



Resident Perceptions of Tourism Snapshot Series 2024-25

KEY QUESTIONS

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I value the contribution
visitors make to my
local economy.

British Columbia

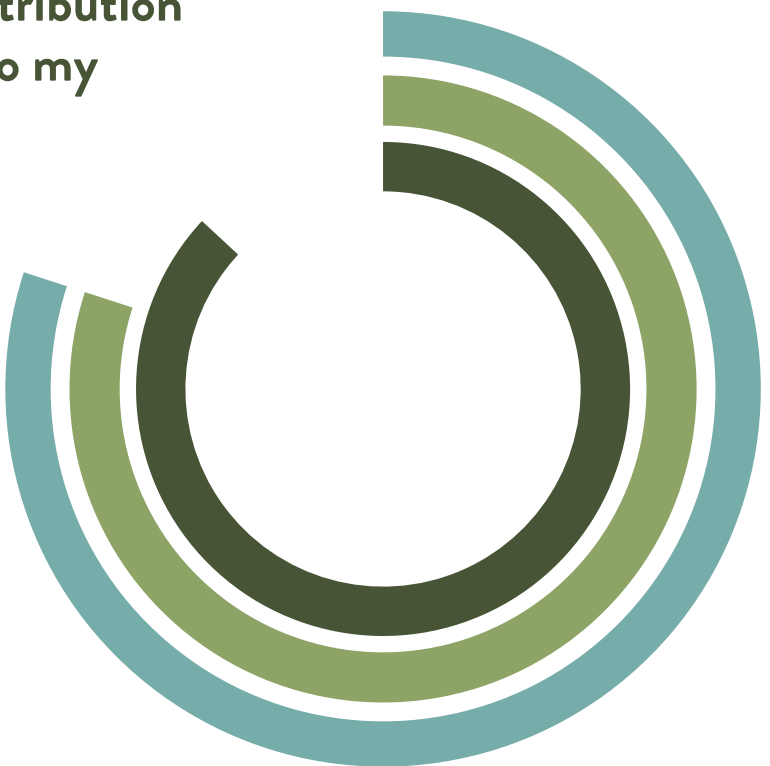
80.0%

Thom. Okanagan

80.0%

Okanagan-
Similkameen

86.9%



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Overall, tourism contributes
positively to the quality of
life in my community.

