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## General terminology

| Term                      | Definition                                                                                                                                                   | References                                                                  |
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| Community                 | Census subdivisions, municipalities, and areas treated as municipal for statistical purposes, including unorganized territories, and Indigenous communities. | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Data Dictionary</a>                      |
| Region                    | Groupings of communities within census divisions.                                                                                                            |                                                                             |
| Rural communities         | Non-Indigenous communities located outside of Census Metropolitan Areas.                                                                                     | <a href="#">Rural Classification</a> .<br>Rural Ontario Institute.          |
| Urban communities         | Non-Indigenous communities that are part of a Census Metropolitan Area.                                                                                      |                                                                             |
| First Nations communities | Communities designated as First Nations reserves or settlements in Ontario.                                                                                  | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Geographic Attribute Reference Guide</a> |

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## Demographic indicators

| Theme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Indicator                                        | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Data sources                                                                             |
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| <b>Age</b><br><br>Age indicators can help communities develop and deliver services. Demographic indicators also provide important contextual information for interpreting other wellbeing indicators.                                               | Estimated median age                             | The median age or an approximation for it. For an individual CSD or CD, the value shown is the median age from the Census : half of the people are younger than the median age, half are older. When multiple communities are selected, this value is calculated using census age group data to approximate the median for the combined population.             | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Age distribution (%)                             | The proportion of people in age groups, by gender in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Children (%)                                     | The proportion of people aged 0-14 years in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Youth (%)                                        | The proportion of people aged 15-24 years in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Young adults (%)                                 | The proportion of people aged 25-44 years in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Adults (%)                                       | The proportion of people aged 45-64 years in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Seniors (%)                                      | The proportion of people aged 65 and over in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
| <b>Population</b><br><br>Population indicators can be used to estimate the demand for services or the need for targeted programs. Demographic indicators also provide important contextual information for interpreting other wellbeing indicators. | 2021 Population                                  | The number of people in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Population change 2016-2021 (%)                  | The percentage change in population between 2016-2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Population change for young adults 2016-2021 (%) | The percentage change in the population of young adults between 2016-2021. Young adults are people aged 25-44.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Population dependency ratio                      | A ratio of the number of economically dependent people (i.e., children below 14 and seniors over 65) per 100 working age people (between 15 and 64 years old) in 2021. A higher ratio indicates there are more dependent people in the community, which could signal workforce issues or the need for increased social supports for people who are not working. |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Population density (pers/sq km)                  | The number of people per square kilometer in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Women+ (%)                                       | The proportion of women (and/or girls), as well as some non-binary persons in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                          |

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|       | Men+ (%)  | The proportion of men (and/or boys), as well as some non-binary persons in 2021. |              |

## Economic indicators

| Theme                                                                                                                                                              | Indicators                              | Definitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Data sources                                                                             |
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| <b>Income</b><br><br>These indicators can help communities improve services for vulnerable populations, such as affordable housing, income support, and childcare. | Estimated median household income (\$)  | The household income or an approximation for it. For an individual CSD or CD, the value shown is the median household income after taxes from the Census : Half of the reported incomes are above the median income and half are below. When multiple communities are selected, this value is calculated using census household income group data to approximate the median for the combined population. | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028 |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | Household income distribution           | The distribution of after tax, median household income by income categories.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | Estimated median Individual income (\$) | The individual income or an approximation for it. For an individual CSD or CD, the value shown is the median individual income after taxes from the Census : Half of the reported incomes are above the median income and half are below. When multiple communities are selected, this value is calculated using census income group data to approximate the median for the combined population.         |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | Low income measure (%)                  | The proportion of people in low income. Based on the <a href="#">Statistics Canada low income measure</a> , after tax (LIM-AT). In the 2021 Census, a person is considered to be in low income when their unadjusted after-tax income falls below the threshold for their household size in 2020.                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |
| <b>Employment</b><br><br>These indicators can help communities with economic development and workforce planning.                                                   | Job                                     | Any position in which a worker provides labour in exchange for monetary compensation. This includes those who work as full-time or part-time employees. This also includes self-employment jobs.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">Analyst</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2026-2027                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | Change in jobs 2023-2024 (%)            | The percentage change in the number of jobs between 2021 and 2022.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | Industry                                | A group of businesses that produce similar goods and services, and share similar production processes. Industry names reflect 2-digit codes from the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |

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|                                                                                                                                               | Average industry wage (\$)                      | The average wages earned by employees across NAICS industries in 2024. Wage data for self-employment jobs are not available.                                                                                                                   | <a href="#">Ontario Living Wage Network</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2026-2027<br><br><a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028 |
|                                                                                                                                               | Average living wage (\$)                        | The wage a worker needs to earn to cover their basic expenses and enjoy modest engagement in civic and cultural community. The average living wage is weighted on the size of the adult population in 2021 (people over 15 years old in 2021). |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                               | Worked from home (%)                            | The proportion of the employed labour force aged 15 years and over who worked from home in 2021.                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                               | Did not work (%)                                | The proportion of people aged 15 years and over who did not work for pay or self-employment in 2020.                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                               | Local employment (%)                            | The proportion of people aged 15 years and over who commuted to work within their census subdivision of residence.                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                               | Casual employment (%)                           | Casual employee, seasonal employee, or persons employed aged 15 years and over for a contract of less than one year from their start date.                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Internet</b><br><br>These indicators can help communities track progress on government commitments and identify priorities for investment. | Dwellings with 50/10 broadband service (%)      | The proportion of dwellings with broadband internet speeds of 50/10 megabits per second as of November 2024.                                                                                                                                   | <a href="#">Ontario Broadband Resource Hub</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2027                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                               | Dwellings without internet service (%)          | The proportion of dwellings without internet service as of November 2024.                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                               | Change in access to 50/10 broadband service (%) | The percentage change in the number of dwellings with access to broadband internet between 2023 and 2024.                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## Housing indicators

| Theme                                                                                                                                                                                         | Indicators                          | Definitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Data sources                                                                             |
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| <b>Core housing need</b><br><br>These indicators provide insight into local housing issues and can inform decisions about housing development or service delivery for vulnerable populations. | Core housing need (%)               | The proportion of households that fall below at least one of the indicator thresholds for housing adequacy, affordability or suitability, and would have to spend 30% or more of its total before-tax income to pay the median rent of alternative local housing that is acceptable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Inadequate housing (%)              | The proportion of occupied private dwellings that are in need of major repair, such as defective plumbing or electrical wiring, and structural repairs to walls, floors, or ceilings. Does not include regular maintenance (e.g., painting or cleaning) or minor repairs (e.g., missing floor tiles, or defective steps, railing or siding                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Unsuitable housing (%)              | The proportion of households living in dwellings that do not have enough bedrooms for their size and composition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Unaffordable housing (%)            | The proportion of households spending greater than 30% of their income on shelter costs. Shelter costs are the monthly total of all shelter expenses paid by households, including mortgage payments, rent, property taxes, condominium fees, and utilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Estimated median shelter costs (\$) | The median shelter cost for owned or rented dwellings or an approximation for it. Shelter costs are the monthly total of all shelter expenses, including mortgage payments, property taxes, condominium fees, rent, and utilities. For an individual CSD or CD, the value shown is the median monthly shelter costs from the Census : Half of the reported costs are above the median and half are below. When multiple communities are selected, this value is calculated using census shelter cost group data to approximate the median for the combined dwellings. |                                                                                          |
| <b>Dwellings</b><br><br>The housing market is influenced by the supply and demand for housing. These indicators can inform plans for housing development.                                     | Usual residents (%)                 | The proportion of dwellings occupied by usual residents in 2021. A high proportion of usual residents indicates that most people live in the community on a permanent basis. A low proportion would signal more seasonal or temporary residents or unoccupied dwellings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Dwelling                            | A set of living quarters with a private entrance either from outside the building or from a common hall, lobby, vestibule or stairway inside the building. The entrance to the dwelling must be one that can be used without passing through the living quarters of some other person or group of persons.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                          |
| <b>Households</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | Household                           | A person or group of people who occupy the same dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada or abroad.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                          |

