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RED SANDS SHORE (RSS) REGION OVERNIGHT PLEASURE VISITOR PROFILE: RESULTS FROM THE 2023 EXIT SURVEY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background and Purpose

- A visitor exit survey is a tool used to profile visitors and estimate their impact on a destination. It can capture visitor demographics and trip characteristics such as travel party size and composition, the purpose of their trip, regions visited, length of stay, type of accommodation used, activities participated in, expenditures, and trip evaluation.
- This report presents data collected via the 2023 PEI Travel Survey of Visitors (Exit Survey), from January 1st to December 31st, 2023, from only overnight pleasure visitors to PEI.
- For analysis purposes, the data was separated into the following five tourism seasons: 1) winter off-season (January 1 - April 30, 2023); 2) spring shoulder season (May 1-June 30, 2023); 3) summer main season (July 1-August 31, 2023); 4) fall shoulder season (September 1-October 31, 2023); and 5) winter off-season (November 1-December 31, 2023).
- The main purpose of this report was to provide a full range of statistics on the volume of overnight pleasure travellers to ***the Red Sands Shore (RSS) region*** in PEI during the study period (2023) and detailed characteristics of their trips such as purpose of trip, travel party size and party composition, PEI regions visited, activities participated in, travel expenditures, evaluation of trip, and demographic information about the overnight pleasure travellers.

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Samples Used and Margin of Error

- In total, 582 surveys were used in the study (overnight pleasure travellers to the RSS region; 5.6% of total samples used).
- In terms of statistical accuracy, a sample of this size has a sampling error of ± 4.01 percent, at a 95 percent confidence level. It is important to note, that the information presented in this report are estimates to provide guidance only. Please exercise caution when interpreting significance of results throughout this report.

Travel Market Overview in 2023

- In total, over 1.61 million people visited PEI during the study period. This includes 119,500 cruise ship passengers (7.4% of total visitors) and 9,700 motor coach tourists (0.6% of total visitors). Of these, approximately 565,400 visitor parties (1,486,300) were estimated to have visited PEI in 2023 by way of the three exit points (excluding cruise travellers and motor coach tourists).
- Approximately 80 percent of these parties (451,400 parties) stayed at least one night in PEI (overnight visitor parties), while the remaining 114,000 parties (20%) visited PEI for a day trip (same-day visitor parties).
- Of these overnight visitor parties, while 91 percent (411,500 parties) primarily visited PEI for pleasure purposes including other purposes, 9 percent (39,900 parties) visited PEI for business purposes.

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PEI Regions Visited

- The region of PEI that was visited by the greatest percentage of ***all visitor parties*** was the Greater Charlottetown Area (70% of visitor parties). This was followed by the Green Gables Shore region (48%), the Summerside area (35%), the Red Sands Shore region (29%), the Points East Coastal Drive region (28%), and the North Cape Coastal Drive region (20%).
- Looking at PEI regions visited by ***overnight pleasure visitor parties***, the Greater Charlottetown Area (71%) was the most popular region for overnight pleasure travel parties, followed by the Green Gables Shore region (56%), the Summerside area (38%), the Points East Coastal Drive region (34%), the Red Sands Shore region (30%) and the North Cape Coastal Drive region (23%). Note that a “visit” was defined as dining, visiting an attraction, or participating in an activity in the region, and not travelling through the region only.

Overnight Stays in the RSS Region

- It was appeared that the Red Sands Shore region was the least popular tourism region in PEI in terms of overnight stays by ***all types of overnight visitor parties***. Approximately five percent of all overnight visitor parties stayed at least one night in the RSS region and six percent of total accumulated nights in PEI (2,011,550 nights) was spent in the RSS.
- Approximately six percent of ***overnight pleasure travel parties*** stayed at least one night in the RSS region and six percent of total accumulated nights in PEI (1,901,043 nights) were spent in the RSS.

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Trend in Number of Visitors to the RSS Region

- According to the PEI Tourism Volume Model estimation, approximately 1.62 million individual travellers visited PEI, an increase of 15 percent from the 1.40million in 2022 and a decrease of 1 percent from the 1.63 million recorded in 2019.
- Estimated total number of visitors to the RSS region in 2019 was approximately 514,600 people. Compared to this year, visitation to the RSS has been steadily recovered at 79 percent in 2022 and 88 percent in 2023.
- It was estimated that a total of 450,500 non-resident travellers visited the RSS region through the three exit and entry points in 2023, an increase of ten percent from the 408,800 in 2022.
- Of 411,500 overnight pleasure travel parties to PEI, 23,500 parties (6%) counted as having stayed at least one night in the RSS region. These pleasure parties or individual travellers are the focus of this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (cont'd)

Who Visits the RSS Region

- Of all RSS overnight pleasure travel parties, approximately 87 percent of parties were from Canada, ten percent were from the United States, and three percent were from other international markets (i.e. a country other than the United States and Canada).
- The geographic markets that made up the greatest proportion of RSS overnight pleasure parties were New Brunswick (26%), Ontario (24%), Nova Scotia (17%), Quebec (15%), and Alberta and British Columbia (3%).
- In terms of travel party characteristics, 38 percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties travelled to PEI with their spouse/partner (two people), 22 percent travelled with their immediate families (including children under 18 and/or over 18), 16 percent were single travellers, six percent travelled with other family members (e.g., sister, brother, grandparents, etc.), and six percent travelled with their friends.
- Looking at party composition, the majority of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties were comprised of only adults (78%) while 22 percent considered families which were adult(s) with child(ren).
- Regarding age composition, 49 percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties were senior travellers (55 and over), nine percent young adult travellers (18 to 34), and nine percent were middle aged travellers (35 to 54). About eleven percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties were comprised of travellers of varying age generation and 22 percent were families (adults with children).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (cont'd)

Who Visits the RSS Region (cont'd)

- The average party size for RSS overnight pleasure travel parties was 2.91 people. While the average party size was highest during the July-August summer main season at 3.63 people, the average party size was lowest during the January-April winter off-season at 1.65 people.
- Looking at individual overnight pleasure travellers to the RSS, they were comprised of significantly more females than males (53.4% versus 46.6%).
- Approximately 21 percent were aged between 65 and 74, 19 percent were aged between 55 and 64, 11 percent were aged between 45 and 54, and 11 percent were aged between 35 and 44.
- Overall, approximately 69 percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties had previously visited PEI. The majority of these parties had last visited PEI recently: 35 percent had last visited earlier in the same year of the trip in which they were surveyed, and 25 percent had last visited one year ago.
- On average, repeat RSS overnight pleasure travellers had visited PEI approximately 4.5 times in the past five years.

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Why Visitors Come

- Over half of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties (51%) indicated that they visited PEI for holiday or vacation, 25 percent travelled to PEI for visiting relatives and/or friends, and 13 percent travelled for short getaway.
- Approximately 28 percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties indicated they were primarily attracted to PEI by “beaches and coastline” and 19 percent were attracted by “natural beauty and pastoral settings”.
- Restful and relaxing place (17%), other features (17%), outdoor activities (6%), culinary/food-related experiences (4%), and world of Anne of Green Gables and L.M. Montgomery (2%) were attracted other RSS overnight pleasure travel parties to PEI. Note that “other features” consisted of family or friends and second home related issues.

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How Visitors Come

- Approximately 82 percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties entered and exited PEI via the Confederation Bridge, nine percent used a combination of bridge and ferry, seven percent flew in and out of PEI, two percent used a combination of air and bridge/ferry, and one percent used the ferry service between PEI and Nova Scotia to enter and exit the province.
- Approximately ten percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties used a rental car while travelling to PEI. Approximately 30 percent picked up the vehicle in Nova Scotia and 20 percent picked it up in New Brunswick while 40 percent of those who used a rental car picked up the vehicle on PEI.

Where Visitors Stay

- The vast majority of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties (86%) indicated that PEI was the primary destination of their pleasure trip.
- Overall, RSS overnight pleasure travel parties to PEI stayed on average 6.09 nights (3.97 nights in paid accommodations in PEI and 1.46 nights in paid accommodations in PEI through a peer-to-peer lodging website such as Airbnb, VRBO, etc.).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (cont'd)

Where Visitors Stay (cont'd)

- RSS overnight pleasure travel parties also spent overnight in other PEI regions. Approximately 18 percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties stayed overnight in the Greater Charlottetown Area, 15 percent of parties stayed overnight in the Green Gables Shore region, 14 percent of parties stayed overnight in the Points East Coastal Drive region, ten percent in the Summerside Area, and ten percent in the North Cape Coastal Drive region with the average length of stays of 0.43, 0.47, 0.36, 0.20, and 0.27 nights, respectively.
- Although RSS overnight pleasure travel parties stayed in a variety of accommodation types while on PEI, the most popular type of accommodation was cottage or cabin (31% of parties stayed at least one night in this accommodation type), with the average length of stays of 1.72 nights.
- Excluding the Red Sands Shore region, the Greater Charlottetown Area was the most popular region for visitation among RSS overnight pleasure travel parties (73% of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties visited the region), followed by the Green Gables Shore region (62%), the Summerside Area (54%), the Points East Coastal Drive region (35%), and the North Cape Coastal Drive region (29%).

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What Visitors Do

- RSS overnight pleasure travel parties participated in a variety of activities while travelling in PEI. Driving tour (scenic drives/views) was the most popular activity (69%).
- Over the full-year, other popular activities took part in by RSS overnight pleasure travel parties included
- Going to a beach (65%), shopping for local products (58%), going to a full-service restaurant (56%), sightseeing, appreciating pastoral or rural settings (51%), visiting a national or provincial park (51%), shopping for general merchandise (50%), seeing natural wonders (46%), sampling local culinary products (46%), visiting friends and/or relatives (44%), visiting historic/heritage sites or cultural attractions (36%), visiting Anne of Green Gables and related attractions (28%), using the Confederation Trail or other trails (25%), participating in nature-based outdoor activities (19%), attending a festival, event, or concert (18%), going to a museum or art gallery (17%), participating in water-based activities (16%), attending a live performance/entertainment (15%), and visiting a theme, fun or amusement park (11%).

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What Visitors Spend

- Total direct expenditures by RSS overnight pleasure travel parties were estimated at more than **\$53 million** based on 23,547 overnight pleasure travel parties or 68,617 individual overnight pleasure travellers.
- The items that accounted for the greatest proportion of total expenditures were accommodations (38%), food and beverage at restaurants, bars, etc. (17%), shopping (12%), vehicle operation (10%), food and beverage at stores (9%), recreation and entertainment (5%), other (4%), car rental and local transportation (2%), and travel package (2%).
- RSS overnight pleasure travel parties spent an average of \$2,283.22 **per party per night** on PEI. This average spending was highest among those who visited during the July-August summer main season (\$2,922.46) and lowest by those who visited during the January-April winter off-season (\$976.40).
- RSS overnight pleasure travel parties spent an average of \$128.60 **per person per night** on PEI. This average spending was highest among those who visited during the January-April winter off-season (\$131.99) and July-August summer main season(\$130.21), and lowest by those who visited during the November-December winter off-season (\$104.53).

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How PEI Rates

- Visitors were asked to rank various PEI travel services. RSS overnight pleasure travel parties were pleased with aspects of their trip to PEI including cleanliness and sanitary conditions (94%), quality of customer service (93%), accommodation (93%), restaurant (91%), variety of things to see and do (91%), transportation (84%), and prices of goods and services (74%).
- The ratings for these items were greater than four on a five-point scale from one (very poor) to five (excellent), excluding “prices of goods and services.” “cleanliness and sanitary conditions” and “Quality of customer service” received an overall average rating of 4.41 on the same scale while “prices of goods and services” received a lower rating but still favourable at 3.92.
- Approximately six percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties indicated they experienced a problem or had a complaint about their trip to PEI.
- Despite the complaints regarding prices and taxes, etc., 92 percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties agreed that their trip to PEI was good value for money spent. Over 94 percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties indicated the trip to PEI was a good way to spend their time, PEI was a safe and hygienic destination, and they were satisfied with their trip to PEI. Overall, 98 percent of RSS overnight pleasure travel parties agreed they would recommend PEI as a travel destination to others and 95 percent indicated they would visit PEI again.

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1-1. Background of the Study

- A visitor exit survey is a tool used to profile visitors and estimate their impact on a destination. It can capture visitor demographics and trip characteristics such as travel party size and composition, the purpose of their trip, regions visited, length of stay, type of accommodation used, activities participated in, expenditures, and trip evaluation.
- Prince Edward Island (“PEI”) has been conducting exit surveys since 1979 with the last study conducted in 2018 and 2019 during the period from July 1, 2018 to June 31, 2019 (the “study period”).
- The 2023 PEI Travel Survey of Visitors (Exit Survey) covered full twelve months from January 1 to December 31. Specifically, data presented in this report is for **overnight pleasure travellers who stayed at least one night in the Red Sands Shore (RSS) region** during the study period to profile their travel related behaviours in the RSS or in PEI.
- For analysis purposes, the data was separated into the following five tourism seasons:
 - Winter off-season (January 1 - April 30, 2023);
 - Spring shoulder season (May 1 - June 30, 2023);
 - Summer main season (July 1 - August 31, 2023);
 - Fall shoulder season (September 1 - October 31, 2023); and
 - Winter off-season (November 1 - December 31, 2023).

1-2. The Study Purpose

- The main purpose of this report was to provide a full range of statistics on the volume of overnight pleasure travellers who stayed at least one night in the RSS region during the study period (January 1st to December 31st, 2023) and detailed characteristics of their trips such as purpose of trip, travel party size and party composition, PEI regions visited, activities participated in, travel expenditures, evaluation of trip, and demographic information about the overnight pleasure travellers.
- The survey pursued seven broad objectives:
 - To update existing historical information on RSS overnight pleasure travellers to PEI,
 - To collect critical data to measure the overall importance of tourism in PEI,
 - To gather information regarding RSS overnight pleasure travellers' behaviours,
 - To identify key market segments of RSS overnight pleasure travellers to PEI, and
 - To enhance our knowledge and understanding of tourism (in general, and for PEI).
- ***Note that this report includes results for those who stayed at least one night in the Red Sands Shore (RSS) region including Borden-Carleton, Victoria-by-the-Sea, Brookvale, Bonshaw, Strathgartney, Skmaq-n-Port-La-Joye-Fort Amherst, and Kinkora during the study period. Since visitors may have stayed in multiple PEI regions, data presented in this report reflects their entire time in PEI and may include spending, activities, etc., that took place in other regions. Although many visitors would have visited the RSS region for the day only and not spent the night, those visitors' activities, spending, etc., are not included in this report.***
- This report includes RSS overnight pleasure traveller profiles by tourism season.

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2-1. Sampling Procedure

Target Population

- Mail-back questionnaires were distributed to non-resident visitors on PEI during the study period (January 1st to December 31st, 2023) as they exited PEI via the Charlottetown Airport, the Confederation Bridge, or the Wood Island's ferry terminal.
- The target population did not include cruise ship passengers and crew members, motor coach tourists, refugees, landed immigrants, or military Canadian residents.

Mail-back Questionnaire

- A representative of survey staff approached departing non-resident visitors at the Charlottetown Airport and drivers of non-PEI vehicles (based on their motor vehicle inspection sticker) at the Confederation Bridge and the Woods Island ferry terminal, explained the research study, and asked the individual if they would be willing to participate. If they agreed to participate, the individual was provided with a package containing the mail-back questionnaire.
- Responding to the survey was voluntary.

2-1. Sampling Procedure (cont'd)

Online Survey

- The survey package included a web address for the online version of the survey. Individuals who received the survey package had the option of completing the hard-copy questionnaire or the online version. Both versions of the survey were available in English and French.
- Tourism PEI also sent an email invitation to non-residents who requested PEI travel information between November 2022 and October 2023 and took the ferry when visiting PEI in 2023.
- To better capture respondents of those who took the ferry when visiting PEI, the 2023 customer list provided by the Northumberland Ferries Limited (NFL) was also used to invite participants to the online survey.

2-2. Sample Summary

Samples Collected and Used

- In total, 14,055 surveys were collected. Among these, 10,340 surveys (73.6%) were used to analyze the data for the 2023 exit survey.
- Of these 10,340 surveys, 46 percent were mail-back surveys and 54 percent were online surveys.
- Among these, 582 samples (5.6%) were RSS overnight pleasure travel parties and used for this report.

	Surveys Collected		Surveys Used		Use Rate
	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	%
Mail-back Survey	4,794	34.1%	4,760	46.0%	99.3%
Online Survey	9,261	65.9%	5,580	54.0%	60.3%
Total	14,055	100.0%	10,340	100.0%	73.6%

2-2. Sample Summary (cont'd)

Sample Size and Margin of Error

- The margin of error associated with the total sample and the specific sub-groups used (i.e. tourism season) in this report is summarized in the Table below. In terms of statistical accuracy, the actual margin of error for each market will vary slightly due to minor variations in the sample size.
- Overall, a sample of this size for overnight pleasure travellers to the RSS has a sampling error of ± 4.01 percent at a 95 percent confidence level. The margins of error for the five sub-groups are higher. Please note this is a guideline only. Caution should be applied when interpreting significance testing throughout this report.

	Overnight Pleasure		
	Sample Size	% of Sample Size	Margin of Error ^{a)}
2023 Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	25	4.3%	± 19.52
2023 May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	101	17.4%	± 9.54
2023 Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	284	48.8%	± 5.74
2023 Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	133	22.9%	± 8.35
2023 Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	39	6.7%	± 15.59
Full-Year (12 months)	582	100.0%	± 4.01

2-3. Data Processing

Data Processing and Error Detection

- All mail-back questionnaires were reviewed manually to determine if they were complete and coherent.
- Data were captured, coded, verified, and then merged with online survey data.
- Electronic verifications were also made to identify any outliers and to correct them.
- Statistical reliability and validity tests, and consistency controls were also conducted during this process.

Data Imputation

- Some data used in the study were imputed. Data imputation was carried out for all the factors above and for strata that were outside the scope of the questionnaire distribution. For these out-of-scope factors, the characteristics of visitors were estimated using the 2012, 2014 and 2018-2019 PEI exit survey data sets.
- Total imputation was also performed for any in-scope factors that received an insufficient number of surveys for some specific segments to meet minimum requirements (a combination of a minimum number of questionnaires and maximum weight) based on the exit point traffic counts.

