

2022 | WINDSOR-ESSEX'S  
**VitalSigns<sup>®</sup>**  
**REPORT**

FIND OUT WHAT MAKES WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY  
A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY, AND GROW!



Welcome to the **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> Report, published by the WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF) in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada. The **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> Report is a snapshot of life in Windsor-Essex County that uses local research and data to measure the vitality of our community. By identifying strengths and trends in 11 key issue areas, **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> touches on all aspects of our daily lives and allows us to better understand our community. Our goal is to gather data from a broad and diverse selection of community members, so as to better understand the needs of our overall community.

Each year we conduct the **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> Survey and publish the **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> Report as an informational resource for our community. We use this as an opportunity to share with the community what makes Windsor-Essex County a great place to live, work, play and grow. The **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> Report helps to build community knowledge, inform community investments, and identify strategic priorities. At the WindsorEssex Community Foundation, we use the **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> Report to help guide our grantmaking process, based on what our community has told us are their priority areas. We want to facilitate giving where the need is greatest, and the **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> Program helps us to do just that. In 2022, the “What You Said” section of the Report continues on a positive trend, with youth responses remaining the most positive when it comes to quality of life in Windsor and Essex County. Overall, the Report is telling us that we are doing okay in Windsor and Essex County where quality of life is concerned, but that there is still some room for improvement.

As you read this Report, you will notice icons representing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), relevant to each issue area, at the bottom of the page. We encourage you to consider each topic through the lens of these goals and determine for yourself how close we are in Windsor-Essex County to achieving each outcome.

We are proud to compile this unique Report for our community. We want to thank everyone who participated and supported this year’s **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> Program. We hope this report will reaffirm what makes Windsor and Essex County a great place to live, work, play and grow!



Lisa Kolody  
Executive Director, WECF  
*“Inspiring Philanthropy to Benefit our Community Today and Forever”*

The data presented in this Report is organized into 11 key issue areas, and within those areas, local, provincial and national data is presented.



**GRADES:** GRADE: **Windsor B | Essex County B | Seniors B | Youth B**

- A** - We’re doing great
- B** - We’re on the right track
- C** - We’re doing okay, but could be doing better
- D** - We should look into this
- F** - Improvement is needed



### TOP PRIORITIES:

This section highlights the top answers for each issue area.



### WHAT YOU SAID:

This section highlights the results of what survey respondents said.



### DID YOU KNOW?

This section highlights important or interesting details related to the information presented in each issue area.



### HOW CAN I USE THIS REPORT?

The **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> Report is a starting point for further conversations. It is intended to inform the community on our priorities in order to better direct our region’s resources and planning.



### WHO USES THIS REPORT?

The **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> Report is a great tool to understand the needs of our community. Use this Report to access the programs and services outlined or develop programs and services to help meet local needs. We encourage residents, businesses, community organizations, educational institutions and government leaders to share and discuss the findings of this Report.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

If **Vital Signs**<sup>®</sup> is Windsor-Essex County's annual community check-up, then the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a worldwide national physical exam. Established as part of the United Nations’ Agenda 2030, the SDGs are a set of 17 interconnected objectives focused on eradicating poverty, reducing inequality, and championing responsible, sustainable growth by the end of the next decade. The goals are a call to action, advocating that all people have a right to peace and prosperity.



More information on the Sustainable Development Goals is available at [www.undp.org.SGDs](http://www.undp.org.SGDs)



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## OUR COMMUNITY

# Windsor-Essex Population



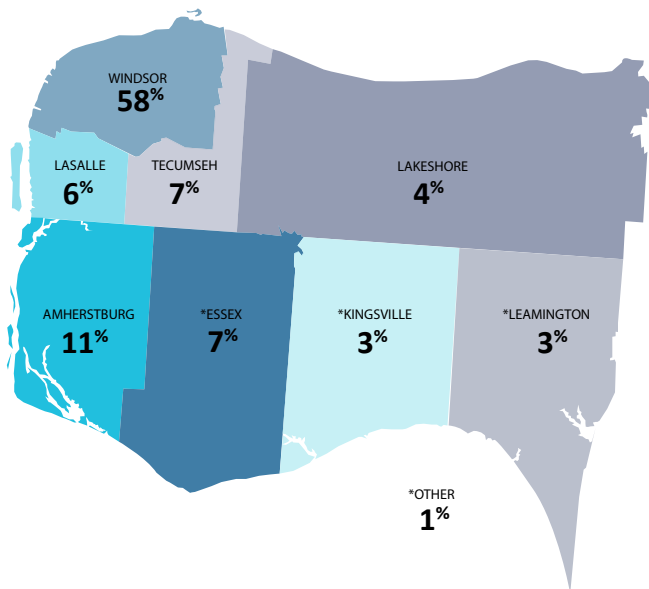
## Current Residence

Essex County 13%  
Windsor CMA 86%  
Decline to answer 1%



Lived in Windsor-Essex for  
Less than 2 years: 10%  
2-10 years: 12%  
More than 10 years: 77%  
Decline to answer: 1%

