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Good morning, Mr. Chair,

My name is Barry Barnet, and I am the executive director for the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia (ATVANS). I am here today to speak in favour of the Road Trails Act.

ATVANS is a member-driven organization with 42 clubs across Nova Scotia and over 6600 members. We build and maintain trails, and we promote safe responsible ATV use. We host events and rides year-round. Our sport was once a seasonal sport, however in recent years throughout much of mainland Nova Scotia and parts of Cape Breton Island our members have been riding all year.

This bill when implemented will help us overcome one of our biggest challenges: Connectivity.

We have worked hard to build an interconnected trail system for our members and others to enjoy. But our geography, road system and urban development have created extremely challenging obstacles.

This act can create opportunities to overcome these obstacles by permitting ATV use on existing build infrastructure.

It was six years ago today in Baddeck that the Minister of Transportation at the time announced a pilot project to test road travel in Nova Scotia.

I have had many people tell me this would never happen, but we did not let that dissuade us. We provided department staff with every bit of information they requested and then some. We met with elected leaders, department staff, clubs and businesses. We conducted two Direct Spending reports, we surveyed our members and we stayed focused. The Direct Spending report completed last fall indicated that our sport alone contributed a staggering \$417,800,000 to our economy, much of which was spent in rural and small-town Nova Scotia.

The pilot project was a complete success that led to greater connectivity, better riding opportunities and increased business opportunities in areas lucky enough to be a pilot location. I am unaware of a single negative event in a pilot location.

A final point, we believe this bill when enacted will require significant public communication. ATVANS is prepared to work with government to help Nova Scotians fully understand what this bill does and does not permit.

We have been patient, we have been diligent, and we believe time has come to move this bill act back to the house for favourable consideration.

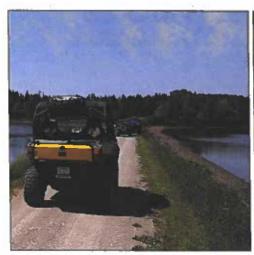
We thank you for your time.

# Off Highway Vehicle President's Council

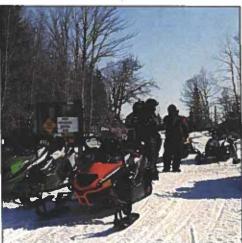
# 2022 SPENDING SURVEY

# Report on Direct Spending In Nova Scotia

Representing 12-Month Period Ending September, 2022













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#### 1.0 BACKGROUND AND METHOD

Conducted over a seven-week period from August to September, 2022, this research—which included **1820 households** containing OHV riders—has allowed the three OHV associations in Nova Scotia to gain insight into the profile and spending habits of riders throughout the province. With the inventory of OHVs in these households and actual population data on numbers of registered machines, these data can be projected to the population of OHV riders in Nova Scotia.

Working closely with staff and volunteers from the Snowmobile Association of Nova Scotia (SANS), Nova Scotia Off-Road Riders' Association (NSORRA), and the ATV Association of Nova Scotia (ATVANS) to develop the lines of questioning in 2015 and repeated in 2022, Nova Insights interviewed riders of snowmobiles, off-road motorcycles, and ATVs. These respondents were able to report on the travel habits and spending for all riders within their households.

According to the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Recourses and compiled by Service Nova Scotia, there are 7,640 snowmobiles, 1,143 off-road motorcycles, and 43,888 ATVs registered for use off private property, as of December 31, 2021.

This survey of riders includes a sample of **1,820 OHV households** with **1,334 snowmobiles**, **640 off-road motorcycles**, and **2,492 ATVs**. These data are then extrapolated proportionally to the population of registered machines. The sample also includes **1,323** snowmobile *riders*, 606 off-road motorcycle *riders*, and **3,246** ATV *riders*.

An online method was used for participants to complete the survey.

The results of this survey are based on those OHV households who chose to participate from the invitations sent from the three sponsoring organizations by email, Facebook, and newsletter announcements. Sampling error calculations are not designed to accommodate online surveys. Because the reach of the survey invitations was primarily the contact lists of the member organizations, these interviews may represent a more avid rider than average.

Interviewing was conducted August 11 – September 27, 2022 using a robust web survey tool administered by Nova Insights.

The questionnaire was designed to only ask details about riding habits indicated by the household (e.g., type of OHVs, number of trips). Spending was divided broadly into "regular" outings and "special" outings. Each was then divided into spending on fuel, food and beverage, entertainment, lodging, and fees. They also had the opportunity to specify other related spending.

#### Background and method

To help solicit the most accurate spending information, spending on regular outings was extrapolated to the aggregate based on the number of these outings specified by the respondent, and spending was recorded for each individual special outing. Separately, spending over the past 12 months on equipment, insurance, accessories, and fees were collected for all OHVs in the household as a group, to account for possible overlap in usage (e.g., trailers used for multiple OHV types).

Although all attempts were made to make the reporting of spending as easy as possible for respondents to recollect and record, these data ultimately are dependent on the accuracy of these riders' estimates of their spending over the past 12 months.

