



# 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% |
| Capital Region | 78.8% |

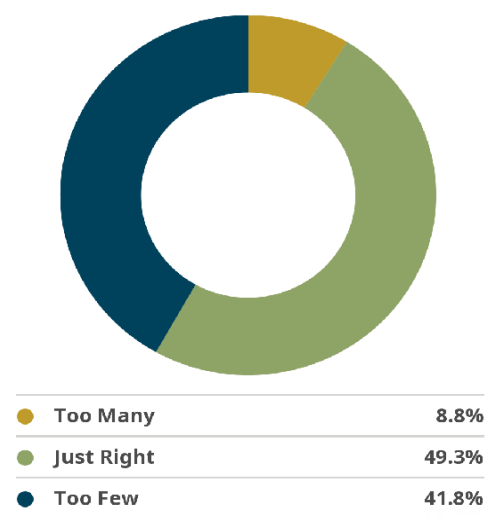


" Overall, tourism contributes positively to the quality of life in my community.

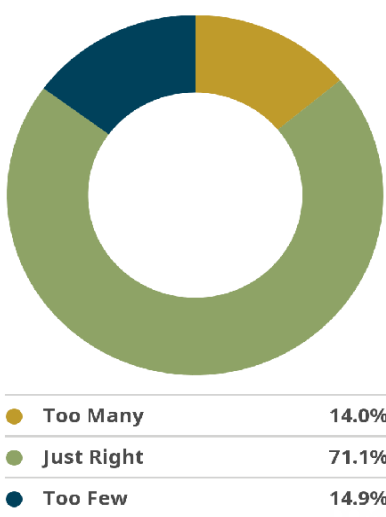
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| BC             | 70.6% |
| VI             | 71.0% |
| Capital Region | 68.4% |



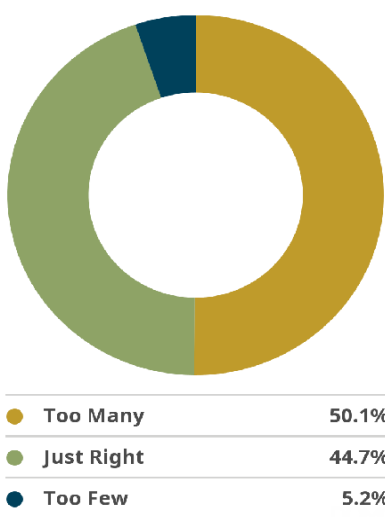
" Do you think your community has too few, too many, or the right amount of tourism throughout the year?



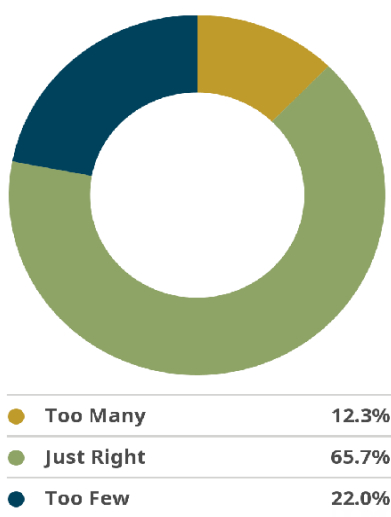
WINTER  
DEC - FEB



SPRING  
MAR - MAY



SUMMER  
DEC - FEB



FALL  
SEP - NOV



# 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.

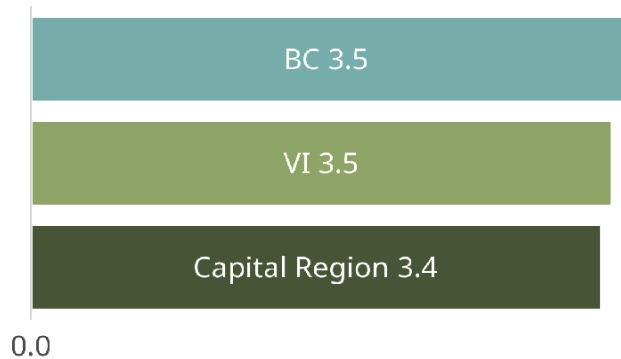
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS** include the degree to which the tourism industry reduces local carbon emissions, reduces waste, and contributes to the protection of natural areas.

