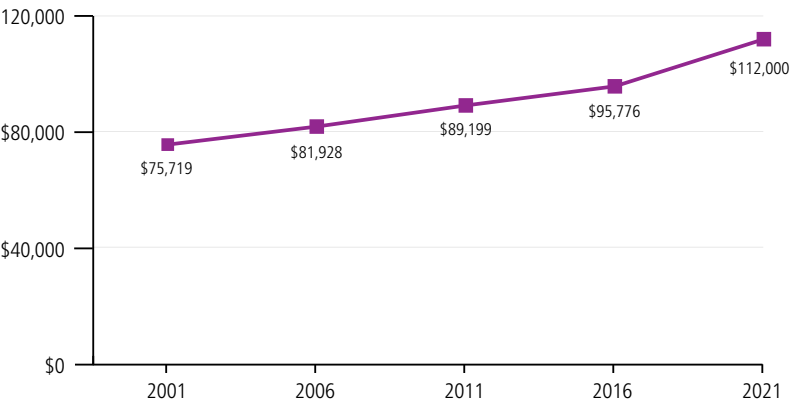




VISION COMMUNITY INDICATORS SCORECARD

ECONOMIC VITALITY: Focuses on what is needed to encourage and sustain economic growth and vitality in the Region.



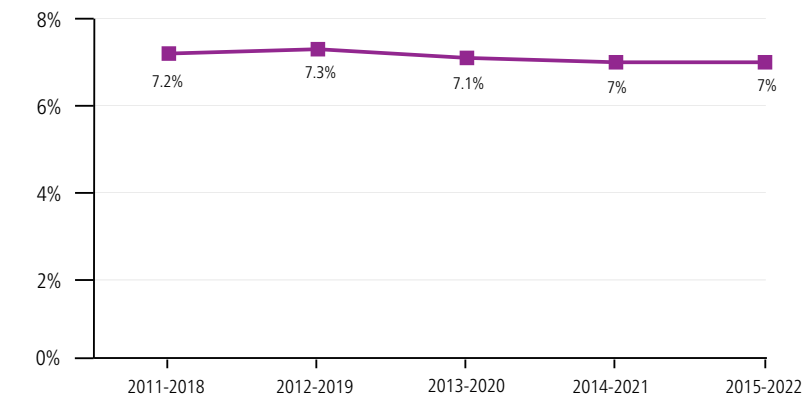
Source: Statistics Canada – Census

PROSPERITY

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: York Region continues to have among the highest median household incomes in Ontario and across Canada. Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling results show one in four residents top concerns are financial, recognizing increasing pressure around cost of housing, cost of living, and taxes. However, the majority of residents (65%) continue to report a positive outlook about their personal financial situation.



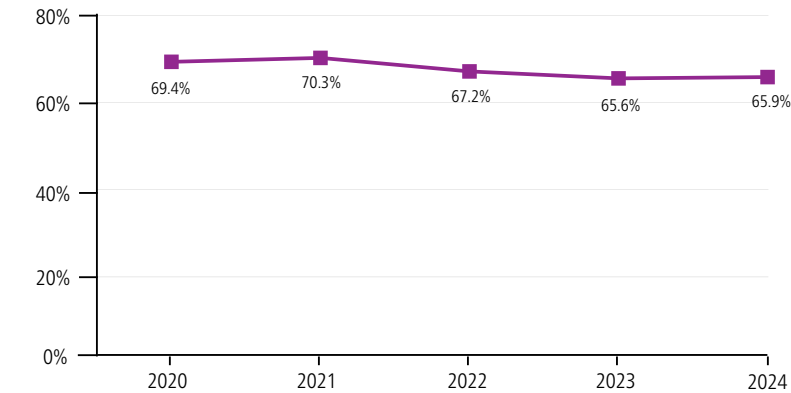
Source: Statistics Canada – Longitudinal Administrative Databank

PROSPERITY

% OF YORK REGION RESIDENTS LIVING IN PERSISTENT LOW-INCOME (6 YEARS OR LONGER)

Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: A smaller proportion of York Region residents live in persistent low income relative to other municipalities. However, this percentage has remained relatively unchanged for over a decade, indicating more targeted support is needed for residents facing persistent low income. Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling shows a correlation between household income and quality of life perceptions; as income increases, residents are more likely to have a good or excellent quality of life.