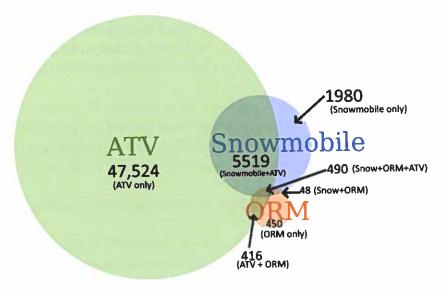
#### 2.0 PROFILE

# 2.1 OHVs and Riders

According to data compiled by Service Nova Scotia, there are 52,671 OHVs registered for use off private property, as of December 31, 2021. Based on a projected sample, this represents 56,428 riders in 28,766 households — 1.96 riders per household and 0.93 OHVs per rider.

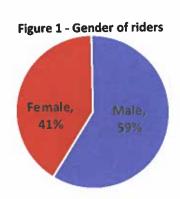
There is great deal of crossover among types of OHVs ridden. Among snowmobilers, 75% also ride an ATV, and 7% ride an ORM. Among ORM riders, 38% also ride a snowmobile, and 65% ride an ATV. Among ATV riders, 11% also ride a snowmobile and 2% ride an ORM.

Figure 2 - Crossover riding



OHV riders are more likely male (59%) than female (41%). And the males were most likely the ones to complete the spending survey (86%).

The *median* household income for OHV riders is \$87,500 (*mean:* \$105,670) with 49% earning \$100,000 or more.



# 2.2 Riding patterns

When asked to identify what counties in Nova Scotia they ride, OHV riders most commonly say Halifax, followed by Colchester, Hants, and Lunenburg. They also most often say Halifax is their *primary* location for riding their OHV, but Kings County jumps to the second spot, followed by Cape Breton.

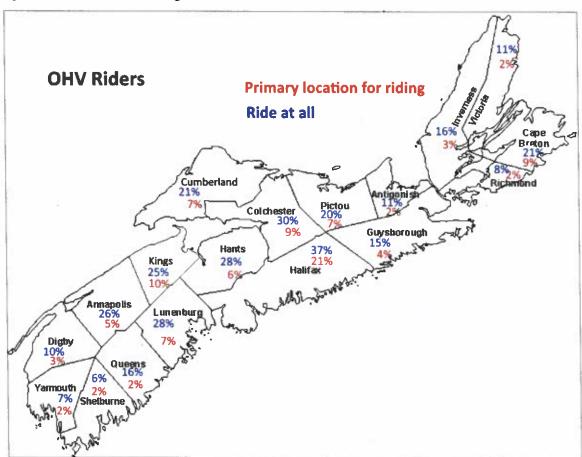


Figure 3 - Location of OHV riding

In reporting on their regular off-property outings with their OHV, riders travel on average 70 kilometers (one-way) from home for each outing, and made an average 12.7 of these outings in the past 12 months. They also spent an average of 3.4 nights away from home with 2.3 passenger vehicles and 5.2 people in the group. There were 3.8 OHVs ridden by the group.

In separately thinking about the special outings they made with their OHVs over the past 12 months, riders report traveling an average of 202 kilometers (one way) for each, and made an average of 1.6 of these special outings (including those who said they had not made any). They spent 1.5 nights away from home, took 4.3 passenger vehicles and 8.6 OHVs for 12.7 people in the group.

#### 3.0 HOUSEHOLD SPENDING

When riding an OHV off-property, there are several categories of expenses that encompass the vast majority of spending—fuel, food and beverage, entertainment, lodging, and fees. Riders reported the spending for their household in each of these categories separately for both their regular outings and special outings. This spending could then be aggregated by OHV type, outing type, and total.

Spending on equipment, accessories, insurance, and licensing is treated separately from outings as they often do not apply directly to an outing and may cover usage of multiple types of OHVs.

# 3.1 Spending per outing

OHV riders spend an average of \$511 on a regular outings, and \$466 on special outings.

Figure 5 - Average spending on regular outings

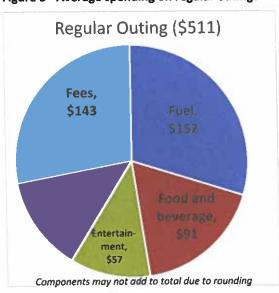
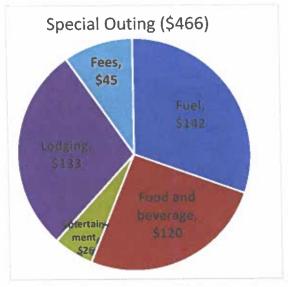


Figure 4 - Average spending on special outings



# 3.2 Annual spending on outings

Taking into account the number of these regular and special OHV outings in the past 12 months, these households on average spend a total of \$4,254 on regular outings and \$1,085 on their special outings.

