New Westminster | Community Health Indicators

The chart below summarizes select indicators of health and well-being. Results for New Westminster are compared to the Metro Vancouver region as well as Fraser Health Authority.



DOMAIN	Indicator	New Westminster (%) n = 1085	Metro Vancouver (%) n = 28128	Fraser Health (%) n = 15427	Fraser Health Worst (%)	Summary Chart	Fraser Health Best (%)
ECONOMIC	Household income under \$40,000	31.5	31.7	28.5	47.3	•	6.9
	Currently unemployed	8.8	6.4	6.0	12.0	• •	4.0
HEALTH STATUS	General health (excellent/very good)	46.0	48.5	47.5	40.7	• •	58.9
	Mental health (excellent/very good)	57.1	56.5	58.8	47.7	40	64.6
	Obesity (BMI 30+)	26.8	21.7	27.2	36.7	• •	17.3
	Diabetes	10.8	7.7	8.8	11.5	• •	3.3
	High blood pressure	19.2	17.9	19.5	34.4	••	14.4
	Heart disease	4.7	4.7	5.0	7.6	→	2.8
	Chronic breathing condition	7.9	7.2	7.3	10.9	• •	4.1
	Arthritis	13.6	13.1	13.9	30.0	•	7.4
	Mood or anxiety disorder	20.7	16.3	16.7	28.2	• •	13.9
	Multiple chronic conditions ¹	8.9	7.9	8.8	12.5	• •	5.9
	Cancer (lung, breast, prostate or colorectal)	3.2	2.9	3.0	8.8	•	2.3
LIFESTYLE	Binge drinking (1+ times/month) ²	24.8	20.7	18.8	24.8	•	15.1
	Smoker (daily/occasional)	14.5	10.6	10.5	22.4	•	3.3
	Physical activity (150+ minutes/week)	44.7	44.1	43.3	38.2	(0	56.7
	5+ servings of fruits and vegetables (/day)	24.3	24.9	23.6	20.5	••	30.0
	Stress (extremely/quite stressed)	18.0	17.8	18.6	26.3	•	13.7
	Screen time (2+ hours/day)	52.1	47.8	47.5	60.8	•	41.4
	High physical wellness score (10-16) ³	39.4	37.7	35.6	28.4	♦ •	43.9
PRIMARY CARE ACCESS	Have a family doctor	78.5	83.1	85.8	78.5	• •	92.3
	Visited health care professional (past 12 months)	81.5	80.4	79.9	76.0	♦ •	84.4
	Visited physician with appointment	71.8	75.0	77.0	71.3	• •	85.6
	Visited walk-in clinic without appointment	18.4	16.5	15.1	21.0	• •	7.9
BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Commute - car	47.5	55.1	67.0	81.8	→	47.5
	Commute - public transit	34.5	28.2	21.4	3.2	• •	38.0
	Commute - walk or cycle	16.5	13.7	8.4	3.7	• •	20.9
	Commute time (one way 30+ minutes)	57.9	56.0	55.7	66.6	••	33.3
	Primary mode to run errands - walk or cycle	24.9	19.8	11.0	3.9	•	24.9
	Second hand smoke exposure (public places)	32.2	26.6	23.5	32.2	• •	6.8
	Sidewalks well maintained (strongly/somewhat agree)	77.1	75.5	72.8	40.1	()	86.5
	Amenities within walking/cycling distance (strongly/somewhat agree)	82.3	69.5	61.3	32.3	•	82.3
	Transit stop (less than 5 minute walk)	91.3	84.0	78.7	14.7	••	91.3
COMMUNITY RESILIENCY	Emergency supplies (3+ days)	27.8	26.7	27.3	23.5	• •	32.0
	Food insecure (sometimes/often)	10.2	7.0	6.3	12.7	• •	3.6
	Community belonging (strong/somewhat strong)	60.4	55.9	56.0	49.1		71.1
	4+ people to confide in/turn to for help	43.4	45.0	43.2	32.1	• •	50.5

¹ Reported diagnosis of two or more of the following: Diabetes, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure or chronic breathing conditions.

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.



² Five or more drinks on one occasion for males and 4 or more drinks on one occasion for females.