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## AN ANALYSIS OF LATENT DEMAND FOR WATER-BASED OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES

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## CHAPTER I

## A COMMENTARY ON RECREATION DEMAND

The pursuit of recreation is becoming an increasingly important aspect of life in the United States. More people with greater affluence, mobility and disposable leisure time have raised use levels of our recreation facilities to unprecedented heights. And the end is not yet in sight. There is no reason to believe that there will be any slackening of the 10 percent average annual increase in visits to our major recreation areas; an increase which has been occurring consistently over the last ten years. It is likely that the pursuit of leisure will represent the largest sector of the United States economy by $1980 .{ }^{1}$

Water-based recreation is very important within the overall recreation picture. Recreation activities such as swimming, fishing, and boating are the most popular of resource-oriented recreational activities. Visitations to the facilities of water-oriented recreation areas have increased at an extremely rapid pace, and in the future should increase even more rapidly than other types of recreational area visits. ${ }^{2}$

It is obvious that enlightened planning for the future of an America which requires increased recreation facilities (especially those for water based recreation) is essential. It is less obvious, but not less true, that planning for these expanded facilities requires a greater understanding of recreation demand-of the nature and extent of
participation, of participant behavior, desires, and levels of satisfaction. This greater understanding is prerequisite to planning the type, extent, and locations of new facilities, and modifications to existing ones.

To date, studies which attempt to predict demand for recreational facilities have been plagued by the problem of ignoring latent demand. This serious gap was one of several areas in recreational research recently identified by a National Academy of Science Conference. The N.A.S. Conference Report stated:
...it can be assumed, for example, that samples of customers using facilities at given times will necessarily indicate the behavioral coefficient that will govern future participation under changed circumstances. One must also have knowledge of the people who would potentially have chosen to participate in such activities, but for some reason did not. ${ }^{3}$
and later
...projections based on participation data are of limited value to the extent that they neglect nonusers who, under conditions of better information, social and economic access, different types of opportunities, and the like, would become participants. 4

That a significant part of our population does not participate in water-based recreation activities was made clear by the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission Reports of 1962. ${ }^{5}$ Furthermore, it was specifically pointed out that certain segments of the population participate less than others. ${ }^{6}$

These reports suggested that many factors account for nonparticipation rates or low rates of engagement--lack of equipment, lack of time and money are among the most prominent. Of special importance is the effect of facility location upon low levels of participation; for the location of new facilities can clearly be influenced by
administrative policies and legislative acts. The significance of this factor was highlighted again in the National Academy of Science report: "remoteness of the facilities is a factor in keeping parts of the population from entering certain avocational careers or from pursuing them regularly." ${ }^{7}$

The Status of Research on Recreational Demand

The literature is relatively silent concerning the role that recreational resources opportunities have in influencing participation in recreation. This silence is difficult to explain, especially in light of the fact that many people who have been queried on the subject state that "lack of supply" and "lack of time" account for their nonparticipation. Furthermore, the frequency of occurrence of the "lack of supply" explanation for non-participation increased from 1960 to 1965 more rapidly than did any other citation. 8

In ORRRC Study Report \#20, recognition is given to the effects of accessibility upon unfulfilled demand. However, in "explaining" participation in outdoor recreation, a regression equation accounting for 30 percent of the variance in participation rates utilizes only socio-economic factors. In another ORRRC nationwide sample, similar results were obtained. Regression analysis utilizing fifteen socioeconomic variables only provided explanation for 13 to 27 percent of the variance in water-oriented recreation participation, depending upon the region and sex of the respondent. ${ }^{9}$

The lack of emphasis on opportunities (by those attempting to understand recreational participation) is all the more surprising when consideration is given to attempts at predicting attendance or to
generating demand curves for individual parks, or park systems. Here, of course, the recreational resources themselves have been the focus of the analysis.

Various measures of the quality and the extent of recreational opportunities in conjunction with distance have been employed in an effort to explain attendance. In most cases some form of a gravity model has been utilized. ${ }^{10}$ Predictive abilities in these endeavors have characteristically been high, sometimes achieving 80 to 90 percent. Yet most of them have been either tested and adjusted, or derived using empirical data, and therefore cannot be expected to contribute much to the understanding of non-participation.

Two other recent research endeavors deserve attention. In a study of St. Louis residents, regression analysis was able to "explain" 62 percent of annual participation in water-oriented recreation utilizing sixteen socio-economic variables. The higher order level of statistical explanation achieved in the study, strongly suggests that discard of the regional variation has resulted in the elimination of differences in recreation opportunities, thereby enhancing the chances for prediction. ${ }^{11}$

In a major conceptual advance, Cicchetti et al, recognized the importance of the "supply variables" in their treatment of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation 1965 National Recreation Survey of 7200 individuals. ${ }^{12}$ Using supply variables weighted by population (acres per capita) for clusters of counties around the respondent, they were able to explain only a disappointing 33 percent of participant behavior in swimming. It is noteworthy however, that the procedures used in this study are significantly different than other studies in two important
ways. First the probability to participate was assumed, and equations were used only to predict increases in participation probability. Secondly, almost half of the total variance accounted for in the equation was attributed to the so-called supply variables.

## The Study Objectives

This study seeks to ascertain and thoroughly understand the spatial aspects of unfulfilled demand for water-based recreation facilities in Oklahoma. In particular, the investigation has been designed to accomplish the following objectives:

1. The identification of the extent and character of latent (unfulfilled) demand for water-based recreation.
2. The identification of the extent that the current locations of water-based recreation facilities are responsible for low participation or non-participation of some segments of the population.
3. The prediction of how changes in relative location (accessibility) characteristics of water resources will affect latent demand.

In order to accomplish these objectives, the next chapter describes the procedures and methodology of data acquisition. Chapter III deals with general patterns of non-participation and low participation in Oklahoma. It is also concerned with the socio-economic characteristics and proximity to recreational opportunities of a large sample of Oklahomans. The 4 th chapter identifies and analyzes factors which may be responsible for non-participation or low participation. The final section summarizes the findings and describes their relevancy to water resources policy and planning.

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## CHAPTER II

THE STUDY DESIGN

The purpose of this section is to describe the general procedures and strategies employed in the study. Insofar as the sampling design derives principally from the 1970 Oklahoma Outdoor Recreation Demand Study, it is also necessary to explain the methodology of that survey.

To estimate recreation participation, facility use, and future demand, a household questionnaire was designed and administered to 4,000 households containing more than 12,000 Oklahoma citizens during the summer of 1969. Specifically, the research sought information from the respondents for the previous twelve month period. Data were gathered concerning trip expenditures, type and amount of participation in several related outdoor activities, important decision making parameters in the selection of facilities, personal characteristics of the respondent, and so on. (See Appendix A for the Household Questionnaire.) Furthermore, since the study concentrated on the general population, a major consideration in the sampling technique was the necessity for drawing responses from a cross-section of the population. Frequent users, low and non-users, the highly educated, those with low incomes, rural and urban residents, were all included. The Demand Survey also conducted a large number of interviews at specific recreation sites and used these responses to help predict future demand. These on-site queries were of little utility for latent demand research since their
inclusion would have biased the findings in favor of frequent users, the people in whom we are not greatly interested.

The eleven State Planning Regions established by the State of Oklahoma formed the basis of the sampling design for the Demand Study. With the exception of the two largest Standard Metropolitan statistical areas, Oklahoma City and Tulsa which were left intact as two separate regions, each region contains approximately seven counties. One central city in each planning region was selected in addition to an average of four small, rural communities. A total of forty-five towns and cities were identified as interview centers (Figure 2-1). The towns selected in each region were assumed to be representative of the entire region, in terms of socio-economic factors, geographical relationship to existing facilities, and location relative to other selected communities. The proportion of each region's population to the total state population was utilized in allocating the proportion of interviews for each region. Socio-economic factors, as well as geographic balance, and proximity to a park or other recreation area were the major criteria in the selection of census tracts within Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Streets that were representative of the tract as a whole were selected. Following this an assigned point of origin on each street was selected. After the first questionnaire had been administered every third house was designated as an interview site. If a house yielded no response, each subsequent house was tried until an interview had been secured, after which the interviewer returned to the original plan. Multi-family dwellings were selected randomly; and a maximum of five usable interviews was permitted.

Census tracts were not available for the remaining forty-three
communities. Consequently, each town was divided into quadrants. Several streets representative of the community's socio-economic status were taken from within each quadrant. A specified number of completed questionnaires was predetermined for each community. Then one-fourth of these interviews were taken in each quadrant. Information was processed from a total of 4,088 useable questionnaires.

As stated previously the 1970 Demand Study made every effort to secure responses from a broad representation of the state's population. This was done primarily in order to project aggregate "demand" for some future period. In contradistinction to this, the objective of the Latent Demand Study was to measure, analyze, and report potential demand among that group of people who participated in recreation at infrequent intervals. Consequently, our sampling method takes advantage of the addresses of respondants surveyed in the 1970 Demand Study. Those who had taken five or fewer out-of-town trips to recreation areas in the previous twelve months were pin-pointed. By definition of the earlier study an out-of-town trip was ". . .a trip for purposes of outdoor recreation which takes the head, and household members to a recreation site more than ten miles beyond the city limits of his hometown, and returns to the point of origin." Approximately thirty percent of those interviewed in the original study fell into this broad and general category of low frequency users. Thus 1,200 addresses formed the basis from which the latent demand interviews were taken. Each address was identified on a map of the appropriate city, and a predetermined number of interviews for that city was established as a quota. Usually, the addresses of the potential respondants formed clusters in each community. Each interviewer was responsible for gathering as much information as possible in

TABLE 2-1

LIST QF CITIES AND TOWNS AND NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS IN THE HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WITH THE PERCENT OF QUESTIONNAIRES OBTAINED IN EACH REGION

| Region Number 1 | Region Number 2 | Region Number 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6.3\% | 8.5\% | 6.4\% |
| 1. Bartlesville | 5. Muskogee | 9. McAlester |
| 2. Miami | 6. Henryetta | 10. Idabel |
| 3. Jay | 7. Muldrow | 11. Antlers |
| 4. Chouteau | 8. Westville | 12. Heavener |
| Region Number 4 | Region Number 5 | Region Number 6 |
| 7.6\% | 6.9\% | 15.9\% |
| 13. Ardmore | 17. Shawnee | 21. Tulsa |
| 14. Wynnewood | 18. Cushing | 22. Bristow |
| 15. Coalgate | 19. Pawnee | 23. Pawhuska |
| 16. Caddo | 20. Konawa |  |
| Region Number 7 | Region Number 8 | Region Number 9 |
| 7.6\% | 19.2\% | 9.4\% |
| 24. Enid | 29. Oklahoma City | 34. Lawton |
| 25. Ponca City | 30. Midwest City | 35. Chickasha |
| 26. Watonga | 31. Norman | 36. Waurika |
| 27. Cherokee | 32. Moore | 37. Grandfield |
| 28. Crescent | 33. El Reno |  |
| Region Number 10 | Region Number 11 |  |
| 7.5\% | 4.7\% |  |
| 38. Altus | 42. Woodward |  |
| 39. Clinton | 43. Guymon |  |
| 40. Cheyenne | 44. Boise City |  |
| 41. Mountain View | 45. Taloga |  |

his assigned cluster. With few exceptions, only those homes which had been placed in the low non-user category were considered. Medium and high participants of the 1970 Demand Study, as well as all other homes, were methodically excluded. A representative number of towns was identified using the eleven planning regions as a base (Table 2-1). Non-respondents were allocated as in Table 2-3.

The questionnaire was designed: (1) to measure the extent of participation among low and non-users for water-based and other recreational pursuits in terms of the respondant, the family as a group, and other family members; (2) to determine recreational behavior relative to several key factors, including proximity to facilities, time, income, knowledge, and perception of facilities, recreational desires and interests; and (3) to gauge the socio-economic characteristics of the respondant and his family. (See Appendix A for Interview Schedule.)

