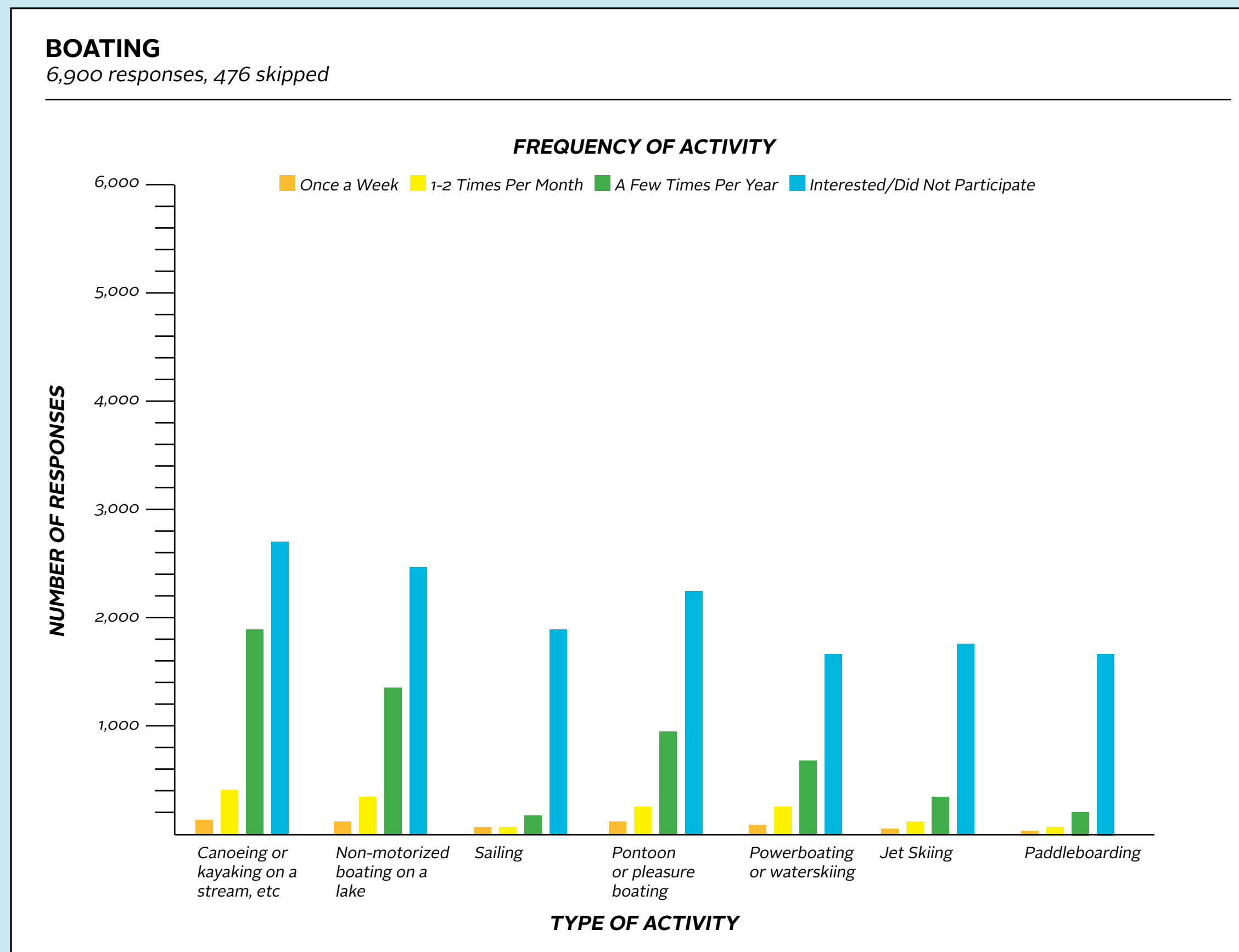


SURVEY RESULTS

2013 OHIO SCORP:



METROPARKS 2016 COMMUNITY SURVEY:

11. It is very important that the Metroparks offers:

	% Very Important
Trails for walking/hiking	84.5
Picnic areas	83.0
Playgrounds	82.0
Nature viewing areas	77.5
Outdoor events and festivals	65.0
Survival skill classes	63.7
Fishing access	62.8
Exercise and fitness stations	60.0
Health and fitness class	60.0
Nature based play areas	59.0
Sledding	50.0
Nature based photography	47.8
Dog parks/off leash areas	42.8
Tent camping	40.0
Horseback riding	37.0
Overnight backpacking	32.8
Kayaking/canoeing	32.3
Mountain biking	31.8
Cross country skiing	28.5
Archery	17.5
Geocaching	15.5
Stand up paddle boarding	13.3

13. Metroparks should definitely consider offering these opportunities in the future:

	% Definitely Consider
Bike Rentals	66.8
Special events and festivals	65.0
Community vegetable gardens	62.5
Stocked fishing ponds	49.3
Free wifi in parks	47.8
Concession areas with food	47.3
Yoga/tai chi	46.0
Overnight accommodations in cabins and yurts	43.3
Overnight stays in an adult tree house	39.5
Zip line/adventure course	36.5
More canoeing and kayaking	34.3
More tent camping	33.8
Additional dog parks/off leash areas	31.0
Indoor rock climbing	30.3
Outdoor rock climbing/bouldering	30.0
More mountain biking	29.5
RV camping	29.3
Tree climbing	24.3
Low ropes course	23.8
Swimming in ponds	23.8
Shooting range	18.0
Scuba diving	17.0

14. Projects community members feel it is important for the Metroparks to complete (on a 10-point scale where 10.0 is "very important"):

	Mean	% Very Important
Existing projects being worked on	9.06	67.8
Restore wetlands for water quality and educational purpose	8.30	47.2
Manage and renovating natural areas within the Toledo Botanical Gardens	7.86	38.1
Create a children's garden and youth focused nature based play and exploration area	7.77	35.8
Expand park land along the downtown riverfront	7.76	39.4
Increase public access to water ways and streams	7.65	33.0
Manage and renovating natural areas within the Toledo City park system parks	7.60	34.9
Create a trail system that links Metroparks, for example, a trail that connects Oak Openings and Secor Metropark or Willowood to Swan Creek	7.60	33.8
Extend regional trails	7.58	35.4
Develop and agricultural themed park with community gardens	7.39	31.5
Develop non-paved single track bike trail system/park	7.35	27.1
Develop additional picnic and fishing areas along the Wabash Cannon Ball Trail	7.30	27.5
Develop a centrally located Metroparks with picnic areas, trails, ponds and off leash dog beach area	7.27	33.7
Develop a new Metroparks for RV camping	5.48	19.5

PADDLESPOrts

The fifth annual *Special Report on Paddlesports* shows that paddlesports are on the rise, again setting a record for the number of participants. In 2014, 21.7 million Americans — 7.4 percent of the population — enjoyed paddling.

This represents an increase of more than 3 million participants since the study began in 2010.

Paddlers averaged 7 annual outings in 2014, up from 6.8 the year before. Collectively, paddling participants made nearly 216 million outings.

Though paddling participation is rising, there is significant growth potential among minorities, which are underrepresented in the sport.

Participation in Paddlesports
All Participants, Ages 6+

Year	Participation Rate (%)
2010	6.6%
2011	6.8%
2012	6.7%
2013	7.2%
2014	7.4%

2014 Participants

Paddling (Any Type)	21.7 Million	Rafting	3.8 Million
Canoeing	10.0 Million	Stand Up Paddling	2.8 Million
Kayaking (Any Type)	13.0 Million		

Annual Outings

In 2014, paddling participants made 215.8 million annual outings — in kayaks, rafts, canoes and stand up paddle boards. Paddlers made an average of 7 outings each, with kayakers making the most outings and stand up paddlers making the least.

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