



Resident Perceptions of Tourism Snapshot Series 2025-26

KEY QUESTIONS

" I value the contribution visitors make to my local economy.

BC	79.9%
VI	79.7%
Nanaimo	81.9%

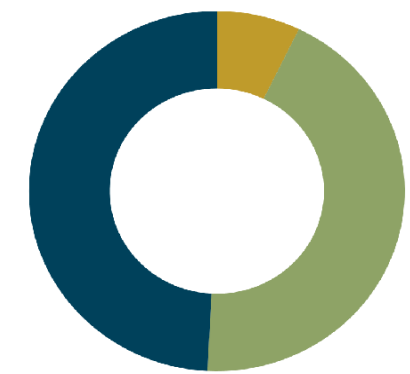


" Overall, tourism contributes positively to the quality of life in my community.

BC	70.6%
VI	71.0%
Nanaimo	80.3%



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



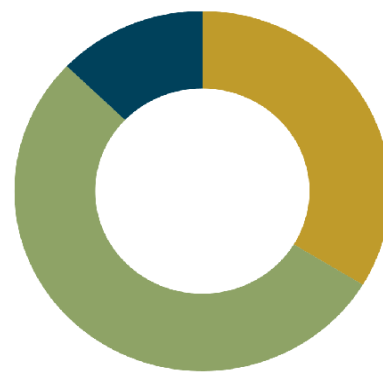
Too Many	7.2%
Just Right	43.6%
Too Few	49.2%

WINTER
DEC - FEB



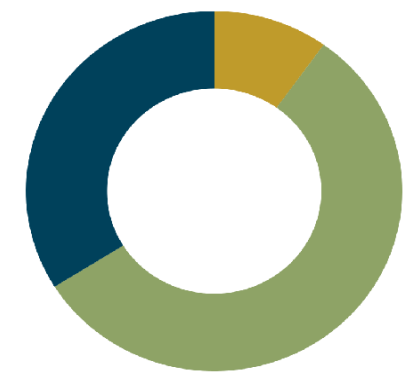
Too Many	8.7%
Just Right	65.3%
Too Few	26.0%

SPRING
MAR - MAY



Too Many	33.7%
Just Right	53.5%
Too Few	12.8%

SUMMER
JUN - AUG



Too Many	9.9%
Just Right	56.2%
Too Few	33.9%

FALL
SEP - NOV

LOCAL SERIES: Nanaimo



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.

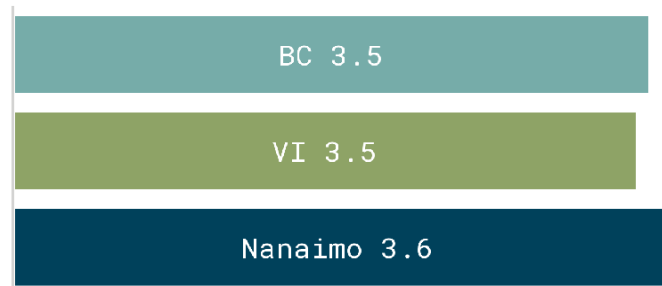
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS include the degree to which the tourism industry reduces local carbon emissions, reduces waste, and contributes to the protection of natural areas.

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

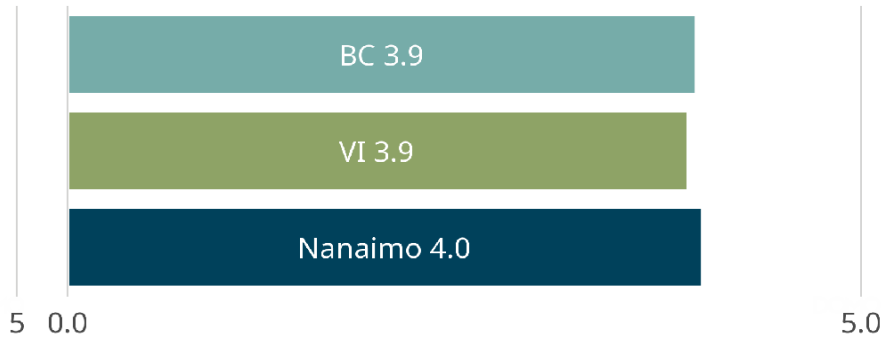
JOB/CAREER IMPACTS include career growth and wage perceptions from jobs and careers in the tourism industry.

