

2024 | WINDSOR-ESSEX'S **Vital Signs®** **REPORT**

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



HOW TO READ THIS REPORT



2022 Vital Signs® Report Launch

WELCOME TO THE 2024 VITAL SIGNS® REPORT!

Welcome to the **Vital Signs®** Report, published by the WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF) in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada (CFC). The **Vital Signs®** 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®** 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 to better understand the needs of our overall community.

Each year, we conduct the **Vital Signs®** Survey and publish the **Vital Signs®** 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®** Report helps to build community knowledge, inform community investments, and identify strategic priorities. We use the **Vital Signs®** Report to help guide our grant-making 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®** Program helps us to do just that.

In 2024, you will notice that some scores have declined in some areas, while in others, the scores have improved. The "What You Said" section of the Report continues on a positive trend, with youth responses remaining the most positive regarding quality of life in Windsor-Essex County. Overall, the Report indicates that we are doing okay in Windsor-Essex County concerning quality of life, but there is still some room for improvement.

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®** Program. We hope this Report will reaffirm what makes Windsor-Essex County a great place to live, work, play, and grow!

Lisa Kolody

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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**. Within those areas, local, provincial, and national data is included.

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 top responses for each issue area.

**WHAT YOU SAID:**

This section highlights the results of what survey respondents shared.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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

HOW CAN I USE THIS REPORT?

The **Vital Signs®** Report serves as a starting point for further conversations. It is intended to inform the community about our priorities to better direct our region's resources and planning.

WHO USES THIS REPORT?

The **Vital Signs®** Report is a valuable tool for understanding the needs of our community. Use this Report to access the outlined programs and services, or to develop new ones that address 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®** is Windsor-Essex County's annual community check-up then the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a global physical exam. Established as part of the United Nations' Agenda 2030, the SDGs consist of 17 interconnected objectives focused on eradicating poverty, reducing inequality, and promoting responsible, sustainable growth by the end of the next decade. The goals serve as a call to action, advocating for the right of all people to peace and prosperity.

More information on the Sustainable Development Goals is available at www.undp.org.SDGs





OUR COMMUNITY

WINDSOR - ESSEX COUNTY'S POPULATION

WINDSOR - ESSEX COUNTY	WINDSOR CMA*	ESSEX COUNTY*
422,630	349,615	73,016

**2021 Census Metropolitan Area

Statistics Canada reports that the region welcomed **31,958** people in **2023**, bringing the Windsor-Essex County population to

468,019

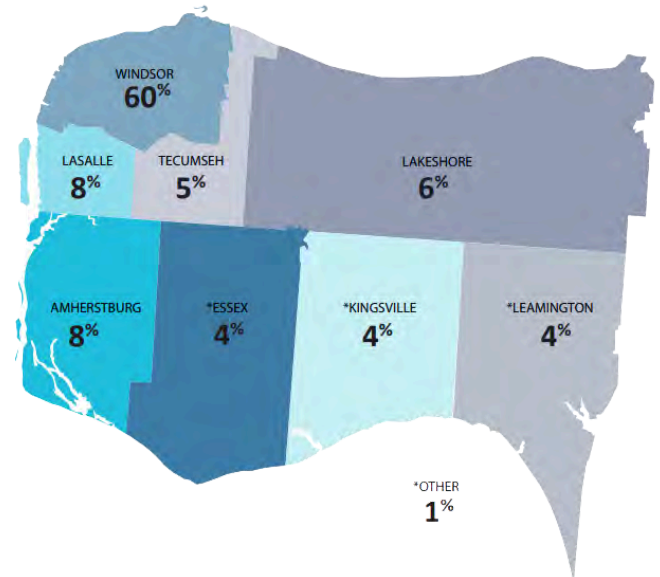


WHERE DO YOU CURRENTLY LIVE?

