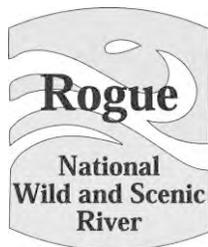


# 2015 Wild Rogue River Use Report

Grave Creek to Foster Bar

May 15 - October 15



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# 2015 Rogue River Use Summary

## Actual Use:

- **12,110 people total**, commercial and noncommercial, floated the wild Rogue River in the 2015 regulated use season, May 15 through October 15.
  - 18,480 people is the maximum number that could float the wild Rogue in the regulated use season. (120 people per day for the 154 day regulated use season)
- **65.5% of all possible spaces** were used in 2015
- Use on the Rogue **decreased slightly** during the regulated use season over last year. Total use was down by 72 people (- **0.6%**).
- **Commercial use totaled 5558 people**. This is an **increase** of 168 people (+**2.9%**) compared to 2014.
- **Noncommercial use totaled 6552 people**. This is a **decrease** of 240 people (-**3.1%**) compared to 2014.

## Pre-Season Scheduled Use versus Pool Use:

- **Commercial Use - Calendar versus Pool:** total 5558 people
  - 88% (4888 people) of the spaces came from the commercial calendar
  - 12% (670 people) of the spaces came from the pool
- **Noncommercial Use - Lottery versus Pool:** total 6552 people
  - 48% (3147 people) of the spaces came from the lottery
  - 52% (3405 people) of the spaces came from the pool
- **Cancellations:** total of 11,864 spaces cancelled (scheduled and not used)
  - Commercial cancellations - 4909 (41%) of the total cancellations.
  - Noncommercial cancellations - 6955 (59%) of the total cancellations.

## Maximum Capacity Days:

- 4 days, or 2.6% of the time, the Rogue was filled to the 120 persons-per-day capacity. (154 days in the season). Two days in July and 2 days in August reached capacity.
- 10 other days had 1 to 5 openings by the end of the day. Three of those were in June, 5 in July, and 2 in August.
- There were 71 party leaders that signed up on the “No-Show” waiting list for 41 different dates from June 12 to September 11. Fifty of those party leaders were noncommercial and 21 were commercial.

## Non-Commercial Lottery:

- 4306 Applicants
- 716 Successful Applicants were awarded Float Permits
- 8158 Float Spaces were scheduled through the 716 successful lottery applicants

## Noncommercial Party Information:

- 1151 parties went down the river
- Average party size was 5.69
- Party leader’s state of origin: Oregon - 777 (67%), California - 208 (18%), Washington – 65 (6%), Other – 101 (9%)

**Commercial Party Information:**

- 509 commercial trips went down the river
- Average party size was 14.2

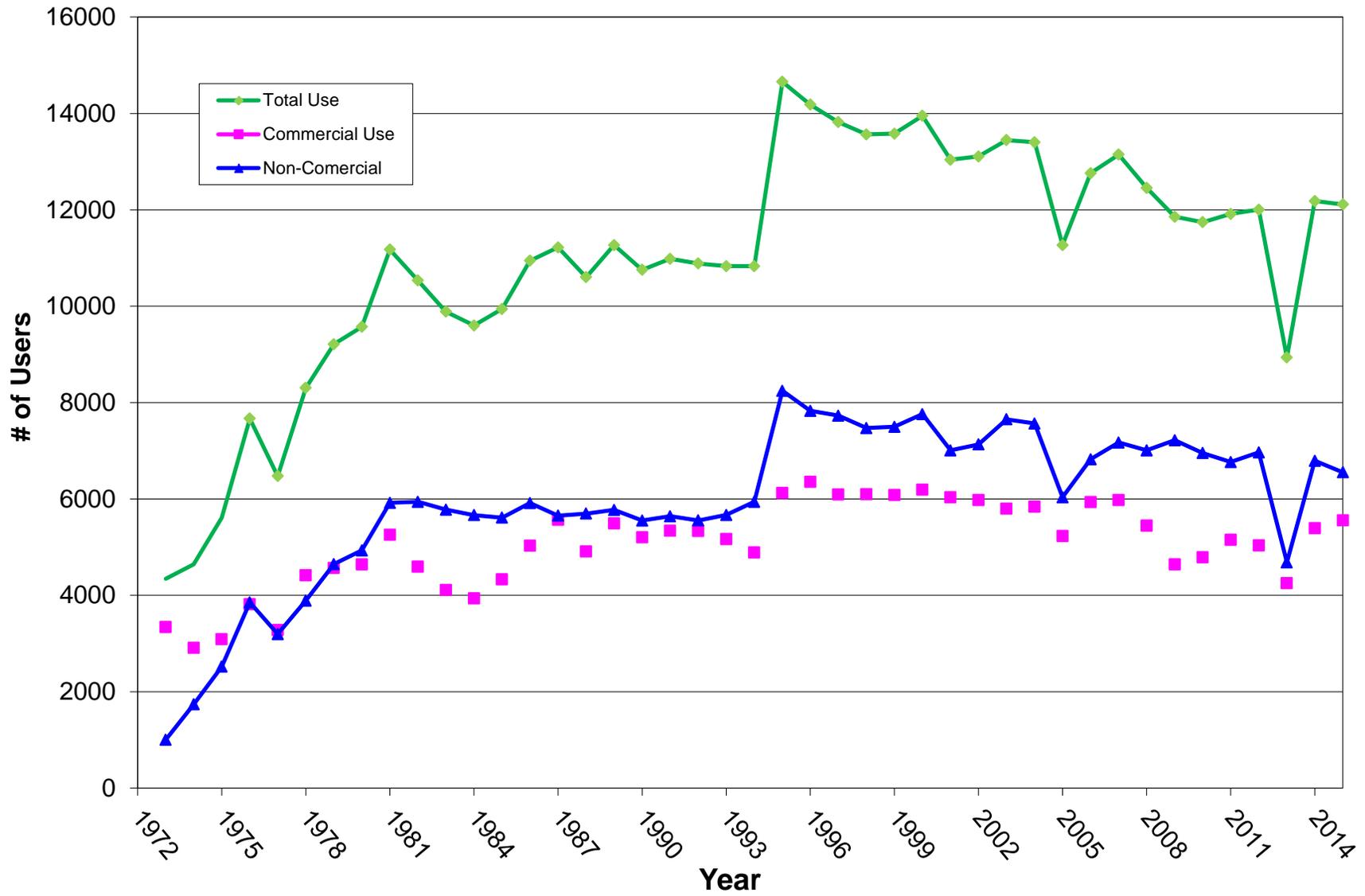
**Number of Launches:**

- A total of 1660 parties, commercial and noncommercial, launched to float the river
- The maximum number of launches in a single day was 20 launches in September
- The month with the lowest average total launches per day was May, with 7.71 launches per day. The month with the highest average total launches per day was July, with 12.29 launches per day.

