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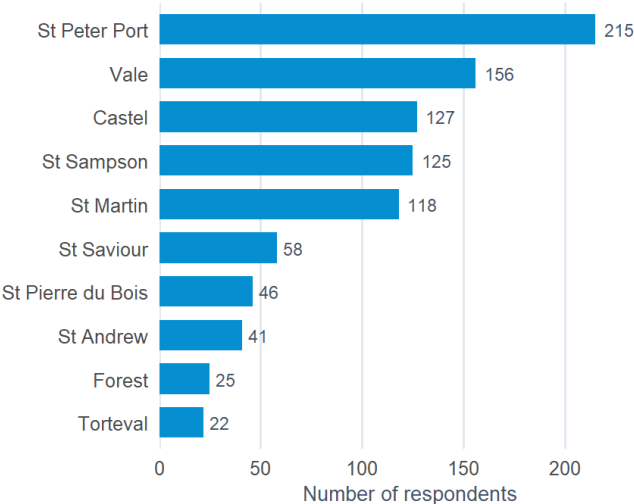
Survey Overview

This report summarises the results from the **2025 People and Nature Survey for Guernsey**. It is based on **941** responses. The report looks at how people use natural spaces, how often they visit and the reasons. It also includes what people see as the main environmental pressures, and how views differ by age and gender.

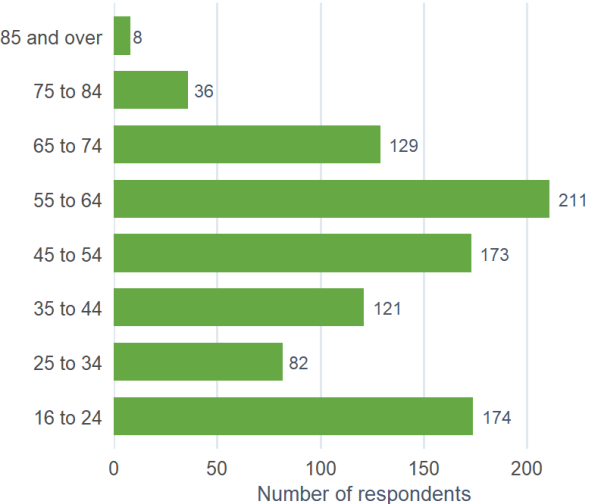
Survey Participants

Who Responded:

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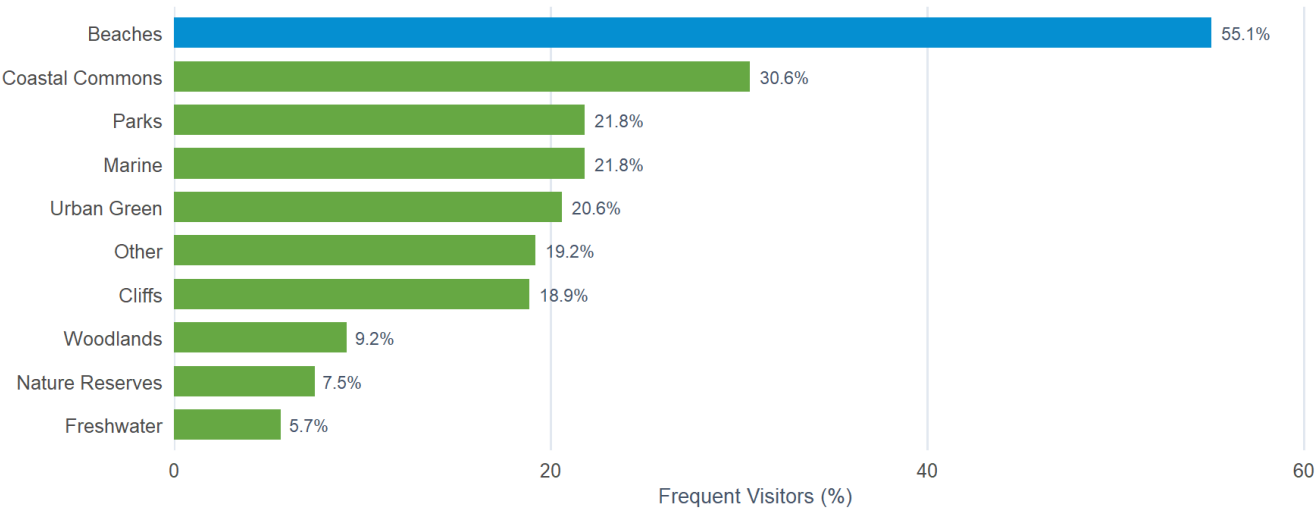
By Age



Note: 'Prefer not to say' responses excluded from demographic charts.