Essex County 12%

Windsor CMA 87%

Decline to Answer 1%

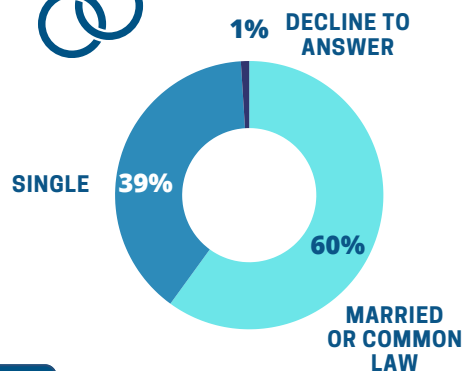


ABOUT OUR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

AGE

24 or younger	10%
25-44	35%
45-64	60%
65 or over	15%

MARITAL STATUS



INCOME

\$0 to \$19,999	14%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	13%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	17%
\$60,000 - \$79,999	13%
\$80,000 or more	24%
Decline to Answer	11%
Not Applicable	8%

BORN IN CANADA



LIVED IN WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY FOR:



More than 10 years 72%

2 - 10 years 16%

Less than 2 years 11%

Decline to Answer 1%



HEALTH, WELLNESS & ACTIVITY

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Improving access to mental health programs and services

43%

Improving access to health professionals and services

38%

Increasing access to sports and physical activity programs

7%

Increasing access to oral health programs and services

4%

WHAT YOU SAID

76%

of survey 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,

39%

of survey respondents said we're doing great / we're on the right track.

28%

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,

15%

of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing great.

21%

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

42%

said improvement is needed.

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

23%

of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing great.

27%

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

22%

said improvement is needed.



Basketball Courts at Seacliff Park, Leamington

**Supported by the Honey Family Foundation Fund held at the WECF and the WECF

DID YOU KNOW?



Windsor Family Health Team - Oral Health Education program is available free of charge to patients and clients of all ages without private dental insurance. windsorfht.ca

*Supported by the WECF & GSC



Life After Fifty (LAF) - More than Muscle program offers fitness opportunities for seniors, while also fostering mental health, wellbeing, and social connections. lifeafterfifty.ca

*Supported by the WECF



The Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre provides mental health services to support Indigenous individuals. Their care team includes mental health counselors, family social workers, substance use counselors, outreach workers, and more. soahac.on.ca



Family Respite Services Windsor-Essex has launched the "Respitality" program. familyrespite.org

*Supported by the WECF



You can contact your local Municipality to inquire about the financial assistance programs they offer for their recreational programs and services.

STATS



496

Physicians in Windsor-Essex County in 2024.



610

Physicians in Windsor-Essex County in 2022.



1,232

Children screened (Jan. - Dec. 2022) at one of the WECHU's two dental clinics operating in Windsor & Leamington through the Healthy Smiles Ontario program.



49%

of Canadian adults aged 18 to 79 are meeting the new recommended target of accumulating at least 150 minutes per week of Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity.

WORK

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Providing a living wage to employees

50%

Ensuring youth are better prepared for the workforce

18%

Providing more support to local businesses

8%

WHAT YOU SAID

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

32% of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better.

60% said improvement is needed / we should look into this.

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

29% of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better.

54% said improvement is needed / we should look into this.

Survey respondents were asked if local graduates are prepared for today's workforce.

28% of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better.

47% said improvement is needed / we should look into this.

SURVEY RESPONDENTS CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

54% said they're employed full-time (35 hours or more per week).

16% are retired.

10% are employed part-time.



WEST of Windsor Inc. #EqualityforAllProject

**Supported by the WECF, Fund for Gender Equality, CFC and the Government of Canada

DID YOU KNOW?



Women's Enterprise Skills and Training of Windsor has launched the Supporting Micro Credential Apprenticeship Retention Training Program (SMART Program). westofwindsor.com



Black Kids in Action Performing Art Group's - Breaking Barriers and Bridging the Gaps of Career Choices for Black Youth program creates a platform for black youth in Windsor, Essex-County, and surrounding areas to access quality information, helping them pursue their desired career choices. bkia.ca

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STATS



The unemployment rate in Windsor-Essex County was

9.2%

as of August 2024



0.1%

from the previous month

The unemployment rate stood 8.3% below peak in May 2020 but remains above the long-run average.

APPRENTICESHIP INVESTMENT



\$650,000

to St. Clair College of Applied Arts & Technology by the Ontario government.

In July 2024, there were

6,427

Total active job postings from



2,167

companies

MINIMUM WAGE



\$16.55

as of October 2023 in Ontario.



the wage is still below the local living wage

\$18.55



ENVIRONMENT

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Improving air quality



Improving resiliency to climate change



Improving the amount of connected green spaces



WHAT YOU SAID

94% of survey respondents said that Lake Erie's health is extremely important / moderately important.

Survey respondents rated air quality in Windsor-Essex County as,

38%

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

19%

feel we're on the right track / we're doing great.

29%

said improvement is needed.

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

39%

of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing great.

33%

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

29%

said improvement is needed.

