

Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport



Plan for 2013-14



PLAN FOR 2013-14

Statement from the Minister



I am pleased to present the Ministry's plan for the upcoming year.

The Government's Direction and Budget for 2013-14 are built on the principle of *Balanced Growth*, supporting an ongoing focus on sound economic growth and investing in a strong quality of life for all.

Our Ministry supports the Government's commitment to achieving the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth. The Ministry's Plan for 2013-14 identifies key strategies and actions to deliver the Ministry's mandate. Responsive and responsible programs and services from Parks, Culture, Heritage, Sport, Recreation and Stewardship branches, the Provincial Capital Commission and the Royal Saskatchewan Museum contribute to Saskatchewan's economic growth.

One of the advantages of our growing province is the ability to invest in our creative sector with the formation of Creative Saskatchewan and an investment fund to be made available to the creative industries. We are increasing funding to the Saskatchewan Arts Board to create a vibrant arts community and increasing operating and capital funding for our beautiful provincial parks. The continuation of programs such as our Community Rink Affordability Grant and the Active Families Benefit are making life more affordable. These investments improve on what is already an enviable quality of life for all Saskatchewan residents.

In the 2013-14 annual report, I will report on the progress that we made within the financial parameters provided to my Ministry.

The Honourable Kevin Doherty
Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport

Response to Government Direction

The government remains committed to further establishing Saskatchewan as the best place to live, work and raise a family.

The Saskatchewan Plan for Growth – Vision 2020 and Beyond identifies principles, goals and actions to ensure Saskatchewan continues to benefit from the opportunities and meet the challenges of a growing province. Keeping government's focus on *Balanced Growth*, the plan outlines the key activities that the Government of Saskatchewan will undertake in pursuit of sustained, disciplined growth and a better Saskatchewan.

Government's Vision

"...a strong and growing Saskatchewan, the best place in Canada – to live, to work, to start a business, to get an education, to raise a family and to build a life."

**Sustaining growth
and opportunities for
Saskatchewan people**

**Improving our
quality of life**

**Making life
more affordable**

**Delivering responsive
and responsible
government**

Government's vision and four goals provide the framework for ministries, agencies and third parties to focus on achieving greater success in the delivery of government services. *The Saskatchewan Plan for Growth – Vision 2020 and Beyond* provides the enabling strategies and actions that the Government of Saskatchewan will undertake to build a strong and growing Saskatchewan. The 2013-14 budget theme of *Balanced Growth* reflects the government's commitment to achieving the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth.

All ministries and agencies will report on progress and results achieved in their 2013-14 annual reports. This honours government's commitment to keep its promises and ensures greater transparency and accountability to the people of Saskatchewan.

MISSION, STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

Mission Statement

To support a high quality of life for Saskatchewan residents, instill pride and optimism and enhance economic growth through the management of the provincial parks system, by providing arts and culture, recreation, sport, and tourism opportunities and stewardship of provincial heritage resources.

Strategy

Develop and strengthen a vibrant arts and culture sector through continued collaboration with provincial arts organizations and the creative industries to improve their competitiveness and sustainability as a contributor to the province's economic growth

Key Actions

- ⇒ Develop and enact enabling legislation to create a government agency "Creative Saskatchewan" that is intended to strengthen, develop support programs, and bring stability to the province's creative industries sector.
- ⇒ Work with the leaders of the creative industries sector on the new Creative Saskatchewan's investment fund to support growth and development of the creative industries to maximize their commercial potential and contribute to the economic growth of the Province of Saskatchewan.
- ⇒ Work with SaskFilm to transition programs that support the film industry to Creative Saskatchewan including the effective and efficient wind down of the Film Employment Tax Credit (FETC).
- ⇒ Participate on the Federal Provincial Territorial (FPT) Creative Economy working group in order to ensure Saskatchewan is in the forefront in the development of common goals and objectives to advance the creative economy.
- ⇒ Explore new options to use the Canada-Saskatchewan Production Studio facility including its potential as a creative hub for creative industries.
- ⇒ Continue to build capacity and enhance sustainability within the provincial arts and culture community through the Government's commitment to continue the artsVest Program (<http://artsvest.com>).