Figure 7 - 12-month spending on regular outings

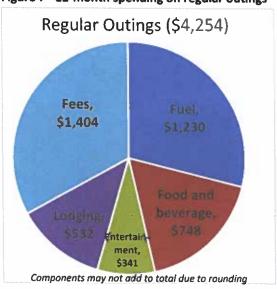
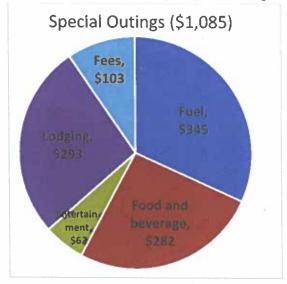


Figure 6 - 12-month spending on special outings



# 3.3 Equipment, accessories, insurance, and licensing

Apart from the expenses related directly to specific outings, OHV riders periodically spend in other ways that allow them to maintain their hobby or to add to the enjoyment and safety.

In the past 12-months, OHV riders have, on average, spent \$10,950<sup>1</sup> in Nova Scotia on expenses not related directly to outings.

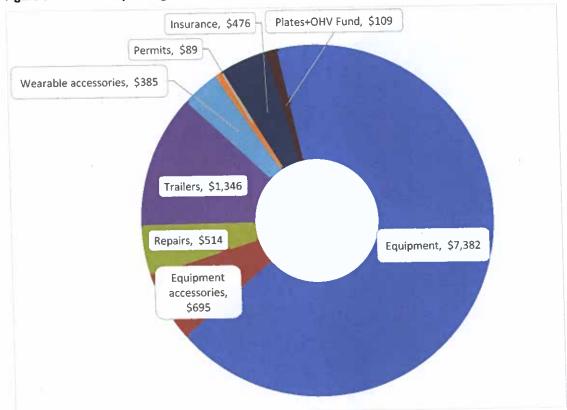


Figure 8 - 12-month spending on non-outing expenses

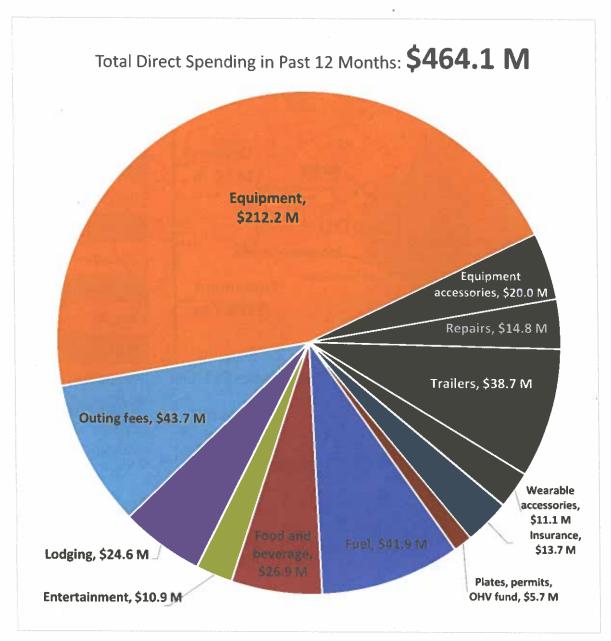
Outside Nova Scotia, these OHV riders have spent \$190 per household and an additional \$291 online. These are not included in the aggregate spending calculations.

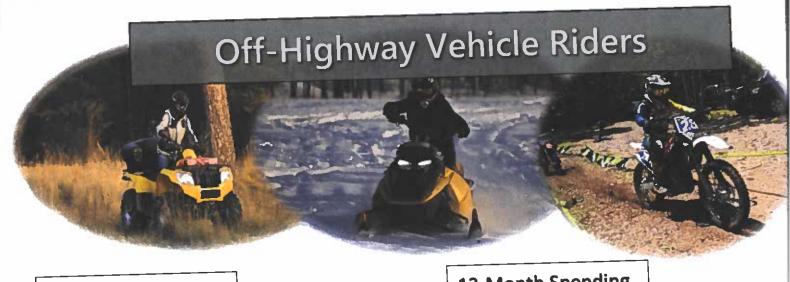
 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{1}}$  Components may not add exactly to total due to rounding.

#### 4.0 AGGREGATE SPENDING

By sampling households that represent the 52,671 registered OHVs in Nova Scotia and collecting spending information for the various categories, we can project the spending within each category and at an aggregate level in the economy.







**Population of Riders** 

N=56,428

12-Month Spending

\$41 **Fuel** \$26 Food and beverage \$10 **Entertainment** \$24 Lodging \$4 **Outing fees** \$21 Equipment **Equipment accessories** \$2 \$1 Repairs \$3 **Trailers** 

Wearable accessories Plates, permits, OHV

millio

\$1

**Outings** 1980 \$148.0 m (Snowmobile only Snowmobile ATV 5519 490 (Snow+ORM+ATV) 47,524 (ATV only) 48 (Snow+ORM) **Equipment** \$275.7 m (ORM only) 416 (ATV + ORM) Accessories \$11.1 m

