

Canadian Index of Wellbeing
National Indicators and Data Sources
Updates to 2014



DOMAIN		
Indicator	Source of Data	Years covered
COMMUNITY VITALITY		
Percentage of population reporting unpaid participation in any activities on behalf of a group or organisation in past year (formal volunteering) ¹	Canadian Survey of Giving, Volunteering, and Participating / GSS, Social Engagement	1997, 2000, 2003, 2008, 2013
Percentage of population with 5 or more close friends ²	GSS, Social Engagement, Cycles 11, 17, 22	1996, 2003, 2008, 2013
Crime Severity Index ³	Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (Stats Can, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics)	1993 to present
Experience of discrimination ⁴	Ethnic Diversity Survey; GSS Victimization, Cycles 18 and 23	2002, 2004, 2009, 2014
Percentage of population who feel safe walking alone after dark ⁵	GSS, Victimization, Cycles 8, 11, 18, 23	1993, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014
Percentage of population who believe that most or many people can be trusted ⁶	GSS, Social Engagement, Cycles 17, 22, 27; GSS, Time Use, Cycle 19	2003, 2005, 2008, 2013
Percentage of population who provide unpaid help to others on their own ⁷	Canadian Survey of Giving, Volunteering, and Participating / GSS, Cycle 27, Social Engagement	1997, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013
Percentage of population reporting a somewhat or very strong sense of belonging to community ⁸	NPHS / Canadian Community Health Survey	2001, 2003, 2005, 2007 to 2013

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DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT		
Percentage of voter turnout at federal elections	Elections Canada	Each federal election year
Percentage who volunteer for a law, advocacy, or political group	Canadian Survey of Giving, Volunteering, and Participating	1997, 2000, 2003, 2008, 2013
Old and young voters' gap	Elections Canada	Each federal election year
Percentage reporting they are very/fairly satisfied with way democracy works in Canada	Canada Election Study (Pre-Election Survey)	1993, 1997, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2011
Percentage with a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in federal parliament	GSS, Social Support/Engagement Cycles	2003, 2008, 2013
Ratio of registered to eligible voters	Elections Canada	Each federal election year
Percentage of women in Parliament	Elections Canada	Each federal election year
Members of Parliament send communications to householders	Members' Expenditures Reports, Board of Internal Economy, Parliament of Canada	2001 to 2014

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EDUCATION		
Percentage of children aged 0 to 5 years for whom there is a regulated centre-based child care space	Childcare Canada (Childcare Resource and Research Unit)	1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014
Amount of time spent in talk-based activities with children age 0-14 years	GSS, Time Use, Cycles 7, 12, 19, 24	1992, 1998, 2005, 2010
Ratio of students to educators in public schools	Centre for Education, Statistics Canada	1997 to 2010
Average expenditure per public school student (\$2013)	Elementary-Secondary Education Survey; Survey of Uniform Financial System – School Boards	1997/1998 to 2013/2014
Percentage of population age 25 and older participating in education-related activities	GSS, Time Use, Cycles 7, 12, 19, 24	1992, 1998, 2005, 2010
Average annual Canadian undergraduate tuition fees (\$2015)	Tuition and Living Accommodation Costs Survey	1994/95 to 2014/2015
Percentage of Canadians 20 to 24 years of age in labour force completing high school	Labour Force Survey	1994 to 2014 (annual)
Percentage of 25 to 64 year olds in population with a university degree	Labour Force Survey	1994 to 2014 (annual)

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ENVIRONMENT		
Ground level ozone (population weighted in parts per billion)	Environment Canada – Environmental Indicators	1994 to 2012
Absolute GHG emissions (megatonnes of CO ² per year)	Environment Canada – Environmental Indicators	1994 to 2013
Primary energy production (petajoules)	Statistics Canada – Energy Statistics	1995 to 2014
Residential energy use	Statistics Canada – Energy Statistics; Census of Canada	1995 to 2014
Total Farm Land (hectares)	Census of Agriculture	1991 to 2011
Viable Metal Reserves Index	Statistics Canada – Metal Reserves Statistics	1994 to 2011
Ecological footprint	Global Footprint Network	1961 to 2011
Annual water yield in Southern Canada (km ³)	Canadian System of Environmental and Resource Accounts – Natural Resource Asset Accounts	1994 to 2013