Information was gleaned from a total of 319 questionnaires. These data were recorded and processed on the OSU IBM $360-65$ computer.

## TABLE 2-2

Towns Surveyed Number of Usable Interviews
Altus ..... 20
Ardmore ..... 17
Bartlesville ..... 18
Chickasha ..... 10
Clinton ..... 10
Coalgate ..... 2
Enid ..... 19
Lawton ..... 32
McAlester ..... 18
Muskogee ..... 25
Oklahoma City ..... 67
Ponca City ..... 16
Tulsa ..... 62
Waurika ..... 3
Total ..... 319

TABLE 2-3

## ALLOCATION OF NON-RESPONDENTS

Successful interviews ..... $36 \%$
Not at Home ..... $35 \%$
Rejections ..... $23 \%$
Locational Problems ..... 6\%

## OKLAHOMANS AND WATER-BASED RECREATION

Water exerts an imposing influence on the recreational activities of the land-locked Oklahoma population. It is estimated that there were over 100 million water-based recreational occasions in the state during 1970. Of these approximately one half involved swimming occasions, in reservoirs, rivers, and swimming pools. Eighteen percent of the water-based occasions centered on fishing, while ten percent involved boating (non-fishing) activities (Table 3-1). The remainder included activities such as water skiing and scuba diving.

These statistics suggest that the average Oklahoman participates in water-based recreation on more than forty separate occasions each year. But based on our large sample population, we know that nearly one-third of the state residents did not engage in any of these waterbased recreational activities during a 12 month period ending the summer of 1969. And of those who did participate in some water-based activity, fifteen percent did so less than six times (Table 3-1).

For specific water-based activities the non-participation and low participation rates are much higher (Table 3-2). In addition, among those who did, one-quarter to one-third did so on less than a bi-monthly basis, and approximately one-third or less did so at approximately a once per month rate. These figures vary substantially with the activity involved.

TABLE 3-1
PARTICIPATION IN WATER-BASED RECREATION BY OKLAHOMANS DURING
12 MONTHS ENDING JULY-AUGUST, 1969

|  | $\frac{\text { Sample }=100 \%}{\text { No }} \begin{gathered} \text { Occasions } \end{gathered}$ | Participants $=100 \%$ |  |  | Estimated Statewide Total 1970 All Oklahomans <br> Millions of Occasions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $1-5$ <br> Occasions | $\begin{gathered} 6-25 \\ \text { Occasions } \end{gathered}$ | Over 25 <br> Occasions |  |
| Swimming | 45\% | 29\% | 49\% | 22\% = 100\% | 49.4 |
| Boating | 73\% | 36\% | 45\% | 19\% = 100\% | 10.1 |
| Fishing | 57\% | 28\% | 50\% | 22\% $=100 \%$ | 18.4 |
| Water-Based Activities | 32\% | 15\% | 27\% | 58\% = 100\% | 99.2 |
| Number of Recreational Trips | 19\% | 47\% | 42\% | $11=100 \%$ |  |

Source: Unpublished data
Oklahoma Outdoor Recreation Demand Study

TABLE 3-2
OKLAHOMANS WHO ARE NON-PARTICIPANTS AND LOW PARTICIPANTS
IN SELECTED WATER-BASED RECREATION ACTIVITIES
12 MONTHS ENDING JULY-AUGUST, 1969

|  | Swimming | Boating | Fishing | A11 Water <br> Based Activities |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage <br> Not Participating | 45 | 73 | 57 | 32 |
| Low Participants <br> Percentage having five <br> or less occasions | 28 | 36 | 28 | 15 |
| Participants <br> Percentage having <br> fifteen or less <br> occasions | 50 | 68 | 62 | 32 |
| N= 12,436 |  |  |  |  |

Water-Based Recreation as a Function of the Socio-<br>Economic Characteristics of the Population

The relationships between the socio-economic character of the population and participation in selected water-based forms of recreation are generally predictable in light of the current state of knowledge on the subject. However, there are several significant departures from normal expectations.

Incomes: As the income of the household increases, non-participation rates decline significantly for all of the activities considered here (Table 3-3). In general there is a relationship between low levels of participation and income for boating and swimming. Among higher income participants, there are fewer low participants, and conversely among lower income participants there are more who participate at low rates. This relationship does not hold for fishing however.

Race: Whites have a higher rate of non-participation and a lower rate of high participation for swimming than do non-whites. On the other hand, blacks and other non-whites have higher rates of nonparticipation and lower rates of high participation for boating and fishing. For example, seventy-three percent of the whites did not engage in boating activities, while the non-white non-participation level was an even higher eighty-six percent (Table 3-4). There is a much weaker relationship between participation level and race. A larger proportion of whites participate at lower levels than do non-whites for both boating and swimming. For fishing there are no differences between the racial groups.

TABLE 3-3

## PARTICIPATION IN WATER-BASED RECREATION ACTIVITIES <br> AS A FUNCTION OF INCOME*



TABLE 3-4

## PARTICIPATION IN SELECTED WATER-BASED RECREATION

ACTIVITIES AS A FUNCTION OF RACE*

|  | No Participation $100 \%=$ Sample | Participation <br> $100 \%=$ Participants of Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 to 5 occasions | Over 5 occasions |
| SWIMMING |  |  |  |
| White | 58 | 29 | 71 |
| Non-White | 53 | 26 | 74 |
| All Races | 47 | 28 | 72 |
| BOATING |  |  |  |
| White | 73 | 40 | 60 |
| Non-White | 86 | 35 | 65 |
| All Races | 75 | 39 | 61 |
| FISHING |  |  |  |
| White | 44 | 20 | 80 |
| Non-White | 49 | 22 | 78 |
| All Races | 44 | 21 | 79 |

$N=11,764 * *$

* There are statistical differences, significant at the . Ol level of the Chi square distribution, between race and non-participation for all activities. There are statistical differences using the Chi square distribution between race and level of participation as follows: swimming (.05), boating (.05), fishing (not significant).
** See Appendix A.

Education: Poorly education people have higher rates of nonparticipation than those with more schooling. There is a sharp break in rates between the high school graduates and those without a diploma, for all water-based activities. (Table 3-5). There are more complex (and less significant) relationships between low participation and education leve1. The proportion of swimmers who engage at low rates decreases with increasing educational level. Among boaters there are differences with educational level but they are not consistant. For fishermen, there is no relationship at all.

Occupation: Professional, managerial, clerical-sales, and craftsmen have somewhat lower rates of non-participation in swimming and boating than do laborers, and service workers. Farm workers have markedly lower rates of non-participation in fishing and higher rates of nonparticipation in boating and swimming than does any other group. (Table 3-6). Participants who belong to professional and managerial occupation groups are prone to participate at low rates in fishing and average or higher rates in swimming and boating. Clerical sales are not as likely to participate at low rates in any activity. Craftsmen, laborers, and farm workers are more likely to engage at low rates in swimming and boating but are average in terms of fishing.

Socio-Economic Characteristics of Non-Participants

If non-participants are considered separately, their socio-economic character begins to emerge. (Table 3-7).

Income: The bulk of the non-participants in this sample have high incomes which is in accord with the skewed distribution of incomes for the sample. It is reasonable to assume, then, that non-participants

TABLE 3-5

## PARTICIPATION IN SELECTED WATER-BASED RECREATION ACTIVITIES BY EDUCATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD*

|  | PARTICIPATION |  |  | SAMPLE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| NO PARTICIPATION | 1 TO 5 OCCASIONS | OVER 5 OCCASIONS |  |  |
| $100 \%=$ Sample at <br> Given Education <br> Level | $100 \%=$ Participants at Given <br> Education Leve1 |  |  |  |

## SWIMMING

| Highest Grade <br> Completed by <br> Head of Household | $78 \%$ | $33 \%$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| none | 79 | 40 | $67 \%$ | 27 |
| $1-6$ years | 67 | 24 | 75 | 184 |
| $7-11$ years | 46 | 23 | 77 | 1448 |
| 12 years | 40 | 16 | 84 | 3859 |
| 13-15 years | 16 and more | 35 | 14 | 86 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| All Education Levels 45 | 20 | 80 | 3286 |  |

## BOATING

Highest Grade
Completed by
Head of Household

| none | 85 | 10 | 90 | 27 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $1-6$ years | 95 | 40 | 60 | 184 |
| $7-11$ years | 85 | 40 | 60 | 1448 |
| 12 years | 79 | 33 | 67 | 3859 |
| $13-15$ years | 70 | 52 | 68 | 2966 |
| 16 and over | 65 | 37 |  | 3280 |
| Al1 Education Levels 73 | 39 | 61 | 1,764 |  |

## FISHING

Highest Grade
Completed by
Head of Household

| none | 63 | 21 | 79 | 27 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $1-6$ years | 70 | 20 | 80 | 184 |
| $7-11$ years | 64 | 30 | 70 | 1448 |
| 12 years | 54 | 30 | 70 | 3859 |

Table 3-5 (Continued)


TABLE 3-6
PARTICIPATION IN SELECTED WATER-BASED RECREATION FACILITIES bY OCCUPATION OF hEAD OF HOUSEHOLD*


BOATING
Occupations

| Professional | 67 | 35 | 65 | 2028 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Manager | 66 | 34 | 66 | 1926 |
| Clerical-Sales | 67 | 34 | 66 | 1603 |
| Craftsman | 72 | 40 | 60 | 1473 |
| Laborer | 84 | 45 | 55 | 1261 |
| Service | 76 | 40 | 60 | 970 |
| Farmers and Farm |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Workers | 82 | 70 | 30 | 173 |
| All Occupations | 74 | 36 | 64 | 5534 |

FISHING
Occupations

| Professional | 59 | 34 | 66 | 2028 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Manager | 56 | 40 | 60 | 1926 |
| Clerical-Sales | 54 | 25 | 75 | 1603 |
| Craftsman | 52 | 28 | 72 | 1473 |
| Laborer | 52 | 28 | 72 | 1261 |
| Service | 59 | 30 | 70 | 970 |
| Farmers and Farm |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Workers | 49 | 32 | 68 | 173 |
| All Occupations | 57 | 30 | 70 | 9534 |

$\mathrm{N}=11$, 764非
*There are statistical differences, significant at the .01 level of the chi-square distribution between both occupation and non-participation rates and occupation and participation levels for all activities.

非See Appendix A.

## TABLE 3-7

PERCENTAGE OF NON-PARTICIPANTS IN SELECTED WATER-BASED RECREATION ACTIVITIES BY SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS*
NON-PARTICIPATION
SWIMMING BOATING FISHING SAMPLE PO $\quad$ OKLA POP

## Household Income

| Under $\$ 3000$ | $8 \%$ | 6 | 5 | 5 | 31 |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $3000-4999$ | 10 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 23 |
| $5000-6999$ | 19 | 20 | 18 | 19 | 21 |
| $7000-9999$ | 30 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 10 |
| 10,000 and Over | 32 | 33 | 37 | 36 | 10 |

Race
White
Non-White
Education of....
Head of Househol

| none | 1 | -- | -- | 1 | 2 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1-6$ years | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 15 |
| $7-11$ years | 18 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 43 |
| 12 years | 34 | 35 | 31 | 32 | 23 |
| $13-15$ years | 22 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 10 |
| 16 and over | 22 | 25 | 29 | 26 | 8 |
| Occupation of... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Head of Household |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1.4 | 16 | 18 | 17 | 11 |
| Professional | 14 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 9 |
| Manager | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 21 |
| Clerical-Sales | 10 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 14 |
| Craftsman | 8 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 18 |
| Laborer | 2 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 11 |
| Service |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |

There are no statistically significant differences between socio-economic characteristics of non-participants in any activity and the sample as a whole.


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have income distributions which closely approximate those of the Oklahoma population. This is consistent for all activities.

Race: The vast majority of non-participants are white. There is no reason to suspect that non-participants are more or less likely to be white, than is the Oklahoma population.

Education: Given the educational profile of the sample population the rates of non-participation among the three water-based activities in relation to educational level are as expected. If these findings are adjusted to conform to the educational characteristics of State residents it can be concluded that approximately one-half of the non-participants are from families where the head of the household has not completed high school.