Use of Natural Spaces

Natural Spaces Visited Most Frequently - Daily or Weekly



Beaches are the most popular natural spaces. More than half of respondents (55.1%) visit Guernsey's Beaches every day or every week. We asked swimmers to select 'Marine' instead of 'Beaches', although beaches are still an important part of swimming for many. Woodlands have fewer visitors but the people who use them visit often. Regular woodland visits average one visit a day. Easy access to woodlands can help people build daily habits, such as outdoor exercise.

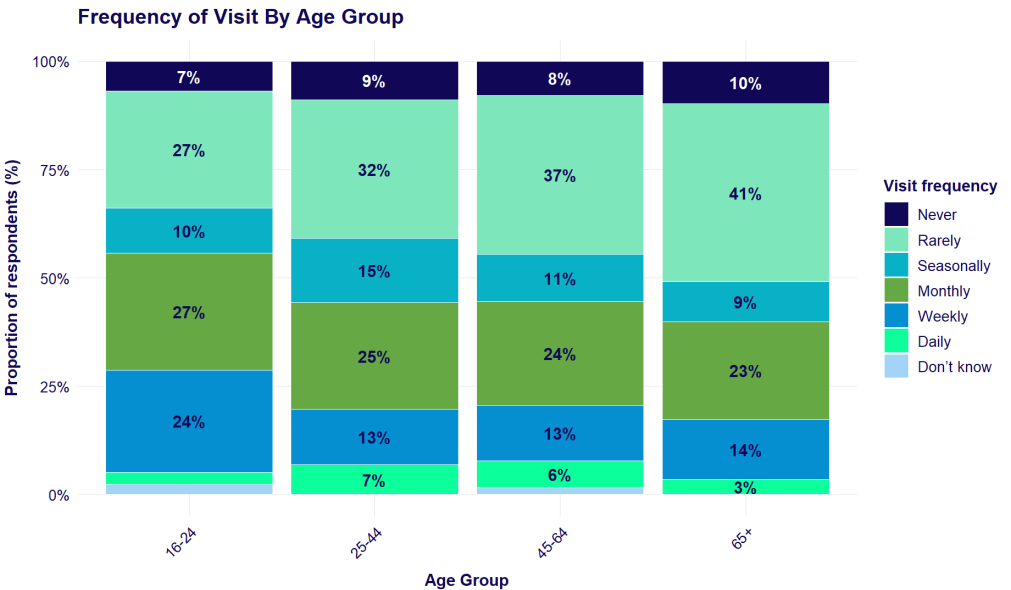
People also regularly use Coastal Commons, Marine, Parks and Urban Green categories. 'Other' includes areas such as Guernsey's green lanes and La Valette Bathing Pools - these were additional locations provided by survey respondents.

Frequency of All Visits to Natural Spaces

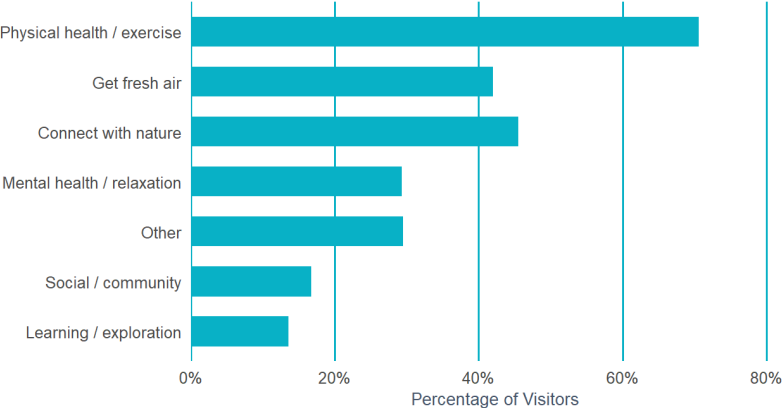
In Guernsey, most people live close enough to natural spaces that distance is not a major barrier. People who live within 15 minutes of a natural space visit about as often as those who live further away.

