

**Frequency of SEQ residents' outdoor recreation participation in 12 months prior to September 2007**

Data from the 2007 SEQ Outdoor Recreation Demand Survey (with % SEQ population participating from the 2001 SEQ Outdoor Recreation Demand Survey in parentheses)

Outdoor recreation activities <sup>8</sup> Undertaken in natural to rural places <sup>9</sup>	% SEQ pop. participating 1 or more times	Participating SEQ pop	Participation <sup>10</sup> frequency/year		Activity/events (average X f)	Activity/events (median X f)
			Mean	Median		
<b>Picnicking</b>	58% (67%)	1 278 634	6.6	3	8,438,984	3,835,902
<b>Walking/Nature Study</b> (eg. bushwalking and/or bird watching) <sup>11</sup>	35% (49%)	771 448	43.7	5	33,712,277	3,857,240
<b>Camping</b>	30% (33%)	666 400	3.7	2	2,465,680	1,332,800
<b>Bicycle Riding</b> (Type of bicycle used doesn't matter)	29% (26%)	610 593	40.1	12	24,423,720	7,327,116
<b>Horse Riding</b>	7% (7%)	160 855	20.6	3	3,313,613	482,565
<b>Water Activities</b> (surfing, swimming, snorkelling, etc in sea, rivers & lakes <i>not constructed pools</i> )	54% (56%)	1 188 358	19.5	8	23,172,981	9,506,864
<b>Driving 2WD Vehicles</b>	15% (24%)	331 558	20.1	4	6,631,160	1,326,232
<b>Driving 4WD Vehicles</b>	23% (23%)	505 545	13.8	3	6,976,521	1,516,635
<b>Driving other (motorised) Vehicles</b> (eg. trail bikes, quads or trikes)	11% (7%)	233 076	30.6	5	7,132,125	1,165,380
<b>Using Motorised Watercraft</b>	21% (27%)	462 869	11.6	4	5,369,280	1,851,476
<b>Using Non-Motorised Watercraft</b> (eg sailboats, canoes, kayaks, etc)	17% (19%)	377 517	14.4	2	5,436,244	755,034
<b>Abseiling or Rockclimbing</b>	11% (6%)	96 841	9.1	2	871,569	193,682
<b>Total</b>					<b>127,944,154</b>	<b>33,150,926</b>

<sup>8</sup> 12 outdoor rec activities surveyed in 1997, 2001 & 2007. Respondents had an opportunity to identify other/additional OR activities. No significant participation in other activities has been identified in any of the 3 surveys. **Column 2 % figures in brackets are 2001 survey data.**

<sup>9</sup> The SEQ Outdoor Recreation Studies focus on outdoor rec in 3 recreation "settings" – effectively places from completely natural to rural landscapes. Urban places are excluded. **Therefore, total participation in outdoor rec may by SEQ residents will be greater than this survey shows.**

<sup>10</sup> In this case, the large difference between activity-events calculated from mean (average) & median frequency is caused by a small number of people who do the activity very often. The median - the mid point between the most active (in an activity) 50% & least active 50% of the population. It is most likely that the actual number of SEQ outdoor recreation activity-events is between 127 million and 33 million.

<sup>11</sup> Walking and nature study are combined because almost all nature study involves walking. Walking participation decreased by 14% between 2001 and 2007.

From the 2006 *Exercise Recreation and Sport Survey Annual Report*, page 18 (<http://www.ausport.gov.au/information/casro/ERASS>)

**Top 10 activities (for all Australian States and Territories) by number of participants – 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2006**

		2001 Number of participants (‘000)	Rank	2004 Number of participants (‘000)	% change 2001- 04	Rank	2005 Number of participants (‘000)	% change 2001- 05	Rank	2006 Number of participants (‘000)	% change 2001-06
Walking	1	4,353.7	1	6,168.1	41.7%	1	5,973.6	37.2%	1	6,001.7	37.9%
Aerobics/ fitness	3	1,961.0	2	2,698.2	37.6%	2	2,959.7	50.9%	2	3,161.3	61.2%
Swimming	2	2,415.5	3	2,605.7	7.9%	3	2,311.2	-4.3%	3	2,256.9	-6.6%
Cycling	4	1,438.3	4	1,658.4	15.3%	4	1,646.9	14.5%	4	1,682.8	17.0%
Running	7	1,084.3	7	1,312.0	21.0%	6	1,231.7	13.6%	5	1,224.1	12.9%
Golf	6	1,240.2	6	1,250.6	0.8%	7	1,139.3	-8.1%	6	1,132.0	-8.7%
Tennis	5	1,381.8	5	1,323.2	-4.2%	5	1,253.3	-9.3%	7	1,130.7	-18.2%
Bushwalking	8	794.9	8	818.0	2.9%	8	910.4	14.5%	8	774.0	-2.6%
Football (outdoor) <sup>12</sup>	10	551.3	9	659.2	19.6%	9	614.3	11.4%	9	697.4	26.5%
Netball	9	612.4	10	564.3	-7.9%	10	581.7	-5.0%	10	593.9	-3.0%

Base: All persons aged 15 years and over (2006 n=13,710; 2005 n=13,726; 2004 n=13,662; 2001 n=13,424)

**Blue font colour** indicates activities which are wholly, or partly, outdoor recreation.

Note 1: There is a 14.98% reduction in bushwalking participation between 2005 and 2006 after a 14.5% increase over the 4 years from 2001 to 2005.

Note 2: *Walking* and *bushwalking* are treated as separate activities in this survey.

<sup>12</sup> ‘Football’ means **soccer**. Other football codes do not make it into the top 10 activities.