Occupation: Nearly one-third of all sample non-participants come from professional or managerial occupations. These figures are remarkable consistent with the distribution of occupations in the sample at large. It logically follows that non-participants are likely to be drawn from different occupations in approximately the same proportions that occupations are distributed in the population at large. Thus approximately twenty-percent of the non-participants would be professionals or managers, approximately twenty-percent would be clerical or sales personnel, twenty-percent service or farm workers, and one-third craftsmen or laborers.

Non-Participation Consistency: It is also interesting to note that non-participants in one-water-based recreation activity are likely to be non-participants in other water-based recreation activities, (Table 3-8). It appears that swimming is the key activity. Therefore, if one does not swim he is not as likely to participate in boating and fishing.

TABLE 3-8

## INTER-ACTIVITY RELATIONSHIPS AND NON-PARTICIPATION

| NON-PARTICIPANTS | WHO ARE ALSO NON-PARTICIPANTS |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SWIMMING | BOATING | FISHING | HUNTING |
| Swimming $(\mathrm{N}=5240)$ | - | $88 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $79 \%$ |
| Boating $(\mathrm{N}=8658)$ | $32 \%$ | - | $62 \%$ | $72 \%$ |
| Fishing $(\mathrm{N}=6728)$ | $38 \%$ | $82 \%$ | - | $85 \%$ |

The converse is not the case however, for non-participants in boating and fishing may swim. There is some information to suggest that nonparticipants in water-based activities are also likely to be nonparticipants in other recreational activities. (See Table 3-8).

## Socio-Economic Characteristics of Low-Participants

Unlike the non-participants there appear to be significant tendencies for some socio-economic groups to be over- or under represented in the group designated as low participators (Table 3-9). Low participants in boating for example, are more likely to have high incomes, to be white, and to come from professional or managerial occupational groups, than is the sample population. There is a slight tendency for low participants in swimming and boating to have somewhat greater representation in the most skilled occupational categories than might be expected, given the distribution of occupations in the sample population. On the other hand, low participants in fishing appear to possess characteristics which are very similar to those of the sample population, and it may be concluded that these low participants reflect the distribution of the socio-economic characteristics of the State population.

Unlike non-participants, low participants in one activity tend to participate at moderate or high levels in other water-based activities (Table 3-10).

Recreational Opportunity, Proximity, and Participation Levels

There are wide variations in the extent of participation and nonparticipation from place to place (Figures 3-1 and 3-2). Broadly

TABLE 3-9
LOW PARTICIPATION (ONE TO FIVE OCCASIONS)
IN WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES
AS A FUNCTION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

## LEVEL OF EDUCATION (HOUSEHOLD HEAD)

TOTAL IN
Years completed by
SWIMMING BOATING FISHING TOYAE IN OKLAHOMA

| None | - | - | - | - | $2 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-6$ | $1 \%$ | - | - | $2 \%$ | 15 |
| $7-11$ | 10 | 11 | 7 | 12 | 43 |
| 12 | 36 | 34 | 26 | 33 | 23 |
| $13-15$ | 25 | 26 | 29 | 25 | 10 |
| $16+$ | 28 | 28 | 38 | 28 | 8 |



## TABLE 3-10

LOW PARTICIPANTS IN SELECTED ACTIVITIES AS RELATED TO LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION IN OTHER WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES

| LOW PARTICIPANTS IN | WHO ALSO PARTICIPATE | $\begin{gathered} \text { NO } \\ \text { PARTICIPATION } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1-5 \\ \text { OCCASIONS } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 6 or MORE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Swimming | Fishing | 21 | 61 | 18 100\% |
| $\mathrm{N}=1252$ | Boating | 29 | 35 | 26 100\% |
| Boating | Swimming | 1 | 16 | 83 100\% |
| $\mathrm{N}=1163$ | Fishing | 15 | 21 | 64 1.00\% |
| Fishing | Swimming | 18 | 44 | 18 100\% |
| $\mathrm{N}=1500$ | Boating | 25 | 38 | 27 100\% |

speaking there is greater participation in the Eastern half of the State than in the Western part. It seems likely that these differences are associated with differences in the availability of water-based recreational facilities. For closer scrunity four variables were used to examine the relationship between proximity to water recreation resources and recreation participation. One of these variables relates specifically to the accessibility to parks with specialized water-oriented recreational facilities, while the other two are gross measures of availability of regional water resources (Tables $3-11,12,13$ ).

As proximity to opportunities increases, the proportion of the sample who are non-participants decreases, while participants and to save extent participation level increases. Thus, there is a 25 percent higher rate of non-participation in swimming at locations where there are no facilities within 30 miles than when there are three facilities featuring water-based recreation facilities within 30 miles. The same general pattern persists with regard to the other proximity variables and with other activities as well.

When resources are abundant low rates of participation in general decline. Thus low participation levels are $25-50 \%$ higher at those locations where there is a paucity of recreational resources. When there is a major reservoir within ten miles, only 22 percent of all participants have less than six occasions, but when the nearest major reservoir is thirty miles or more, 35 percent of all participants do so at low rates.

When the different participation levels are held constant, the proximity to recreational resources continues to be significant.

TABLE 3-11

PARTICIPATION LEVELS FOR SELECTED WATER-BASED RECREATION ACTIVITIES BY PROXIMITY TO RECREATIONAL FACILITIES*

## NUMBER OF FACILITIES HAVING WATER-BASED RECREATION

WITHIN 30 MILES
zero one or two three or more total sample

## SWIMMING

| No Participation | $52 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Participation

| $1-5$ | Occasions | 21 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

6 and More Occasions 79
$82 \quad 82$
82

## BOATING

| No Participation | 78 | 75 | 68 | 74 |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Participation | 45 | 36 | 34 | 36 |
| $1-5$ Occasions | 55 | 64 | 66 | 64 |

## FISHING

No Participation

Participation
1-5 Occasion

6 and More Occasions

75
73
67
72
$\mathrm{N}=$
2014
27
33
28
,
*There is a statistical relationship, significant at the . 01 level of the Chi Square distribution, between non-participation in swimming, boating and fishing and proximity to parks featuring water-based recreation facilities.

There is a statistical relationship, significant at the . 01 level of of the Chi Square distribution and between participation level in boating, and fishing and proximity.

PERCENTAGE AT VARIOUS PARTICIPATION LEVELS FOR SELECTED WATER-BASED RECREATION ACTIVITIES BY PROXIMITY TO RECREATIONAL FACILITIES Surface Acreage, 500 Acre Reservoirs or Larger

SWIMMING OCCASIONS

| No 500 Acre <br> Reservoir | $500-10,000$ <br> Acres | Over <br> Acres |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 45 | 47 | 41 | 45 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 16 | 21 | 19 | 18 |
| 84 | 79 | 81 | 82 |

BOATING OCCASIONS

| No Participation | 78 | 74 | 69 | 74 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Participation |  |  |  |  |
| $1-5$ Occasions | 41 | 38 | 32 | 36 |
| 6 and More | 59 | 62 | 68 | 64 |

FISHING OCCASIONS

| No Participation | 59 | 57 | 56 | 57 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Participation |  |  |  |  |
| $1-5$ Occasions | 26 | 30 | 34 | 28 |
| 6 and More | 74 | 70 | 66 | 72 |
| $100 \%$ | 2367 | 6681 | 3410 | 12,458 |

There are statistical relationships significant at the . 01 level of the Chi-Square Distribution, between fishing, boating and swimming nonparticipation and nearby water acreage.

There are statistical relationships (using the Chi Square Distribution) between participation levels and nearby water acreage as follows: swimming .05 , boating .01 , and fishing . 01 .

TABLE 3-13

PERCENTAGE AT VARIOUS PARTICIPATION LEVELS FOR SELECTED WATER-BASED
RECREATION ACTIVITIES BY PROXIMITY TO RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

## DISTANCE TO NEAREST MAJOR RESERVOIR

| (500 Acres or Larger) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SW IMMING OCCAS IONS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TEN MILES } \\ & \text { OR LESS } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11 \text { TO } 30 \\ \text { MILES } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OVER } 30 \\ & \text { MILES } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | TOTAL SAMPLE |
| Non-Participants | 45 | 44 | 51 | 45 |
| Participants |  |  |  |  |
| 1-5 Occasions | 22 | 18 | 35 | 18 |
| 6 and More Occasions | s 78 | 87 | 65 | 82 |
| BOATING OCCASIONS |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Participants | 73 | 73 | 80 | 74 |
| Participants |  |  |  |  |
| 1-5 Occasions | 37 | 37 | 50 | 36 |
| 6 and More Occasions | s 63 | 63 | 50 | 64 |
| FISHING OCCASIONS |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Participants | 54 | 59 | 60 | 57 |
| Participants |  |  |  |  |
| 1-5 Occasions | 28 | 27 | 33 | 28 |
| 6 and More Occasions | s 72 | 73 | 67 | 72 |
| 100\% = | 4619 | 7545 | 1334 | 12,498 |

There are statistical relationships, significant at the . 01 level of the Chi Square distribution between non-participation and participation levels for swimming, boating and fishing and distance to nearest major water resources.


#### Abstract

Non-Participants: At low proximity locations relative to waterbased recreational resources, there is a significantly greater number of non-participants in boating than would be expected given the locational characteristics of distribution of the total sample (Table 3-14) that is non-participation in swimming and boating is significantly related to the number of park facilities available and the distance to the nearest reservoir. However, there is no such relationship in the case of fishing participation.

When non-participants as a percentage of the total sample are examined the impact of proximity is even more obvious (Table 3-15). There is a consistent relationship between availability of county reservoir acreage and distance to nearest major reservoir and nonparticipation in all three activities. The absence of parks with wateroriented recreational facilities seems to induce higher levels of nonparticipation in swimming and boating, but has little bearing on fishing.

Low-Participants: Jow participants differ markedly from the sample population in several important ways (Table 3-14). Low participation in swimming and boating is significantly related to the availability of reservoirs or parks. Proximity is a major factor in the frequency of participation where these activities are concerned. However proximity does not appear to have an effect on level of participation in fishing.


Inter-relationships Between Proximity and Socio-Economic
Characteristics of the Sample Population

There is a set of complex inter-relationships between socioeconomic characteristics, proximity to recreational resources, and the

TABLE 3-14

LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION, PERCENTAGE AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS
RELATIVE TO AVAILABILITY OF RECREATIONAL RESOURCES*

|  | No Parks | Nearest | County Reservoir |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Participation | Within 30 | Reservoir in | Acreage Less |  |
| Levels | Miles | Over 30 Miles | than 500 | $100 \%=$ |
|  | A | B | C |  |

Swimming

| Non-Participants | 19 | 13 | 20 | 5600 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Low Participants | 16 | 18 | 17 | 1450 |
| A11 Participants | 14 | 11 | 19 | 7001 |

Boating

| Non-Participants | 17 | 12 | 20 | 9165 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Low Participants | 17 | 11 | 18 | 1213 |
| A11 Participants | 13 | 18 | 12 | 3683 |

## Fishing

| Non-Participants | 16 | 12 | 20 | 7114 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Low Participants | 16 | 11 | 17 | 1582 |
| A11 Participants | 16 | 10 | 18 | 5384 |
| Al1 Respondents | 16 | 14 | 19 | 12,848 |
| A11 Oklahoman | 10 | 24 | 16 | 2.3 mil |

*There are statistical relationships, significant at the . 01 level of the Chi Square distribution, between boating and swimming participation and opportunity variables $A$ and $B$.