STATS

ERCA with the Windsor-Essex Pelee Island Community has made great strides to protect and restore our natural environment. Over the 5-year reporting period:



408,000

trees have been planted and distributed



14 wetlands

totaling **37** have been created



119 community

tree planting, stream cleanups, schoolyard naturalization and outreach events have been held



239 water quality

improvement projects have been implemented



Ojibway Prairie Complex

**Supported by the WECF

DID YOU KNOW?



The Little River Enhancement Group planted a grove of 40 large trees within the Detroit River Watershed to celebrate the WECF's 40th Anniversary. detroitriver.ca

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The Essex Region Conservation Authority created a greenway trail entrance in honour of the WECF's 40th anniversary. essexregionconservation.ca

*Supported by the WECF



Big news for the Great Lakes! A \$76 million federal investment was announced in September 2024 to support freshwater restoration efforts. This funding will focus on improving water quality and ecosystem health, along with supporting 50 community-based science projects.



The Friends of Ojibway Prairie have created a garden in the front of the Ojibway Nature Centre at Ojibway Park, called the Friends of Ojibway Prairie Demonstration Garden. This garden features native wildflowers collected, planted, and maintained by their dedicated volunteers.

friendsofojibwayprairie.com



The Municipality of Leamington is enhancing the local ecosystem by planting 500 native trees and shrubs at Mersea Park using the Miyawaki method of afforestation. leamington.ca



On September 26, 2024, Parks Canada, in collaboration with Caldwell First Nation, Walpole Island First Nation, and other project partners, invited community stakeholders to a meeting to discuss the proposed **National Urban Park in Windsor** at the Ojibway Nature Centre at Ojibway Park.



The WindsorEssex Community Foundation invested \$350,000 to support waterfront projects, trails and, tree planting last year. wecf.ca



SAFETY

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Expanding social programming for at-risk individuals

40%

Reducing the use of illegal drugs

18%

Reducing crime levels

17%

WHAT YOU SAID

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

15%

of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing great.

25%

feel we're doing okay, but could do better.

38%

said improvement is needed.

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

15%

of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing great.

25%

feel we're doing okay, but could do better.

38%

said improvement is needed.

DID YOU KNOW?



A new partnership between the **Windsor Police Service** and the **Youth Wellness Hub Windsor-Essex** has been established to help protect children at risk of going missing or exploited through the Return Support Program. windsorpolice.ca



The GR8 Day - Crossroads Addiction Recovery Support - "We Can Help" program provides addiction counseling and support for marginalized individuals in our community who may not have the means to access these services. crossroadsc4pe.ca

STATS



Town of LaSalle has been ranked the third best place to live in Canada.

In 2023,

456,287

911 calls were received by the Windsor Police



11%

in 911 calls from 2022 - 2023



GETTING STARTED

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Increasing employment and educational opportunities for newcomers

30%

Improving foreign accreditation recognition

26%

Increasing awareness of racism and diversity issues

20%

WHAT YOU SAID

41%

of survey respondents said that we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better when it comes to both educational and employment opportunities for newcomers in Windsor-Essex County.

Is Windsor-Essex County welcoming to newcomers?

46%

of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing great.

25%

feel we're doing okay, but could do better.

DID YOU KNOW?



The Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County has been awarded the top Festival & Event Award at Attractions Ontario's 9th Annual Ontario's Choice Awards for Carousel of the Nations - a festival that celebrates the diversity in Windsor-Essex County. themcc.com



Family Fuse a group serving Black Families, is expanding its services into Essex County to help newcomers. familyfuse.ca



The South Asian Centre of Windsor - Building Community Connections through Indigenous Education and Cultural Exchange Program provides opportunities to foster strong connections, find common ground, promote integration, and nurture a more inclusive community. sacwin.org

STATS



1 in 4 residents in Windsor-Essex County is an immigrant

24,995

immigrants have a University degree

4,305

newcomers have a University degree



14,010

immigrants have a College degree

1,020

newcomers have a College degree





LEARNING

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Improving skill development for the workforce

34%

Affordability of post-secondary education

31%

Better access to educational opportunities

16%

WHAT YOU SAID

59%

of survey respondents said that we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better when asked if local educational institutions are providing proper skill development for the workforce.

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

57%

of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better.

SURVEY RESPONDENTS EDUCATION

51%

reported having a University certificate / diploma.

24%

said they have a college or other certificate / diploma.

8%

said they completed high school.

DID YOU KNOW?