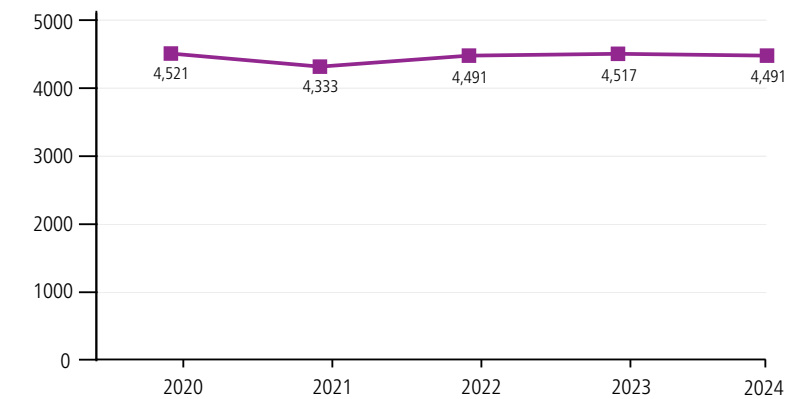
Source: Statistics Canada – Labour Force Survey

EMPLOYABILITY

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

Not Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: York Region’s labour force participation rate has declined due to the Region’s ageing population, though reports from the Workforce Planning Board of York Region show more Canadians expect to work into retirement.



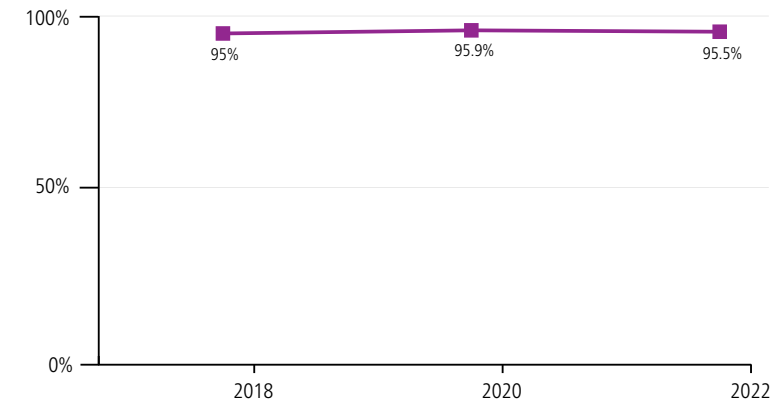
Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Business Counts

ECONOMIC GROWTH

OF BUSINESSES PER 100,000 POPULATION

Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: York Region’s businesses continue to thrive, with the number of establishments per capita surpassing the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area average by 28%. According to the Q2 2024 Canadian Survey on Business Conditions, businesses anticipate obstacles related to costs and labour. Meanwhile, the Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling results show traffic congestion and population growth are noted issues for residents. An Ipsos study reinforces this, showing residents are reluctant to travel to work and consider leaving the Greater Toronto Area due to traffic congestion.