Median Household Income \$87,500

Median Age: 52

**Admin** \$19.4 m

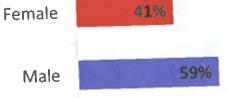
**Total Spending** 

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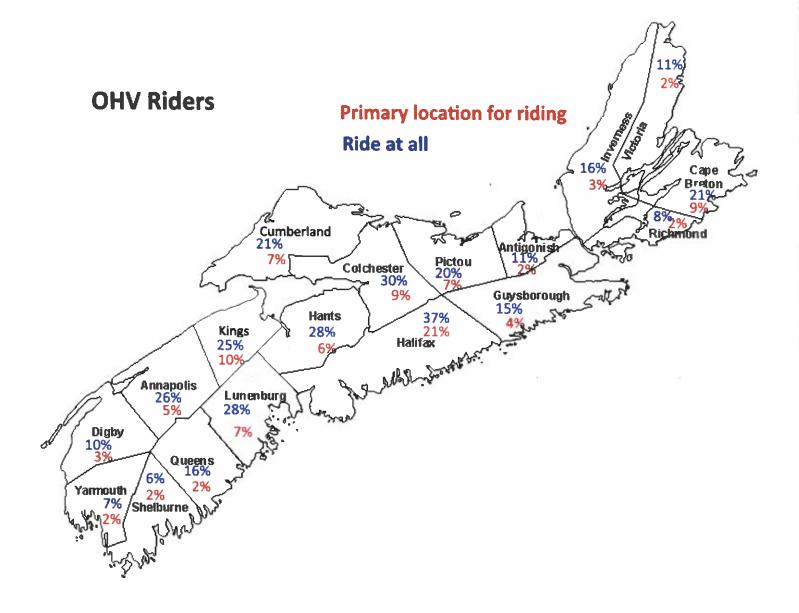
Insurance

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# **ORM Riders**



**Population of Riders** 

N=1,404

12-Month Spending

**ORM Only** ORM + ATV (450)(416)ORM+ATV+ Snowmobile (490)ORM+ Snowmobile > (48)

Median Household Income: \$110,000

**Outings** \$1.95 m

**Equipment** \$20.0 m

Accessories \$869 k

**Admin** \$1.24m

Fuel	\$417
Food and beverage	\$324
Entertainment	\$220
Lodging	\$443
Outing fees	\$548
Equipment	\$11.2 n
Equipment accessories	\$4.9
Repairs	\$1.2
Trailers	\$2.7
Wearable accessories	\$869
Plates, permits, OHV fund	\$471
Insurance	\$769

