

APPENDIX B: SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR OXFORD COUNTY



DEMOGRAPHICS

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	REGIONS			
		Oxford	West	Ontario	Canada
POPULATION	Percentage of provincial population	0.8	20.9	–	–
	Percentage of provincial land area	0.2	3.9	–	–
AGE	Median age in years	42.3	43.3	41.3	41.2
	Percentage of population under 15 years of age	17.8	16.2	16.4	16.6
	Percentage of population 50 years of age and older	40.4	41.1	38.3	38.5
FAMILIES	Percentage of population 15 years of age or older that is married or living common-law	51.1	57.7	57.3	57.6
	Percentage of families led by lone parent	14.0	16.9	17.1	16.4
	Percentage of lone-parent families led by females	76.6	79.3	80.4	78.3
HOUSEHOLDS	Average number of persons per family	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
	Percentage of population that owns their homes	73.8	71.4	69.7	67.8
LANGUAGE AND ETHNICITY	Percentage of population with English as mother tongue	88.6	60.1	68.8	57.3
	Percentage of population with French as mother tongue	1.0	1.1	3.8	21.1
	Percentage of population with another language as first language	10.4	38.8	27.4	21.6
	Percentage of population with knowledge of both English and French	4.1	6.9	11.2	17.9
	Percentage of visible minority population	3.2	39.2	28.9	21.8
EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME	Percentage of labour force employed	63.5	–	59.9	60.2
	Percentage of labour force in long-term unemployment	4.8	–	7.4	7.7
	After-tax median family income	\$ 76,275	–	\$ 79,531	\$ 76,372

COMMUNITY VITALITY

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	REGIONS			
		Oxford	West	Ontario	Canada
SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT	Percentage of population reporting somewhat/strong sense of belonging to community	70.2	67.6	68.1	66.4
	Percentage of population reporting formal volunteering for organizations ^a	52.9	52.7	55.2	49.1
SOCIAL SUPPORT	Percentage of population with five or more close friends	49.5	52.6	53.7	51.8
	Percentage of population living alone ^a	18.5	6.0	9.6	13.9
COMMUNITY SAFETY	Percentage of population who feel safe walking alone after dark ^a	81.0	80.3	79.3	79.5
SOCIAL NORMS AND VALUES	Percentage of population who provide unpaid help to others on their own ^a	77.7	78.8	81.0	81.7
	Percentage of population reporting experience of discrimination ^a	4.1	6.6	9.6	9.3

Note: ^aIndicator taken from Oxford County Community Wellbeing Survey. Direct comparisons to other areas should be made with caution.

DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	REGIONS			
		Oxford	West	Ontario	Canada
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	Percentage of eligible population that voted in last <i>federal</i> election	67.9	66.1	67.8	68.3
	Percentage of eligible population that voted in last <i>provincial</i> election	51.9	63.4	51.3	–
	Percentage of eligible population that voted in last <i>municipal</i> election	37.6	–	43.1	–
	Percentage of population that belong to a political organization, law or advocacy group ^a	9.7	4.2	3.8	3.7
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP	Percentage of female councillors on municipal councils	40.0	–	21.6	–
COMMUNICATION	Percentage of total expenses used by Members of Parliament (MPs) to send communications to householders in their ridings	8.5	5.4	6.9	5.9

Note: ^aIndicator taken from Oxford County Community Wellbeing Survey. Direct comparisons to other areas should be made with caution.

EDUCATION

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	REGIONS			
		Oxford	West	Ontario	Canada
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	High school graduation rate (percentage)*	78.3	85.2	86.5	89.3
	Percentage of 25 to 64 year olds in population with a university degree	12.9	18.7	28.5	28.5
MEASURING PROGRESS	Percentage of elementary schools measuring progress in <i>student health or wellbeing</i>	39.5	50.7	55.7	–
	Percentage of elementary schools measuring progress in <i>citizenship skills</i>	32.6	35.3	29.0	–
	Percentage of elementary schools measuring progress in <i>creativity</i>	9.3	18.1	19.7	–
	Percentage of elementary schools measuring progress in <i>socio-emotional skills</i>	51.2	39.4	44.4	–
	Percentage of elementary schools measuring progress in <i>school learning environment</i>	51.2	50.7	51.9	–
LIBRARIES	Average number of early literacy and early learning programs per 1,000 children	34.0	31.3	25.8	–
	Average number of other children's programs per 1,000 children	56.0	21.2	16.5	–
	Average number of careers, job help, and skills programs per 1,000 adult population	2.5	0.2	0.2	–
	Average number of adult learning programs per 1,000 adult population	7.1	5.6	2.7	–
CHILD CARE	Percentage of children aged 0 to 4 years for whom there is a regulated/licensed centre-based childcare space	10.1	18.4	20.7	24.1

*High school five-year graduation rates for Oxford County, West Region, and the province are estimates based on figures published by the Ontario Ministry of Education whereas the graduation rate for Canada is based on data provided by Statistics Canada; therefore, comparisons may not be valid because they use different definitions and reference groups. The high school graduation rate for Oxford County is based on 2016 figures for the entire Thames Valley District School Board.