## Where do you currently live?



## Marital Status



**58%**

Married or Common Law



**40%**

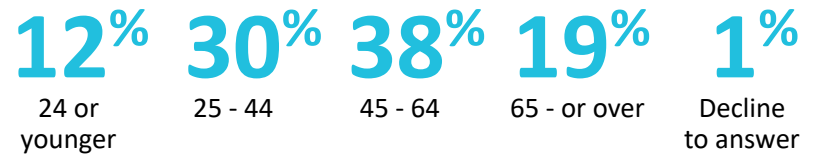
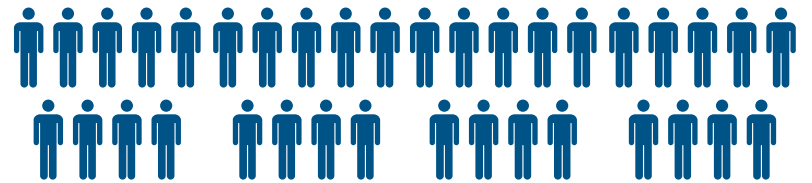
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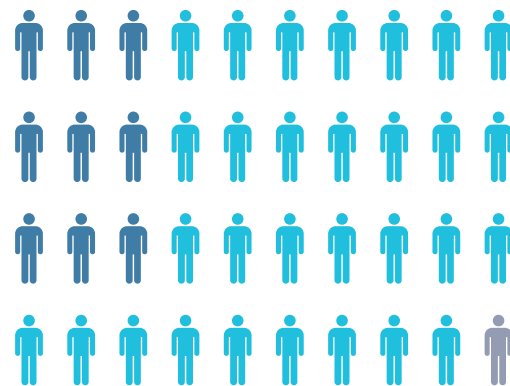
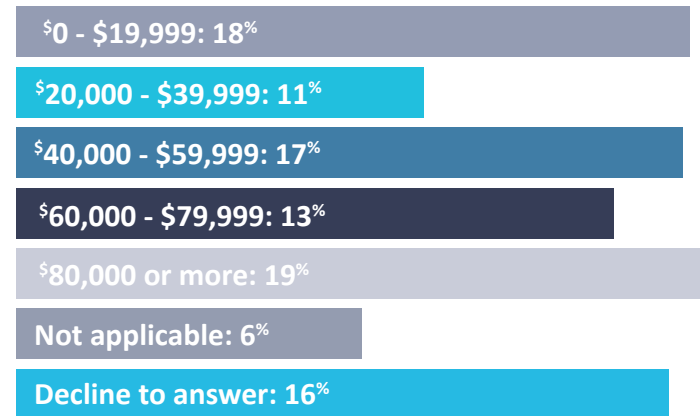
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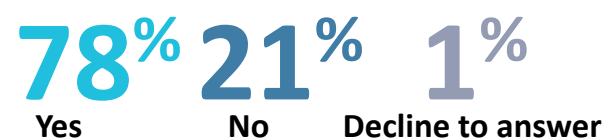
## About our survey respondents



## INCOME



## Born in Canada



## WORK

GRADE: Windsor C | Essex County C | Seniors C | Youth A

### TOP PRIORITIES

Providing a living wage to employees **44%**

Ensuring youth are better prepared for the workforce **19%**

Decreasing the unemployment rate **16%**

### WHAT YOU SAID

When asked if people in Windsor-Essex County make enough money to support their needs,

**45%** said we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better

**52%** said improvement is needed / we should look into this

Are there employment opportunities in Windsor-Essex County for those seeking work?

**47%** of respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better



**37%** said improvement is needed / we should look into this

Respondents were asked if local graduates are prepared for today's workforce,

**46%** said we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better

**38%** said improvement is needed / we should look into this

**49%** said they are employed full-time (35 hours or more per week)

**23%** are retired

**8%** are employed part-time



### DID YOU KNOW?

In spring of 2022, the **WindsorEssex Community Foundation** and **Libro Credit Union** held a Vital Conversations, on the topic of Women's Financial Resilience.

The objectives of the session were to share information on the current financial state of local women and to discuss how to improve financial capacity and resilience of women by addressing issues and systemic gaps within the community.