2-4. Data Weighting

Bias Adjustment

- For estimation purposes, the responses obtained through the questionnaires must be treated as a simple random sample from the total traffic in each stratum (three exit points, by same-day and overnight visitors, by origin and by month).
- The data may be subject to some degree of “*distribution bias*” since not all categories of visitors are represented in the distribution or to a “*non-response bias*” because the individuals replying may not be representative of the visitor population.

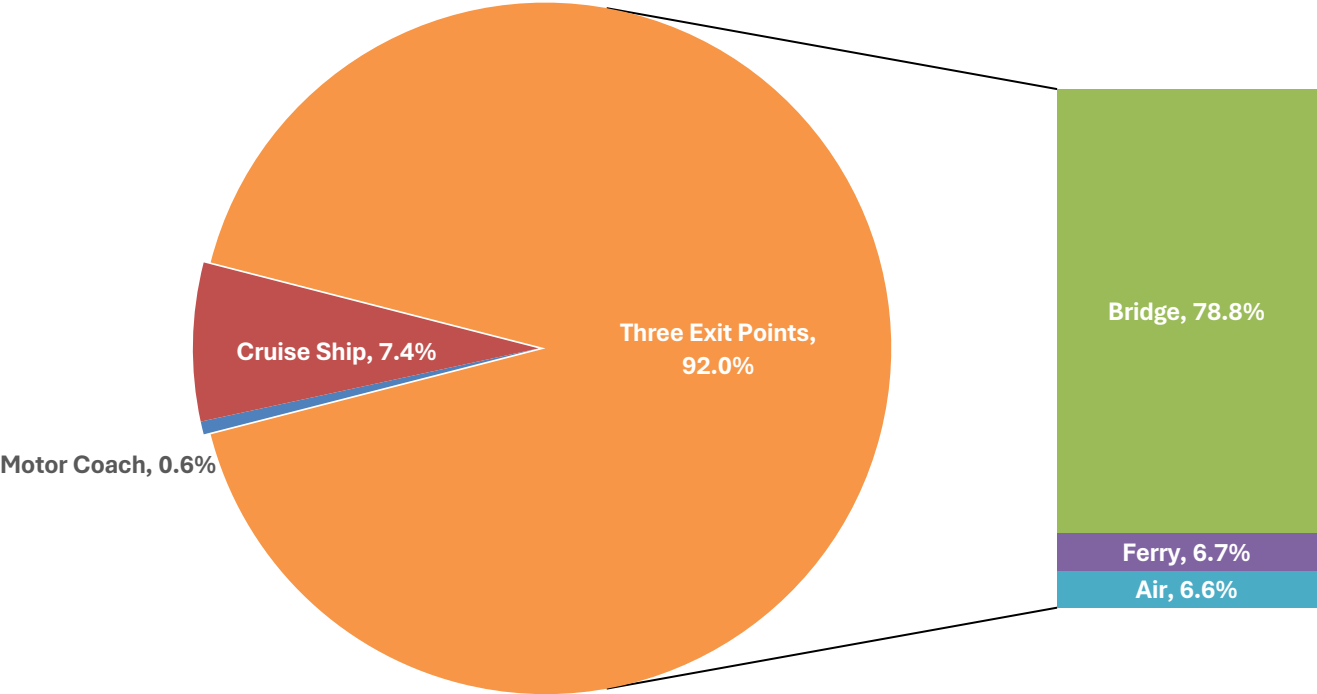
Weighting the Sample

- Weighting techniques used in the estimation process attempt to reduce the effect of biases and were also performed to determine aggregate visitor parties’ characteristics.
- The final survey sample was weighted by same-day and overnight visitor parties, three exit points, five tourism seasons, and the 22 origins of visitor parties. This aligns with the total PEI visitor parties within the *PEI Tourism Volume Model*, which utilizes traffic data collected through the three exit points.
- Despite the weighting of the sample to address biases, it is important to note that results may not reflect all actual responses of each party or individuals in the party because the application of the weighting scheme was not based on all survey questions.

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3-1. Overview of Total Visitation in PEI

Figure 1: Total Visitation in 2023



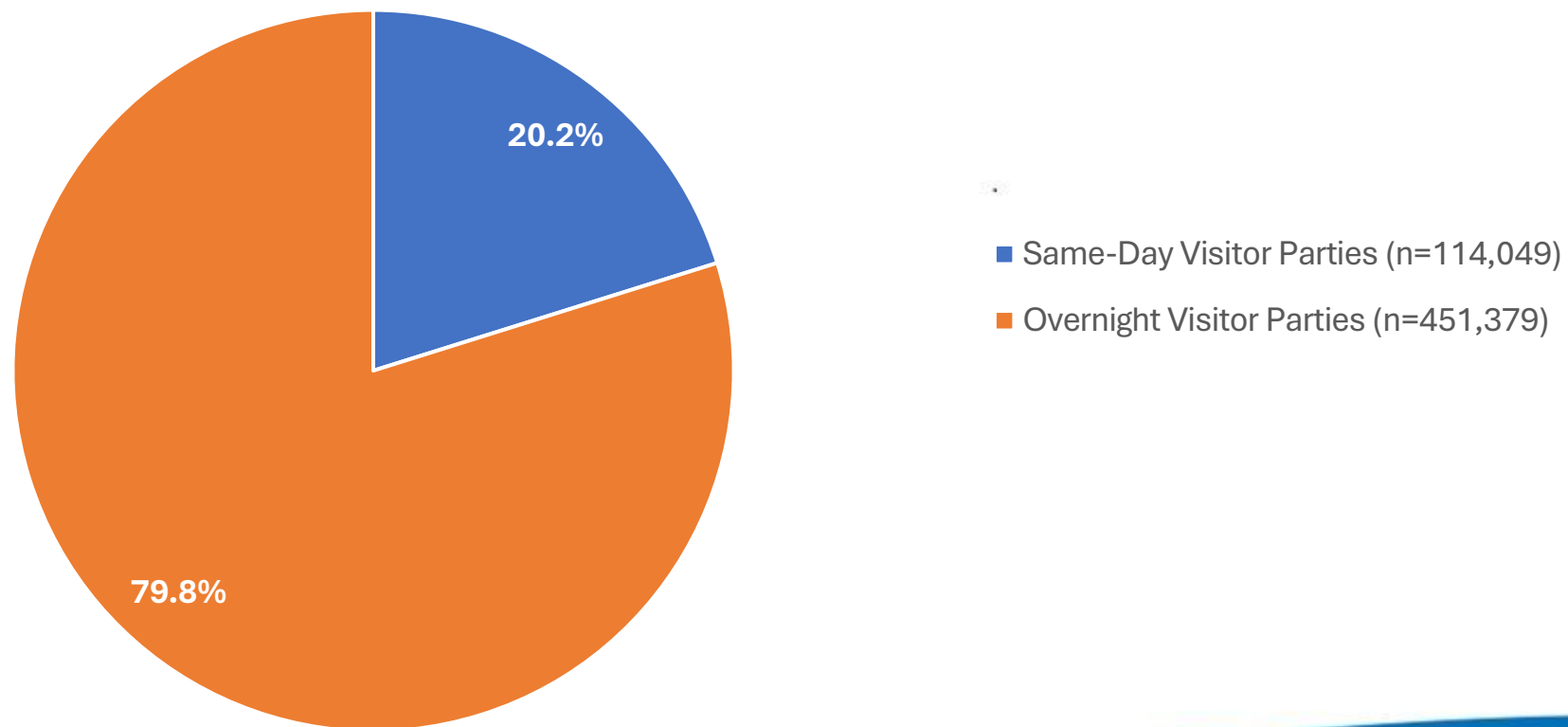
Source: 2023 PEI Tourism Volume Model

Table 1: Estimated Number of Visitors to PEI in 2023

	Number of Visitors	Percent of Visitors
Visitors by Exit Point	1,486,251	92.0%
Bridge	1,272,476	78.8%
Ferry	107,950	6.7%
Air	105,825	6.6%
Motor Coach Tourists	9,742	0.6%
Cruise Travellers	119,488	7.4%
Total	1,615,481	100.0%

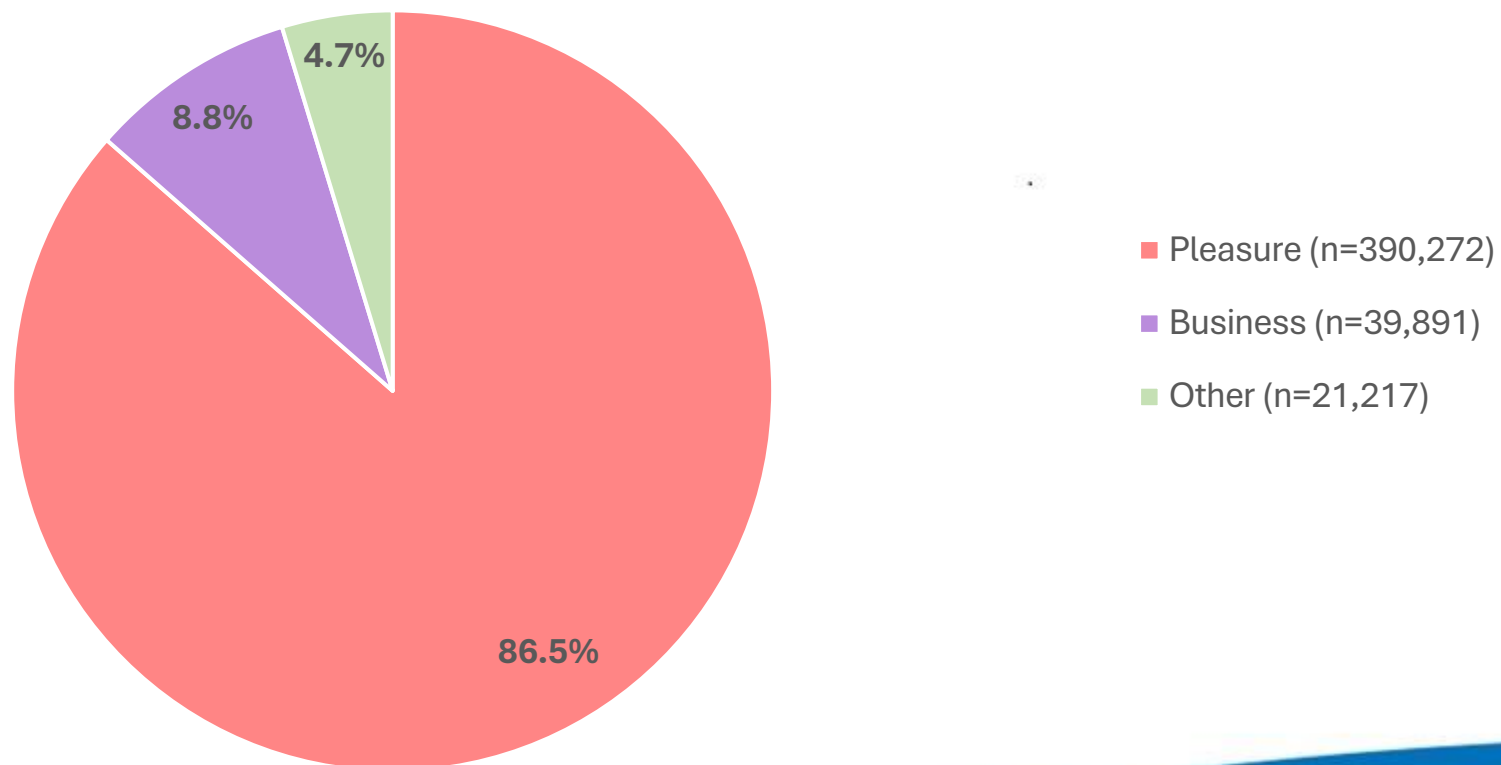
3-2. Overall Market Situation in PEI

Figure 2: Total Travel Market in PEI (2023)
(Total Visitor Parties $N = 565,428$)



3-3. Overnight Travel Market in PEI

Figure 3: Overnight Travel Market in PEI (2023)
(Total Overnight Parties N = 451,379)



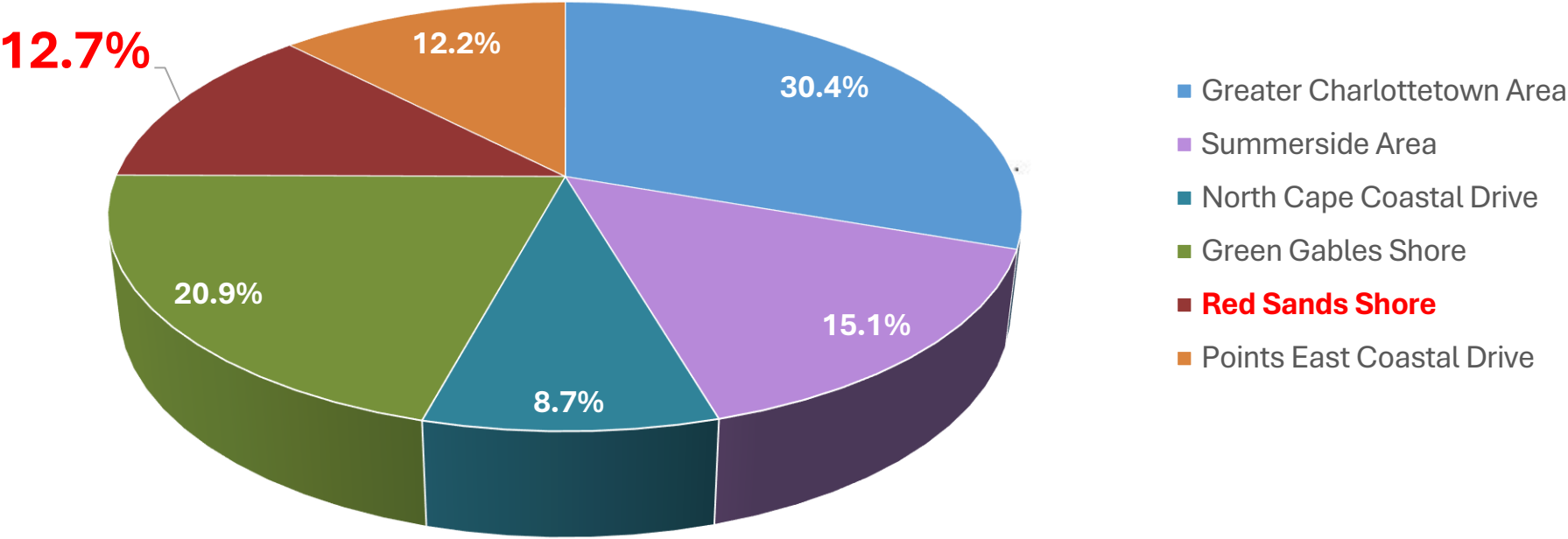
3-4. PEI Regions Visited by All Visitor Parties

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year	Total Visits
Total Parties <i>N</i> (%)	97,992 (17.3%)	96,200 (17.0%)	214,137 (37.9%)	102,421 (18.1%)	54,678 (9.7%)	565,428 (100.0%)	(%)*
Greater Charlottetown Area	72.8%	70.8%	69.0%	69.3%	66.1%	69.7%	(30.4%)
Summerside Area	31.1%	37.7%	36.8%	34.2%	29.0%	34.7%	(15.1%)
North Cape Coastal Drive	9.7%	22.1%	23.8%	24.5%	12.0%	20.0%	(8.7%)
Green Gables Shore	17.2%	49.9%	65.2%	54.2%	20.8%	48.0%	(20.9%)
Red Sands Shore	16.9%	29.8%	35.0%	31.3%	22.3%	29.1%	(12.7%)
Points East Coastal Drive	17.5%	32.5%	33.3%	28.5%	18.0%	28.1%	(12.2%)
Total Visits (Parties)	161,907	233,588	563,100	247,965	91,947	1,298,507	(100.0%)
Total Visits (%)	(12.5%)	(18.0%)	(43.4%)	(19.1%)	(7.1%)	(100.0%)	

Note: Results were based on multiple responses; Percent in each of the regions and seasons was based on total visitor parties regardless of type of visitation (same-day and overnight) and trip purpose (total all visitor parties *n* = 565,428); * (%) was based on total visits (total parties *n* = 1,298,507); **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

3-4. PEI Regions Visited by All Visitor Parties (cont'd)

Figure 4: Breakdown of Total Visits by All Visitor Parties to PEI Regions
(Total Parties N = 1,298,507)



Note: Result was based on total visits by all visitor parties (same-day and overnight) to PEI regions (total parties n = 1,298,507).