**Pre and Post Season Grave Creek Monitoring:**

- Use of Grave Creek boat ramp is monitored the two weekends preceding May 15<sup>th</sup> and the two weekends following October 15<sup>th</sup>; this has been done since 2012.
- There were no days in 2015 when more than 120 users were observed in the Wild Section. There were 2 days in 2014 when over 120 users were observed in the Wild Section.

# Rogue River Actual Use



## Rogue River Actual Use Year To Year Comparison

	YEAR	LENGTH OF SEASON	NONCOMMERCIAL		COMMERCIAL		TOTAL
			USE	% OF TOTAL	USE	% OF TOTAL	
1973	1973 <sub>1</sub>	104 Days	1002	23%	3340	77%	4342
1974	1974	103 Days	1736	37%	2908	63%	4644
1975	1975	102 Days	2520	45%	3091	55%	5611
1976	1976	107 Days	3854	50%	3814	50%	7668
1977	1977	106 Days	3197	49%	3278	51%	6475
1978	1978 <sub>2</sub>	105 Days	3889	47%	4414	53%	8303
1979	1979	104 Days	4646	50%	4565	50%	9211
1980	1980	102 Days	4931	52%	4640	48%	9571
1981	1981	108 Days	5919	53%	5255	47%	11174
1982	1982	107 Days	5941	56%	4593	44%	10534
1983	1983	106 Days	5778	58%	4110	42%	9888
1984	1984	104 Days	5664	59%	3937	41%	9601
1985	1985	103 Days	5613	56%	4328	44%	9941
1986	1986 <sub>3</sub>	107 Days	5915	54%	5030	46%	10945
1987	1987	107 Days	5655	50%	5565	50%	11220
1988	1988	107 Days	5695	54%	4907	46%	10602
1989	1989	107 Days	5772	51%	5494	49%	11266
1990	1990	107 Days	5552	52%	5202	48%	10754
1991	1991	107 Days	5641	51%	5341	49%	10982
1992	1992	107 Days	5553	51%	5332	49%	10885
1993	1993	107 Days	5667	52%	5165	48%	10832
1994	1994	107 Days	5940	55%	4890	45%	10830
1995	1995 <sub>4</sub>	154 Days	8243	56%	6122	42%	14655
1996	1996	154 Days	7829	55%	6355	45%	14184
1997	1997	154 Days	7728	56%	6091	44%	13819
1998	1998	154 Days	7470	55%	6096	45%	13566
1999	1999	154 Days	7498	55%	6083	45%	13581
2000	2000	154 Days	7760	56%	6192	44%	13952
2001	2001	154 Days	7008	54%	6032	46%	13040
2002	2002	154 Days	7132	54%	5976	46%	13108
2003	2003	154 Days	7652	57%	5795	43%	13447
2004	2004	154 Days	7566	56%	5837	44%	13403
2005	2005 <sub>5</sub>	154 Days	6035	54%	5232	46%	11267
2006	2006 <sub>6</sub>	154 Days	6824	53%	5936	47%	12760
2007	2007	154 Days	7170	55%	5977	45%	13147
2008	2008	154 Days	7009	56%	5447	44%	12456
2009	2009	154 Days	7217	61%	4639	39%	11856
2010	2010	154 Days	6952	59%	4790	41%	11742
2011	2011	154 Days	6766	57%	5149	43%	11915
2012	2012	154 Days	6966	58%	5037	42%	12003
2013	2013 <sub>7</sub>	154 Days	4683	52%	4251	48%	8934
2014	2014	154 Days	6792	56%	5390	44%	12182
2015	2015	154 Days	6552	54%	5558	46%	12110

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## Rogue River Actual Use

### Total Use Comparison Between Years

Year	Total Use	Use Difference	Percentage Difference
1973 <sub>1</sub>	4342		
1974	4644	302	7%
1975	5611	967	21%
1976	7668	2057	37%
1977	6475	-1193	-16%
1978 <sub>2</sub>	8303	1828	28%
1979	9211	908	11%
1980	9571	360	4%
1981	11174	1603	17%
1982	10534	-640	-6%
1983	9888	-646	-6%
1984	9601	-287	-3%
1985	9941	340	4%
1986 <sub>3</sub>	10945	1004	10%
1987	11220	275	3%
1988	10602	-618	-6%
1989	11266	664	6%
1990	10754	-512	-5%
1991	10982	228	2%
1992	10885	-97	-1%
1993	10832	-53	0%
1994	10830	-2	0%
1995 <sub>4</sub>	14665	3835	35%
1996	14184	-481	-3%
1997	13819	-365	-3%
1998	13566	-253	-2%
1999	13581	15	0%
2000	13952	371	3%
2001	13040	-912	-7%
2002	13108	68	1%
2003	13447	339	3%
2004	13403	-44	0%
2005 <sub>5</sub>	11267	-2136	-16%
2006 <sub>6</sub>	12760	1493	13%
2007	13147	387	3%
2008 <sub>7</sub>	12456	-691	-5%
2009	11856	-600	-5%
2010	11742	-151	-1%
2011	11915	173	1%
2012	12003	88	1%
2013 <sub>8</sub>	8934	-3069	-26%
2014	12182	3248	36%
2015	12110	-72	-1%

