Squamish | Community Health Indicators

The chart below summarizes select indicators of health and well-being. Results for Squamish are compared to the Coastal Rural region as well as Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

Vancouver Coastal Health Average

Compared to Vancouver Coastal Health

Better Similar Worse Coastal Rural Average

Worst Best

DOMAIN	Indicator	Squamish (%) n = 372	Coastal Rural (%) n = 2027	Vancouver Coastal Health (%) n = 17648	Vancouver Coastal Health Worst (%)	Summary Chart		Vancouver Coastal Health Best (%)
ECONOMIC	Household income under \$40,000	22.1	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)	56.7	54.8	50.3	41.5		••	68.2
	Mental health (excellent/very good)	61.4	63.4	54.9	52.2		• •	71.0
	Obesity (BMI 30+)	21.1	26.9	17.0	39.1	• •		14.2
	Diabetes	S	6.3	6.6	11.8		•	3.9
	High blood pressure	8.1	19.1	16.4	30.8	•	•	8.1
	Heart disease	S	5.7	4.1	12.0	•		3.1
	Chronic breathing condition	8.4	7.1	7.3	10.2	•	•	4.0
	Arthritis	S	15.5	12.4	21.6	•		11.6
	Mood or anxiety disorder	17.7	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	32.8	27.6	23.4	48.3	• •		15.0
	Smoker (daily/occasional)	9.5	9.7	10.6	13.0		(6.2
	Physical activity (150+ minutes/week)	62.2	57.3	46.4	37.5		• •	68.9
	5+ servings of fruits and vegetables (/day)	32.9	32.2	27.2	20.9		40	37.1
	Stress (extremely/quite stressed)	14.4	15.0	16.4	18.0		40	7.4
	Screen time (2+ hours/day)	49.9	51.7	48.8	57.7	••		38.1
	High physical wellness score (10-16) ³	52.7	43.8	40.9	29.3		•	55.9
PRIMARY CARE ACCESS	Have a family doctor	91.7	87.1	81.0	76.9		• •	93.2
	Visited health care professional (past 12 months)	83.4	82.1	81.5	76.0		• •	87.9
	Visited physician with appointment	74.9	78.8	73.6	69.6		• •	85.8
	Visited walk-in clinic without appointment	11.5	8.1	16.6	20.5		• •	5.3
BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Commute - car	78.6	80.4	45.2	86.9	•		32.7
	Commute - public transit	S	4.1	31.8	4.1	•		38.9
	Commute - walk or cycle	17.1	13.5	20.2	8.2	• •		25.7
	Commute time (one way 30+ minutes)	38.5	24.6	50.5	56.0		• •	9.5
	Primary mode to run errands - walk or cycle	10.4	9.5	28.1	8.1	•		38.1
	Second hand smoke exposure (public places)	12.9	11.6	27.6	32.1		•	8.9
	Sidewalks well maintained (strongly/somewhat agree)	56.8	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)	89.6	75.8	88.0	68.7	♦	•	93.4
COMMUNITY RESILIENCY	Emergency supplies (3+ days)	33.0	34.7	27.0	17.3		••	44.4
	Food insecure (sometimes/often)	4.5	4.1	7.3	8.5		•	2.3
	Community belonging (strong/somewhat strong)	70.9	74.3	57.8	53.8		•	82.3
	4+ people to confide in/turn to for help	50.5	49.9	48.1	41.4		••	55.9

S = suppressed

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.



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.