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Strategy

Support Saskatchewan's high quality of life with access to sport, cultural, heritage and recreation experiences in vibrant, active communities and in our provincial parks

Key Actions

- ⇒ Continue to work on government's commitment to establish new provincial parks through continuing consultations and legislation.
- ⇒ Plan and deliver capital improvements in Saskatchewan's provincial parks that include:
 - ✦ major expansion and upgrade of campground electrical systems in three provincial parks;
 - ✦ construction of three new campground service centres;
 - ✦ improvements to potable water systems;
 - ✦ preservation/enhancement of two major historic facilities;
 - ✦ improvements to park roads/bridges at two locations;
 - ✦ planning, consultation and initial site developments for new campgrounds in provincial parks; and,
 - ✦ recreational trail development in provincial parks.
- ⇒ Continue working on improving commercial opportunities with the private sector in provincial parks that will improve visitor experiences such as:
 - ✦ fixed roof accommodation including a lodge and rental cabins at Greig Lake in Meadow Lake Provincial Park;
 - ✦ long-term seasonal campground at Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park;
 - ✦ recreation equipment storage facility at Greenwater Lake Provincial Park; and,
 - ✦ review of proposals in response to a Request for Proposal issued in 2012-13 to develop recreational facilities for Blackstrap Provincial Park.
- ⇒ Investigate opportunities to expand and use technology to enhance visitor experiences and improve customer service in the provincial parks through:
 - ✦ piloting of "Express Check-In" option at Duck Mountain Provincial Park;
 - ✦ increasing the range of the services available through the online reservation system including group camping reservations; and,
 - ✦ exploring the use of in-park mobile technology interfacing to enhance recreational, natural and cultural heritage for visitors (such as using QR Codes, WiFi, and geo-cache).
- ⇒ Continue to lead the multi-ministry plan to develop lakefront around Lake Diefenbaker to strengthen tourism and recreation opportunities and economic growth potential of this area. Deliverables for 2013-14 include:
 - ✦ completion and approval of the Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park Management and Development Plan;
 - ✦ commencement of Management and Development Plans for Douglas and Danielson Provincial Parks;
 - ✦ realigning boundaries of Danielson Provincial Park to encourage recreational cottage subdivision development outside the park, while protecting additional native prairie within the park;
 - ✦ engagement of Lake Diefenbaker area regional parks to identify potential enhancements to encourage and support regional tourism;
 - ✦ ongoing consultation on development of a Heritage River Management Plan; and,
 - ✦ completion of work with stakeholders to map safe harbours.



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Key Actions (Continued)

- ⇒ Support our cultural, recreational and heritage infrastructure in order to provide high quality opportunities to contribute to our quality of life through:
 - ✦ support for operations at the RCMP Heritage Centre through new funding to match the City of Regina's commitment;
 - ✦ continued support for the Community Rink Affordability Grant which provides community-owned indoor ice surfaces with an annual grant of \$2,500 to help offset operating costs;
 - ✦ continued work with the rehabilitation project at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) to improve and upgrade gallery, public and work spaces and to safeguard heritage collections;
 - ✦ the three-year conservation plan of the Legislative Building Dome as a legacy project celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Legislative Building; and,
 - ✦ supporting the development of a Military History Project with new funding, investing in an oral history project, enhancing artifact protection, and establishing a new provincial committee to help identify, protect and promote Saskatchewan's military heritage. This includes discussions with representatives of the Ministry of Education to identify ways to include military history in the curriculum for Saskatchewan students.
- ⇒ Complete the three-year pilot to demonstrate the MainStreet Saskatchewan program launched in 2011 to help revitalize historic commercial downtowns through community organization, economic development, heritage conservation, marketing and promotion. Participating communities are Indian Head, Wolseley, Prince Albert and Maple Creek.
- ⇒ The Provincial Capital Commission will celebrate the province's heritage and tell its stories through enhanced visitor experiences including Saskatchewan's Legislative Building and Government House by:
 - ✦ initiating the Government House Vision Plan, a strategy to recognize the 125th Anniversary of Government House in 2016 including the development of new feature and temporary exhibits;
 - ✦ installing Wi-Fi mobile museum technology at Government House to enhance the visitor's experience;
 - ✦ continuing to grow youth outreach provincial programming;
 - ✦ coordinating seasonal events at Government House that are popular with the public, such as the Old-Fashioned Victorian Christmas event, to build awareness and celebrate the heritage of the province and its capital; and,
 - ✦ installing the Walter Scott Memorial Statue in the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens at the Legislative Building.
- ⇒ Attract more visitors to the RSM through implementation of a renewed marketing plan and increased access to RSM programs at the provincial level through travelling exhibits and extension programs to schools and provincial parks by:
 - ✦ developing a plan for continuous renewal of RSM exhibit galleries and programming focusing on the Earth Sciences Gallery and program-based displays in the RSM lobby.
- ⇒ Assume operations, through the RSM, of the T.rex Discovery Centre in Eastend, SK, to safeguard the Centre's long term sustainability as a key tourism destination and a showcase for the province's unique natural heritage by:
 - ✦ developing a marketing strategy for cross promotion of the RSM's operations in Regina and Eastend that maximizes visitor experiences and connections between the work at the Centre and the RSM's role as steward of the provincial biology, archaeology, ethnology, and paleontology heritage collection.
- ⇒ Work with representatives from the Western Development Museum on the implementation of a renewed business plan to ensure that the museum maintains its position as a top tourist attraction and instrumental keeper of heritage.