Financial resilience is a cornerstone pillar at Libro, to learn more visit [Libro.ca](http://Libro.ca)

**The Harding Electric/Morris and Ruth Harding Memorial Scholarship Fund** provides financial assistance and support to apprentice electricians, or electricians engaged in preparation for their journeypersons or Master Electrician examinations. To learn more visit [wecf.ca](http://wecf.ca)

**EPICentre's** Venture Women Program is an accelerator program focused on supporting female entrepreneurs. Since 2020, it has supported over 35 women-led businesses. To learn more visit [epicentrewindsor.ca](http://epicentrewindsor.ca)

### STATS

The unemployment rate in Windsor-Essex County was

**6.5%** as of June 2022  **1.1%** up from the previous month.

In the 2nd quarter of 2021,

**205,500** Windsor-Essex County Residents were employed;



**10,500** Windsor-Essex County residents were unemployed; and

**6,369** jobs were posted in Windsor-Essex County in July, with many of those jobs being permanent full time.

there were **18** business start-ups.

**1,953** companies were hiring in July.

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# HEALTH, WELLNESS & ACTIVITY

GRADE: Windsor C | Essex County C | Seniors C | Youth B

## TOP PRIORITIES

Improving access to mental health programs and services **46%**

Improving access to health professionals and services **33%**

Increasing access to sports and physical activity programs **8%**

Improving access to oral health programs and services **3%**

## WHAT YOU SAID

**83%** of respondents said that in general, I am happy in life always / most of the time

When it comes to the accessibility of sports and physical activity programs in Windsor-Essex County,

**45%** said we're doing great / we're on the right track

**26%** said we're doing okay, but could be doing better

When asked if people in Windsor-Essex County have access to mental health programs and services,

**19%** said we're on the right track / we're doing great

**23%** said we're doing okay, but could be doing better

**37%** said improvement is needed

When asked if people in Windsor-Essex County have access to oral health programs and services,

**29%** said we're on the right track / we're doing great

**25%** said we're doing okay, but could be doing better

**22%** said improvement is needed



## DID YOU KNOW?

**The Youth Wellness Hub Windsor Essex - Canadian Mental Health Association Windsor-Essex County** is a centre for youth by youth. Youth aged 12-25 now have access to a "one-stop" shop that is barrier free with no wait times and no cost. To learn more, visit: [WindsorEssex.cmha.ca](http://WindsorEssex.cmha.ca)

**Green Shield Canada (GSC)** invested a total of \$450,000 as part of the Green Shield Canada (GSC) Community Investment Granting Initiative, to support six local charities and fund local programs that address the oral and mental health needs of the Windsor-Essex Community, with a goal of impacting over 3,000 lives. [Greenshield.ca](http://Greenshield.ca)

**Windsor Family Health Team** is offering a new program "Community Oral Health Education Program", a primary care embedded oral health education programming that is focused on education, preventative care and early intervention. [Windsorfht.ca](http://Windsorfht.ca)

The Queer and Trans\* Mental Health and Addictions Services program offered by **Trans Wellness Ontario** is a cost-free, gender-affirming mental health and addictions services to queer and trans\* individuals. [Transwellness.ca](http://Transwellness.ca)

**LaSalle Rowing Club** - Para Rowing Program provides athletes with disabilities the opportunity to be active on the water, get involved in a fun and friendly club environment, and participate in a variety of competitions. Modifications are made to rowing equipment, coaching techniques, and program structure to meet the needs of athletes on and off the water. [Lasallerowing.ca](http://Lasallerowing.ca)

**Italian Canadian HandiCapable Association** provides social and sporting activities to individuals with physical or intellectual disabilities across Windsor and Essex County. [icha.ca](http://icha.ca)

## STATS

In Windsor-Essex County in 2022, there are **610** physicians.

**963,076** COVID-19 vaccines administered among Windsor and Essex County Residents 2020-2022. [Wechu.org](http://Wechu.org)

**1,572** children/youth were screened at one of the Windsor Essex County Health Unit (WECHU), dental clinics and referred into either the HSO-Emergency and Essential Services Stream (EESS), or the HSO-PSO (preventive services only) program.



The WECHU oral health department supported **3,349** clinic visits across all clients enrolled in the Ontario Senior Dental Care Program.



More than **53%** of youth participate in sports and recreational activity.

**58%** of adults aged 18 to 39 years accumulated at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activities, compared to **52%** of the 40 to 59-year-olds and **33%** of the 60 to 79-year-olds.