Age affects how often people visit natural spaces, with those aged **16-24** visiting most often. Visits to natural spaces decline steadily with age. The **65+** group visit natural spaces least often, with **41%** visiting rarely and **10%** never visiting these spaces at all. Retirees are least likely to have made a frequent habit of visiting natural spaces compared to students or workers.

Women engage more with nature 'seasonally' compared to men who visit more frequently.



Reasons for Visiting Natural Spaces



Physical activity is an important reason for visiting natural spaces for all groups, especially for people without children. Parents with children make 3-7 visits per fortnight to natural spaces whereas people without children visit more often with a high visit rate of 8-14 visits per fortnight. For parents, natural spaces are useful places for childcare and spending time together as a family.

Fresh air and time outdoors are important reasons to visit natural spaces for all visitors.

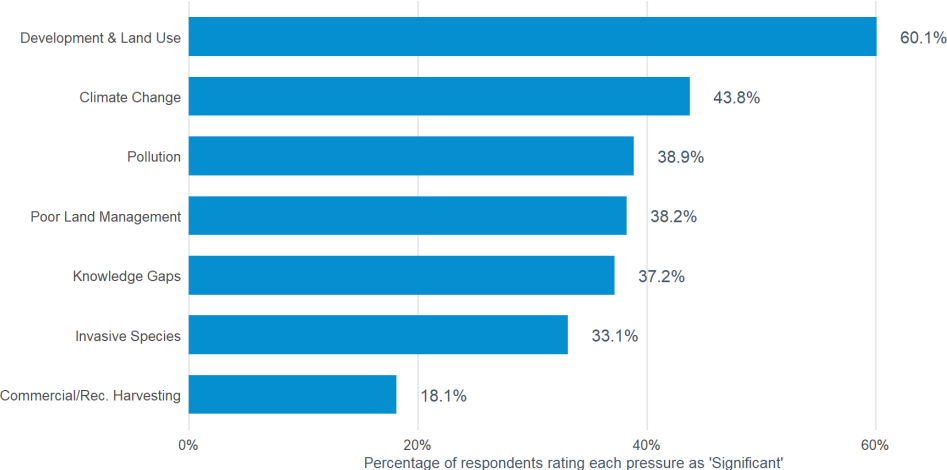
Environmental Pressures

“Development & Land Use” was a concern for 60.1% of people. It was the top environmental pressure for every age group from 16 to 74.

Women are more likely than men to see environmental pressures as serious. Men are three times more likely than women to say they have low or no concern about the environment (7.6% vs 2.5%).

Overall, **83%** of people are concerned about pressure on the environment.

Pressures on the Natural Environment



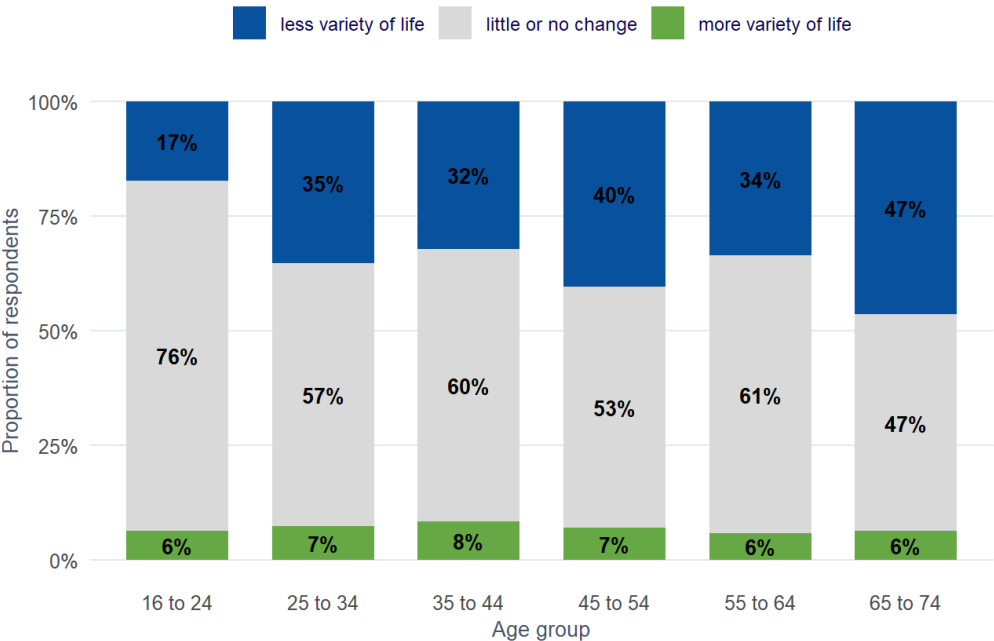
Note: Respondents were able to select more than one pressure.

