

Abstract

Title: Climbers on artificial walls in Prague and their socio-economic characteristics

Objectives: The aim of this thesis is to explore the socioeconomic profile of indoor climbers in Prague

Methods: The personal questioning was used as the method to get the information about climbers and their socioeconomic profile. There are 180 questionnaires collected in November and December on the chosen artificial walls.

Results: The interviewed climbers on the chosen artificial walls are men in 61 % and women in 39 %. 90 % of them are aged between 20 – 39. Only 24 % of the climbers devote strictly to the climbing on the artificial walls, the other 76 % do both climbing on the artificial walls and climbing on the rocks in the nature. The majority of the climbers (57 %) have permanent residence in Prague. The biggest part of the climbers prefer to climb in both winter and summer seasons 1 – 2 per week. Usually they do climbing 1 – 2 years (24 %) and 4 -5 years (20%). 21 % of the climbers do not climb during the summer season on the artificial walls at all. There are in summary 38 % of the respondents registered in Czech Mountaineering Federation. 54 % of the climbers are people who graduated from the university. The percentage of people with university degree between climbers is higher than the percentage of all inhabitants with university degree in Prague.

Conclusion: The climbers on the artificial walls are mainly young people. This sport is popular between people with university degree. The most of the climbers do both – climbing on the artificial walls and climbing on the rocks in the nature. Nearly the half of the climbers are not members of any federation. The average wage of the climbers is the same as the average wage of the other inhabitants of Prague.

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