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

OVERALL



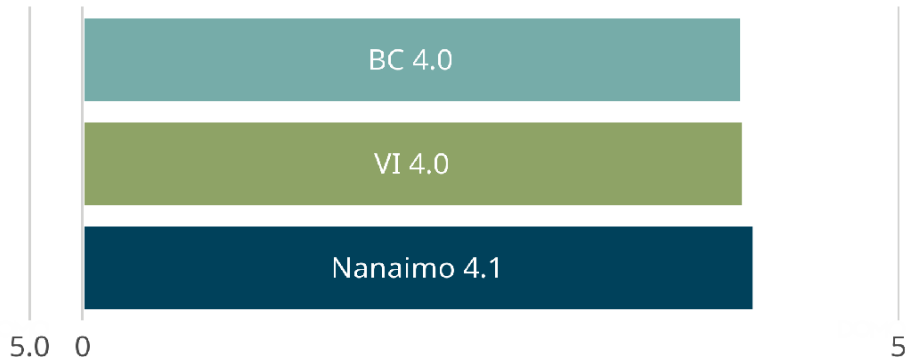
ECONOMIC



ENVIRONMENTAL



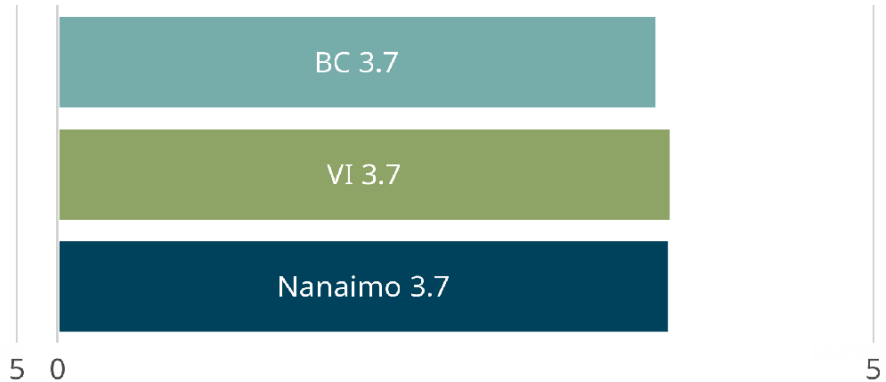
SOCIAL/CULTURAL



JOB/CAREER



INDIGENOUS



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

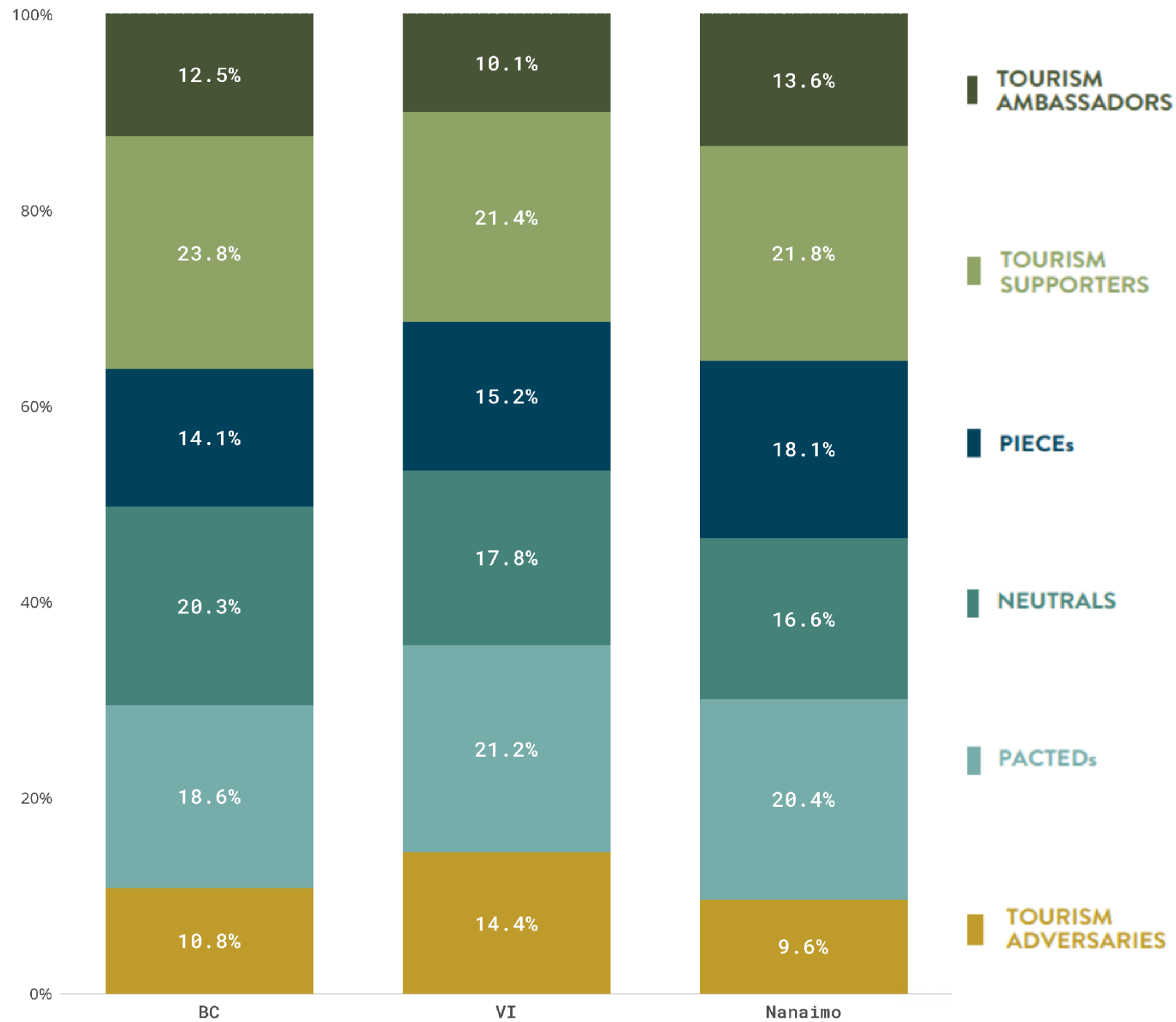
TOURISM SUPPORTERS have strong positive perceptions across all five impact areas.