TABLE 3-15

NON-PARTICIPANTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SAMPLE BY PROXIMITY SITUATIONS*

## County Reservoir Acreage

| Non-Participants As a \% of Total Respondents | $\begin{aligned} & 500 \text { or Less } \\ & \text { than } 500 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 500 \text { to } 10,000 \\ \text { Acres } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Over 10,000 $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Swimming | 47 | 45 | 41 |
| Boating | 78 | 74 | 69 |
| Fishing | 59 | 57 | 56 |
| 100\% = | 2365 | 6681 | 3410 |
| Featuring Water-Based Recreation Facilities Number of Parks within 30 Miles |  |  |  |
| Non-Participants <br> As a \% of Total <br> Respondents <br> None <br> One or Two <br> Three or More |  |  |  |
| Swimming | 52 | 45 | 41 |
| Boating | 78 | 75 | 68 |
| Fishing | 55 | 54 | 53 |
| 100\% = | 2014 | 7286 | 3158 |

Distance to Nearest Major (over 500 a.) Reservoir
Non-Participants
As a \% of Total

| Respondents | Over 30 Miles |  | 11 | to 30 Miles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 10 Miles or Under |
| Swimming | 49 | 45 | 44 |  |
| Boating | 80 | 73 | 73 |  |
| Fishing | 60 | 59 | 54 |  |
| $100 \%=$ | 4622 | 6502 | 1460 |  |

*There are statistical relationships, significant at the . 01 level of the Chi Square distribution, between proportions of non-participants in swimming and boating and all three proximity variables in nonparticipation. Fishing is significantly related to County Reservoir acreage and distance to nearest major reservoir.

TABLE 3-16

## PROXIMITY TO RESERVOIR BY INCOME LEVELS FOR NON-PARTICIPANTS IN SELECTED WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES

| SWIMMING NON-PARTICIPANTS | Dista <br> Less than ten miles | $\begin{gathered} \text { to Neares } \\ \text { Ten to } 30 \\ \text { Miles } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1ajor Res } \\ \text { Over } 30 \\ \text { Miles } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | ir $100 \%=$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Low Incomes (Under \$7000) | 43 | 38 | 25 |  |
| High Incomes (Over $\$ 10,000$ ) | 30 | 32 | 38 |  |
| A11 Income Levels |  |  |  | 5290 |
| BOATING <br> NON-PARTICIPANTS |  |  |  |  |
| Low Incomes (Under \$7000) | 40 | 54 | 6 | 3007 |
| High Incomes (Over \$10,000) | 31 | 52 | 14 | 2885 |
| A11 Income Levels | 37 | 52 | 11 | 8658 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { FISHING } \\ & \text { NON-PARTICIPANTS } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Low Incomes <br> (Under \$7000) | 39 | 56 | 5 | 2105 |
| High Incomes (Over \$10,000) | 33 | 54 | 12 | 2480 |
| All Income Levels | 35 | 55 | 19 | 6728 |

There is evidence of statistical significance at the . 001 level between non-participation by income level and proximity for all thifee activities.
frequency of participation in water-based recreation. Since income is highly correlated with occupation and education, we will focus here on the inter-relationship between income, proximity, and participation.

There are significant differences between the distribution of incomes at locations with different proximity characteristics (Table 3-16). Higher income people appear more reluctant to travel over 30 miles to participate in water-based activities than do the lower income groups. In this case the function of distance is not being overcome by monetary investments alone. This is in accord with findings concerning the value of the recreational trip in comparison to the on-site experience itself. Low income groups may be according a greater utility to the trip than to the recreational activity which necessitates the journey. Swimming, boating, and fishing all conform to this pattern.

## CHAPTER IV

## FACTORS INFLUENCING LATENT DEMAND

What is responsible for the behavior of the non-recreationalists? Why do some people participate at such low levels? What can be done to increase their recreational involvement? In order to answer these and other pertinent questions a small part of the original sample was intensively resurveyed. By doing this we were able to assess and better understand the extent to which certain factors relate to low participation and non-participation in water-based recreation. Specifically it was hypothesized that such things as skill level, availability of recreational equipment, availability of leisure time and money, knowledge of alternatives and the nature of available facilities might be important.

Outdoor Recreation Behavior of the Small Sample

Among those interviewed in the intensive sample, over half had not participated in swimming as a family group (Table 4-1). Similar low levels of participation were also true for other water-based activities both in terms of the family as the participating unit, and for the

## TABLE 4-1

| PARTICIPATION | CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LOW DEMAND SAMPLE Number of Family Occasions* |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ \text { (none) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1-5 \\ (\text { low }) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6-15 \\ \text { (moderate) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15+ \\ & \text { (high) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Swimming | 56\% | 21\% | 13\% | 10\% |
| Boating | 56 | 19 | 13 | 12 |
| Fishing | 45 | 23 | 16 | 15 |
| A11 Watermbased 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Activities | s 24 | 15 | 20 | 41 |

*Family occasion is defined as an outing in which the majority of family members participate. A single person participating by himself is classified here as one family occasion.
individuals within the family unit. ${ }^{1}$ From the total sample, thirtyfive percent had not participated in any water-oriented recreational activity.

Race, Occupation, and Life-Cycle Characteristics of the Sample

The sample appears to be fairly representative (Table 4-2). Approximately 92 percent of the sample is white. Approximately 40 percent live in family groups which contain some children under ten years of age, and another one-third are in family groups where all the children living at home are over ten years. An inordinately high percentage of the sample are older couples, while only a very small portion of the sample are young singles or college students. The occupational structure of the sample is slightly biased in favor of the professional-technical occupations. This is possibly the result of a bias in recording or reporting occupations.

Non-Participants: There are no significant differences between non-participants in any activity and the total sample insofar as race and occupation are concerned (Table 4-3). Those who are non-participants in all water-based activities and those who are non-participants in swimming are not so likely to come from families with small children, and are somewhat more likely to be older couples without children.

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## TABLE 4-2

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 319 RESPONDENTS

## Life Cycle Stage

## Number

Teenager, college student, or young Single 4

Young family without children 20

Family with small children all under $5 \quad 27$

Family with children, at least one under 10 , but not all under 5 99

Family with older children, (all over 10) 93

Older family, adults only, (all over 40) 70
Single person over $40 \quad 6$
319
Race
White 285
Non White $\quad 34$
319

OCCUPATIONS OF HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD

Prof. Tech. 74
Managers \& Tech. 32
Clerical - Sales 32
Craftsman, Service
\& Laborers $\quad 116$
No Occupation, Students, Armed Services.65

TABLE 4-3

SELECTED SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF NON-EARTICIPANTS BY ACTIVITY TYPE


There are statistical relationships, significant at the . 01 level of the Chi Square distribution, between life cycle stage and non-participation for all activities.

Low Participants: Low participants are also very similar to the sample as a whole insofar as race and occupation is concerned (Table 4-4). There are no significant relationships between these two socio-economic variables and low participants in any activity. However low participants are much more likely to be from families with small children, and less likely to be older couples than is the sample as a whole.

It is also interesting to note that at higher levels of participation the relationships with life-cycle stage persist (Table 4-5).

## Satisfaction with Recreation Participation Levels

Of those interviewed nearly 61 percent expressed satisfaction with their current level of recreational activity. Contrary to what one might expect however, non-participants seem only slightly less satisfied than the total population (Table 4-6). Low participants vary somewhat depending upon the activity in question, but there is no strong tendency for this group to be significantly less satisfied regardless of activity. Indeed among low participants in swimming there is greater level of satisfaction than with the sample as a whole. Boaters are slightly less satisfied. Nevertheless, based upon these data, one would have to conclude that the substantial majority of the population is satisfied with their present level of participation regardless of what that level happens to be. Aspirations seem to be shaped by present behavior, and not by dreams of more leisure time, money, or facilities.

Non-participants in water-based recreational activities are much more likely to acknowledge the fact that they have no swimming skills

TABLE 4-4

## SELECTED SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS <br> OF LOW PARTICIPANTS BY ACTIVITY TYPE



Table 4-5

LIFE CYCLE STAGES AND LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

| Low <br> Participants | Family with Small Children | Family with O1der Children | ```Older Family with no Children at Home``` |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A11 | 47\% | 29\% | 12\% |
| Swimming | 50 | 30 | 14 |
| Boating | 46 | 33 | 13 |
| Fishing | 43 | 34 | 18 |
| Moderate |  |  |  |
| A11 | 45\% | 31\% | 17\% |
| Swimming | 55 | 29 | 10 |
| Boating | 44 | 33 | 10 |
| Fishing | 47 | 29 | 18 |
| High <br> Participants |  |  |  |
| Al1 | 43\% | 30\% | 20\% |
| Swimming | 37 | 35 | 14 |
| Boating | 40 | 37 | 13 |
| Fishing | 40 | 30 | 28 |
| A11 Respondents | 41\% | 30\% | 22\% |

There are statistical relationships, significant at the . O1 level of the Chi Square distribution, between swimming, boating, and fishing participation levels and life cycle stages.

# Those Expressing Satisfaction with Current Levels of Participation By Participation Level* 

Percent Presently Satisfied
Non-Participants in,
Any Water-Based Recreation Activity ..... $56 \%$
Swimming ..... 56
Boating ..... 59
Fishing ..... 57
Low Participants in,
Any Water Recreation Activity ..... $63 \%$
Swimming ..... 67
Boating ..... 52
Fishing ..... 57
A11 Respondents ..... 61\%
*There is a significant statistical relationship, as measured by the Chi Square distribution, between satisfaction with present level of participation and level of participation as follows:

Non-Participation in:
A11 Water-Based Recreation Activity (.05)
Swimming (.05)
Low Participation in:
Swimming (.05)
Boating (.01)
(Table 4-7). In contrast participants including those participating at low rates in swimming and boating are much less likely than the total sample to admit to no swimming skills. Swimming skill levels would seem to have great bearing on ones propensity to engage in waterbased recreation, and the response of the non-participants to this query is not at all surprising.

## Ownership of Recreational Equipment

Ownership of recreational equipment has a similar effect (Table 4-8). Among non-participants the percentage owning more than five kinds of recreation equipment is significantly lower than the ownership rate of the general population. However, among the low participants ownership levels leap substantially. Such a finding suggests that at the very least participants must own the basic equipment, and it may also indicate that participation is in fact restricted by the lack of proper equipment. However, there is no way of knowing why non-equipment owners choose this status. It may be a response based on a lack of desire for water-based recreation, and therefore not a cause for nonparticipation. Or, it may reflect an economic inability to purchase equipment and act as a barrier to participation.

## Leisure Time and Levels of Participation

Over 30 percent of the interviewees said that they had sufficient free time to undertake the kinds of recreation activities in which they are interested. Forty percent responded that they did not have sufficient time to accomplish these recreational pursuits. But only a small portion of respondents indicated that they would invest more free time
\% Acknowledging NoSwimming Skill
Non-Participants in,
Any Water-Based Activities ..... 25\%
Swimming ..... 28
Boating ..... 33
Fishing ..... 40
A11 Respondents ..... $20 \%$
*There is a statistical relationship, significant at the . 01 level of the Chi Square distribution, between those acknowledging no swimming skill and non-participants in water based recreation activities.

TABLE 4-8

OWNERSHIP OF RECREATION EQUIPMENT \& LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION*

|  | \% Owning More Than Five Kinds of Recreation Equipment |
| :---: | :---: |
| Non-Participants in, |  |
| Any Water-Based Activities | 23 |
| Swimming | 42 |
| Boating | 38 |
| Fishing | 39 |
| Low Participants in, |  |
| Any Water-Based Activity | 61 |
| Swimming | 79 |
| Boating | 66 |
| Fishing | 65 |
| A11 Respondents | 54 |

*There are statistical relationships significant at the .01 level of the Chi Square distribution ownership and participation levels for all activities.
in the water-based activities if it were available.
Oddly enough, non-participants as a group were more satisfied with their leisure time sufficiency than was the sampled group as a whole (Table 4-9). And they were less likely to specify exclusive interest in additional water-based recreation given unlimited free time.

Respondents from the low participation sample indicated that they had lower demands for more recreation than did the larger statewide group. These findings are particularly interesting when coupled with the fact that a higher proportion of non-participants have more free time (work fewer hours and days per week) than the participants do!