The WindsorEssex Community Foundation awarded over \$31,000 in scholarships to 16 students pursuing post-secondary education in various fields of study in June of 2024. wecf.ca



The Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society - Growing a Love of Learning program provides children and youth living in WECAS kinship homes with a personalized book library tailored to each child. wecas.on.ca

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STATS

1,000+ secondary school students toured 23 participating area companies Oct. 2024, to learn about careers in technology and the industry sector.



People in Windsor-Essex County (25-64 years) who had a post-secondary degree rose from:

58%
201130%
2021

HOUSING

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Improving the affordability of housing

54%

Increasing the availability of housing with different levels of assisted care

25%

Providing housing for the homeless

12%

WHAT YOU SAID

When asked if housing is affordable in Windsor-Essex County,

83%

of survey respondents said improvement is needed / we should look into this.

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

77%

of survey respondents said improvement is needed / we should look into this.

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

73%

of survey respondents said improvement is needed / we should look into this.

DID YOU KNOW?



Caldwell First Nation, in partnership with the Federal Rapid Housing Initiative, will be creating new affordable homes. caldwellfirstnation.ca



Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex - Repair Revolution Program provides affordable repairs for homeowners. habitatwindsor.org



The Leamington Housing Project Proposal is an attainable housing development at the former Leamington District Secondary School site. The proposal includes the construction of two 6-story apartment buildings totaling 200 units, along with 105 townhouse units. leamington.ca

STATS



\$1,556

average monthly rate for a one-bedroom apartment

AVERAGE HOME PRICE IN WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY



\$342,591

July 2019



\$599,248

July 2024





GETTING AROUND

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Creating a regional transportation system connecting Windsor and Essex County

35%

Improving public transportation

23%

Creating a more accessible transportation system for seniors and / youth

19%

WHAT YOU SAID

34% of survey respondents rated public transportation in Windsor-Essex County as improvement needed.

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

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

49% of survey respondents said we're doing okay, but could be doing better / we're on the right track.

39% said improvement is needed / we should look into this.

DID YOU KNOW?



The South Essex Community Council is part of a collaborative of agencies providing transportation services across Windsor-Essex County. This program offers affordable and accessible door-to-door transportation to Windsor and throughout Essex County. secc.on.ca



WindsorEssexCycling.ca is an open street map designed for cyclists, providing valuable information for biking in the area.



The County Wide Active Transportation System - in Essex County is developing bikeways and pathways throughout the region. This project will create an 800-km network connecting the seven local municipalities. essex.ca

STATS

The Essex - Amherstburg Greenway stretches

26 KM between Essex and Amherstburg.



The Chrysler Canada Greenway stretches

50 KM from Windsor to Leamington.



92%

of Windsor-Essex County residents commute by car, truck or van to work.



FOOD SECURITY

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Improving access to fresh and nutritious food

33%

Increasing support for community food programs

27%

Improving access to locally grown food

22%

WHAT YOU SAID

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

34% of survey respondents said we're doing okay, but could be doing better / we're on the right track.

58% said we should look into this / improvement is needed.

Does Windsor-Essex County have access to locally grown food?

41% of survey respondents said we're doing great / we're on the right track.

57% said we're doing okay, but could be doing better / should look into this / improvement is needed.

DID YOU KNOW?



The Downtown Windsor BIA operates the Downtown Windsor Farmers Market. The 2024 regular season runs every Saturday from 9am-2pm starting March 30 and continuing until October 26. downtownwindsor.ca

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The Windsor Goodfellows operates a weekly food bank, providing thousands of families with non-perishable staples, fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy products, and meat. windsorgoodfellows.org



W.E Heart Local provides all the fresh details on where to shop & support local in Windsor-Essex County. weheartlocal.ca

STATS



1 in 19

Ontarians now rely on food banks to put food on the table.



In Windsor-Essex County, the weekly cost of groceries for a family of 4 in 2023 is

\$270

+4.4 million

meals / snacks projected to be provided to 94 schools in Windsor-Essex County through the OSNP for 2024-2025.



ARTS & CULTURE

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Increasing the number of arts & cultural opportunities for those wanting to pursue a career

42%

Accessibility of art and cultural events

18%

Increasing the number of arts and cultural programs for youth

16%

WHAT YOU SAID

64%

of youth survey respondents said that we're doing great / we're on the right track 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,

61%

of survey respondents said we're on the right track / we're doing okay, but could be doing better.

Survey respondents were asked if there are opportunities in Windsor-Essex County for those pursuing a career, education or hobby in arts and culture,

28%

reported we're doing okay, but could be doing better.