ENVIRONMENT

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	REGIONS			
		Oxford	West	Ontario	Canada
AIR QUALITY	Overall total GHG emissions (megatonnes of CO ₂ per year)	0.8	4.4	45.6	–
	Percentage of provincial GHG emissions (megatonnes of CO ₂ per year) contributed by region	1.8	9.6	100.0	–
WATER QUALITY	pH levels (based on 1 to 14 scale where 7 is considered neutral)*	8.2	8.3	8.2	–
WASTE REDUCTION	Percentage of total residential waste diverted by municipalities (includes Blue Box and other materials)	55.1	43.2	47.3	–

Note: * Pure water is neutral and has a pH level of 7.0. As values fall below 7.0, water is increasingly acidic; as values rise above 7.0, water is increasingly alkaline.

HEALTHY POPULATIONS

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	REGIONS			
		Oxford	West	Ontario	Canada
SELF-REPORTED HEALTH	Percentage of population who rate their <i>overall health</i> as very good or excellent	62.0	58.6	59.2	59.0
	Percentage of population who rate their <i>mental health</i> as very good or excellent	65.8	68.8	70.4	71.1
	Percentage of population with no health or activity limitations	65.9	64.8	67.9	78.5
	Percentage of population with self-reported diabetes	6.7	7.3	7.4	6.7
HEALTH-RELATED BEHAVIOUR	Percentage of daily or occasional smokers among teens aged 12 to 19 years	0.9	6.0	5.8	7.7
	Percentage of population getting influenza immunization	44.8	37.8	35.4	32.5
HEALTH CARE ACCESS	Percentage of population with a regular health physician	95.1	94.1	92.5	85.1
	Life expectancy in years from birth	81.1	–	82.3	81.8

LEISURE AND CULTURE

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	REGIONS			
		Oxford	West	Ontario	Canada
LEISURE PARTICIPATION	Average monthly frequency of participation in <i>physical activity</i> lasting over 15 minutes	27.0	28.2	28.2	27.6
OPPORTUNITIES	Number of annual library programs in past year per 1,000 population	28.6	23.9	16.6	–
	Number of Culture Days, poetry and story readings, and arts shows in past year per 10,000 population	0.8	5.8	4.4	–
	Number of in-person visits made to the library in past year per 1,000 population	119.6	99.5	103.2	–
	Number of library internet connections per 10,000 population	9.0	7.7	7.2	–

LIVING STANDARDS

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	REGIONS			
		Oxford	West	Ontario	Canada
ECONOMIC SECURITY	After tax median income of economic families	\$ 76,275	–	\$ 79,531	\$ 76,372
	Percentage of persons in after-tax low income (LIM-AT)	10.8	–	14.4	14.2
	Percentage of labour force employed	63.5	–	59.9	60.2
	Percentage of labour force in long-term unemployment	4.8	–	7.4	7.7
FOOD INSECURITY	Percentage of households that are moderately or severely food insecure	6.0	9.4	8.3	7.7
HOUSING SECURITY	Percentage of households with shelter costs exceeding 30% of before-tax household income	21.6	24.3	27.7	24.1
WORK-RELATED STRESS	Percentage of population reporting quite a bit or extreme self-perceived work stress	25.2	29.1	28.2	28.9

TIME USE

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	REGIONS			
		Oxford	West	Ontario	Canada
TIME	Percentage of population reporting working 50 hours or more per week	15.2	15.2	14.3	8.7
	Average workday commute time (both ways) for individuals working for pay (minutes per day) ^a	36.2	44.7	53.7	52.0
TIMING	Percentage of labour force with regular, weekday work hours ^a	63.0	62.2	65.9	67.3
	Percentage of individuals working for pay with flexible work hours	37.6	41.4	46.1	43.2
TEMPORALITY	Percentage of population who report 7 to 9 hours of good quality essential sleep ^a	32.5	34.4	30.5	35.9
	Percentage of 15 to 64 year olds reporting high levels of time pressure ^a	17.4	21.3	19.8	17.4

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OVERALL LIFE SATISFACTION

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	REGIONS			
		Oxford	West	Ontario	Canada
WELLBEING	Percentage of population reporting being somewhat to very satisfied with life ^a	86.8	86.1	85.6	87.1

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