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| Household characteristics influence people's ability to obtain affordable housing. These indicators can help inform plans for housing development and service delivery. | Household size        | The number of people per private household in 2021. Calculated by dividing the number of people living in households by the number of households.                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028 |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | Household tenure      | Tenure refers to whether the household owns or rents their private dwelling. The private dwelling may be situated on rented or leased land or be part of a condominium.                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | Owner households (%)  | A private household that is owned by a member of the household. A household is considered to own their dwelling if some member of the household owns the dwelling even if it is not fully paid for, for example if there is a mortgage or some other claim on it.                                                                        |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | Renter households (%) | A private household that is rented by a member of the household. A household is considered to rent their dwelling if no member of the household owns the dwelling. A household is considered to rent that dwelling even if the dwelling is provided without cash rent or at a reduced rent, or if the dwelling is part of a cooperative. |                                                                                          |

## Health indicators

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| <b>Long term care</b><br><br>These indicators provide insight into the supply and demand for long term care, which can help with the development of age-friendly plans. | Long-term care homes                                     | Facilities that are designed for people who require the availability of 24-hour nursing care and supervision within a secure setting. These homes are owned and operated by various organizations, including private corporations, municipal councils, and non-profit corporations.                                                                                       | <a href="#">Ontario Health</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2027                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | Number of long-term care spaces                          | The number of long-term care licensed spaces for the fiscal year. All types of licenses issued by the Ministry of Health are included in the total beds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | Median wait time for long term care (days)               | The median number of days people waited to move in a long-term care home in Ontario, per CSD. If a CSD includes several homes, the median for the whole CSD is presented. People from all placements are included (from hospitals, groups homes, private dwellings etc.), but residents transferred from another long-term care home and unknown origin are not included. |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | Number of older seniors (aged 85+)                       | The number of people aged 85 and over in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028 |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | Long-term care space ratio (2021)                        | The number of long-term care licensed spaces in 2021 for every 100 people aged 85 and over.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                          |
| <b>Mental health</b><br><br>These indicators can help to develop mental health interventions that reduce risk, build resilience, and create supportive communities.     | ConnexOntario                                            | ConnexOntario is a government agency that helps people navigate the health care system and improve access to services for mental health and substance use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <a href="#">ConnexOntario</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2026-2027                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | Number of calls for mental health services               | The number of calls received by ConnexOntario regarding services for mental health and substance use in 2023. People may call ConnexOntario on behalf of someone else, such as a family member or friend. Health care professionals may also call on behalf of a patient.                                                                                                 |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | Change in number of calls for mental health services (%) | The percentage difference in the number of calls to ConnexOntario between 2022 to 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | Most common reasons for calls for mental health services | The top 10 most common reasons for calling ConnexOntario in 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                          |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                           | Number of mental health and addictions facilities | The number of mental health and addictions facilities compiled by the Ministry of Health in 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <a href="#">Ontario Geohub – Ministry of Health Service Provider Locations</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2026-2027 |
| <b>Access to health services</b><br><br>These indicators may reveal priorities for investments in health care facilities that reduce health inequalities and support healthy communities. | Number of health care facilities                  | The number of health service provider locations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">Ontario Geohub - Ministry of Health Service Provider Locations</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2026-2027 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | Health facilities ratio                           | The number of health facilities for every 10,000 people.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | Types of health care facilities                   | The type of service provided at a health facility, as follows:<br><br>HIV AIDS & Hep C Programs<br>Community-based organizations that deliver services to those living with or affected by HIV and Hepatitis C.<br><br>Children's Treatment Centres<br>Community-based organizations serve children with physical disabilities and special needs.<br><br>Community Health Centre<br>Non-profit organizations provide primary health and health promotion programs for individuals, families, and communities.<br><br>Community support services<br>Non-profit organizations or private companies that help people to maintain their safety and independence while living at home. Services are delivered either in the home or in different locations around the community.<br><br>Family Health Team<br>The primary business site for a Family Health Team in Ontario. These are primary health care organizations that include a team of family physicians, |                                                                                                                        |

