



Issue Area: Belonging & Leadership

Digging a little deeper

On our website and in the summary report for Vital Signs, we have provided a number of statistics for each of our areas. Following is much more detailed data and sources for each statistic.

Overview

People contribute to their communities in many ways: volunteering at the local senior's centre, voting in municipal elections, coaching a team, sitting on a Board of a community organization, or donating to the local food bank. Regardless of how people engage, the role we play in our community contributes to the level and quality of leadership and to the well-being of our region. In rural communities volunteers play a significant role in the vitality of the community.

Residents in the Golden & Area A can work together to develop a strong and vibrant community. Residents report a strong sense of community belonging and are involved in over 125 non-profit organizations. Fewer area residents claimed charitable donations than in BC but the value is increasing.

Grade assigned by researcher: 4

Citizens' grade: 4

List of Indicators and Grade Given

	Indicator	Available data level	Grade	Rationale
1	Charitable Donors as a Proportion of Tax Filers for Vital Signs Communities, 1997-2009	Golden census area	3	% tax filers claiming charitable donations has gone down from a high in 2004 and is below the provincial average
2	Volunteer Rate based on Persons Reporting Hours of Unpaid Care or Assistance to Seniors, 1996, 2001 and 2006	Available for Golden, CSRD Area A and composite of the 2	3	Below BC and Canadian average.
3	Percentage Voter Turnout for 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2011 Federal Elections for Vital Signs CMAs and CAs	Entire Kootenay Columbia Electoral district	4	A higher percent of voters turned out for the 2011 Federal Election than in 2008. Above the Provincial average.
4	Median Charitable Donations for Donors in Vital Signs Communities, Current Dollars, 1997-2009	Golden appears to include census area (feedback from SPARC)	4	Dollar amount of donations has continuously increased, up 38 % between 2001 and 2009.
5	Population 12 and over Reporting A Strong or Somewhat Strong Sense of Community Belonging, by Province and Health Region, 2003, 2005 and 2007-2010, Per Cent	East Kootenay Health Service Area (which is RDEK + Golden & Area + Creston & Area)	5	Consistently above or equal to Provincial average. Improving.
6	Average Life Satisfaction (1-5) by Canada's Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) and Health Region Population, 2007-2008	East Kootenay Health Service Area	6	Highest satisfaction rating of the communities reporting across Canada.
7	Life Satisfaction: Percentage (aged 12+) Satisfied and Very Satisfied by Canada's Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) and Health Region Population, 2003, 2005, 2007-2010	East Kootenay Health Service Area	3	Below BC and Canadian average. Declining.
8	Voter turnout Local Government 2008	Golden & Area A		No comparable data, so no grade given
		OVERALL AVERAGE GRADE	4	

Indicators

1. Charitable Donors as a Proportion of Tax Filers for Vital Signs Communities, 1997-2009

Synopsis: This indicator shows the percentage of tax filers who claim charitable donations within the Golden Census Area (Golden and Area A).

Comparisons

Table 2: Charitable Donors as a Proportion of Tax Filers for Vital Signs Communities, 1997-2009

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% change, 1997-2009	% change, 2001-2009
Canada	25.7	25.8	25.5	25.5	25.2	25.1	24.9	25.4	25.0	24.6	24.0	24.1	23.1	-10.2	-8.5
British Columbia	23.7	23.9	23.8	23.9	23.6	23.3	23.1	24.1	23.7	23.3	22.8	23.1	21.7	-8.6	-8.1
Golden Census Area	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	18.7	18.7	18.0	19.3	21.1	20.7	20.0	20.1	18.8	18.2	n.a.	n.a.

Reference:

Source: Statistics Canada, Financial Data and Charitable Donations data collected by CRA, Table 111-0001, series v745953, v745954, v746148, v746149, v746161, v746162, v746174, v746175, v746239, v746240, v746265, v746266, v746304, v746305, v746330, v746331, v746369, v746370, v746278, v746279, v746434, v746435, v746460, v746461, v745966, v745967, v745979, v745980, v746005, v746006, v746018, v746019, v746031, v746032. CAs Data from Statistics Canada, Small Area and Administrative Data Division. Special Request.

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2. Volunteer Rate based on Persons Reporting Hours of Unpaid Care or Assistance to Seniors, 1996, 2001 and 2006

Synopsis: This indicator is one estimate for the volunteer rate, but only reflects those who claim unpaid care or assistance to seniors on their income tax.

Comparisons:

Table 3: Volunteer Rate based on Persons Reporting Hours of Unpaid Care or Assistance to Seniors, 1996, 2001 and 2006

	1996	2001	2006	Population 15 and over in 1996	Population 15 and over in 2001	Population 15 and over in 2006	Share in population		
							1996	2001	2006
Canada	n.a.	4,345,755	4,724,325	22,925,465	24,281,560	26,033,045	na	17.9	18.1
British Columbia	447,410	564,820	593,385	2,989,325	3,201,670	3,433,880	15.0	17.6	17.3
Golden/Columbia-Shuswap A Composite Region	475	875	725	5,550	5,640	5,725	8.6	15.5	12.7
Columbia-Shuswap A (RDEA)	180	330	300	2,535	2,460	2,550	7.1	13.4	11.8
Golden	295	545	425	3,015	3,180	3,175	9.8	17.1	13.4

Reference:

Source: Statistics Canada. Census 1996, 2001, and 2006 Community Profiles.