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## Rogue River Actual Use

### Noncommercial Use Comparison Between Years

Year	Total Use	Use Difference	Percentage Difference
1973 <sup>1</sup>	1002		
1974	1736	734	73%
1975	2520	784	45%
1976	3854	1334	53%
1977	3197	-657	-17%
1978 <sup>2</sup>	3889	692	22%
1979	4646	757	19%
1980	4931	285	6%
1981	5919	988	20%
1982	5941	22	0%
1983	5778	-163	-3%
1984	5664	-114	-2%
1985	5613	-51	-1%
1986 <sup>3</sup>	5915	302	5%
1987	5655	-260	-4%
1988	5695	40	1%
1989	5772	77	1%
1990	5552	-220	-4%
1991	5641	89	2%
1992	5553	-88	-2%
1993	5667	114	2%
1994	5940	273	5%
1995 <sup>4</sup>	8243	2303	39%
1996	7829	-414	-5%
1997	7728	-101	-1%
1998	7470	-258	-3%
1999	7498	28	0%
2000	7760	262	3%
2001	7008	-752	-10%
2002	7132	124	2%
2003	7652	520	7%
2004	7565	-87	-1%
2005 <sup>5</sup>	6035	-1530	-20%
2006 <sup>6</sup>	6824	789	13%
2007	7170	346	5%
2008 <sup>7</sup>	7009	-161	-2%
2009	7217	208	3%
2010	6952	-265	-4%
2011	6766	-186	-3%
2012	6966	200	3%
2013 <sup>8</sup>	4683	-2283	-33%
2014	6792	2109	45%
2015	6552	-240	-4%

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## Rogue River Actual Use Commercial Use Comparison Between Years

Year	Total Use	Use Difference	Percentage Difference
1973 <sup>1</sup>	3340		
1974	2908	-432	-13%
1975	3091	183	6%
1976	3814	723	23%
1977	3278	-536	-14%
1978 <sup>2</sup>	4414	1136	35%
1979	4565	151	3%
1980	4640	75	2%
1981	5255	615	13%
1982	4593	-662	-13%
1983	4110	-483	-11%
1984	3937	-173	-4%
1985	4328	391	10%
1986 <sup>3</sup>	5030	702	16%
1987	5565	535	11%
1988	4907	-658	-12%
1989	5494	587	12%
1990	5202	-292	-5%
1991	5341	139	3%
1992	5332	-9	0%
1993	5165	-167	-3%
1994	4890	-275	-5%
1995 <sup>4</sup>	6122	1232	25%
1996	6355	233	4%
1997	6091	-264	-4%
1998	6096	5	0%
1999	6083	-13	0%
2000	6192	109	2%
2001	6032	-160	-3%
2002	5976	-56	-1%
2003	5795	-181	-3%
2004	5837	42	1%
2005 <sup>5</sup>	5232	-605	-10%
2006 <sup>6</sup>	5936	704	13%
2007	5977	41	1%
2008 <sup>7</sup>	5447	-530	-9%
2009	4639	-808	-15%
2010	4790	151	3%
2011	5149	359	7%
2012	5037	-112	-2%
2013 <sup>8</sup>	4251	-786	-16%
2014	5390	1139	27%
2015	5558	168	3%

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## Rogue River Actual Use Launch Comparison Between Years

Year	Avg. No. of Launches per Day	Max No. of Launches in One Day
2003	11.33	19
2004	11.23	22
2005 <sup>1</sup>	9.38	18
2006	10.78	18
2007	11.12	19
2008	10.94	18
2009	11.11	20
2010	10.69	23
2011	10.77	19
2012	10.84	19
2013 <sup>2</sup>	7.97	18
2014	10.92	20
2015	10.78	20

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## Monthly Total Launches per Regulated Use Season

	May			June			July			Aug			Sept			Oct		
	Comm	Prvt	Total															
2003	23	108	131	76	254	330	112	286	398	110	273	383	102	258	360	41	102	143
2004	26	89	115	84	232	316	112	267	379	119	272	391	113	264	377	44	107	151
2005	19	89	108	75	193	268	118	256	374	85	153	238	111	225	336	38	83	121
2006	17	75	92	75	240	315	129	243	372	126	263	389	111	260	371	42	79	121
2007	18	104	122	93	220	313	126	258	384	134	275	409	107	259	366	43	75	118
2008	24	72	96	80	233	313	118	281	399	132	274	406	93	256	349	37	85	122
2009	15	102	117	78	224	302	108	290	398	118	288	406	95	252	347	40	101	141
2010	21	56	77	75	214	289	120	262	383	119	297	416	107	247	354	31	96	127
2011	22	44	66	90	193	283	121	267	388	128	286	414	103	280	383	38	86	124
2012	22	73	95	83	200	283	115	277	392	116	274	390	91	281	372	39	98	137
2013*	29	66	95	85	225	310	115	260	375	55	86	141	91	187	278	29	*n/a	29
2014	32	78	110	90	246	336	122	258	380	118	280	398	96	222	318	43	96	139
2015	42	89	131	92	248	340	116	270	386	125	236	361	93	221	314	41	87	128

*\*\* Commercial outfitters can "split" their large starts into two separate launches - that extra launch is not recorded in the calendar, but IS reflected in this data. I.e. When split, one commercial start on the calendar translates into two physical launches. 2004 was the first year that "splitting" starts was allowed.*

*\* 2013 results in low counts due to Big Windy Complex Fire 7/31-8/11 and Government wide shutdown 10/1-10/15.*

## 2015 Scheduled Use and Actual Use Comparison

### Scheduled Use

Noncommercial Use		
Lottery Starts	8158	
New Starts + Additions *	5349	
Total Use		13507
Commercial Use		
Calendar Starts	9735	
New Starts + Additions *	732	
Total Use		10467
<b>Total Scheduled Use</b>		<b>23974</b>

### Actual Use

Noncommercial Use		
Lottery	3147	
New Starts **	3405	
Total Use		6552
Commercial Use		
Calendar	4888	
New Starts **	670	
Total Use		5558
<b>Total Actual Use</b>		<b>12110</b>

- **39% of noncommercial scheduled spaces were used**
- **50% of commercial scheduled spaces were used**
- **45% of all scheduled spaces were actually used**

\* Beginning 2005 in scheduled use, “New Starts + Additions” is equivalent to “Pool” in past years.