Similar response patterns are also apparent for non-participants in specific water-based activities. Regardless of the activity, nonparticipants had greater-than-average amounts of free time, were more likely to indicate satisfaction with their leisure time availability, and were less inclined to use additional free-time for water-based recreation (or recreation of any sort) than were the participants, or the sample as a whole.

Low participants in water-based recreation are less likely to believe that they have sufficient free time (Table 4-10). This is especially true when the activities are examined separately. For example, 19 percent of the low participants in boating are satisfied, where 30 percent of the total sample and $28 \%$ of all participants are satisfied. In general as participation level increases, satisfaction with leisure time availability increases (Table 4-11).

Unlike non-participants, low participants have higher propensities to select more water-based activities than that of the sample population. Moreover, it appears that if additional free time comes regularly

TABLE 4-9

NON-PARTICIPANTS \& LEISURE TIME


TABLE 4-10

## LOW PARTICIPANTS AND LEISURE TIME

| Low Participants in, |  \% of Those Responding <br> \% Responding Insufficient L.T. Who <br> Sufficient <br> Leisure Time* <br> Want more Water-Based <br> Activities*  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All Water-Based Activities | 30 | 26 |
| Swimming | 20 | 34 |
| Boating | 19 | 38 |
| Fishing | 18 | 39 |
| All Respondents | 31 | 30 |
| Low Participants in, | Those Responding Tomorrow Would Be Spent in W.Based Recreation | Those Responding Shorter Work Week Would Produce More W.B. Recreation* |
| A11 Water-Based Activities | 22 | 38 |
| Swimming | 23 | 43 |
| Boating | 23 | 32 |
| Fishing | 26 | 39 |
| A11 Respondents | 25 | 32 |
| Low Participants in, | \% Working Less Than 35 hours/wk. | \% Working Less Than 5-day Work Week |
| A11 Water-Based Activities | 10 | 20 |
| Swimming | 12 | 19 |
| Boating | 9 | 17 |
| Fishing | 8 | 19 |
| A11 Respondents | 11 | 21 |

*There are statistical relationships, significant at the .05 level (or higher) of the Chi Square distribution, between participant level and these variables.

## TABLE 4-11

## PERCENT RESPONDING SUFFICIENT LEISURE TIME BY PARTICIPATION LEVEL

| Family Activities Occasions |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Swimming |  | Boating | Fishing |
| None | 37 | 38 | 39 |  |
| $1-5$ | 20 | 19 | 18 |  |
| $6-14$ | 29 | 27 | 16 |  |
| $15+$ | 40 | 42 | 29 |  |
| A11 Respondents | 31 | 31 | 31 |  |

There is a statistical relationship significant at the . 01 level of the Chi Square distribution between level of participation and those responding sufficiency in leisure time.


#### Abstract

(e.g. an additional day each week) that this propensity increases.

Low participants in water-based activities are not significantly different from their fellow participants, or the total sample, in terms of the potential availability of free time.


## Availability of Money and Levels of Participation

Slightly less than half ( $47 \%$ ) of the respondents indicated that they did not have sufficient money to engage in the kinds of recreation activities which they desired (Table 4-13). Of those expressing this type of dissatisfaction, 36 percent indicated that they would like to participate more frequently in water-based recreation activities or activities which include water-based activities. Almost identical results were obtained when respondents were asked how they would spend an additional $\$ 100$. For a large part of the sample the lack of money does seem to be a restrictive influence as far as recreational pursuits are concerned.

Non-Participants: There is a lower degree of satisfaction concerning funds available for recreation among those not participating at all in water-based recreation (Table 4-13). There is a similar pattern for non-fishermen. Swimmers and boaters were generally satisfied with the amount of money they had available to invest in recreation, and they would not engage in more recreation if they had additional money. There is no indication that those non-participants in boating who wanted more money for recreation would differ from others regarding their propensity to spend additional money on water-based recreation pursuits, except in the case of non-participants in fishing who expressed slightly lower than average interest in water-based activities than did the sample population as a whole.

## RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN WATER BASED RECREATION AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

Do you have sufficient money to do the kinds of recreation activities, or purchase the kind of recreation equipment in which you are interested? If no, what would you like to do if money were not a limiting factor?

## Number Responding

Don't Know ..... 36
Yes ..... 136
No, would like more water-based activities ..... 43
No, would like more non-water based activities ..... 78
No, would like more of many activities includ- ing water-based ..... 11
No, don't know what I would do ..... 14

What would you do if you had an extra $\$ 100$ per month in income (for the same working period)? How would that affect your recreation activities?

## Number Responding

Don't Know ..... 35
There would be no difference ..... 138
I would have more water-based activities ..... 54
I would have more non-water based activities ..... 75
I would have more of several activities, includ- ing more water-based activities ..... 17

TABLE 4-13

## NON-PARTICIPANTS AND MONEY FOR RECREATION



[^1]TABLE 4-14

LOW PARTICIPANTS AND MONEY FOR RECREATION

|  | \% Responding Sufficient Money | \% Responding Different Behavior With Extra $\$ 100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Low Participants in, |  |  |
| Any Water-Based Activity* | 35 | 34 |
| Swimming | 42 | 42 |
| Boating | 42 | 42 |
| Fishing | 43 | 39 |
| A11 Respondents | 43 | . . 44 |
|  | Of Those Who For Outdoor They Would In Water-Based | el More Money Needed reation, \% Responding rease Participation in ivities |
| Low Participants in, |  |  |
| Any Water-Based Activity* | 48 |  |
| Swimming* | 48 |  |
| Boating | 35 |  |
| Fishing* | 42 |  |
| A11 Respondents | 36 |  |

*There are statistical relationships significant at the .05 level or higher between these groups and the variables indicated.

Low Participants: Among those who had low participation rates, those who had few water-based recreation experiences of any kind departed from the sample population where monetary sufficiency is concerned. Low participants in specific activities exhibited rates of satisfaction consistent with the sample as a whole. Among those who felt insufficient funds were available, a somewhat higher percentage would use funds for increasing their participation in water-based activities.

## Resource Characteristics and the Sample

Less than one-half of the sample population indicated that a change could be made that would elicit increased visitation to a regularly visited recreation area (Table 4-15). Generally the response to questions regarding admission or user fees, crowds, facilities, and proximity produced similar results. A total of 61 percent indicated that they might be prompted to attend another area under changed locational situations. Approximately two-thirds of these said they would select a water-based area.

Non-Participants: Among non-participants in water-based recreation the characteristics of the recreational resources appear to have about the same or even less importance than is the case with the sample as a whole. Distance and the availability of facilities are somewhat less important; whereas crowds and fees are about the same as the sample population responses (Table 4-16). Since many of the non-participants did not have a "most regularly visited area" it is interesting to examine their responses to the more general questions (Table 4-17). It appears that lower costs, fewer people, and increased accessibility

TABLE 4-15

## SAMPLE RESPONSES ON CHARACTERISTICS OF FACLLITIES

What single change could be made which would encourage you to go to your most regularly visited area more often?

| $\mathrm{N}-319$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Regularly Visited Area | Nothing | Better or More Facilities | Lower Fees | Closer | Less Crowded |
| 27 | 152 | 103 | 11 | 18 | 8 |

Do you feel that your most regularly visited area is too crowded?
No Yes No Response*

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31

Are there any areas which you avoid because of the crowds?
$\frac{\text { No }}{210} \frac{\text { Yes }}{104} \quad$ No Response

How much is the admission fee at your most regularly visited area? Do you feel that this is too much?

|  | A Fee, But <br> 172$\frac{\text { No Fee }}{\text { Not Too Much }}$ | $\frac{\text { A Fee, }}{\text { Too Much }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |$\quad$| No Response* |
| :---: |

Are there any recreation areas that you avoid because they are too expensive?

| No | $\frac{\text { Yes }}{75}$ | No Response |
| ---: | ---: | :---: |
| 209 |  |  |

Do you feel that your most regularly visited area has sufficient facilities?
$\frac{\text { No }}{67} \quad \frac{\text { Yes }}{222} \quad \frac{\text { No Response: }}{30}$

Would you go to your most regularly visited area more often if it were not so far away?
$\frac{\text { No }}{188} \quad \frac{\text { Yes }}{94} \quad \frac{\text { No Response* }}{37}$

What if your most regularly visited area were $\qquad$ miles closer?

## TABLE 4-15 (Cont.)


*A1so those with no most-regularly-visited-area, and those who "don't know."

## TABLE 4-16 <br> NON-PARTICIPANTS AND MOST-REGULARLY-VISITED-AREAS

Would you go to your most regularly visited area more often if it werenot so far away?
\% Non-Participants Responding No
Non-Participants in any
Water-Based Activities* ..... 79\%
Swimming* ..... 74
Boating* ..... 72
Fishing* ..... 68
A11 Respondents ..... 60\%
What single change could be made which would encourage you to go toyour most regularly visited area more often?
\% Non-Participants responding nothing (No change could be made)
Non-Participants in,
Any water-based activities ..... $52 \%$
Swimming ..... 47
Boating* ..... 56
Fishing* ..... 49
A11 Respondents ..... 44\%
Do you feel that your most regularly visited area is too crowded?
\% Non-Participants responding No
Non-Participants in,
Any water-based Activities ..... 68\%
Swimming ..... 71
Boating ..... 68
Fishing ..... 64
A11 Respondents ..... $66 \%$

## TABLE 4-16 (Cont.)

Do you feel that this (fee) is too much?
\% Non-Participants Responding No
Water-Based Activities 10\%
Swimming 7
Boating 8
Fishing 5
$\%$ Total Sample $6 \%$
Do you feel that your most regularly visited area has sufficient
facilities?
\% Non-Participants Responding Yes
Water-Based Activities* $89 \%$
Swimming* 84
Boating 77
Fishing 74
\% Total Sample Responding No 77\%
*There are statistical relationships significant at the .05 level of the Chi Square distribution between this activity and the response to the question.

TABLE 4-17

| Is there any recreation area you would visit if it were closer? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\%$ Non-participants responding Yes | Types |  |
| Non-participants in, | W.B. | Non-W.B. |

Are there any recreation areas which you avoid because of crowds?
\% Non-participants responding Yes
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { A11 water-based activities* } 17 & 76\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Swimming } & 31 & 174\end{array}$
Boating 30174
Fishing $28 \quad 141$
\% Total Sample Resp. Yes 33

Are there any recreation areas which you avoid because they are too expensive?
\% Non-participants responding Yes
All water-based activities* 1976
Swimming 123174
Boating 22174
Fishing $21 \quad 141$
\% Total Sample Resp. Yes 24319
*There are statistical relationships significant at the .05 level of the Chi Square distribution between this activity and the response to the question.
would not have a dramatic impact on the non-participants. In fact it appears that in each case the non-participants are slightly less likely to be influenced by these characteristics of recreational resources than is the sample as a whole.

There is no evidence to suggest that changes in the characteristics of recreation resources would produce major changes in visitation to recreation resources in general, or water-based facilities in particular.

Low Participants: Like non-participants, the low participants do not depart significantly from the total sample insofar as attitudes towards fees or crowds at the most regularly visited areas are concerned (Table 4-18). However, as far as fees are concerned, low participants in all water-based activities and low participants in swimming exhibit avoidance behavior for other than the most regularly visited areas. Low participants in several activities do appear more conscious of crowdedness at other areas, but generally indicate a level of tolerance for crowds at their most regularly visited area which is consistent with that of the sample.

Low participants as a group are more concerned with the lack of facilities at their most regularly visited area. In addition low participants in swimming and boating, apd those who participate at low rates in all water-based activities are moderately higher than the non-participants and the sample as a whole in responding that, they would attend their most regularly visited area more often if it were closer. Furthermore, there seems to be a greater propensity for low participants to select a water-based facility if it were closer than with other groups.