## BELONGING & LEADERSHIP

GRADE: **Windsor C** | **Essex County C** | **Seniors C** | **Youth B**

### TOP PRIORITIES

Increasing opportunities for people to feel included and connected **38%**

Providing more initiatives to increase life satisfaction **28%**

Creating initiatives to improve voter turnout **16%**

### WHAT YOU SAID

Respondents were asked if people in Windsor-Essex County have a high level of life satisfaction,

**29%**

said we're doing great / we're on the right track

**41%**

said we're doing okay, but could be doing better

When it comes to people in Windsor-Essex County actively volunteering and / or donating to charities,

**45%**

said we're doing great / we're on the right track

**32%**

said we're doing okay, but could be doing better

Respondents were asked if they feel they have a sense of belonging to Windsor-Essex County – I feel included and connected,

**18%**

feel we're doing great

**27%**

feel we're on the right track

**29%**

feel we're doing okay, but could do better

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Post Pandemic Support for Senior's Mental Health through Socialization and Physical Activity project offered by **Life After Fifty** is a three-part campaign that supports the mental health of older adults as they emerge from the pandemic to re-establish social connections at Life After Fifty and reconnect with their community. [Lifeafterfifty.ca](http://Lifeafterfifty.ca)

**The Town of Tecumseh** celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. [Tecumseh.ca](http://Tecumseh.ca)

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Windsor Essex** last year provided 300 children and youth with activity supplies, crafts, games, books, and healthy snacks that was delivered to their doors approximately twice per month by volunteer mentors and staff to keep them engaged in online virtual mentoring experiences with their mentors. This program was funded by Inspiration 100<sup>TM</sup>. [Windsor.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](http://Windsor.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca)

**Slovak Heritage Foundation Windsor-Essex** is currently undergoing the reconstruction of the St. Cyril Slovak Centre, an important cultural centerpiece for the local Slovak community. By preserving this cultural mainstay, the Canadian Slovak Heritage Foundation is helping to build community and create a sense of belonging and history for Windsor's Slovak population. [slovakheritage.ca](http://slovakheritage.ca)

CNIB Windsor-Essex Reducing Social Isolation During Covid-19 for People with Sight Loss Program offered by the **CNIB Foundation Windsor Essex** provides critical programming that reduces social isolation associated with the Covid-19 pandemic and physical distancing measures and creates a sense of belonging for Windsor-Essex community members impacted by blindness. [Cnib.ca](http://Cnib.ca)

**Rotary Club of Windsor 1918** and the **Windsor Essex Rainbow Alliance** is installing rainbow coloured picnic tables placed at Lanspeary Park as part of the parks redesign and redevelopment of the park. These picnic tables will establish a focal/meeting point for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in Windsor-Essex County. [rotary1918.com](http://rotary1918.com)

**Family Respite Services** provides direct respite support to families caring for children with disabilities through their new Respatiality (Respite + Hospitality) Program, increasing opportunities to support family caregivers in our community. [familyrespite.org](http://familyrespite.org)

### STATS

The formal volunteer rate was **46%** among youth 15 to 30 years of age, compared with **44%** for those aged 31 to 46 and **38%** among those 47 years and older

Windsor is one of Canada's most diverse cities. Residents speak more than 70 different languages, with 150 ethnic origins represented. Behind English and French, Arabic is the 3rd most spoken language in the community.

Total giving in 2019 to 2021 is projected to have dropped **12%** due to the pandemic, inflation, and other challenges.



Canadian youth are generally less likely to vote than older adults, however many youths engage in non-electoral political activities  
**67%** searched for information on political issues  
**48%** signed an internet petition  
**37%** boycotted or chose a product for ethical reasons  
**24%** expressed views on an issue through an internet forum or news website



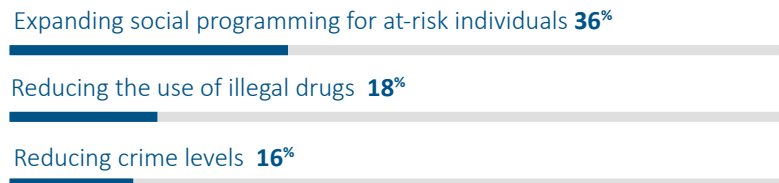
**40.3%** of voters in Windsor-Tecumseh and **32.8%** of voters in Windsor West cast their ballots in the 2022 provincial election. **47%** of voters in Essex and **42.23%** of eligible voters in Chatham-Kent-Leamington turned up to the polls.



## SAFETY

GRADE: Windsor C | Essex County C | Seniors C | Youth A

### TOP PRIORITIES



### WHAT YOU SAID

When asked if Windsor-Essex County is a safe place to live:



Does Windsor-Essex County offer adequate social programming for at risk individuals?