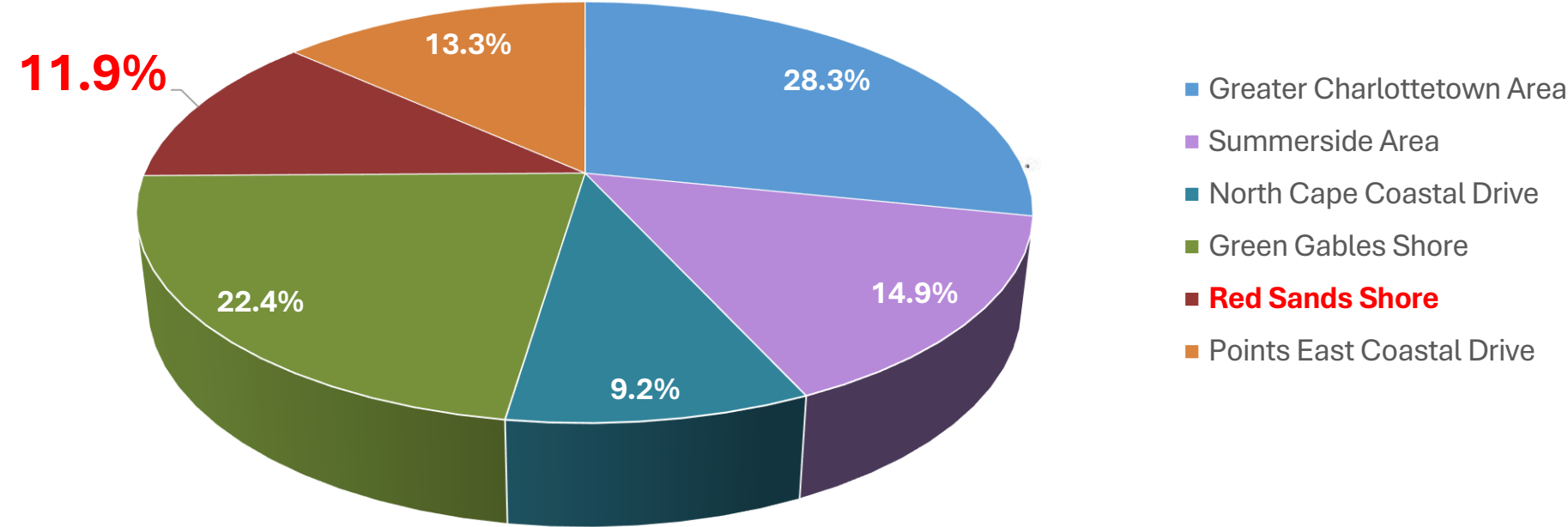
3-5. PEI Regions Visited by Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year	Total Visits
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	59,703 (14.5%)	66,044 (16.1%)	174,754 (42.5%)	73,537 (17.9%)	37,450 (9.1%)	411,488 (100.0%)	(%)*
Greater Charlottetown Area	75.3%	73.1%	69.3%	69.3%	72.6%	71.1%	(28.3%)
Summerside Area	29.3%	41.2%	40.6%	38.3%	28.3%	37.5%	(14.9%)
North Cape Coastal Drive	11.5%	23.4%	27.1%	30.0%	9.8%	23.2%	(9.2%)
Green Gables Shore	20.5%	60.7%	70.3%	64.3%	26.2%	56.4%	(22.4%)
Red Sands Shore	15.3%	32.7%	34.4%	32.5%	21.9%	29.9%	(11.9%)
Points East Coastal Drive	20.9%	39.9%	37.6%	35.4%	19.3%	33.5%	(13.3%)
Total Visits (Parties)	103,082	178,933	487,977	198,350	66,692	1,035,034	(100.0%)
Total Visits (%)	(10.0%)	(17.3%)	(47.1%)	(19.2%)	(6.4%)	(100.0%)	

Note: Results were based on multiple responses; Percent in each of the regions and seasons was based on total overnight pleasure travel parties (total pleasure travel parties *n* = 411,489); * (%) was based on total visits (total parties *n* = 1,298,507); **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

3-5. PEI Regions Visited by Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties (cont'd)

Figure 5: Breakdown of Total Visits by Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties to PEI Regions
(Total Overnight Pleasure Parties N = 1,035,034)



Note: Result was based on total visits by overnight pleasure travel parties to PEI regions (total parties n = 1,035,034).

3-6. Overnight Stays (Parties) in PEI Regions by All Overnight Visitor Parties - Total Accumulated Parties Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Region

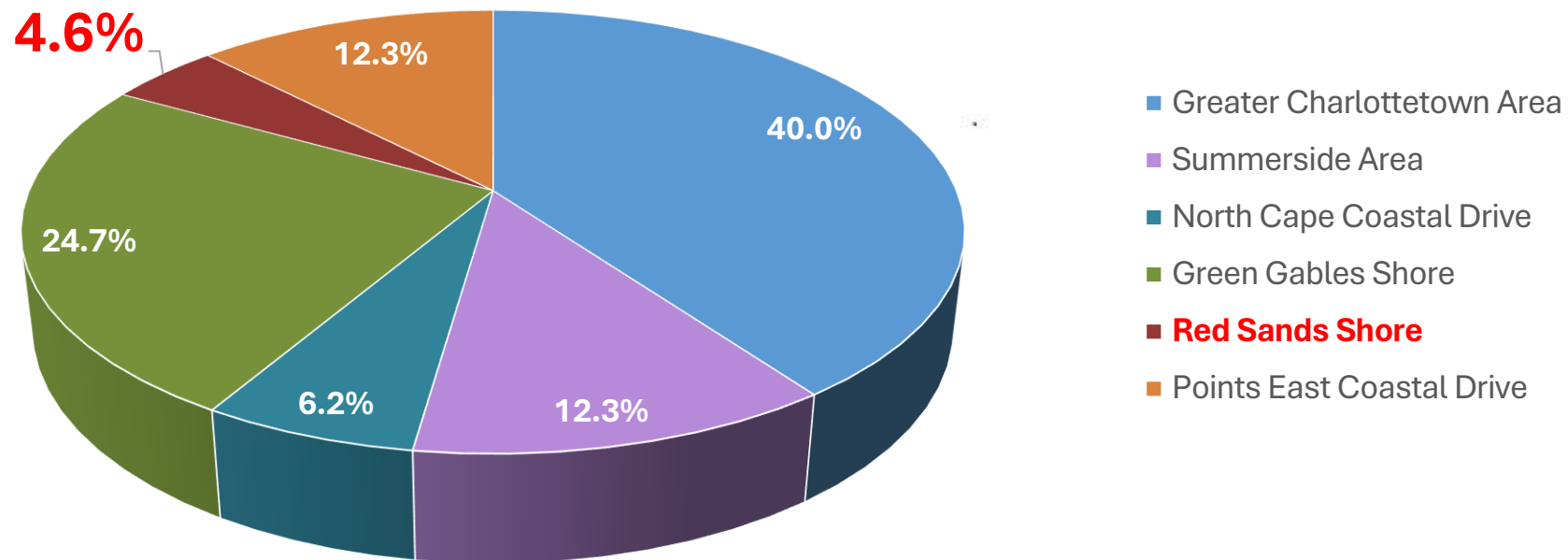
	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year	Total Overnight Stays
Total Overnight Parties <i>N</i> (%)	74,702 (16.5%)	74,651 (16.5%)	178,622 (39.6%)	80,398 (17.8%)	43,006 (9.5%)	451,379 (100.0%)	(%)*
Greater Charlottetown Area	66.6%	46.3%	36.7%	42.7%	61.3%	46.6%	(40.0%)
Summerside Area	16.1%	15.8%	11.7%	13.7%	20.4%	14.3%	(12.3%)
North Cape Coastal Drive	5.2%	5.3%	9.0%	8.0%	5.9%	7.3%	(6.2%)
Green Gables Shore	4.0%	29.5%	42.2%	31.5%	9.6%	28.8%	(24.7%)
Red Sands Shore	4.1%	3.2%	6.4%	5.0%	7.0%	5.3%	(4.6%)
Points East Coastal Drive	7.6%	17.5%	15.8%	16.2%	10.5%	14.3%	(12.3%)
Total Overnight Stays (Parties)	77,366	87,794	217,547	94,167	49,333	526,207	(100.0%)
Total Overnight Stays (%)	(14.7%)	(16.7%)	(41.3%)	(17.9%)	(9.4%)	(100.0%)	

Note: Results were based on multiple responses; Percent in each of the regions and seasons was based on total visitor parties regardless of their trip purpose (total all overnight visitor parties *n* = 451,379); * (%) was based on total overnight stays by parties (total parties *n* = 526,207); **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

3-6. Overnight Stays (Parties) in PEI Regions by All Overnight Visitor Parties

- Total Accumulated Parties Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Region (cont'd)

Figure 6: Breakdown of Total Overnight Stays (Parties) by All Overnight Visitor Parties in PEI Regions
(Total Overnight Parties $N = 526,207$)



Note: Result was based on total overnight stays (parties) by all overnight visitor parties in PEI regions (total parties $n = 526,207$).

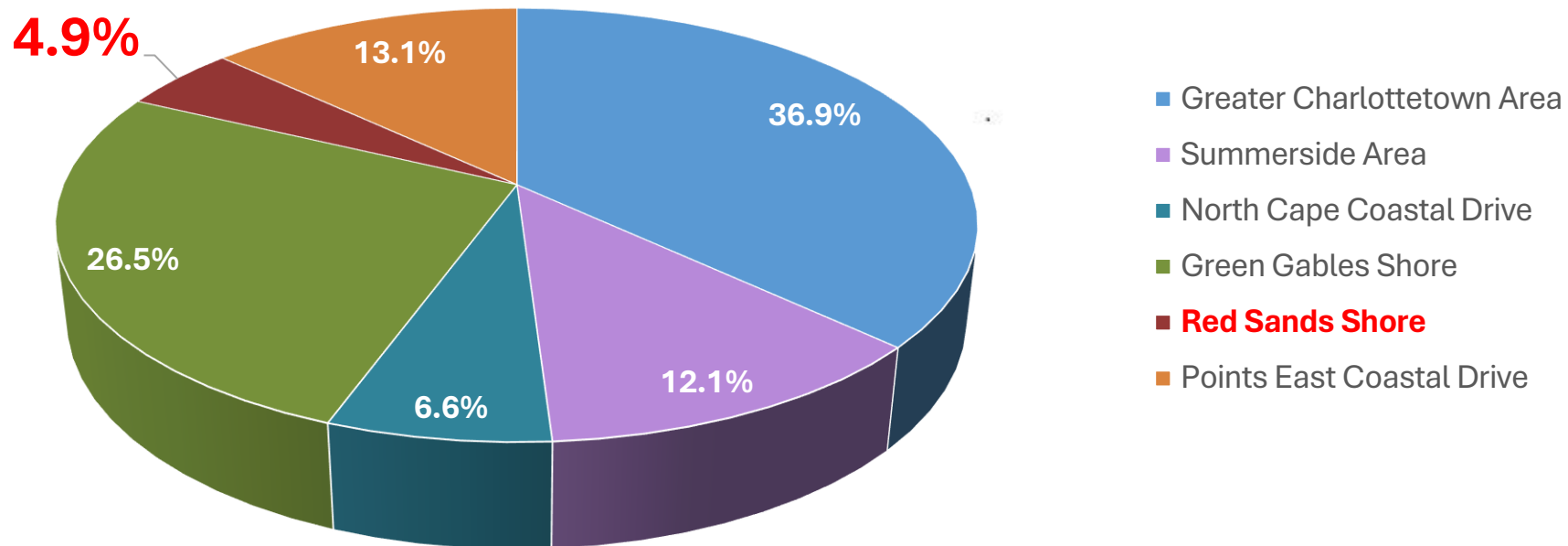
3-7. Overnight Stays (Parties) in PEI Regions by Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties - Total Accumulated Parties Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Region

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year	Total Overnight Stays
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	59,703 (14.5%)	66,044 (16.1%)	174,754 (42.5%)	73,537 (17.9%)	37,450 (9.1%)	411,488 (100.0%)	(%)*
Greater Charlottetown Area	62.5%	41.8%	35.7%	40.3%	58.5%	43.5%	(36.9%)
Summerside Area	16.1%	17.3%	11.9%	12.8%	19.7%	14.2%	(12.1%)
North Cape Coastal Drive	6.1%	5.3%	9.1%	8.7%	6.8%	7.8%	(6.6%)
Green Gables Shore	5.0%	32.5%	42.8%	34.3%	10.7%	31.2%	(26.5%)
Red Sands Shore	4.9%	3.5%	6.5%	5.3%	8.0%	5.7%	(4.9%)
Points East Coastal Drive	9.5%	18.9%	16.1%	17.2%	11.7%	15.4%	(13.1%)
Total Overnight Stays (Parties)	62,107	78,759	213,376	87,206	43,207	484,655	(100.0%)
Total Overnight Stays (%)	(12.8%)	(16.3%)	(44.0%)	(18.0%)	(8.9%)	(100.0%)	

Note: Results were based on multiple responses; Percent in each of the regions and seasons was based on total overnight pleasure travel parties regardless of their trip purpose (total parties *n* = 411,488); * (%) was based on total overnight stays by parties (total parties *n* = 484,655); **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

3-7. Overnight Stays (Parties) in PEI Regions by Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties - Total Accumulated Parties Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Region (cont'd)

Figure 7: Breakdown of Total Overnight Stays (Parties) by Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties in PEI Regions
(Total Overnight Pleasure Parties $N = 484,655$)



Note: Result was based on total overnight stays (parties) by all overnight visitor parties in PEI regions (total parties $n = 484,655$).

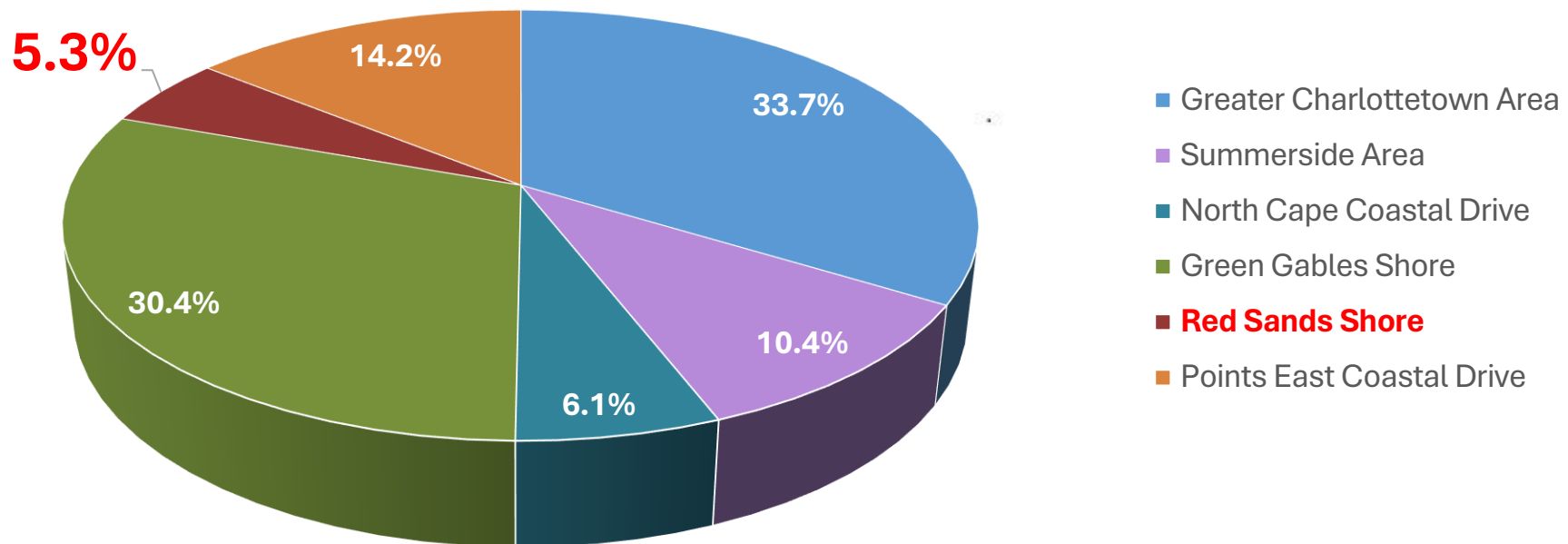
3-8. Overnight Stays (Nights) in PEI Regions by All Overnight Visitor Parties - Total Accumulated Nights Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Region

	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Total Overnight Parties <i>N</i> (%)	74,702 (16.5%)	74,651 (16.5%)	178,622 (39.6%)	80,398 (17.8%)	43,006 (9.5%)	451,379 (100.0%)
Greater Charlottetown Area	62.3%	33.8%	24.4%	29.2%	54.3%	33.7%
Summerside Area	15.6%	11.3%	8.0%	9.7%	15.2%	10.4%
North Cape Coastal Drive	3.7%	4.1%	7.4%	6.1%	5.8%	6.1%
Green Gables Shore	4.8%	30.4%	40.1%	32.9%	7.0%	30.4%
Red Sands Shore	5.7%	3.6%	5.6%	5.8%	5.7%	5.3%
Points East Coastal Drive	7.9%	16.8%	14.5%	16.3%	11.9%	14.2%
Total Overnight Stays (Nights)	249,601	316,503	921,367	370,979	153,100	2,011,550
Total Overnight Stays (%)	(12.4%)	(15.7%)	(45.8%)	(18.4%)	(7.6%)	(100.0%)

Note: Results were based on multiple responses and total accumulated stays (nights) spent by all overnight visitor parties in the specific region (total nights *n* = 2,011,550).

3-8. Overnight Stays (Nights) in PEI Regions by All Overnight Visitor Parties - Total Accumulated Nights Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Region (cont'd)

Figure 8: Breakdown of Total Overnight Stays (Nights) by All Overnight Visitor Parties in PEI Regions
(Total Nights $N = 2,011,550$)



Note: Result was based on total overnight stays (nights) by all overnight visitor parties in PEI regions (total nights $n = 2,011,550$).

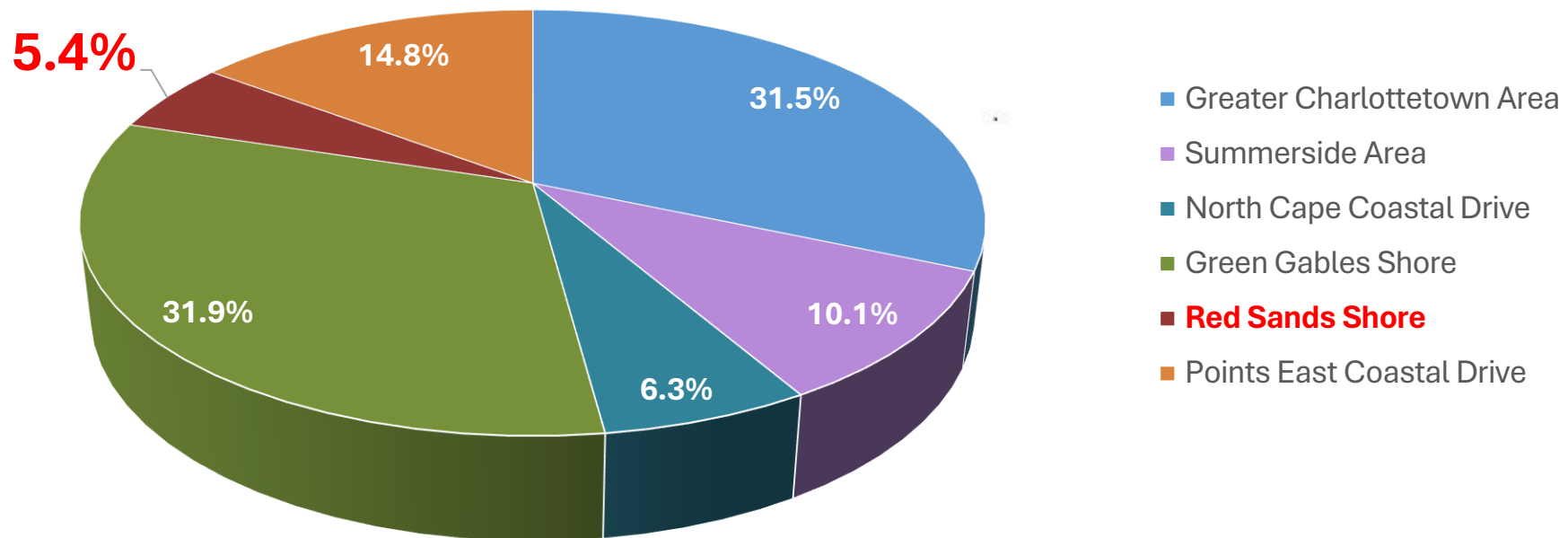
3-9. Overnight Stays (Nights) in PEI Regions by Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties - Total Accumulated Nights Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Region

	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	59,703 (14.5%)	66,044 (16.1%)	174,754 (42.5%)	73,537 (17.9%)	37,450 (9.1%)	411,488 (100.0%)
Greater Charlottetown Area	60.7%	29.6%	23.8%	27.4%	51.9%	31.5%
Summerside Area	15.1%	11.9%	8.1%	8.7%	15.2%	10.1%
North Cape Coastal Drive	4.1%	4.3%	7.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.3%
Green Gables Shore	5.7%	32.7%	40.5%	34.7%	7.7%	31.9%
Red Sands Shore	5.4%	3.8%	5.6%	5.8%	6.2%	5.4%
Points East Coastal Drive	9.1%	17.7%	14.6%	17.1%	12.6%	14.8%
Total Overnight Stays (Nights)	212,999	290,837	909,384	350,298	137,525	1,901,043
Total Overnight Stays (%)	(11.2%)	(15.3%)	(47.8%)	(18.4%)	(7.2%)	(100.0%)

Note: Results were based on multiple responses and total accumulated stays (nights) spent by overnight pleasure travel parties in the specific region (total nights *n* = 1,901,043).