\*\* In actual use, “New Starts” is equivalent to the “Pool” in past years.

- Formulas:
  - Noncommercial lottery actual use divided by noncommercial lottery scheduled use times 100% = **% noncommercial scheduled spaces were used**
  - Commercial calendar actual use divided by commercial calendar scheduled use times 100% = **% commercial scheduled spaces were used**
  - Noncommercial lottery actual use plus commercial calendar actual use divided by noncommercial lottery scheduled use plus commercial calendar scheduled use times 100% = **% of all scheduled spaces were actually used**

2015

Monthly Number of People

MONTH	Type of Use	Lottery/ Calendar	Pool	Total Scheduled People	CAN	Non Use	Flex	Actual Use	Total People
MAY	PRIVATE	762	531	1293	709	129		455	808
	COMMERCIAL	1017	122	1139	681	105	0	353	
JUNE	PRIVATE	1800	1044	2844	1106	289		1449	2491
	COMMERCIAL	1830	172	2002	927	33	0	1042	
JULY	PRIVATE	1874	900	2774	877	276		1621	3053
	COMMERCIAL	2070	123	2193	745	16	0	1432	
AUG	PRIVATE	1852	830	2682	903	337		1442	2860
	COMMERCIAL	2100	104	2204	772	17	3	1418	
SEPT	PRIVATE	1612	1179	2791	1359	315		1117	2039
	COMMERCIAL	1895	157	2052	1051	79	0	922	
OCT	PRIVATE	258	865	1123	531	124		468	859
	COMMERCIAL	823	51	874	481	2	0	391	
Season Totals	PRIVATE	<b>8158</b>	<b>5349</b>	<b>13507</b>	<b>5485</b>	<b>1470</b>		<b>6552</b>	<b>12110</b>
	COMMERCIAL	<b>9735</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>10464</b>	<b>4657</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5558</b>	

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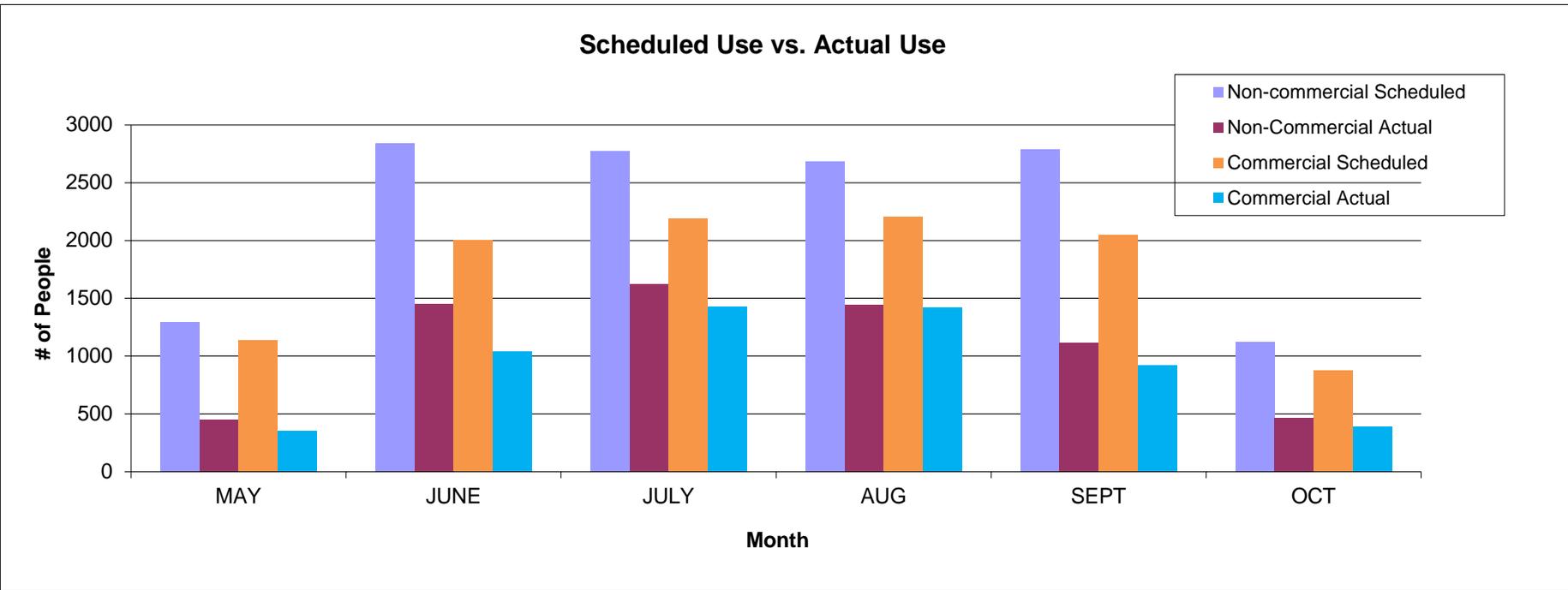
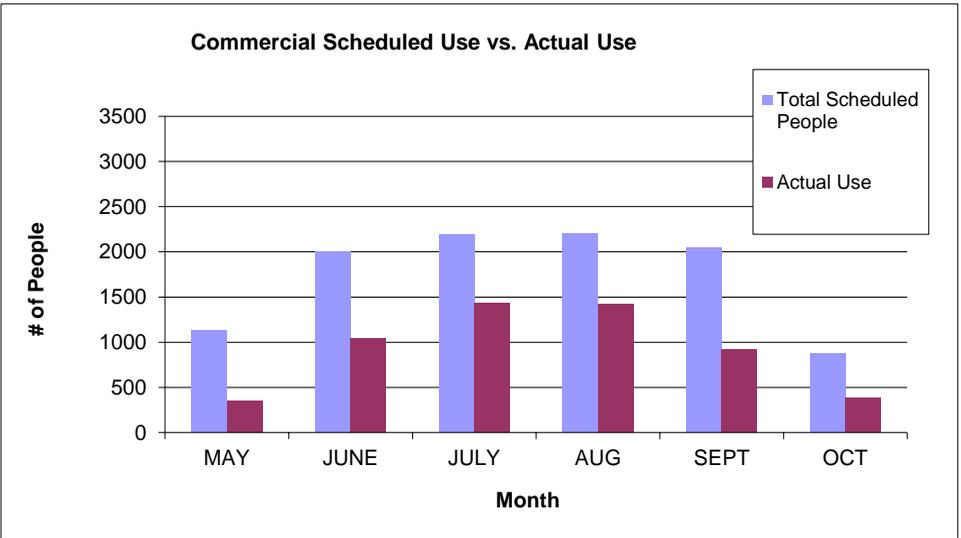
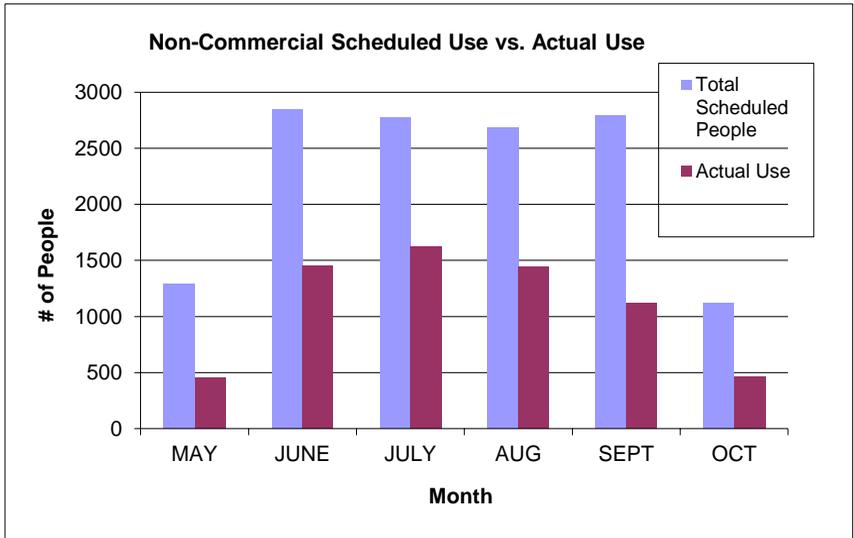
**Monthly Number of Launches**

