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The “inhabitant footprints” of second home owners in Alpine resort communities: anyone at home?

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Questionnaire

Scientific research on second homes in the Alps

7 minutes

This questionnaire is intended for owners of second home(s)*. This research aims to gain a better understanding of the use of second homes in Alpine countries. In particular, this project is to assesses the dwelling habits of households in several areas.

The anonymous answers to this questionnaire will be used for university research purposes only. This is a PhD thesis supervised by the EDYTEM laboratory - UMR5204 CNRS of the University of Savoie Mont Blanc in France.

**The term second home is used in the questionnaire to refer to a property you own that is not your permanent home, e.g. a holiday home or a cottage or furnished tourist accommodation.*

Responses accepted until end of March 2023.

You can answer this questionnaire through the QR code



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1. Are you the owner(s) of the dwelling where this questionnaire was received?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (the questionnaire is intended for owners of the accommodation only. Please do not complete it if you are a tenant or a tourist visitor)

2. Please, specify what is your municipality and district ?

- ☐ Les Menuires ☐ Val Thorens
- ☐ Saint Martin de Belleville (ski resort)
- ☐ Hamlets in the valley of Belleville

3. If so, is this accommodation?

- ☐ my second home.
- ☐ a furnished accommodation for tourist rental that belongs to a classified commercial residential establishment.
- ☐ a furnished accommodation for tourist rental outside a classified commercial accommodation establishment.
- ☐ a vacant home.
- ☐ a rental investment for a tenant or tenants as a main residence (please return the questionnaire with this answer only).
- ☐ my main residence (please return the questionnaire with this answer only).

4. Do you have another second home or another furnished holiday home?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to question => 6).

5. If yes, indicate the number of second homes or furnished tourist accommodations you own:

..... second homes (s) in this municipality

..... second homes (s) elsewhere (please name the county or region or country if elsewhere):

..... furnished tourist accommodation in this municipality

..... furnished tourist accommodation elsewhere (please name the county, region or country if elsewhere):

The rest of the questionnaire concerns only the accommodation where the questionnaire was received.

Built environment

6. Your second home is:

- ☐ a flat in a building with less than 10 units
- ☐ a flat in a building of 10 units and plus
- ☐ a house ☐ a cottage ☐ other. Please specify:.....

7. How many bed(s) does your second home have?

- ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

8. How many room(s) does your second home have?

- ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

9. How is the dwelling heated?

- ☐ Gas ☐ Heating oil ☐ Electric ☐ Solar ☐ Wood ☐ Other

10. In which condition is the accommodation?

- ☐ Renovated ☐ New (Go to question => 12)
- ☐ Original, non-renovated condition (Go to question => 12)

11. If the second home has been renovated, what changes were made? (Multiple answers are possible)

- ☐ Replacement of furniture ☐ Repair of walls/floors
- ☐ Replacement of the kitchen and the bathroom ☐ Area extension
- ☐ Insulation / heating system ☐ Others (Please specify):.....

12. How far is your second home from the Tourist Board?

- ☐ Less than 10 min walk away
- ☐ Between 10 and 30 min walk away
- ☐ More than 30 min walk away

13. How do you usually travel to your second home (several choices possible)?

- ☐ Car ☐ Public transport ☐ Plane and taxi
☐ I never go there. ☐ Other.

14. Approximately how far is your second home from your main home?

- ☐ In the same municipality ☐ Less than 1 h ☐ Between 1h to 2h
☐ Between 2h to 3h ☐ Between 3 to 6 h ☐ Between 6h to 8h
☐ More than 8 h

15. What is the county, region or country (if different) of your main residence:

Second home ownership

16. How long have you owned this second home?

- ☐ Less than 2 year ☐ Between 2 and 5 years
☐ Between 6 and 10 years ☐ Between 11 and 30 years
☐ Since always (family heritage)

17. How did you come to own this second home?

- ☐ Inheritance ☐ Purchased, new construction
☐ Purchased, existing housing stock ☐ Other:.....

18. Is the ownership of this second home shared?

- ☐ No ☐ Real estate investment trust
☐ Joint property ☐ Other. (Please specify):.....

19. Prior to purchasing this second home, did you check whether the following facilities were available nearby? (Multiples answers are possible)

- ☐ Ski area ☐ Other leisure activities
☐ Public transport ☐ Shops ☐ Health care services
☐ Cultural events ☐ Jobs' opportunities
☐ Town planning rules ☐ Local taxation ☐ School or high school
☐ None ☐ Other. (Please specify):.....

If you or your family visit your second home... (if not, please go question 36)

20. What were the different types of personal and family use of your second home in the first year after you became the owner? (Multiple answers are possible)

- ☐ For leisure time ☐ For a seasonal job
☐ To work remotely ☐ Other. (Please specify):.....