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|       |            | <p>nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers, dietitians, and other professionals who work together to provide primary health care for their community.</p> <p><b>Hospital - Corporation</b><br/>The location of hospital corporations in Ontario. Public, private and psychiatric hospitals provide round-the-clock care to patients, including emergent, elective, specialized chronic care, and rehabilitation.</p> <p><b>Hospital - Site</b><br/>The location of additional sites for hospital corporations in Ontario that are not included in the Hospital Corporation spatial data.</p> <p><b>Independent Health Facility</b><br/>Facilities where people receive health services for which fees are charged or paid in Ontario.</p> <p><b>Licensed Laboratory Specimen Collection Centre</b><br/>The locations of licensed laboratories in Ontario. Includes laboratories that are privately owned (outside of hospitals) and those located inside hospitals.</p> <p><b>Local Health Integration Network Office</b><br/>The locations of Local Health Integration Network administrative offices in Ontario.</p> <p><b>Long Term Care Home</b><br/>Facilities that are designed for people who require the availability of 24-hour nursing care and supervision within a secure setting. These homes are owned and operated by various organizations, including private corporations, municipal councils, and non-profit corporations.</p> <p><b>Mental Health and Addiction Organization</b><br/>The locations of mental health and addiction organizations in Ontario.</p> <p><b>Midwifery Clinics</b></p> |              |

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|       |            | <p>The locations of midwifery clinics in Ontario that promote normal childbirth and the prevention of health problems. Midwives provide care in both the hospital and home setting.</p> <p>Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic<br/>Primary health care organizations that provide comprehensive, accessible, person centred, and co-ordinated primary care services to people across Ontario.</p> <p>Nursing Station<br/>Facilities that provide nursing services in rural, remote, and northern communities.</p> <p>Pharmacies<br/>Facilities where prescriptions are compounded or dispensed for the public or medications are sold by retail, and includes a remote dispensing location.</p> <p>Public Health Unit Office<br/>The locations of Public Health Unit administrative offices in Ontario.</p> <p>Retirement homes<br/>Privately owned accommodations for seniors who can live independently with little or no outside help. Retirement homes do not provide 24-hour nursing care.</p> <p>Senior Active Living Centres<br/>Provide social and recreational programs to promote wellness for seniors. They may also offer preventive, health education, and support services to keep seniors healthy, active, and independent for as long as possible.</p> |              |

## Society indicators

| Theme                                                                                                                                                                                             | Indicators                                    | Definitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Data sources                                                                                   |
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| <b>Arts &amp; culture</b><br><br>These indicators provide insight into local opportunities to participate in arts and culture activities.                                                         | Number of arts & cultural facilities          | The number of facilities in 2020. Facilities are physical locations that offer programs or services to the general public related to arts and culture.                                                                                       | <a href="#">Open Database of Arts and Culture Facilities</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: TBD |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Number of charitable arts organizations       | The number of registered arts organizations, including charitable organizations, private foundations, and public foundations in 2021.                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Mass Culture Arts Data Platform</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: TBD              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Revenue of charitable arts organizations (\$) | The sum of the total revenue of the charitable arts organizations located in the community.                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                |
| <b>Education</b><br><br>These indicators may reveal priorities for investment in educational programs.                                                                                            | Post secondary education (%)                  | The proportion of people aged 25-64 with some post secondary education, including an apprenticeship, college diploma or certificate, university certificate, bachelor's degree or higher in 2021.                                            | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | High school diploma (%)                       | The proportion of people aged 25-64 with a high school diploma in 2021.                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Highest level of education                    | The highest level of education achieved for the population aged 25-64 in private households.                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                |
| <b>Population diversity</b><br><br>These indicators can help communities celebrate their diversity and support marginalized groups by developing strategies to address racism and discrimination. | Indigenous population (%)                     | The proportion of people who identified with the Indigenous peoples of Canada in the 2021 Census. This includes those who identify as First Nations (North American Indian), Métis and/or Inuk (Inuit).                                      | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Immigrant population (%)                      | The proportion of people who have been granted the right to permanently live in Canada on or prior to May 11, 2021. Includes immigrants who have obtained Canadian citizenship by naturalization.                                            |                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Racialized population (%)                     | The proportion of people who identified as South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino, Arab, Latin American, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Korean, or Japanese in the 2021 Census. It reflects the indicator named visible minority in the Census. |                                                                                                |