MONTH	Type of Use	Scheduled Launches	Total Scheduled Launches	Actual Launches	Total Actual Launches
		157	235	89	131
MAY	COMMERCIAL	78		42	
JUNE	PRIVATE	357	485	248	340
	COMMERCIAL	128		92	
JULY	PRIVATE	351	485	270	386
	COMMERCIAL	134		116	
AUG	PRIVATE	334	469	236	361
	COMMERCIAL	135		125	
SEPT	PRIVATE	368	536	221	314
	COMMERCIAL	168		93	
OCT	PRIVATE	133	200	87	128
	COMMERCIAL	67		41	
Season Totals	PRIVATE	1700	2410	1151	1660
	COMMERCIAL	710		509	

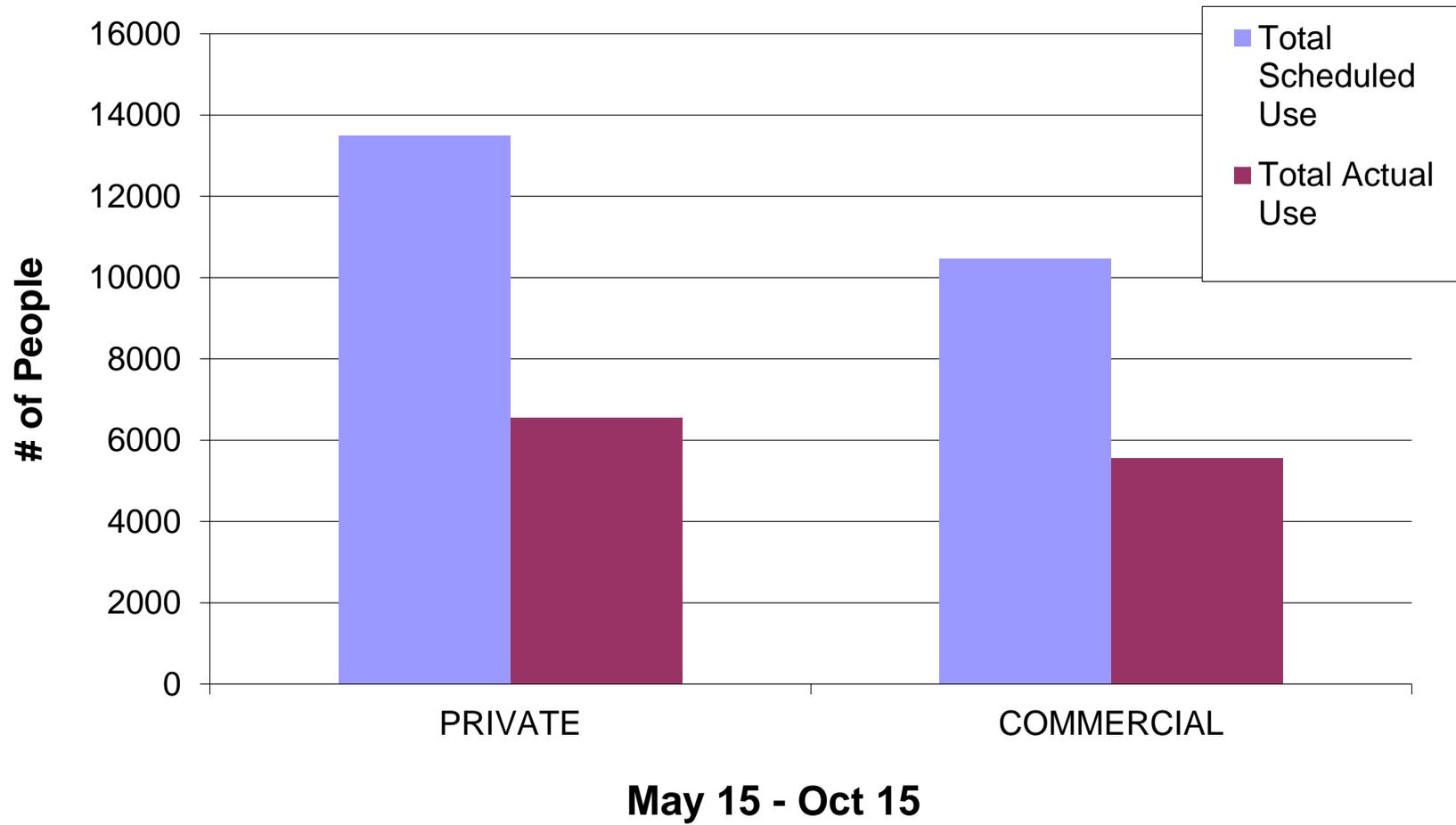
**Monthly Averages and Maximums**

Avg. Total People per Day	Avg. Total Launches per Day	Max Total Launches in Month
47.53	7.71	17
83.03	11.33	17
98.48	12.45	19
92.26	11.65	15
67.97	10.47	20
57.27	8.53	12
Ratio of Extremes*		20
0.48	0.62	