Loss of Biodiversity

In the short term, most people expect 'little or no change' in species variety. However, over 25 years, over **60%** across every single demographic group expect 'less variety of life'. This represents a near-universal loss of confidence in Guernsey's environmental trajectory within a single generation, but this is not being connected to the short term.

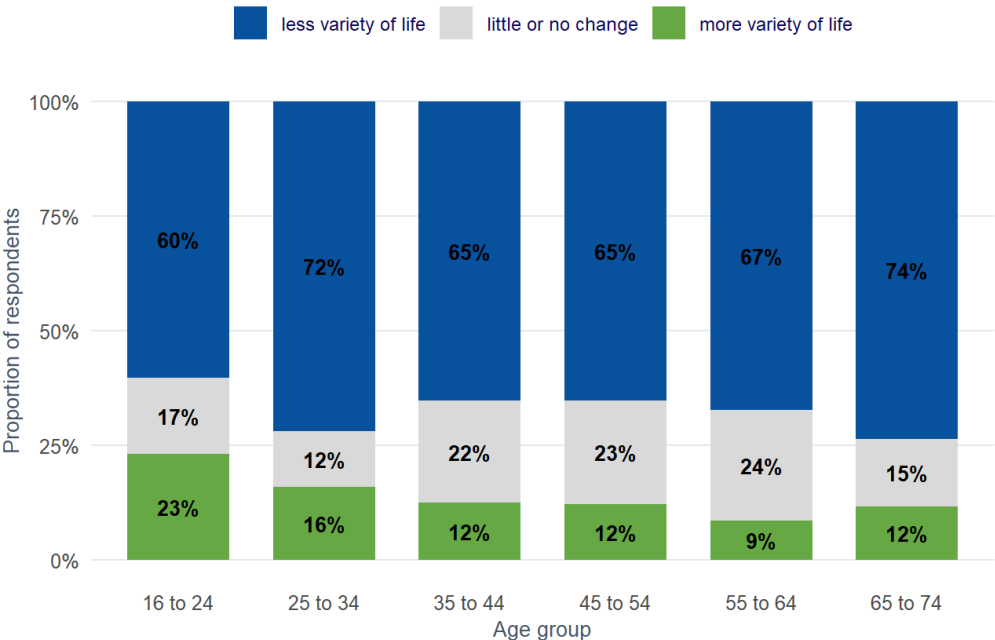
The 16–24 group is the most optimistic cohort at 5 years, with only **17%** expecting a decline in species variety. By the 25-year horizon, the figure rises to **60%**. Young residents see the current environment as a stable baseline, but have more pessimistic expectations for biodiversity in their future.

Perceptions of biodiversity in 5 years' time



Note: age groups with fewer than 20 respondents excluded.

Perceptions of biodiversity in 25 years' time



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The highest level of long-term pessimism is in the **65 to 74** age group (74% expecting decline) and the **25 to 34** age group (72% expecting decline). Both young professionals and those approaching retirement share a strong sense that current environmental trajectories will lead to substantial biodiversity loss within a generation.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the People & Nature Survey 2025. The results clearly show that natural spaces play an important part in the lives of people in Guernsey, with 84% of people visiting natural spaces in the 14 days prior to completing the survey.

For more results from the People & Nature Survey 2025, [visit the Nature Commission website](#) where you can also find information about nature in Guernsey and Herm and how you can help.

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