British Columbia

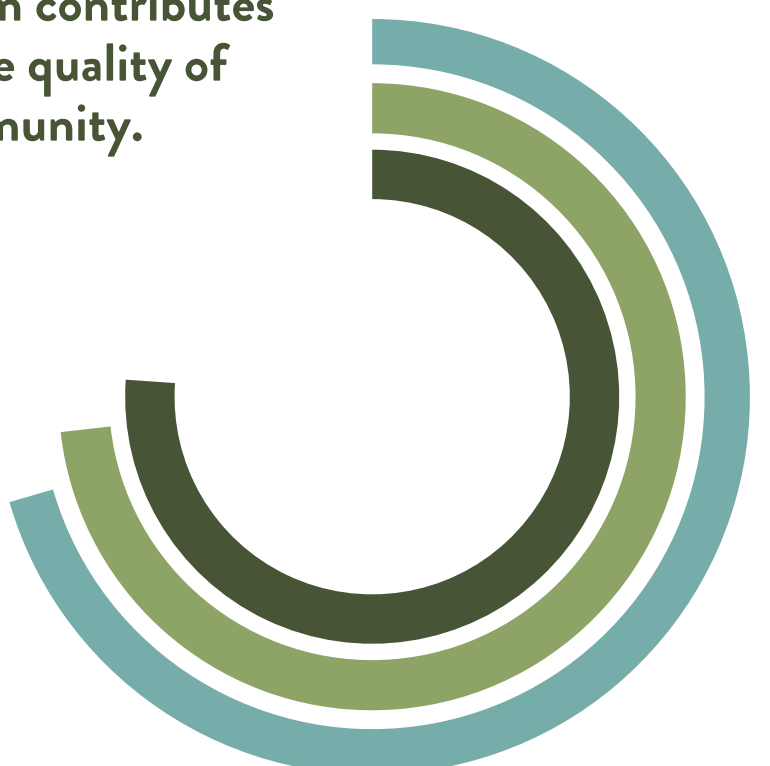
70.5%

Thom. Okanagan

73.2%

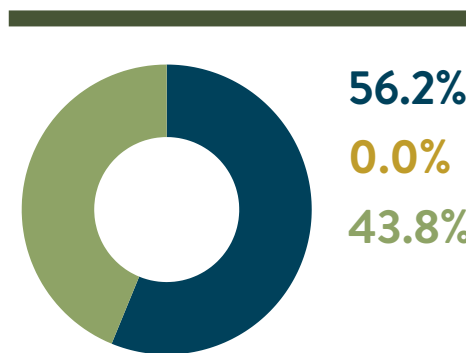
Okanagan-
Similkameen

76.1%

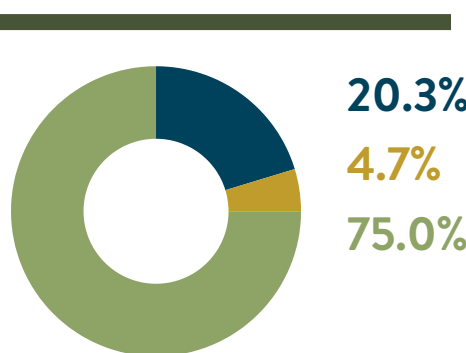


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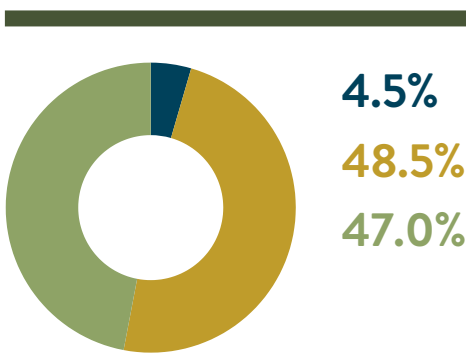
Do you think your community has too few, too many, or the right amount of tourism throughout the year?



