

Acronyms & Definitions

Regions: London Community Foundation serves the London-Middlesex region, which is the focus area of this Vital Signs Report. Due to unavailability to get data limited to the London-Middlesex region solely, statistical data will refer to the city of London whenever possible. At times, other regions will be referenced in the report including:

- 1 Middlesex London Health Unit Region (MLHU):** Data sourced from the Middlesex London Health Unit (MLHU) includes the City of London, as well as Middlesex County, which includes Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Munsee-Delaware Nation, and Oneida Nation of the Thames.
- 2 Census Metropolitan Area (CMA):** Most commonly used by Statistics Canada, the London CMA is broad and includes London, St. Thomas, Strathroy-Caradoc, Middlesex Centre, Thames Centre, Central Elgin, Southwold, and Adelaide-Metcalf regions. This also includes Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Munsee-Delaware Nation, and Oneida Nation of the Thames. (Statistics Canada)

Affordable Housing: The cost of adequate shelter should not exceed 30% of household income. Housing which costs less than this is considered affordable. (City of London)

Core Housing: A household is considered to be in core housing need if housing falls below at least one of the adequacy, affordability, or suitability standards, and is spending 30% or more of their total before-tax income to pay the median rent of alternative local housing that is acceptable (meets all three housing standards). (Statistics Canada)

Employment Rate: The number of employed people as a percentage of the population aged 15 and older. The rate for a particular group (for example, youths aged 15 to 24) is the number employed in that group as a percentage of the population for that group. (Statistics Canada)

Low-Income Measure, After Tax (LIM-AT): A fixed percentage (50%) of median adjusted after-tax income of households observed at the person level, where 'adjusted' indicates that a household's needs are taken into account. (Statistics Canada)

Participation Rate: The number of persons who are employed and unemployed but looking for work, divided by the total working-age population. (Statistics Canada)

Rent-Geared-to-Income Housing: Rent that is based directly on the tenant's income, usually 30% of the gross monthly household income, and is often subsidized. (City of London)

Unemployment Rate: The number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labour force (employed, unemployed, and seeking work). (Statistics Canada)

Vulnerable Populations: Some populations are more vulnerable to environmental risks as a result of physical differences, behaviours, location and/or control over their environment. These vulnerable populations may include: children, racial and ethnic minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, Indigenous Peoples, newcomers, and seniors. (Statistics Canada)