Median Age: 39

Female

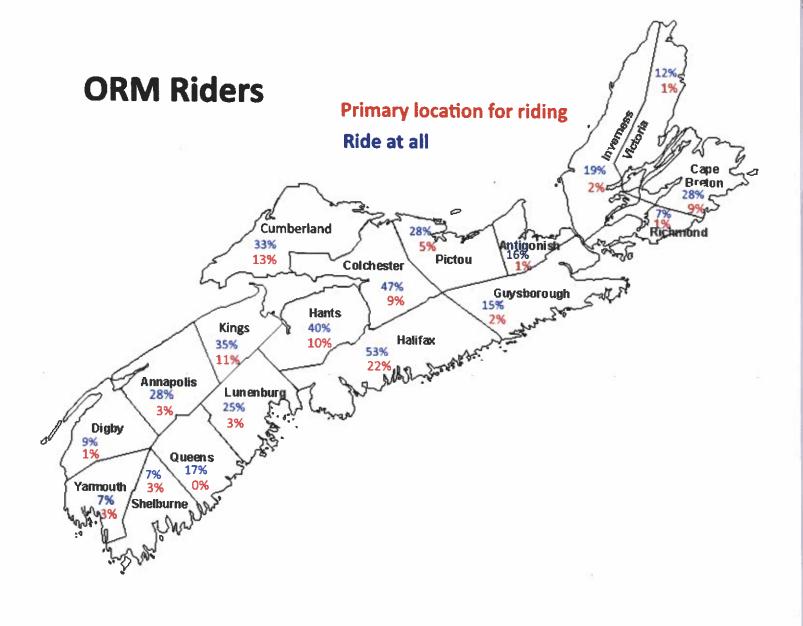
Male

**Total Spending** 

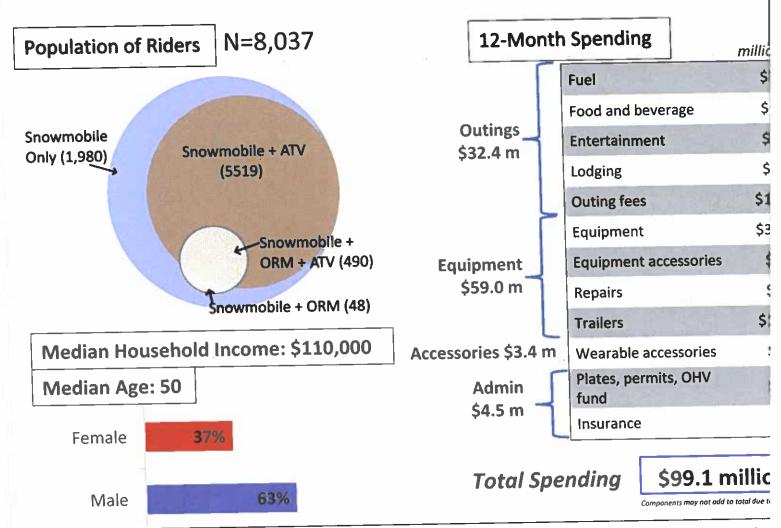
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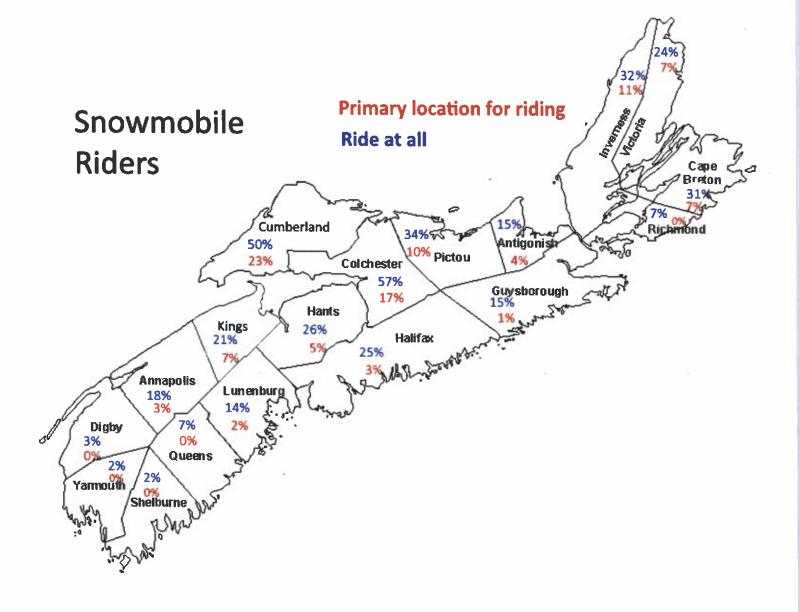
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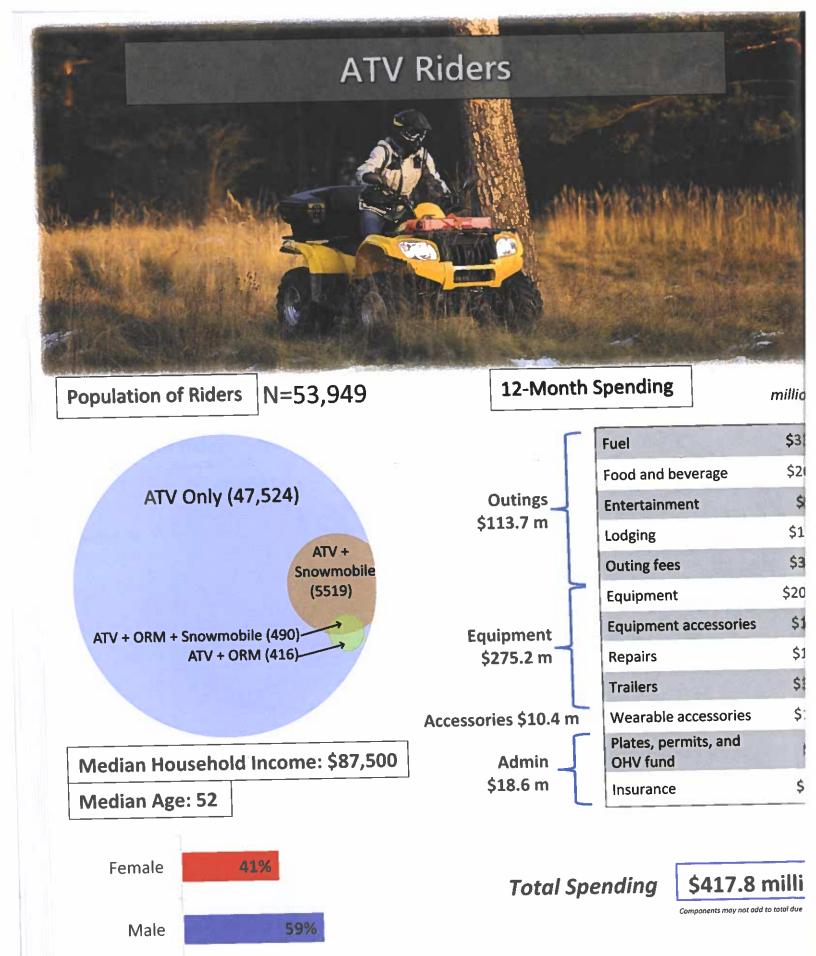