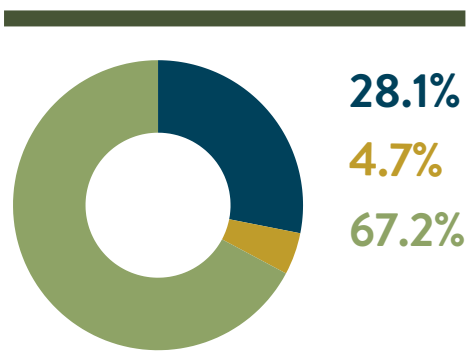
WINTER
DEC-FEB



SPRING
MAR-MAY



SUMMER
JUN-AUG



FALL
SEP-NOV

Too Few

Too Many

Just Right



IMPACT ASSESSMENT

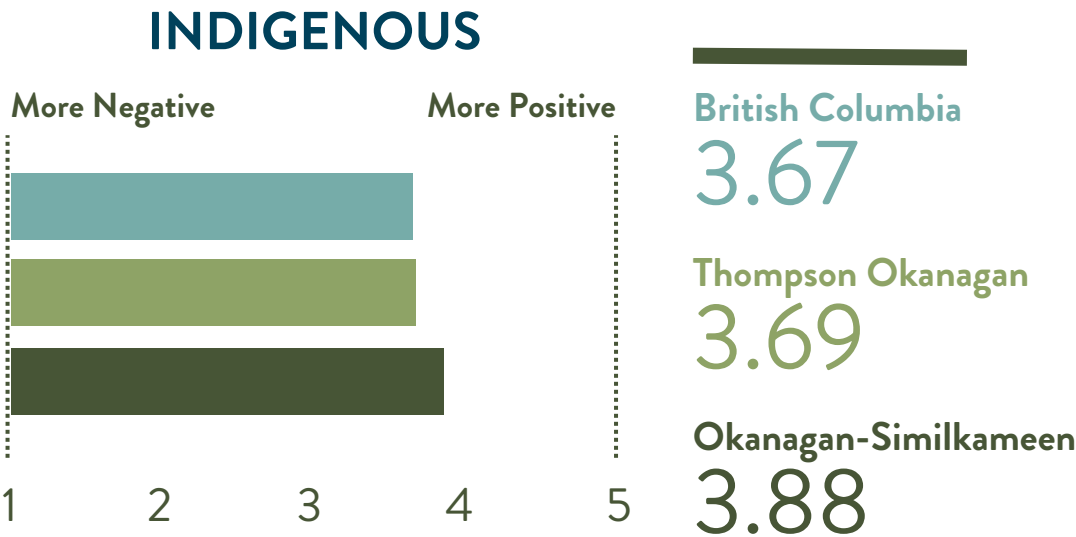
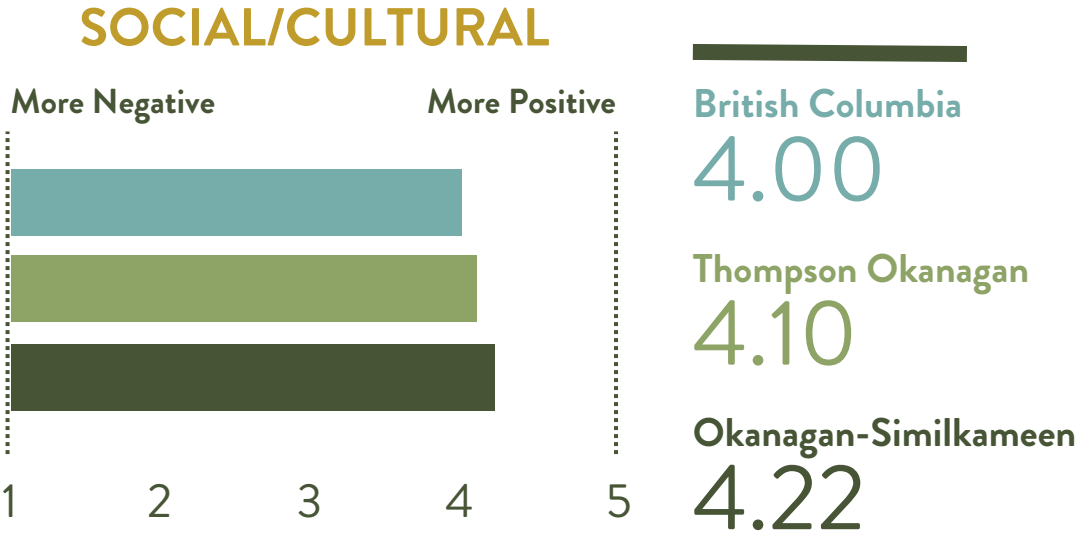
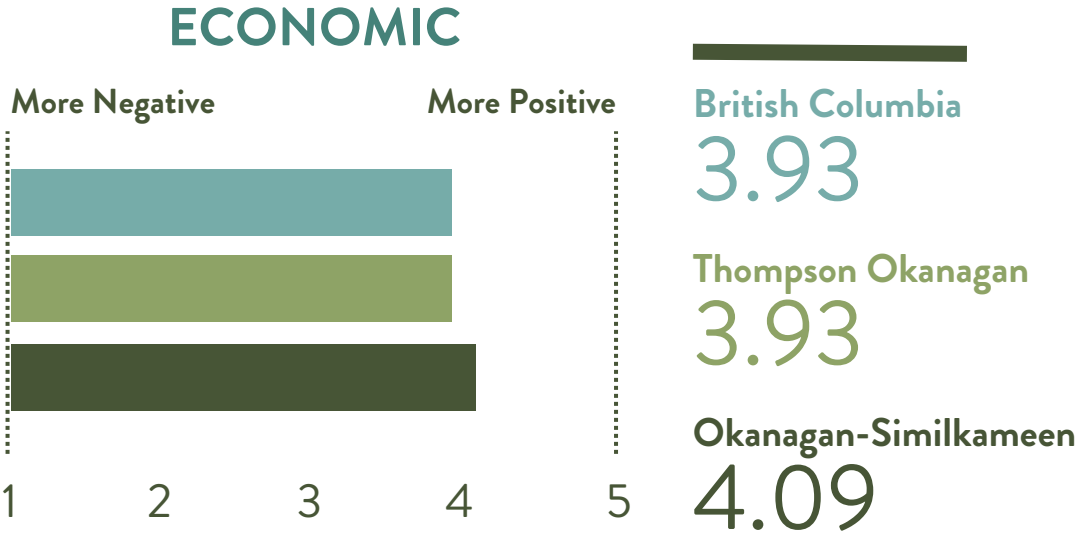