The following questions relate to the experience of the past year from June 2021 to May 2022 in order to exclude periods of general lockdown, and closure of ski lifts.

21. From June 2021 to May 2022, what were the different types of personal and family use of your second home? (Multiple answers are possible)

- ☐ For leisure time ☐ For a seasonal job
☐ To work remotely ☐ Other (Please specify):.....

22. From June 2021 to May 2022, when did you and your family, visit your second home? (Tick all the months that are fully or partly concerned)

- ☐ June ☐ July ☐ August ☐ September ☐ October ☐ November
☐ December ☐ January ☐ February ☐ March ☐ April ☐ May

23. From June 2021 to May 2022, how often did you and your family stay there?

- ☐ Never ☐ Every weekend ☐ 1 to 2 weekends per month
☐ 1 to 2 weeks per year ☐ 2 weeks to 1 month per year
☐ 1 to 3 months per year ☐ 3 to 6 months per year
☐ 6 to 12 months per year

24. From June 2021 to May 2022, how much time did you spend in your main residence compared to your second home(s)?

On 100% of your residential time (where you sleep):

- % in the main home
..... % in a second home in this municipality
.....% other second homes (optional)
.....% other types of overnight stays (optional)

25. From June 2021 to May 2022, how many weeks did you lend your second home to relatives or friends?week(s)

26. Since you bought the second home, the annual duration of occupancy (personal use or rental) has in general:

- ☐ decreased ☐ increased ☐ unchanged (Go to the question 28)

27. Referring to previous question, the annual duration of occupancy has changed by? week(s).

28. If it has increased, it is this due to... ? (Multiple answers are possible)

- ☐ a change in my employment situation
☐ a desire to be closer to family
☐ a change in family situation
☐ reaching retirement age
☐ the Covid health crisis
☐ more possibilities to work remotely
☐ new public services and infrastructures in the vicinity
☐ better access to the accommodation by transport
☐ another reason. Please specify:

29. If it has decreased, is this due to....? (Multiple answers are possible)

- ☐ higher prices for leisure activities
☐ insufficient public transport
☐ the desire to travel to other destinations
☐ due to COVID health restrictions
☐ another reason. (Please specify):.....

30. Do you plan to stay at your second home more often?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes, in the coming months (Go to the question 32)
☐ Yes, in the coming years (Go to the question 32)

31. If you answered no to the previous question, please specify why? (Multiples answers are possible)

- ☐ The accommodation is not suitable for a permanent home (size, living comfort, needs renovation...)
☐ Too far from my job
☐ Lack of flexibility in the rental management to allow me to stay more often
☐ I prefer to live in my main residence
☐ Lack of cultural events all year round
☐ Lack of public services (nursery, post office, etc)
☐ Lack of open shops in the low tourist seasons
☐ Lack of health care services all year round
☐ The schooling of children
☐ I am planning to sell my second home
☐ Too far from my family
☐ Too many tourist in this municipality
☐ Other. (Please specify):.....

32. If you answered yes to the question 28, please specify why? (Multiples answers are possible)

- ☐ The living environment is more pleasant than my main residence
☐ I can work remotely
☐ Due to a change in my employment situation
☐ I prefer to spend my holidays in this second home rather than visiting others destinations
☐ I plan to stay at this home permanently for my retirement.
☐ To enjoy mountain activities more often
☐ Because I have a garden
☐ Other. (Please specify):.....

33. Would you or your family be willing to occupy the second home more often if there were: (Multiples answers are possible)

- ☐ More jobs opportunities
☐ More cultural and leisure activities all year round
☐ Shops open all year round
☐ More public transport
☐ An increase in health care services and the development of health and wellness tourism
☐ Renovation to increase the comfort and/or change the size of the home
☐ Financial support for renovation to improve the energy performance of housing (insulation, heating system).
☐ More tariff advantages (discount) in the resort

☐ Others. (Please specify):.....

☐ The accommodation is already occupied every week of the year

34. Have you switched your second home and your main home since the COVID 19 health crisis (not only administratively)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

35. If not, have you considered it in the coming months?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have already rented or are renting your accommodation... (if not, please go question 43)

36. Was the accommodation purchased under a tax relief and rented out over several years?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

37. Did you intend to use the accommodation for yourself after recovering your investment through rent?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

38. In the first year after you became the owner, approximately how many weeks per year was your accommodation rented? week(s).

The following questions relate to the experience of the past year from June 2021 to May 2022 in order to exclude periods of general lockdown, and closure of ski lifts.

