

# Chapter 5: Regional Demographics

As mentioned previously, the natural resource base of the four Forest Service RPA Assessment regions of the United States—the North, the South, the Rocky Mountains, and the Pacific Coast—differ in many ways. These differences lead to regional variations in recreation patterns. In this chapter, demographics are presented at the Forest Service RPA Assessment region level. In conjunction with the national demographic participation estimates presented in Chapter 3, public land management agencies will benefit from the more specific estimates presented in these regional tables.

This Chapter consists of ten regional demographic tables. The first three tables segment the population by age (Table 5.1), race (Table 5.2), and gender (Table 5.3). In addition, there are three tables reflecting differences in social status; annual income (Table 5.4), the number of cars in the household (Table 5.10), and amount of education obtained (Table 5.7). The remaining four tables present differences in family or household characteristics. These encompass

the total number of persons (Table 5.5), the number of family members (Table 5.6), the number of persons 16 years of age or older (Table 5.8), and the number of persons 6 years of age or younger (Table 5.9) living in a household.

Three participation estimates are presented for each of the 13 activity groups and 81 activities. The top number in each cell is the total number of participants (in millions). Presented next is the percent of a particular demographic group which participates (column percentage), followed by the percent of participants in each activity belonging to each demographic group (row percentage).

There are four editions of this report, one for each of the four Forest Service RPA Assessment regions. Sets of the other regional tables may be obtained upon request to the authors. In addition, more detailed demographic tables by the nine Forest Service regions are also available upon request.