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

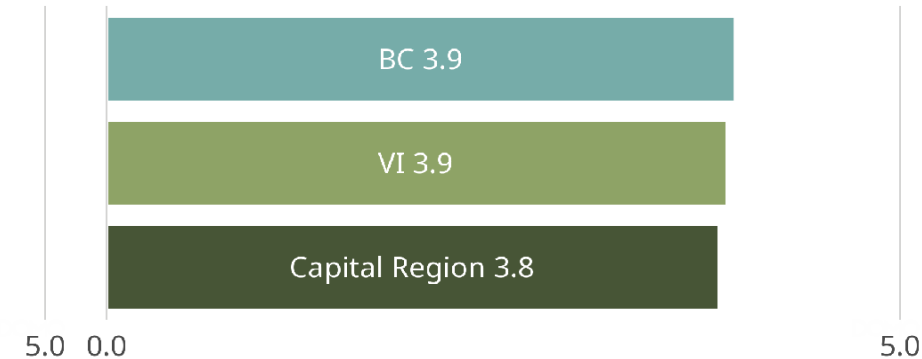
**JOB/CAREER IMPACTS** include career growth and wage perceptions from jobs and careers in the tourism industry.

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

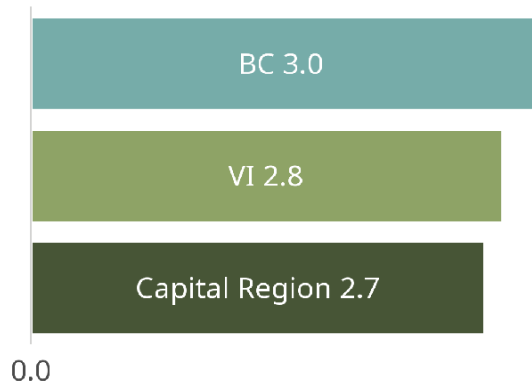
## OVERALL



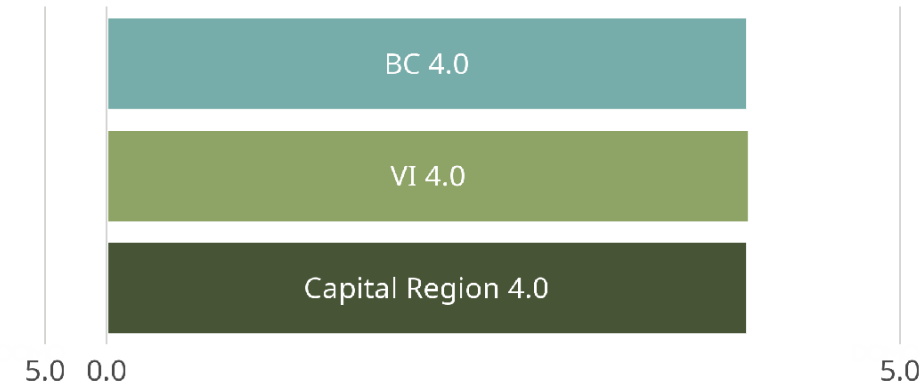