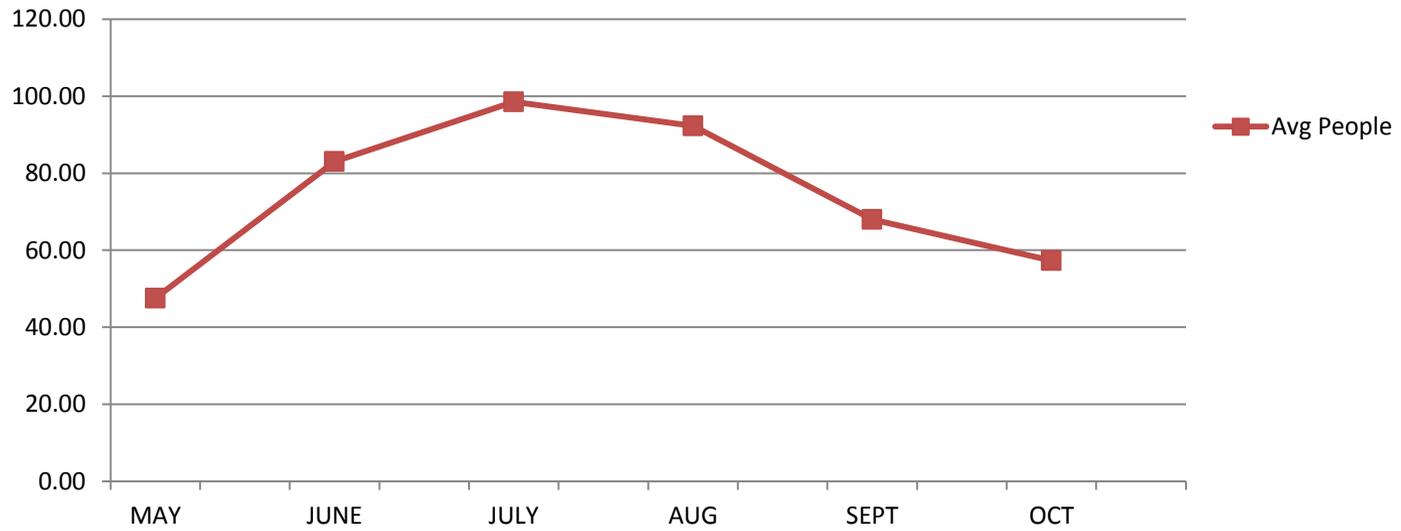
\*A ratio of the lowest to highest monthly average; RoE = Lowest Average/Highest



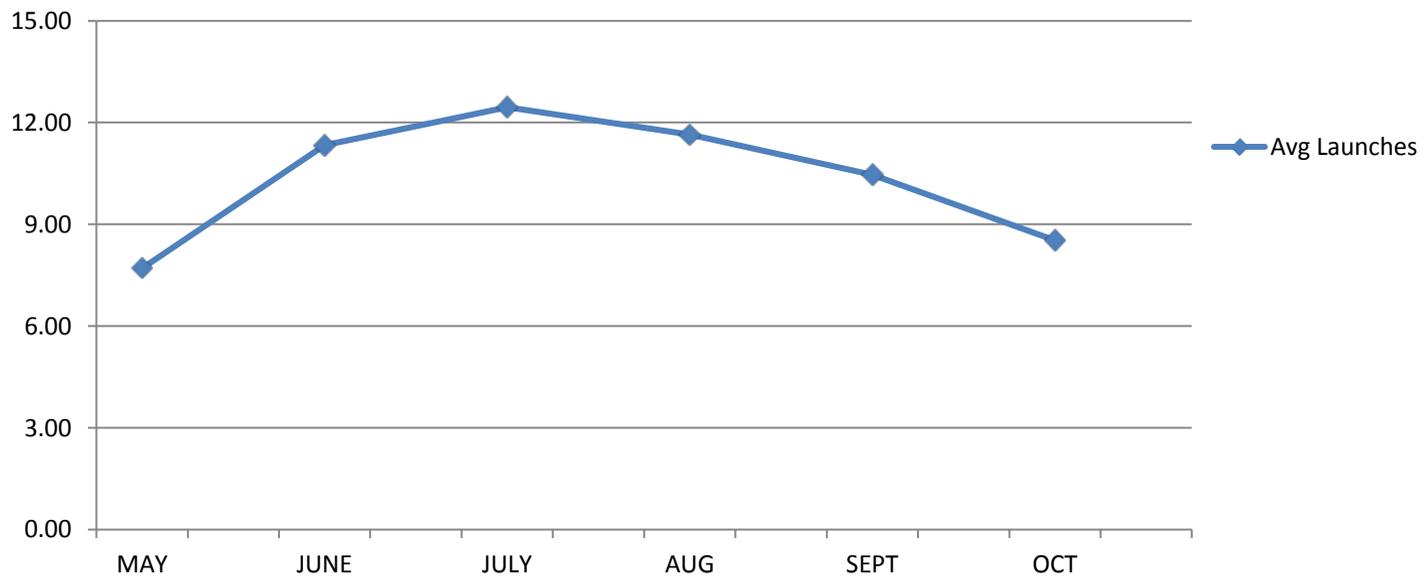
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### Average No. People per Day

