

# North-West Russia Wiki-Historians User Group (NWR-Hist; Группа «Вики-краеведы Северо-Запада России»)

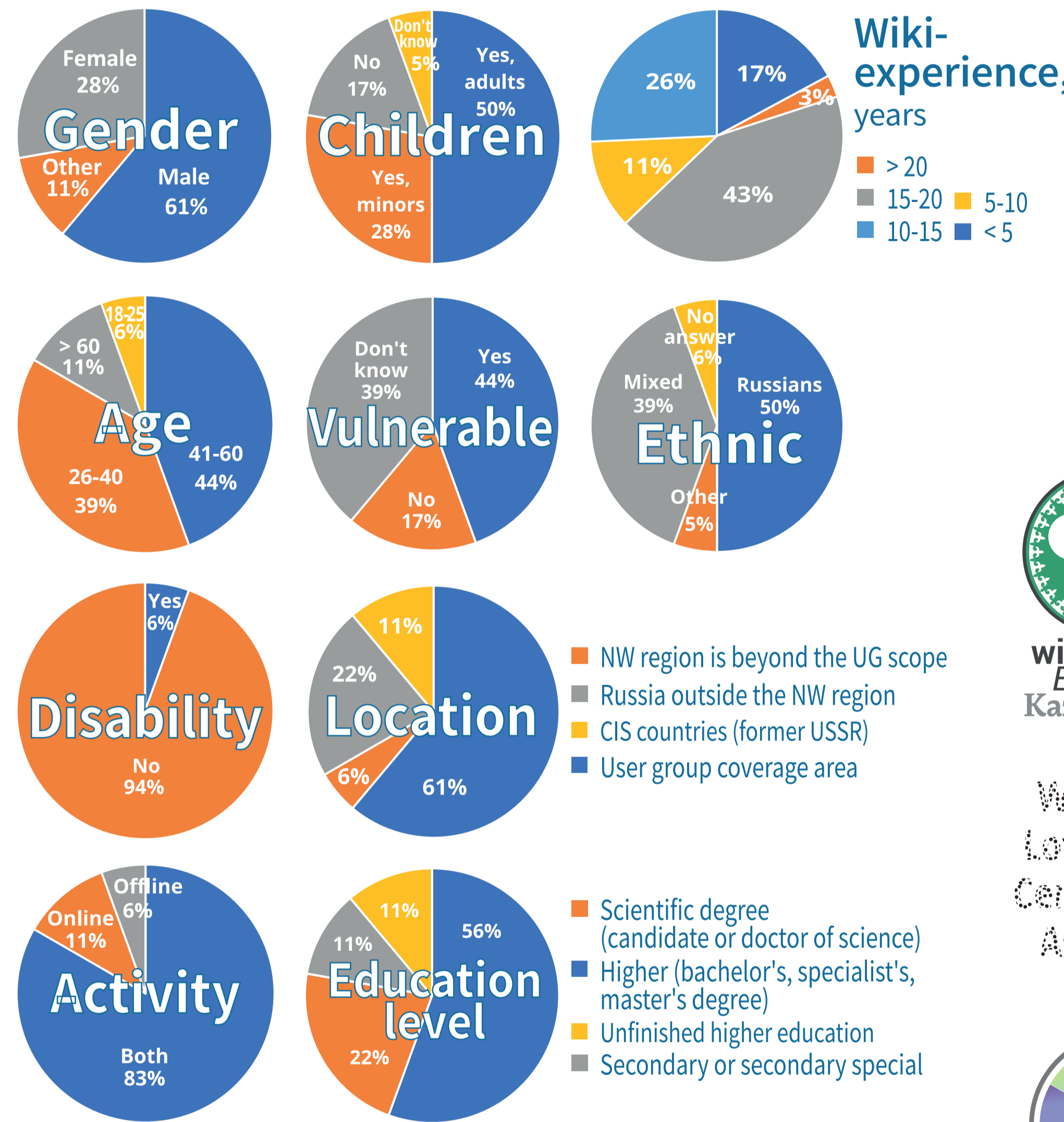
is a group of people interested in various topics related with North-West Russia local history, across all Wikimedia projects in all languages



## About us

35 wiki-members total (~20 active)  
 some non-wiki members

\* Some diagrams based on answers from active members only



## Tales from Northwest

### Wiki moves trains

There is a river in Southwest Karelia called Janisjoki and it has many interesting locations around so we've decided to make a Wikivoyage article on it even regarding it wasn't considered as a place good for guidebook before. Doing that we've established bunch of contacts with local historians and experts in area, one of them has joined and still active.

In the next tourist season after this we've noticed that this area started to appear in travel-blogs with descriptions like "look what hidden gem I've found". This area is located near Sortavala town and Ruskeala national park that was already rather popular and went from poor and empty locations in 2010 to fancy tourist places now and these blog posts have lead to noticeable increase of tours around and along Janisjoki that, afterwards, forced Russian Railways to bring back suburban train route through area that was closed since 2012.

### Wiki brings monuments

In July 2022 we made a photographic expedition to Luzhsky District of Leningrad Oblast and found bunch of 1900-ish Art nouveau buildings along Oredezh railway station, that weren't under government protection as cultural heritage. After a small chat with inhabitants we acknowledged that buildings are planned for demolition.

Later, at August 2022, at the meetup of cultural heritage activists this topic was brought up and some of them applied these buildings for a cultural heritage status, that was granted in May 2023.

## From us to You!



Lists of Cultural Heritage Monuments  
 Improving & creation Wikipedia articles



Fox in a snowy field, Chudovsky district, Novgorod Oblast



Singer company building, Saint Petersburg



Lomakha, Lomonosovsky District, Leningrad Oblast



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