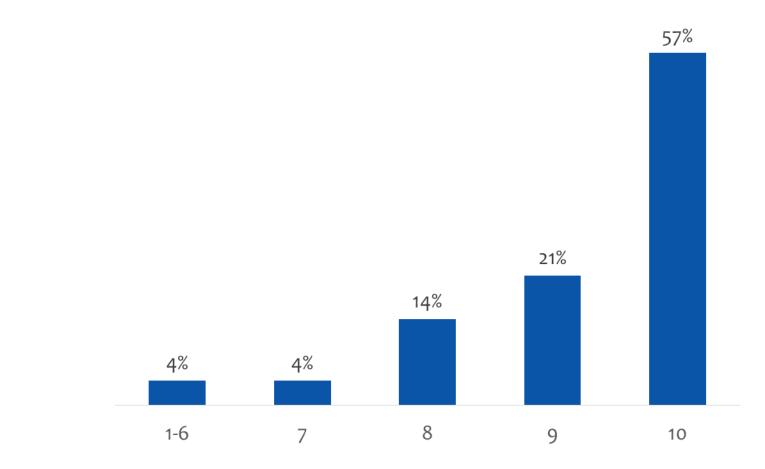
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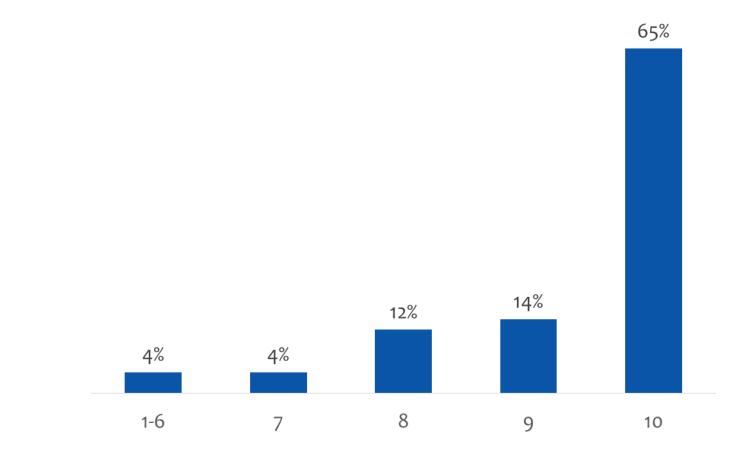


#### **Satisfaction**

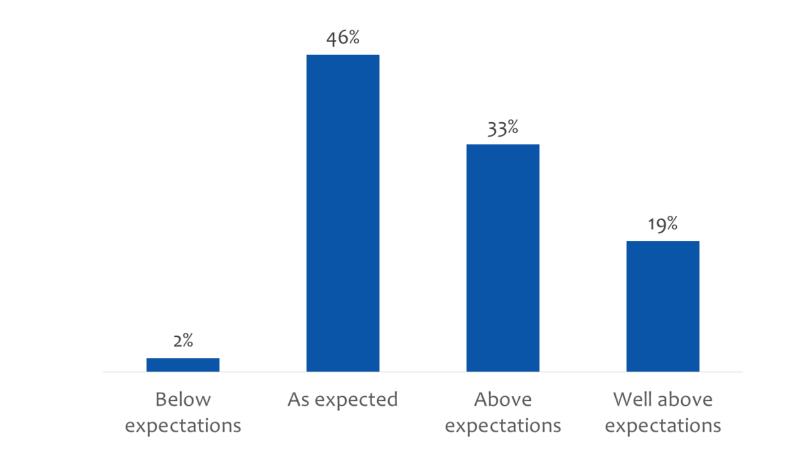
#### **Satisfaction with Nova Scotia Experience**