19%

feel we're on the right track.

9%

said we're doing great.



Downtown Windsor BIA - Art Alley

**Supported by the WECF, CHCI, CFC and the Government of Canada

DID YOU KNOW?



The Windsor Symphony Orchestra's - Art at the Core initiative promotes arts and culture in Windsor's downtown area through attractive, informative signage placed strategically throughout the downtown region. windsorsymphony.com



The Windsor International Film Festival's - WIFF under the Stars is a free and inclusive outdoor film festival designed for diverse audiences. It fosters community, sustains local arts and culture, and provides accessible entertainment in downtown Windsor. windsorinternationalfilmfestival.com

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The Windsor Endowment for the Arts supports, promotes, and celebrates artists and the arts in the city of Windsor and the County of Essex. wea-arts.com



Art Windsor-Essex offers paid opportunities for artists to develop their artistic practices and share their skills through the Emerging Artists in Residence program. artwindsor-essex.ca



The Greater Essex County District School Board, in partnership with the **Windsor Symphony Orchestra's** - String Project, provides an after-school music program at two inner-city schools in Windsor. Students in the program are taught to play the violin. publicboard.ca

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STATS

96%

of Ontarians believe that engaging kids in the arts is important to their overall development.

COMMUNITY VALUE

90%

of Ontarians agree that an active local arts scene helps make a community a better place to live.



89%

of Ontarians agree that the arts helps us understand other cultures better.



254,985+

culture jobs in Ontario or

4%

total Ontario employment.





BELONGING & LEADERSHIP

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

TOP PRIORITIES

Increasing opportunities for people to feel included and connected

35%

Providing more initiatives to increase life satisfaction

31%

Creating initiatives to improve voter turnout

15%

WHAT YOU SAID

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

22%

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

40%

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,

43%

of survey respondents said we're doing great / we're on the right track.

34%

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

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

43%

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

31%

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



WERA - Lanspeary Park Rainbow Picnic Tables

**Supported by the WECF, CHCI, CFC and the Government of Canada

DID YOU KNOW?



The Canadian Mental Health Association Windsor-Essex County Branch has installed blue friendship benches across Windsor-Essex County, aiming to provide people with tools to engage and socialize in a traditional way.

windsor-essex.cmha.ca

*Supported by the WECF



Kiwanis Windsor - Sunshine Point Camp, located near Harrow, welcomes around 430 youth each summer. kiwanissunshinepointcamp.com



Tran Wellness Ontario's group programming allows 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals to connect with others who share similar identities, experiences, and values in a safe and affirming environment. This initiative aims to decrease social isolation and build a sense of community. transwellness.ca

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The Senior Centre, through the Rediscovering the Possibilities through Connection project, has undergone a voluntary merger with the Community Support Centre of Essex County, allowing it to come back to life. The center now offers social, cultural, educational, and recreational programs for isolated seniors in our community. communitysupportcentre.ca

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The Town of Tecumseh hosted over 24 events in 2023, attracting more than 21,000 participants. tecumseh.ca

STATS



Windsor-Essex County residents speak more than

70

different language.

55%

of charities have fewer volunteer than before the pandemic.

40%

of charities have experienced a lasting increase in demand since the pandemic.

5%

18%

of Canadians that give per tax fillings.

City of Windsor 2022 Municipal Election:

32%

Voter Turnout

158,604

registered voters



50,078

ballots cast





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.

40TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2023, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation (WECF) celebrated 40 years of inspiring philanthropy to benefit our community, today and forever. Throughout 2023 and 2024, the WECF celebrated with our community and collaborated with partners in philanthropy to create lasting legacies that reflect our identity and values in Windsor and Essex County. Projects have been created in partnership with municipalities throughout our region, and with local charitable organizations. These projects include recognizable landmarks, places to gather, rest and engage in recreation, and natural enhancements to an already beautiful landscape that is the heart of our community.

In celebration of our 40th Anniversary, the WindsorEssex Community Foundation made community investments of over **\$325,000** to **13 legacy projects** throughout our community. Visit our website www.wecf.ca to learn more about these incredible projects we supported.



The WECF has
invested over
\$17.8 million
in community since 1983.



over **\$1.2 million**
invested in community in
2023-2024.



107 community
investments to **73**
community partners.



28 partners in
philanthropy invested
\$761,330 to **56**
charities from Donor-Advised
& Agency Funds held at the
WECF.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