3-9. Overnight Stays (Nights) in PEI Regions by Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties - Total Accumulated Nights Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Region (cont'd)

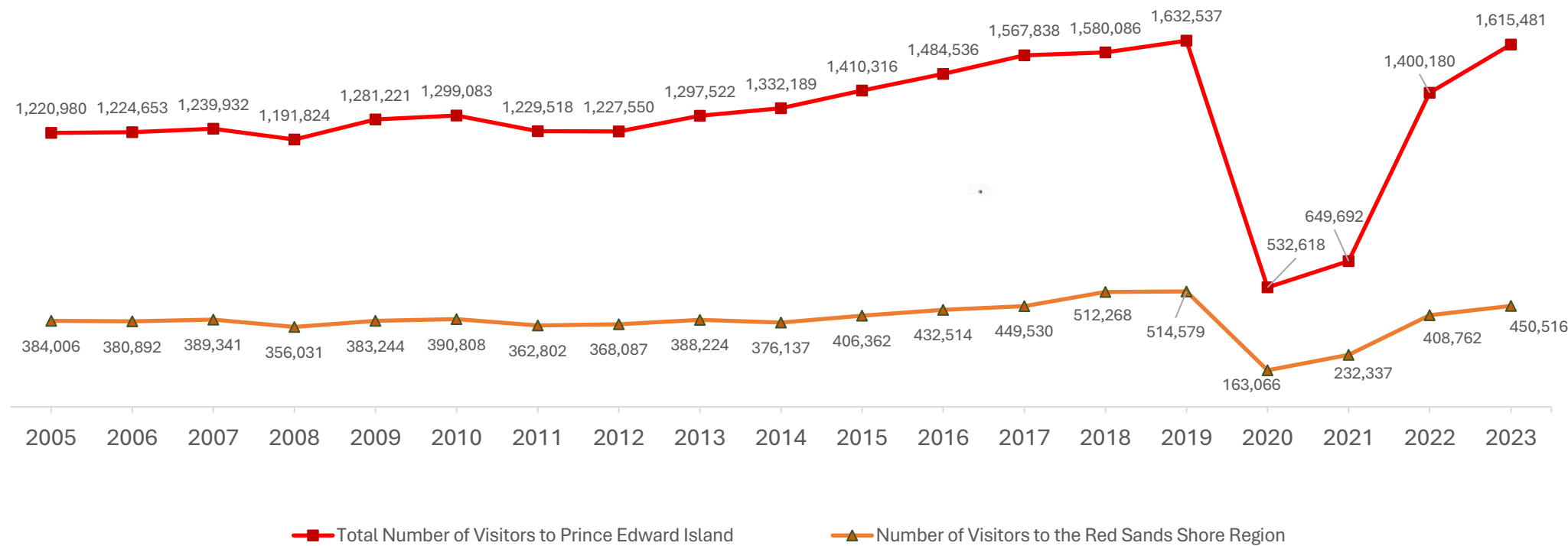
Figure 9: Breakdown of Total Overnight Stays (Nights) by Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties in PEI Regions
(Total Nights $N = 1,901,043$)



Note: Result was based on total overnight stays (nights) by overnight pleasure travel parties in PEI regions (total nights $n = 1,901,043$).

3-10. Trend in Number of Visitors to the Red Sands Shore Region

Figure 10: Yearly Trend in Number of Visitors to Prince Edward Island and the Red Sands Shore Region (2005 to 2023)



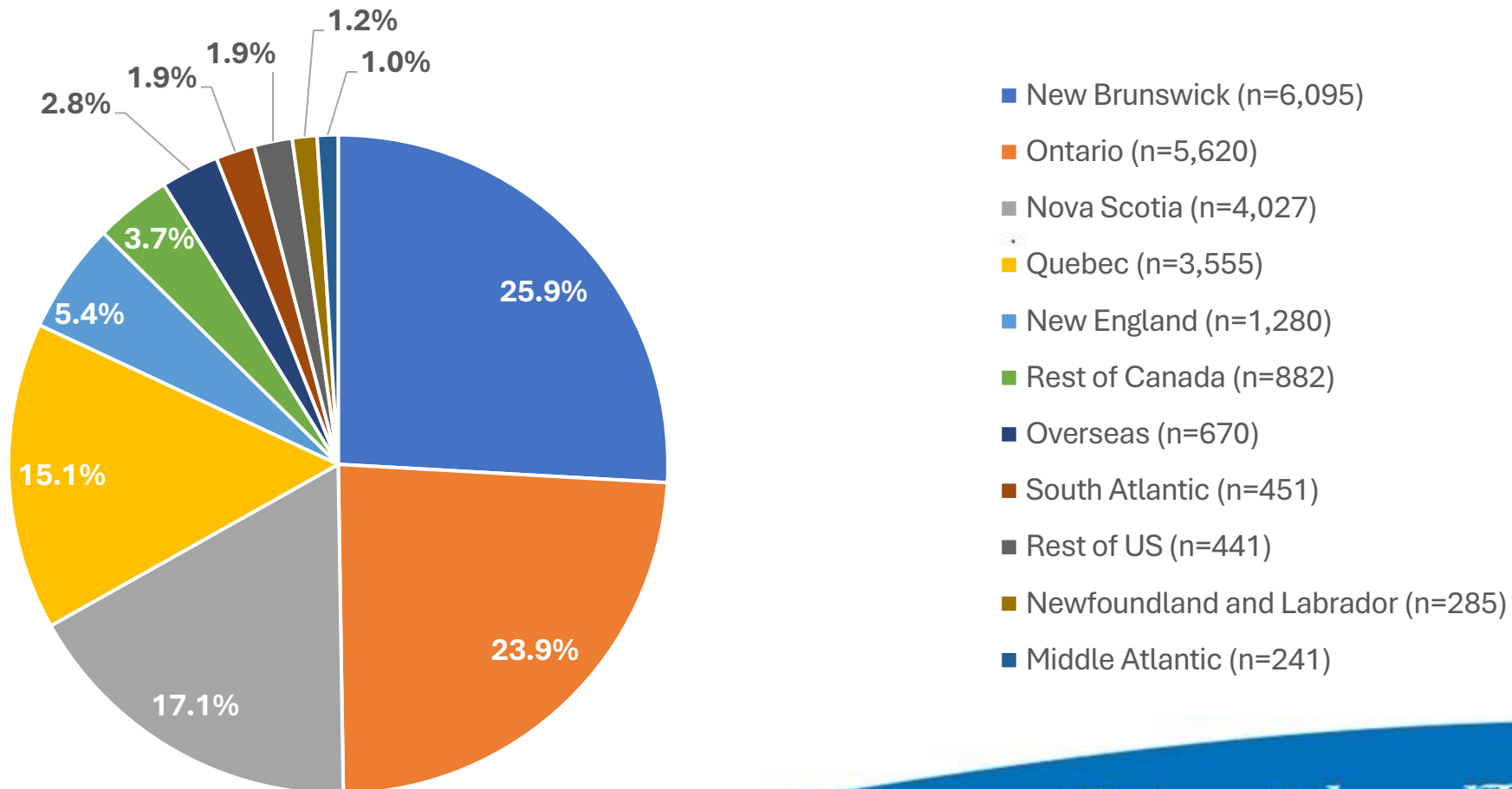
Note: Results were estimated by using the PEI Tourism Volume Model with the 2007-2008, 2012, 2014, 2018-2019 and 2023 exit survey data sets.



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4-1. Origin of Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties to the Red Sands Shore Region

Figure 11: Origin of RSS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties
(Total Overnight Pleasure Parties N = 23,547)



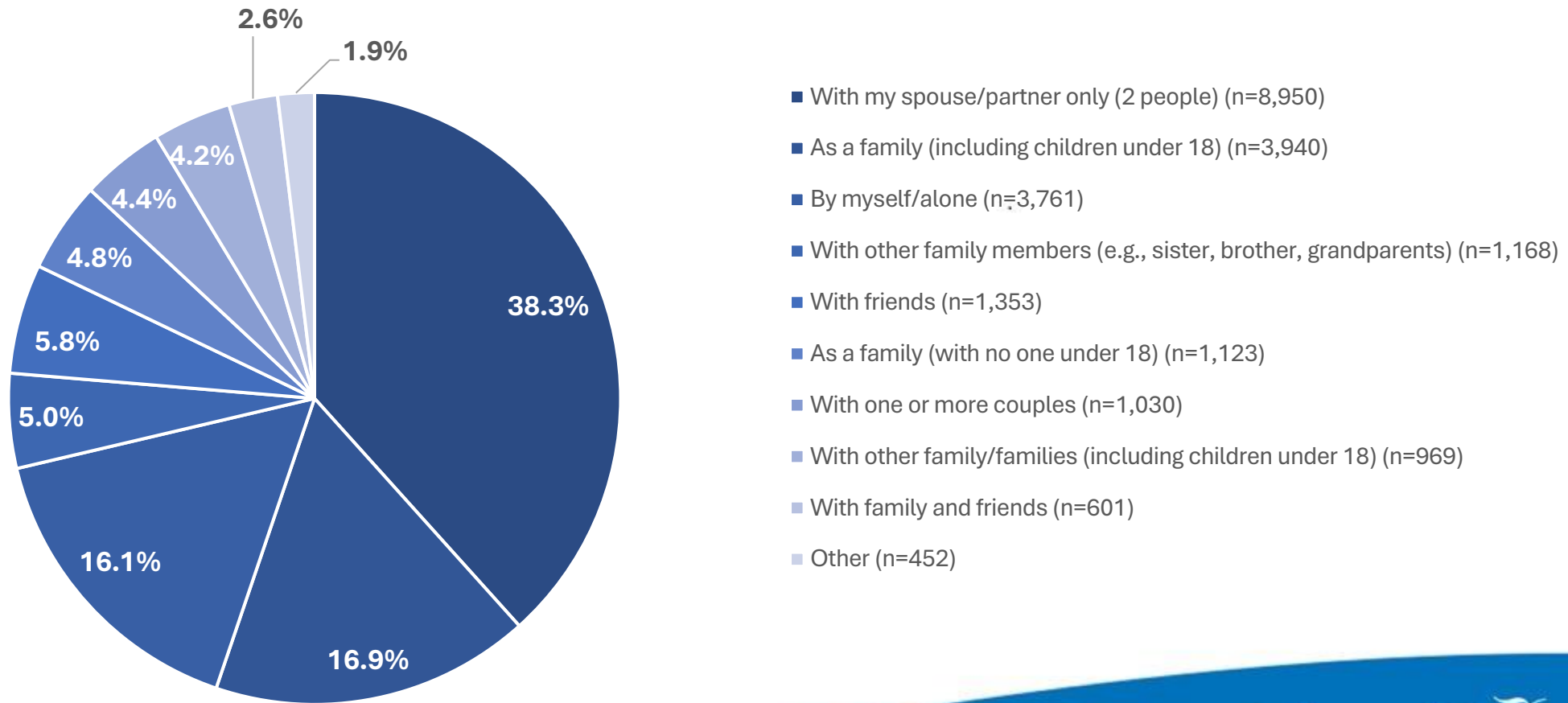
4-1. Origin of Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties to the RSS (cont'd)

	2023 Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	2023 May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	2023 Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	2023 Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	2023 Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Canada	92.8%	78.1%	87.7%	86.4%	85.9%	86.9%
New Brunswick	59.3%	0.0%	24.4%	9.5%	40.7%	25.9%
Nova Scotia	23.9%	12.2%	14.4%	23.4%	16.6%	17.1%
Newfoundland & Labrador	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.6%	0.0%	1.2%
Quebec	0.4%	19.0%	16.0%	23.1%	12.6%	15.1%
Ontario	8.7%	36.9%	27.7%	22.9%	15.2%	23.9%
Manitoba & Saskatchewan	0.0%	1.1%	0.5%	0.8%	0.1%	0.5%
Alberta & British Columbia	0.5%	8.8%	2.4%	6.0%	0.5%	3.2%
Nunavut, Northwest Territories & Yukon	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
United States	2.5%	15.3%	10.7%	12.0%	9.8%	10.2%
New England	0.0%	4.4%	6.2%	5.3%	8.6%	5.4%
Middle Atlantic	0.0%	3.3%	0.8%	1.9%	0.0%	1.0%
South Atlantic	2.1%	4.6%	2.2%	0.7%	0.0%	1.9%
Rest of US	0.3%	2.9%	1.5%	4.1%	1.1%	1.9%
International	4.8%	6.6%	1.6%	1.6%	4.3%	2.8%

Note: **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level; '0.0%' indicates 'not applicable' rather than 'zero' because there are no samples in the specific segments.

4-2. Party Characteristics

Figure 12: Characteristics of RSS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties
(Total Overnight Pleasure Parties $N = 23,547$)



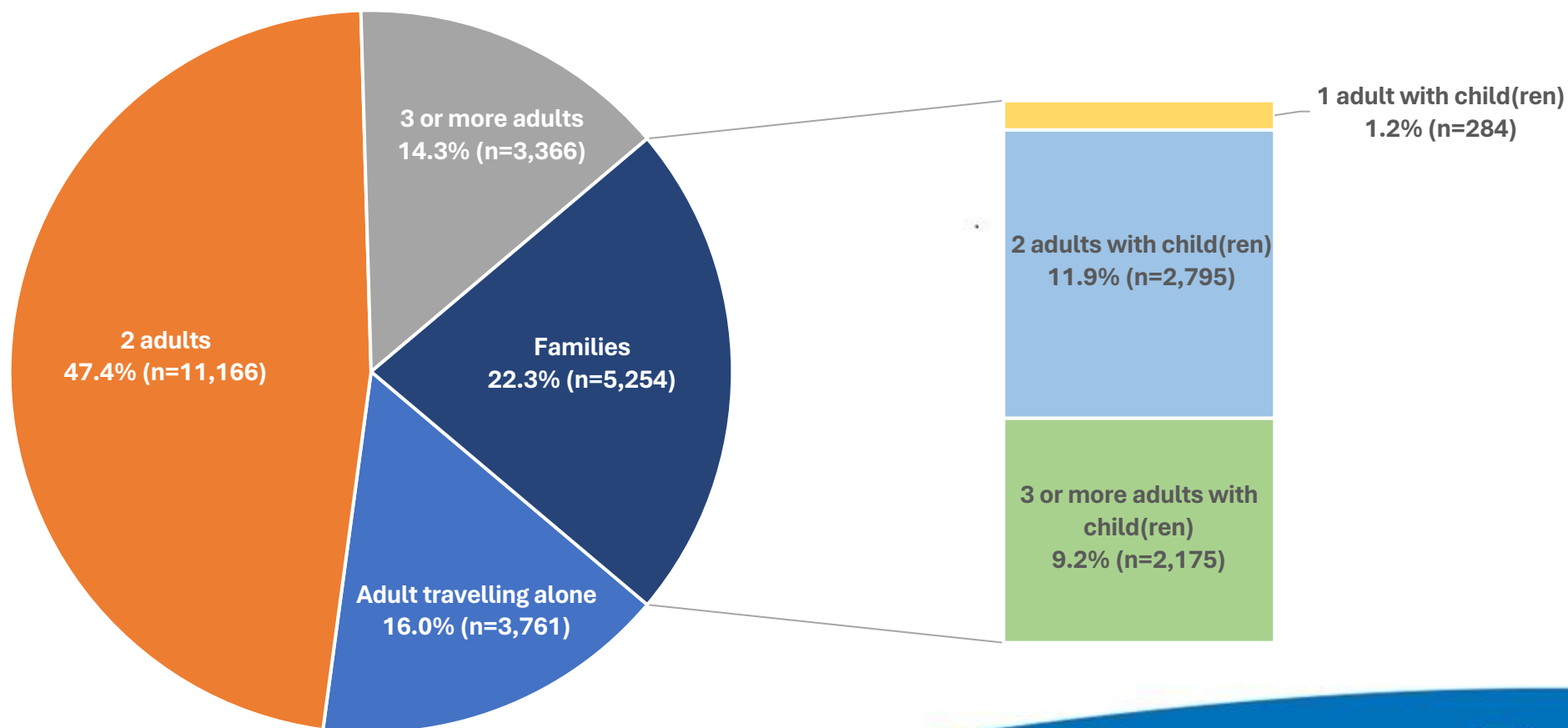
4-2. Party Characteristics (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
With my spouse/partner only (2 people)	23.1%	42.5%	40.1%	52.1%	22.7%	38.0%
As a family (including children under 18)	0.0%	13.6%	26.7%	2.5%	15.6%	16.7%
By myself/alone	62.3%	16.9%	4.7%	9.0%	22.6%	16.0%
With other family members (e.g., sister, brother, grandparents)	7.5%	8.1%	4.6%	6.0%	6.7%	5.8%
With friends	0.4%	8.7%	3.9%	4.1%	17.9%	5.8%
As a family (with no one under 18)	0.0%	5.5%	3.9%	3.2%	14.1%	4.8%
With one or more couples	0.0%	1.9%	5.1%	10.0%	0.5%	4.4%
With other family/families (including children under 18)	6.8%	1.3%	6.0%	1.5%	0.0%	4.1%
With family and friends	0.0%	1.4%	4.3%	2.1%	0.0%	2.6%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	9.5%	0.0%	1.9%

Note: **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level; '0.0%' indicates 'not applicable' rather than 'zero' because there are no samples in the specific segments.