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HEALTHY POPULATIONS		
Percentage self-rated health as excellent or very good ¹	NPHS / Canadian Community Health Survey	1994 to 1999 / 2001 to 2014
Percentage who rate their mental health as very good or excellent ²	NPHS / Canadian Community Health Survey	1994 to 1999 / 2001 to 2014
Percentage with self-reported diabetes ³	NPHS / Canadian Community Health Survey	1994 to 1999 / 2001 to 2014
Life expectancy at birth, years ⁴	Vital Statistics Birth and Death Databases, Statistics Canada	1992 to 2010
Percentage of daily or occasional smokers among teens aged 12 to 19 years ⁵	NPHS / Canadian Community Health Survey	1994 to 1999 / 2001 to 2014
Percentage of Canadians with a regular medical doctor ⁶	NPHS / Canadian Community Health Survey	2003 to 2014
Percentage of population getting influenza immunization ⁷	NPHS / Canadian Community Health Survey	1994 to 1999 / 2001 to 2014
Percentage of population with an absence of health limitations ⁸	Canadian Community Health Survey	2002 to 2014

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LEISURE AND CULTURE		
Average percentage of time spent on the previous day in social leisure activities	GSS, Time Use, Cycles 7, 12, 19, 24	1992, 1998, 2005, 2010
Average percentage of time spent on the previous day in arts and culture activities	GSS, Time Use, Cycles 7, 12, 19, 24	1992, 1998, 2005, 2010
Average number of hours in the past year volunteering for culture/recreation orgs.	Canadian Survey of Giving, Volunteering, and Participating	1997, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013
Average monthly frequency of participation in physical activity lasting over 15 minutes	NPHS / Canadian Community Health Survey	1994 to 1999 / 2001 to 2012
Average attendance per performance in past year at all performing arts performances	Survey of Service Industries, Performing Arts	1998 to 2012
Average visitation per site in past year to all National Parks and National Historic Sites	Parks Canada visitation data (online)	1995 to 2013
Average number of nights away/vacation trip in past year to destinations 80 km from home	Travel Survey of Residents of Canada (Canadian Travel Survey pre-2006)	1994 to 2013
Expenditures in past year on all culture/recreation as percentage of total household expenditures	Survey of Household Spending	1997 to 2014

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LIVING STANDARDS		
Gini coefficient ¹	Survey of Consumer Finances / Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics / Canadian Income Survey	1994 to 2014
After tax median income of economic families (2013\$) ²	Survey of Consumer Finances / Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics / Canadian Income Survey	1994 to 2013
Percentage of persons in low income ³	Survey of Consumer Finances / Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics / Canadian Income Survey	1994 to 2013
Percentage of households that are moderately or severely food insecure ⁴	Canadian Community Health Survey	2004 to 2013
Percentage labour force with long-term unemployment ⁵	Labour Force Survey	1994 to 2014
Percentage of labour force employed ⁶	Labour Force Survey	1994 to 2014
CIBC index of employment quality (1994 QI=100) ⁷	CIBC Employment Quality Index	1994 to 2014
Shelter Consumption Affordability Ratio (SCAR) ⁸	Unpublished data – Centre for for Economic Analysis	1994 to 2014

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TIME USE		
Percentage of Canadians 25 to 64 years of age working over 50 hours per week at main job	Labour Force Survey	1994 to 2014
Percentage of 15 to 64 year olds reporting high levels of time pressure	GSS, Time Use, Cycles 7, 12, 19, 24	1992, 1998, 2005, 2010
Average daily amount of time with friends (minutes per day)	GSS, Time Use, Cycles 7, 12, 19, 24	1992, 1998, 2005, 2010
Percentage of labour force working under 30 hours per week, not by choice	Labour Force Survey	1997 to 2014
Percentage of Canadians who report 7 to 9 hours of good quality essential sleep	GSS, Time Use, Cycles 7, 12, 19, 24	1992, 1998, 2005, 2010
Mean workday commute time for individuals working for pay	GSS, Time Use, Cycles 7, 12, 19, 24	1992, 1998, 2005, 2010
Percentage of individuals working for pay with flexible work hours	GSS, Time Use, Cycles 7, 12, 19, 24	1992, 1998, 2005, 2010
Percentage of labour force with regular, weekday work hours	GSS, Time Use, Cycles 7, 12, 19, 24	1992, 1998, 2005, 2010