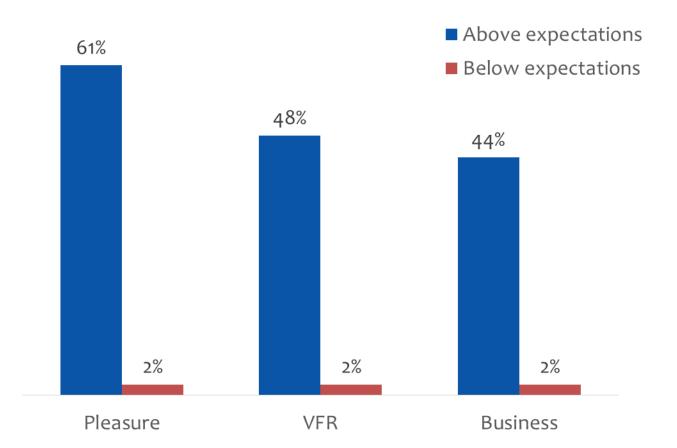
#### Likely to Recommend



#### **Experience vs. Expectations**

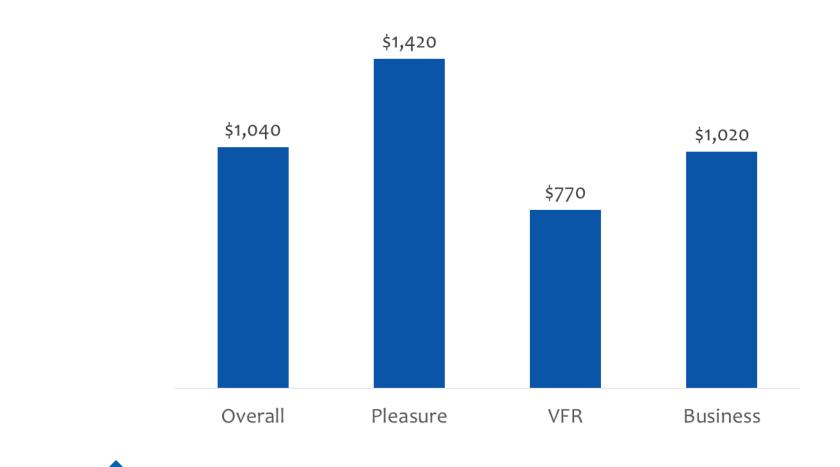


#### **Experience vs. Expectations**



### **Visitor Spending**

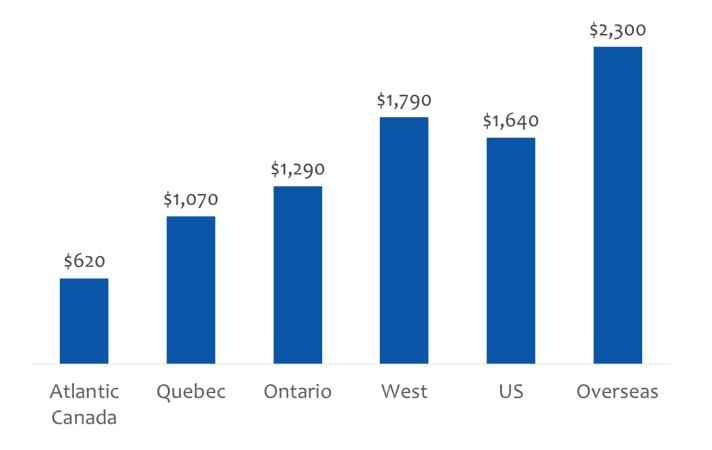
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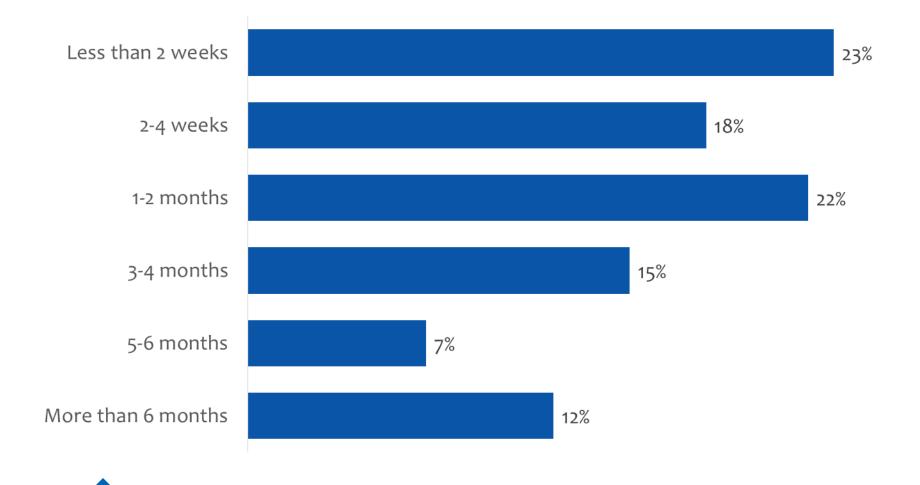