4-3. Party Composition

Figure 13: Composition of RSS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties
(Total Overnight Pleasure Parties $N = 23,547$)



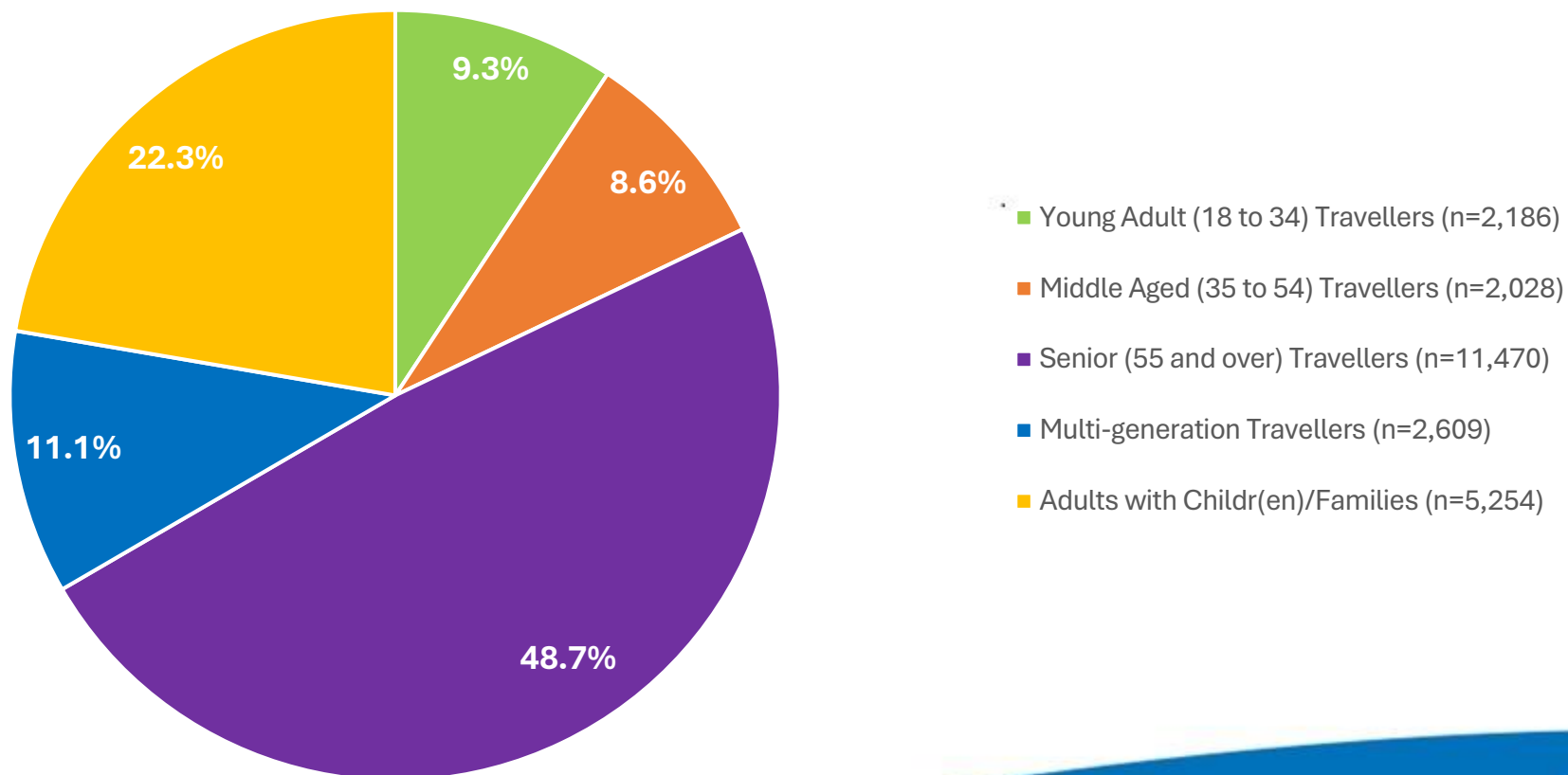
4-3. Party Composition (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Adult travelling alone	62.3%	16.9%	4.7%	9.0%	22.6%	16.0%
2 adults	23.4%	53.9%	46.1%	65.8%	46.7%	47.4%
3 or more adults	7.5%	12.9%	13.8%	21.2%	15.0%	14.3%
Families*	6.8%	16.3%	35.5%	4.0%	15.6%	22.3%
1 adult with child(ren)	0.0%	1.5%	0.6%	0.0%	5.9%	1.2%
2 adults with child(ren)	6.8%	12.3%	17.1%	1.8%	9.5%	11.9%
3 or more adults with child(ren)	0.0%	2.4%	17.7%	2.2%	0.2%	9.2%

Note: * One, two, three or more adults travelling with child(ren) indicate family travel parties in this result. **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

4-4. Age Composition

Figure 14: Composition of Age in RSS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties
(Total Overnight Pleasure Parties N = 23,547)



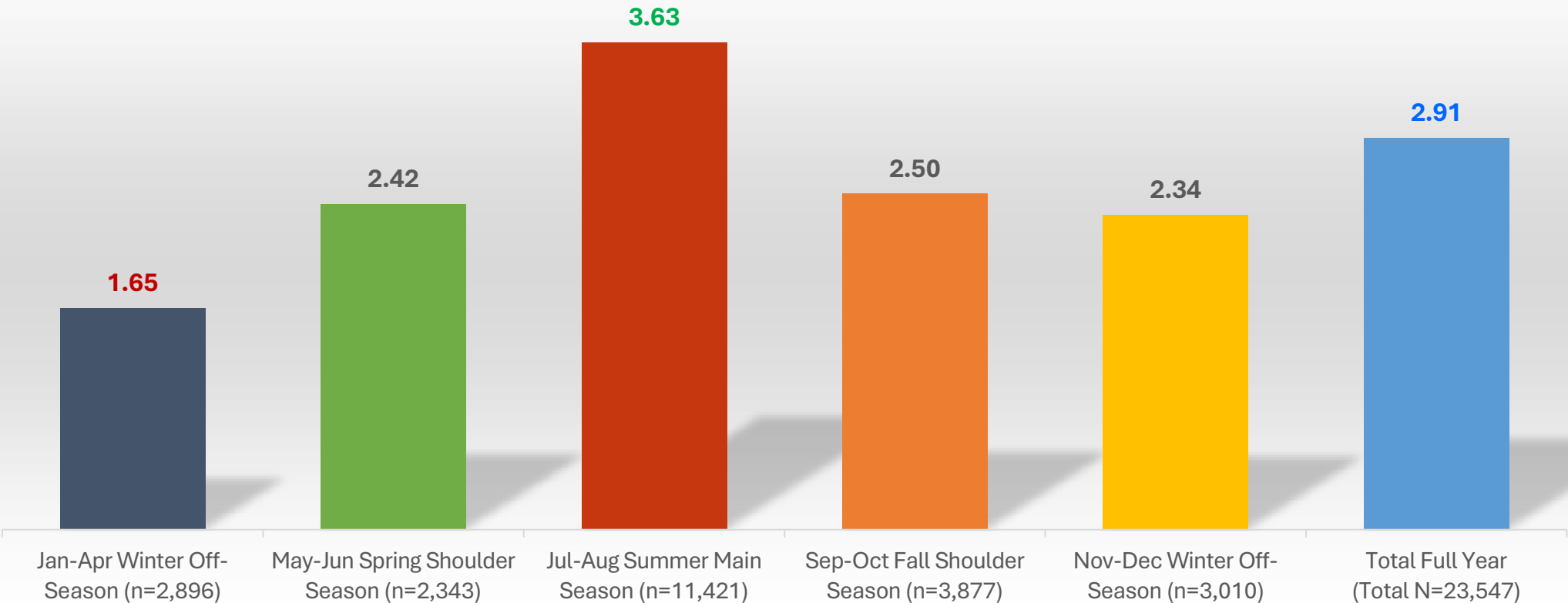
4-4. Age Composition (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Young Adult (18 to 34) Travellers	17.0%	7.7%	7.8%	4.4%	15.1%	9.3%
Middle Aged (35 to 54) Travellers	22.0%	13.4%	6.4%	8.0%	1.4%	8.6%
Senior (55 and over) Travellers	47.9%	49.3%	40.9%	68.7%	52.8%	48.7%
Multi-generation Adult Travellers	6.4%	13.4%	9.5%	14.9%	15.0%	11.1%
Adults with Child(ren) / Families	6.8%	16.3%	35.5%	4.0%	15.6%	22.3%

Note: * One, two, three or more adults travelling with child(ren) indicate family travel parties in this result. **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

4-5. Travel Party Size

Figure 15: Average Travel Party Size for RRS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties by Season



Note: **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

4-5. Travel Party Size (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Average Travel Party Size	1.65	2.42	3.63	2.50	2.34	2.91
Average Number of Male Travellers	0.68	0.93	1.71	1.22	1.17	1.36
Average Number of Female Travellers	0.96	1.50	1.91	1.28	1.17	1.56
Average Number of Children Travellers	0.14	0.25	0.77	0.06	0.33	0.47
Average Number of Adult Travellers	1.51	2.17	2.86	2.44	2.02	2.45

Note: **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

4-6. Gender and Age of RSS Individual Overnight Pleasure Travellers

Figure 16: Gender of RSS Individual Overnight Pleasure Travellers (Total Travellers N = 68,617)

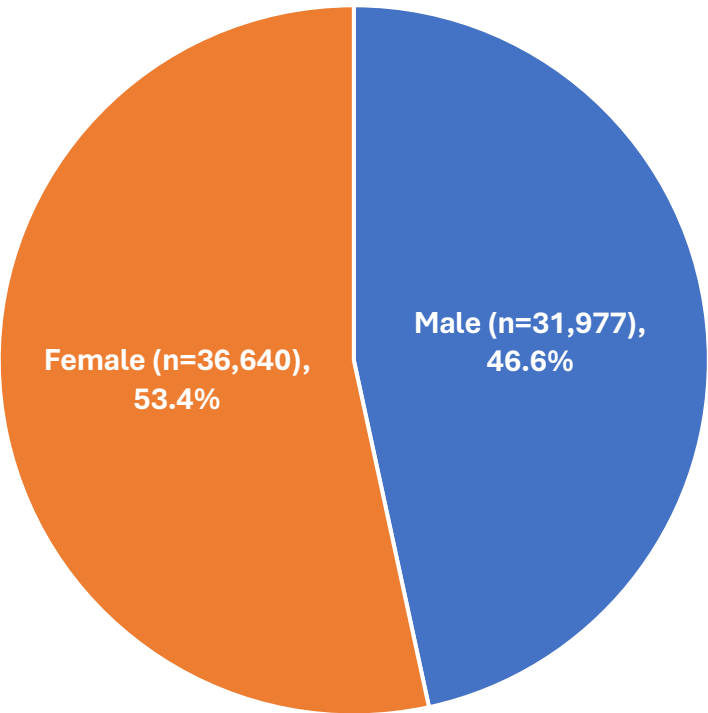
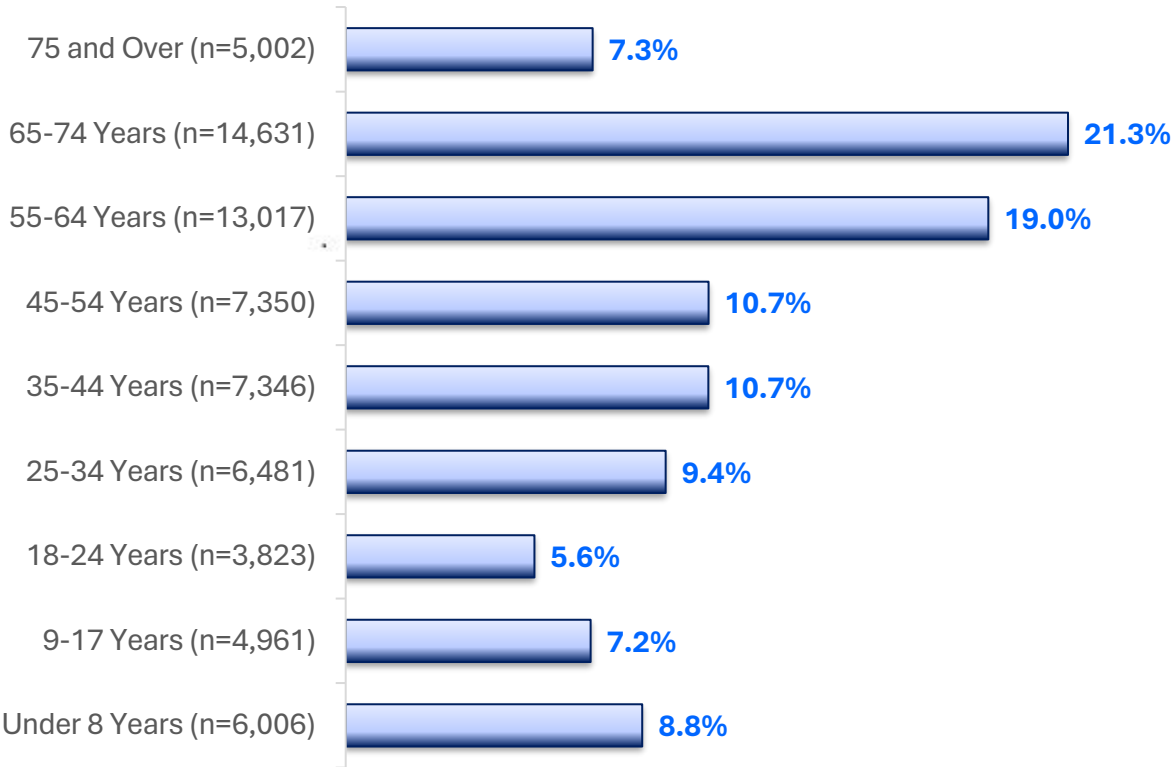


Figure 17: Age of RSS Individual Overnight Pleasure Travellers (Total Travellers N = 68,617)

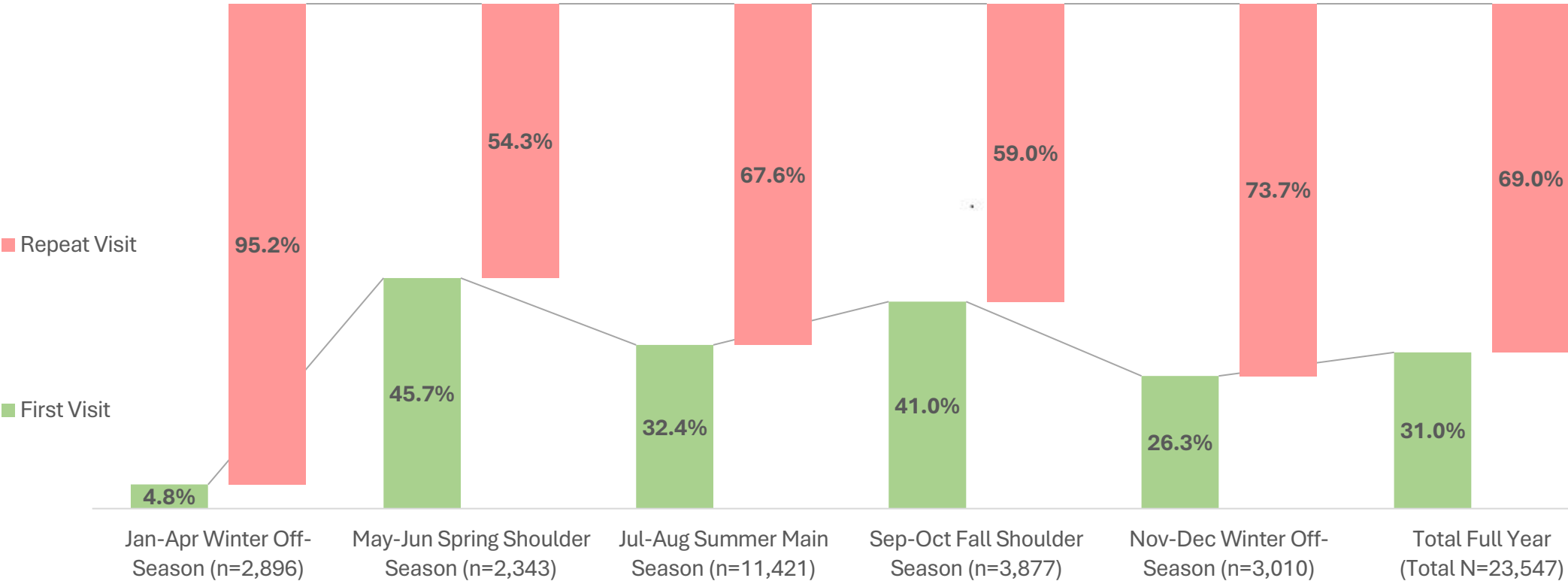


4-6. Gender and Age of GGS Individual Overnight Pleasure Travellers (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Individual Overnight Pleasure Travellers N	4,772	5,678	41,422	9,695	7,050	68,617
(%)	(7.0%)	(8.3%)	(60.4%)	(14.1%)	(10.3%)	(100.0%)
Gender						
Male	41.5%	38.2%	47.2%	48.9%	50.1%	46.6%
Female	58.5%	61.8%	52.8%	51.1%	49.9%	53.4%
Age						
Under 8 Years	7.3%	8.3%	10.9%	2.4%	6.5%	8.8%
9-17 Years	1.0%	2.2%	10.3%	0.0%	7.5%	7.2%
18-24 Years	4.8%	3.6%	3.8%	1.3%	24.1%	5.6%
25-34 Years	10.3%	9.1%	10.2%	9.5%	4.8%	9.4%
35-44 Years	8.2%	11.7%	12.6%	7.2%	5.4%	10.7%
45-54 Years	13.1%	7.9%	12.4%	7.2%	6.1%	10.7%
55-64 Years	9.6%	23.1%	17.0%	25.4%	24.7%	19.0%
65-74 Years	20.3%	28.1%	18.7%	33.0%	15.8%	21.3%
75 and Over	25.5%	6.0%	4.1%	14.1%	5.2%	7.3%