3. Percentage Voter Turnout for 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2011 Federal Elections for Vital Signs CMAs and CAs

Synopsis: This indicator shows the voter turnout for the entire Kootenay Columbia riding, of which Golden and Area A are a portion of.

Comparisons:

	2000	2004	2006	2008	2011
	Percentage Voter Turnout	Percentage Voter Turnout	Percentage Voter Turnout	Percentage Voter Turnout	Percentage Voter Turnout
Canada	61.2	60.9	64.7	58.8	61.4
British Columbia	63.0	63.3	63.7	60.1	61.1
Kootenay-- Columbia***	65.2	65.1	64.4	59.8	64.5

Reference:

Source: Elections Canada, Official Voting Results.

4. Median Charitable Donations for Donors in Vital Signs Communities, Current Dollars, 1997-2009

Synopsis: This data is from Canada Revenue shows the median (middle) amount of charitable donations claimed by tax filers in the Golden Census Area.

Comparisons:

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% change, 1997-2009	% change, 2001-2009
Canada	170	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	250	250	250	47.1	25.0
British Columbia	200	200	220	230	250	260	270	290	300	320	340	340	360	80.0	44.0
Golden	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	210	210	230	200	210	220	230	230	260	290	n.a.	38.1

Reference

Source: Statistics Canada, Financial Data and Charitable Donations data collected by CRA, Table 111-0001 series v745963, v746158, v746171, v746184, v746249, v746275, v746314, v746340, v746379, v746288, v746444, v746470, v745976, v745989, v746015, v746028, v746041.

5. Population 12 and over Reporting A Strong or Somewhat Strong Sense of Community Belonging, by Province and Health Region, 2003, 2005 and 2007-2010, Per Cent

Synopsis: This indicator comes from the Canadian Community Health Survey and shows the percentage of those reporting a strong or somewhat strong sense of community belonging within the East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area.

Comparisons:

	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010
Canada	63.9	64.4	64.6	65.0	65.4	65.4
British Columbia	67.7	69.6	68.7	67.4	68.9	69.7
Columbia-Shuswap A (RDEA)						
East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area	74.7	69.1	67.2	70.1	71.7	72.2
Golden						
East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area	74.7	69.1	67.2	70.1	71.7	72.2

Reference:

Source: Statistics Canada, Cansim Table 105-0501 based on the Canadian Community Health Survey

6. Average Life Satisfaction (1-5) by Canada's Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) and Health Region Population, 2007-2008

Synopsis: This indicator comes from the Canadian Community Health Survey and shows where respondents rank their life satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 5 within the East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area.

Comparisons:

	Average Life Satisfaction (1-5)
Canada	4.26
British Columbia	4.24
Columbia-Shuswap	
East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area	4.36
Golden	
East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area	4.36

Reference:

Source: Averages are calculated by the CSLS based on the 2007 and 2008 CCHS survey.

7. Life Satisfaction: Percentage (aged 12+) Satisfied and Very Satisfied by Canada's Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) and Health Region Population, 2003, 2005, 2007-2010

Synopsis: This indicator comes from the Canadian Community Health Survey and shows the percentage of those reporting satisfied or very satisfied when asked about their life satisfaction within the East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area.

Comparisons:

	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010
Canada	91.3	91.8	91.9	91.4	92.1	92.1
British Columbia	90.3	90.7	91.9	90.3	90.9	91.5
Columbia-Shuswap A (RDEA)						
East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area	91.5	89.0	95.2	92.2	93.6	89.8
Golden						
East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area	91.5	89.0	95.2	92.2	93.6	89.8

Reference:

Source: Statistics Canada, Cansim Table 105-0501, based on the Canadian Community Health Survey.

8. Voter Turnout - Local Government 2008

Synopsis: These indicators show the voter turnout at the last local government elections. Note the number of eligible voters is an estimate and the voter turnout is based on those estimates.

Comparisons:

Town of Golden 2008 Mayoral Election Official Results		
Total votes	1152	Provided by Town of Golden, Official Results
Eligible voters estimate	2912	Estimate provided by the Town of Golden based on registered voters & assumption that only 93% of people are registered voters
Rate	39.56%	
CSRD Area A 2008 Director election		
Total votes	578	Provided by CSRD Area A Director, Ron Oszust
eligible voters estimate	2240	Statistics Canada Community Profiles # of Canadian citizens over age 18
Rate	25.80%	

Reference: Town of Golden and Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Statistics Canada Community Profiles # of Canadian citizens over age 18

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