## TABLE 4-18

LOW PARTICIPANTS AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCE CHARACTERISTICS

|  | \% Responding at MRVA is too High | \% Indicating Avoidance of More Expensive Areas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Low Participants in, |  |  |
| All water-based activities | 5 | 8* |
| Swimming | 8 | 7* |
| Boating | 7 | 20 |
| Fishing | 4 | 27 |
| A11 Respondents | 6 | 24 |
|  | \% Responding MRVA is too crowded | \% Indicating Avoidance of Crowded Areas |
| Low Participants in, |  |  |
| A11 water-based activities | 29 | 41* |
| Swimming | 31 | 37 |
| Boating | 25 | 34 |
| Fishing | 26 | 37 |
| A11 Respondents | 29 | 33 |
|  | \% Responding More Visitation to MRVA if Closer | ```% Responding Would Visit Other if Closer``` |
| Low Participants in, W.B. Other Recreation |  |  |
| All water-based activities | 36 | 38 22 |
| Swimming* | 41 | 4622 |
| Boating* | 25 | 3922 |
| Fishing* | 26 | $31 \quad 21$ |
| A11 Respondents | 32 | 3423 |

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TABLE 4-18 (Cont.)
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> \% Responding that MRVA
> Facilities are Sufficient
Low Participants in,
Al1 water-based activities* ..... 68
Swimming* ..... 68
Boating* ..... 61
Fishing ..... 82
All Respondents ..... 74
*Also those with no most-regularly-visited-area, and those who "don't know."

Facilities and Sufficiency and Level of Participation

It is likely that the relationships between the low participation group and availability of facilities at a given area, (here the most regularly visited area) are relevant to their decision-making as it concerns recreation participation. However, the relationship between levels of participation and perception of insufficient facilities is not clear (Table 4-19). In general participants are more critical of facility availability than non-participants, though in the case of boating and water-based activities as a whole, low participants stand out as being distinctly above the rest of the sample in terms of dissatisfaction. Among swimmers the peak level of dissatisfaction with facilities is at a moderate level of participation.

Distance and Participation Level

There appears to be a consistent relationship between level of participation and the extent to which respondents indicate they would go to a facility featuring water-based recreation (Table 4-20). In all activities there is a peak for this kind of response followed by a decline with increasing participation levels.

## TABLE 4-19

FACILITIES INSUFFICIENCY BY LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION

AND TYPE OF ACTIVITY

## Percentage Responding Insufficient Facilities

|  | Swimming | Boating | Fishing | All Water-Based <br> Activities |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Occasions | 17 | 23 | 26 | 11 |
| 1-5 Occasions | 29 | 39 | 18 | 21 |
| 6-14 Occasions | 27 | 42 | 20 | 27 |
| $15-24$ Occasions | 38 | 30 | 27 | 26 |
| 25 and More Occasions | 25 | 16 | 23 | 25 |

## TABLE 4-20

## LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION AND PROXIMITY TO WATER-ORIENTED FACILITIES

Percentage Responding They Would go to a Water-Oriented Facility if Closer Swimming Boating Fishing All Water-Based Activities

| No Occasions | 26 | 30 | 30 | 13 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-5$ Occasions | 46 | 39 | 31 | 38 |
| $6-14$ Occasions | 46 | 44 | 40 | 48 |
| $15-24$ Occasions | 39 | 39 | 43 | 48 |
| 25 and Over | 19 | 10 | 17 | 14 |

## CHAPTER 5

## Conclusions and Implications for Management

This study has not provided a complete explanation for latent demand as it pertains to water-based recreation. Yet the study has described the nature and extent of non-participation and various levels of participation and the levels of satisfaction associated with waterbased recreational pursuits. In addition the study has offered at least a partial explanation of how unfulfilled demand is related to several factors.

Perhaps the most startling reality about potential participation in Oklahoma is its magnitude. One of three Oklahoma families particpates in no water-based recreation whatsoever. Forty-five percent did no swimming during the study period, and nearly eighty percent failed to boat. Of great interest is the fact that among those that did participate in boating, 36 percent did so on fewer than six occasions, and as many as two-thirds did so on less than fifteen occasions. These figures varied slightly by activity. The non-participants and low participants are of special concern, for it is reasonable to conclude that if the forces which repress demand were modified, recreation activity among those who do not participate, and those who do so at low rates, could increase at a spectacular rate. Such forces appear to include satisfaction levels, life-cycle stage, time, money proximity to resources, and perception of water resource characteristics.

The majority of the people (sixty percent) claim satisfaction with their current involvement in water-oriented recreation. And levels of satisfaction have little relationship to the amount of participation. Satisfaction is a function of aspiration, with aspirations being shaped by a person's life style. Thus greater dissatisfaction levels and the resultant increases in demand have been and will continue to be a response to changes in life-style. Based on our research it would appear that family life cycles are related to such changes in life-style and concomitant changes in demand for recreational pursuits. Low participation is characteristic of families with small children. However, participation levels increase during succeeding life-cycle stages and only decreases with old age. There are significant statistical associations of this type between life cycle stage and all types of water-based activities.

Participation Levels and Satisfaction Levels are also associated with incomes and educational levels, and occupations, factors influencing life-style. The relevant question is then, what induces life-style changes, and to what extent are such changes apt to occur in Oklahoma and throughout the United States?

The significance of leisure time to latent demand is difficult to assess. In general the non-participants are satisfied with their leisure time supply. At most only one fourth of the non-participants would change their behavior if provided with increased leisure hours. However, those participating at low to moderate levels envision considerable increments to their water recreational behavior in response to an increased free time. Here again we can see the effect of life style and present behavior upon latent demand. Even a slight exposure
to, or experience with water based recreation promotes the desire for more. On the other hand complete abstinence from such activities does little to create further demand. The key then simply appears to be the start; the first few experiences.

Money is generally perceived as a somewhat greater constraint than time. Over forty percent of those queried say that they would increase their activities in response to increased earning power. This seems to reflect the prevailing American view of the dollar, that money is more vital than time. Perhaps the current national trends emphasizing the quality of life may in the long run reverse the money-time sequence where latent demand in concerned.

Distance is an extremely vital factor in the latent demand equation. As in the case of time and satisfaction it is the low to moderate recreationalist who were most effected. Nearly fifty percent of the moderate users say that they would participate more if they were closer to the facilities. The significance of proximity to the resource is further substantiated by the large sample. Non-participation among this representative group is 25 percent greater at locations of over 30 miles from suitable facilities. The evidence strongly suggests that increases in facilities would produce increases in demand. However, the likelihood of greater participation is highest among the current low and moderate users and not among the non-participants.

The nature of the water-based resources also has great bearing on the nature and extent of demand. In general a high degree of satisfaction with resource quality was exhibited by the sample group. Over 50 percent stated that no resource changes could be made that would result in their increased use of the area. The great majority were also
satisfied with the intensity at which "their" recreational areas were being used. Less than one-third of the group was troubled by crowded conditions at the recreational site.

Among non-participants, resource perception probably does not reflect the real situation. Thus, we are at somewhat of a loss to judge the impact of resource quality on latent demand. Non-users are making decisions primarily in response to a local water resource base with which they have had little or no experience, and low users are probably in a similar situation.

## Management Implications

Our findings on latent demand contain numerous implications for the current and future management of water based recreational resources. These implications center on resource location strategy, facility improvement and integration, and the diffusion of information regarding the facilities.

Findings pertaining to income, time, and life cycle have obvious and immediate applications for resource managers. Increased income and leisure time are likely to substantially increase demand from the low to moderate users, during the next decade. It is, therefore, important to predict the location and extent of income and leisure time growth, so that those resources which will be most affected can be properly altered to meet the growing demand. Regional population profiles will need careful examination, in order to evaluate income and life cycle characteristics. Life cycle analysis will also be important at the regional scale so that emerging trends (potentially explosive ones from a demand standpoint), can be pin pointed. For example knowledge
concerning a regional predominance of families with small children is vital to preparations for greatly increased demand over a ten year period and even greater increases over an extended time span during which the children with water-based experience become adults.

On a similar track, knowledge of swimming skill variance is also necessary. Given the relationship between participation in water-based activities and swimming skill, any abrupt changes in youth swimming skill levels are certain to have far reaching resource impacts. New swimming programs need careful monitoring if we are to correctly anticipate future water-oriented demand. Swimming programs for minority groups will probably produce even greater changes on the demand front, particularly from the group who are currently classified as non-participants.

Management must also keep in mind that satisfaction levels are constantly changing. Todays leve1 of satisfaction with water based recreation is much different than it was ten, twenty, or thirty years ago. It must be remembered that satisfaction is a function of current behavior and outlook, and that this is subject to constant change. Today's low and non-participants may not be satisfied with that status tomorrow. Hence, the most logical management strategy should center on anticipated increases in demand; increases far in excess of anticipated population growth.

A full understanding of latent demand for water-based recreation cannot be achieved without an understanding of the unfulfilled demand for non-water activities. We need to know much more about the relationships between water and non-water recreational behavior. For example, how does a new water resource influence the behavior of the local population? What is the extent of "activity switching" in response to a
new resource? Is the behavior of the total population changed, or is the effect chiefly limited to those already engaging in water oriented activities?

In what ways can public agencies act to reduce unfulfilled demand? It would seem that a carefully planned advertising campaign could encourage some of the low and non-participants to alter their behavior. Many of the non-users were unaware of local recreational opportunities and it is likely that some of them would participate if they were made more knowledgeable of existing resources.

The responses to the questions regarding proximity and distance suggest that future water resource development needs to be carefully planned in light of present resource locations. Participation is highly influenced by accessibility, and new locations must be selected with this in mind. However, before enlightened planning can materialize, we must know more about individual locational decision-making as it pertains to the choice of a recreational visitation site. We need to know more concerning why people go where they go, and how decisions are made between competing recreational alternatives. It would appear from the data on facility proximity that reservoixs are like clothing stores or groceries. Two boutiques located next door to one another usually generate greater total sales than if they were at opposite ends of a central business district. Thus reservoir clusters may produce greater activity levels than if they were dispersed. Here again there is a great need for more information. Finally if we are really interested in improving the overall quality of life in America we have to find ways to get the non-participants who think they are satisfied, (but who really are not) involved. As it now stands the greatest amount of latent demand
exists among those who are already participating at moderate to high levels, and if this demand is fulfilled it will be tantamount to the rich getting richer and the poor staying the same, or in relative terms falling even further behind. Clearly, this is not consistant with the intention of the Land and Water Conservation Act; which contains the following message:

The law will provide federal assistance ". . . to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to all citizens of the United States . . . to promote such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available, are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation and to strengthen the health and vitality of citizens of the United States . . ."

We cannot justify satisfying recreational desires and needs of only
certain segments of the population, nor can we continue making assumptions of static location needs and criteria in locating recreation
facilities. The challenge is great but a solution is not impossible.
Like cancer there is much more to be learned before the cure is a reality.

APPENDIX A

# 1969 Outdoor Recreation Demand Survey - Oklahoma 

 RECREATIONIST'S HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

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SECTION 4.0 (Participation - LAST TWELVE MONTHS Activities)
CARD 3 AGE AND ACTIVITIES

| (4.8) ACTIVITY OCCASIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Activities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ( 4.3 c ) | SPOUSE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| (4.5 c) | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (4.6 c) | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (4.7 c) | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1. 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | *21 | $\pm * 22$ |

(4.9 c) FAVORITE ACTIVITIES OF RESPONDENT

First Choice No.

Second Choice No. $\qquad$ **Activity No. 22 $\qquad$
Third Choice No. $\qquad$

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APPENDIX B

ORLAHOMA 1970 REGREATION SURVEY
OKIAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY


As a family, which recreation area have you visited most recently? (note either city, state, national park, stadium, bowling alley, etc.) When?

As a family, which recreation area do you visit most regularly?
How often?
(As a family) What other recreation areas have you visited this year?
State or Regional
City or local

Do you regulariy go to a recreation area without other members of your family?
Which one?
How Often?