Source: Statistics Canada

CONNECTIVITY

% OF POPULATION WITH ACCESS TO INTERNET SERVICE

Trending in the Desired Direction

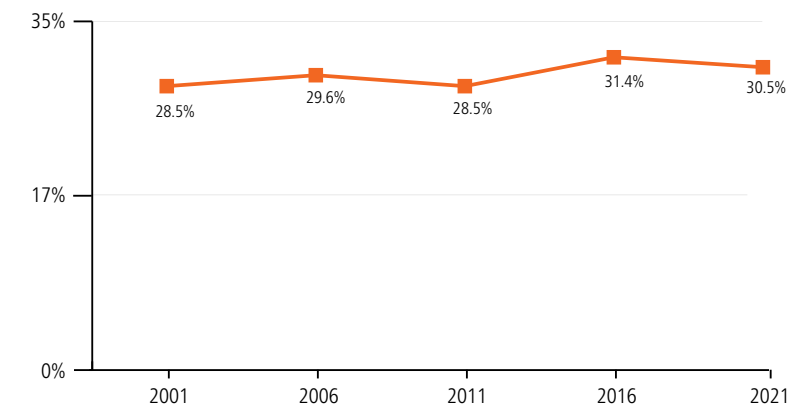
KEY INSIGHTS: Statistics Canada notes most Canadians have household Internet access. Those without access largely reported lack of Internet connection due to cost of connection equipment or lack of interest.





VISION COMMUNITY INDICATORS SCORECARD

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: Focuses on the livability, health, safety and social well-being of our communities.



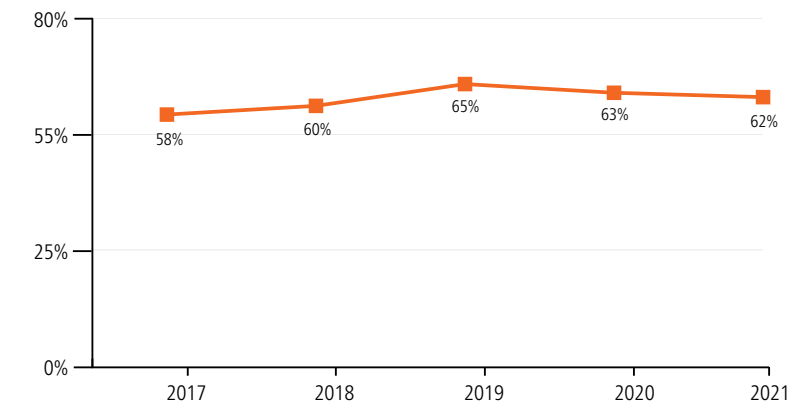
Source: Statistics Canada – Census

AFFORDABILITY

% OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING 30% OR MORE OF INCOME ON HOUSING COST

● Not Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: Housing affordability is a major challenge facing York Region. In 2021, census data showed more than a quarter of York Region homeowners spend 30% or more of household income on shelter – the highest proportion in Ontario. Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling results show that 14% of residents have identified housing as a top issue facing the Region. Since 2019, a majority (54%) of residents have disagreed with the statement that they can afford housing in York Region, with 45% of residents in 2025 agreeing they would consider leaving York Region due to the cost of housing.



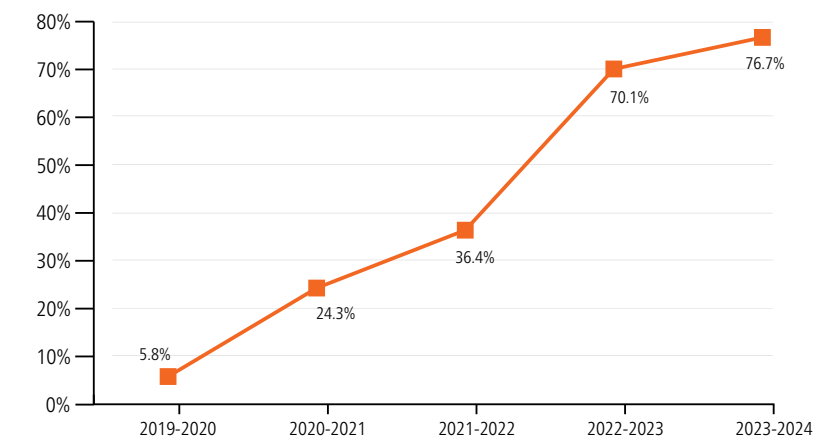
Source: Statistics Canada – Canadian Community Health Survey

PHYSICAL HEALTH

% OF POPULATION THAT RATES THEIR OVERALL HEALTH AS VERY GOOD OR EXCELLENT

○ Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: The 2023 Partner Engaged Assessment of Community Health Survey suggested a growing complexity in chronic health conditions. Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling results show a decrease in the percentage of residents rating their quality of life as excellent or good.