Photo Credit: Tourism Saskatoon, Broadway Bridge

Strategy

Sustain and support the province's growing economy through the promotion of strong families and active living

Key Actions

- ⇒ Continue government's commitment to the Active Families Benefit by providing a refundable tax benefit of up to \$150 per child to include all children under the age of 18 involved in cultural, recreational or sport activities (<http://www.pcs.gov.sk.ca/afb>).
- ⇒ Continue to work proactively with other ministries and agencies to further government's Child and Youth Agenda and other key priorities of government by:
 - ✦ developing and implementing, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and other ministries, the Healthy Weights Action Plan to reduce the rate of child and youth obesity by five per cent by 2022.
- ⇒ Continue to support the implementation of After School Time Period initiatives through Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA).
- ⇒ Collaborate with national and provincial partners to develop a workplace physical activity strategy, as articulated in Active Canada 20/20, which contributes to improved physical activity levels of employers and employees.
- ⇒ Work with stakeholders to explore options that encourage recreation and sport facilities to adopt healthy eating guidelines.
- ⇒ Work with the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) to implement program changes recommended by the program review conducted in 2012 that will:
 - ✦ increase the amount of dollars available for grants;
 - ✦ expand the number of communities eligible to receive funds; and,
 - ✦ encourage communities to deliver more local physical activity programs.



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Strategy

Collaborate with our sector stakeholders and partners to ensure provincial investments support quality programs, services and activities that align with government and Ministry priorities to improve our quality of life

Key Actions

- ⇒ Work with the Saskatchewan Arts Board by providing an increase of five per cent for support to funded arts organizations to encourage long term sustainability through capacity building, business planning, and applying Lean principles.
- ⇒ Work with the CIF through an increase of funds based on higher projected revenue from the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation gaming profits to enhance programs for communities, make effective investments and increase awareness of the CIF grant programs.
- ⇒ Work with and build the capacity of the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation (SHF) as it continues to focus on strategic priorities, effective investments, and increasing public awareness of SHF grant programs.
- ⇒ Work with Sask Sport Inc., SaskCulture Inc., and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) on renewing the Lotteries Agreement that expires in 2014 for continued community-based sport, culture and recreation programs and services.
- ⇒ Work with provincial sport partners to prioritize actions in support of the Canada Sport Policy which will contribute to population health, community building and social development.
- ⇒ Build on consultations with stakeholders and the SPRA to develop a provincial recreation strategy to guide provincial, community investment and planning for recreation for the province.
- ⇒ Develop a response to the Wascana Centre Authority Comprehensive Review to explore the future role of the Centre and to address their long-term infrastructure needs and sustainability challenges as a key attraction and component of our Provincial Capital Commission.
- ⇒ Continue to provide funding to the Saskatchewan Regional Parks Association for cost-matched capital grants for upgrades and enhancements to regional parks to strengthen tourism, recreation and economic growth potential.