4-7. Type of Visitation

Figure 18: Type of Visitation for RSS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties by Season



4-7. Type of Visitation (cont'd)

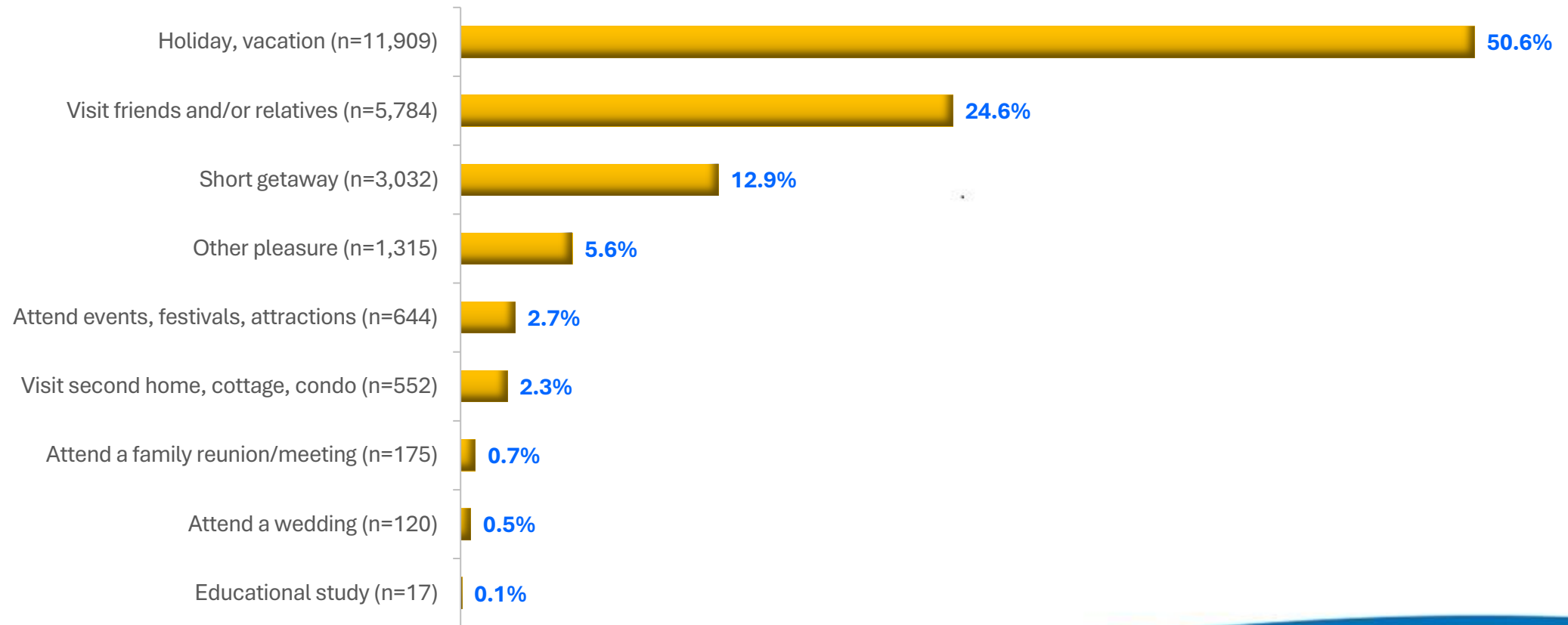
	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Type of Visitation						
First-timers	4.8%	45.7%	32.4%	41.0%	26.3%	31.0%
Repeaters	95.2%	54.3%	67.6%	59.0%	73.7%	69.0%
Return Visit Pattern	2,757 (17.0%)	1,273 (7.8%)	7,718 (47.5%)	2,288 (14.1%)	2,220 (13.7%)	16,256 (100.0%)
This year (2023)	83.5%	7.5%	18.4%	20.0%	63.6%	35.0%
One year ago (2022)	13.2%	19.2%	34.1%	24.3%	11.2%	24.9%
Two years ago (2021)	0.0%	1.6%	2.0%	7.6%	6.5%	3.0%
Three years ago (2020)	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	2.6%	0.0%	3.4%
Four years ago (2019)	0.4%	26.7%	2.9%	12.1%	0.0%	5.2%
Five or more years ago (2018 & earlier)	2.9%	45.1%	36.3%	33.4%	18.7%	28.5%
Average Number of Times visited PEI in the Past Five Years (Grouped Median)	9.41 (10.67)	2.63 (1.81)	2.95 (2.38)	3.21 (2.77)	6.07 (7.10)	4.48 (3.14)

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5-1. Primary Reason for the Trip

Figure 12: Primary Reason for the Trip to PEI by RRS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties
(Total Overnight Pleasure Parties N = 23,547)



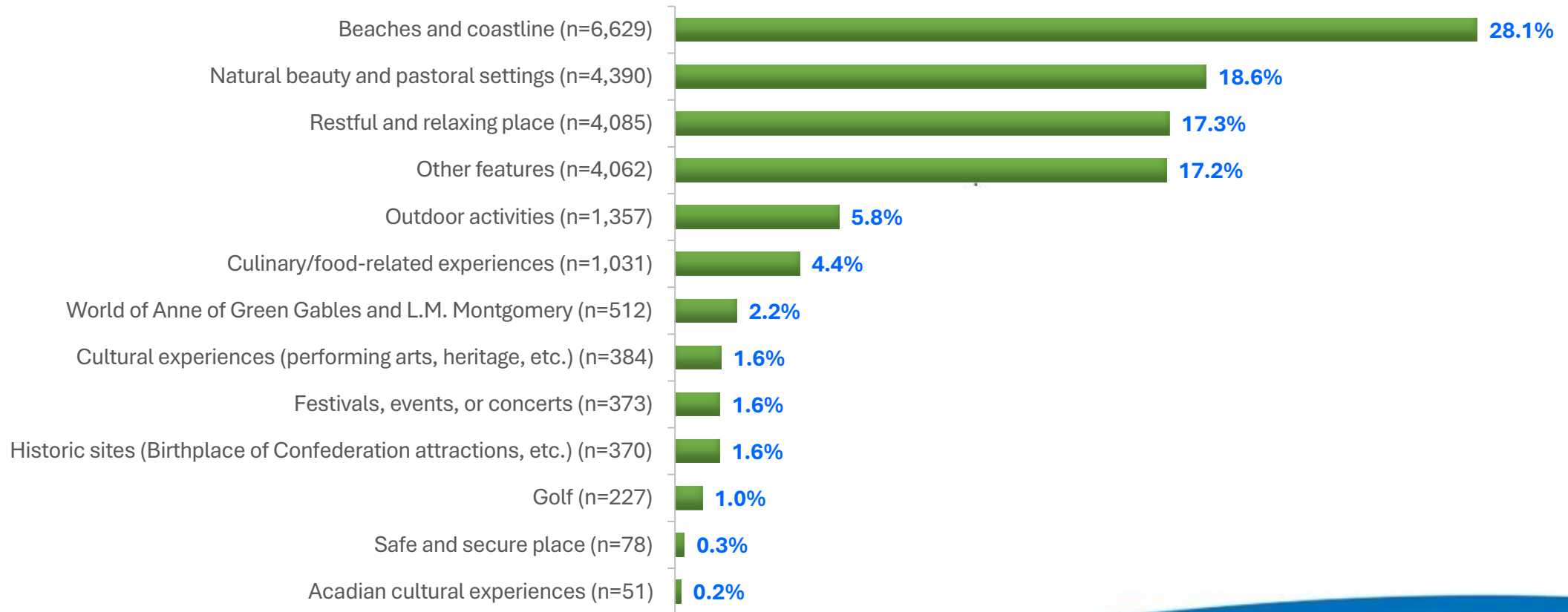
5-1. Primary Reason for the Trip (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Holiday, vacation	1.6%	58.1%	69.0%	53.6%	18.1%	50.6%
Visit friends and/or relatives	73.4%	14.0%	8.1%	6.7%	71.3%	24.6%
Short getaway	6.0%	9.0%	14.2%	26.5%	0.0%	12.9%
Other pleasure	16.8%	5.4%	2.6%	5.5%	6.5%	5.6%
Visit second home, cottage, condo	0.0%	2.4%	2.7%	4.3%	3.9%	2.7%
Attend events, festivals, attractions	1.1%	7.8%	2.6%	1.1%	0.0%	2.3%
Attend a family reunion/meeting	1.1%	1.4%	0.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.7%
Attend a wedding	0.0%	2.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.2%	0.5%
Educational study	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%

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5-2. Primary Features that Attracted

Figure 13: Primary Features that Attracted Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties to PEI
(Total Overnight Pleasure Parties N = 23,547)



5-2. Primary Features that Attracted (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Beaches and coastline	0.2%	20.2%	41.3%	19.7%	22.3%	28.2%
Natural beauty and pastoral settings	8.7%	29.9%	17.4%	33.1%	5.4%	18.6%
Restful and relaxing place	28.3%	12.2%	15.6%	20.1%	13.8%	17.3%
Other features	46.4%	15.6%	7.2%	9.0%	39.4%	17.2%
Outdoor activities	16.0%	7.2%	4.0%	3.6%	4.3%	5.8%
Culinary/food-related experiences	0.0%	5.0%	3.2%	3.5%	13.8%	4.4%
World of Anne of Green Gables and L.M. Montgomery	0.0%	3.8%	2.8%	2.1%	0.8%	2.2%
Cultural experiences	0.0%	0.3%	1.5%	5.2%	0.0%	1.6%
Festivals, events, or concerts	0.4%	0.0%	2.9%	0.8%	0.0%	1.6%
Historic sites	0.0%	1.3%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%
Golf	0.0%	4.3%	0.3%	2.2%	0.2%	1.0%
Safe and secure place	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.3%
Acadian cultural experiences	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%

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6-1. Entry and Exit Points

	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Entry Point						
Charlottetown Airport	8.2%	14.2%	7.1%	8.4%	6.0%	8.0%
Confederation Bridge	91.8%	80.5%	85.9%	88.0%	93.6%	87.4%
Wood Islands Ferry Terminal	0.0%	5.2%	7.0%	3.6%	0.4%	4.6%
Exit Point						
Charlottetown Airport	9.2%	18.1%	6.8%	8.0%	6.2%	8.3%
Confederation Bridge	90.8%	69.7%	86.7%	86.4%	93.7%	86.4%
Wood Islands Ferry Terminal	0.0%	12.2%	6.4%	5.6%	0.1%	5.3%
Mix of Entry and Exit Points						
Air only	8.1%	14.2%	5.8%	7.8%	5.7%	7.3%
Bridge only	90.8%	65.9%	78.9%	83.9%	93.5%	81.7%
Ferry only	0.0%	1.3%	0.3%	1.5%	0.0%	0.5%
Bridge and Ferry Mix	0.0%	14.8%	12.8%	6.0%	0.1%	8.7%
Air and Bridge or Ferry Mix	1.0%	3.8%	2.3%	0.8%	0.7%	1.8%

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6-2. Rental Vehicle Usage and Location of the Vehicle Pick-Up

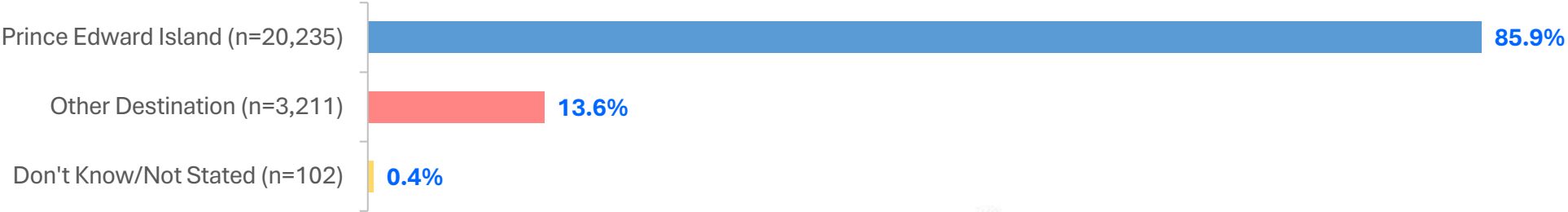
	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Rental Vehicle Usage						
Yes	1.2%	20.0%	11.5%	12.4%	4.5%	10.4%
No	98.8%	80.0%	88.5%	87.6%	95.5%	89.6%
Location of the Vehicle Pick-Up	34 (1.4%)	469 (19.2%)	1,317 (54.0%)	481 (19.7%)	137 (5.6%)	2,438 (100.0%)
Prince Edward Island	100.0%	48.6%	35.2%	42.7%	30.7%	39.9%
New Brunswick	0.0%	13.3%	30.5%	2.5%	0.0%	19.5%
Nova Scotia	0.0%	24.8%	23.5%	45.4%	64.2%	30.0%
Quebec	0.0%	2.4%	0.8%	2.1%	0.0%	1.3%
Ontario	0.0%	0.0%	7.0%	4.2%	0.0%	4.6%
Other Canadian provinces	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
New England states	0.0%	7.9%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%
Other US states	0.0%	3.0%	0.8%	3.1%	5.1%	1.9%

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7-1. Primary Destination of the Trip

Figure 14: Primary Destination of the Trip by RRS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties
(Total Overnight Pleasure Parties N = 23,547)



	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Prince Edward Island	100.0%	75.4%	84.9%	87.1%	82.9%	85.9%
Other Destination	0.0%	23.2%	14.5%	12.9%	17.1%	13.6%
Don't Know/Not Stated	0.0%	1.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%

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7-2. Trip Duration

	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season		May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season		Jul-Aug Summer Main Season		Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season		Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season		Total Full-Year	
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)		2,343 (10.0%)		11,421 (48.5%)		3,877 (16.5%)		3,010 (12.8%)		23,547 (100.0%)	
Average Trip Duration	<i>Nights</i>	%	<i>Nights</i>	%	<i>Nights</i>	%	<i>Nights</i>	%	<i>Nights</i>	%	<i>Nights</i>	%
Total Nights of the Trip	4.58	100.0%	15.36	100.0%	11.38	100.0%	13.43	100.0%	6.43	100.0%	10.64	100.0%
Nights stayed in Prince Edward Island	4.49	97.9%	7.86	51.2%	6.19	54.4%	7.16	53.3%	4.52	70.3%	6.09	57.2%
Nights in paid accommodations in PEI	(0.40)	(9.0%)	(5.56)	(70.8%)	(4.82)	(77.9%)	(4.66)	(65.1%)	(2.04)	(45.2%)	(3.97)	(65.2%)
Nights in paid accommodations in PEI through a peer-to-peer lodging website such as Airbnb, VRBO, etc.	(0.13)	(2.9%)	(2.73)	(34.7%)	(1.68)	(27.2%)	(1.77)	(24.8%)	(0.48)	(10.7%)	(1.46)	(23.9%)
Nights stayed in New Brunswick	0.03	0.6%	2.09	13.6%	1.43	12.5%	0.92	6.9%	0.58	9.0%	1.13	10.6%
Nights stayed in Nova Scotia	0.03	0.7%	2.47	16.1%	1.48	13.0%	2.86	21.3%	0.59	9.2%	1.51	14.2%
Nights stayed in Newfoundland and Labrador	0.03	0.7%	0.75	4.9%	0.55	4.8%	0.34	2.6%	0.00	0.0%	0.40	3.8%
Nights stayed in Magdalen Islands	0.00	0.0%	0.04	0.2%	0.10	0.9%	0.21	1.6%	0.31	4.9%	0.13	1.2%
Nights stayed elsewhere	0.00	0.1%	2.15	14.0%	1.63	14.4%	1.93	14.4%	0.42	6.6%	1.38	13.0%

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7-3. Overnight Stays in PEI Region

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Total Accumulated Parties Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Region *						
Red Sands Shore	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Greater Charlottetown Area	8.6%	22.9%	17.8%	18.0%	27.5%	18.4%
Green Gables Shore	3.2%	29.1%	14.7%	13.8%	17.4%	14.9%
Points East Coastal Drive	0.0%	20.7%	11.7%	16.6%	31.1%	14.4%
Summerside Area	3.2%	10.2%	10.4%	10.5%	17.3%	10.4%
North Cape Coastal Drive	0.0%	12.6%	9.2%	14.7%	17.1%	10.3%
Total Overnight Stays (Parties)	3,334	4,579	18,699	6,726	6,335	39,673
(%)	(8.4%)	(11.5%)	(47.1%)	(17.0%)	(16.0%)	(100.0%)

Note: * Results were based on multiple responses.

7-3. Overnight Stays in PEI Region (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Total Accumulated Nights Spent by Parties in the Specific Region *						
Red Sands Shore	88.0%	60.3%	72.6%	73.2%	63.0%	71.6%
Green Gables Shore	2.3%	16.2%	8.0%	5.2%	4.0%	7.6%
Greater Charlottetown Area	7.6%	7.0%	7.0%	5.1%	11.7%	7.1%
Points East Coastal Drive	0.0%	9.2%	5.1%	6.1%	11.9%	6.0%
North Cape Coastal Drive	0.0%	4.3%	4.0%	6.8%	5.7%	4.4%
Summerside Area	2.2%	2.9%	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	3.3%
Total Overnight Stays (Nights)	13,012	18,409	70,658	27,705	13,599	143,383
(%)	(9.1%)	(12.8%)	(49.3%)	(19.3%)	(9.5%)	(100.0%)

Note: * Results were based on multiple responses.