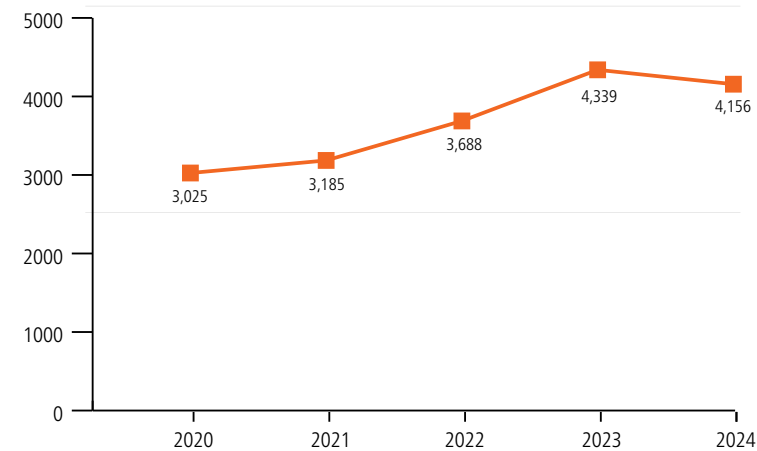
Source: Panorama

PHYSICAL HEALTH

IMMUNIZATION RATE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

○ Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: Vaccination rates are increasing post-pandemic as a result of re-starting the Grade 7 school-based vaccination program and enforcement of the Immunization School Pupils Act. Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling results show public health remains the top core service residents expect the Region to spend more money on.



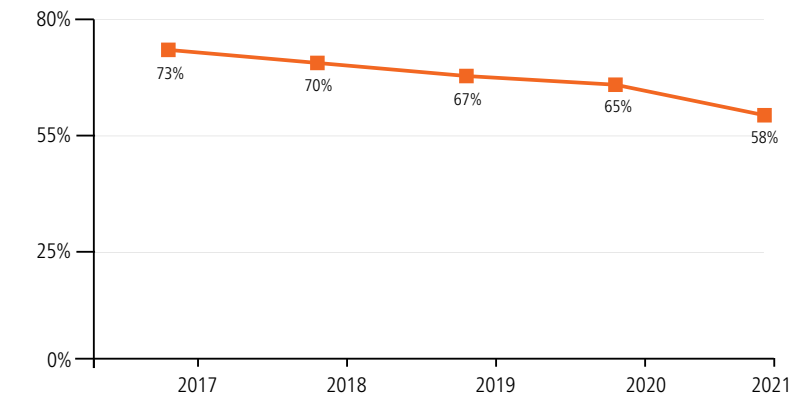
Source: York Regional Police – Uniform Crime Reporting Survey

SAFETY

TOTAL CRIME RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION

● Not Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: York Region has observed a rise in crime rates influenced by factors such as population growth, economic pressures, increases in organized crime, and complexity of criminal activities. Over the past year, perceptions of safety have been slightly decreasing, though a very large majority of residents still feel the Region is a safe place to live. Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling results show 30% of residents identify crime and public safety as the most important issue facing York Region communities today – the first time this many residents have identified a single top issue since 2019 with the exception of COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021.