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Strategy

Protect and manage Saskatchewan's provincial park ecosystems, heritage sites and collections, through conservation, research and regulation for the enjoyment and appreciation of future generations

Key Actions

- ⇒ Provide ecosystem management planning services to enhance ecosystem health and biodiversity across our park system. Services include forest renewal programs aimed at regenerating the aging aspen forests in Duck Mountain Provincial Park and grassland restoration programs at Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park focusing on protecting our native grasslands.
- ⇒ Develop and lead the implementation of the Surface Watershed Management Plan at Moose Mountain Provincial Park to enhance the natural watershed by increasing water-based recreational opportunities and ensuring the protection of natural environment.
- ⇒ Provide forest insect and disease management in provincial parks to address outbreaks of Mountain Pine Beetle in the Cypress Hills and Spruce Bud Worm outbreaks in northern parks.
- ⇒ Provide regulatory services for built heritage sites and structures including provincially designated and government-owned non-designated properties and to assist property owners and developers in conserving our heritage.
- ⇒ Provide archaeological heritage regulatory services to assist land and resource developers in project review, approval and implementation.
- ⇒ Maintain and develop the Saskatchewan Register of Heritage Property and the Provincial Archaeological Site Inventory for property management, educational, scientific, and other uses.
- ⇒ Provide advisory and support services to local government, community organizations and other stakeholders to help the protection, conservation, planning and promotion of historic places and to build local capacity.
- ⇒ Continue, through the RSM, to house, develop and conserve provincial heritage collections in biology, archaeology, ethnology and paleontology.
- ⇒ Facilitate the return and co-management of sacred and culturally sensitive objects at the RSM by working with First Nations communities in compliance with government's policy on repatriation.
- ⇒ Increase understanding of Saskatchewan's natural and cultural history through the RSM's scientific research programs in biology, including species at risk, archaeology and paleontology.
- ⇒ Install a comprehensive electronic surveillance system to mitigate loss or damage to the Government House collection of artifacts.



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Strategy

Sustain a long-term Lean culture of continuous improvement and public service renewal in the Ministry

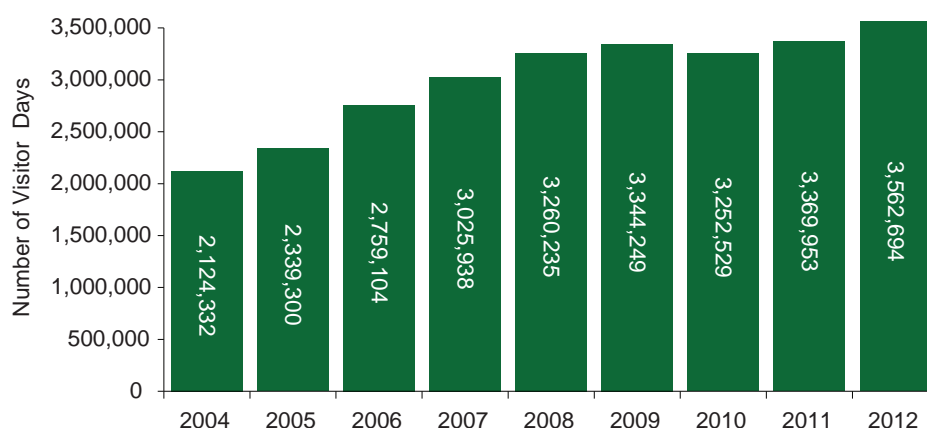
Key Actions

- ⇒ Promote public service renewal and continue to find innovative ways to be more efficient through:
 - ✦ the Ministry's *Leaning the Way* initiative: continue to undertake productivity improvements in the delivery of programs and services through the adoption of Lean methodologies and remain flexible, responsive and effective in meeting the needs of our clients and stakeholders; and,
 - ✦ the introduction of a Lean management system pilot in two areas of the Ministry.
- ⇒ Through a multi-year government-wide rolling strategy, the Ministry will review all regulations to examine their impacts and costs and to improve their overall effectiveness.
- ⇒ Undertake a multi-year program review as part of an ongoing process to ensure the Ministry's programs and services are being delivered as efficiently and effectively as possible and are aligned with the government's priorities.
- ⇒ Continue the enterprise approach through cross ministry planning on:
 - ✦ the Children and Youth Agenda by developing The Healthy Weights Strategy with the Ministry of Health; and,
 - ✦ developing the lakefront potential around Lake Diefenbaker.
- ⇒ Adopt Government's Commitment to Excellence and the Government's core values of: Respect and Integrity, Serving Citizens, Excellence and Innovation and One Team.
- ⇒ Undertake research and development of a set of targets, measures, strategies and actions to more fully align all aspects of the Ministry's mandate with the Growth Plan and improve the overall performance of the Ministry.
- ⇒ Focus on people management including attraction and retention, health and safety, employee engagement and accountability.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Measure