7-4. Average Length of Stay in PEI Region

	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Average Number of Nights Stayed in PEI	4.49	7.86	6.19	7.16	4.52	6.09
Average Number of Nights Spent in Each Region (For All Visitors Regardless of Each Region Stayed)						
Red Sands Shore	3.95	4.74	4.49	5.24	2.85	4.36
Green Gables Shore	0.10	1.28	0.50	0.37	0.18	0.47
Greater Charlottetown Area	0.34	0.55	0.43	0.37	0.53	0.43
Points East Coastal Drive	0.00	0.73	0.31	0.43	0.54	0.36
North Cape Coastal Drive	0.00	0.34	0.25	0.49	0.26	0.27
Summerside Area	0.10	0.23	0.21	0.26	0.17	0.20
Average Number of Nights Spent in Each Region (For Only Those Who Stayed in the Region)						
Red Sands Shore	3.95	4.74	4.49	5.24	2.85	4.36
Green Gables Shore	3.21	4.38	3.40	2.72	1.03	3.13
North Cape Coastal Drive	0.00	2.68	2.67	3.31	1.50	2.58
Points East Coastal Drive	0.00	3.51	2.68	2.63	1.72	2.52
Greater Charlottetown Area	3.92	2.40	2.43	2.04	1.92	2.35
Summerside Area	2.98	2.26	2.02	2.44	1.00	1.94

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7-5. Overnight Stays in Type of Accommodation

	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Total Accumulated Parties Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Type of Accommodation *						
Cottage or Cabin	0.8%	40.5%	40.9%	27.5%	18.1%	30.8%
Home of Friends or Relatives	89.2%	18.1%	11.6%	14.0%	64.4%	28.9%
Campground/Trailer (RV) Park	6.0%	24.8%	27.4%	24.9%	11.0%	22.0%
Hotel, Motel, or Resort	3.2%	20.1%	16.3%	25.3%	11.8%	16.0%
B&B or Tourist Home	0.0%	13.9%	7.2%	10.2%	4.3%	7.1%
Other (e.g., hostel)	0.8%	1.6%	4.2%	6.2%	0.0%	3.3%
Own Property	6.8%	1.5%	1.1%	3.5%	3.9%	2.6%
Inn	0.2%	5.8%	2.0%	5.3%	0.0%	2.5%
Total Overnight Stays (Parties)	3,099	2,959	12,646	4,532	3,417	26,653
(%)	(11.6%)	(11.1%)	(47.4%)	(17.0%)	(12.8%)	(100.0%)

Note: * Results were based on multiple responses.

7-5. Overnight Stays in Type of Accommodation (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Total Accumulated Parties Staying at Least One Night in the Specific Type of Accommodation *						
Cottage or Cabin	0.9%	34.8%	34.9%	26.8%	14.1%	28.3%
Home of Friends or Relatives	80.7%	14.1%	13.3%	14.2%	53.7%	23.5%
Campground/Trailer (RV) Park	2.7%	26.5%	24.4%	26.4%	10.5%	21.8%
Hotel, Motel, or Resort	6.1%	9.8%	13.4%	12.2%	17.2%	12.4%
B&B or Tourist Home	0.0%	7.2%	5.8%	5.7%	2.8%	5.1%
Own Property	7.6%	2.1%	2.9%	9.1%	1.7%	4.3%
Other (e.g., hostel)	1.9%	1.2%	3.7%	1.7%	0.0%	2.5%
Inn	0.1%	4.2%	1.7%	3.9%	0.0%	2.1%
Total Overnight Stays (Nights)	13,012	18,409	70,658	27,705	13,599	143,383
(%)	(9.1%)	(12.8%)	(49.3%)	(19.3%)	(9.5%)	(100.0%)

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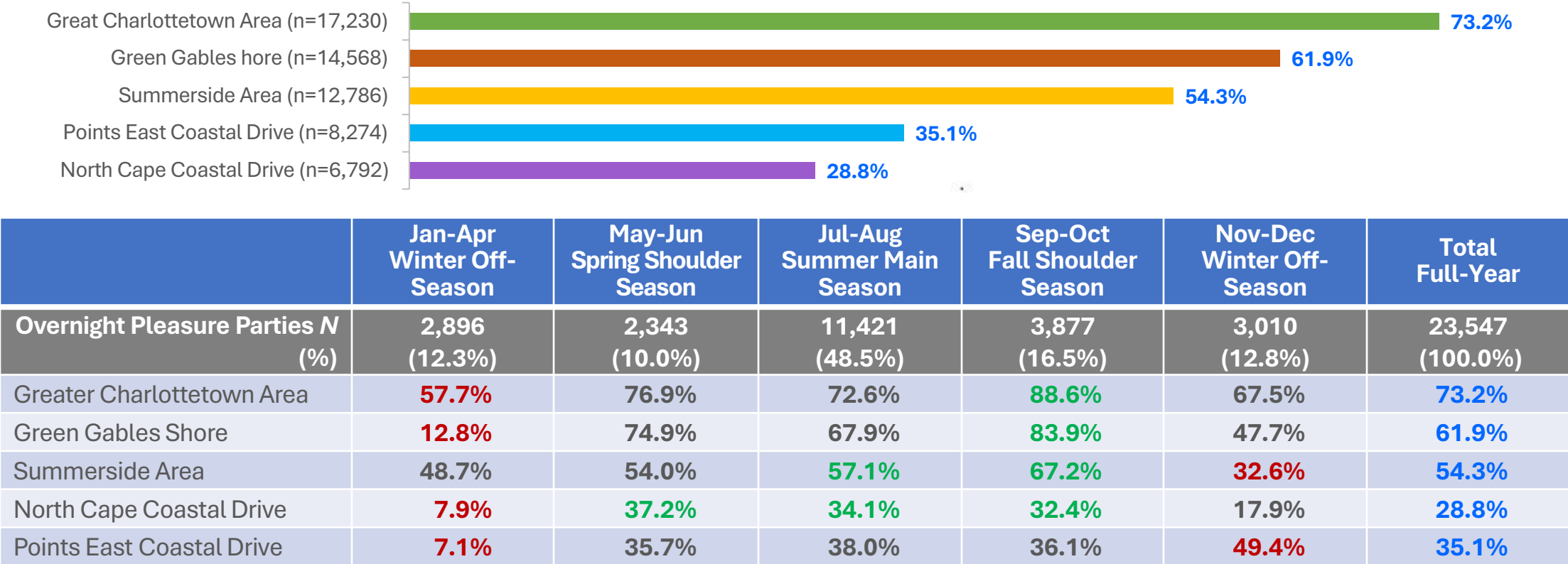
7-6. Average Length of Stay in Type of Accommodation

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Average Number of Nights Stayed in PEI	4.49	7.86	6.19	7.16	4.52	6.09
Average Number of Nights Spent in Each Type of Accommodation (For All Visitors Regardless of Each Accommodation Used)						
Cottage or Cabin	0.04	2.74	2.16	1.92	0.64	1.72
Home of Friends or Relatives	3.62	1.10	0.82	1.02	2.43	1.43
Campground/Trailer (RV) Park	0.12	2.09	1.51	1.89	0.47	1.33
Hotel, Motel, or Resort	0.27	0.77	0.83	0.87	0.78	0.76
B&B or Tourist Home	0.00	0.57	0.36	0.41	0.13	0.31
Own Property	0.34	0.16	0.18	0.66	0.08	0.26
Other (e.g., hostel)	0.09	0.10	0.23	0.12	0.00	0.15
Inn	0.00	0.33	0.10	0.28	0.00	0.13
Average Number of Nights Spent in Each Type of Accommodation (For Only Those Who Stayed in Each Accommodation Type)						
Own Property	5.00	10.60	15.87	18.59	2.00	10.05
Campground/Trailer (RV) Park	2.00	8.41	5.51	7.56	4.32	6.03
Cottage or Cabin	5.50	6.76	5.28	6.98	3.52	5.59
Inn	1.00	5.74	5.05	5.24	0.00	5.23
Home of Friends or Relatives	4.06	6.11	7.13	7.30	3.77	4.96
Hotel, Motel, or Resort	8.51	3.84	5.08	3.45	6.56	4.72
Other (e.g., hostel)	11.00	5.98	5.46	1.91	0.00	4.55
B&B or Tourist Home	0.00	4.09	4.95	4.02	2.94	4.41

Note: Results were based on multiple responses. **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

7-7. Other PEI Regions Visited by RSS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties

Figure 15: Other PEI Regions Visited by RRS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties
(Total Overnight Pleasure Parties N = 23,547)



Note: Results were based on multiple responses. A “visit” was defined as dining, visiting an attraction, or participating in an activity in the region, and not travelling through the region only; **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.



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8-1. Activities Participated in While in PEI

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Driving tour (scenic drives/views)	47.2%	77.6%	75.1%	83.2%	40.5%	68.8%
Going to a beach	11.0%	62.1%	81.0%	67.4%	51.7%	64.5%
Shopping for local products	66.5%	59.2%	63.1%	61.7%	26.7%	58.2%
Going to a full-service restaurant	39.6%	52.1%	64.3%	68.6%	26.5%	55.9%
Sightseeing, appreciating pastoral or rural settings	36.2%	74.3%	53.0%	61.2%	27.6%	51.2%
Visiting a national or provincial park	2.6%	77.8%	61.2%	55.6%	31.0%	50.8%
Shopping for general merchandise	68.2%	43.7%	56.3%	43.6%	21.0%	49.9%
Seeing natural wonders	21.9%	64.0%	47.8%	52.5%	41.5%	46.2%
Sampling local culinary products	29.8%	60.6%	50.5%	57.3%	17.3%	45.9%
Visiting friends and/or relatives	98.4%	37.0%	26.7%	29.8%	77.7%	43.6%
Visiting historic/heritage sites, or cultural attractions	2.0%	41.9%	44.7%	43.6%	20.0%	35.8%
Visiting Anne of Green Gables and related attractions	1.6%	40.2%	30.7%	43.1%	11.1%	27.6%
Using the Confederation Trail or other trails	9.2%	32.3%	29.2%	26.2%	18.9%	25.3%
Participating in nature-based outdoor activities	22.8%	18.1%	20.6%	13.6%	13.3%	18.5%
Attending a festival, event, or concert	16.4%	27.6%	15.9%	17.9%	22.8%	18.3%

Note: Results were based on multiple responses. **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

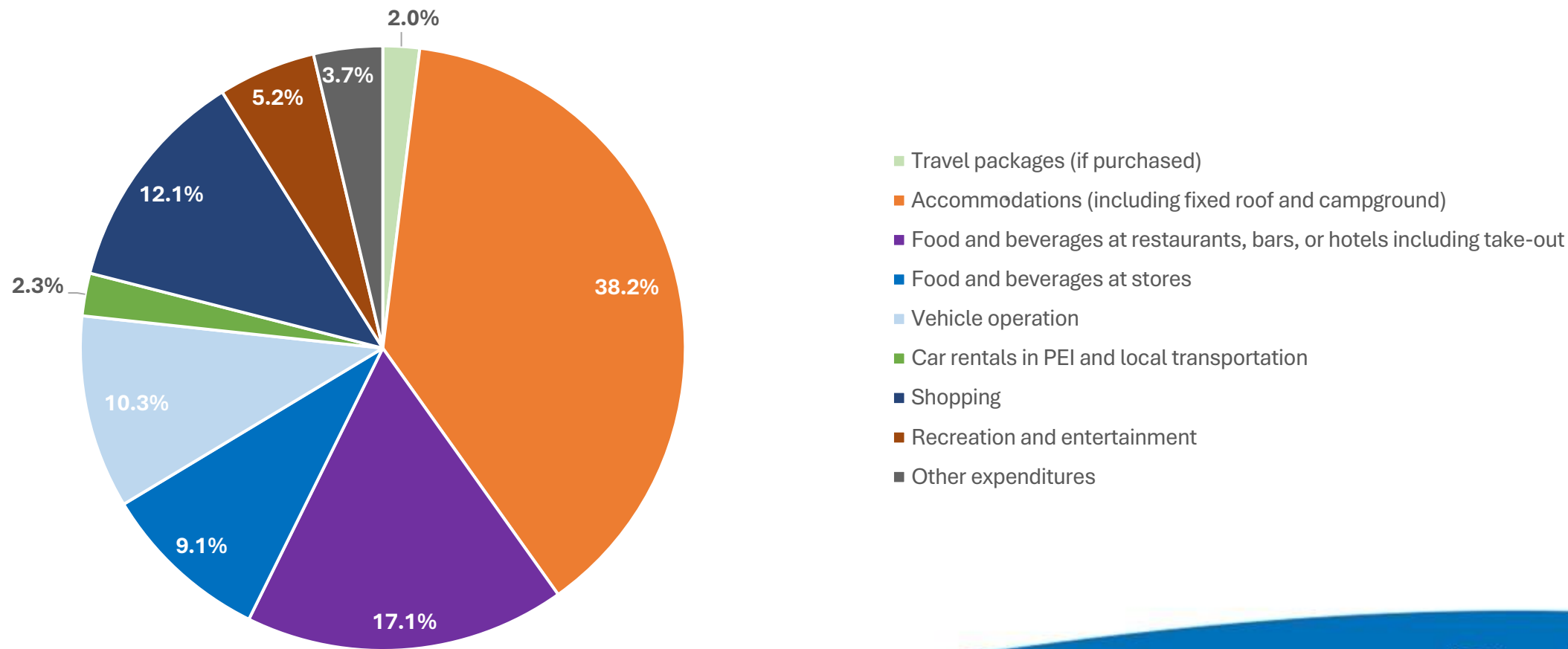
8-1. Activities Participated in While in PEI (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Going to a museum or art gallery	0.4%	22.5%	24.7%	14.1%	5.1%	17.2%
Participating in water-based activities	0.0%	7.9%	26.4%	12.4%	4.3%	16.2%
Attending a live performance/entertainment	15.2%	15.0%	19.2%	12.2%	4.6%	15.3%
Visiting a theme, fun or amusement park	0.0%	7.1%	21.4%	2.3%	0.0%	11.4%
Other	27.6%	2.5%	8.1%	4.6%	9.1%	9.5%
Taking part in an authentic PEI experience/hands-on learning activity (clam digging, pottery, etc.)	0.0%	6.7%	8.1%	9.5%	0.0%	6.2%
Playing golf (not miniature)	0.0%	4.3%	6.5%	7.5%	0.5%	4.9%
Attending a sports event or tournament (as a spectator)	7.9%	0.9%	0.5%	0.4%	27.3%	4.8%
Experiencing night-life activities (bars, nightclubs, etc.)	2.7%	5.9%	5.1%	7.1%	0.6%	4.6%
Participating in recreational fishing or hunting	14.8%	0.0%	4.9%	0.1%	0.0%	4.2%
Participating in cold-weather activities	16.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.9%	3.2%
Going to a casino/racino (Charlottetown or Summerside)	0.0%	1.1%	2.2%	4.2%	3.9%	2.4%
Health and wellness activities (yoga, spa, sauna, etc.)	2.7%	2.7%	1.3%	2.3%	0.0%	1.6%
Playing disc golf	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	1.5%	0.0%	0.6%
Participating in recreational motorized activities	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%

Note: Results were based on multiple responses; **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level; '0.0%' indicates 'not applicable' rather than 'zero' because there are no samples in the specific segments.

8-2. Estimated Total Direct Expenditures

Figure 16: Breakdown of Tourism Expenditures by RRS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties
(Total Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties N = 23,547 or Total Overnight Pleasure Travellers N= 68,617)



8-2. Estimated Total Direct Expenditures (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Estimated Total Direct Expenditures (\$)	\$2,827,841	\$5,535,773	\$33,377,442	\$8,690,581	\$3,331,254	\$53,762,892
Travel packages (if purchased)	\$33,598	\$107,594	\$371,630	\$49,439	\$488,817	\$1,051,078
Accommodations	\$295,376	\$2,073,972	\$14,278,796	\$3,014,491	\$875,427	\$20,538,063
Food and beverages at restaurants, bars, or hotels	\$520,273	\$947,799	\$5,454,532	\$1,590,237	\$704,139	\$9,216,980
Food and beverages at stores	\$267,983	\$524,444	\$2,940,807	\$728,607	\$414,197	\$4,876,038
Vehicle operation	\$331,241	\$632,192	\$3,107,282	\$1,098,970	\$390,465	\$5,560,151
Car rentals in PEI and local transportation	\$51,053	\$131,876	\$871,298	\$134,481	\$39,211	\$1,227,918
Shopping	\$834,335	\$599,825	\$3,546,754	\$1,291,528	\$231,418	\$6,503,861
Recreation and entertainment	\$156,636	\$260,867	\$1,917,112	\$310,543	\$161,134	\$2,806,293
Other expenditures	\$337,345	\$257,204	\$889,231	\$472,286	\$26,445	\$1,982,510

Note: Total expenditures in each season were calculated as follows: Number of overnight pleasure travel parties × average spending per party per visit or Number of overnight pleasure travellers × average length of stay × average spending per person per night.