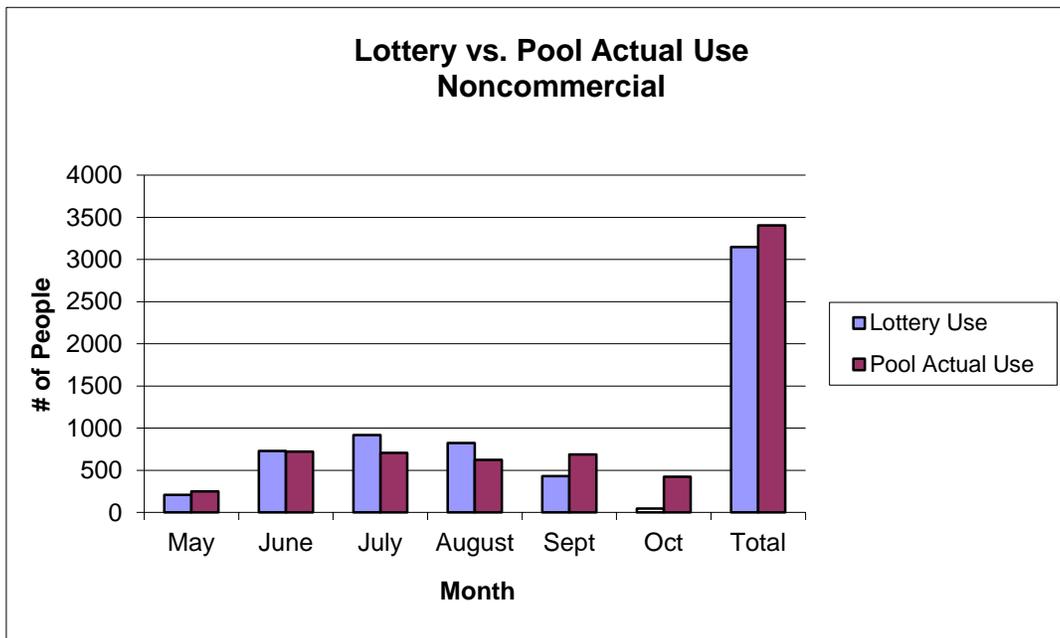


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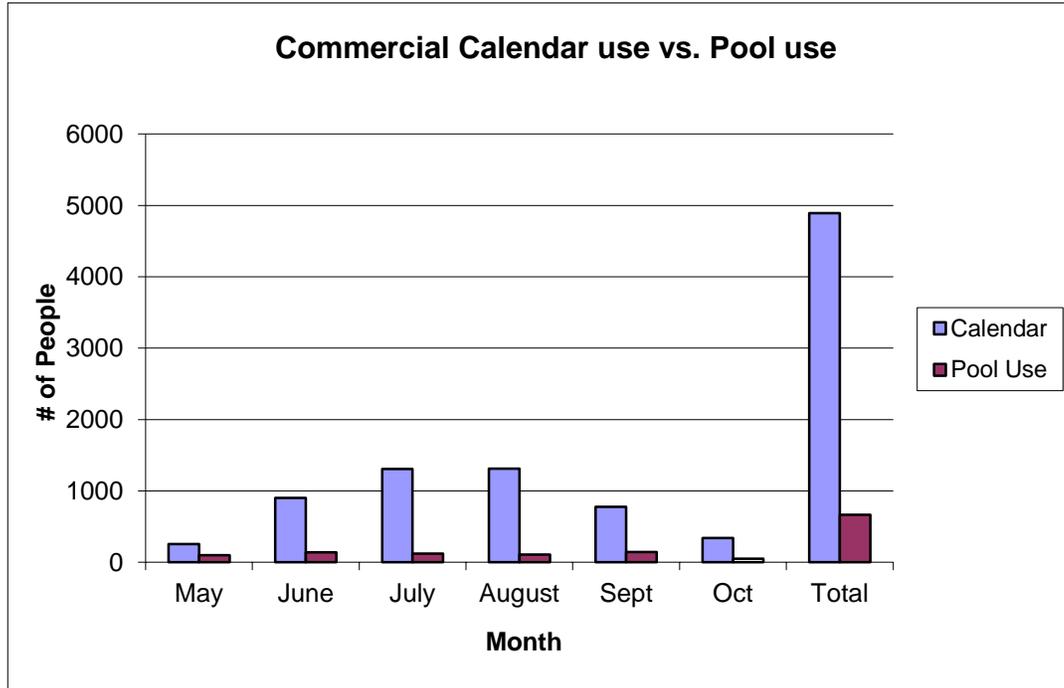
## 2015 Noncommercial Actual Use: Lottery vs. Pool Monthly

Month	Lottery Use	% of Use	Pool Use	% of Use	Total Actual Use
May	207	45%	248	55%	455
June	727	50%	722	50%	1449
July	917	57%	704	43%	1621
August	821	57%	621	43%	1442
Sept	429	38%	688	0%	1117
Oct	46	10%	422	90%	468
<b>Total</b>	<b>3147</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>3405</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>6552</b>



## 2015 Commercial Actual Use: Calendar vs. Pool Monthly

Month	Calendar	% of Use	Pool Use	% of Use	Total Actual Use
May	254	72%	99	28%	353
June	901	86%	141	14%	1042
July	1309	91%	123	9%	1432
August	1311	92%	107	8%	1418
Sept	776	84%	146	16%	922
Oct	340	87%	51	13%	391
<b>Total</b>	<b>4891</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>5558</b>



**Noncommercial Party Size Tally  
Totals for 2015**

<b>Party Size</b>	<b>Number of Parties</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
1	49	49
2	273	546
3	105	315
4	169	676
5	88	440
6	91	546
7	67	469
8	74	592
9	44	396
10	43	430
11	21	231
12	33	396
13	25	325
14	15	210
15	13	195
16	10	160
17	9	153
18	4	72
19	9	171
20	9	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>6552</b>