39. From June 2021 to May 2022, approximately how many weeks per year was your accommodation rented? week(s).

40. From June 2021 to May 2022, when did you rent out your accommodation? (Tick all the months that are fully or partly concerned)

- ☐ June ☐ July ☐ August ☐ September ☐ October ☐ November
☐ December ☐ January ☐ February ☐ March ☐ April ☐ May

41. From June 2021 to May 2022, how did you rent out your accommodation? (Multiples answers are possible)

- ☐ Tourist rental through an estate agency
☐ Online tourist rental website (Airbnb; Booking..)
☐ Tourist rental through a tourist agency
☐ Tourist rental with my own network
☐ Rental for seasonal workers
☐ Rental as permanent housing
☐ Other. (Please specify):.....

42. If the annual rental period has increased since it was rented out, what are the reasons (several choices possible)?

- ☐ It didn't increased ☐ Professionally rented (Agency...)
☐ A renovation has made the accommodation more attractive
☐ More leisure activities were developed nearby
☐ Other. (Please specify):.....

Intent to rent in future

43. In the next five years, do you plan to rent out more often your second home?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

44. Would you decide to rent out or increase the rental period of your second home... ? (Multiples answers are possible)

- ☐ to cover the costs (energy bills, condominiums fees)
☐ to obtain rental income
☐ to obtain additional advantages or discount in the resort
☐ to support local economy and maintain local commodities
☐ if you received public financial aid for renovation
☐ with a concierge service to manage the arrival and departure of tenants
☐ in case of renovation on the common parts of the co-ownership
☐ others. (Please specify):.....

45. If you answered no to the previous question, please specify why? (Multiples answers are possible)

- ☐ Lack of flexibility in rental management to control the availability of the property for my own use
☐ Concerns about potential deterioration of the property
☐ Renovation is necessary, but it would be too expensive
☐ I plan to visit my second home more often
☐ I plan to sell the property
☐ Others. (Please specify):.....

Longer-term plans for housing

46. In your opinion, how might the development of tourism in the municipality affect the length of time your second home would be occupied in the next 10 years?

- ☐ No impact ☐ Will reduce ☐ Will increase

47. In your opinion, how might the climate change affect the length of time your second home would be occupied in the next 20 years?

- ☐ No impact ☐ Will reduce ☐ Will increase

48. In the longer term do you think that your second home would be:

- ☐ held and used by your children ☐ sold by your children
☐ sold on my own ☐ others. (Please specify):.....

Internet connection and remote work

49. Do you have an internet connection in your second home (excluding mobile phones)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to question => 52)

50. How often do you (or members of your family) work remotely from your second home?

- ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ 1 to 2 times a week ☐ Every day

51. Would improved conditions for remote work help increase the amount of time you spend at your second home (Multiples answers are possible)?

- ☐ No, because I am retired or unemployed
☐ No, it is not feasible to do my job remotely

- ☐ Yes, if internet speed increased
☐ Yes, if there were a coworking offices nearby in the municipality
☐ Others. (Please specify):.....

Local ties and practices

52. Do you know your second home neighbours?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

53. Is your main general doctor located closer to:

- ☐ Your main home ☐ Your second home

54. How many times a year do you do leisure activities in the surroundings of your second home (winter sports, summer activities)?

- ☐ 1 to 10 times a year ☐ Weekly ☐ Never

55. Are you a member of any associations in the municipality of your second home?

- ☐ None ☐ 1 to 3 ☐ More than 3

56. Do you follow the news of the municipality of your second home and/or participate in public meetings?

- ☐ Yes ☐ Occasionally ☐ No

57. Do you vote in the municipality of your second home?

- ☐ Yes ☐ Occasionally ☐ No

58. Do you feel like an inhabitant of the municipality of your second home?

- ☐ Yes ☐ Rather yes ☐ Rather no ☐ No

59. On average, how much do you spend annually for food and leisure in the municipality of your second home?..... €

60. What is the approximate annual energy bill for your second home?..... €

Socio-demographic profile

61. What is your family situation?

- ☐ Couple with dependent children ☐ Single parent family
☐ Couple with no dependent children ☐ Single ☐ Widowed

62. What is your current socio-professional category?

- ☐ Retired ☐ Seasonal worker ☐ Student ☐ Employed
☐ Company owner ☐ Unemployed ☐ Others:.....

63. What is your field of education and working experience? (Multiples answers are possible)

- ☐ Agriculture ☐ Shops / Trade ☐ Tourism ☐ Administration
☐ Banking / insurance ☐ Transport / logistics ☐ Culture
☐ Communication / Media ☐ Industry ☐ Construction
☐ Education, Research and Consulting ☐ Health / Social Services
☐ Others. (Please specify):.....

64. What is your age group?

- ☐ 18 to 39 years ☐ 40 to 59 years
☐ 60 to 74 years ☐ 75 years and more+

65. Average annual net income of the household in euros:

- ☐ 0K to 20K ☐ 20K to 40K ☐ 40K to 60K ☐ More than 60K

Thank you very much for your time and valuable contribution.