## ECONOMIC



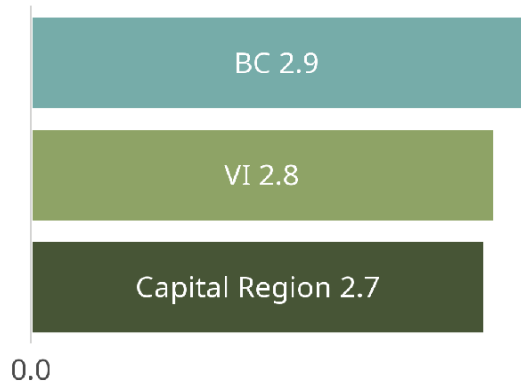
## ENVIRONMENTAL



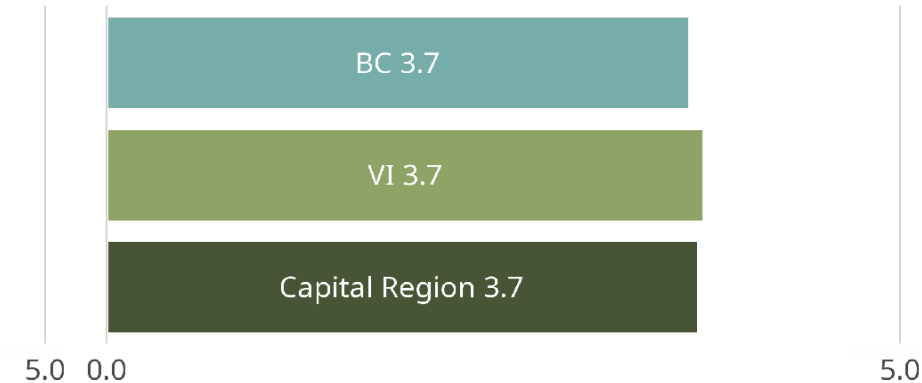
## SOCIAL/CULTURAL



## JOB/CAREER



## INDIGENOUS





# RESIDENT SEGMENTATION

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

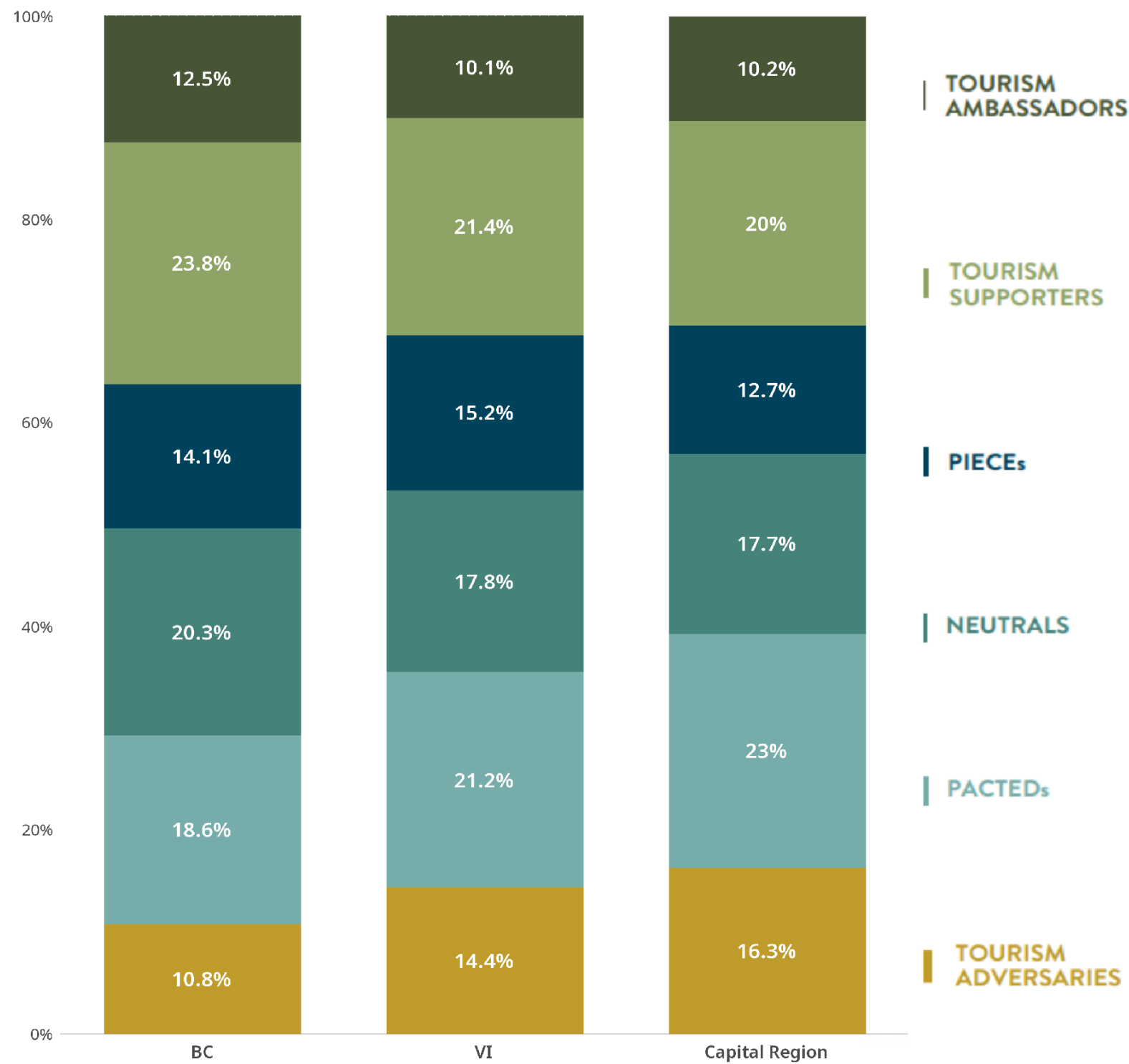
**TOURISM SUPPORTERS** have strong positive perceptions across all five impact areas.