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"On the average" how many hours of T.V. do you watch per day? Does the rest
of your family watch more or less than you do? More__L__Less
7
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Does your household contain any of the following types of recreation equipment?
firearms___fishing tackle_bowling equipment___ archery gear__ 8 tennis racquets___ boat______ canoe____ bleat motor____ sleaing bags

water skils camper $\qquad$ tent $\qquad$ golf equipment $\qquad$ bicycle $\qquad$ sports balls__ picnic oooler___ Other major items:
Are there any types of recreation equipment which you have specific plans for purchasing in the near futuse? What Kind (s)? ..... 9
Wran?

Are you presently satisfied with the types and amounts of recreation in which you engage? If no, why not?
$\qquad$

How far is (supply most regularly visited area)?
Would you go to MRVA if ti was not so far away? What if it wat 5 miles closer? $\qquad$ 10? 15? $\qquad$

Is there any recreation which you would visit if ic was closer?
Which one? Why do you like this particular area?

Es you feel that MRVA is too crowded? How many people are usually there? $\quad 13$

Are there any recreation areas which you avoid because of crowds?
Which ones?

How much is the admission fee at MRVA? $\qquad$ Do you feel that this is too much Are there any recreation axeas which you avoid because theyare too expensive?
How much do they charge? $\qquad$

That kinds of facilieles daes MRVA have?
Do you feel that miva has eufficient facilities
if not, which would you add?

What single change could be made which would encourage you to go to MRVA more often?
What is your favorite recreation area in Oklahoma?
Why do you like it?

Do you feel that you have sufficient "free" time to do the kinds of recreation

What would you like to do if time was not a factor?

If you had tomorrow (or some other day this week) off what would you do?
If you had an additional day off each week, what would you do?

Do you have sufficient money to do the kinds of recreation activities, or purchase the kind of recreation equipment in which you are interested? yes no don't know If no, what would you like to do if money was not a limiting factor?

What would you do if you had an extra $\$ 100$ per month in sacome (for the same workisg period? How would that affect your recreational activities?

What is the closest city-operated recreation area?
What is the closest State Recreation Area?
Which is closer (supply two major areas in region) or

Have you ever been to a National Park? Yes_No___ don't know__ Which ones?

Do you know how to swim? (interviewer's evaluation of well_fair_avg。 $\quad 24$
What recreation activities do you now do that you did not do five years ago? Why did you begin doing them?

What is your idea of a good one day trip in Oklahoma?

What if you had a whole weekend to travel, where would you go?

What is your occupation (be specific on job description)?
What are the ages of your family members? Children , , , -_ _,

Name
Date
Day
Time


Dwelling Unit Evaluation:
Type: SFD
TFD $\qquad$ MFD
Size: (sq. feet of living space) under 1000_1000-1500_1500-2000_
Value: under 10,000 _ $10,000.20,000 \_20,000-30,000 \_$Over 30,000
Conditions Well kept Detertorated Delapitated (deterioxated indicated by lack of care, but no structural damage) (delapitated indicated by lack of care, and structural damage)

Air Conditioning: yes $\qquad$ no $\qquad$ Check if centrally cooled $\qquad$
Yard size: Under 3,000_3,000-9,900_10,000-15,000 $\qquad$ over 15,000 $\qquad$
Yard Condition: well kept $\qquad$ well kept and garden $\qquad$ poorly kept $\qquad$
other comments on house or yard:


R"spondent's Recreation Behavior, based upon interviewers own assessment a subjective
Poor knowledge of opportunities
rank from
Lack of money
I to 10 Lack of skill in recreactonal pursuits
using two Limited Leisure Time
or three Lack of Proximity to Satisfactory Recreational Facilities
most 1m- Disinterest in Traditional Outdoor Recreational Pursuits
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APPENDIX C

## INCOME BY PARTICIPATION CLASSIFICATION

Participant
Non-Participant $1-5$ Occasions More than 5 occasions Totals

Swim

| Head of Household |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| under $\$ 3000$ | 455 | 25 | 99 | 579 |
| $3000-4999$ | 532 | 81 | 322 | 835 |
| $5000-6999$ | 1020 | 275 | 847 | 2142 |
| $7000-9999$ | 1530 | 424 | 1852 | 3856 |
| $10,000+$ | 1653 | 447 | 2252 | 4352 |
| Total | 5240 | 1252 | 5272 | 11,764 |

Boat

| Under $\$ 3000$ | 512 | 41 | 16 | 569 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $3000-4999$ | 733 | 39 | 63 | 835 |
| $5000-6999$ | 1762 | 145 | 235 | 2142 |
| $7000-9999$ | 2766 | 444 | 646 | 3826 |
| $10,000+$ | 2885 | 494 | 973 | 4352 |
| Total | 8658 | 1163 | 1933 | 11,754 |

Fish

| Under $\$ 3000$ | 363 | 62 | 154 | 579 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $3000-4999$ | 521 | 72 | 242 | 835 |
| $5000-6999$ | 1222 | 295 | 625 | 2142 |
| $7000-9999$ | 2142 | 516 | 1198 | 3856 |
| $10,000+$ | 2430 | 555 | 1317 | 4352 |
| Total | 6728 | 1500 | 3536 | 11,764 |

## RACE BY PARTICIPATION CLASSIFICATION

|  | Participant |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Non-Participant $1-5$ Occasions More than 5 occasions $\quad$ Totals |  |  |


| Swim |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White | 4788 | 1143 | 4910 | 10841 |
| Non-White | 452 | 109 | 362 | 923 |
| Totals | 5240 | 1252 | 5272 | 12,764 |
| Boat |  |  |  |  |
| White | 7364 | 1120 | 1857 | 10841 |
| Non-White | 794 | 43 | 86 | 923 |
| Totals | 8658 | 1163 | 1943 | 11,764 |
| Fish |  |  |  |  |
| White | 6243 | 1392 | 3206 | 10841 |
| Non-White | 485 | 108 | 330 | 923 |
| Totals | 6728 | 1500 | 3536 | 11,764 |

## EDUCATION BY PARTICIPATION CLASSIFICATION

|  | Participant |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Non-Participant |  |  |
| 1-5 Occasions More than 5 occasions |  |  |

## Swim

Years completed by
Head of Household

| none | 21 | 2 | 4 | 27 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1-6$ years | 146 | 14 | 24 | 184 |
| $7-11$ years | 963 | 122 | 363 | 1448 |
| 12 years | 1775 | 455 | 1629 | 3859 |
| $13-15$ years | 1172 | 807 | 1785 | 2966 |
| 16 and over | 1163 | 852 | 1765 | 3280 |
| Total | 5240 | 1252 | 5270 | 11,764 |

Fish

| none | 17 | 2 | 8 | 27 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1.6 years | 129 | 10 | 45 | 184 |
| $7-11$ years | 924 | 162 | 362 | 1488 |
| 12 years | 2098 | 517 | 1244 | 3859 |
| $13-15$ years | 1629 | 389 | 948 | 2966 |
| 16 and over | 1931 | 420 | 929 | 3280 |
| Total | 6728 | 1500 | 3536 | 11,764 |

Boat

| none | 23 | 0 | 15 | 27 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1-6$ years | 174 | 4 | 6 | 184 |
| $7-11$ years | 1231 | 83 | 134 | 1448 |
| 12 years | 3033 | 303 | 523 | 3859 |
| $13-15$ years | 2063 | 3367 | 566 | 2966 |
| 16 and over | 2134 | 436 | 710 | 3280 |
| Total | 8658 | 1163 | 1942 | 11,764 |

## OCCUPATION BY PARTINCIPATION CLASSIFICATION

Non-Participants $\quad$ Participant $\quad$ Occasions More than 5 occasions Totals

Swim
Head of Household

| Professional |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\quad$ Technical | 708 | 259 | 1061 | 2028 |
| Managerial | 742 | 204 | 980 | 1926 |
| Clerical-Sales | 595 | 175 | 833 | 1603 |
| Craftsman | 547 | 214 | 512 | 1473 |
| Laborer | 564 | 82 | 462 | 1261 |
| Service | 426 |  |  | 970 |
| Farmers \& Farm <br> $\quad$ Workers | 93 |  |  |  |
| Not elsewhere <br> $\quad$ Classified | 1565 | 131 | 534 | 173 |
| Totals | 5240 | 1252 | 5272 | 2230 |
|  |  |  | 11,763 |  |

Boat
Professional

| $\quad$ Technical | 1362 | 264 | 402 | 2028 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Managerial | 1271 | 222 | 433 | 1926 |
| Clerical-Sales | 1073 | 166 | 364 | 1603 |
| Craftsman | 1055 | 1056 | 85 | 120 |
| Laborer | 733 |  | 100 | 1473 |
| Service |  |  | 1261 |  |
| Farmers \& Farm <br> $\quad$ Workers | 142 |  | 8 | 970 |
| Not elsewhere |  |  | 318 | 173 |
| $\quad$ Classified | 1966 | 1163 | 1893 | 2230 |
| Totals | 5708 |  |  | 11,764 |

Fish

| Professional | 1193 | 286 | 549 | 2028 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Managerial | 1085 | 250 | 591 | 1926 |
| Clerical-Sales | 871 | 194 | 538 | 1603 |
| Craftsman | 768 | 203 | 502 | 1473 |
| Laborer | 654 | 175 | 276 | 1261 |
| Service | 576 |  |  |  |
| Farmers \& Farm |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Workers | 85 |  | 388 | 173 |
| Not elsewhere |  |  | 353 |  |
| $\quad$ Classified | 1742 | 1500 |  | 11,764 |
| Total | 6725 |  |  |  |

APPENDIX D

| Swimming Participation | None | One or Two | Three or More | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| None | 1049 | 3259 | 1292 | 5600 |
| 1-5 Occasions | 206 | 697 | 421 | 1324 |
| 6-15 Occasions | 260 | 1272 | 622 | 2154 |
| 16-25 Occasions | 134 | 694 | 260 | 1088 |
| More than 25 Occasions | 365 | 1364 | 563 | 2292 |

## PARKS FEATURING WATER-ORIENTED FACILITIES WITHIN 30 MILES

| Boating Participation | None | One or Two | Three or More | Total |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| None | 1571 | 5450 | 2144 | 9165 |  |
| 1-5 Occasions | 200 | 635 | 378 | 1213 |  |
| 6-15 Occasions | 112 | 662 | 303 | 1077 |  |
| 16-25 Occasions | 64 | 252 | 132 | 448 |  |
| More than 25 Occasions | 68 | 287 | 201 | 556 |  |
|  |  | 2015 | 7286 | 3158 | 12459 |

PARKS FEATURING WATER-ORIENTED FACILITIES WITHIN 30 MLLES

| Fishing Participation | None | One or Two | Three or More | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| None | 1117 | 4333 | 1664 | 7114 |
| $1-5$ Occasions | 260 | 883 | 439 | 1582 |
| 6-15 Occasions | 319 | 1062 | 567 | 1948 |
| 16-25 Occasions | 123 | 430 | 204 | 757 |
| More than 25 Occasions | 195 | 578 | 284 | 1057 |

## COUNTY RESERVOIR ACREAGE

| Swimming Participation | Less than 500 acres | $500-10,000$ acres | over 10,000 acres | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| None | 1097 | 3105 | 1398 | 5600 |
| $1-5$ occasions | 228 | 713 | 383 | 1324 |
| $6-15$ Occasions | 379 | 1134 | 641 | 2154 |
| $16-25$ Occasions | 247 | 560 | 335 | 1142 |
| More than 25 Occasions | 470 | 1169 | 653 | 2292 |
| Total | 2421 | 6681 | 3410 | 12512 |

COUNTY RESERVOIR ACREAGE

| Boating Participation | Less than 500 acres | 500-10,000 acres | over 10,000 acres | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| None | 1837 | 4978 | 2350 | 9165 |
| 1-5 Occasions | 218 | 643 | 352 | 1213 |
| 6-15 Occasions | 162 | 576 | 339 | 1077 |
| 16-25 Occasions | 89 | 207 | 152 | 448 |
| More than 25 Occasions | 61 | 277 | 217 | 555 |
| Total | 2367 | 6681 | 3410 | 12458 |

