



Indicator selection

We used CSA Standard R113-22 as the guiding framework for developing a set of indicators. We selected indicators from this standard that were supported by readily available data at the community level. To address data gaps, we also identified additional indicators to complete the set. Unfortunately, we could not find data for all of the indicators that we wanted to include. We will continue to search for appropriate data sources or proxy indicators.

The set of wellbeing indicators will be reviewed annually. Indicators may be removed if we receive consistent and repeated feedback that the indicator is not relevant for assessing wellbeing or for providing context. We may also retire indicators if the data source will no longer be regularly updated, or if data will no longer be available at the community level. Indicators may be added to the set if we receive consistent and repeated feedback that the indicator is needed to address a gap. We will publish the results from our annual review and keep the indicator list updated.

Indicator status

Here is a list of all community wellbeing indicators, along with their status.

Indicators that are “in use” are currently included in the dashboard. About 65 indicators are in use.

Indicators that are “under development” will be added to the dashboard when data analysis work is complete. One indicator is currently under development related to forest disturbances.

We are seeking community-level data sources or proxies for approximately 30 indicators related to topics such as labour force, community safety, civic engagement and governance, health, and environmental hazards.

Moving forward, indicators that are being considered for removal or addition will be listed as “under review.”

Maintenance log

In April 2025, we updated 4 existing employment indicators, added contextual data about the working age population and added a new indicator for living wage.

Date	Category	Theme	Indicators	Type of change
April 2025	Economics	Employment	2023 Jobs	Update
			2024 Jobs	
			Change in jobs 2023-24	
			2024 Average industry wage	
			Working age population	New contextual data
			Living wage	New indicator

Last updated: April 2025

Category	Theme	Indicators	Indicator status	
Demographics	Age characteristics	Age distribution	In use	
		Median age		
	Population	2021 Population		
		Population Change 2016-2021		
		Population density		
		Population change - young adults		
Population dependency ratio				
Economics	Employment	Did not work	In use	
		Casual employees		
		Worked from home		
		Jobs by industry/% change by industry 2023-2024		
		Working age population		
		Average industry wage		
		Living wage		
		Local employment		
		Labour force participation		Seeking data source or proxy
		Unemployment rate		
	Employment rate			
	Income	Median household income	In use	
		Household income distribution		
		Median individual Income		
Low-income measure (individual)				
Source of income	Seeking data source or proxy			
Internet	Households with 50/10 broadband service	In use		
	Households without internet			
Housing	Core housing need	Inadequate housing	In use	
		Unaffordable housing		
		Unsuitable housing		
		Core housing need		
	Dwellings	Shelter costs		
		Usual residents		
		Dwelling size		
		Dwelling type		
	Households	Household type		
Median income by household type				

Category	Theme	Indicators	Indicator status	
		Household size		
		Household tenure		
		One-parent households		
Health	Access to health services	Number and types of health facilities	In use	
		Access to a health care provider	Seeking data source or proxy	
		Emergency department visits		
	Health behaviours	Nutrition	In use	
		Physical activity		
	Long term care	Proportion of residents aged 85+		
		Number of long term care homes		
		Number of spaces		
		Wait times for long term care		
		Long term care ratio		
	Mental health	Number of calls for mental health services		
		Reasons for requesting mental health services		
		Perceived mental health		Seeking data source or proxy
	Mortality	Premature mortality		Seeking data source or proxy
Common chronic conditions				
Society	Arts & Culture	Number and types of charitable arts organizations		In use
		Revenue of charitable arts organizations		
		Number of types of arts & cultural facilities		
	Education	Highest level of education achieved		
		High school diploma		
	Population Diversity	Knowledge of languages		
		Gender diversity		
		Indigenous identity		
		Immigration		
		Racialized groups		
		Religion & spirituality		
	Community safety	Violent crime	Seeking data source or proxy	
		Property crime		

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		Sexual crime		
		Crimes against children		
		Crimes against women		
		Young offenders		
		Crime severity index		
	Civic engagement & governance	Volunteering	Seeking data source or proxy	
		Voter turnout		
		Acclaimed positions on council		
		Women in elected council positions		
		Municipal revenues and expenses		
Environment	Climate change	Hottest day	In use	
		Coldest day		
		Length of winter season		
		Days with Humidex >35		
		Length of growing season		
		Total precipitation		
	Ecological Footprint	Ecological Footprint		
		Biological capacity		
		Biocapacity balance		
	Transportation	Main mode of commuting		
		Long commute		
		Local commute		
	Conservation	Protected areas		In use
	Environmental hazards	Forest disturbance by fire and pests		Under development
		Boil water advisories		Seeking data source or proxy
		Air quality warnings		
		Flood warnings		
		Extreme weather events		
	Emergency response to natural disasters			