

Infosheet: Quality of Life Framework for Canada

Central indicators

- ★ Life satisfaction
- ★ Sense of meaning and purpose
- ★ Future outlook

Prosperity

Income and growth

- ★ Household income
- Gross domestic product (GDP) per capita
- Productivity
- Access to high-speed Internet
- Household wealth
- Investment in in-house research and development
- General government net financial liabilities-to-gross domestic product (GDP) ratio
- Firm dynamism

Employment and job quality

- ★ Employment
- Labour underutilization
- Wages
- Job security and gig work
- Job satisfaction

Skills and opportunity

- ★ Youth not in employment, education or training (NEET)
- Early learning and child care
- Child skills
- Adolescent skills

Economic security and deprivation

- ★ Core housing need
- ★ Acceptable housing
- ★ Poverty
- Protection from income shocks
- ★ Making ends meet
- Homelessness
- Food insecurity

Good Governance

Safety and security

- Victimization
- Crime Severity Index
- ★ Perceptions of neighbourhood safety after dark
- Childhood maltreatment
- Household emergency preparedness

Democracy and institutions

- ★ Confidence in institutions
- Voter turnout
- Representation in senior leadership positions
- Canada's place in the world
- Misinformation
- Trust in media
- Indigenous self-determination

Justice and human rights

- ★ Discrimination and unfair treatment
- Cyberbullying

- Adult skills
- Postsecondary attainment
- Confidence in access to fair and equal justice (civil)
- Confidence in access to fair and equal justice (criminal)
- Resolution of serious legal problems
- Incarceration rate

Health

Healthy people

- Health-adjusted life expectancy
- ★ Perceived mental health
- ★ Perceived health



- Physical activity
- Functional health status
- Children vulnerable in early development
- Fruit and vegetable consumption
- Healthy eating environments

Healthy care systems

- Timely access to primary care provider
- Unmet needs for health care
- Unmet needs for mental health care
- Long-term care (access and quality)
- Access to supplementary health insurance
- Unmet needs for home care
- Cost-related non-adherence to prescription medication

Society

Culture and identity

- Sense of pride in Canada
- Sense of belonging to Canada
- Shared values
- Indigenous languages
- Knowledge of official languages
- Participation in cultural or religious practices, recreation or sport

Social cohesion and connections

- ★ Sense of belonging to local community
- ★ Someone to count on
- ★ Trust in others
- Volunteering
- Satisfaction with personal relationships

- Loneliness
- Accessible environments

Time use

- Time use
- ★ Satisfaction with time use

Environment

Environment and people

- ★ Air quality
- ★ Drinking water
- Climate change adaptation
- Natural disasters and emergencies
- Satisfaction with local environment
- Active living environments
- Access to public transit

Ecological integrity and environmental stewardship

- ★ Greenhouse gas emissions
- ★ Conserved areas
- Canadian species index
- Water quality in Canadian rivers
- Natural capital
- Waste management
- Marine and coastal ecosystems

★ **Headline indicators:** intended to provide a high-level assessment of overall quality of life in Canada.



The Fairness and Inclusion lens is intended to inform policy and program development, leading to greater equity and equality, by assessing the distribution of outcomes for different populations in Canada.



The Sustainability and Resilience lens promotes long-term thinking by considering the trajectory of indicators in order to identify risks, build resilience and ensure that policy choices are contributing to a higher quality of life not only now but in the years ahead.