# Snowmobile Riders

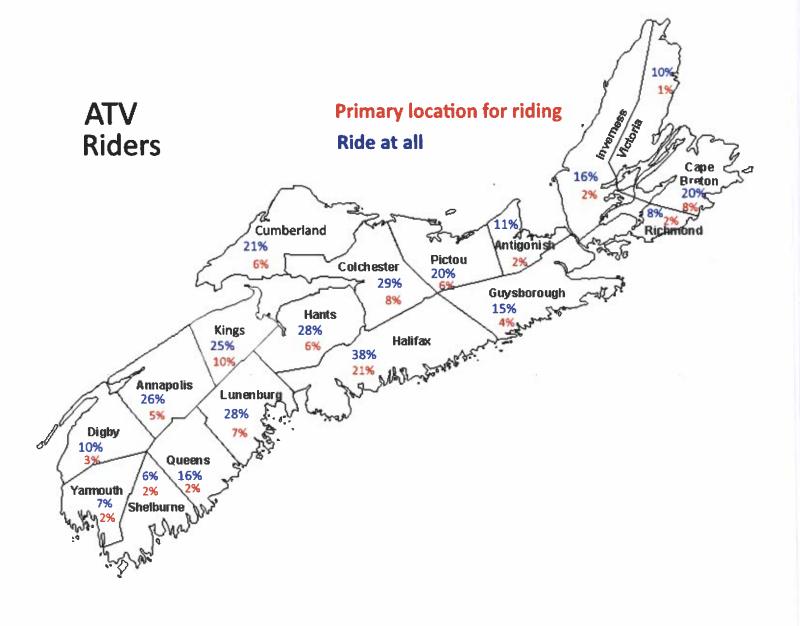


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#### **5.0 ABOUT NOVA INSIGHTS**

**Nova Insights** is a full service market research and evidence-based consulting firm providing services to organizations across Canada and the United States.

The founder and President of Nova Insights, Paul DesBarres, brings 20 years of experience in the market research industry to clients. Although born and raised in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley, he built his experience early in his career in the U.S. for a diverse client list including major universities, associations, international music companies, major newspapers, entertainment companies, and professional and amateur sports organizations. In Canada, he has worked for many municipalities, government departments, social marketing organizations, and associations.

Paul began his career with the Becker Institute of Boston. Becker has a long history as New England's first name in survey research, and provided a vital foundation where Paul specialized in higher education and public policy research.

Paul then spent nearly a decade with The Taylor Research & Consulting Group of

Portsmouth, New Hampshire. At Taylor, Paul specialized in consumer research in the sports, media, and entertainment industries. It was during this time that Paul received specialized training as a qualitative moderator from the RIVA Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. While at Taylor, Paul



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In 2005, Paul returned to Canada. From here he has conducted research for:

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NS Dept of Energy
Conserve Nova ScotiaFondulas Strategic Research
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Annapolis Valley Chamber of CommerceSnowmobilers' Association of Nova Scotia
Halifax Regional MunicipalityTown of Berwick
Varmouth/Shelburne Municipal Recreation Association
Department of Health and Wellness
Town of Bridgewater
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#### 6.0 METHODOLOGY

# 6.1 Survey design

The questionnaire was designed by Nova Insights with input and in consultation with the Snowmobile Association of Nova Scotia (SANS), Nova Scotia Off-Road Riders Association (NSORRA), and the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia (ATVANS).

# 6.2 Sample Design and Selection

Each OHV organization separately contacted members of their communities through email, social media, and newsletters to encourage participation in the survey.

Once in the survey, each respondent could answer questions based on any or all OHV types members of the households have ridden off property in the past 12 months.

Online and inbound telephone options for completing the interview were provided.

# 6.3 Survey Administration

The survey was programmed and hosted by Nova Insights. Data collection took place between August 11 and September 27, 2022. The median interview length was 12.8 minutes.

# 6.4 Sampling Error

As with any quantitative study, the data reported in this research are subject to sampling error, which can be defined as the likely range of difference between the reported results and the results that would have been obtained had we been able to interview everyone in the relevant population. Sampling error decreases as the size of the sample increases and as the percentage giving a particular answer moves toward unanimity. Sampling error is traditionally not calculated for online surveys as it is not considered a probability sample.

#### 7.0 QUESTIONNAIRE

#### Survey Intro

Thank you for taking this survey to help the Nova Scotia Off Highway Vehicle associations (ATVANS All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia, NSORRA the Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association and SANS Snowmobile Association of Nova Scotia) plan for the future and measure the impact these sports have on the Provincial economy.

This study asks about your habits and spending in riding Snowmobiles, All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs & Side by Sides), and Off-Road Motorcycles (ORMs). It should take fewer than 10-minutes to complete.

All responses to this survey will be kept confidential and results will only be reported in aggregate. Your identity will not be associated with any responses you provide. You can view our privacy policy at <a href="http://novainsights.ca/privacy-policy/">http://novainsights.ca/privacy-policy/</a>

Results of this survey will be made available on the websites of each organization following the analysis of the findings.

Please click the "Next" button below to advance to the survey.