### DID YOU KNOW?

**Hiatus House** provides sensory items and self care packages to help children and youth cope with and heal from the impacts of domestic violence. [Hiatushouse.com](http://Hiatushouse.com)

**The Town of Essex** is partnering with **Windsor Police**, the **O.P.P, Crime Stoppers Windsor & Essex County**, and **Youth Diversion Essex County** for a Safety and Crime Prevention Walk in Harrow. Residents and business owners are invited to the community walk to learn how to prevent opportunities for crime, change the way they see and walk through their neighbourhood, and learn personal safety tips. [Essex.ca](http://Essex.ca)

**The Municipality of Leamington** has partnered with **Pathway to Potential (P2P)** and **The Bridge Youth Resource Centre** to develop a free recreation membership program at the Nature Fresh Farms Recreation Centre for at-risk youth in Leamington. The program will grant youth clients of The Bridge Youth Resource Centre unlimited access to the Nature Fresh Farms Recreation Centre programs and amenities over the year. The program has been developed to encourage healthy interests, strengthen leadership skills and provide opportunities to positively socialize with peers in a safe environment. [leamington.ca](http://leamington.ca)

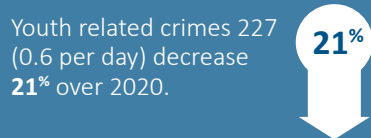
### STATS



In 2021, **105,363** 911 calls were received by Windsor Police, an average of 288 per day.



This represents a **5%** increase over 2020.

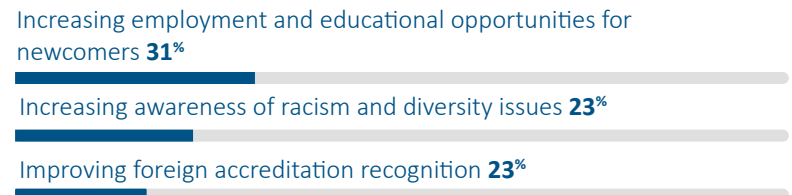


Youth related crimes 227 (0.6 per day) decrease **21%** over 2020.

## GETTING STARTED

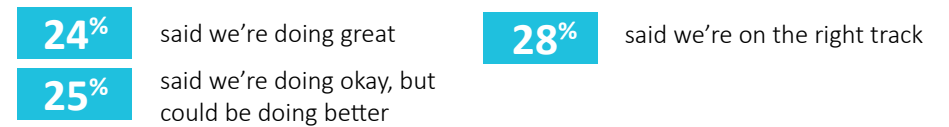
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### TOP PRIORITIES

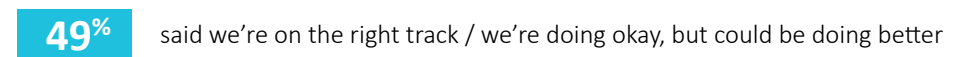


### WHAT YOU SAID

Is Windsor-Essex County welcoming to newcomers?



When it comes to both educational and employment opportunities for newcomers in Windsor-Essex County,



### DID YOU KNOW?

**South Essex Community Council (SECC)** Building Routes to Mental Wellness workshop aim is to educate, develop supportive views and provide tips on how to care for mental wellness and how to support others. It was designed for service providers, employees, employers, immigrants and temporary foreign workers, and to create awareness for early identification and intervention of mental health problems. [secc.on.ca](http://secc.on.ca)

**Windsor Baptist Refugee Ministries | Matthew House Windsor** provides shelter and settlement support for newly arrived refugees. [matthewhousewindsor.org](http://matthewhousewindsor.org)

**Ontario's Minister of Health** has told the province's nursing college to move forward with regulatory changes that could get thousands more internationally trained nurses into practice more quickly. The college has said the changes could potentially help the 5,970 active international applicants currently living in Ontario.

### STATS

**1 in 4 residents of Windsor-Essex County is an immigrant.**



**27%** of the total population of the City of Windsor and

**15%** of the population to Essex County are newcomers. [www.citywindsor.ca](http://www.citywindsor.ca)

An **immigrant** refers to a person who is or has ever been a landed immigrant or permanent resident. A **newcomer** is an immigrant to Canada who has been here less than 5 years.

Over **100** cultures are represented in the newcomer population of Windsor & Essex County.