COUNTY RESERVOIR ACREAGE

| Fishing Participation | Less than 500 acres | $500-10,000$ acres | over 10,000 acres | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| None | 1402 | 3805 | 1907 | 7114 |
| $1-5$ Occasions | 276 | 883 | 423 | 1582 |
| $6-15$ Occasions | 365 | 1020 | 563 | 1948 |
| $16-25$ Occasions | 135 | 396 | 226 | 757 |
| More than 25 Occasions | 187 | 577 | 291 | 1055 |
|  | Total | 2365 | 6681 | 3410 |

## DISTANCE TO NEAREST MAJOR RESERVOIR

| Swimming Participation | Less than 10 miles | $11-30$ miles | More than 30 miles | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| None | 2062 | 2831 | 707 | 5600 |
| $1-5$ Occasions | 573 | 622 | 255 | 1450 |
| $6-15$ Occasions | 793 | 1190 | 171 | 2154 |
| $16-25$ Occasions | 436 | 566 | 86 | 1088 |
| More than 25 Occasions | 758 | 1293 | 241 | 2292 |
| Total | 4622 | 6502 | 1460 | 12584 |

## DISTANCE TO NEAREST MAJOR RESERVOIR

| Boating Participation | Less than 10 miles | $11-30$ miles | More than 30 miles | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| None | 3377 | 4724 | 1064 | 9165 |
| $1-5$ Occasions | 439 | 637 | 137 | 1213 |
| $6-15$ Occasions | 435 | 575 | 67 | 1077 |
| $16-25$ Occasions | 166 | 244 | 38 | 448 |
| More than 25 Occasions | 205 | 322 | 1334 | 12458 |

## DISTANCE TO NEAREST MAJOR RESERVOIR

| Fishing Participation | Less than 10 miles | $11-30$ miles | More than 30 miles | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| None | 2473 | 3839 | 802 | 7114 |
| $1-5$ Occasions | 675 | 734 | 173 | 1582 |
| $6-15$ Occasions | 764 | 983 | 201 | 1948 |
| $16-25$ Occasions | 282 | 413 | 62 | 757 |
| More than 25 Occasions | 425 | 576 | 1334 | 1097 |
|  |  |  | 6545 | 12498 |

## APPENDIX E

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSE TO SELECTED QUESTIONS
by Level of participation in water-based
RECREATION ACTIVITIES


| Swim |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| none | 10 | 13 | 45 | 51 | 55 | 3 |
| 1-5 | 3 | 6 | 27 | 20 | 9 | 1 |
| 6-14 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 12 | 4 | 0 |
| 15+ | 3 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Boat |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| none | 9 | 14 | 53 | 45 | 50 | 4 |
| 1-5 | 4 | 7 | 22 | 20 | 8 | 1 |
| 6-14 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 14 | 7 | 0 |
| $15+$ | 3 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 0 |
| Fish |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| none | 11 | 17 | 36 | 40 | 36 | 4 |
| 1-5 | 4 | 6 | 26 | 25 | 13 | 0 |
| 6-14 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 15 | 9 | 0 |
| $15+$ | 1 | 2 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 0 |
| All Water Based |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| none | 4 | 2 | 16 | 20 | 30 | 3 |
| 1-5 | 6 | 4 | 19 | 14 | 6 | 0 |
| 6-14 | 2 | 13 | 16 | 20 | 11 | 2 |
| 15+ | 8 | 8 | 48 | 39 | 23 | 5 |

IF YOU HAD TOMORROW OFF (OR SOME OTHER DAY THIS WEEK) WHAT WOULD YOU DO? IF YOU HAD AN ADDITIONAL DAY OFF EACH WEEK, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Family } \\ \text { Occasions } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | TOMORROW |  | EVERY WEEK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water Oriented Recreation | NonRecreation Activities | Water Oriented Recreation | Non- <br> Recreation Activities |
| Swimming |  |  |  |  |
| None | 21 | 78 | 27 | 49 |
| 1-5 | 12 | 31 | 20 | 9 |
| 6-14 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 6 |
| 15 and over | 7 | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| Boating |  |  |  |  |
| None | 19 | 82 | 27 | 50 |
| 1-5 | 11 | 27 | 14 | 14 |
| 6-14 | 10 | 17 | 15 | 4 |
| 15 and over | 11 | 8 | 10 | 2 |
| Fishing |  |  |  |  |
| None | 15 | 72 | 16 | 71 |
| 1-5 | 12 | 29 | 15 | 34 |
| 6-14 | 12 | 13 | 18 | 14 |
| 15 and over | 11 | 7 | 13 | 9 |

## ARE THERE ANY RECREATION AREAS YOU AVOID BECAUSE OF CROWDS?

Family Occasions No ..... Yes
All water-based activities
None ..... 44
1-5 ..... 24
6-14 ..... 41
15 and over ..... 9614Swimming
None ..... 115 ..... 39
1-5 ..... 43 ..... 19
6-14 ..... 26 ..... 15
15 and over ..... 17 ..... 9
Boating
None ..... 102 ..... 49
1-5 ..... 45 ..... 15
6-14 ..... 32
15 and over ..... 22
Fishing
None ..... 86 ..... 36
1-5 ..... 51 ..... 18
10
6-14 ..... 39
15 and over ..... 26 ..... 15

IS THERE A FEE AT YOUR MOST REGULARLY VISITED AREA? IF SO, DO YOU FEEL THAT THIS IS TOO MUCH?

YES, A FEE
Family
Occasions

All Water-Based Activities

| None | 36 | 17 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-5$ | 24 | 14 | 2 |
| $6-14$ | 33 | 24 | 4 |
| 15 and over | 79 | 46 | 5 |

Swimming
None 96

1-5
96
35
6-14
20
15 and over
Boating
None 95
1-5
28
23
$6-14$
15 and over
18
Fishing

| None | 75 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $1-5$ | 36 |

36
6-14 24
15 and over 24
Not Too
Much Too Much
No Fee
.
33
79

18

5

38
8
32
3
15
13
13
28
13
12
52
8
20
5
18
4
8
-

45
4
-
-

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4

DO YOU FEEL THAT YOUR MOST REGULARLY VISITED AREA HAS SUFFICIENT FACILITIES?

| Family Occasions | Yes | No |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Al1 Water-Based Activities |  |  |
| None | 51 | 6 |
| $1-5$ | 28 | 13 |
| $6-14$ | 48 | 13 |
| 15 and more | 95 | 35 |
|  |  |  |
| Swimming |  |  |
| None | 126 | 29 |
| $1-5$ | 44 | 18 |
| $6-14$ | 32 | 9 |
| 15 and more | 16 | 10 |
|  |  |  |
| Boating |  |  |
| None | 117 | 34 |
| $1-5$ | 43 | 28 |
| $6-14$ | 37 | 5 |
| 15 and more | 21 | 9 |
|  |  |  |
| Fishing |  |  |
| None | 90 | 32 |
| $1-5$ | 58 | 13 |
| $6-14$ | 40 | 10 |
| 15 and more | 30 | 11 |

WHAT SINGLE CHANGE COULD BE MADE WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO TO YOUR MOST REGULARLY VISITED AREA MORE OFTEN?

| Family Occasions | Yes, a change could be made to encourage more visitation | No change could be made to encourage more visitation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A11 water-based Activities |  |  |
| None | 18 | 39 |
| 1-5 | 15 | 27 |
| 6-14 | 34 | 25 |
| 15 and more | 73 | 51 |
| Swimming |  |  |
| None | 67 | 83 |
| 1-5 | 33 | 28 |
| 6-14 | 22 | 20 |
| 15 and more | 14 | 10 |
| Boating |  |  |
| None | 54 | 96 |
| 1-5 | 38 | 20 |
| 6-14 | 27 | 15 |
| 15 and more | 17 | 10 |
| Fishing |  |  |
| None | 69 | 71 |
| 1-5 | 33 | 34 |
| 6-14 | 34 | 17 |
| 15 and more | 20 | 19 |

WOULD YOU GO TO YOUR MOST REGULARLY VISITED AREA MORE OFTEN IT IF WERE NOT SO FAR AWAY? IS THERE ANY RECREATION AREA WHICH YOU WOULD VISIT IF IT WERE CLOSER? WHICH ONE?

| Family Occasions | No | Yes | Yes, WaterBased | Yes, Other Recreation Facilities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A11 water-based Activities |  |  |  |  |
| None | 44 | 12 | 10 | 19 |
| 1-5 | 27 | 15 | 14 | 14 |
| 6-14 | 43 | 16 | 22 | 14 |
| 15 and over | 77 | 31 | 57 | 38 |
| Swimming |  |  |  |  |
| None | 113 | 40 | 44 | 46 |
| 1-5 | 37 | 25 | 29 | 16 |
| 6-14 | 24 | 17 | 18 | 13 |
| 15 and over | 14 | 12 | 9 | 7 |
| Boating |  |  |  |  |
| None | 109 | 43 | 49 | 42 |
| 1-5 | 44 | 15 | 23 | 15 |
| 6-14 | 21 | 20 | 18 | 12 |
| 15 and over | 14 | 16 | 10 | 13 |
| Fishing |  |  |  |  |
| None | 83 | 39 | 41 | 32 |
| 1-5 | 52 | 18 | 22 | 19 |
| 6-14 | 31 | 10 | 20 | 18 |
| 15 and over | 22 | 19 | 17 | 13 |

DO YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT MONEY TO DO THE KINDS OF RECREATION ACTIVITIES OR PURCHASE THE RECREATION EQUIPMENT IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED? WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD AN ADDITIONAL \$100 PER MONTH IN INCOME? HOW WOULD THAT AFFECT YOUR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES?

| FamilyOccasions | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SUFFICIENT } \\ & \text { MONEY } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | IF HAD \$100 MORE, WOULD... |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Not Participate | Participate in Water-Based |
|  | Yes | No | More | Recreation |
| Water-based Activities |  |  |  |  |
| None | 24 | 38 | 38 | 3 |
| 1-5 | 15 | 25 | 27 | 8 |
| 6-14 | 27 | 28 | 25 | 11 |
| 15 and over | 20 | 55 | 48 | 32 |
| Swimming |  |  |  |  |
| None | 71 | 84 | 74 | 27 |
| 1-5 | 28 | 32 | 32 | 15 |
| 6-14 | 21 | 24 | 13 | 8 |
| 15 and over | 13 | 11 | 16 | 3 |
| Boating |  |  |  |  |
| None | 65 | 85 | 94 | 21 |
| 1-5 | 26 | 30 | 20 | 16 |
| 6-14 | 24 | 17 | 10 | 12 |
| 15 and over | 18 | 11 | 11 | 4 |
| Fishing |  |  |  |  |
| None | 49 | 72 | 78 | 10 |
| 1-5 | 32 | 34 | 26 | 19 |
| 6-14 | 31 | 19 | 13 | 15 |
| 15 and over | 21 | 18 | 18 | 9 |

DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT FREE TIME TO DO THE KINDS OF RECREATION IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO IF THIS WERE NOT A FACTOR?

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Family } \\ & \text { Occasions } \end{aligned}$ | Yes, Sufficient Free Time | Don't <br> Know | No, would have more wateroriented recreation | No, would have more non-water recreation | No, would have more of all types of recreation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Swimming |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 65 | 10 | 14 | 40 | 17 |
| 1-5 | 13 | 4 | 12 | 11 | 11 |
| 6-14 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 4 |
| 15 and over | 8 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Boating |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 68 | 13 | 19 | 32 | 25 |
| 1-5 | 12 | 2 | 9 | 15 | 8 |
| 6-14 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| 15 and over | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Fishing |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 54 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 14 |
| 1-5 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 5 |
| 6-14 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 7 |
| 15 and over | 6 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 . |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The differences between participation levels of the individuals and the living group as a whole were not significantly different. It can be concluded that most water-based recreational activity is carried on in groups, particularly in family groups. For the purposes of this study, the intensive analysis was performed on living groups, and the level of generalization that is used is the family occasion.

[^1]:    *There are statistical relationships significant at the .05 level or higher between these groups and the variables indicated.