Number of Visitor Days in Saskatchewan Provincial Parks



Source: PCS Summer Visitation and Outdoor Recreation Statistical Report

Measure Description

Saskatchewan's provincial parks had another record year for visitation in 2012 and, for the sixth year in a row, there were more than three million visitor days at provincial parks. The high visitation in 2012 is, in part, due to the additional funding that has been strategically invested in marketing, adding electrical service to more campsites and upgrading other park facilities, which began in 2008-09.

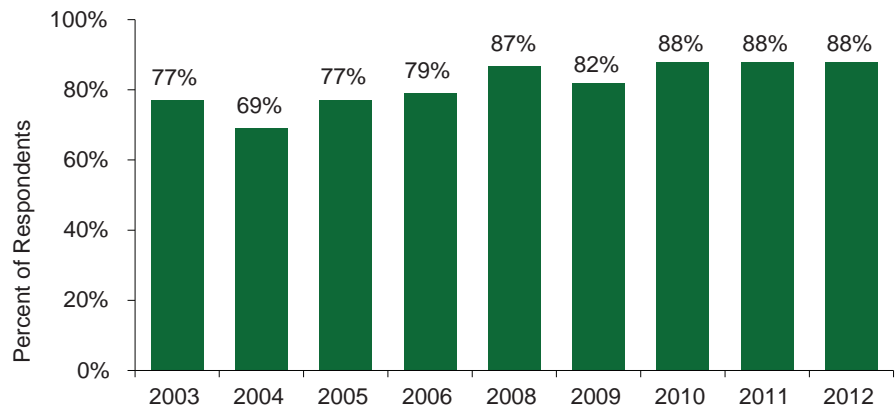
This is a measure of park access and popularity during the summer. Tracking this measure helps the Ministry evaluate the success of its marketing, policies and related programs. This measure is a conservative estimate as no data is collected in fall and winter or in many smaller park sites in the summer. This data was obtained from park visitation reports.



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Measure

Satisfaction with Saskatchewan Provincial Park Visit



Source: 2003-2006: Saskatchewan Omnibus Poll; 2008 and 2012: Park Camper Survey; 2009-2011: SK Tourism Post-Campaign Survey by Fast Consulting for Tourism SK Note: No data was collected in 2007

Measure Description

This measure is an indicator of how satisfied visitors are with the programs, services and facilities offered at our provincial parks. Over the past four years, the Ministry has been investing in Saskatchewan’s provincial parks in order to offer a better camping experience. The improvements include the launch of a new online booking system, adding electricity to nearly 1,100 campsites, building new service centres, change houses and boat launches. Visitor satisfaction remained high in 2012 with 88 per cent of visitors indicating satisfaction with their visit to a provincial park.

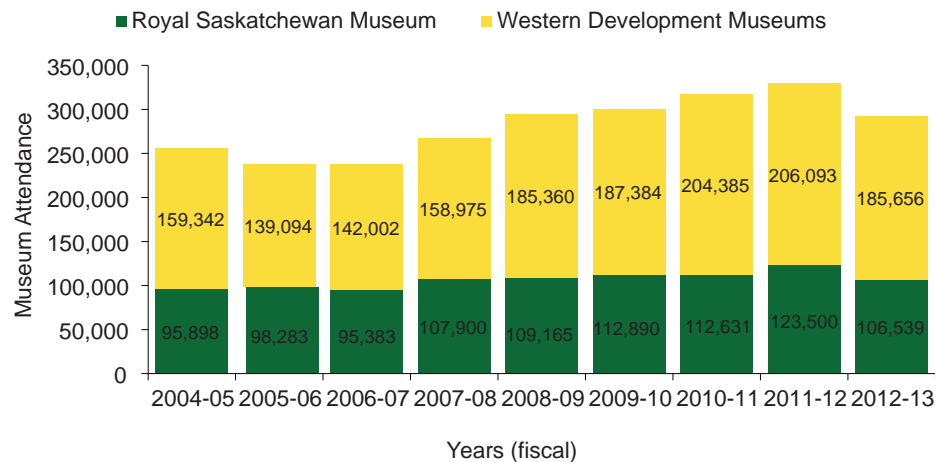
Different sources have informed the trend line since 2003, however overall the trend in visitor satisfaction is improving.