Source: Statistics Canada – Canadian Community Health Survey

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MENTAL HEALTH

% OF THE POPULATION THAT RATES THEIR MENTAL HEALTH AS VERY GOOD OR EXCELLENT

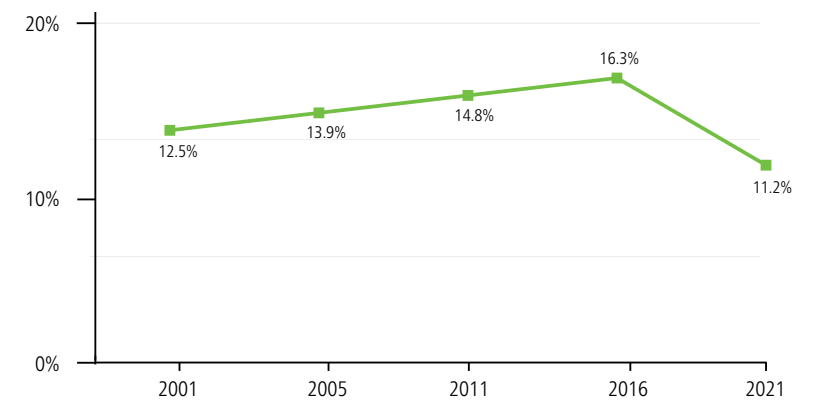
● Not Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: Declining mental health is a major challenge facing York Region, in line with provincial and national trends. Studies conducted by Mental Health Research Canada, Partner Engaged Assessment of Community Health, and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health cite social isolation, financial pressures and lack of services as potential causes for this decline.



VISION COMMUNITY INDICATORS SCORECARD

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT: Focuses on the need to protect and sustain the natural and built environment and reduce our ecological impact.



Source: Statistics Canada

MOBILITY

% OF COMMUTERS USING A TRAVEL MODE TO WORK OTHER THAN A PERSONAL VEHICLE

● Not Trending in the Desired Direction

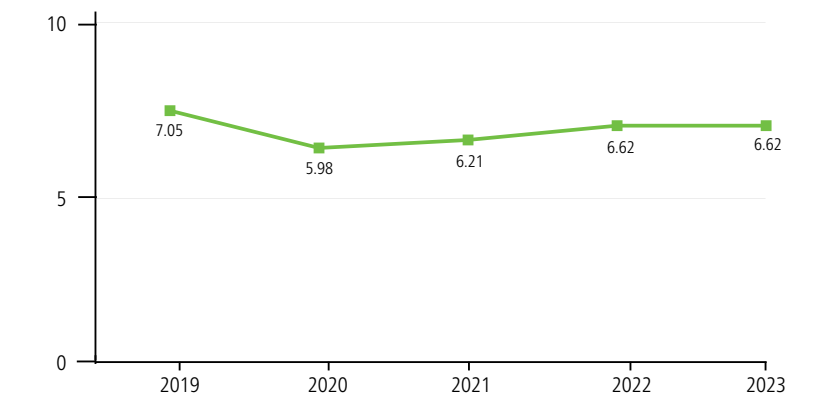
KEY INSIGHTS: The most recent Census data available indicates most commuters continue to rely on single-occupant vehicles for their commute and, from 2015 to 2019, residents consistently cited traffic and traffic congestion as their #1 top concern for York Region. However, since 2020, the population of residents mentioning this as a top concern significantly declined, with 8% of residents mentioning it as their top concern in Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling. With York Region Transit ridership at all-time highs and increased micromobility options, recent trends suggest this measure is recovering post-pandemic.

ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MEASURED IN TONNES PER CAPITA

○ Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: The shift to work-from-home during the pandemic reduced greenhouse gas emissions, but it is slowly returning to pre-pandemic levels. Feedback from respondents on the draft Climate Change Action Plan in 2022 showed 89% were moderately to very concerned about the impacts of climate change but, when residents were asked about the most important local problem facing York Region through Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling, less than 2% noted environment-related topics.



