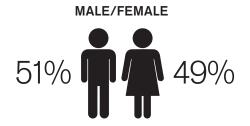
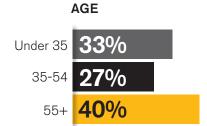


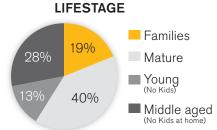
# **AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCER (AE)** 50% of the Canadian visitors to Yukon

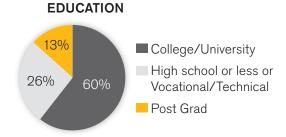
# **DASHBOARD DEMOGRAPHICS\***













**EMPLOYMENT** 

### CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

### SOCIAL/TRAVEL VALUES



# TOP DEFINING VALUES

- Hold values such as physical health, wellbeing, ethics and social responsibility in high regard.
- Strives to be a little different than everyone else.
- » Value-conscious consumerism.



#### **BOTTOM DEFINING VALUES**

Feeling overwhelmed by the demands on one's time.



Finding authentic experiences is paramount for the Yukon AE, whether on a journey to visit a Territorial wilderness park or Heritage River to hike, camp or fish, or interacting with the local culture and customs of the place they're visiting.



## **EXPERIENCE APPEAL**



- » Immerse themselves in a new place and its culture.
- » Travelling with other like-minded people.
- » Laid back travel experience.
- » Taking their time while travelling.
- Participating in everyday activities such as eating local foods or engaging in local customs.



#### **WEAKER**

- » Travelling to get away from it all.
- Seeing all of the recommended tourist sites.
- Engaging with their hobbies while travelling.



The Yukon AE does not travel to get away from it all; they travel to experience the true essence of a new place.



THEY SEEK

First Nations Tourism — Experiencing Yukon First Nation culture or traditional ways.

Nature Observation Activities — Doing a wildlife viewing or bird watching guided or non-guided activity.

Wilderness Exploration — Experiencing time in the wilderness, hiking, canoing and camping.

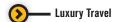


The Yukon AE is the only travel type to list Haines Junction as a primary destination (11%), suggesting they are the best target audience for promoting wilderness product such as hiking in the Kluane National Park and Reserve.



THEY AVOID

**Water-based Outdoor Activities** 

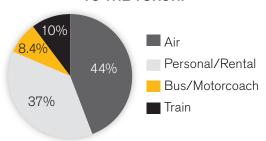




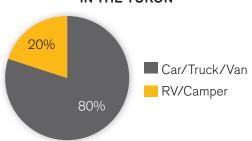
The Yukon AE is significantly more likely to fish on a Yukon vacation.

### CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

# METHOD OF ENTRY TO THE YUKON:



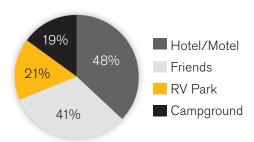
# PERSONAL VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE YUKON



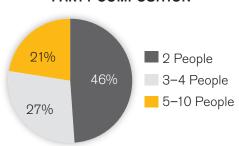
# AE TIP

The Yukon AE does not travel to relax or escape everyday stress. When marketing to them, cater to their sense of curiosity and desire to truly explore a destination.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**



### **PARTY COMPOSITION**



Average Party Size » 3.15 (people per party)

**Child-Free Trips** » 95% **Average Duration** » 19

Trip Type » Multi-community trip

## **CONSIDERATIONS FOR MARKETING**

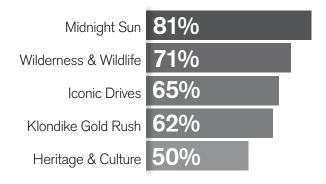
# WHEN BUILDING AN AD:



Consider including text and imagery aligning with the Tourism Yukon Brand Pillars that appeal most to the Yukon AE.

### **EXPERIENCE DRIVERS**

(Average % of EQ type that found activities in these categories appealing)



### HOW, WHEN & WHERE TO REACH THEM:



### TRIP INSPIRATION

TOP 5 INFLUENTIAL MEDIA SOURCES:

- 1. Review Sites 51%
- 2. Yukon Vacation Planner 50%
- 3. Advertising 46%
- 4. Friends or Relatives in the Yukon 45%
- 5. Travel Company Websites 45%



### TRIP PLANNING

TOP 3 ONLINE PLANNING SOURCES:

- 1. Review Sites, such as Trip Advisor
- 2. Travel Company's Websites
- 3. City, State, Province, Country's website

PLANNING LEAD TIME:

- » 1-3 Months 45%
- » 7-12 Months 31%

# AE TIP

For more information on how the Yukon AE travels to and throughout the Yukon, access our 2012/13 Visitor Tracking Program Pathways Report at: www.tc.gov.yk.ca/publications/2012-2013\_YVTP\_Pathways\_Report.pdf



When targeting the AE consider the top influential media sources such as the web and the Yukon Vacation Planner.