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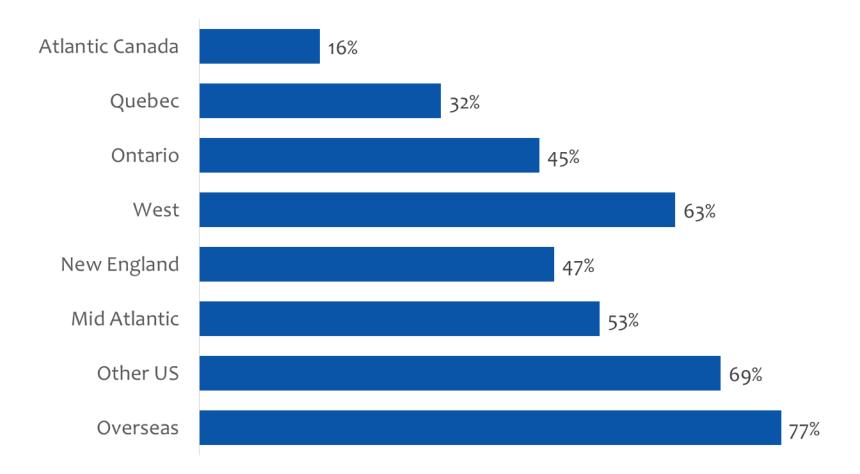


# **Trip Planning**

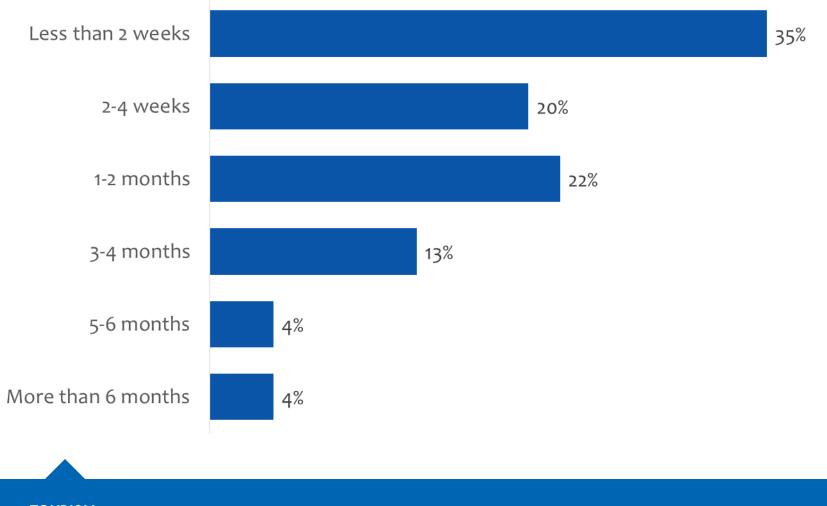
### **Time of Decision**



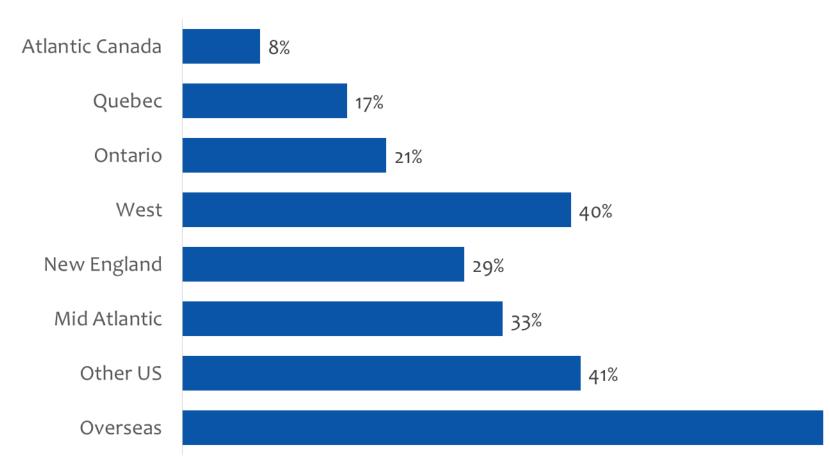
## **Time of Decision: 3+ Months Before Trip**



## **Time of First Booking**



## Time of 1st Booking: 3+ Months Before Trip



66%





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- Update tourism revenues.
- Specialized analysis.



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