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.





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3 YEAR TREND

		Survey Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Category	Sub-Category	Amount of Tourism	Year	Year	Year
Key Questions	Economy		83.8	77.6	81.9
	QoL		75.0	72.6	80.3
Seasonality	Winter	Too Many	1.0	8.9	7.2
		Just Right	43.7	51.9	43.6
		Too Few	55.3	39.2	49.2
	Spring	Too Many	9.1	13.0	8.7
		Just Right	58.2	70.1	65.3
		Too Few	32.7	16.9	26.0
	Summer	Too Many	26.1	42.3	33.7
		Just Right	52.2	47.4	53.5
		Too Few	21.7	10.3	12.8
	Fall	Too Many	8.9	10.3	9.9
		Just Right	54.5	64.1	56.2
		Too Few	36.6	25.6	33.9
Impact Type	Overall		3.5	3.6	3.6
	Econ		4.0	3.9	4.0
	Environmental		2.9	3.2	3.1
	Social/Cultural		4.0	4.1	4.1
	Job/Career		2.8	3.1	3.0
	Indigenous		3.6	3.8	3.7

LOCAL SERIES: Nanaimo



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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

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 level results are separated by municipality border using Forward Sortation Areas (FSAs)

The online survey was fielded in November 2025

Total sample size used in this report are as follows:

BC	5,409
VI	1,079
Nanaimo	169

Destination British Columbia acknowledges with gratitude the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Band), Skwxwú7mesh úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) on whose shared territories we operate our main office. We respectfully recognize that we carry out our work on the territories of Indigenous Peoples throughout BC. We honour our ongoing and developing relationships with First Nations (status and non-status), Inuit, and Métis Peoples. We are on a path of learning and are committed to working together.

Regional and local level results are separated by municipality border using Forward Sortation Areas (FSA). For this report, sortation areas used were as follows:

Nanaimo: V9R, V9S, V9T, V9V, V9X

Other areas within Vancouver Island Region:

oNorth Island (Mount Waddington, Strathcona, Comox Valley):V9H, V9J, V9M, V9N, V9W, V0P

oCentral Island (Cowichan Valley, Alberni-Clayoquot) -excluding Nanaimo: V9G, V9K, V9L, V9P, V9Y, V0R, V0S

oCapital Region - excluding Victoria: V8K-V8M, V9Z

oCapital Region - Victoria only : V8N-V8Z, V9A-V9E

Note: Rural FSAs spanning multiple regions were also separated and are also included as relevant in the data