Top 5 sectors immigrants are employed in: Manufacturing, Healthcare & Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Accommodation & Food Services, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services





## HOUSING

GRADE: **Windsor F** | **Essex County F** | **Seniors F** | **Youth A**

### TOP PRIORITIES

Improving the affordability of housing **56%**

Increasing the availability of housing with different levels of assisted care **22%**

Providing Housing for the homeless **10%**

### WHAT YOU SAID

When asked if housing is affordable in Windsor-Essex County

**79%** said improvement is needed / we should look into this

When asked if Windsor-Essex County has enough shelters to support the homeless population,

**72%** said improvement is needed / we should look into this

When asked if Windsor-Essex County has enough available housing with different levels of assisted care,

**68%** said improvement is needed / we should look into this



### DID YOU KNOW?

Through the Housing First Program, **Family Services Windsor-Essex (FSWE)** helps people with the greatest level of need find affordable rental housing. FSWE works with people who have been chronically homeless and have a significant mental health and/or addiction concern. Housing First Workers also provide these clients with weekly advocacy and support for up to three years, connecting people with other programs such as mental health and addiction services, with the goal of maintaining tenancy and reducing issues of safety and security for people who are chronically homeless. [fswe.ca](http://fswe.ca)

The **Essex County Homelessness Hub** is a drop-in style centre in Leamington where people experiencing homelessness explore various agencies that can provide help with employment services, government programs and apartment hunting. [secc.on.ca/homelessness](http://secc.on.ca/homelessness)

### STATS



Average monthly rate for a one-bedroom apartment in Windsor **\$1,398**

**22%** rental price increase over the last year.



Windsor-Essex County is receiving its largest investment in affordable housing ever, according to officials, with **\$170** million in federal and municipal funding earmarked for upgrades to existing housing units.



**4,700** apartment units will receive repairs and renovations to improve the quality of **730** buildings in the region. About 12,000 tenants will see the benefits of upgrades to the interiors and exteriors of their units.

Windsor-Essex will need **30,400** new homes by 2031 to meet the demand for new housing, according to a new report from the Smart Prosperity Institute.







## ARTS & CULTURE

GRADE: **Windsor C** | **Essex County B** | **Seniors C** | **Youth A**

### TOP PRIORITIES

Increasing the number of arts and cultural opportunities for those wanting to pursue a career **34%**

Increasing the number of arts and culture programs for youth **20%**

Accessibility of art and cultural events **18%**

### WHAT YOU SAID

**70%** of youth said that we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better when asked if arts and cultural events are accessible to youth in Windsor-Essex County.

When asked if arts and cultural events are accessible in Windsor-Essex County,

**57%** said that we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better

When asked if there are opportunities in Windsor-Essex County for those wanting to pursue a career, education or hobby in arts and culture

**16%** said we're doing great   **17%** said we're on the right track   **25%** said we're doing okay, but could be doing better

### DID YOU KNOW?

**The Amherstburg Freedom Museum** welcomes all people of all ages to experience the history of the Underground Railroad. [Amherstburgfreedom.org](http://Amherstburgfreedom.org)

This year saw more art in public spaces, such as the **Downtown Windsor Business Revitalization Association's Art Alley**, made possible through the Government of Canada's Healthy Communities Initiative, in partnership with Community Foundations Canada and the WindsorEssex Community Foundation. [downtownwindsor.ca](http://downtownwindsor.ca)

**Artcite Inc.** received a Community Impact Grant from the WECF to support the cost of hiring part-time staff and to pay for programming initiatives offered to the public free of charge. [artciteinc.ca](http://artciteinc.ca)

**Art Windsor-Essex** offers an annual Emerging Artist Residency Program. Each artist is given an honorarium to use in the production of new work during their residency and to cover fees for the selected artists to each present a workshop, community engagement, artist talk and to work on-site. [artwindsor.essex.ca](http://artwindsor.essex.ca)



A crosswalk featuring sacred **Caldwell First Nation** symbols coming to **Town of Kingsville**. The fish crosswalk will be located at Pearl Street West and Division Street South and represent displaced indigenous souls that are returning home to Lake Erie. [caldwellfirstnation.ca](http://caldwellfirstnation.ca) & [kingsville.ca](http://kingsville.ca)

### STATS



**97%** of Ontarians agree that engaging children in the Arts is important to their overall development.

Arts and culture in Ontario directly contribute \$**27.5** billion annually to the provincial economy, representing **3.3%** of Ontario's GDP.