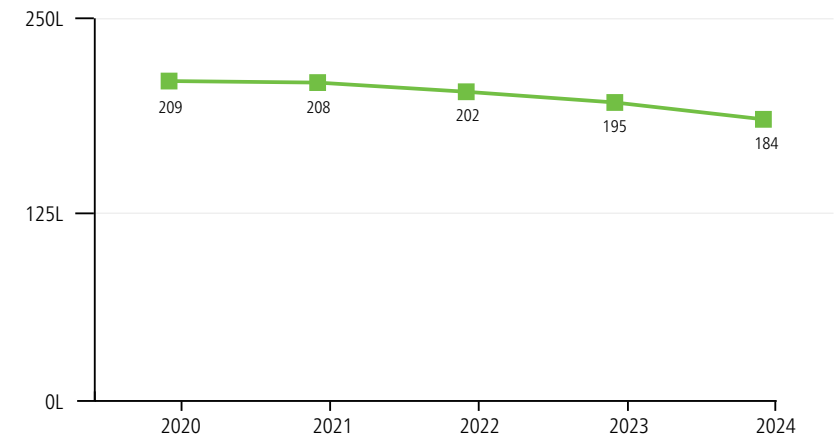
Source: The Atmospheric Fund

WATER STEWARDSHIP

AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL WATER DEMAND (LITRES / CAPITA / DAY)

○ Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: The shift to work-from-home during the pandemic increased water use, but it is slowly returning to pre-pandemic levels. Fall 2024 Community Opinion Polling shows the Region's water services are among the most well-known of the Region's core services, and among the top core services residents are most satisfied.



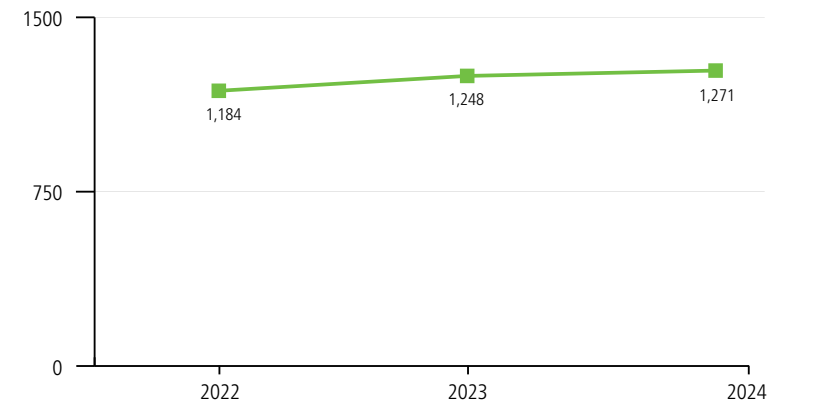
Source: Local Municipal Residential Water Billing Data

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

HECTARES OF GREEN SPACE PER 100,000 POPULATION

○ Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: This indicator has remained stable since first being calculated in 2022, with green space additions keeping pace with population growth. Fall 2024 Community Opinion Polling results show most York Region residents were aware the Region provides Forestry services and were satisfied with the service provided.



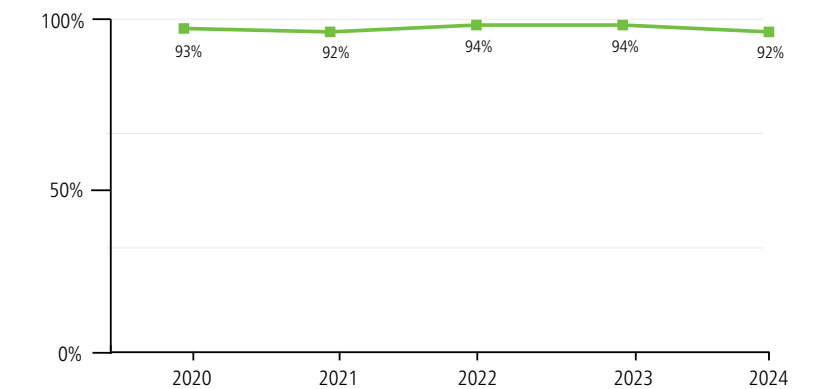
Source: York Region

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

% OF SOLID WASTE DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL (INCLUDING ENERGY-FROM-WASTE)

○ Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: York Region consistently ranks as a leader in waste diversion in Ontario as reported by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority. Fall 2024 Community Opinion Polling results show York Region's waste management services rank among the Region's most well-known service offerings and ranks among the top three core services for resident satisfaction.