8-2. Estimated Total Direct Expenditures (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
% of Estimated Total Direct Expenditures	(5.3%)	(10.3%)	(62.1%)	(16.2%)	(6.2%)	(100.0%)
Travel packages (if purchased)	1.2%	1.9%	1.1%	0.6%	14.7%	2.0%
Accommodations	10.4%	37.5%	42.8%	34.7%	26.3%	38.2%
Food and beverages at restaurants, bars, or hotels	18.4%	17.1%	16.3%	18.3%	21.1%	17.1%
Food and beverages at stores	9.5%	9.5%	8.8%	8.4%	12.4%	9.1%
Vehicle operation	11.7%	11.4%	9.3%	12.6%	11.7%	10.3%
Car rentals in PEI and local transportation	1.8%	2.4%	2.6%	1.5%	1.2%	2.3%
Shopping	29.5%	10.8%	10.6%	14.9%	6.9%	12.1%
Recreation and entertainment	5.5%	4.7%	5.7%	3.6%	4.8%	5.2%
Other expenditures	11.9%	4.6%	2.7%	5.4%	0.8%	3.7%

8-3. Average Spending per Party per Visit

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Average Spending per Party per Visit (\$)	\$976.40	\$2,362.82	\$2,922.46	\$2,241.46	\$1,106.75	\$2,283.22
Travel packages (if purchased)	\$11.60	\$45.92	\$32.54	\$12.75	\$162.40	\$44.64
Accommodations	\$101.99	\$885.23	\$1,250.22	\$777.49	\$290.85	\$872.22
Food and beverages at restaurants, bars, or hotels	\$179.64	\$404.55	\$477.59	\$410.15	\$233.94	\$391.43
Food and beverages at stores	\$92.53	\$223.85	\$257.49	\$187.92	\$137.61	\$207.08
Vehicle operation	\$114.37	\$269.84	\$272.07	\$283.44	\$129.73	\$236.13
Car rentals in PEI and local transportation	\$17.63	\$56.29	\$76.29	\$34.69	\$13.03	\$52.15
Shopping	\$288.08	\$256.02	\$310.55	\$333.11	\$76.88	\$276.21
Recreation and entertainment	\$54.08	\$111.35	\$167.86	\$80.09	\$53.53	\$119.18
Other expenditures	\$116.48	\$109.78	\$77.86	\$121.81	\$8.79	\$84.19
Average Length of Stay (nights)	4.49	7.86	6.19	7.16	4.52	6.09
Average Party Size (persons)	1.65	2.42	3.63	2.50	2.34	2.91
Estimated Number of Overnight Pleasure Travellers	4,772	5,678	41,422	9,695	7,050	68,617

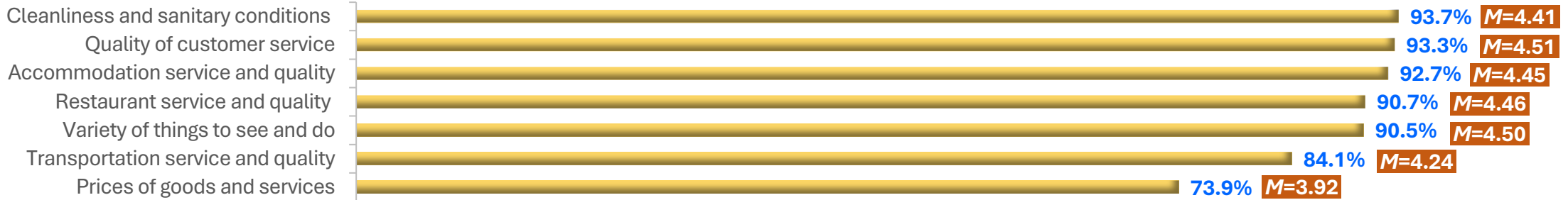
8-4. Average Spending per Person per Night

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Average Spending per Person per Night (\$)	\$131.99	\$124.04	\$130.21	\$125.19	\$104.53	\$128.60
Travel packages (if purchased)	\$1.57	\$2.41	\$1.45	\$0.71	\$15.34	\$2.51
Accommodations	\$13.79	\$46.47	\$55.70	\$43.42	\$27.47	\$49.13
Food and beverages at restaurants, bars, or hotels	\$24.28	\$21.24	\$21.28	\$22.91	\$22.10	\$22.05
Food and beverages at stores	\$12.51	\$11.75	\$11.47	\$10.50	\$13.00	\$11.66
Vehicle operation	\$15.46	\$14.17	\$12.12	\$15.83	\$12.25	\$13.30
Car rentals in PEI and local transportation	\$2.38	\$2.96	\$3.40	\$1.94	\$1.23	\$2.94
Shopping	\$38.94	\$13.44	\$13.84	\$18.60	\$7.26	\$15.56
Recreation and entertainment	\$7.31	\$5.85	\$7.48	\$4.47	\$5.06	\$6.71
Other expenditures	\$15.75	\$5.76	\$3.47	\$6.80	\$0.83	\$4.74
Average Length of Stay (nights)	4.49	7.86	6.19	7.16	4.52	6.09
Average Party Size (persons)	1.65	2.42	3.63	2.50	2.34	2.91
Estimated Number of Overnight Pleasure Travellers	4,772	5,678	41,422	9,695	7,050	68,617

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9-1. Rating of Travel Services

Figure 17: Rating of Travel Services by RSS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties
(Total Overnight Travel Parties N = 23,547)



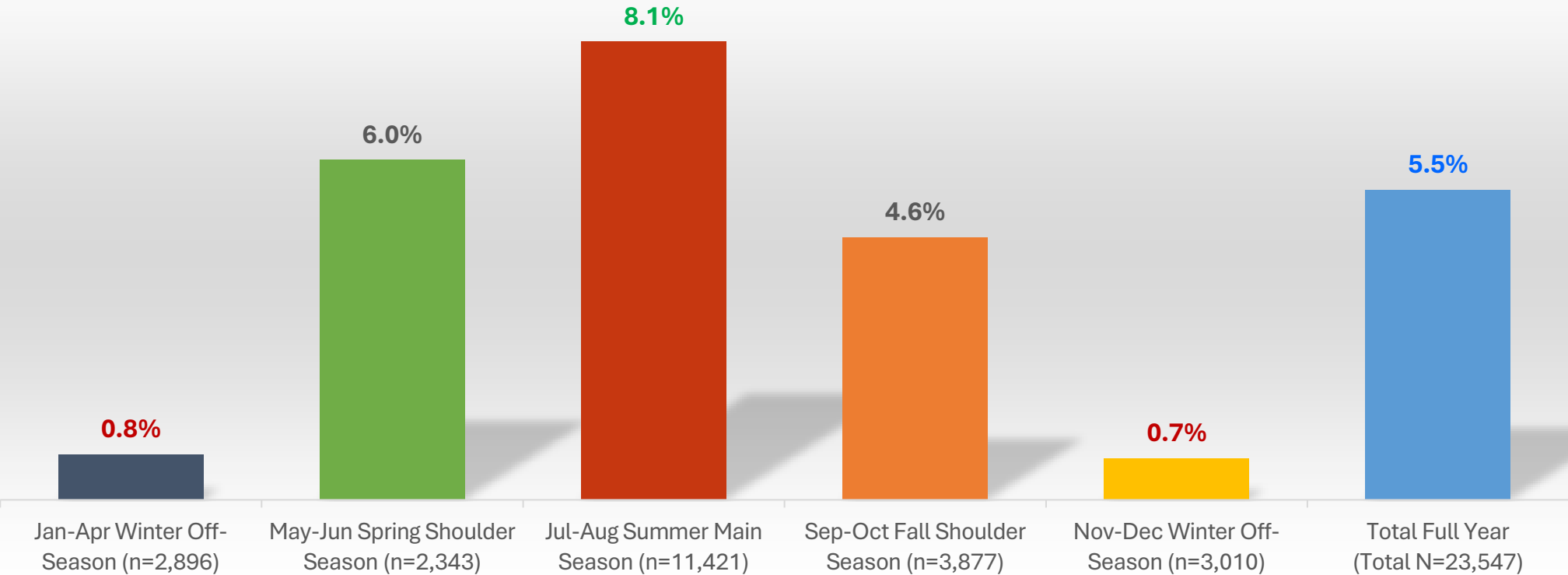
	Jan-Apr Winter Off-Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off-Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Cleanliness and sanitary conditions	99.2%	96.7%	95.6%	97.6%	72.8%	93.7%
Quality of customer service	98.9%	94.7%	93.8%	94.1%	83.5%	93.3%
Accommodation service and quality	96.6%	95.6%	91.2%	96.4%	90.1%	92.7%
Restaurant service and quality	97.8%	85.6%	87.8%	95.8%	92.4%	90.7%
Variety of things to see and do	86.4%	85.0%	91.6%	91.4%	92.5%	90.5%
Transportation service and quality	95.7%	84.2%	85.0%	84.3%	62.8%	84.1%
Prices of goods and services	82.3%	71.1%	72.9%	67.1%	81.8%	73.9%

Note: Results were based on those who rated each of the items; while percent (%) indicates the percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 based on a 5-point Likert-type scale, M indicates mean values; **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.



9-2. Instance of Complaints

Figure 18: Instance of Complaints from RSS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties by Season



Note: **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

9-3. Travel Evaluation and Overall Satisfaction

Figure 19: Travel Evaluation and Overall Satisfaction by RSS Overnight Pleasure Travel Parties
(Total Overnight Travel Parties N = 23,547)



	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
My trip to PEI was a good way to spend my time	98.4%	91.4%	99.1%	98.3%	88.2%	96.7%
I was satisfied with my trip to PEI	99.2%	93.3%	96.1%	97.7%	94.5%	96.3%
PEI was a safe and hygienic destination	93.6%	96.6%	97.6%	96.2%	80.9%	94.6%
My trip to PEI was good value for money spent	97.7%	86.0%	91.7%	94.3%	89.3%	91.9%

Note: Results were based on those who rated each of the items; while percent (%) indicates the percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 based on a 5-point Likert-type scale, M indicates mean values; **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

9-4. Future Behavioural Intentions

Figure 20: Likelihood of Recommending PEI as a Travel Destination to Others by Season

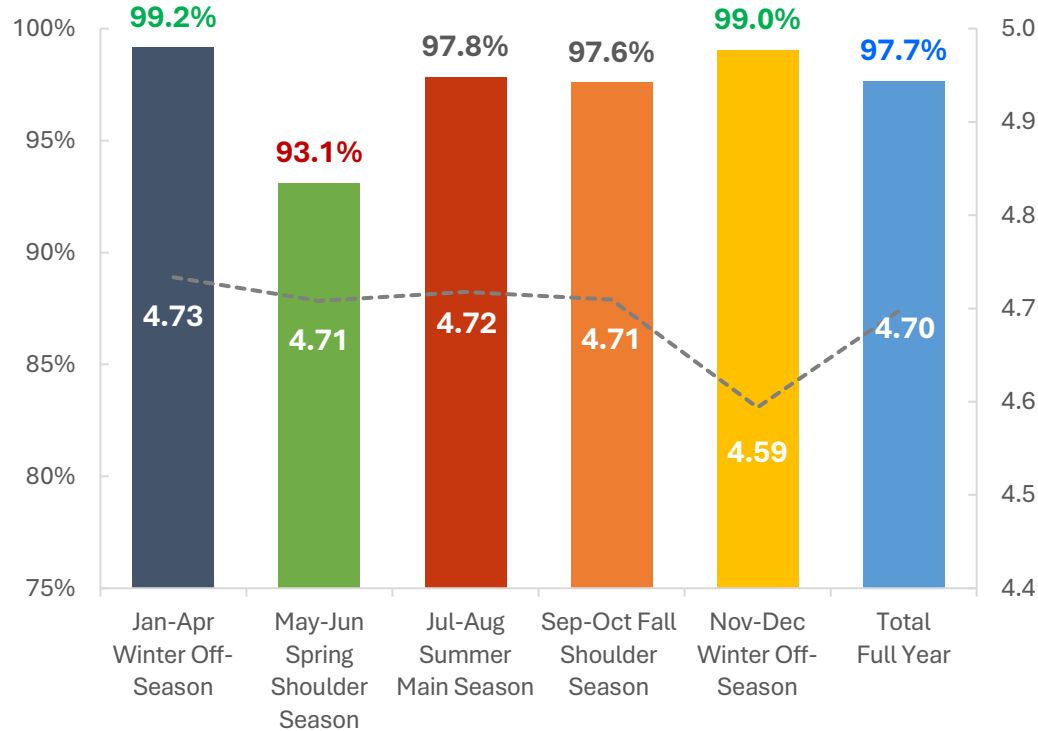
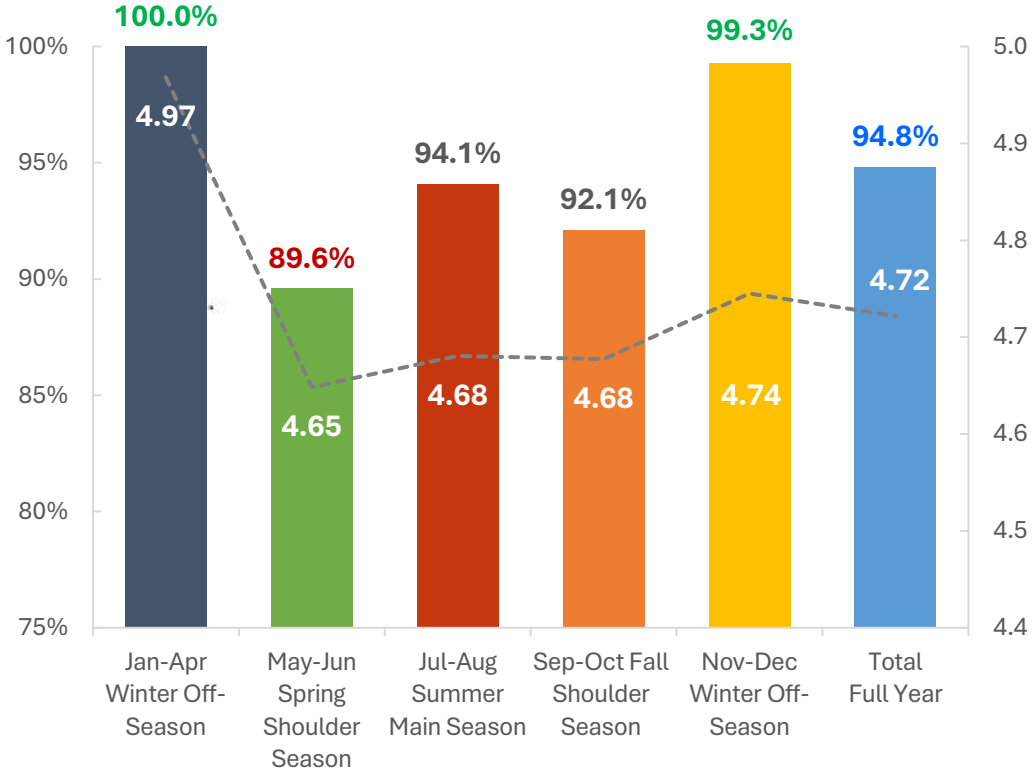


Figure 21: Likelihood of Visiting PEI Again by Season



Note: Results were based on those who rated each of the items; while percent (%) indicates the percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 based on a 5-point Likert-type scale, numbers inside of each column indicate mean values; **Green Bold Numbers** indicate significantly higher and **Red Bold Numbers** indicate significantly lower than other seasonal groups, while **Black Bold Numbers** position between the higher and lower groups, at 95% confidence level.

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10. Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Gender						
Male	38.2%	30.7%	31.2%	43.7%	40.2%	35.2%
Female	61.8%	69.3%	68.8%	56.3%	59.8%	64.8%
Age						
18 to 24	0.4%	2.2%	1.9%	0.0%	14.3%	3.0%
25 to 34	16.6%	12.0%	12.9%	8.2%	6.4%	11.6%
35 to 44	7.5%	14.9%	12.6%	7.9%	5.9%	10.6%
45 to 54	15.6%	12.7%	14.7%	5.5%	13.8%	13.0%
55 to 64	8.6%	27.0%	25.6%	29.8%	32.6%	25.3%
65 to 74	15.2%	18.8%	27.0%	34.0%	22.3%	25.3%
75 and over	36.0%	12.3%	5.2%	14.6%	4.7%	11.2%
Mother Tongue						
English	80.0%	67.0%	82.3%	64.0%	86.5%	78.0%
French	16.0%	24.4%	15.8%	29.4%	12.6%	18.5%
Other	4.0%	8.6%	1.9%	6.7%	1.0%	3.5%

10. Demographic Characteristics of Respondents (cont'd)

		Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties N (%)		2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Marital Status							
Single		36.6%	30.9%	10.6%	13.4%	39.1%	19.9%
Married/living common law		40.6%	64.5%	87.2%	76.6%	46.9%	72.3%
Other		22.8%	4.5%	2.2%	10.0%	14.0%	7.8%
Average Number of Children Living in the Household *							
Children 17 years and younger	Valid N	23	354	2,980	197	735	4,287
	(Valid %)	(0.8%)	(15.1%)	(26.1%)	(5.1%)	(24.4%)	(18.2%)
	Avg. #	2.00	1.69	1.71	1.14	1.29	1.61
Children 18 years and older	Valid N	61	197	1,627	319	621	2,825
	(Valid %)	(2.1%)	(8.4%)	(14.2%)	(8.2%)	(20.6%)	(12.0%)
	Avg. #	3.00	1.85	1.38	2.15	1.19	1.49

Note: * Results were based on respondents who reported the number of children and had at least one child living in the household. The average number of children living in the household was based on the valid number of respondents, excluding '0'.

10. Demographic Characteristics of Respondents (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Education						
Some school	6.0%	1.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
High school diploma	7.9%	7.3%	16.4%	15.2%	16.4%	14.3%
Some post-secondary	0.6%	7.6%	8.0%	3.2%	20.0%	7.8%
Graduated community/technical college	22.2%	13.7%	25.6%	31.0%	16.1%	23.7%
Graduated university (undergraduate)	33.3%	29.7%	23.7%	20.4%	27.3%	25.4%
Post graduate degree/Professional designation	30.0%	40.4%	25.5%	30.2%	20.2%	27.7%
Employment Status						
Working full time	41.7%	44.1%	44.3%	29.7%	47.7%	42.0%
Working part time or seasonally	0.0%	5.6%	9.5%	1.0%	6.9%	6.2%
Unemployed	0.8%	3.4%	0.5%	0.3%	0.7%	0.8%
Retraining or upgrading	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Retired	49.4%	42.1%	39.4%	68.1%	44.3%	46.2%
Homemaker	2.1%	3.0%	2.1%	0.3%	0.2%	1.7%
Student	0.0%	1.2%	2.0%	0.6%	0.2%	1.2%
Other	6.0%	0.6%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%

Note: '0.0%' indicates 'not applicable' rather than 'zero' because there are no samples in the specific segments.

10. Demographic Characteristics of Respondents (cont'd)

	Jan-Apr Winter Off- Season	May-Jun Spring Shoulder Season	Jul-Aug Summer Main Season	Sep-Oct Fall Shoulder Season	Nov-Dec Winter Off- Season	Total Full-Year
Overnight Pleasure Parties <i>N</i> (%)	2,896 (12.3%)	2,343 (10.0%)	11,421 (48.5%)	3,877 (16.5%)	3,010 (12.8%)	23,547 (100.0%)
Annual Household Income						
Under \$40,000	22.8%	12.6%	10.6%	11.5%	12.3%	12.7%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	35.8%	10.6%	16.7%	11.1%	14.5%	17.3%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	27.9%	11.4%	8.4%	15.3%	31.3%	15.2%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	0.8%	11.7%	14.4%	7.7%	5.2%	10.2%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	8.4%	17.5%	10.1%	14.4%	6.5%	10.9%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	0.3%	8.4%	10.7%	9.4%	0.4%	7.7%
\$150,000 to \$174,999	0.3%	8.4%	6.3%	4.9%	8.4%	5.8%
\$175,000 to \$199,999	0.0%	4.1%	3.9%	5.6%	6.4%	4.0%
\$200,000 or more	2.5%	4.9%	9.1%	7.9%	10.8%	7.9%
Not Stated	1.2%	10.4%	9.8%	12.1%	4.2%	8.5%