Photo Credit: Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Photo by Harold Bryant, Mosasaur at the RSM

Measure

Number of Visitors to Saskatchewan Museums



Sources: Royal Saskatchewan Museum/Western Development Museums (four WDMs and Curatorial Centre)

Measure Description

Attendance at the Western Development Museums (WDMs) decreased by 9.9 per cent from 2011-12 to 2012-13. The decrease is in large part due to the interruption of services at the North Battleford WDM for installation of the new heating system as well as Monday closures at all locations.

Attendance at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) decreased by 13.4 per cent during that same period. The decrease in attendance is in large part due to a decline in school trips, reduced casual visitation and fewer large multi-day events in 2012-13 at the RSM than held in 2011-12.

Museums in Saskatchewan play a critical role in conserving and interpreting the province's natural and cultural heritage. Tracking these numbers helps the Ministry evaluate the success of marketing, exhibits and programs for the RSM and WDMs. Visitation statistics from the WDMs combine the WDM locations of Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Saskatoon and Yorkton.

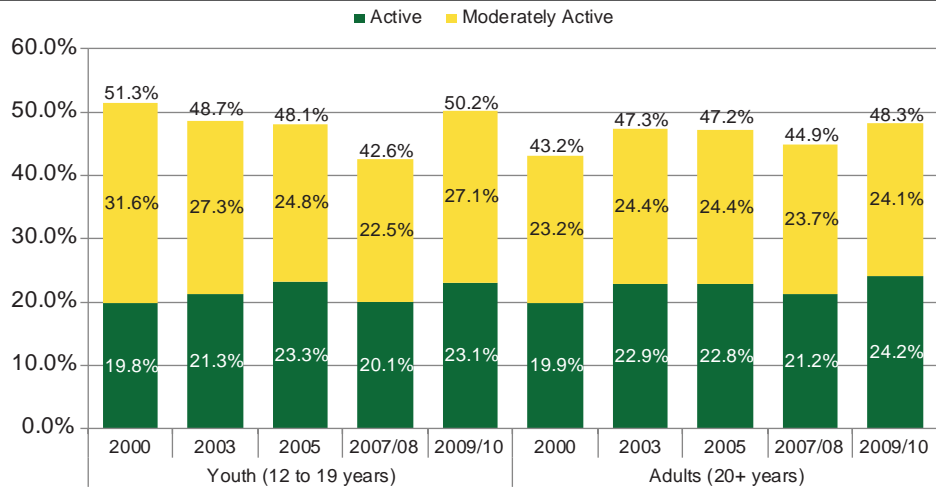
This data was obtained from RSM and WDM visitation reports and is current to the end of January 2013. Visitation estimates based on previous year's data were used to estimate attendance from February to the end of March 2013.



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Measure

Percentage of Saskatchewan Residents who are Physically Active



Source: Statistics Canada: Canadian Community Health Survey/Physical Activity Index, Moderately Active or Active

Measure Description

This measure reflects the proportion of Saskatchewan adults (20 years or older) and youth (12 to 19 years) who are physically active during their leisure time. The proportion of Saskatchewan adults who were active increased slightly from 21.2 per cent in 2007-08 to 24.2 per cent in 2009-10. During that same time, the proportion of Saskatchewan youth who were active increased from 20.1 per cent to 23.1 per cent. Despite the small increase, the proportion of youth and adults who are physically active remains low.

This measure is derived from the Physical Activity Index (PAI) from the Statistics Canada Canadian Community Health Survey and is based on respondent self-reporting. The PAI categorizes respondents as being active, moderately active or inactive. The Ministry revised the PAI categories to better reflect the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines for youth.

The Ministry recognizes some of the limitations of using self-report data to assess physical activity. However, the existence of provincial level data utilizing direct measures of physical activity for both youth and adults is currently limited. The Ministry, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, is currently exploring alternatives to measure physical activity levels on an ongoing basis.

In 2007, the Canadian Community Health Survey started collecting half of the sample size annually. The half samples collected in 2007 and 2008 were pooled together to match the sample sizes of 2000, 2003 and 2005. This approach was also taken for the 2009 and 2010 half samples and will continue in subsequent years. Data for 2011-12 is not currently available.