## ENVIRONMENT

GRADE: **Windsor C** | **Essex County C** | **Seniors C** | **Youth A**

### TOP PRIORITIES

Improving air quality **29%**

Improving resiliency to climate change **21%**

Improving the amount of connected green spaces **14%**

### WHAT YOU SAID

**96%** of respondents said that Lake Erie's health is extremely important / moderately important.

**36%** of respondents rated air quality as we're doing okay, but could be doing better   **22%** said we're on the right track / we're doing great

When asked if there are enough green spaces in Windsor-Essex County,

**35%** said we're on the right track / we're doing great   **32%** said we're doing okay, but could be doing better

### DID YOU KNOW?

Discussions have begun regarding the creation of a national urban park at the **Ojibway Prairie Complex**. [friendsofojibwayprairie.com](http://friendsofojibwayprairie.com)



**Pelee Island Bird Observatory** has been offering birding kits, backpacks filled with items used for birdwatching, to BIPOC youth and adults, providing the opportunity to go bird watching. [pibo.ca](http://pibo.ca)

**The Town of Amherstburg** is creating a recreational trail encircling the **Libro Centre**. This 2-kilometre recreation trail will follow the shoreline of a portion of Big Creek and surrounding wetlands abundant with wildlife to view. [amherstburg.ca](http://amherstburg.ca)

**The Purple Theatre Company** held The Butterfly Festival, a project where people of various ages work together, immersed in learning and appreciating nature (the monarch butterfly), through gardening, science and the arts.



### STATS

**Forests Ontario** and its partners have planted **2.5 million** native tree seedlings across the province this season, including Including this season, more than **625,000** trees have been planted in Essex County through the **50 Million** Tree Program.



You can view the Air Quality in Windsor-Essex County daily by visiting [weather.gc.ca](http://weather.gc.ca)



## LEARNING

GRADE: **Windsor C** | **Essex County C** | **Seniors C** | **Youth A**

### TOP PRIORITIES

Affordability of post-secondary education **38%**

Improving skill development for the workforce **31%**

Better access to educational opportunities **13%**

### WHAT YOU SAID

When asked if local educational institutions are providing proper skill development for the workforce,

**60%** said we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better

Are educational opportunities readily available in Windsor-Essex County including access to libraries, tutoring, literacy programs, workforce development programs, etc?

**58%** believe that we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better

#### Survey Respondents

**49%** reported having a University certificate / diploma / degree

**20%** said they had a College or other certificate / diploma

**12%** said they completed high school



### DID YOU KNOW?

The **WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF)** awarded a total of over \$25,800 in scholarships to 13 students pursuing a post-secondary education in various fields of study in June of 2022. [wecf.ca](http://wecf.ca)

**Black Boys Code** is committed to developing a generation of young men who see success in technology careers as an option, not an impossibility. [blackboyscode.ca](http://blackboyscode.ca)



**CJAM FM** has technology items to rent out to our community members through their Technology Lending Library program. These items include laptops, tablets, at home microphone kits, DJ controllers, Go-Pro cameras, and access to industry-standard recording software. [cjam.ca](http://cjam.ca)

### STATS



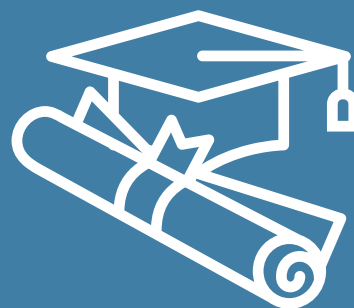
**16,321**

full and part-time students are enrolled in both the undergraduate and graduate programs at the University of Windsor.



**14,000**

were enrolled at St. Clair College the fall of 2021.



Younger Canadians are more likely than previous generations to have completed a post secondary education.

In 2019, **73%** of young Canadians aged 25 to 34 had attained a post secondary qualification, rising from **59%** in 2000.

Canadian 15-year-olds among the highest performers in the world in reading and math.





## GETTING AROUND

GRADE: Windsor C | Essex County C | Seniors C | Youth A

### TOP PRIORITIES

Creating a regional transportation system connecting Windsor and Essex County **33%**

Improving public transportation **24%**

Improving and / or increasing the number of bike pathways and / or pedestrian walkways **18%**

### WHAT YOU SAID

**20%** of survey respondents said we're doing okay, but could be doing better when it comes to transportation in Windsor-Essex County; and

**35%** said improvement is needed

When asked if bike paths and pedestrian walkways are easy to access in Windsor-Essex County,

**23%** of respondents said we're on the right track; and

**26%** said we're doing okay, but could be doing better

### DID YOU KNOW?



There will soon be a new way to get between Windsor and Amherstburg. **Transit Windsor** is entering a two-year agreement to provide bus service to Amherstburg under a pilot project.