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|       | Religious and spiritual population (%)  | The proportion of people who reported having a connection or affiliation with a religion or system of belief in the 2021 Census. |              |
|       | Knowledge of non-official languages (%) | The proportion of the population who can conduct a conversation in a language other than English or French.                      |              |
|       | Knowledge of French (%)                 | The proportion of the population in private households who can conduct a conversation in French.                                 |              |

## Environment indicators

| Theme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Indicators                                        | Definitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Data sources and references                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Climate change</b><br><br>These indicators provide insight into how much the climate may change between the simulated historical average (1971-2000) and the future (2041-2070). This future time period uses the Shared Socioeconomic Pathway (SSP) 2-4.5, a moderate emissions scenario. This information can help inform plans for climate action and adaptation. | Change in the temperature of the hottest day (°C) | <p>The hottest day describes the warmest daytime temperature in a year. For several CSD a weighted average is computed, depending on area covered by the CSD in sq km.</p> <p>This indicator notes the difference in the temperature of the hottest day between the simulated historical average (1971-2000) and the future (2041-2070) based on SSP2-4.5, a moderate emissions scenario.</p> <p>A positive number means that the hottest day of the year is getting hotter.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Based on the CanDSC-U6 dataset accessed from <a href="https://climatedata.ca">ClimateData.ca</a>, May 2024.</p> <p>Cannon, A.J., S.R. Sobie, and T.Q. Murdock, 2015: Precipitation by Quantile Mapping: How Well Do Methods Preserve Changes in Quantiles and Extremes? <i>Journal of Climate</i>, 28(17), 6938-6959, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-14-00754.1.</p> <p>McKenney, D. W., M. F. Hutchinson, P. Papadopol, K. Lawrence, J. Pedlar, K. Campbell, E. Milewska, R. F. Hopkinson, D. Price, and T. Owen, 2011: Customized Spatial Climate Models for North America. <i>Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.</i>, 92 12, 1611-1622.</p> <p>Next scheduled update: 2026/27</p> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Change in the temperature of the coldest day (°C) | <p>The coldest day describes the lowest nighttime temperature in a year. For several CSD a weighted average is computed, depending on area covered by the CSD in sq km.</p> <p>This indicator notes the difference in the temperature of the coldest day between the simulated historical average (1971-2000) and the future (2041-2070) based on SSP2-4.5, a moderate emissions scenario.</p> <p>A positive number means that the coldest day of the year is getting warmer.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Change in length of growing season (days)         | <p>The approximate growing season length, also known as the frost-free season, is the number of days between the last spring frost and the first fall frost, equivalent to the number of consecutive days without any daily minimum temperatures below 0°C. For several CSD a weighted average is computed, depending on area covered by the CSD in sq km.</p> <p>This indicator notes the difference in the approximate growing season length between simulated historical average (1971-2000) and the future (2041-2070) based on SSP2-4.5, a moderate emissions scenario.</p> <p>A positive number means that the approximate growing season length is getting longer.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                                                                                                                     | Change in length of winter season length (days) | <p>The winter season length, also known as frost days, is the number of days where the coldest temperature of the day is lower than 0°C. For several CSD a weighted average is computed, depending on area covered by the CSD in sq km.</p> <p>This indicator notes the difference in the winter season length between the simulated historical average (1971-2000) and the future (2041-2070) based on SSP2-4.5, a moderate emissions scenario.</p> <p>A negative number means that the winter season is getting shorter.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                     | Change in the number of humidex days (days)     | <p>Humidex days are the number of days where the Humidex rating is greater than 35. For several CSD a weighted average is computed, depending on area covered by the CSD in sq km.</p> <p>This indicator notes the difference in the number of humidex days between the simulated historical average (1971-2000) and the future (2041-2070) based on SSP2-4.5, a moderate emissions scenario.</p> <p>A positive number means that more days with humidex above 35 are occurring.</p>                                           |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                     | Change in total precipitation (mm)              | <p>Total precipitation is the total amount of precipitation (rain and snow combined) that falls in a year. For several CSD a weighted average is computed, depending on area covered by the CSD in sq km.</p> <p>This indicator notes the difference in the total precipitation amount between the simulated historical average (1971-2000) and the future (2041-2070) based on SSP2-4.5, a moderate emissions scenario.</p> <p>A positive number means that there is more precipitation.</p>                                  |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Ecological Footprint</b><br><br>These indicators are sustainability metrics that measure the human impact on Earth's ecosystems. | Ecological Footprint (Gha/capita)               | The amount of land needed to support consumption of ecosystem goods and services, shown as global hectares per capita.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Dworatzek, P., Letang, D. Miller, E., Mandel, Y. (2024). Methodological Handbook for Deriving Ecological Footprint and Biocapacity Accounts for Ontario Communities. Report. |
|                                                                                                                                     | Biocapacity(Gha/capita)                         | The ability of ecosystems to supply goods and services, measured as global hectares per capita. The total biocapacity is the total area of land and water available to regenerate the resources we consume and absorb our waste, measured in global hectares.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| These indicators can help to inform plans for sustainable development and climate action. | Biocapacity balance(Gha/capita)                | The difference between biocapacity (ecosystem supply) and Ecological Footprint (ecosystem demand), shown as global hectares per capita. A negative number indicates overconsumption. In cases of overconsumption, reducing greenhouse gas emissions is usually the most effective action to improve sustainability.                                                                                                                                    | Prepared for the Rural Ontario Institute. |
|                                                                                           | Global hectares (Gha)                          | A standard unit that enables comparisons at different scales and for different locations across the world. A global hectare is the global average amount of biological regeneration for human use. See the <a href="#">Global Footprint Network</a> for details.                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                           |
|                                                                                           | Components of Ecological Footprint             | <b>Carbon</b> :The forest area needed to absorb carbon from greenhouse gas emissions<br><b>Forests</b> : The area needed to provide forest products accounts.<br><b>Cropland</b> : The area needed to grow crops<br><b>Fishing grounds</b> : The area of marine and inland waters needed for fish's consumption.<br><b>Grazing land</b> : The area needed to feed livestock.<br><b>Built-up land</b> : The area occupied by human-made infrastructure. |                                           |
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|                                                                                           | Categories of Ecological Footprint consumption | Household consumption<br>Consumption that supports households including repairs and maintenance, food, electricity, water, and fuels.<br><br>Fixed capital consumption<br>The use of lands for durable infrastructure such as buildings, infrastructure for transportation and communications, and military equipment.<br><br>Government consumption<br>Resources consumed by government purchases of goods and services.                              |                                           |