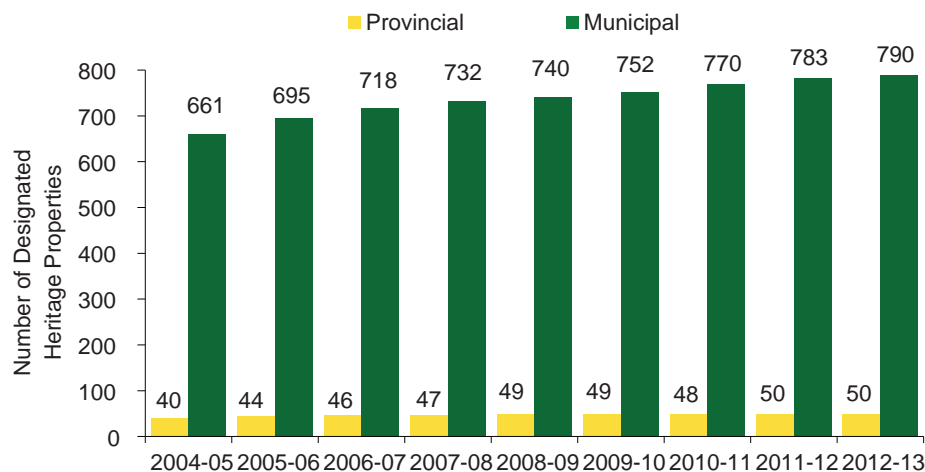
Tracking physical activity levels helps the Ministry understand the success of marketing, programming and infrastructure initiatives to increase the number of Saskatchewan residents engaging in sufficient levels of physical activity needed to help maintain a healthy, active lifestyle. The Ministry works with several stakeholders on initiatives to increase physical activity through the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF), Sask Sport Inc. and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA).



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Measure

Number of Designated Heritage Properties: Provincial and Municipal



Source: Ministry's Heritage Conservation Branch

Measure Description

The Heritage Property Act empowers any municipality, by bylaw, to designate any locally-significant property as a municipal heritage property and also empowers the Minister to designate any property of provincial importance as a provincial heritage property. Parks, Culture and Sport advises the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation on grant applications involving provincial heritage properties and nominations for designation.

In 2012-13, 10 properties were formally designated as municipal heritage properties and three existing municipal heritage properties were repealed.

The number of new designated properties is a measure of the level of activity related to heritage resource identification, preservation and protection. Tracking this measure helps the Ministry understand the success of the services and programs directed to retention and rehabilitation of heritage buildings and structures formally designated under the *Heritage Property Act*, as well as non-structured heritage projects, provided by the Ministry's Heritage Conservation Branch and the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation. Please note that the values reported for the number of designated municipal heritage properties may differ from those previously reported, due to clean up of the heritage property database.

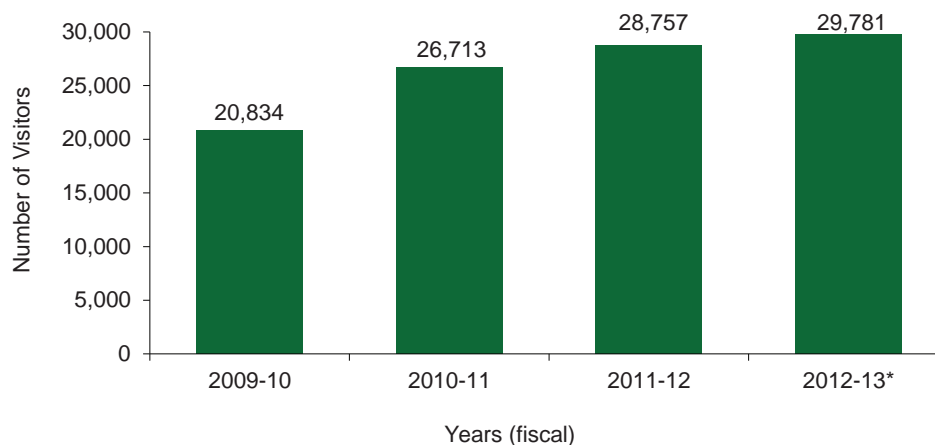
The Saskatchewan Register of Heritage Property is a searchable database of all historic places designated under *The Heritage Property Act*, and is available on the Ministry's website. <http://www.pcs.gov.sk.ca/heritage>



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Measure

Number of Visitors to Government House



Source: Provincial Capital Commission - Government House

Measure Description

Government House is a jewel of the province's capital and a signature feature in the creation of a Historic Corridor along Dewdney Avenue which includes the Territorial Building, the Edwardian Gardens, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Heritage Centre. Government House is promoted as a diverse educational centre, an exciting tourist destination and a historic hospitality facility. This measure serves as an indicator of success in this regard.