Ques	iorraire	
A. P	articipation	
A1.	Please check whether you or anyone in your household has done any of the following in Nover the last twelve months?  Ridden a Snowmobile off your own property Ridden an off-road motorcycle (ORM) off your own property Ridden an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV), including Side by Sides, off your own property None of the above	lova Scoti
A2.	For how many years have people in your household been:  (If different lengths of time for different people, please indicate the longest time for anyon household)  [SHOW ONLY FOR ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN]  Snowmobiling  Off-Road Motorcycling  ATV'ing	ne in youi
A3.	How many does your household currently own that have been ridden in the past 12 mont [SHOW ONLY FOR ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN]  Snowmobiles	:hs?

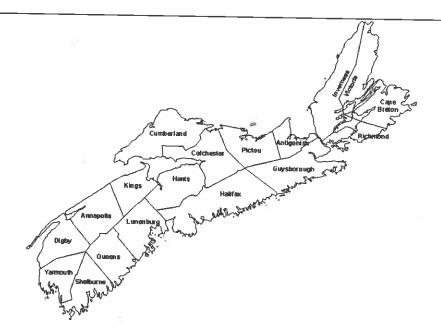
Including yourself, how many people live in your household (whether or not they ride an OHV)?

ATVs \_\_\_\_\_

A4a.

A4b. Please let us know the gender and age of all people living in your household (including yourself), and for each, please indicate whether they have ridden off your property over the past 12 months.

Person 1	o Male o Female	Age	Off property Ride snowmobile Ride off-road motorcycle Ride ATV
Person 2	o Male o Female	Age	Off property Ride snowmobile Ride off-road motorcycle Ride ATV
Person 3	o Male o Female	Age	Off property Ride snowmobile Ride off-road motorcycle Ride ATV
Person 4	o Male o Female	Age	Off property Ride snowmobile Ride off-road motorcycle Ride ATV
Person 5	o Male o Female	Age	Off property Ride snowmobile Ride off-road motorcycle Ride ATV
Person 6	o Male o Female	Age	Off property Ride snowmobile Ride off-road motorcycle Ride ATV
Person 7	o Male o Female	Age	Off property Ride snowmobile Ride off-road motorcycle Ride ATV
Person 8	o Male o Female	Age	Off property Ride snowmobile Ride off-road motorcycle Ride ATV



A5. Please indicate all the counties of Nova Scotia anyone from your household has ridden in the past 12 months?

	Snowmobile	Off-road motorcycle	ATV
Annapolis			
Antigonish			
Cape Breton			
Colchester			
Cumberland			
Digby			
Guysborough			
Halifax			
Hants			
Inverness			
Kings			
Lunenburg			
Pictou			
Queens			
Richmond			
Shelburne			
Victoria			
Yarmouth			

A6. Which of the following counties is the **PRIMARY** area people in your household have ridden in the paragraph of the following counties is the **PRIMARY** area people in your household have ridden in the paragraph of the following counties is the **PRIMARY** area people in your household have ridden in the paragraph of the following counties is the **PRIMARY** area people in your household have ridden in the paragraph of the following counties is the **PRIMARY** area people in your household have ridden in the paragraph of the following counties is the **PRIMARY** area people in your household have ridden in the paragraph of the following counties is the **PRIMARY** area people in your household have ridden in the paragraph of the following counties is the **PRIMARY** area people in your household have ridden in the paragraph of the following counties is the **PRIMARY** area people in your household have ridden in the paragraph of the following counties is the **PRIMARY** area people in your household have ridden in the paragraph of the paragr

	Snowmobile	Off-road motorcycle	ATV
	0	0	0
Annapolis		0	0
Antigonish		0	0
Cape Breton		0	0
Colchester	0	0	0
Cumberland	0		0
Digby	0	0	0
Guysborough	0	0	0
Halifax	0	0	0
Hants	0	10	0
Inverness	0	0	0
Kings	0	-1 0	0
Lunenburg	0		0
Pictou	0	0	0
Queens	0		0
Richmond	0	0	0
Shelburne	0	0	0
Victoria	0	0	0
Yarmouth	0		H 0

## B. Regular Outings

We're now going to ask about the outings you have when you ride. We'll ask about these outings in two ways—First, we'll ask about your **regular** outings during the past 12 months. Then we'll ask about any special trips in Nova Scotia you may have made, separate from your regular outings.

If you've only had a couple of outings, please include them as your regular outings.

Let's start with your REGULAR outings...

B1. For your regular outings, how many kilometers, one-way, did you travel from your home to reach the location where you would most often ride?

(If you rode your OHV directly from your home, just input 0.)

(just in case – 1 mile=1.6km)

		Off-road	
	Snowmobile	motorcycle	ATV
One-Way KM to		3.	
Regular Ride Location			

B2. How many nights did you spend away from home on any <u>one</u> of these regular outings in Nova Scotia? (If you don't spend any nights away from home, just input 0.)

		Off-road	
	Snowmobile	motorcycle	ATV
Nights away			

B3. On your regular OHV outing or trip in Nova Scotia, what was:

		Off-road	
10	Snowmobile	motorcycle	ATV
Number of PASSENGER VEHICLES in			
your group, if you trailered from			
home	_		
Number of OHVs in your group			
Number of PEOPLE in your group			

B4a. For these regular trips, we want to understand all your expenditures. So please think about <u>one</u> regular outing, and provide your best estimate for expenditures related to that outing in each of the categories below. Please keep in mind that any purchases made in your home community for the outing, such as groceries, counts towards this spending.