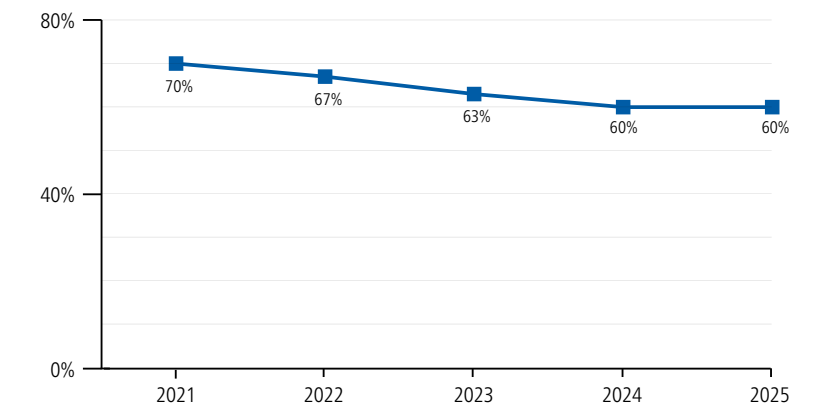


Source: Annual Diversion Report



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GOOD GOVERNMENT: Focuses on a sense of community as one that is democratic, accessible, equitable and reliable, where civic engagement and participation is welcomed from all.



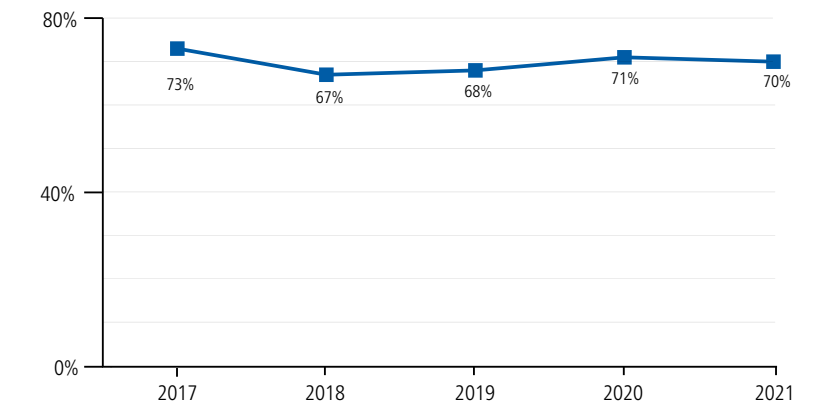
Source: Community Opinion Polling

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

YORK REGION RESIDENTS' LEVEL OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

● Not Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: Community engagement is declining across Canada. Many studies, such as Leger's Charitable Giving study, attribute this to the rising cost of living. Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling results show that residents with a strong sense of belonging to their community contribute more often than those with a weak sense of belonging.



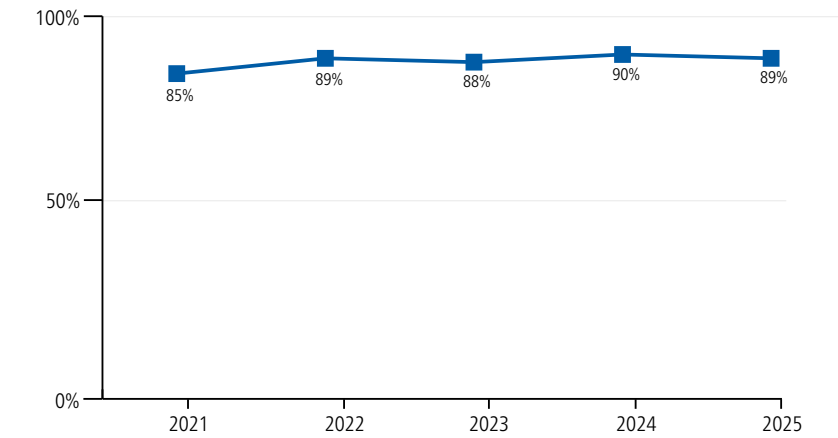
Source: Statistics Canada – Canadian Community Health Survey