*Visitation is projected to increase in 2012-13. Visitation is current to February 28, 2013. Estimates based on the previous year's data were used to estimate attendance for the month of March.

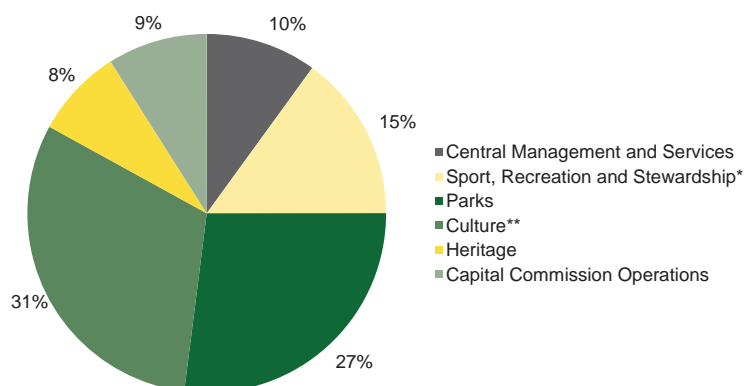
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2013-14 Estimates	(in thousands of dollars)
Central Management and Services	11,270
Community Initiatives Fund	9,589
Building Communities	3,166
Parks	31,118
Culture	34,604
Heritage	9,360
Sport, Recreation and Stewardship	4,243
Capital Commission Operations	9,862
Ministry Operations Appropriation	113,212
Capital Asset Acquisitions	(11,849)
Capital Asset Amortization	3,402
Ministry Expense	104,765
Total Appropriation	113,212

FTE Staff Complement	
Ministry	119.4
Commercial Revolving Fund	240.3
Total FTE Complement	359.7

For more information, see the Budget Estimates at: <http://www.finance.gov.sk.ca/budget2013-14>

Ministry Spending by Key Program Area



*Includes the Building Communities, and the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)

**Includes the Active Families Benefit Program



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Highlights

2013-14 Budget Highlights:

- ⇒ New funding in the amount of \$5 million to the new Creative Saskatchewan's investment fund to support growth and development in the areas of music, film and television, digital media, visual arts, crafts, publishing, theatre and dance.
- ⇒ \$6.8 million, an increase of \$322,000 or 5 per cent to the Saskatchewan Arts Board for support to funded organizations.
- ⇒ Improvements to Saskatchewan Provincial Parks continues through enhanced capital funding, including continuation of the government's commitment to add an additional \$10 million over four years beginning in 2012-13; in 2013-14 (the second year of this additional investment), major projects include:
 - ⇒ planning and design for new campground developments;
 - ⇒ addition of electrical service to 194 existing campsites;
 - ⇒ upgrade of electrical service to approximately 200 campsites; and,
 - ⇒ replacement of three washroom/shower facilities.
- ⇒ The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) will have total funding of \$9.6 million, an increase of \$301,000, based on higher projected revenue from Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation's gaming profits to ensure that Saskatchewan communities receive tangible benefits from casino gaming profits.
- ⇒ Financial support for our cultural and heritage infrastructure:
 - ⇒ \$5 million, an increase of \$2.5 million to the Provincial Capital Commission, for the second year of the three-year Legislative Building Dome Repair project which addresses water infiltration into the dome interior, stone and mortar deterioration, rainwater management, window conditions, the copper roofing and dome roof;
 - ⇒ new funding in the amount of \$100,000 to match the City of Regina's commitment to support operations at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Heritage Centre; and,
 - ⇒ support in the amount of \$50,000 for the development of a Military History Project to invest in an oral history project, enhance artifact protection, and establish a new provincial committee to help identify, protect, and promote Saskatchewan's military heritage to remember and celebrate Saskatchewan's contributions and sacrifices.

For More Information

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