

Toward a Healthy City for All

Long-Term Trends in City of Vancouver Population Health Indicators

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Goal: A Good Start

Vancouver's children have the best chance of enjoying a healthy childhood.

School readiness (%)

65% kindergarten children considered ready for school (2019)

Trend: unchanged
2007 to 2019

Child poverty (%)

20% children under 18 in families below Canada's official poverty line (2016)

Trend: positive
2011 to 2016

Access to licensed quality, affordable, and accessible childcare (%)

21.6 licensed childcare spaces per 100 children aged 0-12 (2019)

Trend: positive
2001 to 2019

Access to licensed quality, affordable, and accessible childcare (%)

\$1,407 median monthly fee for licensed group infant childcare (2018)

Trend: negative
2006 to 2018

Access to licensed quality, affordable, and accessible childcare (%)

\$1,407 median monthly fee for licensed group toddler childcare (2018)

Trend: negative
2006 to 2018

Access to licensed quality, affordable, and accessible childcare (%)

\$1,014 median monthly fee for licensed group age 3-5 childcare (2018)

Trend: negative
2006 to 2018

Goal: A Home for Everyone

A range of affordable housing choices is available for all Vancouverites.

Households spending 30% or more of income on housing (%)

37% households spending more than 30% of total income on shelter costs (2016)

Trend: unchanged
1996 to 2016

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless (#)

1,609 sheltered homeless persons counted (2019)

Trend: negative
2005 to 2019

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless (#)

614 unsheltered homeless persons counted (2019)

Trend: unchanged
2005 to 2019

New supportive, social, secured rental and secondary rental housing units (#)

2,308 new supportive housing units committed, under construction or completed since 2011 (2018)

Trend: positive
2009 to 2018

New supportive, social, secured rental and secondary rental housing units (#)

4,945 new social housing units committed, under construction or completed since 2011 (2018)

Trend: positive
2009 to 2018

New supportive, social, secured rental and secondary rental housing units (#)

8,682 new secured market rental housing units committed, under construction or completed since 2011 (2018)

Trend: positive
2010 to 2018

Goal: Feeding Ourselves Well

Vancouver has a healthy, just, and sustainable food system.

Food assets (#)

5,059 garden plots and other food assets (2019)

Trend: positive
2010 to 2019

Neighbourhood Food Networks (NFNs) (#)

14 food networks operating in Vancouver (2018)

Trend: monitoring
2013 to 2018

Cost of Health Canada's National Nutritious Food Basket (NNFB) (\$)

\$1,093 monthly cost of a healthy food basket for a family of four (2017)

Trend: negative
2007 to 2017

Goal: Healthy Human Services

Vancouverites have equitable access to high-quality social, community, and health services.

Attachment to a family doctor or primary health care provider (%)

77% adults with family doctor (2014)

Baseline data
No trend yet

Proximity to "community hubs" (library, community centre, neighbourhood house) (%)

43% persons within a 15 minute walk of a community centre, library and neighbourhood house (2016)



Trend: positive
2006 to 2016

Access to services when needed (%)

77% persons reporting very good or somewhat good access to health, community and social services when they need them (2017)



Baseline data
No trend yet

Park Board Leisure Access Program usage (%)

19.0 thousand persons taking part in the Leisure Access Program (2019)



Trend: positive
2009 to 2019

Park Board Leisure Access Program usage (%)

14% estimated share of eligible persons taking part in the Leisure Access Program (2019)



Trend: positive
2011 to 2019

Goal: Making Ends Meet and Working Well

Our residents have adequate income to cover the costs of basic necessities, and have access to a broad range of healthy employment opportunities.

Low-income individuals (%)

20% persons below Canada's official poverty line (2016)



Trend: positive
2011 to 2016

Median income (\$)

\$34,890 median personal income (2017)



Trend: positive
2005 to 2017

Income distribution (%)

29% after tax income to the top 10% of earners (2015)



Trend: positive
2010 to 2015

Working poor (%)

10% working people 18-64, excluding students, below the after-tax low income measure (2015)



Trend: unchanged
2010 to 2015

Living Wage (\$)

\$19.50 hourly living wage in Metro Vancouver (2019)



Trend: negative
2008 to 2019

Job quality (%)

6% rate of persons unemployed (2016)



Trend: positive
1986 to 2016

Job quality (%)

68% labour force participation rate (2016)



Trend: unchanged
1986 to 2016

Goal: Being and Feeling Safe and Included

Vancouver is a safe city in which residents feel secure.

Sense of belonging (%)

54% adults with a strong or somewhat strong sense of community belonging (2014)



Baseline data
No trend yet

Sense of safety (%)

65% adults agree or strongly agree that they feel safe walking alone in their neighbourhood at night (2014)



Baseline data
No trend yet

Reported crime rates (#)

8.5 violent crimes per 1,000 population (2019)



Trend: positive
2002 to 2019

Reported crime rates (#)

8 Vancouver's rank among 10 largest municipal police forces for lowest violent crime rate (2018)



Trend: unchanged
1998 to 2018

Reported crime rates (#)

64.9 property crime per 1,000 population (2019)



Trend: positive
2002 to 2019

Reported crime rates (#)

10 Vancouver's rank among 10 largest municipal police forces for lowest property crime rate (2018)



Trend: unchanged
1998 to 2018

Goal: Cultivating Connections

Vancouverites are connected and engaged in the places and spaces that matter to us.