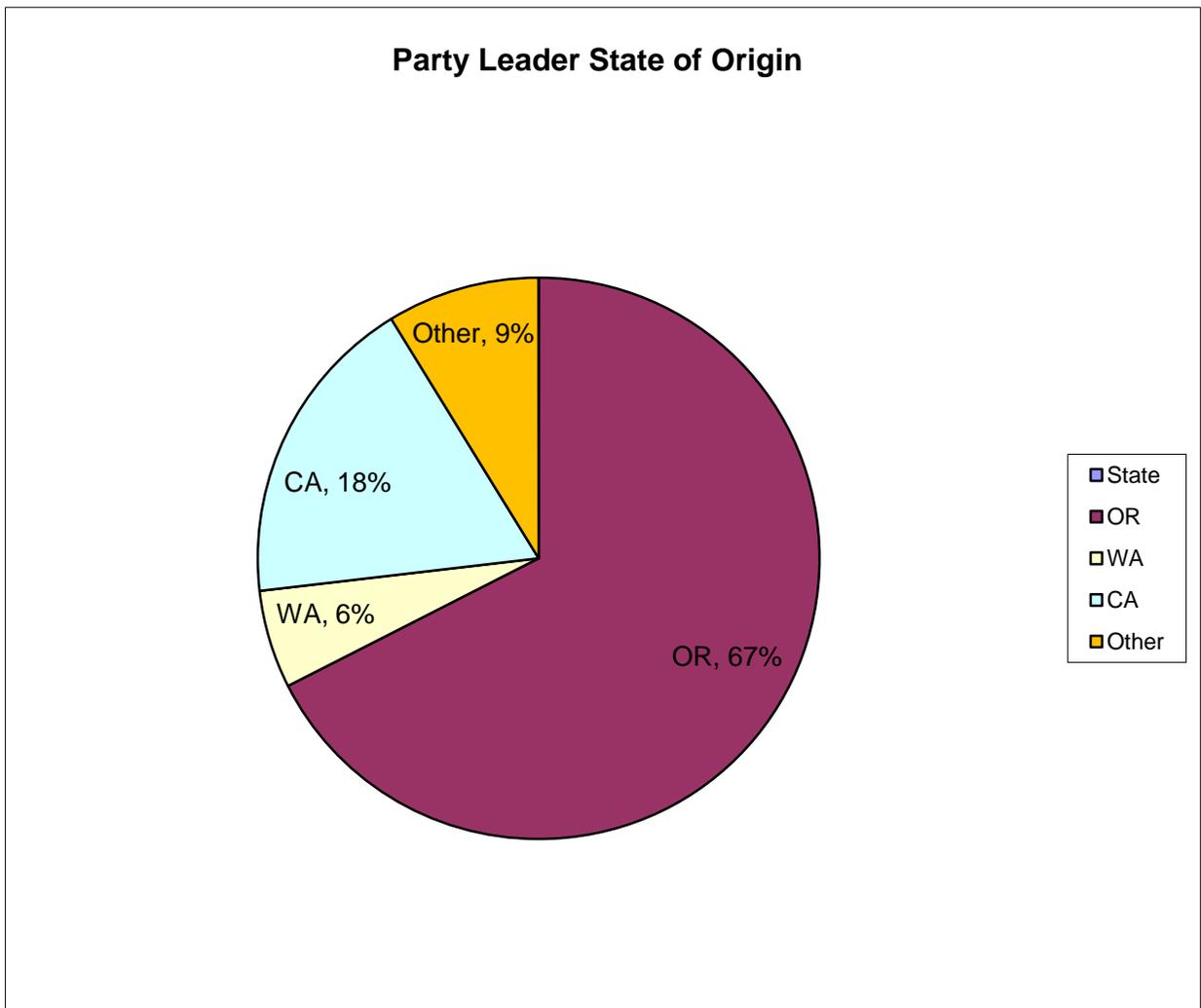
**Party Leader's State of Origin**

<b>State</b>	<b>Number</b>
OR	777
WA	65
CA	208
Other	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>1151</b>

**Average Party Size = 5.69**

## Party Leader's State of Origin

State	Number
OR	777
WA	65
CA	208
Other	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>1151</b>



## Commercial Party Size Tally TOTAL

Party Size	Number of Parties	Number of People
1	0	0
2	6	12
3	13	39
4	15	60
5	17	85
6	18	108
7	31	217
8	20	160
9	17	153
10	25	250
11	13	143
12	29	348
13	36	468
14	28	392
15	33	495
16	38	608
17	13	221
18	27	486
19	35	665
20	11	220
21	3	63
22	10	220
23	10	230
24	10	240
25	17	425
26	8	208
27	10	270
28	9	252
29	3	87
30	3	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>7215</b>

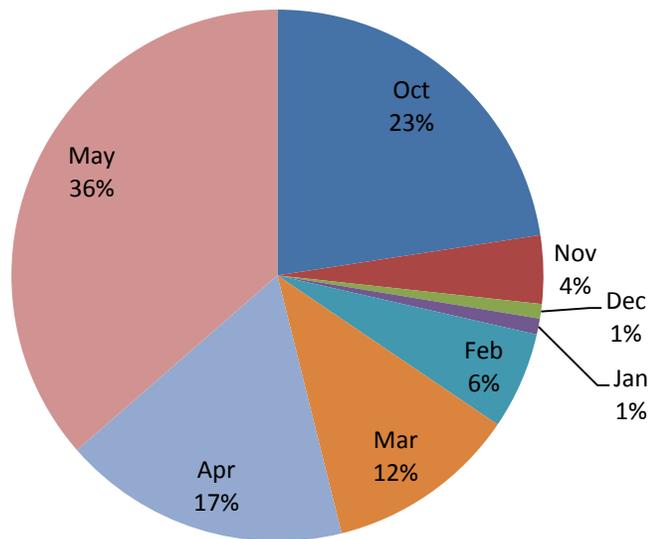
\*guides are included in party sizes

**Average Party Size = 14.203**

### Off Season Totals (2014-2015)

Month	Number of Boats	Number of Parties	Number of People
Oct	136	40	256
Nov	29	11	47
Dec	4	1	10
Jan	7	3	11
Feb	45	10	67
Mar	76	27	132
Apr	129	44	198
May	203	65	413
<b>Totals</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>1134</b>

### No. of People by Month



Permits are voluntary during the Off Season, Oct 16 - May 14.  
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