COMMUNITY BELONGING

% OF THE POPULATION AGED 12 AND OLDER WHO REPORTED "VERY STRONG" OR "SOMEWHAT STRONG" SENSE OF COMMUNITY BELONGING

○ Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: Community belonging, while fluctuating, remains strong as reported by Statistics Canada. However, Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling results show a significant decline in resident sense of community belonging, with only 62% of residents having a strong sense of community belonging – a decline from the 84% reported during the COVID-19 pandemic in Fall 2020.



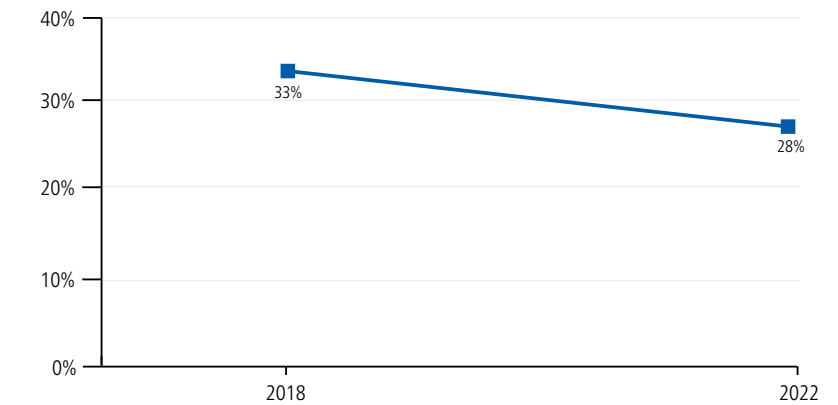
Source: Community Opinion Polling

LIVABILITY

% OF RESIDENTS WHO WOULD RECOMMEND YORK REGION AS A PLACE TO LIVE

○ Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: Spring 2025 Community Opinion Polling results show living in York Region is viewed favourably with 9 in 10 residents agreeing that they would recommend living in York Region.



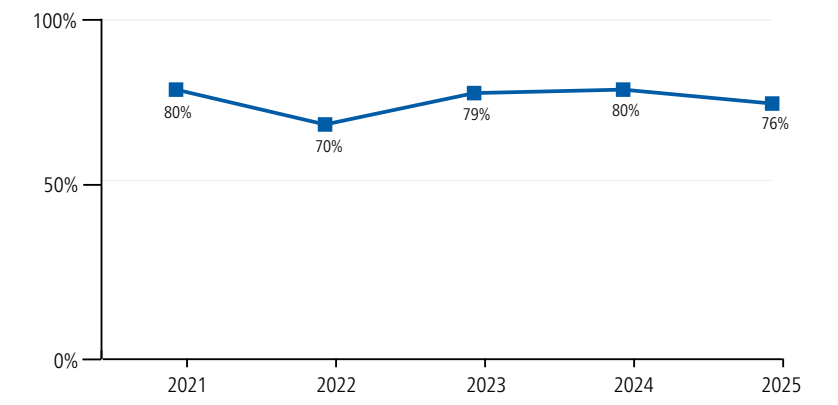
Source: Association of Municipalities of Ontario

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

VOTER PARTICIPATION IN THE LAST MUNICIPAL ELECTION (AS A PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS)

● Not Trending in the Desired Direction

KEY INSIGHTS: Civic participation is declining in York Region, as seen across Canada. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario declares a candidate's success depends on several factors. Local context around government stewardship and voter motivation must be considered when interpreting this indicator.



Source: Community Opinion Polling