Please include the spending for everyone in your household who would usually take part in the regular

outing from the time you left home until you returned.

	Snowmobile	Off-road motorcycle	ATV
Fuel	\$	\$	\$
Food and beverages	\$	\$	\$
Entertainment	\$	\$	\$
Lodging (hotels, motels, B&Bs)	\$	\$	\$
Fees (entries, permits, registrations, etc.)	\$	\$	\$

B4b. If there is any spending not covered above, please describe it and enter the amounts below.

	Off-road	ATV
Snowmobile	motorcycle	AIV
\$	\$	\$
\$	\$	\$
\$	\$	\$
\$	\$	\$

B5. How many people did this spending include?

		Off-road	
	Snowmobile	motorcycle	ATV
Number of People			

B6. How many of these regular outings have you had in the past 12 months?

		Off-road	
	Snowmobile	motorcycle	ATV
Regular Outings			

# C. Special Outings

Now we're going to ask about the special outings in Nova Scotia – the ones when you ride that don't fall into your "regular" outings.

C1. First, how many special outings in Nova Scotia have you had in the past 12 months that you would not include as "regular"?

If none, just enter 0.

		Off-road	
	Snowmobile	motorcycle	ATV
Number of special			
outings in NS			

#### Thanks.

We're now going to ask you about your expenditures for **everyone in your household** for those outings in Nova Scotia.

C1. First, how many special outings in Nova Scotia have you had in the past 12 months that you would not include as "regular"?

If none, just enter 0.

	nowmobile	Off-road motorcycle	ATV
Number of special outings in NS		motorcycle	AIV

C2. For each of your special outings in Nova Scotia, how many kilometers, one-way, did you travel from your home to reach the location?

(If you rode your OHV directly from your home, just input 0.)

(just in case – 1 mile=1.6km)

		Off-road	
	Snowmobile	motorcycle	ATV
One-Way KM to Outing 1			
ТО	† <del></del> -		
One-Way KM to Outing 10			

## How many nights did you spend away from home on each of these special outings in Nova Scotia? C3.

	Snowmobile	Off-road motorcycle	ATV
Nights Away to Outing 1			
то			
Nights Away to Outing 6			

#### On your special OHV outings or trips in Nova Scotia, what were: C4.

Special Outing 1	Snowmobile	Off-road motorcycle	ATV
Number of PASSENGER VEHICLES in your group, if you trailered from home			
Number of OHVs in your group			
Number of PEOPLE in your group	<u> </u>	<u></u>	<del></del> _

Replicate for up to 10 special outings

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C5. Now for each of these special outings, we want to understand all your expenditures. So please think about each outing, and provide your best estimate for expenditures related to that outing in each of the categories below. Please keep in mind that any purchases made in your home community for the outing, such as groceries, counts towards this spending.

Please include the spending for **everyone in your household** who took part in the outing from the time you left home until you returned.

Outing 1		Off-road	
	Snowmobile	motorcycle	ATV
Fuel	\$	\$	\$
Food and beverages	\$	\$	\$
Entertainment	\$	\$	\$
Lodging (hotels, motels, B&Bs)	\$	\$	\$
Fees (entries, permits, registrations, etc.)	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$

Replicate for up to 10 special outings

C6. How many people are included in the spending for these special outings?

Number of People	Snowmobile	Off-road motorcycle	ATV
Outing 1		•	
Outing 2			
Outing 3			
Outing 4		SET 12.2	
Outing 5			
Outing 6			
Outing 7			
Outing 8			
Outing 9			-
Outing 10			

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## D. Non-Outing Spending

Now we're going to ask about general spending for your OHV hobby that is not related to specific trips.

- - (f) Trail permits \$\_\_\_\_\_ (g) Insurance for your OHV \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - (h) Plates for your OHV \$\_\_\_\_\_ (i) OHV Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_
- D2. How much additional money was spent **outside of Nova Scotia** for the purchase of any of these items?

  Please do NOT include purchases made online. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
- D3. How much additional money was spent **ONLINE** for the purchase of any of these items?

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This is	nformation will remain anor	nymous, and will be used for analytical purposes only.
E1.	What is your age?	
E2.	What is your gender?	
	1 Male 2 Female	2 <b>*</b> 2
E3.	4 Completed techr	hool school or technical school nical diploma degree, or certificate ersity degree (undergraduate, graduate or PhD)
wingin	1 Less than \$30,00 2 \$30,000 to \$49,9 3 \$50,000 to \$74,9 4 \$75,000 to 99,99 5 \$100,000 to \$115 6 \$120,000 or mor 7 Prefer not to ans would like to participate in the results of this research	any follow-up surveys related to OHV riding, or would like to be notified are available, please provide an e-mail address: this is ontional and the
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