

Howe Sound (Local Health Area) | Community Health Indicators

The chart below summarizes select indicators of health and well-being. Results for Howe Sound (Local Health Area) are compared to the Coastal Rural region as well as Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

Compared to Vancouver Coastal Health

● Better ○ Similar ● Worse ◆ Coastal Rural Average



DOMAIN	Indicator	Howe Sound (%) n = 626	Coastal Rural (%) n = 2027	Vancouver Coastal Health (%) n = 17648	Vancouver Coastal Health Worst (%)	Summary Chart ⁴	Vancouver Coastal Health Best (%)
ECONOMIC	Household income under \$40,000	23.5	28.6	35.6	40.4		18.6
	Currently unemployed	s	3.2	6.6	9.5		3.2
HEALTH STATUS	General health (excellent/very good)	58.4	54.8	50.3	41.5		68.2
	Mental health (excellent/very good)	61.7	63.4	54.9	52.2		71.0
	Obesity (BMI 30+)	19.3	26.9	17.0	39.1		14.2
	Diabetes	4.5	6.3	6.6	11.8		3.9
	High blood pressure	9.4	19.1	16.4	30.8		8.1
	Heart disease	s	5.7	4.1	12.0		3.1
	Chronic breathing condition	6.9	7.1	7.3	10.2		4.0
	Arthritis	8.9	15.5	12.4	21.6		11.6
	Mood or anxiety disorder	15.1	15.1	16.4	19.9		11.3
	Multiple chronic conditions ¹	s	7.8	6.8	13.7		5.8
	Cancer (lung, breast, prostate or colorectal)	s	4.9	2.9	7.8		2.4
	LIFESTYLE	Binge drinking (1+ times/month) ²	37.9	27.6	23.4	48.3	
Smoker (daily/occasional)		9.1	9.7	10.6	13.0		6.2
Physical activity (150+ minutes/week)		63.9	57.3	46.4	37.5		68.9
5+ servings of fruits and vegetables (/day)		32.6	32.2	27.2	20.9		37.1
Stress (extremely/quite stressed)		14.6	15.0	16.4	18.0		7.4
Screen time (2+ hours/day)		47.0	51.7	48.8	57.7		38.1
High physical wellness score (10-16) ³		53.1	43.8	40.9	29.3		55.9
PRIMARY CARE ACCESS		Have a family doctor	87.3	87.1	81.0	76.9	
	Visited health care professional (past 12 months)	80.5	82.1	81.5	76.0		87.9
	<i>Visited physician with appointment</i>	74.1	78.8	73.6	69.6		85.8
	<i>Visited walk-in clinic without appointment</i>	11.4	8.1	16.6	20.5		5.3
BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Commute - car	75.5	80.4	45.2	86.9		32.7
	Commute - public transit	4.2	4.1	31.8	4.1		38.9
	Commute - walk or cycle	18.0	13.5	20.2	8.2		25.7
	Commute time (one way 30+ minutes)	29.2	24.6	50.5	56.0		9.5
	Primary mode to run errands - walk or cycle	10.9	9.5	28.1	8.1		38.1
	Second hand smoke exposure (public places)	11.6	11.6	27.6	32.1		8.9
	Sidewalks well maintained (strongly/somewhat agree)	55.3	45.2	75.8	4.9		79.8
	Amenities within walking/cycling distance (strongly/somewhat agree)	56.9	44.6	74.9	32.9		87.4
	Transit stop (less than 5 minute walk)	86.8	75.8	88.0	68.7		93.4
COMMUNITY RESILIENCY	Emergency supplies (3+ days)	27.1	34.7	27.0	17.3		44.4
	Food insecure (sometimes/often)	4.9	4.1	7.3	8.5		2.3
	Community belonging (strong/somewhat strong)	73.2	74.3	57.8	53.8		82.3
	4+ people to confide in/turn to for help	50.8	49.9	48.1	41.4		55.9

S = suppressed

- 1 Reported diagnosis of two or more of the following: Diabetes, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure or chronic breathing conditions.
- 2 Five or more drinks on one occasion for males and 4 or more drinks on one occasion for females.
- 3 Lifestyles characterised by eating 5+ servings of fruits or vegetables a day, 30+ minutes of walking a day, 150+ minutes of moderate or vigorous physical activity a week, and not smoking. Wellness scores ranged from 0 -16.
- 4 Health Authority best/worst values represent individual communities and unstable values for small communities have been suppressed. Indicator values for aggregated communities may therefore fall above or below health authority best or worst values in the summary chart.

