

Abstract

Title: Socioeconomic profile of indoor climbers in Prague

Objectives: The aim of this thesis is to determine the number of indoor climbers in Prague and to describe their socioeconomic profile.

Methods: The research part of this thesis was divided into two parts in order to fulfill the objectives:

1. The number of indoor climbers was determined on the basis of number of sold entrance tickets in the particular climbing walls.
2. The personal questioning was used in order to create the socioeconomic profile of indoor climbers

The research was conducted in six large climbing walls in Prague during five weeks. There were 360 respondents in total.

Results: There are 4 115 indoor climbers in Prague. Their characteristic is following. Proportion of men and women is 3 : 1. The majority of indoor climbers (90%) is younger than 40 years. 71% of indoor climbers do also the rock climbing. Only one third (34%) is a member of Czech Mountaineering Federation. 17% of climbers do not do the indoor climbing in summer and the average number of visits per week declines from 1,9 to 1,2 in summer. There are 68% of economically active indoor climbers and the rest 32% are students. In comparison to the average population in Prague the climbers are considered as higher educated and with higher income. However, the level of the income of a climber does not influence his expenses on indoor climbing gear.

Conclusion: The number of indoor climbers in Prague is increasing. Only 0,33% of population of Prague climb in indoor walls actively The majority of the climbers have higher average incomes and education.

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