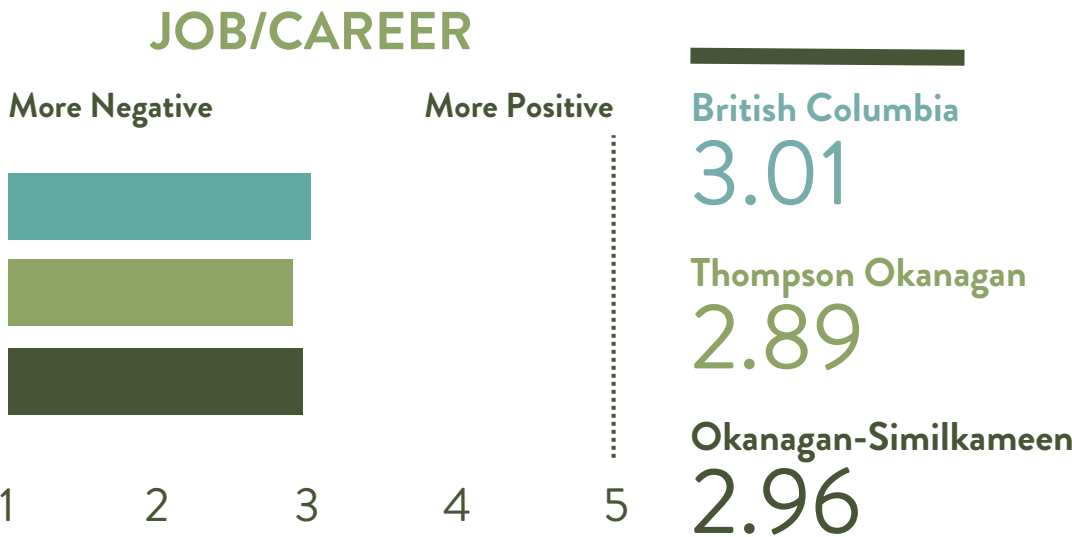
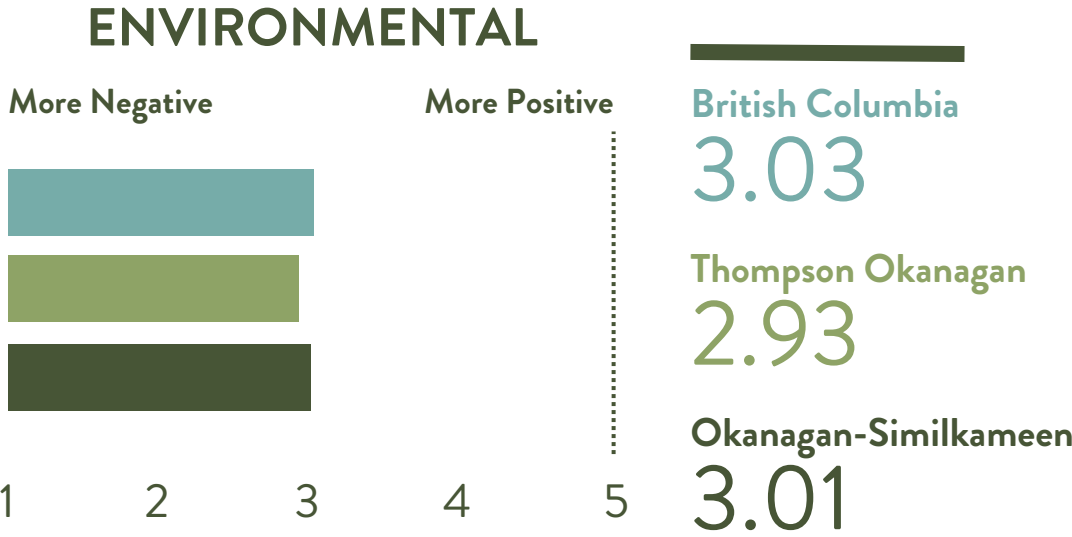
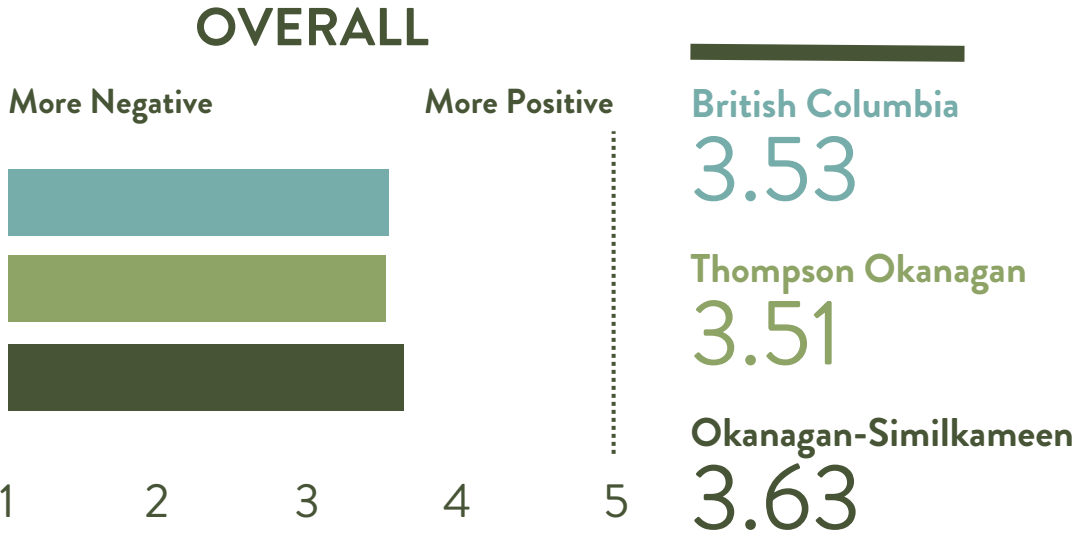
ECONOMIC IMPACTS include government investment in tourism infrastructure, contributions made by visitors to local economies, and the weighing of positive and negative impacts of tourism.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS include the degree to which the tourism industry reduces local carbon emissions, reduces waste, and contributes to the protection of natural areas.