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| <b>Conservation</b><br><br>These indicators demonstrate how much area is protected and can be used to help track Canada’s progress towards the target of protecting 30% of our lands and waters by 2030. | Protected areas (sq km)           | The area (square kilometres) and proportion of area that is protected by federal, provincial, or municipal legislation, or by non-profit organizations, land trusts and/or agencies. | Ontario Geohub. <a href="#">Municipal Park</a> . <a href="#">Federal Protected Areas</a> . <a href="#">Provincial Park Regulated</a> . <a href="#">Greenbelt designation</a> . Contains information licensed under the <a href="#">Open Government Licence - Ontario</a> .<br><br><a href="#">Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database</a> . Environment and Climate Change Canada. Contains information licensed under the <a href="#">Open Government Licence - Canada</a> . |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Mode of commuting                 | The main mode of transportation a person used to travel to their place of work in 2021.                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Commute by car, truck, or van (%) | Proportion of people who commuted to work by car, truck or van                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Long commute (%)                  | Proportion of people with a commute of 45 minutes or longer in 2021.                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Commuting</b><br><br>These indicators provide insight into local transportation patterns, and can inform plans for climate change mitigation.                                                         | Commute locally (%)               | Proportion of people who commuted to work within their census subdivision of residence in 2021.                                                                                      | <a href="#">2021 Statistics Canada Census Profile</a><br><br>Next scheduled update: 2028                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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