



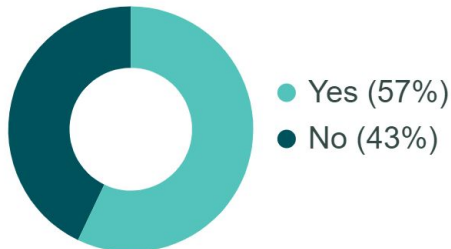
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In the spring of 2020, we asked Ontario climbers about their attitudes, practices, and concerns from the previous year. We received 368 complete surveys in response! (That's 63% more responses than last year!)

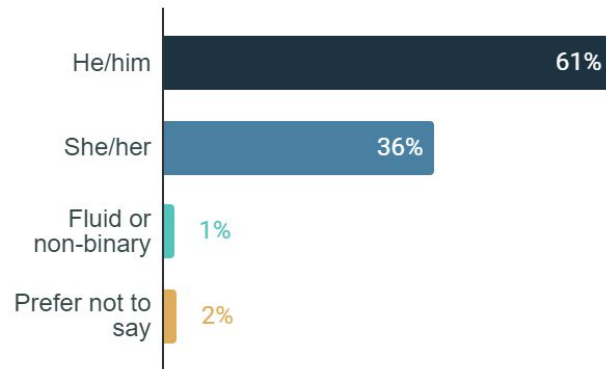
Who responded?

Majorities indicated that they used masculine pronouns (60.5%), were straight (84.7%), and held at least a post-secondary degree or diploma (89.4%). Most respondents were between the ages of 26 and 45 years old (75.4%).

Are you an OAC member?



How would you describe your gender identity?



What is your ethnicity?

(Respondents were asked to select all that apply.)



Note on Aboriginal status

When asking about ethnicity, we used the Statistics Canada question without also asking about Aboriginal status (as these are separate questions on the Canadian census). We deeply regret omitting Aboriginal status from our survey and will do better next year. This act has unwittingly contributed to the ongoing erasure of Indigenous peoples and we sincerely apologize.



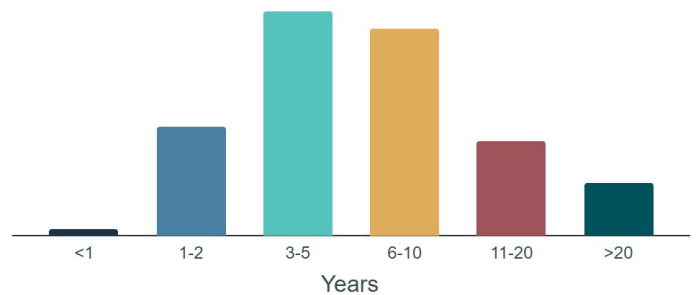
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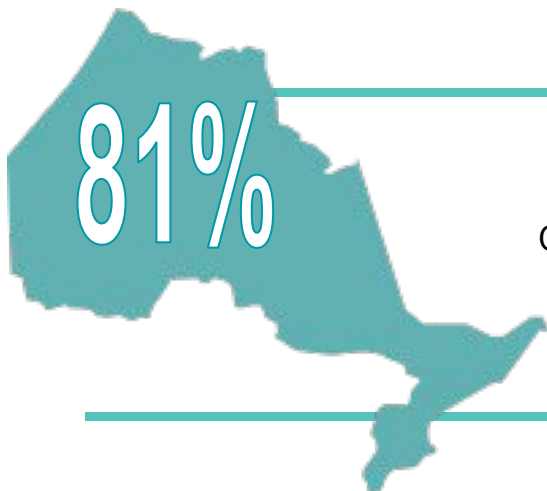
Climbing Pre-COVID:

Of those who responded, 72% went on at least one climbing trip outside of Ontario in 2019!

How many years have you been climbing?
(Includes gym climbing)



Favourite Crags in Ontario



DID YOU KNOW?

Ontarians are keen to send! Eighty-one percent of all respondents said that they climbed outside at least once a month in 2019.

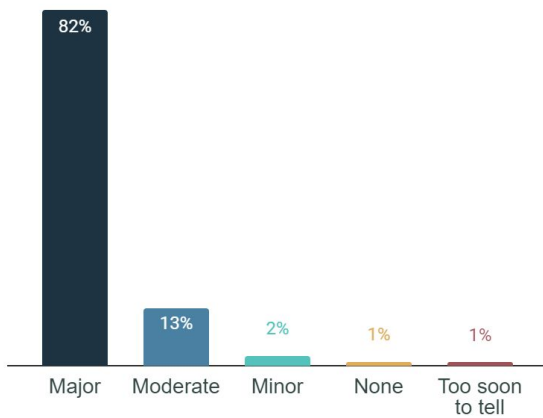


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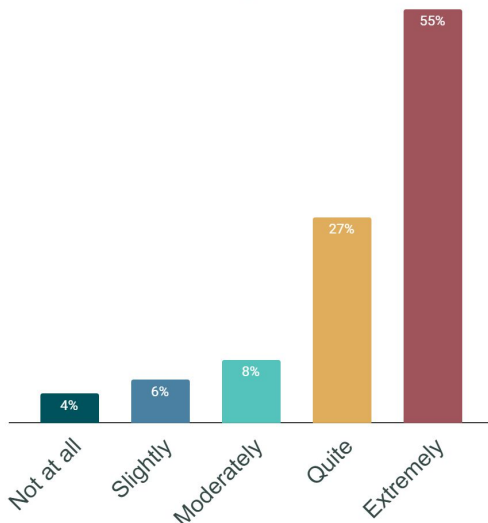
Climber Concerns

Despite the major impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the majority of respondents, climber etiquette and education remain the two primary access concerns for rock climbers in Ontario.

What impact has the COVID-19 pandemic had on your climbing activities?



How important are recommendations from the OAC regarding COVID-19 when making decisions about climbing activities?



The Mentorship Gap

Biggest Access Concerns:

Poor etiquette

(96 mentions)

Lack of education

(52 mentions)

Importance of Mentorship:

More than 90% of respondents believed that mentorship was at least “somewhat” important to them when they were learning to climb.

These responses highlight the need for more education and mentorship opportunities for new climbers.



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Thank You

To everyone who took the time to complete the survey.
Stay tuned for the full results summary coming soon!



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