

Table 16: Selected activities by sex, 2006

Activity	MALES		FEMALES		PERSONS	
	Number (‘000)	Participation rate (%)	Number (‘000)	Participation rate (%)	Number (‘000)	Participation rate (%)
Aerobics/fitness	1,211.8	14.8	1,949.5	23.2	3,161.3	19.1
Aquarobics	32.9	0.4	194.8	2.3	227.6	1.4
Athletics/track and field	58.9	0.7	34.8	0.4	93.6	0.6
Australian football	403.5	4.9	42.3	0.5	445.8	2.7
Badminton	82.7	1.0	59.4	0.7	142.1	0.9
Baseball	30.1	0.4	**6.6	**0.1	36.7	0.2
Basketball	340.1	4.2	201.5	2.4	541.6	3.3
Billiards/snooker/pool	29.4	0.4	*7.0	*0.1	36.4	0.2
Boxing	77.6	0.9	35.7	0.4	113.3	0.7
Canoeing/kayaking	71.1	0.9	50.7	0.6	121.9	0.7
Carpet bowls	*14.5	*0.2	*26.4	*0.3	40.9	0.2
Cricket (indoor)	138.0	1.7	*11.2	*0.1	149.2	0.9
Cricket (outdoor)	474.3	5.8	50.1	0.6	524.4	3.2
Cycling	1,079.9	13.2	602.8	7.2	1,682.8	10.1
Dancing	72.5	0.9	326.8	3.9	399.3	2.4
Darts	*14.4	*0.2	*8.3	*0.1	*22.7	*0.1
Fishing	309.4	3.8	46.7	0.6	356.1	2.1
Football (indoor)	254.6	3.1	55.4	0.7	310.1	1.9
Football (outdoor)	519.9	6.4	177.5	2.1	697.4	4.2
Golf	890.3	10.9	241.7	2.9	1,132.0	6.8
Gymnastics	**3.4	**0	37.3	0.4	40.7	0.2
Hockey (indoor)	*8.4	*0.1	*17.9	*0.2	*26.3	*0.2
Hockey (outdoor)	71.8	0.9	85.9	1.0	157.6	1.0
Horse riding/equestrian activities/polocrosse	48.2	0.6	165.6	2.0	213.9	1.3
Ice/snow sports	114.1	1.4	63.7	0.8	177.7	1.1
Lawn bowls	211.5	2.6	139.0	1.7	350.5	2.1
Martial arts	154.9	1.9	150.9	1.8	305.8	1.8
Motor sports	181.5	2.2	*25.5	*0.3	207.0	1.2
Netball	57.9	0.7	536.0	6.4	593.9	3.6
Orienteering	46.9	0.6	28.1	0.3	74.9	0.5
Rock climbing	62.4	0.8	*17.9	*0.2	80.3	0.5
Roller sports	80.9	1.0	*18.8	*0.2	99.7	0.6
Rowing	40.1	0.5	26.9	0.3	67.0	0.4
Rugby league	184.7	2.3	*25.1	*0.3	209.8	1.3
Rugby union	158.5	1.9	**6.7	**0.1	165.3	1.0
Running	755.3	9.2	468.8	5.6	1,224.1	7.4
Sailing	71.7	0.9	*18.8	*0.2	90.5	0.5
Scuba diving	57.1	0.7	*21.2	*0.3	78.3	0.5
Shooting sports	77.8	1.0	**5.0	**0.1	82.8	0.5
Softball	*16.5	*0.2	31.8	0.4	48.3	0.3
Squash/racquetball	148.9	1.8	71.0	0.8	219.8	1.3
Surf sports	314.3	3.8	71.8	0.9	386.1	2.3
Swimming	990.5	12.1	1,266.3	15.1	2,256.9	13.6
Table tennis	56.2	0.7	*23.5	*0.3	79.7	0.5
Tennis	592.0	7.2	538.7	6.4	1,130.7	6.8
Tenpin bowling	57.2	0.7	59.5	0.7	116.7	0.7
Touch football	283.0	3.5	118.6	1.4	401.6	2.4
Triathlon	41.8	0.5	*13.5	*0.2	55.3	0.3
Volleyball	102.8	1.3	93.7	1.1	196.5	1.2
Walking (bush)	358.4	4.4	415.7	4.9	774.0	4.7
Walking (other)	2,141.1	26.2	3,860.6	45.9	6,001.7	36.2
Water polo	*10.3	*0.1	*26.4	*0.3	36.7	0.2
Waterskiing/powerboating	106.4	1.3	35.8	0.4	142.2	0.9
Weight training	288.4	3.5	221.0	2.6	509.4	3.1
Yoga	42.1	0.5	445.4	5.3	487.5	2.9

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