Social support network size (%)

50% adults with four or more people to confide in or turn to for help (2014)



Baseline data
No trend yet

Sense of trust (%)

50% adults feel a neighbour would probably or definitely return a wallet containing money (2014)



Baseline data
No trend yet

Volunteerism (%)

52% adults volunteer at least once a year (2014)



Baseline data
No trend yet

Municipal voter turnout (%)

39% voter turnout in the most recent local election (2018)



Trend: unchanged
1982 to 2018

Children in foster care (%)

0.3% percentage of children 0-14 who are living in foster care in Metro Vancouver (2016)



Trend: Baseline data
2011 to 2016

Goal: Active Living and Getting Outside

Vancouverites are engaged in active living and have incomparable access to nature.

Residents who meet the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines (%)

46% adults who exercise for at least 150 minutes each week (2014)



Baseline data
No trend yet

Park Board OneCard usage (#)

162.0 thousand users with a OneCard (2014)



Baseline data
No trend yet

Residents living within a 5 minute walk (400m) of a park or other green space (%)

92.7% estimated city's land base within 400 metres of a park or green space (2015)



Trend: unchanged
2010 to 2015

Tree canopy cover (%)

18% estimated city's land area covered by tree canopy (2013)



Trend: unchanged
1995 to 2013

Goal: Lifelong Learning

Vancouverites have equitable access to lifelong learning and development opportunities.

Access to the internet (%)

89% Metro Vancouver residents with home internet access (2012)



Trend: positive
2005 to 2012

Access to the internet (%)

1.2 million internet sessions at public library workstations (2017)



Trend: monitoring
2012 to 2017

Reading for general pleasure or interest (%)

9.9 million total physical and digital material circulation at public libraries (2018)



Trend: unchanged
2005 to 2018

Participation in a learning event or program (#)

245.3 thousand people attending children, teen or adult Vancouver Public Library programs (2018)



Trend: positive
2004 to 2018

High-school graduation and post-secondary education rates (%)

90% six-year high school completion rate for all students (2019)



Trend: unchanged
2000 to 2019

High-school graduation and post-secondary education rates (%)

73% all persons age 25-64 with a post-secondary certificate (2016)



Trend: unchanged
2006 to 2016

Goal: Expressing Ourselves

Vancouver has a diverse and thriving cultural ecology that enriches the lives of residents and visitors.

Arts and culture participation (#)

31.7 thousand artistic works and events by selected non-profit cultural organizations receiving cash grants from the City of Vancouver (2017)



Trend: positive
2014 to 2017

Arts and culture participation (#)

8.2 million total audience by selected non-profit cultural organizations receiving cash grants from the City of Vancouver (2017)



Trend: positive
2014 to 2017

Arts and culture participation (#)

24.4 thousand artists engaged by selected non-profit cultural organizations receiving cash grants from the City of Vancouver (2017)



Trend: positive
2014 to 2017

Arts and culture participation (#)

24.8 thousand volunteers engaged by selected non-profit cultural organizations receiving cash grants from the City of Vancouver (2017)



Trend: positive
2014 to 2017

Artists and cultural workers (%)

2.4% labour force working as professional artist (2016)



Trend: unchanged
2006 to 2016

Artists and cultural workers (%)

10.7% labour force working in culture sector (2016)



Trend: positive
2006 to 2016

Creative places and spaces (#)

387 cultural assets identified (2017)



Trend: positive
2014 to 2017

Goal: Getting Around

Vancouverites enjoy safe, active, and accessible ways of getting around the city.

Sustainable transportation mode share(%)

53% estimated weekday trips made by walking, cycling or transit (2018)



Trend: positive
2013 to 2018

Number of active transportation trips (#)

686.3 thousand estimated weekday walking and cycling trips (2018)



Trend: positive
2013 to 2018

Traffic-related fatalities (#)

14 fatal motor vehicle incidents (2019)



Trend: positive
2002 to 2019

Goal: Environments to Thrive In

Vancouverites have the right to a healthy environment and equitable access to liveable environments in which they can thrive.

Neighbourhood Walk Scores (#)

80 average Walk Score (2020)



Trend: unchanged
2014 to 2020

Neighbourhood Walk Scores (#)

16 out of 22 local areas with Walk Scores of 70 or higher (2020)



Trend: positive
2014 to 2020

Goal: Collaborative Leadership for A Healthy City for All

Leaders from the public, private, and civil sectors in Vancouver work in integrated and collaborative ways toward the vision of a healthy Vancouver for all.

Participation in Healthy City for All Leadership Table Meetings (#)

128 number of hours contributed by leadership table members at meetings (2016)



Trend: monitoring
2014 to 2016

"Actions for All" implemented (%)

93% percentage of actions complete or substantial progress made (2018)



Trend: positive
2015 to 2018

Wilder Collaboration Assessment

3.5 average score on a scale of 0-5 of 20 collaboration factors, self-assessed by Leadership Table members (2016)



Baseline data
No trend yet