**Women's Enterprise Skills Training of Windsor Inc** and **Bike Windsor-Essex** initiated the Young Women in Motion: Breaking Barriers with Bikes program in summer 2022, as a part of **Kia Communities in Motion**, supported by **Kia Canada** in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada and the WindsorEssex Community Foundation. [westofwindsor.com](http://westofwindsor.com) [bikewindsor.essex.com](http://bikewindsor.essex.com)



**Welcome Centre Shelter for Women** provides smart ride passes to families to search for housing, attend appointments getting their kids to school. [welcomecentreshelter.com](http://welcomecentreshelter.com)



**The Grove Bike Co** is a bike rental service offered at the Grove Hotel in Kingsville and Colchester beach. Electric and old-fashioned cruisers can be rented out. [Thegrovebikeco.com](http://Thegrovebikeco.com)

### STATS

In 2019, the transit industry in Canada was comprised of

**96** urban transit companies

**12** inter-city bus companies

**151** charter and sightseeing bus companies

**420** school and employee bus companies

Urban transit systems are shifting from diesel buses to more sustainable forms of energy.



## FOOD SECURITY

GRADE: Windsor C | Essex County C | Seniors C | Youth A

### TOP PRIORITIES

Improving access to fresh and nutritious food **32%**

Improving access to locally grown food **26%**

Increasing support for community food programs **26%**

### WHAT YOU SAID

When asked if Windsor-Essex County offers access to nutritious food at affordable prices,

**44%** said we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could do better

**46%** said we should look into this / improvement is needed

Does Windsor-Essex have access to locally grown food?

**30%** said we're on the right track

**28%** said we're doing great

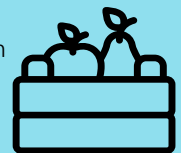
**24%** said we're doing okay, but could be doing better

### DID YOU KNOW?



**Cook-Up** is a not-for-profit social enterprise that believes in the transformative positive impact of supporting female entrepreneurs in the food and restaurant industry. [Thekitchendoor.com](http://Thekitchendoor.com)

The Leamington Regional Food Hub Program offered through the **Unemployment Help Centre** distributes fresh produce from farmers and green house growers to hungry people throughout Windsor-Essex County and beyond. [Uhc.ca](http://Uhc.ca)



**United Way's Summer Eats for Kids** program provides children and families in Windsor-Essex County with nutritious snacks, fruits, and vegetables during the summer months when school nutrition programs are closed. [Weareunited.com](http://Weareunited.com)

### STATS

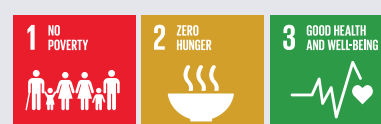


The agribusiness sector in Leamington is a **\$3 billion** industry with nearly **8000** employees spread across more than **100** food and beverage processing companies and over **500** growers.

Nearly 2000 acres of "under cover" greenhouses exist in Leamington, allowing for growing year-round

	Windsor-Tecumseh	Essex	Chatham-Kent Leamington
Individuals visited a food bank	8,860	1,428	3,786
Adults	5,504	929	2,482
Children	3,356	502	1,304
Total visits to a food bank	51,543	8,491	11,854

In Ontario, 592,308 people used a food bank 3,683,000 million times in 2021. In many communities, food bank use is higher than what is represented.





### Our Vision

Inspiring philanthropy, to benefit our community, today and forever!

### Our Mission

We build a better Windsor-Essex community by attracting and managing legacy funds, making grants to support local programs, and bringing community partners together!

### Canada's Healthy Communities Initiative

Through the \$60-million Initiative, the Government of Canada and Community Foundations of Canada are building safer spaces and ensuring a higher quality of life for people across the country, by helping communities adapt in the face of the pandemic. The WindsorEssex Community Foundation has supported projects to create safe & vibrant public spaces, improve mobility options, and provide digital solutions to communities responding and adapting to the challenges presented by COVID-19.

### Investment Readiness Program

The Investment Readiness Program (IRP) helps deliver capital from organizations preparing to successfully participate in the social finance market. As a regional partner with Community Foundations of Canada delivering the IRP, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation will help empower others to unlock innovative solutions to social challenges.

### Random Act of Kindness Day<sup>®</sup>

Random Act of Kindness Day<sup>®</sup> is a nation-wide celebration of kindness promoting a 'pay it forward' movement in the community. RAK Day<sup>®</sup> is meant to be a fun and simple way to encourage unexpected moments of kindness in our community and "make kindness the norm". Over the last decade, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation has brought Rak Day<sup>®</sup> to the Windsor-Essex Community, encouraging individuals, groups, schools, businesses, and organizations to help create a more empathetic and connected community by spreading kindness to others.

TO LEARN MORE VISIT: [WECF.CA](http://WECF.CA)

## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

