

Connecticut Trail Census

A statewide multi-use trail user study and volunteer data collection program

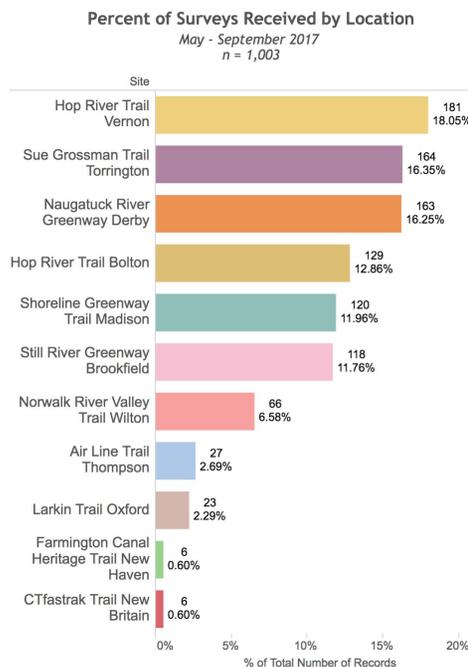
2017 Intercept Survey Data Report

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This is a summary of intercept survey data collected from May to September, 2017 on multi-use trails participating in the Connecticut Trail Census.

Understanding the Data

This data may not be a representative sample of all multi-use trails in the state or of all multi-use trail users as a whole. This is because only a limited number of trails were able to participate for various reasons and trails were not selected to accurately represent particular typologies (for instance: urban, rural, total trail length, permitted uses, surrounding population density, etc.). The fact that relatively few trails are represented by very large samples should be considered carefully in interpreting this data.

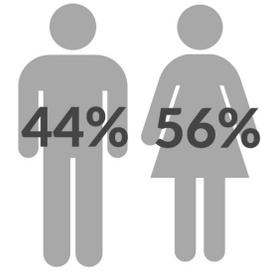


The users intercepted may not be representative because data collection times were limited for practical reasons like volunteer availability, weather, and likely use times. To receive the final survey report with additional discussion about methods, sources of error, or data for each trail site please contact the Trail Census Statewide Coordinator. Individual trail analysis may not be possible for some sites due to low sample sizes. The analysis provided was conducted based on received responses per question. The text "n=X" indicates the total number of responses for each question.

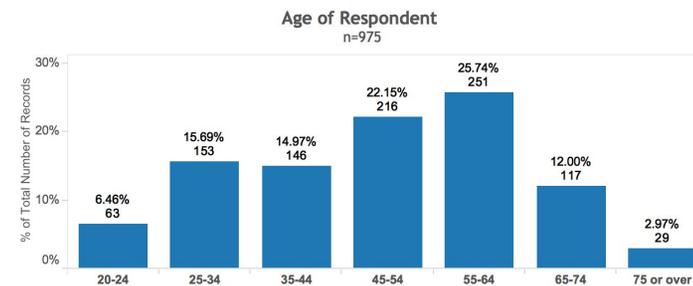
<http://cttrailcensus.uconn.edu>

Demographics of Trail Users

- ✓ **More respondents were female than male.**
Surveyors observed that 43.5% (359) of respondents were male and 56.4% (466) were female (n=825). There is a greater proportion of female users than the population of the state of Connecticut as a whole which is 48.80% male and 51.20% female



- ✓ **Trail users tended to be older than the general population of Connecticut** with 62.9% of trail users being over the age of 45 and only 44.3% of the general population. 37.0% of trail users were between the ages of 20 and 45 compared to 46.4% of the general population¹ (n=975). Young people under the age of 19 were not asked to participate in the trail Census but interceptors did estimate the number of people under the age of 16.



- ✓ **More trail users identified as White than the general population of Connecticut** 88.0% of trail users self identified as *White* (or white and other) compared to 79.5% of the general population of Connecticut. People identifying as racial minorities (or more than one of the following) comprised a much smaller percentage of trail users than the general population. 3.6% of trail users identified as *Black or African American* compared to 11.9% of the general population, 0.52% of trail users identified as *American Indian* compared to 1.0% of the general population, 3.77% of trail users identified as *Asian* compared to 5.0% of the general population.¹ *Pacific Islanders* represented 0.3% of trail users and 5.4% identified as *Other* (n=956).
- ✓ **Trail users were also less likely to identify as Hispanic or Latino** than the general state population. 7.4% of trail users identified as Hispanic/Latino compared to 15% of the Connecticut general population¹.
- ✓ **The majority of trail users had household incomes between \$50,000 and \$200,000** with 34.6% between \$50,000 and \$99,000