**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.





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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         |                   | 81.7    | 81.1    | 78.8    |
|               | QoL             |                   | 73.0    | 72.3    | 68.4    |
| Seasonality   | Winter          | Too Many          | 2.2     | 4.6     | 8.8     |
|               |                 | Just Right        | 57.3    | 53.7    | 49.3    |
|               |                 | Too Few           | 40.5    | 41.7    | 41.8    |
|               | Spring          | Too Many          | 10.0    | 9.8     | 14.0    |
|               |                 | Just Right        | 77.5    | 74.0    | 71.1    |
|               |                 | Too Few           | 12.5    | 16.2    | 14.9    |
|               | Summer          | Too Many          | 42.6    | 42.7    | 50.1    |
|               |                 | Just Right        | 51.9    | 51.1    | 44.7    |
|               |                 | Too Few           | 5.5     | 6.2     | 5.2     |
|               | Fall            | Too Many          | 7.6     | 8.4     | 12.3    |
|               |                 | Just Right        | 66.7    | 67.2    | 65.7    |
|               |                 | Too Few           | 25.8    | 24.4    | 22.0    |
| Impact Type   | Overall         |                   | 3.5     | 3.5     | 3.4     |
|               | Econ            |                   | 4.0     | 4.0     | 3.8     |
|               | Environmental   |                   | 2.7     | 2.8     | 2.7     |
|               | Social/Cultural |                   | 4.1     | 4.0     | 4.0     |
|               | Job/Career      |                   | 2.8     | 2.9     | 2.7     |
|               | Indigenous      |                   | 3.7     | 3.7     | 3.7     |



# 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/](https://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 |
| Capital Region | 513   |

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

Capital Region: V8K-V8Z, V9A-V9E, V9Z

- Other areas within Vancouver Island Region:
- North Vancouver Island (Mount Waddington, Strathcona, Comox Valley): V9H, V9J, V9M, V9N, V9W, V0P
  - Central Vancouver Island (Cowichan Valley, AlberniClayoquot, Nanaimo): V9G, V9K, V9L, V9P, V9Y, V0R, V0S, V9R, V9S, V9T, V9V, V9X

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

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