SOCIAL/CULTURAL IMPACTS include the diversity of amenities, development of local business, and diversity of people supported by tourism.

JOB/CAREER IMPACTS include career growth and wage perceptions from jobs and careers in the tourism industry.

INDIGENOUS IMPACTS include awareness of Indigenous tourism experiences and businesses in BC.





RESIDENT SEGMENTATION

TOURISM AMBASSADORS have very strong positive perceptions across all five impact areas (Economic, Environmental, Social-Cultural, Job-Career, Indigenous).

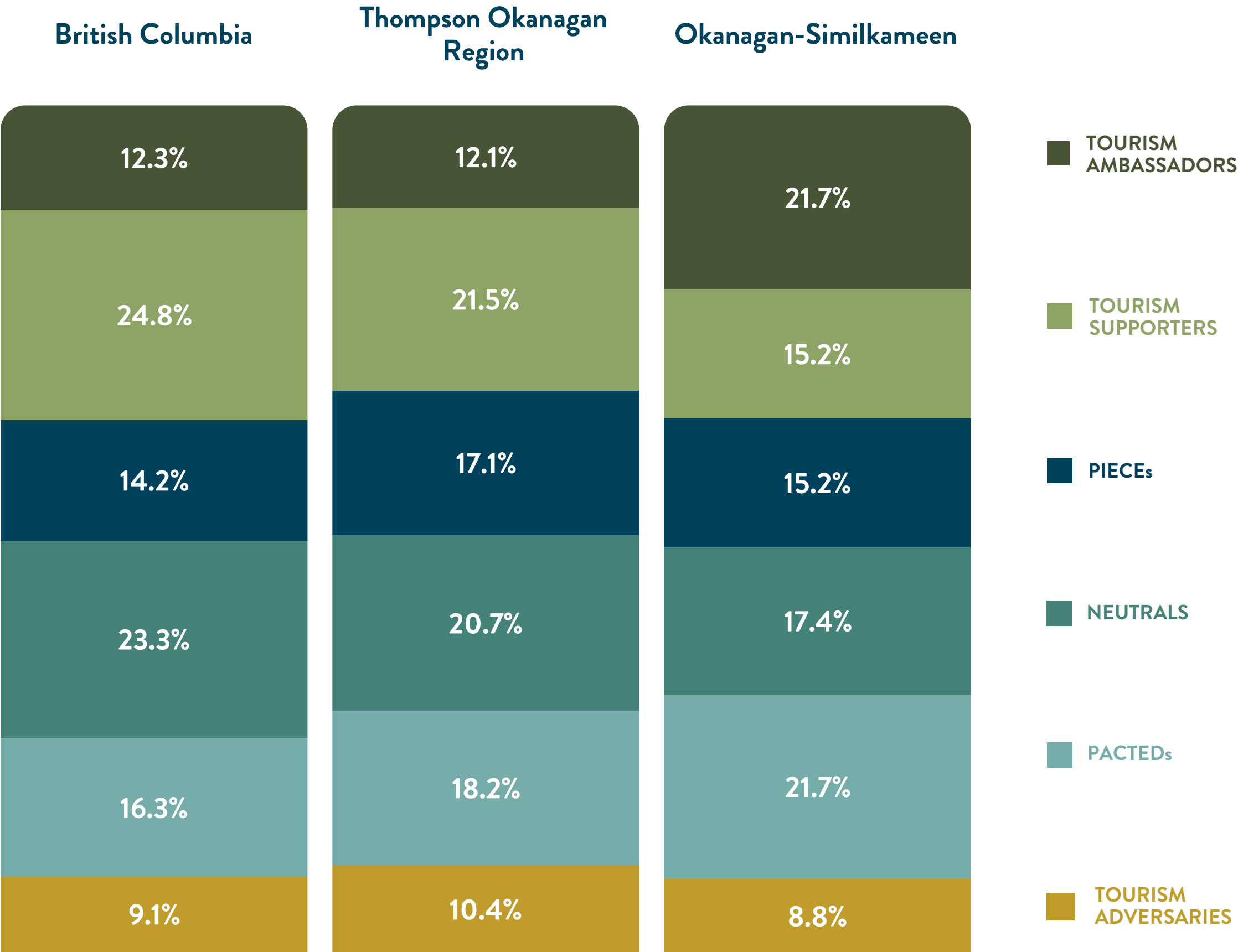
TOURISM SUPPORTERS have strong positive perceptions across all five impact areas.

PIECEs (People Interested in Economic and Community Excellence) have very strong positive perceptions in Economic, Social-Cultural, and Indigenous impacts and neutral perceptions for Environmental and Job-Career Impacts.

NEUTRALS have neutral perceptions in all impact areas.

PACTEDs (People Against Careers in Tourism and Environmental Degradation) have very negative perceptions in Environmental and Job-Career impacts and neutral perceptions in all other impact types.

TOURISM ADVERSARIES have very negative perceptions across all five impact areas.





RESEARCH INFORMATION & METHODOLOGY



More information, including Local Series, Regional Series, and Provincial-level reporting can be found at destinationbc.ca/research-insights/type/resident-research/

- Online surveys were completed by BC residents using online panels via Sentis Research
- The online survey was fielded in November 2024
- Total sample size used in this report are as follows:
 - British Columbia: n=4872
 - Thompson Okanagan: n=667
 - Okanagan-Similkameen: n=94
 - *Note: Small sample size at region level, interpret results with caution
- Results are weighted by tourism region, age, and gender to be representative of BC’s overall population
- Most questions asked in a five-point agreement scale: Strongly Agree (5), Agree (4), Neither Agree nor Disagree (3), Disagree (2), Strongly Disagree (1)
- On page 1, top two questions reported as percentage of respondents who answered Strongly Agree (5) and Agree (4). The remaining respondents not included in the reported percentage answered Neither Agree nor Disagree (3), Disagree (2), or Strongly Disagree (1)
- Generally, respondents who responded ‘Don’t Know / Not Sure’ were excluded from the results of that question
- Regional and city level results are separated by municipality border using Forward Sortation Areas (FSAs). For this report, sortation areas used were as follows:
 - Okanagan-Similkameen: V2A, V0X
 - Other areas within Thompson Okanagan Region:
 - Thompson-Nicola - excluding Kamloops: V1K, V1S
 - Thompson-Nicola - Kamloops: V2B, V2C, V2E, V2H
 - North Okanagan: V1B, V1E, V1H, V1T
 - Central Okanagan: V1P, V1V, V1W, V1X, V1Y, V1Z, V4T, V4V
 - Note: Rural FSAs spanning multiple regions were also separated and are also included as relevant in the data

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